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Looking across the mill pond at the Associated Lumber and Box Company sawmill in North Fork, Madera County, with towering Mt. Peckinpah in the background.

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EIGHT YEARS OF SAWMILLING AT NORTH FORK

The Associated Lumber and Box Company plant starts the new season with facilities overhauled and several added improvements.



One of the Diesel D8 tractors and Hyster arches skidding in a large log to the landing.

When the engineers of the Associated Lumber and Box Company went into North Fork in Madera County, in 1942, to survey the timber possibilities and purchase a site to erect a sawmill, they found a sleepy hamlet whose sole claim to fame was as a jumping-off place for hunters and fishermen who liked to roam the high Sierra country. A few general merchandise stores, a small garage and a sportsman's hotel comprised the business section of the town. Today, after eight busy seasons of the Associated sawmill in North Fork, the community has a hustle and bustle that would do credit to any successful and thriving town.

Construction of the sawmill was started in the middle of 1942. April 1st of 1943 was the date the first log was sawed into lumber. During that first year

LOGGING



Scenes like this are an hourly occurrence on the logging road between the woods and the North Fork mill.

of operation, the North Fork mill cut just a little under nine million feet of lumber. This wasn't a bad showing considering that all construction work had not been completed and the logging roads had to be made. Since that time this mill has cut 15 million feet of lumber each year, working one shift on a five-day a week basis. The Associated Lumber and Box Company mill at North Fork actually has a capacity for manufacturing 35 million feet of lumber a year. If timber sales in the area are ever developed in such quantity so as to make a production program of this size possible, the mill has the equipment and personnel to handle it.

Of course, a sawmill producing these millions of feet of lumber each year has to have men to fall the timber, drive the logging and lumber trucks, operate the pond, sawmill, planing mill and dry yard, service and overhaul the trucks, tractors, carryalls and lift trucks, cook food for the loggers and man the staff which is continually building houses in the company town. The crew that does this work for the North Fork sawmill numbers 130 or more men in season. The yearly payroll alone amounts to over \$400,000.

TRUCKS



Ten of the huge Diesel logging trucks ready to hit the road for the 1951 season. Several more in the fleet were in the shop being overhauled.

From practically a wide spot in the road in 1942, North Fork has grown into a prosperous community which today boasts of just about every kind of a store anybody would want, including several grocery stores, a drug store, hardware store, jewelry shop, radio service, three hotels, a movie theater, several restaurants, shoe repair shop, several service stations, two garages, a dress shop, and many more, with even a soda fountain and hamburger hangout for the teen-agers. To watch over the health and welfare of the community, a doctor, deputy sheriff, and a justice of the peace have been added in the last few years. All of these shops and services were made necessary by the rapid increase in population after the mill was built and went into operation.

It has been estimated by reliable persons interested in the growth of the area that the population of North Fork has increased over four times in the last few years and numbers over 2000 today. These people patronize the local stores, but on Saturdays the string of autos heading down the hill for Madera and

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MILL POND



The pond man guides a Ponderosa pine log into the log slip at the North Fork mill. Lumber from this log will soon be supplying San Joaquin Valley with building boards and wooden boxes.

Fresno to do their weekly shopping would put a rodeo parade to shame. Even the goods purchased locally in North Fork are secured mainly from Madera and Fresno supply houses. Because of this, it is easy to see that the economy of the Central San Joaquin Valley has been materially aided by the operation of the Associated sawmill at North Fork and the subsequent growth of the community.

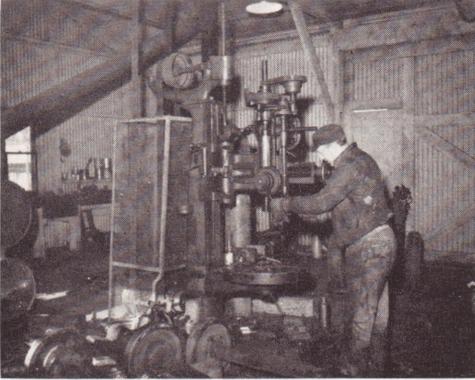
The trade of North Fork people is enough in its own right to make anyone realize that this is a valuable addition to the San Joaquin Valley prosperity, but add to it the payroll created by the six million feet of lumber that is trucked each year into the General Box Distributors in Fresno, to be made into boxes for the shipment of the valley's fruit and vegetables, and you have a combined payroll of well over a million dollars a year. National figures prove that every dollar put into a community by an industry's payroll circulates at least through five other hands for goods or services.

In addition to men, it takes supplies to operate and maintain a sawmill, such as tires, gas, oil, diesel fuel, auto, truck and tractor parts, food, tools, batteries, motors, wire rope, chain, stationery, welding supplies, iron, steel, saws, furniture, stoves, repair parts, and much more, even to fresh meat to feed a hungry bunch of loggers. Supplies like this were purchased by the Associated Lumber and Box Company sawmill in 1950, to the amount of \$160,000, mainly in the Central San Joaquin Valley. \$225,000 was paid to the Forest Service for stumpage for the timber that was cut on a perpetual yield basis. A portion of the money paid to the Forest Service is allotted back to the county in which the timber was cut, so Madera County directly benefits from the operation of the North Fork sawmill on that basis also. \$5,000 a year is paid to the State for vehicle license fees.

The success of any business or industry is the combination of active and capable management and experienced employes with the know-how to produce. This applies more than ever to a sawmill, and in the case of the North Fork mill they are fortunate in that many of the workers have been there since the mill started operation. In fact, several have worked for the Associated Lumber and Box Company since before they moved into the area. Of men in a supervisory capacity, North Fork has a particularly impressive roster. For instance, Pat Larson, the mill superintendent, has been continuously engaged in the lumber manufacturing industry for the past 30 years. Owen Doran, the woods superintendent, has likewise been in the logging game for thirty years. Gene Palmer, the yard foreman, has 15 years experience in drying and handling lumber preparatory to shipping to market. Bill Roope, the millwright and

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SAWMILL



One section of the Associated mill machine shop.



The lumber carriers and lift trucks used to pile lumber by the package.



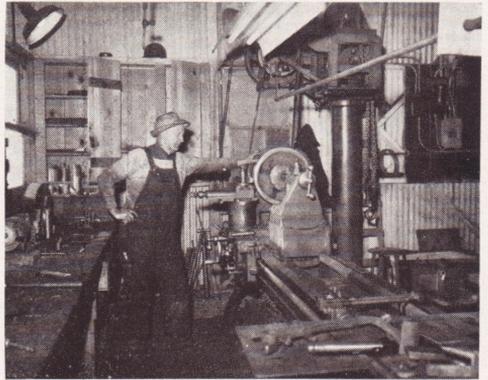
A by-product at North Fork is carstrips made in this lath mill.



Part of the blacksmith and welding shop.



The truck and cat repair shop is a busy place the year around.



One of the large lathes in the machine shop.

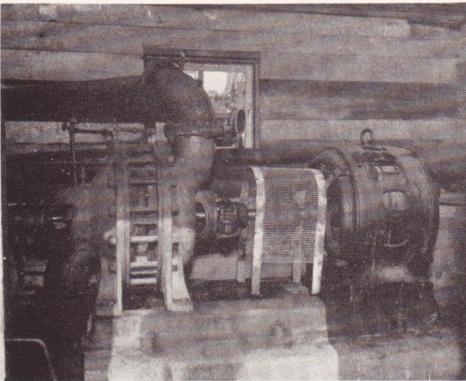
SCENES



The boiler house and machine shop are in separate quarters.



