

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show

A capacity house at the Milton Town Hall greeted Prof. J. C. Steckley of the Ridgetown Experimental Station, and W. S. McMullen of the Livestock Production Service of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, who were the guest speakers on the occasion of the thirteenth annual Halton Seed Show and Fourth annual Export Bacon Show held on Saturday, March 13th.

In keeping with the disappointing crop year in 1947, entries were down materially in the open seed classes. The quality however, was well up to standard and the demand was keen. Fred Nurse of Ashgrove, repeated his triumph of a year ago by winning the T. Eaton Co. Special for the champion bushel in the show on his entry of Cartier Oats. The same exhibitor repeated in the ten bushel oat class and in the auction which followed they brought \$2.05 per bushel. (The other seven 10 bushel lots ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.90, with an average of \$1.71. In the ten bushel barley class, Auctioneer J. A. Elliott got prices ranging from \$1.65 to \$1.95.

In contrast to the Open Seed Show, Halton Junior Farmers under the leadership of President Cameron Wilson, staged an outstanding Junior Farmer Section. Their inter-club class was worthy of special mention. Acton, Milton, Norval and Palermo clubs each had a striking display. In this class Norval Club secured top honours, both for seed and their general display. The champion lot in this Section was exhibited by Floyd Bridgen, of the Norval Juniors.

The fourth annual Export Bacon Show staged under the auspices of the Halton Hog Producers was in the opinion of many, the best staged to date. This year's event was conducted on an inter-township basis, with the township directors selecting the live hogs. The Esquering directors, R. Bruce Reid, R. Miller, Arthur Brain and Nelson Stark proved to be the best judges of the type of hog which makes the best Wiltshire. Their top entry of five hogs resulted in four first quality Wiltshires and one second quality. Nelson, Nassagaweya and Trafalgar Township entries followed in the order named. Roy Ellenton, Nelson Township had the champion Wiltshire with the entry of Thos. Appleyard, Esquering, getting the reserve.

Those whose entries resulted in first quality Wiltshires were as follows: Thos. Appleyard, Vernon Archer, Guy Wilson, Geo. Fisher & Sons, all of Esquering Township; W. L. Ferguson, of Nassagaweya Township; R. E. Ellenton, Nelson Township; and Percy Merry, of Trafalgar Township.

W. S. McMullen of the Federal Live Stock Branch, stressed quality in his excellent address, as did each of the township chairmen of the Halton Hog Producers, namely R. Bruce Reid of Esquering Township; Edwin Gunby of Nelson Township; Percy Merry of Trafalgar Township and W. L. Ferguson of Nassagaweya Township. In the opinion of these four directors of the Hog Producers' Association, and also of President C. L. S. Palmer of the Crop Improvement Association, who was chairman for the afternoon, Halton Hog Producers could materially raise their percentage of A hogs and thereby increase their returns if they would make use of the scales before shipping their hogs. President Palmer related that recently out of a group of eleven hogs which he weighed, he had secured ten A's and one B1. Later he shipped eight more hogs without weighing, and secured only two A's and thereby in his opinion lost between \$40 and \$50 which he might have secured by shipping at the proper weight.

Prof. J. C. Steckley delighted his audience which packed the auditorium, with his practical, sound address on Soil Fertility and Cropping Practices. He outlined an extensive experiment conducted at the Ridgetown Experimental station over a period of years. The field in question was divided into 8 plots, one of which received an application of 20 tons of barnyard manure to the acre; applications of commercial fertilizer and in addition red clover was plowed down during the six year rotation. Other plots received one or more of the treatments in various combinations. A visitor to the Ridgetown farm on learning that a heavy stand of red clover which hid the wheat stubble on which crop it had been seeded, was to be plowed down, remarked to Prof. Steckley, "It's a good thing you work for the government." To this Prof. Steckley retorted, "The government is the only one who could afford not to turn it under, but cut it for hay instead." The field was sown to beans in 1947 and the first plot referred to, which received the manure, commercial fertilizer and red clover, yielded 30 bus. per acre. Other plots which received only one of the three treatments,

in the six year period, yielded only 15 bus. or a difference of 15 bus. to the acre. With the bean growers receiving \$6.00 per bushel for their 1947 crop, one does not need to be much of a mathematician to determine whether it pays to build up Soil Fertility.

