

Lamm, Big Lakes Lumber Mills' Story Related

One of the early mainstays of the Klamath Basin's lumber industry was the Lamm Lumber Co. mill at Modoc Point. This firm was organized in 1914 by the late W. E. Lamm when he contracted for the Odessa unit of timber in Crater National Forest.

Logging operations on this tract began in January, 1915 and the logs produced that year were sawed at the Long Lake Lumber Co. mill at Shippington under lease.

Late in 1915 construction was begun on the Lamm Lumber Co. mill at Lelu, later changed to Modoc Point. The mill started operations in the spring of 1916. In later years dry kilns and a planing mill were added; in 1929 a resaw was installed in the mill and in 1932 a box factory was built.

When the Odessa unit was logged off in 1919, logs were obtained from the southern Mount Scott unit on the Klamath Indian Reservation. This unit was logged

from 1920 to 1929. The Lamm firm contracted for a block of Long-Bell Lumber Co. timber south of Yamsay Mountain in 1929 and built a railroad from Chinchalo into the tract this same year. Logging on this tract started in 1930 and logs also were hauled out that year for the Kesterson Lumber Co., which had contracted for part of the Long-Bell tract.

From 1936 to 1942 logs were transported over this line for Long-Bell and for Pelican Bay Lumber Co. from 1937 to 1943.

The Lamm company obtained logs from the Scott Creek unit of timber in the Rogue River National Forest. The plant closed in the fall of 1944 and was dismantled.

The Big Lakes Box Co. was organized in 1917 by Merle S. West, the late A. J. Vove and the late Burge Mason Sr. Mr. Vove was manager of the firm. The company purchased the yard property of the Savidge brothers on South Sixth Street and changed it over to a box factory.

In 1920 a single band mill was built by the Big Lakes firm on Lake Ewauna and in 1927 a resaw was added. The plant also included

dry kilns and a planing mill. The company obtained reservation timber indirectly under sub-contracts. The mill was sold to the Palmerton Lumber Co. after World War II and presently is operated by the Ellingson Lumber Co.

In 1920 J. R. Shaw and W. J. Bertram organized the Shaw-Bertram Lumber Co. and built a single band mill on the lower end of Lake Ewauna about two miles south of Klamath Falls. In 1925 a box factory was added and some time later dry kilns and a planing mill were built.

The plant was sold to the Southern Pacific Co. in 1934 and they leased it to Long-Bell from 1935 to 1938 when they sold it to the lessee in 1939. The plant and timber lands of Long-Bell were sold to the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. in December, 1942. The plant was then dismantled.

After purchasing a great deal of timber in Klamath and adjacent counties over a long period of years, Weyerhaeuser built a large modern plant on the Klamath River south of Klamath Falls in 1929.

Since this the largest mill in the county, it is interesting to

compare it to the early Moore Brothers Mill. One large building on the Weyerhaeuser plant site is over 600 times as large as the entire Moore mill.

(Editor's note: This history of some of the Basin lumber mills was obtained from a pamphlet published by the late W. E. Lamm several years ago.)

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Budget Spring Meals Planned

Early spring meals that "perk up" family appetites can be served at budget prices and with variety with new foods on retail markets this month.

When meal-planning, include in your shopping list those foods featured as good buys by the U.S. department of agriculture during March, suggests Zelma Reigle, Oregon State College consumer education specialist. By using these plentiful foods, now in Oregon markets, lower food cost and greater selection can be yours, she says.

At retail poultry counters, turkeys in small, medium and large sizes are March "budget boosters." Fan-ready broilers and fryers are delightful eating when served with fresh citrus fruit salad and whipped potatoes, all best buys in local stores, according to the OSC specialist. Oregon's russet "netted gem" potatoes are many-purpose—good baked, hash-browned, scaloped or fried.

Marketing of hogs from last fall's large pig crop should keep pork in ample supply during the next two or three months. A wide selection of cuts from the loin, side and shoulder of the pork carcass should be available to food shoppers as a result, reports Miss Reigle. She suggests crisp bacon, sausage and thick ham slices as appetizing fill at breakfast. Barbecued spareribs or pizza pies made with sausage are other nutritious low-cost meals.

"Don't forget lard for pastry-making" reminds Miss Reigle. "Team tender flaky pastry with sliced apples or canned cherries for dessert." Main dish meat-vegetable pies, with crusts made from lard, are good standbys taken from the freezer or baked kitchen-fresh.

The USDA also lists lamb, frozen rockfish, grapefruit and tuna-packed in oil as other plentiful foods during March. Hindquarters of beef which include round, sirloin, porterhouse, T-bone and club steaks, are better buys because of more top quality beef coming into retail markets from western feedlots.

