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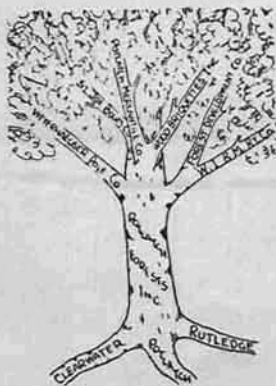
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TEN YEARS AGO IN THE TREE

The Weyerhaeuser Pole Company announced during the month the rental of the Bovill pole yard and the sale of the poles in that yard to the Schaefer-Hitchcock Company of Sandpoint, Idaho.

Rutledge Unit has been awarded first place in low frequency and severity of accidents in the annual safety conference records according to announcement from the conference held in Phoenix, Arizona.

The ability of the safety inspection committee of the Workmen's Compensation Exchange to detect the potential hazards, coupled with the foresight of the management to put the suggestion into immediate operation, prevented what might have been a serious if not fatal accident to the operator of the Ross lift truck in the Potlatch yard.

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EDITORIAL

The United States is now committed to building a great military force.

Other nations, with larger populations, and another form of government, can build still bigger forces.

But no nation in the world can sustain its defenders with industrial resources equal to America's.

This is not simply because America has mines and forests, coal deposits, and oil, steel, and power. Other nations have these, too.

Our special strength comes from the use we make of what lies at hand. In the American environment, men have greater encouragement to build.

And because of this special environment, the entire country has benefited by the skill, the imagination and drive of industrial management.

These are the qualities which made it possible for a single state to produce more steel than all of Russia during World War II. Today industry can produce a great deal more than it did.

America is far from secure. But in building our national strength—now, and in the future—we can count as a unique and proved asset, the ability of our industrial management.

The actual number of languages spoken in the world is put at 2,796.

The most utterly lost of all days is the one in which you have not once laughed.

It doesn't mean you're prosperous because you get enough credit to live beyond your means.

Opportunity is as scarce as oxygen; men fairly breathe it and do not know it.

Don't forget to fill out your income tax blankety blanks.

Cover Picture

Cover picture this month illustrates the beginning of a new field for Potlatch Forests, Inc. It is the new pulp and paper mill which began operation December 26.



CLEARWATER CHRISTMAS PARTY

More than 1500 employees and their families crowded into the Lewiston High School auditorium December 17th for the 17th annual Christmas party sponsored by the Foreman's Council of the Clearwater unit. When these annual parties started they were held in the planing mill at the Lewiston plant; however, in recent years they have been held in the high school auditorium. It became very apparent this year that in the future some means will have to be developed to accomodate our ever increasing Potlatch family.

John Shepherd, director of training, was master of ceremonies and introduced Dave Troy, sawmill manager, who welcomed the employees to the Christmas party and thanked them for a job well done during 1950. The entertainment consisted of a group of NICE students who did an act on the tramoline. Following this the Lion's Club quartette entertained with Christmas carols.

The high light of the party was the announcement of the winners of the essay contest sponsored by the Clearwater safety department. The title this year was "What Free America Means to My Family and to Me." More than 100 essays were received and according to the judges the selection of the winners was very difficult.

Cut Epling, safety director, announced the following as the contest winners: First prize went to Barbara Paulson, who is the daughter of Ray W. Paulson who works in the unstacker. She won a Zenith transoceanic portable radio. Her essay was outstanding in composition and in thought and the Family Tree is going to quote this essay in its entirety in this issue.

