

Rabbit tracks

By John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

Boy, have we got the words for chemicals that persist in the environment because of long half lives.

For the last two weeks we've been seeking the one word that describes this phenomenon. On the basis of reader response I'll pass the answer along to you: there isn't any one word.

Willard Dobson and Gary Louks say the word I was looking for is non-biodegradable. Dotty Scollon said that the answer was keeping her up nights and her research indicates that three words can qualify. Her entries in the derby are latent, dormant and cumulative.

Steve Leith, a science teacher in Chelsea visiting in the community, submits meta-stable radionuclide. (Do I need to tell you that this was not the term I was looking for?)

Finally Jim McCoy, a transplanted Cass Cityan who lives in Caro, says the word, the real word, is insidious. "Look it up", genial Jim said.

I did and the definition is "having a gradual and cumulative effect and awaiting a chance to entrap". That may not be THE word for the chemical but it may describe the efforts in this trivia to find it.

Finding one word appears to be an insoluble proposition. Come to think of it, insoluble could be another term that fits in the "right" word search.

And with that let us leave dormant this insidious, insoluble trivia question that already has enjoyed a longer half life than it deserves.

It's evidently happened again. Another deer has died of a heart attack. Frank Kieltyka shot at a spikehorn Thursday and the 160-pound buck went down.

The only trouble was that he didn't hit it. The Department of Natural Resources has verified that the deer died from "natural" causes.

What's more, Kieltyka says, he heard of a couple of other hunters that had the same experience.

We swiped this item from Jim Sherman, publisher of the Oxford Leader. Chances are he swiped it from someone else.

"Cadillac and GM are making much of their 'Computer Control' engines. Cadillac cars switch from eight to six to four cylinders while going down the road, depending on the need to propel the car in each situation.

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Joan and Richard Sattelberg

Joan Freiburger and Richard Sattelberg were united in marriage Nov. 8 at St. Pancratius Catholic church, Cass City.

Deacon Lambert Kuhr of St. Agatha's church, Gagetown, and Rev. Gary Groth of St. Peter Lutheran church, Unionville, performed the double ring ceremony.

Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alger Freiburger of Cass City. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sattelberg of Unionville.

Matron of honor was Diane Rosinski, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Brenda Goslin, and Susan Russell, friends of the bride, and Margie White, sister of the groom.

Amy Rosinski, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Groomsmen were Gordon Hoffman, best man, and Steve White, brother-in-law of the groom, Paul Freiburger, brother of the bride, and Jim Sattelberg, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Wayne Arnold, cousin of the groom, and Paul Battel, friend of the groom.

The bride wore a formal gown fashioned by sheer-gauze in an A-line silhouette, styled with a high neckline, embroidered yoke accented with pearls and empire bodice detailed with pearl-embroidered Chantilly lace. The full sheer sleeves were detailed and cuffed in lace. Panels of lace adorned the skirt, flowing into a chapel length train.

Her waltz length English illusion veil was bordered with Chantilly and secured by a small cap of matching lace and pearls.

The bride carried a cascade of pink and white daisies, carnations, red roses, greens and baby's breath.

The bridesmaids were identically attired in long pleated gowns of rose blush Lustreglo knit featuring split half-sleeves and side draped cummerbund. They carried long-stemmed pink carnations, ferns and baby's breath.

The flower girl wore a floor length pink organza gown and carried a basket of pink carnations.

The bride's mother chose a long gown in burgundy Lustreglo knit.

The groom's mother wore a gown of mercury Lustreglo.

Organist was Betty Kirm. Chris Weipert sang "For All We Know" and "A Time For Us."

A reception at Colony House for 300 guests followed the wedding.

The bride is employed at Cass City State Bank and the groom is a diesel mechanic for Kostanko Service.

The couple is residing on Hurdis Corner Road, Gagetown.

Marriage Licenses

Paul E. Groeneveld, 27, Hillsdale, and Nancy Ann Giddings, 18, Vassar.

Victor D. Lord, 24, Caro, and Deborah L. Smith, 27, Caro.

James H. Parsell, 33, Caro, and Lois Ann Ward, 32, Caro.

Donald E. Goodell, 20, Mayville, and Penny Sue Spencer, 19, Mayville.

