

# Maple Syrup Festival

# Purple Valley

*March 31st 1977*  
(by Mrs. Audrey Hepburn)  
**FESTIVAL NEWS**

Follow the signs and the sap buckets and come to the annual maple syrup festival to be held on April 9th at Purple Valley.

Definite plans for this event were made at a second meeting held at the W.I. hall on Wednesday, March 23, 1977.

Come and enjoy a day in the open air and partake of pancakes with fresh maple syrup. Watch sap being boiled down. Try your skill at the skeet shoot or the log

awing contest or how are you at driving a nail? There is a possibility of a tug-of-war if enough people are interested.

Prizes will be given for the oldest, the farthest away and the largest family attending.

Our good neighbours, Joe and Irene Akiwenzie from Sydney Bay have agreed to come in their native Indian costumes. Go over and say "hello" to them.

Visit the craft booths in the hall. Maple syrup will be on sale, also home baking at the Odds and Ends booth. Let the children have a pony ride or buy a hot dog. You will also be able to buy a homemade piece of pie or some pop.

The auction sale is being sponsored by the Lions Club this year with our local auctioneer, Cliff Gilbert, calling for your bid.

If after all this activity you're still not too tired, put on your dancing shoes and bring your honey and come to the dance at the hall at 9:00 in the evening. Good music for dancing will be supplied by Bower Shaw. Ewart Couch, Adamsville will be tuning up his fiddle to play for the square dances. Wall flowers will be excused only on the grounds that there is no more room left on the floor.

The draw for the quilt made by the local ladies will take place at 11:30. Tickets are reasonable, only 25 cents each or five for \$1.00. Elected to be in charge of the booths was Ioleen Hepburn, Jim Urbshott as chairman of the afternoon events and Cliff Gilbert on advertising.

Edna Cook who is in charge of all kitchen duties says if you would like to help and have not been asked as yet, just get in touch with her 534-1737.

Another meeting will be held Wednesday, March 30th. With everyone pitching in to help the way they have been, we anticipate a good day. Sap is reported to be running well, so we will have a good supply of syrup, for the pancakes.

-Mr. and Mrs. Allan Howe and Mrs. Elda Hepburn visited on the weekend of the 19th in St. Thomas with Mrs. Carrie Caldwell.

-Cathy Cook spent a few days of the March break with Wendy Gatis at Colpoys Bay. The two girls went to Toronto with Ronald and Sheila and visited some of the attractions there and had a taste of city life.

Joyce Doherty enjoyed a visit with her sister when Sharon Shafto and her husband Bob and two boys Steven and Bruce of Simcoe, spent some time last week with Barrie Doherty's.

-Visitors on Sunday with Clifford and Sharon Gilbert and boys were Bill and Dianne Brundridge and Daniel of Desboro.

-B-R-R-R-R. The honour of being

the first swimmer of the year in this area goes to Bruce Gilbert who tested the water in McIvor flats on Sunday.

-Hector Howe and Shannon of Owen Sound called at the Hepburn's on Sunday.

-Mr. Finn, Michael and Cindy White, Toronto, were up to their house for a day last week.

-Weekend visitors at George Howe's were Carmen and Lenore Caudle and family, Lion's Head, Perc and Jean Howe and Emily Mosser and son Terry of Wiarton, Blaine and Coralee Harrison, Owen Sound. Jennifer Harris who has been spending a few days with her Aunt Phyllis returned home with them on Sunday. Gary Howe, Cambridge also spent a few days last week.

-On Friday afternoon, I had a quick visit with Ileen Hepburn in Wiarton.

-My mother, Lottie Urbshott and Bill's mother Elda Hepburn came out Wednesday morning and while here, worked on the quilt we were busy tying. With so many helping hands it was soon finished and looks nice too.

-Norman Hepburn and Robert Urbshott had their final hockey game of the season when the Atom "A" team played against their parents. The score was tied 7-7 so the parents did very well without any practise. Several well deserved penalties were handed out. The parents were not the easy push over that the boys anticipated and everyone had fun.

-Helen McCartney had a number of her family home for the weekend. Cecil McCartney and Blaine and Carolee Harrison, Owen Sound; Emily and Jerry Mosser and Terry, Wiarton. In spite of all the snowbanks still remaining, the boys found enough bare spots to enjoy a game of croquette on Sunday afternoon. Another sure sign of spring!

## Perfects

*April 7, 1977*  
(by Audrey Hepburn)  
**4-H MEET**

**PURPLE VALLEY** - On March 28, 1977 the 4-H's (Connie, Debbie, Eileen and myself) met at Mrs. Goodale's for the fifth meeting which was on "How I try to keep physically fit". This was also the roll call. The title we decided on was Connie's apt "Purple Valley Perfects". Has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

We discussed our covers and I was chosen commentator for our achievement day exhibit on "Safety". Everyone then went into Mrs. Goodale's living room to get a bit of exercise on the rug. When we returned we played a game on physical fitness (as it turned out the

people who were last came first while the people who were first came last).

The next meeting is April 4, 1977. By press reporter, Rachel Hepburn.

-Edna Cook and girls, Connie, Cathie, Carol, Cindy and Carrie spent the weekend with Edna's sister Elsie and Don McKone and Darrin at Mitchell.

-Connie gave her speech on "Canada" on Friday evening at the Dundalk Lions Club oral essay competition for grade 9-10 and received a second prize for her efforts. Sunday at the Milverton Legion her speech won a third prize. The competition as the speakers advance to

larger districts gets pretty tough so well done Connie.

-Perc and Jean Howe, Wiarton, visited at George Howes on Sunday.

-A fire which could have been a disaster got started in Gail Gilbert's sap house last Tuesday evening. Neighbours formed a bucket brigade and soon had the blaze under control.

-Ross and Irene Davidson and Stevie DeLong, Mitchell, spent the weekend at their cottage on the tenth line.

-Several work bees have been held to clean the hall in preparation for the maple syrup festival. Everyone comes armed with some cleaning utensils.

We are very grateful for the many donations of time and materials which have been received. Everything is set at

"GO" for Saturday, April 9, 1977 and our annual maple syrup festival. If we can just dial the weather to "SUNNY" everything will be perfect. A final meeting will be held Monday evening, April 4 to discuss any details we might have missed.

Don't forget to look in your garage or basement to see if you have anything to donate to the Lions Club Auction sale. They will be glad to pick it up. The "Odds and Ends" booth with all proceeds for the Purple Valley Community Centre needs home baking and craft donations also. A pleasant and interesting day is guaranteed so "COME". We will be looking for you.

-Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lewis, (formerly Shirley Ottewell) Brenda and Scott, Tiverton, visited with Helen McCartney and boys on Sunday.

## Obituaries

*March 28, 1977*  
*Sally Gilbert*  
**PATTERSON:** Mrs. James Patterson, 62, of R.R. 1, Wiarton, died Sunday in the Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital.

Born in Kemble, she was Ethelwyn McGregor, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McGregor.

She was married in 1942 and the couple farmed in Kemble.

Mrs. Patterson was a former school teacher, member of Kemble United Church, Zion-Wolseley Women's Institute and the Wolseley Guild.

Surviving besides her husband are son Robert of Goderich and daughters Jo-Anne, Mrs. Ted Cowan of London, England and Betty-Lou of Hamilton.

Also surviving are brothers Charles of Kemble and sister Evelyn, Mrs. James McKenzie of Wiarton.

Mrs. Patterson was predeceased by a brother.

The funeral service for Mrs. Patterson was held Tuesday afternoon at the George Funeral Home in Wiarton.

Interment in Bayview cemetery.

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