

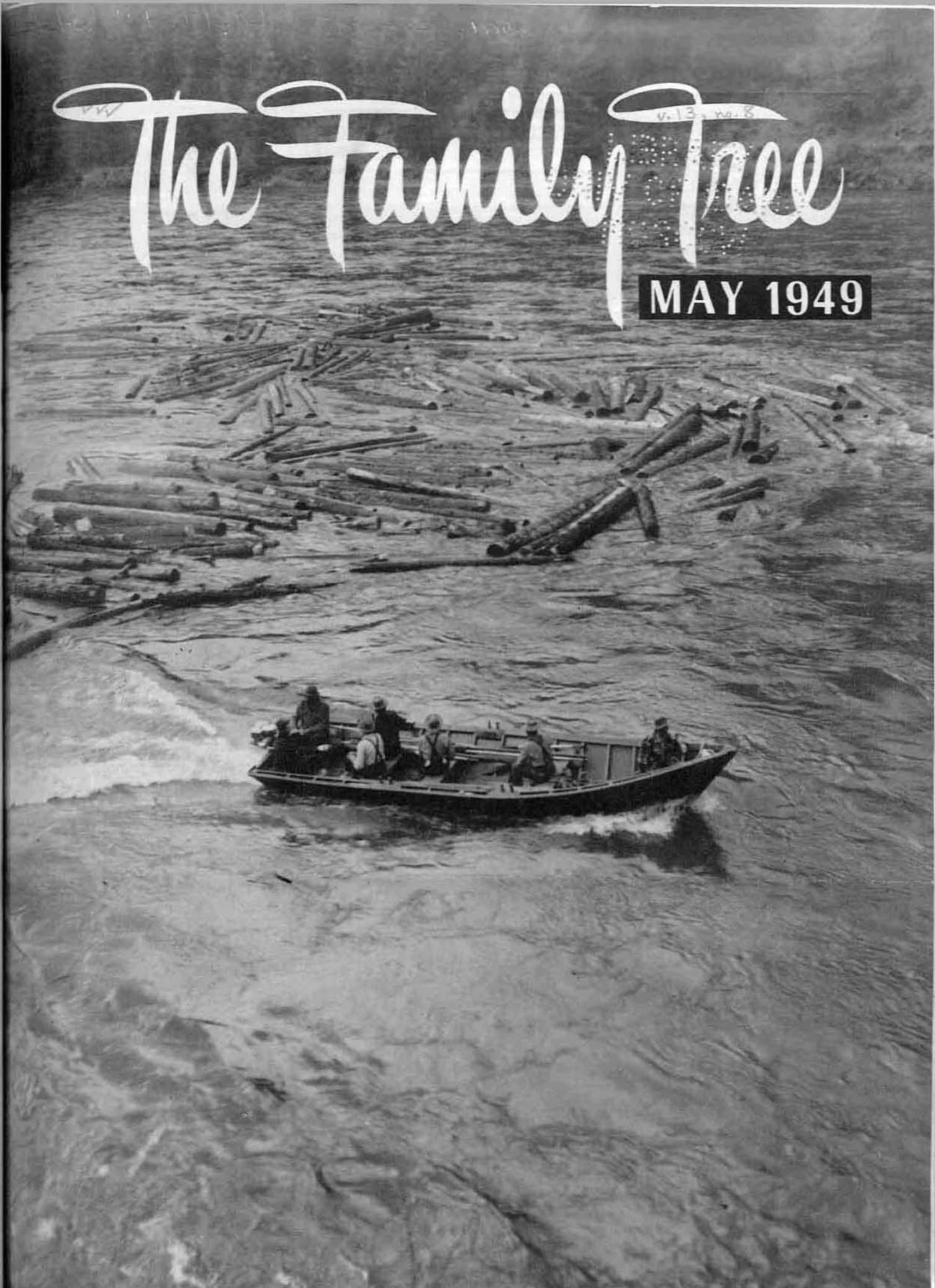
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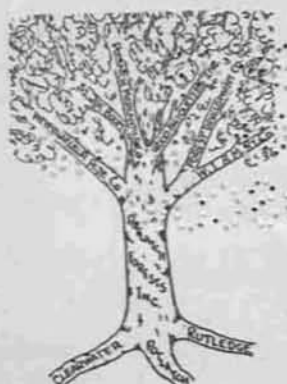
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## Free Enterprise, Taxes, Socialism

The question has been asked, "Can high taxes take us down the road to socialism? It is taking us there a lot faster than most people think. Top economists are pointing now to the danger signs that affect you and your job. With taxes having long ago reached its climax it is possible that unwise legislation for more spending and more taxes could upset the nation. More than 25 cent of every dollar of national income is needed to carry out the spending of the federal government.

