

## Girl Harvesters Save the Syrup

Women who have displayed such amazing versatility during this war have pinch-hit for men with customary efficiency in the maple sugar industry. A typical example was the work of coeds from the University of New Hampshire who gathered sap on the farm of Samuel Smith in Gilford, N. H. Farmer Smith and his clan of 9 children and 13 grandchildren formed the nucleus of the coed army which harvested sap from hundreds of maple trees. It takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. New Hampshire was the sixth ranking state in production of maple syrup. These photos show the harvesters at work.



Victory Parade

Oxen are still used to haul sap tanks on sleds at the Smith farm. In the background are some members of the Smith family with a few of the college girls who helped collect the sweet liquid.



Smith shows Dorothy Keefe how to tap. He bores a hole that holds a spile through which sap runs into a bucket. This is how the bucket hangs under spiles. It is held by hooks. Hundreds of containers are hung by the gatherers.



Top: Sap, as it comes from the trees, is crystal clear. Top right: Three coeds pour their contributions into the sap gathering tank. When the tank is filled, the fluid is boiled down to evaporate all but the syrup. Right: A full tank reaches the sugar house and its contents are strained through cloth as the sap goes to the sugaring house. Below: A "sugaring off" party. Youths sample syrup cooked into a soft ball.



Evelyn Laraba didn't wait for the "sugaring off" party. She sampled the maple sugar as it came from the tree.

## TO YOUR Good Health

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON  
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### MENTAL PATIENTS

It has been very gratifying to see the number of young mental patients cured by the shock method—insulin, metrazol and electric. This treatment has been very successful in what is called recent cases; that is, the symptoms have been present for not more than a year. It comes, then, as a pleasant surprise to learn that the shock treatment is successful in many older patients.

In the American Journal of Psychiatry, Dr. V. L. Evans reports the results obtained by bringing on convulsions in people who are elderly and often in poor physical condition. There were 50 patients with mental or behavior disabilities treated with electric and metrazol shock. Of these patients 17 were over 60 and 5 over 70 years of age. No patient was refused convulsive shock treatment because of the physical risks involved. Some of the patients possessed physical abnormalities besides being older than most cases treated by this method. Seven were greatly undernourished. Four were exhausted from excitement and physical overactivity at the time the treatment was started.

Most of the cases had failed to respond to other methods of treatment and it seemed almost certain that there was no chance of recovery unless some severe or drastic treatment was given.

Of the 50 patients treated, 21 recovered, 19 improved and 10 were unimproved.

When we remember the age, the physical condition, the length of time these cases had been afflicted, and the fact that all had received the usual methods of treatment without benefit, the results of the shock treatment must be considered remarkable.

Dr. Evans' conclusion is that, although the risks seem to be great, the complications are remarkably low.

### Kidney Ills Related To Blood Pressure

As high blood pressure is responsible for most cases of heart stroke (coronary thrombosis) and brain stroke (apoplexy) all over the world, research physicians are studying methods of reducing or controlling high blood pressure.

That there is a definite relation between congested kidneys and high blood pressure has been well established by American and European physicians. In the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. I. H. Paige and his co-workers claimed that from a study of animals and men they were able to extract a substance from normal kidneys that can reduce blood pressure. Drs. H. Goldblatt, J. R. Kahn and H. A. Lewis in Archives of Surgery, state that it is lack of oxygen in the blood supplying a kidney or kidneys that is a big factor in causing high blood pressure.

In addition to the work of the above physicians, other physicians are of the belief that the time is not far distant when high blood pressure will be controlled by substances obtained from the healthy kidney.

Until some medical or gland treatment of high blood pressure is found, some physicians are advising surgical treatment in cases that are becoming rapidly dangerous to life.

What is the surgical treatment of high blood pressure? Surgical treatment is cutting the nerve roots of certain nerves.

In their book, "The Autonomic Nervous System," Drs. J. C. White and R. Smithwick give a review of the results of the surgical treatment in their own clinic, the Mayo Clinic, Ann Arbor and Cleveland.

In their own series, Drs. White and Smithwick obtained good results in 65 per cent of 26 cases.

Dr. G. Crile, Cleveland, operated on 213 cases by removing large bundles of nerve roots from each side. Of 61 of these cases followed for three or more years, the blood pressure was reduced by 20 points in 78 per cent, by 40 points in more than 43 per cent, by 75 points in 7 per cent.

In Dr. M. M. Peet's 290 cases undergoing surgical operation, the blood pressure fell to normal in about 12 per cent, good results were obtained in over 7 per cent and fair results in over 50 per cent.

In such a serious operation, the death rate in all these operations is low, running from 2 to 5 per cent.

