

Pioneer Museum to Show Historic Logging Film

The Vernonia Pioneer Museum will show the historic logging movie *God's Country and the Woman* at the Vernonia Grange on Saturday, April 28 at 7:00 pm. This movie was filmed mostly in Cowlitz County in 1936 and contains many scenes of logging as it was in that time period. It was the first Technicolor movie from Warner Brothers.

The movie was based on a novel of the same name written by James Oliver Curwood and published in 1904. The book told the story of two competing logging companies in Canada, one of which was run by a woman who had inherited it from her father. The film was directed by William Keighley and starred George Brent as Steve Russell

and Beverly Roberts as Jo Barton. Bette Davis was originally supposed to play the female lead but was in a fight with Warner Brothers over money.

Production scouts were searching for a location which could provide logging scenes and where the weather was frequently sunny. The latter was particularly important because at that stage in the development of Technicolor, outdoor scenes had to be shot in full sunlight. Location manager W.L. Guthrie requested information on Cowlitz's County's lumber camps, saw mills, hotel accommodations, and weather conditions. Leon Martini, Longview's Chamber of Commerce manager, quickly responded by asking the managers of the Monticello Hotel, Weyerhaeuser, and Long-Bell

for their reactions. All promised cooperation and aid for the project. Mr. Martini provided Guthrie with a detailed assessment of the logging camps and timber operation. He described the area as follows: "Briefly our situation here in Longview is as follows: We have two of the largest sawmills in the world, viz. The Long-Bell Lumber Company and the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company." He assured Mr. Guthrie that they would do everything within their power to accommodate Warner Brothers' needs. He failed to give a response to Mr. Guthrie's inquiry regarding the weather.

On March 26, 1936, it was announced that Cowlitz County had been selected as the site for the movie. Numerous Cowlitz County residents were used as extras in the filming. The movie was released in January 1937. Primary shooting locations included:

- Spirit Lake/Mt. St. Helens, logging camp office
- Toutle River at Hollywood Gorge – log jam
- Near Cathlamet: Crown-Williamette (Camp 2)



- logging camp Elochoman River
- Prescott near Rainier – sawmill & loading dock

Big surprise – rains caused significant delays! The \$25,000 log jam was washed downstream by a warm snow-melting May rain, and had to be replaced to complete the shooting.

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