

ELKHORN

By ELSIE MYERS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stevens of Mill City were Sunday callers at the Bill Beckett home. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newsome also of Mill City spent the day Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bickett.

Mrs. Louie Ray is employed part time at Bill and Hazels variety store in Mehama.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bickett and Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Longnecker attended the Three Links club dance in Lyons, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Randall were callers at the Ike Myers home Tuesday. Sunday callers included Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stout of Stayton.

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Out of the Woods

By JIM STEVENS

The Frozen Logger

What the charm is I'll be barked if I know. The song tells of the love of a "six-foot-seven" waitress for a logger who stirred his coffee with his thumb, and—

"He never shaved the whiskers
From off his horny hide,
But he'd pound 'em in with a hammer,
Then bite 'em off inside."

The ballad goes on to tell that this rugged logger was finally caught in a blue snow. At a hundred degrees below he buttoned up his vest, at a thousand he froze so hard they made axes out of him.

Twenty years ago I wrote that piece in an idle moment, and tried to forget it, but it has haunted me ever since. Now a song publisher is printing it to sell and Burl Ives has it in his songbag.

This all leaves me in the position of the logger as a rough and tough customer all the way through, while in reality he is today a man of distinction, a wearer of fine duds and handsome manners, a patron of the arts and likely as not a churchgoer. So I tell about the logger in this place atoning for "The Frozen Logger."

Loggers in the Laboratory

The other day I was at Oregon State College, helping the foresters there celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Forestry School. As usual, my chief part in the proceedings turned out to be a rendering of "The Frozen Logger" and ballads more ancient in my sawtooth tenor. But I also enjoyed a tour of the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory, which was authorized by the legislature in 1941, and became a highly organized and equipped institution in 1947 under OSC Forestry School's Dean Paul M. Dunn.

In large measure, this laboratory is of, by and for the loggers. The West Coast Lumbermen's Association took the lead in driving for this program for many years as other programs of forest research both inside and outside the industry. The association is represented on the laboratory's advisory committee.

An amazing amount of practical research work has been done in the short time of the laboratory's life. Facing the urgent need to seek ways and means to make marketable products of material that was being left in the woods, and facing the fact of a great volume of over-age timber in Oregon forests, the staff pitched in for shirt-sleeve research on these related problems.

Today there is a permanent research staff of 24. Dean Dunn's technical director is Dr. Phimister B. Proctor. William J. Baker is chief of the technical administrative division and Dr. E. F. Kurth heads up chemical utilization. The others are highly qualified technical specialists who deserve all kinds of praise and flowers.

But glory is not the demand of these

Chadwick Files Candidacy for State Senate

W. W. (Bill) Chadwick filed recently for Republican nomination to the Oregon State Senate from the 1st district, Marion county. Chadwick's record justifies the campaign slogan, "common sense government and equal representation for all."

Chadwick's labor record is entirely clean. There has been no criticism on labor relations in the successful management of his hotels. Chadwick expressed confidence that labor groups in Marion county have shown exceptional responsibility and dignity.

Businessmen will support Chadwick, not because of preference, but because of his fair consideration of business problems.

Farmers have felt the steadiness of Chadwick's legislative ability. As a farm owner he has first hand knowledge of rural problems.

Firemen, school teachers, state employees and white collar workers are among minority groups who find a willing ear in Bill Chadwick. Common sense appeals to Chadwick. His honest and considered opinions have gained respect in the legislature.

As member of the House of Representatives, heavy responsibility has rested on Chadwick. He is a member of the important Ways and Means committee and now serving on the Emergency Board. Twice mayor of Salem and four terms in the legislature, Chadwick is trusted by all the people.

Chadwick also serves on the Rules and Resolutions committee and the committee on Interstate Co-operations. In the Interstate Co-operation he participates in the coordination of the affairs of the eleven Western states under the Council of State Governments.

What they want is stronger interest in their work from the people of the woods and mills. They want it known throughout the industry that the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory can help on utilization problems of individual operations. They invite visitors, be they wage-earning woodsmen or bankers who are responsible for lumber industry loans.

A Sight for Sore Eyes

Would you call it magic worth seeing to witness the transformation of Douglas fir bark into wax that bees might envy? Fiberboard from sawdust is more common-place, and work on this at the OSC laboratory has led to payroll increase already in Oregon. The laboratory also made a marketable pole out of the lodgepole pine. Kiln drying experiments are of first importance.

