

Greenhouses Here Hard Hit Rose Midge Causes \$10,000 Loss

Richmond Hill greenhouses have suffered a loss running into thousands of dollars within the past few months through the ravages of the rose midge. One estimate puts the loss at \$10,000. The problem of control and extermination of the pest is one of the most serious ever confronted by the industry, and although the rose growers believe they have eliminated the insect by means of a DDT spray (dichloro dithenyl trichloro) they still lack assurance that it will not return.

William Cotton of Richmond Roses told The Liberal the spray with the newly discovered insecticide had proved highly satisfactory. "We were the hardest hit of the greenhouses here," he said, "and our loss was around a thousand dollars. We applied DDT three times at intervals of two weeks. We sprayed everything, and I am glad to say we haven't since the treatment seen one of the insects. We should have an excellent crop of roses for Christmas."

Jas. Pollard of the H. J. Mills plant said their roses were also hard hit, and that if it had not been for DDT the midge would have spread so rapidly it would have cleaned out the greenhouse in short order.

Paul Angle of the Bedford Park greenhouses pointed out that he has been fighting the midge for the past two years, it having first appeared in August 1943. "The loss has been considerable," he declared, "and we have spent more on spraying material in the last year than we had to spend in the previous ten years. Nothing provided effective control until we used DDT. We don't, of course, know whether the midge has gone to stay in as much as this is the time of year it disappears anyhow."

Reports of the Dominion entomologist show a scientific fight has been carried on against the rose midge since 1914 when specimens of infested shoots were sent to Ottawa by Mrs. J. Laing of London, Ont. This, according to the Dominion department of agriculture, was probably the first record of the rose midge in Canada. Two years later its presence was reported detected in Toronto greenhouses.

"The buds of the young shoots did not develop, and on investigation it was found they were destroyed by the larvae," says the government report on the Toronto inquiry. The varieties of roses which had been severely injured were Ophelia, Milady and Stanley. The variety Richmond was very slightly attacked. The owner of the houses was of the opinion that the pest was introduced on rose bushes imported from Chicago. It has been since found in other places in Ontario.

The government report calls the midge "one of the worst pests of roses known," and goes on to say that in 1919 it caused a loss of \$12,000 in one Ontario greenhouse and a loss of \$6,000 in another.

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Thornhill Demands Highway Be Safe Deplores Fatality

Thornhill, Oct. 24—An emergency meeting of citizens was called in Victoria Hall to consider the death of one of the village children as the result of an accident. Out of the discussion came two resolutions:

1. That a committee be appointed to approach the authorities to see about sufficient police protection, and to see that the speed law is enforced. That a stop light or lights be installed in the village.

2. That a sidewalk be placed on the west side of Yonge from the Village to the school, and north to the limits of the Village which would take in Langstaff school.

Petitions were placed in several stores and the post office, to be signed by the ratepayers, and an appointment is being made to take these before the Attorney General. The committee will then bring their findings before a general meeting of the ratepayers.

The committee appointed included Rev. S. A. R. Wood, Mr. F. C. Crosby, Mr. R. H. Neil and Mr. A. O. Thorne.

The number of tragic accidents on this stretch of highway between Steele's and Richmond Hill (given the name of "the death trap"), has made immediate action necessary.

9 Loads Of Clothing Gift From Village

Richmond Hill contributed nine truck loads of clothing for the relief of the suffering populations of the war victim countries. Lions Club and Youth Council members collected the articles from every family in the village.

"It was a splendid revelation of our generosity," declared J. A. Greene, who provided a centre for the storage and packing of the goods. "Everybody who gave has reason to feel proud and glad that they have been able to help relieve tragic human suffering."

Lions Couldn't Get Magic Carpet But They Have Done Even Better For Children This Hallowe'en

Richmond Hill Lions plan to add to the reputation they have acquired of being the friends of the little children of the village, and next Wednesday evening, Hallowe'en, they are going to stage another big event for them.

The Lions tried hard to find a magic carpet and create a wonderland for the little ones such as the story of Alice in Wonderland suggests, but they found magic carpets as scarce as scarce can be. None could be found at any of the stores, and many other things were on the short side, too.

