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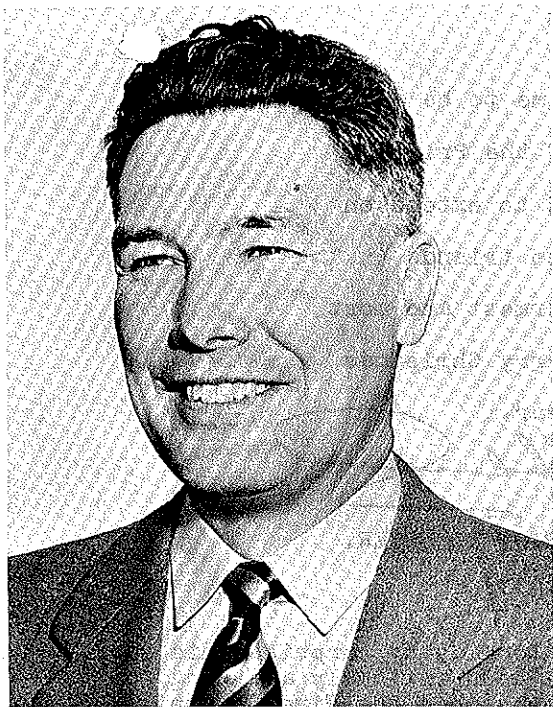
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DECEMBER 1959



SEASON'S GREETINGS - 1959

In this era of rockets-to-the moon, electronic brains, and massive pure-science



advancements, man, as an individual entity, runs the risk of being lost in the shuffle.

There seems to be less and less opportunity for us to take time out and do some thinking about those things that we were brought up to believe were the truly meaningful elements in life -- truth, freedom, responsibility, and the individual dignity of man.

Christmas, therefore, takes on added significance for me this year. As a period devoted to the observance of those great Christian principles that brought light to a world of darkness nearly 2,000 years ago, the Yuletide Season challenges each of us to look at ourselves in truth, and to truly re-assess our direction. In so doing, we will find these principles as dynamic today as they were twenty centuries ago.

To all members of the Forest Service throughout the Province, and to their families, my most sincere greetings and good wishes for -- A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Ray Williston
Minister.

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Once again, the time has rolled around when the Season's Greetings are in



order. It is my privilege for the first time to address this greeting to all our large Forest Service family, and I do so very humbly and thankfully, in the knowledge that, were it not for the loyal support and hard work of every one of you, my job would be impossible.

I am proud of the fact that, with your help, and the great start given it by Dr. Orchard, we are well on the way to sustained-yield forestry in British Columbia. At the moment, some 68% of the log scale is already under regulation -- all this in the short span of fourteen years.

I like to think that what we are doing to conserve for future generations the wonderful forests that the good Lord gave us is a dedicated service in the best tradition of the One whose birthday we are commemorating at Christmas.

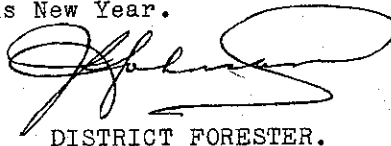
Thus, congratulations to all, and my most sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and Happy 1960 to you and yours.

R. G. McKee
Deputy Minister.

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PRINCE RUPERT DISTRICTCHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It is indeed a pleasure for me to be able to speak for the men and women of the Prince Rupert Forest District staff, and to extend on their behalf to our Forest Service friends elsewhere in the Province, our warmest and most sincere good wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



DISTRICT FORESTER.

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Requests for Christmas Newsletter material took us by surprise this year. We have had a long winter - about sixty weeks - and have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of Spring. Even the Protection boys had been wondering when the Fire Season was going to start. The realization that Christmas is upon us again came as a bit of a shock!!

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Operations, or, The Chopper Cha! Cha!

This year, for the first time, we had what we hope will be a regular ration of helicopter time. In spite of a fortunate lack of fires, we were able to put the "Whirlybird" to good use at other tasks and once again proved its worth as a flying pack-horse.

Four lookouts, on otherwise inaccessible sites, were established. A lookoutman with all his gear was wafted into position in short order, over terrain which would otherwise have taken a couple of days packhorse traverse. "Chopper" transport proved to be cheaper, too.

