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## Hunger Luncheon Raised \$74

People of all ages including men, women and children from Richmond Hill and area lunched on a plate of boiled rice and sipped a cup of green tea November 22 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. They then donated what lunch would ordinarily cost to the YWCA's World Service Fund. A total of \$74 was raised.

In the picture above YWCA President Mrs. Phyllis Miller in oriental costume carries one of the rice plates. Convenors of the event were Mrs. Everett Baker and Mrs. Ross MacDonald. Mrs. L. D. Clement is chairman of the World Service Committee which sponsored the event.

## Kaleidoscope

By CATHY WILSON

During the past few days, we've had a couple of opportunities to see "Charlie Brown's Christmas" on TV. In considering the whole idea of Christmas, Charlie came up with both a statement and a question.

"Christmas is too commercial," he said. He then asked his question: "What IS the meaning of Christmas? Can anybody tell me what is the meaning of Christmas?"

Nobody could, the first few times he asked the question. But Linus knew the answer, and when he heard Charlie implore someone to give him an answer, Linus did so by quoting the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 8-14:

"And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night watches over their flock.

"And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them; and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people:

"For this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the City of David.

"And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

Linus concluded his remarks saying: "That's the meaning of Christmas, Charlie Brown!" And he walked off, comforting his nose with his blanket.

I agree with Linus. I think St. Luke's story of the birth of Christ does tell us what Christmas is all about. On the other hand, there are many in this world of ours who do not share my beliefs. I've often thought about this and just as often wondered whether it were not hypocritical or even offensive to wish such people a merry and a blessed Christmas. I've finally come to the conclusion that I am guilty of no insincerity by continuing to do as I have done. I'd like to tell you why I feel that way. In so doing, I suppose I'll be making my own testament to the meaning of Christmas.

The more I examine this situation, the more I have to conclude that the common denominator that makes Christmas significant to anybody is the spirit of giving. Some may give for the love of Christ, some for the love of Jehovah, some for the love of man, and some even for the love of themselves. There are those who love to give because they enjoy seeing people happy, they enjoy helping to make people happy, even at some cost to themselves. Then you have those who give because they wish to receive and who feel that giving is their best guarantee of getting something back. The true spirit of Christmas exists in those who give to help others or to make others happy. And the way I see it, you can be Jewish, Protestant, Catholic, Moslem, Buddhist or whatever; yet, if you have the true spirit of giving, then you truly have the spirit of Christmas.

In our community, there are many good people who are not nearly so fortunate as many of us. Without our help, they will have very bleak Christmases. Charlie Brown's friends brightened his life for him by turning his forlorn looking twig into a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree. I'd like to think that many of us will make a special effort to seek out those who need help. Under these circumstances, the best we can do may be only temporary. But offering whatever we can may be the only way in which we'll come to understand the true meaning of Christmas joy and goodwill.

In a very practical way, we will have shown that we know what Christmas means. We will have earned the right to stand beside Linus and say: "That's the meaning of Christmas, Charlie Brown!"

(Cathy Wilson is a secondary school student residing in Richmond Hill)

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## Crackings

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## Town Public School Bd. To Review Pupil Enrolment From Apartments

Richmond Hill Public School Board is beginning to wonder if its figures on the number of children to be expected from apartments are accurate. The figure of .34 pupils per apartment was established three years ago. At the December 14 board meeting, Superintendent Gordon McIntyre promised to have more specific information on school population for the next board meeting. Until that time action on a request from Richmond Hill Planning Board for comment on a proposed apartment house at the southeast corner of Centre and Elizabeth Streets, containing 70 suites, was deferred.

Trustee Walter Hutchinson commented that since there is no room for new housing in the town more people will be forced to stay in apartments. "Long range plans, I believe, provide for high-rise apartments along Yonge Street on the east side. This will reflect in enrolment in this (McConaghy) school."

"I'm in favor of this apartment development,

since what this town needs is redevelopment of the central core — even if it does create problems for us," stated Vice-Chairman Jack Knott. He was referring to the fact that children from this apartment building would be in the McConaghy School attendance area and that school is already operating at capacity at present.

Chairman Deena Simpson also pointed out that McConaghy School is restricted in providing additional capacity. "We might set up a class in the boiler room," she said ruefully, when it was estimated the proposed building would add about 25 pupils to the roll.

"This might put the pressure on for a senior school on the west side of town," she suggested.

Answering a question by Trustee Jim LeMoine about forecasted enrolment at McConaghy in two years' time, Mr. McIntyre reported that the forecast indicates that the number

of children entering kindergarten in the town will go down. However, although only 386 kindergarten registrations were forecast for this September, 483 were received. "We were prepared, and they came," he remarked. In 1968 the number is supposed to go down to 312, the superintendent reported.

Trustee Phyllis Hawkes also noted that more and more people are finding it difficult to purchase a home, forecasting more families will remain in apartments.

Business Administrator Ken

STOUFFVILLE: Village council would like to move the ugly wrecking yard from its present Stouffer Street site, but is reluctant to guarantee owner Albert Pollock a substitute property in the municipality. Mr. Pollock said that he had an opportunity to sell the land but still wished to remain in business.

Deputy-reeve Bill Parsons noted that to move the yard elsewhere would likely require a change in zoning.

Turton reported that 30 children from two apartment buildings on Laverock and Trayborn attend MacKillop School — and that there are now 600 apartments, including bachelor, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites in town.

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