But nothing could daunt the Lions, and so they have arranged an evening that will bring even more joy to the hearts of modern youngsters than any of the old fashioned forms of entertainment.

Hush! Here's their secret. They are going to give the children of Richmond Hill a fine picture show at the Arena, the film they have obtained being entitled "Pecks Bad Boy at the Circus" and several comic shorts, and everyone knows nothing short of a real treat is thus promised.

Municipal Plebiscite Proposed On War Memorial Proposals

J. B. Parkin, architect in charge of making the plans for the new Memorial hall and Community centre, was in Richmond Hill a few days ago to take measurements and survey the undertaking. The initial sketches will be ready shortly, it is believed.

Interest in the memorial has been revived by the petition of Mr. J. A. Greene to the village council to hasten the work of inscribing the names of Richmond Hill's war heroes on the memorial in front of the school. An alternative proposal advanced is that the names should be inscribed on a tablet at the new Memorial hall, but it is pointed out this would separate the lists of the heroes of the first war from those of the more recent conflict.

"Another thing that ought to be considered is as to whether the site of the proposed hall and community centre is as suitable as other sites that could be obtained," a public spirited citizen, father of a boy who served overseas during most of the war told The Liberal. "Just south of Mr. Parisi's garage would be an ideal spot for a lovely village park and playground to which the memorial in front of the school could be moved when the names of the

Maple To Erect A Modern Sports Bowl

The Village of Maple are going to have a modern sports bowl. It will be located on the park property and will be suitable for the playing of lacrosse, hockey, tennis, etc. It will be 180 ft. long by 80 ft. wide.

It will be suitably lighted for the playing of these games in the evening. The bowl may also be used for dancing by laying a temporary floor such as Richmond Hill has done in their rink this fall.

The bowl when completed will cost approximately \$1500 to \$2000.

Maple has never had a really good skating rink and the boys in town are going to do something about it. It will not be constructed until next spring because material and labour is so scarce, but will be up in time to play lacrosse by June 1st, 1946.

However, a temporary skating rink will be made this fall so that there can be skating this winter.

The money for the construction will be raised by the Maple Young Men's Club from proceeds from dances, bingo, euchres, etc. that they intend to promote throughout the winter months and also by canvassing the district for donations.

Anyone wishing to contribute please send donations to Geo. Bailey, president or Kenneth White, treasurer, Maple, Ont.

Plowmen Compete Tomorrow At King

The annual King and Vaughan Plowing Match will be held tomorrow, Friday, October 26th at the farms of Marshall's Five Star Hatchery and Wilfred Sloan, lots 30 and 31, con. 5 King Township. Upwards of \$600.00 is offered in prizes and will be competed for by some of the best plowmen in the country. The officers of the organization this year are J. P. Forester, King, president; W. O. McDonald, Maple, vice-president; G. F. Lawson, King, 2nd vice-president; A. McClure, Woodbridge, treasurer; H. E. Ross, King, secretary. A large crowd is expected to attend. The ladies of the Kettleby churches are serving lunch.

Toronto City Dad Tells Lions Period Of Prosperity To Come

"Municipal government is the most important in Canada," Controller McCallum of Toronto told the Lions Club of Richmond Hill at its meeting a few days ago. "I do not mean it is the most important from the standpoint of taxation, direct or indirect," he continued, "but because of its close association with the public. Ottawa and Queen's Park are far away to many people, but the city hall or the municipal hall or whatever it may be called in a community is just down the street."

"Recently, you may have noticed in the newspapers, the number of labor delegations calling on the Board of Control in Toronto to ask for help, and yet what can the board do for them. It lacks power to do what is asked. Similarly, with housing. We are asked to do many things about housing and yet the responsibility is not with us."

"However," continued the speaker, "the housing problem is one from which municipal government cannot escape, irrespective of questions of responsibility. We cannot allow people to be evicted from their homes and sit on their furniture out on the sidewalk. Nor can we allow the war brides of our boys overseas to come to our communities and be unable to find any place in which to live."

Mr. McCallum foresaw a period of prosperity ahead if we could once settle the immediate post war problems we are encountering, such as

labor, housing and reconversion. He declared that, irrespective of jurisdiction, municipal government could do much to help settle such problems and restore the Dominion as soon as possible to a condition of normalcy.

