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## Another Starting Line

There is no good reason save tradition for dating a year from January 1 to December 31, but there is the strongest kind of good reason in once every twelfth month drawing a line underneath that which has happened and beginning anew with fresh determination and courage.

Perhaps it is simply make-believe on a colossal scale, this thinking that one year can be closed and another started. Maybe we only kid ourselves, but it's still a bit of top notch psychology and there are few who will regret the passage of 1943, or not feel that 1944 will be a better year.
And, if you begin 1944 with a giant size headache, 'tis only proof that you subscribe to the belief that 1943 lasted too long and wish to suitably recognize another fresh starting line.

## New Correspondent

Another, and new, name has been added to the list of correspondents for The Family Tree. The party in question is "CuT" Eplisg, safety director at the Clearwater plant. Cut's cheerfulness, his good humor, and lively wit can be of real value to the Tree. You'll hear from him often (we hope) and you'll enjoy reading his stuff.

## Infantile Paralysis

Epidemics of infantile paralysis surged to their highest point in several years during 1943. Except for technicians, previously trained to handle such emergencies, the disease could well have provided a major setback to America's war effort.

Basil OCONNor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, asserts that the toll of the

> FICAI PARALYIIS
> JANUARY $14-31$
disease was materially less because the people were so well prepared against just such an emergency. The danger, however, he asserts, is always present and due to the 1943 epidemics, there is an increased need for contributions during the 1944 fund-raising appeal which is to extend from January 14th to the 31st, inclusive.
All America will be urged to join in "The March of Dimes" and to send dimes and dollars to the President at the White House to help finance the fight against one of the most feared of all diseases.

## A Big Year

## By Phil Pratt, Sales Manager

P.F.I. mills at Coeur d'Alene, Potlatch and Lewiston will not quite equal their 1942 record year in 1943. But they did a remarkable job considering the manpower shortage and other factors which have hindered production from time to time. Production and shipments in 1943 will total 420 million feet ( 12,600 carloads) and that's less than 10 per cent off the 1942 total.
One of the most vital war needs this year has been lumber for boxing and crating of war supplies and ammunition. With the attainment of a peak in production of war supplies the lumber industry has been called upon to furnish about 14 billion feet of lumber for boxing and crating of these supplies during the year. I believe it is safe to say that Potlatch Forests, Inc., furnished more of this material than any other single producer. Less than \%\% of P.F.I. shipments during 1943 were without priority rating, and approximately $55 \%$ carried the high rating of AA-1.
With ships, planes, men and mechanical equipment scattered over the entire world, their success and, at

## Bond Purchases Jum Upward At Potlatch And Clearwater

Although still in second ploas bond buying figures as compert Rutledge, the Potlatch Unit $=$ a creditable upward surge if 8 cent during November. Com struggled upward and spoment proved their percentage of 72 bonds but remained in cellarsit an average of $7.75 \%$ (33) 3 than their average during the 제 month).

Rutledge again occupied 5 with a figure of $10.08 \%$, the ar that consistently is above the है cent figure.

Top ten departments fromitur mills were:
Townsite, Potlateh
Graders, Clearwater Pres-to-Iogs, Rutledge Pres-to-logs, Potlateh Shed, Shipping, Replamt \& 4-Sq., Rutledge Plant Offices, Clearwater Maintenance, Rutledge Maintenance, Potlatch

## Glue Dept., Clearwater

 Power Plant, PotlatchLow three departments wore Transportation, Clearwater

## Pond, Clearwater

Power Plant, Clearwater
Plant averages were:

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Clearwater

## Paper Shortage Ahe Warns C. L. B.

"Paper is a war essentid! portant one," cautions P.F.I. L. Billings. "We must save ? all kinds at home for later and shipment to designated We can save paper on the jobt every last piece down to the $b$ of space before throwing it There is no easier way to hidp 1 effort."
times, their very existence, on continuous shipments of tion, food, clothing, repairs placements of equipment. The substitute for lumber and cath terial for the most of thees: and this demand will be critial the coming months with mity shut down by weather condifi