Congress was recently asked to ponder the necessity for high steel production and for expanded facilities and that it should be the part of the federal government to build plants and produce steel, if private industry did not. Who would put up the capital for these expanded facilities by the government? The message stated that there must be \$4 billion in new taxes, mostly from corporations. It is true that private industry would bear the brunt of increased taxes, but we must not forget that it is the consumer's dollar that buys the goods from the producer who in turn pays the additional tax. Part of the producer's selling price has to include the tax burden that he must bear.

Let's look at this problem from the workers point of view. The federal, state and city governments continue at an ever-increasing rate to extract monies from the worker. Soon there will not be sufficient residue left of the worker's salary or earnings to permit him to save enough to support himself in his old age. He will be forced to

## TEN YEARS AGO IN THE TREE

William Helmer of Bovill, who has cruised for the company since the first timber was bought, is taking a vacation which he is spending with relatives at Duluth, Minnesota.

Headquarters has dug itself out of the snow, got up steam and is going ahead with activities of the pre-summer season. Tractors, trucks, jammers, locomotives, and all other kinds of logging equipment are being given that final checkup—before going out to work. Even a certain well known Lincoln sedan is having its share of attention.

Thomas E. Kinney, assistant general manager of PFI in charge of woods operations, announced his resignation May 10. He has been associated in an executive capacity with PFI and its predecessors, the Clearwater Timber Company, since the firm started its lumbering operations in 1926.

Among those of PFI who recently visited the San Francisco fair are G. C. Barton, Grant McFee, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huffman and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peterson and son, Dave.

Among recent new installations at the Potlatch sawmill is an electric moulder replacing the old Berlin and American machines. The new machine is eighty and one-quarter inches long and has a range of from twenty to one hundred fifty feet per minute of pattern mouldings.

The Potlatch Softball Association will begin the season's league play with five teams starting on the playing field by early June.

The officers and stockholders of PFI were visitors at the plants in mid-May on their annual trip to the west. They visited at the Rutledge, Potlatch and Clearwater units and to the pole treating plant at Ahsahka.

Taking advantage of opportunities offered through the company to learn more about their crafts and trades, without "getting it the hard way," more than 100 employees of the Clearwater and Potlatch units have taken vocational training courses, 60 of whom have been promoted as a direct result of their extra time studies.

become, at least partially, a ward of the state. Not only are we taxing the worker's earnings to the point of destroying the possibility of savings, but we are, through rent control, depriving 8 million American workers and others who have accumulated enough from past earnings to become property owners, of the right to a fair income from their investments. Every individual worker who accumulates property is a capitalist and the destruction of his property or making it impossible to acquire property will go far toward his support of collectivism.

Sooner or later we should recognize that the basic purpose of security programs is to take from those who work and save and are responsible enough

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**DRIVE IT HOME!**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS U.S. SAVINGS BONDS**

## Payroll Savings

The Treasury's Department spring Savings Bonds Drive is now under way and will continue through June 30. We here in Potlatch Forests are cooperating with the nation-wide campaign to assist in putting it across.

Most of you may think that it is very difficult to save these days because of high prices, but yet millions of small income people are able to do so. Like many other things, the art of saving has a trick to it. The secret is regularity and habit of saving. It does not have to be a large amount each month. The old saying that "from small acorns mighty oaks do grow" is very applicable and it is surprising how a small amount saved each month will amount to a sizeable nest egg in a few years.

Money has a sly way of slipping through our fingers into many items that we could very well do without. By forming the habit of maintaining a savings practice part of this slippery money will grow into future dividends for us.

One of the safest places today to invest your savings is in U. S. Savings Bonds. If you save \$75 for ten years the government will repay you \$100. Or you can invest \$18.75 in a series E bond and get \$25 for it in ten years. The ten year return on your money is almost 3 per cent.

