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CAPITOL THEATRE

Yonge at Castlefield
300 Seats All Evening 25c.

Friday and Saturday, August 10, 11
TITO GUIZAR, VIRGINIA BRUCE in
"BRAZIL"

— AND —
GLORIA JEAN, ALAN CURTIS in
"DESTINY"

Added—Cartoons & Serial for Sat. Matinee

Monday and Tuesday, August 13, 14
BORIS KARLOFF, LON CHANEY in
"THE HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN"

— ALSO —
ANNE GWYNNE, DONALD COOK in
"MURDER IN THE BLUE ROOM"
BOOGIE WOOGIE

Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., August 15, 16, 17, 18
GARY COOPER, INGRID BERGMAN in
"FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS"
SELECTED SHORTS

RICHMOND HILL FIRE BRIGADE MARKING COLORFUL HISTORY RENDERS FINE PUBLIC SERVICE

An organization of Richmond Hill "good fellows" that can trace its proud history back to the days when the first few settlers located themselves in this district is wondering this week whether they should mark their diamond jubilee or centenary or something like that or whether to pass it up as they have passed up just about every anniversary since they came into being.

The Richmond Hill fire brigade dates back to the days when every farmer for miles around would drop whatever he was doing and hasten, as fast as his oxen would carry him, to the home of a neighbour whose barns or home were or had been afire.

News didn't travel any more speedily than the oxen in those days, and the likelihood was that the neighborhood was not often aroused until long after the fire had exhausted itself, and, even if it has been otherwise, there would not have been much the neighbors could have done without equipment except to help the fire victim salvage his possessions and perhaps take some of his livestock home with them to care for pending the construction of a new barn.

From that humble beginning, Richmond Hill's fire fighters have developed into one of the best trained and best equipped volunteer fire brigades in the province, one of the greatest assets the village home owner has in the safeguarding of his property and the stabilizing of insurance premiums. And, despite its importance to the life of the community, the brigade is beyond doubt the most self-effacing group of citizens in the village.

Records in its possession cover a period of more than half a century. Earlier ones, if they were ever compiled, have been lost. But a perusal of those on hand suggests that never probably in the past fifty years has it been difficult to enlist public spirited citizens willing to give of their

time and labor, without more than token compensation, to prepare by constant practice and be ever ready to assist a neighbor in saving his home from flames.

The records at hand show that even 60 years ago the village had a brigade as alive and active as the present one. There was a band, and the band dues helped keep a tidy little sum in the bank for the organization. The brigade also held the occasional tea and concert, and one such event back in 1887 netted the boys no less than \$58.

Up closer to our own day, namely, in 1912 the minutes record the honorary members of the brigade as G. Duncan, W. Leece, W. Naughton, H. Naughton, D. Atkinson, M. Mackie, H. Cook, C. Graham, J. Keith, L. Murphy, S. Charles, F. Dolan, E. Blanchard and P. Hill. And the minutes of meetings all through the years show how high standards of efficiency were maintained, such entries as the following appearing constantly: "The firemen then went for practice and brass was polished."

The disposition of the present membership of the brigade is to dispose of the subject of an anniversary celebration this year pretty much in the way the minutes of previous meetings are always disposed of, namely, "as read."

The member with the organization the longest time at present is Wm. Tyndall, and other members are: Bert Cook, the chief; Russ Monkman, Wm. Horner, Bill Fisher, Chas. Chapman, J. Pollard, C. Tuck, A. Stong, R. Lynett, J. Grainger, J. Dewsbury. Four members are serving with the colors overseas: Tim Saul, Harold Mills, John Stong and Murray Blanchard.

(In a forthcoming issue, The Liberal will outline more of the history of the Richmond Hill fire brigade, and tell of its strenuous and successful efforts to save property.)

War Shortages Force Richmond Hill Council Delay Sewer Vote

On Advice Of Engineer Vote On Sewers Postponed Until Labor And Supply Situation Improves

Richmond Hill council members on the advice of the village engineer, W. B. Redfern, at a council meeting this week rescinded a motion passed early in the year providing for a vote on the construction of a sewer system. Engineer Redfern stated that in view of the abnormal conditions existing at the present time as regards material and labor in his opinion it would be advisable to postpone action on sewers for the present. A year ago Mr. Redfern estimated the cost of a sewage system for the village at \$100,000, but he said these figures would not hold under existing conditions. "The cost today would be away above that figure," he said, "and moreover there would be great difficulty in obtaining material." Certain materials simply cannot be obtained now he pointed out, and if the work was proceeded with now substitutes would have to be used.

Reeve William Neal and all members of council agreed in rescinding the motion calling for a vote in October. It was pointed out that while there is a definite need and an apparent demand for sewers there are many factors which tend to make immediate action inadvisable. One factor is the possibility of government assistance for public works at some later date. No definite policy has been announced but it is considered within the realm of possibility that Canada's rehabilitation program in the next few years might include government assistance for public works of this kind. The possibility of a widely varying cost figure would make a vote now of questionable value in two years.

