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Water, Plus Fire, Work Destruction In Company Plants

Water and fire both played havoc with Potlatch Forests, Inc., as the month came to a close.

In the Clearwater plant Pres-to-logs storage shed, a broken water main which supplies the overhead fire sprinklers, poured a steady six-inch stream over hundreds of tons of Pres-to-logs early on the morning of November 21. The result was like inflating a balloon.

As the lower layers of logs became saturated, from a low moisture content of about 4 per cent, they swelled, pushing upward and outward. There were approximately 11,000 tons in storage. Pressure against huge timber uprights and walls was too much for them to stand.

Cracking and groaning these wooden timbers stood it until the breaking point was reached, then several snapped like toothpicks; overhead beams twisted to crazy angles and the walls of the whole building puffed out.

Water Flow Stopped

Discovered by Roy King at 2:30 a. m., the flow of water was stopped by Dick Johnson and officials of the company were called. The next few hours presented a weird sight. The watered logs continued to swell and push until it was feared everything would give way and the roof would slip like a circus tent blown down in a hurricane.

The area was roped off and as time came for the day shift to go on, spectators were routed away from the building. Al Jensen and his crew were kept busy relieving strain on timbers that might have suddenly shot from their anchorages like arrows from a bow. At about 9 o'clock a creaking and splintering warned all hands that the push was on and in a few minutes one of the interior storage walls toppled over and hundreds of Pres-to-logs, perhaps thousands, rolled down onto the roof of the rest rooms and office, crushing them to a shambles.

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Pruning Limbs From White Pine Trees Seen As Means of Developing Additional Selects

WILL PRUNING of second growth trees produce a knot-free portion from which selects may be manufactured in larger proportion than under the natural growth conditions?

This question is answered by the scientists of the forest products laboratory of the U. S. Forest Service, at Madison, Wisconsin, in a news release recently received here. Mr. Billings has been toying with the idea for some time. Charles Jack, former forester for the company, set aside four plots of trees near Headquarters, where a study was made of pruning costs. This work is to be followed up by Jack Baggs, who succeeded Mr. Jack as forester, by a study of the benefits of pruning. Mr. Baggs expects to set up some additional plots of small trees to assist in determining the results of pruning.

The forest products laboratory news letter says

"Nature takes centuries to produce knot-free lumber but man has come to her aid and hurried up the process.

"Studies at the U. S. forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., of the formation of knots in pine trees have shown that early pruning is one of the best and most practical ways of helping nature produce knot-free wood. Successful pruning of farm woodlands depends, among other things, upon the size of the tree, the size of the branches, and the rate of diameter growth of the trunk. Naturally the fastest healing wounds take place when the pruning scars are small and when the tree is growing rapidly in diameter.

"Confining the knotty wood to a small core at the center of the tree produces the greater amount of clear lumber from the log.

"In dense woodlands, thinning to give the trees more light and space aids in more rapid growth and promotes quick healing of pruning wounds. A limb cut smoothly and close to the trunk heals over much sooner than does a stub left by knocking off the branch with a club.

"Splinters and long stubs add to the time required for the wound to grow over, and if accompanied by the formation of pitch pockets, bark enclosures, or decay will retard the production of clear lumber for many years. The limbs, whether living or dead, should be removed from the trunk up to a distance of at least 16 feet with a saw when the trees are not more than four inches in diameter.

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Nice Work!

We are appreciative and proud of the performance of all departments at all units since the middle of September when we first began to feel the pressure for logs from the woods, lumber from the sawmills, and shipments to take care of the unexpected rush of orders, which developed so suddenly.

Only the finest co-operation and teamwork enabled us to maintain our usual good service to our customers under trying conditions and from a standing start. You hung up fine records for shipments in both October and November and it gives us confidence to know that we have an organization and personnel which can come through when the heat is on.

OTTO H. LEUSCHEL,
Asst. General Manager.

'R. M.' Visits Plants And Tells Of Business

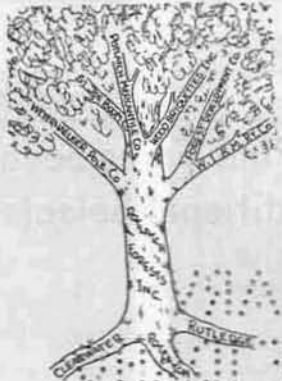
Jovial and in good health, R. M. Weyerhaeuser, president of Potlatch Forests, Inc., visited the plants and offices in Lewiston, Potlatch and Coeur d'Alene during the past month, seeing for himself what is usually indicated to him in reports on paper.

