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VOTE!

As in the past we are again urging the people of the district to get out and vote at municipal elections on December 5. The right to vote was a long hard struggle, and men and women dedicated their lives to gain this right as one of the basic freedoms. It is unfortunate that year by year, Canadians generally become less and less interested in the local affairs of their communities, and voters become apathetic about their right and duty.

With government becoming more and more centralized in this area, local autonomy has dwindled to a minimum. For this reason it is essential that voters in the area give as much support as possible to the candidates of their choice at election time and to the school board and municipal council throughout the year. Although most people are concerned about their taxes in these days of mounting costs there is still this surprising and alarming lack of in-

terest in the selection of the men and women who will run our local affairs. During depression days, when taxes were low by today's standards, but the dollar so hard to earn, people flocked to nomination meetings and to the polls to insure the selection of the best municipal leaders. This situation should not exist today, and is not a healthy indication of development.

Elections this year and in future years will not only be a matter of selecting men and women for good government, but they will be bulwarks in the endeavour to retain the elements of local autonomy — to prevent local municipal government from being swallowed up in the rapid development of the area. Remember when election day rolls around this year, civic duty is not a thing that can be left to the other fellow. It is just as much your duty as his.

Congratulations

Congratulations are certainly the order of the week to the Thornhill High School's first Senior Football team for its fine showing in bringing the Central Ontario Secondary School Association Senior B championship to the district. Overcoming the disadvantages of a sloppy field and the strong opposition, the local champs moved to top place with a 12-6 victory over Whitby on November 19.

The week previously they ousted Grimsby 29 to 5 in the semi-finals.

A great deal of credit is also due to the team coach, J. Turchin, who encouraged the boys on to win this year's top honours. Although the win is an excellent achievement in itself, it is an even greater achievement in the light of

the unusual circumstances surrounding the athletic programme at the High School this year.

Due to crowded conditions, the two schools, Thornhill and Richmond Hill share the same building, attending on a shift system. This arrangement, while only a temporary measure, has made the customary after-school games and practices virtually impossible. With the last shift not leaving the school until around 6 o'clock in the evening, games have to be held in the evening and practices must be squeezed in whenever it is convenient. However, despite these problems, the boys have been able to uphold and carry over the athletic traditions of the old school to the new Thornhill High School.

The Wide Screen

By Norman Brown

HOLLYWOOD NOTES: It's been interesting watching the film capital's reaction to Television over the last few years. At first Hollywood took a slump and dire things were predicted as a result of TV's competition with films. Then Hollywood bounced right back with various wide-screen systems and the fear of TV was considerably lessened. The next phase was "if you can't fight em — join 'em" and Walt Disney paved the way for the major companies to exploit their films on Television. The last stage, a complete reversal of their former stand, was for Hollywood to start buying TV scripts and now they are trying to attract the better known TV writers in Hollywood for film story writing.

Coming to the Richmond Theatre next Monday for a three day stand is the famous and moving drama **THE QUIET MAN** which stars John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara and Barry Fitzgerald. This picture in technicolor, thrilled millions when it was first released and has been brought back to thrill those who missed it first time around.

It deals with a retired prize-fighter, John Wayne, who settles in a small town in Ireland. He falls in love with the daughter of the town bully and, although numerous chances occur for a fight, he declines them. Finally they are married, but the marriage is not a happy one for Wayne's wife believes him scared of her father. Finally, as she is about to run away, Wayne prevents her and takes her to her father where he incites him to fight. The fight is the longest in film history and provides a thrilling and amusing climax for this wonderful film.

In the old tradition, great motion pictures have been road-showed in key theatres on a reserved seat, advance ticket sale basis, similar to showings of the legitimate theatre. Such shows as "Julius Caesar," and more recently "This is Cinerama," "Cinerama Holiday" and "Oklahoma!" have all been shown in this manner.

Following this tradition, for one performance only, the great classic **HAMLET** is being presented at the Richmond Theatre. Three hundred and fifty seats are reserved and tickets for this great film are being sold in advance at \$1.00 each by the Board of Student Senators of Thornhill High School under whose auspices the film is being presented. Fifty seats are being held for the public and can be had at the box office that evening.

