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# Christmas

## MESSAGE

By Dr. Dillwyn Evans

"Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes  
 Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,  
 The bird of dawn singeth all night long;  
 And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad;  
 The nights are wholesome, then no planets strike,  
 No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm;  
 So hallow'd and so gracious is the time."

—from Hamlet  
 by William Shakespeare



There is a graciousness which is not even missed by the most cynical. Do what we will, despite the veneer, the charm, the hypocrisy, there is a

Thornhill Presbyterian Church

genuine flow of concern and love which is so apparent.

In trying to understand it, one cannot help but recognize a valid thoughtfulness shown by so many people. Believe it or not so much of it is anonymous. How often we hear those beautiful words, "would you be good enough to see that this goes to the place where it is most needed? And by the way, please don't mention my name!" The scoffer dismisses this with a shrug. The believer knows it to be genuine. It is an evidence of the 'graciousness of the time'.

That grace originates with the Living God. It is He Who loved this world so much that He gave. He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, and in Him we saw His Glory full of grace and truth.

The Scripture refers to this as, LIGHT, and the darkness has never put it out. This Light is in the world for Judgement and Salvation. This Light reveals our sin and at that same moment shows the way of forgiveness. Grace indeed! How else can we respond but with joy and thankfulness. Part of that is demonstrated in so much gracious dealings with each other, "If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Let us move on in that Light as we fulfill our commission as followers of Jesus — being the Light of the world. May the Christ of Christmas bless you with His Grace.

## Pakistani Will Need Help

While politicians and nations wrangle about who is to blame in the India-Pakistan conflict, the real sufferers are the innocents — those who have taken no part in the conflict but who have been forced to flee because their homes were destroyed or because they were consumed with a fear of death, rape or torture by the warring armies.

Before the conflict became open, India had received 10 million refugees from East Pakistan — men, women and children who came across the border with their pitiful few personal belongings. Giving shelter, food, clothing and medical assistance to this horde was, indeed, a very heavy burden to be assumed by a country which was having trouble providing the barest necessities of life to its own teeming millions. But it was providing these things for the strangers within its borders.

Added to these millions now will be many more millions who supported

the Pakistani army in East Pakistan and who will doubtless become the victims of the Bangla Desh as the Indian Army penetrates farther and farther into East Pakistan. More millions will find themselves in jeopardy as the troops from West Pakistan advance in Kashmir.

These people are going to need help and lots of help. As Christians at this time of year, we should be even more conscious of their needs and of our responsibility to see that these needs are met. Remember the great gift of the Christ Child by making a generous contribution to one of the several organizations working in that area — Oxfam, the Canadian Save The Children Fund, UNICEF, the Red Cross, to name a few. They will translate your dollars into life itself for these poor unfortunates, those, who through no fault of their own, are the victims of this war.

Please be generous!

## Former Stouffville Man Drowns While Scuba Diving

Archie Forfar, 39, a former Stouffville contractor, drowned during an attempt to set a world scuba diving record near Nassau in the Bahamas, December 11. The present scuba dive record is 437 feet.

Mr. Forfar moved to the Bahamas 10 years ago to open a resort hotel and work as a professional diver, after having been caught in a storm and shipwrecked on a reef near An-

drois Island off the east coast of Florida. It is reported he fell in love with the place and soon returned to open the Andros Reef Inn, which he has run ever since.

He was accompanied by 23-year-old Ann Gunderson of Vancouver and Jim Lockwood. Mr. Forfar and Miss Gunderson disappeared into a 6,000-foot deep trough off the coast of Andros Island. Mr. Lockwood re-

ported that they passed the 475-foot mark when something went wrong.

It is thought the pair probably suffered from nitrogen narcosis, a condition that makes divers drowsy. It is often called "rapture of the deep."

Mr. Forfar had worked on a recent television episode for Jacques Cousteau and had just completed a documentary for the CBC.

## 50 Children Needed

### Expenses Up, Film Showings In Jeopardy

The showings of films made by the Children's Film Foundation, begun 12 years ago in Richmond Hill, are in danger of coming to an end.

The CFF makes about six films each year and has since 1945. The scripts are scrutinized by a committee of teachers, sociologists and psychologists before going into production. The films are made by professional film-makers at high standards. The leading characters are children themselves, the attitudes implicit in the exciting stories are constructive ones socially, and the scenarios are based on observation and inquiry among children as to what they like to see in films.

