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Organizers of the eighth annual blood donor clinic at Bayview Secondary School Thursday were very pleased with the response from the students and the support of the community. They broke past records with 112 donors, up 12 from last year.

Each donor received a voucher from McDonald's Restaurant in Richmond Hill. McDonald's also supplied orange juice for donors and Safeway Stores donated cookies.

Clinic co-ordinator Diane Murphy and her helpers were very happy with the results, reports staff advisor Art Coulbeck. "It was a job well done by a large number of students".

The clinic was not the school's only "good work" in the week before Christmas. On Wednesday the school band gave two concerts in Hillcrest Mall and collected \$44 for the pediatrics department at York Central Hospital. Also for the children in hospital, the school's senior Spanish class made a Mexican Pinata — a clay-base container which will be hung from the ceiling. When the children attack it with sticks and break it they will be showered with candies. The students' Pinata was in the shape of a bird.

Then each of Bayview's 54 home-room classes put together an original basket, mainly of food, to be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families at Christmas time. A representative from

the Salvation Army and from the hospital's pediatrics department were on hand at the Friday afternoon assembly to receive the gifts from the students.

REMINDER
The Liberal will be out on Monday again next week. News deadline, therefore, will again be Friday of this week. Bring or send your news of personal and community happenings to 10101 Yonge Street or phone 884-8177.

The Richmond Hill Coin Club had its annual Christmas Party for both junior and senior members in the Lions Hall on Tuesday of last week. The program included bingo, and members had a lot of fun opening the gifts, valued at no more than \$1, in the gift exchange.

The Star Santa Claus Fund for needy families is \$93 richer, thanks to a novel idea for a Christmas card exchange. The pupils in Mrs. Margaret Gilbert's grade 6 class at MacKillop Public School made Christmas cards and circulated them in the classrooms where the children donated the money they would have saved in purchasing individual cards. The teachers did the same thing. So the communal Christmas cards served not only to spread greeting around the school, but also to make the season happier for some families less fortunate.

Throughout the school, the week before Christmas, the halls were ringing with the sound of individual class programs as the youngsters got into the spirit of the season.

When pupils at Walter Scott Public School saw a notice in The Liberal appealing for toys for York Central Hospital's new enlarged pediatrics department they decided to make it their Christmas project. They also collected money for the hospitalized children, and on Friday Mrs. Pauline Morse, head of the pediatrics department visited the school to pick up the donations from the children.

And each morning during the week before Christmas there was carol singing as well as presentations of special programs by the various classes. Two of the grade 6 classes visited other classrooms presenting a Christmas skit, and on Tuesday a group from the Bayview Secondary School band visited Walter Scott to lead in carol singing.

There were three Santa's at the Christmas concert at Pleasantville Public School last Thursday and it was up to a panel of grade 1 and 2 youngsters to find out which was the real Santa in a skit, "To Tell the Truth". Parents were invited to the concert and "Frosty the Snowman" (Lynn Whittingham) was master of ceremonies.

The school's new band played Christmas carols with the audience joining in the singing. The grade 6s presented a French play and sang Christmas songs.

Darryl Wright recited his own poem, "A Splendid Gift", and there was music by a group from the Bayview Secondary School band under direction of Ray Barton. Other accompanists for the group carol singing were Mrs. Dorothy Cover and her daughter, Mary, a grade 6 student at the school.

Thanks for organizing a very successful program go to teachers Judith Wales, Barbara Evans, Ruth Miller and Jean Brumwell.

Congratulations to the volleyball teams from Pleasantville Public School for their splendid performance. They made it all the way up to the regional finals and were defeated by a very narrow margin. The girls' team lost to Mark II Senior School in Unionville and the boys' team lost to Franklin Public School in Markham.

The CGIT and Explorer groups of Richmond Hill United had their annual candlelighting service in the church sanctuary on the afternoon of December 15. Lorna Culham and

Margaret Matresky led the service in which other CGIT girls took reading parts and assisted with the candlelighting.

The Explorers performed the Nativity pageant in costume and Karen Hunter read the poem, "In The Stable". A number of parents and members of the congregation attended the service and joined with the girls for tea and a time of fellowship that followed.

On Wednesday of last week the girls visited the Maple Nursing Home to present a program of songs, poems, carols and instrumental music. They also handed out Christmas stockings, each containing a gift, to residents of the home.



