

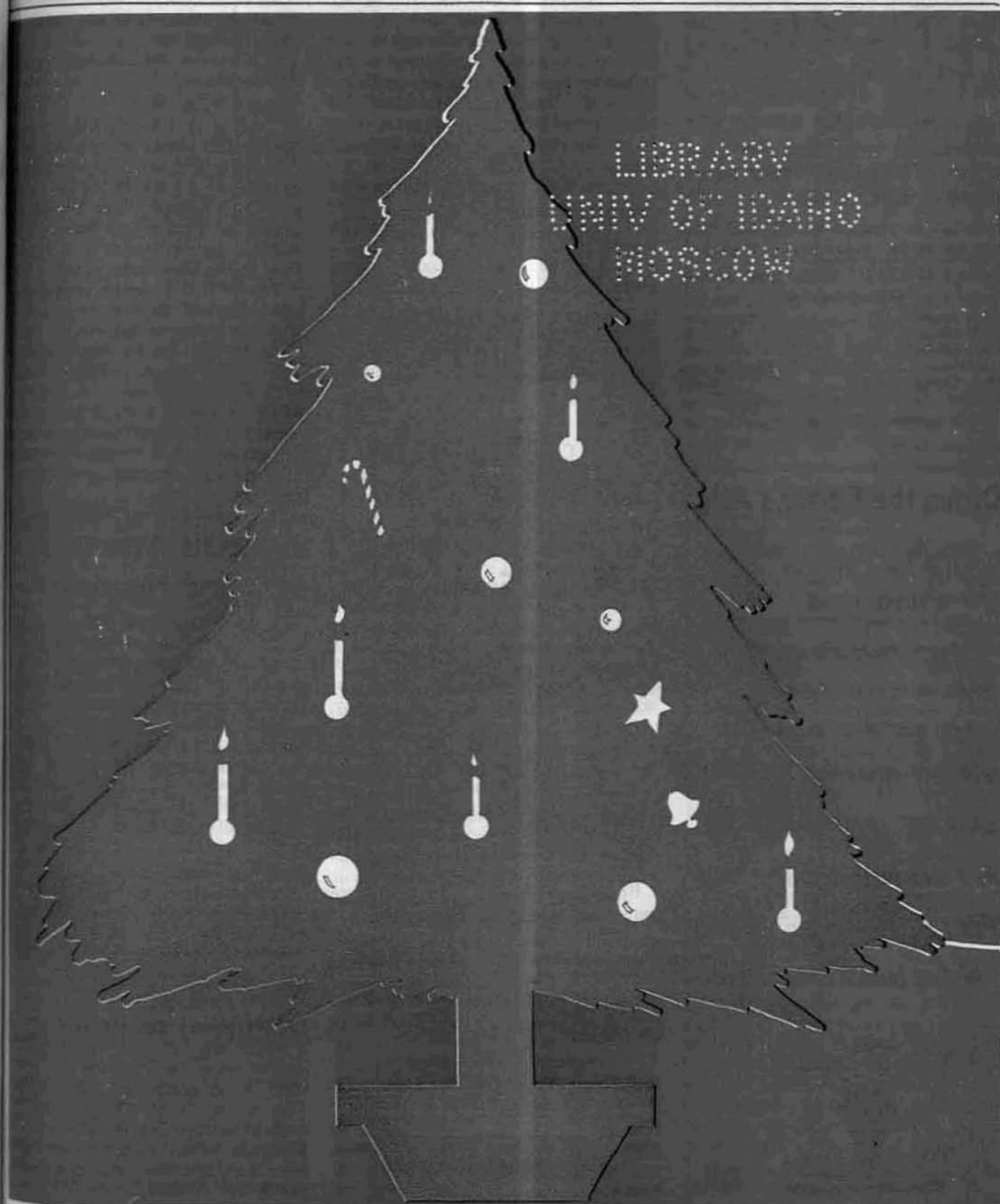
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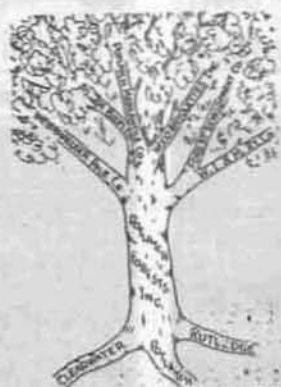
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THE FAMILY TREE School Children of State to Receive Gift of Music in "Here We Have Idaho"



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

Down the Editor's Alley

(Bob Alexander, our ex-artist, now a student salesman, writes the following.)

