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New National Record for Safety Established at Clearwater Plant

Approximately 1,000 workmen in the Clearwater unit plant won another national safety achievement record at the close of the month, with the highest ratings in the United States for accident prevention work in the lumber industry. Report of the ratings was made to Mr. Billings and Mr. Leuschel by Tom Sherry, plant safety superintendent.

Mr. W. H. Cameron, managing director of the National Safety Council, notified us that we rank first in the United States among reporting companies for 1940 by the low frequency and low severity of accidents to workmen on this plant during that year," said Mr. Sherry.

"Our box factory also has been rated first, in plants of its kind, in the low limit of frequency of accidents. It is in the sixth place, however, in the matter of severity, one man having lost a finger during 1940, which gave the plant a severity rating of 2.88.

The Clearwater unit plant national record rating in frequency was 9.91 accidents per million man hours worked in the 1940 period) and for severity, 0.53 (man days lost for each 100 man hours worked). The box factory rating on frequency was 9.93 accidents per million man hours worked).

Still Safety Champs

The Clearwater plant still holds the national record for elapsed time between lost time accidents, it was recalled by Mr. Leuschel. This record, according to the National Safety Council, is 564,130 man hours and was established between May 23 and November 21, 1938. During that time, not one man was injured so severely that he could not return to work.

Since establishing the record which topped the previously established mark of 490,000 man hours held by the Empire Lumber company of Pineland,

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WEYERHAEUSER POLE COMPANY WILL CONCLUDE OPERATIONS WITH SALE OF AHSAHKA PLANT TO B. J. CARNEY & CO.

Still plugging ahead under full steam, the Weyerhaeuser Pole company will soon cancel out as a distributor of Western Red cedar poles. Announcement was made recently that Mr. Billings had completed a deal with Milo P. Flannery, president of the B. J. Carney & Company for disposal of the Ahsahka yard, poles and equipment.

Considered one of the largest business transactions of its kind in this region, the transfer of title of the Ahsahka organization was completed during the last days of April when Mr. Flannery came to Lewiston for final negotiations.

Coincident with the announcement of the sale, Arlie Decker, since 1935 western manager of the Weyerhaeuser Pole company and who has been identified with the Potlatch organization since 1918, also announced that he had accepted a position with the B. J. Carney & Company at the invitation of Mr. Flannery.

Disposal of the cedar poles on hand as of July 1, 1941, equipment in the

yard which includes one of the finest cedar pole treating plants in western United States, and a long time agreement extending over a period of years for Potlatch Forests, Inc., to provide cedar pole stumpage to B. J. Carney & Company, were included in the transaction, Mr. Billings stated.

Change Effective July 1

The Weyerhaeuser Pole Company, which has been in operation here for the past six years, will continue to operate the yard at Ahsahka until July 1. Orders remaining on file July 1 will be serviced by B. J. Carney & Company for the Weyerhaeuser Pole Company. Poles that are in process of manufacture now, however, will be taken over by the new purchaser, who will begin shipping under the new ownership from Ahsahka after July 1.

Disposal of this business enterprise at Ahsahka follows about six months a similar transaction involving the Bovill yard and pole stock, together with available stumpage, which were turned over to the Schaefer-Hitchcock Cedar Pole Company in January, 1941, and concludes the active participation of the Weyerhaeuser Pole Company in the cedar pole industry as a distributor.

B. J. Carney & Company is one of the oldest cedar pole companies in existence today, Mr. Billings said, and for many years has been a leader in pole sales. Stock in the company is largely owned by Mr. Flannery, who for a good many years has been operating pole yards at Riverdale, near St. Maries; Orofino, Sandpoint and

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Another Record!

You will read in this issue of *The Family Tree* the story of another big record being made in safety by the men employed at the Clearwater plant. Hats off to them.

I am wondering if we can lay claim to still another record in the number of men who are taking vocational training. Steve Summers and George Hudson tell me there are 12 classes in various vocational fields going full blast in the Clearwater unit plant now, with a total of 194 men enrolled.

