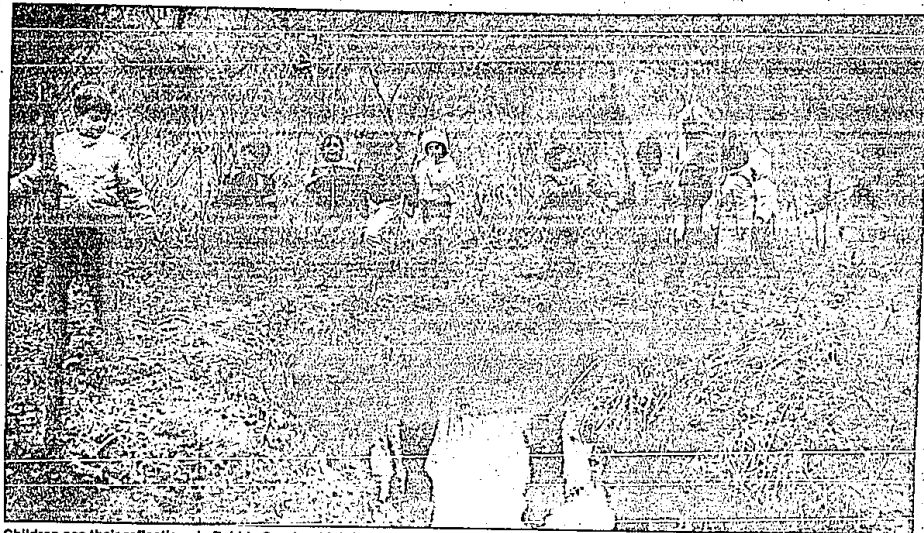


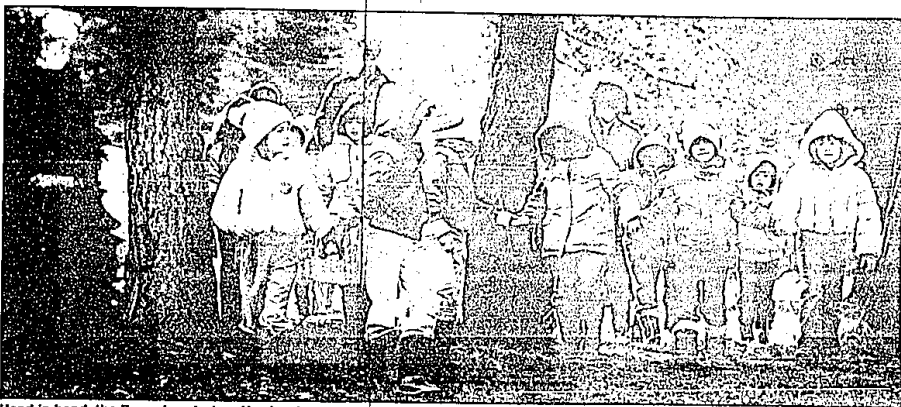


RANDY BORDT/staff photographer

Fred Harrison drills a maple tree while members of Brownies troop watch. Harrison has about 50 maple trees on his property.



Children see their reflections in Pebble Creek, which flows through Harrison's eight-acres of wooded land in the Nine Mile-Middlebelt area of Farmington Hills.



Hand in hand, the Brownies start on Harrison's quarter-mile nature walk which leads through a valley.

Nature on tap

A local troop of Brownies found a sure sign of spring last Thursday over on Fred Harrison's spread in the south of Farmington Hills.

The sap was running from most of the 50 maple trees which grace Harrison's eight acres in the Nine Mile-Middlebelt area, and the 20-plus girls got to see Harrison tap one of them.

The girls were also treated to Harrison's quarter-mile "nature walk" along a valley through which Pebble Creek flows.

"I think they got the biggest kick out of seeing me put the spail in the tree and seeing the sap run out," said Harrison, a 74-year-old retired salesman. They got a lot of coos and ahs out of that.

"They seemed to enjoy the trip down the valley, too. They're coming back in May when the wild flowers are out."

THE SAP-TO-SYRUP—process begins when a 2½-3 inch hole is drilled into the tree trunk with a brace and drill. A hollow metal spout is inserted

and the sap flows into a hanging bucket.

As the sap rises and flows during the frosty days and nights of March, it is boiled down over an open fire. Most of the fluid boils down to the bottom of the container, and what's left is maple syrup.

