



Society Engagement

Miss Mary Fuller to wed Capt. P. J. S. Boyle

The engagement is announced of Patrick John Salvin Boyle, Royal Scots Fusiliers, elder son of the late Capt. the Hon. James Boyle, Royal Scots Fusiliers, and Viscountess Trenchard, of Dancers Hill House, Barnet, Herts. and Mary Elizabeth Fuller, only daughter of Major and Mrs. R. F. Fuller, Great Chalfield, Melksham.

Major Fuller is the chairman of Avonvale Hunt and chairman of the Avon India Rubber Co., Melksham. Both Mrs. Fuller and Miss Mary Fuller take a leading part in the social and public life of Wiltshire. Mrs. Fuller is a magistrate serving on the Bradford on Avon Bench and Miss Fuller is secretary of the Melksham Nursing Association.

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Notable Society Romances

Earl of Glasgow's Nephew Engaged

The engagement is announced between Lieut. Patrick John Salvin Boyle, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, elder son of the late Capt. the Hon. James Boyle, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and of the Viscountess Trenchard of Dancer's Hill House, Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Mary Elizabeth Fuller, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fuller of Great Chalfield, Melksham, Wiltshire.

Lieut. Boyle is 27 and was A. D. C. to the Governor-General of Canada from 1935 to 1937. He is a nephew of the Earl of Glasgow. His father, who was killed in action in 1914, was a son of the seventh earl.

His mother, a daughter of the late Mr. Edward Salvin Bowlby of Knoydart, Invernessshire, married secondly Sir Hugh Trenchard, who was created a baron in 1930 and a Viscount in 1936. He is Marshal of the Royal Air Force and former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

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Radiant Wilts Bride

Pipers at Miss Mary Fuller's Wedding

Soldier - Bridegroom

Handbell peal for happy couple

In the small but charming old parish church of Great Chalfield, which lies within her home grounds, Miss Mary Elizabeth Fuller, only child of Major and Mrs. R. F. Fuller was on Saturday, joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Patrick John Salvin Boyle, Royal Scots Fusiliers, elder son of the late Captain the Hon. James Boyle, Royal Scots Fusiliers and Viscountess Trenchard, of Dancer's Hill House, Barnet, Herts. The bride's family have for a good many years been one of the leading county families of Wiltshire, and Major Fuller, the bride's father, is, in addition to being a prominent figure in agricultural and hunting circles, closely allied with the management of the Avon India Rubber Co., of Melksham.

Mrs Fuller is a justice of the peace for the Bradford on Avon division of the county, and the bride, like other members of her family, has ever been a keen worker for charitable causes. She recently relinquished the position of hon. secretary to the Melksham and District Nursing Association.

Only a limited number of guests could be accommodated in the ancient parish church to witness the ceremony. The church is Early English, with a 13th century roof. There is a handsome stone screen within its precincts, and strangely enough it has only one bell. For the wedding ceremony handbells were used for a wedding peal.

Bishop Officiates

The Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Neville Lovett) officiated, being assisted by Canon F. Sangster, vicar of Melksham and rural dean.

Escorted from Great Chalfield Manor by her father, Miss Mary Fuller looked radiant as she passed through the crowds assembled for the wedding.

The Rev. Philip Barry, vicar of Bradford on Avon, who presided at the organ played the hymn "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven". The other hymn was "I Bind Unto Myself Today" and the 21st Psalm was chanted as the bride entered the church. The singing of the congregation was led by the Melksham Parish Church choir under Mr. J. Arlett, organist and choirmaster.

Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played by the organist, and after the ceremony four pipers of the bridegroom's regiment, in full dress uniform, gave a selection in honour of the wedding of one of their officers.

The Bishop gave the address to the happy couple.

The bride looked charming in a parchment slipper satin gown, with heart shaped décolletage. The train was cut in one with the full skirt; her veil neatly matched the gown, being kept in place by a wreath of mother of pearl flowers. She carried lilies and wore a pearl necklace, the gift of the bridegroom. The

bridesmaids were Miss Belinda Boyle, sister of the bridegroom, Miss Rachel Kidston, friend of the bride, Miss Ann Larkin and Miss Betty Bowlby (cousin of the bridegroom).

Pretty Entourage

All the four bridesmaids wore delphinium organza, with head-dresses of the same material, and they carried bouquets of Ophelia roses.

The best man was Mr. Edward James Boyle, King's Own Scottish Borderers, brother of the bridegroom.

The groomsmen were Mr. E. H. Fuller, Mr. David Freemantle, Mr. Hugh Dunsterville, Mr. Christopher Kaye, Mr. David Tetley, the Hon. Hugh Trenchard, the Hon. Thomas Trenchard, Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Alick Williams, Mr. Bernard Ferguson, Mr. Cunliffe Cave, Mr. Patrick Sandilands and Mr. John Bowlby.

The church was decorated with delphiniums, erymures, whatsonias and lilies. The decorations were carried out by Miss Doris Chappell.

There were a number of marquees in which the guests were entertained.

A pretty scene was enacted when the bride and bridegroom left the ancient Manor for their honeymoon (destination unknown), the bride travelling in a blue cloque dress and full length coat with brown bag and shoes and hat to match. She also wore a blue fox fur.

Over 400 wedding gifts were received, including a silver butter dish and knife from the Melksham Nursing Association, a wireless set from the Avon Rubber Company and a raw hide suit case from the employees of the Great Chalfield Estate. Another gift was received from residents of Little Chalfield. The bridegroom received a silver salver from the officers of his regiment.

The future home of Mr and Mrs Patrick Boyle will be in Edinburgh.

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OPC Note:-

There then followed a complete column of names of those who attended the wedding service. This list may be found in a separately published document on the parish page.

Flying Officer Killed Was Best Man at Wilts Society Wedding

Flying Officer Edward James Boyle, who was killed in an air crash in Yorkshire last week, was the best man at Miss Mary Fuller's wedding at Great Chalfield in June last.

He was a brother of Lieut. Patrick J S Boyle, who married Miss Fuller.

The deceased airman was 26 years of age, and was the younger son of the late Capt. the Hon. James Boyle and Viscountess Trenchard and a step-son of Air-Marshal Viscount Trenchard.

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