Questioned regarding construction plans for sewers on Yonge Street the engineer said the construction would necessitate the breaking up of the pavement at least in some sections. Possibility of putting them under sidewalks in some sections and on private property on others is being investigated, he said. All sewer installation, he said, would be so constructed as to provide cellar drainage for all homes.

James Stewart was granted permission on behalf of the Navy League to hold a tag day here October 13. Council was advised that application for permit to build an addition to the fire hall had been refused by

the Construction Controller who advised that all available labor and material was being diverted to ease the critical housing situation in Canada and it was felt the fire hall addition could wait for a time. Council members agreed the explanation was quite fair and reasonable and that there was no reason the work could not be held over for the present.

Mr. Wagner wrote council complaining that the by-law re dogs running at large is not enforced. "It isn't fair," he wrote, "that some keep their dogs tied in accordance with the bylaw, and others allow their dogs to run." This correspondence inspired the usual discussion regarding this contentious bit of local legislation. Reeve Neal suggested the hiring of a dog catcher but the majority of council favored having the police summons offenders to court. "The bylaw should be enforced," said councillor Middleton. "It should be enforced or repealed," said councillor Hill. The difficulties of enforcement were discussed but it was agreed that those who deliberately flout the provisions of this local bylaw should be taken to court.

Councillor Paris reported progress on the repair of the curling rink building and plans for grading and other park improvement were discussed. It is proposed to grade the grounds east of the rink buildings, doing away with the race track which has not been used for years.

Gid Moodie Wins Jersey Heifer at The Street Dance

A record crowd attended the Lions Club annual Street Dance Wednesday evening. The event was favored with ideal weather and was one of the most successful ever held here. Well organized under Lion President Dr. J. P. Wilson, Activities Chairman J. C. Young and efficient committees everything went off without a hitch and the dancing, feature attractions and games were thoroughly enjoyed by the thousands of visitors. Music for dancing was supplied by William Smith and his orchestra and the music delighted the thousands of dancers who came for many miles for this popular event. "Best music we ever had at the Street Dance" was the popular comment. Ross Black was caller off and in his own inimitable style filled the role to perfection.

The draw for the lucky prizes was conducted by J. E. Smith, M.P. assisted by Lion President Dr. J. P. Wilson and Past District Governor R. D. Little and the winner of the grand prize, the pure bred Jersey heifer, was Mr. Gideon Moodie, Richmond Hill. Winners of lucky number admission ticket prizes not yet claimed were ticket numbers 1460, 1385, 151, 407, 882, 284. Holders of these tickets may obtain prizes by applying to Lions club treasurer Russell Lynett at the Richmond Hill Municipal Office.

New Bus Service Mt. Albert to City Via 4th of Markham

John Hollinger and Harry Meighen of East York Township waited on Markham Twp. Council at the regular session Tuesday evening and advised the members that they had applied to the Municipal Board for right to operate a bus line from Mt. Albert to Toronto, passing down the fourth concession of Markham. It was stated the new service when inaugurated would consist of two trips daily but would be increased if the traffic warranted. The terminal will be the Bay-Dundas station and rates will be fixed by Motor Coach Association on a mileage basis. Stops will be made every quarter mile and every community centre. Proposed schedules provide half hour time from centre of Markham Twp. to downtown Toronto. Members of council concurred in the proposal and offered no objection.

THE COMMUNITY BINGO
A series of Bingos will be held in the Ratepayers' Hall, Spruce Ave., Richvale, Stop 22A Yonge St. The soul purpose of raising money for parcels for the boys overseas. The area taken in by the Community Chest Club consists of boundries south of Maple sideroad, south of Markham sideroad, east of Yonge Street to Bayview, west of Yonge Street to Bathurst, south to Langstaff P.O. Games to start at 8.15 p.m. sharp. Good prizes and all for a good cause. Everyone welcome Friday, August 17th.

DIED
HARRISON—At Calgary General Hospital on Wednesday, August 8th, 1945, Dr. F. W. Harrison, beloved husband of Minnie Ball and brother of Mrs. W. R. Reilly and Mattie E. Harrison, Richmond Hill. Interment in Calgary, Alberta.

Village Says No, Twp. Says Yes, and Legal Tangle Likely

Village Council Says No New Water Users Outside Municipality, But Markham Gives Permission To Tap Main

There are prospects of an interesting and complicated legal argument between Richmond Hill Village and Markham Township as a result of a difference re water service extensions on Church Street South.

The watermain on Church Street south belongs to Markham Township having been constructed as a local improvement and charged to the owners on the street. Under a twenty years agreement which expired last year Richmond Hill supplied water to consumers on the Markham Twp. main. The twenty year agreement was changed by mutual understanding several times, and when it expired the proposal was to draw up a new agreement. Richmond Hill proposed a substantial increase in rates, which the Wartime Prices and Trade Board ruled could not be initiated until after the war. Following this ruling Richmond Hill council passed a resolution that the village would take on no new water customers outside the village.

