



CHECKING OUT THE SMALL ENGINES and discussing their finer points, Varlan Neal of Oberlin (above left) and Bernie Thummel, Hoxie, watched the thigamajigs go round and round.

Meanwhile, Darrel Bruggeman, Selden, (below) stopped his four-wheeler in the middle of Main Street to talk to Colby resident Stan Kauk, who was driving a 1959 John Deere tractor.

Cars and tractors and little engines

— All old —

Antique vehicles draws crowd to Selden's annual tractor show

Clunkta, Clunkta, Clunkta. Cuchunk, Cuchunk, Cuchunk.

You could hear the 15th Annual Antique Tractor and Car Show in Selden a couple of blocks away as the many small engines set up at the south end of Main Street whirled and worked.

Past the small engines were the cars, dozens of antique and unique automobiles and trucks, a few motorcycles and several vehicles that defied classification.

Then at the corner, people had a choice of going into the Sacred Heart Parish Hall to check out the craft show, continuing on along the street to look at the antique tractors or turning towards the park for food and games.

Over in front of the tennis courts, men and a few women were pitching horseshoes. Later on the court, youngsters would compete in a kiddie tractor pull and a basketball free-throw contest.

Across the street, some youngsters were diving in a stock tank full of corn for coins. Others were just having fun doing belly flops in the grain and tossing it in the air.

In the park, there was music, talk, laughter and food as people sat at picnic tables or on makeshift board-and-cement-block benches under the trees around the shel-

terhouse. Inside, Rose Bainter and her family provided music and singing. There was even a little dancing as a couple swayed and stepped to the country tunes.

While listening to the songs, people were munching on hamburgers, hot dogs and barbecued pork sandwiches provided by the Catholic Youth Organization. For those just needing a snack, the Harvester 4-H Club offered popcorn, nachos and giant pretzels, the Golden Plains High School cheerleaders had a bake sale and there was kettle corn and cotton candy for sale at a traveling wagon.

Across the street, Jim Plotts had a crew turning hay from big round bales into small square ones, using an old-fashioned baling machine. Two men forked hay into the machine and a third ran wire in to form bales like the ones that once dotted the Kansas landscape.

After lunch, the Old Tyme Band performed favorites in the Parish Hall for those who wanted to get out of the sun.

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon, and everyone from babies in strollers to teens to seniors was out enjoying the day, the weather, the vehicles and action and each other. The show was sponsored by the Selden American Legion Post.



FORKING HAY INTO AN ANTIQUE BALER, Gary Orr Sr., Kanona, (left) helped turn round bales into small square ones on Sunday. Meanwhile, Andrew Kuhn, 5, (above) gave his sister Ashley, 7, a ride on a replica of a 1916 Case steam engine under the watchful eye of his father, Keith Kuhn, Hoxie (not shown).



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