

Canadian Garden Service

TAKE IT EASY — There is no law against working in a garden all summer long and if one enjoys it. It's an excellent recreation and health tonic. But actually by the time summer arrives there is little necessity for any hard work if one plans wisely. With the warm weather the lawn should not be cut nearly as often nor as short and one can go easy on cultivating vegetable and flower gardens, too, provided they were free of weeds and the soil well stirred by the end of June. One good cultivation in July, with possibly a little extra for the late sown vegetables should be sufficient.

Summer, after all, is a time to make things easy and enjoy the bloom and fresh vegetables that have resulted from the good care we gave them in May and June. With shrubbery, fruit and other trees and many of the perennials, as a matter of fact, summer is a time of maturity, of preparing for the dormant period during the winter. These things will be harder and better able to stand frost if their growth is not stimulated after July. That means little or no cultivation and perhaps a mulch of grass clippings, leaves or straw to keep down weeds.

But all of this does not mean that gardening should come to a complete stop in July. Even at that date in most parts of Canada it is still not too late to make third or fourth sowings of such vegetables as beans, carrots, beets and lettuce. They will grow quickly in the summer and should be ready for the table towards the end of August and early September.

SOAK, DON'T SPRINKLE—A lot of mistakes in using the hose are made by those unfamiliar with the likes and dislikes of grass and other plants. One thorough soaking of the lawn or garden that will take the moisture down a couple of inches is worth a dozen sprinklings and it will last for some time. Sprinkling never gets the moisture down more than a fraction of an inch and the roots must come up to the surface to get it, thus exposing themselves more and more to drying and killing by heat and sun. Heavy soaking, however, does not mean turning the nozzles on full blast. The nearer we get to a fine mist the better and as soon after watering as possible it is advisable to cultivate a loose open top on the soil to block evaporation.

KNOW WHERE THEY ARE — Tools are much easier to find the next time if they are put back where they belong. Some gardeners we all know literally leave trails behind them. If a phone call or lunch time interrupts the schedule, they drop rake, wheelbarrow or shovel right where they left off. The tools are left to rust in rains. Or sometimes they are just too lazy at the end of the day to put things back where they belong. Then the next Saturday morning is lost while trying to find the missing tool or stake or ball of twine. If tools have their own hooks, they will hang there ready for the next use.

TIMELY HINTS — One is missing a whole lot of fun and satisfaction by sticking to the same old varieties year after year. It is an excellent idea to deliberately choose one absolutely new flower and at least one new vegetable each season. In this way, we broaden our knowledge and make many worthwhile discoveries.

Window boxes and hanging pots need far more water than most people realize. This is especially true in warm, dry or windy weather when the evaporation is extra high. Watering daily is none too often then.

Film Library

The following films are now available from the film library for the month of June: Common Animals of the Woods; Date Culture; Elder Citizen; Everbody's Handicapped; High Tide in Newfoundland; Magic Envelope; Road to Books; Salmon's Struggle for Existence; Thunder in the East; Winter Carnival; Animal Homes; Canals of England; Feeling of Hostility; Fighting Fish; Journey into History; Lumberjack; Majority Vote; Mission Ship; Teeth Are to Keep; West Wind.

Orville Hughes Rotary President

At a recent meeting of the Haileybury Rotary Club Orville Hughes was elected as president for the coming year.

George Morissette was named as vice-president, C. F. Tuer, secretary, and Jack Leckie, treasurer. These officers will be installed at the first meeting in July. Summer plans for the park and beach are being left for the new executive.

Following the business period, C. F. Tuer gave an interesting talk on his visit to Williamsburg, Virginia. Mr. Tuer mentioned particularly the reconstructed area, approximately one half mile wide by one mile long, in which everything is shown as it was before the American Revolution. The buildings depict the Capitol, the Governor's Palace, typical homes, taverns and shops. All the attendants were dressed in authentic costumes of that time. He also told of Jamestown near Williamsburg, where the first permanent settlers from Europe made their homes in the United States. They celebrated their 350th anniversary a few years ago, when two of their visitors were Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

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Area Bookmobile Ready for Fall

Regional library co-operative service in Cochrane and Temiskaming districts will begin in September.

A bookmobile is being built and will be ready for September. Some 4,000 books are on order. The headquarters is in Kirkland Lake.

The Regional Library Board and the Teck Township Library Board have entered into a contract whereby the Teck board will administer the daily affairs of the Regional library, but the Regional board will set policy and draw up and approve a budget. Mr. Sam Neill, librarian in Kirkland Lake, has been appointed secretary of the Regional board and will act as librarian for the Regional library.

The co-operative services offered will be as follows: for twenty-five dollars any school, library or other responsible group (such as the Women's Institute) in the two districts, can obtain a unit of seventy books. This unit of seventy will be changed four times a year. In practical figures it means a total of 280 books for twenty-five dollars. The organization thus would be paying less than ten cents a book. It will be possible to

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purchase more than one unit, or less than a unit, for a proportionate price.

