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Admiral King's letter which appears in this issue of *The Family Tree* is clearly **THE** message which we should receive and ponder at this Christmas time.

We can be proud of what we have done. I believe we can be proud of what we intend to do.

C. L. BILLINGS,
General Manager

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Infantile Paralysis

Today epidemics of infantile paralysis are raging in several parts of the nation, and 1944 will go down in history as one of the worst epidemic years in the U. S. for this dreaded disease.

The "March of Dimes" that each January carries many thousands of dollars to the White House to fight infantile paralysis will begin January 14, 1945, and continue through January 31st. This money goes to fight a war against twisted limbs and spines! It provides early medical care for people who contact the disease. It can mean the difference between life as a cripple or normal recovery! It places respirators, wool for hot packs and other necessary supplies at strategic points!

More dimes and dollars are needed to carry on the work in 1945 than ever before . . . to furnish a bulwark of defense against the disease and to continue scientific search to find the means of whipping it.

All America will be urged to join in "The March of Dimes." But no one need wait to be urged . . . send yours to the President at the White House. Help finance the fight against one of the most feared of all diseases.

Three years after the inception of the tree farm movement by the forest industries there are nearly 10 million acres of American forest lands officially certified as tree farms.

UNITED STATES FLEET
 HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
 NAVY DEPARTMENT
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

12 December 1944

To the Men and Women of
 Potlatch Forests, Inc.

On this fourth wartime Christmas I wish to extend greetings and thanks, in behalf of the fighting men of the fleet, to you whose loyal support on the production lines is helping to carry them to victory.

In a very real sense, our past successes have been paved by the great productive effort on the home front. They have been won through maximum cooperation between the assembly line and the firing line. It is imperative that this fine team-work continue to the end of the struggle.

We must now redouble our efforts, for only by sustained hard work and hard fighting can we hope to shorten the war. I am confident that each one of you at this Christmas season will rededicate yourself anew to your individual wartime tasks in order that victory may be achieved as soon as possible -- and that "Peace on earth, good will toward men" may be regained for all the nations of the world.

Admiral, U.S. Navy

MRS. PHIL PRATT, wife of salesman PHIL PRATT, Lewiston, christened the victory ship SS Lewiston at Portland on December 2nd. The ship was built by the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. and is one of the first 10 built under a new victory ship program at the yards. It was turned over to the U. S. Maritime Commission.

The average U. S. farmer has 27 acres of woodland, enough to grow a new six-room house annually.

Winston Churchill's old cigar boxes, made into doll houses, are sold for charity in England.

Timber felled 35 years ago furnished good plywood this past summer. Logs had been on the ground all that time, but rot had touched only the outer few inches.

A subscriber asked the editor of a country paper for some advice. He wrote as follows:

"I have a horse that at time appears normal, but at other times, is lame to an alarming degree. What shall I do?"

The editor replied: "The next time that horse appears normal, sell him."

Bossy, the favorite cow of Little Andrew's uncle was stolen one night and upon discovery of the theft, her absence was bemoaned by Uncle John. But little Andrew, realizing the thief could not get far, laughed and laughed, because she knew her uncle had drained Bossy's crankcase the night before.

Despite modern equipment and improved techniques, man cannot compete with nature in scattering seed for new forests.

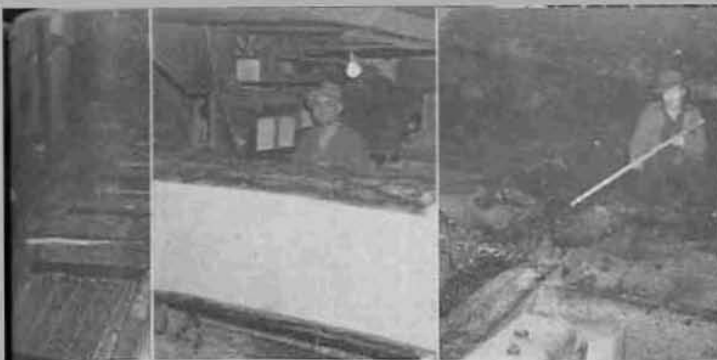
Fatigue is almost as treacherous as alcohol in its effects on an automobile driver. Don't drive when you are tired.

More than 10 million acres of forest land burned in Florida last year.

Face powder can now be made of wheat flour. It may yet become a compliment to tell a girl she has a wooden expression.

Definition of rationing: Less and less more and more oftener and oftener.

Never give up a man until he has failed at something he likes.



Above—These men received \$50 checks for suggestions made to improve operation of the Clearwater plant. Left to right they are C. E. Hull, Connie Peterson and Lonzo Bull.

