

Maple syrup season here

Pancakes never tasted so good, children and adults agreed after sampling the season's maple syrup run at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre.

It was too cold to see the sap running, but an estimated 2,000 visitors to the 10-acre sugar bush were still able to get a good idea of how Indians and early settlers collected and made use of one of nature's sweeter products.

Where Indians first used a hollow reed and a piece of birch bark bound with rootlets at both ends to collect the raw sap, the modern method now shows a plastic tubing pipeline running from tree to tree to a main line and then to the sugar shanty.

Inside the sugar shanty, equipment includes an evaporator to extract the water from the raw sap. Outside, several large cast iron kettles containing the sap boil for hours over an open fire, an example of how

much slower the process was many years ago.

Visitors were also able to sample the final stages of the candy cooking process as strings of the sticky stuff were poured over a pan of snow, hardening it into maple candy.

Mountsberg authorities expect to see the sap running by this weekend, should the weather warm up a little, but there was still sufficient maple syrup and candy to satisfy the sweet tooth of many.

In addition to the outside exhibitions and taste samples, an interpretive program of films and slides is available to visitors to provide an insight into the cultural, historical and mechanical aspects of the working sugar bush.

The sugar festival will continue every weekend through to April 9, from 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per car.



IT'S A DAY FOR PICTURES, as visitors to Mountsberg's maple syrup festival pose beside the Centre's own horse-drawn sleigh. There is plenty to do, see and sample as the annual

festival demonstrates the process of maple syrup and candy-making with both traditional and modern processes.

Mail box smashed

A rural Limehouse resident reported to Halton Police that once again his mail box was broken into small pieces last week.

He advised police the box was damaged one way or another five times in the past two years.

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Sap time

Spring is in the air in Ontario. It's maple syrup time! The food specialists at the Ontario Food Council, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, suggest a pleasant spring outing—a trip to a sugar bush.

Each year the sap in the maple trees starts running as the cold of winter gives way to spring. The sap runs between early March through to mid-April, a season of about three to six weeks in Ontario, depending on the weather.

When buying maple syrup always check the label. All maple syrup sold in Ontario must be labeled "Maple Syrup" or "Pure Maple Syrup". The name and address of the producer or the packer, and the quantity of maple syrup also must be included. Products labeled "Pancake Syrup" and "Table Syrup" ARE NOT pure maple syrup.

Small, sterilized, sealed containers of maple syrup may be stored unopened in a cool, dry place for several months or in a freezer at -18 degrees C (0 degrees F) for



KEEPING THE FIRES STOKED is David Kangas, an employee with Mountsberg Wildlife Centre. The huge cast iron kettle gives visitors to the Maple Syrup festival an idea of how syrup was made many years ago.

one year. Once opened, the container should be closed tightly and stored in the refrigerator or freezer.

Pancakes or waffles drenched in maple syrup are favorites among maple syrup lovers. But the possibilities for other delectable maple syrup dishes are endless. The easy-flowing syrup delicately tops a fruit salad, or a plain cake. The maple flavor is superb with ham or pork chops. Try some drizzled over

cooked carrots or whirled into mashed squash.

Sound good? Then why not write for the pamphlet "The Miracle of Maple". It contains useful information about maple syrup, interesting suggestions for maple syrup dishes, and some tasty recipes. Address your request to Information Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 1A5.

Trailer lost in Norval fire

A travel trailer was completely destroyed in a fire Thursday afternoon, March 23.

The trailer, owned by Cornelius Bonama, Norval, was occupied at the time of the blaze. Damage was estimated at \$5,000. Cause of the blaze is unknown.

Monday afternoon, March 27, a child phoned in a false alarm to a house on Rexway Drive. "It's easily seen it's time the school holidays were over," commented a Georgetown firefighter.

Mice spark health split

Claims of mice droppings in food showed a split between Mayor Don Gordon and the Halton Board of Health.

Mayor Gordon advised a resident to write a CBC consumer program, Marketplace, because the health department clearly has no intention of doing their job.

The board of health is upset it was not alerted first to complaints of mouse droppings found in food bought in Loblaw's Milton store.

The health board asked for a full report from the chief public health inspector.

Red Cross canvassers are out this month.

Pension increases

Increases in the Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance will be effective April 1.

The new monthly total at the single rate for persons receiving both the basic Old Age Security pension and maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement will be \$266.54.

For a married couple, both pensioners, the combination of the basic pension and maximum supplement will provide a payment of \$508.46 for the couple monthly.

The basic Old Age Security pension will rise to \$156.66 from the present \$153.44.



New highway signs

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications has announced that new symbolized "NO LEFT TURN" and "NO RIGHT TURN" traffic signs will be in use in Ontario beginning April 1, this year.

The new signs, approved as Canadian Standards by the Council of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada, will depict a red circle with a diagonal bar on a white background, indicating a turn in the direction of the black arrow is prohibited.

