

# The Family Tree

COPY

April, 1946  
Volume X Number 7  
Liveston, Idaho

The U. S. News, Washington, D. C., which purportedly quotes official government estimates, has this to say about the shortage of building materials . . .

Lumber in 1946 . . . . .	17.8 % short of demand
Brick supply . . . . .	18 % short of demand
Gypsum board and lath . . . . .	31.5 % short of demand
Radiators . . . . .	50 % short of demand
Cast-iron soil pipe. . . . .	28.5 % short of demand
Structural clay tile. . . . .	27 % short of demand
Bathtubs, sinks, lavatories, etc.—all short of demand.	



Valleys of smoke in the Clearwater and Pottlatch—August 1945.

## A Public Service

One of our greatest assets is hidden in the soil. It is the reproductive power of our forests and we cannot allow that asset to be destroyed by fire, particularly fires that need not have happened.

Idaho pioneered in cooperative lumber protection forty years ago. This was an achievement in the application of intelligent selfishness which has since been copied in many parts of the world.

The Keep Idaho Green movement, headed by representative people from about the state, is another phase of cooperative forest and range protection.

The Keep Idaho Green Committee and the Junior Chambers of Commerce that will work on this program are heading a movement that so far as the participants are concerned is unselfish and which for that reason will be of immense benefit to Idaho in all the years ahead.

They will render a great public service which I feel sure will bring distinction to our state and to themselves as well.

C. L. BILLINGS,  
General Manager.

Watch for an important announcement concerning a safety award in the next issue of The Family Tree.

The need of a good job for every man is no greater than the need of a good man for every job.

## Keep Idaho Green

By A. B. Curtis, chief fire warden Clearwater and Pottlatch Timber Protective Associations . . . member of the Keep Idaho Green Committee.

THE first meeting of a Keep Idaho Green Committee was held in Boise on May 1st by order of Governor Arnold Williams. The high purpose to which this committee will devote its energies needs no word of praise and deserves the cooperation and support of every person in Idaho, particularly those who gain livelihood from the forests and ranges.

The losses inflicted by fire in Idaho and elsewhere have been tremendous and are only partially reflected in the newspaper headlines produced by big conflagra-



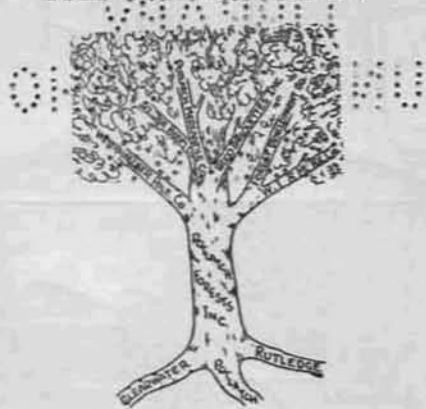
## New Equipment

Chief Fire Warden Curtis alongside one of the five weapon carriers that were purchased from surplus war equipment. It will carry eight men and tools, has a heavy truck (Dodge) motor, four forward speeds, will go anywhere, is safer and will give better service than the more publicized, smaller Jeep, has large oversize tires, four wheel drive, etc.

tions. Countless other less spectacular fires go relatively unnoticed, but take a heavy toll of timber and young forest, of water and soil, of wild life, and often of farmsteads, wheat fields and entire back-country communities. Their total is

(Continued on page six)

THE FAMILY TREE



Published by Potlatch Forests, Inc., Once Monthly for Free Distribution to Employees

Editor ..... Leo Bodine

Correspondents

Mabel Kelley ..... Potlatch

Charles Epling ..... Clearwater Plant

Carl Pease ..... Headquarters



Snoozin

To the fifteen thousand people who have invited attention to the fact that a picture in the last *Tree* bore the incorrect caption "Ole Henly" instead of "Henry Hemly"—many thanks for calling this to our attention.

To Ole and Henry, the editor apologizes, with the assertion that to call either by the other's name is a compliment to both. But, with the further admission that it was no compliment to the editor that he should so thoroughly have fallen asleep.

Letter From Forest Service

From A. N. Cochrell, forest supervisor, Grangeville, recently came this letter complimenting P.F.I. on the operation of Camp 58, McComas Meadows:

"In closing this sale, I wish to thank you and your staff for the excellent cooperation in the administration of this sale. Truthfully this was our first attempt at large sale administration, and our personnel working with your men have been very complimentary in their expression of the work of the company. Considering that this entire sale was cut during exceedingly trying labor conditions, we should be extra appreciative of your efforts. These same cooperative relations have extended on to the present sale, and I am certain will continue in the future."

From Major E. F. Rapraeger—Belgium

In Belgium wages are low compared with United States standards. A fender (lumberjack) gets 25 cents per hour or \$2.00 per day and a scieur de troncs (this means sawmill hand, chum) gets 23 cents hourly. Among the best paid, with wages of 34-5 cents hourly, are the dozer operator and blacksmith. Cat skimmers get 28 cents per hour.

