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If I had a million to spend at Christmas:

What would you do with a million dollars to spend this Christmas?

The Canadian Champion put the question to several hundred public school students in the area. They have a lot of ideas and plans, should they ever have the opportunity to spend a million.

The following articles are just a sample of the many replies The Champion received.

I REMEMBERED MY FIRST WISH

By Tracie Lyn Tripp, 784 Cabot Trail, Milton, W.I. Dick Public School.

One night just before wintario I saw a commercial about the needing children that were starving and hungry. If I won a million dollar's or even less I would give it all to the children. Wintario came on the air with the first numbers. I had won a million dollar's.

I couldn't believe it. I jumped up and started to think up everything I was going to buy, I totally forgot about the children.

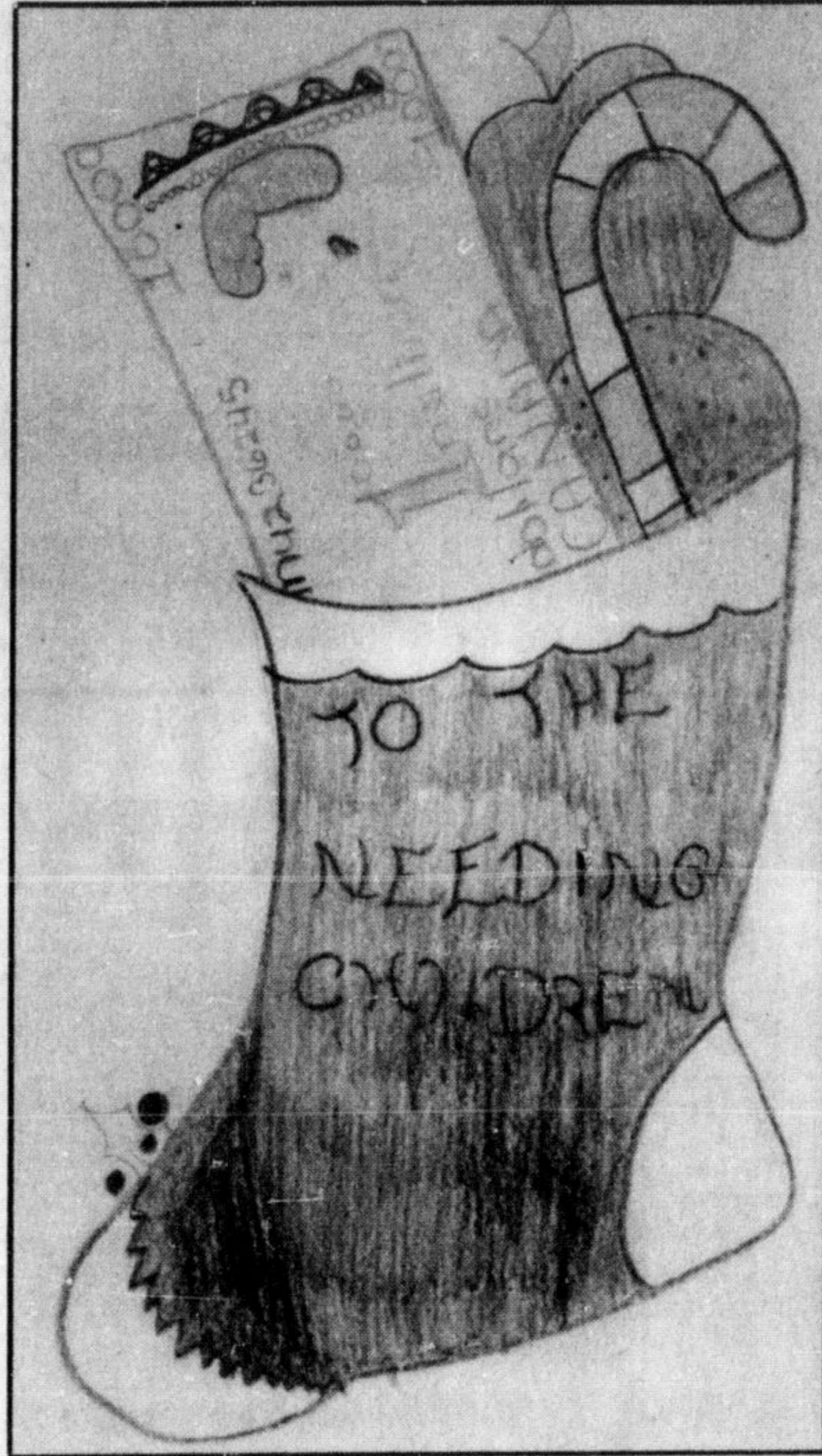
The next morning I woke up and jumped into my clothes got in my car and went to Toronto where I would pick up my million dollar's and then go on a shopping bonanza.