(Photo by Evers)

Students give blood for Christmas

The eighth annual blood donor clinic at Bayview Secondary School Thursday brought in 112 pints of blood, surpassing last year's record of 100 pints. Twelve would-be donors were

turned away. The 100th donor at last week's clinic, Siggie Burkhard, is pictured above as he gives his pint. Organizer of this year's effort was Diane Murphy.

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club 35 had their December meeting in their new clubroom at 10149 Yonge Street with a very good attendance. After the business session Mrs. Rose Wood led in the singing of carols.

A representative from Travelways showed a film on St. Petersburg, Florida and Mrs. Anna Holz and her

helpers served tea, sandwiches and Christmas cake. The clubroom had been decorated by Don Hicks for the occasion. Complete with Christmas tree, it was a very cheery setting.

On December 17 two full buses from Travelways left in the afternoon for Old Ed's Restaurant in Toronto where the senior had an enjoyable dinner. They then

visited Commerce Court to view the city lights and the pretty birds.

Some of the members were stuck in an elevator for about 20 minutes — not a very pleasant experience. However all enjoyed a tour of the streets, the viewing of Simpsons Christmas windows, and the lights and decorations.

School children share Christmas with others

In the week before Christmas pupils of Beverley Acres Public School entertained parents, television viewers and one another with music and stories. One class also took a bus tour to share the spirit of Christmas with others.

The grade 4 operetta, "Mr. Wuggleby's Toy Shop", directed by Terry Boag with piano accompaniment by teachers Marion Smith, Jean Gutzman and Doreen Philip presented to pupils and parents and televised for viewing on Cable 10.

Also televised was the musical variety program staged by the kindergarten, grades 1 and 2. There were songs, carols, and a presentation of the ever-popular poem, "The Night Before Christmas".

"Amahl and The Night Visitors" was presented by a grade 6 class with the help of their teacher Janet Thomas.

The grade 5 and 6 classes of Janet Cook and John Sandham got into the spirit of the season with a presentation of a "Scrooge"

play, an abbreviated version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol", and production of "Squeak Nibble's Christmas".

For Annette Hebert's grade 3, Christmas was sharing. The theme of their project was "Feel Good from the Inside Out", and to achieve this they had a number of money-raising projects on the go including a "Penny Tree" for the Red Cross, a pop corn sale and a lucky draw.

They also brought in and bought toys for children at York Central Hospital.

On Friday the class took a bus to the hospital to deliver the toys. They then went to the post office to buy a money order to send to the Star Santa Claus Fund, and finally they stopped off at Richmond Hill United Church to deliver used postage stamps they had collected to help the Leprosy Mission.

Altogether it was a very busy and enjoyable week for the children, the directors, producers and parents, reports Principal Douglas Ford.

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Gift to Villa Hospital

At their December meeting in Richvale Lions Hall, the Kinsmen of Richmond Hill were hosts to the Kinsmen Clubs of Markham and Stouffville. They were entertained by a group of patients from the Villa Hospital who entertained with some delightful songs. They were accompanied by Mrs. Marg Barrington.

Also at the meeting was Richmond Hill's Mayor-elect David Schiller, who had been invited to the meeting to learn what the Kinsmen service clubs are doing in their respective communities. Mrs. Barrington is pictured above after receiving a presentation from Richmond Hill Kin President Maurice Smith (right) to be added to the Villa's Christmas fund.

Camera club show and awards

Twenty-four members of York Regional Camera Club viewed a special slide show on night photography at their December meeting.

The program drew attention to the many opportunities for photography at dusk and after dark. It was especially appropriate for the Christmas season when colorful light displays abound.

Highlight of the evening was the announcing of the winners of the club photography contest. This year the club divided the entries into two sections — a bronze section for beginning photographers and a silver section for those with more experience.

Bronze winners were: color slides — Brian Campbell first, Sandra Lee second, Pat Gibbens third; color prints — Keith Farquharson first, Linda Flood second, Keith Farquharson; movies — Rose Barker.

Silver winners were: color slides — Victor Grainger first, Dr. John Wynne second, Robert Sass third; color prints — Barry Bridgeford first, Robert Sass second and third; black and white prints — Dr. John Wynne first and second, Robert Sass third; color prints Harry Van Vught first.

Following the meeting Leitha Thomson served

special refreshments, including Christmas cake and hot mince tarts. The club's next meeting

will be at 7:30 pm on January 13 in Richmond Hill High School on Wright Street.

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