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HELP RICHMOND HILL CHRISTMAS BOX FUND

For several years in Richmond Hill it was the custom to hold a Community Christmas Tree for the children when a well filled stocking was handed out as a Yuletide treat. Last year a more practical plan was adopted when funds were raised and well filled Christmas boxes sent to all needy families. The work was very efficiently handled by a committee of representative citizens and we believe every needy family was generously provided with a well filled hamper. The funds to make this possible were provided by public subscription and a donation of \$25.00 from the municipal treasury.

The municipal council has again voted \$25.00 for the Christmas Box Fund, and the members of council have called a meeting of representatives of the different churches and organizations for Friday evening. Willing workers will make a thorough survey of the needs and we are making this appeal to the citizens for financial support. This splendid work can be carried on only if generous hearted citizens subscribe the necessary funds.

Please give your donation to Mr. A. J. Hume, Village Treasurer, and your co-operation in sending it in as early as possible will be appreciated by those who are organizing the work.

CHRISTMAS, CHILDREN'S DAY

In making appeal for the Richmond Hill Christmas Box Fund, or any other fund for this particular season we think especially of the children. What can touch the heart more than the thought of the possibility of some child having a sad Christmas?

December the 25th is the Day of the Child. It is upon this day of days that countless men and women utter the great rejoicing: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given!

Even those who hold creeds in which there is no Christmas feel the splendor of that cry, and those who have no formal creed at all, still know there is one of the 365 portions of the year which is essentially the Day of the Child.

It is the day when even the most unsentimental adult, long since congealed and hardened by the years, can hear in his heart the footsteps of the little ones.

On this day even the professional skeptic becomes as a child himself, and considers it hard indeed if he cannot believe in Santa Claus, bearded fairy god-father of the children.

Let us all do our part this year to make sure that no little child is disappointed Christmas morning. May there be joy and laughter in every home in this district and no sign of tears when little ones with anxious and expectant hearts rush to see what Santa left.

You may send your donation for the Richmond Hill Christmas Box Fund to Mr. A. J. Hume, Village Treasurer.

GAMBLING DEBUNKED

Many parents seeing boys gamble will either punish them or shake their heads and ease the situation by comment to the effect that gambling is an instinct, that instincts are a part of human nature, that you can't change human nature, states the Listowel Banner.

But the Rotarian Magazine tells of an incident in which Dr. J. Hosley Gutlick, an academy headmaster, did neither when boys in his charge played the slot machines.

He went to police headquarters, secured a confiscated gambling device and had it set up in the mathematics room of his school. Then he arranged with the mathematics instructor to work up a problem involving the law of mathematical probability. The boys were to play the machine with "phoney" money to solve the problem. And they discovered several surprising things.

They learned, for example, that a player hits the "jack pot" once in 4,000 times. At a nickel a "throw" that meant it would cost about \$200 to win \$5. They learned also that the next highest "payoff" was once in 2,000 plays and made it cost \$100 to win \$1.

This teacher now reports that gambling isn't so popular in his school as once it was—the boys saw what gambling really is.

WHAT USE IS COUNTY COUNCIL?

We wish that serious minded electors really interested in reducing the burden of taxation would put this question to all who seek municipal office this year. A careful analysis of essential County Council duties reveals little if anything which could not be more economically and more efficiently administered by local municipal councils and the provincial government. County Council is an expensive and unnecessary spoke in our wheel of government. The sooner it is abolished the better for the taxpayers.

SAFETY SLOGANS

"As ye would that others should drive toward you, drive ye even so to them," is suggested by the Rotary Magazine as the year's best safety slogan. And for the runner-up, this from the Holyoke, Mass., Transcript:—"The car to watch is the car behind the car in front of you."

THREE KINDS OF GIVING

Someone has said that there are three kinds of givers: the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb. To get anything out of the flint you must hammer it, and you get chips and sparks. To get water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze it the more you get. But the honeycomb just overflows with its sweetness.

THE REAL SANTA CLAUS

This Christmas spirit is the real Santa Claus — a spirit that is universal — that grows stronger with the years — that brings out the best in us—a spirit that is made up of kindly thought and deeds, of hallowed memories and of "Good Will" to all.

Remember Xmas is not the correct way to spell Christmas.

Only a few more shopping days until Christmas. Don't suffer the agony of last minute buying.

Agricultural Representative's Work Highly Praised By County Council

Committee Recommends Caution In Administering Farm Creditors Act — Suggest Crop Improvement Meetings

The Committee on Reforestation and Agriculture, in presenting their report to County Council last week, presented the Warden with a gavel made from a pine tree planted in the County forest in 1924, the presentation being made on behalf of the Committee by Mr. A. H. Richardson of the Ontario Forestry Branch under whose supervision, the 1400 acres of plantation has been developed since that year. In future, the gavel which bears a silver plate suitably inscribed, will be used in the Council Chambers, a duplicate being presented to the Warden.

