

Students Make Own Syrup

On Thursday, April 11, the children of Norval Public School will enjoy pancakes for lunch with maple syrup that they've prepared for themselves. It's taken them five school days to collect the sap, and another six and a half to cook it.

Mrs. Christine Jefferson first thought of the idea of tapping the maple trees in the school's backyard, and with the help of Mrs. June Lenz, the assistant principal, and the equipment of Julian Reed, father of one of the pupils, the school has managed to prepare some 50 uncups of pure, homemade syrup.

Three weeks ago, the children drilled a hole into each of the eight maple trees and inserted spiles. These act like small taps; the sap passes out through the spiles and drips into cans hung below. The cold weather at the end of the first week meant that very little sap came out, but on the following Monday, the warm weather caused the sap to flow at a much faster rate than anyone had expected. By last Wednesday, they had enough sap, so stopped the tapping, and began the long process of cooking the sap.

The cooking evaporates all the water in the sap, and leaves a purified residue at the bottom

of the pot. Mrs. Lenz decided not to add anything to the syrup, which means the syrup is pure.

Mrs. Lenz, who did some research into tapping maple trees, says that, "I'm glad we did it. The project was a great success and the children learnt a great deal. But I'm also very glad we stopped. Tapping isn't supposed to do any damage to the trees, but I'm not convinced."

If you're thinking of tapping the maple trees in your garden, it's important to know that of all the maple trees in Canada, only the sugar maple, also known as the hard maple, and the black maple, should be tapped. If you have Manitoba maples, it's best to leave them alone. The Manitoba maple is easy to spot with its clusters of compound leaves and tapping this tree is likely to cause permanent damage.

Much has been done in cancer control through education, early diagnosis and better treatment methods to reduce suffering, but the battle will not be won until research has identified the causes and found the cure for cancer. This takes time and money.

NORVAL Outline Activities For Busy Year Ahead

A special meeting for all women of the church was held by Norval Presbyterian Church WMS on Tuesday evening, March 26, held in the church basement with about 25 present and Mrs. Harold Reed in the chair.

"Tell something you already didn't know about the person on your left" was the roll call and helped to get those present better acquainted.

Mrs. Dixon Duff and Mrs. Howard Smith were in charge of the program. They conducted a questionnaire on Mary Magdalene by dividing those present into groups and each group discussed different questions pertaining to her life and what they mean to us today after which Mrs. Smith summarized the answers. Mrs. Ruth Gould read the scripture lesson and Mrs. Ann Little and Mrs. Karen Carney sang a couple of duets accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Hunter.

Mrs. Harold McClure gave an outline of future activities planned for various organizations in the church which indicate a busy year ahead.

Mrs. H. Smith and Mrs. Joan Cooley gave short reports on the North Halton Contact Centre and the assistance they are giving by talking to people on the telephone.

Mrs. John M. McClure gave the closing prayer after which the hostess, Mrs. Craig Reid, assisted by Mrs. Andrew McClure and Mrs. John McClure served lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

BEST WISHES
Get well wishes are extended to those in hospital.

Two-year-old Darcy Hedley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hedley, Draper St., spent several days in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, recently.

Mrs. A. Vance is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

Figure Skating Season Nears End

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club's 1973-74 season is drawing to a close, with the annual meeting held Thursday, April 4 at the Canada Trust Building with 25 interested parents in attendance.

The past season proved very successful with an inter-club competition, a first place win at Port Credit, a good showing of Leslie Tonna and Kris Barber in competition, a successful sports lottery and the 19th

Annual Carnival, "Disney". Special thanks extended to Tony Corbett for five dedicated years as president of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club.

Also, thanks extended to Sue Evans, Dora Hauser, Denny Shepherd, Sheila Shanks, and Lean Mogg for their support and work during the past year.

The new 1974-75 executive are president, Ron Snow; vice

president, Shirley Lovell; secretary, Donna Moores; treasurer, Mary-Ann McArdle; membership, Betty Snow; ice committee, Peggy Shannon; carnival chairman, Jane Hoddinott; directors, Donna Massena, Shirley Freestone, Valerie Kemp, Jackie Foskett, Bob Howard, Barry Grummett and Carol Lamb

Happy Skating!



Jerry Schendal And Derek Hedley Cook ...



While Cindy Woodstray And Gale Taylor Tap

Ballinafad News

Mrs. Frank Smith was hostess for the annual meeting of the Ballinafad WI. Members and guests gathered at the home for a pot luck luncheon at 12.30. When all had partaken of the ample supply of food, tables were cleared and the business of the meeting got underway. In the absence of the president Mrs. Wm. McLean, the first vice president Mrs. Leo Jamieson presided.

The meeting opened in the usual way, followed by the reading of the minutes of previous meeting. Several items of business were dealt with including helping with a wedding in the near future.

President reported their would be more particulars about the International Ploughing Match, after the District Directors Meeting in Milton on April 8.

Members' all agreed to put so much away at each meeting for the annual Christmas outing. It was then time to give the annual reports. Secretary-treasurer, was first to report. Report showed that activities in the organization, as a result of the public relations report given by Mrs. R. B. Kirkwood was very gratifying and showed that the community as a whole had benefited by different projects sponsored by the WI.

Mrs. Marshall reported on Welfare and said she had sent in the neighborhood of 55 cards out to residents for different occasions, also gave gifts to the sick and shut-ins at Christmas. Other convenors of standing committees in turn gave excellent reports. Mrs. Jamieson then vacated the chair, but before doing so asked Mrs. R. B. Kirkwood to conduct the election of officers. The slate of

officers for 1974-75 are as follows: past president, Mrs. Jesse McEnery; president, Mrs. Wm. McLean; first vice president, Mrs. Leo Jamieson; secretary treasurer, Mrs. Frank Smith; district director, Mrs. Jesse McEnery; public relations, Mrs. Jesse McEnery; branch director, Mrs. L. Marshall.