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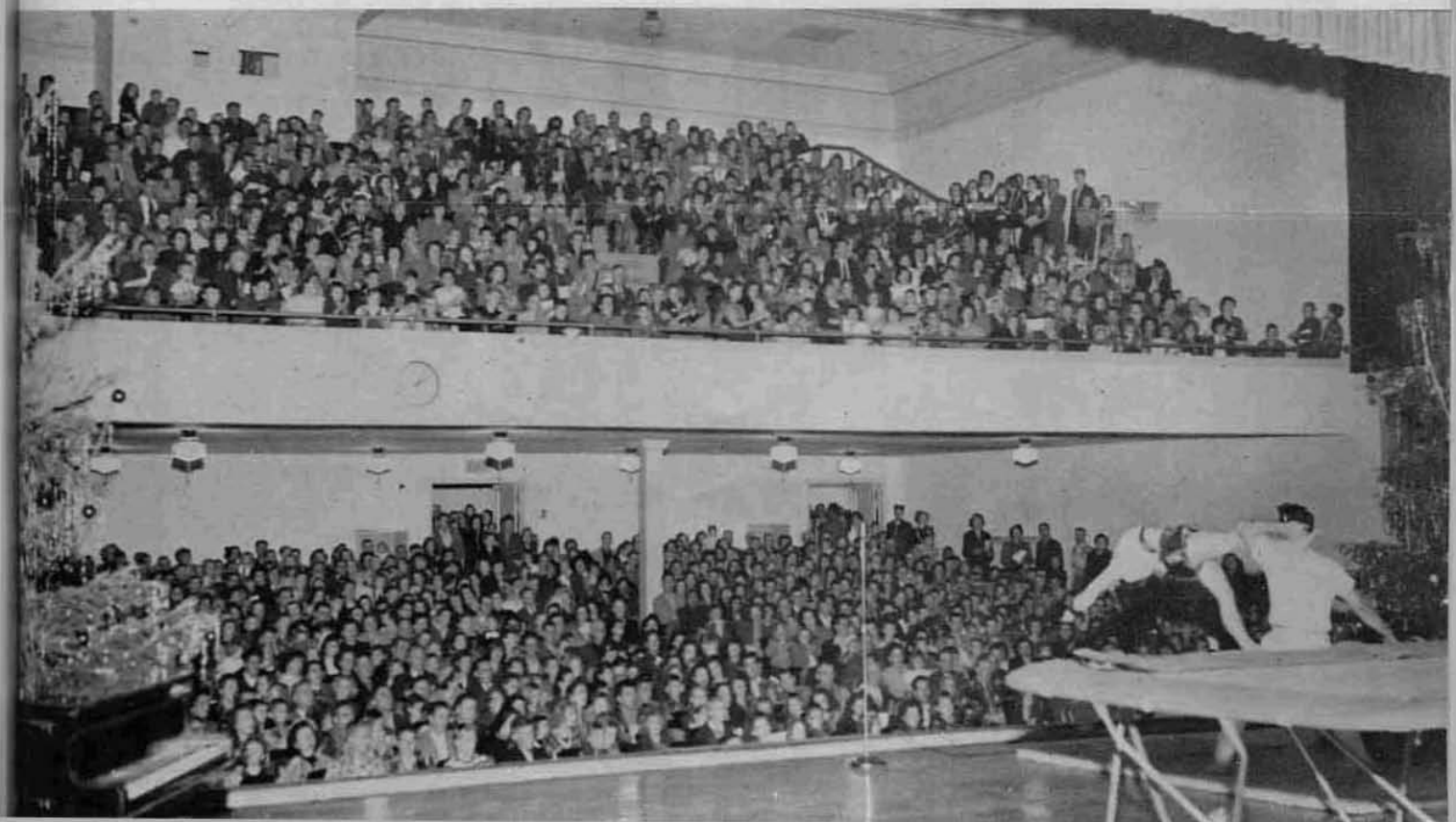
Picture below shows the overflow crowd at the high school for the Clearwater Christmas party.



Santa Claus greeting the small fry at the Clearwater Christmas party.



Santa Claus with the winners of the Clearwater essay contest. Left to right: Santa Claus, Duane Mosher, Cut Epling, Barbara Paulson, Don Keeling, Bob Kincaid and Manager Dave Troy.



PULP MILL

OPERATIONS START DEC. 26

The goal to which many people within Potlatch Forests have been working night and day for the past 11 months became a reality on December 26th when the paper mill began operation turning out a continuous strip of machine dried pulp that appeared to be like heavy cardboard.

