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Olympia Supply Company Has Been A Most Important Factor In The Expansion Of The Forest Industries

As a supplier of saw-mill and logging equipment this industrial firm was established in Roseburg by Abe Bean in 1944—Izzy Bean, operator and owner today, came in as a partner in 1946 and purchased the interests of Abe Bean in 1951.

By R. KENNETH EVANS

The Olympia Supply company, 803 Winchester street, Roseburg, has contributed much to the expansion of the forest industries in Douglas county by supplying much needed saw-mill and logging equipment that has aided many of the saw-mills to operate successfully and the loggers to harvest the trees for the mills. This industrial firm, owned and operated, today, by Izzy Bean was originally established here in 1944 by Abe Bean. At that time it was a branch of the Olympia Supply company in Olympia, Washington, that has been serving the forest industries in the Pacific Northwest for 42 years, and that was established in 1910 by Earl Bean, as a supplier of saw-mill and logging equipment for the lumber industries located on the Olympic Peninsula. While it is no longer affiliated with the Olympia Supply company in Roseburg it is still in operation under the direction of Percy, Milt and Ben Bean.

Izzy Bean has lived in the environment of the forest industries practically all his life. When hostilities got under way in World War two, Izzy felt the urge to serve his country's need and in 1942 enlisted with the armed forces. He was assigned to the Fortieth Infantry Division. He served in the South Pacific war theatre until his honorable discharge in 1946. Experienced a Steady Growth

The war had been an influential factor in the major expansion of the forest industry in Douglas county and the Olympia Supply company, under the management of Abe Bean, had become an important part of that expansion. Izzy Bean came to Roseburg, following his discharge from the armed forces, and went in partnership with Abe Bean. Under this partnership, the Olympia Supply company continued to grow and expand. In June, 1951, Izzy Bean purchased the interests of his partner and is, today, the sole owner and operator.

Outstanding progress and development of the lumber industry, such as has been experienced in the last decade in Douglas county, is no respecter of persons or firms. Some saw-mills exhausted their available timber. Others suffered from forest fires and in some cases, the owners sold their timber holdings and the purchasers did not need the sawmills or equipment. The machinery in these mills was the highest quality that the market afforded.

The management of the Olympia Supply company realized that there was an opportunity to liquidate these mills, recover the fine machinery, recondition it and place it on the market. Five of these mills in Douglas county, with machinery that was valued well up to half-a-million dollars, have been liquidated by the Olympia Supply company. This has afforded operators of saw-mills and loggers to get the finest equipment and supplies at a definite saving.

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As an example, the Olympia Supply company carries a large stock of Pacific wire rope and can do a good job of socketing and splicing the wire rope to meet the purchaser's requirements. Escoring is another of the important requisites that are required in the profitable development of the forest industry. Logging blocks can always be secured from the Olympia Supply company. In fact if one listed all of the saw-mill machinery, logging supplies and kindred commodities that are available through The Olympia Supply company, it would require reams and reams of paper to list them. Williams tools, including sockets

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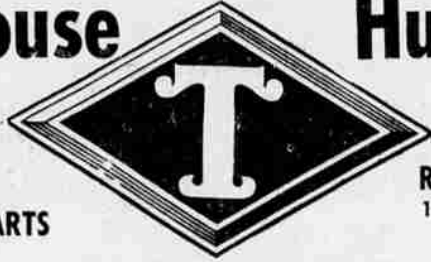
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