

Hold Matinee Daily

Richmond Theatre To Feature Top Movies For Holiday Week

To commemorate the festive season the Richmond Theatre announces an all star line-up of fine feature films to be presented during the next week. Of interest to the whole family, these pictures present all the qualities that make great motion picture drama. All the films have been specially picked for viewing by the whole family and the children will take great interest in the special matinee every day at 2.00 p.m. during the holiday season.

Leading off the all star line up of fine films is THE PRIVATE WAR OF MAJOR BENSON which features Julie Adams and stars Charlton Heston in one of his first dramatic roles, and certainly his first comedy role. Following this is a double feature with Fibber McGee and Molly, Edgar Bergen, Lucille Ball in LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING a smash comedy combined with Walt Disney's famous classic PINOCCHIO. For next week end, SIGN OF THE PAGAN is the feature attraction. A historical epic of Attila the Hun, it stars Jeff Chandler, Jack Palance and Rita Gam. For the New Year's Eve Midnight show, the Richmond Theatre is presenting the smash comedy, WE'RE NO ANGELS, which stars Humphrey Bogart, Peter Ustinov and Aldo Ray.

The Private War of Major Benson" plays next Monday and Tuesday and is a smash comedy about what happens when a tough Army Major battles with a school of army cadets. Featured as the heart-warming cadet is 9-year-old Tim Hooley, who makes his screen debut in this picture. Julie Adams comes to the Richmond on Wednesday and Thursday. A double feature, it combines the live acting of the

comedy sensation "Look Who's Laughing" with the full length cartoon classic, "Pinocchio". The first picture combines the great acting talent of many famous comedians in an all star line-up. Included are the great Fibber McGee and Molly, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy as well as Lucille Ball. "Pinocchio", of course, needs no introduction. Long a film classic, it has been brought back by popular demand to satisfy the needs of whole generations of children who have yet to see this fine picture in all the glory of sight and sound of the wide screen.

For Friday and Saturday, a spectacular of epic proportions will flash across the screen as the great story of Attila the Hun unfolds in "Sign of the Pagan". Here is a picture that will engulf you in its majesty and size and drama and thrill both young and old as the great hordes of Attila sweep down through 5th Century Europe to the very gates of Rome itself. Jack Palance, fast rising star who featured in "Shane" portrays Attila the Hun. Jeff Chandler is the Roman Centurion who uses devious means to finally stop Attila at the Gates of Rome. Rita Gam acts as Attila's daughter, the pagan princess who betrays her father when converted to Christianity. It's a great picture, as are all of them, and the daily matinees allow the whole family to see them.

The Sunday Midnight show at the Richmond Theatre is the laugh sensation, "We're No Angels" which has recently been made into a film after a long and successful run on Broadway. A modern day "Arsenic and Old Lace", it concerns three convicts. Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray and Peter Ustinov, who escape from Devil's Island and take refuge in the home of a benevolent merchant who is having trouble with his relations. With the help of one of the convicts pet snake, the black sheep of the merchant's family are taken care of and the convicts return to prison.

Aurora Firm's Christmas Gift Will Benefit Many

There is a growing feeling these days that in some cases our observation of Christmas is falling short of the mark. It seems that in so many instances the true meaning of Christmas is being lost. We celebrate this great holiday has become obscured in the tinsel and decorations, the expensive gifts and the merrymaking. Even the fancy-wrapped package has gained as much importance as the gift itself and the symbolism of the giving of gifts.

For one firm in the nearby town of Aurora, Christmas will have a different meaning this year; some of the true spirit of Christmas will be achieved. Following a practice of past years, the firm of Aurora Automotive Ltd. has provided for Christmas gifts for its customers in appreciation of their patronage. But instead of giving each customer a small gift, the money otherwise spent has been forwarded in the form of a substantial cheque to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. This year, the man-

agement under the direction of Mr. Gordon Duckworth felt that applying this sum towards the purchase of some appliance or piece of equipment for the hospital would be fulfilling the true spirit of Christmas. And needless to say, the plan has received unanimous approval and congratulation from their customers.

In a letter sent to each of the Aurora Automotive Ltd. customers, J. Grant Glasco, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the hospital, reported that the money was to be used for the purchase of a super-speed attachment for the hospital's MSE Refrigerated Centrifuge, which attachment will be used in determining the excretion of proteins through the kidneys in the diagnosis of Nephrosis.

Christmas for the last 1955 years has been in honour of God's gift to Man, a gift which is to benefit man for all times. We can't help feeling sure that a gift designed to help man in his fight against illness is also a gift in true Christmas spirit.

Remembers Christmas Long Ago



DR. ROLPH LANGSTAFF

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an entertainment, the children taking part. I remember reciting a few lines, ending up with "The world is round just like my little ball", whereupon I held up a small red ball, much to the delight of a fond mother.

I well remember my mother doing a lot of baking for the supper. One time she made a large three-storey fruit cake, same as they make for weddings. She iced it and made fancy scroll work with pink icing forced through a syringe. To me it looked nice and tasted even better. During the holiday week there was a lot of visiting done. We went to our grandfather's and uncles, where we created a lot of hub-bub. One day at grandfather's they chased us into the attic to get us out of the way.

