

90 Year Old Feels Lucky to Take Part in Harvest



A good hard look—and a sample taste of the barley crop passes inspection.



Having a busy day: it's not until 2:30 p.m. that dinner is served by wife Betty because Harold just shows up—and is surprised to find *The News* camera waiting in the kitchen.

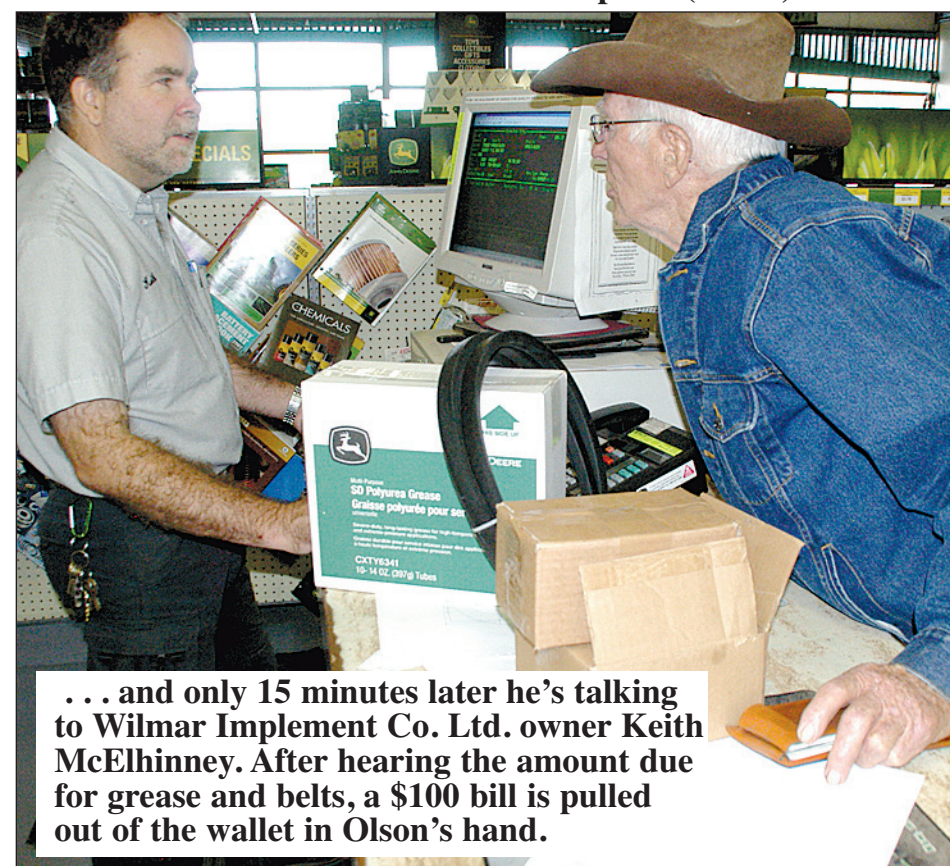
At 90 years old Harold Olson still takes part in the family harvest operations. *The Provost News* photographer, over two days tried to keep up with the physically and mentally fit man who was born nine decades ago right on the family farm seven and one half miles south west of town. Here's a sampling of what Harold's been busy with . . .



He's been running the swather this fall; "Pupper" at bottom left, is a welcome companion.



Combine operator Duane Olson, while broke down, asks his dad to take the truck to town for some parts . . .



. . . and only 15 minutes later he's talking to Wilmar Implement Co. Ltd. owner Keith McElhinney. After hearing the amount due for grease and belts, a \$100 bill is pulled out of the wallet in Olson's hand.



Throwing a cane into the back of this unit because of sore knees, there's nothing to a trip out back.



Strength isn't what it used to be: changing a tire on the chaff wagon took a lot longer than Harold would have liked.



Son Duane Olson at left and his nephew Brayden Clark who had been driving truck (shown on combine) were stopped in their tracks until Harold drove out with the fuel truck to get the diesel tank filled.



Supper from the back of the half ton truck as dark clouds and lightning threatens. From left: Duane, Harold, Betty and Joan Olson enjoy a hot chicken meal with vegetables. Fifteen minutes later the combine was rolling—but the next day a heavy rainfall stalled operations.



While the machines drone into the black of night . . .



. . . Harold is at home (photo taken from outside, through the window) allowing "the younger men" to continue harvesting as he checks out the fridge near bedtime. After all, dawn will soon appear, presenting another day of required chores.

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