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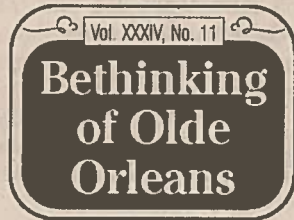
Dashing through the snow 3-15-12

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The snap shot shown here is rubber stamped on the back "Jan. 29, 1943." It shows my parents Cary and Avis Lattin in a sleigh pulled by my dad's team of farm work horses at the time. I believe my great aunt took the picture as it is the Charles and Anna Clift residence in the background. This is now the home of Tom and Jill Fox on Gaines Basin Road.

Around 1939 or 1940 my father restored this old 19th century sleigh. The dash board and runners were painted a cream color while the rest of the sleigh was painted a bright red. I think he did this mostly for fun and a winter sporting activity.

I notice one of the horses is fitted with a string of sleigh bells. However, the sleigh proved to be of a great service when the roads were not plowed out. I



recall my mother saying that sometime back in the early 1940s they were snowed in over 20 some days one winter. When this occurred my dad would hitch up the sleigh and go to Albion to get provisions for my grandparents, my great aunt and uncle and other neighbors.

Snowmobiles proved to be of such service during the blizzard of 1977. However, in earlier times the trusty horse and sleigh came dashing through.

It wasn't until just after World War II that my father purchased his first Farm-All tractor. Like some other farmers of that time frame, the horses were not immediately disposed of. They were also used for certain farm work until the mid 1950s.