STUDENTITIS.

EYES, EARS AND FEET,
 LOYAL IN MY DAILY BEAT,
 EYES THAT BEHELD ONLY PINE,
 FIR NOW-IN MY "MARCH OF TIME,"
 EARS THAT LOVED TO HEAR I.W.P.,
 NOW ONLY FIR CAN MAKE A TREE,
 FEET, "HOT DOGS," GOOD AND TRUE,
 IN THIS LAMBETH WALK 'ROUND
 LONGVIEW.



P.F.A.

If there isn't a song in the hearts of every school child in the state of Idaho this Christmas, it isn't the fault of Mr. Billings.

Repeating a custom he started last year at this time, Mr. Billings is distributing, free to all schools, sufficient copies of "Here We Have Idaho" that every music instructor and home room in every school will have at least one copy.

"Here We Have Idaho" is the alma mater song of the University of Idaho and the official state song by act of the legislature.

On the front cover Mr. Billings says:

"'Here We Have Idaho' is one of the finest state songs in the nation. We think it is the finest—and it is a pleasure for our company to put it into the hands of the school children of Idaho, that they may love the song and be proud of their state."

Covers Described

The front cover is a sepia, screened copy of the engineering building at

the university in Moscow. The back cover is in outlined type which reveals in detail of cloud effects and branches of trees through the lines of the lettering. The picture is symbolic of the University of Idaho.

On the back cover is a series of photos of logging and lumbering, starting at the top with scenes in the woods, horse-drawn caterpillar tractors, camps; then going to the river drive with log jams, sawmills, gams and bateaus. The bottom section is of Pres-to-logs machines, log storage, lumber yards and an aerial view of the Clearwater plant.

The edition is being printed in cooperation with the University of Idaho which granted the printer the right to print the edition for free distribution only.

Letters of commendation and thanks in advance have already been received from several county superintendents of schools who had been informed the edition was on the press for the children.

Speaker and Movies Entertain Foremen

On Wednesday, December 13, the Clearwater Foremen's council held an especially interesting meeting, at which Mr. C. S. Peterson described the lumber purchase activity of the company, its benefits and ramifications; and Mr. Don Moore, head of the department of entomology, St. Joe National Forest, presented an unofficial motion picture, "A Race Against Time," showing the spread of white pine blister rust, how it is being controlled, and the losses caused to society by the disease.

Both Mr. Peterson and Mr. Moore were questioned by the foremen about the subjects. "A Race Against Time" was produced entirely by Mr. Moore. It represents about three years of effort on his hobby of taking motion pictures, editing them, and presenting them to his friends.

Red Cross Nets \$190

The annual Red Cross roll call at Potlatch resulted in subscriptions to \$190 this year. Mrs. E. E. Johnston was chairman, with Miss Mabel A. Kelley as secretary.

Officials Attended Portland Hearings

Four executives of Potlatch Forests, Inc., attended the congressional hearings in Portland, Oregon, in early December, at the call of Congressman Walter L. Pierce of Oregon, to question public and private landowners.

The hearing was in continuance of similar hearings held at Sun Valley and elsewhere during the last year and a half. Headed by Mr. Jewett, the group representing this company was C. L. Billings, E. C. Rettig and Jack Baggs.

Following the hearing, all but Mr. Billings remained in Portland to take part in the annual sessions of the Western Forestry and Conservation association, which Mr. Jewett heads, and which re-elected him president.

Confectionery Done Over

Refinishing of the interior of the confectionery at Potlatch was scheduled to be completed by Christmas. The ceiling is of Nu-wood and the walls of knotty pine, Boise pattern with Klamath strips. Semi-direct lighting have been installed, and new windows put in.

1939 HECTIC YEAR IN LUMBER BUSINESS AND STOCKS RUN LOW; NEW NIGHT SHIFT TO OPEN 1940 TO BRING UP INVENTORY

Best news that has come to employees and their families was heard at the annual Christmas party at the Clearwater plant, December 17, when Mr. O'Connell announced that a second shift would start at the mill January 2.

The men for this shift have all been chosen from among present and former employees of the company. The shift will have approximately 140 men.

Back of the announcement is a story of a hectic year in the lumber industry, particularly as it affected Potlatch Forests, Inc.