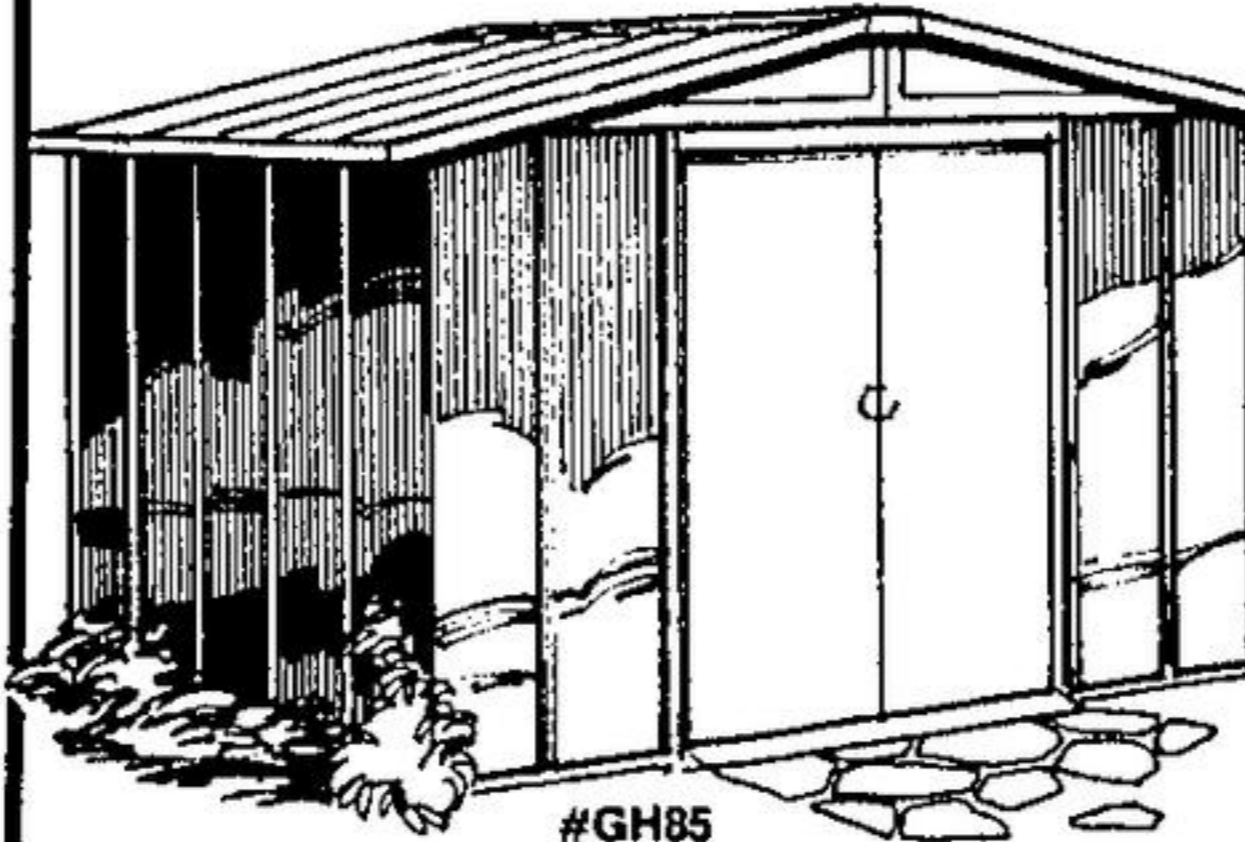
Field tests carried out on behalf of the council revealed many drivers experienced difficulties with the double message signs (two arrow symbols) currently in use.

As a result, a majority of road authorities recommended all permissive double arrow symbol signs be replaced by the prohibitive symbol.



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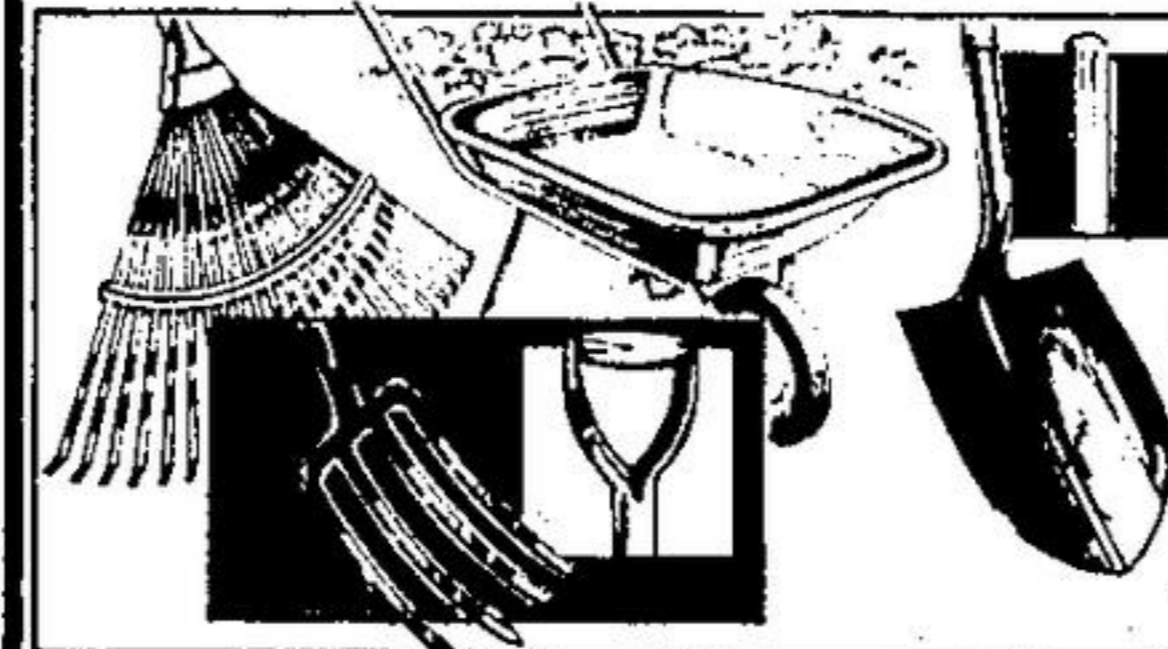


