

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Soil and Crop Twilight Tour Visits Control Plots, Hears N. J. Thomas

Some 90 Haltonites were in attendance for the annual twilight tour recently sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

The first point visited was the Wild Carrot Control Plots laid down by the Association, on the roadside, Lot 13, of the Fourth Line of Trafalgar. Here 11 different plots, each 200 ft. long, were inspected under the leadership of Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock. While 2 - 4, D in both Amine and Ester form gives around a 95 per cent. kill of wild carrot, the first year an area is sprayed, Halton experience would appear to indicate that 2 - 4, D sprays applied on the same areas in succeeding years does not give anything like the same results.

However, we do not want to leave the impression that 2 - 4, D applications on our township roads is not doing any good. One has only to compare the roadsides on the "Five sideroad" in Esqueving—first, the area between the third and fourth concessions, where Hurricane Hazel took the bridge out last fall and consequently this section was not sprayed in 1955—compare this with the same sideroad East of the fourth line, which was sprayed this year—there is quite a difference. Nevertheless, in our opinion, 2 - 4, D is not doing a good enough job of controlling wild carrot on our township roadsides.

Look at Private Lands

On the other hand, we have looked at several areas of privately owned land sprayed for the first time by custom operators in both 1954 and 1955, and the results are outstanding. However, to get back to the plots laid down on May 24, on the Fourth Line of Trafalgar, opposite Lot 13.

To summarize very briefly—plots sprayed in 1954 with Brushkill (2 lbs. of acid to the acre) practically eliminated wild carrot. This year in order to determine the most economical mixture, plots were laid down using Brushkill at the pound, and pound and a half rates—also various rates of application using 2 parts of 2 - 4, D to 1 part of 2 - 4, 5T. Brushkill, by the way, consists in most cases of 1 part 2 - 4, D to 1 part 2 - 4, 5T. Cer-

tainly those plots sprayed with a mixture containing some 2 - 4, 5T are definitely better than those sprayed with straight 2 - 4, D, in either the Amine or Ester form. In short, the work of the Halton association, while not conclusive by any means, would suggest that for roadside work or any spot such as a lane, where difficulty is being encountered in killing wild carrot, the wisdom of using straight Brushkill at the rate of 2 lbs. of acid in 100 gals. of water to the acre.

Tests with Oats and Barley

At the A. T. Woodley farm, the replicated tests with eight varieties of oats and a similar number of varieties of barley, were also subjects of keen interest. Here, the discussion was led by Prof. James Laughland of the Department of Field Husbandry. The new varieties, Garry and Rodney, were the centre of particular interest, due to their resistance to rust.

Another test on the A. T. Woodley farm which was the centre of interest was that involving various methods of getting catches of small seeds. Unfortunately, drought conditions of the past few weeks made it impossible to detect any material differences at this time. This project will be watched with interest this coming fall and in 1956.

N. J. Thomas, Special Speaker

N. J. Thomas, of the Soils Dept. at the O.A.C., was the special speaker introduced by E. R. Segsworth, president of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. As usual, Mr. Thomas delighted his audience with his practical grasp of the many topics discussed, including crop conditions in Ontario; liming; methods of fertilizer application; liquid fertilizers, etc. The thanks of the gathering to Mr. Woodley, Prof. Laughland and Thomas, was ably extended by W. E. Breckon of Burlington.

Still another feature of the excellent program was the presentation by Art Bennett in the medium of colored slides, depicting scenes of interest in Halton and surrounding counties. The evening's program concluded with the members of Halton's 4-H Grain and 4-H Potato Clubs serving a tasty lunch.

Farm Ponds Now For Recreation

The current heat wave is now making some people realize the value of farm ponds for recreational purposes. The growing number of fatalities surrounding these ponds are not among their attractions. This summer has been one of the worst for this type of drowning, probably due to the increased number of farm ponds.

Common sense, of course, is the first ingredient of a safety program, says H. W. Irwin, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Ontario Agricultural College. Farm children do not have the same chance to learn to swim as do city children with their municipal pools and swimming programs. It is folly, therefore, in any mixed group of children, to permit them to swim unattended in any farm pond. Social pressures now and then will prevent a boy from admitting he can't swim, and the result is often tragedy. No person unable to swim should enter a farm pond.

If a farm pond is to be used for swimming, changes in construction methods are called for. Farm ponds are inherently dangerous due to their steep slopes and abrupt drop-offs. There is also some danger from entanglement with underwater growths or materials which were not removed from the reservoir area.

A farm pond should be fenced. A life preserver should be handy or, failing that, some old rails should be available to push out to the person in trouble. It is much wiser for the rescuer to use this type of aid unless he has experience in doing rescue work.

The toll in farm ponds is mounting. Many of these dead are young people whose life expectancy was ahead of them. Anything any of us can do to reduce this tragic waste is eminently worthwhile.

OBITUARY

Milton Resident For 48 Years

Funeral service was held in Evergreen cemetery Monday for Thirza Ellen Clement, who passed on in her 81st year on Friday, August 8, 1955.