## * SERVICE LETTERS *



Inas Greetings From England

## Tavt. Bill Schmidt, Italy <br> THY-LAND OF wHite crosses

Sir I have seen all the places of inWi laly as far north as we have - The country is more mountainous - sstily and from reports I guess it is Dx throughout all Italy. Some of the int jut up from the center of the 7in till have the ruins of old castles Tion duting back to feudal days. Gendufter we go past they are just a little onime than before as the enemy uses 4 thas for observation points and we 13 shell them out. Later when we our for the same purpose it becomes und's turn to shell the place. HowChald castles are made of good heavy Mods or they couldn't have withdie ages and a little "dusting off" villery doesn't hurt them much. I have ante vividly in mind. We shellacked (4) comple of days to get the Jerries tal then they retaliated when we took - This went on for two or three days Inefiternoon as I was going along the 41 ard a terrific explosion and looked a fime to see the castie enveloped in and of black smoke and dust. We de4 hete they had mined the place and Werit off with an acid bomb. It hape that our troops moyed away from atbe day before, but I bet the Jerry utt he liad pulled a big deal.
lofe tieny destroys everything as they 5. but what gets me most is how they s nilroad ties in the middle for a If so at a stretch; some with T.N.T. whers with something I haven't been A) figure out as there are no locomo-- 10 I I doubt if a tank could do it. ${ }^{4} 3$ if if they just took off down the A zith a big hook and pulled the ties the Germans must have realized The be casier to replace the rails than ins is there is so little timber here.

## WATCH YOUR STEP

The houses are all old stone dating back for several generations and sanitation seems to be one word not found in the Italian scheme of things. The cows, pigs, chickens, goats, sheep, oxen and the indispensable donkey, together with other livestock, all stay in the house. When it comes to the subject of toilets or outhouses in these rural villages I have yet to see one. I know your first question is "where do they go?" and from past and present observation I would say anywhere back of the house, in the alley, street, or wherever convenient at the moment. Hence the password when in Italy is "watch your step."
Yesterday was Thanksgiving and we had steak and onions, which is next to turkey to a soldier after canned and dehydrated chow for months. We were all thankiul to be present to eat it and though conditions here leave much to be desired, I am sure, even though all of us did not attend the church service, that deep down in our hearts every man thanked God that he was still here and not resting beneath one of the many, many white crosses of Africa, Sicily and Italy.

## From Lt. Walter Dodel, England <br> friendly english

Am now in England and ever since I have been here have found it a problem to keep warm. It is quite a change from the climate in Sicily, Received your Xmas box and the latest issue of The Family Tree. You can imagine how a person feels having Christmas thousands of miles from home. Thanks a million. Have been to town several times and found things in very good shape except the shortage of drinks. We have again met some people who speak our language and believe me, I enjoy it. The English are ever so friendly and I believe I shall enjoy my visit here.

## From Lt. Zenas A. Fagnan,

## England

## FOOD NOT TOO GOOD-LIQUOR TERRIBLE

Have done quite a bit of running around since I last changed my address. From school I moved to the Mobile Air Service Command, Mobile, Alabama, thence over here to England where I am presently stationed.
Just before coming over here I had the pleasure of seeing some of my old friends around Bovill, Idaho; the only thing I couldn't quite figure out was why they were griping about the food. They should be over here at this time. Very little meat and when there is some, it is just enough for an appetizer. I haven't seen a fresh egg since I came over. Cigarettes, one package per day, candy, two bars a week if you are lucky, one package of chewing gum and two cigars. Not much to carry one through a week, but that is the weekly ration of our luxuries, or necessities, as some of the men think.
The liquor situation over here is a scream. No bourbon whiskey, just some scotch that was bottled in January and
later this year, or else Irish whiskey which isn't so good. The beer is wicked stuff, mild, bitter, or stout. They drink it warm and it's not worth a hoot. The bars (pubs over here) are open only four hours in the morning and four hours in the evening. English money is really something. One throws pound notes around like you do dollar bills in the states and a pound is worth $\$ 4.035$ of our money.