"Our sales during 1939 were about 10 per cent more than in 1938," said Ed Pratt, sales manager. "Most of the increase was in the last half. Our original budget was curtailed about 10 per cent, then later increased back to its original figure, and finally was exceeded by the last quarter spurt resulting from the wars."

Fine Job Done

These changes were more or less confusing from the standpoint of an operating program, but the various operating units rose to the occasion and did a fine job of taking care of the large volume of business that came to us without any notice.

Logging was immediately stepped up but to take care of the emergency it was necessary to bring in green lumber from Schmidt Brothers, Rutledge unit, and various small mills, and kiln dry it at Lewiston. The 70 kilns holding approximately three million feet, were kept full of much needed stock. A good percentage of this came almost directly from the kilns into the cars to apply on orders.

The Lewiston shipping department went on a night shift. Potlatch and Rutledge were also running some machines on a double shift, but only had a limited amount of dry stock to ship.

The insistent demand for shipments and car numbers from customers on the one hand, and the shortage of certain items of stock on the other hand, almost had our shipping departments 'groggy,' but they came through in grand shape.

The double length logs gave us a chance to vary lumber lengths to suit needs. The assortment of old growth and second growth logs made

it possible to sort for needed grades. The large kiln capacity at Lewiston speeded up the seasoning process.

"At the end of the year our shipments for 1939 will total more than 250 million feet—which is a sizeable amount of lumber—an increase of 25 per cent over the budget. And, as said before, all without any advance notice."

"The step-up in log production permits Potlatch to run later than expected and will provide logs for a night shift at Lewiston starting January 2. The river drive on Clearwater this year will be one of the largest in history of the company, more than 45 million feet."

"Some tests are being made in the production of mixed woods such as spruce, white fir and cedar. The hope is being expressed that increased operating efficiency may make it possible to produce more of these species."

"Specialized markets are needed that will return the cost of production, plus a small charge for stumpage."

"The outlook for lumber business in 1940 is as good, or better than 1939. Recent surveys point to an increase of 14 per cent in residential building and some increase in industrial construction. This will be offset to some extent by less export business and a decrease in heavy construction such as public works. There is also a presidential election in the offing which sometimes causes uncertainty, to say nothing of the unpredictable effects of the war."

"Potlatch Forests, Inc., wants to build up its inventory, which is now considerably below normal, so production units will probably be pretty busy for the first six months at least."

"Shipping departments must depend on orders. We hope that orders will be plentiful, as they have been since September, and if they are, everyone will be busy—and that's what makes the sales department and everybody else happy."

Visitors At Plants

Recent visitors at all plants included E. E. Yoder, manager of The Pacific Lumber company of Scotia, California, and Paul Schmoock and Terry McGovern, also of that company.

Potlatch Youngsters Broadcast On KFPY "Neighbor" Program

Potlatch high school music department, under the direction of Ray Hinkley, broadcast over KFPY during the "Meet Your Neighbor" half-hour on Sunday, December 17, between 2 and 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Advance publicity of the program caused many "Potlatchers," as well as others in the Island Empire to tune in on the program.

Mr. O'Connell gave the "neighborhood" talk over the mike, telling about his community and the company which made it possible for the people there to earn a living amid pleasant surroundings.

Christmas activities in Potlatch started December 14 when the school children presented a carnival.

December 20 was the date for a Christmas pageant and program at the P.A.A.C. building, presented by the schools.

Appropriate services were held in all the churches, and clubs and lodges were also holding their own Christmas dinners, parties and social events.

These were all preliminary to the big Christmas tree party sponsored by the American Legion with the cooperation of Potlatch business houses, clubs, lodges and individuals. Preparations were made for 1,200 children and an ideal feature was cheer boxes for families in the district that might need help.

In a special bulletin put out by Robinson post No. 81, of the American Legion, the committee in charge of the event was listed as Paul Tobin, J. E. Warner, Glenn Hill, Victor Morris and H. J. Boyers.

Invitation to Wives

In an effort to get the wives and families of Potlatchers to see their men at work in the Potlatch plant, J. J. O'Connell, manager, has issued an invitation, which says in part:

"We will call for you, conduct you through the plant and return you to your home. Please call either Mr. Gamble or Mr. Garber for an appointment."

"Let 'er Buck" Says Clearwater Pond Crews As They Prepare for Ice and "Blue Snow"

If this is to be the winter of the blue snow and Paul Bunyan's ox Babe goes on the rampage, the situation won't catch Potlatch Forests, Inc., naively holed up in a cave. For unlike the so-called patron saint of loggers from Maine to Oregon, the men of this company are preparing for the worst while hoping King Winter passes by in his usual mild temperament.

