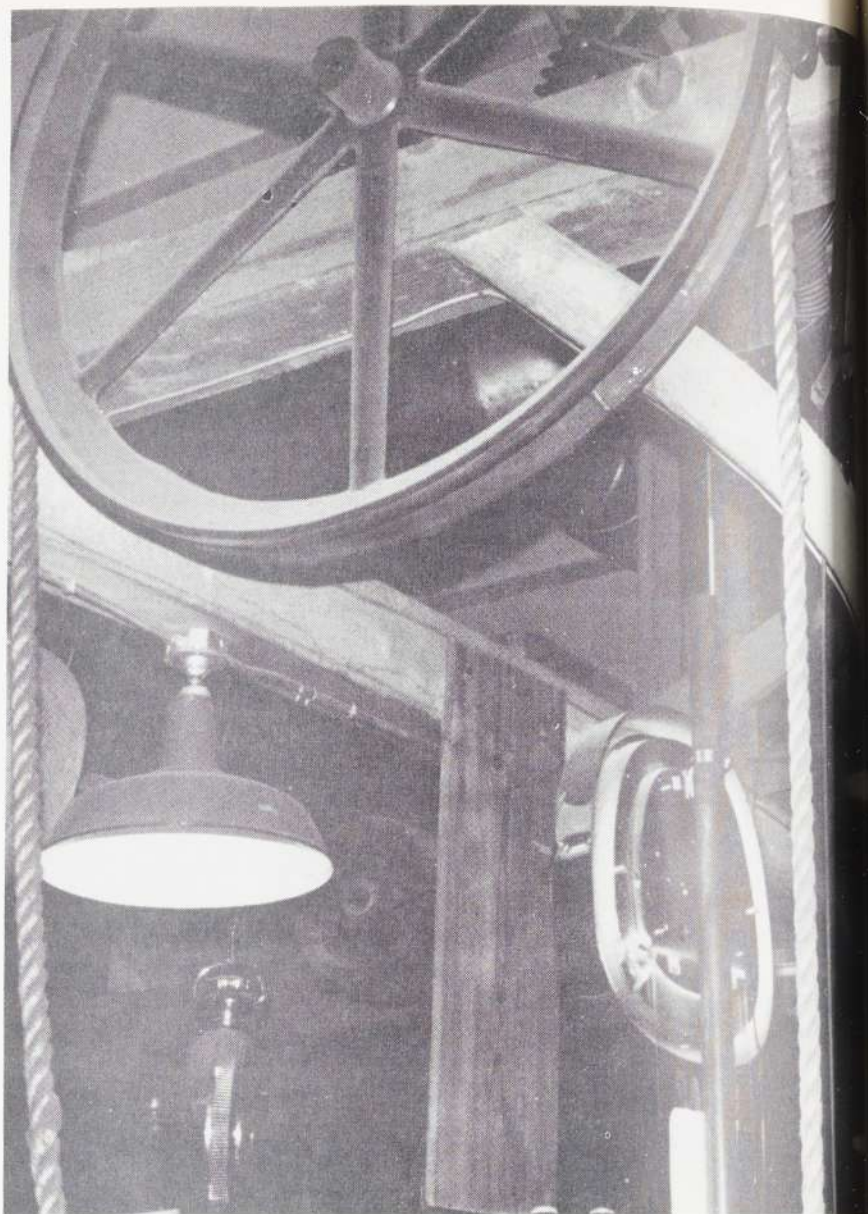


The Shingle Mill: a unique museum of logging memorabilia



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The Shingle Mill Tavern in Estacada was built in 1973 by Sim Dunlop, a collector and restorer of old tools and machinery.

Besides serving drinks and food (minors are permitted until 8 p.m.) having foosball and pool tables and pin ball machines, the Shingle Mill Tavern has one very unique difference -- the decor.



"Dunlop's idea was to decorate the place with logging and mill equipment," said Patrick Rosenkranz, manager of the Shingle Mill.

"Sitting outside the door are a log turner and a hand operated stump puller," said Rosenkranz. "The stump puller was geared down to pull 10 tons. It was anchored to the biggest stump in the field and used to pull up the rest of the stumps.

"Often you'll see a field with one stump left in the middle. There was nothing left to anchor the other stump to, so it was left," said Rosenkranz.

Many types of sawblades are in the tavern. There are shingle saws, head saws, falling saws, one and two-man buck saws, a cutoff saw and an undercutter.

Rosenkranz said that the beer coolers behind the bar have a unique system for reloading. The cables and wheels above the bar are from a freight elevator that was once used in a feed store. The shelves inside the coolers are lowered downstairs to the storage

cooler where they are restocked and then raised back up. One man can raise and lower 50 cases or two tons of beer.

There are also many handtools that are still used in the woods and in mills including a double bit axe, pickeroon, foot as peevie, and a cant hook.

In the back dining room is a large steam boiler. It used to be a steam-powered tractor until the wheels were removed and the sides of the fire box were opened to act as a gas fireplace. The tractor was used for operating machines and could be moved to new locations as a portable lumber mill.

Besides the interesting decor inside, there are also some interesting facts about the outside of the Shingle Mill. About a year ago, University of Oregon student discovered some fossilized dinosaur bones near the tavern. The student wants to excavate further under the building, but Dunlop won't hear of it.

If you're ever in Estacada, be sure to stop in and see the Shingle Mill Tavern.

