

HELENA CARTWRIGHT CARLSON
MELVIN CARLSON

Helena: Big Meadow, Troy; b. 1899
school teacher, housewife (Mrs. Ed Carlson)

Melvin: Troy; b. 1906
woodworker, farmer.

2 hours

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Side A

- 00 Packsack Dick Farrel; jewelry salesman; Camp 7 shacks for married couples (1927). Practical jokes by lumberjacks; getting even for being short-sheeted. 4 wives and a flunkie in camps; going shopping in Bovill.
- 10 Bear meat; Helena fools her husband Ed; West Virginia fellas think bear meat will be a treat; John Pickard displayed butchered bear in downtown window (1914), women fainted at the resemblance to a human.
- 15 No wild game in mess hall but lots of fish; Mrs. Sturgill, the boss' wife at Camp 7; Ed Welsh at Camp 1; Ed Cole described. Camp 35; Bill Zimmerman and Leroy Harris try to fill their bunkhouse before Christmas vacation and other pranks; some ways to fill the time.
- 24 Forest fire at Camp 1; smoke too thick to drive through; location of camp; the crazy car with the wheels aimed out. A near accident between Ed's car and the shay; women rode the skid logs into camp.

Side B

- 00 Drown^{ed} chipmunk found in messhall soup; chipmunk and kitten on waxed cabin floor. Timbering in the snow; tree with bear inside; bears around camps; cruel trick on one bear.
- 05 Lumberjacks on their time off in Spokane; coming back broke; income tax problems. Gingerbread and ice cream makes Ed sick; diarrhea for entire camp slows down the work; MELvin starts working under age for big money, \$2.50 a day; gyppo wages; a profitable three day job.
- 16 TEamsters: one fella with a boil trusts a friend; Old man Furgeson's home remedy, a copper bracelet and a potato in his hip pocket; mother used bread, dipped in milk to clear infection; tooth ache remedy, carbolic acid; beet poltis; oil of peppermint or winter green or cloves for tooth ache; Mother Crows and Casteroil for diarrhea.
- 25 Helena's family history; Mayflower ancestors; Melvin's parents came to America with family and meet. Playing a joke on Dad with limberger cheese.

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Side C		
00		Literary skits; Frank Brocke and Ed did plays at Odd Fellows Hall; dances at the Odd Fellows Hall. Telephones, radios; 1918 street dance in Moscow; listening for Strawberry Roan from San Francisco station. Crank phonographs; old Victor with the broken spring; making music for a neighbor.
07		Lumberjacks joined married people at camp; Whitie at the barn; the barn boss tells off A.W. Laird. Lumbering jobs: piling brush, sawing, swamping, team driving, building roads, dogging, building shutes, description of shutes, greasing shutes, flumes, horses skidding, working, working with the blacksmith.
17		Building roads with #2 shovel; fire fighting with hand tools; getting out of work by filing shovels during fire fighting. Melvin tricks his way out of milking; forced to cook at one camp; good cooks and bad. (Lonny Carlson comes in.)
28		Halloween stunts; the outhouse tipped over with a man inside; Carl Anderson helps move outhouse from a married man's place to the man's girlfriend's place. Later the man digs his outhouse in his basement.
Side D		
00		Halloween on Burnt Ridge; one farmer gets picked on, stock turned loose, painted etc. Farmer chases kids in his underwear with a gun. Paul Rudeen finds his horses harnessed in the morning; Iver's wagon is put on top of the barn; a farmer's cow is found in the haymow; modern trick or treating; Halloween on Main Street in Moscow.
07		Shivarees; the treatless shivaree of Helena and Ed Carlson; another shivaree host wakes up the storekeeper to buy treats. New grooms were stolen to the country or put in jail on their wedding nights as a joke. A backfire on Halloween, a man moves his outhouse ahead of the hole; pound parties, gifts by the pound.
14		Making and selling butter; crocks, molds, churns, kids liked to churn if Mom was baking bread for the treat they always got. The woman who rocked her butter in a jar as she sewed; cat in the cream, sold it anyway; mouse in the cream; Helena's job at the creamery in Troy; testing the cream.

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Fires - home and schoolhouse burnt Aug. 11, 1931; Griff
Torrance place burns. Griff Torance and the screech owl
named Pete; picking the mush after the mice; breaking a
stubborn horse.

with Karen Purtee