

Mrs. Hazel Reid Places Second At International Plowing Match

Grass Fire Cannot Improve Lawn, Yard

Don't start a grass fire in the belief it will improve your lawn or backyard. The result may seem to be "greener" grass—and quicker—but the disadvantages far outweigh the advantages. Fields or other patches of dead grass should not be burned off just for the sake of doing it. These early fires destroy all near growth and, if any area is continually returned, some nutrients from the decayed materials are lost in smoke, with the result that the soil may become poor and support little growth outside of weeds and brush," they declared.

Mrs. Hazel Reid of Hornby was runner-up in the first Queen of the Furrow competition held in connection with the International Plowing Match. Mrs. Linda Prong of Elgin county was the winner. This was the first Queen of the Furrow competition and was held at the International on Wednesday, October 12. Sixteen contestants representing counties in Ontario competed for the title. The selection was based on general knowledge of plows and plowing, and a speech on the activities of the local county plowing match. Hazel, who was selected by the Halton Plowmen's Association at the Junior Match in September, was the runner-up for Halton in the Dairy Princess Competition at the C.N.E. in 1957.

Finalize Plans For Plowing Match

Final plans have been announced by president J. H. Taylor of the Halton Plowmen's Association for the 1960 Halton Plowing Match. This year's match is scheduled for Friday, October 28, in the town of Burlington on the farm of H. Craig Reid. This year's site is ideal for the plowing match and farm machinery display. The prize list for the plowing match this year has been devised to an all cash and trophy prize list. This year's program too has been revised to place more emphasis on mounted plow classes. This is to keep pace with the change in modern plowing. In addition to the regular classes, two of the Specials this year—the Esso Champions Tractor Plow Special and the Eaton's of Canada Championship Special, are both awarded for mounted plows.

The program this year will include classes for horse plowing, senior competitors in tractor plows, and three junior classes. In addition to the plowing classes, there will be a Horse Show. Directors of the Halton Plowmen's Association have reported that several of the farm machinery dealers in the area will be displaying new advancements in their line of machinery. The conclusion of the plowing match will be a banquet at 6.30 p.m. in the Halton Agricultural Hall at the Milton Fair Grounds. The banquet is a popular event and at this time the presentation of prizes will take place. This year's banquet committee has arranged a special entertainment program in connection with the banquet.

FIRE SAFETY
Teaching children how to deal with fire in all its forms and the safe use of matches, may take some of the adventure out of playing with fire. If youngsters are taught how to light matches put them out and safely dispose of the dead match, and also how to light and then put out a camp fire, they can be trained to realize their responsibility in regard to fire.



OLD-FASHIONED STEAM THRESHING took place Saturday at the Hornby area farm of Hall Bros., when this 1917 Sawyer-Massey steam engine was stoked up to 50 lbs. pressure and easily ran an antique 1922 separator through a couple of loads of grain. A large crowd was on hand to see the old engine demonstrated. Above, some of the men who had a hand in the demonstration are shown with the engine.

"Do you know what makes the Tower of Pisa lean?" asked hubby, looking up from a weekly magazine.
"If I did, I'd take some myself," replied Mrs. Stout.

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NEED IT MORE
Said Arthur Godfrey on his last visit to Ontario: "Let's all try to give more blood to the hospitals ... and less to the roads."

1917 Engine

Threshing With Steam Draws Large Audience

It has been many years since anyone around Halton County held a threshing bee, using steam power. But the old-fashioned threshing was revived on Saturday at the Eighth Line, Hornby farm of brothers Victor and George Hall.

A 1917 Sawyer-Massey chugged, puffed, belched smoke and whistled in the yard as a party of men tried vainly to overload the threshing machine and make the steamer stop. It just wouldn't give in.

From Sawmill

The brothers purchased the old machine from a man near Langstaffe, who got it from the city of Belleville which had used its steam power for flushing sewers. Prior to that, the engine's history is faint, but it is believed it was used in a sawmill somewhere down east.

"It could tell a lot of stories, if only it could talk," surmised Vic Hall. He rejuvenated the engine to near-perfect shape and tested it up to 100 lbs. pressure.

This past few weeks, oil man Bill Bailey sponsored the engine's trips to Caledon, Brampton, Georgetown and Erin fairs where it drew crowds of excited viewers who demanded answers to a multitude of questions. "It's amazing how much the school kids know about steam," added Vic.

At Saturday's threshing demonstration, two loads of grain were separated through the 1922 threshing machine recently purchased from John McBride, Stewarttown. It is a relic itself, but still in good running order. The Halls used an ancient water tank to keep the engine fed, too. It's an old one once owned by Milton Brick back in the days when steam was used at the kilns, and the Halls bought it this year from Ike McCready who used it to haul water over his farm.

A large crowd was on hand for the demonstration, and several movie cameras whirred and clicked as the ancient steamer went through its paces without a hitch. Among the audience were a few old "steam men" who assisted in the operation.