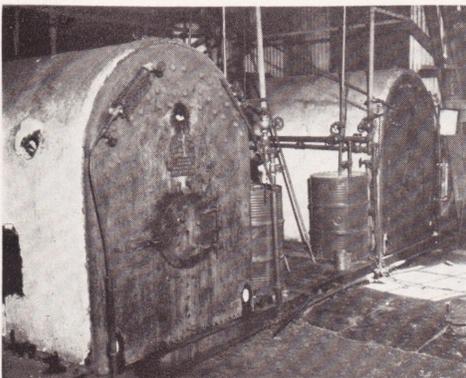
A huge enclosed and screened burner protects property in the community.



A 1000 gallon 75 HP fire pump is one of many on hand for fire protection.



Included in the North Fork woods equipment are 4-D8 "Cat" tractors.



The two 113 HP locomotive type boilers used to generate steam.



Two truck and trailer rigs haul box lumber twice daily to Fresno.

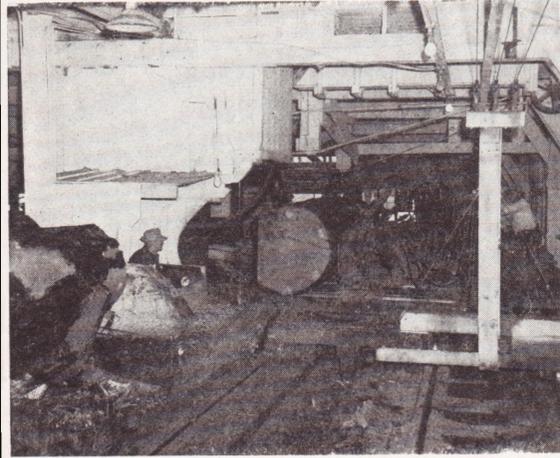
the man who keeps the mill equipment in top-notch order, has been making mills hum for twenty-two years of his life. Even Henry Grasmick, the office manager, has been checking tallies, invoicing and making out the boys' checks for twenty years. Then, of course, you have some real dyed-in-the-wool veterans whose experience makes the rest look like youngsters. North Fork is no exception here either, for they have Wilber Lee as sawyer with 40 solid years of capable lumber production to his credit, and D. T. Little, the planing mill foreman, who has been engaged in the lumber business for 45 years! Don McCallum, the resident manager, is only a young fellow, so he hasn't had as many years as some of the older men, but in his twenty-four years in the saw-mill business he has always been associated with concerns that were noted for their efficiency and modern production methods. Add it all up and you have 232 years of good, solid sawmill experience running the Associated saw-mill at North Fork. Is it any wonder this mill has gained a reputation in the industry for quality and efficient operation?

With the \$75,000 in improvements which were added to the mill this year, the North Fork operation now includes an eight-foot band sawmill complete with resaw, a planing mill, a lath and carstrip mill, dry lumber storage shed, truck shop, machine shop, blacksmith shop, and the usual offices, servicing and lubricating equipment. The company town consists of 22 modern two-bedroom houses, which rent to employes for \$30 a month including water and maintenance. Besides these, there are 16 small cabins on the premises and a complete permanent loggers' camp in the woods, with cookhouse, dining room, and seven cabins for single men. The North Fork school, ably supervised by J. A. Thomason as principal, now has an enrollment of over 200 pupils.

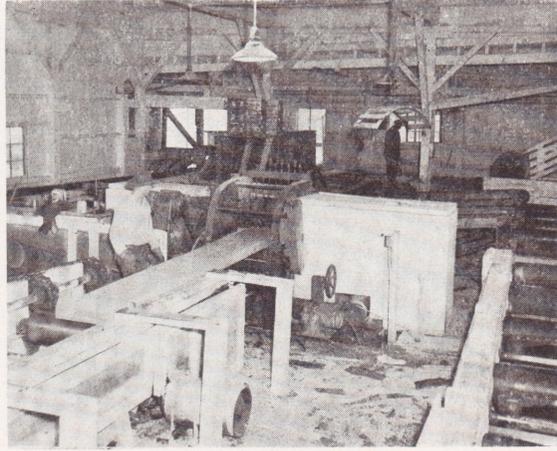
Much more can be told about the growth of North Fork, such as the many, many new private homes that have been built in the past few years, the trailer camps in the woods for people who just can't find a house to rent, and the new business stores which are now being built, but the best way to see it all is to stow the family in the car and take a ride up sometime soon. The mill is open for inspection to see how logs are made into lumber, five days a week, Monday through Friday. North Fork folks are mighty proud of their accomplishments community-wise and invite all to come up and see what has been happening in eastern Madera County in the last few years.



SAWMILL SCENES



The sawyer cutting a huge log into lumber at the AL&B North Fork mill.



The merry-go-round with its Turner resaw increases the mill capacity.



At North Fork every part of the log is utilized. These carstrips used by San Joaquin valley fruit and vegetable shippers are made from slabs that are often burnt up by some other mills.

NORTH FORK



A modern store serves the needs of North Fork for drugs and sundries.



Tools, appliances and paint are just a few of the items found here.



This bus fleet carries North Fork students to one of the finest schools in the State.



High School students go by bus to nearby Sierra High School at Auberry.



Some of the North Fork Grammer School buildings.



North Fork citizens have the protection of a resident doctor and nurse.

TODAY



A 400 seat movie theater affords entertainment for the area.



The interior of North Fork's well stocked drug store.



A shoe shop keeps loggers and mill men well supplied with boots.



The high school after-school trade drops in for hamburgers and cokes.



Several service stations sell all leading brands of gas and oil.



The Corral is the popular meeting place for the Teen-age crowd.

THE MEN WHO OPERATE THE MILL



This picture of the Associated Lumber and Box Company North Fork employes shows less than half the entire crew. The loggers, woods crew, truck drivers, and many others, are not included. Taken early in the 1951 operating season, it is more of an example of the winter-time crew than of the entire staff which numbers as high as 140 men when the cutting gets into full swing. Many of the men in this picture, and others at North Fork, have worked for the Associated Lumber and Box Company since the mill started operation in 1943, and even before. Some live in company houses, while many others have built

nice homes of their own. Quite a few have gardens and some even go in for a little ranching on the side. Steadily employed craftsmen like these are an asset to any community. The lumber produced by their skill and experience goes into the building of San Joaquin Valley homes and into wooden boxes in which the bountiful crops of the Central Valley are shipped to market. It doesn't take much figuring to find that the North Fork mill is an important factor in the economy of the Central San Joaquin Valley.

COMPANY HOMES



General view of the Associated Lumber and Box Company town site.



One of the 22 comfortable 2 bedroom company owned houses.



Rear view of company house. One of several under construction.



Graded land on which additional houses are being built.

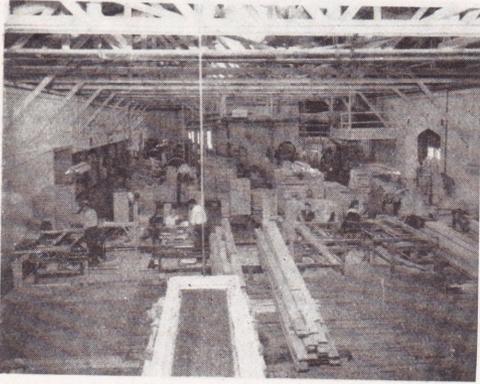


Cabins are also used by 2 person families or single men.



Loggers' cabins in the high woods even include an electric lighting system.

WOODEN BOXES



The cut-off line of the General Box Distributors in Fresno.



This North Fork lumber will be made into boxes for valley agriculture.



Harvesting central San Joaquin valley onions in wooden boxes.



The valley fig crop requires many wooden boxes and trays.



San Joaquin Valley peaches go to market and cannery in wooden boxes.



Much of the Valley's fruit is dried on trays made of North Fork lumber.

