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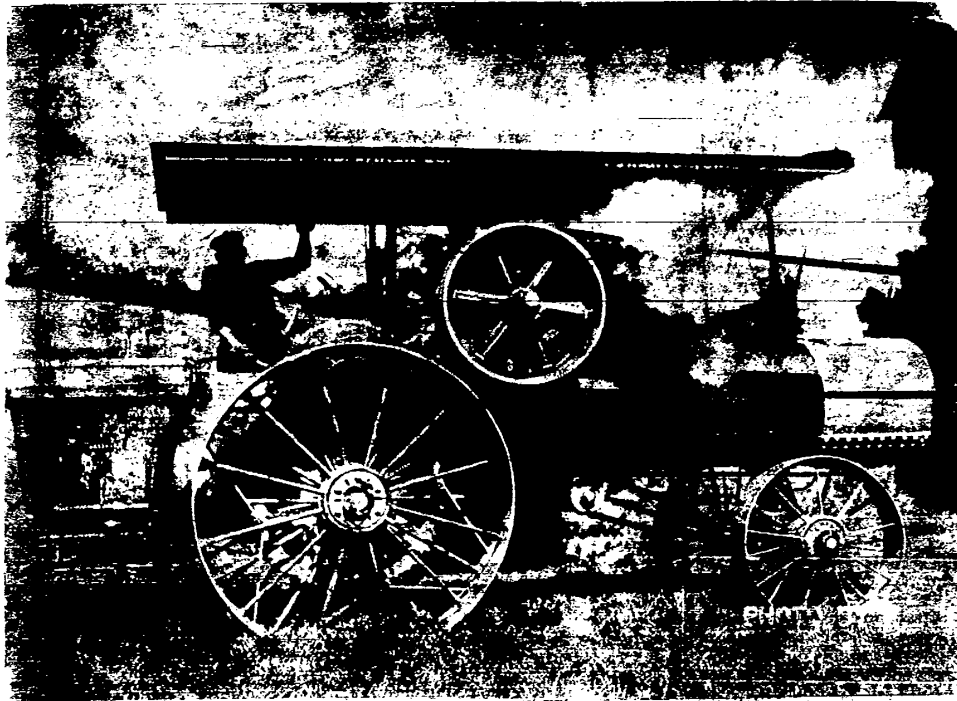
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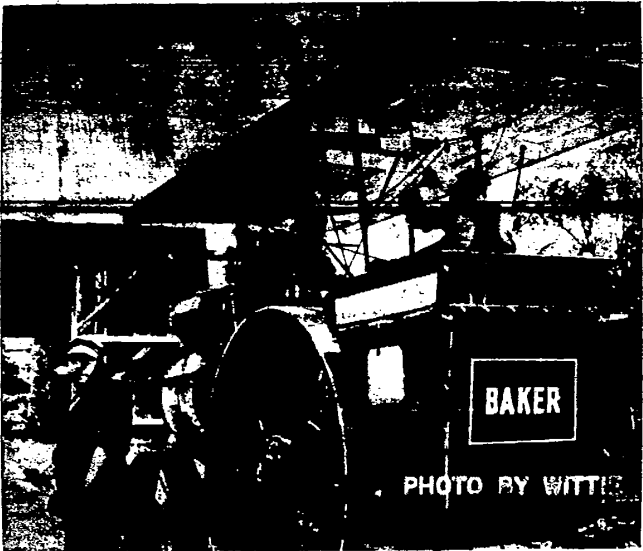
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For The Week Ending Thursday, Aug. 29, 1963

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Lynn Langworthy, at the whistle of his 9-ton "plaything", bringing back memories of the early '20s to the farmers in this locality.
Photo by Wittie



Mr. Langworthy engages the clutch on his Baker steam traction engine to start threshing another wagon load of grain on the Burdick farm, with "Eddie" Ryan caught in the act of turning around to see what photographer "Dick" Wittie wanted.

Shades Of 1920

If anyone should be driving in the vicinity of Railroad Valley and think that they hear the haunting and penetrating sound of the whistle of a steam locomotive, they would be almost correct.

Lynn L. Langworthy, 74, retired Alfred Station Businessman, recently purchased a Baker Steam Traction Engine, built with a Baker Uniflow Valve back in 1920, while attending the National Threshers Association reunion at Montpelier, Ohio, and used it Monday and Tuesday to thresh grain on the Burdick Farm in Railroad Valley.