With Mr. Weyerhaeuser was G. F. Jewett, treasurer of the company, and Charles J. McGough of the F. Weyerhaeuser offices in St. Paul, and Laird

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THE FAMILY TREE «—Strange As It Seems—»

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

Down the Editor's Alley

"October 1939"

By a Former Editor

(Who Didn't Sign His Name But
Whom We Suspect Is Bob Evenden)

"I've always thought that I should never see
"That oddity of all: A jokeless 'Family Tree'!
"Its pangs of birth were softened with a
smile,

"But now, at three, methinks it's turned
senile.

"Spice of life from sources far and near,

"Oft from the 'Tree' with doubtful grace did
peer,

"But, flaunting that tradition, old and fine,

"Behold the Culprit—October, 1939!"

Drive Work Started

Alex McGregor, foreman of Camp
P for the past summer, is getting things
ready for next spring's river drive.

With a small crew and a "cat" he is
skidding wannigan poles to Beaver
creek, where Paul Knight is trucking
them to the north fork.

THE *Family Tree* emblem, used since
November, 1936, on the editorial
page of our paper has, in the philatelic
field, an interesting parallel in the de-
sign of the stamps issued by Turkey
during 1931 to commemorate the Sec-
ond Balkan Conference held at Yildiz
Palace, Istanbul, Turkey, from Octo-
ber 20 to 26 of that year.

The stamps were issued in a set of
nine with each value using the same
motif and varying only in color.

The design is allegorical in inscrip-
tion, showing on a map of the Balkan
area an olive tree, emblematic of peace,
with its roots spreading out to the six
Balkan capitals at Angora, Athens,
Tirana, Belgrade, Sofia and Bucharest.

The rest of the emblem in this man-
ner precedes our use of it by five years.
However, because of this, a heritage
is added to our emblem in that these
traditionally bitter rivals saw fit to use
this means of portraying their move-
ment toward a unity of action for peace
in which all of the countries represented
at the conference placed much hope.

Red Cross Awards
33 Potlatch People

Thirty-three certificates have been
received at Potlatch for enrollment
in the first aid classes conducted last
in the summer under the auspices of
the department of safety of the State
of Idaho, with Ralph Romig, certified
first aid instructor in charge.

Adult classes were held three nights
each week, while classes for high school
students were conducted three after-
noons each week. The instruction
covered: Care of wounds, including
snakebites, dog bites, etc.; control of
bleeding; artificial respiration; in-
juries to bones, joints and muscles and
the use of splints, etc.

Fourteen of those who completed the
standard course of instructions for first
aid were high school pupils: Marie
Anderson, Leonard Alsaker, Lorraine
Morgan, Nancy Segersten, Maxine
Olsen, Joyce Sundstrom, Helen Gam-
ble, Patricia O'Connell, Dolores Olsen,
Dora Lee Hansen, Bernardine Cora-
potti, Nancy Eyrich, Bonnie Smith,
Dorothy Buck.

Adults numbering 29 received cer-
tificates as follows: Mrs. Robert Mor-
gan, Miss Dorothy Collard, Miss Vir-
Cada, Mrs. Roderick Anderson, Mrs.
John Felker, Mrs. Elva Penwell, Mrs.
H. G. Callahan, Mrs. Ted Kirsch,
Alene Puckett, Mrs. Howard Cagle,
Mr. George Andres, H. G. Callahan,
M. J. Olson, John Strom, Howard
Cagle, Tad Kirsch, C. G. Talbott, Mrs.
Louise Cone, Mrs. C. G. Talbott.

Story of Efficiency
Wins 'Factory' Award

Claire Wilcox, efficiency man of
Potlatch Forests, Inc., has been de-
clared winner of a cash award by
Factory, a management and mainten-
ance magazine published in New York,
it has been revealed here. The
award was based on a letter to Factory
outlining a perpetual filing system for
follow ups on equipment inspections.

"It has become an established fact,"
said Mr. Wilcox in his outline, "that
in our organization the most positive
method of eliminating the loss of
thousands of dollars, resulting from
unnecessary replacements and guaran-
tee elapses, without incurring lost time
by breakdowns, weather losses, etc., is
to record, in a perpetual filing system,
every major replacement and guarantee
pertaining thereto."

The writer then went on to describe
the method, telling also of periodical
inspections that are brought about by a
"tickler" or system that assures an in-
spection will be made at certain in-
tervals without resorting to the mem-
ory of some individual.

The title of the contest in which
the entry of Mr. Wilcox was made, was
"500 quick ways to profits."