David L. Carter, 25, Inkster, and Ellen Marie Trischler, 26, Cass City.

Kurt A. Urban, 19, Caro, and Christine F. Tucker, 18, Caro.

The Haire Net



Basically I believe in affirmative action. Basically I believe that the best qualified person should be hired for any job.

That's like oil and water. They just don't go together. Usually.

New York Mayor Edward Koch calls racial formulas "an abomination." He points to the 1964 Civil Rights Act as specifically barring special treatment in hiring to any individual, or group because of race, color, religion or national origin. He fights quotas in hiring for the city of New York.

Speaking for affirmative action is Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young. He says preferential treatment is needed to wipe out the effects of past discrimination. His aim is to have jobs in Detroit split between blacks and whites to reflect the racial mix of the city.

Koch says that he's all for giving minorities the opportunity for training to become better qualified, but not for hiring and then starting the training.

That's impressive logic on the surface. The trouble with it is that racism runs rampant in the United States. Every manager makes a judgement when he hires.

A racist's judgement is clouded by his prejudice. He can't see clearly past the skin color.

A black trying for a job under these circumstances

Hotel fire dooms GK merger

The Nov. 21 fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, which claimed more than 80 lives, has doomed the proposed acquisition of GK Technologies, parent company of General Cable, by the Penn Central Corp.

Penn Central has informed GK it will not proceed with its previously announced cash tender offer for any and all shares of the latter's stock.

The reason given by Penn Central was its concern about the uncertainties surrounding the MGM hotel fire, because a GK subsidiary, California Electric Construction Co., performed electrical contracting work at the hotel in 1973.

GK stated that no claims had been made, and based on its review of the matter, did not believe there was any basis for such claims (law suits against the firm or its subsidiary).

"We continue to experience record sales and earnings, and as an independent company, we believe that the future prospects for our businesses are bright," said Robert P. Jensen, GK Technologies' chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

The GK board of directors last week declared a quarterly dividend on its \$1.94 cumulative convertible preference stock of 48 1/2 cents per share and \$2.1875 on its \$8.75 cumulative preferred stock, both for the period ending Dec. 31.

Hills and Dales General Hospital

BIRTHS:

Nov. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson of Cass City, a girl, Amy Lynn.

Nov. 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howey of Cass City, a girl, Christina Ruth.

PATIENTS LISTED MONDAY, DEC. 1, WERE:

Mrs. Mary Krizman, Donald Ball, Arthur Eskilsson, Charles Brown, Mrs. Bernice Ender, Paul Murray, James Polega and Mrs. Walter Young of Cass City; Robert Miners, Mrs. Eva Ashcroft, Bun Collins of Deford; Dale Jamieson of Owendale; Kelly Diebel of Sebewaing; Brenda Izydorek of Deckert; Mrs. David Scharich, Mrs. Mabel Franklin and John Kuch of Unionville; Mrs. Alton Lyons of Kingston; Mrs. Lottie Macinkowicz of Marlette; Christopher Petiprin of Caro; Richard Shemko of Gagetown.



"If It Fitz. . ." Distress signals

By Jim Fitzgerald

"That's distressing," the husband explained.

The wife had asked him to explain the mark left behind when he moved the TV set off the lower shelf of the tea cart. She said it looked like a scratch to her. She didn't think it was distressing.

"That's a really dumb thing to say," she said.

"I wish you wouldn't talk to me that way," the husband said. "Nancy Reagan would never talk like that to her husband. He is her only reason for living. She is totally devoted to him. It says so in all the newspapers and magazines."

"Ronald Reagan would never be careless enough to scratch his wife's new tea cart," she said.

"You just don't recognize real distress when you see it," he said.

When the tea cart had first rolled into their home, the husband had immediately noticed it was covered with pocks. The cart captured his interest because the wife had put the TV set on its lower shelf, with the screen half hidden by dropped drop leafs.

"You'd better send this cart back to the store. It's got little mars all over it," he'd said at the time.

"Those aren't mars, they're distress marks," she'd explained. "They're supposed to be there."

And then the husband had remembered. He'd first been introduced to distress marks several years earlier via the Mary Tyler Moore TV show. Mary had beat on

her coffee table with a chain to give it distress marks, so it would look like an antique. He had been astonished to learn that people purposely batter new furniture to make it look old, to gain status as antique owners.

