

# A Visit To Hugh Clark's Log Cabin

by Mrs. E. Sider  
Situating on the Indian Line near Nelles Corners is a unique touch of the early days of Haldimand County. Surrounded by a rail fence, and prominently displayed, is a huge iron kettle, you enter the 1867 replica of a farmers log cabin. On your way into the cabin you will be confronted by a boot scraper, a gadget to remove the mud and dirt from the outside before entering on the veranda, a grain cradle, an old fashioned rocking chair, and "THE WOOD SHED" at the far end. You knock and walk in to be greeted by the friendly occupants Hugh and Coral Clark. A glowing fire in the

fire place and hung on the typical pioneer iron rod or sway hangs a huge coffee pot with steaming coffee, or as in the case of yesterday an iron pot with home made vegetable soup, the aroma tantalizing your appetite, which by the way Coral told me she had spent most of Saturday preparing and cutting up the vegetables for this soup. You are treated to a cup of this soup while you listen to Mr. Clark explain a new addition, one recently received from Fenwick, the gift of an interested friend, another brought back from Kentucky two weeks ago, still another from Tennessee.

## "Pancakes In The Sugar Bush" A Success

It seemed like "old home week" at the Peart sugar bush last Saturday and Sunday. Visitors were there from every county in southern Ontario, and from as far away as Utrecht, Holland; Hamilton; New Zealand; and Montreal, P.Q. More than 1200 servings of pancakes were flipped and Maple syrup poured out to as many guests who accepted the invitation to the "spring picnic."

Streams of booted hikers on their way to the sugar shack were met by streams of satisfied customers returning to their cars. As they crossed the fields they could hear meadowlarks, robins, killdeers and redwings, recently returned from the south, adding their fresh, new, notes to the chorus of the year round residents - the crows, blue jays and cardinals, and of course sparrows and starlings.

A closer look, revealed grasses and clovers greening beneath the mud and patches of snow. In the Hardwood bush, delicate colors were making the scene - the swelling brown buds of the Alder, the smooth grey trunks of the Beeches, the reddening bark of the Dogwood.

But the flowing sap of the Maple was of special interest. It could be seen through the clear plastic tubes connected to spiles inserted into the small holes drilled into the trunks of the trees. This water, juice from 900 trees was headed by gravity flow, to an underground tank near the

"sugar shack." When enough sap had been collected it was moved by pipes to the evaporating boiler. Only nature can regulate the flow of the sap. Warm, sunny days and frosty nights yield the best run. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of delicious syrup. The color of the syrup depends on the length of time between leaving the tree and boiling. The shortest time makes for the lightest color.

A special thermometer, which must be watched carefully indicates the 219 degrees necessary to boil a

## Enrollment Ceremony For Jarvis Guides

At the regular Jarvis Girl Guide meeting held on March 31 an enrollment ceremony was held. The three patrols first formed the ceremonial Horseshoe. The Patrol leader of the Canary Patrol then presented Peggy Easton to Guide Captain, Mrs. Robert Sherk. After promising to do her duty to God, the Queen and Country, to help others every day and to obey the Guide Law, Peggy was welcomed into the sisterhood of guides by Mrs. Sherk.

The patrol leader of the Bluebirds then brought forward Sandra Dossier, Laurie McElhinney, and Karen Goddard individually, for their enrollment.

The Scarlet Tanager patrol had one new Girl Guide, Cheryl Nelligan. Unable to be enrolled, due to illness, was Jean Reu.

The meeting closed with the Guide Prayer and Taps.

You have visited the Clarks before and say you would not expect to see anything new, but Hugh always has it, something else something unique. As guests arrive and chat in the atmosphere of this homey hospitality Mr. Clark sits down to the early 19th Century organ and plays several hymns, - a pause and a cause reverend and young singing with an informal hymn sing with the combined voices of old and young singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" or the "Old Rugged Cross." You'll find Mr. Clark explaining the various

(unknown to this generation) - articles keeping up the interest of his guests while Mrs. Clark does a demonstration of weaving upstairs when she has time after her guests hospitality soup or coffee. If you stay long enough and wish to visit the caboose alongside the cabin, you will find an interesting collection of carpenter's tools and railroad equipment. If you think as I find an historical sketch of an 1862 building. There you will find the story of the Gill church with its history of members along with the pastors and a picture inserted of the church, - this church is now a part of Cheapside.

Hugh and Coral Clark have sponsored this project and while you see LaTourneau's huge earthmoving machine in the driveway, and believe Hugh has "made it rich, your glimpse at a "plea," a one dollar, and a sympathetic note from a friend, enclosed and framed, will tell you that Hugh just hasn't made it and he has well nigh "Broke" himself to share his project with everyone who comes to visit, no charge, no offering box, no plea for entrance fee, is evident, you sign the register and are invited to "take one" of his post cards with Coral and Hugh by the comfortable open fire place.

This is a place of attraction for tourists, home town and country folk indicated by the 68 guests who visited them on April 4, open only on the first Sunday of each month for guests. Such hospitality and sharing makes you want to return again and again. Members of the Golden Horse Shoe and Antique Club they have done and given much to Haldimand County from the wealth of their time, talent and knowledge. A museum place second to none, a joy to visit and a lasting tribute to Haldimand County's Centennial year. Haldimand County, home of rugged pioneers has too little on display of those who pioneered in the 1780-1850 period and CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE of opening up this great County - our heritage.

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