Right—Clearwater Unit Manager Dave Troy presenting a total of ten \$50 awards in the smokehall at Clearwater during the day shift hour on December 8th. Not all of the recipients were present. Ensign Thad Hansen, was on duty with the Navy in San Diego. Left to right—Troy, Fallwell, Byng, Bartholow, Barton, Bull, Hansen and Tousley.



Suggestion Awards Made At Clearwater

It has been the custom at Clearwater in past years to make the special awards for suggestions turned in by plant employees just before Christmas to provide extra cash for Christmas stockings. Following this precedent Clearwater Unit Manager DAVE TROY, carrying a total of ten checks that added up to \$250, mounted the speaker's platform in the smoke hall on December 8th during the noon hour and called out the names of the recipients. The awards were for suggestions made in 1943 and were determined by the plant suggestion committee.

Three fifty dollar awards were made. One went to CONNIE PETERSON for a suggestion concerning the sawing of White Pine logs. Another went to C. E. HULL for a suggestion that a diagonal live roll be installed so that lumber and cants would not spill off onto the sawmill floor after leaving the band saw. A third fifty dollar award went to LONZO BULL in return for a suggestion that a live roller be placed between the "bear claws" where logs are cut to shorter lengths as they enter the sawmill proper.

A \$30 award was paid to CLYDE BARTON, \$10 to MARY BELVEAL, \$10 to WARD TOUSLEY, \$10 to RAY FALLWELL, J. G. BARTHOLOW, HANS BYNG, and THAD HANSEN.

We much appreciate the interest which prompted you to make the suggestions that earned for each of you an additional

award," said Mr. Troy, "and hope more employees will be encouraged to make use of the suggestion boxes and to turn in suggestions that will help make their work easier and safer."

PLANT NEWS

Potlatch

The Community Christmas tree in Potlatch is being sponsored again this year by Robinson Post No. 81 of the American Legion with the financial assistance of local organizations and the ladies of the Auxiliary who have made the candy bags.

The two small blue spruce trees at the entrance of the gym lawn will be lighted during the holidays. A treat consisting of candy, nuts and fruits will be available for all children in Potlatch and vicinity. Distribution time will be Saturday afternoon, December 23rd at two o'clock.

For the holidays the Potlatch Honor Roll has been re-landscaped with Christmas trees . . . a large one, flanked by smaller ones on either side. The flower box has been refilled with Cedar boughs and barberry.

Several weeks ago the Board of the Potlatch Free Public Library contacted the various organizations here for contributions to the Library Fund. A total of \$205, which included a \$100 contribution from the plant Coca-Cola fund, was raised.

LAIRD BELL, Chicago, a director and stockholder of P.F.I., has matched this amount with his check for \$205.

The books which formed the nucleus from which the Potlatch Library has developed were donated many years ago by Mr. BELL's father, F. S. BELL, of Winona, Minn., who remained a friend and benefactor of the organization up until the time of his death a number of years ago. It was then that his son, MR. LAIRD BELL, offered to match any amount raised through the efforts of the Library Board . . . hence his check for \$205.

At present the Library has around 2,000 books on its shelves and on the reading tables may be found regularly copies of fifteen of the best known magazines.

Rutledge

One of the vacation pay checks issued at Rutledge may be the means of bringing a serviceman home for Christmas. At least it will help pay transportation if he is able to get the necessary furlough, says Pvt. CHUCK HOLM from Camp Hood, Texas.

Lake Coeur d'Alene hasn't as yet frozen, so we're operating at top speed. If the weather doesn't go bad on us, we should be able to run all through the winter. There is about two inches of snow at present to lend atmosphere for Christmas and to make it slippery going for the carriers and equipment that must work in the yard between green chain and kilns.

