

Cleanup work was done on the south lot. The machinery was lined up and the junk and straw piles removed.

When the Rocanville Masonic Lodge hall was advertized for sale, the Museum placed a bid which was accepted. Forms were built and a concrete foundation was poured. A large number of volunteers showed up to help with the concrete. The movers, after several delays, got the building set down only two days before the threshing day event.

A planned start on the administration building had to be put on hold as a result of the time it took to move the hall. Subsequent bad weather made it impossible to get under way with the project until next year. In the meantime, fund raising has been going well.

Aquisition of artifacts has been increasing every year, and many new ones have been added this year. One interesting item is a dinner plate sized stone bearing the image in profile of an Indian with headdress. You can decide wheather or not it is natural.

Historic items include George Westover's fiddle and his office clock. The Fire Department gave us the town bell, and it has been mounted over the entrance gate for the new building.

While not antique, the brick oven built by Len Polvi has that look about it.

During the summer, we got word that a quantity of steam equipment was available at the Pasqua

Hospital. A number of members went and came back with 4 half-ton loads. Included were 4 steam pumps, an air compressor and a steam turbine, together with a quantity of valves and fittings

In November, we were given a Massey-Harris 101 Senior tractor, which we have in the shop. It will be ready for the parade next year.

A quantity of Symons Oilers was found and purchased and we still have a few of the smaller ones for sale.

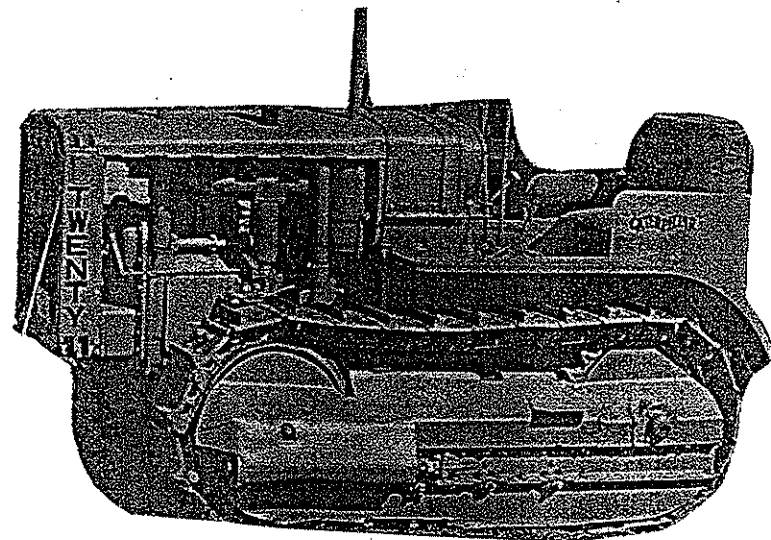
The Threshing Day show, scheduled for Sat. Sept 5th, was rained out right after the pancake breakfast, which was attended by a good number of people. We decided to try again on Sept 13th. The day was cool, cloudy and windy, but the public turned out in warm clothing and appeared to enjoy themselves. The carousel sold a record amount of rides. Apart from the breakfast, the barbecue and the usual demos of engines and machinery, there were a couple of new attractions.

One of these was the parade of engines and cars. About 20 units took part, mostly from the museum, and local, but also some from Esterhazy, Moosomin and Bredenbury.

The other was music by the Gough brothers orchestra. They set up in the Lodge hall, and in short order an impromptu dance began and continued until barbecue time.

A large number of volunteers helped in all ways to make the day a success, and the members of the Museum are very grateful to all of them.

Without volunteer help, the Museum, one of the largest community museums in the province, would be hard pressed to continue.



Caterpillar Twenty

This early Caterpillar, Serial No. 318, was built by Holt and Best, about 1926/28 in San Leandro California. It has been largely restored and is in fairly good working order.



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