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County Association Plans Extensive Soil, Crop Program

An extensive programme of soil and crop projects is being sponsored by the County Soil and Crop Improvement Association in various sections of Halton this year. According to president Fred Nurse, well known Ashgrove farmer, these will include the following:

1. Tests with ammonium nitrate on winter wheat on 16 farms;
2. Ammonium Nitrate vs. Ammo Phos on meadows on 5 farms;
3. Methods of Seeding, 1 new test to be laid down in 1953 and a follow-up on five similar tests laid down in 1951 and 1952;
4. Dates of Seeding, this involves sowing red clover and alfalfa on winter wheat on Jan. 1st Feb. 1st, March 1, April 1 and 15th (1 farm);
5. Mulching vs. Cultivation with Corn;
6. Variety tests with 8 varieties of corn both for silage and grain purposes (2 farms);
7. Variety test with 8 varieties of soybeans (1 farm);
8. Variety test with 8 varieties of both oats and soybeans (1 farm);
9. A 4H Forage Club, this involves sowing one acre of an improved hay-pasture mixture using improved strains of Bromo, Orchard, and Timothy along with Alfalfa and Red Clover. Fifteen club members will check this mixture against their home mixture.

Tentative plans are also under way to check the relative merits of Hyperphosphate (an African product), against Rock phosphate, Superphosphate, and a complete fertilizer, on Meadows.

The association also sponsored a fifty bushel winter wheat club last fall and there is a strong likelihood of a bus trip being organized to the state of Michigan.

SILVER-WOOD

Mrs. R. R. Corbett is Institute President

At the annual meeting of the Silver-Wood W.I. held at the home of Mrs. K. C. Lindsay, Georgetown, there was twenty members and six visitors, and a new member Mrs. Don Lindsay was welcomed. Reports from the conveners showed that much has been accomplished during the past year. Mrs. W. Norton gave a report which she brought from the District Directors' meeting last week. Mrs. Miller told of packing 14 cartons of good used clothing to be sent to Korea under the auspices of the Unitarian Committee of Canada, following the appeal by Dr. Lolla Hirschmanova. Mrs. J. Ellerby, the district president, conducted election of officers for 1953-54, who are as follows:

President, Mrs. R. R. Corbett; 1st vice, Mrs. Horace Bell; 2nd vice, Mrs. Harry Marchington; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ern Batkin; District Director, Mrs. W. Norton; alternate Mrs. George Burt; Branch Directors, Mrs. Thomas Appleyard, Mrs. G. Burt, Mrs. H. Bell, Mrs. Ern Batkin; Pianists, Mrs. Donald Lindsay, Mrs. George Henderson; Auditors, Mrs. F. L. Ruggell, Mrs. K. C. Lindsay; Conveners, Roll Calls — Mrs. T. Appleyard; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. K. C. Lindsay; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. G. Henderson; Community Activities and Public Relations, Mrs. E. L. Miller; Historical Research, Miss Isabelle Moore; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. H. Marchington.

A pleasant tea hour followed. Mrs. Lindsay was assisted by Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Bell. The May meeting will be held at the home of Miss Charlotte McCullough.

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Legion Notes

Well, this week marks our big anniversary celebration and it looks like the biggest crowd to ever grace the auditorium. Provincial president T. A. Hulst, Q.C., will be on hand, as will zone commander Hugh Lamb, the warden of the county and mayor of the town to pay tribute to the charter and original members of our branch. Mrs. McCartney and her ladies have arranged a splendid meal, and there will be dancing in the latter part of the evening.

So don't miss it! This time we have given every member an opportunity to get a ticket before any others were sold, and there are still a very few left.

The Anniversary booklet is now in the process of being printed, and we hope to have it for the dinner — it is an interesting booklet, and we thank the merchants and others whose advertising made it possible as well as Tom Grieve, who solicited the advertising for us.

