

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

1954 Halton Match at Brownridge Farm

Interest in match plowing is at the fever pitch following Halton's win in the inter-county class at the International.

In addition to the outstanding achievement by John Cunningham and Arnold Howden in bringing the Ontario Plowmen's Association trophy to Halton for the first time, no less than 12 other Halton plowmen, as indicated in our column of last week, made notable wins at the International. Favorable weather permitting, everything points to an outstanding County match on the Geo. Brownridge farm at Omagh on Friday of this week.

Halton has the enviable reputation of staging one of the most smoothly operated matches in the province and President Spencer Wilson and his fellow officers and directors are out to make the 1954 event a fitting climax to the year's plowing achievements. Thanks to the generosity of many firms and individuals in the various centres of the County, a \$1,200 prize list is being offered.

Tractor Team From Halton Winner In Ont. Competition

Two hundred and thirty 4-H Club teams, or 460 4-H Club Members in all, participated in the annual Provincial 4-H Inter-Club Competitions held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Friday of last week.

These young people represented 10,344 young people participating in 4-H Agricultural Clubs in Ontario during 1954. And what a day they had — weather conditions were ideal, and the 460 4-H's from Renfrew and Carleton on the east to Essex and Lambton on the west, put on a show long to be remembered.

Don Johnson Top Tractor Man

Milton 4-H Tractor Club represented by Don Johnson and Andy Stull, brought home the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers' Ass'n trophy emblematic of the Championship in the 4-H Tractor event in which 37 teams participated. Don and Andy combined for a total score of 942 points out of a possible 1040.

A Kent County 4-H Tractor Club team was in second place, with a score of 869.

The standing of the Halton entry reflects great credit on Agriculture Engineering fieldman Hal Wright, who was the chief instructor of the Milton 4-H Tractor Club. The Halton Club was sponsored by the Milton Junior Farmer Club, with John W. Pickett, president of the Milton Juniors acting as the local Club Leader.

Durham Tops 4-H Grain Club Competition

Thirty-seven clubs were represented in the 4-H Grain Club Competition. Here a Durham 4-H Grain Club team took top honours—Halton's 4-H Grain Club team of Norman Bird and Merle Gunby were in third position—a standing which reflects real credit on the two young men and their coach, Associate Agriculture Representative A.R. Bennett.

Halton's 4-H Forage Club team of Paul Johnson and Don Cleave also participated in the same project and secured a creditable standing.

Top Dairy Team from Wellington

The 4-H Dairy Club project brought together no less than 57 teams. Here top honours for the second year in a row went to a Wellington 4-H Calf Club.

Halton's entry here was from the Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club, the team members being Harold Brain and Ralph Cunningham. It will be recalled that a year ago a team from the same Club was in second position. While not duplicating this high standing, they nevertheless gave a very excellent account of themselves.

Announce Winners In Other Projects

While Halton was not represented in the remainder of the projects, our readers will no doubt be interested in learning who were the winners:

South Simcoe Team High in Beef
Thirty-three 4-H Club teams

Competed in the 4-H Beef Competition. Here top honours went to the South Simcoe 4-H Calf Club team.

Kent Has Best Swine Team

East Kent 4-H Swine Club team took top honours in the 4-H Swine Club project, which brought together 21 Club teams.

Poultry Trophy Won by Egin

The 4-H Poultry Competition brought out 10 Club teams. Here the West Egin Poultry Club team repeated their triumph of the past three or four years in this project by again taking top honours.

Durham Has Second Winner

Seventeen 4-H Club Teams participated in the Potato Club Competition. Here Durham had a second winner.

Forestry Trophy Goes East

A team from the Perth Collegiate 4-H Forestry Club took top honours in the 4-H Forestry Club project, which brought out 24 Club teams.

Hon. S. F. Thomas Speaks at Banquet

The day's programme was brought to a fitting climax by a banquet in Creelman Hall. Nearly 700 were in attendance to hear the results of the day's, or should we say the season's, activities.

The highlight of the evening's programme was a brief address from Hon. S. F. Thomas, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario.