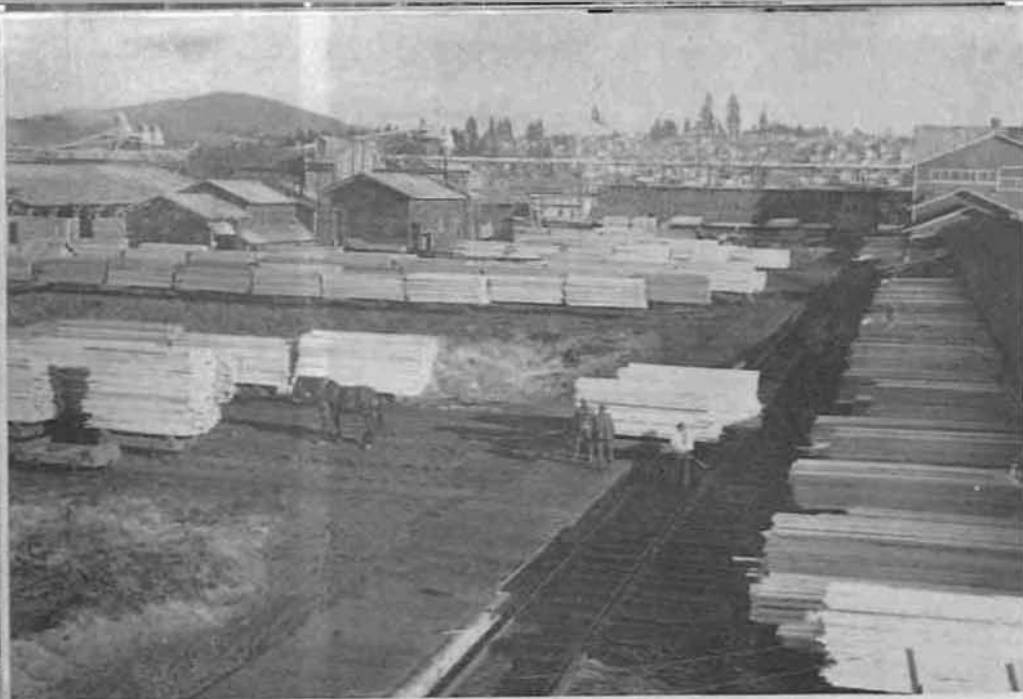
We had a darn fine month on War Bonds as can be seen elsewhere in *The Family Tree*. Something for the other plants to shoot at, don't you think.

Girls in slacks must learn to expect stern looks.



TOP BOWLERS

Left—Leading team of bowlers at Clearwater as of December 30th, but other teams among the eight that bowl in the plant league solemnly promise a change in standings. The league got underway on November 19th, bowl on Sundays. There is also a four-team ladies' league composed of three teams from the plant and one from the General Offices. Left to right the champs are Lyle Frost, Les Ayres, Dris Holman, Roy Amsbaugh and Fred Nelson. All work in the Yard so they have labeled themselves the "Yard Team."



Above—Looking west from tie and timber dock. Rails will be removed from this area, it will be leveled and covered with crushed rock and oil.

Left—Loaded transfer, north side of green chain. Stacker buildings in left background. The loaded cars must be pulled away from the green chain onto the transfer then be pulled off onto some one of the many tracks that lead to the stackers.

'The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be'

J. J. O'CONNELL, Mgr. Potlatch Unit

Plans and estimates have been made and approved to unhitch old Dobbin from the Green Chain Transfer at Potlatch. Replacement will be a Ross Carrier, and the old "hoss" system, after thirty-eight years of service, will go to the bone yard sometime before next spring. The change will be made just as soon as the carrier, now on order, is delivered and other necessary equipment can be procured.

"HOSS DAYS"

In the horse and buggy days (which were really "horse" and "buggy," since lumber was almost entirely handled by wagons and two-wheeled buggies) thirty head of horses were used at Potlatch to haul lumber. The store and the town big shots also kept their horses in the Company barn, further adding to the number. As many as fifty head were used during construction days of the plant and townsite. After construction, however, the number dropped to thirty head and with installation of the narrow gauge rail system in the yard and electric bugs in the planer and on the docks, the use of horses was reduced to the present number—two—which take turns working one day and resting one day. The elimination of these two horses marks the end of their use on the Potlatch operations, plants and woods.

Along with old Dobbin will go what is left of the narrow gauge rail system, now

used in transporting green lumber to the yard for air drying and to later return it for shipment. All lumber moved after the change is made, except the transportation of lumber from the Dry Sorter building, will be handled by carrier. The horses, electric locomotives and 370 tons of rails, fastenings, switches and yard cars will be offered for sale.

AT THE GREEN CHAIN

The transfer pits on both sides of the green chain table will be filled in, as well as other depressed areas between the green chain and the three Stacker buildings. All narrow gauge rail will be removed and the whole area will finally be covered with oil and crushed rock.

The green chain itself will be remodeled to make lumber pulling easier for the eighteen-man crew. It will be raised and

reduced in width. The friction drive from the sawmill has been disconnected and replaced with two motors, but in case of motor failure can be re-connected on short notice. Pullers, instead of loading yard cars, will load direct onto bunks in the same manner as at the Rutledge Unit. One feature of bunk loading is that next to the platform will be a sort of head block that is a track higher than the bunk. Pullers, or the carrier helper, will place the back bunk and loading can be started without placing the back bunk, which can be placed under the load at a later time. From the edge of the platform to the head block will be platform on a slight slope which will cause the load to have a gradual slope outward when completed. This will be advantageous to whoever later handles the lumber as the course will protrude far enough so that they can easily get their hands under the load.

