

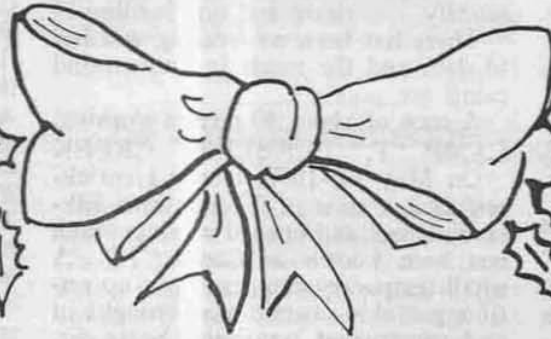
# THE FAMILY TREE

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

To many of us, this year has seemed to run backwards—at least in a business way. We started the year with a good volume of orders, at good prices, with all plants having heavy shipments and with production prospects so fine that everyone could look forward to getting in full time each week for quite a while ahead. Now, at the finish, we are hanging on the mailman's coat tails looking for orders and their scarcity has cut down our production ability to a very low point.

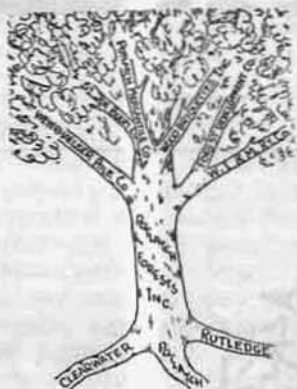
But I think we can look forward with quite a little confidence. The 1937 flurry of lumber shipments has barely made a dent in the housing shortage in our nation. The country needs our lumber and is going to buy it sooner or later. We have good inventories of logs and lumber and an experienced and willing organization. When the orders start to come, we shall be right on the job taking care of them, as we have always been.

The officers and stockholders of the company sincerely appreciate the fine work done this year and join most wholeheartedly with the management in wishing to every one in the organization a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

C. L. BILLINGS,  
General Manager.

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## Down the Editor's Alley

A  
Very  
Merry  
Christmas  
and a Happy  
New Year is the  
wish of The Family  
Tree staff, with good fortune  
and plenty of work for every one  
of you through  
the  
Year  
1938

The Family Tree can't slicker anyone without getting called on it. Last month R. T. Bowling was given credit for drawing the plans of the Headquarters "cat" shop. Bob Olin did the work.

Many of Bob Olin's friends in the Potlatch family immediately stepped on our toes. Among them were R. T. Bowling and J. L. Frisch.

The Family Tree staff likes for you to call our attention to mistakes, so that we may try to right our wrongs.

"Hats off" this month to Clinton Murray Andrew of Potlatch. We "Family Treers" like his story about the Potlatch Amateur Athletic Club. 'Tis a job well done.

The Torchlight has coined a new heading which was formerly captioned: "Births and Marriages." The caption now reads: "Hatched and Matched."

## Clearwater Woods Activities

## CAMP 20, OROFINO CANYON

With the winter prospect of logging very slight, Camp 20 was slow getting started.

After a week's operation, however, a few improvements have been started, namely, one chute and one landing.

There has been no freezing weather to date and the roads in and around camp are poor.

A crew of about 40 men is working. CAMP "T," ELKBERRY CREEK

On May 14, 1937, Henry Henrickson took a crew of 25 men into Elkberry Creek and opened a camp which has been known as Camp "T." A small temporary camp was put up until a portable sawmill was brought in and constructed by Frank Sears, Sr. Lumber was cut and a permanent camp built.

During the summer, the crew of about 130 men constructed two dams, two camps (Camp T and Camp U), 41,000 feet of 54-inch flume and graded approximately ten miles of truck and cat roads. They also skidded and flumed 300,000 feet of saw logs.

On Sunday morning, November 21, 1937, the pin was pulled and the remaining part of the crew started over Bertha Hill to Headquarters, seventeen miles away. A. Linn, under the guidance of Jas. Wilson, loaded about six tons of camp equipment and a Ford truck driven by Ed Aune had about a four-ton load. In the caravan was a "40" cat and two cars. They left Camp "T" at about eight o'clock in the morning and after plowing through mud and snow, arrived in Headquarters at seven o'clock the same evening.

Camp T has a very fine stand of select old growth.

## BEAVER CREEK

All logging activity ceased on Beaver Creek during the month of November.

Small crews of men were stationed at Camps O, M, P and 14, burning brush until November 15, when heavy rains and snow made it an impossibility.

Phil Peterson's crew is making use of the weather fair and bad, rebuilding bridges across the Beaver. The men are now on their fifth bridge, an average of one a week.

