

Editor Margot Crack

At Pyle of Pyle Piano Sales, and Mrs. Pyle, spent the Christmas holidays in MacTier with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeckie and family.

Joining them on the trip was their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pyle, South Farmleigh Circle, who continued to Parry Sound to spend Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. G. Phillips.

The general meeting of the U.C.W. of Richmond Hill United Church will be held January 9 at 6:30 pm in the form of a pot-luck supper.

There will be election of officers for the coming year. All women are invited to come and join in fellowship.

Visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Battersby, Mill Street, is her brother, James Heaton, from Bolton, Lancashire, England.

On New Year's Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Battersby entertained at a party for Mr. Heaton which was attended by 25 relatives and friends, many of whom he had not seen since his last trip 27 years ago.

During his holiday he is sightseeing and visiting in the Toronto area, where he is amazed at the many changes which have taken place. Unfortunately he will be returning home in two weeks, and will miss the opportunity of touring Expo.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Babcock entertained at an "Open House" for their many friends at their Richmond Street home on New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Bennett entertained at their Bathurst Street home following the New Year's Eve Dance held at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club.

The 1st Richmond Hill Cub and Scout Mothers' Auxiliary have postponed their 10th birthday party from January 4 to January 11.

It is hoped by this date, all mothers will be ready to come to a happy birthday party. Before the fun, there will be an interesting business meeting to plan the coming "father and son" banquet in February.

All auxiliary mothers are cordially invited.

In accordance with their annual custom for most of the past 25 years, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Long Branch, had as holiday guests in their home, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fry, Arnold Street.

After dinner Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, their guests, daughter Angela and Larry Matthews of Sault Ste. Marie, (both attending Queen's University, Kingston), drove into the city and viewed the first Centennial torchlight parade along University Avenue into Queen's Park, where celebrations were staged.

The handling of the vast crowd and traffic by the Toronto police appeared to be very efficiently managed, a credit to any city.

The return drive afforded all the opportunity of viewing the illuminated trees, City Hall, and the colorful crowd of skaters on the rink at Nathan Phillips Square.

Driving along Lakeshore Boulevard also presented an excellent view of the illuminated buildings of the CNE in Exhibition Park to the home of the Millers "to celebrate the dawn of our new Centennial Year — 1967".

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Alfred J. Stong in the sudden passing of her father, Mr. Leo Aubrey of Ottawa, on New Year's Day.

A large brass band is just one of many difficult properties needed for the Storybook Theatre production of "Sinbad and The Mermaid" being presented January 21 and 22 at the Lions Hall.

If anyone has one they would loan for the show, it would be very much appreciated — please call 884-2528.

The staff of Brown's Camps held a Christmas Party at the Yangtze Pagoda, which was a great success.

It gave an opportunity for new staff members to become acquainted with the old and for staff of the various centres to catch up with news of each other's activities.

Double Celebration On New Year's Eve

Everyone celebrates on New Year's Eve, either quietly or rowdily, but it turned out to be an exceptionally exciting day for Mrs. Nelly Thompson of Yonge Street who celebrated her 70th birthday that day.

As usual she spent the weekend with her son Ray and family at Maple, but around 3 pm, cars started rolling up to the house on 7 Welton Street, and within a few minutes around 20 of Mrs. Thompson's friends, mostly members of the Richmond Hill Senior Citizens' Club, had arrived to surprise her with a birthday gift and good wishes.

This surprise party was arranged by her son and daughter-in-law, who were assisted by their children, Judy and David, who served the refreshments. An individual cake was given to the guest of honor.

Some musical entertainment was provided by the Thompson family, gran'ma and Mrs. G. Masters, member of the York Chorals, and the party closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Senior Citizens

Welcome to the New Year! Here's hoping it brings more sanity and peace... not so much stuffing for some and so much starvation for many others. 1966 was a good year, and may it be even better in 1967. There must be other local residents who would enjoy being members of that great fraternity... the Senior Citizens Club.

During this last week A. E. Plewman has shown his scorn for the word "old". On Thursday last he was on CFGM Radio Station on a broadcast on education, in which he told of the public schools of the late 1800's when the main subjects were the 3 R's — reading, writing and arithmetic. And on Friday he bowled an excellent game with the senior citizens at Allencourt. On Sunday he had a sick spell at church and is, at the time of writing, in bed at the York Central Hospital. But you can bet he will soon be out and around again. You can't keep a good man down!

The next general meeting is on Wednesday, January 11, in the Christian education building of the Richmond Hill United Church.

Let's make this a really good turnout!

Richmond Hill's first "Centennial Ball" is in full swing at the Turner's by the time the New Year arrived. Candee and John Turner hosted the ball for Kathi Knott, Bruce "Magoo" MacGregor, Kathy Hargreaves, Tom Williams, Jane Conlin, Paul O'Brien, Susan Burrows, Alistair "Al" Gorman, Susan Hannah and Rob Backus.

The proceedings started at the home of Kathi Knott on Trench Street with a get-together and some old fashioned egg nog and homemade baking.

