

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Research Results Will Be Seen At Soils Field Day

In 1952, the Department of Soils and Agricultural Engineering at the Ontario Agricultural College established a Regional Research Station near Cayuga, in Haldimand County. The purpose of this regional research station was to study the management problems and fertility requirements of the heavy and fine textured soils.

The counties of Halton, Haldimand, Lincoln, Peel, Wellington and Wentworth all have considerable areas of this type of soil, and hence it was the feeling of many soil and crop leaders that experimental results secured on the soils at Guelph may not apply on these heavier soils. During the past three or four years there fore, the Departments referred to above have conducted studies and experimental work pertaining to tillage, liming, irrigation, soil conditioners, rotations and fertility.

In order, that the farm operators of the six counties concerned may have an opportunity of seeing for themselves the results secured, a joint field day sponsored by Soil and Crop Improvement Association of the six counties, is being held at the Research Station near Cayuga on Friday, July 8.

We understand from E. R. Segs-worth, president of the Halton Association, that one or more buses will be chartered to take down the Halton delegation. The program is scheduled to commence at 1 p.m. when C. D. Graham, deputy-minister of Agriculture for Ontario, will open the event. Despite the busy season of the year, we anticipate that many Halton farm operators will be anxious to see for themselves the results which have been secured.

Type, Production Related In Cattle

Frequently we hear it stated that there is no correlation between the type and production of a dairy cow. We were therefore interested recently when we came across some work done by J. B. Stone of the Department of Animal Husbandry at the O.A.C.

Mr. Stone based his work on 1500 cows—300 of these, selected at random, with a type rating of "Excellent"; 300 cows with a type rating of "Very Good"; 300 "Good Plus" cows; 300 "Good" cows; and 300 "Fair" cows—in all cases the cows in each group were selected at random. Here is the picture which indicates to us that there is a correlation between type and production, and by the way, all 1500 cows were Holsteins.

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Excellent 300 1128 15458 570 14715
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Fair 300 453 10897 392 12146

When the records are placed on a mature equivalent basis (M.E.M.) the average production levels while not so striking nevertheless give the same picture as will be noted in the following column.

Butterfat Test Still Important
We were also interested recently to hear Prof. George Rathbun issue a word of caution against the tendency in some circles to belittle the importance of the butter fat test of milk. As pointed out by Prof. Rathbun the butterfat test is still an important factor in the returns from the sale of milk, regardless of the market. Neglect of this factor in a breeding program may result in the production of milk testing lower than the minimum requirement. A study of Dairy Herd Improvement Association records made in 1951 by daughters of Holstein sires showed over 10 per cent. testing below three per cent. over 60 per cent. testing 3.4 per cent. or lower.

Halton Junior Farmers Winners In 20-County Sports Contest

Hundreds of sports-minded Junior Farmers and their supporting fans from 20 counties in the Guelph area spent an enjoyable day at the O.A.C. campus last Saturday. Competition was exceptionally keen this year with the announcement that points would be allotted for each event and a championship declared. Halton and Waterloo counties shared the honors, as each county ran up a total of 55 points.

Horse Shoe Pitching
Leonard Thompson, Acton and Don Johnson, Milton, teamed up to do all somers in the horse shoe tournament and brought home the bronze shield and Championship Crests which were awarded for the first time this year.

Coached by Helen Heslop, Milton, the girls' basketball team won its first game quite handily, only to meet Waterloo and defeat in the second round. However, the Waterloo girls went on to win the championship.

Peel County won the rifle shooting competition for the third consecutive year, with a score of 199 points out of a possible 200. Halton's team mustered 150 with Harrison Ruddell having the high Halton score of 50.

Square Dance Set Second
While a square dance set was entered in advance of the Field Day, on Friday evening it was generally agreed, that the entry should be scratched. Needless to say, when the set appeared on the Memorial Hall stage—girls in shorts and boys with shirt-tails flying—the crowd thought it a big joke. However, the judges evidently recognized the fact that practically every member of the set had danced at either the C.N.E. or Royal, with the result that second place was awarded to them. Roy Ford called the music and was supported by Marjorie Segs-worth at the piano and David Pelletier with a borrowed violin.

