

Keep pool water sparkling with proper chemical balancing

(NC)—Treat your pool water right, and your pool will treat you right - by providing endless opportunities year after year for family fun, recreation and entertainment.

And, treating your pool water today requires far less time than it used to, thanks to the wide variety of automatic pool care products available.

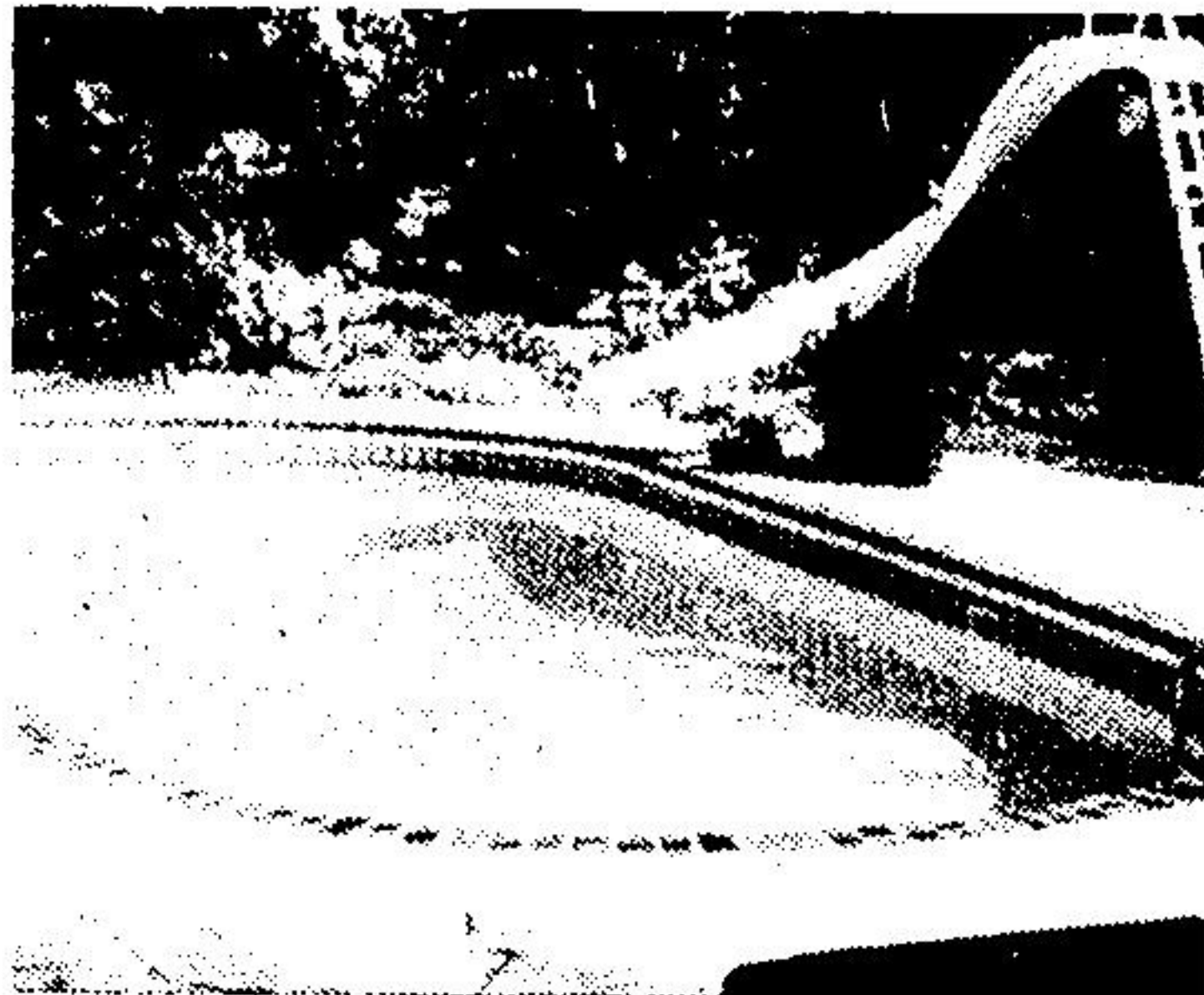
According to the Canadian Spa and Pool Association (CANSPA), chemicals may be purchased in tablet form and automatic chlorinators will dispense the proper amount of disinfectant into the water as needed. Test kits simplify chemical balancing by providing instant information on chemical requirements of the water. And automatic cleaning devices take the elbow grease out of removing debris from the pool.

Occasionally, however, a special problem may arise requiring special treatment. One such problem is algae, which can develop even in well maintained pools during extremely hot weather or after heavy rains. It appears in several different forms characterized by colours green, black and yellow.

Green algae may appear as a greenish cloud in the water or as a slippery green layer on any surface of the pool. Black and yellow algae are considerably more difficult to eliminate than the green and can appear most anywhere in the pool.

