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## Rambling Around

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which just do dispensing and dealing in associated lines like first aid and surgical supplies and certain diabetic preparations.

Discount stores handle many of the same lines as the drug store. The chain stores also cause serious competition. This has cut the independent's profit margin in spite of the fact that his expenses are increasing. The independent has a greater overhead. He must keep a full time pharmacist. He faces the necessity of slashing prices of such items as toothpaste which cuts his net profit in half or more.

Here's some good news for customers. After September 1, the federal sales tax is being removed at the manufacturer's level from headache remedies, laxatives, cold remedies, vitamins, antacids etc.

**KNOW YOUR DRUGS**

Mr. Harley recalls that when he was a graduate pharmacist, 80 to 90% of medicines were prepared in the dispensary. Now, 90% are prepared in pharmaceutical houses but the druggist still must possess knowledge of ingredients, know what they're for, and be able to dispense them properly.

Drugs sold over the counter without a prescription, for example, aspirin, Frosst 22 and some cough medicines and vitamins are the first group. Controlled drugs like phenobarbital must have a prescription but it can be renewed on a call to the doctor. The third group has to do with drugs like cocaine and its derivatives which must have a prescription every time.

Mr. Harley said that there is an increasing use of generic drugs like penicillin. It becomes a brand name drug when an ethical pharmaceutical house gives it a name of its own. Avert makes Hylenta and Horner sends out P52. It is still penicillin.

**IT'S A FAMILY BUSINESS**

Mr. Harley employs three other members of his family besides himself. His sister Edith Harrison has been with him for some years. When his son Greg graduated as a pharmacist in 1965 from U of T, he came to work in his father's drug store. Up until recently, Alberta Whyard was a familiar face at the drug counter. She was a drug clerk at Harley's for 16 years. Hal's wife Rose Harley has filled the vacancy.

You would think that shoplifting would be a major problem in a store that carries such variety as Harley's but according to Hal the biggest problem is the cost of delivery. Once it was done by a boy on a bicycle, now a man and a car must be available during store hours.

As far as shoplifting is concerned, a certain percentage of it occurs just before and during holiday seasons like Christmas or summer holidays. Chocolate bars and comic books are the main items lifted from the counter and rack.

One help in detecting the lightfingered is the convex mirror at the front of the store.

Mr. Harley has one complaint, but it's a universal one. "Customers are too impatient" he said. "Immediate service cannot always be given at the exact moment."

Even with Greg's help, the hours at the store are long, and there is little time for recreation. A wood working hobby fills this need. A membership in the Thornhill Country Club allows him to curl in the winter and play a little golf in the summer.

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**In Years Gone By**  
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from below the dam where it was running quite clear, the filters had been cleaned and the dead ends on water mains had been flushed.

September 15, it was reported the contract for the corrective work was ready to be let. Dr. Wilson in a lengthy report said that the filter beds were so constructed that storing of 10,000,000 gallons in the reserve basin was necessary for the water to flow by gravitation into the intake. Since a very small proportion of this was used daily the water was held in storage for a considerable time. Being shallow, it warmed up rapidly in the summer and this favored vegetable growth which gave the unpleasant odor, taste and yellowish color. The corrective measures being undertaken would be to extend the intake to the stream above the reserve basin (pond). This would provide clear, much colder water which would have no disagreeable odor.

In December 1927 the board of education was informed that the water in the well at the old high school (now the municipal building) was unfit for use, and that the MOH said the town water was now all right. The board decided to have the well cleaned out and the top repaired.

In 1926 operating costs of the system were \$3,354.40 with a debenture principal and interest payment of \$6,027.51, making a total of \$9,381.91. Revenue was \$3,988.87.

**STOUFFVILLE:** The 75-voice Centennial Choir of this village took part in the Billy Graham worship service on the stage of the CNE grandstand September 3.

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## The Flip Side

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From Washington comes news of the formation of a National Society for Parents of Flower Children to help parents to a better understanding of the problems and ideals of their children. . . . Well, we don't know about their ideals, but we'd say their biggest problem is having NO problems.

**WASHINGTON — (UPI) —** A Connecticut congressman believes that every U.S. high school student should speak Chinese. . . . And Metro's school board thinks it has a problem in having to go as far away as Australia for its teachers!

**UNITED NATIONS — (UPI) —** The United States pledged yesterday to share the first material it gets from the Moon with six other countries, including Canada. And how do our cheese producers feel about this?

Canada's fastest growing, the CF 104 and 101, were suspended from the CNE Air Show because their manoeuvres took them "too long over Toronto". . . . Or maybe there was just too much Toronto under them.

Metro druggists are now reporting that the city's young sniffers are now sniffing that asthma medicine. . . . Or maybe, by now, they HAVE asthma.

**Questions For The Week—**

(1) If modern education methods are so much better than the old education methods, how come our students now need so many psychiatrists?  
(2) How do the Quebec delegates to the PC leadership convention feel about it being held in the "Royal" York Hotel?  
(3) Will the PC convention end with what the Camp followers could call a Dief and dumb decision?

## R. Hill Horticulturists Enjoyed Visits To Gardens & Greenhouse

**By GLADYS McLATCHY**  
Garden visitation was the program enjoyed by the members of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society at its August meeting. Starting at Willowdale, the Wains' Florist greenhouses were a source of education and interest, to see, hear and learn about the secrets of greenhouse growing of plants. These included the misting process used in the propagation of poinsettias, and the total blackout used to induce bloom at the right time on chrysanthemums, as well as feeling the effects of the most modern ventilation system, used throughout the greenhouses, constructed of special glass.

The gardens at the Shoultice Surgery, Thornhill, next in line, were a sight to behold, with flower beds massed with giant zinnias, of every hue, hedged in front with well trimmed barberry. Others were banked with fuchsias and tuberous begonias, edged with dwarf size lemon colored marigolds. An old-fashioned flower bed of numerous plants was greatly admired, as well as the delightful arbors with trailing vines, and the walk where the catalpa trees dipped gracefully over the heads of the visitors. It was truly a vision of loveliness and a great deal of pride and satisfaction for Ernst Kohler, former gardener, to know that his garden paradise, now the responsibility of M. Marchori and his staff, is still heaven to flower lovers.

Far off fields look green, sometimes, and yet, gardens right in town are every bit as well kept and lovely, as members discovered in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Cragg, of Gentry Crescent, Richmond Hill, where Mr. Cragg spends every possible moment and all day Saturday, to keep it the way it is, in almost perfect condition, both in the flower and vegetable beds alike. Mr. Cragg is a specialist in the growing of dahlias and chrysanthemums, his garden therefore should be a thing of beauty and worthy of another visit this fall.

Last but not least, was the visit to the enchanted garden of Mr. and Mrs. Longworth, on Baker Avenue, Richmond Hill, where interestingly shaped collected lights, enhanced the beauty of the flowers and turned the entire garden into a fairytale of flowers.

Following garden visits, members congregated at the Lions Hall to hear the comments of the judges, regarding the floral exhibits, in the cultural and decorative sections of the summer flower show and to also view and pass individual judgment on the beautiful and bountiful show.


Point winners were: Mrs. Frank Titshall, Mrs. William Risebrough, Wesley Ankenman.  
**Arrangements:** Mrs. Jack Rumney, Mrs. A. Hillaby, Mrs. Titshall.  
**Juniors:** Jenny Kanis, Margaret Urquhart Andrews.  
**Court of Honor:** Best in Show Arrangements: Mrs. J. Rumney, "Our Culture".  
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