### QUESTION BOX

Q.—What are the symptoms and cure for Addison's disease?  
A.—Great muscular weakness, bronzing skin, stomach and mental symptoms. I know of no cure—rest, injections of adrenal extract help.

Q.—Do only elderly people contract rheumatic fever?  
A.—Rheumatic fever is prevalent in young people and often presents a serious situation, as damage to the heart is permanent.

## Star Dust

By VIRGINIA VALE  
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THE talented folk responsible for the Inner Sanctum thrillers (Saturday evenings, CBS) are hoping the police won't think they're prophets. A while ago their weekly sketch was called "The Candlestick Murders"—a few days later one of New York's most shocking murders took place, when a young woman was killed with a candlestick. Soon afterward the city was horrified when many of the pigeons that fly about St. Patrick's cathedral (near the CBS studio) were poisoned—that week the Inner Sanctum mystery was "The Bird of Doom," and had Laird Cregar, of the movies, poisoning pigeons. It begins to look as if somebody around there had a crystal ball.

A large amount of money, time and labor was spent on the dream sequences of "Lady in the Dark," but they couldn't possibly be lovelier or more dream-like than those in the Claudette Colbert-Fred Mac-



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Murray "No Time for Love." That hilarious comedy bears a striking resemblance to the story of the Ginger Rogers picture, and deserves to be rated among the year's top productions.

At the suggestion of Bette Davis, star of the picture, Warner Bros. have changed the name of Douglas Drake to Johnny Mitchell, the name of the character he plays in "Mr. Skeffington." Gig Young also was named from a film character, his role in "The Gay Sisters."

On Broadway service men stand in line to get into "Destination Tokyo," along with the rest of the public. The picture was just as popular during its recent one-week run at the Mare Island naval hospital, San Francisco. Because many patients could not be moved to the hospital theater, a 16-mm. print was screened in wards and sick rooms.

"The Song of Bernadette" is an impressive picture; it was done beautifully, reverently, with dignity. Jennifer Jones, new to the screen, seems to have been perfectly cast as the heroine; many of the best actors and actresses in the theater and the motion pictures are in the cast, and all have given their best.

Paramount had a problem in "The Uninvited." The star-spangled cast includes Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey, Donald Crisp and Gail Russell. But there had to be an unseen actress who moans and weeps heartbrokenly in the night, filling the hearts of you and me and the rest of the audience with cold terror. She's the ghost of a Spanish gypsy girl. Betty Farrington got the role.

Quite a deal, the one by which RKO will release the star-studded product of the new International Pictures, Inc., representing one of the strongest independent organizations of producers, writers, directors and stars in Hollywood. Lined up are Gary Cooper, Sonja Henie, Edward G. Robinson, Teresa Wright, Dinah Shore, Frank Morgan, and other headliners. The first picture will be "Casanova Brown," costarring Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright.

"Your America," the first coast-to-coast program sponsored by a railroad (NEC Saturdays), is that rare thing, something new in radio programs, taking us behind the scenes of railroad operation. Music is provided by an orchestra and a chorus, both composed of workers for the railroad, and there are dramatic stories by Nelson Olmsted.

Hope you've already formed the habit of listening to Walter Pidgeon's new radio series, "The Star and the Story," which bowed in on February 6. He presents first ranking actors in the vehicles that skyrocketed them to fame.

ODDS AND ENDS—F. Hugh Herbert's "Meet Corliss Archer" will become a movie for Columbia Pictures... Frances Langford and Barbara Jo Allen (Vera Vague) have signed for two pictures a year with RKO... A Liberators bomber in the South Pacific is named "Lili 'n Chester Morris" for the actor and his wife... Usually cast as a Nazi soldier, Helmut Dantine appears as a Frenchman in Humphrey Bogart's "Passage to Marseille"... It'll be William Bendix versus Dennis O'Keefe, a sergeant and a corporal in the marines, in "Aboard With Two Yanks"... Bob Trout was married on July 4th—a date he'll remember.

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ASK ME ANOTHER? A General Quiz

The Questions

1. Are the redwood trees of California the oldest in the world?
2. What is the largest city in Canada?
3. At the beginning of World War I, how many airplanes did our armed forces have?
4. Who wrote: "He prayeth best who loveth best all things both great and small"?
5. When a broom is carried atop a submarine, what does it mean?
6. Was there such a person as the Wandering Jew?

The Answers

1. The junipers of the Sierra Nevada are still older.
2. Montreal, 50 square miles.
3. But 55, with 25 flying officers.
4. Samuel Coleridge.
5. When subs come in from a patrol they carry a broom to indicate a clean sweep of the area.
6. No. He was a legendary person of the Middle Ages. One story is that he insulted Christ as He bore His cross to Calvary, and Christ told him that he must remain until He should come again.

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