I brought home the prettiest piece of oak I ever did see. Tan oak it is. Down on the Oregon Coast the tan oak tree grows big logs. The bark is prime for tanning uses. It has been common to see stripped logs left to rot—because the wood kinks horribly in common drying. At Corvallis they are finding ways to bring the beauty of tan oak into fine uses.

But go see for yourself. Or write to Dean Paul M. Dunn for Circular 3. Learn about a research center of which all the Northwest should be proud.

And now I can render "The Frozen Logger" with a clearer conscience.

LYONS

By EVA BRESSLER

Mrs. Percy Hiatt was hostess for the meeting of the Home Economics club of the Santiam Valley grange held at her home. The afternoon was spent informally and many plans made and discussed, present were Mrs. Albert Julian, Mrs. Floyd Bassett, Mrs. Chet Blum, Mrs. Steve Dark, Mrs. Dallas Franklin and Mrs. Hiatt.

Mrs. Alice Huber entertained her group of 4-H club girls with a slumber party held at her home Monday evening. The late afternoon was spent in cutting out their dresses which is their next project, having just completed their tea towels. Present were Carol Kruse, Marjorie Prichard Doreen Billington, Carol Matison and Gloria Carr.

Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Jewell with Mr. and Mrs. Laurance Walworth attended a Laymans Methodist meeting held at Sweet Home, Monday.

Walter Hilton of Portland spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his family here. The Hiltons have recently purchased property in Portland and expect to move soon.

Mrs. Frank Hoffman who had spent the last five months at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hilton left for her home at Evanston, Wyoming last week.

Mrs. Orville Downing was hostess for the afternoon card club with her party held at the Rebekah hall. Several tables of 500 were in play following a one thirty dessert luncheon. High score was held by Frances Bailey, low went to Doreen Helemn, and Bertha Allen drew the traveling prize. Present were Bertha Allen, Doreen Helemn, Wilma Free, Theima Nydegger, Garnett Bassett, Eva Bevier, Modena Carleton, Ethel Huffman, Carrie Naue, Frances Bailey, Ruth Lyons, Alma Olmstead, Bernice Bridges and Mrs. Downing.

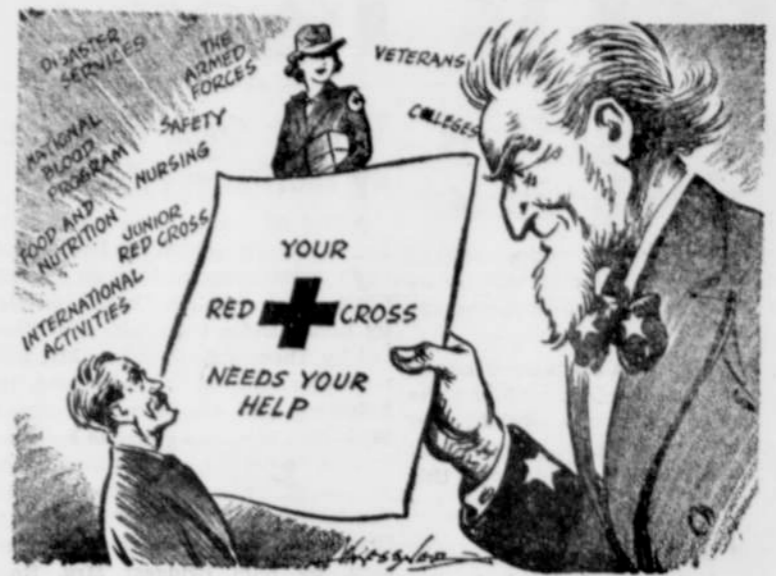
Mr. Hassner of Sacramento, Calif. and son Frank of San Bernardino, Calif. are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bilyeu, Mrs. Bilyeu is a daughter of Mr. Hassner and sister of Frank Hassner. Mrs. Hassner has been here with her daughter for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bressler were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Corbett in Salem. They also visited at the Fred Hester home.

The St. Patrick party sponsored by the Altar Society and held at the Rebekah hall Sunday evening, March 19, had a fair crowd with cards and bingo furnishing the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hampton and little son Douglas Earl of Pendleton, spent the last of the week at the home of hr parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bodeker. Hampton attended the Basket ball tourney held at Eugene.

At the social meeting of Santiam Valley grange a special meeting was held to confer the third and fourth degrees upon a class of candidates. Guests were present from the Crowfoot grange with four members from there taking the degree. The fifth degree or (Pomona) will be held at the Crowfoot grange Thursday evening, April 6th, with several from Santiam Valley grange planning to attend that. A pot luck lunch was served at the close of the meeting.



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