Hamlet is considered to be William Shakespeare's greatest masterpiece and easily the equal of Julius Caesar & Macbeth. Hamlet is an English picture and employs the stark, grim, realistic-type of settings that so typify British pictures. Throughout the whole picture, the realism and production values are enhanced without losing the essence and drama of the great play. It promises to be an event worth looking for.

ward to. Alan Ladd, the screen's top adventure star, dons knightly armor to bring to screen life the action and romance of the age of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. Ladd stars in his first great spectacle **THE BLACK KNIGHT** which comes to the Richmond Theatre next Friday and Saturday.

Alan Ladd is a sword-maker in the time of King Arthur and he disguises himself as chivalrous Black Knight and seeks to avenge the destruction of Yornil Castle and the persecution of its lady, played by Patricia Medina. He saves the King from the hands of an assassin and finally leads the Knights of the Round Table in combat against the rebels.

The picture is filmed in technicolor and promises to keep young and old alike entertained with its exciting action and adventure.

O. R. Incorporation

(Continued from page 1) in the area and the number of children and the cost per child as regards to school. He added that he was sure both townships would be more than willing to cooperate in helping anyone making such a survey.

Also introduced was deputy-rev. Sid Legge of Whitchurch Twp., William Hodgson, deputy-rev. of King Twp. and the candidates for seats on council.

Mr. Braybrooke spoke again on the status of a police village and the comparison between them and an incorporated village. Before becoming a Police Village, the inhabitants should study what authority they will have and what authority the township would have. Police villages were originally set up in 1849 to provide a few extra facilities for an area. They have very limited powers, he stated, and were always under the jurisdiction of the township.

Advocates Direct Incorporation "The only way to become a municipal entity is to incorporate. If you want local autonomy, you won't get it" under police village status," he stated. Direct incorporation, he added, was better and more often done. "Too many areas become police villages and stifle their growth by staying that way indefinitely. The act of incorporation is the same whether you are an area or a police village and if you are ready for the step, you might as well incorporate," he said.

In conclusion, Mr. Braybrooke said, "It is doubtful if you will gain anything by becoming a police village, but the decision is up to you."

The chairman, James Wall, and various other members of the board of trade thanked the speakers for coming and a vote was then taken on whether the investigation into incorporation should continue. The motion received a majority vote and in reply to a number of questions from the floor, it was stated that no application for incorporation would be made without a vote being taken of the people first.

R. Hill Election

(Continued from page 1) had enabled the village to grow and experience record development without any added tax burden to the people. We have made agreements, which have permitted development but which has not added to the tax burden.

Councillor Perkins said he had served as chairman of the water department, and that during the year there were installed 400 new water and sewer services. He pointed out that to take care of the record development now under way in the village careful thought was given to providing an adequate water supply for the future. A new well just developed has a capacity of 350 gallons per minute and will safeguard the supply for some time to come. He welcomed the appointment during the year of the Industrial Commission and he favored every effort to attract new industry to balance our residential assessment.

Councillor Harold Jones completing his second year as councillor said he would like to continue in the public service to see to a successful conclusion several important projects now under way. He said he had moved during the year for the appointment of the Industrial Commission and he was sure the men appointed, if given time, would render service to the community. "I am sure they will produce results," he said, "and we all would welcome the establishment here of desirable industries."

Councillor Jones said he also moved for the application to be made for incorporation as a town. This would enable the municipal council to have a mayor and larger council which he thought was needed in these days of growth and development.

Donald Plaxton, local barrister and a candidate for council, complimented the 1955 council on their splendid service to the village. He said the area was experiencing remarkable growth, and there are many problems facing the council. He stressed the need for industrial development and said he was offering himself as a candidate in the hope he might be of service to his fellow citizens.

Kenneth Williams, who recently established a business here, congratulated the 1955 council on their good work during the year. He stressed the need for some Parks development program in the new areas. "We have provision for the green belt," he said, "but these parks and playgrounds should be developed." Mr. Williams asked too for action on providing street lighting and for road improvement in some areas where conditions are not too good.

William T. Savage, a local businessman and a grandson of one of Richmond Hill's early Reeves, who is running for council asked for the support of the electors. "If you elect me to council I will welcome the opportunity of working with you to make Richmond Hill one of the finest towns in Canada," he said.

Mrs. Margaret Southwell serving her first term as public school trustee said it had been a real pleasure and privilege to serve on the Board during the past year and a half. She felt that definite progress was being made with our school system and recently two new schools had been opened. She said the growth and development of the area presented many problems to those charged with responsibility for education. She said she was a candidate for re-election and would welcome the opportunity of facing up to the challenge of the growing community.