When we got up there we found two long dinner horns, that could be heard a mile away, a couple of dulcimers and some tin cans. Having the instruments we formed a band. "All ready, let her go!" We made such a blast that the people came up and chased us down, saying that they thought that the roof would come in.

This reminds me that among my requests to Santa, I wanted a drum, a horn and a whistle. My mother seemed quite cross with Santa for listening to me — said it made her head ache. I could not understand my mother not liking such a nice noise.

When at my uncle's we played games, such as blind man's buff and Pussycat wants a corner. We then took our sleds and went to the fields, where we had a fine time riding swiftly down the hills. Sometimes we would go down the hill fancy, lying on our backs with the head pointing down the hill. Other times we would sit up, or go down just plain belly whack. We would go swiftly down the hill, across the flats and over the creek.

My father had a cutter made longer than usual, with plenty of

room for an extra seat for the three children.

On our way home, boy-like, I wanted to drive. A spirited horse, on a cold night and with its head turned toward home, with a boy driving, having the lines in one hand and a whip in the other, creates quite a hazard, so my terrified mother thought.

My mother — "If you don't take the whip from that boy you will have us all in the ditch."

My father — "The mare knows what she is doing, she is going home."

The mare was going home all right as fast as she could make her feet fly. My mother appeared greatly relieved when we landed home, right side up.

There was nothing much more pleasant this time of year than sleighing parties. We had a first class livery where vans and teams could be rented, or as in the case of a Sunday school, a large number of sleighs were required, the farmers were most generous in supplying teams and sleighs. A sleigh, with a box on it, could be quickly made into a van, by the use of a few boards, with some hay spread over the floor, and a few fur robes added.

A drive in the country on a bright crystal moonlight night, the sleigh bells ringing, a jolly crowd of young people, what could be more enjoyable and invigorating.

On New Year's day, the more ambitious young people would go calling on their friends with their horses hitched tandem.

Another thing that was much enjoyed by young people was the custom of climbing onto passing sleighs, riding along until a sleigh was coming the opposite way and riding back. The drivers as a rule were indulgent and kept an eye out to see that these children were not injured. Once in a while a driver was met that was not so considerate. One day, at recess, a man slowed up and told the pupils to pile on. When they got on he cracked the whip and the horses sprang into a gallop. The man stood on his sleigh and laughed as each pupil made the hazardous jump, rolling over and over. The good Lord seems to take care of children. Once when I went to jump onto a sleigh someone pushed me and I fell back, my legs going into the back runner. I was dragged quite a distance before I could kick myself loose, thankfully no bones were broken.

One day I called to another boy, who was riding on a farmer's sleigh — "Get off that sleigh!" The boy, who was a preacher's son, called back — "Go to Heaven!"

NOTICE

SNOW SHOVELLING

Notice is hereby given that local by-laws provide that all occupants or owners of business and residential property in the Village of Richmond Hill must clear the sidewalk in front of their property of snow after every snow storm.

A penalty is provided for failure to comply with the provisions of the by-law, and the village may order the necessary snow shovelling done and charge cost of same in the taxes on the property.

The co-operation of all citizens is asked in promptly attending to the necessary duty of snow shovelling, and thereby make our sidewalks safer and more serviceable.

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Campaign Results

The final 1955 campaign report of Richmond Hill and District Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society was presented by Treasurer H. C. Powell, at this month's executive meeting at 6A Yonge St. N., Richmond Hill.

Campaign returns total \$7,182.32, and \$4,883.98 of this amount will be forwarded to the Ontario Unit. The local unit will retain \$2,298.34. Campaign expenses totalled \$213.81.

It was also decided by the executive to send a further cheque of \$1200 to headquarters, retaining a balance of \$709.50 in the Richmond Hill Unit account.

Lions Club Christmas Party

The Richmond Hill Lions Club is planning a gala children's Christmas party for children of the area on Thursday, December 22. The party will get under way at 7 p.m. in the Lions Hall, on Centre Street East. All youngsters seven years and under are invited.

There will be gifts for all the children from Santa Claus who will be present. And a fine programme of entertainment is to be provided by the Curtain Club.

Appoint County Coroner

The Province of Ontario has announced the appointment of Dr. Douglas McAteer as a coroner for the County of York. Dr. McAteer is a well-known physician in Willowdale. The appointment was announced recently in Toronto along with several other appointments of coroners and Justices of the Peace.

Brownies Present Christmas Pageant In R. H. Lions Hall

Parents and friends of the two Richmond Hill Brownie Packs were treated to a beautiful Christmas play and entertainment last Tuesday afternoon at the Lions Hall.

Carols were enacted by the 2nd Brownie Pack — Good King Wenceslas complete with fur coat and crown; the Twelve days of Christmas with illustrated cards and lastly Rudolph with his red nose. The children were instructed by Brown Owl, Mrs. Peggy Ripley and were accompanied by Mrs. Jessie Morrow.

