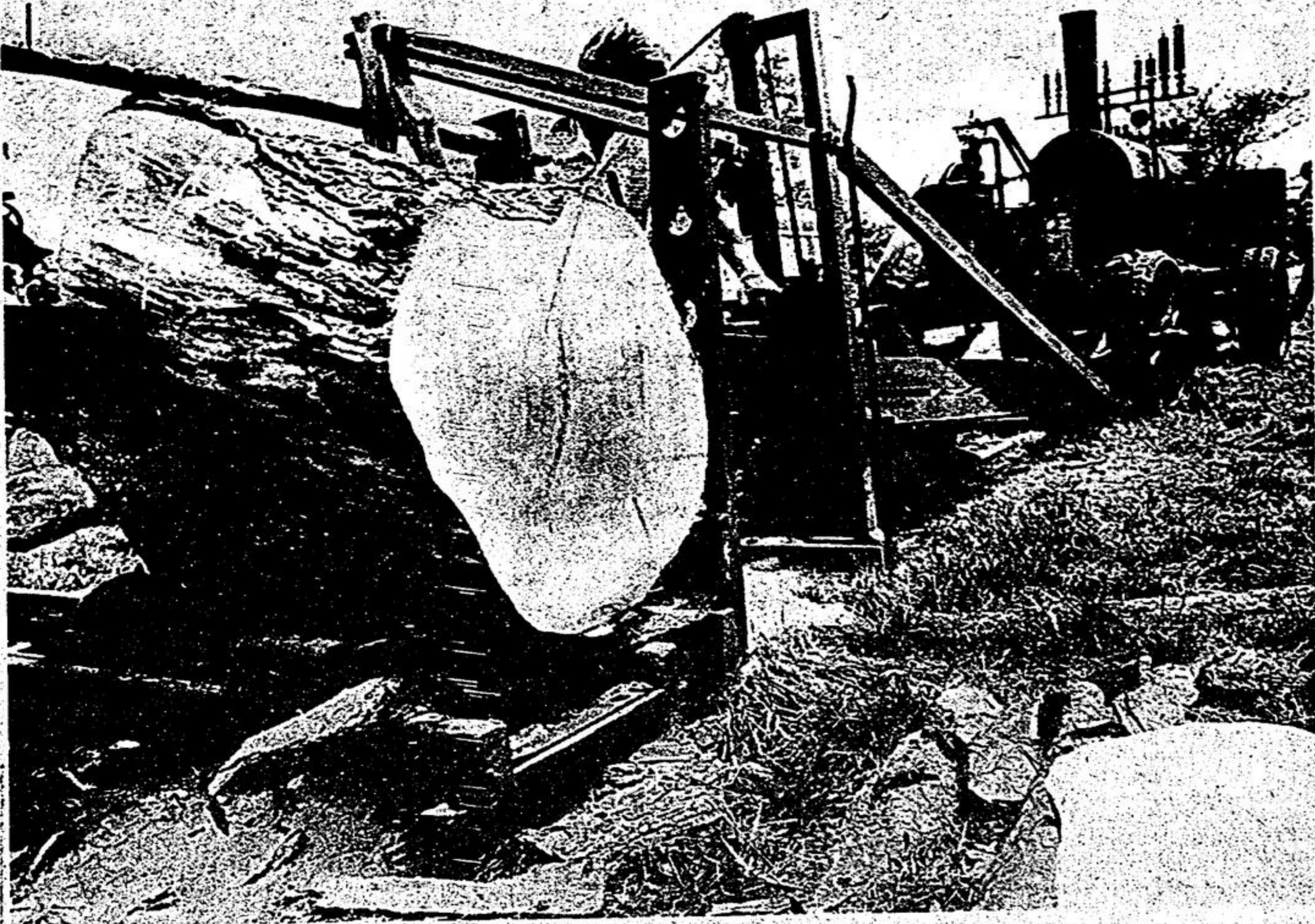