ABC News

● LAKEVIEW

Dick Claudson, Reporter

The logging operation began the 1951 season with four sets of fallers. Old man weather sprinkled about six inches of snow on the evergreens, so the boys had to miss a few days. The logging trucks are rolling when weather permits. The mill also began the new season, but had to miss a few days. We really have some nice improvements around the mill. . . . A safety meeting was held in the office to talk over the fire hazard for the coming season, as well as its prevention. We are trying to solve the problem of keeping the south wind out of the factory. We love the cool breeze, but the sawdust that rises and flutters around the factory is the big problem. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pratt attended the Eagles convention in Bend, Oregon. The Lakeview chapter returned to Lakeview with high honors. Bud Watson's father and mother-in-law from Washington dropped in for a short visit. . . . Letha Pugh has traded her DeSoto for a new Dodge. . . . Scout Troop 15 is putting on a carnival and a one-act play the last of May. It will be held in the Mormon Church. Scout Master Millard Adams says the play is really good and the public is invited. . . . Leonard Watson has been ill with pneumonia for several weeks. . . . Enid Sullivan has taken a few days off to regain her health. . . . A birthday dinner was given in honor of Iva Dell Malone at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samples, on April 24th. There were several friends from West Side and one lady from Washington present. . . . Billie Ortwein plans on going to Fort Lewis, Washington, to visit Normal Supple, who is stationed there. . . . Helen Jones is in Susanville on business. . . . Emma Hansen is in California with her father, who is ill. . . . Geneva Williams visited in Susanville. . . . New faces around the moulding plant are Eva Ruth Manous, Patrick Brosnan and Chris McAuliff. . . . Roger Allard has left us to work as a mason for his grandfather. . . . George Stewart will soon have his house built and then plans to be married to Joan Bailey. . . . Ray Williams and Jerry Supple are back on the job, after being injured. . . . The stitcher started May 7th. . . . We have some new help in the fac-

tory. Violet Carlston comes from Klamath Falls and has had plenty of experience in a box factory. Helen Michalson is a local girl, but had experience in White Pines. Dovie Tucker is the gal from Oklahoma. Jean Frank has been with us before. . . . The employes of the moulding plant were given a dinner at the hotel to celebrate their good record of working one year without a lost time accident. That is certainly a good record. . . . Here is a little news from the business world. Charley Rector is setting up a shop to do radio repairing. He already has some of his equipment. . . . Oval Simmons has a very unique gift shop in her home on G Street. This attractive little shop is not an ordinary gift shop, but one with the merchandise, which is all handmade, very attractively displayed. Oval carries a beautiful selection of lace work, which is made by local women of Lakeview. The leather work—belts, purses and billfolds—beautifully engraved, is really something to see. This work is done by one of our boys in the moulding department. The embroidery work displayed at the gift shop is incomparable. The nice part about Oval is if she doesn't have the gift you wish, she will have it made for you to suit your fancy. The shop carries a nice line of greeting cards, and jewelry—wrist watches, ear rings and bracelets. There are other gifts that you would like to see, so drop in if it's only for a visit, for you certainly feel at home in Oval's shop. . . . Dick Claudson's power saw shop has certainly been a place of business. Dick has sold some twenty power saws and has been doing repairs in the shop to keep the boys busy. Dave White is handling most of the shop work and demonstrating. Dick's shop is quite a meeting place for the timber fallers in the evenings, where the boys gather to spin yarns of trees that won't fall.

● CALAVERAS FOREST PRODUCTS

Evelyn Queirolo, Reporter

During our shutdown, Chris Porovich and Guy Castle did some mining for gold. Found some, too—a pocket worth about \$100! . . . Another folk dancing club has been formed in our community.

This one is at Valley Springs. **Maurice "Peck" Ward** and **Frank Jessen** are members and most enthusiastic over the dancing. . . . **Guy Castle's** son, **Jimmie**, is representing **Bret Harte High School** as a delegate to **Boys' State** in **Sacramento** in **June**. The delegate from **Calaveras Union High School** is **Arlin Jasper** of **San Andreas**. . . . **Roger McDaniel** has left our employ and tells us that he is going to work in **Alaska**. . . . **Phil Michel** is putting a cement fence around his place. . . . **Paul Woodward** spends all his spare time working in his flower and vegetable garden. . . . **Tom Mann** is adding a car port to his home. . . . **Frank Granados** has two sons in the service. **Harold**, who worked for us before he enlisted, has completed his basic training at **Fort Ord** and has now been selected to take a course in leadership. **Frank, Jr.**, is also at **Fort Ord** and he is trying very hard to get into the band. He should be successful, as he can very nearly make a trumpet talk. . . . **Robert Boland** has completed his basic naval training and is stationed at **Alameda**. . . . **Howard Colins** is at **Camp Roberts**.

● SALINAS

Ray Carlson, Reporter

Just as we were forgetting what the sun looked like, it decided to show itself. We sure hope it stays around this country for a while. . . . **Truckdriver O. A. Rowe** has painted the interior of his rental unit prior to renting. The **O. A. Rowe's** drove up to **Oakland** recently to visit **Oscar's** brother-in-law and family. . . . **Paul Gleason** has his car all repaired again, after a recent minor accident. . . . If you are having trouble raising strawberries, the man to talk to is **Tony Orlando**. **Tony** had a good crop of berries last year and, with about 100 plants this year, he might even buy a crate or two to ship some berries, who knows? . . . **Noel White** just bought a new washing machine for his wife, **Lea**. **Noel** also mentioned that he still has cats available and would appreciate getting this litter off his hands before the next one comes along. . . . **Al Blanke** recently gave your reporter some red raspberry plants that are really growing now. Thanks, **Al**. . . . Head machineman **Fred Cadena** just bought a new television set for his wife **Gloria** and the kids. Says they found it hard to find babysitters, so brought their entertainment into their house. That is "taking the bull by the horns." . . . **Al Bream** sold his house and bought a pickup so he can go fishing in style. He and **George Deel** have been fishing again. **Al** caught a good-sized one again and **George** has had a little better luck. He lost two large **Ling Cod** alongside the boat, but did get a 23-pounder into the boat. On this particular day, a \$7.50 pool

was set up and **George's** 23-pounder took the pot. Then a fella offered **George** \$5 for the fish, but **George** wanted proof of his catch to take home, so no sale. His two boys also caught a fish apiece. . . . **Jimmy King** has now added the 14x16 room to his house. . . . **Dave Riddle** and his wife are still folk-dancing these days.

● FRESNO

Evelyn Vetter, Reporter

After getting out all our summer clothes and wearing them several weeks, we had to go back to our winter "duds" the first of May. . . . We had rain, hail and snow the first day of trout season. **Ted** and **Thirsa Cottel** got snow-bound at **Huntington Lake**. But **Ted** didn't feel too badly about it—he got an extra day off that way. . . . **Ray Lloyd** and **Carl Jensen** caught several nice fish at **Shaver Lake**. . . . **Paul Amicarelli** caught a big bass at **Bass Lake**. . . . **Jim Duart** and **Elmer Williams** returned from their fishing trip early soaking wet from the rain. They say the biggest fish were on the bank! . . . **Tom Roby** went to **Sequoia Lake** opening day and caught the limit. Just to prove it wasn't beginner's luck, he went to **Shaver Lake** the following week-end and came home with the limit again. . . . We extend our sympathy to **Chet Nelson's** family on the death of his mother-in-law, **Mrs. Alice Keough**. . . . **Carlos Urive's** mother is doing well after surgery. . . . **Eddie Troop** rushed his baby to the hospital with whooping cough, but he is OK now. . . . **Floyd Johnson's** new baby girl took a turn for the worse, but is doing better now. . . . Our jalopy race fans have good reason to be proud of our garageman, **Verne Olson**. **Verne's** hobby is building up motors for hard top racers. In April, at a race in **Dinuba**, held under the sanction of the **West Coast Jalopy Auto Racing Association**, **Verne** established two track records. For fans interested in the time, it was 6:25:53 in a 20-lap main event with **Olson** the winner. In the trophy dash, **Verne** set a new mark of 18:09 for one lap on the quarter-mile oval. **Olson** drives a 1934 **Ford** coupe with a V-8 specially built-up block motor. The second place winner was also driving an **Olson** built motor. **Corporal Loren Gaiter** of the **Marine Corps** was transferred from **Korea** to **Japan** and has been promoted to **Sergeant**.