Credit Union Gains Memberships, With Dividend Coming Up

Potlatch Number 1 Federal Credit Union on and with it is the supporting evidence of continued increases in membership, savings, and "productive and providential" lending according to the report of B. L. Runnion, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Runnion's report of November 1939, shows that 401 members have saved \$7,257.35 in shares against \$807 saved on July 31, 1938. There is an average of \$18.10 per share holder, which is a very low figure. Mr. Runnion said, "This is accounted for by the number of share holders who are deficient in keeping up regular savings. Many of those men have only 5¢ credit. It is likely that those members may need to be dropped by the members at the next annual meeting because the union is assessed 10¢ per member for National Association membership, and the cost of carrying non-savers is excessive."

Loans made since the Credit Union was organized totaled \$16,290.50 on November 27, 1939. 278 loans had been made, so the average amount loaned is approximately \$58.59.

Mr. Runnion expressed his belief that the Credit Union will be able to pay 5% dividend at the end of this year.

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Here's More About R. M.'s' Visit To Plants

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Bill, vice-president of Potlatch Forests, Inc., of Chicago.

Speaking of business and war, "R. M." was inclined to say "What war?" and then go on to state that the lumber industry had shown a marked contraction for the better early last summer, went into a head-swimming boom in September; since has flattened out. What will happen in the future he believes no one can know, but added an optimistic thought when he said that anyway, "we have enough orders on hand for a good back-log to run us all the first of the year."

Pictures of sawmill, planer, yard and woods and camps operations are always needed by The Family Tree.

Here Are Places Where Rainbo-logs Are Sold

Following a custom, The Family Tree again presents a list of firms handling Rainbo-logs, from which you may pick your nearest dealer during the holidays:

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| <p>WASHINGTON</p> <p>Seattle—
Ajax Fuel Company, 7402 Roosevelt Way
Holmes Coal Company, 324 No. 85th Street
Napier & Scott, 1927 4th Street
Scandia Fuel Company, 2342 25th St.</p> <p>Everett—
Weyerhaeuser Timber Company</p> <p>Longview—
Weyerhaeuser Timber Company</p> <p>Spokane—
The Crescent
The Palace
Jensen Byrd Company
Myer S. Rubens, 1009 1st Avenue
Any Safeway, U.R. & M., or Stone's Store
Any Fuel Dealer</p> <p>OREGON</p> <p>Portland—
Meier & Frank Department Store</p> <p>CALIFORNIA</p> <p>Oakland—
Capwell, Sullivan & Furth
H. C. Capwell
Maxwell Hardware Stores
Many Other Groceries and Fuel Dealers</p> <p>Santa Barbara—
Ott Hardware Company</p> <p>Berkeley—
Shattuck & Kitteridge
Hinks Department Store</p> <p>San Francisco—
Hale Bros. Department Store
The White House
Many Groceries & Fuel Dealers</p> <p>Los Angeles—
May Company
Broadway Department Store
Bullocks
Fitzsimmons Stores
Certified Grocers Stores
Spartan Stores</p> <p>Pasadena—
Peddycord & Son
Santa Monica—
Harts Feed & Fuel Store
Pendleton Feed Store</p> <p>UTAH</p> <p>Salt Lake City—
Any Fuel Dealer</p> <p>Provo—
Any Fuel Dealer</p> <p>Roosevelt—
Leslie Ashton & Sons</p> <p>Logan—
Wansgaard Coal & Pipe Company</p> <p>Sugarhouse—
Sugarhouse Coal Company</p> <p>MONTANA</p> <p>Missoula—
Interstate Lumber Company
Blair Transfer Company</p> <p>Great Falls—
John Leslie Paper Company</p> | <p>SOUTH DAKOTA</p> <p>Aberdeen—
Thompson Yards, Inc.</p> <p>IDAHO</p> <p>Boise—
Boise Payette Lumber Company</p> <p>Lewiston—
Potlatch Forests, Inc.</p> <p>Potlatch—
Potlatch Forests, Inc.</p> <p>Coeur d'Alene—
Potlatch Forests, Inc.
Nearly Any Fuel Dealer in Northern Idaho</p> <p>COLORADO</p> <p>Denver—
Any Powerine Company Station</p> <p>MINNESOTA</p> <p>Minneapolis—
The Dayton Company</p> <p>St. Paul—
The Emporium
The Golden Rule
St. Paul Glass Company
Williams Coal Company
Bland Fuel Company</p> <p>WISCONSIN</p> <p>Milwaukee—
Butler & Son Company, 780 Broadway
Schroeder Lumber & Supply Company</p> <p>ILLINOIS</p> <p>Winnetka—
Winnetka Coal & Lumber Company</p> <p>Wilmette—
Hoffman Bros.</p> <p>Chicago—
Wm. H. Hoops & Company, 531 So. Wabash Avenue
Von Lengerke & Antoine, S. 33 Wabash Avenue
The Fair Store</p> <p>South Holland—
Wausau Lumber & Coal Company</p> <p>INDIANA</p> <p>South Bend—
South Bend Lumber Company</p> <p>MICHIGAN</p> <p>Detroit—
J. F. Weber & Sons, 970 Gratiot Ave.
J. L. Hudson Company
The Earnst Kern Company
The Detroit Mantle & Tile Company</p> <p>Grand Rapids—
Paul Steckettee & Sons</p> <p>NEW YORK
(6-Log Cartons)</p> <p>New York City—
B. Altman & Company, Dept. No. 29
Bloomingdale Bros., Dept. 671-G
Lewis & Coney
R. H. Macy & Company, Dept. 160
Stern Bros.</p> <p>Brooklyn—
Abraham & Strauss, Inc., Dept 674
Frederick Loeser & Company</p> <p>NEW JERSEY
(6-Log Cartons)</p> <p>Newark—
L. Bamberger & Company, Dept. 160
Kresge Department Store</p> |
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Here's More About Credit Union Success

