Bud Chester of Milton will be one of 500 exhibitors at the Milton Steam-Era Reunion on Labor Day weekend. A collector of Massey gas tractors, he plans to show eight models. His little friend is "Mac", who never misses a tractor ride and sits atop the machines.

## **Bud Chester**

## Non-farmer loves Steam-Era reunion

By LINDA KIRBY **Champion Reporter** 

Bud Chester may not be a farmer, but he has a special liking for farm machinery, more particularly Massey gas tractors.

His admiration for the older machinery was the start of a private collection three years ago and now totals 17 models.

On Labor Day weekend, he will be among more than 500 people taking part in the 22nd annual Steam-Era Reunion at Milton Fair Ground.

He and partner Ron Tasker, also of Milton, will be exhibiting eight Massey models dating back to 1930. Most of the tractors were in a fairly dilapidated shape when purchased by the two men, but patience and meticulous restoration work has resulted in like-new models.

A driver of Gulf Oil, Mr. Chester found several of the models during his travels through small Ontario towns-some simply discarded in a back lot or rotting in a farmer's

Born on a farm himself, he said his hobby is like keeping a bit of the farm with him.

This year will mark the second Steam-Era show he has exhibited the models, but by next year, the two neighbours expect to take in quite a few antique shows.

Although he and his partner share the cost of purchasing the machinery and restoration, his hobby has become something of a family affair.

Both his wife Marion and daughter Sherri drive the tractors in the shows, along with family friends.

Not to be forgotten is "Mac", the small canine pet of friend Elmer Adams (also an antique vehicle

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collector) who rides atop Mr. Chester's tractors in the parades. Steam-Era represents the annual gathering of no less than 540

members of the Ontario Steam and Antique Perservers' Association. The four-day show will feature about 25 antique steam tr ction engines plus 75 early gas tractors, more than 100 gasoline engines, vintage cars and trucks, a saw mill,

shingle mill and household and farm

Displays, demonstrations. parades, music and entertainment, along with competitions in threshing and tractor pulls will be held throughout the long weekend.

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Special features this year will include an antique parade through the town at 11 a.m. Saturday, an official opening by Ontario's Minister of Agriculture and Food Dennis Timbrell at 12 noon Saturday, a Friday night variety musical show, and a country and western talent show Saturday evening.

Also on the agenda are a gospel

music hour Sunday at 8 p.m. "It is Canada's largest "show and tell"," said Ross Calder of Cambridge, president of Steam-Era.

"We like to show visitors the way things were when our parents or grandparents worked the land-it is like a walk in the past."

Contests open to the public will include sheaf tying, bag tying and log sawing with a cross-cut saw. Each day at 4 p.m. all the mobile equipment will parade past the fair grounds grandstand as organizers give a running commentary on each

Antique tractor pulls will take place Saturday and Monday mor-

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## It's Goutouski versus...

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descends into a personality battle with Mr. Krantz, Mr. Goutouski said he feels there are many problems at town hall that require attention.

"I'm running because of the tremendous encouragement that I've received from the community," he said, adding the encouragement expressed for him is a sign that all is not well at the seat of local government.

"The only condition under which anybody would give you any encouragement is because they think things at Town Hall need a change. The problem is members of council seem to have forgotten that

they are the servants of the people," he said.
"I will not get into personalities," he said. "The tone and the quality of this election will be reflected in the speeches that Gord Krantz makes. Mine will be as pure as the wind-driven snow."

Admitting that his connection with the real estate industry and development interests could be a deficit, Mr. Goutouski said he would fund his entire campaign himself. "I'm picking up the entire tab. There's no

bloody way I'll take money from a developer because I can't afford to be beholden to anyone," he Mr. Krantz, in a telephone interview, welcomed

the challenge for the seat he has held for the last two years. "I certainly intend to run again," he said, add-

ing that he prefers not to be acclaimed to office. "The fact that someone is running against me shows democracy being exercised to its fullest," he said.

Mr. Krantz served as a councillor for 15 years

before defeating incumbent Mayor Don Gordon in 1980. During those years he has never been defeated in a municipal campaign and has never been acclaimed either.

Asked what qualities make him a better choice for the position, Mr. Krantz cited his experience in local politics and his qualities for leadership.
"I don't think an individual coming in off the

street really knows how this Town is run," he said. "I think my contributions to Milton over the years have certainly been greater than Mr.Goutouski's."

The mayor of Milton, he said, should be "a down-to-earth type of individual with flexibility, but a fair bit of firmness as well. He can't be a "yes man to every request that comes long."

His leadership abilities, he said, have been proven by his efforts to get the Milton-Highway 401 Industrial Park ready for development, starting work on the restoration of the old court house complex and the arrangement of a joint-use agreement for the swimming pool at E.C. Drury School for the Hearing Impaired.

Those achievements are all because of leadership," he said. "I certainly had a hand in making sure all the i's were dotted and t's were crossed in all of those things."

Mr. Krantz said he has also worked strongly to protect Milton's interests at Halton Regional

"I certainly haven't let the Region walk all over us, like they did during a previous administration," he said. "This Town is really a big business and it has to

be run like one," he added. Neither candidate said they would solicit dona-

tions for their campaigns.

Cynthia Margaret Biederman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Biederman, 380 Ontario St. S., Milton, has graduated from the George Brown School of Nursing and has accepted a position at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. graduate of the Milton District High School and York University. Toronto.

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