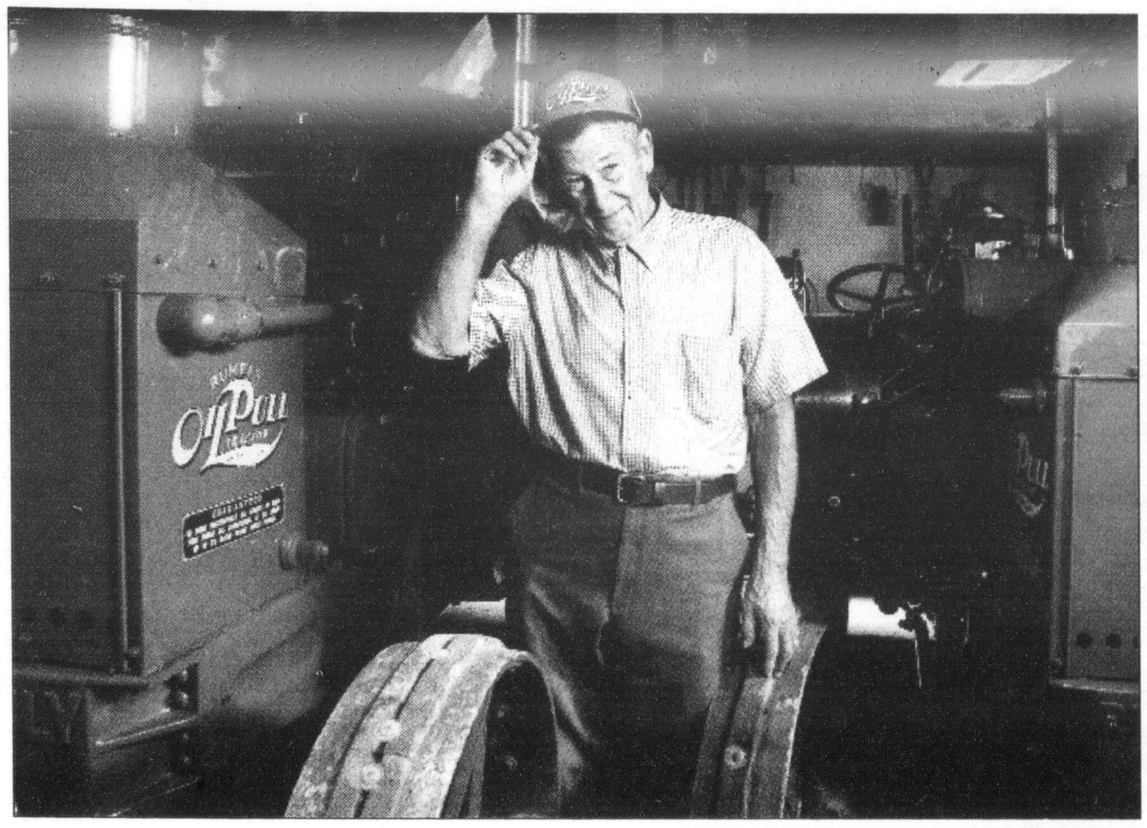

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Neil Ford stands between two of the Rumely tractors he has restored and will display during this Labour Day weekend's 50th annual Steam-Era event at the Milton Fair Grounds. Ford attended the first show 50 years ago and has the W 20-30 Rumely tractor that was displayed at the first show.

Going full steam ahead

Fiftieth Steam-Era show this weekend

By Stephanie Hounsell
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The year was 1961, and Neil Ford was a young man excited about attending the first-ever Steam-Era show at the Milton Fair Grounds.

It was something new and exciting for the then-small town, and the largely agricultural community embraced it wholeheartedly in the years to come, earning Milton the title "Steam Capital of Ontario."

Fifty years later, Ford still eagerly anticipates the annual show, which this year will start tomorrow and continue until Monday.

It's the tractors rather than the steam engines that draw Ford year after year, partic-

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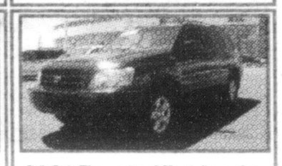

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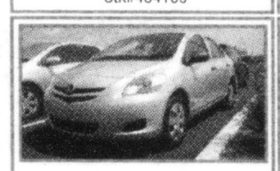

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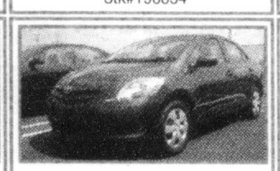

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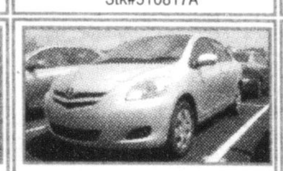

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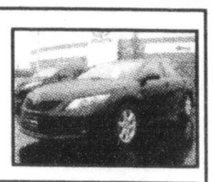

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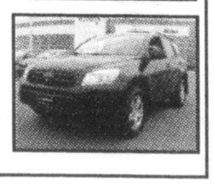

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