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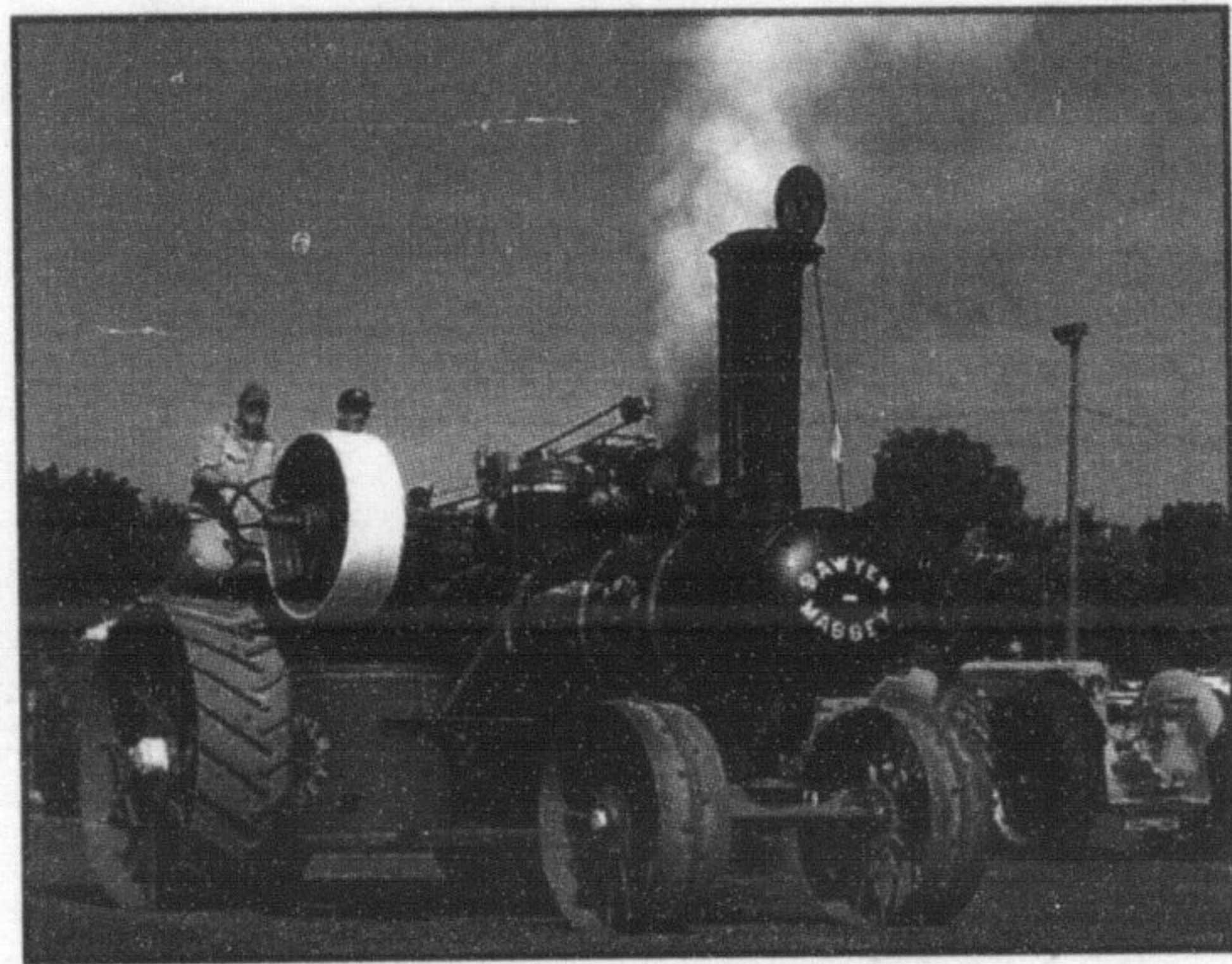
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Sherwood Hume (above) of Milton proudly stands beside the McCormick Farmall H tractor he recently retrieved just in time for the Steam-Era Show after selling it at an auction 34 years ago. At left, Andrew Stirk, 16, pilots a massive 1919 Sawyer-Massey 68 HP steam engine under the watchful eye of dad Dave. The annual Labour Day weekend extravaganza drew thousands to the Milton Fair Grounds.

Photos by GRAHAM PAINE

Steam-Era Show another huge Labour Day success

By FANNIE SUNSHINE
The Champion

It was a day for parades, locomotives and family fun.

The 41st annual Steam-Era Show, held over the Labour Day weekend, featured something for visitors off all ages.

Parents and children marveled at the large steam engines, the saw mill and the rows of green,

gray, yellow and red tractors that lined the Milton Fair Grounds.

And no matter what the exhibit was, be it a tractor or a model of a gas engine, there was always a story that went along with the show piece.

"My father bought a Farmall H tractor in 1964," said Sherwood Hume, who had several tractors and steam engines displayed. "I kept it and one day, I don't know why, I decided to put it in an auc-

tion in 1967. Roger Hadfield bought it and I've been trying to wiggle it back from him from that day to this just because it's Dad's tractor."

So Mr. Hadfield and Mr. Hume made a deal.

"He said if I could find him a tractor he didn't already own he would trade," Mr. Hume said. "I found him a Super Six (tractor) and we traded a few weeks ago."

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Suspect arrested in devastating murder of 'quiet, kind' man

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

The Champion

Those who knew Murray Dean Parrott would say he wasn't your typical man.