This isn't a challenge to any other lumber companies to produce their figures, but it does show that our men are right in there pitching when it comes to training for skilled and better jobs in these days when skill means everything to national defense.

C. L. BILLINGS
General Manager.

THE FAMILY TREE Third Intermountain Logging Conference Is Highlighted By Show On Clearwater Grounds



By A. WHISNANT

Secretary, Pacific Logging Conference

(Reprinted from *Loggers and Logging*, official bulletin of the Pacific Logging Congress)

With Ed Rettig sitting in the driver's seat, the Intermountain Logging Conference rolled into the landing at Lewiston, Idaho, April 4-5 with a record-breaking load. The Headquarters Camp, the Lewis-Clark hotel, spilled with over 500 in attendance, into neighboring bunkhouses, until every spare room was taken, and the overflow reached the foot of the Moscow grade in North Lewiston.

State's Editors To Meet In Woods On June 6 and 7

Editors of Idaho's daily and weekly newspapers, invited by Mr. Billings to hold their spring meeting in the forests of the Clearwater area, will convene the Idaho State Editorial association at Headquarters the night of June 6.

Bernard Mainwaring, president of the association, Professor C. W. Chenoweth of the University of Idaho faculty and Mr. Billings will be on the program as speakers for that evening.

During Friday and Saturday's daylight hours, the editors will visit some of the residual stands of selectively logger areas of the company; see logging operations in camps near Headquarters, and will have an opportunity to climb to the lookout platform of a couple of towers of the Clearwater Timber Protective association.

They will be fed and housed in logging camp style, and will "stag it" at this meeting. There's a later session at Sun Valley where the wives will insist on going.

It was a great conference, one of which President Rettig, Secretary Keim and the various committees may justly be proud.

The basis of the program consisted of moving pictures of logging operations, followed by open forum discussions in charge of selected leaders. Friday morning, after the usual preliminary features in which Don Mackenzie responded to the address of welcome by the city attorney, bull-dozing took the spotlight with Howard Bradbury at the mike.

Power Saw Discussed

Friday afternoon, E. R. Aston led the discussion on power saws, following a picture of one used by his company at Omak, Washington. This subject is becoming one of first importance in all logging sections of the coast.

Don Mackenzie took charge of "skidding operations" and after a picture showing a number of spectacular shows, opened up the subject, telling of his operation at Woodworth, Mont. Don puts his railroad out to the limit of 6 per cent grades, and then skids with tractors and pans up to a mile and a half and up to 50 per cent grades.

W. A. Meisner of Boise did not have a picture to present his subject, "Machinery Maintenance" but he did come around with a bunch of depreciation and repair figures from the Boise operation that convincingly proved it costs you a hell of a lot of dough to keep logging equipment in good shape.

Friday morning about 30 logging superintendents met at a special dinner to discuss the wages and hour law and other matters of special interest to loggers.

Saturday morning "Truck Logging" was on the program under two heads, "Truck Road Maintenance" and "Trucking and Loading Operations." Jack Barron of Diamond Match, led

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

Down the Editor's Alley

"I've never met a successful person who didn't believe, with everything in him, in his own line of work. Not working for a 'break' and thereafter taking it easy; but working into a break by being prepared for it, and then going right on working. Even the so-called accidents of fame and fortune never come to the sluggard.—Kathryn Cravens, authoress.

Be The Best

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
 Be a scrub in the valley, but be
 The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
 If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass,
 And some highway happier make;
 If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass,
 But the liveliest bass in the lake.

We can't all be captains—we've got to be crew,
 There's something for all of us here;
 There's big work to do—and there's lesser to do,
 And the task we must do is the near.
 If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail,
 If you can't be the sun, be a star;
 It isn't by size that you win or you fail,
 Be the best of whatever you are.

—Author Unknown.



Lewiston's 7th Annual Roundup

September 19, 20, 21

Thousands See Big Circus Of Equipment And Action



Above: Part of the gallery of watchers at the Intermountain Logging Conference, following a truck load of logs to an improvised landing on grounds of the company's Clearwater unit plant. The Osgood loader's swing boom and engine housing may be seen in the background.

