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North York Municipal Elections

RE-ELECT

R. F. Hicks

Reeve for 1927

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H. A. BYWATER

For Councillor

For North York Township

Election Day, January 1st, 1927

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29th

Ladies' Hairdressing Parlor

As Appointments for Hairdressing having been made well in advance, we regret we are unable to accept any further appointments until after Christmas.

Local Legislators Defend Administration of Town Affairs

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as Woodbridge and Meaford were getting them and why not us. In a few weeks we will be called on to elect a reeve and councillors and we need the very best we can get claimed the opposition leader, men who have the interests of the town at heart and men who have property at stake here.

G. H. Duncán of the Board of Education stated that he was pleased to announce to the house that the affairs of his department were in a very satisfactory state. All that had been planned had been carried out and the finances of the board had not been impaired. The records of the Public and High Schools were highly satisfactory and reflected credit on the staffs. There was harmony between the board and the teachers at all times and as a result good work was being done. The Hon. Mr. Duncan announced the result of an experiment which has been going on for some time under the direction of Chancelor Stewart who has discovered that results equally as good have been obtained from hot dogs as from Orange Crush. During the year there had been a capital expenditure of \$2,000 and by judicious management and close application to good business methods had been able to accomplish it without any further debt. Interest charges have always been a heavy burden on the board but this year were less by hundreds than any other year. It was only by careful planning and good business administration during the year he was able to give the house this good report. The Minister of Education stated however that although he was proud of the record of his own department he was in a peculiar position as he could not support the government of this day on general policies. I cannot follow them any longer he said as their record of the past year calls for censure. He criticized the Minister of highways for the type of road construction which he said might have been all right in the days of oxen or horse drawn vehicles but was not up to the requirements of the present. There should be some plan and system of road construction the same as adopted by the county or province if we hope to get anywhere. The sidewalks were a series of one step after another. He would suggest that the first three be called FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY but he did not know where they would end as he did not know how many there were.

Opposition member—Forty-two.
The speaker also took the council to task for not keeping a more watchful eye on the milk supply. The council had passed a law calling for the pasteurization of all milk and were now willing to pass the buck of enforcement to the medical health officer. Pasteurization unless properly carried on is worse than none at all and he blamed the council for not properly looking into the matter.

Mrs. A. A. Perry the next speaker at the outset affirmed her independence of the party whips and stated that she could not follow her leader in his criticism of the High School and his prognostications regarding the future.

We must look to the future with confidence said Mrs. Perry and we must make a special effort to induce families to come and live here. Richmond Hill undoubtedly had a wonderful future as a great residential suburb of Toronto. She congratulated Mr. Duncan the Minister of Education on the splendid administration of that department. She had always found it a pleasure to be associated with him on the school board and the past year had been a most successful one. "I contend," said the speaker, "that our expenditures are far too low. I never object to taxation but I do object to getting nothing for my taxes. As a representative of the women there were some things she was particularly interested in, namely, an organized effort to provide recreation for our young people which was part and parcel of the moral obligation of the council, secondly an improvement in the public library brought about by more co-operation from the council. The present library board was too inactive and we should have a better selection of books. The present librarian was not paid enough to do the job right.

J. R. Herrington as Minister of Finance for the Government pointed out that it was an impossibility for the council to carry on a great many improvements in a year because they could not spend money they did not receive. He drew the attention of the House to the fact that there were \$14,000 in outstanding taxes, about \$9000 for this year and about \$5000 inherited. He thought the council should not be criticized too harshly by the honorable leader of the opposition for not securing industries and if they had been negligent during the past year he wanted to know what he had been doing during the past sixty years. He was confident that all members of the government had worked at all times in the best interests of the town. He and his colleagues were all property owners in the municipality and would continue to work for the good of all the people.

W. Thompson president of the rate-payers association suggested that a saving could be brought about by bringing all municipal offices under one roof. Efficiency and a saving in money would result he was sure. He noticed by the financial statement that there were a number of small loans and he thought that if these were consolidated a great saving could be brought about. He suggested that the town engage a manager for the arena each year or else rent it for a fixed annual rent which he thought would be a better arrangement than the present one and would not be such a demand on the time of any member of the council. The council should have a definite program in mind for a number of years and follow it out systematically. He was sure the improved transportation facilities coming to Yonge Street would result in great benefit and the municipality should make the most of it. In New York the people in large numbers travel forty miles into the city and if Richmond Hill were properly advertised a great many people would be glad of our excellent living conditions only nine miles from the city limits. In regards industries for the town he thought an ad in some manufacturers magazines would bring good results.

Councillor G. H. Sloan made an eloquent and popular defence of the de-

with a large amount of unpaid taxes. If the people can't pay taxes at the present rate I do not believe in raising them. Contrary to some statements made he claimed that the village had made considerable progress. It was much easier to tear a building down than to build one up he said. A good deal for which the council was criticized steps in sidewalks, private loans and bad roads were inherited from previous years. Several plans were suggested for removing the weed taste of the water but he wanted to be sure a scheme would be successful before he spent the village money on an experiment.

Prof. Walker dealt at length with the question of town water. He said he thought the objectionable weeds in the pond could be choked by planting water lilies which would not hurt the water. The machinery at the pump house represented a large investment should be carefully looked after and kept in good repair. He suggested a more thorough study be made of the water system as it was a problem demanding a great deal of serious consideration. The lighting of the village was far from satisfactory poorly lighted streets were a poor advertisement for any town. He thought stronger lights could be installed at a little extra cost to the village. Moreover on some streets the lights were on one side and the sidewalk on the other. He claimed the lights should be for the benefit of the pedestrians.

