

Timber Products Employees Retire; Receive Checks

Three employees of Timber Products Company, David King, Harry Daugherty and Arnold Molschenbacher, were honored Thursday by the management of the company and presented their first retirement checks at the company offices.

R. K. Hood, resident manager of the company, who thanked the men for their "faithful service," announced that they will receive the monthly pension checks for the rest of their lives. The amount is based on the number of years of service, he stated, and in case of the recipient's death, his wife will continue to receive the payment.

The entire cost of the retirement program is financed by Timber Products Company, Hood said. The employees do not contribute but receive the full wage scale for the industry in this area, plus health and welfare insurance equal or "superior to any other program. The retirement fund is guaranteed through a paid in full life-time annuity."

With Firm 40 Years King, who resides at 2075 Houston Road, Medford, began his career at Timber Products in 1923, when it was the Tomlin Box Company. During the 40 years of his association with the company he has seen the plant take on a "completely new face and produce new products," he stated Thursday. He also recalled the 1930 fire which leveled the sawmill.

Daugherty of 738 Ross Lane, Medford, had completed 20 years with the company when he retired, joining Timber Products in 1943. He plans to travel and fish during his retirement. Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado are first on his travel list.

Molschenbacher of 1729 Old Stage Road, Medford, came to Timber Products in 1951 but had been in the lumber business for many years, starting work in this industry at the age of 17. He moved his family to Medford from Klamath Falls. He also plans to travel and fish.

PET TALK

By M. I. L.

CHRISTMAS LEGENDS
Because Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem, surrounded by cattle, many legends have sprung up concerning the behavior of animals during the Christmas season. The superstitions still believe that at Yuletide the animals, sensing the birthday of Christ, pay their respects to Him who was born among them.

It is a common belief in Ireland and England that when the cock crows in the stillness of December nights, it is crowing to announce the approaching Christmas season.

In the old world, the bees are said to sing, the cattle kneel in honor of the manger, and sheep to go in solemn procession in commemoration of the visit of the angels to the shepherds. Because of their close association with the Nativity, the cows and sheep are given the best possible care during the Christmas period.

There is an old Indian legend that still persists in the upper regions of Canada, handed down from father to son. The Indians believe that on Christmas night, all the deer in the world kneel and look up to the Heavens. This is their way of showing their respect to the Great Spirit.

In the German Alps, it is commonly believed that the cattle have the gift of speech on Christmas Eve. However, it is considered a great sin to play the part of the eavesdropper upon them.

All the superstitious believe that it is their duty to be nice to every dumb animal during the Christmas holidays. This period, they feel, is the animals' special season for rejoicing in the great event. And they realize that the Creator has a special spot in His heart for the lowly animals, since He permitted His only Son to be born among them on that first Christmas.

Does your Christmas list include a living animal? If so, be sure the animal is wanted and will be considered a member of the family. Puppies and kittens are not toys and unless children are old enough to understand their responsibilities in caring for a real animal, a stuffed animal should be substituted.

There are always many homeless dogs and cats at the Jackson County pound waiting to be adopted. They are the victims of surplus breeding and most will make ideal pets. But, parents must be willing to take on the extra chores of supervision and care.

"Pity dwells never within a fool, but in wise men."—Euripides.

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