Normal working time is 8 hours per day and 48 hours per week (Law of 14 June, 1921). When overtime is necessary, it is calculated on a daily basis as follows:

- 25% after 8 hours work.
- 50% after 10 hours work.

Rents are low but the cost of food and most other items is high. Fortunately, prices are gradually dropping and conditions becoming normal. The legal price for butter is about 50 cents per pound and about two dollars on the black market. Food and the commoner necessities of life are more abundant than in Great Britain, France, or Germany. Nevertheless, common items such as butter, cheese, bread, meat, and most canned goods are still strictly rationed.

There is a fair amount of logging and sawmilling hereabouts, all on a small scale. Seeing these operations starts me thinking about my caulked boots and I try to remember in which trunk they are stored. I hope to put them on before long. Although western Europe is quaint, I shall be glad to return to the U.S.A. I don't intend to set up any funds in the family budget for foreign travel when I get back.

Soldiers coming to Europe from the U.S.A. say: "Don't go back now. Things are in a hell of a mess." Isn't that an awful thing to say about your native land? I hate to believe that even though the newspapers have been telling about a series of economic, political, and social turmoils ever since the wars ended. Sure, this is an aftermath of war but please remember that it results in decreased production at a time when we badly need new homes, automobiles, and the other things which make life in the U.S.A. superior to anywhere else in the world. I wish the President would send all the dissatisfied people on a tour of western Europe. It might be a good idea if everyone went on the trip. It would be cheap at the price. After seeing how people over here live, folks would realize that life in the U.S.A. can be a bed of roses and that every place in Europe is worse off than the U.S.A.

TYPICAL HOURLY WAGE RATES IN SOUTH BELGIUM

Occupation	Rate per Hour Francs (Belgian)	Cents (U.S.)
Ouvriere non qualifiée, common laborer	8.00	18.4
Brigadier (ouvriere non qualifiée) strawboss (common laborer)	10.50	24.3
Chef d'équipe (ouvriere non qualifiée) foreman (common labor)	12.00	27.6
Boulangier (Ire classe) baker (first class)	12.50	28.7
Forgeron (Ire classe) blacksmith (first class)	15.00	35.5
Boute feu, powderman	12.50	27.7
Macon, bricklayer	12.50	28.7
Conducteur bulldozer, bulldozer operator	15.00	34.5
Ebeniste, cabinet maker	15.00	34.5
Charpentier (gros oeuvre) carpenter (rough)	11.00	25.3
Conducteur de machine "carry all" carry-all operator	14.00	32.2



It Happened

Clarence Haeg, with varying degree of affection termed the P.F.I. man catcher, never leaves Spokane with a carload of freshly hired employees without first taking time out to tell them about P.F.I. and particularly about group insurance and the protection it affords.

Not long past he gave the explanatory remarks to a particularly attentive carload of lumberjacks and was greeted in return by this prize observation from a big Irishman seated in the back of the car—"That's a fine idea, that group insurance. Indeed it is. It'll give us something to live on after we're dead."

Locksmith Needed

No names mentioned, but enroute home from Pasco recently a few P.F.I. fellows and some associates stopped at the Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla for dinner. As was to be expected, there was need for visiting a comfort station, which was discovered in the basement of the hotel. Subsequently all save one speedily departed for the place, re-assembling in the hotel lobby for a pinochle game before dinner.

About a half hour later the errant member appeared . . . very red in the face. The inside handle on the pay division of the comfort station had refused to release its lock and he had been trapped therein. An attempt to crawl over the top of the pay station nearly caused collapse of the door. Finally he squeezed through underneath, with some minor discomfort and damage to person.

The pay-off came later, however, when another member of the group (after dinner and prior to departure) re-visited the comfort station and thoughtlessly got himself jailed in the same little cubicle. His description of what happened was given added flavor by admission that the hotel janitor arrived as he was half way out from underneath the door to his prison. The janitor, mistaking the escape for an attempt at entry, thought he was trying to save a nickel and threatened to call the hotel management.

Conducteur grue, crane operator	14.00	32.2
Chauffeur (camion lourd), heavy truck operator	12.50	28.7
Chauffeur camionnette, light truck driver	11.00	25.3
Mecanicien (locomotive), locomotive engineer	12.50	28.7
Greuer (Ire classe), rigger (first class)	14.00	32.2
Scieur de troncs, sawmill hand	10.00	23.0
Garçon d'écurie, stable boy	11.00	25.3
Conducteur de tracteur, catskinner	12.00	27.6
Abatteur, sawyer (woods)	12.50	28.7
Fendeur, lumberjack	11.00	25.3

Listen to the sad case of Micky McGuire. Who ran through the plant with his pants on fire.

He ran into first aid and fainted with fright. When the nurse told Micky his end was in sight.

## Plant News

### Clearwater

Scout Troop No. 137, sponsored by the Clearwater Foreman's Council, is to have a cabin of its own. Work is underway to finish the troop a meeting place size 18 ft. x 20 ft. with an eight-foot enclosed porch, a basement and fireplace. There will be a big room on the main floor with a kitchen and wash room in the basement. The exterior will be covered with log cabin siding. The troop is under direction of Bob Mullinger and Don Garber. In charge of construction is, basement—Holman; framing—Bing; siding and roof—Scofield; finishing—Shepherd; plumbing—Ross; wiring—Wartz; fireplace and landscaping—Cunneford.



