

# THE FAMILY TREE

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## University of Idaho Semi-Centennial Saga of Early Lumbermen

University of Idaho's semi-centennial, celebrated this year on January 30 is a saga of the Northwoods and white pine industry. Out of the wilderness of a rugged country where intrepid pioneers trod with measured cadence, where the shades of Lewis and Clark hovered along the banks of the Clearwater in approving watchfulness, the desire for culture and education flamed as a torch to lead those coming after.

Historical accounts of the university's founding give only brief mention to the forest industry as "one of Idaho's three most important," but goes on to say that "as a manufactured product, lumber ranks first." No mention is made of the first sawmill to be established in this part of the country, for in truth there is only vague mention of it in the histories and memory of man.

### First Sawmill Erected

It was in 1836 that Dr. Henry H. Spalding began his ministry to the Nez Perce Indians. With him came the first school and the first church. Buildings, it is understood, were made of logs, and as the mission grew it became necessary to make building material faster and Dr. Spalding, on April 1, 1840, erected the first crude, but effective, sawmill on the banks of the Clearwater river near the present site of the Spalding bridge and memorial park. The mill was driven by a water wheel.

Logs were cut from trees near Ahwahka and floated down the river to the mill, and thus began the first river drives in the west. This industry was intermittent however, and no real attempt at logging was done until later years, probably 1863, when there was one small sawmill put into operation 16 miles above Lewiston on the Asotin side of the Snake river.

### Mill Erected in 1927

Driving logs continued, in small lots and a few of the hardy "river rats" of

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## TWENTY-FOUR CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES OBTAIN VOCATIONAL TRAINING THRU LOANS MADE TO THEM BY THIS COMPANY

Inaugurated in 1936 at the request of C. L. Billings, vice-president and general manager of Potlatch Forests, Inc., a student-loan fund for children of employees of the company has had what is generally considered remarkable success.

Of 24 high school graduates who desired further education in vocations, 22 of them have carried through to date, according to the records at Potlatch and in Lewiston. The Potlatch and Clearwater units participated.

Subjects taken and the number obtaining loans during this period were as follows:

	Potlatch	Clearwater
Business school .....	9	7
Teaching .....	2	1
Nursing .....	1	2
Beauty culture .....		1
Deisel engineering .....		1
Totals .....	12	12

### Total of \$4822 Borrowed

To accomplish this, the students seeking loans borrowed \$2022 from the Clearwater unit and \$2800 from the Potlatch unit, or a total of \$4822. Of that amount, \$1666.86 has been repaid at Potlatch and \$1232.30 at the Clearwater office, for a total of \$2899.16 or a little better than 61 per cent to date.

The loan plan is a "pay as you go" plan, so that while the student is at school and has no earning power, the parent employed at one of the plants, repays a small portion each month, steadily reducing the amount the student will have to repay upon graduation.

The loans are thus spread out over a 24-months period and are reduced each month by authorized deductions from the payroll.

The fund plan was worked out by R. M. Evenden, now professor of forestry at Oregon State College, who at that time was employment manager of the Clearwater plant.

### Rules Are Established

Rules of guidance in considering an application were established as follows:

1. Father and child are considered

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### EDUCATION

**T**HE editor has made this an education number of *The Family Tree* as a salute to the University of Idaho. Potlatch Forests, Inc., is proud of this university and proud of those graduates who have helped direct the company's affairs.

And at the same time the company is very proud of those of its employees who have, through study and hard work, carried their own education onward after reaching mature years and while busily engaged in earning a living.

Sixty-one men on the Clearwater plant alone, have been promoted as the direct result of extra study and preparation in their spare time.

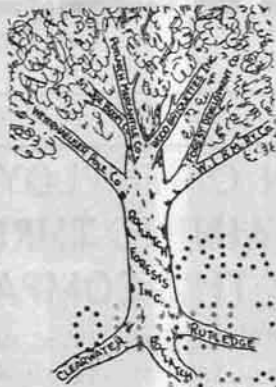
**C. L. BILLINGS,**  
General Manager.

### Minor Repairs Made

Minor repairs in and around the plant of the Rutledge unit at Coeur d'Alene are reported by the management, in preparation for opening of the sawmill in the spring, with special attention being given to safety.

An active safety first campaign is under way and plans are to construct a first aid room near the shipping office.