● WILSEYVILLE

Paul LaTeer, Reporter

"**Bill**" **Strong** and **Seth Paine** flew from **San Francisco** to **Seattle** on the April 20th weekend to take delivery of a new **Kenworth** logger. They reported wonderful weather and a trip that was pleasurable as well as profitable. . . . **Jerry O'Neill's**

small son (a twin, by the way) had the misfortune of cutting his eye on flying glass from a broken bottle; spending some two weeks in a Stockton hospital. He is now home and making satisfactory progress toward recovery. . . . **Perry Manley**, former employe who has been working at Toyon for the past two years, returned to our midst as greenchain grader. **Leland Haley** and **Eileen Watson** were married in Reno on March 31st, joining two old-time West Point families. On April 4th **James Carson** and **Glenna Ball** were married in Carson City. To both couples we extend sincere felicitations. . . . **Keith Huston** of the Air Force Reserve reported for active duty at Lackland Field, San Antonio, Texas on May 11th. . . . One Saturday not too long past we saw "**Bob**" **White** on the streets of Stockton with a veritable harem in tow. It was close to lunchtime and we have since wondered—for how much was he stuck? . . . Locally a new enthusiast has joined the ranks of such dyed-in-the-wool fishermen as **Al Mancarti**, **Clarence Hamrick** and "**Spike**" **Long**. "**Hal**" **Huartson** of the garage crew looms in the lead right now inasmuch as he has entered a 9-lb. 4-oz. black bass in Field & Stream's national prize contest. We predict that he will cop one of those prizes too. . . . **Oliver Tipton** reported for duty as a Naval Reservist on April 22nd. . . . Night-shift in the sawmill started on April 16th. **Art Dunn** is the new greenchain puller, along with **Tom Kelley** and **R. A. Coolidge**. . . . Noticed on the doors of **Lawrence Wilsey's** Pontiac, newly stencilled signs proclaiming the Blagen Lumber Co. (similar to the signs on the company pickups). Good-looking advertising, we'd say. . . . **Bert Dinco** returned home from hospital on April 15th and is mending nicely. **Chas. Wilson** is practically recovered and is champing at the bit to return to work. . . . "**Pat**" **Baysinger**, attending the University of California, was home for a week between classes recently. . . . The new logging trucks equipped with hydrotarders are working out exceptionally well. **Al Hetzel**, here with **Low Baysinger** for a final inspection on April 25th, was so well pleased that he was tossing cherry bombs in all directions. For the uninitiated, these latter are quite a deal;—the size and appearance of a cherry but with the noise and flash of a four-inch giant cracker. . . . The woods crew has gone all-out for the Angels Camp Jumping Frog Celebration; assorted and nondescript whiskers have sprouted in every direction. . . . **Ed Triplett** and **Art Dunn**, members of the nearest National Guard unit, an Anti-Tank company with headquarters at Jackson, plan to attend training camp for two weeks in June. . . . Both **Doug Sloan** and **Clyde Watson** have been on the incapacitated list for some time. . . . From past

experience we fear there is a bit of outlaw in most of us at some time or other. Given the proper opportunity few can resist the urge to poach just a little; or maybe exceed the legal limit, salving the conscience with the thought that this is only part compensation for those times that we came home emptyhanded. However, unless the stock of wildlife and fish is to be depleted and soon exhausted, we should all abide strictly by the game laws; both by word and example assisting the wardens in their work of regulation and conservation. Let's give a thought to our kids and leave some of this sport for them to sample. . . . **Henry Talcott** and wife spent the first week in May in Santa Cruz attending the I.O.O.F. convention. . . . To borrow from a current movie—the war's most potent weapon was not the tank, not the rocket plane, not the atomic bomb; but the sergeant's whistle. As we recall, not too much change from World War I in that respect.

● DORRIS

Edwin Lee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Art McLaughlin fished on Butte Creek the first day of fishing season. We have heard that Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. McLaughlin caught most of the fish. . . . It seems that most everyone went fishing that first day even though it snowed hard all day. Most of those cold wet fishermen were fairly successful. Those catching the limit or very near the limit were **Carl Boyd**, **Mervyn Robinson**, **Delmar Craddock**, **L. M. Craddock**, **Laurel Craddock**, **L. E. Dodson**, **Manuel McBride**, **Carl Williams**, **George Doran**, **Ada Coope**, **F. W. Copeland**, **Lino Andreatta**, **Carlo Andreatta**, **Lloyd Lair**, **Amos Rudy**, **Bob Engeline**. **Ray Allen** fished all day and finally caught his limit which was one fish. . . . **C. Dalla Bona** is the owner of a new Chevrolet Bel Air, and yours truly has a new Chevrolet Convertible. . . . **H. L. Burns** had a very unfortunate accident. He is one of the Diesel Lumber Truck drivers. He jumped down from the truck and struck a rock, breaking a bone in his foot. Just goes to show that you can't be too careful. . . . Well, the woods has started operating again for the season, with most of the old crew back in their respective places and of course a few new faces here and there. It never fails to happen, we have wonderful warm weather until the woods starts operating then it rains, snows and gets cold. . . . We have several new employes in the Box Factory **Daisy Selberg**, **Marietta Mather**, **Cecil Proctor**, **Kenneth Gerlt** and **Lionie Gerlt**. In the Sawmill, **Karine Bertram** and **J. E. Ward**. Truck Drivers are **Bob Kellogg**, **Lyman Joyner**, **Frank Ryan** and **Billy McCoy**. A new Night Watchman is **Frank Glynn**.