It will be recalled that Paul Bunyan, on the eve of the blue snow, was in the comfort of his cave in the northland, oblivious to the howling of the wind, and not noticing that the hair on the back of his mammoth dog was bristling with every cold blast coming from the nor'east. Nor did the studious P. B. notice that his dog had not gathered the nightly quota of pine trees for the fire, but lay instead, in a corner of the cave, shivering and whimpering.

Next morning Paul stumbled to the mouth of his cave and he was alone. Blue snow lay fathoms deep over all the land. Not a bird was in sight, nor a rabbit. And the dog was gone. Paul called and called and only the stillness of the cold morning answered him, a stillness terrifying.

This Dog Really Ran

Deep holes in the snow, half a mile apart, showed him where the dog had leaped in a frenzied effort to escape, racing against what he knew not, nor wanted anything of. Paul started running and hollering. He ran and he hollered all that day and all that night and all the next day and next night, and on the following morning he thought he could hear faintly and far away, the baying that might be his dog.

Paul Bunyan that afternoon came to the shore of a great lake, ice-bound and frigid. Although visibility was clearer than usual because of the blue light over the land, the lake was so big he could not see the far shore. Somewhere out in that lake was the animal he heard and its distress was plain.

Crashing into the ice Paul Bunyan staggered on, through water that chilled him to the bone. His giant feet and legs threshed and churned through the ice and piled huge jagged blocks of it on either side. Icicles as big as the smokestacks of the Clearwater plant formed on his mustache and globules

of ice hung like tons of Pres-to-logs from his eyebrows, but he plowed on through the lake until the water and ice were up around his waist.

That was how he found Babe, the blue ox. It was Babe making those wierd sounds out there in the middle of the great lake. How the ox got there will ever remain a mystery. Paul Bunyan gathered it into his arms and lugged it ashore, forgetting all about the dog which had deserted him.

Those were the days!

Pond Crew Ready

"We're getting ready for the 'Old Man' and his blue ox," is the way Carl Harris, pond foreman and overseer of more than 300 acres of water for the Clearwater plant, puts it, expressing in these words his idea of the current improvements made on the pond, just in case this should be the winter of the blue snow.

Under the direction of Al Jensen, foreman of the carpenter crew, two new fin booms have recently been constructed. There is also a new big pier under way.

The new fin booms are 620 feet long, made of square timbers 14x14 inches in diameter and from 30 to 40 feet long, interlocked, or "staggered" so they fit together like a long row of bricks in a wall. On one side is a steel apron, running the entire length, that dips down into the water. When logs coming down in the drive strike this smooth apron they slide along instead of being forced under by the pressure of logs and water behind them. On the other side is a series of wooden "fins" that will be manipulated by cables running the length of the boom and operated from a winch at one end. The fins are hinged to the boom. They can be drawn in close, or let out like sails on a boat. By this method the current of the river is made to serve the booms like the wind is made to serve the sails, and the booms may be swerved out into the stream, or back again, at the will of the man at the winch.

"One of these new fin booms is to replace the boom farthest up the river," said Mr. Harris, "and the other is to be anchored to a new pier that will be placed in the river, some time this winter. It will be situated above the

sorting channel in the entrance to the pond.

"We're not going to take any chances on ice this year," he continued, "and we're doing everything we can to foil any repetition of the conditions that smote us once before when the river froze over, and when the ice went out it twisted some of our piers around and took a lot of logs with it."

Where needed, new piling is being driven in the forebays of the pond. Other piling will be driven later when the new pier is to be set.

Old Barge Rebuilt

To do these jobs it was necessary to reconstruct the old barge that was in service when the pond was first constructed. This work too has been under the supervision of Mr. Jensen, who found upon examination of the flatboat that it had to be nearly all reconstructed. The barge measures six feet high, 28 feet wide and 60 feet long. On it will be a donkey engine for operation of a pile driver, the latter to be removable. The barge will transport men and tools to and from piers and piling points.

Another, smaller barge, tried out two years ago, is being overhauled for use as an ice breaker. This too has a small donkey engine, and drums for reeling in cable lines. It pulls itself over the ice, crushing the ice as it goes, thus releasing logs that have been frozen in. Arctic ice breakers utilize their wooden hulls to ride up over the edge of floes, and by pressure and weight, crush the ice under them. The same principle would be used here if needed.

