

SUGAR CAMPS

Winifred Smith
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Some of the young people that she remembered in the Sevastopol community were: Max, Blanche and Ray Smith, Arnold and Ralph "Jakie" Jefferies, Lucille (Jefferies) Fisher, Ruth Igo, Thelma Eherenman, Ed and Lester Creakbaum, Doris (Creakbaum) Feldman.

Arnold and Jakie lived down the track from Smiths - where Valentines lived later. Arnold was about the age of Max. Ruth Igo lived with Grandpa Creakbaum. Bill Jackson had Sevastopol store then.

She had heard some of these young people talk of getting together at the sugar camp. They enjoyed standing around the fire, boiling down candy and roasting chicken.

That was in the early 1920's or before. She doesn't remember Ora Smith making maple syrup after she was married in 1928.

In more recent years there was a sugar camp west of Sycamore.

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Ora Smith's sugar camp was in Grandma's woods (across the road from Delta Smeltzer's). He used metal spiles and wooden buckets. He had a shack in the woods for cooking the syrup. He had a pan 4x8x1 feet set on bricks, about two foot up. The fire was built under this. The chimney was at the other end.

An old white horse, named Dutch, pulled the sled with a barrel on it, to collect the sugar water.

Sometimes the boys had a cookout at the shack. They took chicken or eggs to boil. Blanche remembered making taffy and roast chicken.

Lloyd Rickel had a camp at Ollie Sarber's, west of Sevastopol. Kelly's camp was west of Howard Chamberlains.

Jessie(Gill) Tucker taught school at Sevastopol. Chet Smith was in her first grade class.

Sevastopol Band played at Mrs. Washington Bybee's 70th birthday party on October 3, 1883.