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He presents the following tabulation of the uses for Credit Union loans:

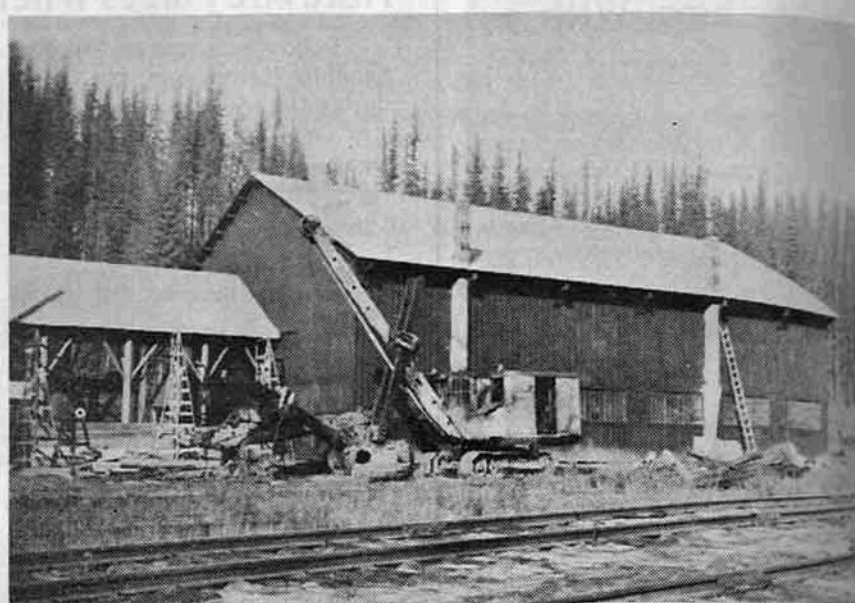
Doctor Bills	32	\$2127.50
Other Bills	52	3575.00
Cars and Trucks	23	1320.00
Pay Note	4	200.00
Over-drawn at Bank	1	12.00
Tires	4	140.00
Back Payments on Home	3	205.00
Construction	21	1590.00
Buy Building Lots	2	80.00
Fix Teeth	15	1005.00
Fuel	2	52.00
Furniture	12	595.00
Cows, Chickens, etc.	23	1313.00
Feed	11	545.00
Fencing	1	25.00
Maternity	0	650.00
Funeral	3	225.00
Car Insurance	1	40.00
General	3	90.00
Car License	1	15.00
Educational	3	165.00
Buy Home	5	500.00
Orchards Bond	5	270.00
Taxes	5	140.00
Glasses	4	90.00
Vacations	5	290.00
Flying Lessons	1	40.00
Moving	2	70.00
Life Insurance	7	305.00
Beauty Parlor	1	150.00
Groceries	1	15.00
Christmas	4	125.00
Clothes	1	50.00
Rent	2	62.00
Help Relatives	5	153.00
Spray Outfit	1	50.00
Court Costs, Estate	1	75.00
Buy Motorcycle	1	110.00
Mortgage	1	26.00
Total	278	\$16290.50

Here's More About Pruning Tree Limbs

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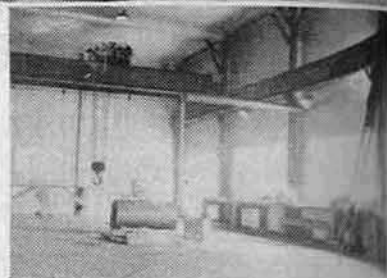
"In parts of the United States, particularly in the south, there are extensive second-growth forests, the future value of which could be greatly increased as a result of proper pruning. In trees pruned when small the extent of knots in each log will be definitely known and the grade of lumber to be obtained can be determined in advance of cutting as well as the value of the lumber the trees will produce."

