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## CAPITOL

YONGE AT CASTLEFIELD

THURS., FRI., SAT., DECEMBER 28, 29, 30  
WALLACE BEERY, CHESTER MORRIS

"THUNDER AFLOAT"

LANA TURNER, LEW AYRES

— ALSO —

"THESE GLAMOUR GIRLS"

MATNEE DAILY

MONDAY & TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2

AKIM TAMIROFF, HELEN BRODERICK

"HONEYMOON IN BALI"

— ALSO —

JOE E. BROWN

"THOUSAND DOLLAR TOUCHDOWN"

CONTINUOUS SHOW MONDAY

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 4

CAROLE LOMBARD, CARY GRANT

"IN NAME ONLY"

— ALSO —

EDWARD LEWIS, ANITA LOUISE

"MAIN STREET LAWYER"

### HOLIDAY PREVIEW

AFTER SUNDAY  
MIDNIGHT 12.05 A.M.

FEATURE — GINGER ROGERS in  
"FIFTH AVENUE GIRL"

ON THE STAGE — 4 BIG TIME MUSICAL ACTS  
FAVORS FOR ALL ADMISSION 50c.

## Richmond Hill High School Christmas Term Report

The following pupils, in alphabetical order, have passed satisfactory tests, averaging 50% or more in all the subjects written. Pupils who were absent from one or more examinations are indicated by (a) after their names in the lists.

Individual reports have been mailed to parents and guardians, showing marks in each subject under M on the report form, highest mark in the class under H, lowest under L, and the class average under A.

Those concerned are asked to examine these reports carefully, sign them (with any remarks or suggestions that might be helpful) and return them by the pupils on the first school day of next term, Wednesday, January 3rd, 1940.

#### COMMERCIAL X

Marguerite Barlow, Francis Cosgrove, Helen Cousins, Ruth Harrison, Keith Jennings, Ruby Middleton, Harvey Stickle, Jack Sturt, Edna Turner.

#### COMMERCIAL XI

Evelyn Brillinger, Vera Brown, Myrtle Burr, Dorothy Cummins, Shirley Dinner, Mary Flood, Orma Judge, Jean Mills, Homer Neilly, Reta Rumble, Florence Sheardown, Norman Taylor, Helen McGibbon (a), Betty Donaldson (a).

#### IX A

Derek Andrews, Audrey Baker, Stanley Baker (a), Marjorie Bailey, Elton Bennett, Gwen Bergman (a), Marie Brillinger, Jean Carlile, Marvin Charton (a), Gladys Chedzoy, AEileen Cook, John Curzon, June Davis, Marie DeFerrari, Irene Dibb, Eileen Dickinson (a), Leona Ellacott, Bob Edean, Donald Glenn (a), Ruth Gooding, Marjorie Heise, Dorothy Hicks (a), Nora Hislop, Jean Hoover, Effie Jarvis, Joyce Jones.

#### IX B

Margaret Allison, Ruth Gohn, Cecil Grainger, Harold Keffer, Margaret Kyle, Larry Lake (a), Donald Matthews (a), Betty Mansbridge, Gladys Masters, Audrey McGill (a), Harold Megdonal (a), Joy Mortson, Clifford Munroe (a), Marjorie Norris, Georgina Padget (a), Garth Palmer (a), Marjorie Pattenden, Helen Ransom, Donald Reid, Olive Ross, Donald Smith (a), Betty Smith, Gordon Stickle, Hazel Tutt, Frances Turano, Anne Walwin, Lorna Webb (a), Janet Williams, Robt. Williams (a), Roy Witty, Roy Woods (a).

#### GRADE X

Eileen Allen, Gloria Anderson, Marion Boston, Vera Boynton, Jack Brockbank, Murray Brown, Ernest Burnie, Robert Carpenter, Bernice Cook, Lenore Dewsbury, Donald Farquharson, Noreen Fletcher, Edward Heeley (a), Kenneth Jennings, Louise Matheson, Sheila Manley, Mary Megdonal, Margaret Moore,

William Norris, Isabelle Orr, Marie Paxton, Rhoda Pollock, Harold Reesor (a), Philip Rumney, Lloyd Sanderson, Shirley Sanderson, Jean Scott, Joan Thompson, Betty Topper, Deane Wellman, Helen Whitten.