First I went to the mink and stole company. I bought a mink coat because I wanted to be big around town. Then I went to Peggie's and Flora to buy my mom for Christmas. Then to the Sports Centre to buy my two sister's down hill and cross country skis and poles. Then I went to the hardware store and bought my dad all the electric tools, I went to fourteen different store's after that.

By that time I got home I still had one hundred dollar's left I was going shopping tomorrow to buy things for myself but I knew my little things were big things. The next morning I got up and went to five stores.

When I got home I remembered what I had said just before I won wintario I returned all the things except a few presents for my family.

I realized I was thinking of myself. I gave the money from the stuff I returned to the needing children.



A MINK STOLE was traded in for money to give to needy children by Tracy Lyn Tripp. The million dollar winner decided she didn't need all the expensive gifts she bought for herself and gave away the money.

A DREAM COME TRUE

By Laurie Elsley, 440 Campbell Ave., Milton, W.I. Dick Public School.

It's not fair! Why can't the poor family's and needy have Christmas? I mean we are so lucky and grateful for we just don't realize how fortunate we really are. They're the one's that need it, not us! I'd give up my Christmas anyway for them. I don't think they even have a church to go to. I'd do anything for them to have a Christmas, anything! And I sure hope any of you people (that can afford it) out there would give a little bit of something, anything! We have so much! Well it's not going to do any good worrying about it, I may as well go to bed. All night I just kept hoping and wishing, but I didn't think it would do any good!

When I awoke the next morning I went out to get the mail. Hey here's a letter for me!

I opened it as quickly as I could. I just stared. Right before my very eye's was 1 million dollars! I didn't bother looking to see who had sent it. I knew exactly what I'm going to do with it. I ran into the kitchen and got a envelope quickly I placed the stamp on it, put the million dollar's in the envelope, ran upstairs, got the address, ran down to the post office, and mailed it (1st class) Yippee! I did it! Now lot's and lot's of poor family's will be able to have a very Merry Christmas. And I hope everybody reading my letter will also have a very Merry Christmas!!

THE MILLION DOLLAR DREAM

By Andrea Godt, 9, 1594 Britannia Rd., Milton Gr. 4, Percy W. Merry School.

One day near Christmas I bought a wintario ticket. The next month I won a million dollars! I decided that I wouldn't be as greedy as some people and gave it to CARE. I thought that the poor should have a wonderful Christmas like ours. I wrote a letter.

When the people from Care got it, they wrote me back. They said that they thanked me so much that they even bought me a present. It was a book that a person wrote and it was called "The Wonderful Girl Who Gave us Christmas." I read it and it was really good.

Everybody said it was dumb that I gave it away, but I thought it was nice for me to do that, and so did my mother.

The next Christmas the people from Care wrote me a letter and said they even had enough to have another Christmas and buy penicillin for their hospitals, and still have more! That was the best time I ever had and ever could have.

AFRICAN SAFARI, HORSE FARM

By Patricia Rowley, 544 Moorelands Cres., Milton, W.I. Dick Public School.

One night Rachel, Nancy and I decided to to the Milton Mall. We went to the mall at Seven. We went to buy a lottery ticket. We were in a hurry so we wouldn't miss the draw on television. We got a ticket and went home. We got back just in time for the draw.

We watched, my number was 56675 the numbers were dropping. The first to drop was "5" then a "6" then another "6" and last I was so excited I had won one million dollars and just in time for Christmas. I decided to go shopping the very next day. The next day would be Saturday. The next day came slowly, like it does when your excited. But finally it came.

I got my heavy winter coats and boots, mittens hat and my million dollars.