At present, while work has been started on the construction of the new pier, this phase of the pond improvements has been slowed up so the crew can get at other and more pressing work in preparation for the winter. The pier will be of cribbed logs with a false bottom made of 4x12x16 planks. In the false bottom hundreds of tons of heavy rock will be dumped. As the bottom and supporting logs sink into the water, additional logs will be set on top and the process repeated as the load of rocks draws the cribbing farther down into the pond.

Logs Get Special Care

The pier is being built where the water is about 12 feet deep at low water mark. Logs going below water will retain their bark. Those that will be above the average low water mark will be peeled to keep them from de-

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Story of Library Brings Response In Form of More Books

The story in *The Family Tree* October issue, which told of the free public library at Potlatch, brought a letter to the librarian, Mrs. Jessie Metcalf, and the offer of a gift of books and papers from Thomas McCulloch of the Overhaeuser Sales company in St. Paul.

The letter follows:

My dear Mrs. Metcalf:

I have read with interest the article on page 5 of the October edition of *The Family Tree*, entitled 'Free Public Library Keeps 3,000 Books Going at Potlatch.'

It happens that I have in my personal library a number of books which can get along without, among them a set of about thirty volumes of history which was issued by Colliers' many years ago and made up of standard histories of various nations like Gibbon's France, Green's England, Prescott's Mexico and Peru, etc. This set is bound in cloth and the paper is good compared with present day paper in similar sets. I also have, I think, a complete set of 'Fortune' for 1936, and the 'Atlantic Monthly' for several years. If these books and magazines would be any addition to your library, I will gladly box them up and send them to you by freight, but I do not want to be sending you books or magazines for which you have no use.

Please let me know at your early convenience whether the collection as above described would be an acceptable gift for your library.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS McCULLOCH."

The gift has been accepted, with many thanks to Mr. McCulloch. Who next?

Story Gains Interest

Interested in the story of the invention of devices at the Clearwater plant by George Wright, master mechanic, and Kenneth Ross, pipe fitters' foreman, W. E. Crosby, editor of *West Coast Lumbermen* has asked permission to use the story in his monthly magazine. Mr. Wright invented a shaper saw holder for the filing room; Mr. Ross devised a two-way log wash. The story was in the October issue.

The Welder Man

By GEORGE WRIGHT

ONE may think that the Clearwater plant welder or torch man as he is called, has a fine time, but let us take a peep at him while he is at work. The bystander looks on with amazement as he sees the operator perform.

There is a brass or gold colored gadget on the wall with two cords attached to it, one of a red color, the other green. He takes it down, looks here and there, and while the bystander is thinking of what to expect next a great flame bursts forth from the gadget held in the operator's hand. The duel is on.

The operator places the flame near a huge piece of iron. We have no detector with which to record the bystander's thoughts, or camera to receive his expression, as the molten metal begins to spurt forth like the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

The operator works on amid this shower of molten metal. His eyes are always on the gadget as he makes the pass across the plate of iron. The pass is made; iron falls to the floor. He stops to put out the flame and runs his hand down his neck or pulls up his sleeve or pulls up the front of his pants leg to find that the "bee" he felt while working has burned a hole in his clothes and struck the flesh.

He looks at the bystander saying, "I thought I could smell something burning" as he wipes perspiration off of his brow. He takes the iron in his hand and looks at the work. It is as smooth as if finished with file or machine.

A new pair of overalls or jumper is ruined, a trip to the first-aid room to have a patch put on his arm, leg or neck is necessary where that hot chunk flew wild and burned. Sometimes with his back in close quarters he looks to the sky and prays that the molten metal he flashed to that point runs solid, that it doesn't fall to scorch his hide. And the bystander finds himself feeling glad it isn't his flesh the fire has seared.

Rutledge Window Gay

Christmas was exemplified in the window of the downtown retail office of the Rutledge unit at Coeur d'Alene during the past few days when the window artists went to work with Santa Claus. These windows continue to draw much interest.

Here's More About Pond Improvement

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caying after they may have been submerged during a high water period.

It will be the second largest pier in the river, built to take the shock of logs in the spring drive and the buffeting of ice in the winter—should ice come. Dimensions are, approximately, 18 feet in height, 40 feet in width and length on the bottom and up to the low water mark. The top will be 32 feet square. On the upriver side, as with all the others, the top will be sloped back from the water's edge, at the rate of two feet for each layer of logs, with an apron of logs thus created for eight feet back from the front side. This apron is designed to catch moving ice and cause it to lift over the pier, relieving the tremendous weight that would be applied against the pier if it were straight up and down at that point.

