

# Need Ambulance Service

Vaughan-Hill ambulance service and the Township of Vaughan are at loggerheads over the future of the service.

Recently, township council approved payment of \$300 to owner David Holt for the first three months of 1963 but claim Mr. Holt is not giving the service they want.

Mr. Holt has a contract with Richmond Hill and Vaughan through the York County Health unit to provide ambulance service for \$100 each community a month. He operates from Church Street South in Richmond Hill.

In one instance, Mr. Holt said, Vaughan claimed it took 76 minutes to answer a particular call, a claim, Mr. Holt says is false.

He has operated the service for six months since he purchased the ambulance from Mr. A. Bagley, and answers approximately 20-25 calls a month.

The service includes being on call 24 hours a day, a \$16,000 ambulance and two men to act as driver and assistant, as well as phone system, answering service and two-way radio.

He serves an area approximately bounded by the Richmond Hill town line in the north, Steeles Avenue in the south, Bayview Avenue in the east and Highway 50 in the west.

In addition to the subsidy, he receives \$15-\$20 a call from the parties concerned, plus an additional service charge such as waiting at hospitals or oxygen use for which he charges \$5, only a little more than the cost to him for keeping the three tanks full for emergencies.

"We have set some pretty good records for promptness. I have been called out a number of times and haven't billed for the trip. We don't take the ambulance unless the police

first call," Mr. Holt said.

Mr. Holt said he recently received a cheque for a call that had been answered more than two years ago by the previous owner.

"About 10 per cent of the over-all calls don't get paid for. All the subsidy does is pay for the capital expenditure on the ambulance but I would like to continue it with Vaughan and I'm quite willing to go along with them if we can reach agreement."

He said opening of the new hospital next fall will have a bearing on the service and he would like a firm contract with Vaughan.

Councillor Garnet Williams, chairman of the Vaughan fire and police committee said his committee was working to resolve the differences and hoped Mr. Holt would appear before the committee to settle the problem.

# Iris Flower That Brightens Your Garden

By ROBERT D. LITTLE

For best results plant irises as soon as possible after they have bloomed - July through September. Early planting establishes the new plants before cold weather, and they are likely to bloom the next year. This is also the time to divide and reset clumps that have become too crowded, generally when they are three or four years old. They demand very well drained soil, so it is desirable to raise the beds slightly above the level of the grass paths. If your soil is heavy incorporate sand or compost so that moisture will percolate out quickly. An application of lime is recommended only if your soil is acid, otherwise do not use it.

Plant your rhizomes about one inch below the surface of the soil. Never plant them too deep. Spread the roots out well and see that the soil is tramped down firmly, as this will prevent heaving the following winter. Irises are sun loving plants and they thrive when the rhizomes are in reach of the warmth of the sun's rays, so never plant in the shade. The distance apart depends on the space available. The clumps

are generally planted from one to two feet apart. If an immediate effect is desired plant from three to five roots in a clump, in a circular manner. Before planting work the soil well to a depth of 10" to 12". Irises thrive with a minimum of fertilizer. Bonemeal is ideal. Dust this heavily on the ground and work it in, about a cupful per square foot. Superphosphate is another good iris food. Work it in with the bonemeal if desired, and apply three weeks before flowering. All fertilizers should not be put closer to the rhizome than 6" Water well after planting.

We do not advocate cutting the iris leaves down while they are still green, since plant food is stored there. Do this late in the fall. In this climate a protective winter covering is desirable for new plants. If brown rust spots appear on the leaves spray as soon as noticed with DDT. Root rot is generally caused by excessive moisture conditions. Not much can be done about this other than cut away the rotted part of the rhizome, dust with copper carbonate and replant the balance of the clump.

When speaking to various horticultural societies I am often asked to name one desirable variety of each color in the lower priced bracket. Many town and city gardens can accommodate only a few iris clumps. I would suggest the following - It is almost impossible to keep it down to only one in each bracket!