Knight Bros., who are occupying Camp I making cedar, are working 25 men and report fine progress.

Camp 14 has a few men making ties for the extension of steel to be laid next year.

## Potlatch Woods

## CAMP "R," SWAMP CREEK

Camp R is still going strong, in spite of heavy rains. November saw 1,854,400 feet of logs put in. There are now 1,300,000 feet decked in the woods. These logs will be sleigh-hauled when the big snow comes. Camp R expects to deck around 4,500,000 feet. The haul will be around three and one-half miles to destination. At present there are 14 teams and seven caterpillars working. A crew of 108 men are at Camp R and 20 men stay at the lower dam. Leslie Mallory is in charge at the lower dam. Transportation into this camp has been difficult due to the very wet season that we have had.

## BOVILL BARN

An addition has been built to the Bovill barns to take care of a new ensilage cutter that is being installed. Loose hay, oats, and bran will be run through this cutter, and it is claimed that this will reduce the cost of feeding the horses that are kept at this point. At present there are 100 head of stock.

## "HOME BREW RECIPE"

Chase wild bullfrogs for three miles and gather up the hops. To them add ten gallons of tan bark to give it a body, half a pint of shellac to make it smooth, one bar of soap to make foam, and four door knobs to hold it down after you drink it. Boil for thirty-six hours, then strain through the bull cook's sock to keep it from working. Add one grasshopper to each pint to give it a kick. Pour a little into the kitchen sink. If it takes the enamel off, it is ready for bottling.

## Forest Rules Reprinted

An increased demand for specific information on forest conservation and forest practice rules in the Western Pine region has necessitated the republishing of the industry's forest practice rules by the Western Pine Association. The 1937 edition of "Forest Practice Rules," applying to Idaho, White Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Sugar Pine and associated species, is now available to lumbermen, foresters and other interested individuals. This new booklet contains the rules which have been generally in effect and administered by the association's district forest practice committee since June 1934. These rules, first published under the Lumber Code, were reaffirmed by the board of directors of the Western Pine Association in August of this year.



### Christmas Tree Industry

The December issue of *American Forests* tells about two tree industries that thrive at Christmas time. The first story is about the Christmas holly industry which delivers through retail channels the wreaths and branches of holly that brighten all homes at Christmas. A complete industry is built up around this tree of myth, superstition and tradition.

Holly grows all over the world in temperate climates. In North America Delaware and Maryland are the centers of the holly industry.

The other article tells that "Little Trees Go to Market." This is the Christmas tree industry. It is stated that this year over 15,000,000 Christmas trees will roll into New York and other large cities of the nation. These trees will come from regular crops that are produced on private lands, and contrary to much opinion, it has been shown that the cutting of these trees is often advantageous to the forest growth.

The industry is centered chiefly in New Hampshire. Grades have been established as "Fancy," "Standard," and "Ungraded" by the Forest Products Association, Inc., a farmers co-operative marketing agency. The supply of natural growth is being supplanted by artificial planting.

### Fewer Accidents

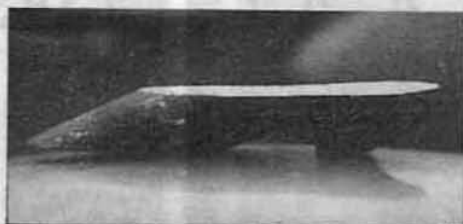
The First Aid report of the Potlatch unit for the month of November shows a total of 75 treatments for minor injuries. Frank Tatum is in charge of the first aid station at the plant. Twenty-three cases were retreated. The injuries for November were classified as follows:

Hand injuries .....	57
Eye injuries .....	8
Arm injuries .....	5
Leg injuries .....	3
Head injuries .....	2
Total .....	75

This is the first time that the entire plant has run a full month, for 1937, without a lost time injury to any employee.

A laugh is just like music,  
It freshens up the day.  
It tips the peaks of life with light  
And drives the clouds away.  
The soul grows glad that hears it  
And feels its courage strong.  
A laugh is just like sunshine  
For cheering folks along.

### Piney Knot Says



"See you at the Merry Christmas Ball."

### The Sons of Rutledge Twins

Business came to an abrupt halt in the offices of the Rutledge unit in Coeur d'Alene recently and Corda Acton went scurrying to stores in the downtown area to do some shopping.

All because the stork left twin babies at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Bjaaland. Be it remembered that the Bjaalands are the second generation of that name in the long list of lumbermen employed in the Rutledge plant.

