

mother, Mrs. Ella Gilbert and family.

-Thursday evening Bill and I enjoyed a visit and game of cards with Lawrence and Betty Ward.

-New Year's Eve guests with George Howe were Brian and Debbie Schwantz of Cambridge and niece Barb Caudle of Galt.

-Christmas Day guests with Edythe and Grenville Crawford were Mrs. Amy Crawford, Colpoys Bay and nephew Jim Treacher from Bradford. Niece Kimberley Treacher, Toronto arrived December 27 and Jim and Kim returned to their homes on December 30. Saturday evening guests with Edythe and Grenville were Donnie and Beatrice Pruder.

-Blaine and Wilda Gilbert, Kim and Kevin spent Christmas Eve with the Perrys in Owen Sound. Christmas day they were guests of Gail and Sally Gilbert and family.

-Baby grandson Paul Dale was the centre of attraction at the Doherty family Christmas celebrations. Also present were his parents Kim and Brian Dale, Milton; Uncle Chris Doherty of Toronto and aunt and uncle Michelle and Jerry Granger of Bramalea. New Year's Eve visitors were Jim and Doreen

Christmas Eve guests were Dorothy and Rueben Weppler, Owen Sound. Other guests during the holidays were Wendy and Roger Miner, Owen Sound and Savory Casemore, Guelph.

-The Cooks Christmas guests consisted of Carmen and Rhonda Cook, Owen Sound on Christmas Eve plus Mrs. Eva Gilbert and Howard for Christmas dinner. Boxing Day Mr. and Mrs. Ron Daykin of Aylmer and Mrs. Audrey Crandon, Wiarton came to visit. Margaret and Robert Urbshott skied down to Cooks one day last week and with Jim coming along later they stayed for supper. Bill and Edna enjoyed snowmobiling at Hepworth on Friday night with Bill and Herb Wright families.

-The Hepburns exchanged Christmas and New Year's meals with Mrs. Elda Hepburn, Wiarton. We also had my mother, Mrs. Lottie Urbshott, Wiarton and my brother Art Urbshott for Christmas dinner.

-A good number of people get another year older right around Christmas. Most of the time there is no time for celebrations or baking cakes and it's just another day. This year was different. Harvey Weir was the recipient of some hilarious gifts and readings at a party given in

his honour at Bill and Edna Cooks on Dec. 23. Happy birthday to Harve. Dec. 24 was the day Cindy Cook chose for her special day. Happy birthday to Cindy too.

-Tracy Gilbert celebrated her 7th birthday with a sleigh ride and lots of guests. Kim Gilbert, Tracy and Carrie Cook had a pyjama party too and no grown ups were allowed to go.

-All Gails family were present for a Christmas reunion with Gail, Sally, Debbie, Robert and Tracy.

-Whoopie!! and yahoo!! It takes more than a little rain to dampen our spirits when we have a New Year's dance planned at Purple Valley Community Centre. Balloons and streamers gave the hall a festive air. Good music was supplied by Driftwood. The door prize was won by Sally Gilbert. A consolation prize by Leland Bray and two spot dances by Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Edna Cook and Harve Weir. Horns and whistles and bells rang in the New Year and you didn't need an excuse to kiss your neighbours wife. A delicious smorgasbord lunch was enjoyed and more dancing until the wee hours. Welcome 1979. May it bring the best for everyone.

Howe of Hepworth.

-We were pleased to have our daughter Barbara Hepburn home from Toronto with us for the holiday season.

-Ralph and Marie and Lynne McLean held Christmas celebrations at their home for Mr. and Mrs. Henry McEachern and Mrs. Ethel McLean, Wiarton and Ralph's brothers and sister and families.

-Garth Keays, Oxenden, who has been attending a lumber grading school in Memphis, Tennessee successfully completed the three month course and graduated on December 22.

-The weather was not too suitable for all the skiing and snowmobiling that John and Cynthia Lloyd of Lot 41, Hope Bay Reserve had planned for the holidays. They entertained friends during the week. First there was Doug and Donna and all the Hepburns, then Dave, Kim, Bill, Elizabeth were there for New Years and enjoyed the New Year's Eve dance at Purple Valley.