#### WHY EDS. SKIP TOWN

"Marjorie E— was bruised when a car struck her. After feeling her all over to make sure no bones were broken, the driver, George B—, insisted on taking her home where he could make a closer examination."

#### COVER PICTURE

The break-up of a center jam on the North Fork of the Clearwater near Big Island. The two bateaux were busy on another center jam so the motor boat was used to break out this one. The Altmiller brothers are in the bow and stern.



4-H Club Tree Farm Sign

## Potlatch Tree Farm

Spring is traditionally the time when all get the urge to plant something and Mother Nature has in her makeup set aside this period when all things to be harvested should start their growth. This urge to start things to grow was very evident in the tree planting by the 4-H Forestry Club members of Potlatch, Saturday, April 23.

This group met at the Tree Farm at Potlatch and planted some 75 additional trees and replaced others that died in last year's planting. The trees that were left from the 100 original were heeled-in on the site pending the preparation of the ground in which they are to be planted.

The planting was under the direction of C. E. McProud, county extension agent, and Vernon H. Burlison, assistant extension forester at the University of Idaho.

In a letter to Jim O'Connell, Mr. Burlison stated:

"The planting went along in fine shape this year. We had just about the right size group for the number of trees we had to plant. Many of the boys had been present when the first planting was made, and with a minimum amount of supervision they did a good planting job.

"Potlatch Forests, Inc., is to be commended for their active sponsorship of this 4-H Club activity. I think the impressive sign which has been erected calling attention to the tree planting will have broad and worthwhile effects. I noted among the boys and girls who were there that they were definitely proud of having a part in the project. I feel quite sure that continued cooperation will make this venture successful; and I believe it will spread interest in tree growing and forest protection among the boys and girls of Northern Idaho."

The man selected a \$500 horse, paid for it, ordered it delivered to his third floor apartment, ordered it shot and placed in his bathtub. When asked the reason for this strange action, he replied, "My name is Joe. Every night my roommate comes in and asks 'Whatta you know Joe?' I never know anything. But tonight I'll tell him about a dead horse in the bathtub!"

The election board in a southern town was counting ballots when they came across a Republican ticket. Not finding anything wrong with it, they put it aside until they had time to decide what to do about it. After a while a second Republican vote showed up: Judge: "The son-of-a-gun voted twice. Throw 'em both out!"

Mother: "What's the cat's name?"  
 Sonny: "Ben Hur."  
 Mother: "How did you happen to choose that?"  
 Sonny: "It was just Ben before she had kittens."

## White Pine

The following is a partial reprint from the Minneapolis Star, April 21, 1949:

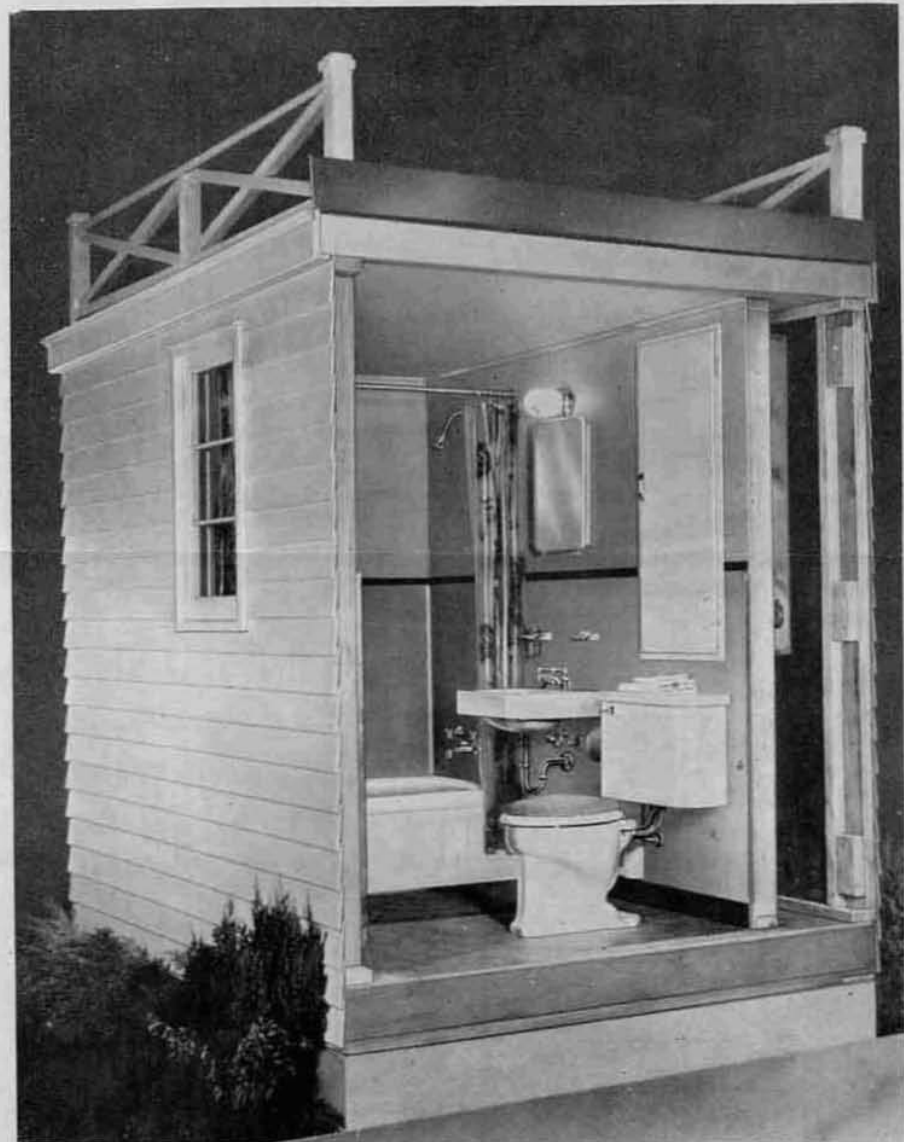
"Installation of gas mains was started and the old wooden mains were left in the ground because it was cheaper than to dig them up.

"The wooden mains, bored from white pine logs, served their purpose well as the wood prevented the gas from freezing in the winter."

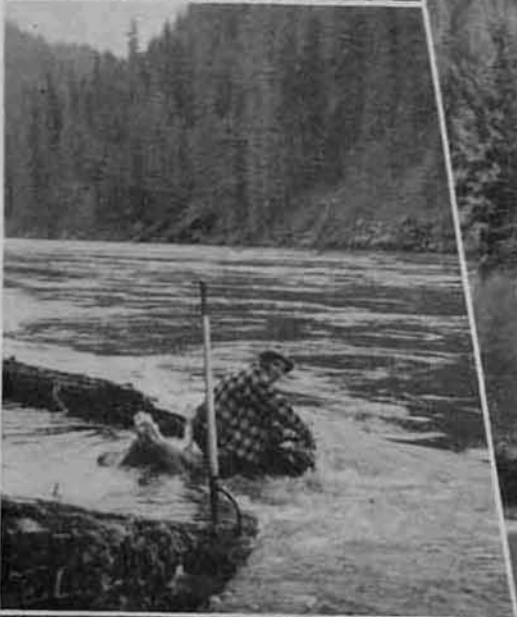
A Western lumberman wandered unknowingly into the maple syrup district of Vermont. Taking a stroll in the woods one day he noticed a lot of buckets hung on the trees.

"Gosh almighty," he exclaimed, "they sure have an awful sanitary bunch of dogs around here."

The picture below shows an interesting use for our lumber. It came from a customer of South Bend, Indiana. It is called Ad-a-Bath which can be constructed and placed against your house. It is of plain construction with plywood interior. The walls, ceiling and floor are heavily insulated. Floor is linoleum covered. It is complete with lavatory, stool and tank, electric heater, built-in medicine and linen cabinets. The plumbing and wiring are concealed in double wall space. The outside dimensions are 6'8" x 8' x 8'10" high. This idea has attracted nationwide attention and has received considerable publicity in farm and business publications.