Lower: More people—and more equipment; in fact everything from a recreational touring trailer to attract the eye of the women folks, the huge carryalls, tractors, loaders, trucks, trailers and freighters of interest to loggers, were there.

Logging Conference

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the former, and George Neils of Libby, Montana, the latter. Several moving pictures and a number of animated discussions enlivened the entire morning session.

A perfect day, a perfect setting, and perfect cooperation, combined to make the display and demonstration of logging machinery Saturday afternoon a

100 per cent success. Immediately following adjournment of the morning session a special train took the delegates to the Potlatch Forests, Inc., yard where a level tract of land, 40 acres in extent, bordered by a rim of excavation material, made an ideal proving ground where tractors, trucks, bulldozers, and loading machines strutted their stuff. Several loads of pine logs had been delivered to the field.

Dutch lunch was served the thousand people who saw the demonstration.

Entertainment for the Intermountain Loggers and their ladies was provided by the manufacturers and dealers of logging machinery, equipment and supplies through the Consolidated Entertainment fund. "The Skidroad" and other other entertainment features, floor shows, lunches and what-have-you graded A No. 1.

George Neils of J. Neils Lumber Co., Libby, Montana, was elected president, and Chas. Keim, Missoula, was re-elected secretary.

Clearwater Workers Study For New Jobs In Vocation Classes

In following the policy of training regular employees for skilled jobs, the Clearwater plant in the last month has started classes in both sawmill ratchet setting and band saw filing.

These classes increase to 12 the number of vocational education groups on the plant, with a total of 194 men participating.

Harold Swofford, night sawmill foreman, is instructing a class of nine on how to operate Filer and Stowell air set works.

The men attending are: Mark Rowland, sawmill edgerman; Ernest Davis, cant-piler; Vern Barnes, edgerman helper; Iver Johnson, trimmer spotter; Arel Henry, tail-sawyer; Howard Arledge, tail sawyer; Earl Ragland, tail sawyer; Wilbur Raybourn, tail sawyer; and Harold Smith, gang oiler.

In three meetings the men have memorized the board rule so they can set the dial that the lumber will be sawed the proper thickness and they can end up with a dog-board of the proper thickness, 1-1/16", when sawing 4/4 lumber (the dog-board is the last board left on the rig when completing the sawing of the log). The men are now practicing with the set works at rest and will learn the various operations of the carriage. Soon they will be shown how to set up logs on the rig and will be taught the interpretation of the various signals of the sawyer.

Skilled Workers Coming

Josh Lillard, head filer, has nine men busy for two hours every Saturday morning learning the fundamentals of band saw filing.

The men aspiring to become filers are: Frank Cermak, millwright helper; Lonnie Shoemaker, relief edgerman; Carl Markowski, setter; Emmet Cleary, filer helper; Bob Santo, cutoff saw man; Clayton Peterson, moulding stock grader; M. R. Vaughn, tail sawyer; John Shepherd, four-square foreman; and Bill Ulrich, sawmill checker. Josh has been showing his class how to set up and take care of the grinders and swedges and the proper manner in which to do their own welding.

Jack Frisch says that in another two months the Clearwater sawmill is go-

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Potlatch High Girls Win '41 Hoop Championship



Josephine Wright Sets Pace For Hoop Champs

Potlatch high school's girls' basketball team closed a successful season April 3 with a record of 13 victories and four defeats and the unofficial championship of Northern Idaho.

Termed the crowning achievement of the year for Coach R. L. Terry's girls, was three straight triumphs of Potlatch in the St. Maries invitational tournament in March, which gave them the championship.

Potlatch's offensive was paced throughout every contest by Josephine Wright, who tallied 258 points for an average of better than 15 points per encounter. Miss Wright reached the peak when she scored 25 points in Potlatch's 32-15 victory over Troy. She fired in 23 and 19 against St. Maries on two occasions and 23 against Harrison.