And while Eric Larson, Mrs. Bjaaland's father, and G. R. Bjaaland, Conrad's father, halted their grading of lumber long enough to celebrate, Miss Acton came back from downtown.

"I bought the best darned baby buggy I could get—for twins," she said. Rutledge employees contributed to the fund. The push-mobile was presented to the bewildered parents on December 17 by the Sons of Rutledge.

### CHRISTMAS CHOICE

Going after a Christmas tree  
Isn't the simplest thing.  
You always have to take someone  
Along you shouldn't bring  
Because they'll say a spruce is best,  
Or, maybe, choose a pine  
Declaring that they love the smell;  
But hemlock would be mine.

I'd choose it for its gracefulness,  
And willingness to bear  
A bit of stony hillside for  
Which most the trees don't care.  
It grows the humble, gnarly way  
That humans know so well;  
Yet none bedeck more graciously  
The homes where poor folks dwell;  
Nor spread such feathery arms so wide  
To bless a Christmas fireside.

—Louis Stoddard.

He calls his girl "Appendix" because it costs so much to take her out.

### Christmas Fund Account

The holiday season is being made happier through the issuance of checks on the "Christmas Fund Account" to many employees of Potlatch Forests, Inc., who had the foresight to anticipate Christmas spending by saving a small portion of their savings each month. Upon the signed authorization of the employee a stated amount of their monthly earnings was placed in the "Christmas Fund Account," to be withdrawn only in cases of extreme illness or death. 1936 was the first year this fund operated.

At the Potlatch unit checks for last year amounted to \$686. That the idea proved popular is evidenced by the issuance of a total of \$2,924.32—over four times as much for 1937.

At the Clearwater unit 14 people saved \$775 during 1936 for an average saving of about \$55 per family. The 1937 Christmas savings amounted to \$1,627.50. Twenty families received an average saving of \$80. \$20 was the least amount, and \$270 was high. Six people were given \$100 bills.

### Whole Car of Colored Flame Logs

The first car of straight colored-flamed Pres-to-logs, a car of Christmas cheer, left Lewiston during November, according to Mr. Roy A. Huffman, manager of Wood Briquettes, Inc. They were purchased by Powerine Company, Denver, Colorado. The car contained 1,760 boxes of the colored flame Pres-to-logs.

Mr. Huffman also reports that in spite of the mild weather, Briquette sales have shown a steady improvement over a year ago. The storage piles at both Lewiston and Potlatch are moving about as it was anticipated that they would.

R. T. Bowling is now on a trip to Sacramento, California, where he will supervise the changes in the method of drying refuse utilizing fuel gasses for the drying element, which Wood Briquettes, Inc., have learned how to use in connection with hog fuel. He will later go to Scotia, California, to help start two additional machines which were recently shipped there. He expects to be home for Christmas.

"Here comes the parade. Where's Aunty?"

"She's upstairs, waving her hair."

"Goodness, can't she afford a flag?"

## POTLATCH A. A. C. GOES TO TOWN

The Potlatch Amateur Athletic Club was constructed in 1916—a fitting monument to the genius of Max Williamson, who gave blood for the project, and to A. W. Laird, who saw eye to eye with him.

The club was organized in the year 1914, modeled after the Spokane Amateur Athletic Club, and E. G. McFee was engaged as the physical director. Early in the regime, constitution and by-laws were drawn.

The board consisted of five members, a president and secretary-treasurer, ex-officio members, and three others chosen by vote of the membership. Today, Floyd Morgan heads the board as president and "Hart" Hansen as secretary-treasurer. Other members of the present board are Roland Johnson, Carl Elsea and John Kinsella.

Boxing has been the main activity of the club since Ike Deeter, then physical director, discovered Pooch Petrogallo and brought him fame in collegiate circles in the nation.

Bob Eldred, one of Ike's former pupils, now physical director, is still keeping the manly art of self defense in the prints, with his star pupil, Vern Earling, who was good enough to get to Los Angeles this fall in the annual amateur bouts, which the Post Intelligencer sponsored in the Northwest.

The drawing of blood in a square circle has always interested the members of the club—and those who went before. Right after the Johnson-Jeffries fight back in 1910, a young fighter christened Victor McLagen set up training quarters in Potlatch for the express purpose of wrestling the heavyweight title away from Jack Johnson, the colored man.

Through the earlier years, baseball was the motivating force. When the town first started, baseball was the first game played. It was on one of those Sunday afternoons back in 1907 that Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the founder, while watching a game, told William Deary to build a ball park for the boys. Word got around to the players and fans and the game stopped immediately and work on the diamond commenced.

