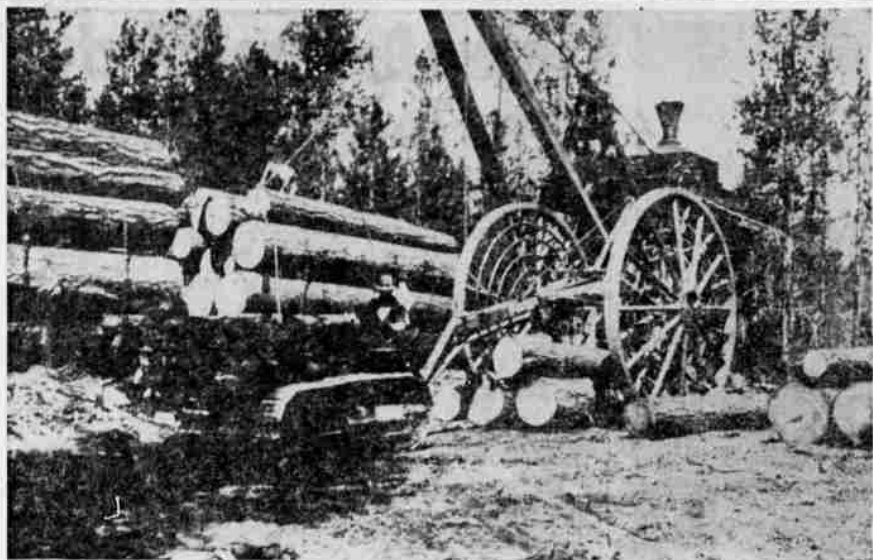




EARLY GASOLINE TRACTORS such as this one used by the Ewauna Box Co. in its logging operations in the early 1920s supplanted the horses used for many years by the loggers in this area. A log jammer is shown in the background with loaded cars. Photo from Jack Villair collection, courtesy A. D. Collier.

Fish Freezing Limit Reported

Remove the fish from the freezer that is left over from last fall's catch and serve it in Lenten meals.

Andy Landforce, Oregon State College wildlife specialist, suggests that fish caught last summer, fall and winter be eaten before fresh catch. Many people, says Landforce, are guilty of leaving fish in the freezer longer than the recommended three to five months storage time.

Landforce points out that there are all kinds of fish for the hook and line fisherman in Oregon rivers and lakes, which would make good fare in Lenten meals.

Although steelhead fishing ends February 29 on most coastal streams, it remains open on the Willamette, Clackamas and Columbia river systems. Large-mouth bass, blue gills, crappies, catfish and yellow perch are now becoming available in Western Oregon lakes, according to Landforce.

Coastal fish—flounder, rockfish, perch and greenlings—often overlooked by the angler, make tasty, nutritious eating, the OSC specialist believes. For pan-frying, fish is especially flavorful if coated with seasoned flour, cornmeal or bread crumbs.

INTEREST IN INTEREST
"Consumers never know what interest rates they're paying and couldn't care less," says James Downs, Jr., of the Real Estate Research Corp., Chicago. "It's how much a month on the installment plan that dictates present-day buying."

Box Shook Firm Organized In Klamath Falls In 1912

The Ewauna Box Co. was one of the mainstays of lumber economy in the Klamath Basin for many years. This firm was organized in 1912 by C. B. Crisler and Charles McGowan when they built a factory on South Sixth Street near the present viaduct.

The history of this mill, and many other facts about Klamath Basin lumbering, is related in a pamphlet published several years ago by the late W. E. Lamm.

McGowan sold his interest in the mill a few years later when Claude H. Daggett and Fred Schallack bought into the company. In 1917 the factory burned and was replaced with the largest and most modern box factory on the coast with the second largest box factory in the United States. In 1920 the company built a single band sawmill on Lake Ewauna adjacent to the factory and later built dry kilns and a planing mill.

MILL ENLARGED

The addition of a three band mill in 1926 enlarged the mill to about the size of Pelican Bay Lumber Company, previously the largest mill in the county.

The Ewauna Box Company, hit high production records in 1923 with a cut of 95 million feet. The mill obtained logs from various reservation units and purchased the large Booth tract of timber in Lake County which they logged in conjunction with the reservation timber.

This mill was closed a few years

after World War II and the buildings and machinery dismantled.

A small circular mill built by D. B. Campbell in 1911 at Rattle Snake Point (now Algoma Point) was purchased by the Algoma Lumber Company in 1913. The Algoma Lumber Company, then located at Pokegama, moved its machinery to the new site. A band mill was built on the site and the mill town was known as Algoma.

CONSTRUCTION

The late R. H. Hovey, pioneer sawmill construction engineer, supervised the construction of the mill which was completed in the spring of 1914. E. J. Grant managed the mill from Los Angeles for a number of years and then took over direct management of the mill with residence at Algoma.

For a number of years logs were obtained from the valley southeast of the mill site and were hauled in by rail. Later a railroad was built into the timber in the Swan Lake district using an incline railroad over the hill about two miles northeast of Algoma. The empty cars were pulled up the incline and the loaded log cars were let down with a hoisting engine located at the top.

The Algoma mill obtained logs from various reservation timber units and operated until 1943 when the mill was closed and dismantled.

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