

Letters

To spray or not to spray

Dear Editor:

Please find attached for your information a copy of a report from the University of Guelph as it concerns a deputation on roadside spraying.

Mr. Guy L. Maurice
Administrator
Municipality of Tiny
Perkinsfield, Ontario

Re: Deputation on roadside spraying from W.J. Ogilvie

Dear Mr. Maurice,

Let me say clearly that 2,4-D and dichlorprop herbicides are safe chemicals if used properly. It amazes me how some people can on the one hand freely suggest the use of chemical antidotes for bee stings or for poison ivy or not be troubled at all about exposure to phenolic compounds in poison ivy or other poisonous weeds and on the other hand be so emotionally fearful of 2,4-D or dichlorprop.

These two herbicides are synthetic phenoxy acetic acid versions of a natural plant hormone called indole acetic acid which we consume any time we consume fresh vegetables.

Project made quite a splash

Dear Editor:

The Midland Family Y.M.C.A. wishes to express a sincere thank you to people in the Huronia Communities for their co-operation regarding the Outreach Swim Program.

Lessons, at various neighbourhood pools and beachfronts commenced on July 4 and ended on Aug. 26.

During these 8 weeks, two highly competent and experienced Y.M.C.A. instructors provided swimming lessons and water safety skills for approximately 260 individuals.

Thus, the staff of the Outreach Swim Program would like to express their appreciation to the pool donators and everyone else who assisted in making this a worthwhile community project.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Lori Beveridge
Project Manager

And the winners are...

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Canadian Diabetes Association, I would like to thank everyone who sold and purchased our "Sweepstake" tickets which were drawn June 23 '83. The winners are:

\$20,000—No. 366465—A. Lische, Copper Cliff.

\$1,000 winners are:

No. 364540—A. Rieux, Sudbury.
No. 125131—N. Fouse, Cambridge
No. 100396—M. Peelar, Barrie.
No. 286725—M. Casey, Cornwall.
No. 264441—B. Leeking, Peterborough.

F. Moreau

Midland-Penetang
& Dist. Branch

Canadian Diabetes Assoc.



KATHY BARROW
—of Victoria Harbour,
graduated from
Laurentian University
with a Bachelor's
Degree in Social Work,
June 4, 1983.

She is presently
employed at Huronia
Regional Centre in
Orillia.

Phenoxy acetic acids are metabolized more slowly than indole acetic acids in plants however they are broken down quickly by soil microorganisms and in sunlight. It is theoretically possible for them to contain trace levels of some contaminants called dioxins but it is almost chemically impossible for them to contain the notorious TCDD, the dioxin that can occur in minute amounts in some formulations of 2,4,5-T. These other dioxins can be many thousands of times less active than TCDD.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer continues to update its information on pesticides and it does not regard the phenoxy herbicide 2,4-D to be a potential carcinogen.

I think we can all agree that it is difficult to prove that any chemical (vitamins or whatever) is absolutely not carcinogenic. We hear recently that gasoline may be carcinogenic and researchers are trying to assess the risk of self serve gas stations.

What is the risk to workmen who operate some of the new gas powered weed cutters as suggested by Mr. Ogilvie (exposure to fumes, physical injury)?

In some of our own research we have shown that immediately after spraying turfgrass with 2,4-D only 3 or 4 per cent is dislodged by physically rubbing the grass blades with moistened cheese cloth.

After two or three days or after the first rainfall, dislodged residues are 0.01 per cent or less. 2,4-D does not readily penetrate human skin and the small proportion that does enter the body is very quickly excreted in the urine in one or two days.

When we consider its lack of mammalian toxicity, its non persistence, and its inability to accumulate in mammalian systems, I don't agree that its proper use in parks or on roadsides poses a risk to anyone except rare super sensitive individuals.

I am not in favor of blanket spraying of roadsides.

I do believe that herbicides are important chemical tools that can be used to reduce parkland and road maintenance costs and to improve road safety. The best approach is to have a program for advance monitoring of areas that may be sprayed. In this way it is possible to locate sensitive crops and landscape areas, water crossings, areas where spraying is not needed and areas where citizens will agree to control noxious weeds or otherwise problem vegetation themselves.

If you have further questions, I will try to be helpful.

Sincerely,
G.R. Stephenson
Professor

Midland Nursery School Inc.