Logs in the cribbing will be laid six one way and five the other from bottom to top and there will be 104 pieces of timber in the structure when it is finished. Into each log where it contacts its crossing log, will be driven 17-inch drift pins and it is estimated there will be 1,200 drift pins in the pier.

Each pocket caused by this cribbing of logs will be about eight feet across. It is into these pockets that the rock will be dumped to weight the pier down and eventually anchor it securely on the bottom of the pond.

Come What May

So, with the hot pond filled with about 6,000,000 feet of white pine and the steam ready to "do its stuff" if and when the time comes—with a new pier and a lot of new piling—with an ice breaker ready—and with 2,400 feet of fin booms in the river, the longest stretch in the history of the Clearwater plant, Jack Frisch, superintendent of manufacture, says:

"Let 'er buck!" to the woods department and the 1940 log drive, expected to start down about mid-April, and Carl Harris and Al Jensen and their crews say:

"Come on, Paul Bunyan and your blue ox and your ice and snow!"

Ski Slides Looked Over

Two ski slides are being looked over, pending the arrival of King Winter in his white robe. One is at Headquarters and the other is near Potlatch.

Aerial Attacks On Forest Fires Recall Efforts At Bovill

Dropping the fire fighters into burning forests from airplanes, via the parachute route, is a new wrinkle in an old pattern, according to the story told by Mr. Billings.

The U. S. forest service recently announced successful tests in dropping "smoke chasers" from planes.

Accounts of the tests tell of parachuted fire fighters taking off from planes, nearly at the scene of a blaze which presumably had just been discovered by lookouts in the adjacent towers. By flying the men to the scene of the fire much time is saved when minutes count more than numbers of men later on.

The "smoke chaser," garbed in a special suit and mask designed to protect him as much as possible, and equipped with the necessary tools, leaps from the plane and soars to a chosen landing spot. News pictures show him clinging to a tree top where he landed purposely. After unhooking his parachute, the fire fighter makes his way to the blaze and goes to work trying to arrest the spread of the flames.

Fires Bombed Too

Another method also recently announced as more or less successful, was the "bombing" of fires with five-gallon cans of mono-ammonium phosphate. The cans, dropped from the plane much in the manner of releasing bombs in aerial warfare, burst upon contact with the ground, spreading the chemicals over brush and ground area and retarding the advance of fire until men can arrive for more effective fire fighting.

It is estimated that each can of the chemical sprays about 100 square feet. Four or five cans are dropped in one "bombing," the plane circling the area of the fire and releasing the containers of chemicals at strategic points.

Airplanes have been useful for several years in searching out fire points in the forests, and have, say forest service officials, provided an excellent means of spotting and determining the extent of the fires and possible damage that may lay in the path of the flames. During this last summer local pilots were used on several occasions in this kind of work.

It was in the early 20's that Mr. Billings and W. D. Humiston were

Santa Answers Christmas Prayers For Joe Gallinaro; Bride Arrives in U. S. A.

Is Joe Gallinaro of Potlatch a happy man?

The answer is Yes, with a capital "Y", for no longer do the terrors of war cloud his vision. Mrs. Gallinaro, the little Italian bride, whom he had to leave in the homeland last fall because of war conditions, arrived in Potlatch last Sunday.

Joe told his interviewers that he had written a letter to Santa Claus and prayed that his wife might be able to reach the U. S. A. by Christmas time. Mrs. Gallinaro sailed from Naples on the Italian steamer Rex on December 4 and arrived in New York December 12. The voyage was uneventful. In New York she was welcomed by Mrs. Frank Gallinaro of Austin, Montana, who accompanied her to Butte, where the happy reunion of husband and wife took place.

appointed a committee to employ the late Nick Mamer to inaugurate flying observation of forest fires in the timber protective association areas of northern Idaho. The story is told that a landing field was provided at Bovill but when the time came for the flight, after some delay in obtaining adequate insurance for an observer, Nick was pressed into service flying pictures of the Jack Dempsey-Tommy Gibbons prize fight from Shelby, Montana, to Seattle.

"What about that job over there fighting forest fires?" he was asked.

"My crate's too heavy—and I'm never sure when I'll have to set it down," he is said to have replied.