Several new visibility points and trail locations were investigated and as many virgin stands of timber surveyed as time permitted. The Public Working Circle officer also made good use of this machine to make on-the-ground checks of blocks of isolated timber.

As we waved the "eggbeater" off for the last time and the echoes of its characteristic rotor-slap died away, it was our sincere hope that the future would again allow us to utilize this modern form of air transport.

There is no disputing the value of fixed-wing aircraft, but with the addition of rotary-wing aircraft, our scope can be broadened beyond estimate.

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Management

Business has been booming along our new Morice Forest Development Road this year. This fifty-mile-long road was completed late in 1958 and thirteen Timber Sales were sold to fill the allowable cut for the area. Operations should be in full swing on these sales by 1960.

Logging activities on the Coast were hampered by the I.W.A. strike whereas activities in the Interior continued at a high level.

A new Ranger District was formed recently with headquarters at Bella Coola. Ranger Hawkins has started his safari from the most northerly district, Atlin, to his new district which is the east half of the old Ocean Falls district.

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Silviculture

Our Silviculture Division has expanded to encompass a programme of cone collecting, nursery development, and tree planting.

Nursery, Planting and Cones

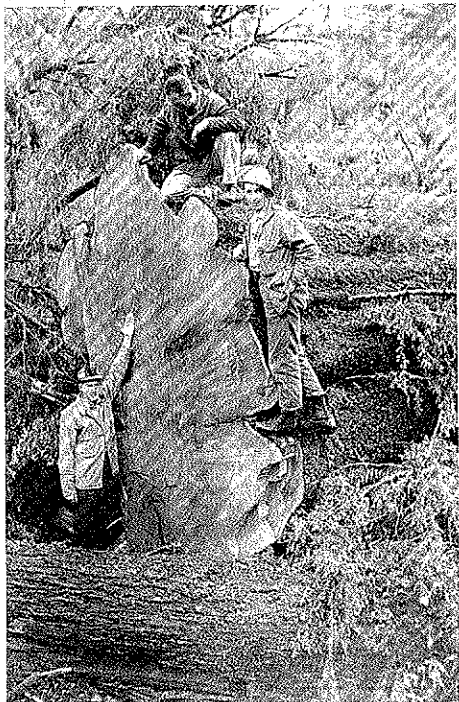
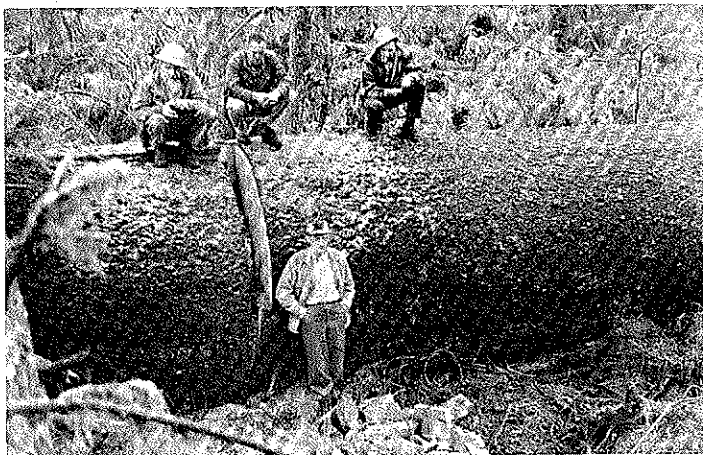
At present the Nursery at Telkwa consists of four, 50-foot seed beds and two, 25-foot beds on the ground with eight more beds proposed for next Spring. The new property being acquired is comprised of about three acres, and has been levelled off by the Project Crew in preparation for a larger scale seed-bed and tree-planting programme, to be conducted in 1960.

Early in May of this year, an extensive planting experiment was carried on in this District, in the "Dodd" burn near Topley Landing on Babine Lake. It was partially reforested with 24,000 2-0 spruce-stock. The cones were gathered in 1956 by the Silviculture Crews from surrounding districts. The seed was extracted at Duncan and raised at Green Timbers. The transplant stock arrived in very good condition at the planting site. Along with the spruce, 1,000 larch, 625 Douglas fir were also planted. There is a possibility of continued planting in this area next year.

