

## Toyland Fun For Tots ... And Pops, Too

BY FRED SIMPSON  
Toyland is a make-believe world of reality where dreams come true and tomorrow never comes. It's a place where little girls go to dress dolls for school and little boys to build bridges and may be launch rockets to the moon. It's where adults go but only as travellers in a strange land where once they dwelled briefly before moving onto different kinds of reality. But sometimes the magic is there and he becomes a tall youngster in a fedora looking wistfully at an electric train set or a gun and holster. The mood won't last and

he's terribly outdated but it's fun for awhile. It begins to fade when the clerk in the "Play-Pen" store on Levensdale Road says: "The most popular items this Christmas seem to be the army trucks and tank rocket guns." "Train sets have given way in popularity to car racing sets," she continues. "They are powered and it takes two people to race the cars." You amble over to the set and the package containing the cars shouts out at you about the thrill of racing, spills, and what great fun it all is. You really begin to feel out-dated now. That electric

train is still running through your mind. You remember how you always wanted one but it was during the war and they were scarce and your parents kept saying "wait till next year." Somehow it just never came. The clerk was talking again and mentioning that missiles to the moon and other space-bound inventions weren't as overwhelmingly popular as three or four years ago. "As I mentioned," she said, "the kids are going in for army equipment. I think it must be because of the war stories on television." You start to feel better now because the kids in your day and age used to dig this

kind of toy too. No, time hasn't really changed that much. But you're back on shock treatment again when you find out the rifles and pistols shoot real bullets. You're about to hit the floor just in case until the clerk assures you they're only bullets made out of plastic. That's not so bad but... Remember when cap pistols and clickety-click guns used to be the big thing? Yes, about a thousand years ago. Now you can take Russia single-handedly with a missile launcher where you used to have to settle for "cutting them off at the pass" with a Lone Ranger six-shooter. And with that chemistry set you can set off a volcano in your mother's living room which should make her

very happy. Of course it's a harmless volcano but it hardly seems the thing to do to the living room. When you add to this the many games built around the latest scientific discoveries with a few IBM machine tactics thrown in you begin to feel like the children must know more about the world before they go to school then you did after you finally left it. Time's up now and that other kind of drab reality is beckoning to you. You're still a little tempted to buy that electric train set for yourself. But then you hear a mother diplomatically pulling her child away from a giant auto-racing set. She's saying something like "wait until next year." You decide to wait until next year, too.



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### BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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#### Neighbourhood Notes

Buttonville News hopes all the neighbours have a happy holiday season!

Christmas started on Sunday for some families. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hood entertained on Sunday for family members. While Isabel was home from London, Mrs. John Brown held her family celebration on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas day she and Gordon were guests at the Normans Reids', where Bill and Anne Henry and their twin daughters were present.

Dr. and Mrs. George Kelly and the Russell Boyingtons were at Newmarket, with Dr. George Kelly, Jr., and his family; and the Rodick family

was at the farm.

Mrs. S. J. English was at Kirkland Lake with members of the Gray family, and at the S. R. Patterson home, guests were Betty, Murray and Jody Brown and the Steffler family.

The Kenneth Stots were entertaining members of their family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones spent Christmas with Gordon and Doreen Vaughan and their family at Unionville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson were with Rae and his family, and the Shenfields entertained Lloyd and Gloria Grove, Karen, Michael, Janice and baby Mark Joseph.

Mr. O. Brooke and Mrs. Clara Magee entertained family and friends, and at the Gohn home guests were Donald Gohn and his family with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fuller and Joy.

At the William Champions', the family spent the day at home with Bill's mother as their guest; and at the Allan Strike home there was a quiet family day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Oakes and Bob and their house guests, Mr. Oakes' sister and brother from Winnipeg, were with Janet and Sammy Snider and their family on Christmas Day; and at the home of John and Margaret Brumwell, Margaret's brothers — Bill, Bob, Jim and Keith Hood and their families gathered for Christmas night buffet supper.

Members of the William Clark family were at home and abroad and the A. W. Millers with their guests Dr. Don and Mrs. Otis and Rebecca of Minneapolis were with the Paul Mingays at Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hooper entertained all their family members at one time or another — George and Joan Hooper and family; Ted and Ellen Gough and family; Howard and Mary Brumwell and Bill and Dorothy Robb and their children. Alf Shenfield is the proud new possessor of a Shriner's hat.

A new TV series which began December 7 over perhaps a dozen Canadian stations, including channel 6 is "The Forest Rangers", and Buttonville children will find themselves right at home with the cast.

At one time or another throughout the series they will meet six members of the Tully family — Peter, Carolyn, Paul, Michael, Simon and their mother, Patricia.

For several months the children were almost constantly at Kleinburg where the filming is done. Peter still takes his school work on the set, but the others are back in their regular classes.

I'll tell you more about this at a later date. In the meantime, watch for "The Forest Rangers", every Saturday at 5.

Mrs. George Kelly was a guest last Friday evening at La Colony Restaurant Aurora, when John Addison M.P. entertained presidents of the Women's Liberal Associations in North York riding. Those present included County President Sam Cook, Mrs. B. Bailey of Richvale, and Mrs. G. Norton, Stouffville, and Mrs. L. Kirkwood, Aurora.

Buttonville W. I. members held their Christmas meeting at Buttonville W. I. Hall Wednesday of last week, and brought gifts of candy for patients at the Ontario Hospital at 1001 Queen St. West.

Mrs. Charles Hooper reported on the W. I. convention held recently at the Royal York Hotel, and Mrs. Garnet Francey described her first meeting as a W. I. representative for York County and southern Ontario.

Mrs. K. Stots, Mrs. Rose Brodie and Mrs. E. Sherman were hostesses for the day and they had planned a bingo game and sing-song for entertainment.

Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson led the group in Christmas carols, with Mrs. E. Hill as accompanist.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. F. H. Leaf chaired the meeting and Mrs. James Rodick acted as secretary and read a promising treasurer's report of returns on catering since September.

It was noted that the winter euchre series will begin January 3 at the hall.

### Crestwood Rd. News

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Best wishes from the St. John family are extended to all our readers in this area.

Mrs. A. St. John is waiting for a hospital bed to become available so that she may undergo treatment and a possible operation for a pinched nerve in her back. She trusts that her readers will patiently await the day when she will be able to resume her duties as correspondent for "The Liberal" in this area.

News items from this area will be gladly accepted if phoned directly to "The Liberal" at AV. 5-3316, until Mrs. St. John has recovered.

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