BETTER SIZE UNITS

At present it takes two, and part of a third load, to make a kiln stack. This causes a surplus at the point of unloading in the stackers which must be set aside to await the arrival of another load of similar length, species, grade, etc., for a second. The surplus requires considerable re-handling and storage space. Further, 2500 lb loads are inclined to be top heavy, causing them to tip and part of the top to spill. With the new system two full carrier loads will make a kiln stack and the hazard to the crew from loads tipping or spilling will be eliminated.

SPEEDIER HANDLING

With the slow horse transfer method it is necessary to first pull the load from the green chain onto the transfer, then to set in an empty car so that the next load can be started. The loaded car on the transfer must be moved along to one of the many tracks and pulled off onto a track which has room to receive it. This makes it impossible to always properly place the load which means that later it must be set back onto the transfer and shifted to the stacker that is ready for it.

Left—Dobbin pulls a load off transfer. Left to right—Horace Nearing, Fred Gage, Ora Gage. Gage is holding the transfer in position with a peavy to prevent derailment while the load rolls off.





Above—Tie and Timber dock. Rails will be taken up from along this dock also. Loads will then be piled on bunks that will set on the ground, giving a downhill pull off the dock and making the work of stacking easier.

by the new method, which is not by tracks, the load, if not receivable by the stacker at the time it is pulled away from the green chain, can be set down near the stacker that will finally handle it. In this period, loads from the green chain are pulled back just far enough to permit starting a new load, then can be picked up and delivered after the rush moment have passed.

6 & 8'

The present system of handling 6 & 8' lumber longer lengths that are not desired for the stackers and kilns is to transfer them to either the east or west tracks. Locomotives then haul them to the yard where the 6 & 8', all species, is reloaded on steel cars for back-hauling to the kilns. The longer lengths are put into conventional pile for air drying.

The system will be changed to haul 6 & 8' loads by carrier to an area east of Stacker 3 where the loads will be set down and reloaded onto steel cars for kiln drying, or stacked on bunks in readiness for further carrier handling to the yard for drying.

The loads of 6 & 8' that go to the kilns for drying will come out on the north side of the yard and be moved out onto a short track parallel to the east wall of the dry kilns. From this track the lumber will be removed by truck and placed on bunks for carrier handling to the yard or to the sorting table at the yard trim saw.

Lumber, other than 6 & 8', for air drying will be delivered by the carrier to an area east of the 6 & 8' stacking area, where it will be stacked on bunks for movement by carrier and piling by lift truck. This will mean that no more lumber will be piled in large piles as in the past.

NEW SORTER ARRANGEMENT

For 6 & 8', whether kiln or air dried, will be taken to the new sorter arrangement at the yard cut-off saw where it will be sorted for width, species and grade for "car" shipments rough or for the stackers. The longer lengths that have been air dried will be transported direct to the kilns if to be shipped rough and the shorter lengths will be removed when loading. The stock that is to be surfaced, stickered and fall into conveyors under the machine and be recaptured for further use at the dump outside the planing mill.

OTHER CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

At the loading points where lumber will be stacked for air drying swinging baffle doors are to be installed to keep the units from blowing out on the sides. These baffles will have grooves in them for the various locations for the length lumber being stacked.

Lumber to the kilns will be loaded in the same manner as now and will be pulled from the kiln transfer either by a winch or

pushed on the track by carrier. From the steel cars they will be unloaded in the same way as the 6 & 8'.

There will be a slight alteration made on the west end of stacker buildings No. 1 and 2. The entrances will be enlarged to permit a carrier to get into the buildings to drop its load in the right place for the stackerman to handle. A powered conveyor chain for spotting extra loads that can be moved into position when the carrier is not available will also be installed. The new system will save considerable pushing of loads and switching by stackermen and will enable them to handle more loads per day, or to handle the same number with less effort. Stacker No. 3 has already added a transfer chain to handle extra loads so no changes will be made there.

MANY BENEFITS

The whole change will improve working conditions, reduce fire hazard by elimination of weeds and debris which will be covered by a pavement-like surface, reduce hazard to workers and eliminate the daily lost time caring for horses and their care over Sundays and down days. The remodeling of the green chain is designed to reduce the lifting of boards and to make easier the pulling of boards from the green chain.

From the salvage of rail, yard cars, motors, horses, etc., will come almost enough to pay for the changes, which can be made with but little shut-down lost time.

