

**Obituary**

**Beatrice Sprowl was a well known water well diviner**

Beatrice Isabella Sprowl, an Acton resident of 88 years, died September 29, 1992 at the Eden House care facility in Eramosa Township.

A wife of a retired farmer and water well driller, Mrs. Sprowl was a well known water well diviner from 1936 until her death.

She was born November 3, 1903 the only child of Peter and Maggie McIsaac and attended Dublin Public School and on March 24, 1926 married John Robert Sprowl. They farmed at RR4 Acton from 1926 to 1969 and moved to 40 Eastern Ave., Acton until 1990.

Mrs. Sprowl loved to do crochet and leather work in her leisure time.

On December 30, 1921 she became a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton at the age of 18 and was a member nearly 72 years.

On March 24, 1986 her husband and her celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She was predeceased by her husband John Robert Sprowl who died on February 10, 1991. She is survived by her sons, Robert McIsaac (Mac) Sprowl of Acton and John Galvin Sprowl of Guelph, three granddaughters and three great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on October 2 in Acton at the Shoemaker Funeral Home with Reverend Graig Cribar, minister of Knox Church, Acton officiating.

Pallbearers were Mrs. Sprowl's close friends Harvey Kirkwood, Lloyd McEnery, Lloyd McLean, Glen Findlay and cousins Ken McIsaac, Le Roy McIsaac.

Flowerbearers were granddaughters Bridget McElhone, Dianne Utter, Marie Boivin. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

**'Increase sales' workshop Mon.**

The Halton Region Business Development Department is presenting two "Sales and Hospitality" workshops Monday and Wednesday designed to increase sales for area businesses in time for the Christmas season.

The workshops, called "The Earning Edge," focus on training front line employees to improve customer service through a greater understanding of 'features-benefits' selling and 'hosting' the customer. Businesses, who have used the hospitality and sales training approach have found sales increases of 5 to 15 per cent from their existing customer base.

The workshops will be of great interest to restaurants, hotels, retail stores, gas stations, car rental agencies, conservation areas, donut shops.

These seminars will be held on Nov. 9 and Nov. 11, 6-10 p.m. in the Halton Regional Centre Auditorium at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville. Registration is \$32 per person.

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One of the tasks that should be considered each fall in the garden is protecting desirable plants from animal and rodent damage. The bark and twigs are most desirable as a good source to mice, rabbits and deer. Shrubs that they find most attractive include fruit and shade trees (crabapples especially), euonymus, roses, hibiscus, burning bush, and some junipers. The following is a few products that will deter them from your plants.

**SPIRAL TREE GUARDS:** Are a strip of flexible plastic that are in a coil. They can be quickly coiled around the trunk of trees to protect them from hungry rabbits & mice. However, if the snow is particularly deep, the rabbits may be able to reach the branches above the tree guard. These guards work especially well on young fruit and shade trees, but once the trunk diameter gets larger, they are of little value.

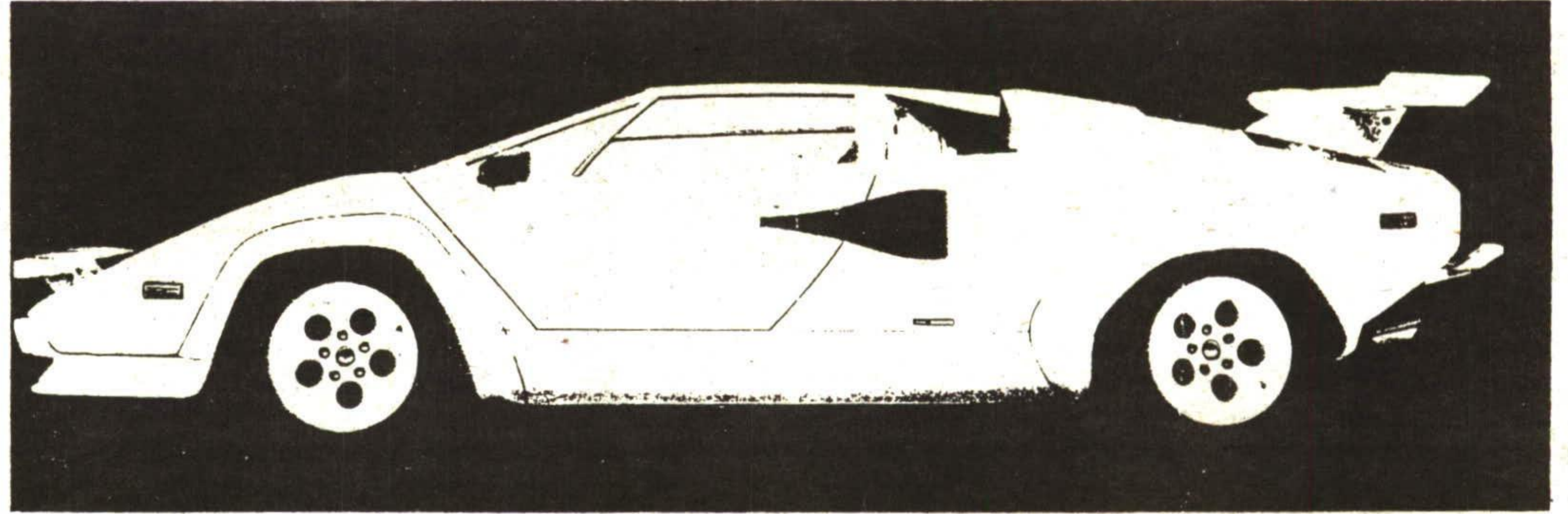
**RODENT REPELLENT:** is a liquid that can be painted or sprayed (diluted with a little water) onto the trunk and lower branches. It may be applied at any time of the year to repel mice, rabbits and deer from fruit and ornamental trees as well as rose shrubs. Each application will last for several months.

**BLOODMEAL** is a natural and organic product that has repellent properties. When sprinkled lightly on the soil around susceptible plants animal and rodents tend to avoid the area. An added benefit is that Bloodmeal is a natural source of nitrogen. So applying it will serve as a repellent and a fertilizer (promotes green, leafy growth).

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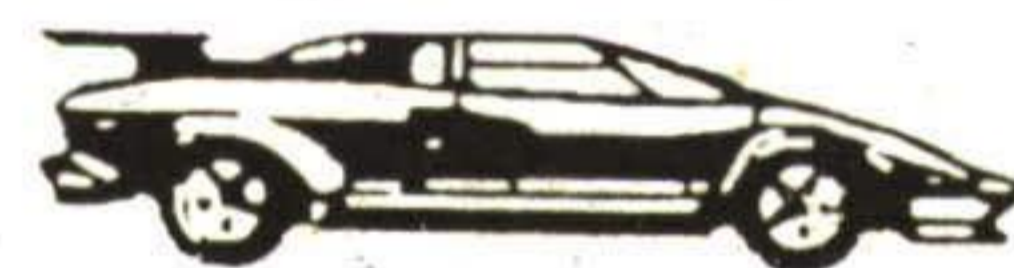
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