

ISCHUA VALLEY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE RURAL RAMBLER

Darrin Cornell sent us a copy of a small newspaper he found in Cuba. The date is April 1941 and contains school and neighborhood news, and the ads from long-gone merchants. Lyndon District No. 4 had a teacher named Mary Dziekonski and she submitted a short essay from her pupil Dorothy Clayson, Grade 4, Age 10. Below is that essay.

MY TRIP TO THE SUGAR BUSH

I went to the sugar bush and watched the men make maple syrup. First, they tapped the trees and had driven spouts into the bored holes and then hung the buckets. After the buckets were full of sap, they gathered the sap into a sap tub and then emptied it into a storage tank outside the sugar house.

Next there is a pipe running from the tank to the pans of the evaporator over the arch. The sap boils until it is thick enough for the syrup. Then it is run off and strained. Then it is ready to be canned.

It has to be boiled longer to become maple syrup, and has to be stirred quite hard.