

Entertainment



James McCorrison will be entertaining patrons of Jimmy's Place this Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Jimmy's is located on Lakeshore Blvd. at Ogden Ave. in Mississauga and is packing them in with his Gong Show, dancers and live entertainment.

In your garden

Is there a doctor in the garden? ... My mum's sick

By DR. ROBERT HALL & C. L. HUNTER

Plants, like people, are subject to disease. Too much sun will leave some plants droop-

ing and too much water will make others languish for a dryer climate. Plants need a proper growing environment or diseases will set in.

Fungi are culprits responsible for most garden diseases but are so tiny that they can barely be detected by the naked eye. Their effects, however, are obvious: blight,

spot, scorch, canker, wilt, scab, mildew or damping off are all signs that need attention.

Some fungi, like black spots on roses, occur every year and can be anticipated. Some diseases are incurable and prompt action is needed to remove diseased parts and treat the plant and surrounding plants before they spread.

SIMPLE RULES
An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure; so take a few precautionary measures:

Buy your seeds from a reputable seed house. Check for varieties which are disease resistant. If you plant potatoes, use seed stock, not the old sprouted spuds from the tablestock bag.

Before you plant, check seed package labels for any seed treatments which have been made and if none are indicated, dust seeds lightly with a touch of Captan.

ALLOW BREATHING SPACE
The garden soil should be well worked up and free of weeds. Plant spacing should

be wide enough to allow air movement through the lower leaves. Too often, plants are squashed together, allowing humidity to build up within their canopy. If spaced apart, the plants can "breathe", humidity is reduced and the ideal moist, warm environment for plant diseases is removed.

Certain diseases require protective spray treatments every year while others only need spot treatments under unusual weather conditions.

For detailed information, consult Insect and Disease Control in the Home Garden, publication no. 64 available from the Information Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, M7A 1A5 at a cost of 50 cents.

It lists 20 insecticide products (to kill insects), 10 fungicide products (to control diseases caused by fungi) and 27 products containing an insecticide and fungicide (to control both insects and diseases).

The publication has separate sections for vegetables, fruits, ornamentals and lawns. Within each section, there is a list of common plants, common diseases and suggested control practices, both chemical and non-chemical.

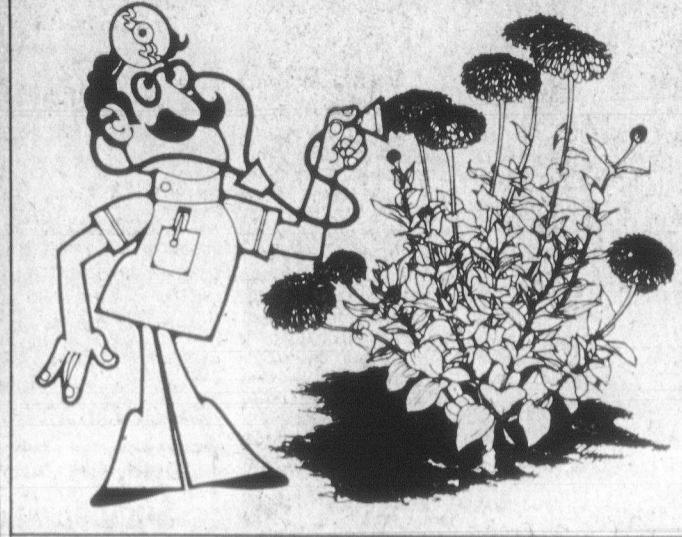
READ LABELS
It is critical to read product labels to find out what diseases are controlled and how much product to use. If one ounce is required to kill the disease, two ounces will not do a better job!

Picking off a few spotted leaves, or the odd blemished fruit is a much easier and inexpensive method of "control" than several sprays.

Outbreaks of disease can occur in certain local areas and cause severe damage. Reports of such happenings are usually available in farm reports on local radio and in the press.

Garden clubs and horticultural societies are other sources of valuable local tips on growing.

Never follow advice on pesticide use unless it comes from an up-to-date, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture source. Laws change frequently and pesticides must be used in safe and legal ways.



Garden mites, worms, fungi...and all that rot

Local garden centres have books available on common pests and diseases that plague your garden. It might be worth picking one up and referring to it as the need arises.

When APHIDS attack trees or shrubs (tiny yellow lice clustered on shoots or the underside of leaves) malathion or Meta-Systox-R may be in order. Aphids can also munch away on your begonias or chrysanthemums and will usually respond to malathion.

If your BOSTON-IVY is being chewed to lacy shreds, it may be the Japanese beetle, in which case, apply Methoxychlor. If the foliage whitens, it may be the Virginia-creeper leaf hopper, which also attacks Virginia creepers. Apply Malathion or Cygon. If the leaves are

spotted with irregular brown spots in wet weather, apply ferbam or copper to new leaves.

CRAB APPLE trees afflicted by tent caterpillars, cankerworm or fire blight should be pruned out six inches below blighted portions and sprayed with streptomycin at early and full bloom.

FERNS that accumulate scales can be scrubbed with soap and water and treated with pyrethrum-roteneone aerosol.

GERANIUMS suffering from gray mold and fading flowers should have diseased parts removed, humidity

decreased and be sprayed with zineb. Fresh cuttings can be started in sterile medium.

MARIGOLD mould can be kept under control by keeping old flowers cut off. Use Sevin for Japanese beetles that eat the foliage.

ROSES suffer a variety of afflictions. Check for symptoms and consult your local garden centre.

Many indoor plants can be kept disease free by washing the leaves frequently (on both sides). If in doubt, call your local garden centre. Clargreen Doctors in Clarkson was a plant doctor on call. Call 822-0992.

Horticultural club offers information

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The wide variety of ivies and vines not only keeps surroundings refreshingly green but, the American Association of Nurserymen says, they help save money on utility bills.

With the increasing popularity of home gardening, membership in Ontario horticultural societies is increasing.

There are more than 250 horticultural societies throughout Ontario with a total of more than 55,000 members.

Everyone from the beginner to the more experienced home gardener can benefit by joining the local horticultural society because Horticultural society members come from all walks of life and these enthusiastic gardeners are always willing

to share their experience with others.

Horticultural societies' meetings feature workshops, competitions, films, tours, and other information programs on a variety of gardening topics.

These societies are active both in spreading information on gardening and in beautifying the community.

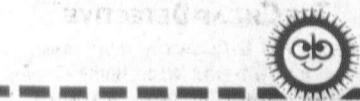
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