● WHITE PINES

Annabelle Jordan, Reporter

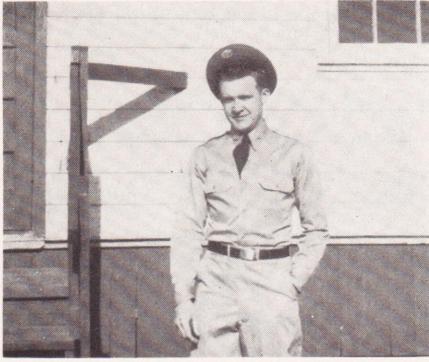
Congratulations and good wishes are due to **Angelo Marzi**, just recently married. His bride was the former **Miss Jennie Pedrozzoli** of Crockett. The ceremony took place April 14th, in the St. Roses Catholic Church in Crockett. A reception followed with wine, music and song. Some 350 people were attending. The couple honeymooned in Reno and vicinity. A sort of afternoon tea party, with the real object being a shower, was given for the new **Mrs. Marzi**. After a few hours of everyone talking at once, **Jenny** soon became acquainted with all and was no longer a stranger. The hostesses were **Dillie Mae Hollingsworth** and **Louise Dolley**, and the guests were **Niamo Liechty**, **Yolando Mosebaugh**, **Herma Small**, **Mrs. Maddalena, Julie Marzi**, **Ida Blatchley**, **Aleta Small**, **Mabel Werry**, **Letha Lloyd**, **Helen Walters**, **Ruth James**, **Sue Armstrong**, **Evelyn Cobb**, **Amy Dolley**, **A. Jordan**, **Dennis Dolley**, **Daniel Liechty** and **Jimmie Jordan**. . . . Baggy eyes, tired, dragging, and no fish. But still so happy and ready to go again, this was a group of our fishermen as they returned from a fishing trip in San Francisco, where they had gone out in the deep, deep ocean in search of a salmon or two that they could get their hooks on. But no luck. It was a wonderful boat trip though, with no one having an occasion to lean far out over the rail. They journeyed about 30 miles out from shore, where they went by the Island that a few days later the Japanese freighter was marooned on. These ocean loving, fishless fishermen were: **Brown Dolley**, **Harold Mosebaugh**, **Glen Jordan**, **Lee Potter**, **Pete Bowman**, **Noel James**, **Hemon Winchell** and **Dean James**. . . . One of our former employes, **Irvin Tanner**, was very unfortunate when a tree branch hit him in an eye, causing him to lose the eye. . . . The night shift got back in the groove the night of April 24th, with **Ralph Loomis** as new sawyer. He took **Johnnie Compton's** place when **Johnnie** switched to the day shift sawyer in **Wilbur Duguay's** place. . . . Home from the navy for 2 weeks was **Bruce Linebaugh**. . . . **Julio Montagner** was also home from the Army for 10 days. . . . The Red Cross drive has come and gone for this year again. We made a pretty good showing with the shop and road crew in there 100%, but something sure did happen to the yard crew. . . . Another soldier boy home for a few days. **Jack Davis**, he is, and he says he likes the Army very much. . . . Once again it is Jubilee time and this year we have a local interest in it. **Pat Dolley**, daughter of **Brown Dolley**, was one of the contestants for the Belle of the Camp Contest. But because of illness had to drop out. So **Mina Hewlett**,

Hicks' daughter, has taken her place, and is reported doing very well. Will report outcome next month.

● SAN FRANCISCO

Meyer Kapler, Reporter

We welcome the return of **Walter Johnson, Jr.**, to the ABC family. **Walter** has recovered from his illness and is now working with **Jerry Arends**. . . . During the cold spell in the Bay Area, our hardy hiker, one **Jim Barbour**, traveled over to Potter Valley in eastern Napa County and hiked through that area. The whole Bay Area was gloomy and cold but **Jim** advised they had warm sunshine the entire trip. Napa Chamber of Commerce, please note. . . . **Ethel Zimmerman** of the Lumber Dept. enjoyed the pleasure of a visit from her mother, who spent a week with her. **Ethel's** folks live in Oregon and her father is Justice of the Peace at Chiloquin, Ore. If anyone from the Company gets a ticket at Chiloquin, just tell the Judge you are a friend of **Ethel's**. **Ethel's** mother had quite an experience while visiting here as a burglar trying to invade **Ethel's** home was frightened away when her mother awoke in time to call for help. . . . Speaking of visits from mothers—**Madeliene Powers' mother** has been here from Seattle visiting her daughter since Christmas. **Madeliene** and her mother flew home to Seattle, where **Madeliene** spent her vacation and enjoyed a visit with the rest of her family. . . . **Gil Gibson** took his oath as an American citizen, and **Jim Barbour** draped his desk with an American flag—just to remind him that from now on he is an American citizen and not a Canadian. . . . **Frieda Schreiner** took an early vacation in order to get away from the rain and cold weather and traveled to Phoenix and Los Angeles. The weather in that area wasn't much better than here, according to **Frieda**. She had an enjoyable time visiting her brother's family and old friends. . . . **Ed Zollner** is spending his weekend cementing part of his back yard. The one big problem with **Ed** is, how do you get cement? . . . **Mrs. Meyer Kapler** was installed as President of the Oakland Chapter of B'nai Brith for the coming year. . . . **Joe DeMaria** was rooting for his Cub Scout Pack in Orinda at the ball game in which his son **Stephen** is the pitcher. Last year they were the champions of the Eastern Contra Costa Cub Scout Area, and it looks like they will repeat again. . . . **Sti Stibich** has returned after a month's business trip to the East Coast and Middle West. Weather was fair on the trip with a little snow. Conditions in the East are spotty in some areas, but the overall picture looked fairly good. . . . After being confined to the hospital and home for over 6 months as a result of an attack of polio, **Lew Baysinger's** daughter, **Susan**,



James Conger, son of J. D. Conger, yard super at Wilseyville, is in training at Shepherd Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Jimmie graduated from Calaveras High School and held down many jobs including log-trucking at Wilseyville.

has returned to school with no ill effects. . . . The Picnic Committee has started laying plans for this year's Company picnic at the Johnson ranch at Pleasanton, to be held on July 1st. A good time is planned for all who come, with plenty of food and beer as usual. . . . In celebration of her birthday, **Nora Connolly** was the guest at dinner of the girls of the Shook Department. . . . **Rose Marie** and **John DeCampos** are the proud owners of a new cocker spaniel puppy.

● JOHNSONDALE

Velma Black, Reporter

Of all the things that could have happened, it had to snow about a foot the very first day fishing season opened. Everyone was all set for a big week-end but we just didn't count on the weather acting up so badly. The streams and rivers were full of fish and the banks lined with people ready for the big catch, but instead of fishing, it took most of the people all day to dig out from under a blanket of snow. And we Johnsondalers had to dig out our long handles again and crawl into them. What a disgusting development this turned out to be! . . . **Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thomas** are the very proud parents of a daughter born April 17th. **Mary Teresa**—6¼ pounds. **Mary** is their sixth child and their second daughter. . . . **Mr. and Mrs. Bob Greenwood** have a brand new daughter, born April 14th—**Sharon Lea**—7¼ pounds. . . . **Mrs. Ida Sawyer** (Mumsy) was very pleasantly surprised on her 69th birthday when friends gathered at her home and presented her with a beautiful birthday cake and gifts, among them being one very lonesome little chicken with a red ribbon tied on its leg. Those present were **Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Dingler** and **Carlene, Mr.**

and **Mrs. Vernon Christy, Mrs. Foster, Miss Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Black, Betty Miller, Mrs. L. H. Taylor, Mrs. Grace Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitson, Earlene and Sue Ellen.** The evening was spent playing games and just visiting. Cake, ice cream, coffee and tea were served by the hostesses, **Mrs. Whitson, Mrs. Black** and **Mrs. Dingler.** Everyone enjoyed the party a lot and hope to help "**Mumsy**" celebrate her birthday next year. . . . A picnic was held on the school grounds—called Play Day by the children—sponsored by the Ladies' Club and P.T.A. The high school girls' baseball team beat the ladies' team two games—8 to 9 and 9 to 11. The Ladies' Club served ice cream, punch and potato chips. P.T.A. entertained with a movie. . . . **Clair Owens'** father, mother, brother and wife have been visiting them from Glendale. . . . **Bill Burner**, formerly of West Side is our new woods superintendent. . . . **Bill Kenney** is our new truck shop foreman. . . . Our store manager, **Paul Kell**, fell off the store steps and broke his collar bone. We hope to see him back on the job soon. . . . **Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Black** drove to Wilmington and visited with relatives and friends and had a big time watching the wrestling matches on television but it wasn't funny driving back through Mojave Desert in a dust storm. . . . **Otto Scholtz**, a former truck shop foreman here, drove from Alhambra where he is making his home to visit with friends and relatives. . . . **Sally Owens** and **Lou Nell Cole** were invested into Scout Troop No. 1 as new members by the Scout Leader, **Leona Whitson.** . . . The Johnsondale members of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen Association went to Porterville and enjoyed the annual membership banquet program. **Joe Elliott** had reserved a table for them and they made themselves known by standing to be introduced. Those making the trip were **Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitson, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Critchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kelin** and **Mr. and Mrs. Bill Charlton.** . . . **Ginny Doherty** is spending several days this week at Upper Durrwood cooking for fishermen. . . . **Earl Whitson** is very thinly clad these days as Mumsy took most of his clothing and tied it on long sticks in her garden to keep the birds away. Mumsy also has what is known as the "fighting rooster". He kicked her on the finger and almost broke it. . . . **Minnie Lou Bailey** has discovered a new way of getting off a horse's back. She was seen the other day as she left the horse—she just raised up and sails out into mid-air as light as a feather—landing in a nice pile of sand. See you next month.

