

Committee passes motion to address pesticides

By RICHARD VIVIAN

The Champion

The public must be made aware of the potential risks associated with pesticide use in landscaping, Halton's health and social services (HSS) committee said Tuesday.

"The data clearly shows that we need to be concerned about the potential for subtle, long-term effects due to exposure (to pesticides)," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Halton's medical officer of health.

"The literature is very suggestive. It does not prove cause and effect. There is enough concern showing that in people exposed to these compounds (pesticides) there is a higher rate of particular tumors."

Committee members approved a lengthy motion outlining the importance of public education and seeking increased research and regulations from both the provincial and federal governments.

The motion comes on the heels of a report from the Halton Intermunicipal Review Committee on the Use of Pesticides. Outlined in the report are the health concerns — such as leukemia, lymphomas, reproductive effects and neurological effects — and how the public feels about pesticide use.

According to Dr. Nosal's presentation to the HSS committee, 61.9 per cent of Halton residents surveyed feel pesticides have a somewhat negative or very negative impact on human health. Survey's further indicate 60.4

per cent of residents somewhat or strongly support a municipal ban on pesticide use for landscaping.

Landscaping accounts for 4 per cent of the pesticides used in the region. Farming operations are the main users of the product.

"One of the things looked at (in reports studied) is if you're spraying it on the lawn, is there a risk of kids or adults being exposed? In a lot of the studies, people would walk in bare feet on the lawn to see how much they would pick up," continued Dr. Nosal.

"The other thing is they'd measure the kids and adults going into the home to see how much was tracked in. There's a lot more concern with what is tracked indoors than what's on the lawn."

On the lawn, there are naturally-occurring mechanisms in the soil and bacteria that break down parts of the pesticides, he explained. Those mechanisms don't exist on hardwood or carpeted floors.

Included in the motion was a request for the area municipalities to develop an education program relating to health issues and pesticide alternatives, that municipalities advocate "behind-the-counter" pesticide sales to the upper tier governments and municipalities consider bylaws placing conditions on pesticide use.

Regional council hasn't taken a position on the issue, but is expected to comment on the committee recommendations Wednesday.

Religious Service Directory

New Life

As this article is being written, we are enjoying the blessings of an early spring. Nature has once again responded to its wake-up call. From the appearance of fuzzy yellowish-green leaves on the trees, and glorious displays of hyacinths, tulips, daffodils and crocuses which are gracing our gardens, to the birds feeding their newly hatched young, we see evidence of new life in abundance. What a glorious world God has given his children to dwell in.

All of this is contrasted with the hunger, pain and misery of war, which is going on in the middle East. Satellite coverage provides

us with first-hand images of the injured, the hungry and the homeless. Our prayers go up that peace might prevail in this world which has never known true peace, for we who are Christian are a people of hope. We know that in the midst of suffering and despair, there is the knowledge that God is there. There is the hope of new life.

Because of the events of Easter, we can have this hope. For out of the agony of the crucifixion, there was the Resurrection with the assurance that Christ died for the sins of the world, and that through Him, we too may have eternal life. Yes, there is a new life in

Christ

In the life of the church, Easter is celebrated for fifty days. This calendar period, called 'Mystagogy', when we remember our baptismal vows, and we seek to strengthen our faith. Gathering together for worship at the church of our choice to sing hymns of praise, to hear the spoken word of the Gospels, and to pray to our Lord does help to strengthen our faith in the risen Lord. It provides us with the hope that peoples of all races, creeds and faiths can live together peacefully in this beautiful creation which God has provided for us.

There is a hymn, written by Natalie Sleeth, which assures us of this hope.

In the bulb, there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree:

In cocoons a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning: in our time, infinity;

In our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity.

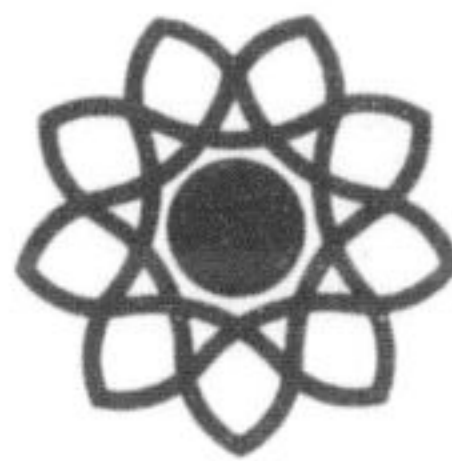
In our death, a resurrection; at last a victory,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

May we all know His peace and joy. Consider visiting a church near you this week. Service times and locations are published in the directory below.

Submitted by Rev. Carole Langlotz

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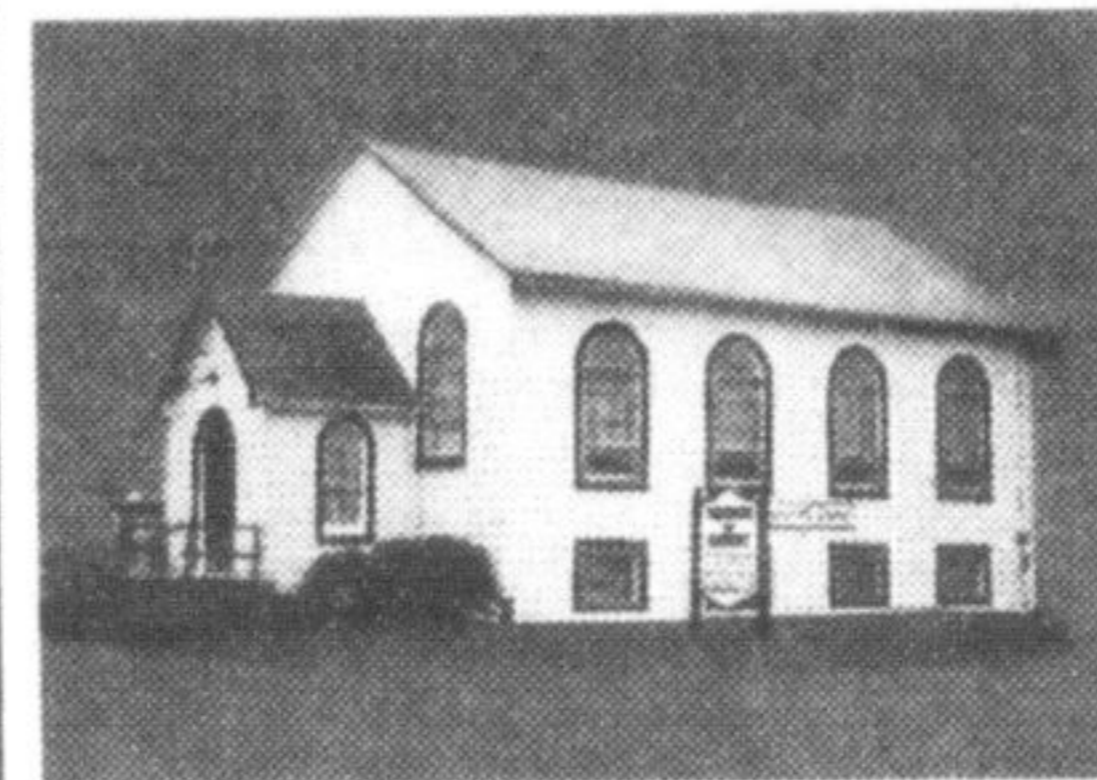
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