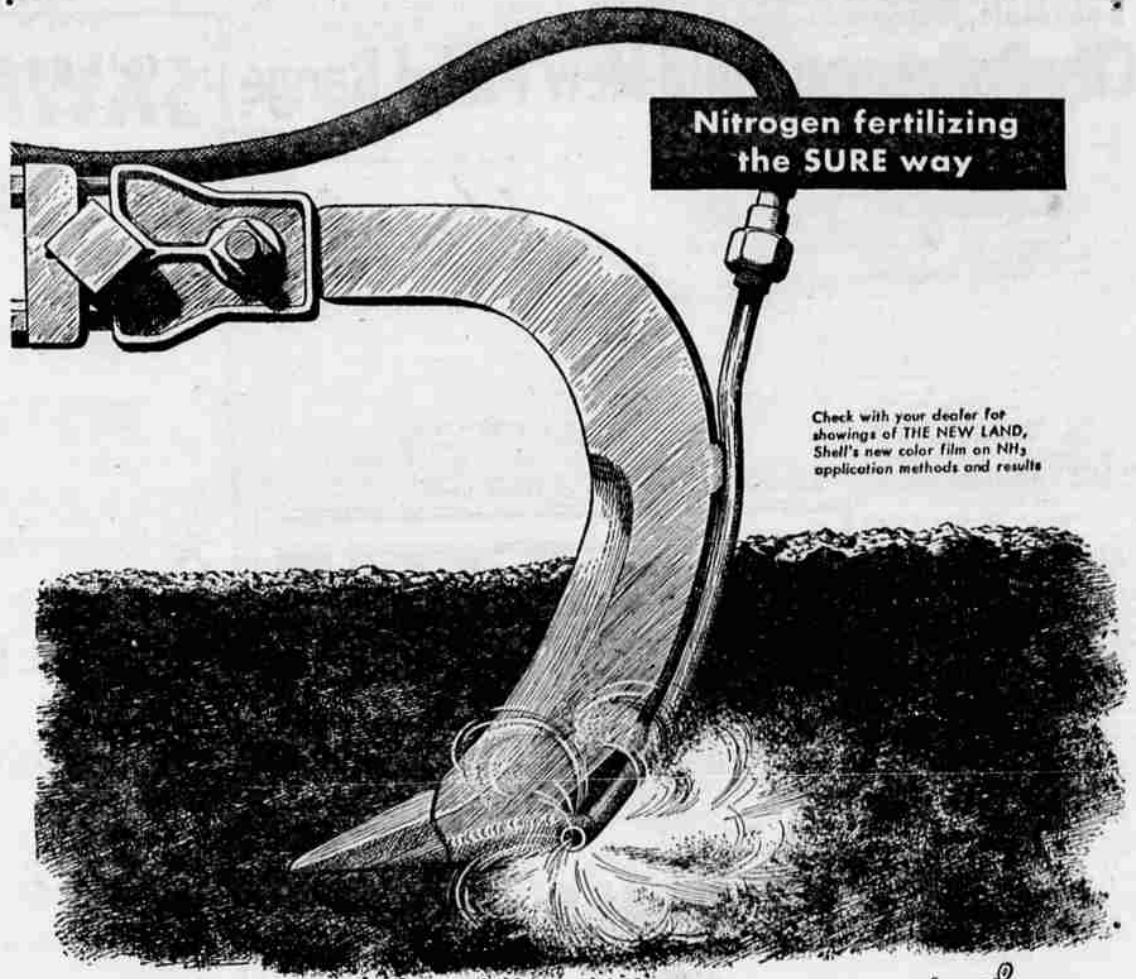
Miss Reigle suggests rolling the flank steak, most flavorful cut in the beef carcass, around bread dressing. Caraway seeds added to other stuffing ingredients are likely to rate second helpings, she says.

4-H Tractor Club Planning Visit

Oregon 4-H tractor club members will visit Portland March 15, 16 and 17 on a tour of manufacturing, assembling and oil distributing plants and tractor and implement companies, Cal Monroe, state 4-H agent at Oregon State College, has announced.

About 125 club members, leaders and county extension agents are expected to take part in the tour, third of its kind in Oregon. To be eligible for the tour, club members must be at least 13 years old and have completed one tractor project and be enrolled in another, Monroe says.

Oregon had 44 tractor clubs with 370 boys and 5 girls enrolled last year. Club members are taught tractor maintenance and principles of operation common to all motor-driven machines, according to Monroe.



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