Planting was hampered by extremely hot weather for the first few days while the last days went to the other extreme with excessive rain. The latter condition made it nearly impossible to find dry ground for the seedlings. Recent reports indicate the planting site is progressing very favourably.

Prince Rupert District (continued)Silviculture (cont'd)

Old burns and/or non-productive areas are being examined periodically for potential planting sites.



Thinning in second-growth stands on the Charlottes.

This Fall, Silviculture Crews gathered 2,050 pounds of spruce cones from all over the Prince Rupert District. Considerable rust, cause of which no-one seems to be sure about, has plagued the trees this year, which made it very difficult to secure rust-free cones. Sixteen bushels of Interior fir cones were also gathered and sent along with the spruce to Duncan for extraction of the seed.

You may wonder what these fellows do in their "spare time"? Well, between painting cut-leave, seed trees, and shelterwood sales, typing, "topoging", reports, planting, cone collecting, writing exams and studying Nature and its ways -- you see it's just a full-time job.

The Bombardier Muskeg tractor, with which we were allotted in 1957, has proven itself time and time again in saving valuable man-hours travelling to and from Sales. Often we have to travel two or three miles daily in and out of a sale as well as carry the paint supply and equipment. The "Bomb" differs little from a "tank", having 24" tracks and able to carry up to 8 men as well as paint for the day. It shines in boggy conditions and is also able to go through muddy places where a "cat" cannot.

This year saw several of the Silviculture staff leave the District. Jim Gilmour has left for Prince George where he keeps his previous position as District Silviculturist. He was replaced by Doug Morton. Horst Saffarek has left Silviculture after having been with it since its birth in 1952, to work in private industry. Fred Ellis, Onno Van Sandick, Jack Rudolph and Johnny Carlson have also gone to seek greener pastures. One new crew-man this year is Charlie Willson, of Prince Rupert.

Research

District staff was enlarged this year by the migration from the Victoria bogs of one Keith Illingworth. Keith is our Regional Research Officer and spends much of his time in the Interior portion of the District, (Fort Babine, hey, Keith!). We have received word from the south (Prince George, that is) that Keith is leaving the ship for Nelson to join Munro's pipe band. Evidently the strains of bagpipe music (so-called) by multi-angular deflection can be heard in Rupert, via Nelson, during the height of the strongest gales.

ODDS AND ENDS - Herb Couling received his second tour Raindrop in Rupert this summer but found it too large to get into his car Rolly Lewis claims that it was an extremely quiet year for radios (none of them worked) Ranger Fred (MacNutt) Hesketh, of Elko, was again observed poaching fish in the Rupert District, this October. He got skunked. How did you find your way back without a compass, Fred? The D.F. says Selkirk has had his '53 holidays We hear horses are having a rough time in the Prince George District this hunting season Assistant F.P.O. Bill Smith has not as yet caught a bona-fide fish in Rupert Scaler Nick Pavalikis, after five years of hard work, got his Class A scaling ticket. He immediately turned around and married up with a girl of sunny Greece where the rainfall is the cube root of Rupert's This District is represented at Ranger School this season by - Barnacle Dodd and Nadina Nelson. Good luck, chaps! The D.F. is finally convinced that hip waders and a sickle are the only things for mowing lawns in this country We understand Surveys Division is going to take over the Prince Rupert Forest District The latest skin-diver arrivals from Surveys are - Wilf Hutchings (F.I.T.), Ian Black (Forester), and Hugh Halkett (Skipper),

Prince Rupert District (continued)

ODDS AND ENDS (cont'd)

Bob Jones (?) When are you coming up, Micky? "Jimbo" Gilmour and "U. I. Munro" are enjoying sunnier climates but are wondering whether or not they were disillusioned about these desert-like conditions We understand Doug Richards is enjoying life at Oregon State University where he is taking his Masters; he can't wait to get back to Rupert Big Jack Robinson (T.F.L.) is barely finding time to breathe since taking on the Civil Service Business Administration course.

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Welcome!

We welcome Frank Drew, our new Supervisor of Draughtsmen who has recently arrived from Nelson. Also, new arrivals in draughting, are Misses Lorene Gudmundson and Judy Flett. The billing section is now sparked by a familiar face in the person of Mrs. Herdis Lord. Herdis recently returned to "the ship" after a two-and-one-half year absence, to replace Myrtle Wing who recently resigned.