## From Sgt. Robert R. Moore, South Pacific <br> pigeon hunting

Things have quieted down here and there isn't much to do at the moment, but for a while they sure gave us hell. After what we have gone through it seems funny for it to be so quiet. Yout mentioned the hunting there. I sure wish I could get home to go out for a day or two. A bunch of the boys here went out pigeon hunting today and had a lot of fun. I think the average bag was six to eight pigeons each. When they first started out it sounded like they were after a bunch of Japs.
You should hear our outfit when they are really battling and you may have gone to a show and heard bombs but the real bombs do not sound like that. Wish I could tell you how they really sound, but guess it is impossible. Anyhow they make you hunt a hole and pray like you have never prayed before. Your never know which one has your name on it,

## Captain Philip James Hearn . . . Word of the promotion of their son to the rank of captain was recently received by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hearn, Potlatch. Captain Hearn, a graduate of Potlatch grade and high schools, was in his senior year at Idaho when he left for service in the Army Air Corps. He is now operations officer for the 334th Bomp Group at Greenville, South Carolina.




## DLANT NEWS

## Clearwater Unit



* First Class Daryl. Sarith, home tholdays on a twenty-four day furrisited the plant during the month. an formerly employed in the stacker Enent, and said that just six months Prmon from the time he entered the Wix the walked through the surf off Cut land in the Aleutians with U. S. Exis forces. He was among the first [0. 5 land at Kiska, and painted a very Fwatare of the Aleutians ruggedness. 4 fisting he reports as excellent. He Conds a little different method of Ear than is generally employed. A hand 2.4. tossed in the right direction, gets efroults and lots of fish, according to Eis Sume.
Mir ervice men who visited the plant :Wermber, included Enstgn Vincent - Sim. Don Peterson, S/Sgt. Even lathen, Pre. Tedyord Hartaman, Capt. primer, and Lt. John A. Remmie.
II Clarwater "Lumber Jills" luncheon thod a Christmas dinner and party at :har of Mrs. Ray Kincaid, Dec. 15. b. were exchanged and refreshments

Goas Hupsos, in giving final instruc6 Jear Jounstos before taking off Patarch, failed to mention the area E- which the 1943 Christmas trees for Thurt and Christmas party were to come. Wi. always managed to obtain these Eat year, but was very secretive [y just where he cut them. Without 2. Information Jerry was unable to find and and effort was made to purchase - 1 innugh local dealers, but none could Fiuml of sufficient size. With Christmas R sporaching, Phil Remsiuth, C. J. Fiimp, John Shepherd and Cut 2.as. rolunteered to take up the axe in wif of Christmas cheer or, maybe it was [iftras cheer they took up in behalf of मां
Th Sundy, December 12th, the four jacks प्रhd to the woods. After a full day's the volunteers returned to the plant thro eighteen-foot fir trees and some thecllaneots size for their own use. A thixcesful trip was reported.
Fimmas decorations at the plant this were under the charge of JAck WII-- asd lie has done a splendid job. We
have four trees to lend holiday atmosphere and remind us that it's Christmas.
Incidentally, there was a twelve-day lost time accident as the result of our Christmas decorations. One of the fellows forgot that the way to whittle with a knife is away from your person and not toward you. He paid the price that momentary thoughtiessness often cost-the knife wound wasn't serious, but like most accidents it was avoidable.

## Potlatch Unit

The 1943 war chest drive for this area with Mrs. Eva B. Tonix as chairman for the district of Potlatch, Princeton, Harvard, Onaway and surrounding school districts has been completed. Quota for the area was $\$ 3,100.00$ and it was over-sulseribed. Total amount remitted to Moscow was $\$ 4,261.17$ P.F.L employees contributed $\$ 1,424.20$; W. I. \& M. employecs $\$ 205.00$.