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*"He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help."*

Down the Editor's Alley

From Coeur d'Alene we get this one: Stranger: "And what grade is this lumber with so many knot holes in it?" Grader: "That's our Knudist panel. We send 'em to Hollywood."

Then there was the little boy who suggested all baseball diamonds be fenced hereafter with knot-hole pine.

Which reminds us that the baseball season will be on again in a few more weeks. There won't be much use in batters trying to knock h— out of the Pres-to-log sign at the far end of the field. The weather man has already done that.

Anyway, the fellows around the plants kept warm by pitching horse-shoes.

With this issue and a cartoon on page 7 that packs a wallop, C. J. Markowski enters the field of staff cartoonist for *The Family Tree*. Mr. Markowski, be it known, is one of the boys in the plant, has a keen sense of humor and isn't afraid to picture things the way he sees them.

Through the Mill

By L. H. WALLBRIDGE of the Potlatch Unit (with apologies to WALT WHITMAN creator of poetic prose).

PERHAPS you often wonder why you do not 'get the breaks.' Perhaps you feel discouraged when you think of your mistakes. Just tighten up the upper lip! Remember, Jack and Bill, it's only timber straight and sound, that passes through that mill.

"You think, no doubt, your lot is hard. You seek for things in vain. Why good timber must go through the mill to show its perfect grain!

"That log that never feels the bite of whirling teeth that sting, escapes a lot of pain perhaps, but isn't worth a thing.

"Why worry if the goal you seek sometimes seems far away? Just plug along and find rewards will come your way some day. You'll find that life's a joyful game and holds a lot of thrill. A timber takes no polish till it passes through the mill.

"Be happy you can stand the gaff and bide your time and wait. No timber passes through the mill unless it's strong and straight. The stick that has the twisted grain and makes the planer dull, is cast aside as worthless—there's no value in the cull.

"So take the works and like it, be you Harry, Tom or Bill, for even knots are polished when a stick goes through the mill.

"It hurts when your rough edges meet steel revolving fast, but you'll be perfect timber, when you're through the mill at last."

Cribbage Tourney to Settle Argument

Top hands at the cribbage table at the Clearwater plant have started a play-off to settle a long-standing dispute as to who are the best players. Thirty-two sat down to the tables at lunch time on January 23 to start a round-robin with two-man teams.

Vieing for unannounced prizes in the tournament are Jim Siebert and Ralph Rosenberger; Martin Estlund and C. J. Carter; Ike Peterson and C. J. Cummerford; Art Morris and Martin Peterson; Claire Wilcox and Morris Fletcher; Wally Currin and Dris Holman; Ed Johnson and Einar Nelson; Cleo Williams and Roy Williams; Russell Kirsch and Herman Galles; Jim Ford and C. S. Keller; Bud Shannessy and Curtis Presby; L. V. Tigges and Les Ayres; Paul Schermerhorn and Eric Rose; Dean Cox and Ben Castle; and Henry Hirsch and Frank Green.

Is my face red? Even the office boy had "phantomed" this before I bit:

"Vyizder  
 Zomanipor  
 Orzizzazziz  
 Zanzeriz  
 Orziz?"

"Shep" of Rutledge Goes to Final Rest

Shep, motherly and somewhat prolific shepherd dog of the Rutledge plant in Coeur d'Alene, has delivered her litter and eaten her last scraps from the lunch pails of the workmen in the plant. In fact, Shep has gone to her reward, dispatched thereto by the hand of persons unknown.

And so endeth a chapter of dogdom begun in 1936 when the Weyerhaeuser salesmen came out on their special trip and parked in the yard. Since then Shep has been a favorite among the men in spite of the rather annoying circumstances in which she presented the crew with 25 puppies in several batches and at such times as to make her a nuisance.

According to the story around the plant, Shep took up with the porters on the Salesmen's Special. That was because of sundry tidbits tossed from the dining car. Finding the Rutledge unit plant a good place to eat, Shep made her abode there and began a fruitful career of family life. The attraction was tolerated until recently when someone decided Shep belonged in the happy hunting ground, or wherever it is that dogs go when they go.



## Men of Clearwater Inspire Song Salute By Walt Seabold

Clearwater unit's establishment last fall of a new world's safety record for sawmills inspired Walt (Wagon Wheels) Seabold of the Weyerhaeuser Sales company to write a "Salute to the Men of the Potlatch Forests, Inc.," a copy of which was received here recently.