White - Cliffs of Dover - Orange; Ola Kala - Pale Blue; Blue Sapphire or Jane Phillips - Dark Blue; Chivalry - Purple; Sable or Sable Night - Pink; Happy Birthday or Lynn Hall - Yellow - Foxfire or Golden Sunshine - Brown; Inca Chief or Thormes III - Violet; Violet Hills or Violet Harmony Plicata; Blue Shimmer or Belle Meade. Good specimens of most of the above varieties may be seen in the planting in the park this week - just west of the arena.

There are of course many beautiful newer varieties (and more expensive - when introduced) some up to \$25.00 a root. Some are May Hall and June Meredith in the pinks; Frost & Flame (a white with a red beard); Amethyst Flame - a large ruffled light violet; Whole Cloth - white standards and light blue falls - Golden Garland - white with yellow around the edges of the falls - Emma Cook - all white except a band of lavender around the falls - Brass Accents - Golden coffee brown - Bravado - vivid gold yellow. Many of these are in bloom in writer's garden this week, and anyone is welcome to come and see them.

In order to give the public an opportunity to see the remarkable strides that have been made in recent years in the hybridizing of irises - and the beautiful results - a group of the Canadian Iris Society has been formed in the Toronto area and are presenting to the Edwards Gardens varieties of about one hundred varieties of modern irises. Members of the parks department of Metropolitan Toronto have shown a keen interest in this project. The 100 varieties were chosen by a committee, of which the writer is chairman, and will be donated by members of the Canadian Iris Society - and planted in late July in Edwards Gardens.

The Toronto group are also holding an iris show, in conjunction with the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society, at the Lions Hall, June 13, 8 p.m.

# Book By Local Scientist Gives Ont. Fish Data

"Fishes of Ontario" recently published by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, was written by H. H. MacKay, M.A., Ph.D. of the Fish and Wildlife Branch. Dr. MacKay has been a resident of Richmond Hill for more than fifteen years and is well known for his active participation in community activities, particularly in the Horticultural Society, the Lions Club and the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. MacKay's publication will make much scientific knowledge of our fish life available to teachers, publicists and the general reader. In the preparation of this work, he has

brought to bear the results of his long experience and scientific training.

In the foreword, Premier John P. Roberts, says - "Fish and fisheries constitute a valuable part of Ontario's natural resources. Their importance lies not alone in their commercial value, but in the contribution they make to recreation. Although their recreational value is difficult to estimate in monetary terms, it is necessary that their importance in this connection be not underestimated."

Ontario's vast water wonderland was designed by nature,

SCHOMBERG: The 112th annual Schomberg Fair May 24 and 25 attracted more than 3,500. Charles Halliday of Chesley who won the Champion Clydesdale Trophy at the Richmond Hill Fair won the Ken Wray Trophy for champion mare or gelding at Schomberg.

## ELGIN MILLS - JEFFERSON

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**St. John's Church**

At the evening service the speaker was Captain Brown of the Church Army who is director of Beverley Lodge which works with young men in prison. Captain Brown also showed slides on his work after the service in the parish hall. The evening service was well attended.

On June 16 at the morning service the speaker will be Dr. McKenzie Naughton the former professor of systematics at Wycliffe College, at which service there will be several baptisms.

On Tuesday evening June 18th at 8 p.m. the confirmation service will be held with the Right Rev. George B. Snell Co-adjutor Bishop of Toronto present.

The evening branch of the W.A. held their regular meeting on June 6 in the parish hall.

The afternoon branch of the W.A. are holding its regular meeting on June 19 in the parish hall at 10.30 a.m.

**Hospital Auxiliary**

The local hospital auxiliary will be meeting on June 20th, at 8.30 p.m. at Mrs. R. Butler's.

