

Obituaries

MR. REGINALD W. DOUGHERTY
Reginald W. Dougherty of 15933 Tuller Ave., Detroit, Mich., passed away suddenly at his home on Sun., March 28, 1971.

Mr. Dougherty was the beloved husband of the late, Minnie Lockhart, dear father of W.M.R. and Ella Mae, both of Detroit. He is survived by four grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Melvin Smelser (Gertrude) of Hagersville, Mrs. G. Walker (Gladys) of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Alex Duncan (Leah) of Jarvis.

Mrs. Edwin Parsons Gives Address At St. John's

March 21 was Mothering Sunday in the Anglican Church. This is an old English custom; something on the principle of Mother's Day. The women were in charge of the 11 a.m. service.

The order of service was taken by Mrs. Howard Mehlenbacher. The first lesson was read by Mrs. Maurice Hoover. Psalm 86 alternate verses were read by Miss Mary Murtlock. The second lesson was read by Mrs. Harry Sumner. The address was given by Mrs. Edwin Parsons. Mrs. Parsons outlined for us the Mother's role - in the home, school,

church and community, and quoted Proverbs 22, Verse 6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." She said this is an age of imagery and our images are out of focus. The closing quote was "What I am is God's gift to me, and what I become is my gift to God."

The rector announced that the young people were to meet at the rectory for the journey to Hamilton to attend an escorted tour of Christ's Church Cathedral, Mother Church of Niagara Diocese.

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Maple Syrup Time

Coming Events - Maple Syrup Festivals: April 10 - Belmore Maple Festival, Belmore; April 4 - Oxford Women's Institute, Geo. Jakeman's Bush, Sweaburg. MAPLE TREES AND MAPLE SYRUP -

The maple is Canada's national tree and, although about 150 species of maple are known, only ten are native to Canada. Several introduced species are planted as ornamental and street or roadside trees.

The maples are of outstanding commercial value and contribute valuable wood products to the economy. They also sustain the maple syrup and maple sugar industry, and who can forget their beauty in the landscape, particularly in the fall.

Although maple syrup and sugar can be made from the sap of silver, red, Manitoba and Norway maple, sugar (hard) maple is the chief species utilized in Canada for the production of maple products. In Ontario, about one million domestic sugar and vinegar supplies.

Maple syrup, with its distinctive maple flavor, is essentially a solution of sugar and water made by evaporating the sap of the sugar maple tree. Other maple products such as maple cream or butter, maple sugar and maple taffy are made by further processing maple syrup.

The sap of some sugar maple trees is sweeter than the sap of others and generally, open-grown trees with large full crowns are the best sap producers. Although "a sweet tree is always a sweet tree," sap sweetness varies during the season and from year to year. The yield of sap of a tree also varies considerably from year to year.

The sap of the average tree in a sugar bush has a sugar content of between two percent and three percent. Occasionally, a tree will produce sap with a sugar content of eight percent or more.

Sap of the sugar maple will flow any time after the tree has lost its leaves, from late fall until late spring, and when a period of below-freezing weather is followed by a period of warm weather. The sap will flow from a wound in the sapwood, whether the wound is from a cut, a hole bored in the tree, or a broken twig.

Tree tapping has changed from a gash in a tree made by a tomahawk or flint to holes carefully bored by a brace and bit or powered tapping drills. The spouts have changed from hollow reeds, shingles and wooden spiles to metal and plastic spouts used with plastic tubing.

Sap is no longer collected in birch bark or wooden troughs and buckets but in metal or plastic pails or plastic bags. Instead of collecting (gathering) sap by hand or with horses and tanks on sleds, sleighs or stone boats, many producers use tractors or trucks with appropriate collecting tanks mounted on trailers or the truck bodies. Plastic tubing is also used to collect and transport the sap from the tree to the storage tank at the sugar house.

The Indians evaporated the maple sap by dropping hot stones into the wooden troughs. The settlers introduced iron kettles to

the process and the modern flue-type evaporators evolved from the stove and open, flat pans. The boiling operations moved indoors. The making of maple syrup and other maple products is an art and involves a lot of work. Regardless of the equipment, it still takes 40-50 gallons of sugar maple sap to make one gallon of sugar maple syrup.

The emphasis is on cleanliness and sanitary conditions throughout in the production of maple products. Food and Drug regulations forbid the adulteration of maple products and the word "maple" may be used only on labels describing a pure maple product.

Although the maple syrup industry in Ontario has declined over the years, the Departments of Lands and Forests and Agriculture and Food, along with the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association, are

actively promoting the industry. Maple products are an important part of the economy and in 1970, poor sap-producing years about 182,000 gallons of maple sugar were produced with a farm value of approximately \$1,285,000.

When you next visit a sugar bush or sugar house attend a Maple Festival, enjoy maple syrup pancakes, remember drops of sap from maple trees started a whole unique process. Another product of renewable natural resources.

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Minimum Wages 1971

Labour Minister Gordon Carton today issued a reminder to all employers that the general minimum wage in Ontario increases to \$1.65 an hour on April 1. The increase places Ontario's minimum wage on the same level as the present federal minimum wage.

The construction rate currently at \$1.75 increases to \$1.90.

The general student rate will be \$1.30.

The minimum rate for the hotel, motel, tourist resort, restaurant and tavern industry will be \$1.65. There will be one exception. Assistant bell captains,

bellmen, doormen, waiters, bus boys and waitresses will receive the new minimum wage of \$1.65 on October 1, 1971.

The new rates are the second step in the minimum wage increases announced last year. At that time, the minimum hourly wage was raised from \$1.30 to \$1.50 starting last October with the second increase to \$1.65 to become effective April 1.

Rockford Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Don Chambers and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chambers of Renton.

Ivan Hall is still confined to St. Joseph's Hospital, Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Priest have returned from a three week holiday in Florida. Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kenny were Mrs. Wm. Brown of Tyrrell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harper of Cooksville, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cosley of Port Dover and Mr. and Mrs. John Hill and Cheryl of Delhi.

Births

ARMSTRONG - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Armstrong of RR 5, Cayuga are happy to announce the arrival of a baby boy on March 23 at West Haldimand Hospital, Hagersville.

MEADE - Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Meade of RR 3, Port Dover, wish to announce the birth of a baby girl, Tiffany, on March 24 at West Haldimand Hospital.

PATKO - Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patko of Selkirk are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl Julie Denise on March 28 in West Haldimand Hospital, first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Eric Valcour and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patko Sr.

LITTLE - Betty Ann joyously announces the arrival of her baby brother Gary Edward on March 21, 1971 weighing 7 lbs 14 oz. The proud parents are Ted and Sharon.

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