There are no other films like them in the world, and it would be a pity if indif-

ference should remove them from this community, is the feeling of those closely involved in their presentation (a committee headed by Librarian Roy Clifton of Richmond Hill High School) and the children who attend.

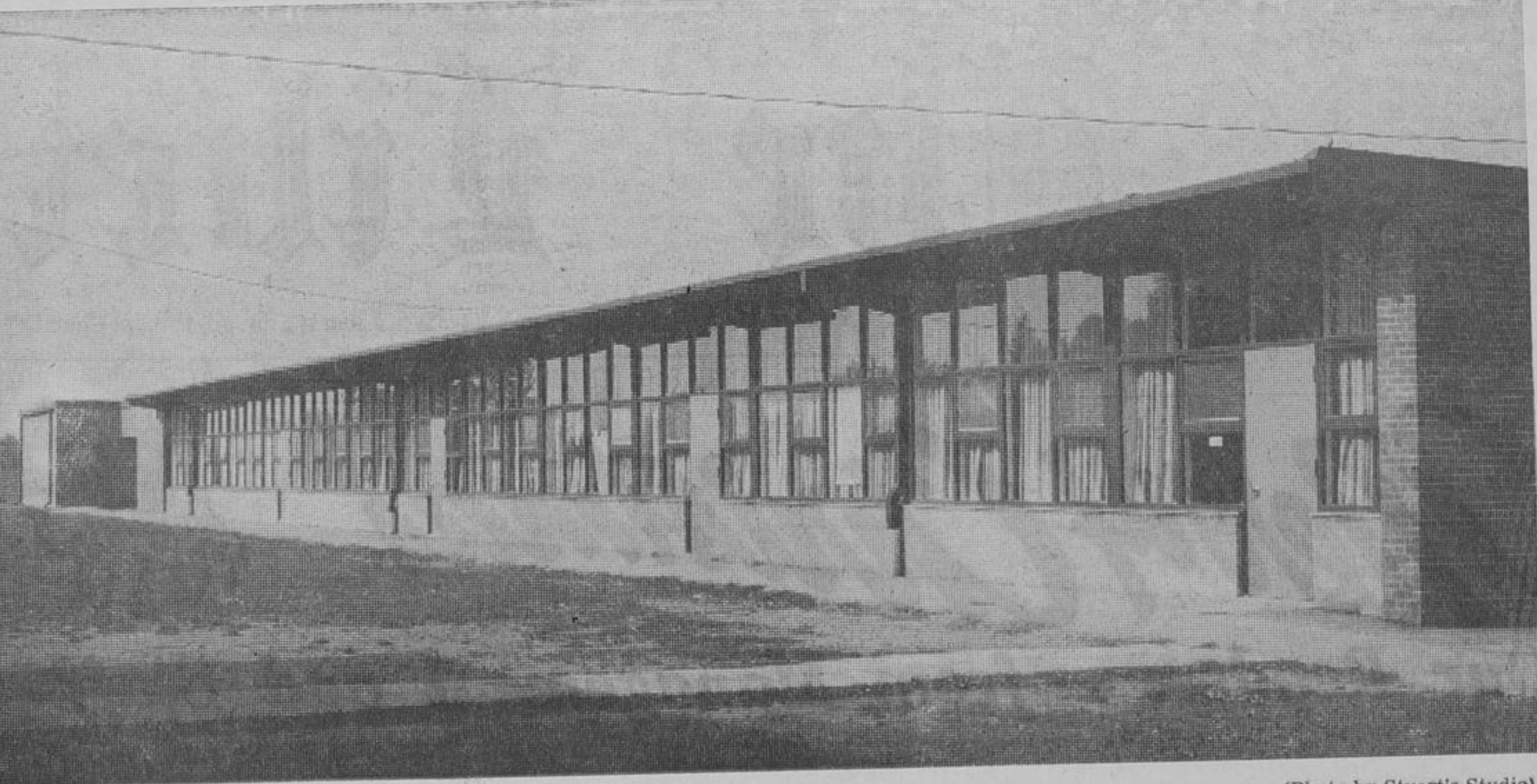
The films are shown in the auditorium of Richmond Hill High School at 2 pm the first Saturday of each month and their continuation to this point has been due to volunteer work, by students and parents.

For several years, no tickets have been printed, a volunteer runs off the reminders each month, a volunteer picks up and delivers the films to avoid express charges, other volunteers deliver the reminders which are distributed to children in grades 2 to 7 throughout old

Richmond Hill and the nearer schools, and members of the Richmond Hill High School Library Club look after sale of tickets and projection.