Others who spoke briefly during the afternoon were W. E. Breckon and Stanley Hall, M.P.P., who expressed the appreciation of the gathering to Prof. Steckley, W. S. McMullen and his staff, and to Canada Packers Ltd.

The prize winners in the various classes were as follows:

Late or Medium Oats—Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Woodlands Orchards Ltd, Bronte; Geo. C. Wilson, Georgetown; John Bird, Georgetown; J. E. Pearen, Acton; J. Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown.

Early Oats—Fred Nurse, Georgetown; J. E. Pearen, Acton; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; A. H. McGibbon and Son, Milton; Woodlands Orchards Ltd., Bronte; W. S. Alderson, Hornby.

Rough Awned Barley—J. Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown.

Smooth Awned Barley—Geo. C. Wilson, Georgetown; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; Clarence Kingston, Palermo; Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Mansell Nellis, Acton.

Red Clover—R. H. Kingston, Milton.

10 bus. Lots—Oats—Fred Nurse, Georgetown; Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Woodlands Orchards Ltd., Bronte; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; J. Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown; W. S. Alderson, Hornby.

10 Bus. Lots—Barley—Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown; George C. Wilson, Georgetown; Clarence Kingston, Palermo; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; Mansell Nellis, Acton.

Husking Corn—W. E. Breckon, Freeman; Harvey Nurse, Georgetown.

Field Peas—Gordon A. Leslie, Acton.

Timothy—Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown.

Chippewa Potatoes—J. E. Pearen, Acton.

Irish Cobbler Potatoes—J. E. Pearen, Acton.

Junior Farmer Section

Oats—Geo. S. Atkins, Bronte; Ward Brownridge, Georgetown; Geo. C. Wilson, Norval; Orville Orr, Hornby; Floyd Bridgen, Georgetown; Gordon Leslie, Acton.

Barley—Floyd Bridgen, Georgetown; Ward Brownridge, Georgetown; Wm. Brain, Norval; Howson Ruddell, Georgetown; Stuart Alexander, Georgetown; Geo. S. Atkins Bronte

Wheat—John Bird, Georgetown; Douglas Alexander, Georgetown; Floyd Bridgen, Georgetown; Stuart Alexander, Georgetown; Geo. Burkholder, Freeman; Wm. G. Alexander, Georgetown.

Halton Junior Farmers held their Seed Judging Competitions in the morning, with Fraser McNabb, of Esquering Township, not only the high contestant in the Junior Section, but the high man of the day. Ward Brownridge of the same Township was the high Senior. Lykle De Vries won the Halton Seed Growers' Trophy; Ward Brownridge the Strathcona Orchards Trophy; and Fraser McNabb the Halton Cream and Butter Trophy.

Halton Guernsey Breeders Organize

J. Lloyd Chisholm was appointed the first president of the Halton Guernsey Club at their organization meeting held on the farm of W. Booth, Trafalgar Township, on Tuesday afternoon of last week. Dr. A. R. Campbell of Guelph, Secretary of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders' Ass'n. was the chief speaker. Bruce Hodgins, Fieldman of the Ontario Guernsey Club also spoke briefly. The other officers elected were as follows:

Vice President—F. McNabb, Georgetown

Sec.-Treas—Wm. Booth, Milton. Directors—Howard King, Oakville; Wallace Swackhamer, Acton; Ellery Brownridge, Brampton; G. Wilkinson, Malton.

Halton Branch of the Maple Cattle Breeders Meet

The members of the Halton Branch of the Maple Cattle Breeders Ass'n. met in the Court House, Milton, on Tuesday, March 16th. Notwithstanding flooded roads some 70 breeders were in attendance to hear the reports of the officers of the association. These included G. W. Keffer, President; Norman Porter, Vice-President; J. M. McDonald, Sec.-Treas; Dr. C. R. Reeds, Chief of Technician; and W. M. Cockburn, Agric. Rep. for York. A. T. Woodley of Milton acted as chairman.

An opportunity was provided for the Ayrshire and Jersey Breeders to sign up and a goodly number of men availed themselves of this opportunity.

