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Weekly News Budget From The Richvale Community

This week your correspondent wishes to give a complete report of the annual open meeting of the public school board of trustees for S. S. No. 24, Richvale. The meeting was held last Wednesday evening in the school basement with Mr. Harold Ince officiating as chairman and Mr. Davey assisting as secretary. After being read by Mrs. C. Baker, secretary of the school, the annual report of the trustees was unanimously accepted by the ratepayers present. Mrs. Allison then gave the auditor's report which was also accepted.

Mrs. Allison was deemed acceptable by acclamation to continue as auditor for the ensuing twelve months. Following these reports several important items were discussed at great length, some being approved in motions with others being left to the discretion of next year's school board. As a motion of approval to the new school board of trustees the meeting went on record as being in favor of a general increase in salary for the teaching staff. It was also moved and carried that the insurance coverage of the school be reviewed as to whether or not it was sufficient in all phases and that the school board be instructed to take necessary action to cover all shortages if any. Items of discussion which were to be left to the new school board included the all-important water question. It was suggested the board investigate the possible installation of a new water system. The need of grading the school grounds in order to allow the children full use of this area was also recommended to the new board.

The final business of the evening was the election of a new trustee to fill the place of Mrs. Arbuthnot whose

term of office ended on December 31. It was the unanimous decision of those present that Dr. Doan be the third member of the 1949 school board.

Dr. Doan, who last year retired from the inspector's staff of the Toronto Board of Education is indeed a fitting man for a position on the board. He brings with him a lifetime of experience in school work as well as a complete understanding of the complexities of school management. An unanimous and hearty vote of appreciation and thanks were given to Mrs. C. Baker, Mrs. Arbuthnot and Mr. Jackson Taylor for the wonderful work they accomplished last year on the school board during whose term the new addition was completed to the school and a high standard of teaching was maintained.

TEMPERANCEVILLE

On Wednesday evening, December 22, a large number of friends and parents joined with the Sunday School to enjoy a Pot Luck Supper which was followed by a short program and Santa Claus. The following pupils received awards for good attendance and work. Beginners Class: Joan Hare, Gay and Garry Caldwell; Primary Class, Donna Jennings; Junior girls, Ruth Beynon; junior boys, Pete Christensen and Gerrit Herri-man; intermediate girls, Lesley-Ann Bracken, Florrie Beynon; senior class Edna Christenson, Iren Mashinter.

On Tuesday evening, January 11, the Women's Institute will resume their euehres at the school. There will be good prizes and everyone is invited to attend.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 12, the Women's Institute will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Paxton. The program will be devoted to Historical Research and the Roll Call is to be answered by a New Year's Resolution. The lunch committee will be Mrs. McKeig, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Palmer and M. Umehara. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

On Sunday, January 9, the Sunday School will meet at 2 p.m. Following the regular service there will be the annual election of officers and reports of the year's work will be given. All members are requested to be present.

VICTORIA SQUARE

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ash quietly celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on December 27th at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. D. McCague.

John Ash and Emily Scott were born near King, and after marriage engaged in farming near Unionville. In 1918 they took up residence in Toronto until three years ago. They now spend the summers at Victoria Square and winters at Port Credit at the home of their other daughter, Mrs. Ivan Sisler. They have three grandchildren.

The cards, gifts and flowers received were very greatly appreciated, although Mr. Ash is confined to bed having had pneumonia.

Among those who called with congratulations were Mrs. Ash's sister, Mrs. Leonard Glass, King, and Mr. Wm. Ash, Lake Wilcox, the best man at their wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortson, Wayne and Bruce had dinner Monday with Mr. and Mrs. F. Perkins and family of Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Rachel Thompson of Zephyr is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Perkins.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family and relations of the late Mrs. Wm. Rudkin, who passed away on Saturday, January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and Wallace of Port Credit, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortson, Wayne, Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. R. Perkins and Coral and Mrs. Thompson had dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Pickering and family and Miss M. Pickering.

OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Many Canadian employers have found that the skill and experience of older workers are valuable assets in their plant economy. These businessmen have also discovered that older men are not more prone to accident and, except in very heavy industry, produce as well as younger men. Older men are entitled to their right to earn a living. Don't discriminate because a man is "over 40."

Richmond Camera Man Cranked The Flicks

The most violent snow storm of the year ushered in the opening of the new "Richmond" Theatre, Thursday night, December 30th, but it did not frighten away the people of the district who had been anticipating the event for many weeks. The house was filled to capacity, and an enthusiastic line-up of hardy souls braved the blizzard and waited in line until after ten, when the second show started.

Guests and ticket holders buffeted into the foyer by the gale, found themselves in a haven of sky blue walls, their feet sunk in the rich pile of wine Bruntin rug. It was difficult to believe as they were greeted by courteous, smartly dressed ushers and a smiling candy-bar girl, that at seven o'clock — less than one hour before, the electricians were still busy with their wiring, the carpenters knocking last nails into place, and the cleaning staff doing their best to remove all traces of debris.

The technicians working on the sound and projection equipment were still at work behind the scenes, and throughout the running of the first picture, there were no less than 12 experts in the projection room, checking up on last minute details.

In spite of this, Mr. E. Graham, the "Richmond's" cameraman turned out a smooth running newsreel and feature. A resident of Richmond Hill for the last few years, Mr. Graham is a veteran of the movie camera profession. He had his beginner's lesson in 1913 with the hand crank system in the old flicker films. In 1917 when the first really great picture, "The Birth of a Nation", was produced, he was asked to show the film at Massey Hall, where it ran for 6 weeks, and later took the picture across the Continent. In 1923 he ran the first Talking Picture ever shown in Toronto. It was a curiosity put on by Wells Bros. Amusement Company at the Exhibition in the old Dairy Building. But when Movietone came to stay, Mr. Graham, down at Los Angeles with M.G.M. was able to learn the new method of operation from the ground up. Many of the old time movie crank operators, who couldn't make the necessary adjustment found themselves out of jobs.

But although Mr. Graham has tried several times to leave the picture business and specialize in radio work, he always finds himself back in again. "There's something about show business that gets into your blood," he said. "It's a bit of a strain on the nerves, but when you've once done it, other trades seem dull by comparison."

Courteous ushers on the Richmond staff include Jim Rice, Bruce Chamney and Jim Thibert. Miss Hilda Heustis is cashier and Diana Andrews looks after your wants at the attractive candy bar. Mr. and Mrs. Wil-mot of Rumble Ave., recent arrivals in Canada from England are responsible for keeping the fine new theatre spic and span.

This is a brief introduction to the staff members who with manager Ned Hill will look to your comfort and enjoyment when you visit the Richmond.

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Grace: "Do you know what chemical warfare is?"

Lois: "Sure, Chemical warfare is waged between blondes and brunettes."

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