#### GRADE XI

Donald Andrews, Phyllis Angle, William Bailey, Duncombe Ball, Marion Barker, Muriel Barrow, Harold Blackwell (a), Grace Boynton, James Brown, John Campbell, Clifford Casement, Joe Cherry, Verna Cherry (a), Stuart Clement, Erle Cook, Robert Edmunds, Margaret Edean, Elinor Fisher, Basil Fox, Vernon Gooding, Harold Graham, William Hastings, Anna Heise, Ruth Hicks, Nila Houghton, Frederick Leech, Sidney Leppard, Marian Lumb, Ian Macdonald (a), Stuart Macdonald, Margaret MacGibbon, Harvey Mashinter, George Monkman, Ruby Pollock, Frances Rumble, Carroll Sanderson, Gwendolyn Schissler, Lorraine Sinclair, Bruce Stephens, James Stewart, Ernest Thompson, Herbert Thompson, John Tracy, Ruth Tyn-dall, Chester Unger (a), Doreen Wise (a).

#### GRADE XII

Ruth Brown (a), George Carr, Doris Clarke, Madeline Clarke, Murray Cunningham, Virginia Delbrocco, Muriel Durie, Laura Frisby, Jean Hastings, Jean Hicks, Willard Hodge, Lloyd Johnson, Alex Macdonald, Jean Macdonald, Mary Moore, Bernice Paxton (a), Stewart Paxton, Douglas Sanders, Mark Stewart, Sally Topper, Stewart Tyn-dall, Ruth Wellman.

#### V

Beatrice Ainslie, Robert Alexander, Douglas Balfour (a), Lillian Barker, Ellen Boynton, Molly Campbell, Gordon Cunningham, Gerald Cuttance, Dorothy Eden, Norma Gallanger, Dorine Gooding, Stanley Haworth, Winnifred Haworth, Harris Hord, David Merrick, Velma Monkman, Joseph Morris (a), Dorothy Noble, Isabel Rumble, Audrey Stephens (a), Jane Vanderburgh, Margaret Walwin, John Watkins, Charlotte Wright.

### CURLING NOTES

Icemaker Booth has everything in readiness for the opening of the local curling season which takes place tonight (Thursday) at 7.30 p.m. Ice is in excellent shape and President A. A. Eden and his officers are looking forward to a most successful season. The session will open with a local 'spiel' which will start tonight and continue Friday night and possibly Saturday afternoon. Everyone is invited to join in this curtain-raiser event. Whether or not you've curled before doesn't matter, this is your invitation to turn out tonight.

## COSTLY LAWSUITS UNDER HOT FIRE AT NOMINATION MEETING

J. A. GREENE AND T. H. TRENCH, CANDIDATES FOR  
REEVE—SIX SEEK FOUR COUNCIL SEATS—SCHOOL  
TRUSTEES ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

In the presence of the largest attendance of ratepayers to attend a nomination meeting in many years ex-reeve T. H. Trench declared himself a candidate for the 1940 reeve-ship in opposition to J. A. Greene who is completing his seventh term as chief magistrate. Six candidates accepted nomination for councillor and three public school trustees were elected by acclamation.

The ballot next Monday will bear the names of J. A. Greene and T. H. Trench for Reeve, James Butler, R. D. Little, Wesley Middleton, William Neal, Christian Nelson and Dr. J. P. Wilson. Duncan M. Chamney, Leonard H. Clement and Duncan Kerr were elected by acclamation to the school board. Mr. Chamney and Mr. Clement are former members and Mr. Kerr will be a new member. The voting next Monday will take place at the Municipal Hall, the polls being open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The nomination was the liveliest in many years and as expected the numerous law suits in which the 1939 council has been engaged occupied major attention of many speakers. A most interesting feature of the financial statement presented to the ratepayers was that from February 7th to November 20th the expenditure for law costs totalled \$2,589.40. To this would be added \$150 paid to G. A. Lister, real estate appraiser engaged in connection with the Sheardown case and which was listed under miscellaneous expenditure. New candidates were particularly critical of the large expenditure for law costs. Several termed them as entirely unnecessary and wasteful.