The season's scores:

Potlatch 22, Bovill 8.
Potlatch 25, Troy 18.
Potlatch 22, Steptoe 4.
Potlatch 32, Troy 15.
Potlatch 20, Bovill 21.
Potlatch 25, Harrison 34.
Potlatch 31, St. Maries 24.
Potlatch 17, Plummer 21.

There will be a new girls' basketball team in the making at Potlatch next school year, but Coach R. L. "Dick" Terry sincerely wishes they'd let him keep this one—the strongest sextet of girl hoopsters in North Idaho. This is the team that won the district championship at the St. Maries invitational. Those in the picture are: left to right, back row—Coach Terry, Joyce Sundstrom, Dolores Olson, Charlotte Mantz, Dorothy Buck, Betty VanBuskirk and Gwyneth Bales, assistant coach; front row—Elaine Gage, Zelma Hodge, Claudine Davis, Betty Jane Travis, Josephine Wright and Barbara Andres.

Potlatch 16, St. Maries 17.
Potlatch 18, Steptoe 15.
Potlatch 26, St. Maries 13.
Potlatch 20, St. Maries 10.
*Potlatch 29, St. Maries 25.
*Potlatch 25, Harrison 19.
*Potlatch 21, Troy 18.
*Tournament games at St. Maries.

Rutledge "Seamen" Build New Ship For Clearwater Millpond

Add to the line of ships needed for national defense one un-named vessel of four tons built by the practiced hands of Rutledge unit's mill crew and shipped 127 miles overland aboard a truck to the Clearwater unit millpond. Trim in her steel hull plates and decorated with an open air cabin is the newest addition to the fleet now under the command of "Commodore" L. Frisch. She has been called several names, mostly profane, especially during the days of her construction and more particularly when the time came to load her and bring her from Cour d'Alene to Lewiston.

All of which is by way of saying that the Clearwater millpond now has a new work boat and because of the arts of seamanship by which the Rutledge men are known, she is a crafty little craft, seagoing and all that.

Powered with a four-cylinder 65-horse power Hall-Scott engine with a Fisher Jr. three to one reduction gear, the boat is 34 feet long and has an eight-foot beam. She can make a speed of 12 knots an hour, with her nose in the air and tail (or it should be said stern) down. Other equipment includes three high-powered headlights controlled from the skipper's station in the cabin, a steel propeller 22 inches in diameter with a 22-inch pitch; white fir false decking to take all the punishment of calked boots from the white pine true decking; and the importance of her non-sinkable qualities be lost in the maze of factual data, she is equipped with compressed air tanks to keep her afloat, just in case something does happen.

The movable cabin is set with six thumb screws which can be easily turned by hand and the superstructure lifted off by three or four husky men. This superstructure also has canvas curtained sides and a glass window in the front for stormy weather operations.

Life preservers are placed at convenient spots for emergencies.

Built for heavy duty work, the new boat is being used for work along the boom booms of the pond and along points up river where logs enter the pond area. It is also built for towing.

Heine Gravelle, who has piloted

She's A Seagoin' Craft Without A Name



Above is a picture of the new boat built by Rutledge men for use on the Clearwater pond. At the right below is the 65-horse powered Hall-Scott engine. And at the left below is the old "Popeye" still going strong in the logs.



boats on the river and pond for several years, is skipper of the new boat. Carl Harris, pond foreman, is fleet captain, for there is another boat on the pond that really has a name. It's the "Popeye."

Worker At Headquarters Saves Little Boy's Life

To George Loller, employee of the company at Headquarters, goes the credit for saving the life of little Larry Marsh, three-year-old son of Ben Marsh, who operates the restaurant in that community.

According to Paul Black, safety engineer of the Workmen's Compensation Exchange, who made the investiga-

tion, tiny Larry was playing near the pond and fell in. Attracted by the screams of other children, Mr. Loller rushed to the place and found the infant lying inert and unconscious in the water. Rescuing the little lad, he applied artificial respiration and revived the boy, who next day showed no ill effects of his near drowning.