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After the smoke and rubble from the last slide cleared away, we were shocked by the arrival of a Public Information Officer, Bill Reith, who is the first person from P.I.E. to work in this District in five years.

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THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the staff and their wives in the Prince George Forest District for their wonderful hospitality during the recent C.I.F. meeting in Prince George.

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P R I N C E G E O R G E D I S T R I C T

A Busy Year

This has, in some ways, been an unusual year in the history of the District. After 1958, the worst fire year in our history, this year has been extremely wet and dreary. However, much has happened. We have had an almost complete change of staff with a new District Forester, Protection Officer, Chief Clerk, and so forth. We have worked long and hard in our efforts to place as many as possible of our Sustained Yield Units on the licensee-priority system. Lumber prices have been good and, thus, production has reached an all-time high -- passing the previous high for any one year in the first nine months of 1959. This has resulted in a heavy cruising and inspection load for our field staff.

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Two Highlights

Many meetings and events have taken place. In our opinion, however, the two highlights in this respect were the following:

The first annual Fire Control Course for the Northern Interior was held during the week ending April 17 and was jointly sponsored by the Canadian Forestry Association and the Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association. A great proportion of the instructors were provided by our Service and work in this respect kept our Protection staff busy.

(ED: Personally I think the highlight of the year was Assistant D.F. Ted Young singing O CANADA, without accompaniment, to 700 citizens at the "Forestry Forum", during that same month of April).

During the week ending October 9, the Canadian Institute of Forestry held its 51st Annual Convention in Prince George. Foresters from all across the Nation were present. The host section, the Cariboo, is small and a goodly percentage of its membership has been recruited from the ranks of the Forest Service. Therefore, many of our staff were extremely busy organizing and contributing to the programme for this convention.

Both of these meetings were real successes and contributed much to promote forestry in the Northern Interior of the Province.

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Retirement

R.B. "Bob" Carter retired after forty years with the Forest Service. A party was held for Bob at which he was presented with a set of golf clubs, and with green fees for one year, from his friends and wellwishers within the Forest Service. He also received the Prince George "Ice Cube". His position of Chief Clerk has been filled by Ed Clough.

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Staff Doin's

Mrs. Frances Vernon and Mrs. Ann Huble were both off on sick leave for approximately eight weeks during the early part of the year, but we are glad to say they are both back and fully recovered.

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Mrs. Amy Massey has vacated her duties of checking Logging Inspection Reports for the domestic field after a few months short of five years' service and just missed out on an "Ice Cube".

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Prince George District (continued)Staff Doin's (cont'd)

Miss Hettie Waldie, from Management, and Vi Nyberg, from Draughting, were the envy of all as they spent three months vacationing in the British Isles and on the Continent. From postcards and letters received they were, needless to say, having a marvellous time.

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Clara Wieland has come of age after 21 years with the Forest Service.

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HATCHED

Ed and Lillian CLOUGH -- A Son
 Don and Ruth FLYNN -- A Daughter
 Doug and Anne TJADER -- A Daughter
 Fred and Ann FROESE -- A Son

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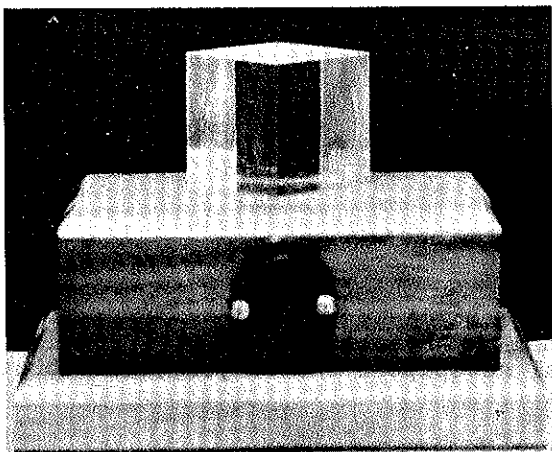
We are very happy to be able to record in the Newsletter the marriage of Miss Helen Proppe to Mr. "Bud" Olson. Congratulations and Best Wishes.

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Activities

The one and only softball game of the year ended in the defeat of the main office staff by the Ranger staff. Next year will prove to be different!

