A Tip of the Toque to Red Man for Maple Syrup

by AGNES MCKENNA The Indian doesn't get credit the tale: for much but he rates a tip of the toque in spring when the sap

starts rising. our lives for feather headdresses and beadwork but we would miss | made by the weapons caused the our pancakes and maple syrup if sap to flow. they vanished from the breakfast

Indian heritage. Like many to get water. She was tired and legacies of culture and custom sat down under the wounded the origins of maple syrup are maple tree. obscure. The legend varies with | Sap from the gashed tree had heated by fire underneath process was the iron pot method. demonstration area before it teachers.

the teller. This spring the Halton Region presenting a maple syrup the trip to the stream. demonstration program at the

TOMAHAWK PRACTICE Most of us don't feel a need in practice and were using a maple Indians made much syrup. tree as a target. The gashes

collected in a piece of birch bark. The squaw thought it was water log. Conservation Authority is and scooped it up to save herself

When the squaw boiled her

Area, and this is their version of man commented on the sweet hollow Once upon a time a clutch of story, but on closer analysis it is vanced methods. braves were having tomahawk difficult to imagine how the HOTSTONES

methods of making maple syrup much less demonstrate. There is The braves tired of their sport from pioneer to modern times no working model of the hollow It is maintained that the Indian |speculate. used a hollowed log as a boiling vat. However, the log can't be

> Conservation guides like tripod over a good fire. Indian reduced the sap by hours to reduce a pot of sap to making maple syrup; it is not a interested parents are invited to

taste of the meat and maple evaporating the water-like sap is syrup was discovered. That's the an onerous job even with ad-

How long did it take to reduce 20 gallons of sap to one gallon of syrup with hot stones? Marttala At Rattlesnake Point the doesn't even attempt to guess.

CAULDRON

because the fire would burn the A huge iron pot, like a witch's closes on April 8. cauldron, was suspended on a The project at Rattlesnake pursery school Open House.

Rattlesnake Point Conservation brave's venison in the sap her dropping hot stones into the syrup, says Marttala. This model festival. There are tasty but tiny see the nursery school and meet is working at the Rattlesnake samples of free syrup available the teachers at the Open House. Point exhibit.

After the iron pot the advantages of flat pan evaporation were discovered, continued Marttala in his speech to visitors. He explains that the greater evaporation surface and the smaller quantity of sap made the process go faster, shortening the job to six or eight hours.

Then modern invention arrived with gas-fired, steel evaporators fitted with controls that regulate the sap level, keep track of the temperature and control the

OUT OF PLACE The shiny, steel evaporator at Rattlesnake Point tooks oddly out of place in the 1890-style sugar shanty which has been built to house it.

Tapping methods have also changed through the years. The Indian used a hollow reed for a spile and caught the sap in buckets made of folded birch bark. Two such buckets were found in the conservation area and are on display.

The pioneers improved on the method with better wooden spiles and wooden buckets. Then came steel spiles and metal and plastic pails. Also mass production.

It was discovered that the sap could be collected faster by linking the trees together with plastic hose and that the sap could be forced to flow faster by installing pumps on the hoseline. OVER-TAPPING

And, of course, man overdid it. Now there are warnings that trees are damaged or killed by over-tapping, the same way a person dies if he loses too much blood.

The demonstration at Rattlesnake Point has been clearly marked for visitors. A short walk into the area brings him to the first trees, hung with buckets and signs explaining what is going on. The trail leads to the piece of

ground which has been buildozed

shanty and models of but there is nothing else to eat evaporation equipment. NOT IDEAL

area are topped for demonstration purposes. Additional sap from other parts of the conservation area is hauled in for the means brisk business in many evaporation exhibits.

The flow has been a little slow so far this year because of a lack of ideal weather conditions. For a good sap flow frosty nights are needed with daytime temperatures in the 40s.

The demonstration area is open to the public this week. School groups are taken through with guides by reservation only and the school tours are already parents attending, including one booked up.

NOT A FESTIVAL Any school group which

Point is a clear and efficient Watch the Coming Events page Mauno Marttala explain that the | The fire had to be stoked for 12 demonstration of the methods of of The Herald for the date. All

flat to accommodate the sugar long first come, first served basis [GEORGETOWN HERALD, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1972 Page 9 and nothing to buy.

Pienie tables are available if Only about a dozen trees in the visitors wish to bring a lunch in suitable weather.