The crowd then moved on to a pre-arranged "crash" to a friendly adult party to extend greetings and meet some of their friendly neighbors.

Finally they moved on to the Turners, where in keeping with the mood, the recreation room had been decorated in pine garlands, balloons, mistletoe and colored lights.

Exciting moments followed 12 midnight as 1967, Canada's 100th birthday was whooped into existence with the assistance of horns and noise makers.

After a buffet of Canadian cooking, the evening was interspersed with gay Centennial shenanigans — old time movies and suitable parlor games, liberally mixed with the latest "soul" music. Those who wanted to relax retired to the living room and a cosy fireplace.

At 7 am "Centennial" Westerners were served and all revelers were chauffeured home with strict instructions not to wake the 'ole folk'.

Mrs. Gordon Stephenson of Harding Blvd. spent Christmas in Montreal visiting her daughter Madeline and family.

There was a short power failure in the central part of town last Friday afternoon when a high tension breaker dropped out in the Yonge Street Substation. Hydro officials repaired the damage within 10 minutes.

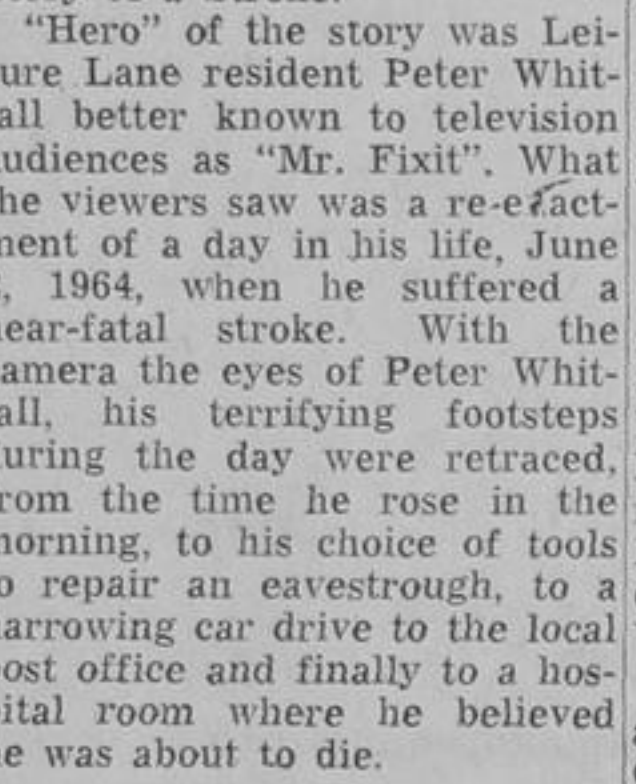
Mr. and Mrs. N. W. McLeod, Richmond Street, attended the Giles-Ellis nuptials held at Kingston on December 30.

Their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, has returned to her duties at Trent University, Peterboro, after spending the holiday season at her parents' home.

"Story Of A Stroke" Pictures Hill Man's Near-Fatal Illness

Many residents of Richmond Hill had the opportunity of seeing familiar sights (including their own homes) on television last week when CBC's nightly TBA program presented a series of three programs on "The Story of a Stroke".

"Hero" of the story was Leisure Lane resident Peter Whittall better known to television audiences as "Mr. Fixit". What the viewers saw was a re-creation of a day in his life, June 2, 1964, when he suffered a near-fatal stroke. With the camera the eyes of Peter Whittall, his terrifying footsteps during the day were retraced, from the time he rose in the morning, to his choice of tools to repair an eavestrough, to a harrowing car drive to the local post office and finally to a hospital room where he believed he was about to die.



PETER WHITTALL

The homes of Pleasantville and between there and the Richmond Hill Post Office were clearly visible. Two of the postal clerks could be recognized as well as Dave Holt and his helper in the Vaughan-Hill Ambulance and the emergency department of York Central Hospital.

Two subsequent programs dealt with Mr. Whittall's convalescence which took 30 months, and was told in conversation with Percy Saltzman.

William Edward Butlin

A Life Of Community Service Ends Suddenly Christmas Day

William Edward (Ed) Butlin, a man who gave unstintingly of himself to the communities in which he lived, died suddenly at his home 57 Thornridge Drive, Thornhill, Christmas Day. He had suffered a coronary earlier in the fall from which it was thought he had made a good recovery.

Born in Kingston, the son of the late Charles Butlin and Jennie Newman, Ed came to Richmond Hill almost a quarter of a century ago and spent 18 years in many spheres of service in this community before moving to Thornhill six years ago. While in Richmond Hill he lived on Roseview Avenue. His influence, particularly on the lives of the young people of Richmond Hill, will long be felt and will be passed on from generation to generation.

Richmond Hill certainly benefited from his stay here.

He was a member of the Richmond Hill Lions Club, transferring to the Thornhill Club, and of the local lawn bowling club. He was active in the organization of Teen Town, Richmond Hill Square Dance Club, the track and field club, the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee, the day camp, the boys' club and the senior citizens, and he was the first president of the Richmond Hill and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society. He also served on the local public school board as trustee in the early 1950's.

