

LEGEND OF MAGIC WATER

Good day everyone...it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

Meyersdale, Pennsylvania is the home of the Pennsylvania Maple Festival, and during the coming week we will again be reminded of the fact that Pennsylvania is the Maple Syrup State. And rest assured, unless you want violent argument from Somerset Countions that Pennsylvania Maple Syrup is the finest in the world. During the forties, Kate Smith told her radio audience how much she enjoyed Vermont maple syrup. The people of Meyersdale thereupon sent the singer a gallon of 100% pure Somerset county maply syrup. A short time later, Kate Smith extolled Pennsylvania maply syrup, producing a demand for it that has since provided markets for the Somerset County variety. In the late forties, the citizens of Meyersdale held their first Pennsylvania Maple Festival and it has gone on year after year, bringing governors, U. S. Senators and famous singers like the late Pennsylvanian John Charles Thomas to taste the quality of the product. As to Vermont's claims, for years that state has been importing Pennsylvania maple syrup to fill its cans--Vermont cannot produce enough of it. As many as 17 carloads of Somerset maple syrup--the 100% variety--found itself in Vermont-labeled cans. You are invited to this week's Pennsylvania Maple Festival at Meyersdale--and what a week it will be. The Queen of the Festival has been crowned. In the snowy hills of Somerset County, they tapped the maple trees on February 19th, and it

has flowed generously as usual. During this festive week, you can enjoy a visit to the inlands of Somerset County off the Pennsylvania Turnpike--down where the maple syrup flows at Meyersdale and other places. A new Maple-Manor--the oldest house in the community is now a Maple Museum, showing plenty of antiques. A maple fair will be held at the high school auditorium, showing the crafts of the area, with many maple products on display. There are parades scheduled--the big one for next Saturday. Visits can be made to the maple camps in Somerset County to see the production of the finest maple syrup in the world. On a number of evenings, a pageant titled "Legend of The Magic Water" will be heard--depicting the origin of maple syrup, and the lore of the Indians in its tapping, given generously to the white man who came there. There will be horse pulling contests, some 200 or more antique cars will be in a parade, and delectable Somerset County luncheons and dinners will be served--pancakes, Somerset county country sausage--toppled with the best maple syrup in the world. All at Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania--this week--the Pennsylvania Maple Festival. You're invited.

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.