It was announced that the Maple Association is prepared to install batteries of Jersey and Ayrshire bulls providing sufficient number of breeders of these two breeds sign up as members to ensure 1000 cows of each breed being inseminated in a twelve month period.

The Halton branch of the unit now has 110 members with Holsteins and during the first eleven months of operation they bred be-

tween eleven and twelve hundred cows. Altogether nearly 6900 cows were inseminated by the Maple Unit in 1947. This Association has had an amazingly rapid growth and prospects point to the above number being more than doubled in 1948. Any Jersey and Ayrshire men who due to road conditions were unable to attend the meeting on March 16th and wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of joining this unit should contact the Agricultural Office in Milton before the end of the month.

GEORGETOWN

An upholstered chair was presented by council to retiring clerk-treasurer P. B. Harrison as a token of appreciation from council for his years of faithful service to the town. Reeve Maclaren made the presentation and Mr. Harrison said that he had grown up with Georgetown and there was no finer town in Canada.

Council approved the 1947 audit statement as prepared and presented by the town auditor, H. A. Lever of Toronto. Mr. Lever particularly pointed out that Georgetown had ended the year with no taxes uncollected and said this was unprecedented for any municipality.

Georgetown's tax rate for 1948 is 60 mills, a 50 per cent. increase over last year's 40 mill rate. The new tax rate is increased primarily by debenture charges which this year will be \$44,186, the increase comprising bonds for sewerage, wartime housing and the arena. Other budgets have been pared to keep the rate within the 60 mill bracket. Grants have been decreased by \$800, water-works extensions are down by \$2100, salaries \$1000 and care of building \$900. Other increases include a \$2450 boost in the Public School estimates (this latter being reduced by \$1500 over the original estimate) and an extra \$100 for streets.—Herald.

Cheating the traffic laws is one of the most dangerous forms of lawbreaking. The Ontario Department of Highways says the motorist who knows the laws and the good reasons behind the laws is less likely to break the laws—less likely to spoil his life or someone else's with an accident. Don't take a chance! Know and obey all traffic laws.

Rockets are proving practicable for laying wire over rivers, ravines and cliffs.

OAKVILLE

Mrs. Jean Ribble, Drumquin, was seriously injured when the taxi in which she was a passenger collided with a large truck. Both her legs were fractured.

Oakville's junior hockey team went down to defeat before Weston in the final game of the Junior 'C' O.H.A. play-off series in the Oakville arena Saturday evening. Agricultural Office in Milton before the end of the month.

Bravely defying the threat of advancing old age, Charles Priestman yesterday performed his annual St. Patrick's Day feat once again, when he came walking into Oakville to complete the long 22 mile hike from Toronto in a little more than 7 hours.

Oakville Sixteen Mile Creek went on the rampage on Tuesday, when it became a chaos of turbulent, muddy water and huge ice floes that smashed two boat-houses, damaged several boats and covered the flats on the west side opposite the bend.—Record-Star.

BURLINGTON

Among the appropriations for public works tabled in the House of Commons last week, was \$212,000 for the reconstruction of piers at Bronte.

Professor H. A. Dulmage of McMaster University addressed the Middle and Upper School students last Wednesday afternoon. Interested students had an opportunity of interviewing Professor Dulmage following his address.

At a meeting of the directors of Burlington Housing Corporation, it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of another apartment for pensioners on the same lot as the building opened this month. It is planned to proceed at once with the erection of the second building and already the letting of contracts is underway. The building will be an exact duplication of the present one and it is hoped to have it ready for occupancy before the end of the year.—Gazette.

The water of the river Amazon flows fresh for miles into the salt sea.

ACTON

Neil McDonald, well known in this district as an old time fiddler and holder of the Canadian old-time fiddler's championship, died Sunday in Guelph General Hospital in his 60th year.

Walking along the pavement on Mill Street on Monday evening, during the heavy rain storm, Mr. A. M. McPherson, Arthur Street was struck by a car and sustained cuts and bruises on the head and had his left leg badly bruised.

Miss Mamie Mainprize, who has come to Acton to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mainprize, was a guest at a dinner in her honor at the Alexandra Palace, Toronto, last Friday evening.