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THE ICE CUBE

Following the Rupert District idea of presenting a souvenir to personnel upon retirement, or transfer, this District has adopted the "Ice Cube" as its symbol. A person must have five years with the Forest Service, two of which must be service in the Prince George District.

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Stand Treatment

This will probably be the first article about Silviculture Marking Crews in the Prince George District to appear in the Newsletter. That is, if it appears.

The past year and a half has proven the Markers to be a more ubiquitous breed than usual. They were to be found doing a diversity of jobs. On the fires, for instance, where many a dent was put on the pristine paintwork of a Silviculture Travel-All. Anyone got a spare 4 W.D.? One spot fire was reported but it turned out to be Torsten Persson's pipe. He has since given up the noxious weed and between you and me, that is one of the reasons he was allowed to go to the Ranger School.

Last year, too, we went "on location." That's Hollywood for staying where you are, but you start doing something. The Metro-Davies-Glew production, "Mark of Progress" was filmed right here in Prince. For the making of this film, John Andre juggled more lights than the local butcher and the result was a huge success.

Most of the markers acquired a good sun-tan in the early summer as they went to and fro' planting seedlings on the Buckhorn Burn. This, they all conceded, was a real down-to-earth task. It was done under the direction of that jovial master of outdoor ceremonies, Bob Clouston who, later on this Fall, was in charge of cone collecting. Somewhere along the line, I got the impression that there were more attractive occupations than the encouragement of spruce progeny. In fact, I think I heard one marker say, as he wiped the pitch off his person, "I'd like to get these cone-picking fingers on one of those foresters."

All the time, of course, the marking is going steadily on, production being the keynote. This spirit is projected into other activities as well. So many cigars have been handed out lately to celebrate happy events that the Fire Chief now calls up and

Prince George District (continued)

Stand Treatment (cont'd)

says, "Boy or girl, or hook and ladder?".

Well now, I haven't got room to tell you about the actual marking but if you see one of our aluminum haciendas trundling along the highway, you'll know the crew is just moving on to put the mark of progress on yet another area. A greeting may be given you in one of no less than eight languages but at this time of the year they will all mean

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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XMAS GREETINGS FROM THE DISTRICT FORESTER

Warmest Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year to members of the Prince George Forest District and to the Forest Service throughout the Province.

Returning to this District after an absence of eight years, I cannot help but note how the District has progressed and output increased. May I take this opportunity to thank the members of my staff for their co-operation and unstinting effort in this my first year as District Forester in Prince George.

G. H. Dixon

DISTRICT FORESTER.

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NELSON DISTRICT

MODERNIZE OUR PUBLICITY

Now that the Forest Service is becoming well established in the newspaper, radio, and television fields, it is high time we joined the advertising race. Instead of advertising the Assistant Ranger exams in the local newspapers once a year, how about a screaming half-page :-

"Get a thinking man's job! Be a Ranger."

Or, at five-minute intervals in Forest Service films, why not break in with :-

"It's what's up front that counts. Be a compassman."

"Are you working more and enjoying it less?
Then switch to the Forest Service."

Both of these accompanied by appropriate actions, of course.

And why the dull Timber Sale Ads that no-one ever reads? How about :-

"FOREST SERVICE ANNUAL 1/2 CLEARANCE SALE
Buy one timber sale at regular prices and you get
another for only 1/2 more."

Even the Fire Season flashes over the radio need some changes if we are to compete with the rest of the advertising :-

"Why be half safe? Get a burning permit as well
as a campfire permit."

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Oh! Those Hats!

Those of you who were fortunate enough to visit the Nelson District during the second half of the year have no doubt been puzzling over the sudden and rapid expansion of our Grazing Division. We wish to take this opportunity of explaining that the rash of cowboy hats should not be linked with the Grazing boys. However, anyone interested in purchasing one of these hats(?) should contact Stan. He will be only too happy to accept your order and commission.

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Nelson District (continued)IT'S REALLY JUST THE SAME!

