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New Year's Eve Midnight Show

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 11.15

Jean Harlow-William Powell-Myrna Loy-Spencer Tracy
Shanghaied Shipmates **LIBELED LADY** Honeymoon Bridge
Favors to All Admission 45c. plus Tax

THURS., FRI., SAT., DEC. 31 - JAN. 1 - 2
Continuous Show 1.30 to 11.30

Joan Crawford - Robt. Taylor - Lionel Barrymore
Franchot Tone

GORGEOUS LADY

— ALSO —

STUART ERWIN in **WOMEN ARE TROUBLE**
Added for Matinee Only **ROBINSON CRUSO**

MON., TUES., WED., JANUARY 4 - 5 - 6

VICTOR McLAGLEN - BINNIE BARNES
THE MAGNIFICENT BRUTE

— ALSO —
ROBERT YOUNG - FLORENCE RICE

SWORN ENEMY

Richmond Hill Finances Best For Many Years Is Report of Treasurer

Debt, Taxes and Overdraft Substantially Reduced in Recent
Years—Tax Collections Fifteen Per Cent Better
This Year—Candidates For Office Speak at
Annual Nomination Meeting

"Richmond Hill is progressing very favorably and the financial position of the municipality at the end of 1936 is the best in many years," said clerk and treasurer Mr. A. J. Hume in presiding for the thirty-second consecutive time at the Richmond Hill annual nomination meeting Monday evening. Quoting comparative figures to show the progress made Mr. Hume stated that in 1926 the per capita debt of the village amounted to \$223, while today this per capita debt was reduced to \$175.00. This very substantial reduction he said shows the wonderful record of economy and administration on the part of our councils. Likewise the tax rate in 1926 was 51 mills while in 1936 it had been reduced to 47½ mills. In the face of a decreasing tax rate, increased payments had been made on the principal of our debt. In 1926 although the tax rate was 51 mills we only paid \$5,349.00 on account of principal but in the year 1936 with a tax rate of 47½ mills we have paid off \$9,379.00 of principal. In these days said the clerk when so many municipalities are in default of both principal and interest it is gratifying to be able to say that Richmond Hill is not owing one cent of either principal or interest and that every dollar due for principal or interest has been met.

Referring to the waterworks department the treasurer pointed out that receipts in that department had increased from \$3,988 in 1926 to \$6,888 in 1936 due to the increased number of services which now number 260. Last year a new chlorinating machine was installed at a cost of \$700.00 and this year a new heating system at a cost of \$450.00 but in the face of these large expenditures the waterworks was able to pay all current charges and \$1500 towards the debenture payment. Reports received weekly by the Board of Health on the water supply with the exception of a couple of weeks in the very dry weather were always the best.

In the electric light department the reserve fund at the commencement of the year was about \$5000.

This at the end of the year would be reduced to about \$2000 due to refunds made to consumers and to a reduction in rates.

Tax collections this year are approximately 15 per cent better than last year and payment of arrears about \$1000 better than in 1935.

The overdraft at the bank which a few years ago was as high as \$14,000.00 was reduced by the end of 1935 to \$8,500 and this year it has again been reduced to only \$6,000.00.

Summing it all up said the clerk, I am happy to say that on the whole things look better for Richmond Hill than for some time and I sincerely hope that things will continue to progress.

James McLean

James McLean, member of the 1936 council and a candidate for reeve for 1937 was the first speaker called on following the remarks of the clerk and treasurer. Mr. McLean said he was pleased to see so many in attendance as it showed the interest people were taking in the affairs of the town. I am glad too to hear the very satisfactory report given by our esteemed clerk as I am sure it is very gratifying to us all. As intimated at the final meeting of council I am a candidate for the reeveship in 1937. When our present reeve took office he stated that he would not want the reeveship for long and that two or three years would be all he would care about. Now he has had four good years and we have given him good support and I thought it was time some of the council made a move. I think it is the ambition of all who serve in council to one day serve as Reeve, and having served you as councillor for several years I would like the honor of saying that I served as Reeve of Richmond Hill. If I am elected I will not want it for long, two or three years and I will be satisfied. I assure you I am not seeking the position for the remuneration there is in it but only for the honor of representing you here and at County Council as reeve. I'd like to have it said of me that one time I was reeve of Richmond Hill.