● CHASE LUMBER COMPANY

Art Jacobson, Reporter

Clyde and Chris, Jr., sons of Chris Lee, mill shipping clerk, are on their way to Alaska where they are going to work for the Puget Sound Construction Company as linemen. The project on which they will be working is the new naval base at Adak, Alaska. . . . **Bud Hansen** is the proud possessor of a new light green Chevy sport coupe. . . . **George Bellomy** bought a black cocker puppy which he intends to train to retrieve those hard to catch trout at Stevens Creek reservoir. Speaking of Stevens Creek and trout, our star fisherman, **Bill Snyder** has been doing pretty well. So far he has hooked about 40 good-sized fish. **Bill** does most of his fishing in the evening after work, so the other fellows don't have a chance to see how he does it. However, he has been seen fishing on Saturdays with his pencil stuck behind his ear. Could he have been tallying his catch, or is the pencil some kind of a special lure? **Dick Berg** and **Joe Friene** also have tried their luck at angling. Their limit seems to be one trout per trip. Better try the pencil, fellows. . . . **Phil Comber's** latest pride and joy is a beautiful new 4 x 5 graphic view camera with nearly all the accessories to match. The only piece of equipment that **Phil** needs now is a wide angle lens to be used to take photos of the school jobs that we are furnishing mill-work for. **Phil's** most pictured subject is his dachshund which lays claim to being the most photogenic dog west of the Mississippi. . . . **Jim Hitt** has been spending his weekends building a barbecue pit. **Jim's** wife is said to be an expert in barbecuing chicken. How about a sample, **Jim**? . . . **Joe Wilson**, his wife, **Inez**, and daughter, **Patty**, enjoyed their vacation in Laramie, Wyoming, which is **Inez's** home town. The **Wilson's** had a grand time visiting friends and relatives, and, in addition, **Joe** managed to get in a few days of good fishing. **Inez** and **Joe** are also proud owners of a new Buick dynamo, which they drove back from Laramie. . . . A happy hello to new employees **Cecil Rutherford**, **Boone Smith**, **R. C. Pugh** and **Wilfred Miles**, who are working in the yard department, and **Frank Forti**, who is working in our mill.

● PHOENIX

Barbara Turner, Reporter

The heaviest spring deal that the lettuce growers have ever enjoyed is coming to a close. The shipping has been humming along steadily and the unusually cool weather helped to prolong the season. Carrot shipping will fill in the gap between the lettuce deal and the cantaloupe deal. . . .

The Annual Lettuce Ball, sponsored by the Vegetable Growers Association, was held in the Hotel Westward Ho on April 12th. **Reif** and **Louise Osburn** were visiting here in Phoenix at the time of the ball and they attended with **J. H. (Pack) Packham** and **Mrs. Jerry Packham**. **Donald McLean** and **Mrs. Edna McLean**, **Bud England** and **Mrs. Bill England** also represented the **Arizona Box Company** at the annual spring get together of all the vegetable shippers and growers in the Valley. . . . Lending an air of color and old West have been the citizens of Phoenix and her outlying sister towns with cowboy and cowgirl attire in honor of the World Championship Rodeo, which is held at the Fairgrounds Stadium every year. Of course, we, who are oldtimers, and are accustomed to cattle, dust, bronc riding, dust, steer wrestling, dust, fancy riding, dust, fearless bull riding, and more dust of the rodeo didn't care about going, not very much, that is! **Donald McLean**, **Bud England** and **Barbara Turner** all took their small fry to see the rodeo on Saturday afternoon. **Don** and his wife **Edna** took their movie camera with them and took pictures of the trick riding and roping. **Doc Steelman** took his family on Friday night while **George** and **Doris Rogers** and **Dorothy Owen** saw the Sunday evening performance. **Gene Schreiner** took his boat crew and little fishermen on Saturday night. Quite a number of the other fellows took their little "Hopalong Cassidys" to the various performances also. . . . **Cecil Carr** has joined the ranks of those who "started with a shoestring". He has left our employ to go into business for himself. . . . **Arthur Page** is struggling hard for recognition for his softball team composed of girls and wearing the title of the Village Maids. They do not have a sponsor yet but they are doing a lot of hard work to get one. . . . **Gene Schreiner's** family had a visitor from our San Francisco office. **Freida Schreiner** came down and spent her vacation with **Gene** and his family. **Freida** is **Gene's**



In April TW&J - Los Angeles had an exhibit of doors, stiles and mouldings at the Lumbermen's Trade Show in the Ambassador Hotel. In this picture of the exhibit are: left, B. P. Schofield, TW&J-LA moulding department manager; Eric Hexberg, TW&J-LA manager; and Eugene Rowe of the Los Angeles sales department.

sister and she worked in the Phoenix office until she went to San Francisco. . . . The wife of **Jim Davis**, one of our framers in Mesa, has been very ill after undergoing a major operation, but she is very much improved at the present and is expected to be fit as a fiddle within a short while. . . . **Roger Sullivan** is still making his father, **Clyde**, very proud of him with his track prowess. He took two second places, one for the high jump and one for the 120-yard low hurdle and he came in third in the 150-yard high hurdle at the Buckeye West Side track meet on April 27. . . . There is new trimming on the bonnet of our warehouse. **Al Wise**, **Jay Burnett**, **Boyd Knaack**, **Art Nealy**, **Paul Weisner**, **Al Holt** and several of the other fellows who work in the warehouse have been refurbishing the roof with asbestos paint covering. **Paul Weisner** decided to do a humpty dumpty though and fell, knocking out one of his teeth. He has been patched up and is keeping a more careful watch on where he steps. . . . **Michael Turner**, 8-year-old son of **Barbara Turner**, has made up his mind that being a big league ball player is just not in his line. He decided all this after falling when playing ball and striking his finger, injuring it to the extent that he has had to have it set three times and finally wound up in the hospital for an intricate operation to save him from losing his finger altogether. He is not so unhappy about it, because as he says, "After all, Mother, I'm glad it was my left hand, because if it was the right one, I would have to learn to do everything all over again!"