Again, it was baseball and its partner, indoor baseball, that paved the way for the first club.

The baseball crowd wanted to try the game the Spokesman was telling

about every Monday morning. There was a dandy place to play "indoor" underneath the old livery stable, the first floor being the theatre.

After much discussion, a group was formed, headed by Fred Gleave, then office manager of the Potlatch Lumber Company, and the first club was born. E. G. McFee was hired as physical director, an electric player piano and equipment to play the game of indoor baseball were purchased, and the club machinery was set up.

The club became the center of all athletic activity and social life and it was after a big holiday dance that it came to an untimely end by fire.



Christmas Tree at Potlatch.

Right away agitation started for a new club and Max Williamson, then president of the club, had many lengthy sessions with A. W. Laird about a new building. The campaign was fought on all fronts all over the town and in the office. Finally Max won his point and there was rejoicing in the town.

Plans for the structure were worked up and Matt Wilkinson was engaged to construct the building. The consideration in the contract was \$20,000. Finally, after a succession of days that seemed like years, the building was completed.

Equipment, furniture, rugs and all of the equipment that goes to make

up a first class athletic club were purchased and set up and the Potlatch Amateur Athletic Club was born again.

The dedicatory dance was one of the biggest social events of that time. Guests of the management came down from Spokane and A. W. Laird, general manager of the Potlatch Lumber Company, presented the "club" to the members. The acceptance was made by Max Williamson.

At that time the grounds were just a plowed field and the board turned its thoughts to landscaping the property. A lawn was built and a season or so later a tennis court was built on the west side. At that time it was one of the show places of the Inland Empire.

A few years later Mr. Laird wanted to make a gesture toward a memorial for William Deary, the first general manager. It was decided to bring two native granite boulders from Elk Butte. One stone weighed nine tons the other twelve.

The Elk River woods department was commissioned to get them out to the railroad. This was done with caterpillars and plenty of men. They were placed on a flat car and transported to Potlatch.

The Bovill woods department took the responsibility of placing them on the lawn. A bronze tablet was secured at Tiffany's in New York, bearing the inscription "To the Memory of William Deary" and placed on the upper boulder.

A. D. Decker, land agent, and professor of forestry, and Don Yates, also a forestry man, who was his assistant were commissioned to transplant the monarch of the forest to the grounds of the Potlatch Amateur Athletic Club. After combing the forests until they found what they considered a likely specimen, they brought in a small tree and planted it—and then sat back to watch it grow. The results were disappointing, as the needles turned yellow and the tree began to droop.

After this unsuccessful attempt, the idea was conceived of bringing in a tree with a block of earth ten feet square around the roots. Accordingly a box was built around the frozen earth encasing the roots of a beautiful symmetrical red fir and it was brought to Potlatch by means of caterpillars





The P. A. A. C. Club House

and transplanted to the gym lawn.

Again Decker and Yates rested on their laurels and watched it grow. The first Christmas a string of lights was bought for the tree. Each year, as the tree reached skyward, the lights were skimped more and more, until Christmas 1937, one hundred additional lights were added.

With those two improvements in the grounds, thoughts were turned to further beautifying the place and A. A. Segersten, then land agent, secured through the arboretum at the University of Idaho some young blue spruce and Russian olive trees, which have shown remarkable growth.

Over the years the P. A. A. C. teams have been able to hold up their heads in any company through the Inland Empire. The first baseball series back as far as 1912, with Bovill, a sister town, developed intense rivalry. In 1917, the Potlatch club commanded such a reputation in the Inland Empire that it was invited to Lewiston, Idaho, to participate in a Fourth of July celebration.

The committee in charge at Lewiston, aware of the strength of Potlatch, went as far afield as Portland, Oregon, for a team to meet this club. Potlatch won the game 8-2 and came home with about \$500.

Earlier still, there was so much baseball enthusiasm in Potlatch that, when a team from the American League and National League decided

to tour the country, coming through the Northwest into Spokane, the P. A. A. C. conceived the idea of inviting them down.

Max Williamson contacted the railway company having charge of their schedule and Potlatch was placed on the roster of towns that would be visited. The date was set for October 26, 1914, and plans were made locally to take care of them. The whole Inland Empire was canvassed. Tickets were made out and sent to the different towns. When the day arrived and the game started, there were over 2,000 people, at \$1 a head, in the stands and overflowing the bleachers. The baseball group and the Northern Pacific went out with \$333 and the club got the rest for their work.

