

North Kildonan Welcomes Canada's Centennial Year

A happy crowd of about 500 North Kildonan children and adults gathered at the Princess Margaret School, Hawthorne avenue, New Year's Eve afternoon, to welcome Canada's Centennial year with rousing enthusiasm at a "Bonfire of Friendship" ceremony.

Highlight of the occasion was the arrival of Mayor David W. Pekary by helicopter, direct from the provincial Centennial ceremonies at the Legislative Building, and carrying North Kildonan's "flame of friendship".

Earlier, a program in the school auditorium, underlined the serious purpose of the gathering. The Rev. E. Reimbault read the invocation, followed by Councillor A. Penner's chairman's remarks. The Centennial Hymn was sung by A. Reimer. Richard Streater recited a speech on behalf of all young Canadians.

The Mennonite Children's Choir, conducted by Mrs. Helen Litz, presented selections, followed by the keynote address, delivered by Ed. R. Shreyer, M.P. for Brokenhead.

Councillor C. A. Barry, Parks and Recreation chairmen Frank Baker and William Hrushovetz also participated in the ceremonies.

The program concluded with everyone joining in singing "Happy Birthday", and the lighting of candles on a giant three-tiered birthday cake.

Outdoors, and after the arrival of Mayor Pekary, a gala bonfire was lit, and fireworks set off by the North Kildonan Volunteer Fire Department.

Children received balloons, Centennial flags, and other mementos of the significant occasion. They were also given pieces of birthday cake.

North Kildonan To Use Salt

The Municipality of North Kildonan recently purchased five tons of salt from the City of Winnipeg for use in de-icing critical road areas.

Particularly hazardous driving conditions exist this winter over the entire metropolitan area due to the heavy coating of ice on the pavement underneath the snow.

The municipality cannot hope to completely eradicate all ice, but is spreading the salt at intersections, railroad crossings, in school and playground zones, and wherever dangerous stopping conditions prevail.

TIME COMES BACK

OMEMEE, Ont. — Carmen MacDonald's Centennial project turned up when he started to clear out a shed on his property near Peterborough. He found an old pocket watch, inscribed "Claridge - Finchley, 1767," the name of its maker in London. The watch is chain-driven and must be disassembled to be wound.

N.K., Transcona, May Combine Fire Protection

Councillor Charles A. Barry has been delegated by North Kildonan Council to arrange a meeting with the City of Transcona to discuss joint fire protection.

The Council has decided to explore, with other area municipalities east of the Red River, the possibility of joint fire protection services. Similar meetings will follow with the cities of East Kildonan and St.

Boniface.