Chairman C. Earl Toole, Reeve of Whitechurch, reported on the visit of inspection his Committee has made of their own County forest and also the developments at Orr Lake, Hendrie, Midhurst and Angus in Simcoe County where 3000 acres have been reforested by Simcoe County and 1-000 or more by the Ontario Forestry Branch.

Referring to Agriculture, the Committee recommended that the Minister of Agriculture consider returning to the former cow testing policy as a means of aiding farmers in herd improvement, to reduce milk production costs. Extreme caution in the administration of the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act was urged to prevent an evil influence on agricultural credits.

The gratifying results obtained by York County's Agricultural Representative, W. M. Cockburn, toward crop improvement through the County Seed Fair organized in 1937, prompted the Committee to recommend holding a number of crop improvement meetings in various parts of the County in addition to holding a Seed Fair in 1938, such meetings to be held in co-operation with such local organizations as Farmers' Clubs and Agricultural Societies.

As farmers, the members of the Committee paid tribute to the splendid organizations of Junior Farmers in the County and commended Mr. Cockburn's efforts as Agricultural Representative in the supervision of these groups of young people studying the various phases of domestic science and agriculture. Mr. Toole then called on the Agricultural Representative to address Council.

In Mr. Cockburn's address, he referred to the increased requests of soil analysis and the fertilizer tests conducted in the County. Following the Seed Fair last March, over fifty farmers had come to his office for screen material to repair their fanning mills and a few hardware men handling supplies had reported increased sales.

With less than 200 of the infected herds in the first test to be retested, the percentage of reactors is remarkably low. In these herds which were infected before, less than 3% are reacting.

The Agricultural office reports that the portable forms for building septic tanks for sewage disposal have been in keen demand this year, indicating the installation of more conveniences in farm homes. These forms were made up at the Ontario Agricultural College and are kept at the Dept. of Agriculture, Newmarket for the convenience of farmers of the County requiring them.

Mr. Cockburn reported on the success of the four Boys' and Girls' Clubs organized in various parts of the County and on the plans for this year's Short Course classes at Woodbridge. Reference was also made to the success of the club members at the C.N.E. and Royal Winter Fair. The eight Junior Farmer Clubs and sixteen Junior Institutes represent a membership of over 500 young men and about 600 young women.

MUCILAGE SUBSTITUTE

Quite often when one is in a hurry to mail a letter, there will be but one stamp and it has no mucilage on its back. In this predicament all necessary is to moisten the mucilage flap on another envelope, run the stamp over the dampened part quickly, then place on the letter to be mailed.

TESTING COFFEE

A way to test the quality of coffee is to put a spoonful in a glass of cold water and add a few drops of lemon juice. If the coffee is pure it will remain on top of the water; if not, the water will become brown in color.

During a recent week-end 11 cottages at Minet's Point on Lake Simcoe were entered.

Mr. Alex. Fuller of Albion Township was elected District Vice-President of the Twentieth Century (Young Liberal) Association of Ontario.

Letters From The People

THINKS TRADING PUBLIC SYMPATHIZE WITH MERCHANTS

Editor, The Liberal
Dear Sir:—

In your last issue you commented on a letter from merchant discussing a proposal for shorter hours for Richmond Hill stores. While this is a matter entirely for the merchants I note you invite opinion of your readers and I hasten to express my sympathy for the merchants. I confess I never stopped to consider the hours the stores were open, but probably just like hundreds of others took such service as a matter of course. I can quite appreciate that such hours must be a burden to anyone engaged in business, and I feel sure that the majority of the trading public are fair and would not think too harshly if shorter hours were adopted.

CUSTOMER.

Old Folks' Day Is Surely Coming

Deficiency in Births to Work Revolution

Too few young people and far too many old ones will force revolutionary changes in civilized society in the next century, according to the distinguished British biologist, Sir Leonard Hill, expressed in a recent presidential address to the Sanitary Inspectors' Association.

Present business and industrial rules that people over 40 cannot be hired must be changed to limits of 60 to 70. Otherwise there will be nobody to hire. New students in college must be admitted at 40 or 50, or there will be no students. Even lieutenants in the army or midshipmen in the navy may begin their careers at 35 or 40. The only way to preserve the present customs and standards of society would be to kill off some older people each year, in proportion to the annual decrease of youth.

What causes all this is the "birth strike" of parents in all civilized countries, excepting Soviet Russia, refusing to have babies because of the increasing cost of families."



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