

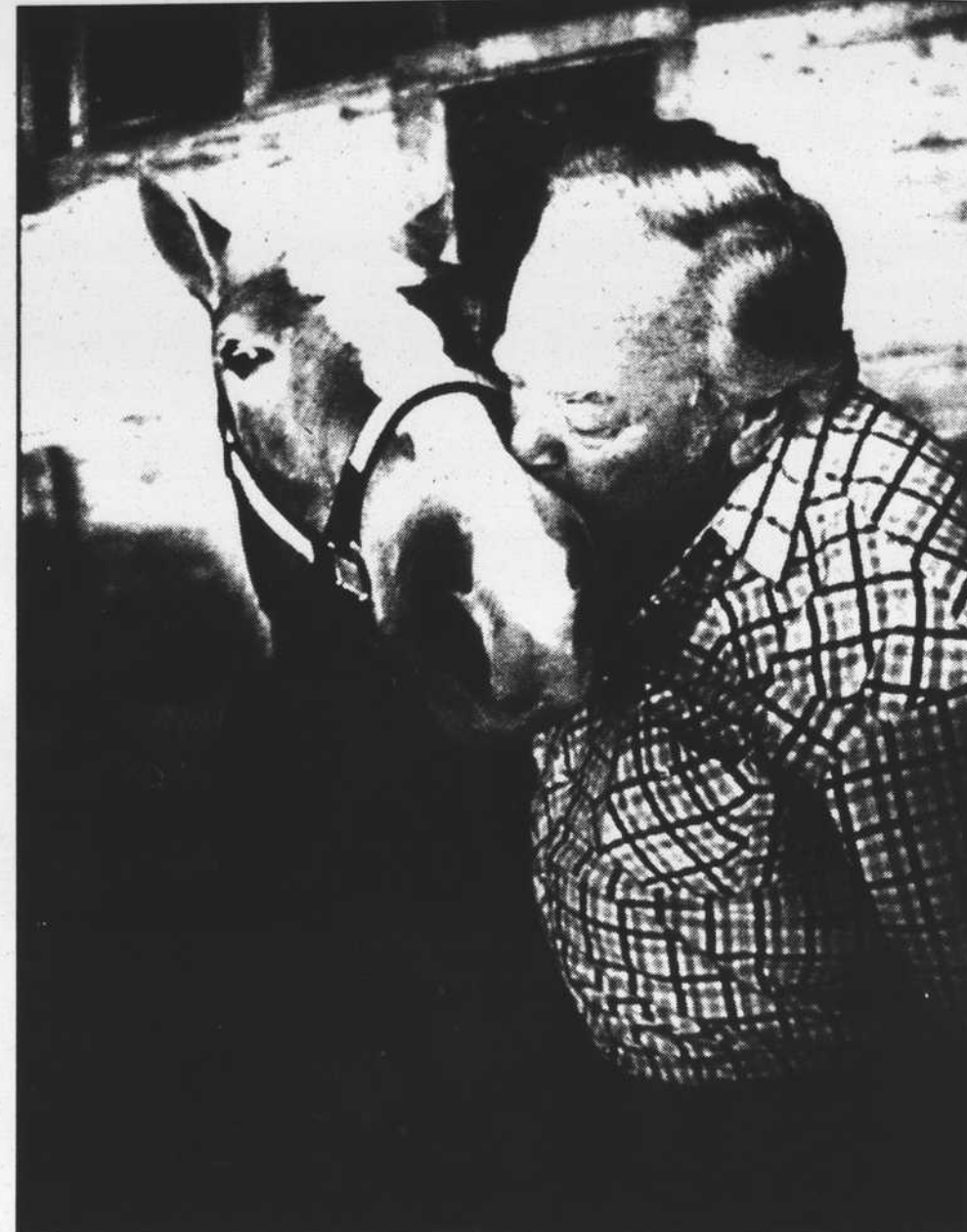
Hay Burners' Auction at Fairgrounds



MAX WILLIAMS of East Bend brought his Halfinger for a means of transportation around the fair grounds.



NOTHING IS FINER that a perfectly matched tea.



DOUG MORRIS of Vanceboro liked "Lady" so much he wanted to bid on her.

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OVER 500 HORSES and 300 buggies and wagons were sold last weekend at the Iredell County at the Dixie Draft Horse Sale at the Fairground in Troutman.