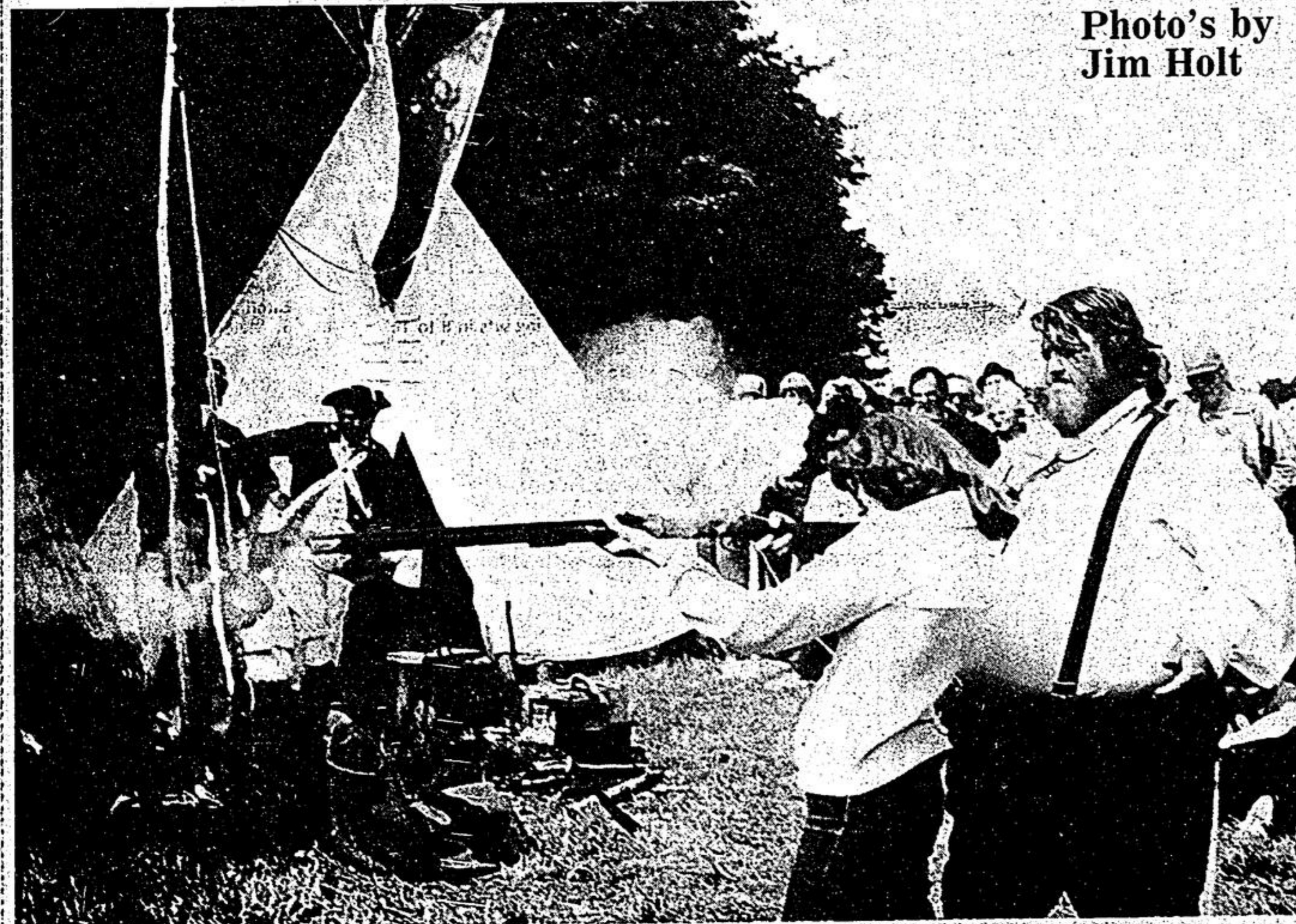