Meantime, the members of the 1st Brownie Pack were changing into their costumes for the Christmas Story in mime and song. It was arranged by Brown Owl, Mrs. Cecily Thomson and the music and choral work was done by Mrs. Hugh Yerex.

The curtain went up on a beautiful creche scene — the colors of costumes and scenery were most artistic and enhanced by wonderful lighting.

Tawny Owl, Mrs. E. Meade, as narrator, read the Bible excerpts to a group of children representing the Children of the World. There was Rosemary Mowat in an Eskimo costume; Judy Williams in a Chinese costume; Gail Sturdee in an Indian sari; Margaret Sutton as a North American Indian and Nancy Wharton in her Brownie suit, representing the British children.

The creche scene was portrayed by Norma Hamilton and Joseph was Lella Corbett. The Angels in pastel, with gold halos and harps were Charleen Smith, Deborah Anderson, Geraldine

BOLTON: The Bolton Telephone Co. Ltd., is seeking permission to raise telephone rates in order to improve service. It is reported that shareholders have not had a dividend in the last four years.

SUTTON: Police Chief Donner has requested that Council approve the practice of trading in the police cruiser each year.

Boarding Children Becomes "Big Business" Says Dr. King

"The boarding of children of all ages is becoming 'big business' in the suburban areas surrounding the Metropolitan district," Dr. R. M. King, Director of the York County Health Unit told the Board of Health in a recent report. Homes where children under 3 years of age are boarded are required by law to be registered with the medical officer of health, and homes where children over three years of age are boarded are subject to the medical officer of health's inspection at any time. In the County of York at present there are 61 homes registered for boarding children under three years of age, and there are many more "homes" unknown to the M.O.H. which are boarding children in this category, he said.

Unfortunately, in a number of cases the motive to take in a boarded child is to provide financial income for the household. Dr. King pointed out and in many situations, profit can not be made without skipping on the care of the children. While many children's boarding homes provide a worthwhile service to the community and a healthy environment for the child, there are a few which appear to consider the child's welfare as of secondary importance, he added.

Before approving a home for the boarding of children, the medical officer of health insists on minimum standards of sanitation and accommodation in the home. Unfortunately the med-

ical officer of health is not in a position to judge homes from many other aspects, some of which probably should come under some welfare administration. The number of requests for approval of boarding homes is increasing, and a number are rejected because the welfare of the children is not sufficiently assured from the public health point of view.

CARD OF THANKS

THOMAS — We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the loss of a beloved husband and father. We especially wish to thank Rev. A. G. Donald and Rev. M. R. Jenkinson for their consoling words all the donors of the many beautiful floral offerings and the Thompson Funeral Home for their kind and efficient services.

Irene Thomas and family

Fire At Summit Golf

Firemen of Richmond Hill Brigade were called to extinguish a blaze in the pump house of the Summit Golf Course at Jefferson last Wednesday morning. Fire Chief Alf Stong reports light damage and the blaze was quickly put out.

Taking It Easy



Councillor Wesley Middleton is shown seated in easy chair and surrounded by council colleagues following the testimonial dinner in his honor marking completion of twenty years service as a municipal councillor. Councillor Middleton is holding the illuminated address and at his side is the smoking stand presented to him by village employees.

Standing behind Councillor Middleton are: Reeve W. J. Taylor, Deputy Reeve Kenneth W. Tomlin, Councillors Floyd Percinere thanks to his colleagues, Clerk Russell Lynett.

In accepting the presentation Councillor Middleton expressed

municipal employees and all the citizens of Richmond Hill. He reminisced of early days in his municipal career and pointed out the changes in Richmond Hill and municipal problems in a quarter century. To young men starting in municipal life he had a word of advice — "have the courage of your convictions and stand up for them". To those getting on in life, he invited, "grow old along with me, the best is yet to be".

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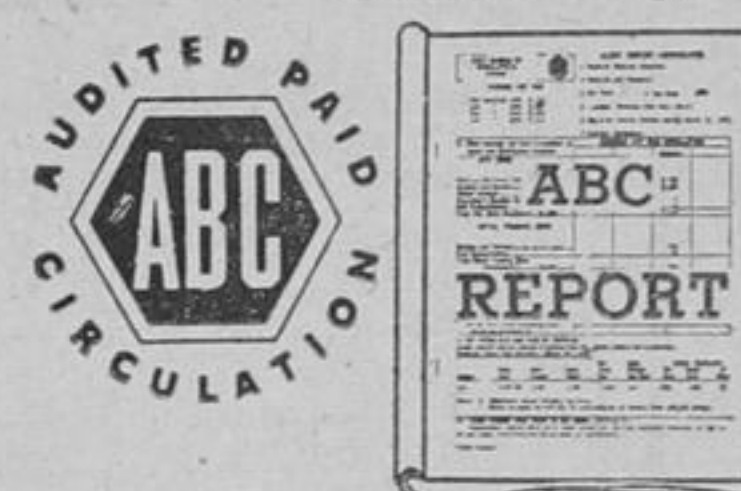


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