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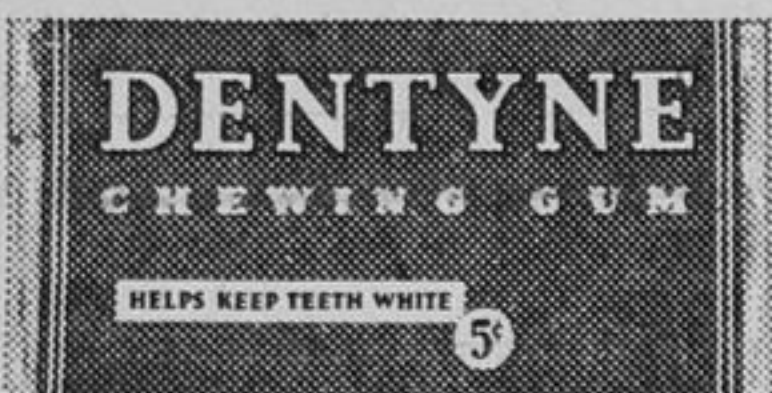
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## Over the Back Fence

(By Chinwagger)

Not even in April does the Richmond Hill Red Cross allow grass to grow under its feet, for scarcely had Mrs. George Chadwick of Church St. unlocked her door, after returning from Florida, when she was asked by telephone to bake two pies for the booth on the 24th.

A certain lady on Richmond St. was observed one bright morning this week cleaning the same windows twice on the east side of the house, while the west windows were noticed to be still on good terms with the winter's grime. Could she be a sun-worshipper?

Everyone driving around the curve from Lorne Ave. onto Church St. has noticed an artistic collection of rocks edging Duncan Chamney's lot. Is he starting a rock garden in order to use the garden tools he won at bridge last winter?

We have heard that Mr. and Mrs. Angus Mowat who have resided at Elgin Mills for some time, have purchased Lambert Atkinson's attractive house at the corner of Elizabeth and Centre Sts. Welcome to our village.

Many belated happy returns to a certain young matron whose birthday was yesterday (May 1). We hear she planned a party for herself, but after trying Hall's and Glenn's found she still didn't have sufficient candles.

Congrats to Mr. W. Pocknell of Centre West on the perfection of his embryo lawn. We learned from good authority that the "under twelves" of that district have already made arrangements (among themselves) to use it as a baseball diamond, problem.

## In the Rose I Flourish

(By Lion Paul E. Angle)

On the village signs at the north and south entrances to Richmond Hill is a crest on which appears the motto: "En La Rose Je Fleure", the English translation of which appears at the heading of this article. The crest is the official crest of the Duke of Richmond whose name Richmond Hill bears and the motto was apparently adopted during the notorious "Wars of the Roses". Whatever its origin this motto is certainly a most appropriate one for Richmond Hill. Literally Richmond Hill flourishes with the rose since rose growing is its largest industry.

The industry began in Richmond Hill in 1913 when W. J. Lawrence built his first greenhouse at the location now owned by Richmond Roses Limited. The following year the late Harold J. Mills erected his first greenhouse, and it was soon followed by others built by the late John Dunlop and Bedford Park Floral Co. Limited. After the death of Mr. Dunlop his plant was purchased by and is now owned and operated by H. J. Mills Ltd. The three firms now operating have a combined area under glass of over eight acres, and produce over four million roses per year which are shipped to every locality in the Dominion from Vancouver to Halifax. They employ continuously eighty-five men and for short periods over one hundred with an annual payroll of over one hundred and five thousand dollars. It is worthy of note in this respect that more men are employed at the greenhouses today than when the great depression began. I think few industries have maintained as full employment during the depression as have the rose growers of Richmond Hill. Over

nine thousand tons of coal are consumed yearly and over forty miles of heating piping and fifteen hundred horse power of boiler capacity are used to heat these plants.

Like other businesses, rose growing has felt the impact of changing times and has adjusted itself to these conditions. Of the varieties grown in 1913 not one is produced commercially today, and in the search for disease, insect, and nutrient control, several new methods have been adopted. The sterilization of soil by the use of steam is now becoming a common practice, and the discovery of a simple and relatively accurate method of testing soil for nutrients has made systematic soil testing as a guide to fertilizer needs, also a common practice.