Below—Transfer, south side of green chain. Two loads can be moved at a time, but it is slow, tedious work. The total weight of the rail, transfers, etc., to be replaced by the single Ross Carrier amounts to more than 370 tons of steel which will be salvaged for sale and will in large part pay for the change that will retire Dobbin at Potlatch.



IN BRIEF

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER E. C. RETTIG was toastmaster at a banquet in the Isabella room of the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, honoring MAJOR KELLY, retiring regional forester of this region, on December 4th. The banquet followed a joint meeting of the Idaho Forestry Association and the American Society of Foresters.

JACK BAGGS, P.F.I. forester, was one of the speakers on the program of the Western Forestry & Conservation meeting in Portland on December 7th. Text of his speech, concerning slash disposal on P.F.I. lands, was reprinted in the Sunday issue of the Lewiston Morning Tribune, December 17th.

JACK FRISCH, P.F.I. general office, reports receiving a Xmas card from his son, MAJOR LARRY FRISCH, France, printed on a portion of a captured German map. There being no other use for the map apparently some enterprising American soldier or officer had ordered it used for Xmas cards, thereby giving the card a more than usual value, and making good use of what would otherwise have been waste paper.

The Pacific Logging Congress meets at Seaside, Oregon, on January 10, 11, and 12. The Intermountain Logging Congress meets in Boise, Idaho, on March 29, 30 and 31.

WOODS NEWS

Camp 56—Moose Creek

CLERK JACK HUME came down here last week, so we are shutting down this week. He has closed so many camps (55, 52, 27 and now 56) since July 1944 that he has earned the nick-name "Shut-up Hume." The warehouse gang at Headquarters say they want to know where HUME is going next so they can save up boxes and string to help him close up another one.

It has become necessary to close down Camp 56 for the winter. Most of our men and girls will be distributed between the other camps, the sawyers going to 54, and the skidding crews of 55. Our chief, PAT KELLY, says he is going railroading again. For several years he was train conductor with the Long Bell Lumber Company on the coast. If he can repair a car as fast and as well as he can fix up food, somebody is going to get out a lot of logs.

STAN PROFITT says he is going to have a "serious" operation and the bull-cook (because of what happened last month) is wondering if it will be a head operation. The bull-cook is from the coast and gave us a long story about a record size Douglas Fir tree cut over there recently. However, STAN and the rest of the gang refused to accept his story as truth and razed him in good old PROFITT fashion. About that time we got the November issue of *The Family Tree* and in the lower right hand corner of page 8 were the identical figures quoted by the bull-cook about this Douglas Fir tree, cut on the coast. Mr. Bull-cook immediately took STAN to task, but PROFITT's bland reply was, "Why, that's your story, I sent it in to *The Family Tree* just as you told it to me." Can you tie that for a quick recovery?

Our loading crew has gone to Camp 55. The cats will follow soon—they have only a little rear to bring down. The sawyers are out and it looks like we'll be down for a long vacation. Merry Xmas to everybody and we'll see you next spring.

Headquarters

We had some bad weather during the first part of December and snow accumulated to a depth of around two feet at Camps 54 and 56, with slightly less than that amount at Camp 55 and Headquarters. Then it rained and the snow settled fast, almost becoming slush. It is cold again now and the snow is so crusted a person can walk on it without breaking through. The weather is fine for logging and the roads are in good shape.

With Christmas coming on Monday we will have four days off—Friday night until Wednesday morning. Nearly everybody will go to town, but it used to be different. An old camp push is quoted as answering the question of "Are you going to town for Xmas?" with the following—"Hell, no. Any time I get to town and get a bottle of whiskey in my hand it's Xmas enough for me."

Cigarettes are still few and far between. Then there is the matter of the furnace in the parts department at Headquarters, where imitable JACK MCKINNON is foreman. There are some who assert that this

furnace has become a sort of hobby with Mr. MCKINNON, the apple of his eye so to speak, now that election is past and there will be no more rallies, clambakes, etc., to claim his attention and spare time. To the incurious there may seem little bond between these two hobbies—politics and a furnace—but those who are a bit more discerning will note the fact that both involve a judicious use of hot air.

A long time ago the furnace in question was purchased for the Headquarters parts department and various people from time to time embarrassed foreman MCKINNON by asking why it had been installed. A shortage of pipe to carry heat to the different rooms was the answer, but after the necessary pipe arrived something had to be done. The issue could no longer be evaded. Much conferring and consulting followed. The parts department has no basement so the hot air pipes finally were run into the tops of the rooms. The furnace is equipped with a fan and takes cold air from the bottom of the room, filters and heats it and then sends it back . . . at any rate that is what it is supposed to do. Theoretically the offices should have a nice even heat from floor to ceiling, thermostatically controlled. Instead, at shoulder height it was 72 degrees and at knee height about 40 degrees. FOREMAN MCKINNON offered as an explanation of this that the 72 degree level is about mouth height and there are a lot of democrats around the place, causing the increased temperature at that level.