Uxbridge-Scott Society Museum steam theme day



A bit big for the average fireplace

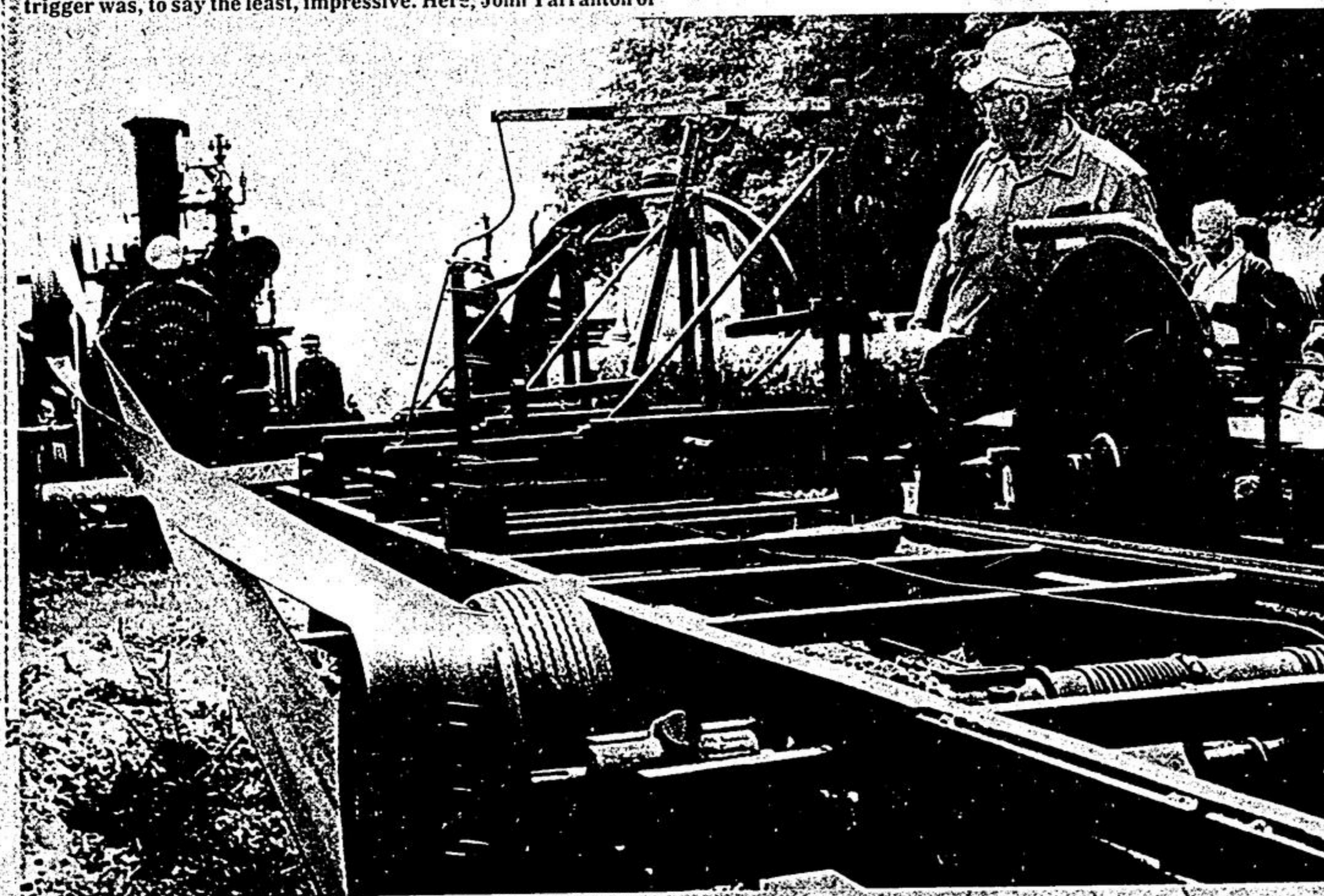
Built in 1877, this Foden steam wagon is as efficient as the day it was built. It took about twenty minutes to slice through this five-foot diameter log and there wasn't a chain-saw in sight.



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Jim Holt

"Smoke gets in your eyes" - all the time.

Those muzzle-loading rifles must have frightened to death marauding Indians back in great grand-daddy's day. You didn't have to hit anything, the explosion and smoke after pressing the trigger was, to say the least, impressive. Here, John Yarranton of the Upper Canada Rifles instructs Donna Lawson of Port Perry in it's operation. Donna was the only member of the crowd brave enough to pull the trigger.