First I stopped at the travel agency. I decided I needed a 3 month vacation. I decided I would go to Africa, its hot so my mom can get a suntan. For my dad theres animals he can go on hunts with the natives. After the travel agency I went to the real Estate to bye a small horse farm, that would be my present.

Then I bought 4 horses, and their tack. I bought little things for the house.

I decided to save the rest for future problems. Thats what I'd do with one million dollars.

MILLION DOLLAR WINNER

By Cindy Smith, 381 McNabb Cres., Milton, W.I. Dick Public School

It was the night of Dec. twenty first 1989 my mom and I were at the championship of the Joker's wild. I was up against a tough competitor, and I was aiming for the million dollars in the safe in front of me. I had made the finals and was leading four hundred to zero. It was my spin Joker, Joker, Joker! I had three jokers! I had won the championship.

When we got home my asked me what was I going to do with a million dollars?

I decided to think about it in bed. I thought. Maybe I should go to collage. I had finished highschool and wanted another job. Collage would be a good idea.

What about Christmas? There was no presents that I gave to anyone. My mother wants jewelry. My dad likes camera's. My brother is eighteen and needs some pants. Since he is not married he can not get is wife to sew them. My grandparents love dogs and cats, but there is still my friends. They liked new clothes, like velvet dresses and all that.

I was starting to dream about an old house. I could buy it and live all alone, by myself. It would be lonely and its not fun being alone. I could get a cottage and spend a vacation by the lake with swans swimming all around, the beautiful sunset just above the trees. Sitting by the fireplace reading.

Soon I was asleep.

I WOULD USE IT WISELY

By Scott Edwards, 10, 3108 Sixth Line, Oakville, Gr. 5, Percy Merry School.

If I had a million dollars, I would give \$5000 to Unicef, because I think that they have a good cause. I would give \$5000 to the cancer society, \$18000 to Sick Children because I really want to help them because it's not their fault they're sick. I would give \$1500 to the foster parents, \$9000 to save the children, I would give \$600 to the marines, \$8000 to M.D. research, \$5000 to goodwill, \$2000 to medical science, and I would save \$3000 for myself.

To some people a million dollars to do anything you want with, WOW! But I would use it wisely, and give to people who need it more then I do. Thankyou for reading my story.

DAD GETS A "NEWMOBILE"

By Cara Scragg, 398 Valley View Cres., Class 62, W. I. Dick School

It was the night before Christmas and boy was I in a mess. You see I had won a peanutbutter eating contest and first prize was a million dollars plus 100 jars of peanutbutter, but I knew I could never eat peanut butter again in my whole life.

The stores were supposed to be open late. So I grabbed 100,000 dollars from my drawer and started to walk to the store.

When I got there I bought my dad a car. He needed one real bad 'cause the one we have now is an Oldsmobile and I sure do know why they called it that. It must be the oldest car still running. But the new car that I just bought is a new Rina called a Newmobile. It is blue and doesn't rattle.

Then I bought my mom a new coat (fur) and a diamond ring. My mom said that she had wanted a fur coat and a diamond ring even before she was born. One also said that she would look more distinguished. Whatever that means. Then I bought a house for all of us. You should see our old house it looks like a cheese grater grated it. Things start happening as soon as you walk in the front door sometimes sooner.

Then when I got home I wrapped all my presents. Of course it was hard, have you ever tried wrapping a house.

HELP MY PARENTS

By Patricia Saliba, 10, 5582 Eighth Line, Hornby, Gr. 5, Percy W. Merry School

If I had a million dollars to give away at Christmas, I would give some of it to the less fortunate children so they could have a better Christmas and a better life to live; another part of the money would go to cures for diseases, so the people who have these diseases have a joyful Christmas too. The rest of it should go to my mom and dad, because they have seven children, and they don't go anywhere on Christmas because we're always dragging along with them.

THE GOOD LIFE AND NOTHING LESS!

By Billy Turnbull, 859 Syer Cres., Milton, W.I. Dick Public School.

Dear Sir,

One night while I was watching the lottery on TV for a million dollars, he called my ticket number. I hurried down to the studio in my old jalopy and collected the million dollars. The first thing I was going to do was buy a big car, then a big house, and clothes for my family. The rest I would spend on Christmas presents.

