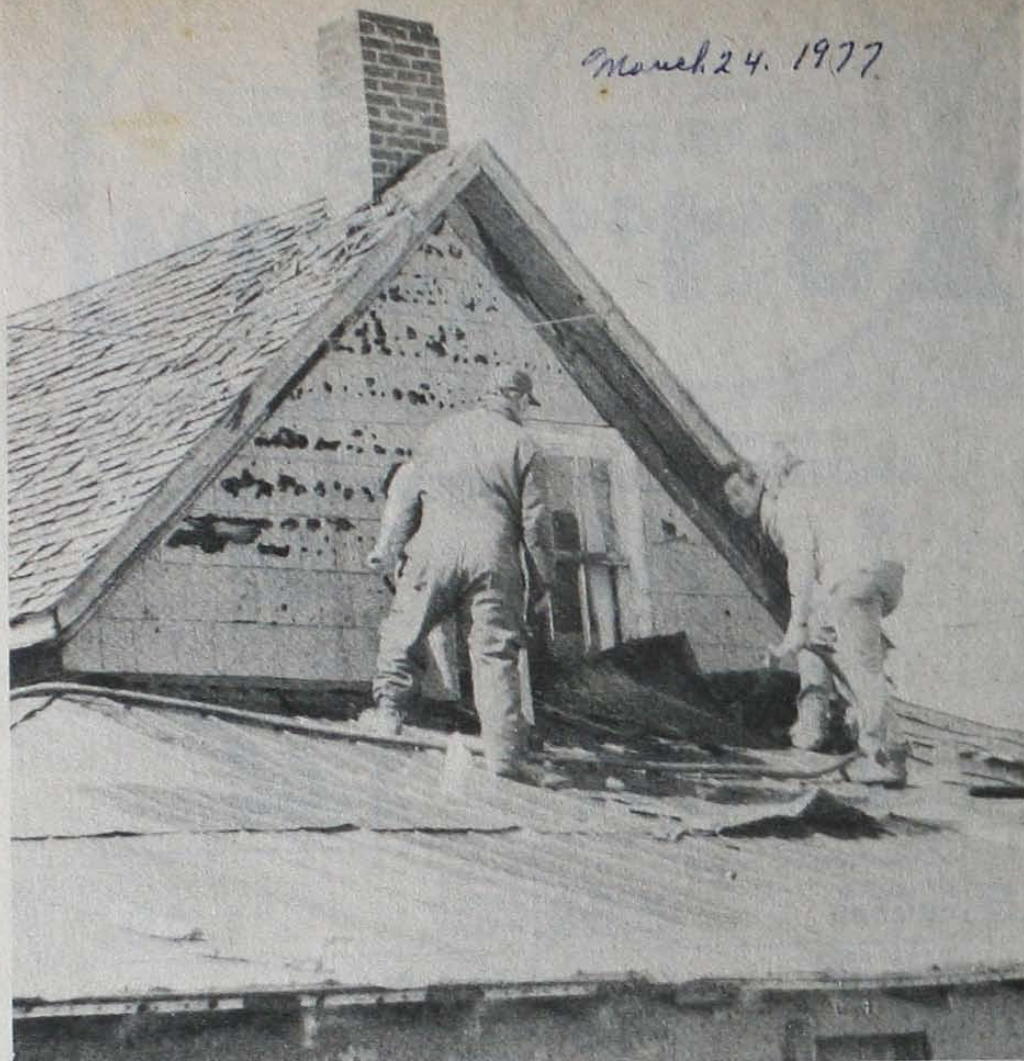


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The Wiarion Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call at a house in Purple Valley on Saturday. Fire broke out in a shed attached to the house, owned by Gordon Gilbert. Fire

Chief, Harvey Gunnis said there wasn't much damage. The fire appeared to have been started by an extension cord, he said.

Purple Valley news

(by Audrey Hepburn)

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PURPLE VALLEY - Gail and Sally Gilbert visited recently with Pat and Harvey Forbes at Monument Corners.

-After reading Connie Cook's speech on "Canada" it is well understood why she received such high marks at the Port Elgin Legion speaking contest held March 13th. Congratulations Connie.

Barbara Hepburn was home for the weekend from Ryerson University in Toronto. Rachel Hepburn returned with her for a few days holidays during March break.

-Purple Valley was well represented at the Legion St. Patrick's dance on Saturday evening. Jim Urbshott was one of the lucky winners of the \$50 draws.

-Those who make maple syrup have tapped their trees and have already boiled down some of that delicious fattening product. The last couple of cold days have slowed down the run but as soon as the sun shines again the spiles will drip and the buckets will fill up.

-Friday, March 11 was the occasion of the 48th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Howe who now reside on Brown Street in Wiarion. They celebrated by having a family supper on Saturday evening. George Howe and Phyllis McCartney, Purple Valley and Therin and Gary Howe of Cambridge were present.

-The Purple Valley W.I. held their regular March meeting on Monday the 17th at the home of Mrs Helen McCartney. Roll call was answered by those present and business was carried out as usual. Lunch was served by the hostess. Next month the guest speaker will be Mrs. Oliver White of Mar.

-Welcome to the newest member

of our community, Eva Patricia King, a new daughter for Bev and Art King and a sister for Cheryl, Donna, Christine and Robbie. Born on March 19, 1977 she weighed 8 lbs. 9 1/4 oz.

-Betty and Clifford Gilbert visited with Mrs. Eva Gilbert and Howard on Sunday evening.

-Twenty interested people attended a meeting on Monday, March 14 at Bill Hepburn's to add up the pledges for the purchase of the Purple Valley Orange Hall for a Community Centre. The response was very gratifying and several phone calls were made to the heads of the Grand Orange Lodge as to the next steps toward arranging to buy.

-As the date April 9, 1977 is set for the ninth annual Maple Syrup Festival is rapidly approaching a festival committee was elected as follows: Jim Howe, chairman; Helen McCartney, secretary; Bary Doherty, treasurer with two assistants, Lorne Hepburn and Florence Bere.

-A general discussion followed with some very good ideas being brought out that should make the day run smoother. Everyone is willing to help and it's nice to see our newer community members coming out and taking part.

-Another meeting will be held soon and a quilt is to be put in this week at our house and quilted by the local ladies to aid

in the proceeds. Tickets will be on sale soon.

The success of this venture should not rest on the shoulders of the committee alone so come out and do your little bit to help and present any ideas you might have. It's a community affair.

-Mrs. Helen McCartney and Cecil spent the weekend in Stratford with Florence and Clarence Hooley.

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