-Both Christmas and New Years were the occasion for family gatherings at Mrs. Helen McCartneys, Keith, Leonard and Marvin's. Coralee, Emmy, Phyllis, Cecil and Gerald were home with family and friends.

Wednesday, January 10, 1979.

Purple Valley News

(by Audrey Hepburn)

-Everything is back to normal at Purple Valley this week. School and work and broomball and hockey are taking up all the spare time.

-Mrs. Lottie, Wiarton, is visiting with Bill and I for a few weeks.

-There will be a meeting of the Berford Lake Snowmobile Club at Ed Elliotts on Thursday evening.

-Thursday evening is the Purple Valley W.I. meeting at Mrs. Jim Urbshott's home. Come and learn about making bread.

Bill and Audrey Hepburn enjoyed a visit with Pat and Wayne Hepburn on Sunday evening.

-Phone your visitors in to 534-0188.

THOMPSON: Alice Ashcroft, wife of the late S. A. Thompson, passed away at Kamloops, B.C. on January 1, 1979.

She was born at Purple Valley in 1895, youngest daughter of the late Isabella Simpson and John Ashcroft.

As a young woman she went west. In 1916 she married Samuel Alpha Thompson. They farmed near Otter, B.C. before retiring to Salt Springs Island. She spent the last few years with her son, Lyle, in Kamloops.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons, a brother, Roy Ashcroft, and sister-in-law Mrs. Minnie Ashcroft of Wiarton.

Funeral service was held in Otter, B.C.

January 17, 1979.

(by Audrey Hepburn)

-Have you had the pleasure of attending the gallery show of silkscreen prints and stoneware sculpture being presented at the Tom Thomson Museum in Owen Sound by Walter and Yoshiko Sunahara? It should be a worthwhile afternoon to meet

Walter and Yoshiko and view their exhibit. It will be on display until January 28. The Sunahara's have a summer home at McIvor.

-The sympathy of the Purple Valley community goes out to Mrs. Irene Davidson and family

of Mitchell at the sudden passing of Ross. The Davidsons have been working on a home on the tenth line which they intended to retire to in the near future.

-Bob McCartney visited with Bill Hepburn for a few hours on Sunday afternoon.

-Friday evening Bill and Edna Cook snowmobiled to Harve and Betty Weirs at Mar and enjoyed a game of cards.

-Thursday, January 11 evening the Berford Lake Snowmobile Club held a meeting at the home of Ed Elliott. The snowarama scheduled for January 13 was discussed. A cookout will be held January 20th. A dance for the club will be held sometime in February. Why don't you join? This club has some really good times at their cookouts and dances.

-The roll call - two things I wouldn't want to do without in my home brought out some interesting answers from the five members present at the January W.I. meeting held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Urbshott on Thursday, January 11. Would you believe that husbands weren't mentioned at all. After the meeting opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, correspondence and thank you cards were read. Margaret Urbshott acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Bere. Discussions were held on catering for the ski club on February 3, investing W.I. funds in a bonus savings account and some ideas to be presented to the Maple Syrup Festival committee on February 7 re - funds and expenses. Quilt blocks of many colours were brought by the members and with the addition of a flannelette back and quilt for the draw and the Maple Syrup Festival is well under

way. Mrs. Bere, who was in charge of the programme had some interesting clippings on a variety of topics. The surprise box was won by Margaret Urbshott. Edna Cook gave a reading from the Friendship Book. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting. Lunch consisted of a variety of breads baked by the three members who had attended the senior course Spotlight on Bread.

-Mrs. Lottie Urbshott and Audrey Hepburn attended the come and go tea held in Wiarton in honour of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Austin and Isabel Pyke. Congratulations to this very young looking couple and many more years of happiness together.

-Congratulations from Purple Valley go to Reeve Jim Givens and his wife Carrie, who celebrated their thirty fifth wedding anniversary at a surprise party given by their family at Mar on Saturday evening, January 13. The rather stormy weather did not dampen the spirits of the many well wishers who gathered to wish Jim and Carrie all the best.

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