

**Test All School Pupils
For Tuberculosis in 1955**

Dr. Archie F. Bull, Medical Officer of Health, announces that all primary school children in Halton County will have a tuberculin skin test. This huge project is being undertaken by the Halton County Health Unit assisted by the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

This survey will be commenced in the near future and carried out during the next few months. Dr. Bull states that "tuberculosis still is our most important communicable disease in spite of the great progress that has been made in its control. I estimate that it costs the people of Halton \$120,000 every year. One way in which we can help control this disease is by buying Christmas seals."

FARM NEWS

**Test Control Measures
For Wild Carrot Pest**

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The wide spread 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 weeds back beyond his line fences. It is very discouraging to such farmers to have neighbors who apparently are making very little effort to keep wild carrot, chirs, etc. under control. When our research people came out with 2-4D a few years ago, most of us felt we finally had a practical and economical control. In fact for the first few years 2-4D gave very satisfactory control. As a matter of fact 2-4D still gives excellent results on 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.

This past spring therefore, a series of some ten plots were laid down by the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association, above the base line on the 3rd Lane of Equeusing. These demonstrations involved different amounts of 2-4D 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 Peewees, 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 2-4D 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 allowed when plant growth is rapid.
2. However, when the same field or piece of roadside is sprayed in succeeding years the 2-4D 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 2-4D and 2-4-5t.

The point on which we are not clear, is the amount of 2-4-5t it is necessary to add to the 2-4D. Another mixture which appears to bring fairly satisfactory results is one known as the McTae mixture, which we understand is a mixture of 2-4D and the Atticide. 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, on the other hand, when one sees our roadsides and fields literally plastered with the weed, it presents a terrific challenge to anyone interested in crop production. The maintenance of soil fertility and the future of Ontario Agriculture. Perhaps in conclusion we should apologize to our township road superintendents for any thought 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.

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