In a letter accompanying the song and written to Mr. Harry T. Kendall, Mr. Seabold said:

"Your bulletin of November 30, saying the Clearwater unit now holds the world's record for safety is certainly very interesting to me and after spending 15 years looking out for men's safety around whirring knives and singing saws, I can appreciate the very excellent job these men have done and the enviable record Clearwater unit has made.

### Fond Memory Bestirred

"When your bulletin came, it brought memories of my first visit to Lewiston, also memories of my 'grand opera debut' at our meeting there in 1937, singing 'Wagon Wheels.' The subject of safety and sawmill wheels seem to fit this tune and if that meeting was in Lewiston today, I would salute the boys thusly:

*(To the tune of Wagon Wheels)*

"Sawmill wheels, sawmill wheels,  
 "Keep on turning, sawmill wheels;  
 "Turning 'round, turning 'round,  
 "Singing a song with a will.  
 "Go 'long boys, there's a record that's a standing,  
 "Standing for your Clearwater mill;  
 "Go 'long boys, it's the boss's understanding,  
 "Safety First is the order to fill;  
 "Sawmill wheels, sawmill wheels,  
 "Keep on turning, sawmill wheels,  
 "Roll along, sing your song,  
 "Safety First—gets you safe—h-o-m-e  
 "Safety First—Happy Days—Home."

### Car Checker Keeps Warm

Among the other innovations in the Rutledge plant of Potlatch Forests, Inc., during the winter months, has been construction of a small shack on Track No. 2 for use of the car checker.

The shack is equipped with built-in desk, shelves for stamping equipment, electric lights, and of utmost importance to the checker who used to stand out in the cold and stamp his feet to keep warm, an electric heater.

## Credit Union Gives Loans At Low Interest To Employees; First Annual Report Made

Placing itself in a position to carry the financial load of its members, Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union at the Clearwater plant is serving its members by giving them an easy and profitable way to establish collective credit in the Lewiston community, according to B. L. "Verne" Runnion, secretary-treasurer.

"As this story goes to press over \$3300 has been loaned to members. This is credit that would not have been created if the credit union hadn't come into being last April," said Mr. Runnion.

## Children In Home Pleased With Gifts

Sincere appreciation for an unexpected gift to children of the Children's Home Finding and Aid Society of North Idaho, in Lewiston, was expressed in a letter to Mr. A. G. Ferguson, manager of the Potlatch Mercantile store at Potlatch, following Christmas

The letter, signed by Katherine Wolf, superintendent, is self-explanatory, and follows:

"Dear Mr. Ferguson: The wonderful boxes from the store were received and were surely a wonderful surprise. They had so much that can be used to such good advantage right now.

"The underwear was especially needed and will help so much. I will not stop to enumerate it all but we do wish you to know we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

"The children had a happy Christmas, with gifts and treats sent in. If one could but see the happy faces it would be easier to realize what it all meant to them.

"We wish you a Very Happy New Year."

She was an attractive young widow. She entered the hotel lounge and seated herself next to a handsome and dashing young brute. She coughed lightly, but the stranger ignored her presence. When their eyes finally met, she shot at him a flirtatious glance that indicated plainly she desired to make his acquaintance.

With all this the male seemed cool and gave no answering sign.

Finally a handkerchief dropped to the floor and she murmured softly "Oh, I've dropped my handkerchief."

The man turned an eye to the woman and responded, "Madam, my weakness is beer."

The "Potlatch" union was established under federal charter of the Farm Credit Administration. It is a brother of 6,500 credit unions operating throughout the United States.

### First Annual Meet Held

At the first annual meeting of the members held on January 17, 1939, the election of officers, control of pass-books, treasurer's report, the credit committee report, supervisory committee report, adoption of the new standard by-laws for federal credit unions, probable earnings for 1939, and the voting a salary to the treasurer were among the topics discussed and acted on.

The officers elected are as follows: board of directors, A. E. Miller president; R. I. Lovejoy, vice-president; B. L. Runnion, secretary-treasurer; Monte Morris, Ed Wetmore, Ed Armstrong, D. D. Campbell, John Borroughs and Ellis Cass, directors; C. L. Bice, A. W. Pritchard and Glenn Gage, credit committee; and Ike Gilbertson, Jim Sibert and Everett Wallace, supervisory committee.