This iron monster weighs 9-tons empty and 11 tons with a load of coal and water. It has a 21 horsepower output at the drawbar and develops 75 h.p. at its big drive pulley. It was originally purchased to operate a large sawmill in Missouri, and after that was used thruout the Middle West States to operate the larger type of thresher model 48-60.

Due to its huge size, the old fashioned Traction Engine had to be shipped by R.R. to West Bloomfield and thence to Canandaigua by truck and lowboy where it was entered in the "Pageant of Steam" held at the fairgrounds there last Sunday. Mr. Langworthy had the

honor of leading the parade of all engines and carrying the Queen of the Pageant on an improvised throne on the coal bunker. It was then brought from there to the Burdick farm by truck and lowboy and unloaded with a few minor difficulties.

In an interview with Mr. Langworthy Monday afternoon at the scene of the threshing operations on the Burdick farm, we were told that he started running steam engines when he was 8 years old and that once the "steam got into his blood" he hasn't been able to get over it.

Strange as it may seem, the Burdick farm is the original Langworthy Homestead, and this is where Lynn, his four brothers and sisters were raised. This was back in the days when the whole family worked together at threshing time or any other large projects to get things done on time.

Mr. Langworthy, Sr., owned a steam engine and Lynn had his first crack at "steam power" when the family started to lay in their winter's wood supply and were short handed in their buzz-saw operation.

Andover Police Report

Eleanor B. Alwood, Seneca Falls N. Y. Speeding. Pled guilty, paid \$10.00 fine.

Harvey M. Pierce, Lindley, N. Y. Disobeyed Traffic Signal. Pled guilty, paid \$5.00 fine.

James E. O'Connor, Wellsville, N. Y. Parked Left Wheels To Curb. Forfeited \$5.00.

J. MIDRAGH
Chief of Police

Notice To All Legion And Social Members

SPECIAL MEETING of the American Legion Club Sunday, Sept., 1st at 8 P. M.

All members are requested to be present. 35

Notice School Taxes

Payable at my home—6 Pleasant Ave., from September 1st to October 31st.

First 30 days, no fee charged. For taxes paid in October—fee is 1%.

GERALDINE S. OAKES, Col.

Rebekah Notice

The regular meeting of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303, will be held Wednesday, September 4th at 8 P. M. A good attendance is desired.

ated the "drag-saw" (which had to be stopped after each cut), and the other 4 brothers split and piled the wood.

He started operating a steam engine regularly at the age of 17 when his father was short handed with a threshing crew. At that time his Dad owned the steam engine with a neighbor owning a threshing machine and the two families made the rounds of all the neighbors taking care of the threshing needs in a joint project.

Mr. Langworthy owned and operated his own threshing rig for 17 years and also ran a steam roller for the Town of Alfred for several years.

With the advent of the new gasoline engine, he operated one for several years but since this didn't have the "charm of the old steamer", he switched to the plumbing business from which he retired several years ago.

He said that "Steam" was his first love of power and still is. He also stated that he intends to spend the rest of his life playing around with his new "9-ton plaything", as well as traveling around with his wife to all of the Steam Engine reunions that they can possibly attend.

News That's Print To Fit

Last Wednesday it seemed that "Cliff" had a very productive sidewalk as a watermelon was found apparently growing there in the middle of it. In fact it showed up much faster than ever a misadventure as it wasn't there early in the morning before several alleged Alfred students stopped for breakfast. (One of them had a jacket with Alfred on the back and one of the other lads said they were from Alfred).

When "Smitty" of the local M. B. came along for his coffee there was a nice big watermelon directly in the middle of the sidewalk in front of the Andover Coffee Shoppe.

Since there was no runner (vine that is) around, it was assumed that it had sprouted legs and walked there, so "Smitty" tucked it under his arm and took it back to its original home with the rest of the watermelon family.

Was that a tear in your eye John that we saw as the workers took down your old "Sugar Bowl" sign that has been a familiar landmark on the Main St., corner for the last forty some odd years?

Don't feel too bad about it as it looked pretty rusty and in need of repair whne we saw it resting on the sidewalk when your new sign was being put up. Besides, the new sign really lights things up on the corner so that if the street lights should fail again we'll at least have one bright spot left on Main St.