He was a charter member of the Curtain Club, an active member of the Anglican Men's Club, and guided the teen-age Bible class of St. Mary's.

A great influencing factor in his life was his affiliation with AA. Through this organization his sphere of service stretched over a wide area of York County and the City of Toronto.

Mr. Butlin spent his business years in the field of finance and for the past year had been associated with the Investors' Syndicate.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edith Winfield; a daughter, Dinny (Mrs. John Passmore) of Richmond Hill; and a son, Dr. Win of Atlanta, Georgia.

The funeral service was held December 28 in St. Mary's Anglican Church, with Rev. James O'Neil officiating. Interment followed in Thornhill Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Charles Butlin, Frank Winfield, J. J. McLaren, William Beatty, John Passmore and Ron Daley.



LATE W. E. BUTLIN Died Suddenly Christmas

Next Sunday evening at 7 pm the Reverend Donald Bone will preach his farewell sermon as assistant curate as he takes up his new duties as rector of Roche's Point.

A parish reception will be held afterwards in Wrixon Hall for the Rev. Bone and Mrs. Bone.

The junior choir of St. Mary's Anglican Church under the leadership of Vaughan Tower sing regularly at the evening services.

Next Sunday evening two of its most faithful members, Melanie Thomas and Stephanie Agg, will receive medallions from the rector.

Christmas Trees Collected Jan. 9

By the New Year nothing is sadder than a natural Christmas Tree which has shed its needles, and getting rid of it in some communities may be a problem. But not in Richmond Hill.

Town officials report old Christmas Trees will be picked up January 9.

Be sure you have yours out for collection on this date.

The ladies' auxiliary to Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion, held their December meeting at the home of Treasurer Anna Lehtonen.

All committees reported work completed for the month. The Sunnybrook Hospital Committee, (Audrey Apperley) reported the Christmas visit completed with gifts and cigarettes distributed. General business was held until the January meeting.

The turkey dinner was a great success and following the meeting, Executive Officer Grete Tomner, organized the entertainment.

The auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and friends, a very happy and successful New Year.

A delightful contingent from the States — Miss Barbara Reynolds, BA, Miss Fran Hill MA, and George Bulger BSC, all of Boston, and Miss Sue Older, BSC from West Virginia, arrived on Saturday to spend the New Year weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Cross, Wenlock Street.

On New Year's Eve, they along with other guests of the Crosses, celebrated in the Old English tradition, with Mr. Bulger courageously playing the dark stranger, who enters the house with coal, salt and bread, bringing in the New Year. This nearly had disastrous results, as the hostess momentarily forgot that she had locked him out!

On Saturday afternoon they were entertained at cocktails at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Postlethwaite, Paliser Crescent, and in the evening friends dropped in to the Crosses home, to meet their guests, view slides of Boston (where several local residents have holidayed during the past few years) and later, join in a sing-song, with everyone singing hearty renditions of old American and British songs.

On Monday they went on a sightseeing trip, and in the evening attended a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Len Jones, Knollside Drive.

After an unintentional late start, they left by car for Boston on Tuesday, nervously anticipating a flood of visitors this year — from the many people who might well accept their kind invitation — just to meet up again with four very congenial and jovial Americans.



Happy New Year!

A colourful Spanish mural was the attractive background for New Year's Eve revelries at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Postlethwaite, Paliser Crescent.

The hostess, seen above, third left, painted the mural and decorated the whole room in authentic Spanish style — many of the pieces collected from a recent visit to the south.

Mrs. N. Ignatieff and son from Ottawa, spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beresford Anderson, Centre Street West.

Reeve Donald Plaxton, Mrs. Plaxton and family, Sugar Maple Lane, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. D. Palmer, drove to Kingsville on Saturday to attend the wedding of Miss Linda Seratch to Mr. John Bodkin at Kingsville United Church.

A highly successful New Year's Eve Party was held by the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club.

Over 130 members danced to the music of the Hi Hats, enjoyed an excellent dinner and gave an enthusiastic welcome to the New Year.

Contributions Mount in Policeman's Fund

Contributions to the Peter Gosling Fund have now reached \$545.85, Donald Philip, 212 Church Street, who started the fund, reported last week.

The money is being raised for the family of the late Peter Gosling, a Richmond Hill police constable, who died suddenly a week before Christmas. The 36-year-old policeman left his widow and seven children.

Donations may be sent, or brought in to the Bank of Montreal, 15 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill.

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John, a graduate of Bayview Secondary School, will be returning to the University of Western Ontario in the fall.

January is the month for resumption of meetings for service organizations, recreational groups, Guides and Brownies and hospital auxiliaries — with a great deal of emphasis this year on Centennial projects.

Keep "Life in the Hill" columns up to date with your activities by calling the Social Editor Margot Crack at 884-1105-6, or by dropping a line to 6' Yonge Street South — we look forward to hearing from you.

The winner of the lovely doll in the draw held by the CWL of St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church was Priscilla McFarlane of 131 Richmond Street.

Father C. J. Doherty drew the winning ticket.

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