Above—Clearing ground for Boy Scout cabin. Left—Foreman Bill Campbell about to dump a load of concrete.

Bob McKinley, Archie Morris and Rowe Bennett shared championship honors in the arch tournament on the day shift. D. D. Owens was the winner on the 9-10 shift and Vern Olson on the 10-11 noon hour. The winners received a ten-pound ham each for a dinner with the low score man for each shift getting a pound of weiners.

The night of April 26th was a bad one for the fire department. The Pres-to-logs plant produced a dandy blaze (the worst they have had—it being Friday night the bins were of course full to the top) and when things began to quiet down a bed was discovered on fire in the fire hall. Mattress and bed clothing were completely consumed.

A lumber checking class under direction of instructor A. T. Kauffman is underway. Attending are Sylvester Ramstock, Hugo Jackson, Henry Bethman, Sid Scheibe, Eddie Ray and Carl Euscher.

A class in drafting, under supervision of Gene Gussenhoven (a part of the state national education program) is also in progress.

The plant landscaping is beginning to pay dividends in eye appeal. Returning veterans and visitors remark about it, almost to a man. In charge is veteran Carl Euscher.

A. L. (Vern) Rummion, Clearwater employee since May 3, 1928, died April 8th,

the recurrence of an earlier illness. Vern was employed as stock clerk in the shipping office and had served as president of the plant credit union. He was well known to every person at the plant and exceptionally well liked. His death is a loss to every one of his friends and their number is a great compliment to his personality.

### Rutledge Unit

Scuttlebut between two ex-Navy salts in the Rutledge Head—(translated we should not print it)—Hanson says, "Skipper, the barometer is falling, and the temperature is rising. I request permission for all hands to change from long handle skivvies to the light summer type." Burns—"Permission granted, and bear a hand on this deck. Pipe down all Irish Pennants."

April 23 Bob Berger and Earl Bullock were here to help establish a new personnel record file in the time office at the plant. Rutledge personnel records will now be kept in the same manner as are those at Clearwater and Potlatch.

### Potlatch Unit

As of April 26th, ninety-one percent of the 185 Potlatch Unit and W.I.&M. Ry. Co. employees whose names are on the Potlatch Honor Roll had been discharged from service. Of the seventeen men still in service three are re-enlistments—Richard C. Elsea, Herschel Libey and James C. Poston.

The war time need for a women's lunch and rest room past, the facilities provided for the use of the women employees at Potlatch have been added to the old smokehouse and have made possible a room 27 ft. x 61 ft. The interior has been repainted in two shades of gray. Tables are covered with linoleum and excellent facilities are provided for the lunch period—pinochle, picture shows, etc.

Clifford F. Lathen, personnel manager at Potlatch, has left the company to take over management of the Richfield Distributing Station in Moscow. Cliff had been with the company since the fall of 1940 and during the war years served as safety director and personnel manager. To him the men brought their problems of gas and tire rationing, selective service, deferments, etc.

Succeeding Cliff as personnel manager is Thomas G. Youmans, Jr., recently discharged veteran from the Army. He is a graduate of the Lewiston State Normal School. Personnel experience in the Army included several months at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, as well as a portion of his fourteen months overseas, and equips him well for this position. For meritorious service in Germany Youmans received a field commission of second lieutenant and the bronze star for valor.

The Potlatch Unit took advantage of the log shortage, precipitated by the deep mud in the woods and the forced closing of some camps, to shut the sawmill down for its annual repair job on April 9th.

Upstairs in the sawmill, carriage trucks and rails have been trued up, tracks leveled and two new carriage frames installed. Band mill wheels have been ground and aligned and the log haul conveyor and drive have been repaired and a new shaft installed. Some of the bearings on the edger have been babbitted and the edger saws put in alignment. Roll cases were also trued up and rebushed.

Downstairs, the installation of the Summer Hog last year made necessary the building of a new cross conveyor. This will be equipped with reversing chain to take the slabs, edgings, etc., to either the old hog or the new Summer.

The pond has been dredged, turbines and the Corliss engine in the power plant have been cleaned and inspected (No. 1 turbine is scheduled for re-blading some time during the year). General repairs were made in the boiler room and the ovens were patched up. However, the ovens must be rebuilt, which will require more time than this brief shutdown affords and will have to be done later.

Equipment to supply steam, water, air and electricity has been brought into good condition.

## What Is a Tree Farm?

A tree farm is a tract of forest land, the owner of which takes such good care of his growing trees that he will be able to harvest crop after crop of wood, over a period of years. Such land is devoted primarily to the continuous growth and production of merchantable forest products under consciously applied forest practices. The term applies to privately owned forest land.

