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## CAPITOL

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YONGE AT CASTLEFIELD

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 23  
"CHARLIE CHAN IN CITY OF DARKNESS"  
— AND —  
STUART ERWIN MARJORIE WEAVER  
"THE HONEYMOON IS OVER"

SATURDAY CANDY FOR THE CHILDREN  
MATINEE AND EXTRA CARTOONS

MATINEES ALL HOLIDAY WEEK  
AT 2.00 P.M.  
EXTRA CARTOONS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY MATINEE ONLY  
ON THE STAGE  
FIFI THE CLOWN

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 26, 27  
MYRNA LOY, TYRONE POWER, GEO. BRENT  
"THE RAINS CAME"  
"NANCY DREW IN THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE"

## ELECTION CONTEST LOOMS AS A LIKELY POSSIBILITY FOR VILLAGE

J. A. Greene and T. H. Trench Probable Entries in Reeve-ship Race—Large Slate Anticipated For Four Council Seats — Nomination Meeting Friday Evening

On the eve of nomination meeting the possibility of a keen election campaign looms as a likely possibility for Richmond Hill. Local ratepayers looking forward to the New Year holiday can list the anticipation of casting a municipal vote among their other anticipations of the celebration marking the entry of a New Year. During recent weeks the Municipal Pot has been boiling with much more than usual intensity and out of the simmerings which have been the popular subject of local speculation for some time comes the likelihood of a real old time election with plenty of candidates for all the offices.

The annual Nomination meeting, sometimes a drab and lifeless affair, promises to be lively and interesting as present office holders give an account of their activities and aspiring candidates present their claims for election. While Reeve Greene departed from a seven year custom and made no declaration of his intentions at the statutory meeting last Friday it is assumed he will be a candidate for re-election. He has now completed seven years as Reeve. It is almost a certainty that if he stands for an eighth term he will have opposition. His likely opponent will be ex-reeve T. H. Trench. Mr. Trench has not made a definite declaration of his intentions to The Liberal, but he has admitted that he is being urged by a large number of ratepayers to allow his name to stand and that he is seriously considering doing so. Further in his remarks he made it very clear that it is his very definite opinion that he does not think the record of the 1939 council merits endorsement.

The changes which the passing of a single year can bring about is forcibly brought home by the fact that of the four 1939 councillors only one, Christian Nelson, will seek re-election. Death removed councillor Mills, councillor Alex Little is living in Weston, and councillor P. C. Hill is now in a Toronto hospital and is not likely to be a candidate. Councillor Nelson, now completing three years as a councillor will stand for re-election.

Criticism heard of the record of the 1939 council from citizens interviewed by The Liberal centres chiefly around two subjects namely, the by-law prohibiting the wrecking of used cars and the Sheardown law case. The consensus of opinion of those who oppose the council on the car wrecking by-law is that a licensing by-law would have served the good purpose of the council's intentions and would not interfere with the establishing of a legitimate business as does the present by-law prohibiting the wrecking of cars. Opinion canvassed agrees that the council showed good judgment in considering the car wrecking business and would have been justified in taking steps to see that unsightly wrecking plants were not established in the village. They contend however that the wrecking of used cars and the selling of the used parts is as legitimate a business and just as necessary in our present day business conditions as the selling of new parts. They maintain that a by-law providing for a license fee would have given the council control over any such business established here and the authority to prevent it ever becoming objectionable or an eyesore in the community. Proof that a wrecking business need not be objectionable in a community is cited in the local case of Mr. Parisi who between legal engagements with the council has carried on his wrecking business and there has been a notable absence of any complaints according to the statement of the Reeve at the December meeting of council. We found little sympathy for the opinion that if one license was granted it would have to be granted to every applicant irrespective of location or conditions. It is pointed out that the purpose

of a licensing by-law is to control and supervise any business which has a possibility of becoming objectionable. As one citizen remarked "under a licensing by-law the minute the wrecking business was objectionable to the community the license could be cancelled by the municipal council, but if a man conducts a business which is legitimate in every way and free from objection why should he be prevented from conducting such a business in Richmond Hill?" That no doubt is the question which ratepayers will put to members of municipal council Friday night.