Included in the reports was the analysis of business transactions as summarized below:

### Members and Loans

Charter members ..... 110  
 Members gained since organization 163

Total members ..... 273  
 Member share holdings.....\$2600

Term of loans: Up to \$50 on a personal note; over \$50 co-makers and collateral security. Repayment may be made monthly or semi-monthly as low as \$5. Interest is charged at the rate of one per cent per month on the unpaid balance with no carrying charges being assessed.

### Loans Up to January 25

Need	No.	Amount
Hospital and doctor .....	7	\$287.50
Maternity .....	3	150.00
Other bills .....	16	695.00
Dental work .....	5	230.00
Note .....	1	50.00

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## UNIVERSITY SEMI-CENTENNIAL IS SAGA OF EARLY LUMBERMEN

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the east found their way out to Idaho. Thirty-eight or nine years later the Clearwater Timber company became interested in white pine. Land was purchased and in 1905 or 1906 a timber protective association was formed. It was not until 1925, however, that much thought was given to the construction of a large sawmill at Lewiston. In 1927 that mill was built and is now the property of Potlatch Forests, Inc.

With the lumber industry given a great boost by the operation of the Lewiston plant, river drives become of greater importance and during the last few years have been so spectacular that they have been termed "The Greatest Show on Earth."

As Dr. Spalding brought his message of civilization to the Indians, so did he bring education. With Dr. Marcus Whitman, who had settled in the Walla Walla country, and "Grandma" Tabitha Brown, who went on down into the Willamette valley in Oregon, great efforts were made to bring education and culture to the Pacific Northwest. In this connection it is of interest to note that two persons living in the Inland Empire today and close to the lumber industry, are direct descendants of those immortal people. B. J. Warren of Spokane, who is a business caller on Potlatch Forests, Inc., is a grandson of Dr. Spalding. Mrs. S. C. Jenkins, wife of the writer, is a great-grand-daughter of "Grandma" Brown.

Just as sawn lumber created comfortable homes and increased the high standards of American living, so did it contribute to the building of culture and education in the west. As the industry grew and communities sprang into being, whole towns of lumber were built and the great march westward had brought conquerors of the wilderness to the place of their abode. Busy men and women paused to reflect that their children and their children's children would need schools and churches, and the influence of Dr. Whitman, Dr. Spalding, "Grandma" Brown and others was as dominant over this world of pioneers as the great white pine tree over the forest.

### University Given Life

It was 1889, just when the timberland was interesting men of finance and shrewd business judgment, that the University was created as the Territorial University. There is a legend,

which lacks such foundation as to be included in the written history, that Boise was given the choice of having the university or the penitentiary and chose the latter. The university was actually born in Boise, and by act of territorial council on January 30, 1889, was established in the "town of Moscow, Latah county."

A few years later the Potlatch Lumber company cleared a space just a few miles north of Moscow and erected a big sawmill. By 1905 the lumber industry had become the most important in this section of the state. Men and women came into the country and as the industry grew in importance, so did the town of Moscow and the University of Idaho, for like their fathers, these men of the woods wanted education and the finer things of life for their offspring.

### Industry Brought People

The woods rang with the song of the axe and the saw; great trees were felled to be cut into lumber to make more homes to house more people. Forests were cleared and farms sprouted throughout the hinterland. Cities grew. Roads were built. The entire school system of the state advanced. Today the high schools of Idaho alone number 200.

In 1927 when the Clearwater Timber company began its major operations in Lewiston, those busy men who were building for the future were not unmindful of their heritage. At Potlatch there has been, in times past, a laboratory for wood products. It was through the cooperation of several interested in the project that a wood conversion laboratory was established at the University of Idaho in 1931 with the able assistance and under the direction of the late Dean F. G. Miller. It was in that year that Potlatch Forests, Inc., became a reality and C. L. Billings, general manager, gave two fellowships in forest products to the university. Those fellowships have been renewed annually and the lumber industry continues its influence in the world of education.

Sophomore: "You want to keep your eyes open around here today."

Frosh: "What for?"

Sophomore: "Because people may think you're stupid if you go around with them shut."

## Briquette Machines Set Up New Record

If anyone had said, prior to this, that the Pres-to-log machine with its great bulk and cumbersome movement, could have a better record for continuous operation than some Swiss watches "we have known," it wouldn't have been believed.

The Potlatch unit plant, however, the criterion and four machines there have run two years in a row with total lost time chargeable to the machines of less than 2 per cent. In addition to that, the Potlatch briquette plant production for 1938 was 375 tons per machine.

"Four factors enter into this result," said L. H. Young.