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MALDEN FARMS, owned by Dr. W. F. James, was awarded the Percy Sackville Trophy for the first prize get-of-sire at the recent Ontario Aberdeen Angus futurity competition in London. Above, farm manager Jim McKay accepts the trophy from Malcolm Bailey, president of the Canadian Angus association.

Halton 4-H Club Members Win Honors at Erin Fair

Several of Halton's 4-H club members achieved honors at the Erin Fair in the Inter-Calf Club Show.

In the Dairy Day at Erin on Saturday, October 8th, Halton's groups of three took first, third and seventh.

The first prize group were exhibited by Margaret, Ernest and Bill Alexander, representing the Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey Calf Club. The third prize entry was exhibited by Sandra Carney, Jean Hunter and John McGee, while the seventh prize group was awarded to Delmar Ford, Keith and Lorne Ella.

Beef Calf Club
In the inter-county Beef Calf Club show held on Monday, October 10, Halton was awarded first, third and fifth.

Exhibiting in the first prize group was Carolyn Gardhouse, John Hepburn and Jeffrey Agnew; in the third prize group, Bill Jackson, Richard Kee and Robbie Hepburn. The fifth prize group included Marilyn Sherwood, Courtney Agnew and Bob Merry.

The 4-H competitors in the two shows were from the counties of Halton, Peel, Wellington and Dufferin.

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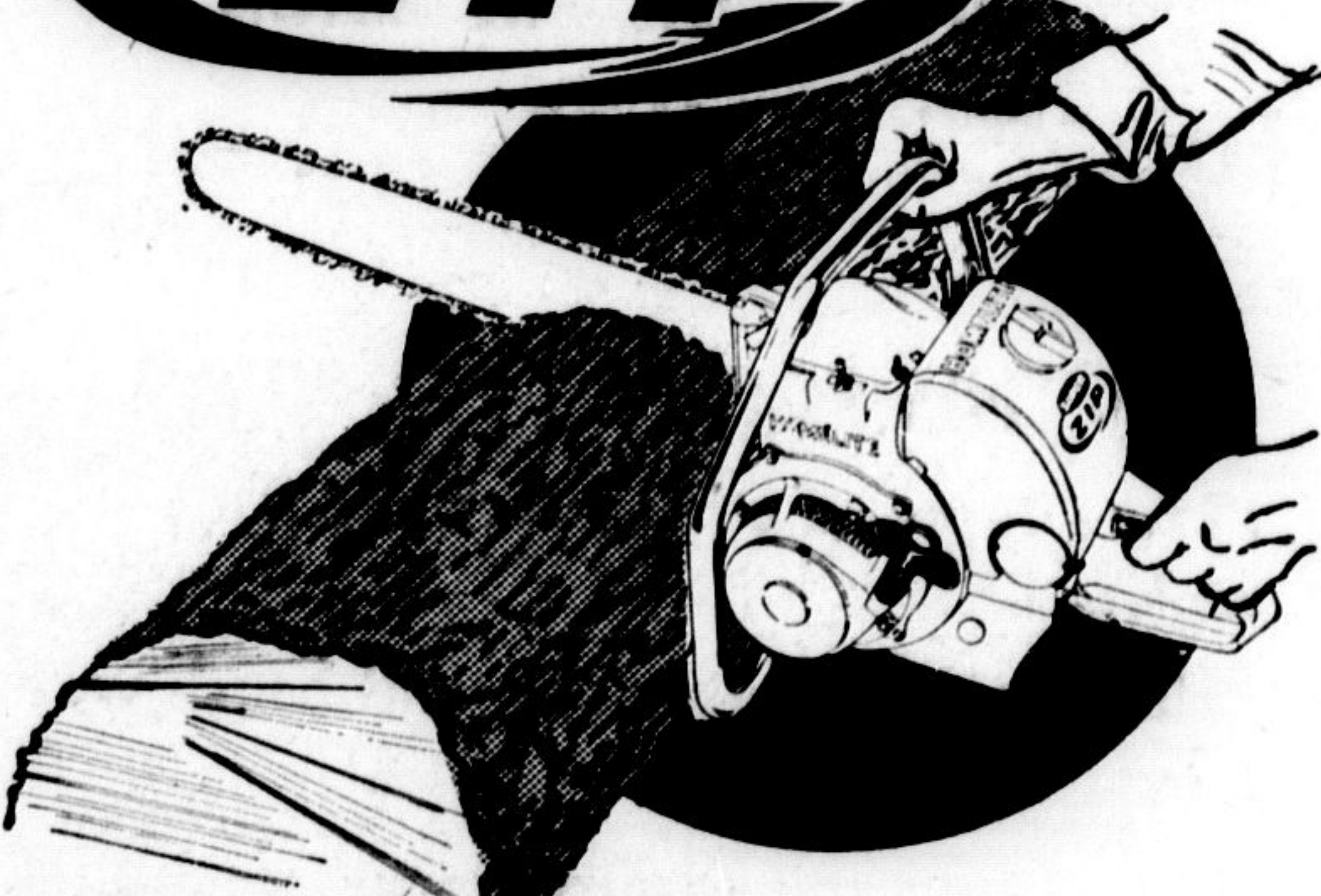