Harry Brillinger who built a fine new home on Church St. south has been an applicant for water service. Richmond Hill has refused his application in keeping with the foregoing resolution. Mr. Brillinger appealed to Markham Twp. council and has obtained their permission to tap the main. Through their solicitors Richmond Hill has advised Markham council against taking this action. At Tuesday's council meeting Markham council stood by their decision to give permission to tap the main.

Richmond Hill council is just waiting developments. As one official said "Markham Twp. owns the main and has given permission that it be tapped, but the water which runs in the main belongs to Richmond Hill."

Bedford

Yonge St. at Glenforest Rd. * HUDSON 5437
AIR CONDITIONED RELAX IN COMFORT

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 13, 14, 15
MERLE OBERON, FRANCHOT TONE in
"Dark Waters"
— ALSO —
IRENE DUNNE, CHARLES BOYER in
"Together Again"

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 16, 17, 18
HEDY LAMARR, PAUL HENREID in
"The Conspirators"
— AND —
BOB CROSBY in
"The Singing Sheriff"
Added — 3 Big Cartoons for Saturday Matinee

Be a Ball Player? O.K. But Something Else'd Be Better

Richmond Hill is developing some fine ball talent. Everybody admits it, and everybody can't be wrong—all at the same time. But will that diamond in the park eventually turn out some big league material? Maybe and maybe not. Anyhow, the boys in the park aren't concerning themselves exclusively yet about the prospect of being called to fill the role of world's best pitcher at a measly \$50,000 per season. Here's what some of them told The Liberal about their plans and ambitions:

Norm Stunden, 15, second form high, (pitcher and centre field): "I like baseball next to hockey, and I'd like to be a ball player although I'd like better to be a hockey player. But I don't see much hope for it. Richmond Hill, though, sure has given boys a wonderful chance in sport these past few years."

John Atkinson, 14, third form high, (pitcher for juniors): "I really do like baseball, and I'd like to play ball for a living. I like athletics and you make some real good friends in sport. My plan, though, is to get senior matric and then decide what I want to be."

Doug Moore, 14, first form high, (catcher and third base): "I like baseball so well that I'd go miles to play. It gives one something to do at night time instead of running around all the time. However, I like hockey better. When I grow up I want to be a mechanic or an athlete."

Bill Neal, 17, fifth form high, (third base): "I am playing just for the sport of the game. Baseball players have a great life but no future. It's just lately that the big teams have been fine tooth-combing the sandlot teams for young players of promise."

M. Clement, 16, fourth form high, (catcher): "I have no ambition to be a ball player, but would like to be a pro hockey player. There's a future in hockey. Still, I am not fussy, and I am going to try to be a civil engineer."

THE NAVY LEAGUE AND CANADIAN YOUTH

If you need to be reassured regarding the next generation of Canadians—the men—take time out to visit the nearest corps of the Navy League's Royal Canadian Sea Cadets. Trained in discipline, physical fitness, seamanship, navigation, thought of others, these future fathers of our country will impress you.

Vaughan Township Council Meeting

Estimate Cost Of Work On 3rd Con. At \$21,000—Would Serve Ontario Forestry Station—Refuse Request For Service Station By Law

Vaughan Township council in regular session Tuesday received an estimate of \$21,000 to make necessary grading and repair of a mile and a quarter of roadway on the third concession north from Maple sideroad. This roadway which has several bad hills leads to the recently constructed Ontario Government Forestry Branch experimental station. Council will now approach the Ontario government to ascertain to what extent in excess of the usual 50 per cent they would subsidize the township on the construction of this stretch of roadway. A private party owning land in the district served also will be approached re financial help. It was gathered from council comments that the extra assistance from the government would have to be on a generous scale before the project could be considered and if it should be undertaken next year it would be let by contract.

A request signed by some nineteen service station operators in the district that the Township of Vaughan pass a bylaw regulating the hours of stations was turned down by council. "I think this is a matter for the station operators themselves and not the council," said Reeve who pointed out many stations are now staying open later than 7 o'clock. "This is something which will right itself in time," said Councillor J. A. Dick who expressed the wish for a speedy return of the day of more individual freedom and less restraint by restrictive regulations.

Clerk J. M. McDonald reported he had received no further word from the Department of highways relative to land for sidewalks on Yonge St. It was reported that 250 pheasants had recently been released in the township and a number of young brown trout deposited in the Humber.

A grant of \$5.00 was voted to the Vaughan and Richmond Hill Veterans for their annual picnic, and on the recommendation of the Veterans, Percy Waters of Maple was named as member of the committee planning a suitable municipal recognition of the returned men.

ATTENTION BLOOD DONORS

The Richmond Hill Blood Clinic has been postponed until further date because of the holiday season. Date of next clinic will be announced later.

The Perfect Thirst Quencher

"SALADA"

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