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OUT OF THE WOODS

By Jim Stevens



F. and D. R.

The first sign of the Big Freeze was when Ancient Age Hogan, the bullock, was seen to button up his vest as he went to hustle stove wood. Somebody looked, and came back to tell that the thermometer said it was a hundred below zero. The freeze went on until it took Hogan and some others. The bodies were froze so hard they were used to make double-bitted axes. Before the terrible winter was much further along the government men came in to take care of it.

"We've got a plan," Double Jaw Murphy, the head government man, said to Paul Bunyan. "Turn us loose on it, and we'll make the biggest name for government that was ever made for any thing. We call the plan F. and D. R."

"What could F. and D. R. be?" Paul asked, with due caution.

"Frog and Duck Relief," Double Jaw said.

"You mean," said Paul Bunyan, and pretty grimly too, "that you are going to give relief to frogs and ducks like you did to rabbits?"

"Oh, no," Double Jaw hastened to say. "We'll use the frogs and ducks that was caught in the freeze to feed the loggers."

"F. and D. R.," Paul Bunyan muttered. "I just don't like the sound of it."

Meals on Ice

But Paul Bunyan was willing to try anything, the winters were so hard. Yes, "winters," for the trouble was that two winters had come at one and the same time.

They had struck in the first big freeze like lightning.

"That's how they hit over on Bullfrog Lake," Double Jaw Murphy told Paul Bunyan. "There it was, sundown of an Indian summer day, with frogs croakin' away all along the shores, same time the sky was black with ducks fixin' to dive down on the lake for the night. Then the freeze struck like sheet lightning. It caught the frogs when they were half-way under from a jump they all made at once to escape the freeze. It caught the ducks mostly by the necks as they came down in their dive. And there they are, ducks and frog legs stickin' up like grass all over the lake ice. Just usin' scythes, all the camp can be fed through the twin winters, no matter how they keep froze up."

Paul Bunyan thought about it, but not so very much. He had more logging and timber problems to worry over than he could manage, so it seemed all right to let Double Jaw Murphy and the other government men go ahead with their Frog and Duck Relief plan for the loggers.

Well, it worked. Double Jaw and his government boys got all the glory for staving off starvation. Nature had supplied the ducks and frogs, and the lake and the woods and the camp belonged to Paul Bunyan, but the government got the credit.

The H. S. T. Program

Next winter there was only one winter but it was a bad one. No free froglegs and duck drumsticks

this time, either. But there had been a good hay crop, and the government boys came up with a program on this.

"We'll make hay-eaters out of the loggers, like we done with rabbits," Double Jaw Murphy told Paul Bunyan. "We can do it with the H. S. T. program we government men have cooked up."

"I'll bite again," Paul Bunyan said. "What does H. S. T. mean?" "It means the Hay and Sprinkle Thoroughly program," Double Jaw Murphy replied. "By exhaustive and painful researches us government men have proved loggers will eat hay, if you sprinkle whiskey on it."

Again Paul Bunyan gave in. But it was the H. S. T. program that practically broke him. By spring he figured it had cost him seven times as much to buy whiskey to sprinkle on the hay as ham, bean, and prunes would have cost him. But it was too late now. Nobody knew better than Paul Bunyan that there was no use

crying over spilled milk or sprinkled whiskey. He gave up and Double Jaw Murphy took over.

Coos 4-H'er Gets School Award

Bill Rice of Larson Inlet has been chosen as the Coos county recipient of a 1950 Summer School scholarship given by Safeway Stores Inc. for his 4-H livestock breeding project.

Safeway Stores Inc. sponsors these livestock breeding contests in each county in the state. The county award is a scholarship to 4-H Summer School, which this year runs from June 13 to 23. They also award a \$100 scholarship to be applied toward a college education. To be eligible for the college scholarship, a contestant must have placed first in his or her county a previous year in this contest and must have the highest scoring livestock breeding project

in the county the current year. This year's winner is Bill Monroe from Mulino in Clackamas county. The purpose of the awards is to promote the development of 4-H livestock breeding projects and to encourage club members to continue their 4-H work and improve and enlarge their herds and flocks.

Ellsworth Offers High School Award

A rotating award, to be presented to high schools for newspaper improvement, is being given by Harris Ellsworth, member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Oregon's 4th congressional district.

The award will be one of a series of plaques to be presented through Oregon scholastic press next fall, according to Dr. Lawrence R. Campbell, professor of Journalism and executive secretary of OSP.

Squares of warm spicy gingerbread topped with an apricot whole fruit nectar sauce make a very delicious dessert. To make the sauce, combine the nectar with a little grated lemon rind, sweeten with brown sugar and thicken with cornstarch.

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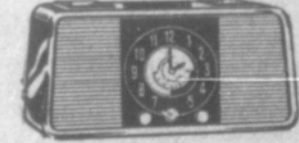
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