

FARM NEWS

200 District Junior Farmers Attend 25th Anniversary of Norval Club

The 25th anniversary of the Norval Juniors was held in the Junior Farmer building, Brampton, on Thursday evening of last week. Approximately 200 were in attendance for the turkey banquet catered by the Norval and Ashgrove Women's Institutes.

All in all, it was a delightful affair and the committees responsible, under the joint leadership of presidents Barbara and Ralph Cunningham, are most deserving of heartfelt commendation and congratulations.

Many Reminiscence
With few exceptions, practically every past president of both the Norval Junior Institute and the Norval Junior Farmers was in attendance—and what a time they had together, reminiscing over past events.

Ralph Cunningham, president of the Norval Junior Farmers, was the able toastmaster of the evening. Evelyn Bird introduced the head table guests, and the toast to the past presidents was proposed by Bruce Van Vliet, and responded to by H. Craig Reid. The thanks to the two catering organizations was extended by Ron Archer.

Following an enjoyable sing-song led by Jean Bird, with Verne Pickett at the piano, the guest speaker, Padre W. A. Young of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph was introduced by Julian Reed.

Humor and Sound Comments
The genial padre was as usual, in good form and his audience was treated to an address filled with humor and sound, thought provoking comments. The thanks of the gathering were extended by Joan Harrop.

Then followed the presentation of the past presidents' pins to some 48 former presidents, headed by Marie Blackall (now Mrs. Frank O'Connor) and Alan Harrop, the first two presidents elected in 1933 following Short Courses in agriculture and home economics held at Norval in January of 1933.

Another highlight of the evening's program was the recitations by the one and only Joe Lyons, who demonstrated he had lost none of his old time ability as an elocutionist.

Professor Offers Tractor Storage Hints for Winter

Many farmers have now finished using some machines for this year and will shortly be putting them in storage until next spring.

Care taken now to prepare them for winter storage will pay dividends, states Prof. J. R. Scott, Department of Engineering Science, Ontario Agricultural College. He suggests the following:

- Clean Machine**
1. Thoroughly clean and inspect all machines and apply grease or rust inhibitor to exposed or wearing surfaces to prevent rust.
 2. Remove any canvases, fabrics or V-belts and store them separately in a cool, dry place.
 3. Thoroughly lubricate all bearings and fittings to force out moisture.
 4. Block rubber tired vehicles off the ground to take the weight off the tires.

Cover from Moisture

5. If there is no room inside a building, and a machine must be stored outdoors, a tarpaulin or plastic cover thrown over the machine will keep out damaging moisture.

Many farm machinery manufacturers outline winter storage suggestions in their machinery handbooks. Following these suggestions can save many dollars on an expensive investment.

Greetings Extended

Greetings were also extended by Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, home economist for Halton and Peel counties; Art Bennett, assistant director of extension of the Ontario Department of Agriculture Toronto, and also secretary-treasurer of the Junior Farmers of Ontario; Roy K. Ford, president of the Halton Junior Farmers; and J. Earl Whitlock of Milton.

Warn Residents Regarding Rabies

While no cases of rabies, to our knowledge, have been reported in Halton, farm and urban residents alike should be on the look-out for this disease which is causing much concern in most sections of the province.

Rabid foxes have attacked dogs, swine, cattle and also humans in many communities, and the dogs, cattle and swine have been destroyed by the Health of Animals Branch officials or the R.C.M.P.

Case Near Georgetown
When we stated previously that no cases have been reported in Halton, we were told yesterday of a case near Georgetown where the hired man was chased by a fox when he was out for the cows in the early morning.

The virus of rabies affects the central nervous system of animals and affected animals may show many and varied symptoms. Usually it takes one of two forms, either dumb rabies or mad rabies.

In the dumb form, the animal may become more quiet than normal at first; as the disease progresses the animal may become unco-ordinated, anxious and even paralyzed in certain areas of the body.

Cows are frequently unable to swallow and although extremely thirsty, they are unable to drink. Among cattle, there is frequently a characteristic bawling, and extreme salivation. Further, the saliva is stated to have a very high content of infective virus.

Mad Form
In the mad form of rabies, the animals become hysterical in nature. Dogs and foxes will attack anything that is in their way, and cattle will charge and generally take on in extremely destructive attitude.

Rabies is of course a reportable disease, and is completely under the jurisdiction of the Health of Animals Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture. In short, all suspected cases of rabies should be immediately reported to a veterinarian, a Health of Animals veterinarian or to the R.C.M.P.

Where there has been human exposure, contact should be made with a medical doctor immediately. Dead animals or suspected cases of rabies should be handled with extreme caution to avoid human exposure to the "disease." At an owner's request and at his own expense, a practicing veterinarian is permitted to vaccinate animals and pets for rabies.