With the beautiful tennis court and plenty of local fans, it was decided in 1918 to attempt the Idaho State Tennis Tournament. H. L. Pelan, traffic manager of the Potlatch Lumber Company, headed the "Get the State Tennis Tournament" committee and invited them to Potlatch.

After much wrangling among the various towns in Idaho, they gave it to Potlatch in 1919. High ranking tennis players were invited from all parts of the country to participate and the day finally arrived.

It was a gala week in Potlatch—and because it was such a week the tennis players responded with a brand of tennis that was hard to match. The

young fellow who won the tournament was ranked third by the U. S. Tennis Tournament Association the following year.

During this time the indoor baseball crowd developed teams through their departmental leagues. These teams became good enough to play the Spokane Amateur Athletic Club teams in Spokane. Through that period many games were played with the Spokane club and a goodly share won by the local club.

In 1922 the club sponsored a big Fourth of July baseball celebration with a car thrown in as part of the attraction. Genesee was invited to play this game with Potlatch. Side bets of \$500 and gate receipts were the "plum" for the victor. The club won the game—and somebody from Genesee drew the car.

During that same year, the Potlatch baseball team was much talked of on the sports page. Sandpoint, having one of the best "nines" in the Inland Empire, and being also sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser group, began talk of a game with Potlatch. This game was played at Sandpoint, the P. A. A. C. winning 5-3.

About this time, or a little before, interest in baseball began to creep into the Potlatch High School, which resulted in the engagement of Rich Fox, just finishing his brilliant career at the University of Idaho, in basketball. Part of his duties was coaching the high school team.

He took seven or eight freshmen, who had never seen a basketball and taught them the game. They looked pretty good the first year, better the second, and still better the third, but, after that, Fox decided to go to Pocatello, and R. W. Horning, an experienced Y. M. C. A. man, was hired to direct the destinies of the club.

His duties also included coaching high school basketball and he took this team that Rich Fox had developed to the Lewiston tournament. The boys played six games in that affair and won them all. McGreal was placed at forward and made captain of the All Star Team, and reams were written about him and the rest of the team.

The boys came home to get ready for the State Tournament at Moscow, which was considered just a breeze for this bunch of giant killers. There was talk of sending them to Chicago.

During one of the conditioning warmups, McGreal was hurt so badly that he couldn't play at Moscow. In that series Rexburg was beaten but

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### Potlatch A. A. C.

Bancraft and Rupert managed wins over the Potlatch quintet.

In 1928 the Potlatch ball team was invited to join the Whitman County League and, after a season of play, came in the winners.

After the season was over, some of the former Potlatchers, who were working in Lewiston, began talking about a game with the Clearwater Timber Company team. After much talk back and forth, a series of games was arranged. It was decided to play one game at Potlatch and the other at Lewiston. If a third game was necessary to play, it was to be on a neutral field. Potlatch won both games before large crowds.

During the depression, after Ike Deeter had joined the staff of Washington State College, when things here were at the ebb tide, as a side issue—and for the good of the cause—Chuck Johnson, Paul Hall, Ed Anshutz and George Cunningham got behind club affairs and tried to keep them afloat.

A year ago the boxing contingent of the club started agitation for a full time director again. Feelers were put out to Louis August, coach of the University of Idaho.

Bob Eldred was chosen. Accordingly, Mr. Eldred took over the management in the early spring of 1937.

The activities for the past summer have included playground work during vacation, instruction in swimming, dances for members, classes in the gymnasium for men, women and children, and a boxing card every thirty days since fall. A share of the proceeds from these "smokers" has been turned over to worthy organizations in the community.

Looking back through the years, it was men like Max Williamson, David MacEachern, Otto Leuschel, Shelton Andrew, Don Yates, and now, Floyd Morgan, who have given this athletic association the success that it has enjoyed.

The P. A. A. C. sponsored a benefit play for the Potlatch Library on December 14 and 15. The title of the play is "From Coast to Coast."

That the people in Potlatch have the true holiday spirit is evidenced by the annual Red Cross membership roll recently completed here, when Potlatch went 25% over its quota. The anti-tuberculosis stamp sale now in progress is meeting with generous response.

### Clearwater Christmas Party Entertains 4,000 People

The 1937 Christmas party of the Clearwater Unit was held December 19 at 4 p. m., with nearly 4,000 people attending. The Christmas party is looked forward to by Lewiston employees' children with eagerness. Their personal meeting with Santa gives them a happy thrill. Also, entertainment has been provided at the party each year for the grown-ups.