To control algae, CANSPA suggests:

- Maintain the water's pH between 7.2 and 7.4
- If algae appears, shock treat the pool with super-chlorinator. After it thoroughly dissolves and circulates, brush algae spots and deposits briskly. Keep repeating as often as necessary to help the chlorine attack the remaining growth.
- If algae is so resistant that routine procedures do not remove it, contact a qualified pool professional. A local member of CANSPA will be aware of unique local conditions which may promote algae. A CANSPA pool maintenance company can rid the pool of



(NC)—Cleaning a swimming pool on a regular basis increases the life expectancy and minimizes the cost of maintenance in the long run.

algae and offer advice on how to keep it out.

Cloudy water can be caused by any of several different factors. If the cloudiness is greenish, the pollutant is probably algae. If the cloudiness is not greenish, it could result from inadequate filtration or high pH.

Although rain water is not a pool pollutant, the elements it washes into the water are. Rain falling through smog may wash nitrogen or sulfur compounds into a pool. The nitrogenous components react with chlorine to form chloramines, and sulfur compounds form sulfides which lower pH.

A pool should always be checked and the chlorine and pH levels adjusted after heavy rain to eliminate chloramines and chlorine odour.

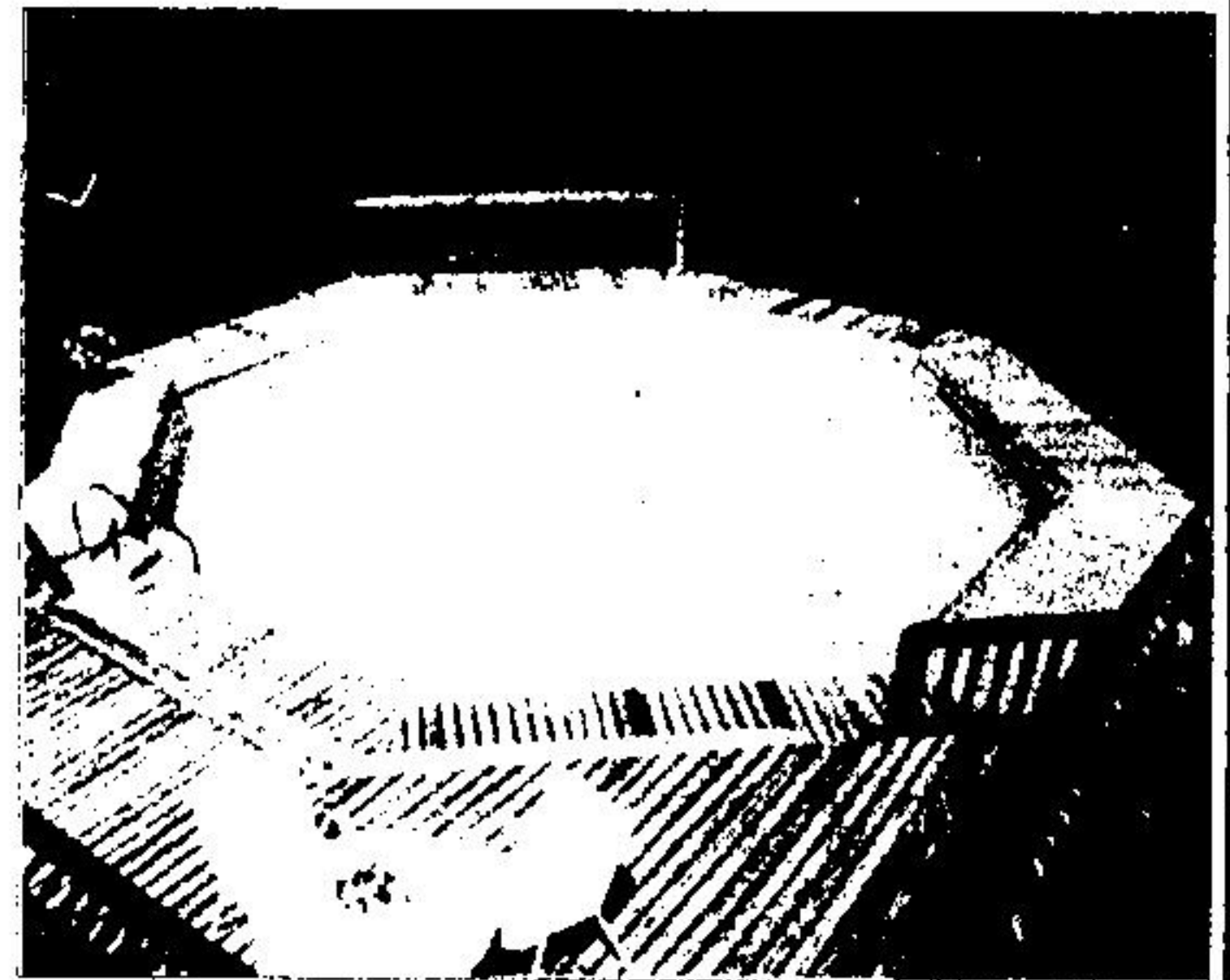
A strong chlorine odour is actually

caused by too little chlorine and is usually a warning that chloramines are present in the water. Chloramines (chlorine-nitrogen compounds) can develop from perspiration washing off swimmers, fertilizer or atmospheric pollution. The effects from chloramines are usually burning eyes and skin irritation.

