# Secret signal worked

When Col. Robert Moodie fell from his horse at the barricade outside Montgomery's Tavern, he was the victim of his own foolhardiness and sniper's bullet.

Col. Bridgford and Captain Stewart, who around the hotel, leaping the fences.

Although they were fired at several times, they succeeded in reaching Yonge Street south of the hotel.

There they met a man named Powell who had a fresh horse.

Bridgford told him to ride on ahead and warn the governor the rebel forces would be attacking the capital within two hours.

Paralyzed When Bridgford reached Toronto, he went straight to Government

House and found all in consternation. Governor Sir Francis Bond Head was so paralyzed with fear that he did not know what to

arrangements then un- mission. dertaken for the capital's defence.

It was agreed that if he should run into difficulties he was to signal by displaying his silk handkerchief, an arrangement which proved to be of great value later.

He was accompanied by Prime Lawrence on his northbound trip. Taken prisoner

Both were taken prisoner by Mackenzie's men near Montgomery's Tavern, located at the corner of what is now Montgomery Avenue and Yonge Street.

The spot is now marked by an historic plaque

Having obtained per- outside the postal station. mission Bridgford or- Bridgford secretly dered all bells in the city handed his papers to to be rung. He also Lawrence, who managed assisted in the to escape and fulfill the

#### Gardening

## Planting time

Bright spring weather is the "call of the wild" for home gardeners, and according to an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food horticulturist, it's time to start thinking about planting early vegetables and starting transplants.

"Just as soon as the frost is out of the ground and the soil is dry enough to prepare, the cool weather

vegetables can be planted," states R. A. Fleming. "Radishes, which will germinate and grow even in quite cool weather, are a good indicator crop. Lettuce, carrots, spinach and garden peas can all be

sown as soon as the ground can be prepared." He suggests that before seeding, a light application of a fertilizer high in phosphorus will help the seedlings' growth.

With transplants such as cabbage and cauliflower, he recommends sidedressing with a good fertilizer to enourage new growth.

Fleming cautions gardeners about being overanxious when it comes to starting their tomato and pepper transplants. In warm, heated homes with poor light conditions, the plants tend to become weak and spindly when they're started too early.

"The second or third week of April is early enough to sow the seed of your favorite varieties. By the time the seedlings are ready to transplant to flats or individual pots, the warm days of May will permit the young plants to be set in a bright, well-ventilated area during the day."

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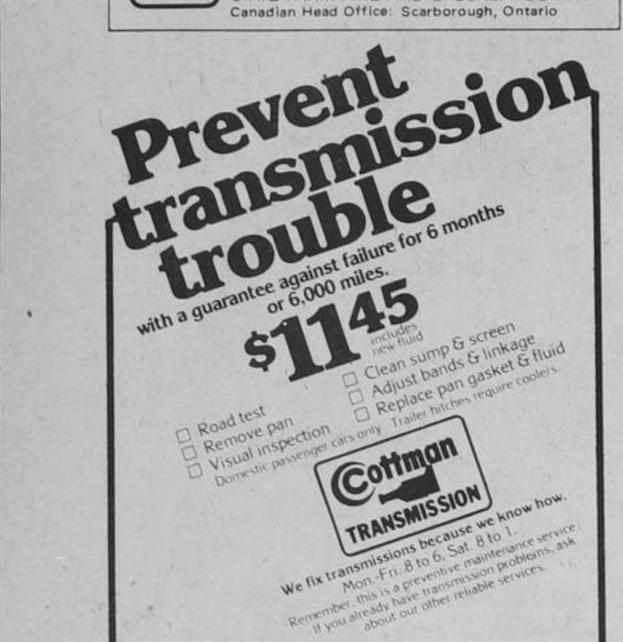
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He was commissioned was held and it was accompanied him, rode by Col. Fitzgibbon, who decided Bridgford should was in command of the be hanged as a spy. But David Gibson, garrison, to ride back north to raise volunteers whose Willowdale house

for immediate active was burned that year by supporters of the government, suggested that instead Bridgford be held as a prisoner of war and thus saved the man's life (Bridgford's second close call in his country's service).

#### To be shot

With several other prisoners Bridgford was placed under guard in the ballroom of the hotel where he was interviewed William Lyon Mackenzie.

Mackenzie told him he was to be shot the next day at noon.

Bridgford asked to have the execution deferred until 2 p.m., "because you will then have enough to do to look after your own neck without attending to

When the troops from the city, led by Colonels McNab, Fitzgibbon and A rebel consultation Jarvis, appeared with an overwhelming force, Bridgford hung his handkerchief from the south window of the hotel.

The loyalists then did not fire their grape and canister charges into the room where the prisoners were confined. The insurgents, many

of whom were armed only with pitchforks or pikes, fled from the scene.