*Worry does not empty the day of its trouble, only of its strength.*



Above—This spring tester measures the strength and length of valve and clutch springs on truck engines. It has corrected much poor engine performance as many engines were found to have weak valve springs. The tester is another modern shop tool now furnished woods mechanics to enable them to do a better repair job.

## Billings Guest Speaker At Wood Products and Intermountain Logging Conference

P.F.I. boss C. L. Billings was guest speaker at a noon luncheon of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, held in connection with the Wood Products Clinic that met prior to the Intermountain Logging Conference in early April. Later in the same week Mr. Billings was principal speaker at the evening banquet which marked conclusion of the logging conference.

In both speeches the OPA was sharply taken to task for an unrealistic treatment of lumber prices. Treatment by OPA of Inland Empire operators was labeled as discriminatory and a penalty for good production achieved under trying conditions during war times. Mr. Billings also stressed that new methods of utilization of wood resources must be discovered and developed under a free enterprise system or they may not be developed at all, cautioned against removal of patent protection, and emphasized that markets must be found for the less valuable secondary species of wood that grow in the forests of this region.

Presiding at the meeting was P.F.I. purchasing agent H. N. Rooney, president of the Intermountain Logging Conference.

### Gossiper: A tale-bearing animal.

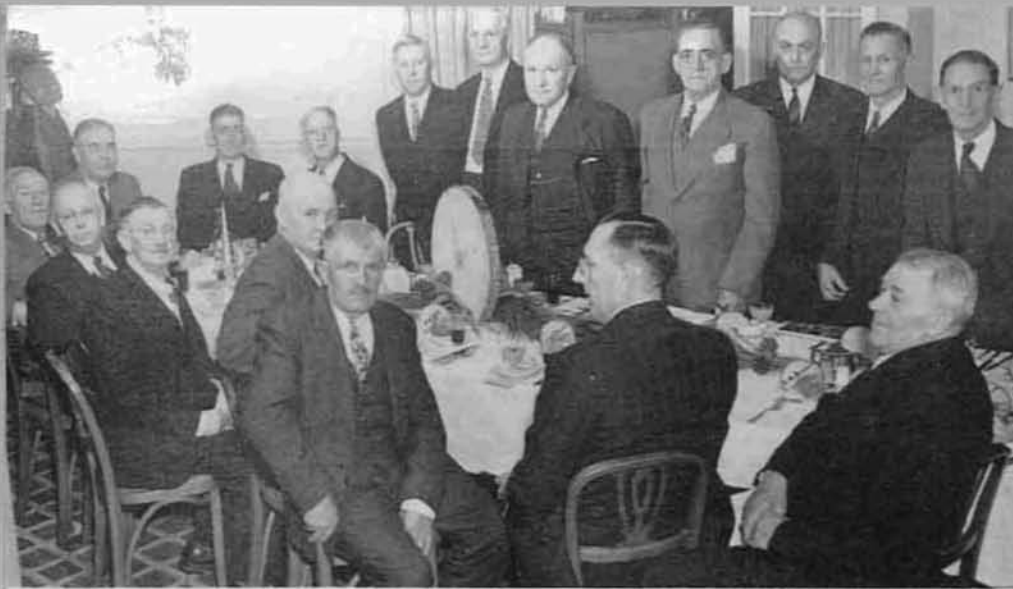
Then there is the one about the Scotchman who won an automobile at a bingo game and married a woman with gas on her stomach.

### Conscience warns us as a friend before it punishes us as a judge.

The reason the ladies watch their figures so closely is because if they don't, no one else will either.

## Russia to Expand Lumber Output

A 30 to 40 percent increase in lumber production as compared with prewar output is expected in Russia during the next five years, according to reports received by the Department of Commerce. Russia's forest tracts comprise about one-third of the total forest area of the world, and the program aims to increase output sufficiently to provide lumber needed for Soviet reconstruction and also a surplus for exports to place Russia among the chief lumber exporting countries.



Above—Reading from lower right corner clockwise around table—E. R. Dannerman, G. C. Gregg (shipping supt.), Vincenzo Montani, P. H. Tobin (supt. of mfg.), Hugo Asplund, W. J. Gamble (AGM WI&M Ry.), W. E. Hearn, C. L. Billings (PFI GM), J. J. O'Connell (Potlatch mgr.), Ludwig Swanson, L. H. Young (chief engineer and sawmill supt.), Wm. E. Krause, O. H. Leuschel (AGM PFI), Frank Coraglottti, Henry Torsen (Asst. Sec. PFI), P. H. Hall, Myron A. Putman.

Below—Absentees from the Moscow banquet, George Ringo and Nels Smiset.



## Retiring P.F.I. Men Feted

At three separate banquets during the month retiring P.F.I. men of sixty-five years and over were honored. Their retirement became effective March 31st in accord with age specified by the Social Security Act.

Fourteen were retired at Clearwater, nine at Potlatch, two from the W.I.&M Ry., and six at Rutledge. At left above is the Potlatch group except for two members—center left—who were not present at the Moscow banquet. Below at left is the Clearwater group. No picture was available of the banquet held at Bozanta Tavern, Hayden Lake, for the Rutledge group of Julius Gilbertson, Joe Stan, Olaf V. Benson, Adolph Eberle, Victor Harmon and Leonard A. Whiding.

