

Provincial Entomologist Reports On White Grub Danger in Halton

In many parts of the province, white grubs, the larvae of June beetles, are likely to do a good deal of damage in 1957. The White Grub requires three years to complete its life cycle.

In wet sections of the province, this is the year the young grubs feed on the roots of grass, corn, cereals, potatoes, etc. Lawns and large areas of turf such as golf course fairways are sometimes badly damaged.

Fortunately for most sections of Halton, 1957 is not the best year. Recently we checked with Professor H. W. Goble, Provincial Entomologist and here are his comments:

"You may have some trouble with white grubs on any of the soil types that are suitable for grubs in Halton County. In the southern part, I would not expect heavy damage although there will be some grubs as you seem to get an overlapping of the broods along the lake. The heavier land should not be affected too much. One would expect trouble in some of the area of the type along the No. 7 highway where there is land underlaid with gravel."

Land which is under cultivation during the beetle flight in 1956 did not offer suitable egg laying places. However, where cultivation was not possible, such as on lawns, fairways, parks and pastures, there may be damage (particularly where the soils are on the light side).

For lawns, any one of the following materials may be used at the following rates to 500 square feet of lawn surface:

Five per cent. aldrin dust or granular, 1 1/2 lbs.; five per cent. chlordane dust or granular, 2 1/2 lbs.; five per cent. dieldrin granular, 1 1/2 lbs.; two and a half per cent. heptachlor dust or granular, 3 lbs. Lindane too, may be used at the rate of 3 to 5 pounds per acre but may cause tainting in many crops and must only be used on pastures, fairways and parks.

Early Seeding Hopes Shattered by Storm

Hopes of Halton farmers for an early seeding received a setback with the storm on Thursday last. Previous to the storm, one farmer in the Hornby area was noted on the land in any event, the majority of Halton farm operators were ready to go just as soon as soil and weather conditions permit. The demand for seed grain, particularly of the varieties, Gary and Rodney in oats, and Brant in barley, has been keen and most of the supply offered by local farmers has been picked up.

In general, Halton fields of winter wheat would appear to be in good shape to date, and certainly the storm on Thursday last may be a blessing in disguise to both the wheat and meadows.

Oxford Breeders Visit Halton Farms

Three of Halton's outstanding Jersey breeders were recently hosts to a bus load of Oxford County breeders. Their first stop in Halton was at the Avonlea herd of Featherstone Bros., then on to Lindale farm of Maurice C. Beatty and finally to the Rockella herd of Ken Ella at Hornby.

Needless to add, at all three points they were impressed by the high quality of the respective herds. As we said good-bye to the group, someone shouted out, "You've certainly got some outstanding cattle in this county!"

Of course, we already realized that, but it was nice to know that others from outside the county have an appreciation of the job that is being done by the three breeders in question.

Jr. Farmer President Given Acting Award

Milton Junior Farmers recently entered their play, "The Monkey's Paw," in a drama festival at Aldershot. Some six groups were in competition. The winning play was presented by a Grimby group and we understand will now compete in the Provincial Drama Festival in Toronto.

It will be of interest to our readers to learn that Dave Wilson, president of the Milton Junior Farmers, received the award for the best actor.

Township Appoints Controlling Groups

The auditors' report was given at a special meeting of Erin Township council on Wednesday, March 20.

The report was read and adopted and it was agreed to pay the auditors a total of \$463.94 for their services.

It was passed to pay the Shell Oil Company account for \$283.30 for diesel fuel oil and fuel oil tax of \$154.

At the regular meeting, Monday, April 1, a by-law was introduced and passed to appoint fence viewers, pound keepers and livestock valuers.

Council approved the appointment of the following fence viewers: Chester Hurt, George Davis, Jesse McEnery, Archie McEnery, George C. Hurt, Arthur Rowan and Roy Crapper, pound keepers, Robert McEnery, Ted McDowell, Ward Hamilton, Wm Murray, Morgan Graham, Roy Wheeler, Kenneth Reid, David Harbour, Wilfred Acker, Norris Sinclair, Wilbert McFee, livestock valuers north division, Clarence Bryan, west division, Earl Jessop, east division, Gordon Jackson, south division, David Stewart.

It was resolved that the road superintendent notify all patrolmen to store snow fence in their respective divisions and to report at once the number of rolls in their possession and that no fence is to be let out for private use.

Council resolved that Erin Township approve daylight saving time to coincide with surrounding municipalities.

The clerk was instructed to advertise regarding application for the position of building inspector for the township of Erin.

Council accepted the tender of the Cox Construction Company to supply, crush and deliver 20,000 cubic yards, more or less, on Erin township roads at 95c per cubic yard.

The following accounts were approved for payment: general accounts, \$1,304.94; relief accounts, \$65.00; road accounts, \$3,140.10; total, \$4,510.00.

PROTECTIVE BELT
GIANDE PRAIRIE, Alta. (C.P.)—Farmers in this area plan to plant nearly 40,000 trees alongside roadways next spring in a campaign to prevent drifting and winter road blocks. They also hope to cut costs of snow clearing.