Then—

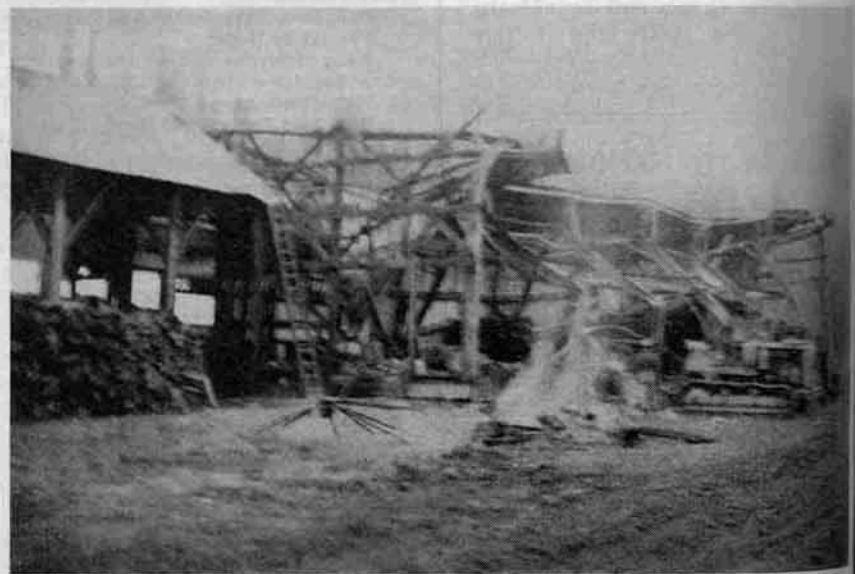


Upper: The "cat" repair shop at Headquarters, as it looked upon completion two years ago. At the side is a view of the interior.

Lower: The "cat" repair shop as it looks today—with smoke still curling around the steel supports and roof trusses the day after the shop was destroyed by fire.



—And Now



Old Records Found

Charles Epling, first aid man at the Clearwater plant, delving back into the records of mishaps, etc., has found that Gene Ginsbaugh, dressed shed employee,

was the first man ever treated in the Clearwater first aid room.

"That was on September 10, 1930," said Chuck, "and Gene had a splinter removed from his finger."

THINGS WERE BREAKING UP IN PRES-TO-LOGS STORAGE SHED

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Among the spectators was R. M. [unclear] haeuser, president of the company who was making a final inspection of the plant before leaving for St. [unclear].

According to Roy Huffman, manager of the fuel department, between 1,000 and 2,000 tons of Pres-to-logs were ruined. There was a rush of business however, in the next few days by employees who filled their rooms at home with culled logs, broken as piles tumbled down to the [unclear].

Next morning officials of the company got another shock when the report was made that the caterpillar tractor repair shop built at Headquarters two years ago to take care of logging equipment in the Clearwater woods, had been completely destroyed by fire.

How the fire started has not been determined. At 2 o'clock in the morning after several groups had returned to Headquarters from a social event and the night was clear without a sign of smoke from the repair shop, the building suddenly burst into flame and by daylight was a heap of ashes and twisted burned metal.

The repair shop, 40x90, was made partly of steel, with metal uprights, beams and roof. Floors and walls were of a double thickness of plank and boards. Considerable heavy equipment was ruined, as well as a large

quantity of tools owned by employees and stored in the building.

Night Watchmen William Goddette and Nick Langdehn noticed the lights in the power plant, next to the repair building, flicker at about 2 a. m. They investigated but discovered nothing unusual. A few minutes later the lights flickered again and when they attempted to go from the power plant into the repair shop they were stopped by a wall of flame.

Hastily stringing hose line and using hand extinguishers, the two men called for help and a score of volunteers arrived to put more hose into use, but to no avail. Water was poured into the fire for more than two hours.

Insurance adjusters have inspected both places of disaster.

East Wind Welcomed

After several days of warm weather and a storage plant filled with Pres-to-logs, part of which had been watered, Roy Huffman smelled an east wind.

"Now it's coming from the right direction," said he, as he took out his order book.

Plan For Christmas Party Well Under Way

Plans for the 1939 Clearwater plant Christmas party are well under way according to Harold Z. White, committee chairman.

"The toys have been ordered and other arrangements are being completed," said Mr. White. "A smaller committee than the one used in past years was appointed this year, on the suggestion of A. T. Kauffman, chairman in 1938. It is believed that the smaller committee can function more smoothly and easily."

The present committee includes L. K. Ross, G. H. Hansen, E. E. Nelson, A. T. Kauffman, and John Aram. All members of the Foremen's Council are asked to help again this year as they have in the past, and the assistance of plant organizations is again solicited.