Below—Reading from man in center foreground around table clockwise — Charlie Johnson, Fred Lienhard, C. J. Cummerford,\* John Solberg, Ed Justice, Roy Huffman,\* Jess Jacks, Shelt Andrew,\* Ira Perkins, Dave Troy,\* Bill Stewart, W. B. Wolfe, O. H. Leuschel,\* Bill Smith, Frank Pavel, John Aram,\* Bill Alspach, Henry Torsen,\* Frank Green, Ed Rettig,\* Ed Moen, C. L. Billings.\*

\*Company official, not one of retiring group.





## Ray Woesner Retires

By MABEL KELLEY, Potlatch

With the responsibility of twenty-six fire seasons to his credit, Ray L. Woesner, Chief Fire Warden of the Potlatch Timber Protective Association since 1920, has retired. Mr. Woesner came to Idaho from Montana where he had built up a fine background for his position through experience with the U. S. Forest Service.

During his administration, transportation of the forested areas from which Potlatch drew its timber has progressed from pack trails to truck roads and, during the past season, airplane patrol and parachute jumpers supplemented the set-up.

In the past quarter of a century, a network of trails and roads has gradually taken shape. Telephone lines crisscross the area. Lookout towers, ranging from 40 ft. to 110 ft., dot the vantage points within the territory.

Following Pearl Harbor the force of experienced workers steadily dwindled until it became necessary for Mr. Woesner to adopt the role of teacher and to train high school boys and women to fill responsible positions in the forests. Men beyond retirement age also were prevailed upon to return to work.

A fire warden has need to be a very versatile man . . . and our retiring chief was all that. In addition to keeping an eagle eye on maintenance and improvement crews, handling weather instruments, pinch-hitting on the telephone, breaking in many inexperienced workers, superintending brush disposal by a crew of Mexican Nationals, he has found time to absorb into his own make-up some of the majesty of the forests,

His plans for the future are somewhat indefinite, but certainly whatever they may be the best wishes of the management and personnel of P.T.P.A. will always accompany Ray Woesner.

If Adam came back to earth, the only thing he would recognize would be our jokes.

Human skin stored three weeks has been used successfully in grafts on badly burned servicemen. Volunteers contributed skin in manner of blood bank. Science will study peacetime possibility of skin-bank.

## Twenty-five Year Club Formed

By C. M. Andrew, President, Potlatch White Piners

Saturday, April 13th, was a red letter day for those employees of the three units of Potlatch Forests, Inc., and the WI&M Ry. who have completed twenty-five years or more of uninterrupted service. On that day the "POTLATCH WHITE PINERS" was born . . . a club to honor those who have a record of twenty-five years or more of unbroken service with the company.

At the meeting there was opportunity for old friends of long standing to talk over the good old days when the company was young—and so were we. Ed Lillard expressed the sentiment of the group when he said, "I'm going to wear the club emblem at work, at play, and at home." Men entitled to membership were present from every division of the company, including management, and it was easy to see that considerable pride was felt in having attained membership in this exclusive group.

The club was the guest of PFI at lunch and then went to the Masonic Lodge Hall to organize. C. L. Billings presided until officers were elected and Miss Mabel Kelley, only woman employee qualified to membership, acted as secretary.

"This meeting has been called for the purpose of forming some kind of a PFI veterans' organization and it is the wish of the company that the rank and file of the



Above—C. L. Billings hands gavel to the first president of the Potlatch White Piners—C. M. Andrew (an eight-pound Presto-log, borrowed from the fuel room in lieu of a real gavel). Miss Mabel Kelley, only woman member, in right background.

Below—Fifty-nine have qualified for membership in this select group from the three mills. The number has not as yet been definitely determined for Bovill and Headquarters woods operations.



membership run the club," said Mr. Billings in his opening remarks.

After a lot of discussion as to officers and eligibility rules for membership, the group decided to have a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a governing board composed of five persons, one from each of the three mills and one each from the two woods departments. The governing board will review border line cases for eligibility of membership which, by will of the club, will be held strictly to employees with twenty-five or more consecutive years of employment to their credit.

Due to a conflicting meeting the woods groups were not represented.

By private caucus each of the three units selected their directors. S. E. Andrew will represent Clearwater; Paul Tobin, Potlatch; and Harold May, Rutledge.

The writer was elected first president by secret ballot and Miss Mabel Kelley was chosen vice-president by acclamation. George Hudson was elected treasurer and J. R. Scott was later selected as secretary by the president, following authorization to name a secretary.

The infancy of the organization precludes a very definite announcement of the club's program at this time, but I can say that it does include both business and social sessions and that the company has expressed a desire to give some special recognition and privileges to the qualifying membership whose loyalty and efficiency have contributed largely to the success of the parent organization. Committees have been appointed to select lapel pins, draft by-laws and transact other business for the organization.



