

LOCAL BUSINESSES - LORD OF ALEXANDER

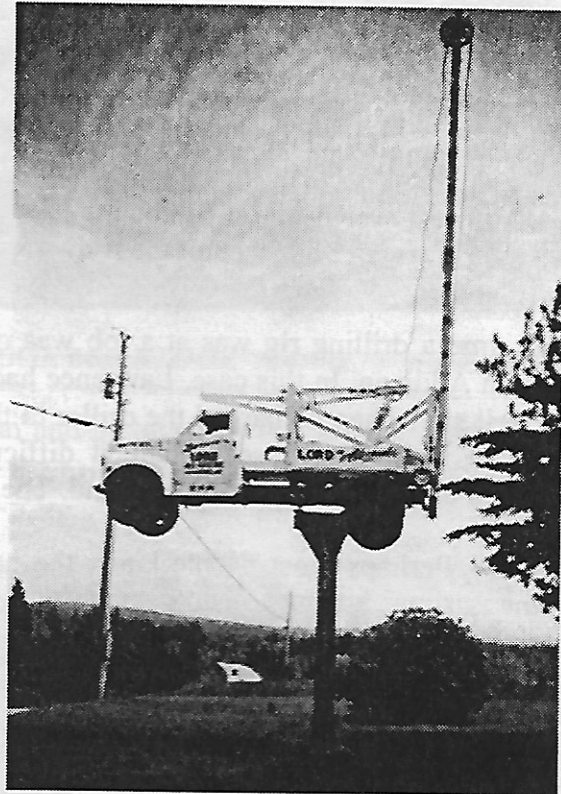
Lawrence Lord was born at Crawford on September 30, 1932, the son of Joseph and Althea (Davis) Lord. He grew up on the Arm road in Crawford. On August 30, 1952 he married Hilda Morang of Woodland. Lawrence and Hilda have five children, Barbara, Bonnie, Terry, Paula, and Larry.

THE EARLY DAYS - Lawrence's first venture into business was trucking. Late winter was a poor time for trucking because of the snow, and then the mud, so Lawrence went to Connecticut for three years in the 60's where he easily found work. One of these jobs was cement foundation work.

L. S. LORD AND SONS: FOUNDATIONS - So Lawrence decided to try the foundation business here. His first job was a cellar floor, and he hired Donald Frost and Jack Hatt to help him. Jack continued working for Lawrence for many years. Over those years he did cement work from Fort Kent in the north to Ellsworth in the west.

PLOWING CONTRACT - Lawrence bought two four-wheel drive dump trucks with snowplows that Robbie Hunnewell had used to plow Alexander's roads. In the early 70's Lawrence got the contract for plowing the town and braved the wind and snow.

L. S. LORD AND SONS: WATER WELLS - In 1960, Lawrence worked with Cecil Frost pounding water wells for a week. In 1967 or 68 Lawrence bought his first well driller in Herman, Maine. Over the years he would buy many more, but all the rest came



This landmark in front of LAWRENCE LORD'S on the Airline is a well pounder mounted on a 1942 Studebaker truck chassis. Lawrence purchased the rig from Gates Johnson of Perry.

out of Massachusetts. Cement work was hard on the back, and as the well drilling business was good, Lawrence sold the foundation to Dale Richardson, who had worked for him for a number of years.

L. S. Lord and Sons have drilled thousands of wells. They have drilled from New Sweden in the north to Newberg in the west.

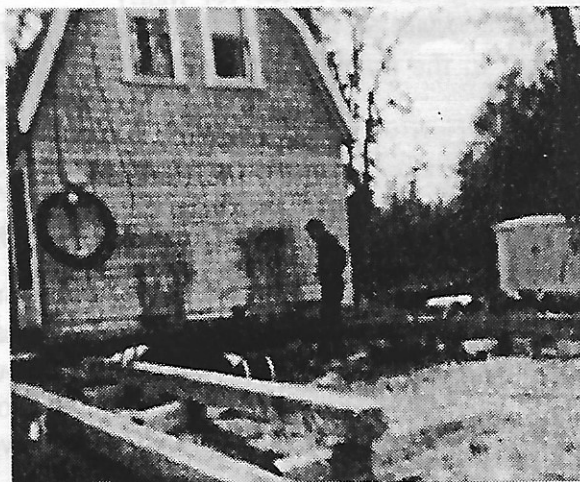


LAWRENCE in the cab, and NELSON FLOOD – January 5, 1971

The shallowest well was on Starboard Island in Machiasport. It was only 23 feet deep. They drove the driller and other equipment over on the bar at low tide. The deepest wells have been over 1000 feet.