Sparked by hard hitting first baseman "Butch" Martin of hockey fame, Waterloo Junior Farmers won the softball championship. Halton's smart fielding team, ably supported by three pitchers, John Wil-mott, John Patterson and Lloyd Vivian, bowed to Grey county, in the third round of play, having defeated Oxford and Ontario counties respectively in the preliminary rounds.

Halton Girls Won Thriller
For the first time in the history of the Guelph Field Day, Halton girls emerged as champions. Coached by Earl McDowell, the team reached the final game against Perth county by defeating teams from Westworth and Waterloo counties. Halton entered the seventh inning of the final game with a 5-2 lead, only to have Perth tie the score in the top of the seventh.

No runs were scored in the bottom of the seventh nor in either half of the eighth or ninth. Halton morale was mighty low when Perth scored a run in the top of the tenth. It was even lower when Halton's first two batters struck out

in the bottom of the tenth. However the next batter, Doreen Ford, was safe on a close play at first base which set the stage for the real heroines of the day. Marilyn May hit a double, which scored the tying run. Sister Betty, not to be outdone, smashed another double to score the winning run. A fitting climax to another successful undertaking of the Halton Junior Farmers.

Members of the winning team were Audrey Vivian, Joan McCarron, Marion Ford, Doreen Ford, Jean Bennett, Betty Anderson, Doreen Patterson, Marilyn May, Betty May Eva Sullivan, Shirley Downs and Evelyn Booth.

Halton Entries At "Dairy Day"

Teams from 15 counties competed at the Quality Milk Competitions which were a part of the program at Ontario's Dairy Days, held at Kempsville Agricultural School last week. A full program of demonstrations and exhibits portrayed the very latest in the dairy industry to the large crowd of Eastern Ontario farm people in attendance.

In spite of the distance involved, Halton county was worthily represented in the Quality Milk Competitions by Jean Peterson, first vice-president of Halton Junior Farmers and Roy Ford, treasurer of the Halton Junior Farmers. Competing as a team, they were required to prepare cows for milking; milk one cow; care for the milk; and wash up the equipment, and at the same time provide a running commentary on how and why quality milk should be produced.

The Halton team placed fifth in the keenly contested competitions in which Peterboro County duplicated the record of Halton's 1954 team by winning the team competition and the "Dairy Maid" and "Dairy Man" awards.

ENLARGE EFFORT
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HALTON CENTENNIAL MANOR

Rev. J. L. Blair Conducts Service

(Intended for last week)
On Sunday, June 19, the church service in the chapel of the Manor was conducted by Rev. J. L. Blair, minister of St. Paul's United Church, Milton. He was accompanied by Mrs. D. Galloway, who played the accompaniments for the hymns in a very pleasing manner and by Mrs. Murray Hayward and Miss Joy Hayward, who sang a lovely duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd."

After Mr. Blair had read the scripture lesson from the ninth chapter of Acts, he delivered a very interesting sermon on the topic, "The Fog Roads." Mr. Blair described events that had occurred on the roads to Damascus, Jericho, Calvary and Emmaus and showed their importance in the life of a professing Christian.

OBITUARY

Was Station Agent At Guelph Junction

Agent at the Guelph Junction station of the Canadian Pacific Railway for 20 years, William John Cowper died on Monday morning, June 20, in Guelph General Hospital. The Guelph township resident had suffered from a heart ailment since 1950.

Mr. Cowper was born in Thamesford, Ontario, but spent most of his life in Guelph township. In 1921 he married the former, Berna Beatrice Langridge in Preston. He attended St. David's Presbyterian Church in Campbellville.

Mr. Cowper started with the CPR in the capacity of operator at the Guelph Junction station. He was promoted to agent about 20 years ago.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. R. L. Reid, and two grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 22, at Guelph, followed by interment in Blair cemetery.

That part of Quebec lying north of the Saguenay River is largely unexplored.

OBITUARY

Spent Early Life In Rockwood Area

After a year of serious illness, Mrs. Leonard Van Norman died in Guelph General Hospital in her 60th year. Mrs. Van Norman, the former Lizzie Ellis, was born in Milton.

She spent the early part of her life in the Rockwood area, marrying Leonard Van Norman of Rockwood in 1908. In 1911 the couple moved to Guelph. She was a member of Knox Presbyterian church in Guelph.

