

HONORED AT the Halton Agricultural Society Spring Dance Saturday night was retiring assistant agriculture representative Mac Armstrong and his wife Alma. Armstrong, leaving for Saskatchewan soon, was presented a leather wallet by Halton Farmstead and Home Improvement competition chairman Gerald Carton (left) and other gifts by co-workers at the Ministry of Agriculture represented by Burke McNeill (right). (Photo by D. Pink)

Fungus is snowmold Clean up for match

By Robert Stokes
Each spring many people inquire about irregular circular patches of dead grass on their lawns. These are whitish-gray and have a characteristic pinkish tinge. When the grass is wet, it feels slimy and bleached in appearance. At other times, light brown or tan colored patches appear on the lawns. Both these visible characteristics are symptoms of a fungus disease known as snowmold. To prevent this disease from further spreading, a fungicide such as Bravo should be applied in late fall during near freezing temperatures before the snow arrives. In the spring, brushing the patches with a stiff broom prevents the fungus from growing. Another disease one may encounter is leaf spot. This disease appears during May and June and sometimes in September. This fungus attacks the leaves to form pur-

plish spots which later turn straw color. Moist weather favors the growth of this organism. Control practices include mowing not less than one inch and applying a fungicide such as Bravo (Daconil) during the months of May and June. If spraying is delayed until disease symptoms appear, the chemical applied will be of little use as the fungus will have entered inside the plant tissue beyond reach of the fungicide.

The highest temperatures officially recorded in Canada were 115 degrees in southern Alberta and interior British Columbia.

The lowest temperature on record in Canada was reported from Snag in the Yukon Territory at 81 degrees below zero.

by A. Mac Armstrong
Some 130 rural homes and farmsteads are cleaning up and improving appearances in preparation for the 1974 International Plowing Match. To assist all participants in this farmstead or rural home improvement project, a meeting on rural home landscaping will be held on Wednesday, May 1 at 8 p.m. at the Maple Leaf Mills Research Centre on Trafalgar Rd., two miles north of Hornby. Rural living is greatly enhanced by attractive home surroundings. The pride of land ownership can be expressed in the appearance of a rural home or farmstead. The first impression of your property is the picture you present to the public. What could be more pleasing than a well manicured lawn and landscaped farmstead?



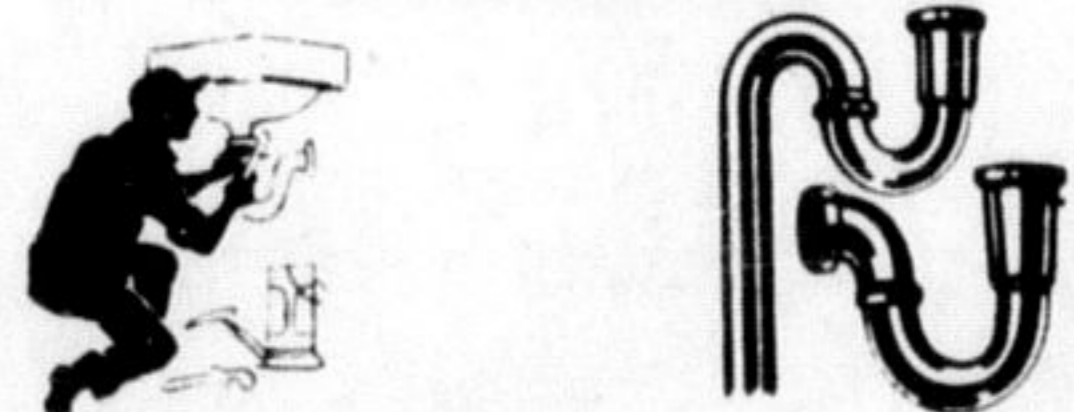
THE POND at Centennial Park became a fisherman's delight once again this year. Ivan Cryderman of Moffat scoops up rainbow trout and prepares to release them into the pond for the fishing season opening last Saturday. The Halton Sportsmen's Association purchased 100 trout. Lorne Lyons and his young daughter watch Cryderman scoop the fish. (Photo by B. Burt)

Tree mites need spray

By Robert Stokes
Maple bladder gall mite is a common insect, however, if there is a large population of mites, the leaves on young trees may become distorted and the tree lacks in general appearance. The mites spend the winter at the base of the buds. In the spring they crawl to the newly opened leaves where they feed on the lower surface, causing irregular lumps or galls to form. These galls are green and eventually turn red and then black as the season progresses. In the fall, the mite leaves the gall and returns to the base of the buds. Young maple trees of high ornamental value should be sprayed with malathion in the spring before the mites begin to feed. Do not spray malathion on Crimson King maple.

