



DYNAMITE NEEDED — Plant superintendent Steve Slinkard of the Calondor Pine Company in Alturas estimates the mill business has doubled in the past weeks due to the disastrous floods in Humboldt County and in areas of Oregon. Slinkard is shown above looking out over a sea of ice-locked logs that are now being blasted daily with dynamite to release them for processing to fill the heavy orders for lumber.



MOVE 'EM OUT — With the heavy amount of orders coming in from Humboldt County for lumber, ice and snow covered logs are pushed down the ramps and hurried into the mill for processing. Above, looking on, from left to right, are Harold Mapes, mill man, and Steve Slinkard, superintendent, as the logs whip down the ramps.

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December Floods Halt Lumbering In Modoc

By BARBARA JOBE

ALTURAS—The 1964 December floods in Humboldt, Siskiyou and Del Norte counties of California virtually brought to a standstill the lumber industry in those areas, but to Modoc County it brought a forecast for 1965 of one of the best years in the industry.

Modoc County mills were closed for the December storms for a few days in some instances but for the most part business went on as usual for the winter months.

Then the orders began to pour in from throughout the nation requesting bigger deliveries of the Modoc mill. Steve Slinkard, superintendent of the Calondor Mill in Alturas which didn't lose a day's operation in 1964 or to-date in 1965, reported in January that his mill is receiving double the orders that were received in 1964 for this time of year. "As soon as the weather breaks, we intend to go on double shifts and increase our production to meet the increased demand. Right now our production is maintaining its normal output for the season," Slinkard said.

Slinkard explained that a standard winter problem for this mill is the weather. The biggest of which is mud, and the ice which locks the logs into the mill pond. Blasting by dynamite of the ice is done daily to release the big logs for processing. Slinkard pointed out that these winter problems are something the mill is geared to handle so they can maintain their production.

He also said that the Calondor Mill now has the largest log deck in the history of the company which was built during the 1964 logging season. One half of the logs are pine and one half fir. He said that

the mill could stay on its present operating schedule until June without logs from the forest, but he doesn't anticipate any such problem.

Slinkard estimated that the loggers would be in the woods bringing in new timber by May 15 and if a sustained freeze hits the county the loggers will move into the woods much earlier.

The superintendent also predicted that the increased demand for lumber and the firming of prices would certainly reflect on bettering general Modoc County economy. "We expect this to be one of our best years in the industry. It is a sad way, though, to have our profits boosted from the tremendous losses now being taken in the flood devastated areas. My business, however, is to meet the demand of our customers and this Calondor intends to do."

Slinkard said that one of the biggest assets to the increase in production has been the tremendous cooperation from the Southern Pacific railroad. He said that none of the disaster the railroad felt in the flood-ecoded counties in any way hampered the usual fast and efficient routing of cars through the lumber yard.

Browns Mark 3rd Anniversary In Valley

By HELEN PARKS

CHRISTMAS VALLEY—June will bring the third anniversary of the Zackey Browns' move to Christmas Valley. "I believe we're more content here than any place we've ever lived," remarked Delphia Brown.

Three years is long enough to build a modern home, do some landscaping, enjoy flower and vegetable gardens and, for Delphia, to start raising cats.

All her life she has loved cats. Three favorite kittens, and a little girl, she named Timothy, Tins and Jingie. But all cats were special to her. "As cats were special to me, I gave away, that's how many I took home," she recalls.

Now it's strictly Persians. Her males are Sonny, a blue-eyed white, and Dore, a copper-eyed cream. Dore won blue and champion ribbons in many divisions at cat shows during the past year before Delphia purchased him.

Princess is a copper-eyed blue. She and Patena, a green-eyed silver or chinchilla, are the females. But Delphia kept one silver and one blue male from last year's litters for breeding. It takes crossing of the blue and the white to keep blue-eyed whites well bred, she pointed out. Consistent breeding of whites with whites will bring deafness.

The Browns cats live the life of Riley. Last fall Zackey built a cattery. The apartments have electric heat and one wall is entirely glass, letting in the sunlight. If they prefer the out-

doors they have the freedom of their pen where they can climb or play or sunbathe.

The kittens are sold at weaning age, 10 weeks to three months. They are immunized and usually flown to their new owner if any distance is involved.

Delphia doesn't spend all her time with the cats however. If there's a job opportunity she'll find it. Soon after they came here she started a cosmetic route. When the post office came she bid in the contract for hauling Christmas Valley mail to Silver Lake. There the incoming mail is sorted and Delphia delivers it to Christmas Valley for distribution.

Zackey's job as maintenance carpenter for the development firm, M. Penn Phillips Co., left some daylight hours for building their home. They selected a centrally located city lot. They have a view of the golf course and can watch players tee off when the game is in season.

Why did the Browns move to Christmas Valley? They'd just come from Alaska. In Anchorage Delphia raised white Persians besides her full time job.

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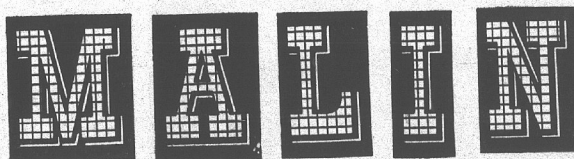
Joseph Conger, a Klamath Falls pioneer, is honored by Joseph Conger School in Klamath Falls. The original building was erected in 1920. Conger had left \$13,000 to the city school system upon his death.

They turned a ghost mining town into a tourist attraction. They lived in western Oregon and decided to try a less rainy climate. And here they liked they'd rather live where the wide horizons where the air the summers aren't so short and is crystal clear.



BREEDING STOCK — Sonny, a blue-eyed white Persian, is one of the cats that compose the breeding stock owned by Delphia Brown. Raising and breeding Persians is a hobby as well as a business for this Christmas Valley woman. Pictured above is Mrs. Brown with Sonny.

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