Accepting Registrations

for 1983-84
school year

•for 3&4 year olds

Co-operative or
non-co-operative classes

Facilities at St. Paul's Church

For more information, call
Yvonne 549-7250



Obituary—John Dignard

Sacred Heart Church, Port McNicoll, was the scene on Aug. 3, 1983, for a funeral mass for the late John Joseph Dignard, of 490 Mary St., Port McNicoll.

Mr. Dignard was 59 when he died on July 31 in Huronia District Hospital. His illness was brief.

The Port McNicoll native was a marine engineer, and for the past 20 years he was an employee of Parrish and Heimbecker Shipping.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church. On Dec. 27, 1948, in Midland, he married Elizabeth (Betty) Carriere.

His wife survives him, as do his son Robert, at home, his daughter Nancy, at home, and his daughter Janice (Mrs. John Daly) of Orillia.

Also surviving him are his brothers Fred of Barrie, Harry, Patrick, Raymond, all of Port McNicoll, Leo of Meaford, and Gerrard

of Welland, and his sisters Theresa (Mrs. Ross Edwards) and Georgina (Mrs. Bill Young), both of Port McNicoll.

Mr. Dignard had one grandchild.

His brother William predeceased him. His parents were Dominic Dignard and Mary Pinet.

Officiating at the funeral mass were Rev. V. Egan, Msgr. A. Belanger, Rev. Hayes, Rev. O'Brien, and Rev. J. Farrell. Interment in St. Margaret's Cemetery, Midland.

Pallbearers were Ron Oakley of Scarborough, a brother-in-law; Doug Edwards, a nephew, Ross Edwards, a brother-in-law, Joe Dignard, a nephew, all of Port McNicoll; Mike Dignard, and Leo Dignard, both nephews, both from Owen Sound.

Frederick Manley

The death occurred on Aug. 4, 1983, in Huronia District Hospital, of Frederick James Manley of Sturgeon Bay, Ontario. He was 75 years of age. His illness was brief.

The lifetime member of the Surgeon Bay Cottage Association was born in Toronto, the son of William and Sarah Manley. The former employee of the Trane Company of Toronto had been retired for 10 years.

A sister, Ida Clay of Sturgeon Bay, survives him. His wife, the former Dorothy Wheeler, predeceased him.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 6 at Nicholls Funeral Home, Midland, with Rev. Terry Dunlop officiating, and on Aug. 8 at graveside in Pine Hills Cemetery, Toronto

with Rev. Vincent Alfano officiating.

Frederick Manley was the loving uncle of Ruth, Gord, Brenda, Larry, Charlene, Chaundre, George, Doreen, Joan and Donna, all of Toronto.

up to **\$3.00 OFF FILM DEVELOPING**

Bring us this coupon with your next roll of colour negative film for developing and printing, and you'll get \$3 OFF 36 exp., \$2 OFF 24 exp. and \$1 OFF 12/15 exp. colour negative film. Valid for any size of 110, 126, 135 or C-41 disc film - one coupon per roll only. Offer ends Saturday, September 10, 1983.

Just bring this coupon and your film to this participating Benjamin dealer:

Reflex Studio
347 King Street, Midland 526-5001

We use **BENJAMIN QUALITY** PHOTOFINISHING

Rights reserved to limit quantities

JUG CITY

more than milk

The Convenience Food Store that has it when you need it!

CHRISTIE, ritz crackers 250 g PKG. 1.09	Sprite or Sugar Free Sprite, diet Coke or Coca-Cola 750 mL BTL. 39 Plus .30 Dep. Per Btl.
Generic, White paper towels 2-ROLL PKG. 1.09	Frozen, Assorted Flavors jello-o pudding pops EACH 25

Prices Effective From Wed., August 17, Until Sat., August 27th, 1983, While Supplies Last.

PETRIE'S JUG CITY

PETRIE'S JUG CITY AND ESSO GAS BAR
R.R. 3, Elmvale
Hwy. No. 93 - Orr Lake

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Take advantage of the Savings with these

'Mid-Summer Specials'

ALL In-Stock WALLPAPER 20 to 50% off!	ALL Benjamin Moore int. & Ext. PAINTS & STAINS 10% off!	Discontinued lines of DRAPES 50% off
--	---	--

Last week to save on Sales Tax!

LAMERS

 Paint & Wallpaper

313 King St., Midland 526-7411

66 Mississaga St. E., Orillia 326-8066