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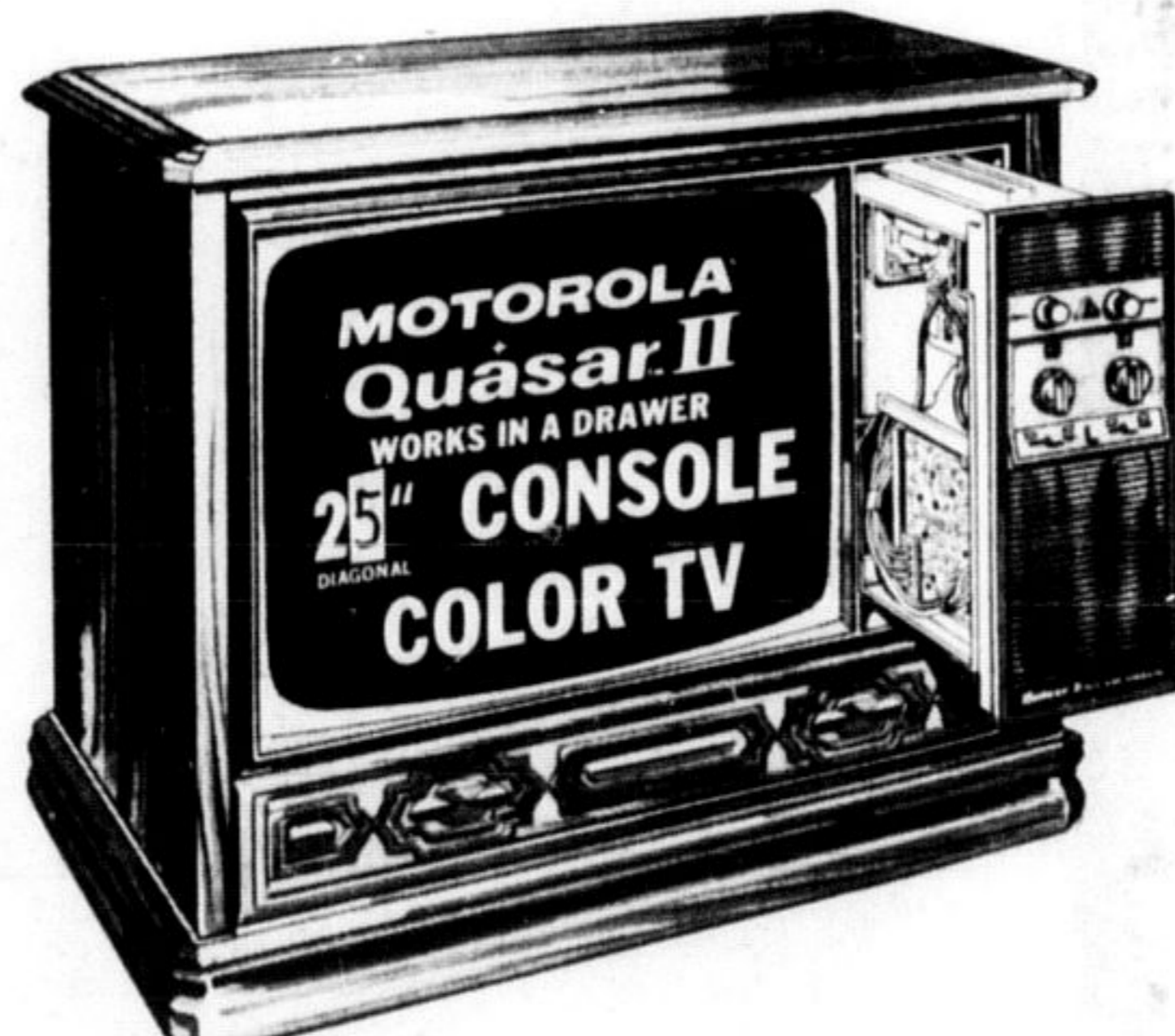
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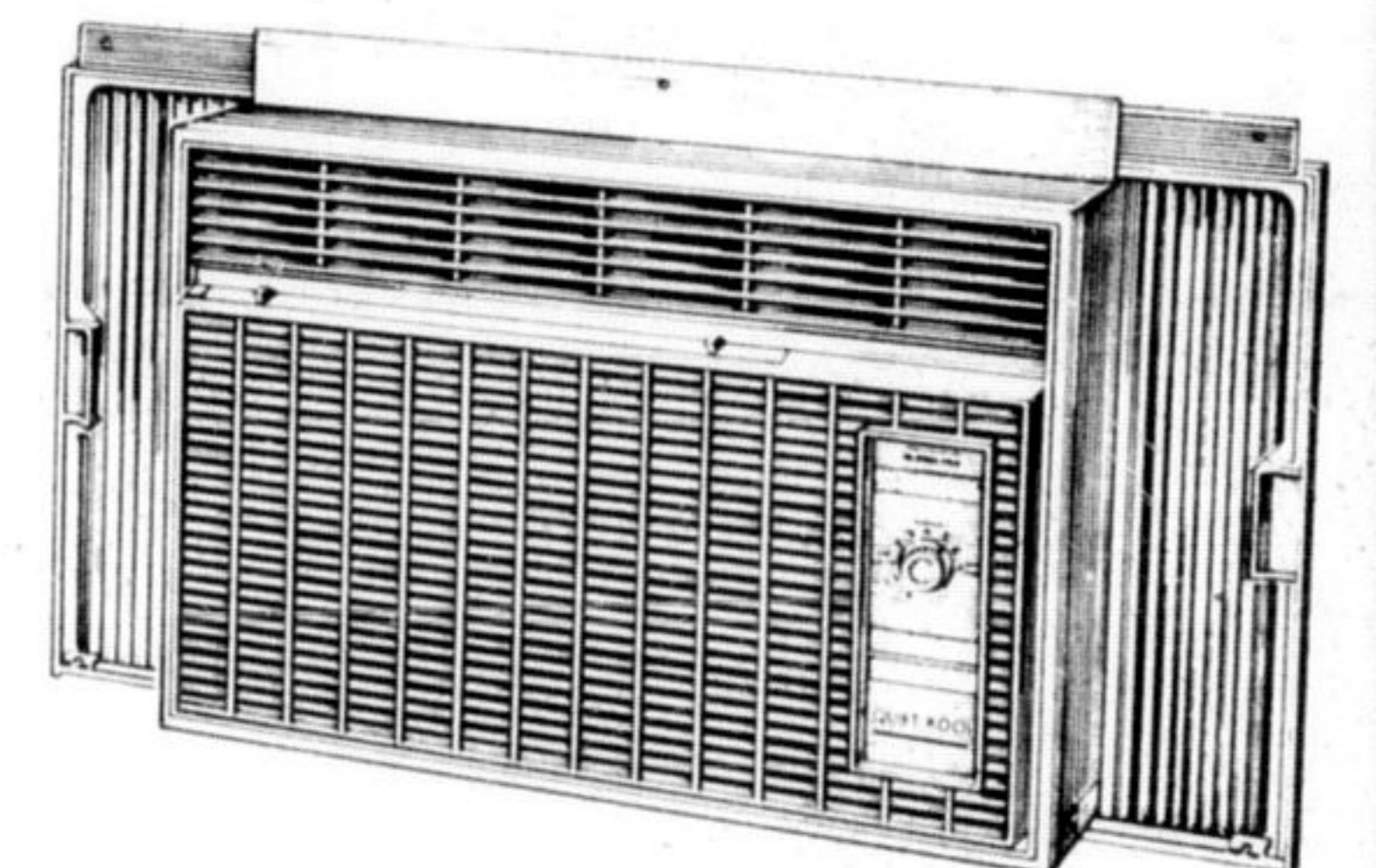