He was more than a father, son, husband and friend.

He was a quiet, friendly gentleman who went out of his way to listen, encourage, support and love.



Murray Parrott

And he was a creative man. For the past 12 years, he was the founder and owner of Moment, a cabinet-making business he operated out of his home on Queen Street. His business cards were even made out of wood. Family members say there was warmth in everything he built and he didn't believe in advertising his business — word of mouth was all he needed.

The body of Mr. Parrott, 53, was found behind the curling club on a dirt walking path near Millside Drive early last Friday morning.

An autopsy concluded he died from knife wounds to the neck and chest. There was also blunt force to his head and body.

Douglas Stokes, 19, of Mississauga, who had been working as a roofer in Milton, was arrested Sunday at a relative's home in St. Catharines and was charged with first-degree murder. He was remanded in custody in Ontario Court (provincial division) in Milton yesterday and will return to court to set a trial date October 4.

"The hardest part for me and for his friends is that Murray would be the last one to pick a fight with someone," a teary Pat Parrott, his wife of 23 years, told *The Champion* Tuesday.

"I've known Murray 25 years and I've heard his voice raise twice. Vicious things were done to him. This is the worse misjustice I could ever fathom."

Ms Parrott said if her husband had met someone "with such rage in their soul" he would have talked to them and tried to

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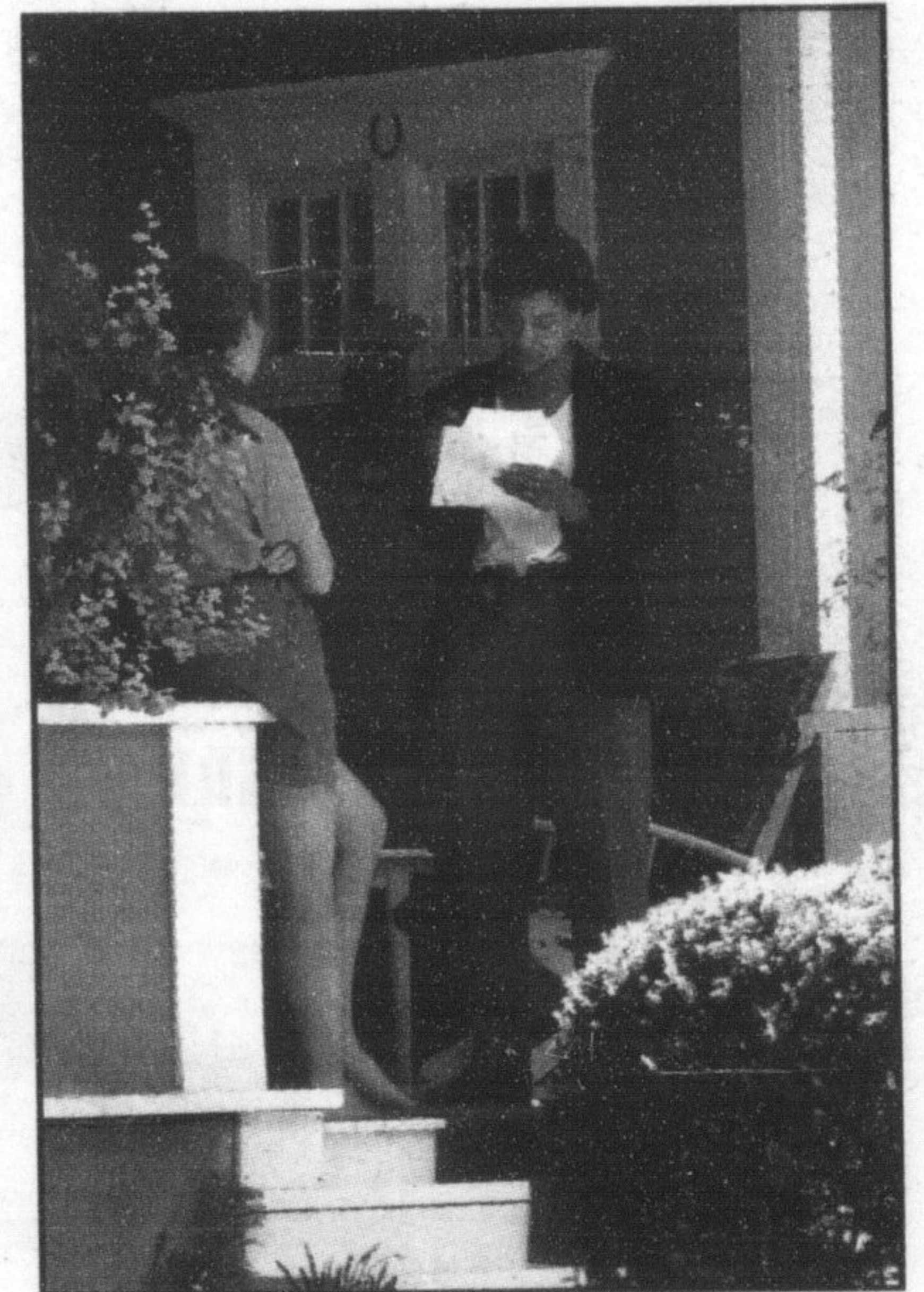


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Det. Kim Duncan of Halton Regional Police talks to Queen Street residents Saturday afternoon looking for clues in the murder of 53-year-old Murray Parrott.

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