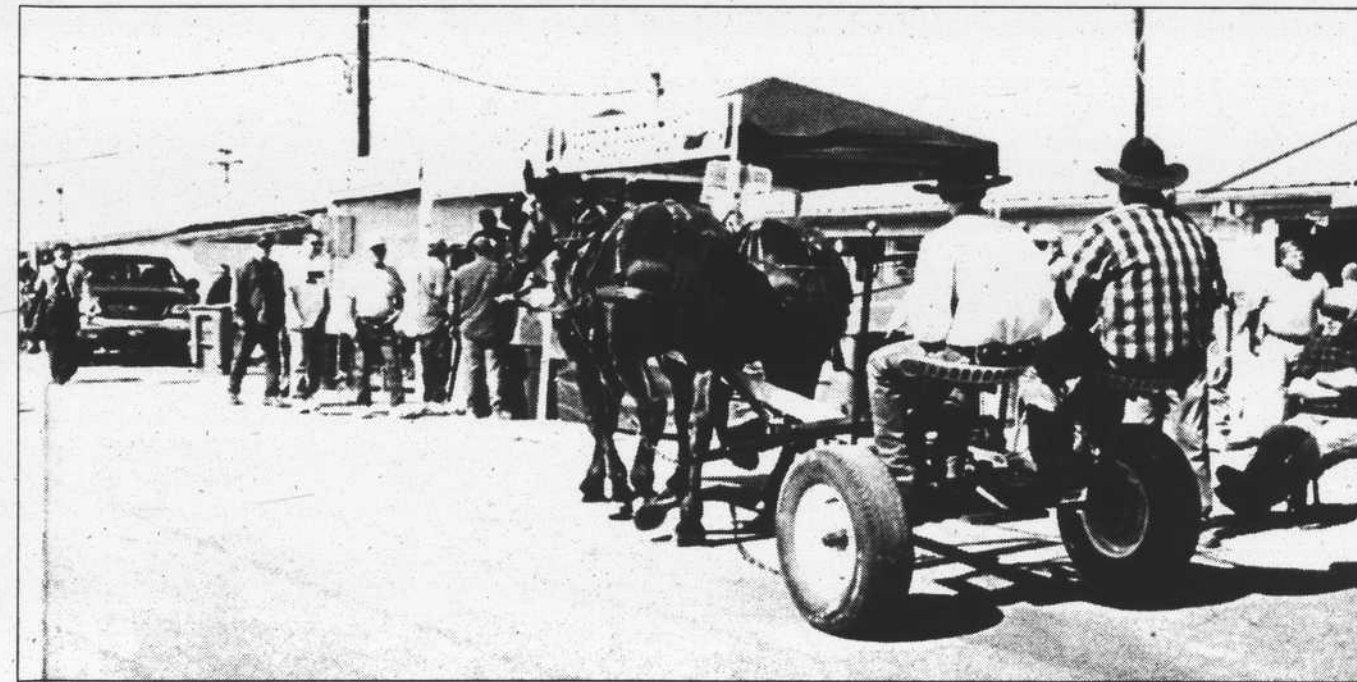
"This auction took place in Forsyth at the Dixie Classic Fair Ground for several years but grew so big that they ran

out of stabling facilities. Iredell happens to have enough accommodations for the horses," said Jim Head, Iredell County Fair Ground manager.

