



A synopsis of pictures to be shown locally in the near future, for the information of movie-goers.

"Paleface" starts off the New Year's holiday programs at the Richmond Theatre, showing there on December 30 and 31.

In the Technicolor production by Paramount, Painless Peter Potter, (Bob Hope) a mid-west correspondence school dentist, is chased out of town when he pulls the wrong tooth. At the same time Calamity Jane (Jane Russell) has to get out of town in a hurry. Jane is a two-gun girl working under cover for the government to track down a gang of renegades who are smuggling guns and ammunition to the Indians. She decides to use Painless as bait to bring the bad man out a-shooting. To accomplish this she marries the poor sucker, gets him into all kinds of jams and lets him — and everyone else — believe that he shoots his way out of them, when in reality she does the shooting. Painless is convinced he's a hero and the villains are convinced he's the government agent. He begins to act accordingly, swaggering in to more trouble than even Jane can get him out of. He and Jane are captured by Indians and then it is up to him to effect their rescue. He accomplishes this in a riotous way, rounding up the renegades and turning Jane's derision into affection.

A midnight show 's on at the Richmond in the early morning hours of January 2, starting at 12.05 a.m. Tickets for it can be bought in advance. There will be a holiday matinee at 2 p.m. on January 2 with the regular shows starting on the evening of that day at 5.30 p.m. and on the 3rd at the regular hours.

That outstanding hit, "Mr. Belvedere Goes To College" and Dennis Morgan in "The Singing Dude" in a Technicolor featurette make up the program.

Starring Shirley Temple with Webb, the Twentieth Century-Fox comedy shows Webb, who is becoming more and more difficult to distinguish from the self-styled genius he has created, enrolling at Clemens College where he proposes to finish the four year course in one year.

Because he never took time out from his "genius-ing" to get a degree and since he is eligible to receive an award of \$10,000 as soon as he can get one, the cosmopolitan Mr. Belvedere is most anxious to go through the school with no regard for secondary pleasures usually associated with college education.

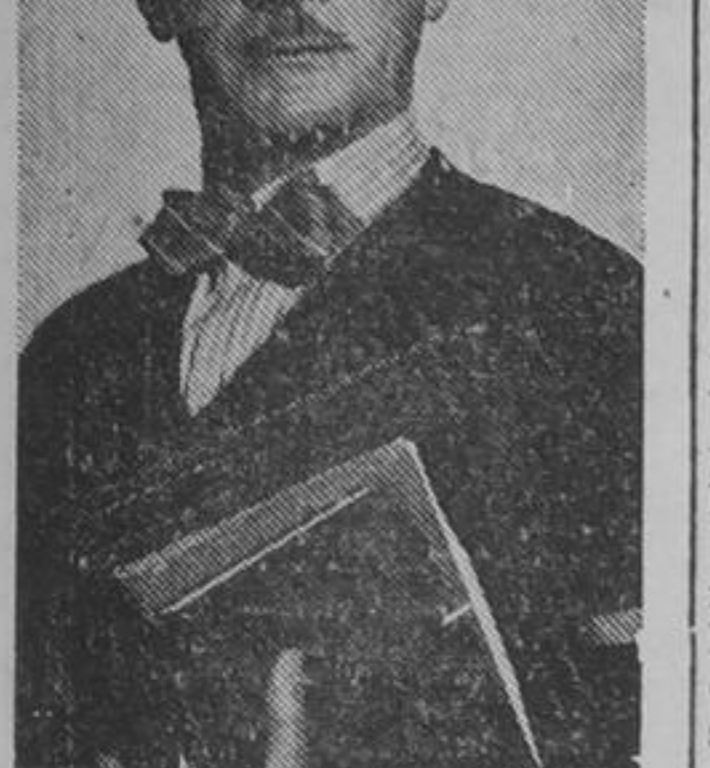
Yet the amazing Mr. Belvedere becomes the "biggest man on the campus" without half trying. The college's best athlete, he's a four-letter man, no less. He is the most brilliant student in school — the All-American genius of everything could be nothing else. In addition, he creates the "Belvedere Bump," while his impeccable attire wins him acclaim as the school's best-dressed student.