A Milton resident for 48 years she leaves three daughters and three sons, Mrs. J. Gifford of Toronto, Mrs. Wm. Roffey of Guelph and Mrs. J. Hannant, Albert, William and Kenneth, all of Milton.

Funeral services were held from Grace Anglican church with Rev. Powell officiating.

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A native of Hungary who now makes her home in India, Mme. Laila also predicted a huge uranium find in Canada; a revolution in Argentina that will end with the death of President Peron and the re-entry of India into the new British Empire.

A professor of occult sciences, Mme. Laila has made newspaper headlines on both sides of the Atlantic.

On the front page of a New York newspaper in 1929 people read her prophecy that prohibition would soon end. The same year she predicted the stock market crash.

The Second World War and the downfall of Hitler was foreseen by the Paris newspaper "Le Matin" in 1933.

Trafalgar May Repair, Sell Old Munn's Cemetery Lots

Trafalgar council considered taking over and selling lots off the run-down Munn's cemetery, if a meeting with the church trustees, they reject responsibility for the old graveyard.

Paying respect to newcomers who had staged a "bee" to clean up the graveyard, Councillor Alex Phillips nevertheless said, "It looks worse than ever." He accused the older residents of sidestepping their responsibilities, "It's part of the church property and should be maintained by the congregation," he added.

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Miss Vera May Feted At Showers

Miss Vera May, a recent bride, was the guest of honor at several gatherings prior to her marriage on July 30.

Mrs. G. A. May, a near neighbor and very close friend of the family, entertained the ladies of the neighborhood and the bride-to-be received many lovely gifts.

Her aunt, Mrs. Elmer May, was hostess to aunts and cousins. The ladies were entertained with games and contests and Miss May was showered with useful gifts.

Miss Evelyn Course gave a shower and invited some who had been associated with the bride in Junior Farmer activities. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by the young people.

Mrs. Spencer Wilson also entertained in her honor. Here the ladies of Victoria and Pinegrove school section met, enjoyed a social evening and presented Miss May with many beautiful gifts.

At all these gatherings, the bride, with well chosen words, thanked the hostess and all who participated for their gifts and good wishes.



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Week-Long Emmanuel School Has Closing Exercises, Displays

A happy group of enthusiastic youngsters accompanied by curious parents attended the closing exercises of the First Annual Vacation Bible School of the Emmanuel Baptist church. Average attendance for the week was 32. The young people displayed their handwork, their newly learned songs and choruses, their knowledge of the lessons taught and their skill at looking up scripture verses.

The school lasted for one week and was conducted each morning

from July 25 to 29. It was under the direction of Miss Audrey Lawrence, who is a native of the Milton area but is attending the London Bible Institute in London, Ontario, having one more year to complete in preparation for missionary work.

The highlight of the closing exercises was the beautifully told missionary story by Miss Lawrence. Twenty-two diplomas were given to those attending 80 per cent of the classes.