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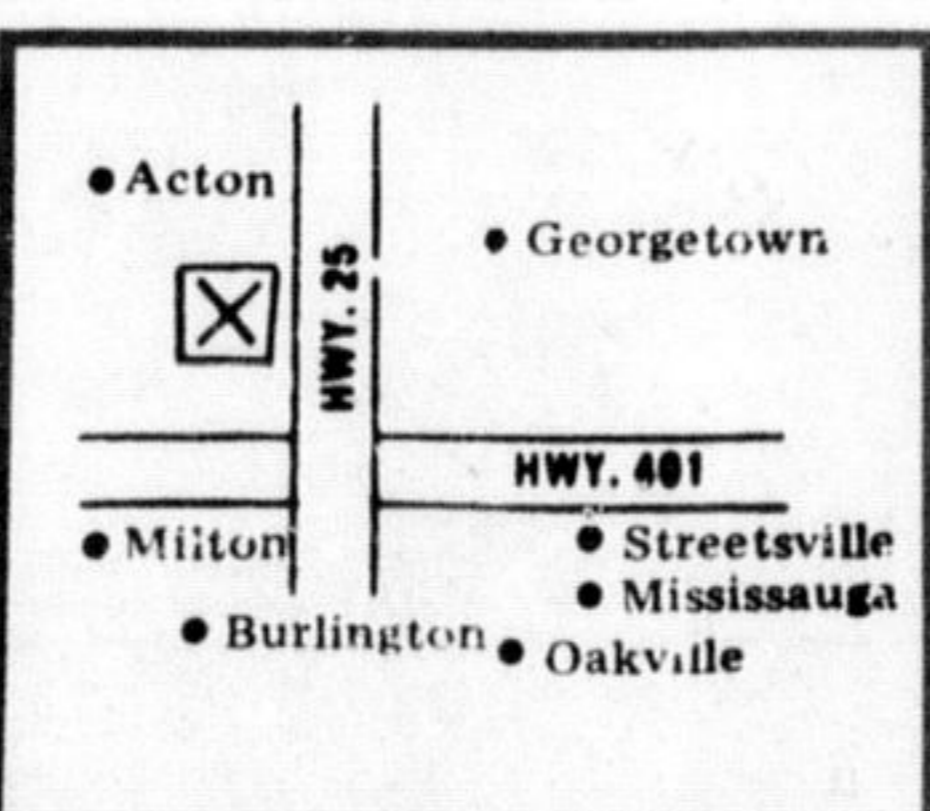


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