This season the Christmas party committee, headed by Edgar F. Swartz, began planning the party several months before it was held. When the employees arrived for the party everything was in readiness. At the plant entrance the flag pole was decorated from top to bottom with colored lights. A small growing evergreen beside the flagpole was lighted, and two lighted Christmas trees were at each side of the gate.

The program was started under the huge Christmas tree in the planing mill by Chairman Swartz, who welcomed everyone. Mr. Billings spoke, wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas." Mr. Leuschel said "Merry Christmas" and wished that everyone have a prosperous year ahead. Mayor F. P. Lint of Clarkston and Mayor E. J. Bauman of Lewiston were introduced. Each spoke briefly.

While the American Legion Auxiliary Choir sang "Silent Night," lights were turned to a "Scene of Nativity." Three Wise Men on Camels slowly descended to the lowlands over which was a bright shining star. When they arrived at their destination, the star became invisible, and the Babe in the Manger was pictured with the Mother and the Wise Men. Domestic animals were shown standing in the bark-covered stable. After a moment the light in the stable was extinguished and the star relighted, starting the wise men on their journey again.

The safety sweepstakes drawing followed. Prizes helped to make 40 families more happy on Christmas.

"Jingle Bells" played over the loud speaker system, announced the arrival of Santa Claus. The many children of the employees passed by Santa to be wished a very Merry Christmas, and to get their package of toys and candy. Additional candy was given to the children of Drs. Braddock and Baldeck, and the Shell Oil Company.

Since the Christmas party idea was started in 1934 by superintendent of

shipping, Charles Clapp, it has continuously become a more important part of the lives of Potlatch employees. The party, sponsored by the Forestry Council, was acclaimed to be a success again this year.

Chairman Swartz stated, "I would commend the work of George Swartz, who painted the 'Scene of Nativity.' Without his efforts and those of many others the Christmas party would not have been possible."

### Our Product—Its Grades and Uses

Standard Idaho White Pine Mouldings assure the buyer of a product practically free from defects, smoothly milled, bright, clean, and with properly trimmed ends. Proportionately sized, this grade has the same general high quality and appearance as C Better bevel siding, with only such minor blemishes permitted in the usually quite small part of the grade as responding to the C, and generally clear and free from defects in the corresponding to B and Better grade of bevel siding. The percentage of the cutting type is limited. All mouldings receive an extra rigid inspection at the mills. They may be ordered Standard Grade, or, in the case of mouldings, three inches wide or more may be ordered separately or mixed in any of the regular lumber grades provided for by the association. Mouldings are usually sold by the lineal foot. The wide mouldings, as casing and base are sold on a by measure basis.

The well known soft and even texture of Idaho White Pine is especially adapted and widely used for mouldings.

Idaho White Pine mouldings are procurable in all standard moulding book patterns and are manufactured to special designs when so ordered. Lengths measure six feet and long multiples of one foot, but the amount shorter than eight feet long is small.

The Community Christmas tree at Potlatch this year is being sponsored by Robinson Post No. 81 of the American Legion. Last year about 100 children turned out. The committee headed by J. E. Warner, anticipates a slight increase in the number prepared for this year. The local business houses, lodges and clubs contribute freely to this project each holiday season.



## Retail Sales Good

Mr. Elmer Belknap, retail sales manager at Coeur d'Alene, reports that retail sales seem to be holding up well. From the point of view of volume of business, 1937 has been one of the best years that he has experienced. Sales for October were very good. November sales equalled about the same volume as those for September of this year.

Briquettes are being sold faster at Coeur d'Alene than they can be made at the Rutledge plant. During the first week of December over 100 tons were sold in two days. Regular lumber products and other building products such as Nu-Wood are moving well at Coeur d'Alene.

## Why Santa!

Santa brought a gift to Potlatch Forests, Inc., at the Lewiston mill on December 12 and 13 in the way of about 1,000,000 feet of shiny new logs.

There was a log jam in the river at the Little Canyon which is about seven miles below Camp S and Camp R. Because of the unusually low flow of water last summer, the logs were farther out in the river bed than they have been before. The heavy rains packed the water up the river and broke the jam, bringing the logs in.

"These logs were brought in with 7,000 second feet of water," said T. E. Kinney, assistant general manager in charge of logging. "The lowest low to bring in logs before was 20,000 second feet. This means that we'll have logs coming into the pond next spring with the first rises in the river."

## A Christmas Order

Potlatch Forests, Inc., is participating in an order for the U. S. Army Air Service covering a quantity of Idaho White Pine Sterling. The shipment goes to the Hawaiian Air Depot, Territory of Hawaiian Islands, Middletown, Pennsylvania, Osborn, Ohio, San Diego, California, March Field, California, and Panama Air Depot, Panama Canal Zone. The order was secured through the efforts of Dick Bergdahl of St. Paul and V. L. Zachary of Cincinnati, Ohio. "Zack" is an old Potlatcher.