Reeve John A. Greene based his appeal for an eighth term on his record and urged that he be continued in office as he is familiar with the details of work which has yet to be finished. He pointed to the fact that since he was elected reeve the tax rate had been reduced by ten mills and the financial position of the town improved and he delved back about twenty years to criticize municipal financing at that time. "When I took office there was an overdraft of some \$13,000 and this has been reduced until today it is about \$2000," said Mr. Greene. Regarding criticism that the council was not on the alert to the securing of new industries the Reeve said he along with councillor Little made several trips this summer regarding an industry but the principals wanted municipal assistance in financing. During his term of seven years he pointed to many improvements brought about including the playgrounds both east and west of Yonge Street which were invaluable in keeping youngsters out of the way of traffic dangers. He pointed out that this year not a single family in the village would be without a good supply of good things for Christmas due to the activity of the Christmas Basket Fund. "I am sure," said the Reeve "that this is a matter of very great joy and satisfaction to all the ratepayers of Richmond Hill. The law suit with Mr. Parisi the Reeve termed as unfortunate. I have been working hard to get it cleaned up he said. He recalled to the attention of his listeners that at the December meeting of the council he had suggested that the by-law prohibiting the wrecking of cars be rescinded and that a new licensing by-law be passed. Unfortunately the members of council could not see eye to eye with me, he said. Mr. Parisi has been conducting his business in a legitimate manner and there have been no complaints to council so I see no reason why he should not be licensed. The critics who asked why more is not done by way of civic improvement should remember that the council is limited by the amount of money available. A start was made this year in improving the streets by the paving of Centre Street east at a cost of \$1180. If it proves successful the next street to be paved

was Richmond Street. The policy of accepting small payments on account of tax arrears had materially helped in reducing arrears of taxes he said. Mr. Greene said he had served as Reeve for the past seven years and he would be a candidate for the coming year. He urged that ratepayers vote for him as it was important someone should be in council familiar with the routine of the 1939 council and who knew the details of business now started and which must be finished.

During his address the Reeve paid tribute to the fine service rendered to Richmond Hill by the late H. J. Mills, whose passing this year was a great loss to the village.

In announcing his candidature for the office of Reeve for 1940 ex-reeve T. H. Trench said until a couple of months ago he had no thought of returning to the municipal field. However he had been approached by so many people asking him to stand that he had finally consented to be a candidate. In his address he was critical of the present Reeve for the policy in relation to the several law suits this year which were so expensive to the town, and he termed as fictitious Mr. Greene's claims to credit for great tax reductions. The tax reductions of the past seven year period he said had been largely contributed to by maturing debenture debt, the provincial subsidy of one and a half mills, a reduction in county levy, the assuming of the total cost of Old Age Pensions and Provincial Highways to which the municipality used to contribute, and an increased assessment. "It is ridiculous for Mr. Greene to stand before you and take all the credit for this reduced taxation," said Mr. Trench. "Although the rate is down the 1939 council collected a lot more money than other years when the rate was higher but the assessment considerably lower." A large portion of the tax levy he said is for fixed levies and is uncontrollable but his grievance was that in the past year a great deal of the taxpayers' money had been spent foolishly. He pointed out a 44.9 mills rate in 1939 raised a sizeable amount in taxation than did a 52 mill rate in 1925 owing to the increased assessment. Taking into consideration all the things that have been taken over by the provincial government in recent years the tax reduction should have been more than it has been. It should have been because in the past year a great deal of the taxpayers' money was foolishly spent. Mr. Trench said he had been a lifelong resident of the village, had served in many public capacities, and being vitally interested in the village he would be pleased if the opportunity of serving the municipality as Reeve in 1940.

"Chris" Nelson, the only 1939 councillor seeking re-election, voiced his opposition to the proposed abolition of the annual municipal election. "I think the ratepayers should have the opportunity every year of choosing their representatives," he said. There had been many difficult problems in 1939 and he was satisfied the members all did their best. Our judgment may have been a little at fault sometimes but we did what we thought was in the best interests of the village. He dealt at length with the car wrecking by-law stating it was passed unanimously by the whole council and when a proposal came up in December to rescind it there were only two members on the council. I have travelled a lot through Ontario and I know how unsightly wrecking places can be. I don't think they are desirable on the main street of any town or village. "There looks to be a good line of candidates and I trust you pick the best possible council for 1940. I will be a candidate and if you see fit to choose me I will continue to work in the best interests of the community.

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## Bedford

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Motion Pictures Are Your Best Entertainment

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 30  
CONRAD VEIDT, VALERIE HOBSON in  
U-BOAT 29

— ALSO —  
THE HIGGINS FAMILY in  
THE COVERED TRAILER  
THE GORILLA HUNT IN COLOR

SPECIAL AFTER SUNDAY NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT  
SHOW AT 12.05

BARBARA STANWYCK, ADOLPH MENJOU in  
"GOLDEN BOY"

— ALSO —  
"CHARLIE CHAN IN CITY OF DARKNESS"  
with LYNN BARI, RICHARD CLARKE  
SCRAPPY'S PLAYMATE

MON., TUES., WED., THURS., JANUARY 1, 2, 3, 4  
"THE WIZARD OF OZ"

With JUDY GARLAND, FRANK MORGAN  
— ALSO —  
A GREAT VARIETY SHOW OF ADDED ATTRACTIONS  
LITTLE GOLD FISH IN COLOR  
HOT ON ICE WITH PETE SMITH  
HOME EARLY WITH ROBERT BENCHLEY

SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S MATINEE MONDAY AT 2 P.M.