Aviation has taken long strides in the service of the forests since then, Mr. Billings recalled, and now pilots of the forest service are being taught to "bomb" their fires, as well as drop fighters in parachutes from their planes, lessons perhaps learned from war, but put to humanitarian uses.

The Sun Still Shines

Three good safety records were spoiled in the Clearwater plant during the last two months, which "is nothing to brag about," according to Tom Sherry, safety supervisor.

Tom sees the silver lining on all the clouds, however, and says:

"But the sun still shines! Fifteen departments of the plant had no accidents this year! Five departments had only one! Only one department had more than two! And the entire manufacturing side of the plant had only two!

Mrs. Gallinaro spent the weekend in Potlatch at the home of cousins, Mr. and Mrs. B. Vedelago, and with old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Vito Gasperino.

Joe has purchased a tract in Lewiston Orchards, where he will build a home, and where Mrs. Gallinaro will plant cuttings from the grape vines of her native land, and plant seed including peanuts and five-week corn which she brought over.

Company Employees Save \$7,590.50 For Christmas Spending

Storekeepers of the Inland Empire will be glad to learn this. Employees of Potlatch Forests this year saved \$7,590.50 to spend for Christmas.

Funds totaling all the way from \$22.50 up to \$275 were distributed to the three company units early this month to individuals who laid away a little bit each payday for their Christmas spending money.

Through an arrangement with the company, employees order deductions from their monthly pay checks in amounts they believe they can save. The company keeps the money for them, at no cost for bookkeeping, and just before old Santa is due each year, distribute the savings.

In the Clearwater plant, 43 employees saved \$3,077.50. At Potlatch 64 men put by \$3,620. Rutledge workers at Coeur d'Alene, a much smaller number of employees in comparison with the other plants, saved \$893.

Two Lewiston men saved \$275 each and when the "pay off" came there were 12 \$100 bills and 27 \$50 bills handed out to the savers.

Skating Soon on Lake

Members of the Rutledge unit at Coeur d'Alene are looking forward to freezing temperatures when the little lake near the plant is expected to have a heavy coat of ice for skating.

Clearwater Foremen Hosts to Big Throng At Christmas Party

Christmas cheer was spread with real holiday spirit at the Clearwater plant Sunday afternoon, December 17, when more than 700 youngsters, all children of employees of the company, filed past Santa Claus and received gifts.

Sponsored by the Foremen's Council, the occasion was one filled with pleasant surprises. First was the combined vocal and string instrumental band which originated at the plant and was augmented by members of the Congregational-Presbyterian church of Lewiston, the Baptist church of Clarkston, the Prayer League Tabernacle of Lewiston and the Community church of Lewiston Orchards, all under the direction of W. J. Dower of Clarkston.

Gates of the plant were decorated with illuminated trees and the flagpole was wound with a string of various colored lights. The annual party was held in the planing mill where the big tree was placed near a shell in which the band played.

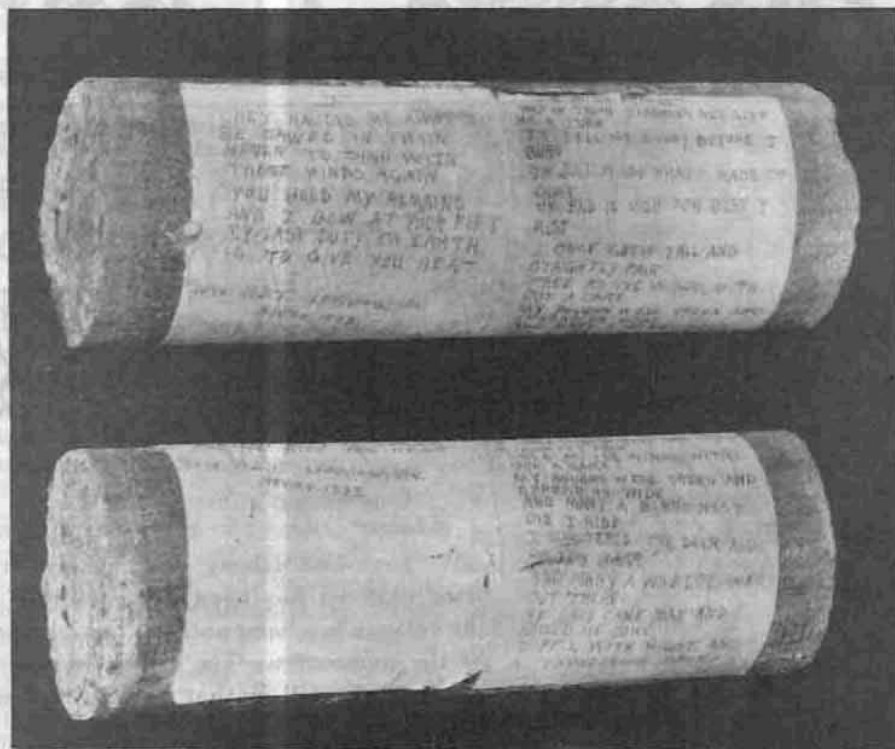
Following several musical numbers, the Rev. H. P. Andrews, pastor of the Baptist church, Clarkston, gave the invocation, and, followed this with leading the assembled group in singing "Joy to the World." Monta Morris, daughter of a worker in the Clearwater plant, gave an accordion solo, and this was followed by the address of Mr. Buschel.