Acting reeve J. A. Greene stated that the house had heard a great deal of criticism from the opposition but very few constructive ideas as to how to improve the town. Improvements had been brought about during the year; a great many of them and all the citizens had to do was to look around and see them. The council did not have to tell about them. Sidewalks had been built, improvements made at the arena, welcome signs erected and general progress made in all departments. The roads were a great problem and the council was handicapped by lack of finances. Cinders had been suggested but cinders were more expensive than gravel. There is a great deal to be done in 1927 and the electors should put men at the head of affairs who were capable of handling the situation. The speaker referred to the working of the electric light committee of which he is chairman and outlined the steps leading up to the reduction in rates which will become effective the first of the year, and also the transfer of some \$600 to the village from the Hydro and the probable sale of about \$3000 worth of machinery in the very near future.

L. B. Teetzel the last speaker for the opposition consulted the Liberal files and reminded the members of the government of their election slogans of a year ago and asked what had been done to carry them out. He suggested that the Arena management this year instead of spending \$300 on teams give that money to our own local hockey team and instead of having a few nights of hockey have a whole season of it. The signs at the edge of the village merely told the travellers that at last they had come to the top of the hill. When Councillor Sloan was selling his wares he did not try to impress the prospective customer with the container but rather the quality of the contents. Why not use the same business methods in selling the village? Why not tell of our schools, our good water our factory sites and numerous other advantages? The speaker criticized the council for lack of vision, living in the past rather than looking to the future. The speech from the throne presented no real progressive program. Why not have a definite policy which will bring more people here and increase the revenue of the town. The speaker introduced the following amendment which when put by the speaker carried by a 6-4 vote.

"We the members of his Majesty's loyal opposition feel that in the interests of the common welfare of this village and community at large that this house should declare its self as in favor of an intensive campaign to increase the revenues of this village by looking to the industrial development and to an increase in the use of the town water. And in view of the fact that this province has reverted from a dry policy to one of Government Control this house feels that the Government has been very lax in their duty in not producing some policy that would induce the people to at least taste the town water before the advent of Government Control."

The advantage of telling the truth is that you needn't add to it each time you tell it to make it impressive.

Science says the oceans will cover everything in a few thousand years. Let's hear no more talk of poor fish.

Thornhill (Special to The Liberal)

The annual meeting of the Thornhill Ladies' softball club will be held in Findley's hotel on Tuesday evening December 28th at 7.45 o'clock sharp. Manager Eaton desires every girl to be there on time as there are many matters of business to discuss. All girls who are interested in softball and would like to become a member kindly attend this meeting if possible. John Kelly son of the late Michael Kelly died on Saturday, December 18 at his late residence, John Street Thornhill. Mr. Kelly was in poor health for some time, but was able to attend to business till a few days previous to his death. The funeral service was held at St. Luke's R. C. church on Tuesday morning and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. Much sympathy is extended to his sister who resided with him.

Last Sunday, December 19th, being the Sunday before Christmas, Rev. B. R. Strangways, pastor of the United church preached Christmas sermons both morning and evening. The choir rendered special Yuletide music at both services, the anthems in the evening being both inspiring and effectively interpreting the Christmas spirit. In addition at the evening service Miss Aileen Atkinson of Richmond Hill, and Miss Ruth Strangways of our own village, played a delightful violin duet. Miss Atkinson also accompanied the piano for all the singing.

The Anglican church Christmas tree and entertainment will be held in Findley's Hall, Thursday, December 23rd (to-night) at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Y. P. S.

The Y. P. S. of the United Church held their regular weekly meeting on Monday evening, December 20th, and the program was in charge of the social and literary vice-president, an item of the program which was very well received by the members was the reading of a historical sketch of the founding of the Methodist Church in Thornhill, (now the United Church) which was prepared by Mr. E. A. James and read by Lillian Francis. Another item of the programme was the contest on "Thornhill" prizes for which were awarded to Edith Davis and Floyd Davis. A solo by Marion Smellie and several readings by little Francis Teare, were well received and light refreshments concluded a very interesting evening.

On account of the fact that next Monday night follows so closely the Yuletide festivities, and that a great many of the young people of the United Church are preparing for concerts, etc. the Y. P. S. meeting for next Monday evening, December 27th has been postponed.

School Concert

On Tuesday evening, December 21 a most interesting entertainment was given by the pupils of Thornhill public school in the auditorium of the school.

Visitors who called at the appointed time were impressed with the need of a larger auditorium for every available seat was taken and many standing in the hallway.

Mr. Irwin and staff must have given much attention to the preparation of this concert. They certainly have reason to be proud of the work done by the pupils.

Many unusual and amusing numbers were presented and performed in good style.

Mr. John Breakey acted as chairman and kept everything running smoothly and with good speed. Dr. Campbell, one of the members of the school board gave a short address, also Rev. B. R. Strangways. A large tree heavily laden with gifts for the scholars. Mrs. Santa Claus took charge of the distribution of these gifts adding much to the merriment of the occasion.

All the performers did creditably from the youngest to the oldest. One could not help realizing the immense value of such institutions to the intellectual and social welfare of the community. The staff and Board of Management deserve the appreciation of all the citizens, and they may rest assured they have it.

The annual New Year's entertainment of the Young Men's Class of the United Church will be held New Year's night January, 1st at 8 o'clock. A splendid programme is being prepared under the leadership of Miss Marguerite Boyle.

Oak Ridges

St. John's Church

Christmas communion 9 a.m.
Sunday after Christmas 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10.15 a.m.
Sunday school concert in Thompson's Hall Oak Ridges on Thursday, Dec. 30th, at 7.30 o'clock. Parish Hall—Sunday Dec. 26th at 7 p.m. Christmas Service.