

The Sparta Economy Engine News

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Here's the tale of two of the "look-alikes." The fall 1913 Sears general catalog shows a 1 HP Economy engine that has one bolt flywheels, a tag on the front and a decal on the side of the hopper. It is priced at \$28.95 with the Elkhart magneto a \$12.95 option; however, very few were so equipped. All

other size engines in that catalog except the 2 HP are of the newly designed CX model.

A special gas engine catalog of 1913 shows the same engine except that it has been rerated to 1½ HP with no other apparent changes. It is now priced at \$32.95.

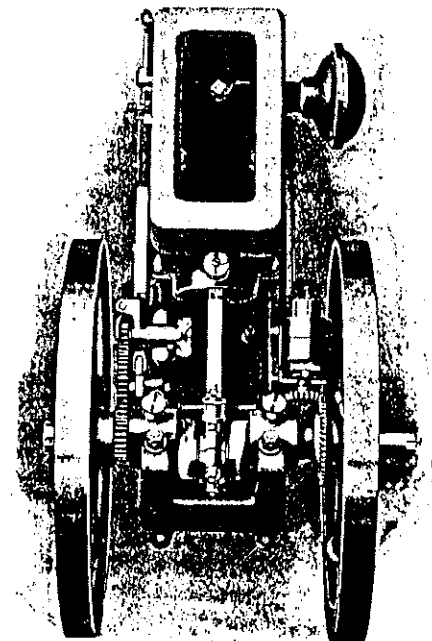
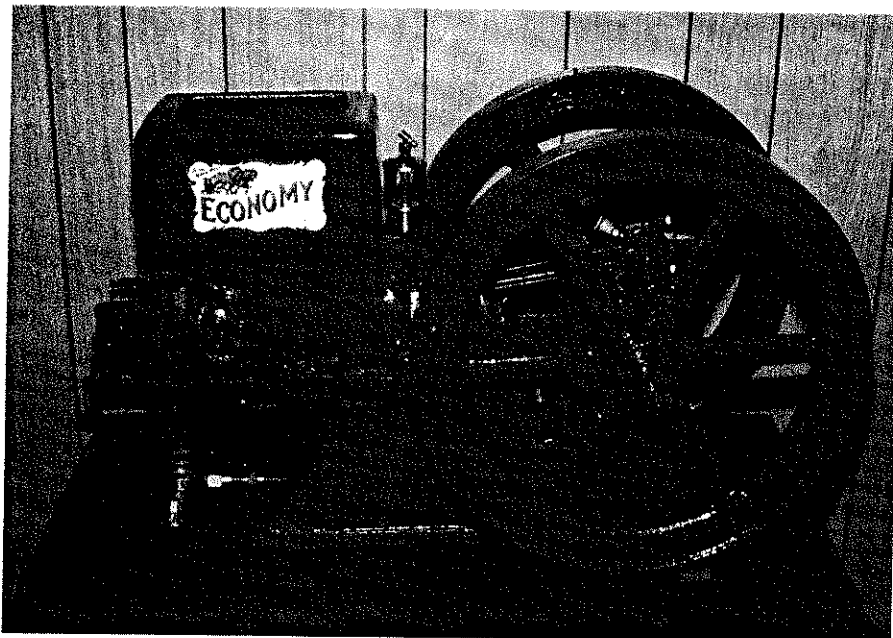
The 1 HP Economy with the flyball governor made its appearance around #29,000. At about #31,000 through #36,000, the production of the 1 HP and the 1½ HP seems to be commingled. Sometime after #36,000 all were rated at 1½ HP; and oddly enough, they were likely completed after parts supplies and equipment had been moved to Evansville, Indiana. Some of these

small size engines have casting dates on them. Listed here are the ones I am aware of:

#32088	7-9-13	1 HP
#33421	5-3-13	1 HP
#33481	5-5-13	1 HP
#36271	7-27-13	1 HP
#36273	7-27-13	1HP
#36778	3-5-13	1½ HP
#37417	6-22-13	1½ HP

There are about 2000 of the 1 HP flyball governor type made with 29 currently known. There were about 2000 of the 1½ HP size made with 23 currently known.

The highest serial number of a Sparta type Economy engine currently known is 40,156. As you can see from the pic-



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