

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Soil, Crop Leaders Plan Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association has, for some years, been one of the most popular farm meetings held in the County of Halton.

We understand from president Fred Nurse, that plans are under way to hold the 1954 annual in the Milton town hall on Wednesday, December 29. As in former years, the program will get under way at 10:30 a.m. with reports by local farmer co-operators.

Halton Juniors Plan Winter Program

The Halton Junior Farmer executive under the leadership of president Don Matthews outlined their winter program recently.

Thursday evening of this week will see a group of Halton Juniors accompanying their debating team of Joan Wrigglesworth and John Pickett, to the Rural Youth Centre at Kohler, where they meet the Haldimand County team in the first of the inter-county debates.

On Saturday, December 11, at least 25 Halton Juniors are planning to participate in the zone leadership training school to be held at Brampton.

Drama Festival

The Oakville High School auditorium is to be the scene of the third annual drama festival on February 18. Some of the groups have already selected their plays, casts, etc. Consequently, everything points to another outstanding evening's program with a packed auditorium. A month later will feature their annual banquet at Trafalgar Memorial Hall.

We almost forgot: the young people are also featuring a New Year's Eve Party, at Trafalgar Hall.

Concern, Control For Wild Carrot

The widespread infestation of wild carrot in Halton in recent years has been a cause of much concern to all progressive farm folk. True, here and there one finds a farm where the operator, due to his persistence and diligence has been able to keep the weed back beyond the line fences.

Needless to add, it is very discouraging to such farmers, to have neighbors who apparently are making very little effort to keep wild carrot, chicory, etc. under control. When our research people came out with 2-4 D a few years ago, most of us felt we finally had a practical and economical control.

In fact, for the first few years, 2-4 D gave very satisfactory control.

As a matter of fact, 2-4 D still gives excellent results in practically all common weeds, with the exception of wild carrot. When all four of our townships commenced spraying their roadsides a few years back, it definitely looked as if we were getting somewhere, and we have. Aside from wild carrot, the township roads are practically free of weeds. Our first reaction to their failure to control wild carrot, was that those responsible for the spraying must be slipping up somewhere.

Association's Plots

This past spring therefore, a series of some ten plots were laid down by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association above the base line on the 3rd line of Esquesing. These demonstrations involved different amounts of 2-4 D acid applied per acre and also different volumes of spray applied per acre, as well as spraying at different times during the day.

One year's experience is far from sufficient to enable one to draw any definite conclusion. However, these demonstrations referred to above and others laid down by the Association elsewhere in the county, coupled with the experience of men like Medforth Footress, a practical and outstanding custom sprayer in Trafalgar township, and our own observations over the past few years, does at least, enable us to have some ideas on the matter of wild carrot control.

Briefly, they are as follows:

1. Fields and roadsides where sprayed for the first time with 2-4 D acid at the rate of 16 ounces or more per acre, will eliminate upwards of 90 per cent. of the wild carrot plants providing the spray is applied when plant growth is rapid.

2. However, when the same field or piece of roadside is sprayed in succeeding years the 2-4 D appears to have very little effect on the wild carrot.

3. The only plots in the demonstrations referred to above, where a fairly satisfactory kill was secured, were those in which a brush kill was applied—that is, in this case, a mixture of equal quantities of 2-4 D and 2-4-5 T.

Further Demonstrations

The point on which we are not clear, is the amount of 2-4-5T it is necessary to add to the 2-4 D. Another mixture which appears to bring fairly satisfactory results is one known as the McKee mixture, which we understand is a mixture of 2-4 D and Alacide. In our opinion, further demonstrations should be laid down again in late May of 1955.

In short, if our research people can't come up with the answers for Halton County, it looks as if we in this County have got to continue doing some experimental work on our own.

While a few plants of wild carrot or Queen Anne's Lace may be quite lovely in an urban dweller's garden when, on the other hand, one sees our roadsides and fields literally plastered with the weed, it presents a terrific challenge to anyone interested in crop production, if maintenance of soil fertility and the future of Ontario agriculture.

Perhaps, in conclusion, we should apologize to our township road superintendents for any thoughts we may have had, that they were not doing the job properly. Frankly aside from the plots where brush kill was applied, our results on wild carrot were no better than those secured elsewhere by the township road superintendents.

Effect of Tillage Methods Summed

Some five or six years ago the Halton association was largely responsible for the initiation of "Tillage Projects" by the Ontario Agricultural College, on a farm in Nelson township.

The purpose or object of the research project was, first, to compare the effect of various tillage implements on soil structure; second, to compare the effect of the various tillage implements as determined by crop yields; third, to determine the efficiency of operation and economies of using the machines singly or in combination.

Inasmuch as the project has been completed, the Halton association is arranging to have a representative of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the O.A.C. under whose direction the project was carried on, give a summary of the resulting conclusions, at the Halton annual.

FARMERS' INFERIORITY COMPLEX OFFSET BY FORUMS, C. WAITE SAYS

"We are in danger of becoming economic animals, more concerned with prices, good food and personal comfort than in things of greater value, the privilege of glorifying God in our work."

These thoughts were expressed by Clifford Waite when he addressed the members of Halton county farm forums, gathered in Trafalgar township hall for their annual fall rally, Monday evening, November 29.

Mr. Waite said many still remember with bitterness the depression of 1929 and early thirties and are no longer working for the joy of living but rather as a means to an end. Driven by economic pressure and insecurity, many farmers fail to appreciate the dignity of their calling and suffer from an inferiority complex. Farm forums has done a great deal to overcome this handicap.