At the December meeting Reeve Greene advanced the proposal that Mr. Parisi pay all legal costs in connection with the by-law and that a licensing by-law be substituted for the present prohibitory one. To this Mr. Parisi agreed but council members refused the proposal. In this issue councillor P. C. Hill states clearly his stand on the matter and councillor Nelson will no doubt have something to say on the subject Friday evening.

The other matter of the law suit with Mr. J. Sheardown has caused much local comment and while there are many legal aspects to the case which have been pointed out from time to time through these columns our interviews have revealed that the average taxpayer on the street has equally as little use for high sounding legal phraseology as he has for legal bills. The average man in his private life has learned that very often even if you win a law suit you are often not a winner financially. With this background despite all the complicated legal aspects there is a very appreciable body of public opinion which either rightly or wrongly thinks the expensive law suits with the costs which follow in their wake could have been avoided. The opinion has many times been expressed to The Liberal that the council should have steered clear of these expensive legal entanglements. Undoubtedly the case has been the cause of much concern to the 1939 council and the members have expended much time and thought and been put to much personal inconvenience as a result of the whole affair. Following the hearing of the case some months ago the council was directed by the court to do certain work to take care of the water crossing the Sheardown property. At considerable expenditure a tile drain was laid across the property but now Mr. Sheardown in another action claims that it is not at all satisfactory. It was up for first hearing this week but likely will be postponed and no doubt will be one of the first items of business to be dealt with by the 1940 council. The position of the town in regard to the law suit and the drainage problem will likely be thoroughly explained to the ratepayers at the nomination meeting by Reeve J. A. Greene who has been closely in touch with the case since its inception.

It is to be hoped however that these two very contentious matters will not crowd out all other matters of municipal importance. On the shoulders of Reeve Greene and councillor Nelson will be the responsibility of giving a detailed outline of the work of the year covering both village and county affairs. The contentious matters however promise to add spice to the evening's program of speeches.

With only one member of the 1939 council aspiring for re-election there promises to be a large field of prospective candidates. The ballot for council may include in addition to councillor C. Nelson, ex-councillors Bill Neal and Wes Middleton, L. H. Clement, R. D. Little and P. E. Angle, former members of the school board, James Butler, president of the Vaughan and Richmond Hill Veterans Association, Dr. J. P. Wilson and Arthur C. White. Others prominently mentioned and who have

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 23  
ANN SHERIDAN, THE DEAD END KIDS in  
"ANGELS WASH THEIR FACES"  
— ALSO —  
"OUR FIGHTING NAVY"  
With H. B. WARNER, RICHARD CROMWELL  
NOVELTY — HARUM SKARUM

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 26  
BING CROSBY, LOUISE CAMPBELL in  
"THE STAR MAKER"  
— ALSO —  
"INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY"  
With PAT O'BRIEN, ANN SHERIDAN, GALE PAGE  
NOVELTY — IT'S THE NATURAL THING TO DO  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MATINEE MONDAY AT 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 28  
GINGER ROGERS, DAVID NIVEN in  
"BACHELOR MOTHER"  
— ALSO —  
"THE DEATH OF A CHAMPION"  
With VIRGINIA DALE, JOSEPH ALLEN JR.  
PARAMOUNT NEWS

## TOWN LEGAL BATTLES WAGED ON TWO FRONTS WEDNESDAY

Wrecking By-Law Case and Sheardown Case Laid Over Until January

While the music of Christmas carols filled the air and the peeling of chimes heralded the coming of the festive season Richmond Hill's legal battles continued on two fronts Wednesday. No less than three lawyers manned the legal guns of the municipality for these skirmishes. Village solicitor B. B. Jordan was assisted by E. Bogart in the Sheardown action and by C. C. Downey in the Parisi and car wrecking by-law case. T. Campbell Line appeared for both Mr. Sheardown and Mr. Parisi. The action of Mr. Sheardown was adjourned until January 15th and the Parisi case too will be heard some time in January.