Mr. Black has notified the National Safety Council and the American Red Cross in an effort to secure adequate recognition for Mr. Loller and his timely and efficient act.

"Nothing short of the practical limit of our available productive capacity is sufficient for the defense job we have now undertaken."—Knudsen.

Call To Arms Heeded By Twenty-three Men From Clearwater Plant Now In U. S. Forces

Since September 13, 1940, when the local national guard was called into training, 23 men have left the Clearwater plant to join various divisions of the armed forces. Those who have been left behind are proud of these men and admire them for the sacrifice they are making for the defense of our country. Back home they haven't been forgotten by any means and the "welcome" sign is going to be out when their service periods are ended.

Copies of *The Family Tree* are being mailed regularly to all men whose addresses are on record here.

The largest representation is in the regular army, headed by First Lieutenant Ernie Brasch, who is now in the infantry training school at Ft. Benning, Georgia. A full squad is "shouldering arms" and is stepping it off with left foot at the command of "forward march."

Glenn Howell, 10-14 ft. slot feeder in the stacker, is a member of the fort police at Camp Murray; Dale Moore, Pres-to-logs laborer; Art Fauver, stacker tail-down; Paul Weiters, sawmill edging picker; Alex Felker, dress shed standup man; Harold Maltbie, planer spotter; and George Hilding, planer off-bearer, complete the Clearwater squad.

Credit Union Members Create \$17,000 Savings

The Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union has grown from scratch in April of 1938 until on its third anniversary it boasts of over 500 members who have savings invested totalling over \$17,000.

The average saving of each of these men thus amounts to approximately \$34.

During its three years of existence, 764 loans totalling \$57,100 have been made for beneficial purposes.

Depositors in these three years have enjoyed an unusual return in dividends and have known that their money has been used completely to their fellow workers' advantage. Every person working in the plant or office who uses the Credit Union wisely has the inner feeling of confidence that should an emergency arise he has a friend to turn to for help where hu-

manitarian principles prevail and where the treatment is personal and confidential.

Four beckoned to the call of the air force and are now stationed at air corps bases in California. Ray Schneider, former night first aid attendant, is being given ground training at Hamilton Field; while Jim Sewell, extra watchman; John Todd, planer off-bearer; and Neil Weeks, sawmill millwright helper, are stationed at Moffette Field.

Life on the waves appealed to Willard Currin, planer off-bearer, and Wilbur Satchwell, yard spotter and "loxy" driver. They enlisted for six-year periods in the navy and were sent to San Diego for six weeks' training on land before shoving off to sea.

One In Leathernecks

The plant can claim but one representative in the marines, Bill Borsos, Pres-to-logs storage man enlisted for three-year period as a "leather neck."

The national guard units stationed at various forts have Geo. Rabideau, Jr., planer off-bearer; Don Peterson, box factory man; Erwin Gustin, sawmill edging picker; Maurice Fletcher, box factory assistant foreman; Louis Kohl, sawmill checker; Herman Hansen, bug driver; Vincent Barton, bug driver; and Clyde Sheets, sawmill edging picker.

To the able credit committee of Art Pritchard, Clarence Bice and Glen Gage is entrusted the responsibility of seeing that loans are made to those deserving and capable of repaying the sums they request.

First Aid Diplomas

A class of nine completed the standard American Red Cross first aid course, which has met twice a week at the general office in Lewiston since January 24.

Those to receive first aid cards are Jack Easterday, Bob Glenney, Scotty Heter, Delmer Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dave Justice, Bud McConnell, Bill Rose and Darl Welker.

Toge Prevost was also a member of the group, but was unable to attend the final class as he was transferred to the night shift in the shipping department.

Clearwater Woods

Camp 22

During the past month Camp 22 has been the home mostly for cedar makers and brush pilers. Jack Baggs' men have piled brush from cuttings of 22, 22A and '27, while living here. Mac Barnes and a crew of 10 men have also been building roads and have cut approximately five miles of right-of-way.

