



A PAINTING JOB that would require four hours with a hand brush can be done in as little as an hour with a power sprayer.

Prepare before you paint

If you're planning to paint your house, remember that a successful paint job depends as much on the preparation of the surface as it does on the application of paint, say the people at Taylor Rental.

You should first determine whether you can reach all the surfaces to be painted with a step ladder or extension ladder, or whether you need scaffolding with a work platform.

Start by removing dirt and loose flaking paint from the sides of the house. This provides a clean surface for the new paint to adhere to. A pressure washer is ideal for this job.

Even after cleaning, previous layers of paint may need sanding, especially if they have begun to peel. The best tool is an electric disc sander designed specifically for this job.

Chips or cracks in the surface should be completely repaired with a wood filler or wood putty. If cleaning or sanding exposes bare wood or if unpainted wood is used for repairs, these areas should be primed before painting.

Priming helps prevent peeling of the new paint and gives your efforts a more professional look.

For the actual painting, an airless paint sprayer will make your task easier and faster. A four-hour brush job can be done in as little as one hour with a power sprayer.

You can get the benefit of these professional tools without a big investment of your money. All the tools you need to do a professional-looking job of painting can be rented.

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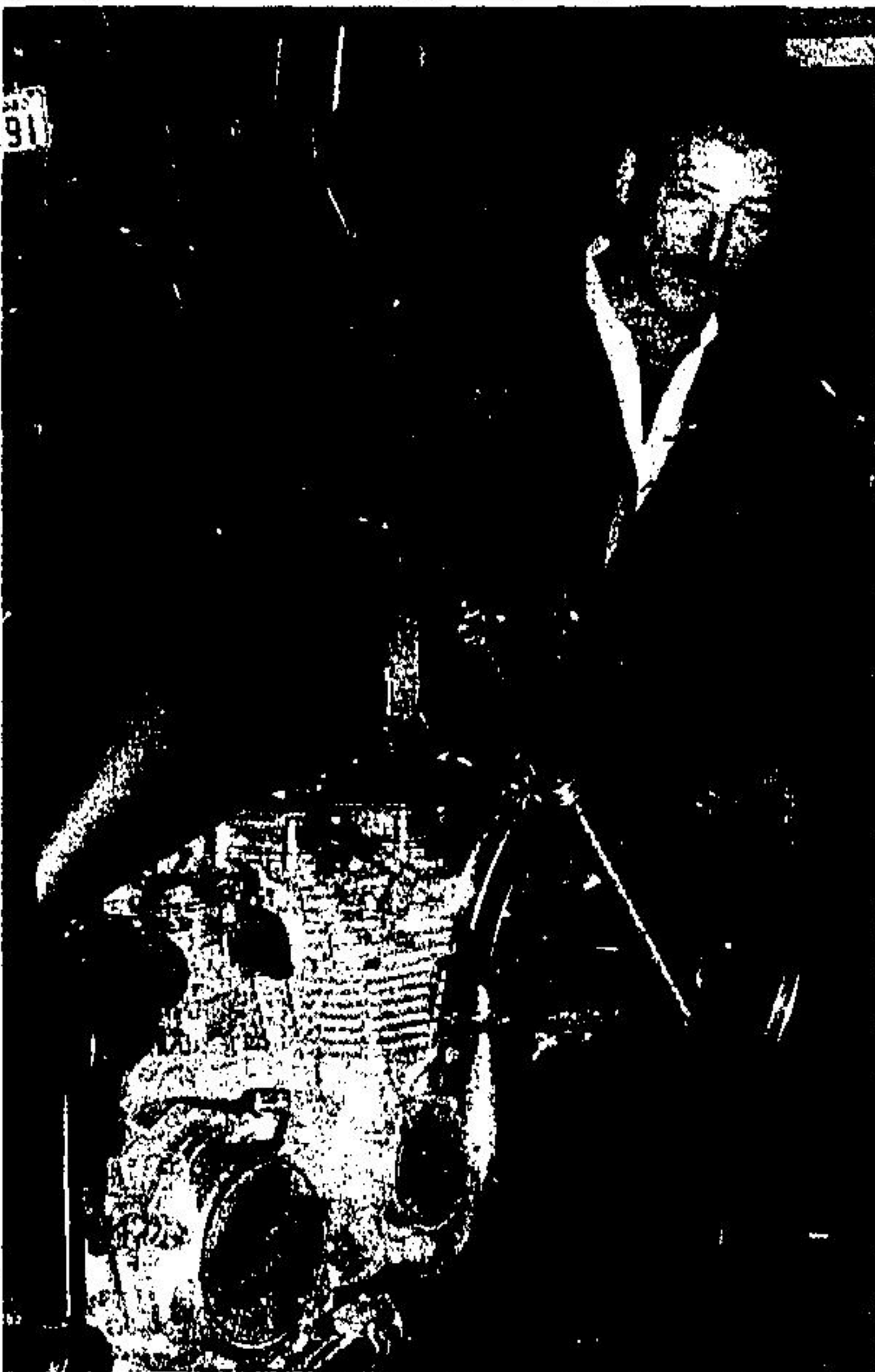
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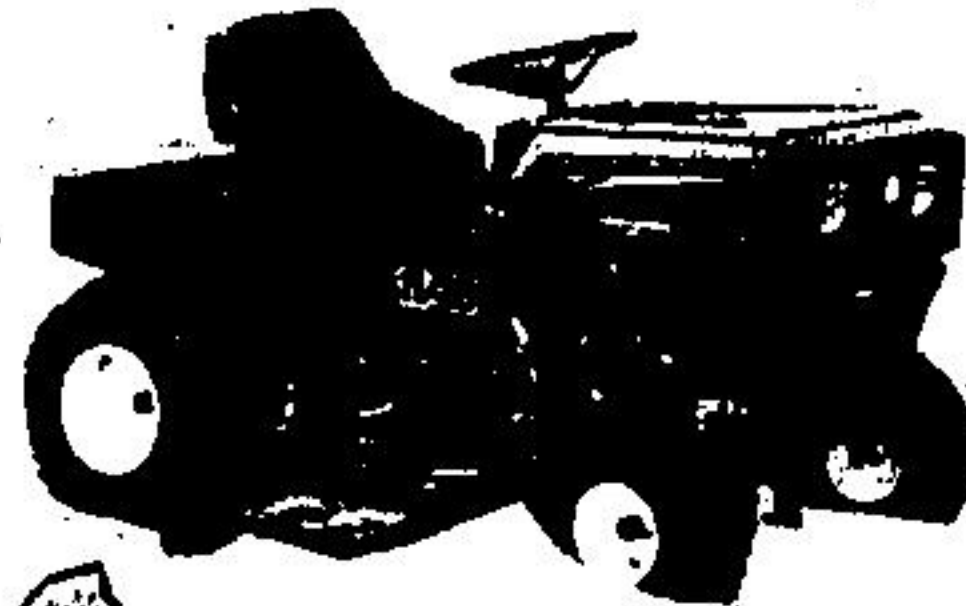
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Mechanic Clay Migue fills up a motorbike tire at Hazen's Sales and Service. Located at 55 Sinclair Ave., the business has been owned by John Potama six years now. Mr. Potama is also a mechanic, and he's been repairing bikes for the past 18 years. (Herald photo)

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