CTPA employee Leon Thornton displays three of the signs that will be posted at crossing points of the roads that web the Clearwater and Potlatch. More than 500 such signs have been made—their posting should find favor with fishermen and hunters who occasionally have a none too good sense of direction.

## Keep Idaho Green

(Continued from page one)

a staggering aggregate loss to the nation each year.

Various groups of kindred interests in Idaho now propose the expenditure of large sums of money to attract tourists and vacationists to recreational and scenic areas about the state. These groups are quite within their rights and there is nothing unreasonable in their hope to capture a share of the tourist trade which in normal years amounts to the third largest business in America. With the coming of visitors to Idaho, however, will also come an ever increasing need for vigilance against fire.

It will be immediately agreed that the best way to fight fire is to prevent it and that the best antidote to unnecessary destruction of forest and range resources is

**Culvert stock.** This material for culverts comes knocked down and strapped in packages. Bolts for assembly are in the wooden box which is securely strapped to the under side of the nested half culvert pieces.



an aroused public opinion. As a people, though, we are not yet out from under the smoky pall of indifference and negligence that has been responsible for the burning of vast acreages of range and forest lands. There is good sense and urgent need for the Keep Idaho Green Committee and its program that has as an objective the creation of a keen awareness by everyone of the wanton destructiveness of uncontrolled fire. The human carelessness that has resulted in a too high percentage of range and forest fires in past years is a form of criminal negligence and should wear that brand.

### PREPAREDNESS

In a hand and glove relationship with fire prevention goes fire preparedness . . . the careful drafting of plans to make possible early attack of fire wherever it may occur and with a sufficiently strong force to quickly bring it under control.

Whether we like it or not another fire season is rapidly approaching. Heavy snow is leaving the higher elevations and the

fire season and a careful check of camp personnel made to determine in advance who shall go out on fire call and who shall not. Definite information as to who is fire worthy and who is not, before an emergency arises, will surely bring about a greater degree of effectiveness on the fire line. Without this preliminary precaution many men may inadvertently be assigned to fires who should be left in camp.

A logging camp should be organized for fire duty and a definite plan made to follow through, along the following order:

### SMOKE CHASERS

At least three men should be chosen as leaders for smokechaser work. Along with one or two others to accompany each leader, it would then become the work of these men to run down small fires in the area adjacent to their camp when called upon. Such men should know how to run a compass, should possess a thorough knowledge of the area in which they are to work, should be able to get through the woods without danger



Above—Heavy trucks, a part of the war surplus equipment purchased, will make possible quick transportation of men, tools and equipment. CTPA employee John Curtis stands alongside one of the trucks . . . an International that has a high and low driving range and five forward speeds in each range, a two speed heavy winch, electrically operated brakes for trailer, plus many other features.

Below—Proposed site at Jaype for one of the air fields that will be constructed. The creek's course will have to be changed but a very good field can be had with little work.



lower country is already in condition for burning. Without the expected rains of May and June we would right now be on the threshold of a very early fire season. In fact, we must expect an early fire season and it is now time to consider what we are going to do this year to keep fire out of the woods.

As the past years of preparedness are reviewed, one might say—"What else can we do?" However, there are a number of things we can and should do.

For instance, the foreman of a logging camp should be consulted in advance of the

of becoming lost, and should know how to fight and handle small fires.

Maps of the area and particularly of the section in which the camp is located should be obtained and kept in the camp office for such an emergency as smokechasing. Likewise, tools to fit the smokechaser job should be kept handy and sharp. Names of men assigned to smokechasing duty should be posted in the office so that they will know they are in line for fire duty if occasion arises. The Timber Protective Association and how it functions should be explained to them. The Association is naturally will-

to spend time with these men to enable them to better perform the smokechasing

It is well also to develop a record of men who have had experience in fighting fire, to note the different parts of the country with which they are most familiar, and to leave this information at the dispatcher's office.

Considerable emphasis should be given to this phase of the work as a fire that can be smothered when it is small by a good smokechasing crew can be extinguished, whereas it might otherwise develop into a conflagration.

**CREW ACTION**

Well in advance of the fire season a crew should be selected to handle a small crew of up to 25 men in case a fire call later made for such help. This man should be notified of his selection and at least two alternates should also be named to guarantee someone being on hand to supervise fire fighting work and to furnish leadership for a second crew should it also be needed. The men selected should have had some experience in fire fighting work and should possess the qualities of leadership but need not necessarily know the country as well as those selected for smokechasing work since it is not likely a crew of men will be sent out on initial action and the location of the fire will be well known.

In all 25-man crews there should be a straw boss to accompany the foreman. He should be selected in advance if possible and his presence is quite essential. It is generally more practical to work men in several groups after reaching the fire. Better supervision is possible with a foreman and straw boss than with a foreman alone. For instance, it is not uncommon to see men standing around near the fire line after a bulldozer arrives. They seem to think that the arrival of the dozer means the situation is well in hand. With better supervision these men would be put to work cutting out areas which the dozer was unable to work out on the inside of the fire line. Such work will save much timber and cut down greatly the burner area which is of course what we are working to do—save timber.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

In all of the fire work it should be determined in advance just who is to have charge and an organizational chart should be posted on the camp bulletin board with a copy to the camp office for easy reference by the camp clerk. Many times a camp has been called and the clerk did not know what to do or who to call for fire work. Following is a suggested outline chart for the average camp with the information that should be supplied:

<b>CAMP FOREMAN (Fire Boss)</b> .....	
Alternate .....	
Alternate .....	