## Rutledge

We're going to have our usual office Christmas tree, but there seems some question as to where the mistletoe is coming from. Rumor has it that Jack Frisch is to be present with a sprig of it in either hand.
Fernan Lake is frozen over, and we have had some good skating. Weather has been cold, around 22 degrees, but the sun shines every day and it looks like a green Christmas. It is ideal weather for erecting the stack at the mill.
Sax Gubertson has been home the past week with a severe attack of the flo, and yesterday it was necessary to take him to the hospital. We hope he'll be up and around again soon.
December 20th, Mr, J. H. Peterson was all smiles. It was the first day in three weeks' time that he has had a full crew. Many of the men have been sick with the flu.

A crew of 35 men are at work building the 60 low-cost housing units that are being erected in Mullan Park (the old Cocur d'Alene mill grounds). The project, designed to relieve the acute housing situation in Coeur d'Alene, resulting from the establishment of nearby Farragut maval station. It is the largest construction job underway here at the present time, and many newcomers to Coeur d'Alene are cagerly awaiting its completion. From four to six units, varying in size from one-room to five-room apartments, will be constructed under each roof. The five-room apartments include kitchen, living room and three bedrooms. Seventy-five houses are also to be constructed in Coeur d'Alene by the Nordin construction company under a private con-

## Christmas Tree For Children

The Clearwater Unit Christmas party for the children of plant employees anf without a hitch. There was a big crowd at the high school auditorium Ere the program was held and gifts distributed to the children. Estimated Pentance exceeded I200. Plant Manager Dave Troy spoke briefly, praising Eplant's record production of war lumber, and stressing the need for conadd purchase of war bonds. Santa Claus suffered the only mishap, up(nits a snowman that rested on the mantel of the improvised fireplace from Widh he first appeared, and later disappeared. The accident was in no ways (ions although a lot of children expressed the feeling that Santa Claus bald be more careful of the snowman.

tract, and it is expected this construction will soon get underway. The houses are to range in price from $\$ 2,500$ to $\$ 6,000$ and will be built on a 14 -acre tract between Montana and Hastings Avenues and 11th and 15th Streets.

## Tree Farm Banquet

## (Continued from page four)

meeting, said that "The Tree Farm signs which will be used to mark the boundaries of the Clearwater Tree Farm express to the public what Potlatch Forests, Inc., and the lumber industry has been trying to do for a decade."
Major Evan Keliey of the U. S. Forest Service also spoke at the banquet, stressing the importance of wood to the war effort. Toastmaster for the evening was State Forestrr Franklin Girarb, who consented to act in that capacity at the eleventh hour when R. S. Ere, president of the State Chamber of Commeree, was unable to attend because of fin. Forester Giraro did an excellent job in his role as pinch-hitter for Mr. ERB, and was roundly commended.
A letter from P.E.I. President R. M. Weyerhaeuser, St. Paul, was read to the crowd. Mr. Weyerhaeuser expressed his regret at being unable to attend because of sickness and urged that "production be kept up for war and peace,"

## "Chuck" Johnson Promoted

From the Weyerhaeuser Sales Company came word during the month that Potlatcher Charles "Chuck" Johnson has been promoted to a job in the company's St. Paul office where he will have charge of Pine orders in the Central Zone. "Chuck" started in Potlatch, then came to Lewiston a few years back, joined the sales company and was sent to Chicago, then to Cleveland and now to St. Paul. His rapid advancements in the sales company are a clear indication of the personality and ability that have earned him friends and respect wherever he's landed. Congratulations, and nice going, fellow!

# WOODS MEWS 

## Headquarters

We have been having wonderful weather here. It has been clear and cold for the last few weeks with nice sunshiney days. For logging, conditions could not be better. At this writing, there is only a few inches of snow and the rebuilt snowplow has not as yet been given a try-out. Last year all the rail lines had to be plowed five times before Christmas.

