



**SOME COMPARISON--**Medina school pupils on Chris Shannon's bus were surprised at this view they witnessed in Millville last Friday afternoon.



**SHADES OF YESTERYEAR--**Some folks make the best of winter and Bob Pask shows an example here. He hooked up his team of

ponies and had them draw his old fashioned sleigh to the Millville cobblestone store.

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## Back To The Days of Sleighs?

**MILLVILLE** — According to the talk from some of our elders, we're having a "real old fashioned" winter. With all the snow fallen so far, it has made a believer out of many of us.

Some folks have a flair for doing something out of the ordinary, weather to the contrary. Take Bob Pask of the East Shelby Road for instance.

The big blizzard early last week kept him pretty near the confines of his home but later in the week he was back in the outdoors, enjoying life as usual. He spent a couple of days running around his "back 40" hunting for red fox, a little snowmobiling, and tending to his usual chores.

Then last Friday afternoon he put on quite a show for his friends.

The mechanized world of

farming put the horse out of business years ago. But the four-footed critters still have found their place on the farm. Many a farmer owns horses, utilizing them today for recreation.

The Pask children, Bradley, Cindy and Kevin, all own horses and enjoy riding them. They also have a pair of ponies.

Bob Pask trained the ponies some time back to work as a team. When the Village of Medina celebrated its 140th birthday in 1972 he had his ponies, Sugar and Dutchess, hooked to a small wagon that he dressed up as a covered wagon, just like colonial times, and participated in the parade. He and his wife Marie worked a similar "get up" for the recent Medina Bicentennial Parade this past August.

When Larry and Virginia Boyle took over the old Howard Neal cobblestone grocery store in Millville last fall, they kiddingly suggested Pask hook his team to an old (sleigh) cutter sometime during this winter and drive them to the front of their store for an authentic old-time picture.

He did that last Friday afternoon.

With his friend Art Wilkins of Barre assisting, the pair of ponies were hooked to the sled and Pask drove the distance, about a mile, in jig time. He drew quite a crowd in a hurry. (It's funny how quick the word gets around.)

Virginia Boyle came up with a hot cup of coffee for Pask while he rested the ponies.

Homing instinct took over on the return trip and Pask pointed

out, was made more speedily by the pair of animals, although he was most impressed by their travel time both ways. Conditions for sleigh travel were ideal, he admitted.



**HITCHIN' UP--**Art Wilkins of Barre, left, helps Bob Pask with the 'hitching-up' chore.