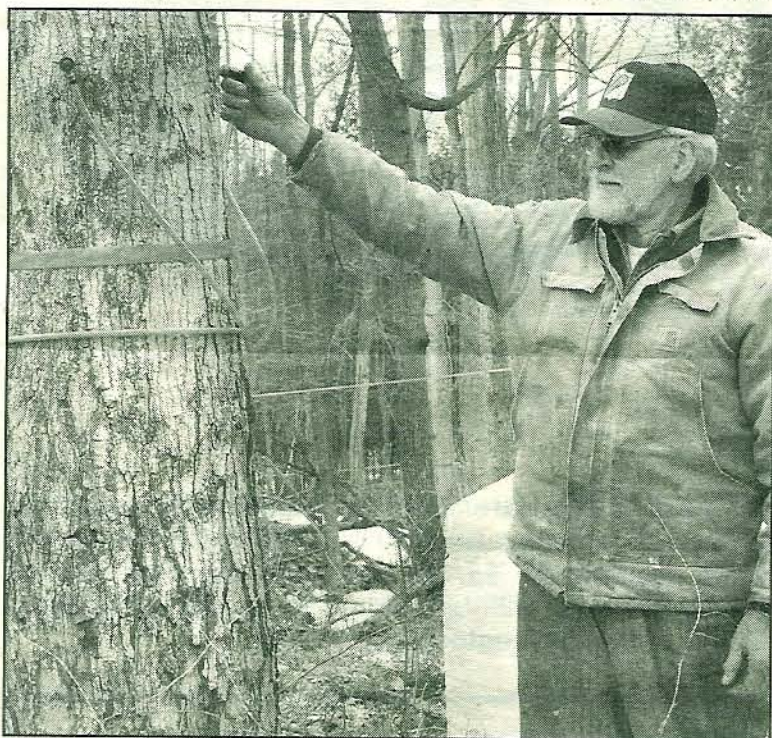


# *A spring ritual* Parsons harvest maple sap for Harwood Heritage Gold syrup

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The Parsons' family sugar bush which includes four acres of maple trees shouldering Harwood Lake in the heart of Norwood Township has been harvested since the 1920s. (Above) The new collection system installed by Dave Parsons this winter is expected to double the spring sap yield this year. Parsons is expecting to bring in over 200 gallons of his signature Harwood Heritage Gold syrup. Warm temperatures, like those seen this week, increase the sap flow. (Below) Parsons checks the status of the sap, boiling in the wood fired evaporator system which he also upgraded this year. More information about Harwood Heritage Gold syrup is available on-line at [www.harwoodgold.com](http://www.harwoodgold.com) or by visiting the farm at 00061 Parsons Road.

