

Cholera came with Irish

Col. David Bridford sold the front 50 acres of Lot 47 and the house thereon to a Mr. Gregory, who painted the building red.

It was here that two Americans, Troop and Sargent, started the Richmond Hill Fanning Mill Co.

It was here also the Pattersons began manufacturing agricultural implements, an industry which was later moved a couple of miles to the west and developed into a large industrial concern at Patterson.

Cholera Hit
In the late 1840's, Ireland suffered from an epidemic of cholera.

Many families fled that island to escape the dread disease and to make their homes in Canada.

Unfortunately they brought the disease with them.

One such family, passing through the village, was refused accommodation at any hotel and took refuge in this vacant building.



yesterdays

by mary dawson

Some of them died, the survivors then travelling northward.

For months afterwards no local person would enter the house and it acquired the reputation of being "haunted", particularly among the young boys who reported strange sights and sounds coming from the dwelling.

Spook Story
According to William Harrison, one of those boys, there was a tall chimney constructed of rough stone at one end of the chimney.

The chimney crashed to the ground one night. Naturally the local lads thought this was the work of the "spooks" which inhabited the structure.

The property also contained a dilapidated old barn and a field full of

stumps which cast eerie shadows, adding to the feeling of the supernatural being present.

On one occasion Harrison was wending his way home after dark through this property and noticed the barn doors ajar.

Boysish curiosity prompted him to glance inside and what he saw held him transfixed with horror.

Terror Figure
It was a gigantic figure of a man enveloped in a dirty white sheet with a high peaked hat of the same color. Around its neck was a dark tie by which it seemed suspended from above, its feet barely touching the floor.

Its cadaverous face looked directly at the terrified boy.

Finally he overcame his terror and entered the barn to investigate.

He discovered he was the first victim of a childish prank, the youngsters of the neighborhood having constructed the "ghost" that day.

Both house and barn were demolished in the 1850's.

Death Dream
Harrison recorded also that the old colonel had a dream a couple of years before his death in which he stood beside a grave being excavated in the village's cemetery.

Two white doves circled his head and disappeared into the blue sky.

Then he was approached by a man in a black suite who counselled him, "Weep not, for you will see them again".

Shortly after that dream two of his grandsons were victims of scarlet fever within a few hours.

The burial service was conducted by the Methodist minister on the Yonge Street Circuit, whom Col. Bridford had not seen before.

When he first saw the minister, Bridford identified him as the man in black who appeared in the dream.



(Photo by Dunlop)

Princesses honored

In most Carnival Queen competitions runners-up are briefly honored, then forgotten. But Peter Miller of McDonald's Restaurant has not forgotten. Last week he entertained Richmond Hill's Snow Queen Steiner and her court at

candlelight dinner in his Yonge Street restaurant. Pictured with Karin, left to right, are third runner-up Elvira Varriale, Second Runner-up Lesley Shelton, and first runner-up Laurie Di Battista.

Counterfeit money circulating in area

RICHMOND HILL — Counterfeit money, both Canadian and U.S., has shown up in York region, and one of the victims was McDonald's Restaurant in Richmond Hill.

about 265 pounds, with brown hair, clean shaven and with a strong, southern accent, paid for his Big Mac and the rest of his meal last week with a \$20 American bill.

However, when the bill — serial number A54675316 A — was turned

in at Bank of Montreal in Richmond Hill, it was disclosed as a phoney.

Meanwhile up the road in Aurora at Top Drug Mart, a young well-dressed woman, said to be in her 20s, paid for her purchase with a \$20 Canadian bill, which later proved to be false.

Area school office location protested

AURORA — Vaughan Trustee Betty Canivet has asked that Area 3 office of York County Board of Education, in Beverley Acres School in Richmond Hill, be moved to a more central location next year.

Vaughan, was to have been re-located in Langstaff Public School, but the \$58,000 allotted in the first budget draft for renovations to the school for that purpose, has since been cut.

Temporary renovations at Beverley Acres are estimated to cost \$2,000.

Steeles Optical
COMPLETE OPTICAL SERVICE

- EYEGLASS PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED
- CONTACT LENSES, hard & soft
- MODERN FRAME STYLES
- CUSTOM MADE FRAMES
- SAFETY GLASSES FOR WORK OR PLAY

Open: Mon. - Fri. 9:30 am - 9:30 pm
Sat. 9:30 am - 6:00 p.m.