Chaplain: "My man, I will allow you five minutes of grace before the execution."

Condemned Man: "Fine, bring her n."

## A Good Record

The safety campaign at the Lewiston mill has shown marked results for the year of 1937. In contrast with a series of mishaps during the early months which resulted in a poor severity rating, the last half of the year is about completed with a decrease both in the frequency rate, and the severity rate of accidents.

Thirty-five accidents resulting in lost time occurred in the plant up to July 1. One accident in April and one in June resulted in partial disability because of the loss of a thumb and two fingers. These two cases caused a lost time charge of 2,400 days, according to the rules of the National Safety Council. For the six months period there was a total lost time charge of 2,640 days.

Safety work was intensified at Lewiston during the latter half of the year by the appointment of John Shepherd as full time safety director. The use of bulletin boards, safety committees, safety contests and prizes, safety shoes and other apparel, and the cooperation of the management, the foremen and the employees have helped the safety movement along.

July was the first month in the plant without a lost time accident. From August 1 to the present date, twelve accidents have occurred giving a lost time charge of 146 days. If the year is completed without any other difficulties the comparison of the two periods will show much improvement.

## A Merry Christmas

Christmas was made happier for 40 families at the Clearwater Unit by the safety sweepstakes drawing held at the annual Christmas party on December 19. The original \$500 made available for the sweepstakes had been reduced to \$350 by six lost time accidents in five departments since the contest began on October 1.

At the sweepstakes drawing two \$35 awards were given. There were two awards of \$17.50, 12 awards of \$10.50, 10 awards of \$7.00, and 14 awards of \$3.50 each.

To facilitate equal division, one \$17.50 prize and one \$3.50 prize were combined and redivided into two more \$10.50 prizes.

## Secret of Success

"I never clash with my boss."

"No?"

"No; he goes his way and I go his."

## Sales Predictions

Although he is still smiling and optimistic, Phil Pratt didn't have much to say this month except "Merry Christmas."

He tells us that the outlook has changed very little since his last report. Lumbermen are still hoping for a pick-up in business after the first of January. More orders have come in during December than there were were throughout November, but shipments have really been less, because so many orders are deferred.

Phil expects a gradual increase in shipping after the first of 1938. However he says that there probably won't be any great increase in the volume of business until the national building program gets under way later on in the year.

## Improving Plant

The Pres-to-log plant at the Rutledge mill is steadily making an improved showing. The best production that has been made in one day is 21 tons.

One of the latest improvements at the plant is a cross conveyor which eliminates much of the rehandling of fuel. Previously it had been necessary to move the fuel by hand as much as three times. With the new equipment two or less times of moving fuel by hand is all that is necessary.

An added amount of heat for drying fuel and an improved feed drive for the machines are other recent improvements. These factors are giving better control of both the volume of production and the quality of briquettes produced.

