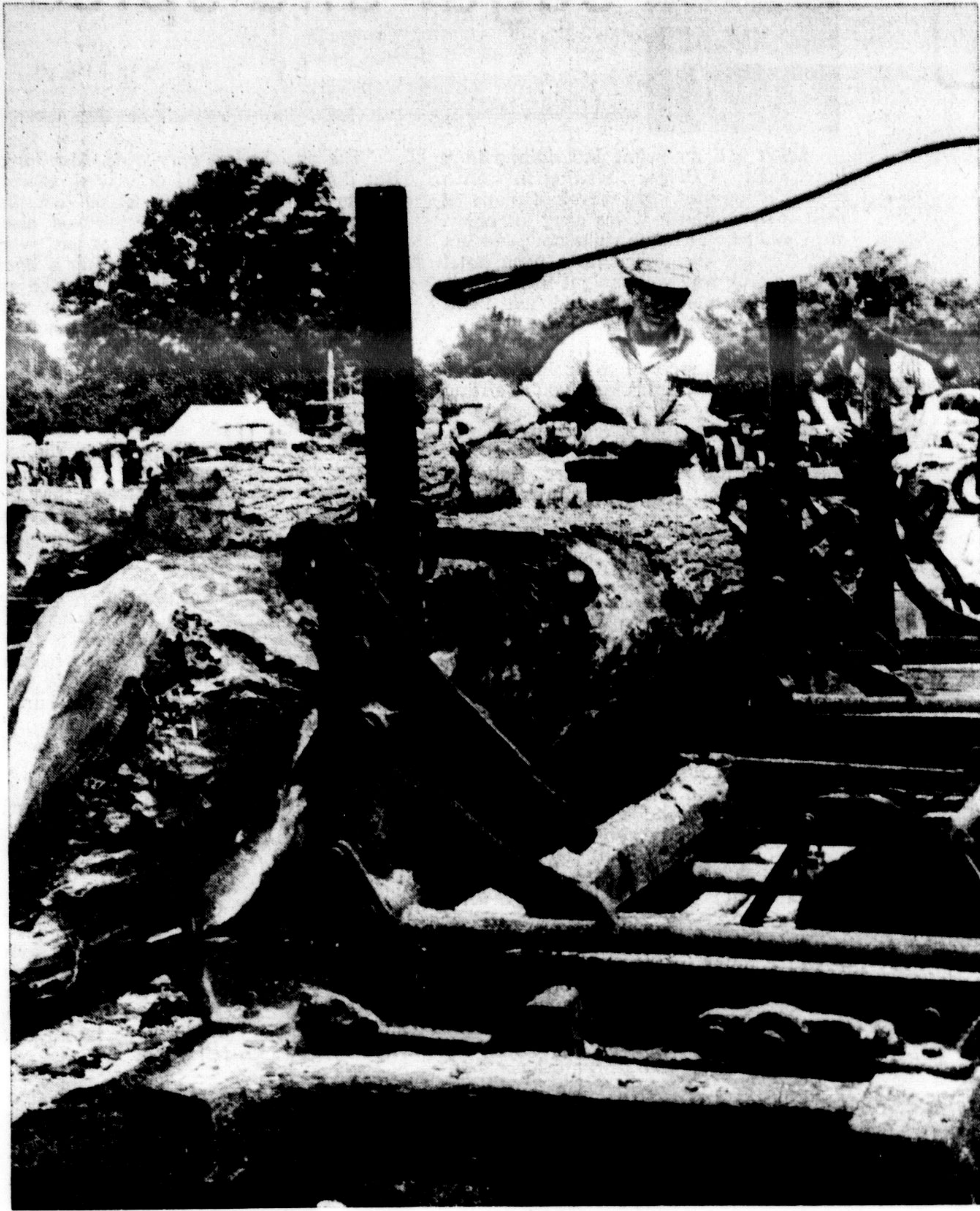


Sawmill at work at Steam-Era



Time to fertilize hay, pasture fields

From the middle of June to date, less than three inches of rain have fallen in Halton county. As a result, the pastures and hay fields have dried up, producing much less feed than normally. This has resulted in lower milk and beef production per acre, and increased feeding of hay or concentrates to the livestock, reports the Halton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Because of the drought, food reserves in the roots of the legumes will be below normal. This could result in winter killing of the plants. Now is the

time to apply fertilizer to your hay and pasture fields to build up the root reserves. Phosphorus is the main requirement on the heavy clay soils in this county, whereas some potash is needed on the lighter loamy soils.