Shirley Temple, however, remains to be convinced in the film. In trying hard herself to provide for her infant son (she's the widow of a war-loss flyer) she interviews the great Belvedere and manages to get him in some hot water that is mighty embarrassing for even Belvedere.

A featurette, "Smooth Sailing" and Ray Milland in "The Trouble With Women," form the Richmond Theatre's bill on January 4 and 5.

When two Academy Award winners get together, just for laughs, and they're handed a vehicle packed with hilarious situations, the result is a fine picture like Paramount's "The Trouble With Women."

Co-starring "Oscar" owners Ray Milland and Teresa Wright with Brian Donlevy, no mean comedian himself, "The Trouble With Women" is played to extract every last chuckle in Arthur Sheekman's laugh-loaded screenplay. Volumes have been written about what is wrong with the female of the species, but Paramount's version is the most enjoyable discourse on that age-old problem.



Here's CLIFTON WEBB, dressed in the undergraduate garb which he wears in the hit show "Mr. Belvedere Goes To College." One of the holiday season offerings at the Richmond Theatre.

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Know Your Neighbour



One of Richmond Hill's younger and newer professional men is DR. W. D. HOWE, pictured above, a resident of the community for the last year and partner with Dr. J. P. Wilson, the village's Medical Officer of Health.

Before he came to the Hill to make it his home Dr. Howe had seen quite a bit of Canada. Born in Toronto, he was educated in the University of Toronto schools and the University of Toronto.

He was interned at the Western Hospital in that city when war broke out. The next four years were spent as a medical officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force during which time he served in many different stations.

Following the war he saw something of the rougher side of a doctor's life while practising in the mining areas of Northern Quebec. From that rocky country he went to the clay belt of Southern Ontario, following his profession in the Sarnia area for a couple of years.

Keenly interested in research, Dr. Howe spent his vacations during his student years in adding to his medical knowledge. Two years were devoted to study in the Department of Physiology in the University of Toronto under the famous Dr. Charles H. Best, who, it will be remembered, was the collaborator of Sir Frederick Banting, in the discovery of insulin. Three more summers were spent at Western in the same type of work.

Now with Mrs. Howe, the former Daisy Barlow of Toronto, he is taking a keen interest in local affairs, in the health of the community, and in bringing up the one-year-old and the two-year-old girls who make up the Howe family. Especially concerned with the welfare of those with whom he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, he is one of the charter members of the Richmond Hill Wing of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association and also treasurer of that organization.

Like everybody else whose picture has appeared in the "Know Your Neighbour" series, the doctor is a "fan" for the district. "We've met nothing but kindness since we've been here," he says. A few minutes' conversation with him makes it quite evident that he believes in high professional and ethical standards and, as a matter of fact, he doesn't hesitate to pay tribute to his fellow workers in the area for their conception of the duty which medical men owe to the general public.

He sums up his reaction to Richmond Hill and its surrounding territory in a few words. "Mrs. Howe and I are, we hope, here 'for keeps' " he says.

The photograph of Dr. Howe, like all others in this series, was taken by Edmund Soame, "The Studio," 1720 Avenue Road.

Former Christmas Mail Records Beaten By 50% In Local Office

"It looked for a time as if every man, woman and child in Richmond Hill was getting five hundred and fifty letters apiece," said Postmaster A. G. Savage, describing the Christmas rush to The Liberal.

"What would your mouth taste like after you had licked 90,000 one cent stamps?" — a member of his staff wanted to know. That is the number sold in the Hill's post office during the period before Christmas — to say nothing of the three and four and the larger denominations required for the parcels which came into the office in a veritable flood. Last year's one cent stamp sales amounted to 70,000.

