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AN OLD FASHIONED THRESHING BEE could be seen almost anytime during the weekend Steam-Era reunion and gas tractors operated the ancient separators, as steam. The smoke and the chaff filled the air, as the outdated giants of yesteryear did their stuff.

A Grand Steam-Era

AND A DANDY it was at that, as evidenced by these photos showing some of the Saturday and Monday crowds at Steam-Era parades. At left is a threshing demonstration, at right a parade in the fair grounds, and below a view of the sawmill area.



DAILY PARADES IN MILTON FAIR GROUNDS attracted a large crowd of Steam-Era visitors as dozens of gas tractors, steam engines, antique cars and trucks drove "under their own steam" around the race track. The grandstand, seating close to 3,000 was full for every parade and thousands more watched along the sides of the track.

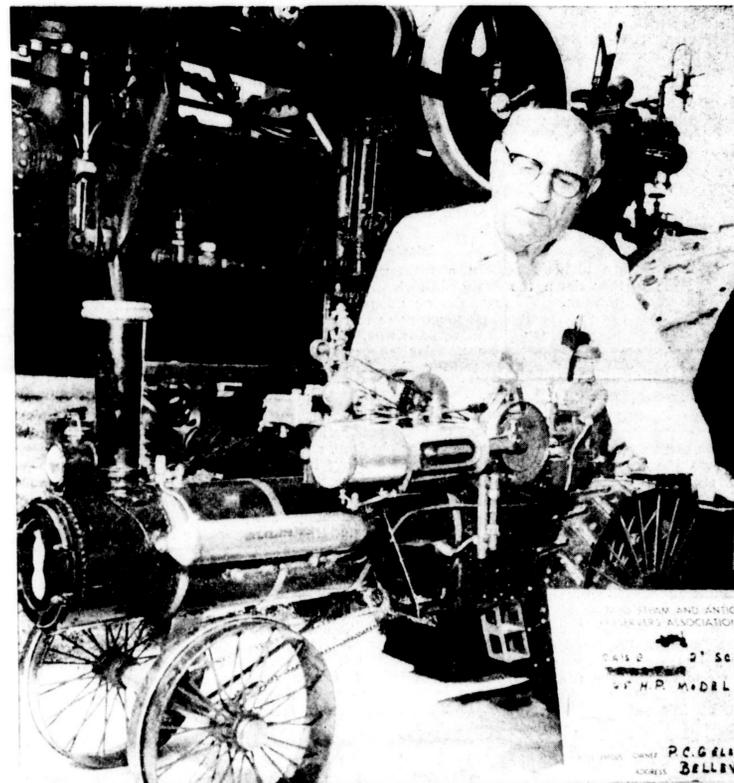


HANDSOME COWBOY Bert Virgoe of Milton, astride his horse Matt, waves a cheery greeting from Steam-Era 1965. And the derby-like lid on the smoke stack of the steam engine behind him seems to do the same.

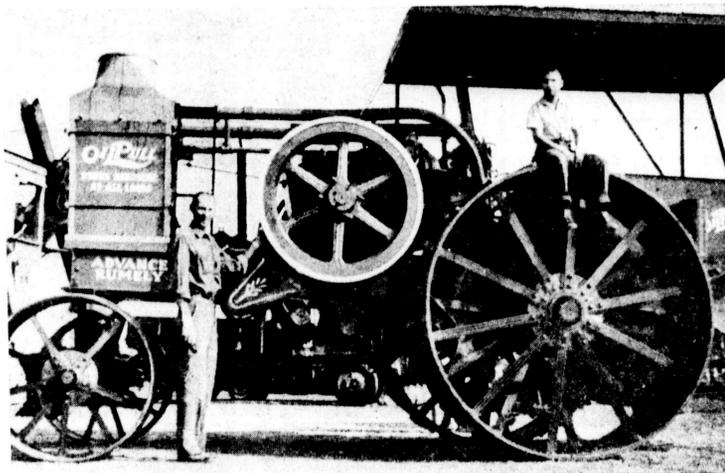


A Great Day for Everyone

WM. STEWART, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, is shown at left with the antique gas pump outside the "Country Store", chatting with Mrs. Lorna Rogers of Stoney Creek who operated the souvenir shop inside. At right is the youngest and prettiest Steam-Era engine operator, Holly Clark, 10, of Hagersville, shown on her father's big steamer. Little Holly drove the giant piece of equipment in several parades. (Steam-Era photos on this page and elsewhere in this issue were taken by staff photographers Brian McCristall and Roy Downs. Copies may be ordered at The Champion office.)



A BUILDER OF MODELS for many years, P. C. Gelsthorpe of Belleville had nine models on display at the weekend Steam-Era. His favorite was this model of a 65 horsepower Case steam engine, built to a two inch scale. He's shown with the model, while a true-size Case steam engine, a 60 h.p. model owned by Bern Porter of Woodstock, stands behind him. Mr. Gelsthorpe has also built models of boats and trains to scale.



— Staff Photos

ONTARIO'S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, the Hon. William A. Stewart, officially opened the 1965 edition of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association's "Steam-Era" reunion Saturday, and praised the group for their contribution to a lasting history of Ontario agriculture. He's shown at left with his wife and Steam-Era president Allan Byers of Atherly, behind the wheel of an antique car. Above is a 1923 Rumely 30-60 h.p. tractor, the largest in the show, which was restored and shown by Hillview Farms of Woodstock. At right, Lakeview Generating Station Hydro employees Dick Paavi and Ed Caton, who worked on restoring a 30 h.p. George White owned by Bill Johnson of Burford, get set to get up a head of steam on the engine.