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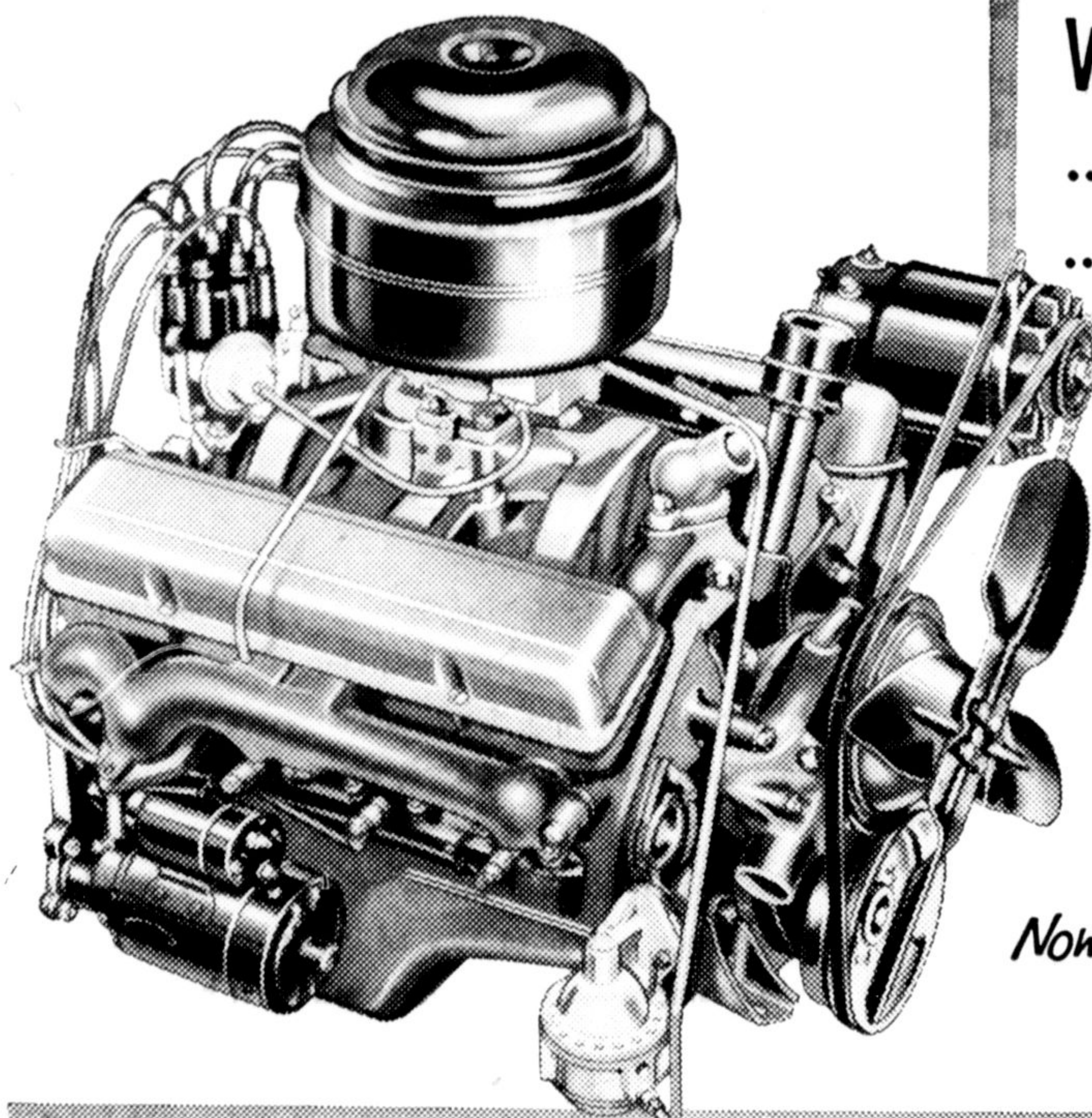
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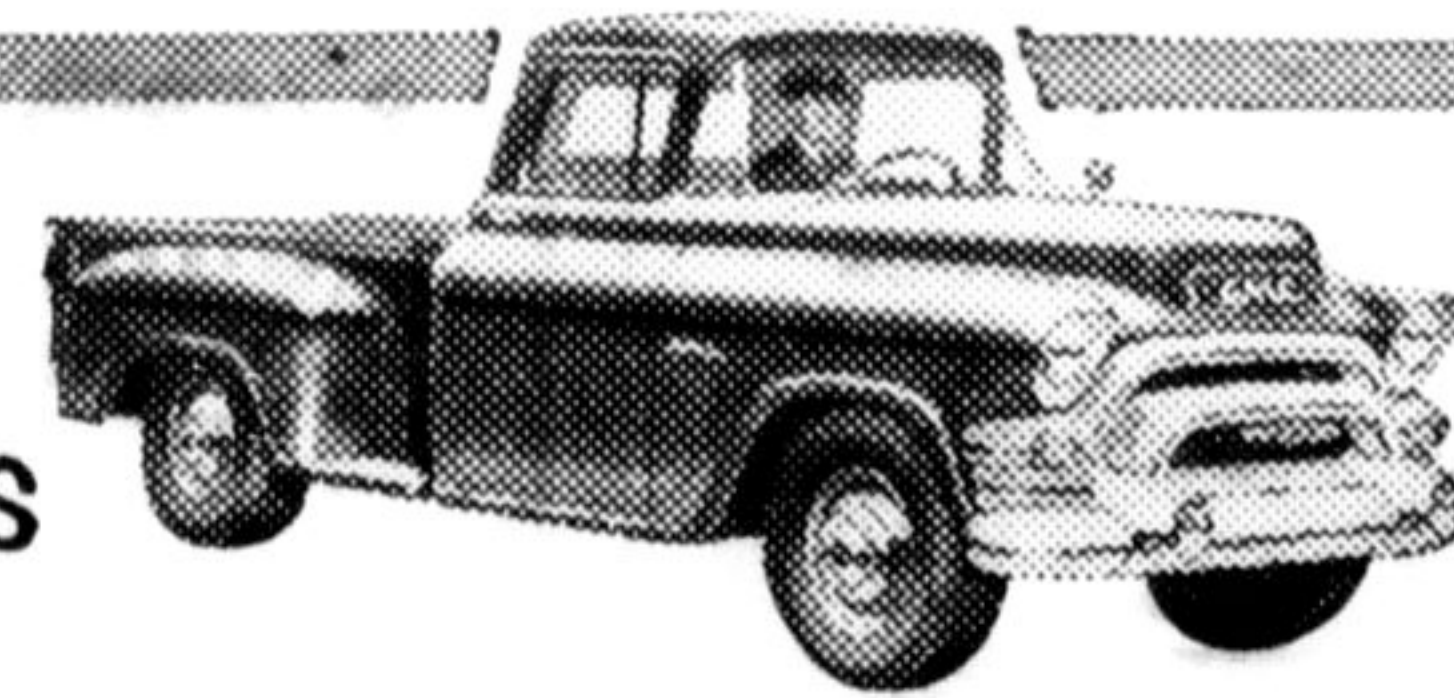
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