# PICTURE STORY, 18th PFI LOG DRIVE

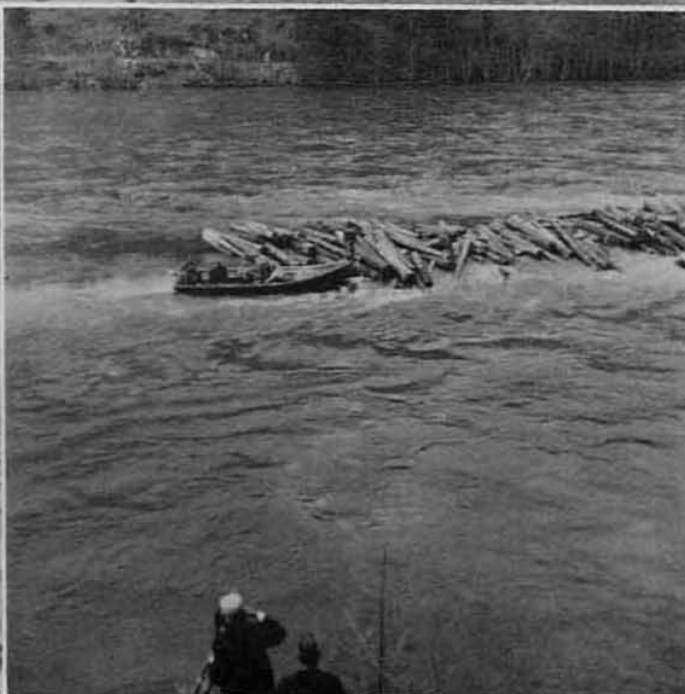


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Clockwise around the page, starting at top left:

1. Crew flushing out jackpot
2. Wannigan missed first landing
3. River pigs knee-deep in cold water
4. Bill Aiken keeping his wannigan repaired
5. Modern transportation used by some of the crew
6. Attacking center jam—Cameraman in foreground
7. Wannigan tying up for night
8. Washing up for dinner at "Y" landing
9. Steve and his Batteau crew
10. Dooley Cramp, drive foreman
11. Wannigans tied up at Elk Creek (inset) Start of drive at Larson's Landing.





## Keep Idaho Green

During 1948 the Governor's Keep Idaho Green Committee launched a fire protection program in cooperation with the State Forestry Department and the Keep Idaho Green committees of the twenty Junior Chambers of Commerce throughout the state. It is the purpose of the Keep Idaho Green Committee to impress on every person in the state the importance of fire prevention. It is also necessary to convey this thought to all who use Idaho highways and roads during the fire season.

As a result of this campaign the forest and range fires during the past year on state and private lands were reduced by more than 60 percent which means a saving to the State and citizens of more than \$250,000 of forest and grazing land property. It was felt that the program was effective in spite of the heavy rainfall in the Northern part of the state.

### Regional Meetings

Some of the activities that were carried on during the past year were the regional meetings with the various committees of the Junior Chambers of Commerce. These were held at Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene during the last two weeks in May. The purpose of these meetings was to get acquainted with the officers and the Keep Idaho Green committee of the Jaycee organizations and to outline the programs for the summer.

With the cooperation of the U. S. Grazing Service and the State Forestry Department more than 150 road signs along the highways of the state were lettered with the Keep Idaho Green warning. The warning was, "PREVENT FOREST (OR RANGE) FIRES—KEEP IDAHO GREEN." Also, several feature articles relating to fire prevention were published in leading magazines and newspapers of the state and northwest through the efforts of the Publicity Director for the Governor's Committee and the State Forestry Department. During the winter months movies on fire prevention and forestry activity in Idaho were shown to clubs, civic organizations and schools.

### 1949 Program

During 1949 the Committee has in mind additional programs which will further the purpose of the program. A few more roadside "Trees" will be added and several more hills and high-

ways will be lettered and the old signs renewed where necessary. A major feature of this summer's program will be a troop contest held among the Boy Scouts of the state with Junior Chambers cooperating. It was felt that by enlisting the aid of all of the Boy Scout organizations the idea of keeping Idaho green would reach into almost every home of the state.

The following table shows comparative data on the causes of forest fires and the number of fires in each category for the years 1943 through 1948. These figures are on state and private lands:

	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Lightning	143	436	192	209	324	86
Railroad	209	167	91	97	57	28
Campers	18	37	19	8	12	8
Smokers	113	99	98	88	113	77
Debris Burn	64	88	58	81	78	42
Incendiary	34	19	14	20	31	11
Lumbering	0	11	7	11	9	2
Misc.	114	108	73	49	88	45
Unknown	41	32	11	23	16	16
Total	736	997	563	586	728	315

## Plant News

### CLEARWATER

During the last two weeks of April Phil Reinmuth, superintendent of the Veneer Plant, interviewed 85 employees who had expressed a desire to work in the new operation. The following men have been selected to take key jobs and will visit veneer operations on the Coast to observe and learn their particular job: John Smith, drier tender; Russell Green, slicer; Wilbur Lawrence, lathe; Everett Calbreath, veneer grading; Jib Sibert, clipper; Roy Maxie and Dan Holden, filing, knife grinding and millwright; Lawrence Bashore and Carl Tweitmeyer, general operating methods pertaining to green and dry departments.



