

# OUT OF THE WOODS

by JIM STEVENS

### Rainy Day Musings

Old timers tell of a liars' contest in which the winner only said, "Once there was a logger who had a trunk." That was away back in the era of the woodsman "who would eat hay if it had whiskey on it, and he howled in his sleep."

The Western logger of today not only has a trunk but a family, a home and a late-model auto-

mobile, he eats his spinach, and he harvests timber with a power saw instead of an ax. At home or in camp, he is yet a mighty man at the table, most of all on Sundays, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. It is a tradition that goes back to Paul Bunyan.

Paul Bunyan invented the lumber industry, according to the most respected authorities be-

tween the Skeena and the Humboldt. And, he invented the doughnut. This is how I heard it.

### Famous Feuds

Paul Bunyan was the architect of the doughnut. Tomte Olson, his blacksmith, did the first building job. The poor little runt had a tough time. That original grandaddy of all the doughnuts fell on Olson's foot and broke his big toe—seven inches from the joint.

But he was a game little feller. So finally Paul Bunyan had a batch of doughnuts to try on his axmen for a mid-morning snack. He dropped a doughnut over the head of each logger and ordered him to keep right on chopping timber while biting into the new food that circled his neck. And every chopper ate his doughnut to the last crumb, never missing a lick with his ax. The log output went up. The horse-collar doughnuts did the trick.

Out on the West Coast Paul Bunyan invented a method to hunt wild mince, a game bird that flew like a blue streak, always in a great circle. It had a poor memory, and a crazy curiosity, too. A wild mince rooster would fly backward half of his flying time, just to see where it was he had started from. The mince had a propeller tail, egg to reverse.

### The Great Hunter

Paul Bunyan studied the habits of the wild wing-tailed fowl. Then he made a careful calculation. By it he bent the barrel of his bird-gun to follow the flying circle of the mince. His planning told, with his very first shot. The birdshot whanged out of the gun's bent barrel and sped on a true circle for the target, a fine, fat rooster mince. The great bird soon pulled away from the birdshot, of course. But then—its faulty memory failed.

Instantly the propeller tail of the mince went into reverse, and backward the bird flew to see where in thunder he had come from—the shot of the hunter forgotten too. Then—there it was—the birdshot from the Bunyan gun—a little black cloud, no bigger than a man's hand. And then—

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kapow! And for the first time in history a wild, wing-tailed mince fell from a hunter's gun. And, according to logging history, that wild mince meat made the finest Christmas dinner of all time.

That was in the Winter of the Big Wind—when on any day of the week it would take two men to hold one man's hat on his head.

## Activians Name New Committees

New committees for the coming year were appointed by members of the Active club when they met January 14 at the Coquille Valley Country club.

Those named were Bob Caughell, Dick Maeyaert and Moe Marineau, membership; Jerry Woodward, Alex Kreick, Win Kelley, education and initiation; Cecil Finley, Joe Marchand, Cecil Moore and Don Day, social and sports; Gene Ash, housing.

Others appointed were Al Rein- ar, Gaylord Flug, George Litzner, Berger and Ed Moore, attendance; Dick Maeyaert, George Hannaford and Jim McMahon, program; Monroe Swindall, Dick Boyce, Harry Spalding and Walt Scolari, projects.

Other committee members include Johnny Ellis and Ed Freauff, finance; Hal Roberts, Bob Kuenzli, Ed Neufeldt and Roald Bjerke, bulletin; Win Kelley, public speaking; Gene St. Clair, Phil Seeber, Jerry Montgomery and Lyle Rash, inter-club visitation; and Phil Seeber, historian.

Guests at the meeting were Jerry Bernam, district executive scout director from Coos Bay and Nile Gobel.

### DRIVERS EXAM SET FOR WEDNESDAY

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Coquille Wednesday, January 27, 1954, at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for the completion of the required tests.



AND IT STILL WORKS—This calendar of the DuPont company was presented the Coos county clerk's office in 1916. And it is still in use every day. Here Deputy Clerk Willard Waggoner points out its lasting qualities to a Sentinel cameraman. It's a museum piece, and DuPont is currently searching the nation for such calendars, however Coos county citizens love it too, and it shall remain in the shining new Coos county clerk's office in the new Coos county court house. (Sentinel Photo)

### 1953 Wasn't So Bad

## Douglas Fir Sets Several Records During Cutting Season Just Past

Portland, Oregon, January 14—(Special)—Douglas fir region sawmills set several records during 1953. Prices skidded during the year as much as \$14 per thousand feet below 1952 levels. Mills in the western Oregon and Washington rain belt had a record order file for the past quarter century. They also cut and shipped more lumber than during 1952 but fell below 1951 record highs.

Harris E. Smith, secretary, West Coast Lumbermen's Association, said the price skid was due to a drop in world demand for West Coast lumber. U. S. and Canadian mills diverted fir and hemlock lumber usually sold in export to U. S. domestic markets. Despite a record construction year, this extra volume of lumber depressed prices, for it was just a bit more than the market could take. A number of mills had to close because of this price drop, Smith said, some permanently and some until economic conditions in the industry improve.