The hockey banquet last Monday night was a huge success, with a goodly number of 'kid hockeyists' and their coaches and managers present. The boys enjoyed themselves immensely, and the meal was an excellent one. A goodly number of guests were present and the star attraction of the evening was Jim Thompson, Leaf star defenceman, who spoke to the boys after being introduced by an old Georgetownian and president of the Little NHL, Gordon Abbott. Various others interested in the Legion-sponsored hockey program also spoke.

FARM NEWS

4H CALF AND FORAGE CLUBS ORGANIZING

The Court House, Milton, on Friday evening, May 1st, is to be the scene of the organization meeting for Halton's 4H Clubs with Holsteins, Jersey, Guernsey, Beef and Dual Purpose calves.

Halton's new 4H Forage Club will be officially organized at the same time.

Art Bennett, assistant agricultural representative for Halton and Peel counties, intimates that prospects look bright for another outstanding club year. Applications have been literally rolling in for some weeks, however the genial Art advises there is always room for a few more.

FARM NEWS

SIX GARDEN CLUBS PLANNED IN COUNTY

A Club Leaders' Training Day was held recently in the Farmers' Building, Milton, with particular reference to Garden Clubs. Mrs. Ruth Clarke, Home Economist for Halton, Peel and York counties was in charge. A total of 44 gardeners were signed up, and six clubs are being organized at the following centres: Hornby East, Hornby West, Acton, Lowville, Ashgrove-Norval, and Omagh.

It augurs well for some good gardens on at least forty-four Halton farms.