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Fete Farm Journalist Former Dirt Farmer

On Monday evening of last week, we journeyed up to Woodstock to join with some 400 residents of the County of Oxford in paying tribute to Frank E. Ellis, prominent poultryman and farm journalist.

This event started off with a banquet, held in the recreation hall on the Woodstock fair grounds. Our Halton readers will recall Frank Ellis perhaps as editor of the old "Farm and Dairy" which used to be published at Peterborough; or from his able contributions in the columns of the Family Herald and Weekly Star or the Poultry Review.

It was a well deserved tribute to a "dirt" farmer who had served his community, his county, the province and the dominion in many fields.

The event was jointly sponsored by the Oxford Federation of Agriculture, of which Frank is a past president, and the Oxford Farm Forums, where too he has played an active role.

The guest speaker was George McCague, vice-president of United Co-operatives of Ontario.

Others who brought words of tribute were O. R. Evans of the Family Herald, who represented the Farm Press; Prof. Ross Cavers, head of the poultry department at the O.A.C., who represented the poultry industry; and the pastor of Knox Presbyterian church, Woodstock, where Mr. Ellis is the senior elder, former St. Louis School superintendent and teacher.

As intimated previously, it was a well deserved tribute to a "dirt" farmer whose outstanding contributions to agriculture are all too frequently overlooked or taken for granted.

Hornby Fashionettes Continue on Project

The third meeting of Hornby Woolen Fashionettes was held at the home of Barbara and Ruth Break on Nov. 1. The roll call and home assignment were given.

Mrs. Bousfield gave the notes on grams and the bias. Mrs. Downs explained how to straighten and shrink the material. The meeting closed with the Queen and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

The fourth meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Downs and Shirley on Nov. 8. The roll call and home assignment was given. Mrs. Bousfield explained how to stay stitch. Mrs. Downs showed how to mark wool. The girls started to cut the material. The meeting closed with the Queen. A delicious lunch was served.

New Township School Gets Name Brookdale

OAKVILLE — Trafalgar Public School Board last week passed a motion officially naming a new 18 room school which will be built near the Brookdale subdivision "Brookdale". The school is scheduled to open by September of 1959. Tenders will be let this month.

Decide Farm Organization Better Than Lone Action

Members of Farm Forums across Ontario, in reports to headquarters at Toronto, were almost unanimous in declaring their belief that it is much more important to be a part of a farm organization for collective action in meeting farming and marketing problems, than to attempt to operate on an individual basis.

Farm Forums were reporting their opinions following the season's first Forum discussion November 3 which was on the topic "What Price Freedom?"

The Forums answered four questions: What freedoms have you lost through farm organization? What freedoms have you gained? Have you gained financially? Which is more important to you, freedom as an individual or as part of an organization?

One for Freedom

While almost all Forums reported in favour of giving over some individual liberties to be part of an organization, three Forums had divided opinions in the matter. One Forum reported in favour of retaining individual freedom.

Many Forums felt that they had lost the freedom to bargain, or to market their products where and how they wished. Some 28 Forums specifically mentioned hog marketing, and a few Forums mentioned other commodities specifically, evidently having reference to produce marketing schemes. A number of Forums said "no freedoms lost."

On the other hand a much greater majority of Forums answered the second question as to freedoms gained, by listing the freedom to bargain collectively, the gain of more orderly marketing of products, more stabilized prices, more open markets for hogs and freedom from insecurity. Several Forums emphasized the gain through organization of strength in group action to present views and problems to governments and other places. Practically all Forums reported that they have gained financially through organization.

Employment Service Reports 620 Jobless

For the period of October 31 to November 6, inclusive, the figures on the local employment situation are as follows:

Unemployed males, 332; females, 288. Unfilled job vacancies, male, 24; female, 24.

Number of persons placed in employment during above period, male, 45; female, 24.

Number of job vacancies reported by employers to local office during above period, male, 47; female, 21. The figures are compiled by the National Employment service at Oakville.

Firemen Tote Water to Bush

Carrying tanks of water on their backs, members of Trafalgar Fire Brigade No. 2 hiked about three-quarters of a mile up the valley of the Sixteen Mile Creek to fight a fire that had started in some bush north of the Dundas Highway. Fighting the flames with water and

beating them with sacks on the end of broom-handles, the men put out the fire in about three hours. According to Fire Chief George Wright, about five acres were burned; and a small wooden bridge across the creek was destroyed. There is no road to the place where the fire occurred. The firemen were worried that the flames might spread to a construction shack near the new highway bridge, where some explosives are stored. Cause of the fire was undetermined.