We should strive for something bigger than ourselves and endeavor to leave for posterity an earth that will be productive and fruitful, Mr. Waite continued. We should give more time to developing fruit of the spirit, joy, long suffering, kindness, humility, stewardship, fellowship, etc. Children should learn things of God at home, not just at Sunday school.

Mr. Waite left all present with much food for thought and reflection.

Youngest Sailor Rings in New Year

The Navy tries to ensure that as many as possible of its ships are in harbor on Christmas Day. For the unlucky ones on patrol or on passage the best that can be expected is "Sunday routine," with work reduced to a minimum. Festivities have to wait till harbor is reached.

For the Royal Navy in harbor the big event of the day is Captain's Rounds when the Commanding officer of each ship, attended by his officers goes the round of the whole ship, greeting his men and being offered hospitality by them on each of the gaily decorated mess decks. He is preceded by the youngest boy in the ship, dressed in the uniform of the ships senior petty officer, the Master at Arms or Purser Chief of the ship.

Men are allowed to wear improvised fancy dress on that day and may even "impersonate" the captain.

The youngest boy has his hour of glory again on New Year's Eve when he "rings out the Old and rings in the New" with 16 bells instead of the traditional eight which mark the end of a four-hour period at sea.



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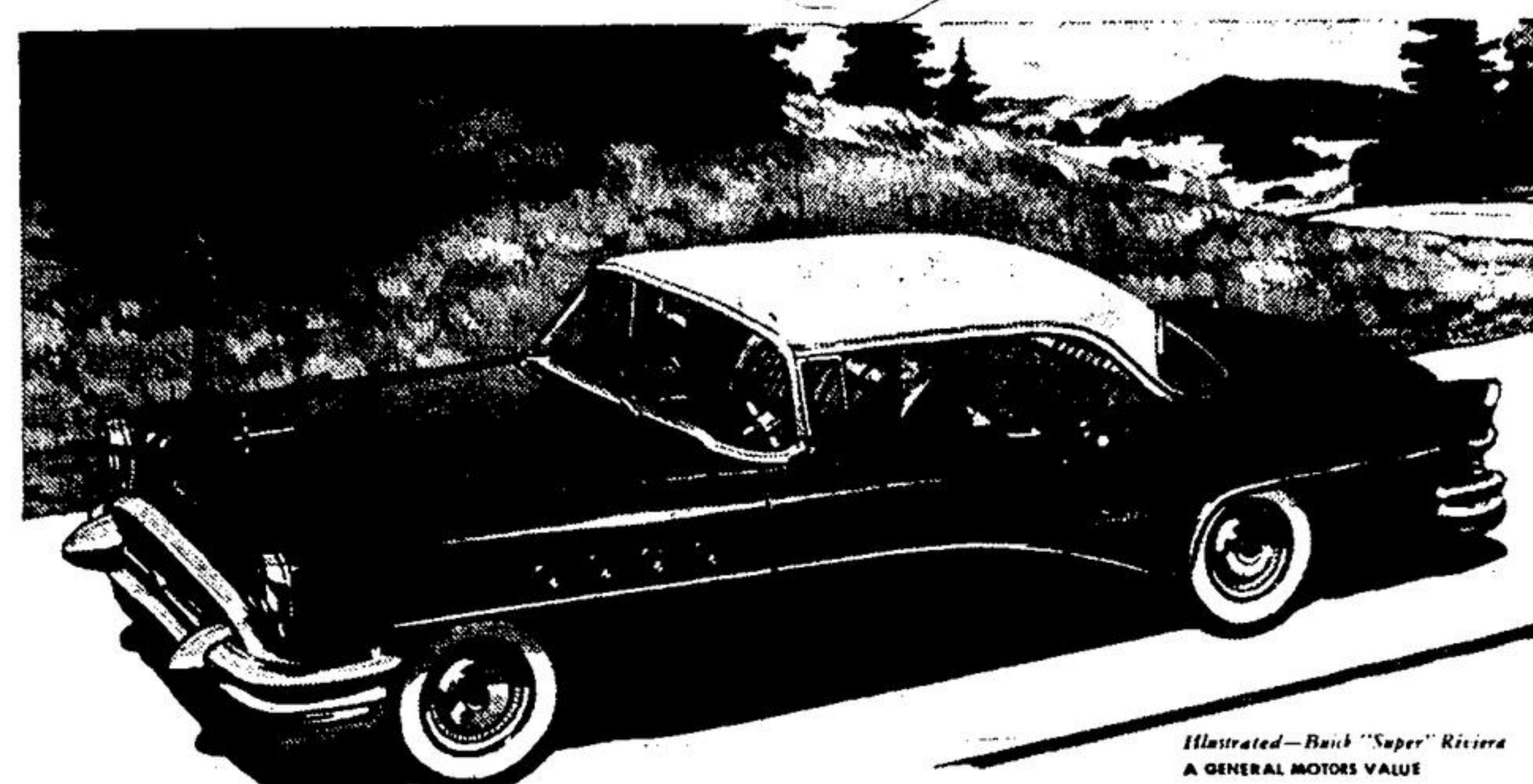
That's what is happening right now and 'round the clock somewhere in Canada.

In the average year, the insurance business handles more than \$75 million in fire losses—quite aside from other claims. It is the size of the loss figure which regulates the rates for every different type of fire, automobile and casualty insurance in various parts of Canada. If losses increase out of proportion to earnings, their insurance rates go up. On the other hand, if losses fall off, rates decrease. In effect, Canadians collectively determine their insurance costs through their care or carelessness.



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