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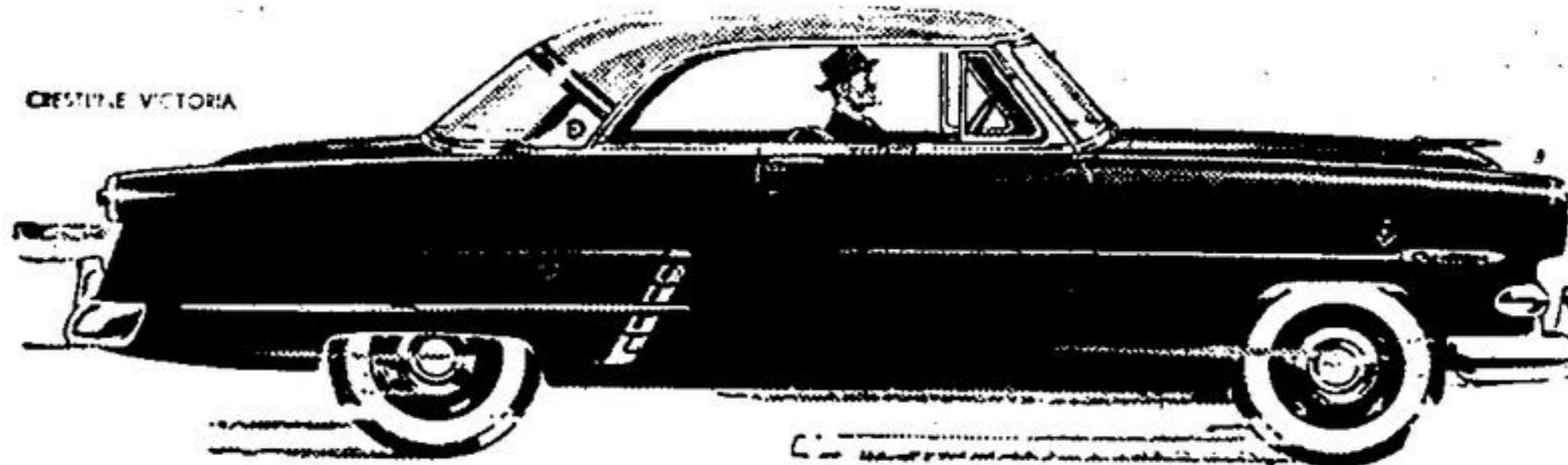
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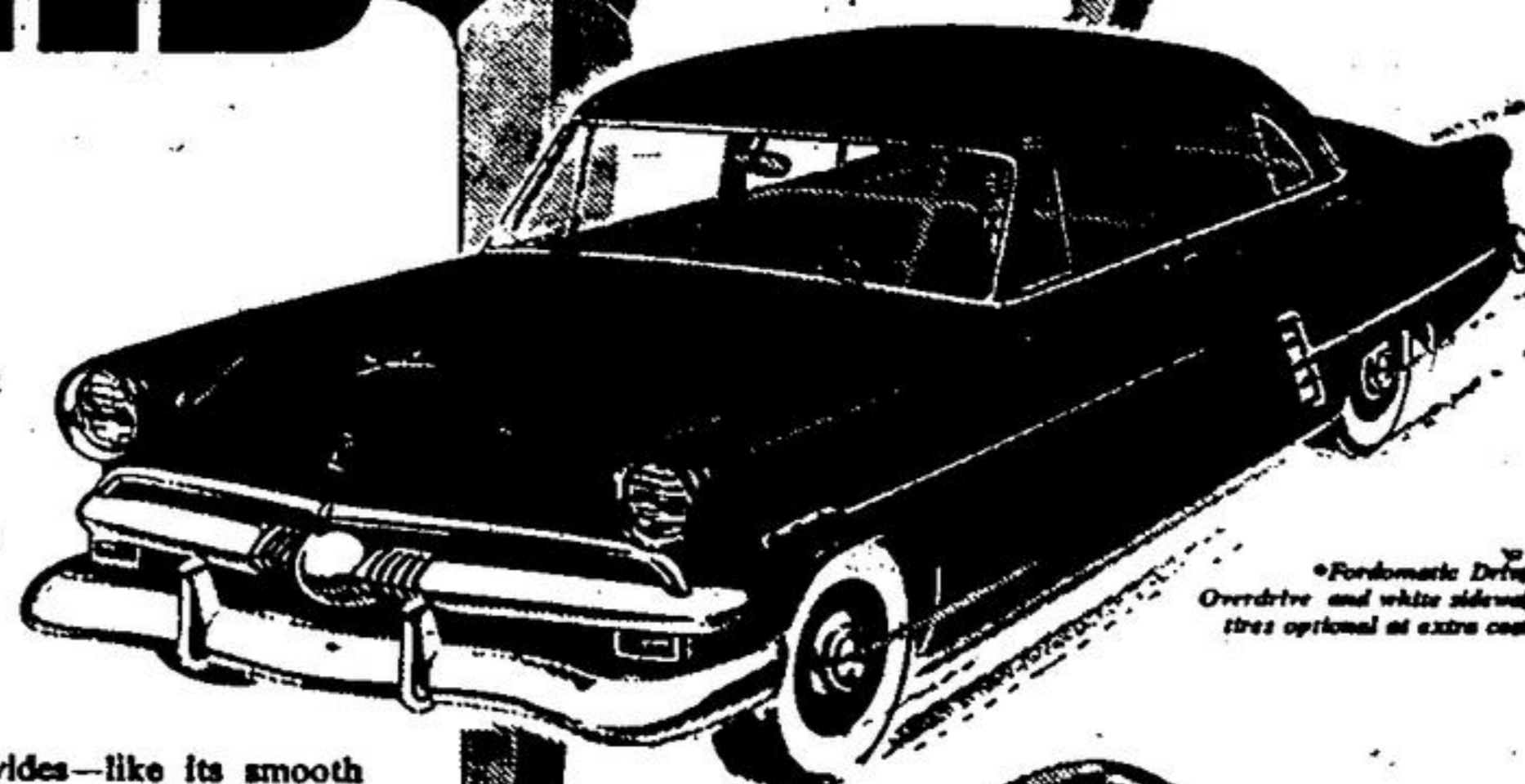
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