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**REALITY NOW**

**Memories Of Syrup**

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One stalk of sugar cane planted by Gates D. Inman a few years ago on a dare has resulted in what may be Denton's newest business.

This week Inman is turning out several hundred gallons of high grade ribbon cane syrup from his own mill just off the Dallas Expressway on Denton's Southwest side.

**ALL THE** syrup will be from three acres of cane he raised on his Denton place, plus a small amount raised in the east side of Garza-Little Elm Reservoir.

Inman started Thursday squeezing the juice from the cane and cooking it into syrup. He took a few days from his regular job at Convoir in Fort Worth to do the work.

Three men are helping with the operation which Inman thinks will continue through Monday. When he is finished he hopes to have about 500 gallons, which he is selling for \$2.80 a gallon or 70 cents a quart.

"I raised the first cane here a few years ago when I gave a stalk to my grandbaby," Inman said about his start in the business. "No one thought it would grow."

**THE NEXT YEAR** he planted a 75 foot row and the next year a quarter of an acre. He had the cane made into syrup in Winnesboro last year.

Seeing the possibility of making a good profit out of the cane, he planted nearly three acres in sandy land on his place this year and irrigated it twice from a nearby pond. A few weeks ago he built his own mill which looks very much like the small ones in the sugar country in the eastern part of the state.

When he started cooking Thursday, many onlookers remarked, "I haven't seen one of these since I was a kid in East Texas."

That is where Inman also saw his first sugar mill. He is a third generation sugar raiser who first saw his grandfather tending the cooker on a small mill.

**THE COOKER** consists of a large pan containing several bars around which the juice must pass as it is cooked and escapes the other end into a container. The last stage of the cooking is done under the watchful eye of Inman, himself.

"You can tell by the bubbles when the juice is cooked," he explained. "When they burst uniformly and consistently it is cooking fine, but when they start to pop the syrup is done."

Helping Inman with the cooking is Claude Hollins, minister of the Prairie Street Church of Christ. He learned about syrup making from his step-father who was a "sap cooking" in the East Texas sugar cane country.

**ALSO WORKING** at the mill are R. C. Winfrey, who learned about sugar cane in his native Alabama, and Buster Vaughn of Corinth, a novice at the business. Winfrey is running the old-type crusher, with Vaughn the handyman.

**Turkey Shoot Set At Lewisville**

**LEWISVILLE** (Staff) — Sharpshooters can put their skill to a test Saturday during a day-long turkey shoot at Lewisville.

The meet, sponsored by the Lions Club, will be held east of the city limits on Highway 121 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Highlighting the program is a special women's event at 2 p.m. Ladies will compete in the four regular divisions which include skeet shooting, turkey shooting with a .22 calibre rifle, best pattern shot with a shot gun and the luckiest target shot with a .22.

Two area farms will supply the turkeys.

**Long-Term Planning Exhibited In Answer**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (AP)—Some long-term planning is evident in a reply to an alumni questionnaire by a recent graduate of Ohio State University.

Asked whether he is married, the grad replied "no." He added, "Watch this space."

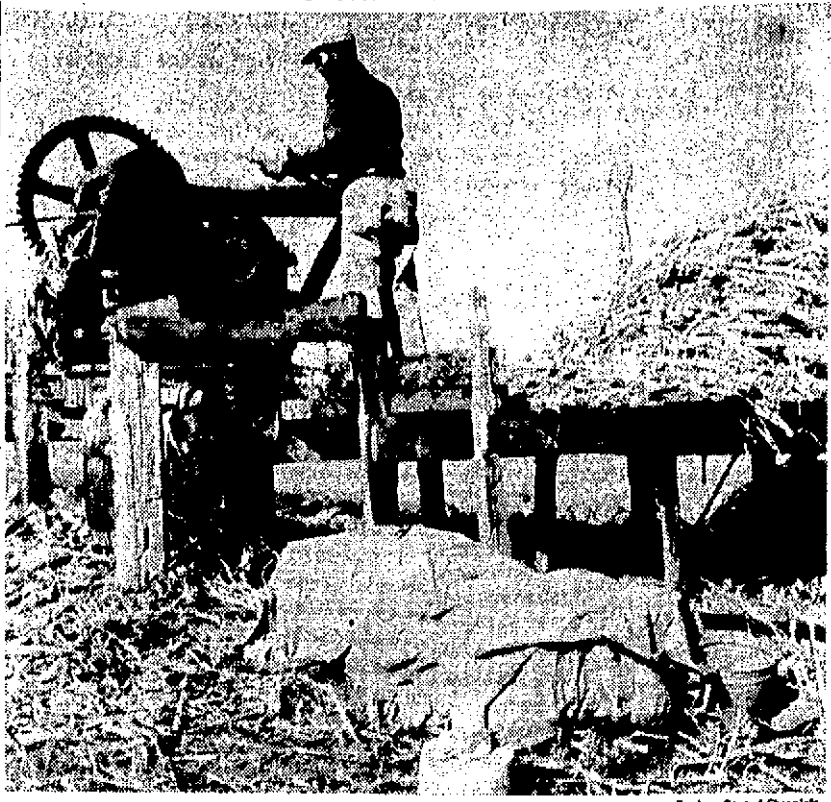
Walrus today are not native to the Atlantic south of the St. Lawrence river.

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Inman explained that the type of fertilizer makes the differences in appearance and taste of the finished syrup. This year he applied 300 pounds of cotton seed meal an acre in preference to the commercial type which many people use.

**NEXT YEAR** Inman plans to expand his acreage and also plant sorghum instead of ribbon cane. The latter is grown from a stalk while sorghum cane can be planted from seed. Syrup made from the sorghum variety is also less likely to turn to sugar.

Whatever develops for Inman in the future, he has already proved there is more than just pocket change in his off-hours sugar cane raising. And it has brought back boyhood memories for himself and many who have visited his operation.



**OLD MODEL CRUSHER EXTRACTS THE JUICE**  
Winfrey Is At Home Working The Machinery

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**CUTTING, TRIMMING CANE FOR SYRUP MILL**  
Inman Wields The Cane Knife

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**Revival Slated At Lake Dallas**

**LAKE DALLAS** (Special) — Revival services will begin at the Lake Dallas Baptist Church Monday and continue through next Sunday.

Evangelists will be the Rev. Ray Milligan, who recently returned

from missionary work in Kenya, East Africa, and Frank Pre-witt, music director.

Foreign mission reports are to be presented by the Rev. Mr. Milligan at 7 p.m. Monday and Thursday and at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Services will begin at 7:30 each night.

**PROPER COOKING OF JUICE DETERMINES QUALITY OF SYRUP**  
Helper Hollins Tends Steaming "Sap" In Cooker

**OLD MAN WINTER SPECIALS**

**HELP! HELP! Cold weather has us bustin' out at the seams with ivy and greenery that we have had to bring inside because of Old Man Winter. To make room for our Christmas Decorations we are selling these plants out at prices too ridiculous to put in print but just for a hint they start at 8c.**

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