

After graduating from OIT, Tolonen found position with Gwin

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nen went to work for Gwin Logging.

Before graduating from O.I.T., Tolonen spent summers working in the brush for Holce Logging and, according to Donald Normand, nobody was aware that the young choker setter was attending school in order to return to the woods as a mechanic. Consequently, he was worked pretty hard during the two summers he was in the brush.

The Gwin shop in Pittsburg was once the Crown Zellerbach facility and it has the capacity for repairs to large machinery if necessary. However, going to the job site is still the most resourceful approach to maintenance or repair.

As with any responsible mechanic, preventive maintenance is the approach that Tolonen prefers. Keeping on top of the many pieces of equipment, however, isn't simply an 8-hour a day job, five days a week. An on-call status is the norm for most of the mobile mechanics employed in the logging industry and, when holidays come along and the crew takes time off, that gener-

ally means it's a time for uninterrupted catch-up for the mechanic.

Technical advances in the industry keep any mechanic constantly learning and Tolonen not only works hard to keep up with the technology, he is very humble when it comes to his knowledge of the trade. He holds both Al Delemos and Donald Normand in high regard, both for their knowledge and as ready sources of information when unusual circum-

stances arise.

Sharing information and lending a hand from time to time is common practice among these mechanical practitioners. There is no competition or concern about job security because there is more than enough work to go around.

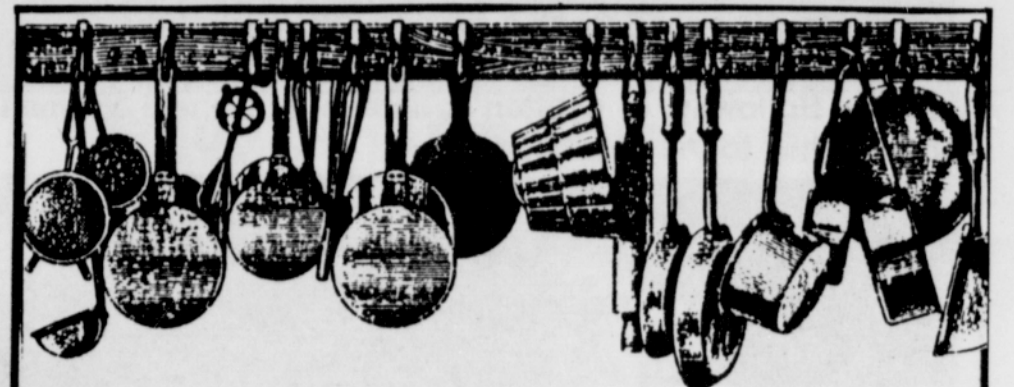
As he embarks on a career of diesel engineering, Tolonen simply wants to be a hands-on participant in the field and attempt to stay on top of things.



Welding, metal cutting and many other tasks can be performed without returning equipment to the shop.



Craig Tolonen, front, decides what Terry Fultz should have done with "stuff" behind the Gwin shop.



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