U.S. Soil Bank

seems to have been greater than what people would have guessed earlier. Nearly 30 million acres had been earmarked for the acreage reserve as of March 15. The sign-up sounds good, but how much it will reduce production remains to be seen. Payments, it is stated, will be over 570 million dollars on the "banked acres."

Production Costs Indicate Favor For Grain Crops

In a recent release by the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture entitled "Average Production Costs and Returns for Several Ontario Crops," the figures indicate a wide margin in favor of grain crops over spring cereal grains.

The crop value per acre for spring grain is given as \$30 and \$70 for grain corn. Labor requirements are given as eight and 10 hours respectively and the production costs given are \$30 per acre in the case of spring grain, and \$41 for grain corn. The returns per hour of labor are nearly five times greater in the case of grain corn.

Incidentally, these figures are based on an average yield of 41 bushels for spring grain, and 60 bushels per acre for grain corn. One can also make a good case for grain corn on the basis of digestive nutrients. Certainly on our more loamy soils in Halton, where fall plowing is not a "must" — such farm operators would be well advised to give grain corn a try. Three to five acres might be sufficient for a start. Needless to add, it is a matter which requires a little study from the standpoint of soil type, fertilization, variety, labor, equipment and storage.

Businessmen Petition Council For Downtown Parking Meters

GEORGETOWN—Installation of parking meters in downtown Georgetown seems probable this year.

A petition, signed by about 80 per cent. of downtown businessmen asking for these, was presented to council by Sid Silver, representing the signers. Mr. Silver explained that the request is being made because the present two hour parking limit is being abused and that it is almost impossible to enforce to any great extent.

A majority of council looked with favor on the proposal and it was decided to invite tenders from meter companies so that information would be available for a future decision.

A recorded vote on the motion found only Deputy Reeve Sargent and Cr. Sykes against the proposal.

The deputy said that he is not convinced parking meters solve any problem. Cr. Sykes was not against the idea, but thought it a hasty decision to endorse any plan so quickly and suggested that no motion be made, but that some kind of machine be installed.

Mayor Armstrong said, that a year ago he would have opposed any idea of meters but that with a free public parking area in the offing downtown, the picture changes. Such a free area is "absolutely necessary," he said, "before a town can think of meters."

"They would be an advantage to store customers and 100 per cent. for them," observed Cr. Hyde. Reeve Allen and Cr. Gray supported him in saying that the public would favor meters.

"I'm doubtful if either as a whole will want meters, but if 90 per cent. of the merchants ask for them, I'll vote for them. It's the merchant's baby," was Cr. McMillan's observation.

Thief Ransacks School and Hall

ERIN—Some time recently thieves broke into the public school and ransacked every room.

The only thing missing was about \$400 from Junior Red Cross collections. Chalk and a few papers were strewn about the floor.

George Elliott, caretaker, discovered where the thieves gained entry at a rear window when he went to attend the furnace.

James Robertson noticed one of the front doors at the Coliseum and upon investigation found the snack bar had been broken into and a quantity of cigarettes, chocolate bars, etc., were removed.

Officers from the Guelph detachment of the O.P.P. investigated.

BIG PROGRAM PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP)

This northern B.C. city is considering embarking on a 400 unit rental housing program, estimated to cost \$3,000,000.

