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Weekly News Budget From The Richvale Community

Well folks, the first and most important news to pass on to you is the result of the super raffle in aid of the youth activities in the Richvale community. Last Monday evening was the time of the breathless moment and the place was the basement of the Richvale School. The affair was a combination box social and dance, and while the weather kept the attendance down those who did turn out had a really good time. After several square dances, the draw took place with the big winner of the M.P.K. Add-a-Unit sink cabinet being Mr. J. Thomson of Cravin Rd., Toronto. The second winner was Mr. W. Leclair of Edgar Ave., Richvale, and his prize was the electric kettle. The final winner, who took as a prize the electric toaster, was Mr. Fred Saffrey of 146 Cedric Ave., Toronto. After the raffle came the auctioning off of the lunches and believe me if you think eating downtown is expensive, you

should try Richvale. Two lunches alone brought in a total of over twelve dollars. Wow!! Gold sandwiches no less. Mr. Cliff Nunn, the treasurer of the groups committee announced the youth were enriched by a sum of nearly three hundred and twenty-five dollars as a result of the raffle and auction. So to the men responsible, we should like to give the thanks of the community. These men are Messrs. Jackson Taylor, Cliff Nunn, Les Turnbull, A. Baskerville, Len Hough, Cec Smith and John Gillies. We would also thank the entertainment committee of the East Vaughan Ratepayers Association for their co-operation and also Messrs. Cyril Baker and Harold Ince. I hope we have enough orchids to go around.

May we remind the parents in the Richvale School Area that Next Wednesday, December 29th, is their chance to meet the School Board of Trustees at the annual open meeting. The meeting is in the basement of the school and we urge everyone to be early. The time is set at 8:00 p.m. Make it a point to be there — it is in your interest to do so.

After the new year the Richvale Rangers will be split into two groups. The older lads from eleven to fifteen and sixteen will meet as usual on Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The younger boys from seven to ten, will have a new meeting night which will be Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This will allow games within definite age groups and will also allow the younger fellows to get home at a time more in keeping with their years.

After just three meetings the cub pack has risen from about thirteen members to twenty-two with four ladies of the district doing excellent work in organizing. The early progress of this group speaks volumes for its future and it has the best wishes of the parents of the boys who are members.

We shall close this week's news letter with best wishes of the season to all our readers and an added reminder that in this most unselfish time of the year don't be selfish — either give up your car or give up your drink — no one yet has ever successfully mixed gasoline and alcohol and made it pay a profit.

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The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. and W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Umehara on Thursday afternoon, December 16. The W.M.S. enjoyed a most worthwhile year under the leadership of Mrs. Moddle. The nominating committee, comprised of Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Bovair and Mrs. J. Jennings, brought in the following slate of officers which was adopted as presented. Officers for 1948 will be: Hon. Presidents, Mrs. E. C. Moddle, Mrs. J. Paxton; president, Mrs. C. Beynon; sec-treas., Mrs. Hudson; vice-president, Mrs. Harman; corresponding sec., Mrs. Umehara; Missionary Monthly sec., Mrs. W. Hare; christian stewardship, Mrs. Wilkins; temperance, Mrs. Dillane; supply sec., Mrs. Umehara; Mission Band supt., Mrs. Ewart Jennings.

The Woman's Association has also enjoyed a most successful year. The financial report shows a balance of more than two hundred dollars. After slight revision, the following slate of officers was presented and adopted. Hon. Presidents, Mrs. Bovair, Mrs. J. Jennings; president, Mrs. W. Jennings; vice-president, Mrs. Hudson; sec-treas., Mrs. E. Paxton; visiting committee, Mrs. Harman, Mrs. J. Paxton, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Dillane.

Mrs. W. Jennings was highly commended for her faithful services as secretary-treasurer for the past thirteen years and she is certainly deserving of her promotion to the office of President. We wish the new officers every success during the coming year. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Hare.

XMAS TRADITIONS

The giving of gifts was instituted by St. Nichols, who is said to have appeared as an oldster with white beard, on horseback, carrying gifts for good children and switches for bad ones. Pelznickle, from the demon world, would accompany him, clad in a fur coat and carrying a switch.

St. Nichols or Nicholas was Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the fourth century. He is patron saint of Greece Russia and Naples.

Christmas boxes for the poor date back to the days of the ancient Romans who held a feast in honour of Saturn. Boxes were made up and distributed.

This has become an important part of Christmas in this country and the plan has been developed and enlarged by religious, civic and other organizations in order to bring happiness to hundreds of thousands who would otherwise be overlooked at Christmas. Christmas feasting in the present day is pallid compared to what it was in days gone by. Turkey was first introduced in England about 1520 as a mild substitute for the traditional boar's head garlanded with rosemary and laurel. The exotic roasted peacock was also a favourite at early feasts.

Mince pie was eaten in the 16th century as a symbol of the riches brought by the three wise men. It was filled with rich spices and products brought from the Far East.

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DECEMBER is here and with it lurks the "common cold"! Ontario citizens are reminded now of a few simple helpful rules to safeguard their health, and that of others.

Prevention of the common cold is the responsibility of all, and if everyone plays his part much unnecessary illness, expense and discomfort may be avoided.

With the holiday season looming ahead, when so much happiness depends on everyone feeling fit, why run the risk of "catching cold"—or letting members of your family face that danger?

In the interest of parents and families, the Ontario Department of Health recommends every Ontario citizen to study the common-sense precautions suggested below and act upon them.

Five Simple Precautions

1. Take plenty of rest. Avoid becoming unduly tired. Endeavour to follow a well-balanced diet.
2. Avoid becoming wet, chilled or overheated. If clothing becomes wet, it should be changed as quickly as possible.
3. If a cold overtakes you, go to bed until it improves. If it does not clear up rapidly, do not hesitate to seek medical advice.
4. Be thoughtful of others. If suffering from a cold, do not spread germs by coughing or sneezing openly.
5. Avoid crowds as far as possible.

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