## Sugaring Off Time Is Delicious

By ELLY
When the last snowdrift
melts away and there's frostat night but it's warm by
day, suddenly you know -somewhere they're sugaringoff

off.
They tell me it's all plastic they tell me it's all plastic hoses and automatic evapo-rators now. In memory it's a sugar shanty set deep in the woods and weathered to a soft silver gray. And there's the smell of wood smoke and sweet steaming sap. And there's that wonderful

sweet steaming sap.
And there's that wonderful day at the end of the season, the Sunday when everyone comes, cousins, aunts, uncless, friends and neighbors. Turkey, platters filled with clear amber "taity" are set outdoors to speed their cooling. There are maple sugar cakes in fancy iron molds. And every year, Cousin Belle's husband, Finley Wilk-inson, does what no one else could ever do. He drinks a whole disper full of the fresh maple syrup saying it is his spring tonic.

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There's a skinny little city and everybody there, running out to check the taify at mine out to check the taify at the same constitution.

least 10 times before it is "set."

The predictions, "She's going to get pneumonia, running in and out like that," never came true.

The old-fashioned glamour of the sugar season may be gone but if you are lucky enough to have some pure maple syrup there are many ways to use it other than on pancakes and waffles cakes and waffles. MAPLE SYRUP PIE

MAPLE SYR
1 c. maple syrup
½ c. water
3 T. cornstarch
2 T. cold water
2 T. butter

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oven for 25 to 30 minutes
MAPLE FUDGE
1 c. mapie syrup
3 c. light brown sugar
1 c. white sugar
2 T. baking powder
2 c. half and half
Pinch of salt
1 T. butter
2 T. vanilla

Chopped nuts (Optional)

Place all ingredients ex-cept the last three in a large saucepan. Cook over medium cept the last three in a large saucepan. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly. The syrup will swell at the beginning but will go down. Cook until soft ball stage or until a candy thermometer reaches 240 degrees. Let the fudge cool, then add the butter, vanilla and the nuts. Spread into a buttered pan. This will make two pounds.

SUGAR SHANTY COOKIES 1 c. shortening

1 c. maple syrup
1 egg
1 egg
1 t. salt
2 t. baking powder
½ c. raisins
1½ c. oatmeal
1 t. nutmeg
¼ c. milk

1.t. nutmeg
% c. milk, chopped
These cookies may be
made with bacon or ham fat
substituted for the shortening. Toasting the catmeal in
the oven adds to the flavor.
Place the shortening, maple
syrup and egg in a bowl and
beat until creamy. Sift together, flour, sail and baking
powder. Add catmeal, raisins
and nutmeg. Add the milk
and the nuts. Blend this mixture thoroughly with the and the nuts. Blend this mixture thoroughly with the
creamed mixture. Drop by
teaspoon onto a greased
cookie sheet. Bake in a 375degree oven for 15 minutes.
Makes four to five dozen
cookies.

HAM SLICE

1 ham slice, 1½ inches thick
Whole Cloves
21, dry mestart

2 t. dry mustard 2 t. lemon juice

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