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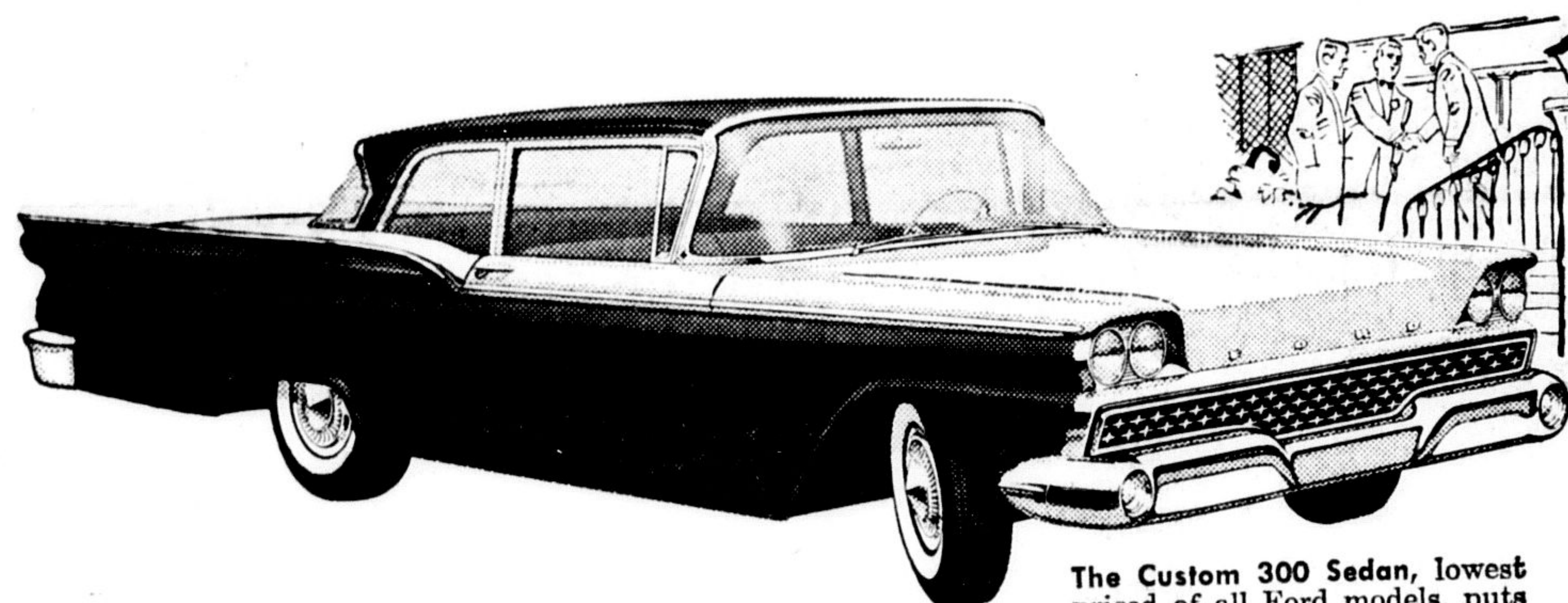
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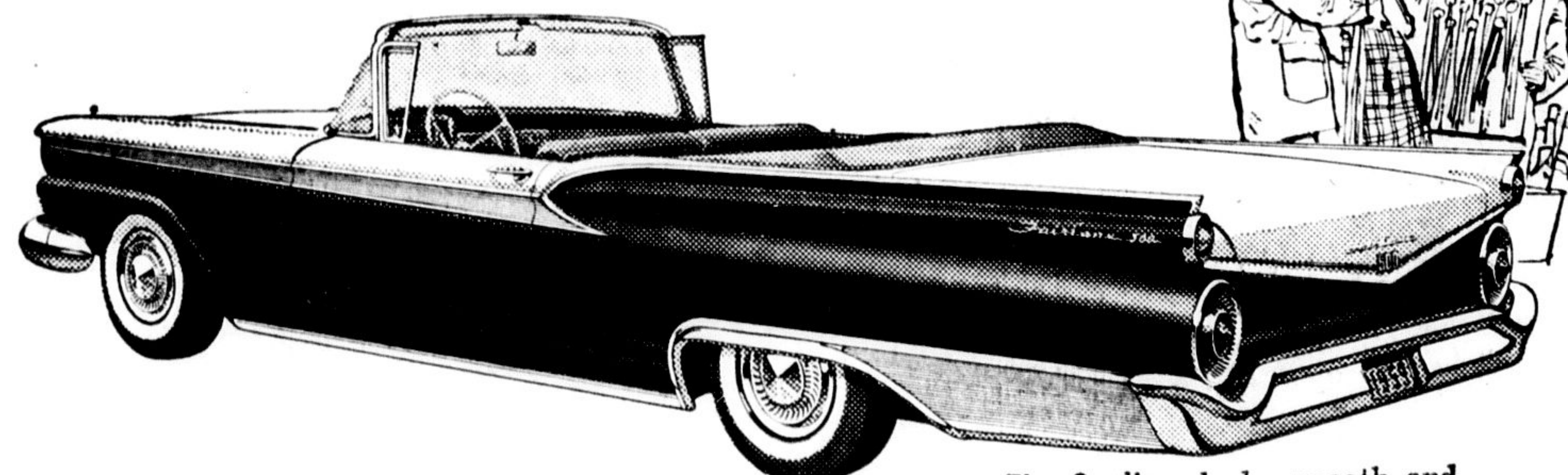