At the statutory meeting of council last Friday Reeve Greene and members of council received notice that Wednesday a motion would be heard for an order of Sequestration and for contempt of court in failing to carry out the judgment of the court given last September. In support of this second action against the Village John Sheardown claims that no effectual efforts have been made to abate the nuisance restrained by the judge in the previous action. He says some little attempt was made by the defendants by placing tile on the property "but most of such tile was near the surface and in some cases protrude above the surface."

He states he has employed Ernest A. Smith, a professor of the Department of Chemical Engineering in the University of Toronto who has made a chemical analysis of the drainage and sewage wrongfully deposited upon his land. This analysis of samples taken from the drain November 27th and December 5th according to Professor Smith show a bacteriological count of 100,000 per 100 cc. "This," states Professor Smith's report, "indicates undoubted pollution of the water by sewage."

Mr. Sheardown also states that Gardner Alison, a duly qualified professional engineer, has made a report on the work done by the municipality which says that the work done has not rectified conditions but only aggravated them.

In defence of the council action Reeve J. A. Greene declares that in his opinion the council made every effort to carry out the order of the court, in entering on the lands of the plaintiff and opening drain and laying of tile. That this was done in a workmanlike manner is supported by W. S. Gibson, Ontario Land Surveyor who has inspected the work, Howard Atkinson who took levels for the drain and Roscoe Case-ment, town overseer, who superintended the work of laying the drain. Speaking to The Liberal this morning J. Sheardown stated that the village was given two months to carry out the order of the court and that this time expired November 15th. His second action was instituted Friday and first hearing was Wednesday. Only yesterday he claims workmen on orders of the corporation trespassed on his land and were dumping dirt on top of

the drain. This he claims is an admission that the work was not properly done in the first place.

## OBITUARY

ARTHUR W. FARR

Arthur W. Farr, 67 year old member of a Vaughan township pioneer family, passed away in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Saturday, December 16th. He had been a patient there or the past two months.

A former Vaughan township councillor, having occupied the Deputy-reeve's chair during part of his service, he was also prominent in many other fields. For 35 years he served as superintendent of the Woodbridge United Church Sunday School, also being an elder of the church. He was a charter member of the local Farmers' Company and served as its secretary since its inception.

Another of his many activities in community life was a period as school board member in School Section No. 13, Vaughan. In this office he shared in the work leading to construction of a fine new school some time ago. He farmed nearby, about a mile west of Woodbridge, not far from the site of his birthplace.

Surviving him are his widow, the former Agnes Watson, one daughter, Mrs. J. (Elta) Snider, Goderich, and a sister, Mrs. Louisa Taylor, Weston. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

Funeral services in the United Church Monday afternoon were conducted by the Rev. C. W. Barrett with 6 fellow-elders acting as honorary pallbearers. They were Robt. Watson, Wm. Watson, J. W. Wallace, Jesse Humphreys, Herb Natress and Dr. G. D. McLean. Active pallbearers were John Kellam, Boyle Kellam, Wm. Hutchison, W. J. Blake, Robt. N. Mitchell, Frank Troyer. Interment was in Hillcrest cemetery.

LATE W. A. DUNCAN

The funeral of the late William Armstrong Duncan was held from the funeral parlors of Wright and Taylor last Friday afternoon and interment followed in Richmond Hill cemetery. In his 64th year the late Mr. Duncan was born on the Duncan homestead south of Richmond Hill and was the son of Mrs. Duncan and the late John Duncan. A salesman for General Steel Wares for many years he was widely known throughout Ontario. He was taken suddenly ill while in Niagara Falls and died there on December 13th. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Daisy Duncan, one son Allan, three daughters, Mrs. Howard Bambrick of Toronto, Mrs. John Barron and Mary of Oshawa, his mother Mrs. John Duncan who is now in Florida, two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Stuart of Miami, and Mrs. A. Holland of Vancouver. A brother Garnet H. Duncan predeceased him a little over a year ago.