I drove my old car there. It was old and rusted. The license plate had fallen off and I had to put in the back window. The gas tank cap was loose too. I traded the jalopy for five hundred dollars and bought a big car for fifteen thousand dollars.

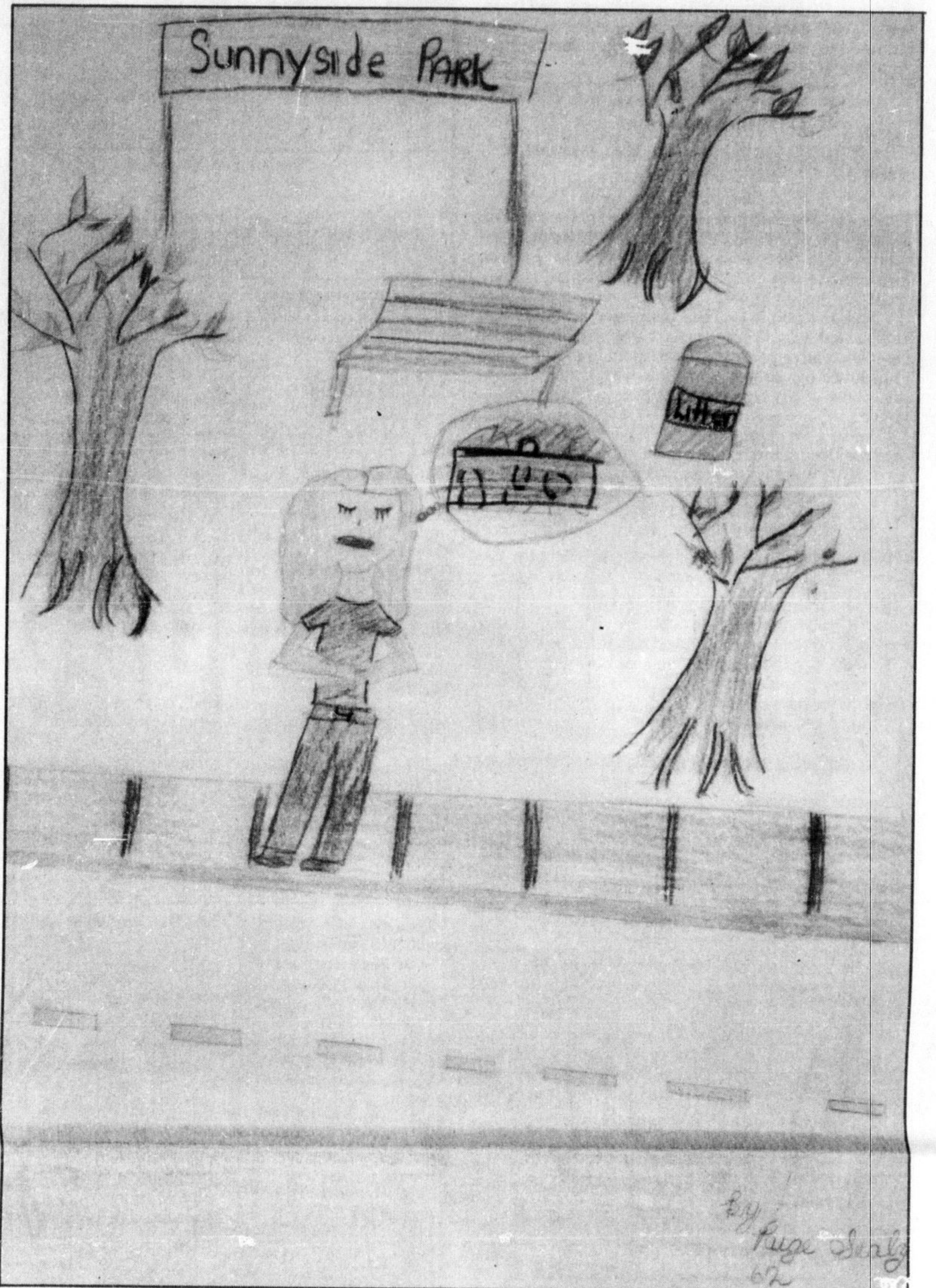
I drove the new car home and showed my wife. Later I told her what happened.