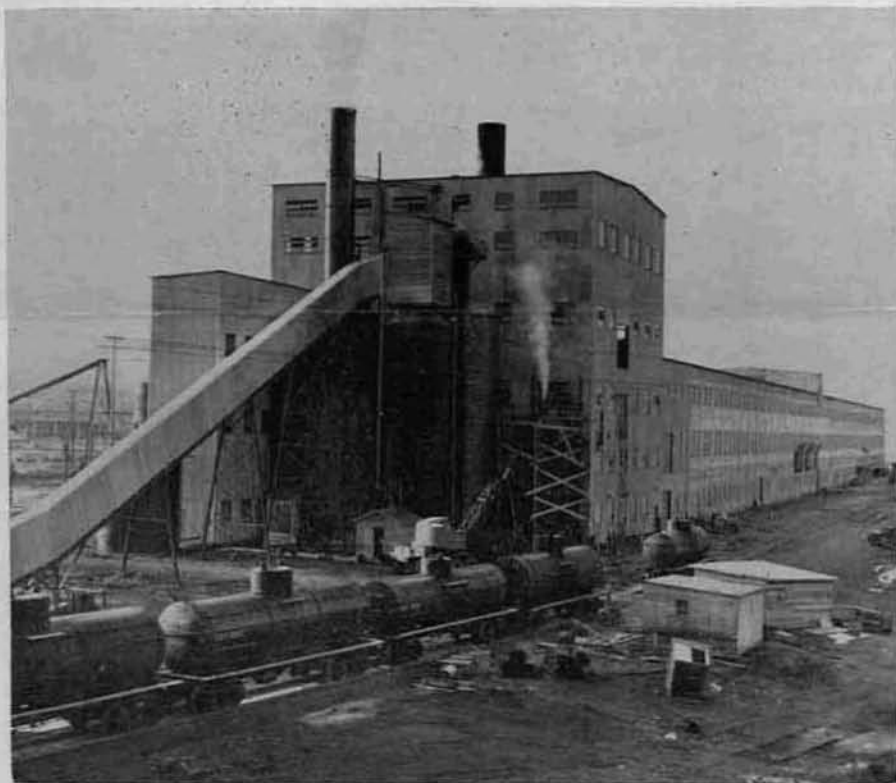
Beginning November 20th several test cooks were made in the pulp mill and on December 23rd, two days before Christmas, the first piece of paper came through the huge paper machine. On December 26, the mill started on a 24-hour 7-day week schedule. Production started exactly 10 months and one week after construction of the mill began February 15th. During this time more than 400 men worked on the building itself and installing the heavy equipment inside.

The construction and operation of this plant means a great deal to PFI. It was necessary that the company seek more diversified products in order to utilize the mixed

species of timber that may not be marketable in the future as lumber. These species, white fir, red fir, larch and cedar, during a period of short demand for lumber would be forced out of the market by the mills on the west coast, therefore it was necessary to seek other products that could be manufactured from these species.

If such means had not been developed and the Clearwater plant was forced on a pine economy our sawmill here could not survive for any length of time. It would be forced to shut down. These mixed species of trees grow much faster than white pine and will crowd out the more desirable species of pine. White pine in growth needs light, however, with these other species over-shadowing the white pine it is logical to see that they would be smothered.

The paper mill will stabilize our entire operation in addition to further utilization of our area's wood supply.



Potlatch Forests, Inc.'s new pulp and paper mill.



L. K. "Boots" Edelblute

"Boots" Edelblute

A fatal tragedy occurred to one of the company's best known and most well liked men on November 30, 1950. L. K. "Boots" Edelblute, who has bossed the log drives for many years down the North Fork to the Clearwater and who was one of Howard Bradbury's most able assistants, was killed after the jeep he was driving was crushed by a falling tree during a heavy wind storm near Camp X on the North Fork of the Clearwater River.

His knowledge of the Clearwater logging area was second to none. He knew every tree, every trail, every stream and every point of the vast timber land of the Clearwater country. He was loved and respected by all the men who worked under him. His supervision of the annual log drive is nationally known. His cool and unperturbed courage supplemented by his confidence in what he was doing stood him out among all men. It was a great loss to PFI.

"Boots" was born at Harrison, Idaho, January 24, 1903. He attended the University of Idaho where he studied forestry and was a star member of the university wrestling team. In 1927 he married the former Paula Bradbury, sister of Superintendent Howard Bradbury of the Clearwater woods.

During his PFI service he was for many years in charge of the annual log drive down the North Fork and was in direct charge of all PFI's river camps.

He was a member of the Lewiston's Elk Lodge, the Masons, and Kappa Sigma fraternity at the University of Idaho. He is survived by his wife and four sons; Robert, Terry, Walter and Mark; five daughters; Berna Jean, Paula Anna, Teresa Lou, Cornelia and Nancy Lee; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edelblute of Rathdrum; 3 brothers; Harry,

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George Rauch Promoted To Ass't. Logging Supt.

According to an announcement by E. C. Rettig, Assistant General Manager in charge of logging operations, George Rauch has been named to fill the vacancy left by the death of "Boots" Edelblute.

The appointment became permanent January 1. George has been with the company for a number of years and more recently was camp foreman of Camp 57.

In the same announcement Mr. Joe Holinka will assist in the operation of the Clearwater logging area pending the return of Walter Hornby who has been seriously ill in the hospital at Lewiston.

"BOOTS" EDELBLUTE

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Old Greenwich, Conn., Walter, Chicago, and Arthur, Poulsbo, Washington, and one sister, Mrs. Roma Wright of Spokane. Interment was in Normal Hill cemetery in Lewiston.

The Family Tree wishes to extend to "Boots" family our most sincere sympathy in the loss of their husband and father.