This year, however, the distributor nearly doubled the rental charge. Up till now, so long as a member of the high school staff was in attendance, no caretaker service was considered necessary. For the first time, this year, a charge of \$17.50 is being made each time for a caretaker, although no demands are made on his services. So despite an increase in the admission charge from 30c to 45c, there has been a loss of over \$85 on the first three showings, Mr. Clifton reports.

To ensure continuance attendance by 50 more children per showing is needed.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Lake Wilcox Now Has First-Class School Accommodation

Principal Carl Hall of Lake Wilcox Public School was a proud man December 8 as he welcomed guests to view the new addition to his school, pictured above. This substantial addition includes eight standard classrooms, kindergarten, special education, health, guidance and staff rooms, principal's office, library resource centre and gymnasium, in addition to the seven classrooms already in existence.

Up until 1951 children from Lake Wilcox were accommodated in Oak Ridges Public School. In that year they attended school in an old frame building (a former community hall) in Lake Wilcox. In 1952 they moved into a four-classroom frame building which had just been erected. It was already inadequate for the number of children in the community and the old school at Jefferson and two classrooms in Aurora were leased. It was in that year that Mr. Hall came to Lake Wilcox to head the staff as principal.

In 1954 the Lake children occupied five classrooms in the old Aurora school building. It is now the headquarters of the York County Board of Education. In 1955 a new brick building containing seven classrooms, kindergarten and staff rooms was erected and attached by a covered walkway to the original frame structure.

Disaster struck the school on February 14, 1969, when the original frame structure burned — and the board had to resort to accommodating some of the pupils in rented quarters again. The new brick building with its added facilities and attractive, colorful classrooms, now also accommodates the children from the nearby three-room Lloyd School.

Following a day of open house when parents and other interested residents of the community visited the school, a brief, formal official opening ceremony was held at 8 pm December 8. Speaking were Board Chairman Arthur Starr, Mr. Hall and President Mrs. Sylvia Heavener of the home and school association.

## The Marvel Of Christmas!

The moon and stars, so silent, bright,  
 Gazed, in wonder, that Christmas night;  
 Amazed to see each angel wing,  
 And hear their carols, as they sing!

"May glory be to God, most high,  
 From man's first breath, until he die;  
 God sent His Son, a Babe, to live,  
 That He, to them, true peace, might give!"

"To-night, He's born, in Bethlehem;  
 Oh! Peace on earth; goodwill to men;  
 'Real Brotherhood', will come to earth,  
 When all accept the Christ Child's Birth!"

MARY HONEY BROWN,  
 191 Centre Street West,  
 Richmond Hill.

## Letters to the Editors

### KEEP METRO SOUTH OF STEELES AVENUE

Dear Mr. Editor:

I have picked up "The Liberal" from time to time from our local news stand for the purpose of catching up on local affairs. Your stand taken in the December 2 issue regarding "Metro isn't Wanted" has my complete agreement with your views. This statement has moved me to subscribe to your paper and I will rely on your sources to keep me informed on this matter of Metro borders in the future.

I live just north of Steeles Avenue and am concerned with this issue. We don't want Metro to extend its borders! Everybody's effort will be needed to convince the provincial government that we wish to stay with the York Regional Government.

Keep up the good work!

JOHN GALBRAITH,  
 9 Brightbay Crescent,  
 South Thornhill.

### "WHAT SOME PEOPLE WILL DO FOR A BUCK"

Dear Mr. Editor:

I was very interested in the photograph of the three young cheetahs which appeared in your December 9 issue under the title, "Three Little Jungle Girls Are We." This picture no doubt provided some diversion from the usual local news but I would like to point out a few things of which your readers

may not be aware. Cheetahs, like all of the large cats of the world, are an endangered species and are close to extinction. The dollar hungry nations of Africa have no laws to prevent the export of such animals and to date our government has not had the wisdom to pass laws to prevent their importation.

Thus people like Mr. Orsatti are able to make a considerable profit by trading in these rare animals. When these animals are extinct Mr. Orsatti can take pride (along with the world's fashion leaders with their cheetah coats) in having done his part to hasten their passing. In view of this, I would suggest that a much more appropriate title for the photograph might be "What Some People Will Do For A Buck."