### RUTLEDGE

The above picture shows the method which was developed by Lyle Williams, kiln foreman, and Harley Maynard, kiln millwright, so that the damper doors will remain partially open in order to allow the steam, which has not been blown out by the 36 inch fans, to escape.



Axel Anderson seems to be enjoying his convalescence following his accident in April. Axel is in the Coeur d'Alene hospital and really enjoys seeing his old friends who happen to be in Coeur d'Alene.

Walt Jardine, planer grader, has come up with another poem which goes something like this:

**That New Power Cut-off Saw**  
The Planer boss stood in the filing room door

As he thoughtfully took a chew,  
The dearest crew in the mill, he mused,  
Is that one on Number Two.

He chewed and watched as I trimmed  
a board

I had a full dozen to go  
The costly minutes quickly sped  
That old handsaw was so slow.

He waited until I'd trimmed them all  
Then words spluttered full and free  
In all my life I have never heard  
Such grand profanity.

I still haven't quite got all he said  
But I know it was long and raw  
Something about an atomic age  
And Disston's first handsaw.

He went and got me a new Skillsaw  
He handed it out with a roar  
Let the rag—and the lumber come out  
or—your hide goes on out the door.

### POTLATCH

In the April 24th issue of the Los Angeles Examiner in a Believe It or Not section there appeared, "Towns on the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railroad:

Cornell	Stanford
Harvard	Yale
Princeton	Vassar
Purdue	Wellesley

During the past spring some specimens of White Fir whose needles had taken on a rust color was sent to Coeur d'Alene to the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine for information concerning this discoloration. Mr. Evenden, Senior Entomologist, diagnosed the unusual color as "winter kill." He stated that this type of injury has been reported from several areas and occurs when there are a few hours of warm plant activity temperatures, while the bole and limbs of the tree are still frozen. The warm temperature thaws the foliage and transpiration begins. When all the moisture is given from the needles, and none can be drawn from the frozen twigs and limbs, the needles shrivel and die. Mortality of trees in such cases is rare.



PFI veteran retires.

## H. H. Angney

Friday the thirteenth of May was the event of the retirement of one of PFI's veteran employees. He is well known to all and more closely to the old timers who have worked for and with him since 1908. The man referred to is Haughey H. Angney. (He tells that this is the first time that his name has been spelled correctly in a newspaper.)

Haughey was born at Belle Plains, Kansas, January 28, 1884 and attended grade and high school there and at the Sumner County High School. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1908 with a B. A. degree in education.

He came to Potlatch in 1908 on a vacation trip. He worked in various departments in the plant and was sent to the mill at Palouse, Washington in 1909. In 1910 he was sent to Elk River and had charge of the company store under Superintendent W. L. Maxwell. When the store was sold he worked as a scaler at the Elk River mill.

### Returned To Kansas

His only break in employment with the company came when he spent several years in his home state of Kansas. However, he returned to Elk River in

1917 as foreman of the warehouse at the mill; then as clerk in the main office at Elk River. Following the depression he served as dock foreman and later as clerk in the office.

On August 5, 1933, he was transferred to the General office in Lewiston in the Invoice Department and has been there since that date.

When asked what his plans were he stated that first there was a trip to Boston to try out for the Boston Red Sox and to visit his son for about six weeks then back home and take life easy and see all the football and baseball games possible.

## Free Enterprise, Taxes, Socialism

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to manage their own affairs and give to those who won't work and save and who haven't become sufficiently mature to manage their own affairs. A security program does not collect enough from the low-wage earner to pay for the benefits which he will get. Somebody has to make up the difference—it cannot be the government because when they go into business, the effect is to spend money, not make it.

