



PRECISION TRUCK DRIVER—Morris "Moon" Mullins, above, took first place among 15 contestants Monday in the logging truck "roado" staged as a part of the annual Timber Days celebration at Sutherlin. Mullins completed the tricky obstacle course in one minute, 32 seconds. Mullins operates his own truck on a haul west of Sutherlin.

Redwood Forest 'Wild Man' Caught

WILLITS, Calif., July 6.—(AP)—The red-headed "wild man" of the Redwood forests was run to earth yesterday after six weeks of hide and seek with law enforcement officers.

State Highway Patrolman Roy L. Burton captured the red-haired, red-bearded man, barefoot and clad only in overalls, in the Mendocino mountains 35 miles north of here.

The mystery man, who had been seen a score of times by travelers and farmers in the region but who always fled into the hills, identified himself as Orby Kelsie Meeks, 38, "from Arkansas."

Taken to Ukiah, he told Sheriff Beverly G. Broadus that he had escaped from the Camarillo State Hospital in Ventura County, Calif., and "I followed a deer all the way until I found myself in the mountains."

The fugitive lived fairly well, raiding cabins and feed bins at ranches, the sheriff said. For a month he had grown his own vegetables in the mountains and appeared in "good condition," Broadus added.

a fancy tie a local haberdashery shop had presented him. He had a letter from his girl, Bette Hefley, 17, a senior at the High School from which he was just graduated.

"Democracy is an ideal, a way of life that is embedded in the heart of every American citizen, conversely every American citizen is democracy," wrote Bill in his prize-winning essay.

"Our goal is to put laughter in the eyes of little children, hope in the hearts of youth, and contentment on the faces of the aged, instead of leaving all these with the despair and the hopelessness which is the universal and grim bequest to all who live in lands where democracy is unknown."

Bill is going to the University of Tulsa next year. He's going to study business administration, or law, stay out of politics.

going to the White House and meeting President Truman.

"He's a very friendly person," said Bill. "We talked about the American Indians. The President said he thought they'd been given a raw deal. The President said he'd read volumes of books on the subject and was very interested."

Bill said he thought the government was "run about as good as it could be." He said he was "neutral" as far as politics was concerned.

Bill was neatly dressed in blue-gray slacks, a maroon jacket and

Democracy's Goal Told By Boy Who Won Elks' National Essay Contest

By JANE EADS

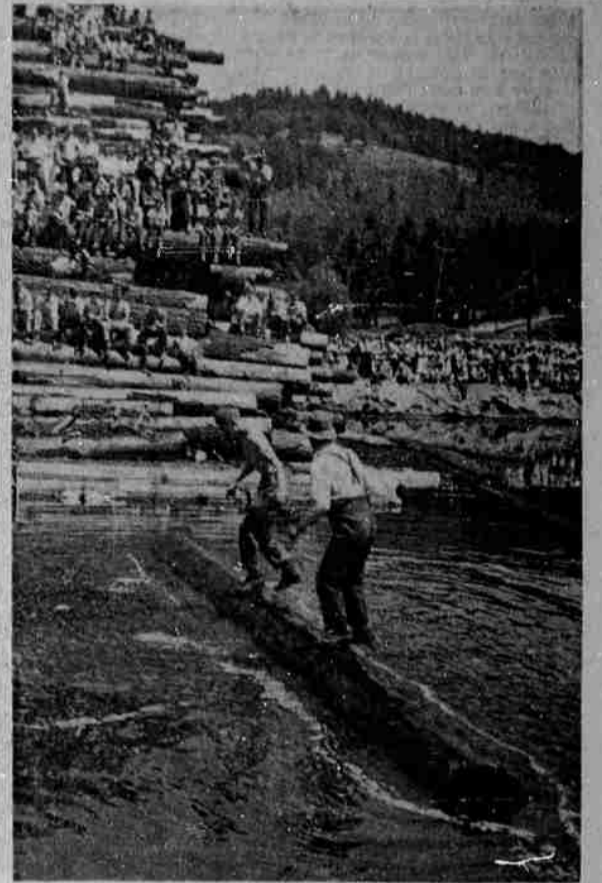
WASHINGTON—Seventeen-year-old Bill Johnson, son of a Presbyterian preacher out in McAlester, Okla., got a wire from the Elks on a Saturday not long ago. "Get to Washington, D. C., on Monday, be ready to see President Truman on Wednesday," was the gist of the wire. Bill guessed that his ideas on "Why Democracy Works," entered

in the Elks' national essay contest, had won him the trip to the capital.

He didn't know until he got here though that he had won top prize—worth \$1,000. Things began to spin for young Bill. Bill saw Washington in a big way... Congress, Arlington National Cemetery, all the monuments. He met his congressmen at the Capitol. But highlight of his visit was



YOUTHFUL LOG ROLLING CHAMP—Jimmy Lang, 19, Oakland, defending champion, is pictured above, at left, spilling an opponent in the preliminaries of the log rolling contest at Sutherlin's Timber Days celebration Monday. At right he is shown starting a spin which dumped Ed Thirault (back to camera) in the final event.



Research Program Set To Fight Spruce Budworm

SALEM, July 6.—(AP)—Three state and federal agencies will begin July 15 on a large-scale research program to fight the spruce budworm, which already has infested more than a million acres of Oregon's forests.

George Spaur, deputy state forester, said his department would be joined in the program by the Federal Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, and the U. S. Forest Service.

Spaur said the new program

will be aimed at controlling the insect before damage is done.

"At present, we can only spray this vicious tree killer during a limited 10- to 15-day larval period—and after the damage has been done," Spaur said.

"If this time can be extended from spring to mid-summer, it fires

will materially increase the forest acreage that can be sprayed and treated annually. We do not intend to stand idly by and allow the budworm armies to multiply."

Spaur said that unless the insect is controlled, it could do 10 times as much damage as forest



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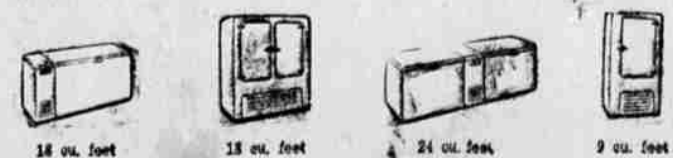


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