"First, we have an A-1 crew under an A-1 foreman.

"Second, We rotate the crews in 24-hour operation once a week, no man being required to work on the graveyard shift more than a week at a stretch. There was a noticeable increase in efficiency and the resulting production when this plan was inaugurated.

"Third, in case of breakdown, we have immediately available the necessary men from the maintenance department to cooperate with the foreman of the Pres-to-log department in making the necessary repairs with the least possible lost time.

"Fourth, the efficient service rendered by the W. I. & M. Ry. Co. machine shops when required."

During the two-year period this department has produced 27,513 tons of Pres-to-logs. Here are some more figures:

Number of times machine indexed, 7,043,328.

Number of miles traveled by pistons, 2,669.

Combined pressure if all in one shop, 884,994,163,200,000 lbs., or 442,497,000 tons.

Length of logs manufactured in two years, 1,344½ miles, or about twice the length of the state of Idaho.

Number of carloads of logs (30-ton cars), 917.

Number of logs produced, 7,043,328.

Nine motors started and stopped 42,259,968 times.



## Here's More About Credit Union Story

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Grocery .....	1	50.00
Back payment on home	2	55.00
Back payment on furniture .....	4	150.00
Payment, cars and trucks	6	300.00
Repairing cars .....	4	175.00
Car license .....	1	15.00
Purchase tires .....	3	115.00
Buying household goods	3	110.00
Buying store .....	1	30.00
Buying fencing .....	1	25.00
Buying cow .....	2	75.00
Property .....	1	30.00
Buying chickens and hogs	1	50.00
Buying feed and grain..	6	255.00
Buying clothes .....	1	50.00
Building garage .....	1	50.00
Christmas money .....	3	100.00
Repair sewer .....	1	50.00
Educational .....	1	50.00
Insurance .....	2	100.00
Taxes .....	3	70.00
Helping mother .....	1	25.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>\$3342.50</b>

"Any man employed at the Clearwater plant or in the Lewiston offices may become a member of the credit union," said Verne. "Although the growth of the membership has been gradual, it is a healthy condition, because it gives us experience as we grow and enables us to do better work. Mr. Powell in an inspecting visit last month stated that our records are in perfect condition."

### Sewer System Extended

Work began on an extension of the sewer system in Potlatch on January 9 which will service 48 residences. The new line begins at Ninth and Pine; thence up Pine one block to Tenth street; along tenth street three blocks to Spruce and south along Spruce one block to Ninth.

A new departure here in sewer construction has been the use of stop-root rings at the pipe joints. These are used in the block along Pine street where the large shade trees have sent down their roots. These rings are made of copper and, in the process of corrosion, send out a poison which kills the tiny roots, thus preventing their entering the pipes at the joints.

"How's your new girl?"

"Not so good."

"You always were lucky."

## Clearwater Woods

With the advent of cold weather, little snow and smooth logging roads, Camp 20 has stepped up its production from 20 to 26 cars of logs per day, and it begins to appear that some kind of a record as far as small second growth white pine is concerned, will be established.

In use at present are three R. D. Sixes on cat skidding, one "22" cat yarding, three two-ton trailing or the chute and one "40" Dodger keeping roads in condition. Twenty teams are taking care of the horse logging.

All improvement work has been finished for the remainder of this season's logging, resulting in reducing the camp crew to 150 men.

With continued favorable weather conditions, logging should keep up at record production during the new year's operation and it is hoped to see the last log loaded just before the spring breakup. This will wind up the logging at this camp.

Some cedar poles have been made by Knight Brothers, who have the contract and who will have all the poles made by early spring.

## POTLATCH WOODS

Late in January Camp 6, southeast of Bovill on the W. I. & M. railway, started getting out in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 feet of fir and larch logs to be manufactured into ties for the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway company. Axel Anderson is in charge of this operation.

Ole Moody, of Troy, is operating a small cedar camp on the Three-Bear line just below the old Shove mill on lands from which he removed the white pine the past year. About 1,000 poles will be manufactured now and skidded in the spring.

Contractor: Is the fan dancer here?  
Theater Usher: No, she's round at the rear.

Contractor: I know that, dope, but where can I find her.

Speed Fiend (as he slows down): "Gosh! Don't you feel glad you're alive in this day and age?"

Timid Rider: "Glad isn't the word. I'm amazed."

