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### THE TRACTOR

This was the summer that Ben and Laura each got to sit on their Dad's lap and steer the Ford Explorer around the parking lot. For me, that privilege of taking the wheel occurred at about the same age. The experience is indelibly imprinted.

The grey Ford tractor was being used to plow the hill on the south-west side of the farm. The seat was metal with quarter-sized holes in it for ventilation. The steering wheel had two wooden knobs, like doorknobs, to provide a more powerful grip for turning. no power steering!! Bump, bump through the clods of dirt.

When President John Kennedy was a boy, his New England family lived close to the ocean. His father usually directed Jack to take the helm. This was a significant start on the lessons of leadership: having control, making decisions, being responsible for the welfare of all on board.

*Carol*



*Carol on Tractor  
1945*



*April 1946*



*1946 - Carol + Dave + Corn Stalks*



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