Speaking of street lights reminds us that they were back in operation last week but "Cliff", what we are wondering about, is just how much help "Charley" was to the repair project, and if he has turned in a bill for his services?

Just because we get such prompt results on some of our classified ads, we don't know why they have to be run again after the advertised item is bought or sold, unless we have a "Printer's Devil" loose in the shop.

It seems that Mr. Langworthy advertised last Thursday for a threshing belt in order to drive the Burdick threshing machine, and by the next day had satisfactory results as one was delivered to him in two pieces which he promptly laced together and put into operation Monday with his threshing operations.

Last night in checking over the first half of the paper after it was printed we noticed that Lynn's ad was still there but we imagine it should be ignored, as there is only one drive pulley on his Steam Engine and we don't imagine that he will be able to wear out the belt that he now has.

How about it "Dad", wasn't last week's issue No. 34?

Incidentally in speaking of the paper, we are putting the "Birth, Marriages and Deaths" column back in as we have had several inquiries about it. It seems that in a small County like ours where people are acquainted throughout, some of our readers depended on this column for news as they occasionally missed these items in the daily paper. Does this make you happy down Scio way Now?

Legion Auxiliary Meeting Tuesday, September 3rd

The September meeting of the Lynch-Burgett Unit, American Legion Auxiliary will be held Tuesday, September 3 at the Legion Hall. The County Officers will be guests and will conduct installation of new officers.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 at the Methodist Church. All members are requested to attend.

Firemen's Meeting

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8 p. m.

"Gift For Jack Dixon"

Gifts for Jack Dixon by the Andover Community and its people are now being accepted by a committee of Andover area friends.

Jack is now at his home in Andover convalescing from surgery performed at Rochester. He has been in the past two months.

Persons interested in taking in a "Gift For Jack" can forward their contributions to Box 162 Andover, N. Y., prior to August 31, 1963 or drop them off at:

Citizens National Bank, Andover
Joyce Pipe Line, Andover
Short's Service Station, Andover

Andover Central School Year Begins Tuesday

The Andover Central School 1963-64 year will begin Tuesday, September 3rd, at 9 A. M. for registration and the buses will leave at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday morning, September 4th, students will return to their classes for regular full session.

The Andover Board of Education will be host at a reception at the school cafeteria Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock to welcome the faculty members, their husbands and wives.

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John Hames Winner In Bike Rodeo

John Hames was the winner of a new bicycle at the Bicycle Rodeo held Saturday at the school.

John compiled the high score of 156 1/2 points to top the field of 36 entries. Debbie Fox was high for the girls with Monica Dibble a close runner-up. Charles Joyce was runner-up in the boys division.

The Committee wishes to thank again Joyce Pipe Line, Scanyda's Farms, The American Legion, The Citizens National Bank and the Chamber of Commerce for making this worthwhile project possible. Also thanks and appreciation to the volunteers that helped with the judging and scoring.

John A. McCormick

John A. McCormick of Rexville RFD 1, died at St. James Mercy Hospital Tuesday, August 27, 1963 following a long illness. He was 82 years of age.

Born in Greenwood, he lived all his life in the area where he was engaged in farming.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cora Woodward McCormick, at home; three daughters, Mrs. Frederick Sampson of Niagara Falls, Mrs. Ernest Vance of Puletney, and Mrs. Jerry Cerrillo, Barney St., Andover; six sons, John McCormick, Andover, Cyril McCormick, Almond, Donald McCormick, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Joseph McCormick, Niagara Falls, Patrick McCormick, Rexville, and Duane McCormick Greenwood; 34 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren two brothers, Theodore McCormick of Buffalo, and James McCormick of Niagara Falls; four sisters, Mrs. Vincent McCormick of Greenwood and the Misses Anna, Theresa and Angelica McCormick all of Buffalo.

The body is at the Crandall and Crandall Funeral Home in Canisteo where the Rosary will be recited at 8:30 p. m. Thursday. A prayer service there at 9:15 a. m. Friday will be followed by a Requiem High Mass at 10 a. m. in St. Mary's Church, Rexville. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Rexville.

Attention

Fire Company Members:

Parade in Belmont Saturday, August 31 at 11:00 A. M.
Hose Practice at the Fire Hall Friday night—August 30th at 7:00 P. M.

Boost Your Home Town.