Camp 22 officially closed April 25.

Camp 23

Although intermittent rain and snow have made roads rather muddy, Camp 23's 11 "cats" skidded more than 2,500,000 during April. Saws accounted for 2,900,000 feet and loaders 2,800,000 feet.

The crew here rose to over 200 men during the month and at present writing, every available bed in camp is in use. Cook Bill Burke is having a time keeping beds out of his diner.

Maury Thompson will go in to Camp 11 in a few days to prepare for summer operations there, and Steve Cooligan will be foreman of this camp.

Camp 24

Alex McGregor has been in charge of this camp since Stan Profit went on the river drive as foreman. Although production has been hampered by poor weather conditions, the crew has grown to 130 men, including brush pilers.

Camp 27

Camp 27 closed down logging operations on April 3. Since then 17 men have been working on road construction and 15 others have been making cedar.

As soon as weather conditions permit, Camp 27 will return to truck hauling and carry on with logging.

Camp X

High atop Knob hill in the heart of the Clearwater sits this newest of Clearwater unit camps.

With everything still in the rough, the camp is rapidly taking shape, another of the portable type camps on which construction was started at Headquarters during the winter.

Unlike most camps, this one is located on the divide between Long and Robinson creeks, giving one a sort of lofty feeling to look down the slope towards the North fork, four miles away.

The mill site is being cleared and shortly the flume will be under way.

New Safety Record

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As workers at the Clearwater plant have built up several long time records, once in fact reaching the former national high point, it was stated.

"Between April 14 and July 1, 1939, the men at this plant built up an unbroken period of 266,000 man hours without a lost time accident," he said, and from November 28, 1939, to March 23, 1940, they piled up another 200,000 man hours and we certainly were in hopes then that we might go on and top our own national record of 441,300 man hours.

"There was an accident—and we had to start all over again.

"From April 25 to June 20, 1940, our men got in 259,000 man hours without mishap and then again from March 4 to April 18 this year, they piled a total of 245,000 man hours. This last run was halted by a bruised knee, which was at first bumped while the man was on the job, then more severely at home, which caused him to remain away from work, and this at constitutes a lost time accident."

Sawmill Men Work Safely

From the record it is disclosed that in the sawmill department at the plant, considered the most hazardous of places in any plant to work, ran from May 1, 1938, to October 13, 1939, with no lost time injuries, for a total of 197,960 man hours. An accident then placed this department on the starting line again and the men there continued until July 24, 1940, for a period of nine months, and 175,000 man hours. A hernia case of indefinite origin interrupted the record making and another start was made.

Vocational Classes

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ing to be ready for any emergency which might cause a shortage of skilled men for these jobs, as there will be available a group so well grounded in the fundamentals of ratchet setting and hand saw filing that as openings occur, they can readily be filled by these "students" from the plant.

The classes are being conducted as a part of Idaho vocational education courses and include the following:

Electricians, 8 students; welding, 24; lumber checking, 19; saw filing, 9; ratchet setting on carriages, 9; planer set-up, 18; advanced rough lumber

grading, 21; beginners' rough lumber grading, 27; beginners' surfaced lumber grading, 13; advanced surfaced lumber grading, 26; shop lumber grading, 8; and American Red Cross first aid training, 12; total, 12 classes and 194 students.

Idaho Forestry Week Brings Out Data Of Scope and Payrolls

Prompted by students of the University of Idaho forestry school, Forestry Week was observed throughout the state during the week of April 27.

Interesting data published by the forestry students included such items as:

There are approximately 15,000,000 acres of timberland in Idaho of which 69.7 per cent is federal; 23.7 per cent is private; and 6.6 per cent is state-owned land.

The first private timber protective association was organized in Idaho. It was the Clearwater Timber Protective association, founded in 1908. (Ed. Note: Southern Idaho and the old Rutledge Timber Protective association claim to have been organized in 1905.)

Of all employees in Idaho, 11,917 or 70 per cent, are in forest industries; \$17,660,608 or 69.3 per cent of the total is invested in salaries and wages.