There is a mild flu epidemic in Headquarters as well as in most of the camps. The ambulance has been busy making trips to the Orofino Hospital.
There have been no serious accidents this past month. Most serious was an accident (ii it can be called that) which happened to Pere Carz. He was lost for three days and claims to have been tracking a bear, but we wonder if that is really what he was tracking. Anyway, he had about one hundred men looking for him on Sunday, December 5 th. His fellow-train-men are presenting him with a cow bell for a Christmas present, so that he will be casier to find next time.
Frank Stmoman seems to be getting the best of some of the other hunters in reporting news to The Family Tree. He may be besting them in writing news, but when it comes to hunting, the only thing he can get is some one else's deet and bear hides. He would be tickled to death to get a shot at a nice fat steer.
The editor of The Family Tree is doing a bang-up job with the paper, but we wonder if he couldn't do a little bit better if he played less pinochle at the Elks.

## Camp X-Robinson Creek

We officially closed on December 16th for the winter. Perd Hughes is staying on to watch camp. Felix Soucis, foreman, has gone to Spokane for a visit with his brother. The new road from old Camp X to the new camp site has been completed, and the ground for the new camp has been cleared and cleaned, and is ready for occupation. Its location is to be on Robinson Creek about three-quarters of a mile above the North Fork of the Clearwater.

## Camp T-Elkberry Creek

Camp T has been closed for the winter and the crew was paid off just before Cliristmas. The last thing the crew worked at was dredging out the pond at the dam. It was a chilly job with the thermometer down below the fleezing mark.

## Camp 55-Casey Creek Spur

This moving business has been a jinx, but we are now getting back into step again, and should be in full production before long. Clerk Claresce Swerney took a week's vacation and spent the time in Spokane. Oscar Carlsos and his crew moved in together with foreman BiIL Rimeour's crew and both crews are to work on extension of the main tail line until the snow gets too deep. All indications are
that most of our crew will spend Christmas away from camp.

## Camp 52-Casey Creek

The first thing that strikes a newcomer at this camp is the great number of real honest to goodness lumberjacks. That is, veteran jacks whose names have been bunkhouse standbys for the past ten to twenty years. Steve Coolican, last of the old time camp bosses, has gathered a crew of men around him that would be a credit to any camp boss, and the results show in figures and footage of logs.
Our cook, Cotb HAM SNYDEs, is doing a very good job of battling with points. It isn't "how much money" anymore, it's thow many points can we spend?"
Accidents have been kept to a minimum but a severe flu epidemic has hit us hard.
We're not doing so well with war bonds. There are 150 employees on the payroll, but only 15 buying bonds-three of them girl flunkies, who make less money than does anyone clse in camp-and we voted the Italian internees out of camp because they were not Americans,

## BIG TREE

One of the biggest trees ever found in the Clearwater was recently cut at Camp 54 on Washington Creek. In size it fell far short of the Idaho White Pine King (cut some years back near Bovill) but it was an eleven-log tree and scaled 14,300 feet, net scale 10,560 feet. It was twenty-two feet nine inches in circumference at the stump.

## Camp 54-Washington Creek

We were quite surprised last week when Gustav Anderson, former filer and bull cook at 54, came in with a broken arm and refused to sign an accident report or claim compensation. Like "Painless Parker" he insisted there was no pain whatever. Everything possible was done for Gusi, even blacksmith Mrkezison and carpenter Moser offered their services but to no avail. He insisted an artificial limb company could do a better job than our camp artisans. You see, Gust has an artificial arm, and the broken one, iortunately, was that arm. Due to the shortage of riggers and chokers we have been short of cats, consequently production has suffered, but road building has gone right along with about 18 miles ahead.
Visitors during the month included E. C. Rextig, Percy Meurs of the Forest Service, Howard Bradbury and Walier Hornsey of Headquarters. Weather is fine and there has been very little snow. We hope for an open winter. The Tree Farm issue of The Family Tree arrived just a few days back. It is a credit to P.F.L., but we'd like to know if pinochle entanglements interfered with the publication date.

## Camp 36-Laird Park

We have moved down to this lower camp and will be working on Strychnine Creek most of the winter.

## Camp 58-Harpster

We're working two shifts at ort crusher and two shifts with the rand eling crew. Everything is shaping yint and there should be logs rolling 75 siding at Stites sometime between th dle and latter part of January. The lin across the South Fork has been ener and we seem to be pretty much in tiv gear.