## Pupils At Potlatch Bring Entire County School Standards Up

Potlatch school children, by having a high standard of study achievement, are three months ahead of any other schools in Latah county and so far as is known now, are out in front of any other district in the state, according to statements of Horace Woodworth, superintendent of Latah county schools.

In tests conducted at mid-year when Latah county was "below par" generally, Potlatch was shown to have a rating of 8.5 with par at 8.2, said Mr. Woodworth. Prior to the report of tests in the Potlatch schools, other districts in that county were one month behind, or with a rating of 8.1.

The tests, he said, were given throughout the county in the autumn and winter to evaluate the knowledge of pupil assimilates. As a result of the tests, Mr. Woodworth said he would take steps to see that his county school system is brought above "par" by himself substituting in the smaller schools for teachers who would be sent to other schools to observe methods of study there.

"The rating of Potlatch school children has always been very high," he said, "and instructors at the University of Idaho have told me that high school graduates coming to the university from Potlatch have, for the past ten years, been among the best students on the campus."

"Needless to say, we are very proud of this record because these children are part of our Potlatch family," said C. L. Billings, general manager of the company.

"Our congratulations are extended to Mr. J. C. Eddy, superintendent, and through him to the teachers who have made this splendid record possible."

The henpecked-appearing gentleman was gazing rapturously at a huge oil painting of a shapely girl dressed in only a few strategically arranged leaves. The title of the picture was "Spring."

Suddenly the voice of his wife snapped: "Well, what are you waiting for? Autumn?"

Old-Fashioned Mother: Be a good girl and have a good time.

Daughter: Make up your mind, please.

## TWENTY-FOUR CHILDREN HELPED WITH EDUCATIONAL LOANS

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together.

2. Eligibility of father as to:
  - (a) character
  - (b) personnel record
  - (c) length of service
  - (d) probability of continuance in service.
3. Eligibility of student as to:
  - (a) character
  - (b) scholastic record
  - (c) activity record
  - (d) vocational aptitude or inclination.

Selection of students has been carried out in co-operation with high school principals. The father and child under consideration have been found eligible before an offer is made. The prospective student is then interviewed with the idea of assisting him or her in the selection of a school or vocation. When the loan is made a contract is drawn up between Potlatch Forests, Inc., and the father-child loan unit.

Tentative rules governing the lending of money by the company for further education include:

1. Money loaned for business, vocational or normal training; university or college training excluded.
2. Only graduates of the current year are considered.
3. A top limit of \$250 per student is declared.
  - (a) a follow up by those making the loan to determine where and how the money is being spent.
  - (b) the amount loaned is apportioned out as needed.
4. Repayments begin at once, at a minimum amount per month equal to 6 per cent of the average monthly earnings of the father, and with the agreement that the child is to assume payments when the training is completed.
5. An interest rate of 2 per cent on the unpaid balance is charged.

### Girls Outnumber Boys

Average loans have been \$168.50 and the average size repayments \$7.63 per month.

Girls have taken advantage of these loans more than have boys, probably due to the fact that girls appear to be more able to adjust themselves to office work, nursing, etc., whereas the boys either quit school entirely or go on to college or university.

Of those who obtained their loans at Potlatch, ten were girls and two boys. Of the nine who took business training, three have completed their courses and are now employed. The others are still in school. Two borrowers chose the normal school for teacher training with the result that one of them landed in a home of her own and the other is now teaching. One girl who took up nurse's training is well into her second year.

The Clearwater student survey reveals that of the seven who took up business courses, two now have positions; one got into the radio field; two dropped out as incompletes; one is still in school and one has completed but at the time of the survey was unemployed. Two who took up nursing were still in training; a beauty culturist had a good position; a teacher was doing well in that profession and the boy who selected Diesel engineering had finished the course, but had no job as yet.

### Potlatch Hoop Five Defeats Girls' Team

Potlatch Amateur Athletic club hoopsters may not have had the last word when they pitted their strength and skill against a barnstorming women's basketball team at Potlatch early in January, but they did win the game 39 to 27.

Fans reported they were entertained but did not feel these girls played good basketball. There were too many fouls. Between halves, Helen Stephens, who captains the traveling quint and who was the Olympic sprint champion for women in 1936, gave an exhibition of her sprinting and broad jumping, equalling her record of eight feet four inches in the jump.

"Arthur!"  
 "What, ma?"  
 "Are you spitting in the fish bowl?"  
 "No, but I been comin' pretty close."

Ardent: "Sweetheart, as I've said before, you've the sweetest calf I ever saw."