### ON GUNNERY SHIP

Norfolk, Va. (FHINC)— Commissioned battleship number 41 at Newport News, Va., in 1917 the USS Mississippi rounded out 36 years of continuous active service afloat Dec. 18.

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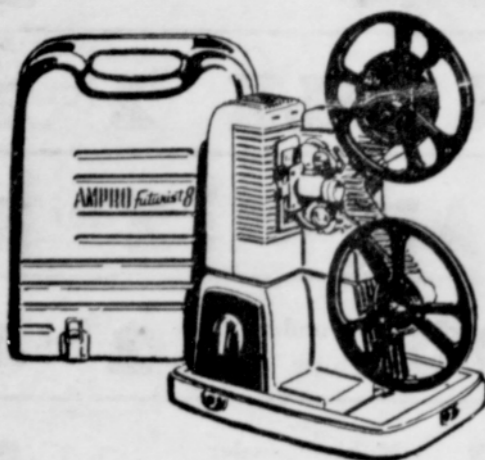
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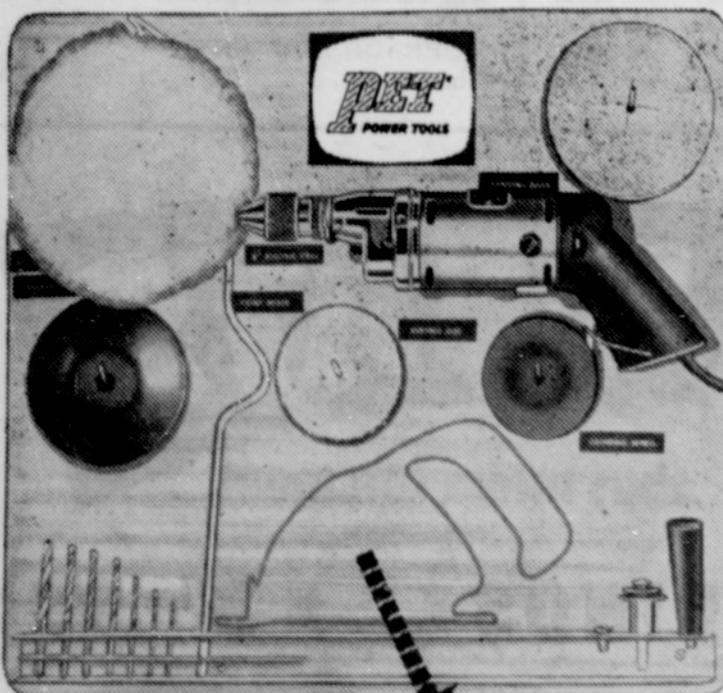
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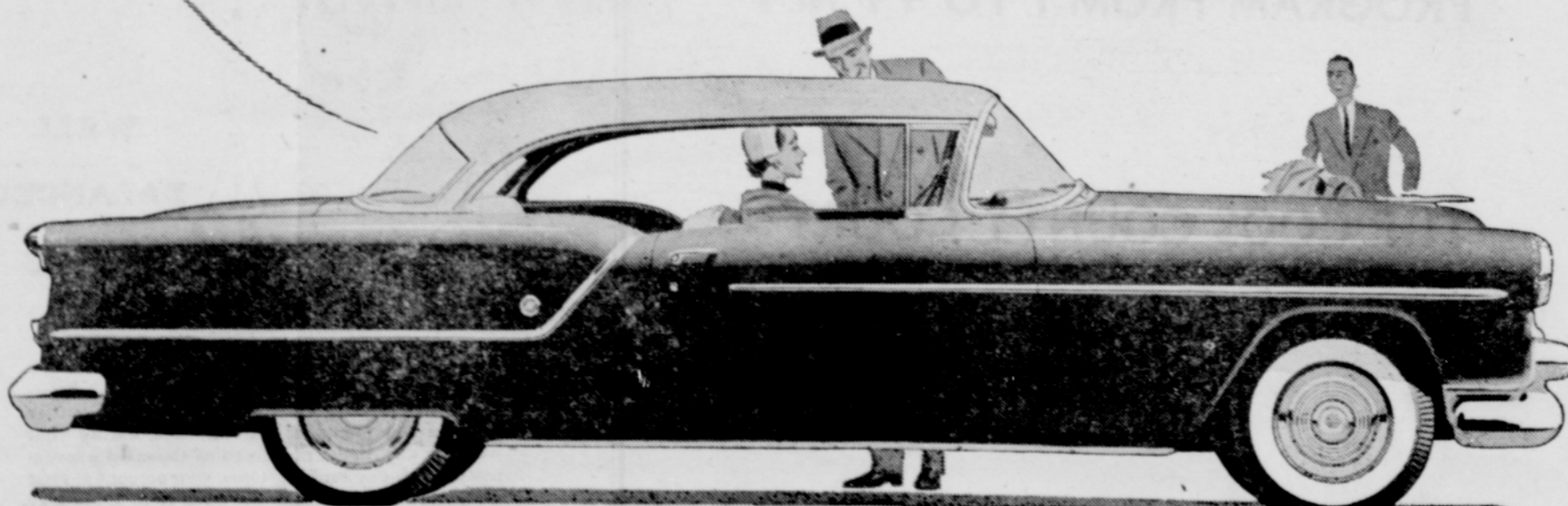
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