CHRISTMAS BASKET FUND

Clerk A. J. Hume is still receiving donations for the Richmond Hill Christmas Basket Fund. With this fund all needy families are provided with a bountiful basket for Christmas.

## MAPLE

Vaughan Nominations Friday

Vaughan township annual nomination meeting will be held at the township hall, Vellore, Friday afternoon and at the time of going to press everything points to an acclamation for the 1939 council. The council has had a very satisfactory year and the financial statement to be delivered to the ratepayers Friday shows township finances in an exceptionally healthy condition. Payment of 1939 taxes to December 15th totalled 83.2 per cent of the total levy which is the highest percentage of payment at this date since 1930. The tax levy this year totalling \$94,040.06 was the lowest in many years and some idea of the substantial tax reduction is gained by comparison with the year 1930 when the levy totalled \$126,885.95. Tax arrears owing the township are the lowest since 1931.

A very successful bazaar was held in St. Stephen's Church Parish Hall on December 14th. The winner of the quilt on the lucky number draw was Miss Lundell, 2nd prize a crochet purse was won by Nora Jackson and third was won by Jackson Cook. The dressed doll was won by Miss Pettit of Toronto and Mrs. Sniweley of Aurora won the chicken.

A special candlelight service will be held at St. Stephen's Church Christmas Eve at 10.30 to which everyone is invited.

Prospect Park United Church Dramatic Club, Toronto, will present "Look Who's Here", a three act comedy play in Maple Community Hall early in January sponsored by Hope United W.A.

The Hope Red Cross Unit No. 6 will meet at the home of the President Mrs. Neil Malloy on Wednesday, December 27th, at 1.30 p.m. Come early.

The Lutheran Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society held their annual meeting in the Sunday School Room on Tuesday, December 12th. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. J. Montgomery. The 67th Psalm was read by all. Prayer by the Pastor. The auditors are Mrs. Jesse Keffer and Mrs. William Snider. The officers for 1940 are as follows: President, Mrs. J. Montgomery; Vice-President, Mrs. Roland Keffer; Secretary, Mrs. Lawrence Keffer; Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Keffer. Meeting closed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

On motion of councillor P. C. Hill and councillor C. Nelson Bert Cook was appointed Chief of the Richmond Hill Fire Brigade, succeeding the late Harold J. Mills. Mr. Cook has been deputy-chief for a number of years.

The usual by-law was passed providing for the holding of the annual nomination meeting Friday evening, December 22nd and the elections Monday, January 1st. Polling booths will be open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and the following were named as officials: Deputy Returning Officers: Harry Glover, Fred Coulter, Arthur C. White; poll clerks, Joseph Jefferson, J. Brown, Leslie Reardon, Constable, J. A. Mabley.

At the conclusion of the business the Reeve thanked the members for their co-operation throughout the year.

## WILL FACE RELIEF FRAUD CHARGES

Mr. Charles Holmes and Mrs. Rose Holmes of Garden Avenue, Vaughan Township were arrested this afternoon by Constable George DeFerrari relief officer for the municipality and Sergt. S. A. Barraclough of the County Police on charges of unlawfully obtaining relief under false pretences with intentions to defraud.

## POULTRY DRAW TONIGHT

The Bowling Club Poultry Draw will be made this (Thursday) evening. Winners will be notified by mail or telephone.

\* REEVE GREENE DEFINITELY \*  
\* IN THE FIELD \*  
\* Reeve J. A. Greene definitely \*  
\* declared to The Liberal this \*  
\* morning that he will be a candi \*  
\* date for his eighth term as \*  
\* Reeve at the coming municipal \*  
\* elections. \*  
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