The bookmobile, which can carry about 1,700 books, will operate on a schedule taking in participating groups and schools. This makes it possible to select the unit personally from the shelves of the bookmobile.

The Northeastern Ontario Regional Library Co-operative is run by a board appointed by the Provincial Library Service and the Minister of Education. Mr. Frank Lawless of Kirkland Lake is the chairman, Mrs. E. R. Harris, of Kirkland Lake is vice-chairman, Mr. A. R. Dennis of Matheson and Mr. O. F. Carter of South Porcupine are the other members. A fifth member has yet to be appointed.

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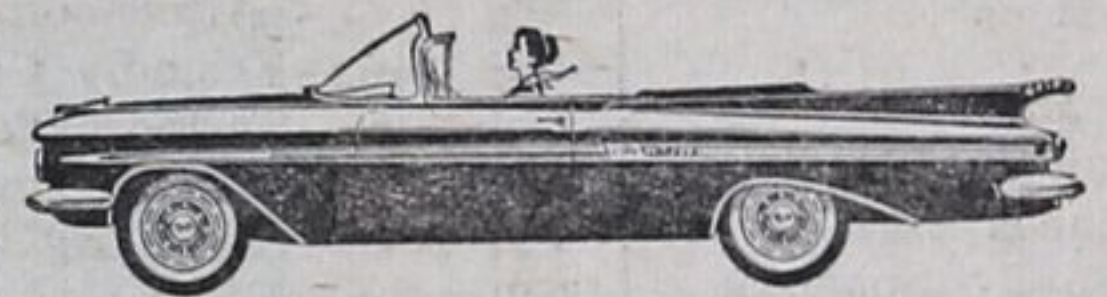
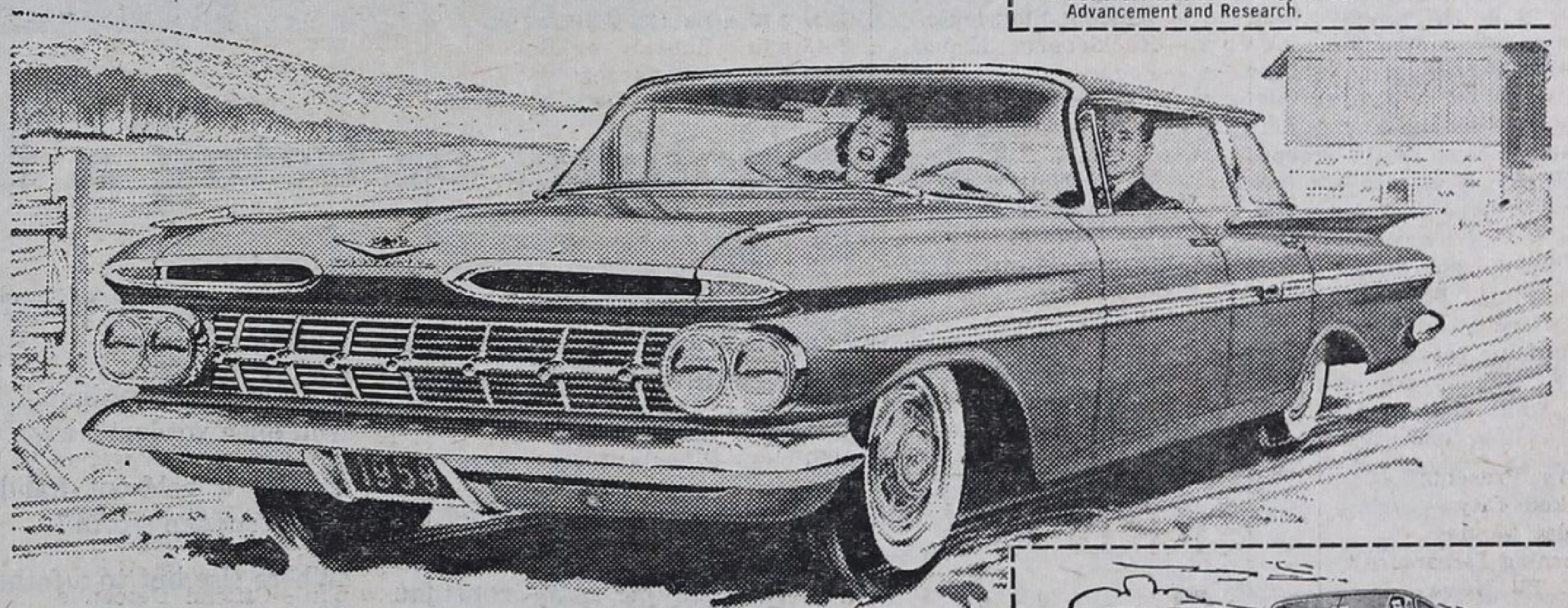
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