Forest products in tonnage lead the net total of exports of the state.

Observance of the week at the university was scheduled to wind up Saturday night, May 3, with the school of forestry's 26th annual banquet, at which George F. Cornwall, managing editor of *The Timberman*, was to be principal speaker; and at 9 p. m., with the annual spring formal dance. Both events were to be in the Student Union building.

May 3 was also set aside as "all university" day. Programs were scheduled by the schools of agriculture, mining and engineering, and all other departments and organizations were to have "open house."

Rutledge Woods

Camp Stoney Creek

John Anker has about 40 men at work here getting ready for some real logging activities this summer.

Pole Company Sells

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Clarkia, Idaho; Spokane, Washington; and in Minneapolis, where he has a pole treating plant. Mr. Flannery is also one of the leading cedar pole manufacturers and distributors in Canada.

Decker Long In Service

Mr. Decker, upon graduation from the University of Idaho and later from the Yale school of forestry with a master's degree in 1917, returned to the west and became head of the forestry department of Washington State College at Pullman. The next year he joined the old Potlatch Lumber Company at Potlatch, as land agent, which position he held until 1931 when the Potlatch Lumber Company, the Edward Rutledge Timber Company and the Clearwater Timber Company were merged under the name of Potlatch Forests, Inc. He went with the Weyerhaeuser Sales Company that year, at first with headquarters in Spokane and later New York. Mr. Decker again returned to the west in 1933 when Mr. Billings became general manager of Potlatch Forests, Inc., and entered the pole department, becoming western manager of the Weyerhaeuser Pole Company when the latter was organized in 1935.

Mr. Decker's immediate plans are indefinite. He will make his headquarters in Spokane in the near future, although Mrs. Decker and the children will remain in Lewiston until the close of the school year.

Walter Weisman, who in addition to his duties with the Weyerhaeuser Pole Company, is traffic manager for Potlatch Forests, Inc., and J. C. Parker, superintendent of cedar pole production and plant operations, and who is also log buyer for Potlatch Forests, Inc., both will remain with the latter company.

Potlatch Woods

Camp 35

Camp 35 went into full swing on April 25 and there are about 275 men at work there—every bed filled and the dining cars taxed to capacity.

Camp 36

Down since the fall rains started in 1940, Camp 36 has about 40 men at work preparing for another summer's engagement on the big truck circuit.

Rollin' Out The Barrel Just Kid Stuff To River Men



PICTURE in your mind's eye a river full of logs, a sawmill running low and the anxious faces of sawmill men turned to catch just a hint or promise of rain—and not enough water in the river to float the logs.

That was exactly the situation on the Clearwater three weeks ago when, instead of coming up as was expected, the water went steadily down. The log pond of the Clearwater unit was getting skimpier and skimpier day by day. Even a train wreck conspired to hold things back. About 20 cars of much needed logs from Headquarters were stuck behind a derailment.

"We've just gotta pray," said Ed Rettig.

In the meantime to supplement the river drive crew, members of which were aboard wannigans on the upper North fork and not having much success in low water, Mr. Rettig hired an advance crew under George Hendley, and set them to work in the vicinity of Indian creek on the North fork.

Rolling' out the big ones that could be moved, letting most wings and centers ride where they were, these dozen men kept enough logs moving to keep a sizable amount in the stream. Gradually they worked down into the main channel and eventually some logs got to the millpond.

They weren't a minute too soon.

Up came the water a bit—in came some logs, then down went the water again just like Finnegan on his railroad.

Anyway, there's enough logs in the pond to keep the mill going until the rest come in—if they come in as expected.



Here they are—the huskies who know no fears when it comes to working logs out into the river in the annual log drive. At the top are the men under George Hendley using the principles of physics, which to them means just brawn and beef, to get logs into the stream after they have been hung up on the rocks along the shoreline. In the center is Frank Emmerson, nosing his boat around after pushing logs to the sweep of the river currents. The lower picture shows the crew on a tough wing up in swift water.