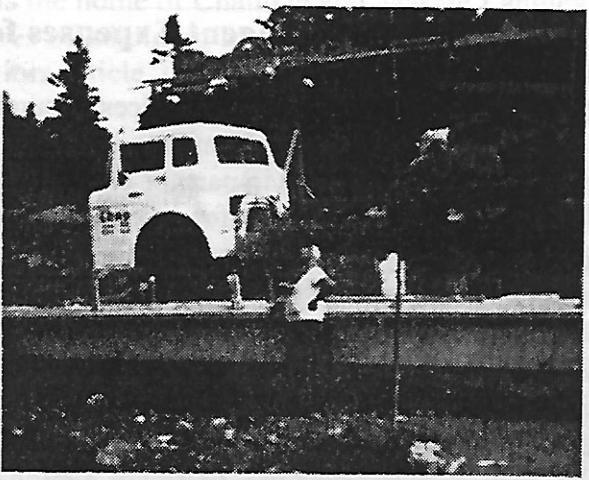
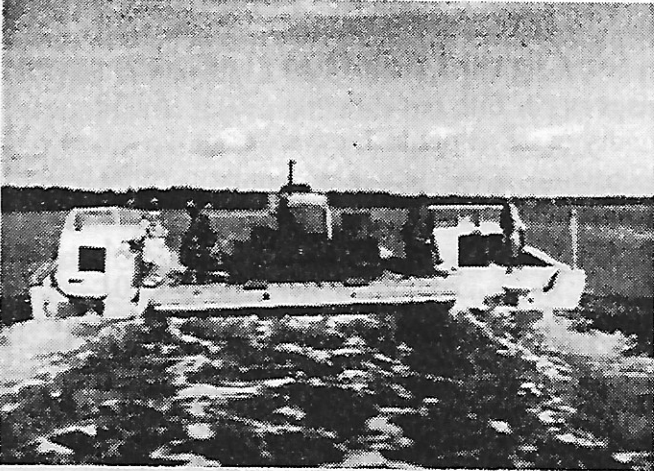
The longest time a drilling rig was at a job was one year and one day. That was on Norton's Island of South Addison. In this case, Lawrence had to barge a bulldozer to the island to make a road to the well site. Then he barged the driller to the island, used the dozer to pull it to the site, then drilled the well. Rough seas made it difficult to get the equipment off the island, so Lawrence ended up selling it still on the island. The well was only 68 feet deep.

LORDS GAS - Perhaps most people know the name Lawrence Lord by the signs at his fuel station on the Airline. Lawrence had gas and diesel fuel for his own equipment since the early 50's and neighbors would stop by for gas when caught short. In the late 80's, Lawrence decided to put up a sign and have someone available to run this as a business. Today, his daughter Paula has this job as well as keeping the books.



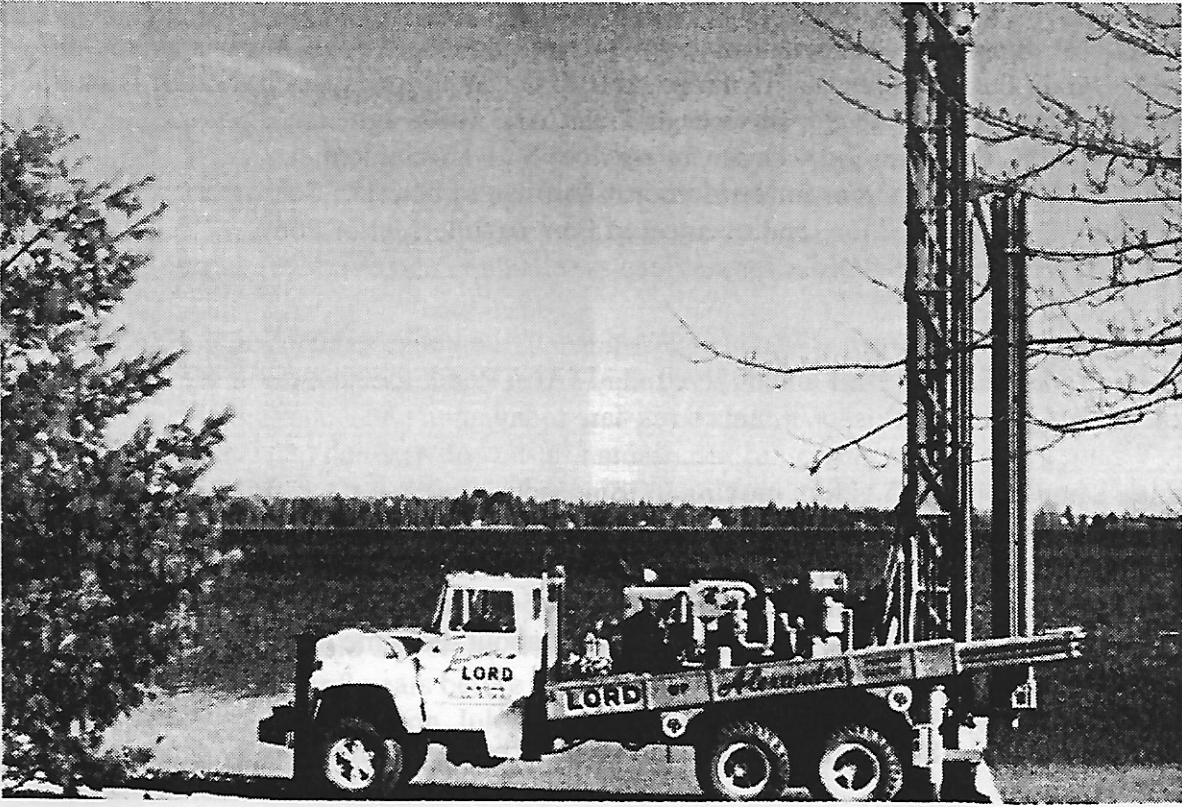
*left: FREDDIE WALLACE and PHILIP McCARTHUR – right: LAWRENCE LORD
Putting in the foundation and moving the house onto it. At RUTH DWELLEY'S - July 1972*

Over the years Lawrence has had many, many men work for him, mostly on a short time bases. Here are the names of a few; Truman Day, Bernard Flood, Jack Hatt, Philip McArthur, Tom Smith, David Davis, and Ken Smith. Sons Terry and Larry now handle the actual well drilling with help, usually from Truman.



The dozer being barged to Norton's Island - ELBRIDGE McARTHUR waiting for the barge

Lawrence and his daughter Paula provided information and pictures for this article. Thanks for helping get this recent Alexander history into print.



Well driller set up on the shore of Pleasant Lake