**SMOKECHASER ACTION FIRES**

Smokechaser .....	Helper .....
Smokechaser .....	Helper .....
Smokechaser .....	Helper .....

**CREW ACTION FIRES**

New Foreman .....	Straw Boss .....
New Foreman 2nd .....	Straw Boss .....
New Foreman 3rd .....	Straw Boss .....

<b>CREW:</b> 1—Bull gang ..	2—Section gang ..
3—Loading crew ..	4—Saw gangs ..
5—Cat skimmers ..	6—Construction crew ..
7—etc., etc., etc.	

<b>FIRE CLERK</b> .....	
<b>DISPATCHER</b> .....	

**NEW EQUIPMENT**

A considerable quantity of surplus government equipment has become available and we have been able to obtain enough of it to be of real advantage in shaping up preparedness against fire. Among other things we have purchased four seventy-five foot steel lookout towers; five weapon carriers that will transport eight men each, along with equipment, over every kind of terrain and will go almost anywhere; a number of heavy trucks and a quantity of steel culvert material.

We are virtually assured of radio equipment that will operate on a wave-length assigned to our particular use and we will eventually have stations in Orofino, Headquarters and Elk River. Our cars will carry two-way radio sets, as also will the packs carried by the smokechasers and fire fighting crews. Radios will of course be placed in the lookout towers.

Last year supplies were dropped to fire fighting crews by plane with great success. We plan a number of fields and to eventually operate planes of our own.

All possible preparations and selection of the best equipment to be had will ready us for fire fighting, but the best way to fight fire still remains "prevention of fire." To do this we need the interested help and support of everyone for the Keep Idaho Green Committee.

*Woods News*

**Camp 42—Bovill**

Resumed skidding on April 22nd after being down since March 19th.

**Camp 43—Deep Creek**

Our crew now numbers 60—57 men and 3 gals. Also five dogs.

The monsoon period struck here April 25th with plenty of fury. Telephones went dead, railroads and highways(?) were literally covered with windfalls. A little rain fell—about four inches—and the road to town became a fourteen foot wide flume. The only car that made it in without chains was a little yellow Studebaker that can swim.

We should finish here the last of June—then to Camp 40.

**Camp 45—Badger Meadow**

The first thing of importance that happened in April was the moving of sawyers to Camp 42. They were transferred on April 2nd.

Both skidding and hauling work was resumed on April 22nd after a down period because of mud. Cooks and crew arrived at camp on that date.

About fifty men are employed here at present. Plans have been made to send saws into upper Camp 36 to start sawing in preparation for summer logging at that camp.

**Camp 55—Lower Alder Creek**

Spring has arrived—we hope. We now have fifteen gangs of saws and seven cats skidding. Production is good considering the time of year.

**Camp 58—McComas Meadow**

We are now hauling logs again and the roads are in good shape.

**Camp 57—Breakfast Creek**

Activity has been at a low point during the month with road trouble caused by melting snow. Even the bull cook (combination bull cook, dishwasher and flunkie that is) has something to cuss about as he makes his rounds—the mud is deep as ---. Gravel hauling has taken most of the crew's time.

Dr. Pease's hair restorer (or remover) seems to have taken the woods by storm. We hear that even Thor Nyberg is trying it and word has reached us that Hairless Joe (favorite nickname now for Mr. Pease) will swear by the formula. Report also has it that he isn't the only one who has been swearing by the formula.

Ah, spring—when a young man's fancy turns to—fishing. There has been a rush these last few weeks to get a license which entitles one to lazily walk up and down the creeks. Some anglers have been spotted on Reed's Creek. Doug Edwards was out the other day but the only thing he caught was h— from his wife, who waited supper two hours for his return.

The sympathies of everyone in camp went to the Lang brothers on the loss of their father, Jess Lang. Jess was an old timer to the Pierce region and was well known and liked throughout the Clearwater.

**Camp 59—Meadow Creek**

Snow all gone, but plenty of mud. Saw gangs and skidding cats hard at work.

**Camp 54—Washington Creek**

Spring has come, the robins sing,  
I heard one in the sky.  
I looked up to admire the bird  
And—spring? Oh! spring—my eye!  
... George Heafford.

Ah—yes, spring is definitely here. One sure sign is no more snow flakes—well, small ones at any rate. Here's hoping the road dries up pretty soon so everybody can drive right to town from camp.

**Headquarters**

According to that well known authority on outdoor sports, Jim Delaney himself, the time isn't right yet for spring fishing. Jim says you can't catch any fish until the skunk cabbage is up along the creeks. Jim is at least partially right as some forty Headquarters fishermen can testify.

