

## Gratteri's mobile tire service is ready to repair any equipment

A mobile unit with a purpose slightly different than the others mentioned is Gratteri's Les Schwab Tire

truck, which travels to the Vernonia area twice a week. Instead of having to take equipment to Forest

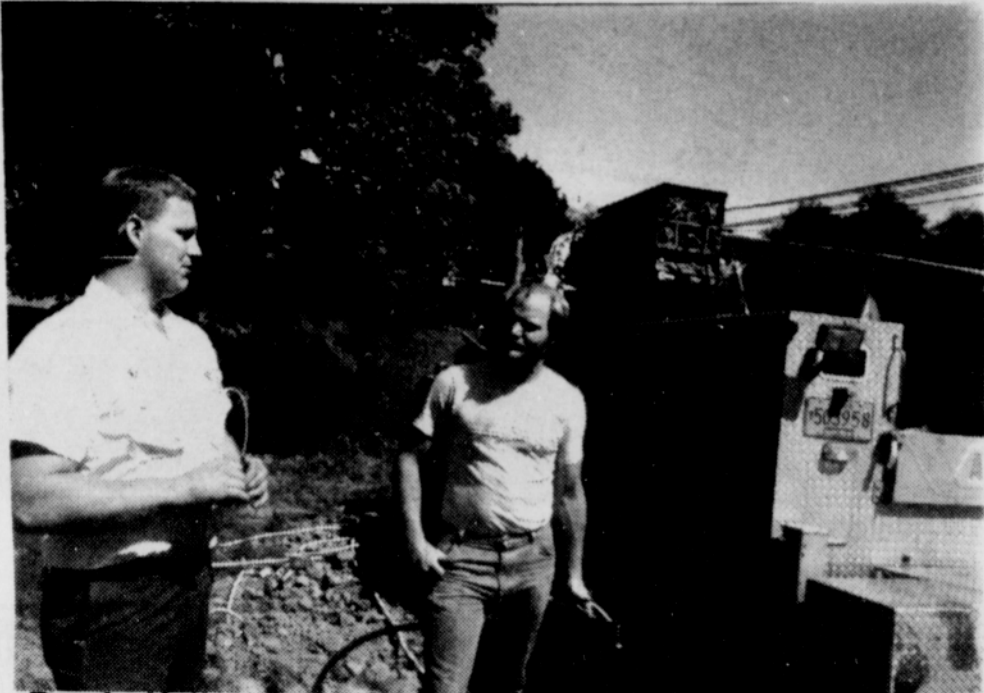
Grove to get tires, Gratteri's truck brings the pre-ordered tires to the equipment. The truck, a multi-purpose unit, was acquired by Gratteri's just last year, specifically to service the rural area throughout western Washington County and much of Columbia County. This service is utilized by many of the logging companies, as well as farms and heavy equipment operators in the area.

Though Randy Holloway has been servicing the route for only a short time, Ken Gratteri's business has kept the wheels of industry turning throughout the area for 38 years. With stores in Forest Grove and

Hillsboro, Gratteri's selection of tires is enormous. and, if they don't have what is needed, they will order it.

Many of the logging companies that use Gratteri's services simply want

to have the tires dropped off, to be mounted at a convenient time by their field mechanics. Nevertheless, Gratteri's service vehicle is equipped to repair even the largest of rubber tired equipment.



Randy Holloway, of Gratteri's, listens as Donald Normand directs him to the next delivery.



Randy Holloway and tires to go.



Gratteri's Les Schwab service truck can service the biggest of rigs.

## Tolonen conscientious about learning

Craig Tolonen is also a mechanic who works out of a mobile shop. He is employed by Gwin Logging of Vernonia, a large outfit that runs two yarder shows at a time, giving Tolonen a great deal of work to keep him busy.

Tolonen can be located most mornings at Gwin's shop, as he tries to prepare for almost anything that may occur. With a fleet including two yarders, a 330 log loader that doubles as a yarder, seven cats, one line skidder, six log loaders, two process delimbers and ten crummies, the load can sometimes be overwhelming.



Craig Tolonen and the vehicle that carries just about everything needed for repairs in the field.

In spite of the amount of work, Tolonen is happy with his job as it's what he chose to do. He pursued his goal by attending the Oregon Institute of Tech-

nology in Klamath Falls and received his bachelor's degree in diesel engineering in 1994. Immediately after graduation Tolo-

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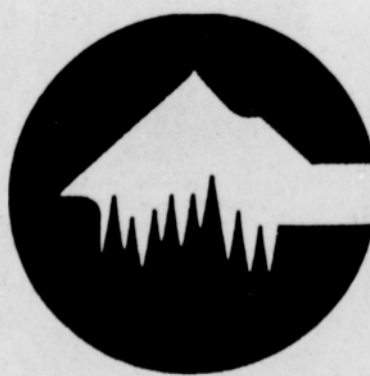
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