Upshot of the matter was a revolt by the MCKINNON office force, but the mad Scot maintained an aloof and impenetrable calm, staunchly maintaining that "women should wear more clothes anyhow." However, to boost the heat output of the furnace a stove had been installed. Meanwhile Mr. MCKINNON has branded as utterly false the rumor that an additional pres-to-logs machine had to be installed at Lewiston to keep his furnace going.

Camp 54—Washington Creek

So far this month we have loaded 3,500,000 feet and have yet another week to go, which means 54 is back in stride again. WALLACE BOLL is running the loader.

FAIRLY WALRATH, foreman, and a few of the men have been on the sick list, nothing serious, but annoying winter colds.

The weather is fine, about ten degrees above zero in the mornings but warm and sunny all day.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of FRANK PANCO at Camp 56. He was a fine fellow and was well liked by everyone. We'll miss him.

The trains are running regularly again. There have been four working out of 54 the past month and doing a swell job of it too.

This seems to be "mashed finger week." ALBIN HARLEY and LUKE CORBETT are both off as a result.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone, from Camp 54.

Camp 44—Lick Creek

Camp 44 was closed down during Christmas week and the crew moved to Camp 42 at Bovill. The sawyers had previously moved to 42 on December 14th. For the

present Camp 44 equipment has been stored at the campsite, about ten miles from Bovill, Idaho, under the care of a watchman.

Camp 42—Bovill

Camp 42 has one modern convenience that few other camps can boast—electric lights—a welcome change from putting up gas lanterns.

A Lang wood-burning bake oven has been installed at the cookhouse. Cow GARDNER reports it works fine.

Finishing touches are being put on the East Fork truck road to put it in shape for logging after Christmas. The Columbia Construction Company is busy crushing rock and their trucks as well as other trucks are hauling gravel.

Bovill

Apparently we are going to have a white Christmas. Snow fell on December 18th and 20th, covering the ground. The temperature has gone up from a low of one degree below zero to around twenty-four degrees above.

SGT. DAVE ELLISON of the Marine Corps is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. DAVE ELLISON, TERRY CARLIN, who has been in the service four years, is also spending his furlough in Bovill. CARLIN's station for the past year and a half has been an Aleutian island, six hundred miles by four miles and aptly named "2 x 4". KNUT KNUTSON, a former engineer now in the service, has also been in Bovill. He expects to go overseas shortly. JOHN GUILFOY, now in the Army Air Corps, has been spending his furlough with his parents in Bovill.

Old timer BILL HELMER has returned from a vacation and will spend the winter in Bovill.

The Bovill warehouse office has a Christmas tree, but not many ornaments, and a playful cat makes short work of the fragile decorations.

Camp 55—Lower Alder Creek

The weather here is fine. Sun has been shining almost every day and the thermometer hovers around zero every morning. Skid roads are frozen solid and BUD BOUT, camp foreman, has plenty of material built, together with landings, to keep rolling out logs all winter.

Camp 55 isn't any show camp. It was built to get out logs, but we have just finished painting all the bunk houses, wash rooms and offices, so it is a good show camp. Our "show" will be in production which will start right after Xmas and a chuck, put out under the supervision of MARK MILUS and his kitchen crew, all the tops. The crew is gradually increasing in size and by the first of the year we will have a full crew.

Camp 59 is also about complete except for a few finishing touches. We understand they hope to get moved in between Thanksgiving and the New Year.

Judge: "Are you certain this man is drunk?"

Cop: "Well, he was carrying a piano cover and said he was taking it home to play on his victrola."

★ SERVICE LETTERS ★

Lt. (jg) C. R. Binger,
the Pacific

again I have received a wonderful
box from P.F.I. and wish to thank
Company for the swell gift. Every
will come in handy at one time or
another.

much news from here. Working
hours and hard. You seem to be doing
excellent job back there getting out
and if you could see supplies
through here, you would realize the
start that lumber is playing in the war.



Aldrick Lillyman, former Potlatch
at the wheel. His letter, which accom-
panied the picture, reads "I have been pretty
since I came to France. France is
nicer than Italy, but the people strike
about the same. I have a camera now
hope I will be able to take some good
ones. Am enclosing one of myself and
a couple of Germans who are working for

the name "POTLATCHER" on the
the picture.

