

Warning issued after high levels of metal discovered in big game liver, kidneys

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is again warning hunters not to eat the kidneys and liver from moose, black bear, and deer because of high cadmium levels.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a limit of 0.5 milligrams per week for human consumption of cadmium.

Extensive province-wide testing has established that consuming 300 grams (11 ounces) of liver from deer fawns per week is within WHO guidelines. No warning is necessary on the consumption of other meat from moose, black bear, or deer.

Cadmium is a heavy metal which can be toxic at high levels of exposure. It occurs naturally at low levels in the ecosystem, but may reach higher levels in some

areas.

Cadmium accumulates in the kidneys and liver of some longer-living species such as moose, black bear, and white-tailed deer. Experiments have shown that very high concentrations of cadmium can cause kidney and liver damage in humans.

The MNR issued a warning for consumption of the organs of these animals to ensure that the public does not exceed the WHO limit.

MNR researchers first discovered high cadmium levels in moose kidneys in 1984. Since then, with the co-operation of Ontario hunters, samples of more than 1,000 moose, 1500 white-tailed deer and 200 black bear have been examined throughout the province.

The levels of the metal in moose, black bear, and deer are not uniform across Ontario. The percentage of cadmium found in moose and bear is generally higher than that found in deer.

The ministry's sampling indicates that levels are generally lowest in southwestern Ontario and highest in the central part of the province. The remainder of the areas tested showed intermediate levels.

The reason for these regional differences has not yet been established. The ministry is involved in various co-operative studies with other government agencies and universities to determine the pathways of cadmium in the ecosystem.

'Molotov Cocktails' found

Terrace Bay Police are investigating the discovery of explosive devices found in the Terrace Bay High School yard last Monday morning.

Chief Kidder said that a quantity of bottles filled with an "explosive substance" were found in a burnt and shattered condition. Commonly known as 'Molotov Cocktails', the containers are filled with a flammable liquid and have a wick sticking out the top.

very lucky an explosion didn't occur," Chief Kidder stated.

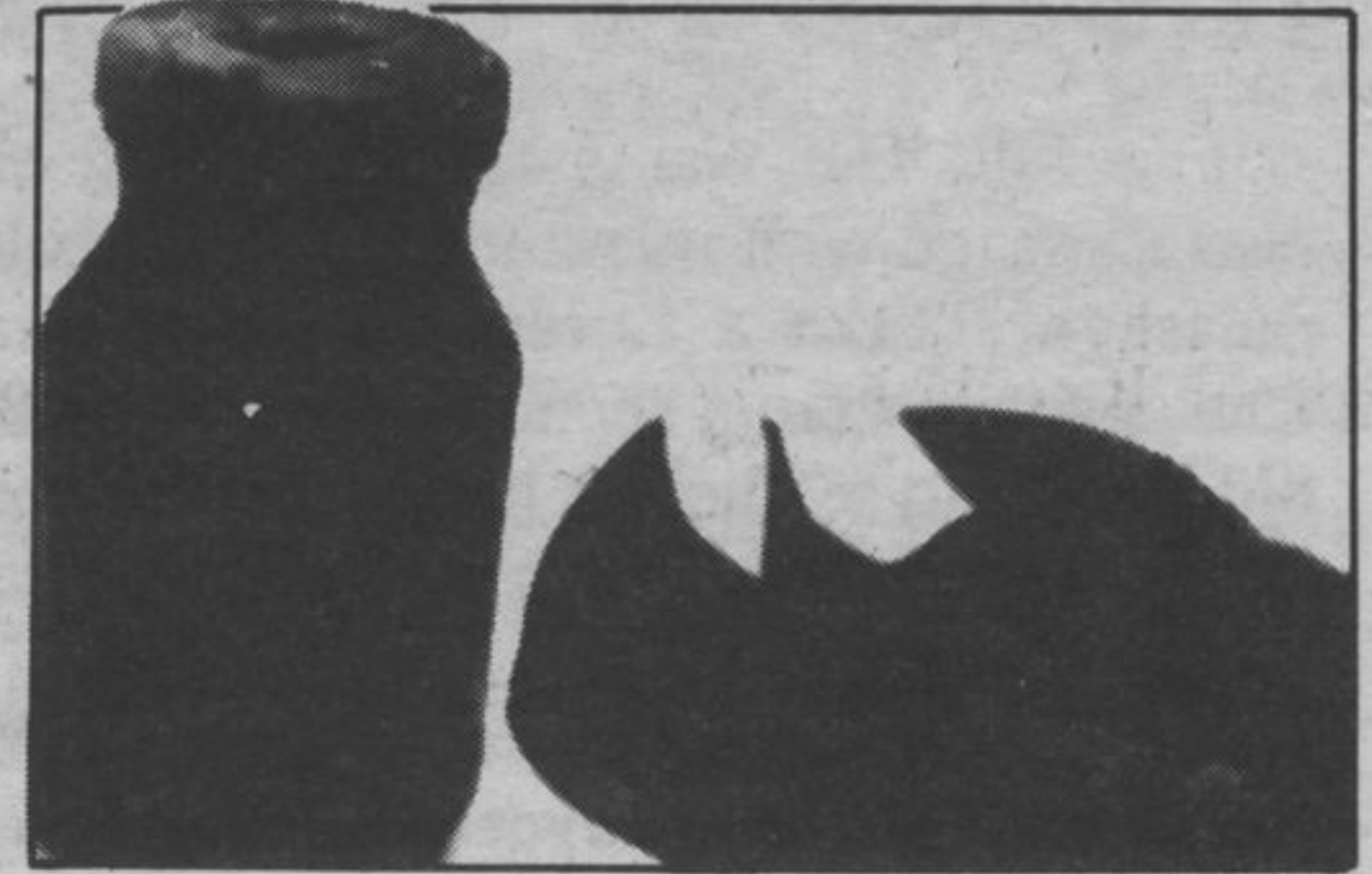
In two national instances last week, young people were severely wounded in separate incidents when they were experimenting with home-made explosives.

Officials are asking those who may have seen flashes of light in the area, or those with other information about this incident, to call the police department at 825-3232.

The Chief told the News that the police department is taking this find very seriously.

"It is a very foolish, dangerous thing to experiment (with home-made explosives) when people aren't aware of the repercussions.

"The users are



Two of the explosive devices found



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Malorey,
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&
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November 6, 1986

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And loved ones have to part
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that never heals
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Our family chain is broken
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The farewell dinners, gifts, baking & best wishes as well as the warm welcome gifts we received are deeply appreciated.

Special thanks is extended to Leo, Bev, Dan, John, Laura, Joan, Gord, Joe, Amy & Grant.

Your help and continued support means the world to both of us.

We leave Rosspoint & area with fond memories and many good friends.

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Love Doris & Lester Legault

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