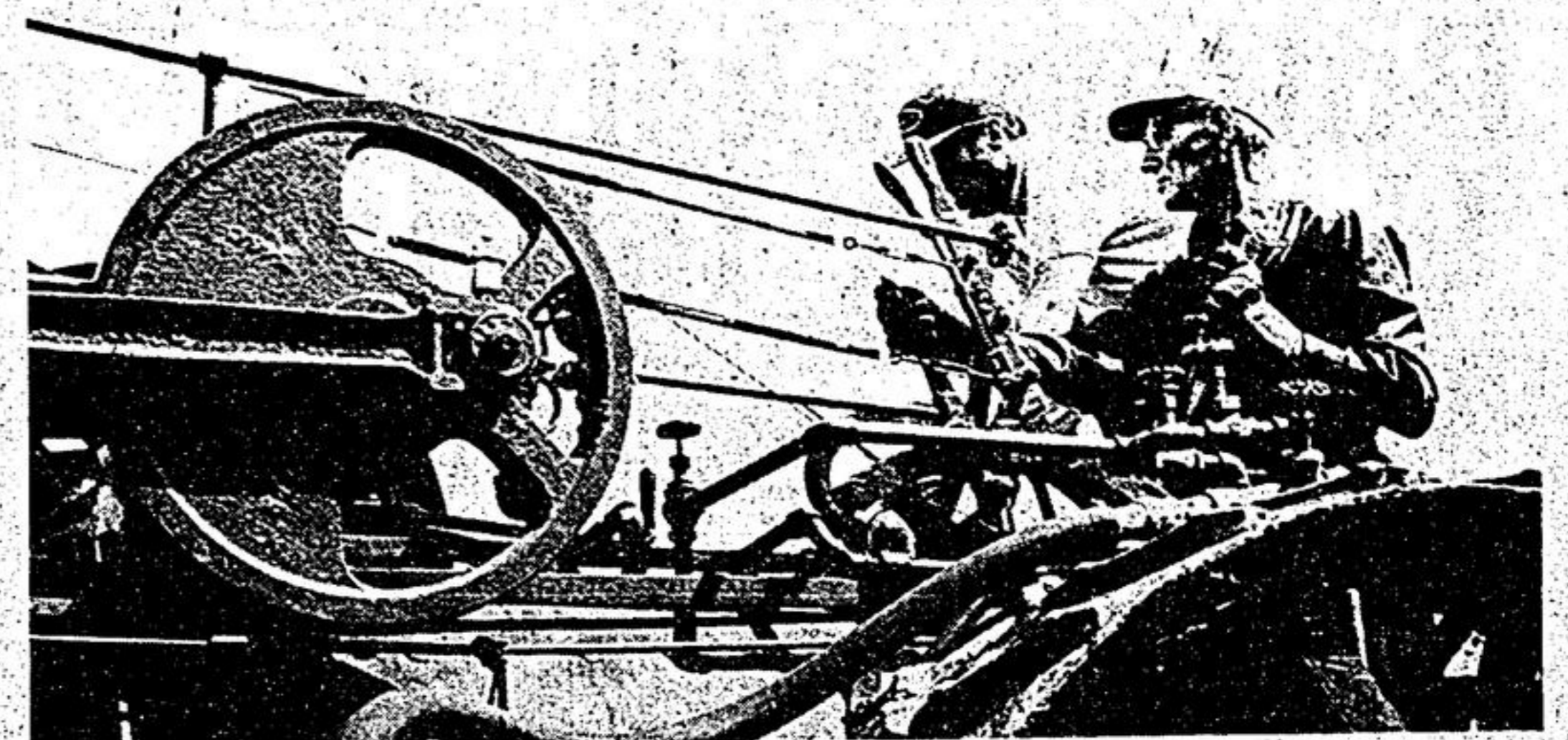
Having problems with split ends?

Completed in 1982 by well-known enthusiast and Historical Society president Francis Hockley, seen here overseeing the cutting operation, this massive log-saw was coupled to a 1927 rubber-tired steam tractor and made very short work of a large number of logs.

The weather refused to cooperate for the opening of the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society's annual Steam Threshing Days, held at Quaker Hill museum grounds last weekend. Within minutes of the gates opening, the heavens opened up, flooding everything in sight and sending visitors scurrying for shelter inside the barns and museum. It was some time before the weather let up and allowed everyone outside. The year's big crowd-pleaser was, an exhibition put on by

members of the Upper Canada Rifles, depicting life amongst the early settlers and Indian tribes. The comprehensive display covered everything from loading a muzzle-loading rifle to putting up a teepee. Although visitors were invited to fire the rifles few were brave enough to point and pull the trigger. Antique cars were well represented - there were even a couple of motorcycles of pre-1920 vintage for the two-wheel enthusiast - along with a large variety of steam engines of all

sizes and ages. Oldest of the "biggies" was a fine Foden steam wagon of 1877 vintage that has been certified as being as sound as the day it was built. Most fascinating operation of the day was the sawing of a five foot diameter log by the oldest engine there, the 1877 Foden. The cutting may have taken a little longer (about twenty minutes) than could be attained by today's chain-saw gang, but then life was just a little slower down on the farm in Queen Victoria's days