At the last meeting of the Acton Y's Men's Club, an induction service was held to formally initiate Claude Cook, Ray Canham and Foreman Lawrence as Y's Men into the Acton Club.

The Acton Y Badminton Club were guests of the Guelph Y Club last Monday night and the return tournament was played ending in a tie.—Free Press.

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Employers are urged to exchange Unemployment Insurance Books promptly at March 31st.

Penalties are provided for failure to comply.

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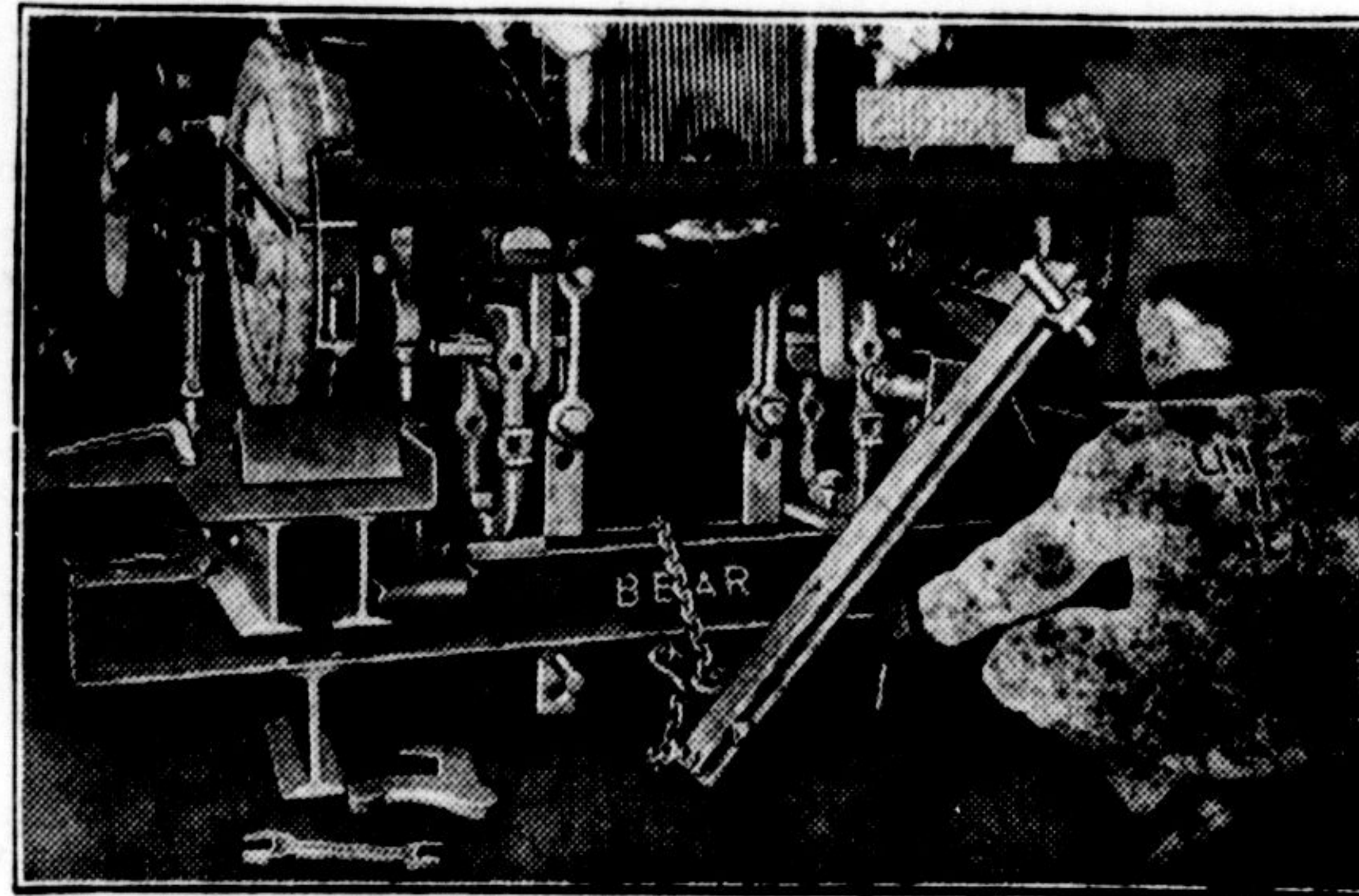
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2. Space your calls.
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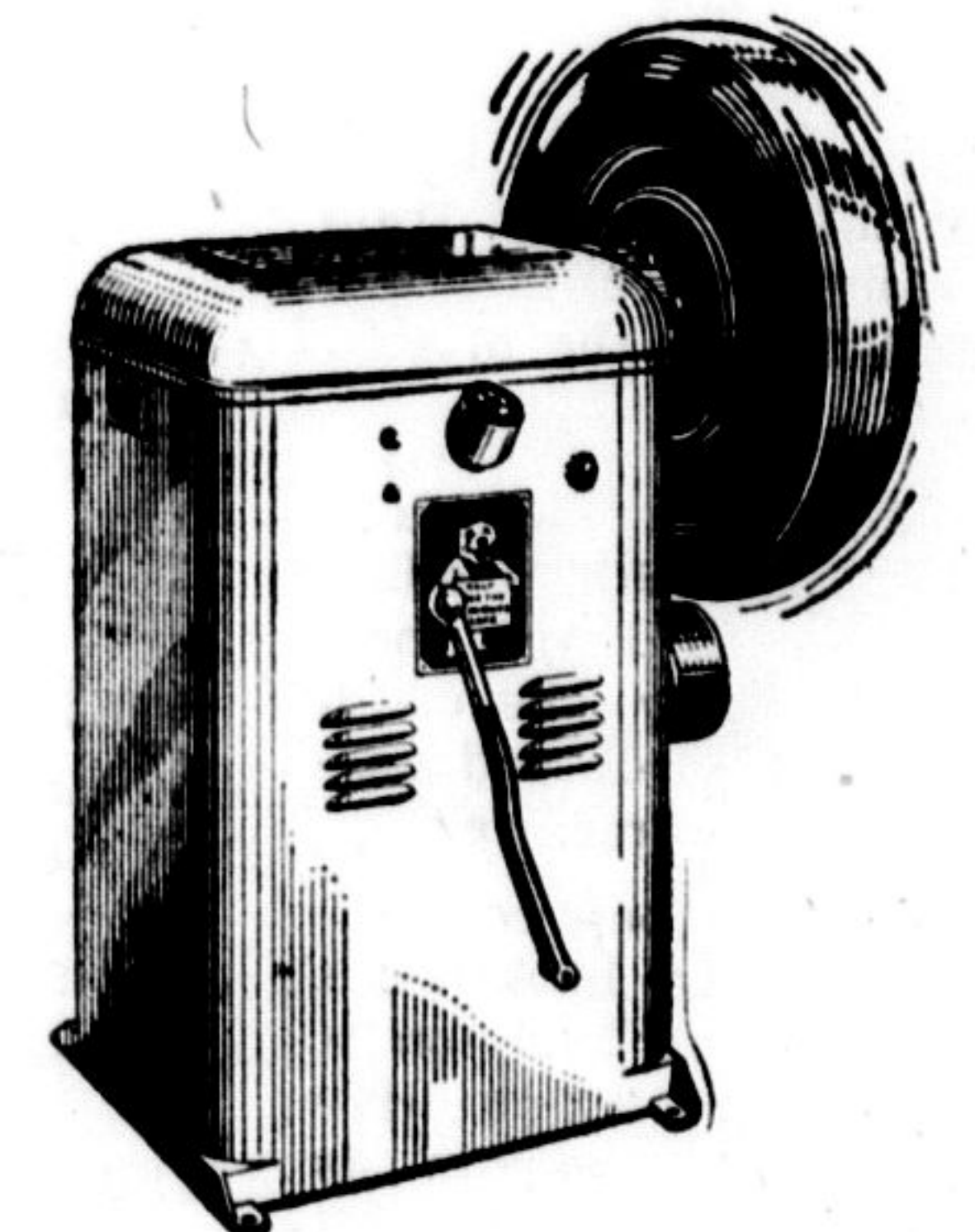
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