## Markham Township Council Re-Elected By Acclamation

SMALL CROWD AT NOMINATION MEETING

Reeve James Rennie and the entire Markham Township council were re-elected by acclamation at the annual nomination meeting held at Unionville last Friday. This is the fourth consecutive year for Reeve Rennie and the members of his council and the acclamation accorded them this year is an indication of the continued confidence of the ratepayers of the township. The nomination meeting was the smallest in years, only the members of the retiring council were nominated and the proceedings were concluded by three o'clock.

Reeve Rennie thanked the electors for their continued confidence and declared it would be his aim to merit a continuance of that confidence. "The most important thing in our minds today," said the Reeve, "is that we are at war, and those of us who have vivid memories of the last war look upon it with anything but pleasure when we consider the slaughter of men, the destruction of property and the enormous waste of money." He recalled that in the last war York County in the years 1914 to 1919 contributed \$908,088.66 for patriotic purposes. The largest expenditure was \$312,306.00 in 1918. This was all raised by taxation on real property which he thought was a wrong method of raising such a large sum of money as it placed an additional burden on the man who is carrying a considerable mortgage on his property. He commended the government for limiting County Councils the right to make patriotic grants during the present war. Mr. Rennie pointed out that in the County hospitalization costs which reached \$214,808.73 in 1935 had been reduced to \$153,721.67 in 1939. Dealing with township affairs he said road expenditure this year totalled \$29,839.84. The new Hastings bridge cost \$1600.82, and gravel put on township roads totalled 9,526 yards. Secondary education costs for 1939 to the township were \$15,890.56 while some years past this item of expenditure reached \$22,000.00. The proposed new division of costs will only slightly affect Markham. Mr. Rennie defended County Councils as a necessary part of our system of government. He reported a satisfactory settlement with the City of Toronto regarding payment of taxes on the Langstaff Municipal Farm.

Deputy-Reeve Charles Hooper, re-elected by acclamation for his fourth term declared that the county rate this year was one of the lowest in county history. This year it was 7.40 compared to 11.43 in 1936. Referring to the soil survey of York County carried out this year Mr. Hooper termed it one of the finest things ever done by the Department of Agriculture. The demand for motor travel in the winter had made snow removal a major township problem. The cost of snow shovelling in 1939 was \$3922.88 and for the past eleven years averaged in cost \$828.25. The council has purchased 2 snow ploughs and a quantity of snow fence hoping to keep down this item of expenditure.

Councillor W. L. Clark stated the 1939 financial statement was satisfactory and very gratifying. Township finances are in excellent condition he said. He thought there had been a notable improvement in the roads of the township in the past three years and probably the greatest improvement of the year was the building of the Hastings Bridge which now was a credit to the township. The total road expenditure was \$29,837.84, almost reaching the estimate of \$30,000.00. He was hopeful snow fence purchased would keep down expenditure for snow removal.

Harry Barber said bank interest was higher than in some townships but the council was fighting for a lower rate and he was hopeful of results. He dealt with the Game Preserve problems and said he was satisfied the issuing of pheasant licenses was a great thing for everyone concerned. He advocated the township building by-law should be changed to make it compulsory for factories and garages to be fire-proof buildings.

Albert Reesor pointed out that in the road work in the township there had been 1000 more yards of gravel put on the roads than last year. He commended the township building by-law for the work it had done in doing away with shacks and objectionable buildings in the municipality. There was evidence he said of renewed building activity and people with means are building homes in Markham being attracted by low taxation and good roads. The past year had been a most successful one and all members had worked harmoniously for the best interests of the municipality.

The nominations were as follows: Reeve, James Rennie by J. G. Wideman and E. L. Clubine; Deputy-Reeve, Charles H. Hooper by George Topper and W. H. Tran; Councillor, William Lyman Clark by George Topper and Cline Burr; Harry Barber by Dalton Rumney and E. L. Clubine; Albert Reesor by W. H. Tran and J. G. Wideman.

#### NON-LISTENERS

Only 1 per cent of Singapore's half-million inhabitants have wireless receiving sets.