Standing committees: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Leo Jamieson; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. Tom Given; family and consumer affairs, Mrs. Slessoraitis; education and cultural activities, Mrs. R. B. Kirkwood; resolutions, Mrs. Wm. McLean; curator, Mrs. R. B. Kirkwood; welfare, Mrs. L. Marshall.

Mrs. Floyd Shortill, and Mrs. Grant Wright were guests at the meeting and both kindly consented to be auditors for the coming year.

Before closing the meeting president suggested that April 17 be the date set for making out the years programs. Members to meet at Mrs. Jamieson's home at 1.30 in the afternoon.

"A little help is worth a great deal of pity" as the old saying goes and members of the Community Centre Board were happy on Saturday morning to see the extra Volunteer's come to help with the spring clean of the hall. All the windows were taken out and cleaned inside and out, the lights were taken down and washed. The

washrooms got an extra touch up and things in general look pretty spic and span.

The Ballinafad men's hockey teams celebrated the end of the season with a dance at the Community Centre on Saturday night. A buffet supper was enjoyed and a good time was had by all present.

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Attended Funeral

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Kenneth Hunter attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, Douglas Anderson, of London, Ont. She was accompanied by his niece Mrs. Marjorie Westfall of Brampton and a nephew, Lorne Hunter of Georgetown.

Mr. Anderson died March 30, at Victoria Hospital, London. He was 56. Surviving are his wife, Corena; (Queenie Marchment) and sons Douglas of Granton, Ronald of London; one daughter Linda (Mrs. Rick Martin) also of London, and six grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at the Needham Memorial Chapel in London, with burial in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

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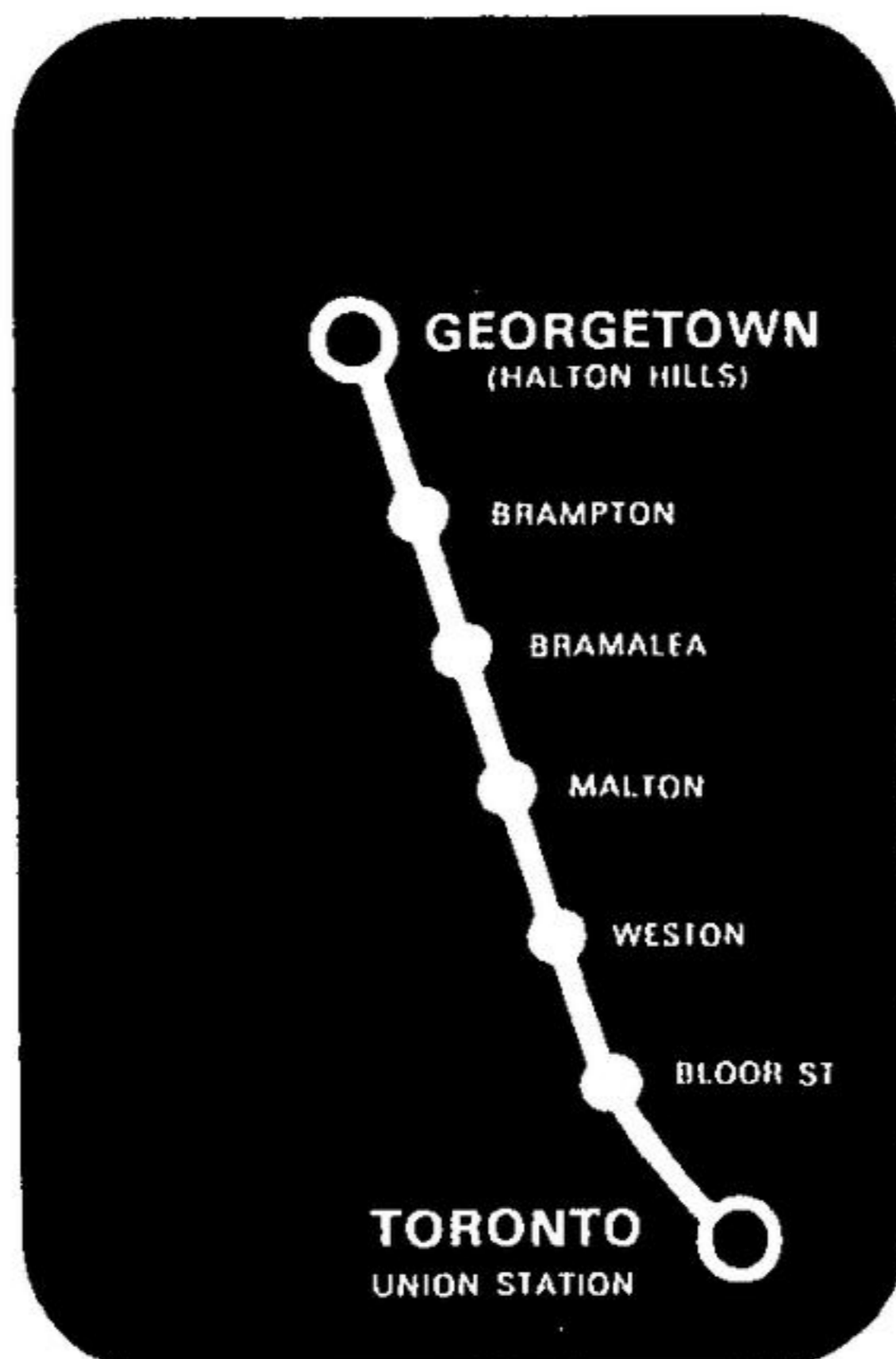
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