A. W. CARON,  
 172 Indian Grove,  
 Toronto 15, Ontario.

### DO NOT FORGET THE NEEDIEST!

GEORGINA: Mayor George Bowers has charged that the provincial government has put Georgina in a double bind by designating the area to be a recreational playground but not supplying resources necessary to establish parks and beaches. Two large tracts of land have been offered to the township but it lacks the financial resources to buy them, the mayor reported.

NEWMARKET: York Region's policemen should spend more time on crime prevention and less on nabbing teenage hitchhikers and drivers whose cars have defective headlights, Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth charged last week.

## In the Spotlight



By MONA A. ROBERTSON

### A Home That Is A Happy Place

Relatives and friends of the children at the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home, spent an enjoyable evening Sunday, December 12, when the youngsters staged their annual Christmas Concert in the auditorium following a delicious supper in the dining room.

The "Christmas Choir" wore new avocado-green surplises with white shirts and red satin neckties when they led the audience in a medley of well-known Christmas songs and carols. Dainty little Kim DeBruyn, wearing a mini-skirt and blue and white velvet dress, who was one of 11 nursery tots, gave a very pretty and "wriggling" little speech of welcome, much to everyone's obvious delight before her companions sang "Away In A Manger" with actions to illustrate the song's message.

The Orange Home, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year in June, is a large, stately, colonial style home set well back from Yonge Street, just north of the old town of Richmond Hill on a 135-acre tract of land.

Since coming under the protection and aid of the grant system, the home has been redecorated in soft colors, inside, to dispense with the harshness of institutional whiteness. A much larger staff is evident — since we visited the home ten years ago in search of a story. No longer is the name "Matron" used, but rather it is "Supervisor". And staff are called caseworkers and houseworkers.

There is still the same warmth permeating the building, and the children are a real part of that warmth. Only normal, healthy children between the ages of 3 and 12 are admitted, and then only if it will help solve the problems of a broken home, or a marriage in trouble. After the necessary time required to improve the family situation the children may return to their parent or parents, the better for having learned discipline. In the meantime they will have received individual attention in adjusting to the new happy life they enjoy at the home, and all this is done with kindness, understanding and patience by the home staff.

Right Worshipful Brother John Moore, is administrator of the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home. During one of the intermissions at the concert, Mr. Moore remarked on some of the newer activities the children enjoy. He mentioned particularly Camp Kee Chi Ha (Keeping Children Happy),

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Merry Christmas  
 Happy holidays! Hope they're packed with spirited, fun times and lots of special Christmas cheer.

FROM MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF  
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## Town of Richmond Hill HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Richmond Hill Municipal Offices will close for Christmas at 5 pm Thursday, December 23 and re-open Tuesday, December 28, at 9 am. For New Year's the offices will close at 3 pm Friday, December 31 and re-open Tuesday, January 4 at 9 am.

RUSSELL LYNETT  
 Clerk



Good wishes, gratitude... siem right from our hearts and go out to you.

## Rice's Flowers

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A Treasury of Christmas Wishes  
 May your holiday be full of glimmer... and brimming with precious memories. Sincere "thanks" to everyone.

FROM  
**BORK JEWELLERS**  
 49 YONGE STREET S. - RICHMOND HILL

## Blast Off

(Vancouver Sun)

Prime Minister Trudeau said that Canada would protest to Peking if it is confirmed that China recently tested a nuclear weapon. Well China has confirmed it and presumably the protest will go through. So what price protest?

At the time of the Amchitka excitement the House of Commons endorsed a resolution protesting all manner of nuclear tests, by whomever carried out. A copy was duly sent to China as well as other countries having nuclear potential.

But, as the Chinese official press agency remarks, the Lop Nor test was "for the purposes of defence." Aren't they all? And it repeats the stock Chinese cover: "At no time and under no circumstances will China be the first to use nuclear weapons." Isn't that what they all imply, if they don't say it? Peking could excuse itself by saying it was a little one, just the equivalent of 20,000 tons of TNT. That's the right size for Vancouver, or to do Hiroshima again. It becomes sickening to hear from these international bullies, China included, that they act only from the best of motives.

China is a great power and it acted like one in setting off this blast. It had several motives, no doubt; to gain a little prestige among the African and Asian countries, to warn the other super-powers that it is taking a hand in their game, and, of course, to improve as quickly as it can its warlike — pardon us, defensive — posture.

Let there be any aspersions cast on the environmentalists and anti-war groups for failing to demonstrate in front of the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa, or for neglecting to turn up on the court house steps with their placards, we point to the sneaky way these Chinese, and Russians, do their business. No advance warning. Blast off — and damn the fallout!