The next day I told her that I was going to buy a bigger house. The one we have is a wreck. It has leaks and is very small. I sold our house and bought a new one. Now I had four hundred and fifty thousand dollars left to spend.

I bought five suits, fifteen shirts, ten pairs of pants and five pairs of shoes for myself. I bought shirts, pants and shoes for my wife and kids. We took off our old, raggy clothes and put on our new ones.

Now I had four hundred and forty seven thousand dollars left. I went shopping and bought Christmas presents for everyone I knew. There are thirty people I know. I bought all of them cars and my wife too. The cars I bought them cost ten thousand dollars each. I only had one hundred and fifty three thousand dollars now. Then I remembered the kids. I bought them so many toys and games. I kept the rest of the money for spending.

After Christmas everybody in our family was happy and especially us. It was the best Christmas present ever.



PAIGE SEALY dreams of spending a million dollars on sick children, and houses and cars for her relatives. The

young W.I. Dick student would also like to keep some money aside for her future education.

SICK CHILDREN & FAMILY GIFTS

By Kristina Dinevski, 10, Gr. 5, Percy Merry School.

If I had a million dollars to give away this Christmas, I would buy each my parents a present and my sisters then I would hide so they could find them. And the rest I would give to the Sick Children's Hospital. I would send the money instead of going to the hospital because if I send it to them it would be a surprise.

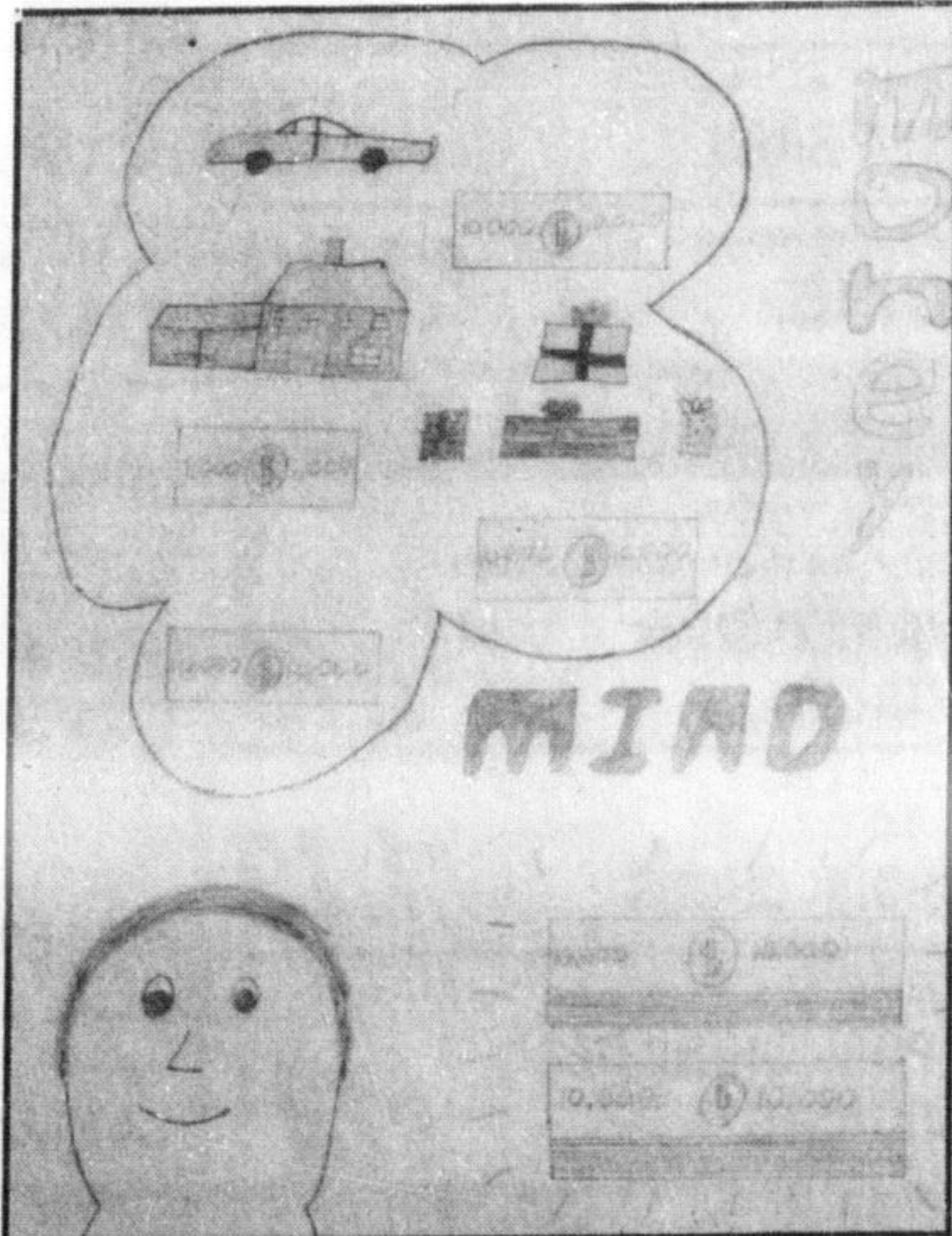
They will have money for tools, toys, clothing, medicine, and food and a home when they get out of the hospital. I'm giving this to them to help them live longer and help them live like we do. One day I will go and visit them and see how their doing and what they have used the money for, and if their using it carefully or wisely.