**1st Jefferson Scouts and Cubs**

The Cub rally was held June 8 in Thornhill Park. The programme began with registration and then a grand hove! with all eight hundred cubs taking part. After the inspection they all enjoyed a picnic supper. The testing of events included jungle opening - jungle dance - knots - message relay - identifying birds and signalling. The Cubs enjoyed a scavenger hunt for natural things in the park; one for each letter of the alphabet. The cubs were also marked on discipline. The evening ended with a camp fire and sing-song. The ten cubs from the 1st Jefferson Pack brought home the "B" pennant. Many thanks to the cubs parents who turned out to lend their help and support.

Plans are being made for a Cub camp at Alliston in July. On June 15 from 2.30 to 6 p.m. at McPees on Bathurst the Jefferson Athletic Day will be held. All Cubs, Scouts, ex-brownies and ex-Guides from the Jefferson Area are invited.

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Mrs. W. R. Capell is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. C. J. Gould.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. F. C. Waters and family on the loss of her uncle Mr. William Jack near St. Louis.

Mrs. Lyle Boyle and parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyers attended the funeral of her uncle Mr. Russel Major at Orono.

On Sunday Cathy Ensore enjoyed her ninth birthday by having 13 friends in for a party.

Congratulations to Catharine Pick on achieving first class honours in her post graduate work for her master of arts degree in honour history.

Welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Sieber, Elizabeth and Mary Jane who have just returned from Nebraska.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. R. Wilcox and family on the sudden passing of Mr. R. Wilcox. The funeral to be in Windsor, N.S.

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# What the Minimum Wage Program means to you

The new Minimum Wage Program of the Province of Ontario becomes effective on June 30th, 1963. This legislation has been enacted by your Government for your benefit. It is in your own best interests to study the details of the program. Perhaps, some of the questions answered below apply to you.

**Q. Where does the Minimum Wage Program apply?**

**A.** The cities of Hamilton, Oshawa and Toronto; the towns of Ajax, Aurora, Burlington, Dundas, Leaside, Milton, Mimico, Newmarket, New Toronto, Oakville, Port Credit, Richmond Hill, Stoney Creek, Streetsville, Weston and Whitby; the villages of Forest Hill, Long Branch, Markham, Pickering, Stouffville, Swansea, Waterdown and Woodbridge; the townships of Ancaster, East Flamborough, East Whitby, East York, Etobicoke, Markham, Nelson, North York, Pickering, Saltfleet, Scarborough, Toronto, Trafalgar, Vaughan, West Flamborough, Whitby, Whitchurch and York.

**Q. What about Hotel and Restaurant employees?**

**A.** Male employees are to be paid at least \$1.00 an hour. Female employees start with a minimum of 85¢ an hour from June 30, 1963 increasing to 90¢ an hour from September 30, 1963, to 95¢ an hour from December 31, 1963 and to \$1.00 an hour from March 31, 1964.

**Q. Can a restaurant employer deduct the value of meals from earnings?**

**A.** Yes. But, only up to a maximum of 50¢ per meal or a total of \$10.00 per week—providing the employee has actually eaten the meals.

**Q. Does the Program include employees under 18?**

**A.** Yes. If they are regular members of the "labour force" they are to get the same minimum as anybody else. If they are students who only work part time or if they are messengers, delivery boys or news vendors, their minimum rate is 80¢ an hour.

**Q. What happens when an employee is called in for less than a full day?**

**A.** He must be paid the minimum rate for at least three hours work. If he works longer, he must be paid for each hour.

**Q. How does it apply to most employees?**

**A.** Male employees are to be paid at least \$1.00 an hour from June 30, 1963. Female employees are to be paid at least 85¢ an hour from June 30, 1963; 90¢ an hour from September 30, 1963; 95¢ an hour from December 31, 1963; \$1.00 an hour from March 31, 1964.

**Q. How about overtime?**

**A.** Regular minimum rates apply.

**Q. How does it apply to Construction workers?**

**A.** The minimum wage rate for construction workers is \$1.25 an hour.

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Minister of Labour

Complete details of the Minimum Wage Program are available to employers and employees at the Department of Labour.