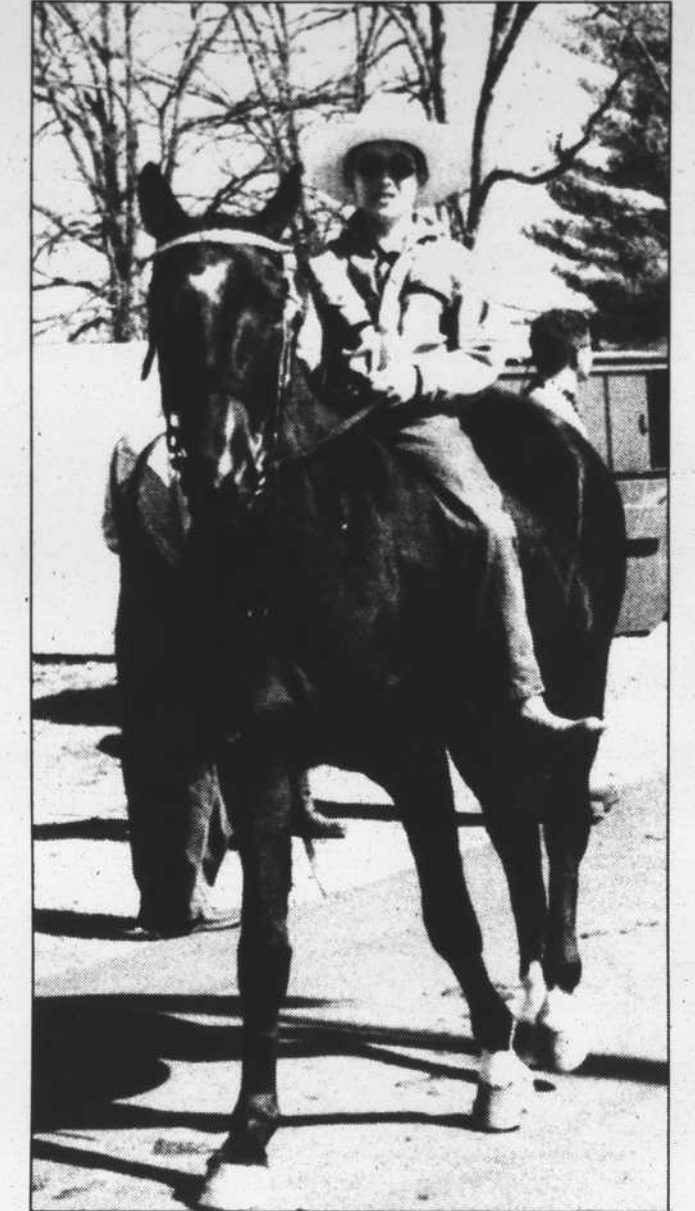
Each year the auction takes place the last weekends in March and November. "In November, 580 horses and 300 buggies and wagons were sold," Head said. Mules and

miniature horses were also sold. Marty Morchart from New Holland, Ohio, brought five Shetland ponies, a Pony of the Americas and a miniature horse to the auction. "I've accumulated too many horses and this is a good way to thin my herd," she said.

It was a good weekend for those who wanted to thicken herds, too.

