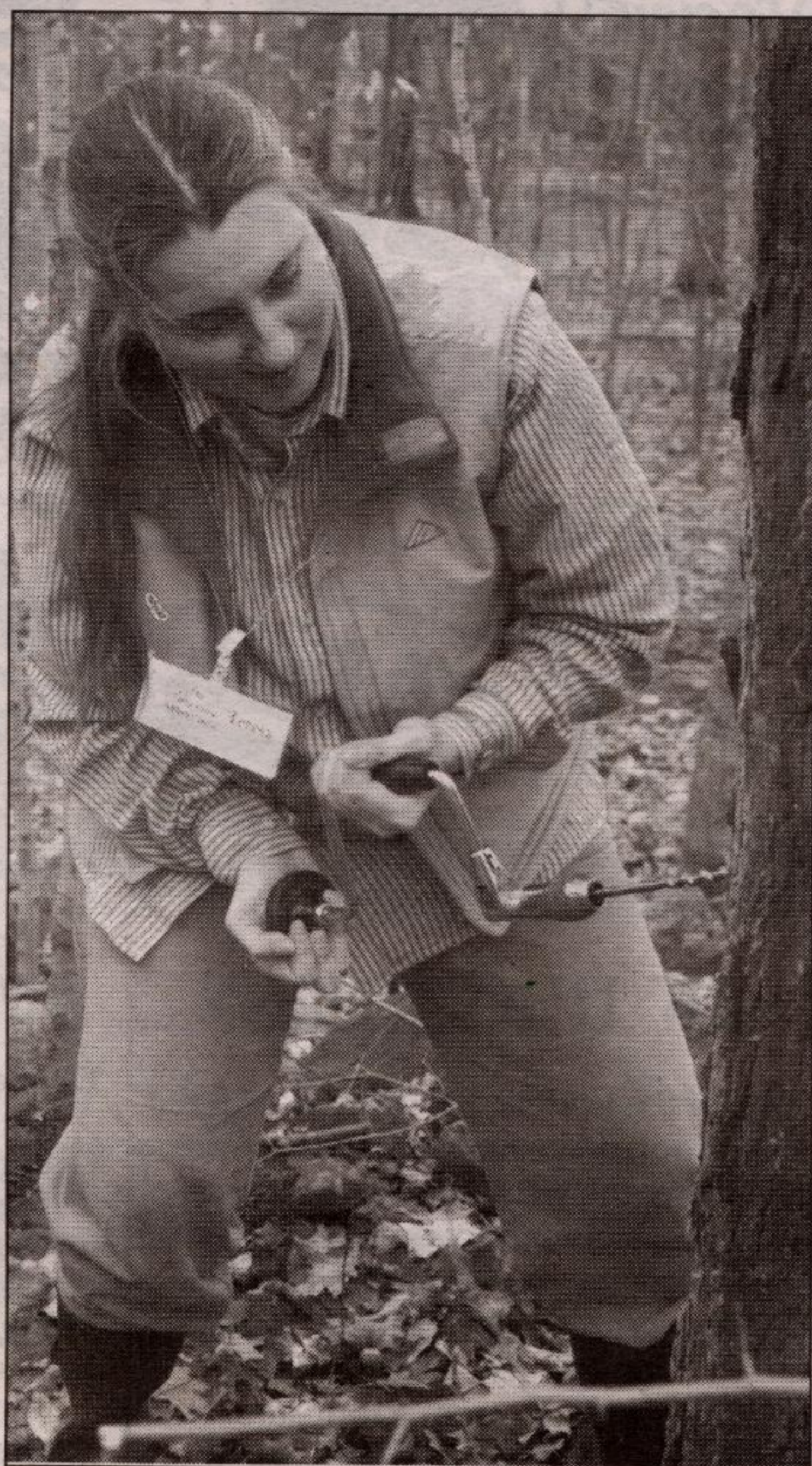




Mmmm, syrup

The sap is running at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area and sisters Shaina and Siobhon Weber, both 5, found the sticky stuff too good to resist. (Below) Nature Centre employee Teresa Rigg of Georgetown taps into a tree. The annual maple syrup festival, which ends March 26, attracts hundreds to Terra Cotta each year.

Photos by Christine Smyth



Halton to take part in asthma project

Halton residents may soon be able to breathe easier.

The region has been selected as one of five communities across Ontario to take part in a pilot project aimed at reducing asthma and asthma attacks in residents.

The 13-month long program will develop and distribute school curriculum materials and educational pamphlets and activities to local schools and child care centres.

A provincial grant of \$72,000 will allow the regional health department to work with agencies in Peel, Hamilton, Durham and Sudbury to develop materials to prevent and control asthma.

Asthma is the leading cause of hospitalization for children in Ontario and a significant cause of school and work absenteeism, according to a regional health department report.

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