So the husband wasn't really surprised when his wife bought a distressed table on purpose. He didn't yell or otherwise complain. He figured if Mary Tyler Moore is as dumb as his wife, there could be no possible profit for him in divorce.

He usually is polite enough to disguise his dismay at people who yearn for distress marks, although when he learned his children wanted their new jeans to look old as quickly as possible, he couldn't resist volunteering to kick them in the knees.

But the husband can't understand why a scratch isn't as distressing as a pock. When the TV set died and had to be removed from the tea cart, he didn't purposely set out to cause distress. However, he is not a young man and it was awkward for him to lie on the floor, hold up a drop leaf with his head, and perform the intricate surgery required to remove the TV from a cramped space mostly enclosed by wooden posts and wheels.

After much tugging and pushing, not to mention cursing, the TV set finally was extracted, and one scratch seemed a small price to pay for success,

especially when you consider that no anesthetic was used, and the stupid cart already was covered with ugly pocks anyway.

"Show me a 200-year-old tea cart that doesn't have a scratch on it, and I'll show you Martha Washington in a mini-skirt," the husband said.

The wife didn't see it that way. When he continued to claim one scratch was better than 100 pocks, she said she didn't know how she got stuck with a husband who had no appreciation of the finer things in life.

"I would appreciate a wife like Nancy Reagan," he said. "If Ronnie ever scratched her tea cart, she wouldn't give him hell. She'd smile, cross her ankles and put her hands in her lap, and thank him for bringing another handsome antique into her life."

"Ronald Reagan is smart enough to know the pocks in our tea cart are evidence of graceful aging, but scratches indicate nothing except carelessness," she said.

"As far as I'm concerned," he said, "the pocks are the pits." He really said that.

To help him age gracefully, she kicked him in the knees.

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The weather

	High	Low	Precip.
Wednesday	42	13	0
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Friday	37	22	06
Saturday	42	25	0
Sunday	46	24	0
Monday	42	32	29
Tuesday	32	3	

(Recorded at Cass City wastewater treatment plant.)
(Snow recorded as melted water - 10" snow = 1" water)

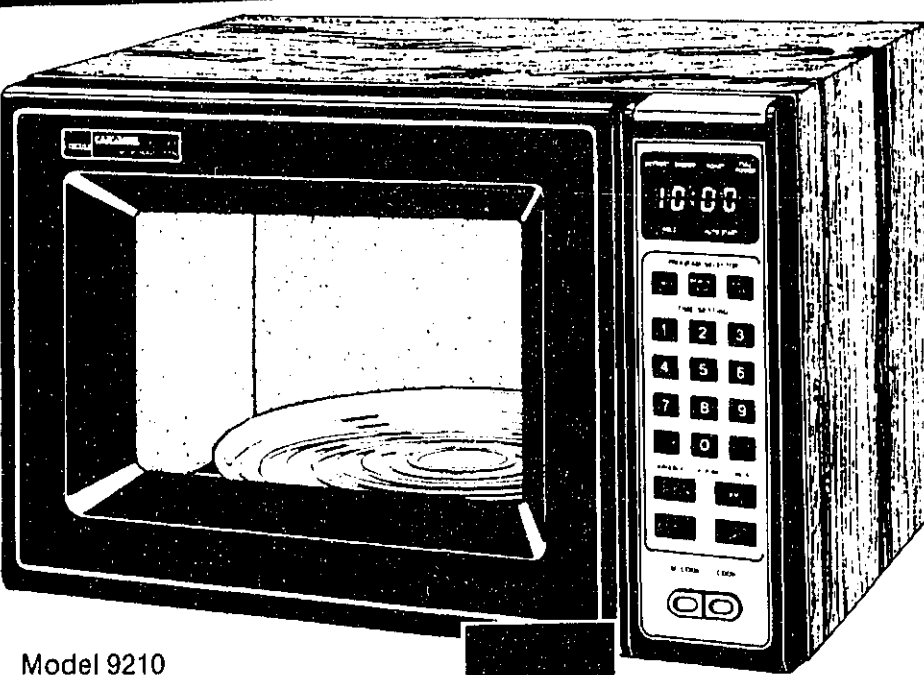
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