May Probe Halton Weed Spray—Sportsman Asks Ban

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IN THE MAIL BAG

So Many Helpers Can't List Them All

38 Henry Street

Dear Sir: Sometimes when a project is undertaken one wonders where to look for assistance. It has been a wonderful experience for me to discover the number of helping hands who are so eager to aid a worthwhile venture.

A one-day Hockey Tournament is a small undertaking, but to be a success it requires many unseen hands. At the risk of omitting one of these, I will not list them but sincerely thank each and every one.

Legion. Players,, coaches and the new organization held its and regulations. parents, approximately 300 in first meeting February 23 in 2. To co-operate with the recious hot lunch.

sale. This is another faction ending in November. deserving credit.

Once again, Thanks to all. Very truly yours, Norm Long

BRIDGE CLUB

Duplicate Bridge Club on Tues-Gus Flesch and Joe Maurer: area. Mike Lorusso and Dick Prust, 2nd: Vi Naylor and W. Wandel 3rd; with Alleen Bradley and Heller and Ken Richardson for proposed the following policies: snowmobiles. 4th and 5th place.

Harmer and Gary Hall 1st; Mr. (a) Setting rules or any regula- 5. To promote the use of a red and Mrs. George Cantwell 2nd; tions that either the Police De flag and aerials on snowmob-Peggy Stevens and Flora Smith partment, Snowmobile Club or iles and the use of safety hel-3rd; Gloria Coats and Ian Coats Snowmobile Federation of On- mets before provincial legisla-

Ontario Energy and Resources minister George Kerr sald this week he is prepared to ask his special watchdog committee on pollution to investigate the use by Isolton County of a highly toxic chemical spray that was used to defoliate Vietnam

The chemical is known as 2, 4, 5-T and it is being used by the Halton roads department as a weed killer.

WARNING .

A spokesman for the Halton Region Environmental Protection Association warned county officials this week the chemical is not to be used near lawns, recreation areas or drinking water sources and further that pregnant women should not be exposed to the spray.

J. R. Etherington, of Milton, member of the Oakville Rod and Gun Club, said the protective association is made up of nine sportsmen's groups in the Halton region. He is secretary of the as-

sociation. He said that on January 12 he sent a letter to Halton county advising the county clerk of the dangers of 2,4,5-T a chemical produced by Niagara Chemicals of Burling-

DEFOLIANT

Etherington said the chemical 'in no way' ought to be used in areas where water is draining, or near streams.

The county roads committee considered Etherington's letter this week, but decided against not using the chemic-

al. The roads committee instructed engineer Jack Corbett to call tenders for new supplies of the chemicals 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, the latter being the defoliant used by the United States in Vietnam.

NONSENSE

"This is absolute nonsense," Etherington said today. "I don't see how they can continue to use such chemicals in highly-populated areas like Halton County."

now carry its protest directly to Kerr, who heads the provcial anti-pollution campaign.

He said his Association will

Speaking from his home in Burlington this week, Kerr said once he receives Ether-

ington's complaint he is prepared to ask a special advisory committee on pollution to

open investigations. "We will have to determine what is involved here and how potent the chemical really is," said Kerr.

SOME EXPERIENCE

Kerr said he was not sure whether the chemical 2,4,5-T is on the provincial approved

James Snow, of R. R. 2, Georgetown another provincial cabinet minister, said he has had some experience using both 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T.

He said 2,4,5-T is often used to strengthen the kill power of 2,4-D which he des-

cribed as a 'normal chemi-

Snow said he has used both chemicals on his farm. He said the complaints by the sportsmen is a matter for Kerr's department and the department of

health. "I would think the issue here is how strong a solution the county roads people use when they spray weeds" said Snow. "Certainly if the chemical is used in big sprayers it could be dangerous. . but it is a matter which must be studied."

CONTINUED USE

The entire Halton County Council will deal with

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issue when it meets for its regular sitting on March 16.