William Leishman said he had been a resident of the community for three years and enjoyed every minute of it, the responsibility of the school trustees to provide a sound educational opportunity for our children. He stood for the best in school board administration and was offering himself as a candidate for the office of trustee.

Arthur Spence also a candidate for trustee said there are problems facing those charged with responsibility for education in a growing community. He urged citizens to think in terms of better education for our children. A reporter for Toronto daily, his work for the past three years has been directly concerned with education. He advocated for all our children as good an education as the people can reasonably afford.

Lewis D. Clement, another candidate for school trustee, said he had been a resident of the village for four years, "and liked it." A past president of the Home and School Association he had taken a keen interest in education in the community and now is offering himself a candidate for the office of trustee.

Cecil Mabley, a member of the board in 1955 and a former member of council referred to the growing problems of education in a rapidly growing community. He thanked his mover and second and said if he should decide to be a candidate he would welcome the support of the electors.

Little Theatre Modern Comedy Delights Capacity Audiences

The English stage and screen are acknowledged to be masters of the modern comedy. With a light touch they poke gentle (and sometimes not so gentle) fun at their really honoured and treasured institutions, traditions and customs. One of the best examples of such comedy "Chiltern Hundreds" was presented Friday and Saturday nights on the stage of the Richmond Hill Little Theatre. Produced and directed by John P. G. Grosvenor, it held the interest of the capacity audiences from the opening curtain until its end almost three hours later.

The audiences were welcomed by Mrs. Frank Gardner, who reported that the net proceeds would be given to the Richmond Hill Arena Association as a token of appreciation of their efforts in giving the village artificial ice for winter recreation.

The competent cast, including six newcomers to the stage, made the characters live and unfolded a factual story of life as it was in England during and after the General Election of 1945 when Winston Churchill and his coalition party were ousted from power by the Labour Party under Clement Attlee.

The Earl of Lister (William Ferguson), who has no pride at all, as Lord Lieutenant takes no interest in party politics, and is more interested in shooting and snaring the rabbits which raid his begonia bed than in affairs of the state. Death duties and income taxes have so depleted his income that Lister Castle is falling into ruins and only two servants can be afforded. They are Beecham (Frank Gardner), combined butler, odd job man and gamekeeper, and Bessie (Thelma MacInnes) who does the rooms, assisted by Her Ladyship, the Countess of Lister (Emma Mascher), Lady Lister, who always backs the losing side and hence reviled against her son, also doubles as cook and raiser of ducks.

Lord Pym (Harold Gribble), the son, contests the local seat for the Conservatives in the General Election, although not altogether agreeing with its platform. Pym is still in the army after six years of war service during which time he had been awarded the Military Cross because, in his own words, "I lost myself near Tripoli and found myself behind the German lines."

When defeated by the Labour candidate, Mr. Cleghorn (John Grosvenor), he is faced with an ultimatum from his brash American fiancée, June Farrell (Isabelle Fleischer), of getting a job or losing her. Pym has not been trained for any life but that of a landed gentleman and his fiancée adamantly refuses to hear of him continuing his military career. Pym feels that a mere job would be betraying his birthright as a member of the upper crust which makes life digestible.

The solution seems to be reached when the Labour M.P.-elect is offered the Dominions Portfolio in the Attlee cabinet with the condition that he accept a seat in the House of Lords. This means that a by-election must be held, and Pym decides to contest the seat on the Labour ticket, believing he will be unopposed. June, however, having no use for a "turncoat," or "a guy who hasn't got what it takes to try things twice," conspires to bring forth a Tory candidate in the person of Benjamin Charles, who is better known to the Listers and to the audience as Beecham, the butler. Beecham is a true believer in the prestige of the aristocracy, and feels that they must fight back.

Of course Beecham is the successful candidate in the by-election party, but only after a second count, and comes to Lister Castle as a guest. In the meantime Young Pym has got himself engaged to Bessie, the maid, who has a certain rustic charm, but is not happy in her role of guest at Lister Castle, where she no longer draws down her two pounds a week for doing the rooms, but is expected to help Her Ladyship with the work.

Lady Caroline Smith (Hilda Skippon), Lord Lister's sister, is a staunch Conservative until she meets Lord Cleghorn — and a budding romance is hinted. At the end of the play, when Beecham is persuaded by Cleghorn that a political career is not for a specialist but for the "odd job type" who does not excel in any field, and he decides to return to his calling as the perfect butler, etc., he claims the Chiltern Hundreds, the only means by which a sitting member may resign his seat. He realizes "they also serve who only stand and wait."

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