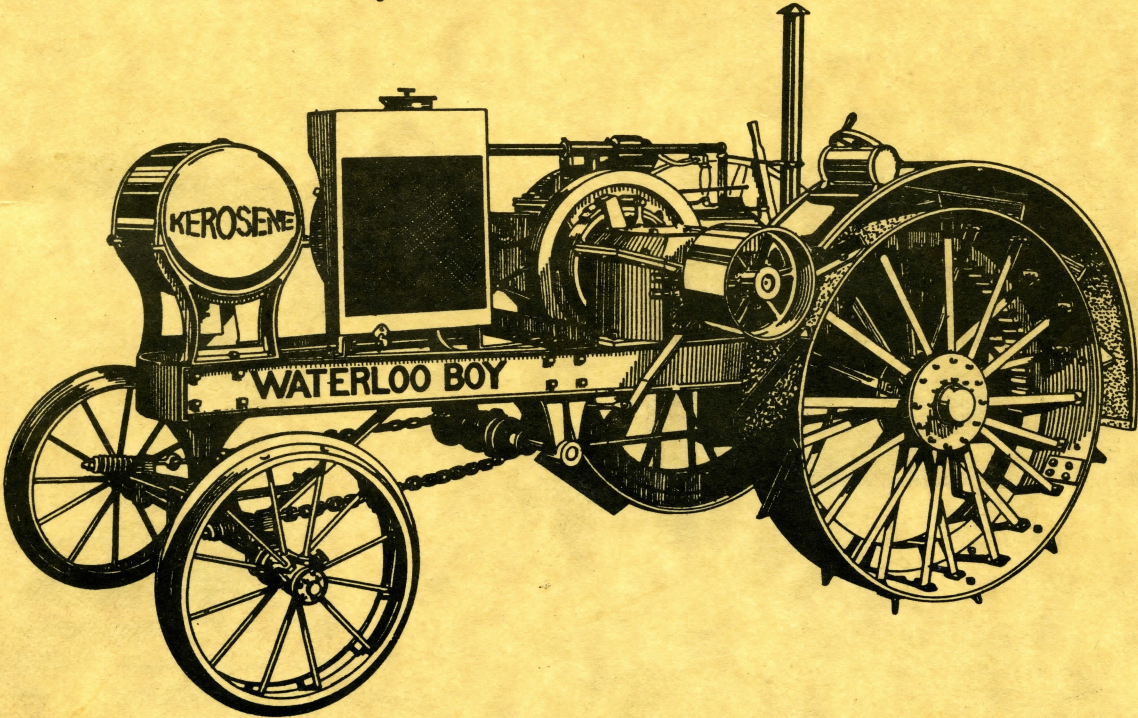


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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The year is really flying past! As you receive this issue, there are only about 6 weeks left until the **IRON HORSE POWER Show**. There is much to be done between now and show time but we are enthusiastically making preparations. I really think that we all will have a great time! With old tractors, good people to talk with and the best barbecue you have ever tasted, how could it be anything but a great time?

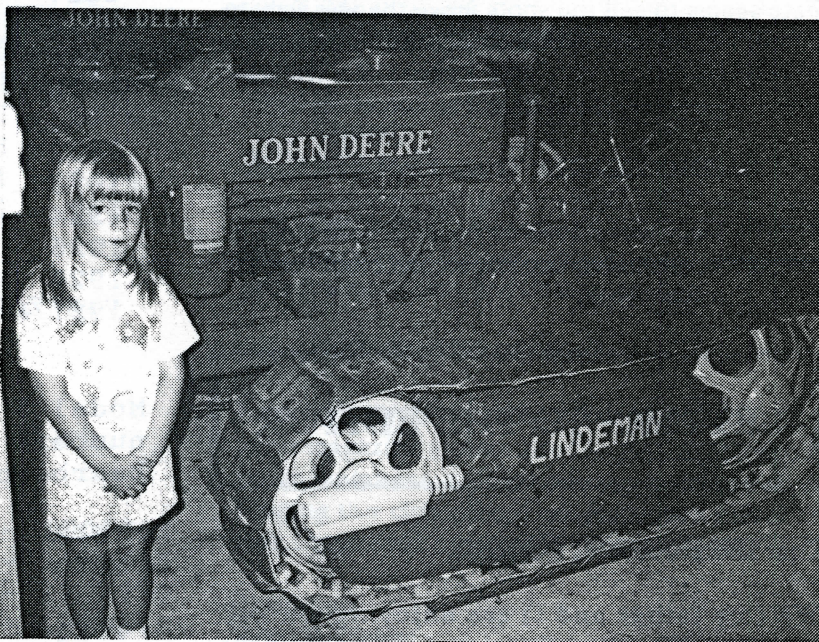
Old tractors. We need your tractor in the show! There has been a slow response to registering tractors for the show. Many of you have told me that you are planning to bring tractors, but you have not registered. I need you to go ahead and do so. October 19th and 20th is not so far away. Several people have already signed up to bring tractors from long distances and we are committed to having a show, so register **NOW!** Some members have been reluctant because their tractor is not 100% restored. Let me assure you that they need not be 100% restored. Bring what you have. Even if it is fresh from the woods it's more than welcome! The unrestored look is what many collectors want. If you have something to sell, bring it! The more the merrier.

The catfish supper and meeting is still on for Saturday night. I personally guarantee the catfish! It will be all you can eat. Make your reservations as soon as possible so that we can prepare properly. Send in the registration form in this issue.

The next item concerns my favorite part of **IRON HORSE POWER**. The people we meet make the trouble worth while. I was extremely lucky to get to

meet Dr. James Sheppard of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. I had read of Dr. Sheppard and heard of him through mutual friends so that I jumped at the opportunity to meet him and see his collection.

Dr. Sheppard's collection of John Deere tractors is quite amazing. It contains several models I had never seen. First is his Waterloo Boy, pictured with his letter (page 5). A "spoker" D, GP's, A's, B's, G's, L, and more in configuration of steel, rubber, narrow, wide, orchard, high and tracks were all packed in a large barn. All of them sported new green paint and decals. It was a Deere hunter's dreamland! Dr. Sheppard gave us the grand tour while explaining each model. If I forget 90% of what he told me, I still learned more in the few hours there than any time before. One of my favorites in his collection was the BO Lindeman crawler. I don't think my wife thought I was serious when I said, "That's what you need to get me for Christmas."



Jessica with the BO Lindeman

My daughters' biggest thrill of the trip to Dr. Sheppard's was meeting "John Deere." We fed him some apple slices and scratched between his antlers.