Richmond Hill Team Likely In Tri-County Lacrosse League

Tri-County box lacrosse is being re-organized according to Frank Doyle who was in town a few days ago to interview interested people on the prospect of Richmond Hill entering a team when the league is ready. Mr. Doyle stated that he felt Orillia, Barrie, Bradford, Newmarket and Aurora would be in a position to field teams by next spring, and what with no army call-ups the very best band of lacrosse would be played.

A meeting will likely be called soon to organize and elect officers so that everything will be in readiness for next spring.

Richmond Hill Arena will be made available to the boys for lacrosse next week and it is expected that games will be played here between Maple and Woodbridge during November.

5 Special Speakers As Church Re-opens

Special services marking the opening of the auditorium of Richmond Hill United Church, following renovation and redecoration, are in charge of the minister, Rev. C. B. Brethen.

Rev. Dr. A. W. Dean assisted Mr. Brethen last Sunday while Rev. A. P. Addison preached a sermon of historical interest, the present church having been built in 1880 during the pastorate of the speaker's father, the late Rev. Peter Addison. He recalled visits to the tower of the church before it was finished and of the view of the countryside thus made available.

Rev. George Wood, B.A., B.D., minister of Bedford Park United Church and chairman of Toronto Centre Presbytery, preached the sermon last Sunday evening.

His Honor, Judge H. A. Mott of the juvenile court, Toronto, will address a combined church and Sunday school gathering next Sunday morning, and Rev. Dr. C. A. Mustard of St. David's United Church, Toronto, will preach next Sunday evening.

'Lady Let's Dance' Movie Here Saturday

Old and young alike crowded into the Masonic hall last Saturday night to see "Intermezzo", and this week they will again have a chance of seeing a movie of the type that draws large crowds to the theatres in the big centres.

"Lady Let's Dance" will be the attraction with Belita, the silver skates girl, co-starring with James Ellison and bringing new thrills to the screen. The show is described as "a joyful, musical romance of a dancing darling who couldn't make her heart behave". Non-Stop Flight, a Felix cartoon, will be shown with the feature.

There will be a matinee at 2:30 p.m. Saturday for the children, and two showings in the evening, one at 7 and the other at 9 p.m.

It is planned to make the movies a regular feature weekly with showings every Saturday.

Robert Risebrough Passes Suddenly

Suffering an attack of a recurring heart ailment, Robert S. Risebrough, aged 44, died at his home at 321 Cummer Ave., Willowdale, Saturday night. Chief of the DeHavilland fire department, Mr. Risebrough had lived in the North York area for many years.

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Myrtle Ground, are two daughters, Wanda and Phyllis; a son, Robert M., Jr., who is overseas with the Canadian army; two brothers, Gordon and Roy, who is chief of the North York Police Department; two sisters, Mrs. George Kelly, Buttonville, and Lillian, and his mother, Mrs. Robert Risebrough of Willowdale.

Pheasants 'All Set' For 2 Day Shoot

Everything is in readiness for the pheasant hunt which takes place in Markham and Vaughan townships tomorrow and Saturday, October 26 and 27. Both townships have replenished the supply of birds to ensure a good days sport for all those who were fortunate enough to secure a license. Special game wardens have been appointed to look after the affair and see that everything is run according to regulations.

Bedford

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 25, 26, 27
HUMPHREY BOGART, LAUREN BACALL in
"TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT"

— ALSO —
TOM CONWAY in
"THE FALCON IN HOLLYWOOD"

Continuous Show on Saturday from 2 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 29, 30, 31
GARY COOPER, INGRID BERGMAN,
KATINA PAXINOU in
"FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS"

In Technicolor
— ALSO —
Also ADDED SELECTED SHORTS

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CAPITOL THEATRE

Yonge at Castlefield

300 Seats All Evening 25c.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 25, 26, 27

BOB HOPE, VIRGINIA MAYO in
"THE PRINCESS AND THE PIRATE"

SWIM BALLET
Hollywood Victory Caravan

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 29, 30, 31

GEORGE SANDERS, DONNA REID in
"PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY"

— AND —
GLORIA JEAN, KIRBY GRANT in
"EASY TO LOOK AT"

SELECTED SHORTS

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