

## OUT OF THE WOODS . . .

### Payroll, 1915

A payroll sheet of Camp 6, Coos Bay Lumber Company, month of March, 1915, has turned up at the bottom of the old woodbox in my boompond shack. This box, by the way, was built of

2x8s to hold knots and chunks for a penobscot heater in one half, and tools and gear in the other half. I thought I'd dredged it when I switched to an oil stove. But the other day I finally scraped to the bottom of the old woodbox, and looked through two bottom books page by page, and so found the 1915 payroll sheet.

The two books were a 1912 edition of "Cruden's Concordance" and a 1907 "Todd-Mahaffay Atlas." The latter was loose at all seams, bunged and torn, and pitch stuck many of the pages. Then out fell the payroll sheet from some pitchy pages.

One side of the sheet began with the name of Frank Aushvallis, Fireman, and the other side's list ended with McMahon, Williams, Whistle Punk. William's rate was \$2.00 per ten-hour day. Frank's was \$2.50. Hooktender A. J. Johnston got \$4.00 per day for bossing his side.

Know any of those names? There were 92 others listed. Tidewater Mystery

So there I sat, with my 1909 Oliver typewriter on the table before me, with other articles

and marks of age in the boompond shack all around; yellowed and tattered books and papers strewn on the calk-pitted floor, and in my hands the record of men and work in the woods of Coos Bay back around 40 years ago.

The names—the hopes, dreams, notes, despairs, and all the other conflicting forces that men bear with them, project and use—what ways led forth from that March camp on Coos Bay? Where are they now?

So the imagination of an old story writer goes to work on something like the finding of this 1915 payroll sheet. Then it comes down to sharper focus. How did the sheet get separated, torn out from the payroll book, and why was it given long, hard use in moving around until it came to rest in the pages of an atlas that eventually reached my hands?

Would there be a clue on a map in the 1907 atlas? The map of Washington showed the most use and had a number of notations, both in pencil and ink, around Puget Sound. Buried treasure? Was it murder? Come in, Dick Tracy and Perry Mason.

**Sample Names**  
The Scandinavian names were few indeed among the 95 on the payroll sheet. V. Bergland was a faller. John Borkland was there too. Gust Engblom was an engineer. Loader H. Hanna, Wood Cutter Pete Ikonan and R. R. Conductor Erick Karpinnen were Camp 6 men, Coos Bay in 1915. C. Boutin was a loader, Oliver Brant was another hooktender, C. F. Clarke was clerk at \$60 per month, B. Campbell was a "cookee" at \$35, M. C. Lewis was king snipe, F. P. Leekey was scaler and P. P. Leatherwood was "misc."

Names make news and stories too. Meals make the man. They were still costing just \$5.25 per week at Camp 6, with \$1.00 per month for beds. That was how I found it at McCloud in 1915, as in the previous year, and as it ran on into 1917, when a notice from Mr. Woodrow Wilson put me in uniform.

War, war, war, on my mind ever since. The paying for old wars, the waging of current wars and the preparations for future wars, putting columns for withholding taxes and other items too numerous to mention on the payroll sheets of today. Those lads back at Camp 6 in 1915 didn't dream how well off they were, did they? Why, sure, they had it hard. But how free they were! How rich is peace and hope!

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Home extension unit members will study pattern alteration and garment finishes at their regular unit meetings during January and February, 1953. The home agent will meet with each unit during the two months to teach pattern alteration which will include how to recognize a well fitting garment and the correct position of construction lines as well as choosing and altering the pattern to achieve the desired results.

How to finish garments so that they will look professionally made will be taught by 35 project leaders representing the 18 home extension units in Columbia county who were trained by Frances Gallatin, home agent, assisted by Betty Wieman, agent-at-large, on Friday, December 12, 1952. The training meeting was held at the K. P. hall in Rainier.

The project leaders were taught to apply slide fasteners so that they are neatly concealed in dresses and skirts, and to make corded buttonholes. These leaders will in turn teach the construction of these finishes to their unit members.

Garment finishes and pattern alterations are two of the clothing projects being studied by members of all 18 units, preceding the cotton dress workshop for interested unit members, in March. These as well as the Good Taste In Clothes project,

studied during October and November, are designed to give homemakers a good foundation for the workshop.

Project leaders trained at the December 12 meetings are: Mrs. H. Edmonds and Mrs. J. W. Jacobson of the Mayger-Downing unit; Mrs. Hans Hovland and Mrs. Avery Bryant of the Fern Hill unit; Mrs. J. Norman and Mrs. E. Cline of the Delena unit; Mrs. Harold Burghart and Mrs. George Waite of the Yankton unit; Mrs. Lloyd Robinson and Mrs. William Olsen of the Lindberg unit; Mrs. Bob Cone and Mrs. Oren Weed of the Timber Route unit; Mrs. T. F. Keasey and Mrs. Carroll Buckley of the Keasey unit; Mrs. E. L. Hicks and Mrs. Bill French of the Vernonia unit; Mrs. J. Howry and Mrs. R. S. Wilson of the Mist-Nehalem unit; Mrs. F. G. Beeler and Mrs. Luther Cole of the Warren unit; Mrs. William Carson and Mrs. John D. Jarvi of the Quincy-Clatskanie unit; Mrs. Nels T. Nelson and Mrs. A. Gassner of the Marshland unit; Mrs. Jerry Fildes and Mrs. Henry Huber of the Chapman unit; Mrs. G. A. Annia and Mrs. J. Callahan of the South Scappoose unit, Mrs. Peter Taranoff and Mrs. Earl Avis of the Columbia City unit; Mrs. Frank Knusel and Mrs. Alen Wendlandt of the Scappoose unit; Mrs. Bruce McIntire and

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