Even in spite of the fact that his office now has a permanent additional member of the staff it required five additional clerks to handle the Christmas mail, Postmaster Savage reported. "It was the best staff I ever had," he said. Volume of mail was at least fifty per cent up over any previous year, he added.

During the pre-Christmas peak five of the post office's big canvas bags full of letters left for Toronto every day, as compared to half a sack a day in normal times. Twenty-five sacks of parcels were despatched daily as compared to the normal two.

Incoming sacks of parcels during ordinary periods number two or three, but during the holiday season they piled up as high as thirty-five in a day. Seven times the number of incoming letters

were received, amounting to an average of three and a half sacks daily, as compared to the normal half-sack.

In spite of the mountains of mail which flooded all local post offices the work was handled with astonishing speed. Many comments have been heard locally about the efficient service rendered by post office officials and especially about the good-humoured way in which that service was rendered by overloaded employees.

And, while other citizens were experiencing that "morning after" feeling on December 27, the Richmond Hill post office was suffering from the same complaint. A volume of mail as large as that of any day in the week before Christmas descended on it.

Careless Driving Charge Follows Yonge St. Crash

Charges of careless driving and of failing to remain at the scene of the accident have been laid against Charles Trussell of Mill Road, Richvale, following an accident on Yonge Street a mile south of Richmond Hill on the afternoon of Christmas Day, in which a taxi driven by Cecil Wilson of 28 Ontario Street, Newmarket, was also involved. Severe damage to Wilson's taxi was caused.

The accident was investigated by P. C. MacAneul of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Discuss Development

Inclusion In Metropolitan District Urged For Townships & Villages

Expanding Population, Services Creating Hazardous Situation In Suburban Area, Report Says

Fear of a repetition of the financial disasters of the early '30's is prevalent in the majority of Toronto's suburban municipalities, says the report of the Toronto committee on Metropolitan Problems, a digest of which appears in this issue.

Pointing out that by 1935, ten of the traditional thirteen municipalities in the Toronto metropolitan area were in default, the report declares that with the exception of the city proper, every municipality in the metropolitan area is faced with a whole host of financial problems related to the provision of municipal services, particularly educational facilities.

"The committee found that the increase in expenditures in the past few years has been due in the main to expanding population and consequent need for expanded municipal services of every kind," the report says. "A return to the employment conditions of the 1930's would involve most municipalities in tremendous financial burdens which can scarcely be borne with present revenue sources."

Dealing with debenture debt, the

report says that total debenture debt declined from the high point of the early 1930's in every municipality with the exception of Leaside. This trend has been largely reversed in the past two or three years with the expansion of education facilities in particular, adding substantial amounts to debt in Etobicoke, Leaside, North York and Scarborough.

"It is expected that debt expansion will continue and in some municipalities total debt debenture will return to the levels of the late 1920's or early 1930's," the report continues.

The report emphasizes that municipalities which are expanding rapidly in population are bearing a disproportionate share of overall growth in the metropolitan area in terms of increasing expenditures and expanding debenture debt in relation to their budget base.

"This is the special significance of the financial problem in these municipalities," the report states. "This problem will ultimately be resolved through the supervision of Ontario Municipal Board, exercised as it is, most directly upon the capital financing programs of municipal governments."

Friends Reunited

"Know Your Neighbour" is the caption given to The Liberal's leading pictorial feature. Designed to promote friendship and knowledge of each other among citizens in the district, it has this week taken on a new role — that of reuniting friends.

Pictured two weeks ago was Ernie Durie of Richvale, proprietor of one of that community's businesses. A copy of the issue containing his photo came into the hands of a man in Scarborough — an old friend of Ernie's. The couple had not seen each other for twenty years. And, in a few minutes, that friend had Mr. Durie on the line, to say "How do" after the lapse of a couple of decades.

Drive-In Theatre In Vaughan Twp. Being Considered

Likelihood of an open-air drive-in theatre in the district, with three firms seeking permission to locate in Vaughan Township, is indicated.

