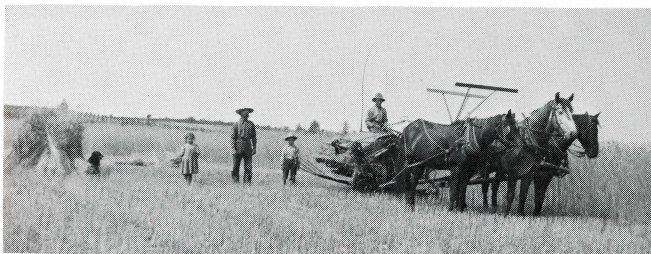


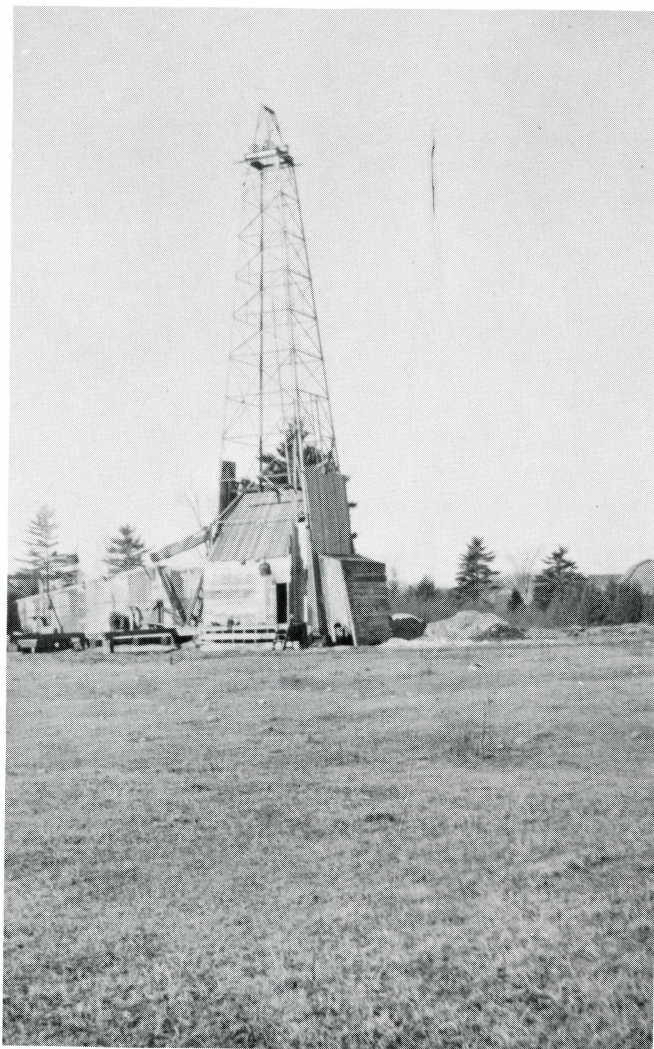
Another symbol of early American life, fabled in song ("I was taking Nellie home,") and legend, these local women are shown at a quilting party.



One invention that helped shape America was the reaper, shown here with a three horse team.



A crew of "river rats" on the Muskegon River preparing for a drive. Most are holding peavies, the tools of their trade. On the right is the "Wannigan", a floating kitchen that accompanied the drive.



In our fields, another resource of the land comes from beneath the soil. This oil derrick was photographed around 1945.