"The committee again urges all employees to bring only their own children to the party. Space available and the number of gifts will not accommodate a large crowd."

Pictured here are general views of the south side of the Pres-to-logs storage shed at the Clearwater plant on the morning of November 22, when water swelled hundreds of tons of Pres-to-logs, which in turn tried to force their way out of the building. At the left is a scene of chaos after an interior bulkhead gave way. In the center above are officials viewing the wreckage, and below, a scene of broken walls and crushed office.



Exhibition of Metals Laid To Carelessness

The Fire committee has on display in the lunch-room showcase at the Clearwater plant this month an accumulation of metals taken from the grinder magnets in the Pres-to-log plants. These metals are waste material dropped by mill-wrights and others. Nails, washers, bolts, nuts, chain links, tobacco cans, etc. have been picked up by the suction pipes in the shipping departments and carried with the shavings to the grinders where they were fortunately caught on the magnets.

With the display is an explanatory notice calling attention to the fire danger caused by metal going into the grinders, and asking employees for their cooperation in keeping metal waste away from shavings that go through the suction pipes.

"Besides the fire danger, there is a serious loss in production and broken machinery," stated Fred Dicus, Pres-to-logs foreman. "This loss is reflected in higher costs and less employment."

The display will be circulated among the shipping departments by their foremen.

Clearwater Woods

Camp N

To date this camp has delivered to the river 2,376,250 feet of logs. Rearing the flume to the Sourdough dam is now under way, and upon completion camp will be closed for the season.

Camp P

Camp P crews are hurrying to finish before all the plates are taken from the tables. With only 100,000 feet of logs left on the ground, skidding will be over in a few days. Then Camp P will have better than 13,000,000 feet in the river.

Camp 14

This camp loaded 3,390,000 feet of logs last month. It is expected that camp will continue to run until the middle of December, with the goal of 17,000,000 feet of logs skidded by that time. Again this camp has passed another month without a lost time accident, with about 140 still at work here.

Camp 22A

This camp started operating in the early part of November and will probably continue all winter. L. K. Edel-

blute is camp foreman, with 100 men on hand now. Timber on the short, steep slopes is being cut into short logs, skidded by teams. Long hauls are by "cats." To date there have been no "lost time accidents."

Camp 23

Camp 23 consists of two parts: the upper camp where Joe Wheeler has 52 men on construction and the lower camp where Morrey Thompson has 90 logging. The upper camp is about two and one-half miles by railroad from the main line. At present, logging is being done on the Headquarters side, but by the middle of January the crew will move over to the camp.

The camp is averaging 140,000 feet of timber on the cars every day. To get this Ted Carman, saw boss, has 10 saw gangs while Morrey Thompson, foreman, has 13 teams and five "cats" skidding to the railroad.

Paper Mill to Burn Rutledge Hogged Fuel

With a mammoth mountain of hog fuel backed up against the sawdust pile in the yard of the Rutledge unit at Coeur d'Alene, a welcome sight there the other day was a crew of men preparing a truck road and placing a loading conveyor against the pile.

According to information at the Rutledge office, J. F. Walker of the Walker Truck company, has accepted a contract to haul hog fuel to the paper mill at Millwood, near Spokane, where it will be burned to make steam and power. As a consequence, the size of the pile is expected to diminish considerably in the next few days.

Attend Personnel Meeting

On October 12 and 13, five Potlatch Forests, Inc., men, O. H. Leuschel, C. O. Graue, Tom Sherry, George Cunningham and John Aram, attended the Northwest Personnel convention in Spokane, at which the best practices along the lines of good employment relations were discussed.

Highlights of the meeting were speeches by Kinzey Robinson, president of Washington Water Power company, Eric Johnson, Brown Johnson Electric company and a director of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Rod Olzendam, Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Tacoma, Wash., and Tom Sherry, safety director of the Clearwater plant.

Alfalfa Field Yields 65 Tons of Fireproof

One of the most scenic attractions in Lewiston, "lowest point in the state of Idaho," is the sight from the top of the spiral hill north of town, and which the Clearwater plant stands above everything else.

During the past several months this sight has been made more attractive by an alfalfa field on which there are now about 30 tons of hay stacked and waiting for buyers.

Weed control at the Clearwater plant has been for years a tough subject for the fire committee. They apparently caught the right answer last year, however, when Mr. Leuschel suggested planting alfalfa in the open space around the plant. Harold White, Harry Rooney and John Aram were appointed a committee and reported favorably. To Al Jensen, carpenter foreman, was the project given and at this writing it is believed the alfalfa has presented an excellent fire proofing.