Several sites are said to be under consideration. One of them is south of highway No. 7, on the east side of Dufferin Street. Vaughan Township council is withholding permits while the matter is being discussed with the Department of Highways and the Toronto and York Roads Commission.

Roses Appreciated By Post Office Workers

In the midst of their big job of distributing Christmas presents for everybody else, members of Richmond Hill's post office staff were remembered by the H. J. Mills Company. A gift of a dozen roses went to each of them.

Future Of Local Hockey Dependent On Citizens Emphasize Club Officials

Is Richmond Hill to regain its old place in the hockey world?

That, officials of the Richmond Hill Hockey Club say, depends largely upon the amount of support given to clubs in the local league. Supply of players for senior teams in the future is dependent to a large degree upon the encouragement given to youngsters today, they point out.

There are five teams in the club this year. Four of them are bantams and take in youngsters under the age of fifteen. A midget team, which takes in boys up to sixteen, is entered in the OHMA. The four town teams are each looked after by a vice-president and the midget team is being managed by Harold Mills and coached by Tim Saul. All players are pupils at Richmond Hill schools.

An attendance charge will be made at games, officials of the club say, as its capital does not permit it to carry on without. Dependence is also placed on public contributions, which for the past three years have helped keep the club going.

The recently-elected officers of the club are E. Barrow, president; H. Saul, D. Mills, B. Jones, B. Ellis, vice-presidents. Harold Mills is secretary-treasurer.

These officers are pulling no punches in telling the people of Richmond Hill that the re-building of the village's name in connection with hockey is up to them. In a recent statement they say — "We are getting to a stage where it is up to you, the people, to decide if this hockey project is to be a success or not. We need your support very badly both in attendance at games and through any contributions you care to give. We acknowledge that if it had not been for the support of the pub-

lic in the past we should not be as far ahead as we are today, and we ask that you stick with us and we will try and produce good hockey in Richmond Hill. Our aim is to have Richmond Hill as hockey-minded as it used to be years ago and to give those who are sports-minded good hockey at home. Contributions to the club will be gratefully received by any of its officers."



Pictured above is one of the series of Christmas cards which for several years have been sold by the choir of Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill.

A particular interest is attached to the card because it recalls a day before stop and go signs controlled traffic on Yonge Street and also because the card was designed by Thornhill's "own" artist, Mr. Thoreau MacDonald.

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FLASH

As this issue of The Liberal goes to press announcement has just come from Vancouver that its editorial on "Local Municipal Government" has been awarded second place for all Canada in the competition sponsored by the trade publication "The Canadian Weekly Editor."

First prize went to veteran newspaperman Geo. James of the Bowmanville Statesman. Third place went to the Powell River, B.C. News, winner of last year's Dominion contest.

Christmas Cleanup Causes Chimney Clouds Firemen Find Friend Frightened Foolishly

Christmas wrappings, ever-present source of danger at the festive season, gave Richmond Hill firemen a run on the afternoon of December 27. But it was a case of 'love's labour lost.' A zealous notorist saw a lot of smoke pouring from a chimney at Langstaff, concluded that it was on fire, and turned in an alarm.

When the firemen reached the

scene they actually had to be directed to the residence supposed to be in danger and there found that the tidy mistress of the house was cleaning up the Christmas debris and burning the wrappings of the parcels. Apparently the household had been lucky enough to win a profitable visit from Santa and the wrappings caused a considerable amount of smoke from the chimney but no damage of any kind.

Report Of Toronto Group Says Present Government Outmoded And Confused

Until recently the proposal to create a "metropolitan area" embracing Toronto and adjacent suburbs was a matter of general interest to residents of Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham townships, but without a direct impact.

