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Fair Wage Clause For Town Contracts Discussed

New Traffic Control Policy For Yonge Street Decided On By Councillors

Commerce, Council Chamber, Citizenry Emphasize Hill's Part As Rose Centre



Rush Hours Parking Ban Given Approval Monday

Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night gave unanimous approval to a new traffic control policy for Yonge Street. Proposed by the Ontario Department of Transport and Police Chief R. P. Robbins, the plan provides for the installation of a progressive system of stop-lights and a ban on Yonge Street parking during rush hours. Estimated cost of the installation of lights is about \$30,000. of which Richmond Hill's share will be about \$7,000.

The proposal was presented to council by John S. Trew of the Department of Transport and Chief Robbins who pointed out that the recommendations are the result of many months of detailed study. Chief Robbins said that accident statistics supported the claim that some kind of action is needed. Last year there were 138 accidents recorded in Richmond Hill and 75 were on Yonge Street.

Richmond Hill's by-law will be amended to provide a ban on Yonge Street parking on week days, west side 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., on the east side from 5 to 6 p.m. On Sundays and holidays the parking ban is from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on the east side and from 6 p.m. to midnight on the west side.



These pictures give proof that Richmond Hill is indeed "the Rose Centre of Canada," a title it has borne proudly for many years. It's indeed a rose centre, not only because of the big greenhouses, from which millions of blooms go out yearly but also on the municipal and residential levels. Take the picture at top left, for instance. It shows town employee Fred Thomas working on one of the four rose beds presented to the town this year by the Yonge Street Business and Professional Association and the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, the two bodies splitting the cost. They lie in front of the Municipal Building and have been a blaze of colour for weeks, drawing admiration from

passers-by. The extra work caused by having to care for the roses has been cheerfully accepted by their "nurse," who takes a great pride in the appearance, not only of his roses, but of all the attractive and well-tended layout in front of Richmond Hill's administrative centre.

And, while some Richmond Hill people are enjoying their roses out-of-doors, others are working away preparing for next winter's big demand and also supplying the current demand for roses for summer brides. At bottom left are three of them in the greenhouses of H. J. Mills Ltd. From the left are Cecil Tuck, Harold Mills, president, and James Pollard, whose devotion to roses has been practically a lifetime affair. The cutting-back which is going on will help ensure that blooms are ready when needed. In the picture at bottom right Paul Angle, head of Bedford Park Floral Company Ltd., checks off a list while Jack Gordon makes up an order. — Photo by Lagerquist

Council refused to go for a suggestion that there be a "no stopping" rule for Yonge Street Friday evenings. "I don't see the need for it," said Councillor Al White.

Projector Is Stolen

Determined to wipe out vandalism which is resulting in damage to school buildings, Richmond Hill Public School Board is offering a reward of \$50 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons defacing the Beverley Acres school on or about July 6.

The decision was reached at the board's recent meeting when Kenneth Turton, business administrator, reported that windows had been smashed and that at the Beverley Acres school obscenities had been written in marking ink on walls and signs. The damage had all taken place since the closing of school, he said, and removal of markings had taken considerable time.

They also determined to endeavour to stamp out vandalism by offering a reward for apprehension of offenders on each occasion when damage occurred. Mr. Turton said that Brantford where he formerly served, had experienced the same trouble. It had been solved by making offenders or their parents shoulder the cost of repairs. Last year, he said, over \$500 had been recovered.

100 Rose Varieties In Garden

Rose-planting Week Plan Suggested By J. M. Brown

To the horticulturally minded, one of many points of interest in Richmond Hill is the rose-rich J. M. Brown property at the corner of Centre Street west and Bridgeford Street. Here there is a great diversity of bloom but the emphasis is on more than 100 varieties of roses. At the same time the 73-by-203 foot plot shows how work and ingenuity can convert a modest-sized piece of ground into a treasure-trove of flowers, trees, hedges and berry bushes.

95 Richmond Hill's beloved "senior citizen," Mrs. M. Lillian McConaghy, whose name is perpetuated in the building in which she taught for many years. The Lillian McConaghy School on Yonge Street South - will celebrate her 95th birthday on July 28th.

She is at present living at the home of her son, 36 Thurston Road, Toronto 7.

Richvale High School Need Is Said Nearing

An extension planned for the Bayview High School, Richmond Hill, would not cost taxpayers any money directly, members of Markham Township Council learned at the last regular meeting. As a vocational wing, it would be paid for by the federal and provincial governments.

147 More Pupils In September

School Accommodation Problem Sure If Population Increase, Trustees Told

Any major increase in the population of Richmond Hill would create a school accommodation problem, public school trustees were warned at their last meeting. The school population is expected to jump 147 when classes resume in September.

If the talked-about annexation of part of the Elgin Mills area, entered the picture—and it is definitely only in the discussion stage at the moment—it would not affect the situation. Youngsters from that area are already taken care of by the Richmond Hill system.

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Nature Trails & Study In King Aided By Gift

A fifty-acre property known as the Gamble bush and located between the second and third concessions of King on the Mulock side road has been deeded by King Township Council to the Holland Conservation Authority. It formerly belonged to Thornorton Bales of Whitechurch Township, who sold it to King Township ten years ago for \$800.

School Vandalism Brings Reward Offer From Board

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Civic Holiday Date Likely August 7th

The usual Civic Holiday will apparently be observed by all municipalities, except those in the holiday resort areas, on the traditional first Monday in August, enquiries this week disclosed.