Cool: "Aw, why go over that again?"

The trouble with night clubs is that the tables are reserved and the guests aren't.

### Maintenance Work Planned for Busy Days Ahead At Mill

At a meeting of mechanics and heads of departments at the Clearwater water plant early in December, plans were laid to have the entire plant machinery in smooth operating condition as soon as possible in anticipation of busy times.

Co-ordinating the work of the various departments and service crews for several months ahead, the mechanics planned maintenance and construction work that will put the machinery in first class condition and keep it that way throughout a severe operating schedule.

Dave Troy, chairman of the meeting, guided the discussion through plans for overhaul work on the main rails, electric bugs, lumber cranes, cranes, planing mill, replant, chain, rebutt, unstacker, stacker, sawmill, and other machines and departments. Much attention was given to purchase of necessary spare parts where they may be needed should essential equipment give way.

The mechanical meetings are held whenever the need for co-ordinating the work of the mechanics arises. The previous meeting was held just one year ago in 1937. At the end of the recent meeting the men expressed their opinions that as a whole the plant is in better condition mechanically than it has been at the time of other meetings.

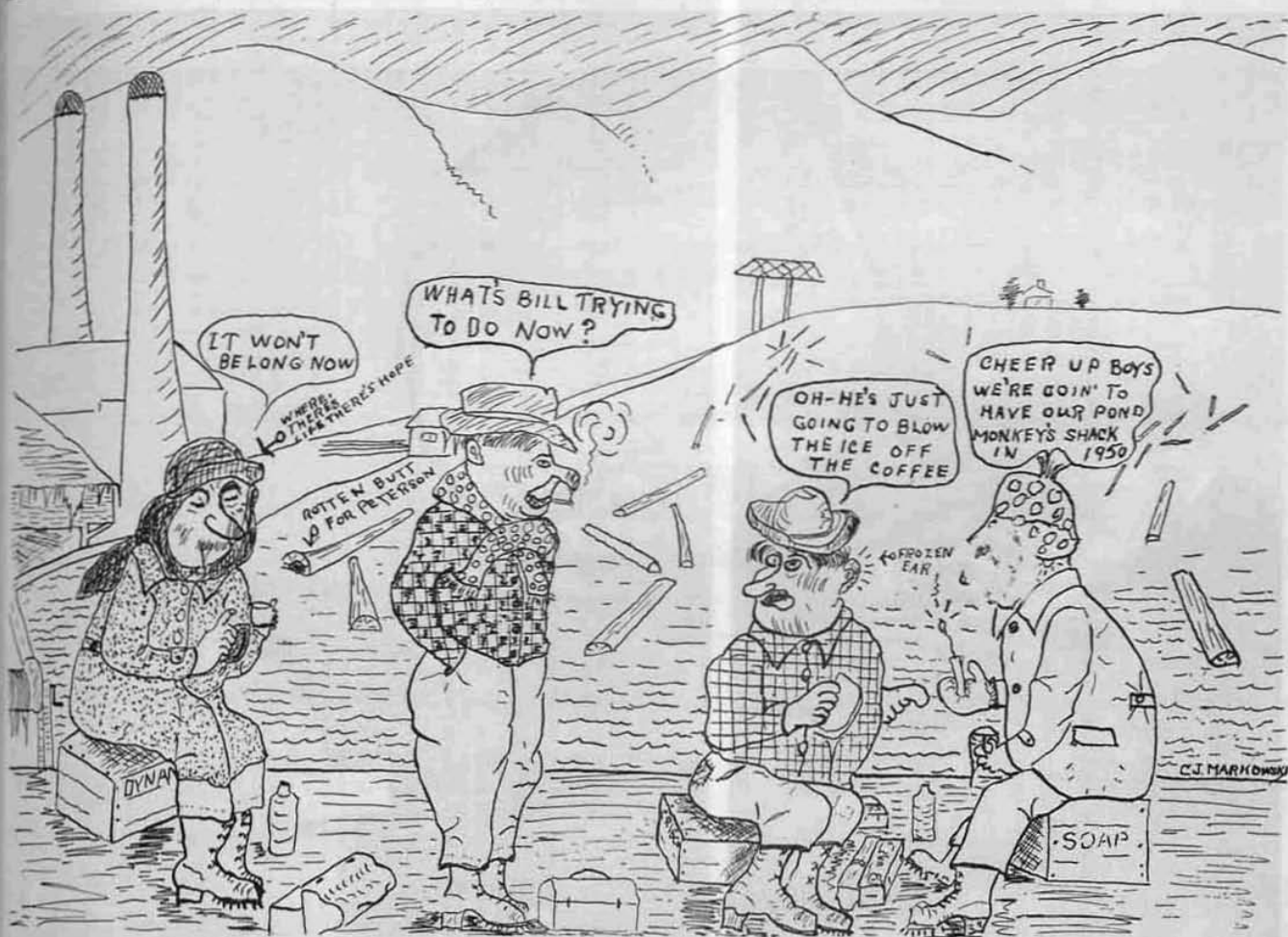
### Troy Cautions Members

Adjourning the meeting until it is necessary to hold another one, Dave Troy urged the foremen and mechanics to pay particular attention to the use of the maintenance schedule system used at the Clearwater plant. He pointed out that since the system was placed in use, it has not been necessary to send the crew home during a working day because of a mechanical breakdown.

Those attending the meeting were Dave Troy, Harold White, Bill Campbell, Clarence Bice, John Olson, Paul Schermerhorn, Ray O'Connor, Charles Cummerford, Monte Morris, Swartz, Claude Henderson, Kenneth Ross, George Wright, Jack Frisch, Jensen and Tom Seccull.



## A Winter Picnic?



(Ed. Note: No reader, these are not refugees from Germany. They are tough lumberjacks enjoying a light lunch in the Banana Belt. There are several ways of going after things we want and here is one of the best. Demands and petitions might never get a warming shack for the boom men on the pond, but we have a hunch, what with all the history there is behind it, when C. L. B. and O. H. L., see this picture of suffering humanity, something will happen.)

## New Business Files Get Thinner But Sales Hopes Pinned On Spring

New business has dropped off considerably during the latter half of January, according to Phil Pratt, sales manager, who however, said:

"This is rather to be expected because much of the lumber we sold in December and early January was for the purpose of replenishing stock in retail yards, and very little of it goes out on the job during the winter months.