TEN YEARS AGO IN THE TREE

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High in the Palouse wheat country where the nearest thing to a boat is a flat bottom skiff on a creek, Potlatch has an ocean-going steamship named for it. It is the S.S. Potlatch, a lumber carrier of the Weyerhaeuser Steamship Company.

The annual report of Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union shows 121 new members gained in 1940 for a total of 508 shareholders. These 508 have \$15,308.17 in savings, a gain of \$7,571.09 over the previous year.

Three men were standing on a street corner in North Africa. They were an Englishman, an Arabian and an American. Just then a pretty girl walked by. The Englishman said, "By Jove!" The Arabian said, "By the Prophet!" The American said, "By tomorrow night!"

Two communists met in Russia, one of whom had been to the U. S. He was asked by the other whether gold could be found in the streets in America.

"Yes," said the Russian who'd been here. "You just bend over and pick it up."

"Bend over and pick it up, eh!" said the first comrade. "Ho, ho! Slave labor!"

"My father always proposed a toast before he disciplined me."

"That's funny. What was it?"

"Bottoms up."

"Which would you rather give up, wine or women?"

"It depends on the vintage."

Conscience gets a lot of credit that belongs to cold feet.

Clearwater Party

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The other winners were Don Keeling, son of Earl Keeling, warehouse, who won the Huffman Deluxe bicycle. Third prize went to Dean Mosher, 9, son of Francis Mosher, who also works in the warehouse, and he won an Eastman tourist model camera. Fourth prize went to Bob Kincaid, 16, son of Ray and Albina Kincaid, and he won a Parker 51 pen and pencil set. Judges for the contest were Pat Murdock, instructor in economics at NICE; Mrs. R. A. Garner, teacher of English and foreign languages at Clarkston High School and Miss Sarah C. Rice, social science teacher at the Lewiston High School.

The next part of the program consisted of the awarding of additional suggestion awards which totaled \$790. The pictures of all but one of the winners can be seen on page 8 of this issue.

The last part of the program, as usual, consisted of Santa Claus making his entry with the clang of bells and a bag-full of toys for the children. He stayed in the foyer of the high school auditorium greeting the children of Potlatch Forests employees long after the program had ended.

The following is a direct quotation of Miss Paulson's essay which won the first prize:

"WHAT FREE AMERICAN MEANS TO MY FAMILY AND TO ME"

"It is impossible to estimate the actual value of freedom. It is like placing a price on a glass of water given to a man who is famishing or a pint of blood to one who is dying. It is also impossible to determine the price of freedom for there is no way of knowing how many have contributed and how much they have given. Every citizen within the boundaries of these United States has an opportunity to share in the cause of freedom. Whether it be living a quiet life of loyalty to family and community, an active life in public or political affairs, or giving the supreme sacrifice of life itself to defend our principles,

it is the united spirit and purpose that makes and keeps our Nation free.

"The nearest we can come to understanding the meaning of freedom is to compare the privileges we enjoy under our form of government with those living in other countries. Facts and figures will stand as proof that no other form of government has been able to provide security and personal liberty such as we have under our Democracy. We who have always lived under its protection may sometimes take these blessings for granted, but those who have experienced the difference do not need statistics to prove to them that freedom is a very real and precious thing. The question we should ask ourselves is: "What are my rights as an American?" In other words, "What does free America mean to my family and to me?"

"The first ten amendments to our Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, is a written guarantee to all people of the United States. Summed up briefly in the great Four Freedoms they are, Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Want, Freedom of Speech and Freedom from Fear. These are not merely high sounding phrases but practical stand-ards that are brought down to meet our individual needs through national, state and local governments. It is a successful system because it is based on equality and gives to each one of us the freedom of "choice." We exercise that freedom in governing ourselves through the privilege of voting.

"We use the freedom of choice in every phase of our every day living. For example, my family may choose a place to live, an occupation, place of worship, social contacts, recreational activities, radio entertainment, kinds of literature and even a newspaper through which they may express their opinions if they wish. I may choose my friends, forms of recreation, vocational interests, manner of dress and my hobbies. I can also look forward to a choice of doing whatever I wish with my life and I want that choice to make me a deserving and useful citizen. Giving our best is the least we can do in return for what our country does for us and that is "What Free America Means to My Family and to Me."

Picture below shows the Clearwater Unit's 25 year club members who were presented Christmas turkeys by the management. Herb Schmidt, president of the Potlatch White Piners is shown behind the microphone.





HEADQUARTERS RECREATION HALL DEDICATED

The new Potlatch Forests, Inc., recreation hall in Headquarters, Idaho, was dedicated on December 20, 1950 with a Christmas program presented by children of 3 to 15 years of age. A crowd of about 450 jammed the quonset type hall for this annual Christmas program which was supervised by the teachers. Santa Claus distributed candy, nuts and gifts provided by the Ladies Community Club.