SEND MONEY AWAY TO HELP THE POOR

By Russell McCoy, 10, 6776 Highway 25, Milton, Percy Merry School, Hornby

If I had a million dollars to give away this Christmas, I would buy houses for my brothers and sister. I would give my mom cars and trucks and some more land. I would send money to help people in the Third World.

If I had a million dollars to give away this Christmas I would help stop all the factories from polluting the Lakes and air. If I had a million dollars to give away for Christmas I would help save endangered animals.



MR. MONEY MIND, Billy Turnbull has it all figured out how he will divide his million dollars. The ambitious youngster has dreams of fine motor cars, an extensive wardrobe and lots of Christmas gifts for all.

SURPRISE MAIL BRINGS CHEQUE

By Paige Sealy, 324 Wilson Dr., Milton, W.I. Dick Public School

I just came home from school and glanced in the mail box. I saw a letter addressed to me.

I love getting letters. I opened it up and pulled out a letter. The letter said: You have been selected for a grand prize. I did not read any further. I stuck my hand in the envelope and felt around. I pulled out another sheet of paper. I quickly opened it, it was a cheque for one million dollars. I nearly fainted, in fact I did.

I finally awoke in my bed. My mother was by my bedside. Did you see the cheque I got for one million dollars mom? I got up and searched for it.

Yes my mother said. You also had better get to sleep you need the rest. But mom where is my cheque I asked anxiously. In your drawer, now get some sleep. Good night I said.

I was too excited to sleep. I kept thinking what I could do with one million dollars.

First of all I will send some money to the Sick Childrens Hospital. hen they could get all the medicine they need.

The second thing I would do is give some money to all of my relatives. Then they could fix their houses and buy brand new cars.

Then I would give some money to my parents so we could get our kitchen and basement remodelled.

The next thing I will do is put some in my bank account. The last thing I would do is put what is left over towards my education.

Well I had better get to sleep now. I am very tired. I have a big day tomorrow. I am very excited.

HELP MY UNCLE AND HIS FRIENDS

By Paul Howden, 10, Gr. 4, Percy Merry School, Hornby.

If I had a million dollars to give away this Christmas, I would take the money and give it to a charity I wouldn't have enough for all charities. I would give it to the Oaklands Regional Centre for the Retarded where my uncle is. He has a problem.

He's in a wheelchair and he can't hear too well. My uncle has friends. I would probably give the money to help them too. With the money I could buy better equipment for them such as hearing aids and wheelchairs. They wear hockey helmets but like I said these people have problems - like they can't walk very well that's why they wear hockey helmets, to protect their head if they fall.