"The feeling in the east seems to be that we will have a fairly good spring business starting in March or April. In the meantime we have a fairly good order file and if we receive just normal business during February, we should be able to operate steadily.

"There seems to be a definite trend toward grade marked and trade marked lumber. Apparently the WPA is requiring marked lumber in many different sections of the country. From an operating standpoint, this question

of grade marking and trade marking is expensive; but we do feel that any trend toward the use of quality lumber and away from substitution of inferior grades and species should be beneficial to Idaho White Pine.

"Group meetings of Weyerhaeuser salesmen are being held in centrally located points all over the country during January and a good deal of emphasis is being placed on our White Pine problems. Most of the salesmen seem to be enthusiastic about prospects for this coming year and feel that we will have an increase in our Idaho White Pine sales."

"So your brother is a painter, eh?"

"Yep."

"Paints houses, I presume?"

"Nope, paints men and women."

"Oh, I see. He's an artist."

"Nope, just paints women on one door and men on the other."

## Bigger and Better Selects Give Wide Boards



Here are two pretty hefty looking white pine logs of the kind that are giving Potlatch Forests, Inc., more wide boards, better quality Choice and Supreme lumber to ship in mixed cars with Sterling and Standard for the good customers. The top log scales 1110 board feet and the lower one 1480 board feet. When they get bigger or better, Potlatch Forests, Inc., will know where they are and the customers will get them.

### Rutledge Way Graded

Mild weather and softening of the ground surface gave the Rutledge unit management an opportunity recently to do a little grading on Rutledge Way, the road leading into the plant from the main highway at Coeur d'Alene. A county grader was brought in and the blade pulled over the avenue.

Graveling of the road was contemplated as soon as weather conditions were right.

### Wood Placques Gift to Schools In Idaho

Through the gift of Idaho white pine boards, with which to make panels, the Idaho state forestry department and WPA have created sets of twelve placques of western soft woods intended for presentation to schools of the state.

The placques, containing a cross section of the wood subject, cone, seed,

bark and foliage with a small piece of the finished wood attached, include the following specimens: Alpine fir, Douglas fir, Ponderoso pine, Western larch, Western hemlock, Western white pine, Pacific Yew, Lowland white fir, Lodgepole pine, Englemann spruce and Western red cedar.

The boards which furnish the background of the placques were provided by the Rutledge unit of Potlatch Forests, Inc.