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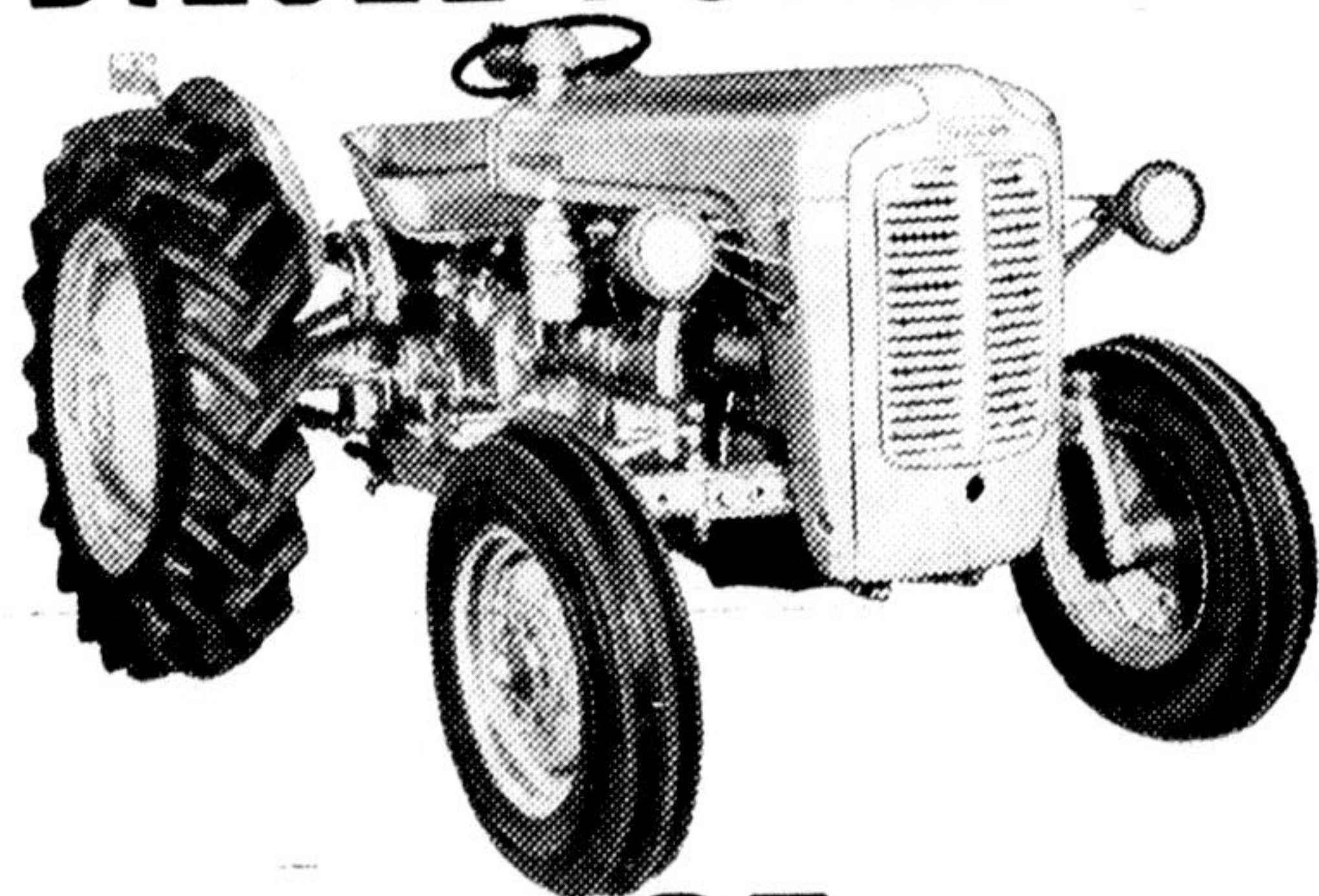
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