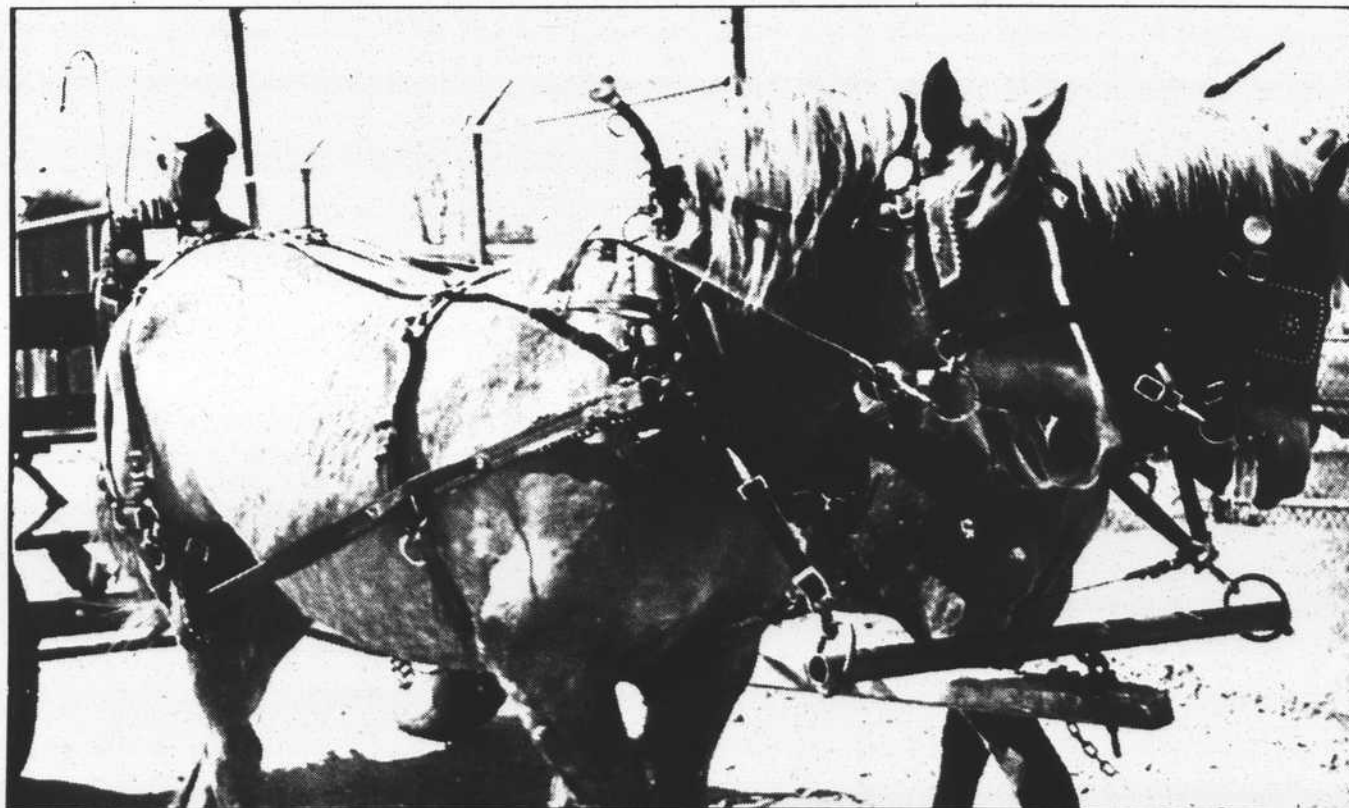


MANY FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION were displayed.



BOBBY BEACHY TRIED out a standardbred horse.

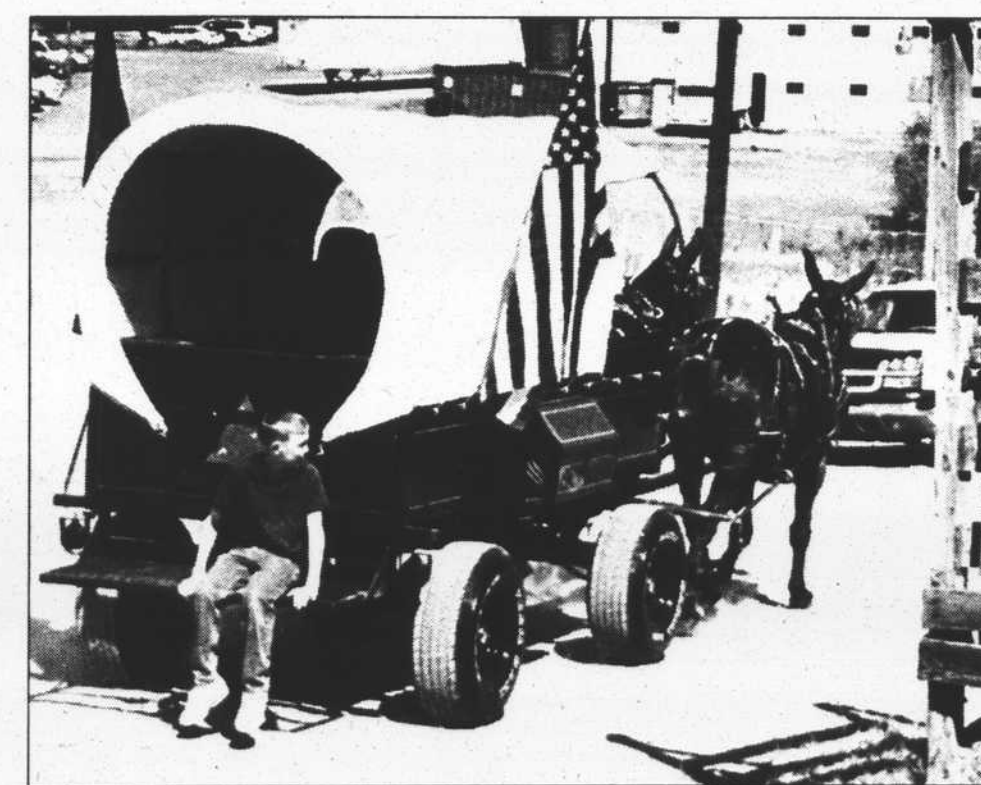
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BELGIAN'S WERE popular horses at the auction.



MOM AND BABY BELGIAN were sold as a package.



WHY WALK when you can catch a ride on a wagon?



JOHN REED BROUGHT a wagon and two large black mules.