Sgt. Clifford L. Holstine,
ance

received the Xmas package today. Would
commend your choice of articles.
isn't an item that can't be well used.
has been two and a half years since
the States. Hardly seems that long,
unless it's true and during that time

Sgt. John H. Weinzinger, former
Unit employee, comes this picture
group of natives in the Netherlands
Islands. Weinzinger, an army man for
years now, is the tall American soldier
background.



I have spent almost two years in England,
balance in France.

France is a very nice country, or at least
it was until the invasion. Now many of
the cities are partially destroyed, some to
the extent that they may never be recon-
structed. As far as the people are con-
cerned, they are friendly towards the Allies
outside of a few minor cases.

SUPERMEN ARE COWARDS

Being with the U. S. Military Police I
have had an opportunity to travel around
quite a bit. Have also had a chance as
part of my duties to handle the Germans,
or, as they call themselves, "supermen."
Actually, they are far from supermen and
are not as good soldiers as we ourselves.
They are cowards at heart who have been
trained to believe that nothing they attempt
can fail.

P.F.I. BOXES

I have seen war material unloaded on
beaches in boxes made of P.F.I. lumber
and have escorted many convoys that car-
ried war material boxed in P.F.I. lumber.
Yes, I can assure you that we highly ap-
preciate the efforts of everyone back there.
Keep up the good work for we will need
a lot more stuff before this war is finished.

From Cpl. A. M. Beckett, Germany

Thought I would drop you a line to say
hello. Sure wish I was back in the White
Pine, but maybe it won't be so long now.
Have been back with my outfit for some
little time after fully recovering from a
slight shell wound, so you can change my
address. Will get the *Tree* a little quicker
that way.

From Lt. C. D. Bailey, Italy

Received my first *Family Tree* (August
issue) today and really appreciated getting
it. Have read it about three times.

Everything is going O.K. here so far.
About all that we have to complain about
is the cold, wet weather and enemy flak.
We could sure use some of your timber
over here for fire wood. I know of few
people who go in for brick and clay houses
as do the Italians, but then I don't suppose
there is a stray piece of lumber in all of
Italy.

The mud around Headquarters doesn't
compare with the mud over here. The floods
are always washing out our runways. Be-
lieve me it will be good to get back to God's
country again.

From T/5 Clarence A. McConnell,
South Pacific

Am glad to know you are improving
many departments and adding new ones so
as to employ more men and improve the
plants. I know there are a lot of fellows in
the service who will be very glad to get back
and become a part of the working team
at P.F.I. It will sure be good to get out of
a fox hole and hear the whistle blow instead
of the bugle and to sit down to a table to
eat instead of falling in at the chow line.

HOT SPOT

I always thought Lewiston a hot spot
but I will say I would love to drop in there

some day when the sun is shining and cool
off. We do have one consolation here though
—we are always wet, either perspiration or
rain. Have been overseas eighteen months
now and it's been a long time.

From Pvt. C. R. McFarland,
Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Received the P.F.I. Xmas box the other
day. Thanks very much. Was very glad to
get the address list. Found many of the
fellows names there that I used to work
with, but am reminded that we should send
you changes of address oftener. You have
Bud McConnell's address as Ft. Lewis,
but he left here about the first of September.

We too wish the war would end soon and
would a lot rather be there sending out
presents than to be here receiving them.
I am working in a small G.I. sawmill now so
am still handling boards.

**6th War Loan Zooms
Bond Buying**

Rutledge In Top Spot

The stimulus provided by another
war loan drive, the sixth, did some
beautiful things to bond buying rec-
ords in November at the three plants.
When the totals were added and per-
centage of payroll dollars to invest-
ment in war bonds was figured, Rut-
ledge had captured the throne position
with an average of 18.4%, followed
by Clearwater with 15.03%, then Pot-
latch with 11.02% and the Woods with
3.88%.

It was a big month for bond buying,
and a fine tribute to P.F.I. people,
plainly indicating their determination
to back the war effort with dollars as
well as hard work. (*Xmas shopping
and taxes to the contrary, December
purchases of bonds seem certain to even
exceed those of November at press time
for this issue of The Family Tree.*)

Top ten departments among the
mills were:

Maintenance Dept., Rutledge	104.01%
Pres-to-logs & Retail (Plant)	
Rutledge	36.91
Briquette Mfg., Clearwater	30.61
Pipe, Clearwater	30.45
Planer, Clearwater	26.74
Grader, Clearwater	24.26
Yard, Clearwater	23.40
Dock, Clearwater	23.20
Watch, Clearwater	21.88
Dressed Shed, Clearwater	19.44

Low three departments were:

Watchmen, Potlatch	5.57
Shipping Office, Rutledge	5.62
Remanufacturing Dept. Potlatch	7.16

Unit averages were:

Rutledge	18.4
Clearwater	15.03
Potlatch	11.02
Woods	3.88



Upper left—Santa pauses for a look at the Clearwater Honor Roll. He was assured that every serviceman whose name appeared there (and for whom it has been possible to obtain an address), plus those whose names appear on the honor rolls at Coeur d'Alene, Potlatch, Bovill and Headquarters had received gift boxes from P.F.I.