Best results are obtained by applying fertilizer according to soil test. If you have not already taken the soil test, you will have to estimate your requirements. Up to 300 lbs. of 30 per cent Superphos or 130 lbs. of 46 per cent Triple Superphos can be applied to clay soils. On loam or clay loam soils, apply up to 300 lbs. of 0-20-10 to your alfalfa fields.

If you wish increased production on grass pasture this fall, apply 10-10-10 at 200 lbs. per acre. Next spring, an additional application of Nitrogen will get the pasture off to a good start.

By applying the fertilizer now, fall rains will wash the materials down into the root growth. Fall fertilization is the best guarantee of keeping legumes in your fields, and thus increasing the yield and feed value of the crop.

Agricultural clubs attend quiz night

Halton 4H agricultural club members attended their final Quiz Night last week. The Halton members met in the agricultural hall at the Milton fair grounds on Tuesday, August 30, while the Acton 4H club members met at their community hall on Wednesday, August 31.

The members of the 4H club leaders on all phases of club work taken up during the meetings throughout the year. Members of all the other 4H clubs completed written questionnaires. These questionnaires count as 100 points out of their final 1,000 points for a total score, and are used to select teams for the provincial 4H inter-club competitions.

Several members were showing livestock at the Canadian National Exhibition and missed this Quiz Night. They will have an opportunity to complete it at the agricultural office, Milton, on Friday, September 9.

CLEANSERS

During the past few years, there has been a large number of new detergents and cleansers put on the market. These are much more effective than the old fashioned soaps. But don't ever mix bleaches with other cleansers. You're likely to create a chlorine gas, which can be lethal. In short, let the chemists do the experimenting.

BE SURE YOU REMEMBER RAGWEED

One of my weed control articles on Ragweed appeared in the local papers. Shortly after, I received the above letter from an interested resident of the county. This was to remind me that I had not given a description of the Ragweed plant. Actually, I took for granted that almost everyone was familiar with this health hazardous weed. So I am now including a description of this troublesome hay fever activator.

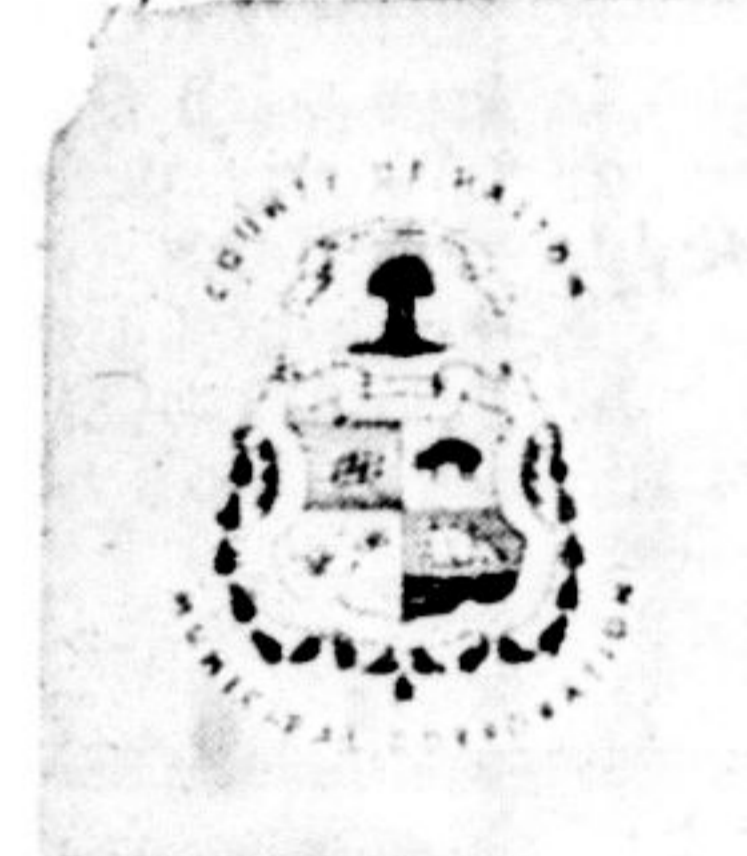
Common Ragweed is an annual plant and varies in height from a few inches to three feet. The stem is simple or branching, hairy or smooth, leaves alternate or opposite and very much dissected, usually hairy but sometimes smooth. It has flowers of two kinds — the pollen producing ones are in long terminal strings on the ends of stems or branches. These are drooping, small and greenish, producing large quantities of pollen.