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PREDICT CLOSE CONTEST FOR REEVESHIP OF RICHMOND HILL

J. A. Greene and James McLean Conducting Aggressive
Campaigns and Few Votes May Decide the Winner—
Four Seek Three Seats on School Board

Richmond Hill electors will go to the polls on Monday next to elect a Reeve and three public school trustees, the members of the municipal council having been elected by acclamation. Reeve J. A. Greene is seeking re-election and is opposed for the reeveship by councillor James McLean. Four candidates are seeking the three seats on the Board of Education, three members of last year's board, L. A. Hill, A. D. Buchanan and P. E. Angle, and the new candidate is James Butler. The polls will open at the Municipal Building at 8 a.m. and will remain open until 7 o'clock in the evening.

The contest for the reeveship promises to be one of the closest battles in the history of the municipality. Both candidates are busy this week in an aggressive campaign which includes a house to house canvass. There are few who will predict the outcome of the contest and it is the general feeling that whoever wins the margin of victory will be very small. A few who pride themselves on their ability to forecast elections even predict that a half dozen votes may decide the winner.

Reeve J. A. Greene who is completing his fourth term as Reeve is appealing to the electors on the record of his four year administration. He points to the fine financial position of the municipality, the reduction in debt and taxes during his regime, and asks the electors who think his record merits approval to cast their vote for him. During his term of office he has been a tireless worker and has devoted himself zealously to the duties of his office as well as being very active in all branches of community life. He has served the town as Reeve during a very difficult period, a period when many municipalities less capably run went into default and bankruptcy. He points to the important problems which will come up for discussion in the County Council in the coming year and offers his services to the ratepayers to see these questions through to the conclusion. He has for his slogan "Continue Efficient Administration."

Councillor James McLean who is putting up a very strong bid for the reeveship honors claims that the reeveship is no lifetime job. He says it is the commendable ambition of any man who serves on council to serve in the higher office as Reeve and as the present Reeve has served for four years he is stepping up to seek the Reeve's chair. Mr. McLean has been a lifelong citizen of the district and has served faithfully and well on the municipal council for several years. He also has been active in community life and has rendered valuable service in many organizations which claimed his interest and support. He is probably the most widely known citizen ever to seek office in the village. From one end of Ontario to the other he is known as a champion plowman and has acted as plowing judge, field crop judge, or fall fair judge in practically every Ontario centre and has represented Ontario in this capacity in different parts of Canada. He is a Past President of the Ontario Plowmen's Assoc., the Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions Assoc., the Ontario Seed Growers Assoc. and is identified with many Agricultural undertakings. A few years ago he was honored by being made an honorary Indian chief at the Brantford Indian Reserve, his Indian name being Tehaka-ne-ratch, which in English means "a judge or a man who runs things." No one can question Mr. McLean's claim to being the first Indian Chief ever to aspire to office in this fair village. Mr. McLean's slogan is "Merits promotion and pledges careful attention to civic affairs."

The candidates for reeve are close personal friends and have worked together for many years on the council, the Fair Board and many other organizations. Whatever bitterness there may be in the campaign, it certainly will not be on the part of the two candidates themselves. After the official nomination both shook hands and declared that whatever the outcome it would make no difference in their friendship. However their friendship does not prevent them conducting aggressive campaigns and both have been very busy during the week. Monday night about 8.30 if you phone our office we will tell you the result.

VICTORIA SQUARE

Well, what sort of weather can we expect for New Year's Day? We have had many kinds during the month of December but for New Year's Day we ask for "the best yet," in order to start the new resolutions off right.

Yes, this is the week for framing those new resolutions of which we have so much at the beginning of a new year and so little at the end. Let us make the "as usual" and keep them "as is unusual" and thereby realize some of our ideals, at least.

Election of officers in the various organizations of the church are the order of the day now. Last week the W.M.S. held their annual meeting at the parsonage and encouraging reports were read and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Honorary Presidents, Mesdames Brumwell, Brown, Boynton, Nichols, Stoutenburgh and Miss Hopper; Pres., Mrs. J. MacDonald; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Haig; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. H. D. McCague; rec. ec., Mrs. P. Willows; ass't. sec., Mrs. Herman Mortson; corr. sec., Mrs. Alvin Caseley; treas., Mrs. Ralph Boynton; pianist, Mrs. Ross Nichols; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. R. E. Perkins, Mrs. H. Smith; Finance secretary, Mrs. L. L. Nichols and Mrs. Acreman; supply sec., Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Jaques, Mrs. L. Boynton, Mrs. Valliere, Mrs. Alvin Frisby; Literature Sec., Mrs. Klinck; Temperance Sec., Mrs. Egbert Avison; Flowers and Sunshine Sec., Mrs. E. Caseley; Mission Band Sec., Mrs. Haig; Baby Band Sec., Miss M. Sanderson; Ass. Helper, Mrs. H. D. McCague; Press Sec., Miss E. I. Mortson; Auditors, Mrs. W. Bramwell, Mrs. M. Avison; Social Committee, Miss M. Sanderson, Mrs. Collard, Mrs. Dennis.

On Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the Women's Association are holding their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Mortson. A report of this will be given in The Liberal next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mortson took tea and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sanderson and Miss Sanderson on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Willows and Miss Alma Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pegil spent Christmas at the home of Miss Atwood's parents. Miss Atwood did not return until Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Faucett and Joanne of Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. John King and baby Jean spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mortson.

On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Agar journeyed to Toronto to spend the day at the home of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Stan Young.

On Monday afternoon a health course under the direction of Miss F. Alexander will begin. A good attendance is hoped for. The first meeting will be held in the basement of the church, the other meetings to be in the community hall. The meetings will begin at 2 o'clock.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 - 2
WILLIAM POWELL - CAROLE LOMBARD

— IN —

MY MAN GODFREY

Mickey Mouse in "THE ALPINE CLIMBER"
PARAMOUNT NEWS

MONDAY & TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 - 5

JEAN HARLOW
FRANCHOT TONE

EDMUND LOWE

— IN —

SUZY

The Girl on the Front Page

NOVELTY

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 - 7

ROBERT TAYLOR
BARBARA STANWYCK

JANE BARWELL

— AND —

His Brothers Wife

Star For A Night

CARTOON

MAPLE NEWSY NOTES

A very successful birthday party was held at the home of Jean Robinson on Saturday evening. Five tables of Court Whist were played and the prize winners were, ladies, Jean Parks, Dora McDonald; gents, Desmond Partridge, Bill Bailey.

Other games were played and a dainty lunch served by the hostess. The Citizenship Committee was in charge of the Y.P.S. meeting held in the Presbyterian Sunday School Room on Monday evening. Bob Manning gave the topic and chose as his subject "The Value of Time." The Scripture was read by Margaret Brownlee. A duet was given by Rutherford Brothers. At the close of the meeting games were played directed by the social committee.

Rev. Norman and Mrs. Keffer and Mildred of Hespeler, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Keffer and Mr. Reynold Keffer spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Keffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Farr and Mrs. J. Jackson of Weston spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson.

Dr. and Mrs. Wagner and Douglas of Elmira spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson, Mrs. Wagner remaining this week.

Mr. Bovair and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Wark of Carrville, Miss S. Jennings, Mrs. J. Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barber of Toronto spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jennings.

Miss Agnes Couper of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. W. Couper and James of Sutton spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Couper.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barkemeyer and sons Bob and Dan of McKeesport, Pa. spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bailey. Miss Agnes McLean of Toronto visited on Sunday with Miss Marjorie Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ball and Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones and family of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robeson and Douglas were Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Robeson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Orr and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. Oliver and family and Mr. and Mrs. K. Thomas and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. David Snider, Mr. Rueben Keffer, Mrs. W. Campbell and Mr. Wm. Campbell of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. Hiram Keffer.

Rev. and Mrs. G. Coulter and Miss Isobel of Toronto spent Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. Partridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Keys and family of Toronto visited on Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Keys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis, Mrs. T. Brown and Russell and Mr. Ray Bastain of Toronto were Christmas visitors at Mrs. W. Miller's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bailey, Mr. Bruce Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ross of Rochester spent Christmas with Mrs. G. W. Bailey.

Miss Dorothy Brown of McKeesport is spending a week with her aunt Mrs. H. C. Bailey.

Mr. Gordon Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jackson of Gadsby, Alberta, is spending a month with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Saigeon.

Miss Olive White of Toronto spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. White.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
J. H. NAUGHTON, K. C.
The Christmas list of new King's Counsels for Ontario announced last week included the name of J. H. Naughton, well known lawyer of this district. Mr. Naughton is solicitor for many York County municipalities and his many friends throughout this district join with The Liberal in extending congratulations.

"BIG" NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY CROSBY MEMORIAL RINK, UNIONVILLE

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