Other prominent guests in attendance included C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; President J. D. MacLachlan of the Ontario Agricultural College; Earl Manning and J. D. Moore, President and Secretary respectively of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs; Principal T. Lloyd Jones of the Ontario Veterinary College.

As in former years, it was a tired but happy group at the end of a busy day's programme. "It was a great and worth while experience," was the comment of one of the lads in the writer's car as we turned eastward on the No. 7 Highway and left the Royal City behind.

We are confident that this was the general feeling of all 460 4-H Club Members—a day long to be remembered, with contacts made and an experience gained which will be valuable in the years ahead.

Halton Holstein Is Champion Producer

Snowball, Sylvia Alcarra, bred by Morley T. Watson at Tansley, is the new official world champion lifetime producer of both milk and butter fat.

This great cow, it will be re-

called, was grand champion female for Morley Watson at the Halton Black and White Show in 1943. The same year, Mr. Watson consigned Snowball as a 7 yr. old, to the All Canadian sale where she brought \$1,625. She was purchased by Gordon W. Smith of Milverton, where she has made the remainder of her records all on two times milking.

Snowball, now 18 years old, has in 14 lactations in official P.O.P. testing produced 226,335 lbs. of milk and 9,199 lbs. fat with an average test of 4.06% BF. We understand that Snowball's butterfat record replaces that of Springbank Snow Countess, whose life size monument erected in 1937 still stands on the farm of her owner, T. R. Dent, at Woodstock. It is also noteworthy that Snowball's records are on three and four times milking.

Mr. Watson has a grand-daughter, of Snowball in his herd. In 9 lactations she has produced over 154,000 lbs. of milk. Why is it so many of the really outstanding Holstein cows bred in Halton are sold before their true worth is appreciated? As Mr. Watson stated on more than one occasion, "One of the greatest mistakes I ever made was when I allowed myself to be persuaded to sell Snowball, even if she did bring \$1,625."

Quebec Conference Lectures in French

Lorne Skuce, inspector of schools for Halton county, has been selected as one of a group of school superintendents and inspectors from Canada's 10 provinces who is in Quebec City for a one week work conference which commenced October 24. The conference, which deals with evaluating and reporting on the classroom work of teachers, is sponsored by the Canadian Education Association in collaboration with the Quebec Department of Public Instruction.

The conference will be unique in that it will probably be the first all-Canada conference for both French and English speaking educators conducted mainly in the French language. The conference, which is being called "Quebec en scene" (Spotlight on Quebec) will give superintendents and inspectors from other provinces of Canada an opportunity not only to sit down with inspectors from Quebec to discuss the best methods of evaluating teaching, but also to see French-Canadian schools in operation.

Provinces are sending members to the course roughly in proportion to the number of superintendents or inspectors in each province. Other members from this province include J. H. Kennedy, Huntsville; J. A. Gibson, Orillia; J. R. McArthur, Toronto and W. R. Stewart, Toronto.



