



Tonight at the Odeon

"All the President's Men" starts

by Terry Dupuis

All The President's Men is one of the major films of 1976, and it is a definite triumph for everyone who was concerned with the making of it. But it is particularly a triumph for Robert Redford, who was the moving force behind it. Besides playing one of the key roles in the story, Redford was also the movie's producer, having several years ago paid a whopping \$450,000 for the movie rights to the bestseller by Washington Post reporters Carl Bernstein and Robert Woodward.

from the start and was bound to become a box-office hit no matter what. However, it seems to me that Redford was taking a big gamble, because All The President's Men is a project which could easily have been botched up. The Watergate break-in and coverup is now such a familiar story, that there was a clear danger that the public would have little interest in seeing a movie about it, had it been carelessly and sloppily done. However, All The President's Men emerges on the screen as a superior suspense thriller, made all the more fascinating by the fact that it all really happened. A great deal of effort obviously went into the making of this movie.

It is set in 1972, which is only 4 years ago; nevertheless, cars, clothes, and even hairstyles have changed in that short period of time. Redford's film is correct in every detail. The Washington Post office is accurately recreated, even down to the trash in the wastepaper baskets. The cast is first-rate all the way. Redford and co-star Dustin Hoffman are both convincing in their respective roles as Robert Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the two reporters who uncovered Watergate. Jason

Robards, Martin Balsam and Jack Warden are also outstanding as the Washington Post's editors. The director is Alan J. Pakula, the former director of Kluge and The Sterile Cuckoo. The script was written by William Goldman, author of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. The photographer was Gordon Willis, who previously did the camerawork on both The Godfather and The Godfather Part Two. All The President's Men is now playing at the Odeon Theatre in Midland.



Work on the runway resurfacing project is nearing completion at the Huronia airport field in Tiny Township. According to commissioners, the runway should be paved and the facility fully operational by the end of July. Disher Farrand Ltd. is performing the resurfacing and graveling stage, while Cedarhurst Quarries and Crushing has been awarded the asphaltting contract. Staff photo.

Bookworm

A scholarly history of the Olympic games

by Shirley Whittington
Olympics, Olympics. They seem to be the hottest news item since the founding of Montreal. Bookstore windows bloom with books on the Olympics, but surely the most scholarly of any I've seen is a handsome hardcover volume by M.I. Finley and (Professor of Ancient History, University of Cambridge) and H.W. Pleket (a reader in Greek and Latin at the University of Leiden). Their book, *The Olympic Games: The First Thousand Years* is not the sort one would tuck into a knapsack en route to Montreal, but it would be an invaluable addition to school, personal or community libraries. The historical detail is fascinating, and the illustrations (many coloured plates) are top notch.

This all seems remote perhaps, but the problems experienced in the early days have a familiar ring. There was widespread corruption and bribery. In the third century, a writer complained that some athletes preferred gambling to training. Facilities for athletes were almost non-existent aside from a spartan hostel shared by athletes, trainers, officials and visitors. Spectators had a hard time of it. The few marble seats were reserved for notables. Most people stood or sat on the ground.

In fact, a disobedient slave was once threatened by his owner with a visit to Olympia as punishment. Scholars and historians will want to add the Olympic games *The First Thousand Years* to their libraries. Other readers may be better off with one of the many pocket guides to the modern Olympics.

The writers found their evidence in odd places; in monuments, paintings on pottery, poetry and odes commissioned in ancient times, and in stone and metal plaques. The world's first Olympic guide book was written by Pausanias between 160 AD and 170 AD.

Conference at Guelph

A group of 200 girls from across the province gathered at the University of Guelph last week. They attended the annual 4-H Homemaking Club Members Provincial Girls' Conference. North Simcoe County was represented by five club girls, Anne Kenney, New Flos; Connie Giffen, Edenvale; Mary Jean Crawford, Oro Station; Penny Whetham, Hillsdale; and Nancy Giffen, Edenvale. Delegates were actively involved in group discussions, interest groups, panel discussions, tours, and have the opportunity to hear a variety of speakers.

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