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Naval Reservists to Train in California

Lt. John D. Ames, Jr., 2287 Windemere road, a pilot, will help fly 46 Naval Air reservists to California on Sunday, Feb. 14 from the Grossie He Naval Air station. They are members of the Reserve Transport Squadron 782, who are going to San Diego to perform their annual two weeks training duty.

Lt. Ansey, a World War II veteran, was a member of the patrol squadron at the air station when he was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict. After his release from active service he rejoined the reserve program.

To buy or sell a used automobile, read and use Eccentric Classified Ads.



COLONEL WILLIAM V. OWEN (right), whose wife is the former Alice Villiam of Birmingham, is congratulated as he receives a certificate of achievement in Germany from Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, Col. Owen, a member of the NATO Defense college staff in Paris, was cited for his work as corps transportation officer during the last half of 1953. A veteran of service in World War II, he holds the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star medal, Commendation ribbon and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign ribbon.

Fire Department Reports Losses For January

Total damage by fires in Birmingham during January was estimated at \$575, according to a report by Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith.

A breakdown of the report shows that damage to buildings amounted to \$225 while damage to building contents was \$353.

No general alarms were recorded for the month, although the department was called out 22 times by silent alarm for fires and fire investigations.

SIX FIRST AID runs were made in addition to the fire runs. There were also miscellaneous runs, and one false alarm was answered for a total of 31 runs.

Department trucks traveled a total of 77.8 miles going to fires and 815 gallons of water were pumped.

The department, which also cares for the city's water system, reports that a total of 47,122,600 gallons of water were pumped from the city's wells during January. Cost of pumping this water was figured at \$779.08.

Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

TOTAL VALUATION	3	\$2,700
Alterations	Number	Valuation
Single family	3	2,700
Mo. Permits	1954	1953 Per-
Jan. 26	1,384,500	1,148,600

Parking Discussion To Await Completion Of Studies by City

A proposed meeting between city representatives and those from the merchants group seeking off-street parking facilities in the southwest quadrant of downtown Birmingham business section will wait until city parking studies in that area are completed.

Mayor Ralph A. Main and E. E. Rothman, who represents the merchants group, agreed to this course following an exchange of letters last week.



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Maple Sugar Story Told by Botanist

Ceremonial dances in honor of the "Maple Moon" have declined with the Iroquois, but mid-February is still a time of celebration from Vermont to Wisconsin as sap begins to rise in the maple trees.

Maple sugaring is as North American as turkey, according to Dr. Marion T. Hall, a botanist at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

During the flow season, which might last from nine to 50 days, the Iroquois slashed the maples, collected the "tree-water" in bark buckets, emptied it into crude receptacles, and boiled it by repeatedly dropping in hot stones.

Making 40 kinds of "syrup" was one of many uses to which the Indians put the syrup and sugar. They would combine syrup with an equal quantity of corn meal, and form little cakes which were light and nourishing during long trips.

Gradually, as white men learned the Indians' custom, sugar making became refined. Auger-holes came to be used instead of slashes. Metal spouts are now run from the holes to tin or iron buckets. A tractor or team pulls a one-bob sled carrying a metal tank into which the buckets are emptied.

AMONG SUGAR trees the maple (genus Acer) is the king. The best kinds for sugar production are the hard or sugar maple found from New England to Wisconsin, and the black maple extending from the southwestern area of Wisconsin to south-central Minnesota. The best stands of sugar maple are those of the Great Lakes Area, the St. Lawrence Valley, and New England. In these regions, "sugaring" is particularly profitable.

"Sugaring" is confined exclusively to northern and northeastern America because here the flow season is prolonged by severe winters, deep freezing of the soil, heavy blankets of ice or snow, and extreme differences between day and night temperatures.

The time for sugar making varies with the climate. Sap can be converted into edible syrup beginning with the first spring thaw until the first leaf-buds open. But the best syrup is made from sap collected just after spring thaws, for then sap is sweetest.

GROVES OF maples, about 40 years old before ready for tapping, are called "the sugar bush" by farmers. The best sugar bushes are usually situated on steep rocky slopes and have the trees widely spaced to permit the development of large crowns. A sugar bush must

be designed to include trees of all ages, and these must be so distributed that the younger trees replace old ones which have ceased to yield sap. The goal is 20 to 30 large-crowned trees to the acre.

As soon as conditions are right in the spring, there is a flow of sap lasting an average of about 30 days. The sap usually consists of about 90 per cent water, 2 to 6 per cent sucrose and a fractional percent dissolved minerals.

Sweetness of sap depends on the amount of sugar, starch and other carbohydrates photosynthesized in the leaves during the growing season and stored in the wood and bark of roots, trunk and branches.

New Books at the Baldwin Library

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 BENSON—Target in Taffeta
 FORBES—Rainbow on the Road
 KENT—With Kithen Privileges
 WESTWORTH—Vanishing Point
 PSYCHOLOGY
 ASHLEY—MONTAGUE—On Being
 Little Women
 RELIGION
 L'AMOURLETTE—History of
 Christianity
 SOCIAL SCIENCES
 SMITH—The Stepchild
 HUGLINS—Family Finance
 Trials of War Criminals before the
 Nuremberg Military Tribunal
 HARTLEY—Tidehills Oil Controversy
 CARTER—American Government and
 its Work
 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY—College
 Program in Action
 SCIENCES—USEFUL ARTS
 DANIELS—Mature Woman
 Conferences on Drug Addiction
 ROBERTSON—Meat Cookbook
 JENSEN—Symbols, Signs and Signals
 YESSER—Asiatic Art
 ROSEN—Radio Reproductions
 ROTHE—At Pencil's Point
 VERNA—Weathered Collection of
 English Checks
 AMERICAN—Louis XVI Furniture
 CEZANNE—Water Colours
 WENSTON—Master as an Art
 MATTELLI—Variety Music Cavalcade
 YOUNG—Great Negro Baseball Stars
 LITERATURE
 STUBBS—Homestead of the Americas
 TRAVEL—BIOGRAPHY—HISTORY
 Intellectuals
 FAYERS—Shame and Glory of the
 William Howard Hunt
 HARTLEY—John Colton Dana
 RIDER—Melvil Dewey
 HONEY—Eden's Guest
 JELIFFE—For Dear Life
 LANSKY—All Done from Memory
 GARRATT—Henry Cabot Lodge
 CHRY—The Wolf Hours
 ROSSITER—Sustenance of the Republic
 DONALD—Bridges we Fought
 DEEMON—Famous Chicago
 YOUNG MODERN COLLECTION
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