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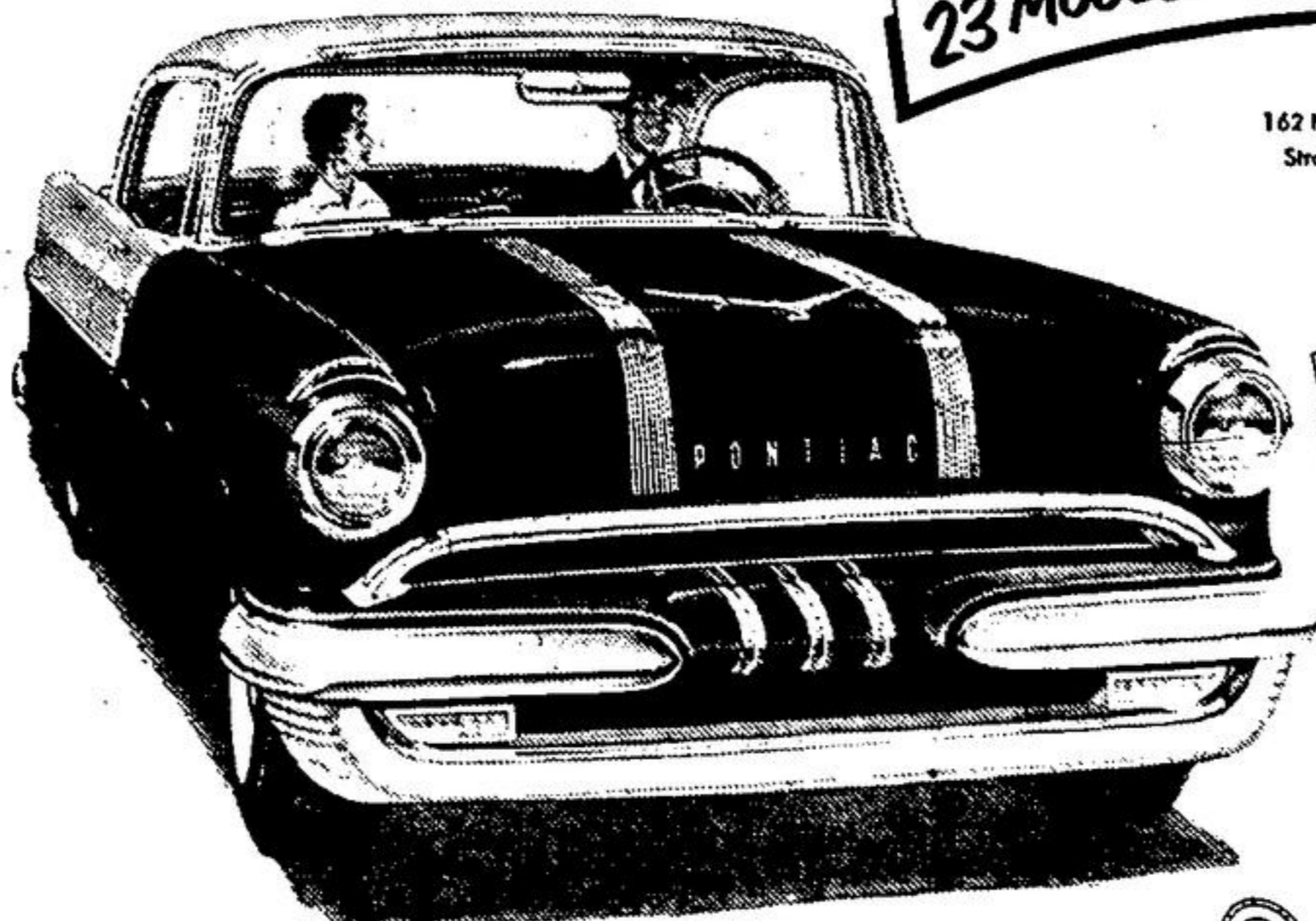
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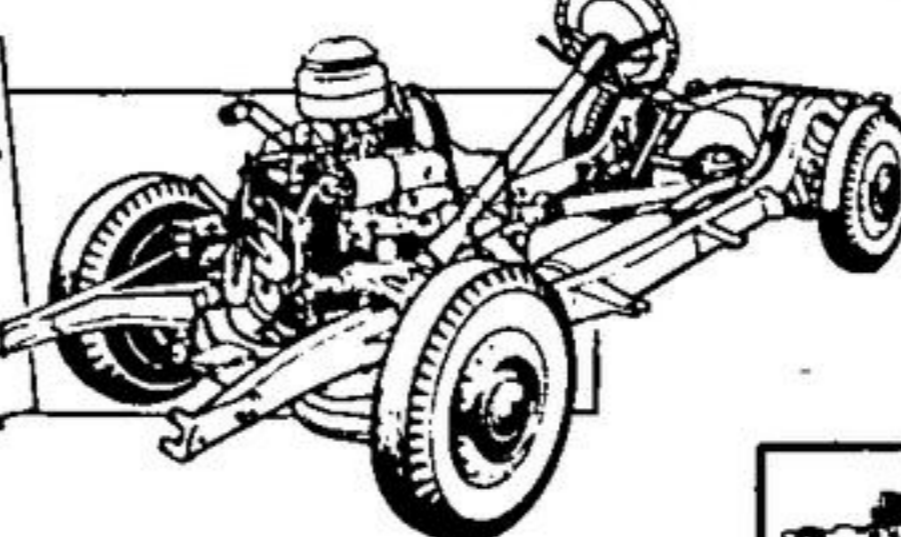