BRISK However, maple syrup time areas. Maple syrup festivals

Maple Nursery School held their annual wine and cheese party at the home of Doug and Mary Lou Brock with about 40 undeterrable victim of the skihills - a mom with her leg in a

The evening provided an opand departed. Along came a are demonstrated, First, there is log. Just the hollow log for decides not to keep its ap portunity for the parents, par-All of them are part of the squaw on her way to the stream a setup of the Indian method. | visitors to wonder at and pointment because of change of ticularly the fathers who do not plans or bad weather misses out, attend the regular meetings in It is expected that 2,000 school vast numbers, to get acquainted The next advance in the children will go through the with each other and with the

The next meeting will be the

have become popular in a dozen properly assess the facilities centres throughout Ontario and needed for a large influx of residents go all out providing visitors and have run short of

visitors with pancakes, sausages, food, parking and toilet facilities. other home-baked goodies and It might be something to bear handicrafts. Some highly suc- in mind if you decide to parcessful festivals like Elmira and ticipate in this distinctive spring

in all access roads.

Elmvale stop the traffic for miles rite. It might be more of a pioneer-type experience than Other centres have failed to expected,

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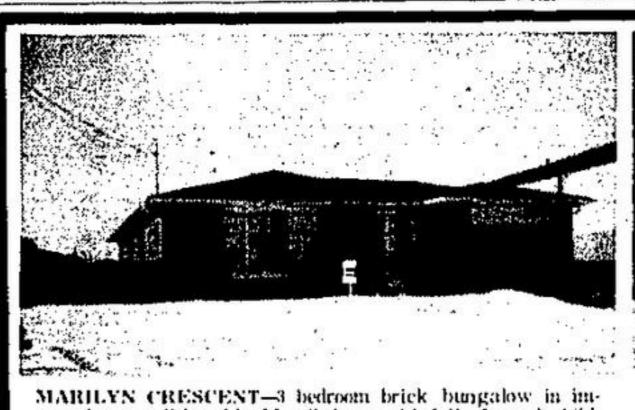
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INTERRUPTED REVELRY

With spring arriving in brief instalments this year the skippers, bike riders and marble players have had to

be alert to get in their traditional revelry. Celebrating the arrival of spring, between snowfalls, are Kiana King (skipping) and Kim Herrington and Marina Santos on each end of the rope.



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IIIWIN CRESCENT-Brick and aluminum side split on 63' lot. This heautiful almost new home is ideal for a growing family, with a family room ready for finishing touches. Try your down payment.

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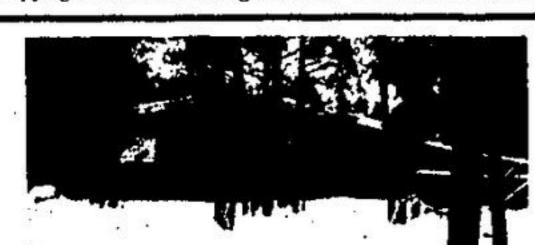
to the phone and find out all about this solid brick three bedroom bungalow with attached garage, hot water heat and excellent condition inside and out that selling for just .. \$25,900.

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home \$18,900.

SPRING IS HERE!

MARCH IN-

and insist on seeing this older two storey home that's located in a small village near Georgetown. Completely modernized inside, attached garage, (77x192) lot, nicely treed. Be quick! It's only \$23,800.

CHECK THE EXTRAS-

Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, shower enclosure, broadloom in the living room and dining room, carport, TV tower with colour head and rotor. This lovely six room brick bungalow on a quiet crescent location with all its generous

A REAL DELIGHT-

Cosy up to the open hearth floor to ceiling cut stone fireplace in the living room of this secluded two bedroom ranch style bungalow that's magnificently situated on a half acre lot in the Silvercreek area. A third bedroom plus two other rooms in the basement. Attached garage. Plus all the clear fresh air that you

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FIREPLACE

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COUNTRY BETREAT-

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UNREAL-

A setting of peace and tranquility among the tall trees on one full acre of privacy is this very livable eight room two storey brick home. Open hearth fireplace in the living room, separate dining room, dream kitchen, family room, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. A second fireplace roughed-in in the ree room area. Door directly to sundeck over the attached garage. A lot of living at an "unreal" price \$39,900.

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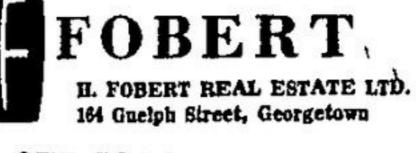
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