With the release of the report of the Committee on Metropolitan Problems of the Civic Advisory Council of Toronto, however, the situation changes radically. In its 86-page report, covering more than twelve months' study, the committee advocates the formation of a greatly enlarged metropolitan area which would include twenty-three municipalities instead of thirteen and which would bring the townships of Vaughan and Markham and the municipalities of Richmond Hill, Markham, Woodbridge and Stouffville into the metropolitan picture.

The report does not include any actual recommendations for bringing the new area into being. These will be made in a second section of the report, expected to be published in March or April. Part one is intended to provide a basis for discussion.

The committee describes the present governmental structure of the metropolitan area as "outmoded and presenting a confused picture of rigidities."

Definition

In giving its own definition of what should constitute the metropolitan area — 23 municipalities instead of 13 — the committee says it is strongly of the opinion that adequate planning during the next two or three decades requires a "substantial degree of flexibility in the planning area." The area advocated is: On the east, the eastern boundary of East York; on the north, the northern boundaries of Markham and Vaughan Townships; on the west, the northern and western boundaries of Toronto-Gore and Toronto Townships in Peel County; on the south, Lake Ontario.

"Within this area, the degree of urbanization and the density of population vary, but are increasing year by year," the report declares. "To an increasing extent, people in the Toronto metropolitan area work in one municipality and live in another."

Municipalities Included

These new boundaries include the following incorporated communities: East York, Etobicoke, Markham, North York, Scarborough, Toronto, Toronto-Gore, Vaughan, York, Forest Hill, Long Branch, Markham, Port Credit, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Streetsville, Swansea, Woodbridge, Leaside, Mimico, New Toronto, Weston and the City of Toronto.

"The metropolitan problem is not one but many interrelated problems which develop an become more complex as rapidly expanding metropolitan communities seek to adjust outgrown forms of organization and administration," the report declares.

Educational Costs

Running through the entire report are references to the problem of mounting educational costs in the metropolitan area. The report is broken down into classifications such as housing, police and fire protection, education, health and welfare, traffic and transportation, etc. In each case a sub-committee states the problem and concludes with its findings.

Here are the findings in condensed form:

Housing

Efforts to encourage co-operative arrangements in the field of housing between municipalities in the metropolitan area have failed so far. At the heart of the problem is the cost of municipal services, particularly education, in relation to the tax revenues derived from new houses. Because of the costly demand for educational facilities, some municipalities are reluctant to encourage large-scale housing within their boundaries, and are passively discouraging such development. The difficulty of servicing the large number of new houses has led, in many cases, to some of the basic municipal services not being provided. While recognizing the fact that government action is being sought to improve housing without the burden falling entirely on the municipalities, the demand for improved housing as a social objective still has to be met substantially by the municipal taxpayer, the property owner and indirectly, by the tenant.

Education

The variation in school costs and school expenditures shows that the cost of education is falling more heavily on those areas with less ability to pay. It is the opinion of the subcommittee that education in public and high schools is a matter of more than local concern and therefore, there is justification for seeking some means of equalizing school opportunities and the burden of school taxes. As a result of the activities of planning authorities, certain areas are earmarked for industry and others for retail trade and still others for residential use. This allocation has the effect of compelling one school administration body to finance its program almost exclusively from taxes on workmen's homes, whereas an adjoining school administrative area will have a large industrial assessment. It should be noted that artificial barriers, for example, municipal boundaries, are interfering with the best location of schools and with the free movement of pupils to classroom space which is at present available.

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Coming Events

DECEMBER 31 — Aurora Badminton Club New Years Eve dance at Aurora High School Denny Berri and his orchestra. \$4. per couple. Everyone welcome.

JANUARY 3 — The first meeting of the year of St. Mary's Anglican W. A. will take place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 2.30 p.m. Officers are requested to have ready their annual reports.

JANUARY 5 — The Evening Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. D. McGillivray, 4 Centre St., at 8 p.m. A good speaker will address the meeting.

JANUARY 5 — The January meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. D. McGillivray, 4 Centre St., at 8 p.m. A good speaker will address the meeting.