Chemical or soilless culture of roses is the most recent development which has been undertaken experimentally in Richmond Hill during the past year. In this method, no soil is used. Instead of soil some material like cinders or gravel is used to hold the plant roots, and the nutrients or food for the plant is supplied in a solution that is pumped through the bed from two to four times per day, depending on the season of the year, the number of pumpings being increased as the days lengthen. The roses are grown in the same type of benches used for soil, except that they must be made watertight like a large vat or pan, and they must be practically level. Also, some sort of cistern or tank must be provided to hold the nutrient solution. An electrically operated pump automatically controlled by a time switch does the pumping at whatever periods desired. The solution used is a scientifically developed formula made up of comparatively cheap commercial chemicals obtainable at any manufacturing chemists, and dissolved in ordinary tap water. A complete change of solution is made roughly once per month, and frequent tests must be made to maintain the proper acidity and concentration of the solution as this changes from day to day.

This system eliminates watering, changing of soil and application of fertilizer and manure. As with all new developments there are difficulties to overcome, but the past year has proven that this method is at least equal to soil in both quantity and quality of roses produced. Whether it can be perfected so as to replace soil culture has yet to be proven, but science marches on, and stranger things have happened.

As a modern rose production centre, Richmond Hill stands unique. The only community which equals it is Brampton, the home of the famous Dale Estate. Well may our village advertise: "In the Rose I Flourish".

### LIONS IN THEIR LAIRS

(By R. D. L.)

- A is for Austin—"The Druggist Who Knows",
- Also for Angle, who groweth the Rose;
- B is for Bales, his chickens are tender;
- Also for Baker, the real estate vendor;
- C is for Craigie—shirts, collars and hose—
- Clement, the drover, and Cotton, the Rose
- E is for Edmunds, who leads us in song,
- G is for Greene, who was Reeve for so long;
- H is for Heard, who studies the stars,
- Also for Hogg, who telescopes Mars;
- Hoover, the banker, comes into this tale,
- Also Lloyd Hill, who selleth wholesale;
- K is for Kerr, who baketh the bread;
- L—Little and Langstaff—a Ford and a Med.
- M is for Mason, who stops the toothache,
- Also for Mansbridge who cuts you a steak;
- P is for Paris — his hardware is good—
- R is for Ramer who sells coal and wood;
- S is for Stewart—a teacher we greet—
- Also for Smith, Ye Ed of this sheet;
- T is for Tracy who knows C. N. rules,
- Also for Trench, the inspector of schools;
- W is for Wrixon — The Rev. of St. Mary's—
- Wilson the "Doc" and Walwin—the "dairies";
- Y is for Young—his limit's the sky—
- There isn't a "Z"—so we'll now say "Goodbye".

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the estate of Agnes Coulter Campbell, late of the Village of Richmond Hill, Widow, who died on or about the 22nd day of March, 1940, are required to send notice of their claims together with due proof thereof to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of May, 1940, after which date the estate will be divided among those entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which he shall then have notice.

Dated at Richmond Hill, this 18th day of April, 1940.

Clarence A. Skeele, Executor,  
C/O Campbell Line,  
Richmond Hill, Ont.,  
(his solicitor).

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the estate of Margaret Jane Noble, late of the Township of Vaughan, Widow, who died on or about the 25th day of January, 1939, are required to send notice of their claims together with due proof thereof to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of May, 1940, after which date the estate will be divided among those entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which he shall then have notice.

Dated at Richmond Hill, this 18th day of April, 1940.

William Henry Noble,  
Administrator,  
C/O Campbell Line,  
Richmond Hill, Ont.,  
(his solicitor).

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the estate of Ira Myles Noble, late of the Township of Vaughan, Farmer, who died on or about the 13th day of January, 1940, are required to send notice of their claims together with due proof thereof to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of May, 1940, after which date the estate will be divided among those entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated at Richmond Hill, this 18th day of April, 1940.

William Henry Noble, and  
Henry Harper, Executors,  
C/O Campbell Line,  
Richmond Hill, Ont.,  
(their solicitor).

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the estate of Robert Carlisle, late of the Township of Whitechurch, Farmer, who died on or about the 29th day of July, 1939, are required to send notice of their claims together with due proof thereof to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of May, 1940, after which date the estate will be divided among those entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which she shall then have notice.

Dated at Richmond Hill, this 18th day of April, 1940.

Lucinda V. Carlisle,  
Administratrix,  
C/O Campbell Line,  
Richmond Hill, Ont.,  
(her solicitor).

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the estate of James Ash, late of the Township of Whitechurch, Farmer, who died on or about the 28th day of September, 1937, are required to send notice of their claims together with due proof thereof to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of May, 1940, after which date the estate will be divided among those entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which she shall then have notice.

