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Visitors flock to area homes over holidays

by Doris Fines

There was a happy ending to a lost dog story. Bill Cargill found his bound, and a few days later the black Lab came home on its own. All is well that ends well.

We are sorry to have to report that Mrs. Gordon Aiken is a patient in Guelph General Hospital. We wish her the best for a complete recovery.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Clarke on the death of Mrs. Clarke's sister, Annie Wylie of Georgetown.

Kevin Hern, who is attending Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, was home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hern, Dan and David, also entertained. Jim's mother Mrs. Hazel Hern, on Christmas Day, and his brother Bill and Ann Hern, Peter and Sandra, all of

London. The Hern family then visited their relatives in London through the holiday week.

Jim and Linda Stewart of Shawangan Lake, B.C. were back to spend Christmas with Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart, and other members of the family. Mrs. Olive Stewart also spent Christmas Day at the home of her son Vernon. Mrs. Olive Stewart then held open house on Boxing Day for her family and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd spent Christmas eve with their daughter and family, Joan and John Jefferson, Todd and Kim, at Fergus, returning home the next day to entertain them all to Christmas dinner. Also their son Lloyd Boyd, Jr., from Mississauga, attended.

Gordon and Debbie Theaker were down from Fort McMurray,

Alberta, for a few days with Gordon's mother Mrs. Harold Theaker, who had an early Christmas dinner for them with the rest of the family. Mrs. Elsie Doyle, Karen, Lori and Kevin, of Guelph, Ed and Jean Stewart, Randy and Jeffery, Seventh Line, Mary Theaker and Marian Theaker of Toronto. Mrs. Theaker then spent Christmas Day at the home of Ed and Jean Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson's Yuletide guests were Mrs. William Henderson of Belwood, Bryan and Evelyn Redman, Tara and Melanie of Mount Forest, Don and Linda Wilson and Danny of Fergus, Gary and Sandra Ferguson and Ryan, Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris Fines. Meredith Smye spent her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smye, Cambridge. Pat Pearce also went home to celebrate Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pearce at Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurren's Christmas Day guests included Dr. and Mrs. Ron Green and Karen of Hillsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Warren, Jeffrey, Jennifer and David of Fergus, Gordon Kirkwood, 10th line, and Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Sinclair, Lorne and Lynn of Ballinafad.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Budd had their families for Christmas dinner. Bob's mother Mrs. Rose Budd, and his sister Heather Budd of St. Catharines, and Bev's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Howard Dettweiler of Breslau.

John and Susan Fuller and Amie had Christmas dinner with Susan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wedgewood, and other members of the family, at Malton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fuller and Bill entertained family members for Christmas dinner, Brian and Diane Fuller, Stephen and Rebecca of Grand Valley, Robert and Marlene Hanna, Karen and Jamie of Plattsville, Neil and Gail Baldwin and Cheryl of Hillsburgh; Robert and Anita Fuller of Brampton, and Mrs. Kay Baldwin of Orangeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKenzie's Yuletide guests were, Mrs. Flora Grieve of Guelph, Miss Lyda McLachlan of Waterloo; Ken and Carol Smith, Julie and Brad Smith and Bob Weeks of Brantford; Wayne and Bonna Hilliard, Shawn and Tracy of Eramosa Township; Linda McKenzie Cordick and husband Richard Cordick of Guelph; and Bill and Loryln McKenzie and Melissa.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grundy, Douglas, Debbie, Tommy and Gary, spent Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Swartz, Acton. On Christmas Day they entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Foreman of Bancroft, and on New Year's Day they had Shelly's mother Mrs. Mary Foreman of Toronto for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and Bradley had guests on Christmas

Day, Wilfred McLachlan and Mrs. Blanche Ertel of Hillsburgh; Jim and Beverly Wilkins of Woodstock; Robert and Susan Bruce, David and Neil of Burlington; Brenda Bruce and Freeman Reid of Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher, Shirley and Bobby, attended the Beardmore Christmas party at the Acton Legion, recently. There were lots of games for entertainment, including a shooting gallery and golf. Santa arrived with gifts for the children, and the day ended with food, which included hamburgers and foot-long hot dogs.