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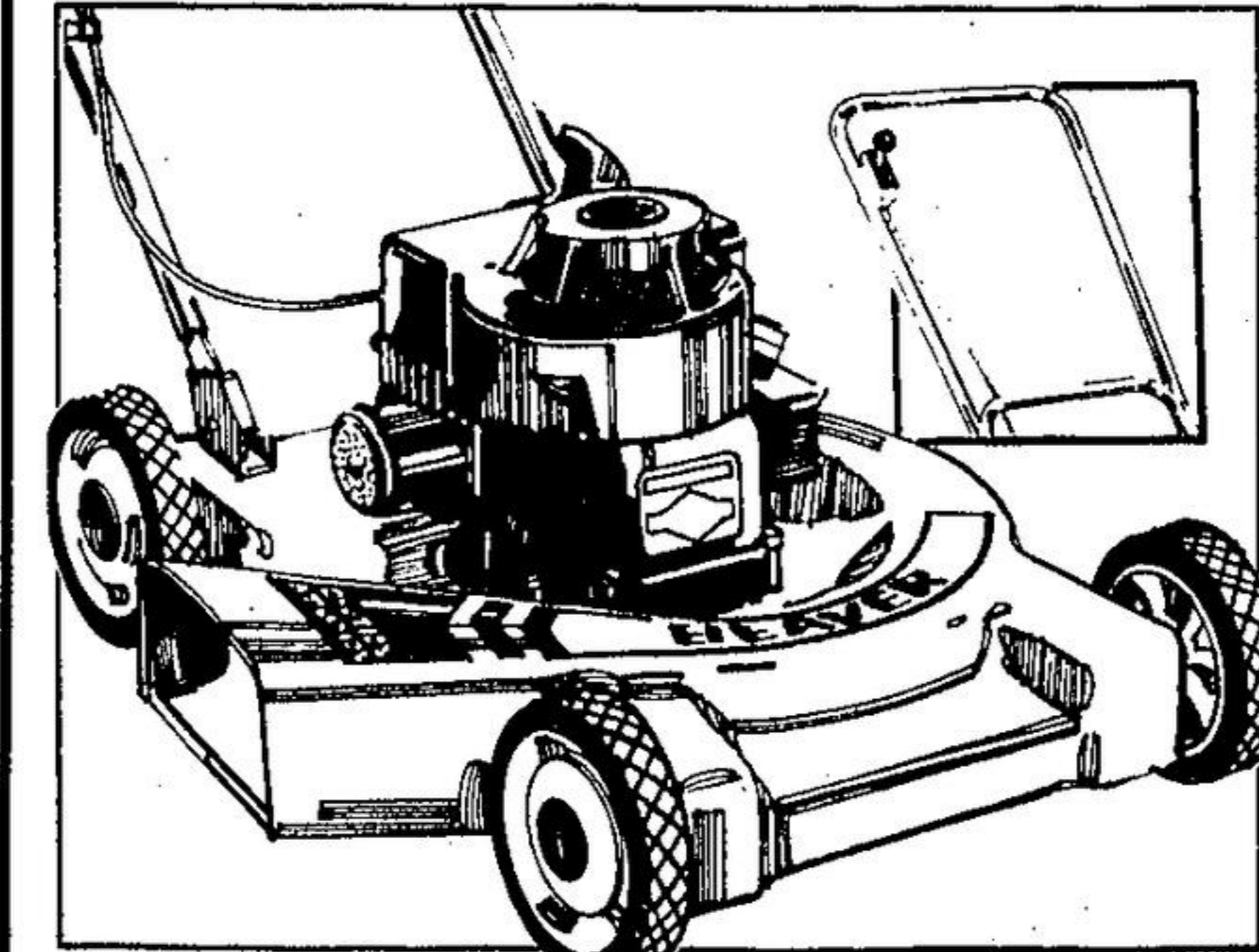
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