● T W & J — LOS ANGELES

Grace Amyes, Reporter

Even "Bandini No. 5", which we mirthlessly term the pungent aroma from the neighboring rendering plants, cannot completely suppress the scent of spring in the air. Early May was cold, at least by the unique comparative standards of Southern Californians, and there was much muttering about "when are we going to get some decent weather." With the first really warm days, the chant was changed to "this heat really takes it out of me" and "when are we going to get air conditioning?" Ah—human nature!! . . . **Ralph Alexander**, our accountant and credit manager since the opening of the Los Angeles distribution yard in 1947, has been transferred to Northern California and will act in the same capacity in the new distribution yard at Newark. **Ralph** will be greatly missed, but he is a happy guy, for the **Alexanders** have always felt the northern part of the state their real home. Replacing **Ralph** is **C. W. (Bill) Danner**. **Bill** has been with **Alley Lumber Company** in Los Angeles the past three years, and was formerly with

Rollin Rodolph & Company, Certified Public Accountants, in San Francisco. . . . The **Robert Tates** are parents of a baby girl, their first child. According to the boys in the yard, it took Bob five days to recover. . . . The **Roy Harris** family has moved to a new home in South Gate. . . . Opening day of fishing season saw **Hal Weber** on the move to Lake Arrowhead, where he avers he caught the limit the first day but was thwarted by a snow storm on Sunday. These stories have been going on for years but none of us has ever seen a fish or even a confirming picture. . . . Our sympathy to **Joe Hooper**, warehouseman in the Door Department, whose mother passed away this month. . . . **Adelaide Baker**, PBX operator and receptionist, is now an assistant in the bookkeeping department. Replacing **Adelaide** on the reception desk is **Zada Dunnagan**, formerly with **Owens-Illinois Glass Company**. . . . **Ethel Stanley** had us all "green" with envy when she drove up the other day in a handsome new "Cadillac Blue" (plug) Pontiac. Seems she and **Jay** just stopped by the Pontiac agency and couldn't resist it. . . . **George Shipley**, who left the yard crew last year to attend medical school, is back at the old post for the summer. . . . A new addition to the sales force is **Harold Wagner**, formerly with **Baugh Brothers**. . . . All hands who can make it will be on deck to say "Aloha" to **Jane** and **Eric Hexberg**, who sail on the **Lurline** May 16th to spend their vacation in Honolulu. . . .

● SAN JOSE

Jimmy Kirchner, Reporter

The car-buying bug has bitten four of the fellows here in San Jose. **Dominic Taormina** and **Manuel Brown** both have bought themselves new 1951 Pontiacs. **Gus Belleville** and **Kenneth Bumgarner** bought themselves 1950 Ford coupes. . . . We would like to welcome the following men to Gen. Box; they are, **Richard Rodriguez**, **Emilio Grocha**, **Lester Thomas**, **Manuel Carrillo**, **Baltazar Cruz**, **Oscar Saavedra**, **Max Atencio**, **Mark Popovich** and **Leon Davis**. . . . **Gus Belleville**, **Carl Sarausa** and **Larry McDonald** went to **Franks Tract** to do a little fishing, and from the way they talk that is just what they did, a very little fishing. The results were one catfish and one small bass, but as we all know they will keep on going until they get the limit. . . . **Andrew Buz-zetta** went to **Sea Cliff** to do his fishing and his results were a little better. He caught a sack full of perch. . . . **James Powers, Jr.**, the handy capper of Gen. Box, went to **Bay Meadows** race track last month and his luck was very good. He said he went into the stables and talked to the horses and that's the way he picked himself the daily double. . . . **John Halter** was telling your reporter

that he and his wife were not so lonesome since their son **Don** has been transferred to Fort Ord. At least now he can come home on weekends. Before he was stationed in other camps throughout the states, for the last fourteen months. After he leaves Fort Ord he will be sent to a camp in Arizona. **John Halter** has been with Gen. Box for the past ten years. . . . On the opening day of trout season at the Stevens Creek dam, you could find the following men trying their luck: **George Shirley, Carl Sarausa, Gus Belleville, John Maddox, James Powers, Jr. and Albert Fossat.** They were up there bright and early and from what they tell the boys it was a good thing they did go early, because the officers had to close the road. **Larry McDonald** from the nailing shed thought he would wait a little later to go and he ended up on the outside looking in. He drove back to the dam later that afternoon. All of the fellows say they had a very nice time even though it was raining and the wind was blowing. Everybody caught something—some caught fish and some caught cold. . . . The factory has added another cut-off saw to help out during cherry season. **Charles "Buddy" Rose** has taken over the duties of running it. His brother, **Henry Enos, Jr.,** is the tail-off man and **Dick Popovich** is the hikeaway man. The saw had to be put outside because there was no room inside and that seems to satisfy the men, because it is not so noisy and they get a lot of fresh air.

● HAYFORK

Al Ross, Reporter

Folks around here are wishing the rain would ease up a bit so the logging trucks can operate full time. Working two shifts in the sawmill keeps our logging superintendent, **Johnny Parmeter,** really hitting the ball. He has been doing remarkably well considering the obstacles he has had to overcome, including the prolonged stormy weather. . . . The cook house is a popular place these days. The day crew at the close of their day's work meets the night crew at the dinner table, and **Mrs. West,** the cook, and her helper, **Mrs. Roberts,** are really busy. In addition to the three daily meals there are lunches to be put up for the night shift, also early breakfast served to truck drivers who are "first out" in the morning. **Mrs. West** has had years of experience cooking for large numbers and knows how to prepare appetizing meals which satisfy even the heartiest eaters. . . . The bunk house has a new addition of eight double rooms which will accommodate sixteen men, bringing up the capacity to approximately forty. . . . Congratulations to **Helmuth Miller,** who has been promoted to grader on the green chain working the night

shift. . . . We have heard a number of complimentary remarks on the efficiency of the resaw since the remodeling job engineered by **Hubert Arnold.** . . . **Clarence Austin,** our garage foreman, is an expert authority on installation of hydro-tarders. He has supervised the installing of this modern device on all of our company logging trucks—an extra safety measure which retards the speed of a loaded truck on a down grade. Besides the safety angle, the hydro-tarders also mean a great saving on brakes and truck in general. . . . We are happy to hear that **Mrs. George Davis,** wife of our time-keeper, is on the road to recovery after two major operations in as many weeks. A lot of us remember her as a cheerful TALCO stenographer a couple of years ago, which job she resigned to marry **George** and become a happy housewife. . . . **Johnny Means** has a happy gleam in his eyes these days. The reason for this can be observed in the boiler house, a second boiler being installed which will put the steam plant second to none in Trinity County. . . . New residents in the TALCO Village are **Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Laster** and daughter from West Point, and **Mr. and Mrs. Pete Noble.**

● LOS ANGELES

Vera Prince, Reporter

A recent visitor to our office was **George Pompey,** who was on a fourteen-day leave from the Navy, having just graduated from Boot Camp. We also have word that **Jimmy Meagher,** who is in the Air Force and has been stationed at San Antonio, is now taking up further training and attending the University of Connecticut. He expects to complete his course by July 12 and will then have a 30-day furlough before he heads for Germany. **Mickey Byers** has gone into the Army. We certainly wish all these boys who have gone into the service the best of luck. . . . We would like to welcome **Pauline Greer** back after an absence of about two years. Others we are glad to see back on the job are **Frank Kuehne,** our millwright, who has been off for about three weeks recuperating from surgery; also **Tony Lopez,** who is back to work after being in the hospital for eight months. . . . Cupid is a busy little fellow around here. **Josefina Molina** was married on May 12th to **Mac Garcia** at Yuma, Arizona. **Russell Ellis,** yard man, is to be married before long to **Viola Rodriguez.** **Viola** is the daughter of our former lumber grader, **Lino Rodriguez.** Also in the marriage department, **David Greear, Jr.,** was married to **Grace Deal,** on Saturday, March 31st, and **Dave, Sr. and Pauline,** both of whom work in our box factory, are very proud of their new daughter. . . . **George Moon,** cousin of **Eli Moon,**