CHARGE X 223-5168

Member: Canadian Guild of Dispensing Opticians

En-la-rose
TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

FLUSHING OF WATERMAINS

Starting April 20, 1976 the Richmond Hill Waterworks will do the semi-annual flushing of Watermains, from Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This might temporarily discolour your water. Please check the water colour before doing any laundry.

M. L. Perkins
Maintenance Manager

ITALIAN WEDGE SANDALS

ALL LEATHER

REG. 19⁹⁰

ONE WEEK ONLY

\$12⁹⁹ PR.

ASSORTED COLOURS: NAVY, RUST, GREEN, BROWN, BLACK

HILLCREST MALL
RICHMOND HILL, ONT.
883-1213

KRESGE'S

On sale April 19th to 24th • While Quantities Last • We reserve the right to limit quantities

88¢ SALE

 MEN'S DRESS HOSE 88¢	 EVEREADY FLASHLIGHT BATTERY 88¢	 4 PACK EXERCISE BOOKS 88¢	 HANDY 12 PACK SPONGES 88¢	 HIP HUGGER BRIEFS 88¢	 SHEER PANTY HOSE 2 88¢	 CRIMP SET NYLON YARN 3 88¢
 GIRLS' PRINTED BRIEFS 2 88¢	 PLASTIC BABY PANTS 88¢	 APPROX. 18" x 30" SCATTER MAT 88¢	 SLACK RACKS 88¢	 PRINTED APRONS 88¢	 10 PACK STICK PENS 88¢	 WOODEN PHOTO FRAMES 88¢
 EVERYDAY NAPKINS 2 88¢	 'SCOTTIE' LETTER PADS 3 88¢	 'SCOTTIE' ENVELOPES 3 88¢	 EVEREADY TRANSISTOR BATTERIES - C 88¢	 METRIC CONVERTER 88¢	 4 ROLL TAPE & DISPENSER 88¢	 100% COTTON DISH CLOTHS 88¢
 100% COTTON FACE CLOTHS 88¢	 MERCERIZED THREAD - 10 PAK 2 88¢	 NYLON CHIFFON RAIN BONNET 88¢	 THUMB GRIP CONTOUR BRUSH 2 88¢	 CHECKED TEA TOWELS 2 88¢	 COATS MERC CROCHET COTTON 88¢	 PLASTIC 100 VUE WALLETS 88¢
 SANI-PAK GARBAGE BAGS 88¢	 9 PAK GADGETS 2 88¢	 GOthic COFFEE MUGS 2 88¢	 LADIES' FULL BRIEFS 2 88¢	 POCKET ADDERS 88¢	 PETITE FASHION DOLL 88¢	 FASHION DOLL OUTFIT 88¢
 JIG SAW PUZZLES 88¢	 APPROX. 5 1/2" PLANTERS 88¢	 7 OZ. COLA GLASS PAK 88¢	 SET OF 2 WOODEN BOWLS 88¢	 5" PLASTIC POT W/ SAUCER 88¢	 COFFEE JAR WITH SPOON 88¢	 GLASS ASH TRAY 2 88¢
 LOAF PANS 88¢	 TWIN PAK HOOKS 2 88¢	 SELF STICK PICTURE HOOKS 2 88¢	 MAGNETIC CLIPS 2 88¢	 ALUMINUM BASTERS 88¢	 18" x 12" x T COOKIE SHEETS 88¢	 BLUE JET SOAP PADS 2 88¢
 ROLL 'n RACK REFILLS 88¢	 KIWI SHOE POLISH 2 88¢	 EVERYDAY GIFTWRAP 10 sheet pkg. 88¢	 SPLATTER SCREEN 88¢	 FRENCH FRY BASKETS 88¢	 CAST IRON 6 1/2" SKILLET 88¢	 FEATHER DUSTERS 88¢

Richmond Heights Shopping Centre

10520 YONGE ST., RICHMOND HILL

STORE HOURS: MON. - TUES. 9-9
WED. - SAT. 9-6
THURS. - FRI. 9-9