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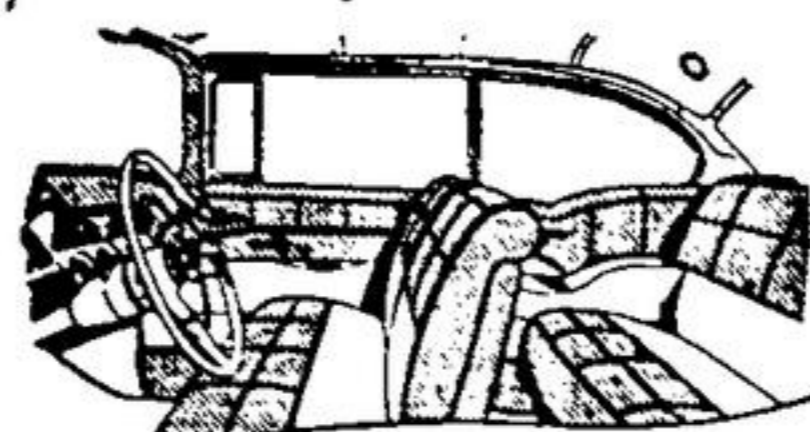
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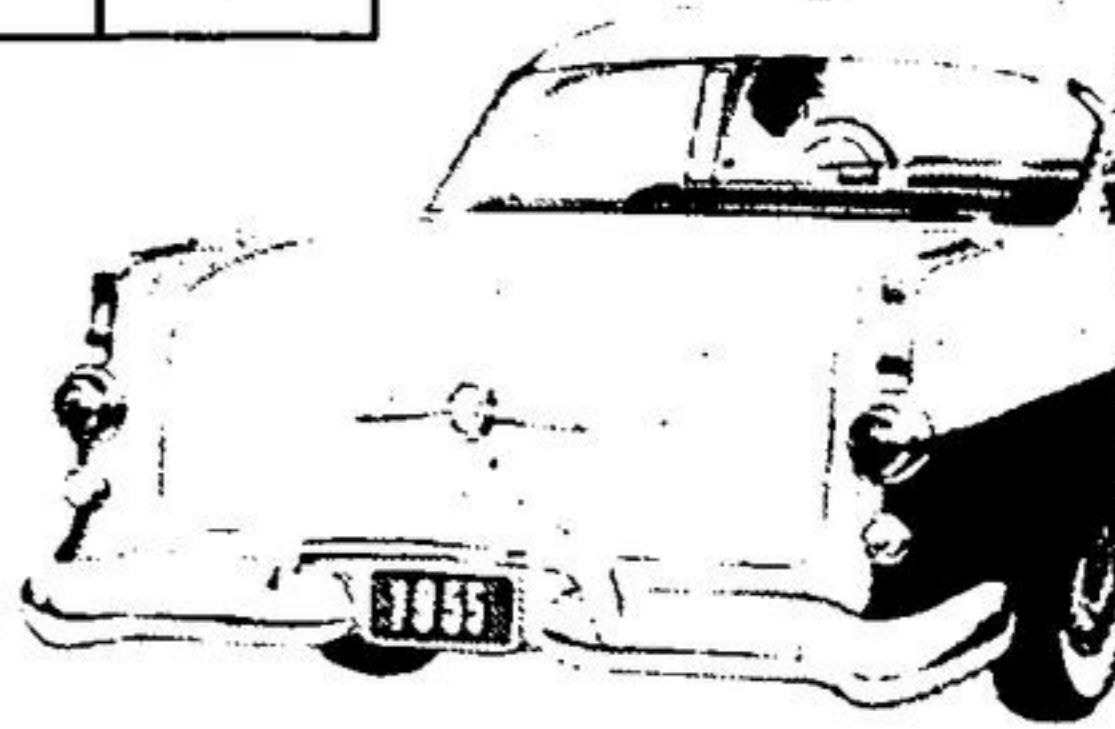
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