

# Bits and Bites

## Share Your Blessings

by  
**HELENE BALLARD**  
Hi I hope no one has

webbed feet with all this rain, although I hear some people say "it's a

good thing it's not snow at least you don't have to shovel rain". May be so but too much rain and we'll start to rust.

It seems the stores are already getting out all their Christmas goodies. Now please don't get this ole gal wrong - I love the Holidays but lets stop a second and remember those news items on T.V. last week of all those poor starving people, those pitiful faces of little children. We can resolve this year to make it one toy less for Jr. and one gift less for Mom and Dad and send that money instead to help buy food for those so badly in need. I feel sure your Christmas will be a happier one knowing you helped some one to stay alive. How about it?

We welcomed another married couple to Birchwood last week, George and Rose Culverhouse, also Mr. Bruno Grizans. I hope they all enjoy life here at the "Home".

We are being kept quite busy by our "Craft Lady" Joann LeBlanc, making nice Christmas decorations for Birchwood so it will look nice

and cheerful for the residents because even though we are on the shady side of life, we still enjoy the bright side of things. I guess this little old lady is getting sentimental in her old age but being of that nature all my life its hard to change. Anyway, it's better to be cheerful, makes life easier.

One of our very senior citizens Mr. Dolf King who celebrated his 93rd birthday two weeks ago is now in McCausland Hospital. Simon Duguay is also. We wish both these gentlemen a speedy recovery. We miss them here at Birchwood.

Belated congratulations to Mr. Joe Earle on receiving the Bicentennial award for his work on behalf of the Multicultural Society. Well done.

Now my "Bite". It has been brought to my attention that a plastic



garbage bag is put on the sidewalk outside the kitchen of the rec centre. This has been leaking onto the sidewalk, making quite a mess. In fact the sidewalk now has a dark stain on it. One of these nights it will freeze and when it is lifted up will make a lot of work and trouble to clean up. Please could something be done about this? Thank you.

And now until next week...  
A show girl sweet  
With graceful feet  
Was tripping the light fantastic  
Til she suddenly tore  
For the dressing room door  
You can never trust elastic.

# Annual General Meeting a Non-Event

The Terrace Bay Horticultural Society attempted to hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday November 7 in the Lake Superior High School. Because of lack of support it turned out to be a non-event. Only five officers and directors were present, one of whom was a winner in our Home Beautification program, and three other members of the public, and two of them were winners in the Home Beautification. The constitution required us to have a quorum of officers and directors of at least seven.

What are we going to do? We are going to call another Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 1984 at Lake Superior High School, Terrace Bay and hold it in Room 105 (the geography room). Notices will be put up and we will advertise to bring this meeting to the attention of as many people in Terrace Bay and Schreiber as we can.

We include Schreiber in the society even though we have only one faithful member there. We used to have many more than that. There are many beautiful gardens in Schreiber and we get a lot of orders for plants in the spring. Surely there are some enthusiasts who could spare a few hours to help! If we get the support we need from our communities we can continue. I think we give a good service to the community and with more members it could be better.

This year we planted flower beds outside the Bank of Commerce, in the park, outside the hospital, in the cemetery, at the Catholic and Community Churches, outside the bakery and gave flowers to the guides to put in their bed in the park. We also planted the flower beds at Kimberly-Clark (who support us year after year in our Home Beautification program). We have been planting flowering crab trees outside the shops in the

Simcoe Plaza and hope to add a tree each year until there is an avenue of trees all down the plaza. With the new shops going in we would hope to extend that way as well.

Without support from more members of the community all this is going to stop. Our funds - which are very healthy - will be returned to the Rural Organizations branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (by law we cannot give it to any other group in the town), the society will be dissolved, and will not be available to bring in any more plants to beautify the town or to sell. The Home Beautification program will be discontinued and so will the Christian Bulb competition. I personally think the town will be the poorer.

I know that the caring members of the community are involved in giving their time to their churches and other service organizations. But if each of the churches sent a representative, the hospital, Kimberly-Clark, and the Township, we would have a chance to keep this society active. I also think that there must be some people in this town who are able to give a few hours now and then to keep this society going. Have we any teenagers who would be interested enough to help? Four and a half years ago when we came to Terrace Bay the society was also in this position. It was going to be dissolved if no one came forward to help run it. It is not difficult to run. You do not have to be an expert in gardening to help. In fact, that is why it is run - so that we can get more expert in caring for our gardens, lawns and houseplants.

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