Dated at Richmond Hill, this 18th day of April, 1940.

Ella M. Ash, Administratrix,  
C/O Campbell Line,  
Richmond Hill, Ont.,  
(her solicitor).

### Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the estate of Frances Davies, late of the Village of Richmond Hill, Married Woman, who died on or about the 22nd day of September, 1939, are required to send notice of their claims together with due proof thereof to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of May, 1940, after which date the estate will be divided among those entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which she shall then have notice.

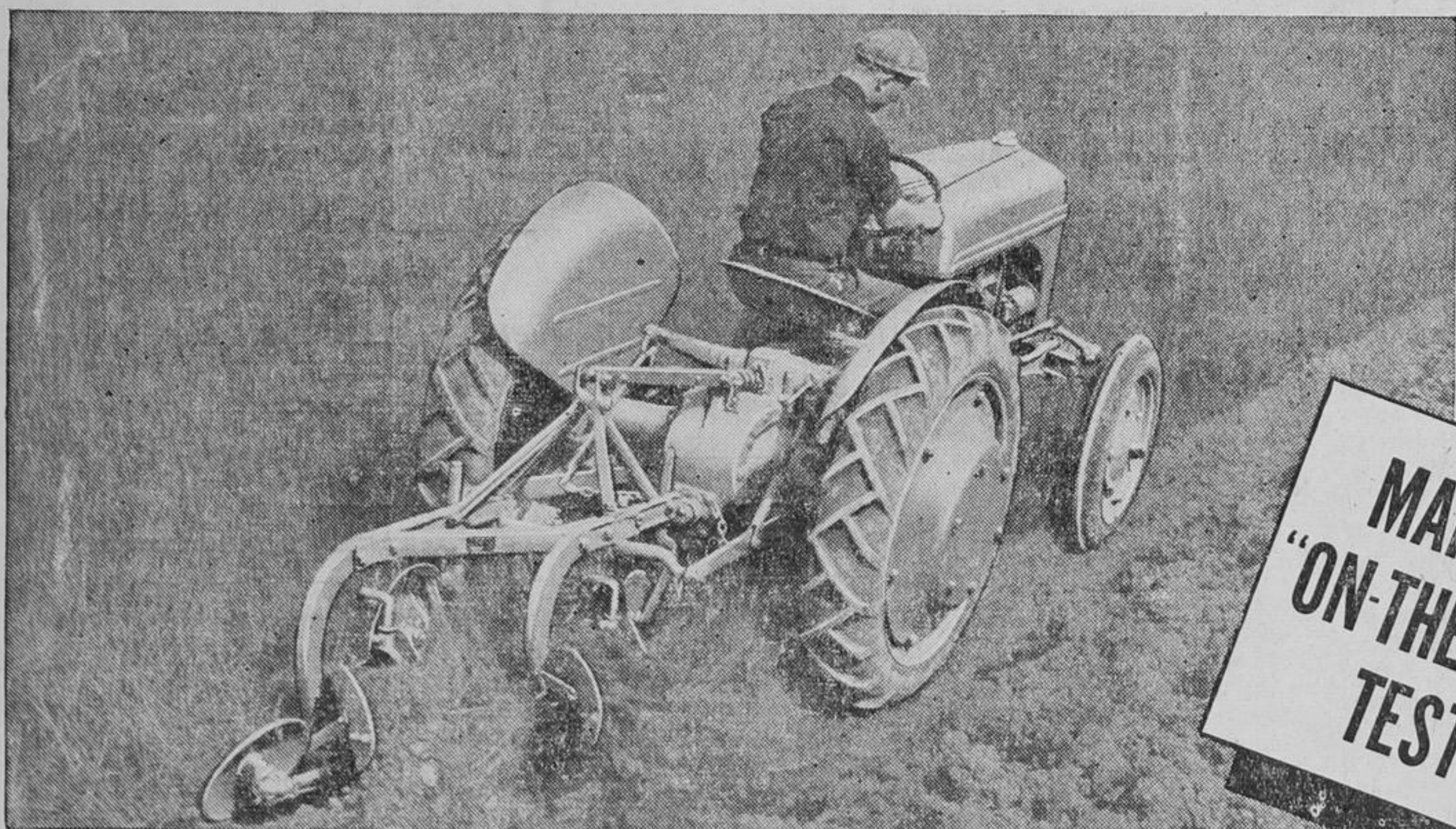
Dated at Richmond Hill, this 18th day of April, 1940.

Eleanor D. E. Orme,  
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Richmond Hill, Ont.,  
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