On December 19 there was Christmas carol service at Knox church, with special music by the choir.

A number from the community attended the Building Products of Acton Christmas dinner and dance on December 18, which was held at Rockmosa.

Mark Jackson is finishing his first semester at Mohawk College in Hamilton, and will be home for the

Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alsops of Brampton, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Fleteher and family.

In spite of the foggy weather, a large crowd came out to see the school children display their talents at the Christmas concert December 15. Their musical ability was displayed in their choir selections directed by Mrs. Anne Smith, piano instrumental by Janice Root, guitar and accordion duet by Lori and Philip VanManen, and an accordion solo by Debbie Sinclair. Drills were enacted by Mrs. Hipkin's grade 1-2 class, and Mrs. Smith's grade 2 class. The play, directed by Mrs. Hipkins "Setting Santa Straight" was introduced by Michelle Gibson. The Activity Play was written and produced by Mrs. Denny-grade 7 class. Scott Cripps gave the closing recitation. The silver collection, taken at the door, was in aid of the Salvation Army Christmas hamper program and \$78.82 was donated

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SKI SHOP

Safety rules for skiing, says Steve Podorski, are "mostly common sense—a lot like driving. Be familiar with what you are doing. And don't forget about things like maintenance. Bindings should be checked regularly to make sure they open and close properly. If you're prepared with things like that, you can concentrate on the skiing and enjoy it to the fullest."

Courtesy is another recommendation. "If you're approaching a group of people," he says, "Slow down."

The downhill champion might also point out that one reason for his successful skiing record is that he learned to race with a coach, and even today never races on a hill that is not totally closed.

For people interested in racing, "there are gates to mark the hill. A number of people are not familiar with that aspect; they don't know what the poles mean. If you're racing, it's important to be on a hill that is marked for racing." If you're not, then stay off those hills.

The best way to enjoy skiing is first and foremost, to keep in good shape, and then, observe the safety rules. These are outlined in skier responsibility codes for both nordic and alpine skiing. The six simple rules are:

- Ski under control, in such a manner to stop or avoid another skier or object.
- When overtaking another skier, avoid the skier ahead.
- Don't stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- When entering a trail or starting downhill, yield to approaching or descending skiers.
- Wear retention straps or devices to prevent runaway skis.
- Keep off closed trails and posted areas and observe all ski area signs.

John Leu, Executive Director of the Canadian Ski Patrol System (CSPS) says his 5,000 patrollers are asked for assistance only about 15,000 times a winter—for anything from a cut finger to a fatal accident. With roughly 18 million visits to ski hills in an average winter, this works out to one chance in 1,000 that an alpine skier will have a mishap.

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Sports . . . (Continued from page 8)

The Acton Junior "B" Sabres dropped their season opener in Streetsville 9-2.

Mark Duval, of Acton, has joined the Cambridge Winter Hawks in the OHA Junior "A" League.

The Acton High School Senior girls basketball team were the finalists in the Collingwood Basketball Tournament.

October

The Acton Sabres defeated Burlington and Georgetown and then dropped two with their goals facing 136 shots in the two losses.

Fread's Construction won the Acton Industrial Fastball League playoffs defeating the Metros three games to one.

November

Doreen Uranick finished fifth in the Ontario Finals, Cross-Country Meet at Earl Bales Park in Toronto.

The Acton High School Junior Redmen Basketball team were the consolation finalists in the Acton Redmen Invitational Basketball Tournament.

December

Former Sabre coach Jules Russiani comes out of retirement to coach the Georgetown Gemini.

The Acton Junior "B" Sabres sold Mike Monahan to the Streetsville Derby's for \$750 and a player.

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