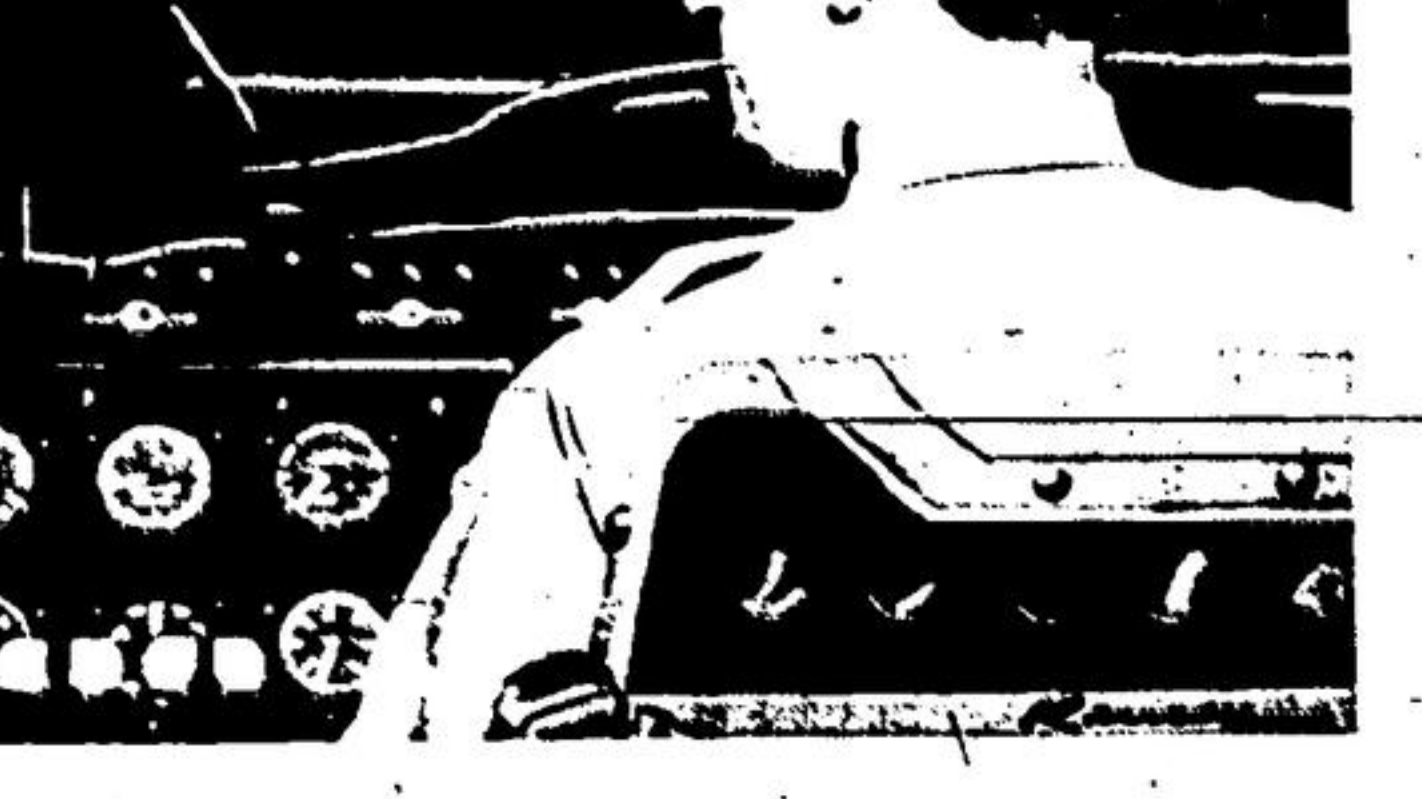
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NOTICE REGARDING "THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX ACT" EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1957, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

On April 1, 1957, The Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Act came into effect in Ontario. The Act provides for a tax of 20¢ per gallon on fuel oils, other than gasoline, such as diesel, domestic, furnace, light, medium and heavy (except bunker), used to drive a motor vehicle OR used in any manner in connection with the construction and maintenance of any public thoroughfare.

Fuel oils commonly known as STOVE OIL, KEROSENE, COAL OIL AND DISTILLATE ARE EXEMPT FROM TAX, unless they are placed in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle or used in any manner in connection with the construction and maintenance of any public thoroughfare.

CONSUMERS—Please note

A tax of 20¢ per gallon is payable by:

1. Every person who receives fuel oil in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle.
2. Every person who receives fuel oil that is not exempt from tax in a receptacle of less than 40 gallons capacity, unless such receptacle is directly connected with a machine that is not a motor vehicle.

Example—The person will not be required to pay the tax on the fuel received in a tank which is directly connected to the furnace for heating his home; or, similarly, a manufacturer may receive the fuel, less tax, if it is placed in a tank directly connected to his manufacturing equipment.

3. Every person who is not a registrant (see Registration Certificates below) and who receives fuel oil in a receptacle having a capacity of 40 or more gallons, unless such receptacle is directly connected with a machine that is not a motor vehicle.

SUPPLIERS—Please note

All suppliers of fuel oil must become registrants (see Registration Certificates below). Fuel oil may be purchased "less tax" by:

1. Any registrant who receives fuel oil in a receptacle having a capacity of 40 or more gallons. Such a receptacle must not be the fuel tank of a motor vehicle.
2. Any person who receives fuel oil in a receptacle directly connected with a machine that is not a motor vehicle.

Examples—Furnaces, manufacturing units, etc. Such a person is not required to become a registrant.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Application forms for Registration Certificates may be obtained from the Comptroller of Revenue, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 2. A \$1.00 fee must accompany each completed application form.

Every registrant must forward on or before the 25th day of each month to the Comptroller a return containing a complete record of purchases, sales, consumption and inventory of fuel oil for the preceding month, together with payment of the amount of tax shown therein to be payable. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Comptroller of Revenue, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 2.

REFUNDS

Persons who have paid tax on fuel oil that is not used to drive a motor vehicle or in connection with the construction and maintenance of any public thoroughfare may apply for refund of such tax. Application forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Comptroller of Revenue, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 2.

PENALTIES (IN PART) FOR CONTRAVENTION OF THE ACT

1. If any person not holding a Registration Certificate in good standing supplies fuel to anyone he will be required to pay a penalty of \$100.00 for each violation.
2. Every person who fails to pay the tax in accordance with the Act shall pay a penalty equal to the amount of tax and \$50.00.
3. Every registrant who refuses or neglects to collect the tax in accordance with this Act shall pay a penalty equal to the amount of the tax that he refused or neglected to collect and \$500.00.
4. Every employee of a registrant who supplies fuel to a purchaser without collecting from the purchaser the tax imposed by the Act shall pay a penalty equal to the amount of the tax and \$50.00.

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