## Use common sense with pesticides

By F. L. McEwen **Environmental Biologist** 

Home gardeners protect plants against pests using the many types of pesticides available. Today we have many pesticides, each one packaged in a variety of ways. For the home gardener, these are formulated in several ways. These include liquids to be diluted with water and sprayed onto the foliage of plants to protect them from insects and discases, or applied to the soil for control of pests in the soil.

The homeowner can also purchase dust formulations in ! shaker cans, ready-to-apply or in packages to be emptied into your own duster for application. Granular formulations are also available. sometimes mixed with fertilizer, for control of soil and lawn insects, diseases and weeds.

On each package will be found a label that specifies how the product should be used and what pests it will control. This label is important. It is your guide to successful use of the product. Follow the instructions carefully and use the product only as the label directs.

Insecticides are products to kill the insects. Carbaryl methoxychlor, (Sevin), pyrethrum and rotenone are good to control most beetles and leaf-eating caterpillars, while malathion is good to control aphids and some other insects.

Insecticides should be used only if a lot of insects are feeding on your plants. Don't bother with the sprayer for a few bugs. If only a few are present on a few plants, it is much easier to pick them off by hand or shake them from the plant and destroy them.

Fungicides are products to prevent diseases in plants. Maneb, mancozeb, captan and ferbam are some of those used commonly by the home gardener for general disease control, and sulfur is especially good for mildew on plants.

When using fungicides, be guided by past experience. If you have been having disease problems in the garden, treat those plants where the problem has occurred. Follar diseases on roses are usually present and will make them unattractive and not productive. With many flowers and garden crops, however, fungicides are not necessary. Herbicides are used to control weeds; 2,4-D, mecoprop and dicamba are a few of those available for control of broad-leaved weeds, while others are needed to control crabgrass. Herbicides properly used will play a major role in keeping your lawn neat and attractive.

Herbicides are intended to kill plants and one must be very careful not to accidentally apply these when they will damage sensitive crops. Always use a different sprayer for applying herbicides from the one used for insecticides and fungicides. Label your herbicide sprayer to make sure it is used only for weed spraying.

In Ontario, highly toxic pesticides can be purchased only by agriculturalists and licensed pesticide applicators. Those available to the home gordener are quite safe and will not injure children or pets, provided common sense is used.

# Stephen P. Saxe Limited Realtor

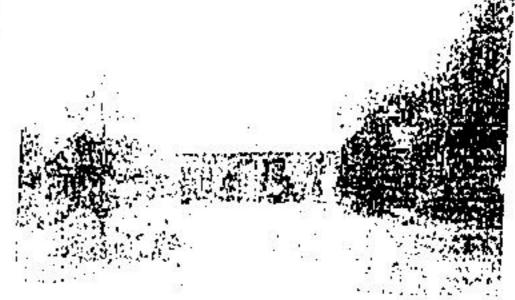
877-2219 or 453-1111 TORONTO



\$56,900. - DUPLEX SPECIAL This 2 storey brick home has 2 sell contained apartments and has recently been improved with a roof, wiring, aluminum soffits, facia and eaves. Centrally located to schools, shopping and all amenities. For your exclusive viewing call John



CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING A fenced yard for the kids, central air condition ing to beat the heat, deck, living room, doing room and ear in kitchen. Three good sized bedrooms upstairs in this semi. Priced at \$59,900. Call Robin Fischer.



TROUT FISHING NEXT DOOR! Beautiful country setting in Nurgara Escarpment, very well landscaped, aluminum and cut stone bungalow, deck from kitchen, walkout, 2 fireplaces, double car garage, workshop wired for 220. Located near Limehouse. Asking \$98,500. Call John Caton.

GOOD

OPPORTUNITY

IN RURAL AREA

73 Acres of land with bank

acres of good workable

land, balance is mostly

cedars with pond siles. An

ideal location for your

hobby farm just 20 minutes

from Georgetown and close

to paved road. Asking

\$87,500 Call Norm Sinclair.

approximately 40

# HAVE YOU SEEN TALL PINE **ESTATES?**

### COUNTRY BUNGALOW \$87,500.

Just 10 minutes north of 401 south of Acton, we have a three bedroom bungalow on 1% acres. There's a ground floor family room with freplace and walkout, a combination living dining room, ear-in kitchen and finished reciroom. Call Don McMillan for more details 854 2435.



Don't miss it. Exclusive park area with very unique homes. Right now 2 homes open for inspection. Exceptional "curb appeal" as well as host of well-thought-out interior amenities. Note the outstanding workmanship. Drive by tonight or better still call Robin Fischer to tell you more about the.

These homes are sold. Only 4 lots left to choose from to move in before Christmas!

Lot 12-\$109,800. -4 bedroom 2080 sq. ft., walkout basement, ground floor laundry. Dormer roof-line.

Lot 11-\$106,300.--4 bedroom side split. 2-4 pc. washrooms. Contemporary design.

Lot 6 - \$105,800. - 3 bedroom side split. Walkout family room. No

# crawl space. Double car garage.

### A HILL COUNTRY ON COMFORT"

A great home for family living and fuxury entertaining. High on a hill, it stands in regal splendor featuring large studio, living from with floor to ceiling stone fireplace, formal dining and stone feature wall in the open concept entry hall. Indoor pool, sauna, separate shower and washroom, excellent entertaining area at walkout level with commercial bar systems. Priced at \$168,500. For your appointment cell John Caton.



### YOU'LL BE SURPRISED

at what \$50,900, buys, Main floor family room, large living and dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, plus a garage. Interested??? Call Rozetta

### Stephen P. Saxe Limited, Realtor 170 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario

Tom Cooper, F.R.I. 877-9620 John Caton 877-6564

DON'T BUY A TOWNHOUSE

until you have seen this one. Priced at \$41,900.

and parking at your backyard. Lots of space - 3

bedrooms, living and dining foom and oh, so

clean. Call Rozatta Stolp before you decide on

enother.

Norm Sinclair **Howard Caton** 

877-6050 838-2708

Rozetta Stolp Don McMillan Wendy Saxe Robin Fischer Eleanor Langdon

877-2180 854-2435 877-2984 877-7194 877-2493