At the meeting last week, Corbett, the roads engineer, sald the sides of Halton roads are sprayed with a mixture containing equal parts of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. He said that after consulting with two chemical companies he was prepared to recommend con-

tinued use of the weedkillers. A' spokesman for Ningara Chemicals Ltd., of Burlington, answered Corbett's queries with a letter acknowledging that birth deformities were observed after use of 2, 4.5-T in Southeast Asia, but blaming the difficulties on 'extremely high rates . . . used without any regard to

contamination of food, water or population."

STILL DEBATING

"There is no evidence" he sald, "to suggest that the regular use of formulated 2.4. 5-T causes adverse effects to humans or wildlife."

But a letter from Chipman Chemicals Ltd., of Hamilton concedes that scientists still are debating about the possible dangers of 2,4,5-T.

Donald Kitchin, assistant county engineer, told the roads committee that federal officials ordered the warning labels after pregnant mice injected with 2.4,5-T gave birth to deformed offspring. but he maintained that there is no hazard in selective application of a weak solution along rural roads.

"If the government felt it was that dangerous," he said, "they would have banned it."

Boudreau is President

all, flocked to them for a delic- Cedarvale Community Centre.

OFFICERS

Ken South is vice president; Doug Weir, second vice presidand Ernie Pearce, treasurer.

wards were - Stan Johnson, erty.

PROPOSE POLICIES

East-West winners were - K. getown Police Department in: number system, decals etc. tario feel are to the benefit of tion makes this compulsory.

the Town of Georgetown.

(a) Marking trails, in parks;

(b) Zoning areas of parks in ent; Mary Pearce, secretary; the interest of safety to the pub-lic and in the interest and prot-Spokesmen elected from the ection of park and public prop-

Winners of the Georgetown ward one; Nick Haarsma, (c) Aid the recreation commitward two: Robert Hoc, ward tee in the event of any function day, March 9 were: north-south three; and Clarke Holmes, rural that they feel our assistance would be required.

> tenance lectures and demon-At the initial meeting the club strations to new owners of

> 1. Co-operate with the Geor- 4. To identify snowmobiles by

NAME TURNBULL PRESIDENT

Against U. of B. in April

that developed from soccer. It Australia, and New Zealand. school hopes to have a team of Bob Bull on March 5. Elec-

ball resembles a football, but is wider and has rounder ends. There are 15 players to a side Players advance the ball by

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With the spring season starting in April, the Georgetown

were as follows - president Wayne Turnbull; 1st vice president Gord Lee; 2nd vice president, Neil Tost; treasurer, Bob Wrigglesworth; recording secretary, Brian Buckrell; team captain and coach, Sandy Mackenzie; public relations, Keith Bull: grounds committee, George Henderson; club secretary. Pete Lavell; entertainment,

Keith Bottomley. The Beavers are still looking for new members. Practises are held every Tuesday night at The chief problem of alchem- Centennial Public School in Georgetown. For further information call Wayne Turnbull 457-0032 or Kelth Bull 877-4624.

> SPRING SCHEDULE The following is the spring schedule -

April 11 * Beavers vs. University Buffalo Ipril 18

Metro Police vs. Beavers \pril 25 Toronto Pirates vs. Beavers

Beavers vs. Peterborough Mississauga vs. Beavers

May 30

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June 27 . Beavers vs. Niagara

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reation and parks committees Support of our Tyke Hockey ing to choose an executive and and club as well as being in the League was shown by parents set the rules and policies. The interest if safety to the public who held a very successful bake officers will serve for a term and safety and control of snowmobiling in the Corporation of

3. To offer safety and main-

Beavers Lift Rugger Lid

by Keith Bull . Rugby, or rugger, is a game goal counting 3 points. is a major sport in England, Canadian colleges and high Beavers rugger club is well unschools are quickly adopting der way. The annual spring June 13 this sport and Georgetown high meeting was held at the home

Rugger in Canada is usually shown.

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