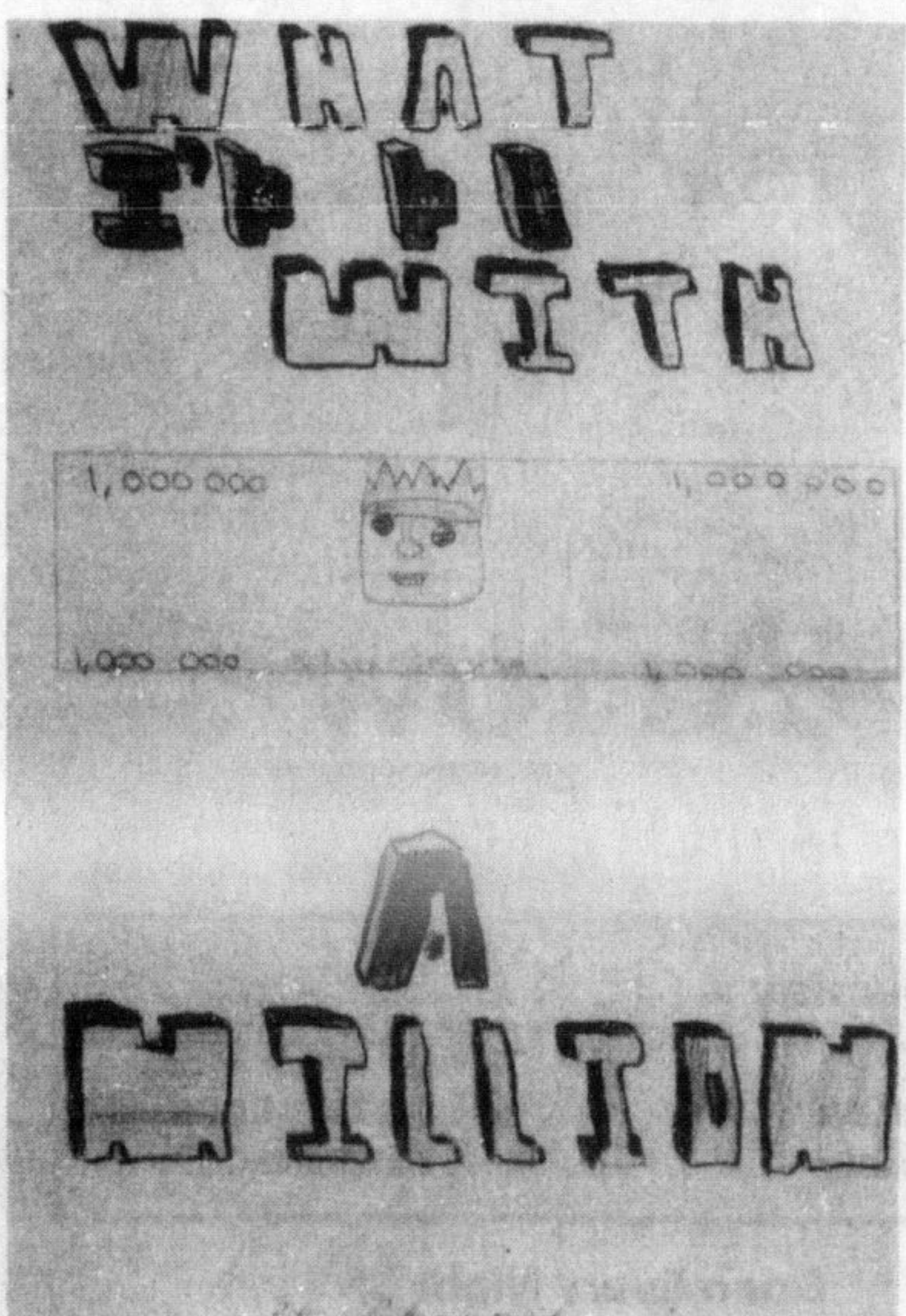
I am giving the money away because I am not greedy. I like helping people with problems and I hope you do too.

CHURCHES, BIBLES, AND SONG BOOKS

By Laura Bentley, Gr. 3, J.M. Denyes Public School.

If I had a Million dollars to give away, I would give it to God and Jesus to give it to their houses. God's houses are a churches. It would help the churches by getting the Bibles and song books.

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A TRIP TO AFRICA would be one of the first things Patricia Rowley would spend her Million dollar win on, for her parents. For herself, she plans to buy a horse farm.