The program started with a skit and songs by the pre-school and kindergarten group led by Mrs. Larry Arneson. Mrs. Thor Nyberg's primary room presented "Santa Has the Measles." The children sang several songs with Johnny Scott soloing in "Frosty, the Snow-man".

"The Final Practice," a take-off on a dress rehearsal for a Christmas program was the intermediate grades' selection. Goitha Fenstermacher took the part of the teacher, presenting her authentically costumed Swedish, Chinese and cowboy chil-

dren in a series of folk songs. Jimmy Wooderchuck and James Hume, with their speaking selections, added wit to the program. Mrs. Gladys Park was their teacher.

"Stranded in Headcurlers", a playlet with the bored city ladies, Majorie Bradbury, Judy Rauch and her maid, Judy Boll, singing of their plight. The argument and the final friendly dance of the tough country kid, Carl Beyer, and the negro train porter, Larry Johnson, took the heart of the audience. All took place before a screen humorously depicting the "Headcurlers Town, Store and Depot". Mrs. Den Surplus was their teacher.

The evening ended with all children receiving candy and gifts from Santa Claus.

Pictures on this page were taken of the Headquarters Christmas party which inaugurated the new community hall at Headquarters. These pictures show the various age groups in skits that were presented to a crowd of approximately 450.





Pictures above are of the Rutledge Unit Christmas Party showing Santa Claus entertaining the employee's children of the unit.

Christmas Party at RUTLEDGE

About 400 attended the Christmas party given in the high school auditorium of the families of the employees of Potlatch Forests, Inc. In the group were 185 children who met Santa Claus as he was personally escorted to the party by Harold Lindberg.

Hiram Arnold's accordion band entertained with two selections, "Joy to the World" and "Jingle Bells," and Art Fairchild put over some clever magic tricks that were enjoyed by all.

A "Mighty Mouse" movie proved entertaining and

when Santa appeared he was followed to the stage by the children where he interviewed each one and presented each with a gift and candy.

It was the third annual Christmas party given by employees of PFI for their families. Roger Carlson was master of ceremonies and was assisted by Fred Collins, Ivan Hanson, Leonard Larson, Clarence Vedder, Richard Borley, Herbert Mensch, Charles Adams, Dan Parriott, Harold Frensdorf and Otis Neustad.

"I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and the public debt as the greatest of dangers. We must make our choice between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude."—Thomas Jefferson.

The term "lumber," referred to sawn timber, appears to have originated in Boston. As far as is known, the earliest official use of the word was made in records dating from 1663 which listed "lumber and other goods."

A husband drew his chair beside his wife's sewing machine.

"Don't you think you're running too fast?" he said. "Look out! You'll sew the wrong seam! Mind that corner, now! Slow down, watch your fingers! Steady!"

"What is the matter with you, John?" said his wife, alarmed. "I've been running this machine for years!"

"Well dear," replied her husband, "I thought you might like me to help you since you help me drive the car."

Researchers are now using sonic methods to test wood without destroying it. These exacting methods can permit safer construction of wood aircraft frames, ladders and scaffolds.

Two stuttering blacksmith finished heating a piece of steel. One of them placed it on an anvil.

"Hhhhhhhhit," he shouted.
 "Whhhhhhhhere?" asked the other one.
 "Sssssssshucks," said the first, "we'll have to heat it over again."

WINNERS AWARD

READING COUNTER-
CLOCKWISE

The pictures on this page show the additional award winners for suggestions at the Clearwater unit. Upper left is Jim Sibert, winner of two awards of \$20 and \$30 each. Next is Adolph Calen who received an additional award of \$30 for a change he suggested in the sawmill. Next, Amos Mathews who received \$30 as an additional award for three suggestions in the re-plant and cut-up departments. Charles Sly who received an extra \$10 award for his suggestion concerning a conveyor to handle ashes at the sawmill power house. Next, Glenn Gage who received \$10 additional for a suggestion concerning the monorails. Picture of Dan Holden and Wendell Peterson who received \$100 each as an additional award for a suggestion which increased the life of the lath blade in the veneer plant from 80 to 120 hours. Next is Monty Morris who received an additional \$30 for a suggestion in the box factory. T. E. "Ed" Jones who received an additional \$150 for a safety stop to prevent the carriage knee from getting into the band saw. Next is J. Felton who received a total of \$175 for his suggestions on the barker in the veneer plant. Not shown on this page is George Grey who also received an additional \$100 for his suggestion.