One of the novelties of the program was a bassoon solo by Miss Florence Rice, another "Potlatch daughter," accompanied by Mrs. Volney Miller. Next were the Armstrong twins, Lois and Phyllis, also "Potlatch daughters," who sang "Silent Night." Still another daughter of a "Potlatcher," little Wilma Showalter, played Christmas carols on the accordion; Allen Watt played a saxophone solo, after which Rev. Andrews again led the group in singing "Jingle Bells."

Hardly had the song ended when the jingle bells were heard and Santa (Wally White) —and to the complete surprise of the crowd—Santa Jr., appeared on the stage. Santa Jr. was played by Peter (P. D.) Brown, a Lewiston high school boy.

Harold White, chairman of the Foremen's Council Christmas party com-

"HOLD ON THERE STRANGER—"



Speaking of new Pres-to-logs and things, coincident with the announcement of improvements in the manufacture of this fuel R. E. Saberson of the Weyerhaeuser Sales company in St. Paul sent this picture to The Family Tree. The picture is of one of the first Pres-to-logs made commercially in the Longview plant of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company. In paper wrapped around the log is a poem written by "H. D. T." whoever he is, and dated Nov. 20, 1933. The words are:

"Hold on there stranger, and give me a turn
"To tell my story before I burn
"I'm just a log that's made of dust,
"My end is nigh, for burn I must.
"I once grew tall and stately fair
"Free as the winds, without a care

"My bows were green and spreading wide
"And many a bird's nest did I hide.

"I sheltered the deer and roving bear
"And many a wild life, way out there
"At last came man and hewed me down
"I fell with might and a thunderous sound.

"They hauled me away to be sawed in twain
"Never to sigh with those winds again
"You hold my remains and I bow at your feet
"My last duty on earth is to give you heat".

mittee, who acted as master of ceremonies, gave thanks to individuals, churches, firms and organizations for aiding the party.

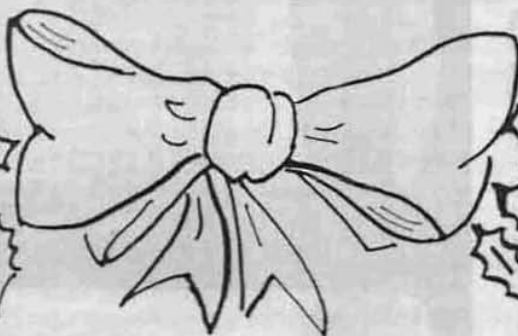
Thanks was also expressed to members of the local lumber and sawmill workers' union, which not only assisted with finances to help defray the cost of the party, but volunteered considerable labor to build the band shell, set

up and take down the Christmas tree, and other contributed labor.

Members of the lumber and sawmill workers' union committee were: Dean Cox, chairman; Jess Mosher and E. L. Terlson.

The Foremen's Council committee was Mr. White, chairman; John Aram, Gottfried Hansen, A. T. Kaufman, L. Kenneth Ross and Everaldo Nelson.

Merry Christmas



We have had a busy year. The average price realized has been disappointing but our volume has been nothing to kick about. At the moment we are rather hoping for a breathing spell so that we can replenish our stocks.

For the fine work done by the logging crews, and especially for setting up a wonderful fire record; for the fine work of the mill crews and especially for hitting the ball in the last ninety days; for the great work of the salesmen in getting us a big share of the business available—for all these things, the stockholders, officers and management are very grateful.

I believe all of us should have an optimistic feeling about our chances in 1940 and so it is especially pleasant this year to wish everyone in the organization

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

C. L. BILLINGS.
General Manager.