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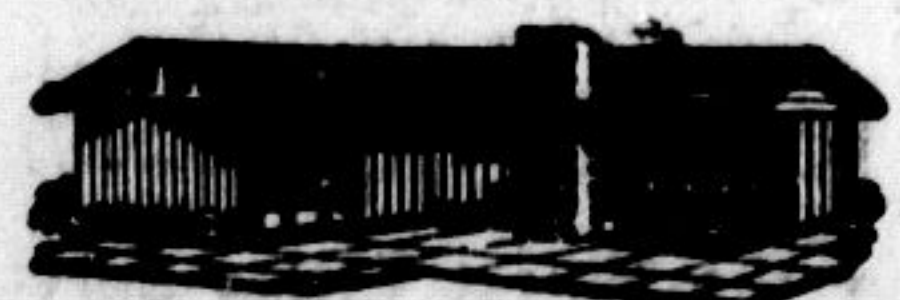
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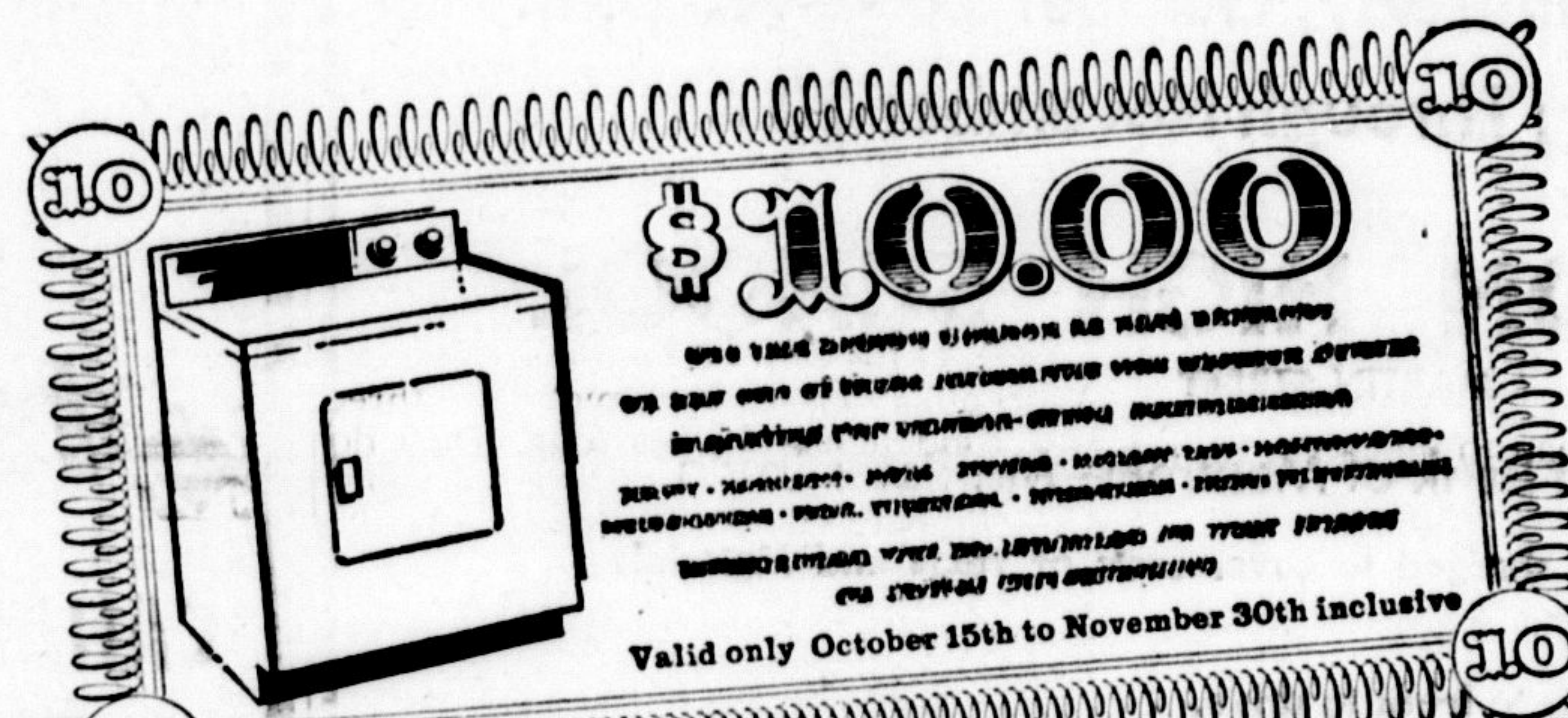
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