The syrup's typical flavor and coloring develop during this processing.

Last year, Harrison tapped most of his 50 maple trees.

"That's a little more sap than I wanted to contend with," he said. "It's quite a slow process. You have to boil down anywhere from 45 to 55 gallons of sap in order to get one gallon of syrup."

Harrison poured some of this season's sap into small bottles so that the girls could sample the drippings.

The maples were there when Harrison bought the property and moved in back in 1939.

"About 35 years ago, I planted thousands of evergreens on the property," he said. "A lot of them are 60 and 70 feet high now."

INSIDE ANGLES

Know someone doing something notable? Let us know. Write: Inside Angles, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024.

KUDOS to David Casaroli and Dwayne Kratt, Farmington High School Juniors, for an outstanding job of coaching the 1984 Boys Youth Basketball program through the Farmington Hills Parks & Recreation Department. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Casaroli, and Dwayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kratt, both members of the Falcon's Varsity Basketball team, are saluted by all the parents and players of the fourth and fifth grade "Bulls" squad.

STACEY A. KUGLER, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kugler of Farmington Hills, has been named to the president's list for winter term at Northwood Institute in Midland. To achieve president's list recognition, students must earn a 4.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

DAVID FINNEY and Jerry Maxwell, history teachers at North Farmington High School, teamed up to win the Civil War Shootout Competition at Greenfield Village. For winning this competition, they received a trophy.

STEPHEN ECONOMY is on the countdown to April 8 when International Institute celebrates its 65th anniversary with an International Dance Festival in Northland. The Farmington Hills resident is chairman of the event that brings together the culture and traditions of five continents. The international decorations spread throughout Northland this week are the forerunners to the three-hour/evening international extravaganza of the best ethnic performing groups and chefs in the metro area. Tickets are \$12.50, available by calling the institute at 871-8600, and at all Hudson's ticket offices.

NANCY WHITEMORE of Farmington Hills and a junior at Washington University in St. Louis was recognized at the Annual Engineers' Banquet on March 17 for winning the National AICHE Outstanding Sophomore Award for 1983. Nancy's academic and extra-curricular achievements include five quarters on the dean's list, vice president of the Alpha Phi Sorority and membership in Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society.

LEW SCHULMAN, superintendent of Farmington Public Schools, was the spokesman for this area in a meeting called to tell of the school's

policies toward religious practices. The session was hosted by the Community Relations Committee of Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit and was hosted as being "a comfortable exchange for better understanding" between public school representatives and the Jewish community.

ATTENTION, ALUMNI: Mercy College of Detroit Hites its alumni to "Come home" for the 1984 Alumni Reunion, scheduled for Saturday, April 7. Ticket price is \$12.50. For additional information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 592-6114.

MICHEL EDWARD PANETTA, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Panetta of Farmington Hills, has been admitted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, class of 1988. Michael is an honor student at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and a class officer. He was captain of the swim team, captain of a Pep Squad, vice president of the Varsity Club, and chairman of the school's Big Brothers. Michael played varsity football for three years and hopes to play light-weight football at West Point. He is a candidate for the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC Scholarship programs and was a candidate at a Coast Guard Academy and the Naval Academy. He received nominations to West Point from Sen. Phil Levin and Rep. William Broomfield. He will enter the Military Academy in July.

KARA ANN MORRIS, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morris of Farmington Hills was recently crowned North America Jr. Teen Southeastern Michigan in New Boston by North African Productions and Promotions. Kara has been modeling for North American Productions since she was 3 years old and holds several other titles of them: Little Miss Michigan 1979. While in New Boston, she was also crowned Jr. Miss Teen Sophisticate Model. She will be competing in the coming national convention at the Holiday Inn in Ivonia for the titles of Jr. Teen Northern United States and Jr. Teen National Model conducted by a North American Pageant System and Production April 6, 7 and 8. She is being sponsored by Innova's Salon on 12 Mile Road.

EVERN MEEHAN of Farmington was one of 48 Wayne County Department of Social Services employees honored recently for 10 or more years of service in the social work field. She was cited for 13 years of service and is an administrative service section manager in the WDCSS office. The award was presented by Wayne County Social Services Board chairwoman Mrs. Charles Whitten at a reception in the Michigan Plaza.

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