Take a sample of your pool water to your CANSPA Dealer for analysis a couple of times a year to ensure that it is free from pollutants and contains the correct balance of chemicals for safe hygienic swimming.

For the name of a CANSPA dealer in your area contact: Canadian Spa and Pool Association, Suite 305, 6303 Airport Road, Mississauga, Ontario L4V 1R8, or call Toll Free 1-800-263-6103.

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(NC)—Thousands of Canadian families have turned their backyards into home leisure and fitness centres with economical, easy-to-install above-ground pools.

Aboveground pools are less expensive than their inground counterparts, can be made equally attractive and are just as functional.

An aboveground pool is basically a round or oval metal structure shell with a vinyl liner. The frame is usually aluminum or steel.

Most aboveground pools can be partially submerged to reduce the effect of their heights above grade. Or they can be set into sloping ground letting their water levels come close to garden level.

Before selecting a location for an aboveground pool, check with the local building inspector. Many communities require that the pool be situated a certain number of feet from a house and from front and side property lines. Also check plumbing and electrical permits, certificates of occupancy and safety

requirements. A Canadian Spa and Pool Association (CANSPA) dealer can provide information about local codes pertaining to swimming pools.

Many aboveground pools come in "kits", which can be assembled by two or three people over a weekend using tools commonly found around the house.

Buyers should be sure their kits contain complete instructions and should review them with their CANSPA dealer before taking the kit home. For less "handy" homeowners, many dealers provide installation at a modest additional cost. Most others can recommend installers.

Once constructed, an aboveground pool will become the centre of family and social activity, recreation and exercise.

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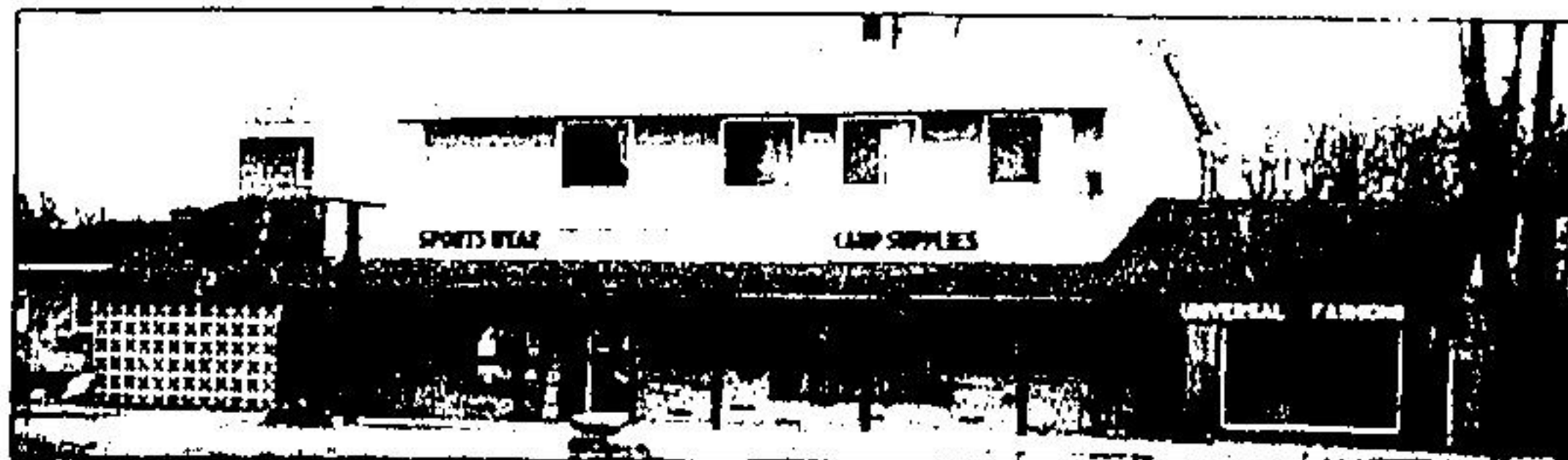
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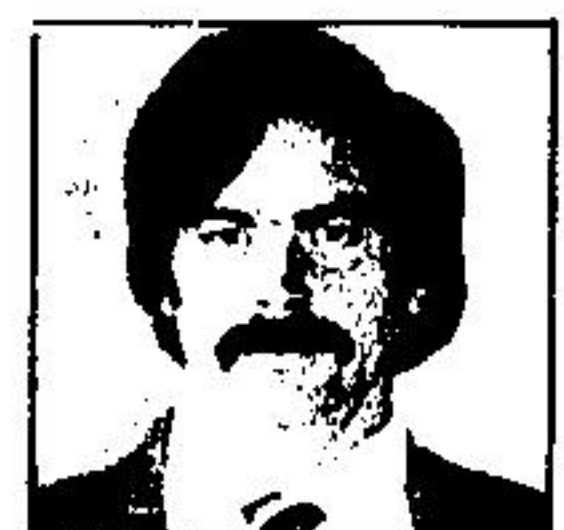
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