The old gentleman admitted that in all, the names added to quite a sizeable number. There are 352 at Clearwater, 154 at Potlatch, 111 at Bovill, 236 at Headquarters and 31 at Coeur d'Alene—total 884. Of this number 35 have received honorable discharges, 3 are missing in action, 4 are prisoners of war, and 20 have died in their country's service, leaving a net total of 822 P.F.I. men and women in uniform.

Center—Santa has a chat with the little folks in the entrance hall to the Lewiston Senior High School auditorium.

Upper right—The kids were agog and on the edges of their seats when sleigh bells began to ring outside and old St. Nick strode in and down the aisle toward the auditorium's stage.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

The little work shop which P.F.I. maintains in the gymnasium building at Potlatch for the convenience and use of employees, has made it possible for a number of Potlatch men to indulge in the hobby of wood working.

For GEORGE MORSCHING, road master of the W. L. & M. Ry., who has been spending his spare moments in the shop, it has developed into a good side line business.

Mr. MORSCHING has specialized in the manufacture of sets of blocks for children, making them out of 6/4 and 8/4 White Pine trims. Mrs. MORSCHING also has had a hand in the manufacturing process. She stencils the letters and numbers on the blocks and dips them in a varnish bath. The large blocks are put up in ten pound onion sacks, the smaller ones in net bags made by Mrs. MORSCHING.

Doll beds—12 x 22"—with a solid head and foot, side rails and eight slats, are also made, assembled and varnished.

At the present time these two articles, together with wooden clothes racks, consti-

toy manufacturer George Morsching at the sanding machine in the wood working shop at Potlatch. Note doll beds and blocks on top of work bench and wooden clothes rack in background.



tute Mr. MORSCHING's stock in trade. There is a ready and waiting market for all he can make of each item. Like many another manufacturer, his problem is that of production, not sales.

Letter From England

TO TIRE DOCTOR JOHN HUFF has come a letter from S. HENRY KAHN, news correspondent, London, England, inquiring as to the Huff mobile tire hospital. Wrote Mr. KAHN:

"I recently read an article about your mobile tyre hospital. The India Rubber Journal, well known London paper, for whom I act as overseas correspondent, is very interested in this and would very much like to publish an illustrated description of the mobile repair shop for the benefit of British readers. He has asked me to obtain the necessary material.

"If, then, you could send me a set of glossy photographs for reproduction as well as a descriptive note, I would be obliged and in return would be glad to send you copies of the paper containing the published article."

Pictures and information have been mailed to Mr. KAHN.

Two WAVES were enroute to California. As their train slowed down, their car stopped opposite an orange packing plant. "Did you ever!" exclaimed the first WAVE. "Just look at that big sign—SUN-KISSED NAVELS—Must be Hollywood."

Sentry: "Who goes there?"

Major: "Major Jones."

Sentry: "I can't let you proceed without the password, sir."

Major: "Drat it, man, I've forgotten it. You know me well enough."

Sentry: "Must have the password."

Voice from the Guardhouse: "Don't stand there arguing all night; shoot 'im."

XMAS PARTY--1944

The eleventh annual Xmas party staged by the Foremen's Council at Clearwater for children of Lewiston employees got off to a fine start on Saturday morning, December 10th, with a morning movie at the Liberty theatre. More than 700 children were in attendance.

The next day at the Xmas party at the Lewiston High School auditorium upwards of 1200 persons, children and parents, greeted Santa Claus and listened to a short hour's program, preceding actual presentation of gifts to the youngsters of twelve years and under.

It was one of the most successful of the eleven Xmas parties sponsored by the foremen. A large cellophane bag containing candy and nuts, an apple, and a toy or game for each individual child brought big smiles to the faces of parents and kiddies alike and made of it a day to be remembered. There were quite a number of toys and games left over after the party and these later brought expressions of thanks from Slickpool Mission and the Children's Home where they were distributed.

Chairman of the Xmas committee logs storage foreman, Les Woodland. Other members of the committee were foremen IKE PETERS, BUD O'SHAUGHNESSY, BILL CAMPBELL, JIM SCOFIELD, PHIL REINMUTH and WALLY WHITE.