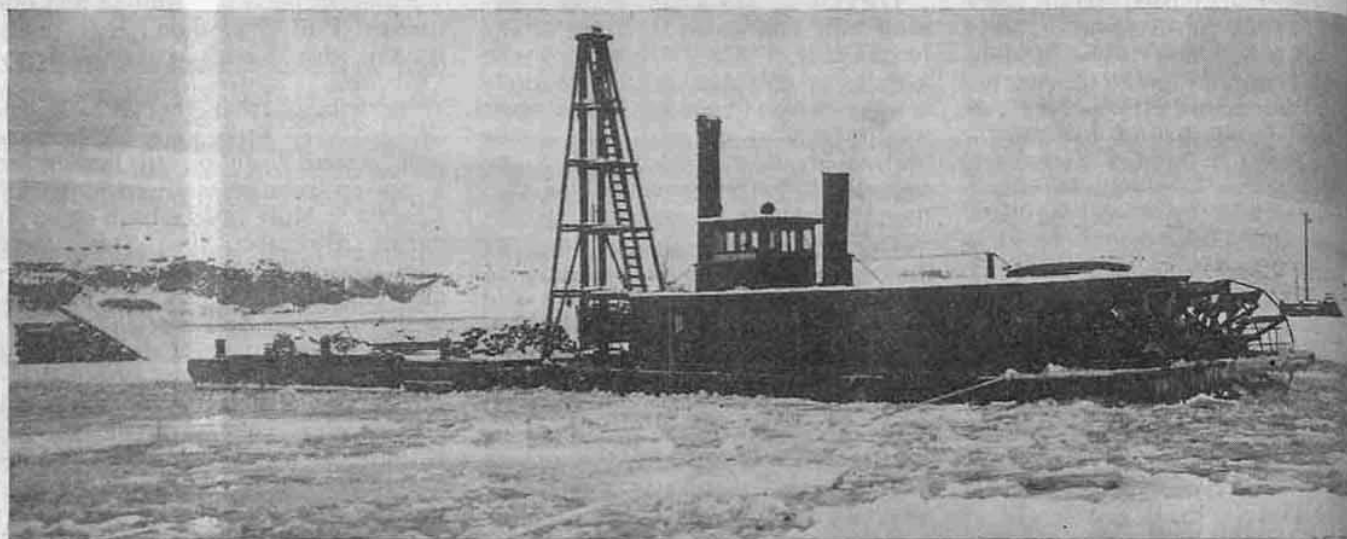
## Repairs Made

Repair work is helping some of the Rutledge crews enjoy Christmas. A small crew is now repairing the sawmill. New timbers are being put under the big gear and other equipment that operates the bull chain. The log slip is being replaced with new timbers from top to bottom and new track is being laid for the bull chain. Some of the machinery is being overhauled.

New foundations have been installed under the right "nigger." The carriage racks will be taken up and planed. The carriage trucks will be timed.

Two machines in the planing mill have undergone a thorough overhaul job; the rolls being turned down and bearings rebabbitted along with the other details.

## SHIPS THAT NEVER GO DOWN TO SEA HAVE ROMANCE TOO



The Good ship Clara, once pride of the Clearwater river, now "just a dredge" over the waters she once ruled.

### Clara

Downed in the race against time and elements, but not "out," is the blunt-nosed old steamer Clara now reposing sedately in the Clearwater mill pond gently nursing silt from the bottom of the river.

As the chief component of a dredge the once valiant Clara has dropped many notches from the grace and glory that was her own in the heydeys of 1926 and 1927. The story tells of the passage of a hard-shelled, boiler-roaring ice breaker in the boisterous years of construction down to the present when only an occasional shift of position in the pond reveals that there is any life left in her old hulk.

Built in 1926 by the Clearwater Timber Company, under the direction of J. L. Webb, the Clara was designed for river logging purposes such as pile-driving and transportation, for she was a combination of almost everything that floats. Phil Mitchell was the carpenter.

As power units the Clara had fore and aft engines. A Scotch boiler supplied the steam. Giant pistons in the engines furnish the leverage to turn a stern wheel.

On her decks was a hoist engine for the hammer of the pile driver—and on her bow a "grouser" 14 by 14 inches in diameter and 40 feet long,

the cast point of which was used as an anchor in the mud bottom of the river.

Her bow and bottom were sheathed with iron and when the Clearwater River froze over she was used to break up the ice. This type of service, however, proved unsatisfactory after two seasons because as fast as the Clara would break up the frozen surface, the chunks would freeze together again.



Fin Boom

Her crew consisted of:

Paul Sebasta, captain and pilot, now farming at St. Maries, Idaho; Gus Larson, engineer, now with the Quaker Steamship line; J. M. Webb, fireman, residing in Lewiston; T. C. Gohr, head pile driver, now in Portland; George Hendley, foreman, with Potlatch Forests, Inc., at Asahka; J. E. Lewis, with Potlatch Forests, Inc., on the pond;

J. B. Foster, in Lewiston; E. J. La deceased; and Jack Webb, son of L. Webb, as timekeeper.

Following the construction of the pond, which included the installation of many crib piers filled with concrete from a quarry, driving the piling floating and anchoring the booms, use for the chunky little steamer was found. In the merger of the Clearwater Timber company, Potlatch Lumber company and Edward Potlatch Timber company, the Clara came under the ownership of Potlatch Forests, Inc. In 1934 she was sold to the Washington Water Power Company.

From her hold came out the boiler duty engines and in their places were 12-inch dredge pumps powered by 250-horsepower, 2300 volt electric motor.

The Clara, as she now moves across the pond, the dam and the river, dredging silt from the bottom, must be towed by power boats.

"Are you sure, now?" inquired the restaurant diner who chanced also to be an overseas veteran. "Are you positive that this is beefsteak?"

"Sure, it's beefsteak," replied the belligerent waiter. "Wossa matter?"

"Well—when I find a fly buzz around a steak I think nothing of it, but when I find a horsefly—damn! I don't get suspicious!"

