



BESTOW INDIAN NAMES — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaller of Canonchet were inducted into the White Oak Chapter of the Buckskin Council during the Thanksgiving for the Maple Tree ceremonies held yesterday at Dove Crest in Arcadia. The Canonchet couple received their

decorated name sticks from Chief Strong Horse from Portland, Conn., and Princess Red Wing. Schaller is known as Brown Deer and Mrs. Schaller as Deer Heart.

(Sun Photo by Bill Burrows)

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Red Deer, a Mohawk from Hamden, Conn., spoke on the Indian ceremonies and their meaning and Princess Red Wing spoke on the present day position of the American Indians and the condition at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and what it means to the young Indians where many of their ancestors died.

"Why can't present day Americans realize how Indians hold sacred little spots of Mother Earth," the Princess said. "Why can't these pieces of earth be respected and not desecrated by roads and modern civilization."

During the program three couples, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Torboss of Cranston, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schaller of Canonchet and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waldman of Beverly, Mass., were taken into the White Oak Chapter of the Buckskin Council and were presented with their special Indian names. In return they gave a lock of their hair.

The council is unique in that it holds no meetings and assesses no dues.

Following the outdoor ceremony, the Indians and guests went into Dove Crest where they feasted on Jonny cakes with corn and apple, regular Jonny cakes with maple syrup, green codfish, venison, wild goose, dried beef and gravy and other delicacies.

Indians of Rhode Island Pause For Maple Syrup Thanksgiving

In their first thanksgiving of the season, Rhode Island Indians yesterday staged their traditional Thanks to the Maple Tree in colorful and meaningful ceremonies conducted at Dove Crest in Arcadia.

The Indians pause at this late winter date each year to thank the Gods for making the maple syrup that sweetens their meat and food. This is a ceremony that is not restricted to Rhode Island alone, but is held on this date by Indians up and down the

Eastern Seaboard.

The Indians hold this ceremony in late winter just before the New England sap starts to run.

About 50 Indians were in the ring that conducted the rituals, some of them coming from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Long Island.

Chief Strong Horse of Portland, Conn., a Pueblo and a Narragansett, was the acting medicine man; Chief Broken Arrow of Randolph, Mass., was

the master of ceremonies, and Princess Red Wing of the Narragansetts and Dove Crest, was the narrator.

Chief Broken Arrow conducted the peace pipe rituals and did the hunter's dance, and the entire group of Indians performed the Thanksgiving Dance as an audience of more than 100 people watched the impressive outdoor ceremony.

Fourteen children took part in the thanksgiving, each saying a special thanks to a maple tree. One three-year-old who apparently likes apples better than maple syrup said, "Thank You God for the Apple Tree."

The Indian women gave thanks to the sunshine, the rain, the winds and mother nature and Princess Red Wing gave the Maple Sugar Chant.

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