Surviving are the widower, Leonard Van Norman and two sons, Wilbert of Detroit and Lloyd of Preston.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 10, in Guelph. Rev. D. Crawford Smith conducted the service held at the McLanaghan-Wall funeral home in Guelph.

Interment was in Rockwood cemetery and the pallbearers were Donald Ellis, Bill Grieser, Leonard Cross, Wilbert McKersie, Wes Walker and Jack Milne.

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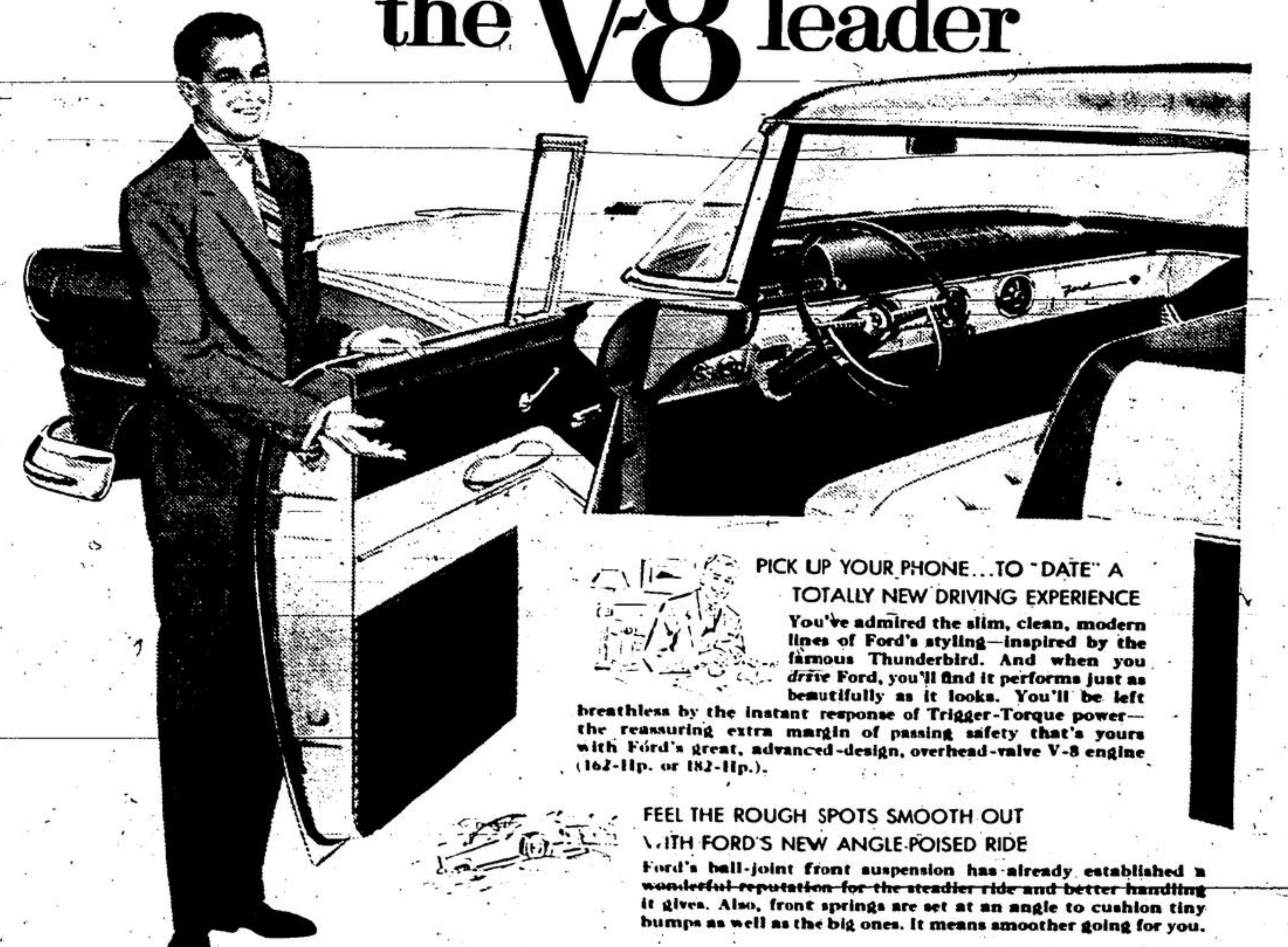
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