Unwise tax laws, which steal the fruits of labor from those who work, can cause stagnation in America just as they have done in Europe. That high taxes are now keeping funds away from business enterprise in America is a fact. It is depriving individuals from investing in property, homes, and business. It is crippling the arm of free enterprise. As has been said before: Free Enterprise is the sum of little things—but how miserable you'd be if someone stole it from you.

## Woods News

### BOVILL SHOPS

With the fishing season moving into full swing now, all the talk around the Shops seems to concern those elusive, finny creatures. To sort of coincide with the fishing season the Shops signed up a newcomer named "Armintrout." This is no fish story either, believe it or not.

Belated congratulations to both Laverne Granlund and Curly Deschamp who became fathers of bouncing baby boys last month.

Our Mack trucks have really taken on the new look. Trailers for them are expected in the very near future. These loggers will be used this summer at the various camps of the Potlatch unit.

Quite a few Shop members were in evidence at the dance in the Bovill school gymnasium April 30th. As per usual, with such good music as the Moffitt family of Garfield provides, it didn't break up till the wee hours Sunday morning—and a good time was had by all.

School days! School days! Yes, our foremen are still putting in time on their job training courses Thursday and Friday mornings each week with Messrs. Shepherd and Terlson putting out the good word.

Orchid of the month: To Delbert Byers, our genial Cat Shop Foreman—"Smile, darn ya, smile."

Song of the month: "Feudin', fussin' and fightin'," dedicated to Dick and Bueford.

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### CAMP 42

The last few days we have been having the famous Banana Belt weather. The snow is now confined to the draws and north slopes.

We have not been sawing for the last month but are continuing to pick up the trees that were sawn last winter for Lewis Mill.

The East Fork road crew are well advanced with the road construction in that area.

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### CAMP 43

Spring has brought the annual mud which severely hampered production during April and so far this month. If the sun will stay out for a few days we can look forward to a few dry cat roads.

Gypsy: "Are you here to learn about your future husband, lady?"

Visitor: "No, I want to know something about the past of my present husband for future use."

It's climbing hills before they come to them that makes some people tired.

"Miss Rita Sugar, queen of the Niagara Falls, N. Y., centennial, and Miss Lois Smith, chosen Miss Niagara Falls, Ont., met last night at the center of the International bridge. The fireworks were visible for miles."

The doctor was examining a little girl in his office. Finally he pressed on her chest. "It's no use, doctor," said the little girl. "I've tried it and I don't squeak."



"When we promoted you to field manager, Jordan, this isn't exactly what we had in mind!"



A 45-year veteran.

## Bill Helmer

April 18th marked the 86th anniversary in the life of Bill Helmer, veteran PFI cruiser. Another anniversary was celebrated May 1st. It was on this date that William Deary and Bill arrived in Idaho and immediately started the cruising and purchasing of the huge timber block which was to become the operating unit of the Potlatch Lumber Company. He was awarded a 45-year pin at the Coeur d'Alene meeting of the White Piners, PFI club of employees with 25 or more years of service.

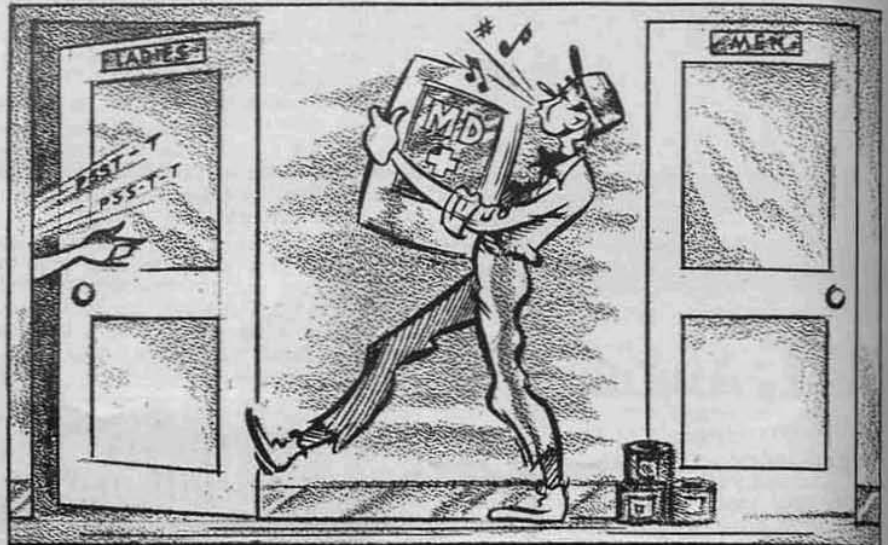
After the mill was constructed at Potlatch in 1905, and operations were well underway, he was selected to lay out the logging spurs and locate camp sites, in addition to his duties as cruiser. After the merger in 1931, he was relieved of some of his duties and was called on to supervise the estimating of timber to be purchased by the company.