The others are fertile reproducing flowers and may be in single or multiples on the upper leaves and are quite inconspicuous in comparison to the others. The fruits are rather pear shaped with spines at the upper end. The mature seed covering is gray or brownish.

Cut it, pull it or spray with 2, 4-D, during August and September.

Weed Control News

by v. e. mcArthur
halton weed inspector



Mr. V. E. McArthur,
Weed Inspector,
County of Halton.

Dear sir:
After reading your article on ragweed in July and speaking to several people about ragweed control, I find that interesting opinions emanate, such as:

(a) That farmers, nursery workers and dairy men are very familiar with the weed and can control it, readily.

(b) That highway men, such as maintenance crews and grass cutters, may pay particular attention to its destruction.

(c) That sufficient seeds and pollen could come from small plots of land such as unattended gardens, vacant lots and rights of way, to reseed and pollute the areas around, causing itching eyes, then hay fever, asthma and subsequent death may result.

It is felt that your article is far from being adequate in imparting education on this subject because, although the haz-

ard of its prominence is clearly told and the result of letting it spread is discussed, there is no description given, no pictures or identification or methods of its destruction for those of us who honestly do not know what ragweed looks like.

In view of the fact that a great percentage of people suffer from the pollen of this plant, may we respectfully request that an all-out effort be made, through the newspapers, to prevent ragweeds existing another year. If you consider a warning and/or penalty for permitting this plant's growth as in the public interest, by all means proceed.

Other causes of hay fever are constantly being tested and the patient is told what to eat, eliminate or avoid, and he can do just that, but not so with ragweed's dreaded pollen. This is your department, sir. Let's see you go after it.

A very interested party without hay fever.

Yours truly,
A Resident of Halton County.



Gardhouse, Bennett winners at C.N.E. Shorthorn contests

Shorthorns staged a pleasing show at the C.N.E., with numbers considerably higher than at the previous year's show. Fourteen breeders brought out good animals for the scrutiny of the judge, Dr. R. H. Nelson, Michigan State University.

The strong herds of R. W. Gardhouse, Milton and S. G. Bennett, Georgetown, battled it out on even terms. The Bennett entries won for the owner, both Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor banners, with Gardhouse runner-up in each instance.

However, in the championships, Gardhouse cattle took three out of four. Their 11 month bull Aberfeldy Habitant, was named grand champion. His stall-mate, a month older, Aberfeldy Heir, was named reserve grand. Both were sired

by Aberfeldy Captivator. The Guardhouse cow, Crich-ton Primrose 6th, was named female grand champion. Bennett's cow, Scotdale Ruth Augusta, went reserve grand. She had won top honors at last year's Royal Winter Fair.

However, it must not be assumed that this was a "two herd" show. Good cattle from other herds, from Kent County in the West to Russell County in the East, provided strong competition in all classes.

TOP BULL

Senior champion dual purpose Shorthorn bull at the C.N.E. this year was Cheapside Royal Lad 3rd, owned by Harold Patterson of Milton. Judges report the show was one of the strongest in years, with 14 breeders entering 81 animals.

C.N.E. WINNER

D. H. McCaig and Son, Norval won third prize with Edgelea Acme Juliet, a four-year-old, in the Jersey cattle classes at the C.N.E. last week. McCaig's Norval Acres Favorite Minnie placed fourth in heifer calves. They won fifth in yearling heifers with Norval Acres Favorite Jess. In three-year-olds they also placed fifth with a half sister, Norval Acres Favorite Star, and Spruce Avenue Carom Myrtle took fifth in aged cows, and seventh in inter breed udder class.

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MANAGER'S NOTES . . .

It's Fall Fair time and area fairs are being planned in earnest. By way of reminder, Acton Fair is Sept. 16 and 17, Milton on Sept. 23 and 24, Georgetown on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and Erin winds up the local season on Thanksgiving weekend, Oct. 7, 8 and 10.

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