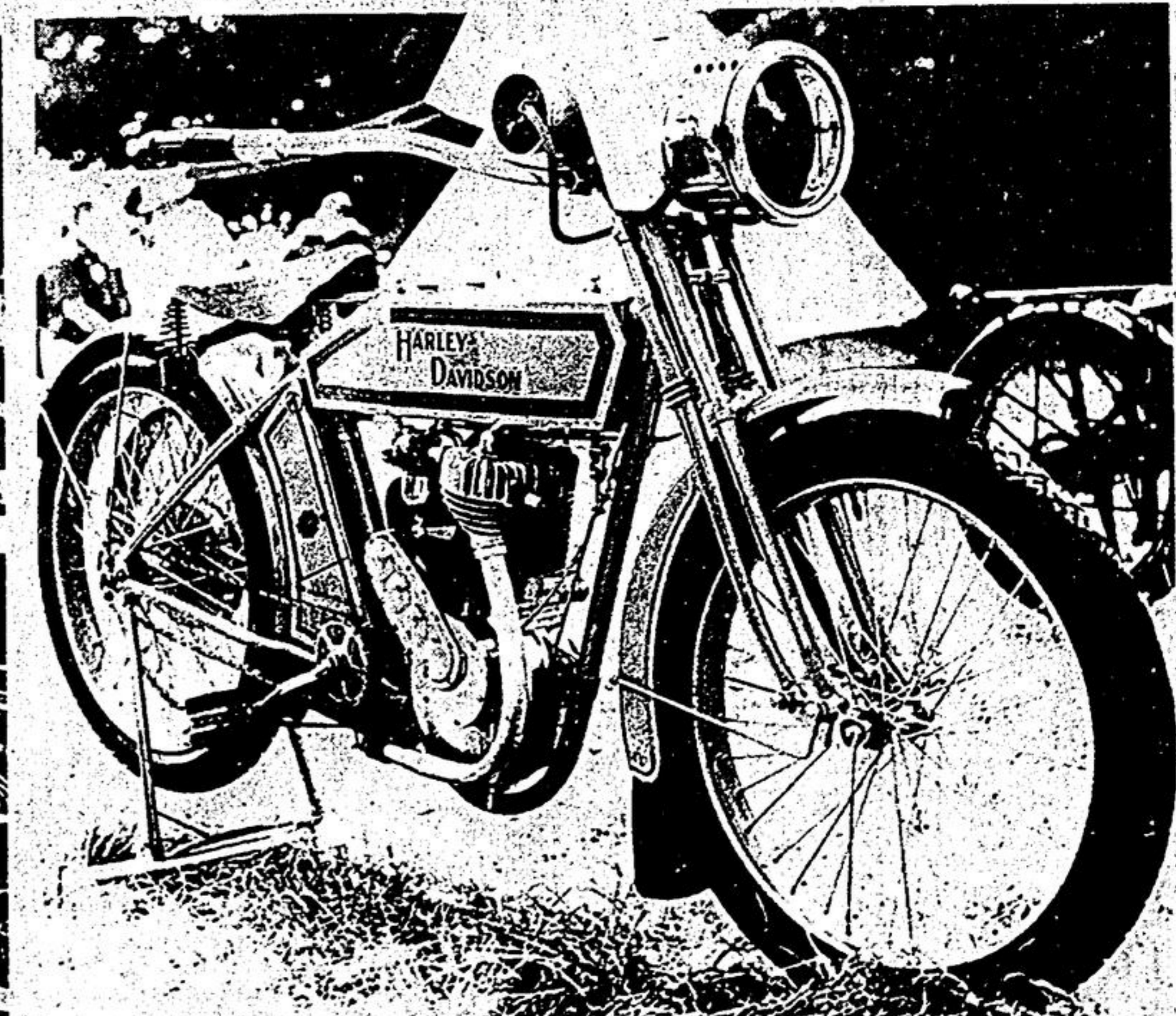
Did I forget something?

One of the most interesting exercises of the day was watching Charlie Wood start his 1923 tractor from scratch. It took some time to get the old girl moving but she eventually started work with the rest of them.



"All my own work"

This 1914 65 horse-power Case tractor is to one-quarter scale and was built by H.G. Davis of Killaloe, Pembroke, Ontario. The model is a perfect reproduction in every way and drew much praise from knowledgeable enthusiasts



Just like new

This beautifully restored 1912 belt-driven Harley Davidson was rated at 4-horse-power and cost \$235 when new. It belongs to Tom Wilcox of Bowmanville, a collector and enthusiast.