## Camp 35-Merry Creek

We're still trucking, although our haul is nearing an end. We hyd eighteen inches of new snow cart) month, but, by plowing it off and puth a new coat of gravel, AL Bems hay 1 aged to keep the trucks going. Thr $=$ crew in charge of Hexry Hesucrin! skidding fast and furious.

The gentle looking little fidy why been watching the antics of the Paplay in the pet shop window came in $\{0,1$ them. "That bitch,", said the whot pointing, "you can have for $\$ 30$, or bitch there for $\$ 35$." The lady winaed ceptibly. "What is the matter, mit asked the salesman, "aren't you th with the term "bitch'?" "Yes" ite a haughtily, "but I've never before bet applied to dogs." -Reader's Digest

The hardest wood to work with ist which grows above some necks.

A noted chef was once asked the $n$ for his famous corn beef hash and roth "There is no recipe, the stuff sinuty cumulates."
"What's the idea, giving that chedn girl a dollar tip?"
"It was a good deal. Look at the lir gave me!"

Tailor: "When your father senty samples of cloth didn't he say what and material he wanted?"
Small Boy: "I don't think it met much. He just wants them for pen-zich

I should have worn my bloomers
Tis true without a doubt
For the pienic grounds are dexy
And it's bitter cold without.
Do you know that you can use a, to determine direction? Point the hand toward the sum, then a beariat way between the hour hand and : o'clock mark on your watch it trie The watch of course must be corred time of day.

Are you a good speller? Can yad a few simple words Such as Scotch whiskey"? Try it, and tim a look at the label on a bottle of $S$ str

## NEED PICTURES

Note to servicemen-The Faridy? would be a much better littie pint you fellows could manage somie : 5 shots for us of yourselves, or att else that strikes your fancy ast 1 pass the censor. Give please!


There's More Than Timber


Timber is not the only crop that comes from the vast Clearwater country. Probably no other area, anywhere, has the variety and quantity of game that this paradise of Idaho has to offer the sportsman. Elk, deer, goat, bear, and moose thrive throughout its entirety-blue and ruffled grouse are there for the upland bird hunter, and the Clearwater River with its rushing tributaries abounds with cutthroat trout and battling steelhead salmon.

The panorama of wooded hills and sharp peaks, viewed from a lookout tower, is sufficient to quicken the pulse of any sportsman.


The forest practices of the Potlatch Forests, Inc., in the Clearwater Tree Farm will perpetuate timber for posterity, and also will provide a permanent home and security for the wildlife resources of this famed region.

Succeeding generations will feel a deep appreciation for the pines, the firs, the hemlocks, and the cedars, left to them. They will also give thanks that P.F.I. forest practices propagated fish and game and fowl, so that the kind of recreation and relaxation found only in the forests, and nowhere else, is available to them as it is to us.-C. W.


In The Forests


These little fellotics (und some of them wol so lithle) groty to be guite frimitly. espectally if theress a dinucr-pail hundy. This ent cotcelced to ituto the cat seat aind disfosicused Dutige Swixsons, if twis his lench himar as reell os Sweseons.


## Potlatch Honor Roll

The names of 150 Potlatil ployees now appear on the Honi pictured above. In addition that 276 names of men from the canas ity who have gone into service.
Among the employee group areth prisoners of war-Edwis Chome and Robert Trotter (Corrigit and Harlin Owens (Bataan). Te have been seven honorable dischrn

Upon the community half if board are three castalties-En Hicks who went down on the Arim at Pearl Harbor, Shirley Fiscist was killed at New Guinea, and ) Kochevar, killed in Sicily.

In the list are several brothergsic There are five Guptile brothens Leef brothers, four Rasmusses; Goodnoughs and a number of fm with three in the service.

Potlatch Unit Manager Jem 00 NELL this year chose a picture of 1 Honor Roll for a Christmas Card 1 mailed one to each Potlatch empi in service.
Additional honor rolls are the made for Clearwater, Rutledge Bion and Headquarters.