The prisoners were freed and the hotel was

Vaughan reeve William Harrison, in his historical writings of 1888, reports he heard the above details from Bridgford, himself, who lived in Richmond Hill until his death in 1868 at the age of 75.

Bridgford was elected to Vaughan's first council in 1850 and was deputy-

its first worshipful fair-sized stream He also served on the east branch of the Don school board. River.

Built hotel

Lucy, daughter of John the home of a beaver for Stegman and built a two- several years. storey hotel of hewn logs,

reeve from 1852 to 1858 duroy bridge, connecting when he became reeve. the Hill with Duck Valley. He was instrumental in The north end of the the founding of Richmond settlement then was a

Masonic Lodge and was swamp through which a meandered its way to the

Alongside the bridge Bridgford married was an unsightly ditch,

Bridgford ran the hotel northwest of the corner of successfully for many Centre and Yonge years, purchasing his supply of beverages from In front was the cor- Quetton St. George.



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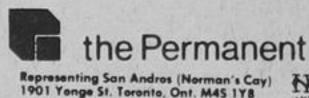
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Council but not approved at this time with which the matters herein set out are not in con-COUNCIL OF THE COR-PORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM WITH PROPERTIES ABUT-

TING THE TOWN OF

NOTICE OF THE AP-

PLICATION TO THE

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL

BOARD BY THE COR-

PORATION OF THE

TOWN OF RICHMOND

HILL for approval of a

by-law to regulate land

use passed pursuant to

Section 35 of the Planning

TAKE NOTICE that the Council

of the Corporation of the Town of

Richmond Hill intends to apply to

the Ontario Municipal Board

pursuant to the provisions of

Section 35 of the Planning Act for

approval of By-law 21-76 passed on

the 5th day of February, 1976. A

note giving an explanation of the

purpose and effect of the by-law

thereby is also furnished below

by registered mail or deliver to the

Clerk of the Town of Richmond

Hill notice of his objection to

approval of the said by-law,

together with a statement of the

ANY PERSONS wishing to

support the application for ap-

proval of the by-law may within

fourteen (14) days after the date of

this notice send by registered mail

or deliver to the Clerk of the Town

support of approval of the said by-

notice of any hearing that may be

held giving also the name and

address to which such notice

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL

BOARD may approve of the said

by-law but before doing so it may

appoint a time and place when any

objection to the by-law will be

considered. Notice of any hearing

that may be held will be given only

jection or notice of support and

who have left with or delivered to

dress to which notice of hearing is

THE LAST DAY FOR filing

objections will be the 21st day of

DATED AT THE TOWN OF

RICHMOND HILL THIS 7TH DAY

THE CORPORATION OF THE

TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

BY-LAW NO. 21-76

A By-law to Amend By-law No

2325-68 of the Corporation of the

WHEREAS the lands affected

by this By-law were situate in the

Township of Markham and were

annexed to the Town of Richmond

Hill by the Regional Municipality

of York Act, 1970, but remain

subject to the provisions of

Markham By-law Number 2325-68

set out are in conformity with the

Richmond Hill Official Plan which

AND WHEREAS there has been

no amendment to the Richmond

Hill Official Plan proposed by the

WHEREAS the matters herein

Township of Markham

C.D. Weldon,

P.O. Box 300,

Town of Richmond Hill.

Richmond Hill, Ontario.

10266 Yonge Street,

Clerk,

should be given.

to be sent.

OF APRIL, 1976.

grounds of such objection.

ANY PERSONS INTERESTED

Act.

RICHMOND HILL.

1. By-law No. 2325-68 of the Corporation of the Township of Markham amended be and is hereby amended by (a) Deleting Section 2.9 and by substituting the following: "2.9 OFFICE USES PER

Nothing in this By-law shall prevent, in a Residential Zone, the use of part of a single family detached or semi-detached dwelling for an office provided: 2.9.1 That only one person one assistant, who may or may not resident in the dwelling, may operate in and from the said of-

2.9.2. That an area equivalent to not more than thirty-five per cent (35 per cent) of the total floor area of the dwelling, or a maximum of five hundred square feet (500 sq. ft.) whichever is the lesser is

2.9.3. That there shall be no advertising other than a plate or sign which is not flashing and is not larger than one square foot (1 sq. ft.) indicating only the name, occupation and practicing hours of

of a single family dwelling for a home occupation as defined in

(c) Deleting Sections 4.3 and 4.3.1

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 5TH

Residential on a lot. The section reads - "The following uses are permitted: Single family dwelling, place of worship, elementary school, medical clinic, etc. As a result of comments from the Regional Municipality of York, the Town has repealed By-law 21-75

and enacted By-law 21-76 which incorporates the same provisions as in 21-75 but also deletes the definition of "Home Occupation" which is no longer necessary and permits the use of part of any dwelling in a Residential Zone subject to the limitations set out in the new Section 2.9 which By-law 21-76 creates.

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