The following is an excerpt from the District Forester's annual report on organization, 1915, when Granbrook was a Forest District, which may prove both interesting and amusing:

"Transportation

The means of transportation as used in the past, i.e., saddle and pack horses, seems to be the best way of covering the ground. Where good roads are in existence a rig can be substituted for the saddle provided a saddle is carried along. One guard provides himself with a small runabout car for which we pay an allowance of \$33.00 a month. This car has proved to be of the greatest assistance to us on many occasions when great loss of time would be entailed on driving to the scene of trouble.

Salaries, Expenses, Allowances

A schedule of guard salaries could be drawn up and strictly adhered to; the maximum wage to be \$90.00 per month and the minimum \$75.00 with a \$5.00 per year increase. This system would work well in the district and even though we would have a few murmurs of dissent in reducing the \$100.00 per month men I believe we could do this without causing any serious conflicts. In most cases we could obtain as good men as any out of \$100.00 guards for \$75.00 or \$80.00 per month.

By issuing a ration list and instructions which are to be adhered to when food supplies are to be purchased, is a very efficient and effective manner of keeping a check on all supplies purchased. In this manner we are enabled to cut out all undesirable foodstuffs such as canned fruits, tinned meats and certain expensive delicacies not desirable.

By making monthly computations of the per diem expenses of the different men we were able to keep a very close check on their expenses and discrepancies of any nature were easily detected. A very close tab was kept on all horse expenses. A month-to-month summary was made and afforded us the means of causing a considerable saving, i.e., in the month of June it was noticed that a certain guard's horse allowance and expenses totalled \$1.40 per day. On delving into the matter it was found where considerable reductions could be made with the result that July's expenses averaged \$1.17 per day.

I do not believe that it would be advisable to disallow horse-shoeing expenses. Copies of summary forms attached."

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District Cruising Crews

Our special correspondent, from his headquarters at a tent camp forty miles from nowhere, in the remote wilderness of the Big Bend, reports great activity in the cruising world.

This Fall has seen many additions to our ranks in an effort to "beat the backlog". This has been fairly successful despite the miserable weather. Our supplementary crews were gathered from all parts of the District and comprise Deputy Rangers, Assistant Rangers, Patrolmen, Dispatchers, Lookoutmen and anyone else who happens to have two reasonably good feet. Quite a few of our "old boys" have been the key men in this special drive and it seems that most of them have been glad of an opportunity to get away from that old ---- (censored) of a Ranger for a month or so.

To all Cruising Crews in other Districts, may we wish you Season's Greetings plus timber with no defect, no windfall, no backpacking and no hills.

DREAMS!!

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The following tight little drama was the sensation of the 1958 Nelson Ranger Meeting and is reproduced here with special permission of its author -- Ranger Bill Haggert, and cast -- Assistant Ranger Red Wassick and Ranger Al Larsen.

- OLE AND THE TIMBER SALE -

Ole: What's this clause in the contract about "logging by years elapsed", mean?

Ranger: I told you at the time of the auction, Ole.

Ole: I know, Mr. Ranger, but I come to the auction because I need timber. If they throw a hatful of gimmicks in the contract I have to buy it anyway.

Ranger: Alright, Ole, here is how it goes. When the aggregate cut, scaled and paid for, is less than the estimated total stand multiplied by the elapsed years minus one, divided by the years in the term of the contract, then you are in default and your contract may be cancelled.

Ole: (Pause) Whew! How can you say that so fast. By the time I read the last line, I forget the first and I couldn't figger it out if I could remember.

Ranger: O.K., Ole, suppose we make a little rhyme of it so you can remember and then maybe you will understand it. So, let's put it this way -

Nelson District (continued)- Ole and the Timber Sale - (cont'd)

When the total logs you cut and scale
are less than the volume on the sale
Times the years gone by, but minus one
since you bid it in and paid your mon'
Divided then by the time you got
in contract years to log the lot
Then the lessor may by the F.S. laws
take your deposit for the good of the cause.

Ole: They take him most of the time anyhow, but poem sounds good but no more sense.

Ranger: Alright, Ole, let's figure it another way. How long have you been married?

Ole: Ten years.

Ranger: Good, let's suppose the marriage contract is ten years, the same as the sale contract.

Ole: No hope, I am tied up forever now, nine kids and one coming next year.

Ranger: Any the first year, Ole?

Ole: I bane away most of the time.