both of whom work in the yard, received word last night that his brother was killed in Idaho. . . . One of our new employes whom we would like to welcome, is **Eva Foster**, who is working in the nailing department and hails from Oakland. . . . Opening fishing day has come and gone and so far as the anglers around here are concerned, they certainly are quiet on what happened opening day. Of course it was mighty rainy and windy and practically impossible to fish in many spots. The only one we had a good report from was **Veda Brown**, who had a fine catch on a 4-day trip to the Colorado River. **Lee Oster** took a trip up to Johnsondale but all we could get out of him on Monday was that he and his family were having fillet of trout for dinner that night. Upon further questioning we ascertained it was being filleted not on account of the size, but because he only caught one. After a real grilling it came out that the one was 7 inches long, counting its tail, but that he had a real good time at the Mt. Whitney operation. . . . We are sorry to hear that **George Laveroni**, of the Geo. A. Laveroni Lumber Co., has been quite ill. He is at home now but has to return to the hospital for an operation. His friends here at Harbor Box all wish him a speedy recovery. . . . **Paul and Lois Cullen** are at this time somewhere on the East Coast, as they are taking quite an extensive trip to Florida, then up to Washington and New York, and then home across the northern states. . . . **John Sampeare** and his wife are on a trip back to New Orleans to visit his father. . . . Diesel drivers **Earl Ince** and **Russell Fulghum** flew back East several days apart to drive back two new Autocar Buda Diesel trucks from Philadelphia. **Earl** has just arrived back, making it in five days with the new truck. Says he was sure glad to get back on the broad California highways after all the narrow highways and byways he encountered along the way. . . . The stork has been hovering around the home of **Hugh Hurth** for the past week and has even lit on the window sill a couple of times, but it looks like we are going to have to go to press for this issue without knowing whether it is a girl or boy he is flying around with. . . . Extra! Extra!! Extra!!! Who: **Pick Maule**; When: Saturday, May 5th; Where: 4th Hole—Santa Anita Golf Course; What: Shot a hole in one (1).

● NORTH FORK

Bill Eva, Reporter

The sportsmen of North Fork began to get their fishing gear out not long ago, and oil up their reels for opening day of trout season. I am sorry to say that there were a lot more colds caught than fish, due to a steady downpour of rain the

first and most of the second day of the season. . . . Logging operations have been shut down three times so far, because of wet weather, but luckily only for two or three day periods. . . . **James Putler** left for Fort Ord April 21st to trade his carpenter's coveralls for some clothes of a different color. . . . **Richard Anders**, U. S. M. C., son of **Mr. and Mrs. Percy Anders**, has completed boot camp training and is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. . . . **Art Morley** was off work for a month due to a leg injury. . . . **Cliff Owens**, a long line lumber truck driver, suffered a heart attack recently, but, from latest reports, we are happy to hear that **Cliff** is coming along quite well. . . . **Wilbur Lee** took a week off just before the mill started up and drove up to Klamath Falls, Oregon, to visit some old friends. . . . **Les Hallstrom** went to Salt Lake City to look for gold, so he says. I haven't heard, though, if he found any on his way through Reno. . . . The Legion Auxiliary gave a public card party Saturday evening, April 28th. . . . Quite a number of **Mr. and Mrs. Hughes'** many friends recently gave them a house warming. . . . **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sullivan** of Chicago visited their nephew, **Pat Larson**, here for three days. . . . The Red Cross came to North Fork with their Mobile Blood Unit and left with ninety pints of blood.

● OAKLAND

Dick Kuhlmann, Reporter

Manuel Bettencourt, a star performer in our detail department, is a gent who enjoys his chow. Finding his lunch bag nailed to a box in the detail department office at noontime was more than enough to fracture his good humor. **Senor Bettencourt** was further aggrieved to discover this foul deed had been enacted as a disciplinary measure by Foreman **Manuel Perry**. Seems that "**Admiral Perry**" had been bellowing for months against the practice of converting his office into a messhall. All our printing brands are stored in this area and branderman **Bill Christman** had been complaining rather bitterly over having to pry goodly portions of salami and peanut butter from his brands before cranking up his printing press. At one point **Christman** was so incensed, he threatened to turn in his famed short pencil and go fishing. This tempest has been resolved by moving "**Admiral Perry's**" phone. Formerly this phone was tucked away in a hole in the wall behind the door to **Perry's** office and every time he was engaged in phone conversation some schnook would charge into the office splintering the door against **Perry's** aching noggin. Now the phone is installed atop **Perry's** work bench; **Bettencourt** stores his lunch bag in the vacant hole in

the wall; **Christman** is happier now that his brands no longer serve as garbage cans. Note to Stalin: See, Joe, compromise! . . . The things you find in the outgoing mail! In **Bill Stine's** basket recently: "Dear Judge: Enclosed is money order for \$12.50 for citation received 4/12/51. I am rather amazed at the amount of the fine as the officer who issued the citation stated the fine would be \$2.50 or \$5 depending upon the humor of the judge. Needless to say, I picked a bad day! I sincerely hope you are feeling well once again. Out of curiosity, is this the usual fine for exceeding the speed limit 5 mi. per hour?" And no reply. . . . Bossman **Murray Studley** recently raised an eyebrow over an item listed in our monthly expense statement as "Sawfiting Expense." Correctly typed, it would have read "Sawfiling Expense," but on the other hand "sawfiting" probably better explains saw filer **Hugh O'Connor's** bushed appearance in recent days. **Hugh** heatedly denies the hallowed box factory axiom which intones, "Brother, when you've got even your saw filer busy, you've got a busy plant." . . . Ah, 'tis summer! Gardens are blooming all over the place. **GBD, Oakland**, has quite a contingent of eager beavers in the garden set who wallow in the weeds each week-end. Taking a dim view of all this is our legal eagle, **D. D. Fairbrother**, Sales Manager and Harvardman; he grumbles that "gardens look OK, but it takes too damn much work to get 'em that way. Besides, my wife insists I do the work." No green thumb, he. . . . A recent visitor to this sector was **Lt. Don Burger**, formerly our office manager and salesman. Having completed training, **Don** was home on leave, fifteen pounds lighter and looking years younger. **Don** has reported back to the Marine Corps Training School, Quantico, Virginia, where he will be an instructor. "I'll give 'em what they gave me," the Lieutenant promised when departing. . . . Other distinguished visitors to the office were **Tom Ware** and **Art White** of the San Francisco office. **Art White** being Ye Traveling Auditor for the mother organization, the mighty American Box Corp., all hands beat a hasty retreat from the petty cash box and immediately revised their expense accounts—not one whit reassured by **Art's** claim that "this is purely a social call." . . . Now look, chums! You All-American fullbacks who race through the plant at 4:30 nightly in a mad dash to slug the time clock: You've already put **Tony Perry** flat on his back in bed as the result of a collision. More will follow unless this quitting time rodeo grinds to a halt.



An old man was sitting on the porch of a little village store when a big, shiny car drove up with two strangers in it.

"Hey, there," one of them called out. "How long has this town been dead?"

The old man looked at them over the rims of his spectacles.

"Well, not long, I guess. You're the first buzzards I've seen."

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 "Another combination shot," said the coed as she leaned too far over the billiard table.

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 The tired salesman decided to take a chance on a night's lodging at the small ranch house far out in the country rather than drive the eighty miles to the nearest town.

"Yep, I reckon we can take care of you overnight," said the farmer, "if you don't mind sleeping with a red-headed school teacher."

"Look, here," bristled the salesman, "I'll have you understand I'm a gentleman."

"So's the school teacher," replied the farmer.

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 "Evesdropping again," said Adam as his wife fell out of the apple tree.

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 Mrs. Jones was complaining to her next door neighbor: "You just can't trust anybody any more. My own grocer gave me a phony quarter this morning."

"Let's see it," said the neighbor.

"Oh, I haven't got it any more," replied Mrs. Jones. "I gave it to the milkman."

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 The tongue, being a wet place, is likely to slip when going fast.

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 Overheard from a lumber salesman toward the end of a cocktail party: "I feel a hell of a lot more like I do now than when I came in."



"Sorry to see you leave. We'll miss you around here. What did you say your name was?"



A HUGE PONDEROSA PINE LOG GOING INTO THE
ASSOCIATED LUMBER AND BOX COMPANY SAWMILL
AT NORTH FORK IN MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA