

Non-toxic cleaning products promoted for home use at Wastewise seminar

By Dianne Cornish

Homemakers don't need six or seven different kinds of cleaning products "under the kitchen sink" to tackle their household chores, a distributor of Canadian-made

cleaning and personal care products told guests at a recent seminar in Georgetown. Speaking to a small but attentive audience at Wastewise, Shaklee representative Doug Hansen of Oakville said three

non-polluting, biodegradable products developed by Shaklee can easily replace the many different types of cleansers normally found in Canadian households.

"They're simple, easy to use,

safe to use and they last a long time," because they're heavily concentrated, Hansen said of the products which he sells. Another important feature, especially in today's environmentally-conscious market, is the company's pledge that none of its products will harm the environment. "Our cleaning products are non-toxic, they create no fumes of any kind and they have no residue," Hansen said.

Noting that the company developed environmentally-friendly products for household use 34 years ago, even before it became fashionable to do so, Hansen said more than 250,000 Canadians and millions of Americans use the products.

Also helping with the evening's presentation were two local Shaklee distributors, Carol Stechyshyn of Terra Cotta and Janice Sukhiani of Georgetown. Stechyshyn said she started to sell non-polluting, non-irritating products when she began suffering from bad headaches caused by household cleaning agents. She also told the audience that many of the laundry detergents

that she used caused her to itch.

To educate the audience about the chemical ingredients in typical commercial household cleaners, Sukhiani prepared several large posters of information which were displayed at the seminar. "All-purpose cleaners may contain toluene, nylene, acetone zinc stearate," one of the posters said.

Another read: "Disinfectants (mold and mildew cleaners) may contain phenols, cresols, formaldehyde, penta, kerosene."

Stechyshyn passed around samples of household cleaning products that she sells. All are heavily concentrated and activated by water, rather than chemicals, she stressed.

Because of their concentration, they're more economical, Hansen remarked. Often, only drops of the product, added to water, are all that's needed to produce several ounces of household cleaner, he observed.

Another environmental benefit of highly-concentrated products is the small amount of packaging required. Refillable containers are also available.

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This summer the Halton Regional Police Service will be conducting its first annual Respect For Law Camp. The purpose of the camp is to afford young people the opportunity to learn respect for the law by giving them a close-up look at policing in an action-packed weekend.

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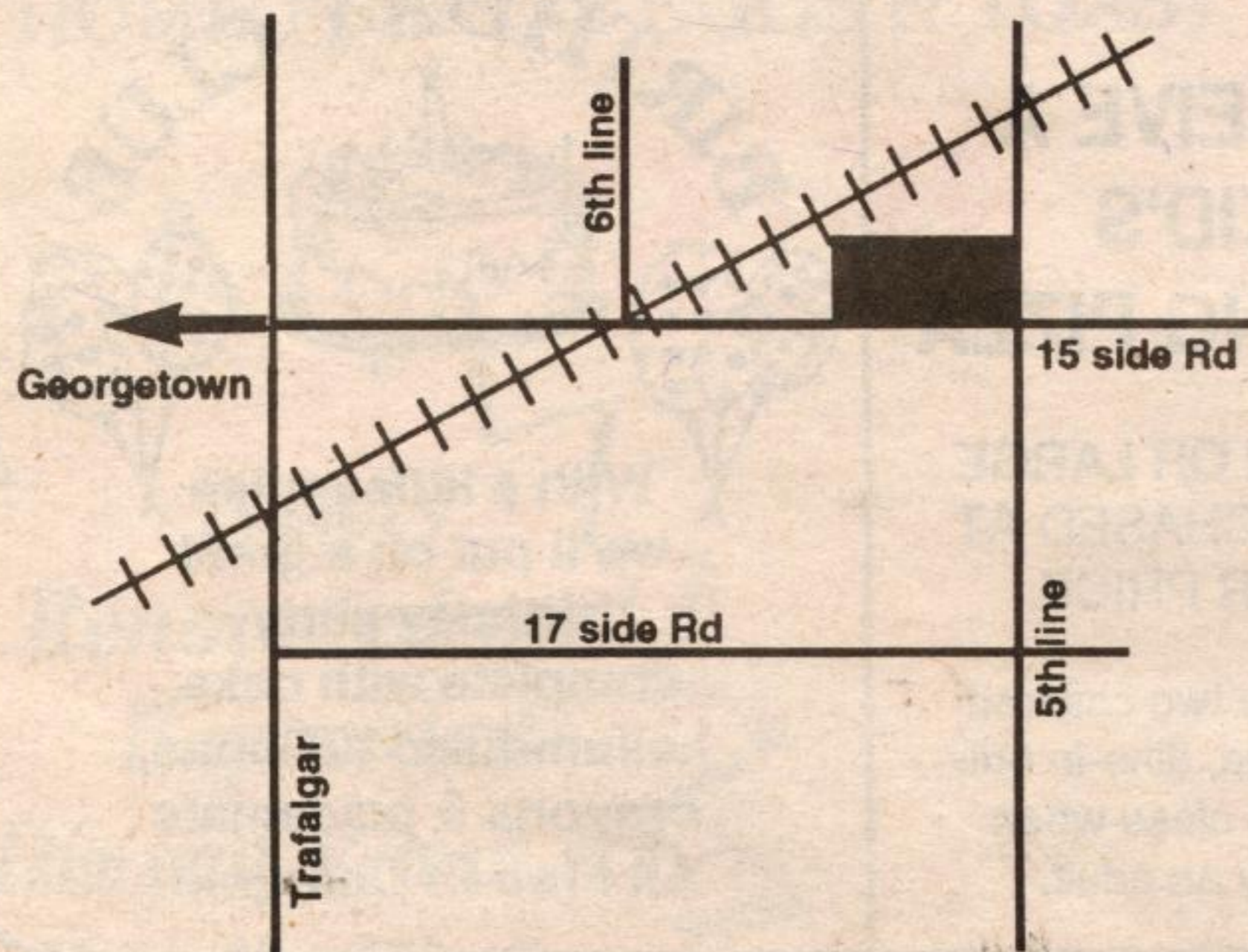
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