

Syrup festival a success

Over 1700 people crowded into Belmore on Saturday

BELMORE--The much talked of Belmore Maple Syrup Festival is over. Though it was more or less an experiment, it proved to be a decided success. The weather man co-operated beautifully and provided one of those warm, balmy spring days when everyone loves to be outside. The predicted rain must have gone else where, as not a drop fell here.

Over 1700 people were served pancakes and sausage, tea

or coffee and as much maple syrup as they could eat. Home baking, maple sugar and maple syrup also found a ready sale.

Many farm people came for dinner then went back home to work on the land. Others for whom Saturday was a holiday, remained to chat and visit. Old friendships were renewed and much reminiscing was done. To many it meant coming back "home". To others it was a case of finding out "where that place called Belmore is located anyway". But old friends or strangers, everyone responded to the friendly atmosphere and judging by comments, enjoyed a happy afternoon.

The nearer towns were all well represented and many came from a distance. As there was no registration only a few places were noted, among them were, London, Leamington, Tillsonburg, Hamilton, Weston, Guelph, Kitchener, Elmira, Stratford, New York State, Kincardine, St. Marys, Fergus, Ailsa Craig, Listowel and Walkerton.

The people of Belmore are grateful to the editors of the local papers, and other news media for boosting their pro-

Net receipts are not yet available, but a goodly sum has been raised to put a new roof on the arena and it has been proved once more that co-operation is still effective, and also creates a good spirit in the community.

Bride-elect is honored at shower

BELMORE — The ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church held a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Elmer Ballagh in honor of Phyllis McKague. A sing-song, contests and games were conducted.

Mrs. Alvin Mundell then read an address in rhyme, which she had composed, and which covered some of the highlights of Phyllis' life to date. She was then presented with a table lamp and a transistor clock.

Phyllis expressed her thanks and lunch was served.

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Bridal shower

BELMORE — A miscellaneous bridal shower for Miss Gwen Press was held Wednesday night in the Institute room of the Belmore Community Center. Hostesses for the evening were Misses Marlene Inglis and Beth Mundell. Several games and contests were conducted. Following the opening of her gifts, Gwen thanked everyone and lunch was served.

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BELMORE

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McIntosh Church Marks 114th Year

McIntosh celebrated its 114 anniversary on Sunday. Guest speaker for the service was Rev. A.G. Hewitt, who was the minister for McIntosh United Church from 1942-46. The guest soloist was Dave Bartel of Guelph, who sang "Green Pastures" and "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills"



THREE MINUTES TO THE BATCH was the average length of time it took to cook the golden delectables at the Belmore syrup festival. Mrs. Bob Seanson of Wrox-

eter, Mrs. Herb. Busby and daughter Debbie, kept the pancakes coming in one line, cooking about a dozen at a time. —Advance-Times Photo.



SALE and other sidelights made Belmore syrup festival of real interest day. Mrs. Ernie Harris, Mrs. Gordon

Wright and Mrs. Wilfred Johann pitched in to help at the bake table.



OVER 750 GALLONS of syrup have been sold in Belmore over the last several weeks and at the successful syrup festival on Saturday, to raise money for a new roof on the arena. Dozens of volunteers made it possible by pitching in with hard work and time. Selling syrup off a truck during

the festival was this group comprised of Jim Dietrich, Richard Inglis, David Carroll, Martin Renwick, Peter Inglis, and Brian Carroll of Windsor, a friend of committee chairman Walter Renwick, who helped out for the day.