At the time the above picture was taken, Bill had just finished his lunch at the Potlatch hotel. He has many friends throughout the north Idaho lumber industry and is noted for his honesty, modesty and deep rooted loyalty to his company and friends.

The teacher asked Johnny to tell her what a hypocrite is. Replied Johnny, "It's a boy what comes to school with a smile on his face."

Each time I pass a church  
I always pay a visit;  
So, when at last I'm carried in,  
The Lord won't say, "Who is it?"

Tourist—"Is there a factory on that road?"  
Native—"No, that's Lover's Lane."  
Tourist—"Then that's why that girl remarked, 'I've just been through the mill!'"



(Ed. Note: The following letters were actually exchanged between Mr. Scott of the Department of Finance, and the late York Herren, Agent for the United States Bank following its closure. Some time later the letters were discovered in the files of the Boise Office by one who appreciated the humor in Mr. Herren's reply to the extent that he shared it with friends. In short order copies were scattered all over the United States, and nearly ten years later one returned to Nezperce for the inspection and enjoyment of its citizens.)

"State of Idaho  
Department of Finance  
Boise

"Mr. York Herren  
Nezperce, Idaho.

"Dear Mr. Herren:

"Enclosed find statement and check to Shoemaker's. I have noticed in these statements that the janitor is constantly buying toilet paper, 25 cents to 35 cents at a time. How many of the offices does he keep supplied? The one in connection with the court room I should think would be all. Those fellows down stairs should supply their own. Please check up and let me know.

"It may seem a small item, but at the rate he has been buying lately, it will mean the cost of several cases a year.

With kindest regards, I am  
Very truly yours,  
E. SCOTT  
General Liquidating Agent."

"Union State Bank  
Nezperce, Idaho  
March 8, 1929

"Mr. M. E. Scott, General Liquidating Agent, Department of Finance.  
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Scott:

"I have your letter of March 4th relative to amounts of toilet paper used in the building. We have two toilets upstairs here, one for the exclusive use of the ladies and the other for the balance of humanity. They are used by the County Officials and the other renters on this floor and by the public at large, which seems to assume that a

County Court House should provide these luxuries. Particularly during cold weather we have regular customers who partake of our hospitality, among whom are a great many ladies.

"Nezperce affords few comfortable retreats for the gentler sex, and many of them learn of the superiority of our service by being patients of the Doctor and Dentist, and a customer once acquired is rarely lost. Perhaps under these circumstances the visitor should "roll his own" and some may for all I know, for I must confess that this is a matter I have not given the careful and astute attention it seems to deserve.

"I had rather assumed that the janitor held exclusive jurisdiction over all matters relating to toilet paper and that I could act only in an advisory capacity. In the pursuit of this theory, what goes on behind the door of a ladies toilet is a closed book to me. I am both married and modest and feel that undue inquisitiveness on my part might be misconstrued or might be deemed by the ladies as a violation of their personal privileges, which might be justly resented.

"In this section the use of toilet paper is strictly a private practice and its excessive use is a secret vice in which an addict is rarely apprehended in the pursuit of his passion. It is the custom of the country that when one sequesters himself to seek solace for his soul in solitary communion with nature, his meditations shall be undisturbed.

"One phase of the situation suggests to me a possible reason for the apparent extravagance. Many of our country "indigents" were reared in the land of corn cobs and coarse brown paper. When these people first come in contact with the carressing luxury of silk tissue they are so fascinated by its soothing and sanitary influence that they lose all restraint and indulge wastefully in the new found delight.

"At any rate, your agent will pursue his investigations assiduously and energetically and will endeavor by both precept and example to keep the use of toilet paper within reasonable limits.

Very truly yours,  
YORK HERREN, Agent.