Twenty-seven acres were planted to alfalfa last spring and there are five or five acres more available for planting in the coming months, Mr. Jensen said, adding that three cuttings have netted 65 tons for the first year of the experiment.

Clearwater Sawmill Repairs Under Way

Repairs in the Clearwater plant sawmill which ordinarily are made during periods when the plant is down, have been made during the past few weeks at odd moments and on week-ends by special crews of carpenters and mill-wrights.

Most noticeable of these repairs have been the replacement of five big wooden girders measuring 40 feet in length and 14x14 inches, which have been placed under the five edgers. Necessary supporting timbers have been placed in several spots and conveyor chutes, where they needed them, have had new boards put in.

In machinery, there has been a complete overhaul of the gang saw.

Shoot Clay Pigeons

Members of the Clearwater Foremen's Council gathered at the Lewiston Gun Club before Thanksgiving and shot it out for turkeys. Dick Johnson says they wouldn't let him compete but he got a turk anyway.

Clearwater Safety Record Threatened By Southern Mills

Be aware the Ides of March—or some-

Tom Sherry, Clearwater plant safety director who just returned from attending the Western Safety Conference, Oakland, reports that several other mills, especially Pacific Lumber company at Scotia, California, are out to beat the world's safety record away from Clearwater.

That record of 560,000 man-hours elapsed time between "lost time" accidents was established last year, and the Clearwater plant holds it.

"These other outfits are talking more about that record than we are ourselves," said Tom, "and some of them present a real threat to our laurels. Percy Bendorff, safety director at Scotia, assured me in no uncertain terms that the Pacific Lumber company is out to excel our showing."

Mr. Sherry and Paul Black, safety engineer in the woods section of PFI operations, who is working with the Workmen's Compensation Exchange and who was recently appointed sanitary inspector in the camps, participated in the discussions at the Oakland meeting. Mr. Sherry conducted one of these discussions, having a paper on plant safety for sawmill men. said to have been the most complete at the conference. The meetings were under the gavel of W. S. Collins of the Potlatch Lumber company at Fort Bragg, another contender for the world record in sawmill operation safety.

"While many other mills are well maintained and have rigid control of standards of employment, they have a ways yet to go to beat us," Tom continued. "At the same time when they step up their prevention education programs, we will have to intensify our own many times to retain the lead we have now."

En route home Mr. Sherry visited both the Union and the Pacific mills. At the latter a special safety meeting was called. Will D. Jenkins and Ted Parkinson of British Columbia, addressed the workmen of both plant and woods operations, and from their talks, Tom says he got a lot of good ideas for putting pep and enthusiasm in the Clearwater safety program.

Shoes Save The Foot



The shoe shown in cross-section in the above picture saved Lionel Poston a bad foot injury last month. His foot was caught between the plunger and frame of the box factory nailer, with six horse-power bearing down, but his steel-box-toed safety shoe bore most of the pressure. This steel cap broke at one corner, as shown in the picture, and "Ole" sustained a small broken toe. This didn't bother him much and he was ready for work the next morning.

Just how severe this foot injury would have been if an ordinary shoe were involved is problematical. No one volunteered to try such a shoe out in the same position, as it looked "kinda like a trap."

Needless to say "Ole" and Tom Sherry, safety director at the Clearwater plant, are a lot happier about this than their serious expressions indicate. This appreciation is shared by the entire box factory crew.

Potlatch Woods

Camp 32

Now that there is colder weather the truck haul is progressing in fine shape. At this writing there have been 1,655,700 feet of logs landed at camp 32. On spur one at camp 31 there have been 1,375,000 feet skidded to the road, for a total of 192 cars. There are 240 men in this camp.

Camp 36

Camp 36 has closed down for this year, except for five men who are painting.

Committee to Take Program of Future Jamboree Sessions

It was a grand and glorious Jamboree at Coeur d'Alene November 4, when the Rutledge unit plant personnel were hosts to some 160 foremen superintendents and members of the management.

Starting off with a luncheon at 1:30 o'clock in the civic building, a huge log edifice on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, the members renewed many acquaintances and friendships. Following the luncheon everybody adjourned to a meeting room in the northwest wing of the building where talks were given by C. O. Graue, G. F. Jewett, J. J. O'Connell, Otto Leuschel, E. C. Rettig, and C. L. Billings.

A committee of superintendents was appointed by Mr. Billings to determine the future course of jamborees, and good opportunity was afforded many of the others in attendance to do some lobbying with the committee before the day was over. Those on the committee are Howard Bradbury, Claire Nogle, Dave Troy, Jack Frisch, Joe Parker, Shelt Andrews, Grover Gregg, Ben Swafford and Sam Gilbertson.