Ernest Johnson, new proprietor of the Headquarters Drug Co. has started off in a cloud of smoke. During Ernie's first week the painter, Doty, brought in a bundle of laundry and set it on the stove in the back-room of the drug store. The cloud of smoke came later and spared Ernie the job of sending the bundle to the laundry.

Lee and Edith Bacon are now running the Headquarters store.

The track to Camp 14 has been plowed out and May will see re-opening of the camp after a long shut-down.

Jack McKinnon, the inquisitive Scot, is all confused. The guy who appears in the last issue of *The Family Tree* as Ole Hembly is the fellow who he has been calling Henry all these years. So now he's got to go apologize and begin all over again, and it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks.

### On Clarkston Town Hall Program



On May 3rd, over KRLC, Mr. Billings took part in a round table discussion of the housing shortage. Present on the program were representatives of government (OPA and congress) a veteran, and a building supply dealer. Sponsor of the program was the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, and is scheduled at two week intervals for discussion of current problems. It is informative in character and intended to familiarize listeners with problems of importance.

Brought out during the discussion was the fact that severe as it may be, the housing shortage is only temporary and that any emergency housing program should be careful not to kill off other types of construction. Rather, the administrators should be conscious of the need for continuing to progress all planned for industrial and commercial projects . . . at a slower pace than originally planned perhaps, but in each instance to encourage their progress. Agreement was reached that solution of the problem lies in attaining capacity production from productive equipment already in existence.

**Embarrassment: When two eyes meet through a keyhole.**

New Bride: "I cooked my first meal last night and it was a huge success."

Friend: "Really."

New Bride: "Yes, my husband is going to get us a cook."

**Below—The log landing at Orofino has been cleaned of bark and debris in anticipation of an early production of contractor logs. May 1st should see the first logs begin to arrive here from individual logging contractors.**

More than twenty-five million feet of logs have been delivered from this landing to the Lewiston mill in years past. The biggest years are likely behind, but 1946 will see approximately five million feet handled here. All of the production will be Yellow Pine and mixed timber.



## Second Pres-to-Logs Machine to South Africa

A second Pres-to-logs machine went forward to South Africa via the M/S Silver Oak on April 12th, according to Wood Briquettes, Inc. general manager Roy Huffman.

Consignee is the General Box Company, Ltd., Parow, South Africa, who also owns and operates the other Pres-to-log machine that was shipped to Retreat, South Africa in 1938. The General Box Company acquired ownership of the Retreat plant from A. Kurland, who ordered the first Pres-to-logs machine for South Africa and operated the Retreat plant under the firm name of Boxes and Shooks, Ltd.

## Hjort Named As Curtis Assistant

George V. Hjort, according to announcement by A. B. Curtis, has been hired as assistant fire chief for the Potlatch Timber Protective Association and began work for Chief Fire Warden Curtis on April 1st.

George is a native of Idaho. Was born and raised in Kooskia and graduated from the Kooskia High School where he was an outstanding athlete. Later he played guard on Idaho's wonder football team under Coach Charlie Erb in 1926—a team that narrowly missed going to the Rose Bowl and was undefeated during the season's play.

He is a graduate of the U. of I. School of Forestry and received his degree in forestry in 1931. First employment after graduation was with the CTPA, later with the U. S. Forest Service, the state forestry department, and at the Guayule project in California.

**Tact is a man's ability to convince his wife that a woman looks stout in a fur coat.**



## Man of the Month

To Clearwater's Jim Ford, who looks after the charger room at Lewiston, a member of the 25-year club, goes this month's blue-ribbon.

Jim needs no introduction to the people of Clearwater, having worked there for the past seventeen years. His acquaintanceship extends to many others about P.F.I. as he also worked at Elk River for nine years.

There is a youthfulness, a sort of irrepressible jauntiness to his bearing, that has won him a great many friends. Favorite hobbies include such items as raffles and trap shooting—(he's an expert with a gun and rates the select company of the top trap shooters of Lewiston). Currently the raffle hobby burst forth in the selling of chances on a gun, Jim having just accepted delivery of a new one.

World series games will find him with an ear glued to the radio. The protographer found him with a bit of Copenhagen under a lower lip and didn't rate the smile that would have produced a picture which would have done him greater justice. A good egg and a real asset to P.F.I.. We're happy to call him "Man of the Month."

## Latah Chamber of Commerce Meets In Bovill

Ninety-five members of the Latah County Chamber of Commerce of which Chet Yangel, P.F.I. Bovill warehouse foreman, is president, met for dinner and a discussion of forest protection and tree farming in the Camp 42 cookhouse on the evening of April 17th.

Principal speakers were A. B. Curtis, chief fire warden for the Potlatch and Clearwater Timber Protective Associations; Chas. Powell, U. S. Forest Service; and Professor Woeltz of the University of Idaho School of Forestry. A movie, Trees for Tomorrow, was shown by a representative of the Western Pine Association.

Wife: "You deceived me. Before our marriage you said you were well off."

Husband: "I was!"