This committee later held a brief organization meeting but decided to await next summer before choosing a chairman, and in the meantime to gather ideas for the ensuing jamboree.

Pleasure Follows Business

Following the business session of the meeting, at which Mr. Billings told the status of collective bargaining agreements, Mr. Leuschel of business in general, and Mr. Rettig of old and new logging methods; these talks supplemented by Mr. O'Connell on the Potlatch work plan, Mr. Graue on development of lumber yard and purchased lumber treatment, and Mr. Jewett on forestry and conservation, the members of the jamboree boarded the "Miss Spokane" for a trip around the lake.

There was no premium on sea-legs either. So far as could be observed by the correspondent aboard the ship, lumberjacks in the party made good sailors and everybody went ashore at the end of the voyage under his own steam and on a straight course. It was the consensus of opinion that as the

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Johnson Boys All Follow "Dad" Into Service of Company

Climbing the ladder with "Dad" is the chosen vocation of the Johnson boys at the Clearwater plant. All of them, Walter, Frank, Albert and Harry elected the Potlatch way of making a living, and although poor health keeps Walter and Albert from carrying on, the Johnson family has hued a good sized niche in the lumber mill trades.

Charley Johnson, "Dad," was born in Sweden on February 22, 1879. He followed his father to America, and at the age of 14 he began making his way with his father, a Connecticut bridge construction foreman. Later he worked on the tug boats along the Atlantic seaboard.

About 1900 Charley migrated to Minnesota, where he married Miss Ester Borgstrom, and started his colorful career as a lumber worker. For five years he worked for the Cloquet Lumber Company as an edgerman, setter, and millwright; during the next three years he served the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company similarly. While in Scanlon he obtained his American citizenship. He was elected to county justice of the peace and served in that office two years.

When the Weyerhaeuser interests purchased the Cloquet Lumber company, Charley went with Mr. Otis Staples, a former partner of the firm, to Wycliffe, Canada, where he became millwright and forman of the Otis Staples Lumber company.

On August 7, 1927, Charley began working in the Clearwater plant sawmill as an edgerman. Since then he has worked as a painter and in the dressed shed department, bringing the boys along to join the company.

The father of nine, four boys and five girls, Charley's life aim is to do his best, to make a good living for his family, to educate his children, and to advance himself as far as possible along the road toward success.

Albert and Walter are Potlatchers too. Walter worked in the box factory until 1933, and Albert a lumber checker, worked for 10 years until 1938.

Harry, the youngest son, likewise follows the trail with his father and brothers. On February 1, 1935 he began working as a dressed shed stand-up man, but ambition and hard work are

Clearwater Plant Has Some Dads and Sons



Harry

"Dad"

Frank

directing him away from the lumber piles. A Lewiston high school graduate, Harry studies by correspondence and he has attained exceptional scholastic accomplishments. He is single, and directing his efforts to learn the steam engineering trade. At present he works in the Clearwater boiler room.

Frank, at present a planing mill grader at Lewiston, was born in Scanlon, Minnesota. At the age of 14 he began trying his hand at lumber for the Otis Staples people. At Wycliffe he worked in the planing mill, the plant shop and graded. Following his father he started work at Lewiston before plant construction was complete, and when the dressed shed was open for business Frank was on hand.

A father of two sons himself, Frank's untiring ambition is to be a lumber salesman.

Here's More About Jamboree Sessions

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Jamborees progress and the years are added one by one to the shoulders of the attendants, they are getting a little more conservative and attentive to the serious side of this lumber business. So it can be said, with impunity, that no one missed out on what was being told and done.

After the boat ride the Jamboreers gathered again in the big hall of the civic building for an evening hour of

feast and fun and fun was there featured by a public address system ostensibly handled by none other than the great Walter Winchell himself.

Souvenirs Given Party

During the dinner souvenirs were handed out by Elmer Bellknap and Roger Carlson of the Rutledge unit. These were handmade barrels of Idaho White Pine, suitable for encasing trimmets, pennies, safety pins, etc., followed by cartons of Pres-to-logs matches and finally, each one present received a Potlatch Forest, Inc., set of playing cards on the backs of which was a picture of 12,000,000 feet of White Pine in a jam on the North Fork of the Clearwater river.

Open house was held in the downtown retail office and headquarters in the management of the Rutledge unit where various and sundry building materials were displayed, following the night meal. A team match game of the bowling alleys was played between the Clearwater unit, challengers, and the Rutledge unit, with the Rutledge unit outdistancing the Clearwater players with an average of 64 pins, and for a total score of 322 pins over the challengers.

New Window Favored

Rutledge unit at Coeur d'Alene may not get a cash prize for its window display this time, but there are those who think this one the best yet. It's a Pres-to-logs machine in operation.