Ranger: Perfect, it is just the same with the timber sale. You take one out every year except the first year; that gives you time to get organized and you get one extra year to make the tenth one. Does that figger?

Ole: Sure does, why in hell don't they say that in the first place, I can do dat easy.

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Greetings from Nelson!

One of the most outstanding features of the Forest Service over the years has been the wonderful "comradeship". No matter where you travel throughout the province you will always be sure of finding a "friend" at the nearest Forest Service establishment be it Office, Ranger Station or lonely Lookout. It is with this very heartwarming thought in mind that I and the members of the Nelson District extend to all our "friends" in the Forest Service our sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

P. Young
District Forester.

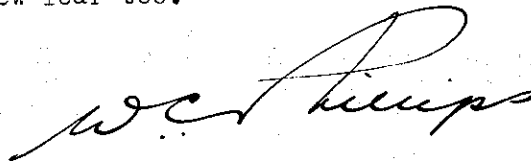
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KAMLOOPS DISTRICTYULETIDE GREETINGS

To each and everyone in the Kamloops District, the writer extends a sincere wish for a most pleasant Christmas Season.

From all in the Kamloops District, we wish the remainder of the large Forest Service family the merriest Christmas. Of course, the writer would add a little extra, for old-times sake, to those in the Prince George District.

And a Happy New Year too!



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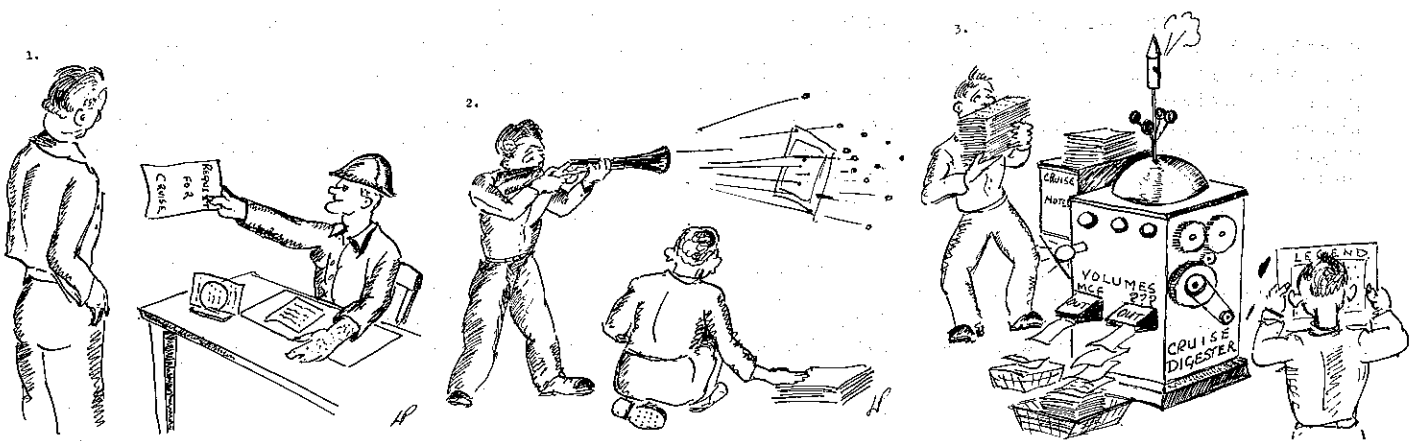
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STATISTICAL CRUISING

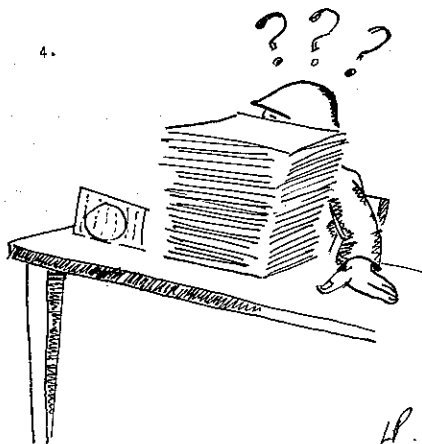
The newly inaugurated cruising method is now beginning to hit its stride and wheels are turning with ever-increasing momentum.

All are familiar, to some extent, with the procedure. Few, however, are conversant with all aspects of the business - the wheels within wheels, the wherefrom and whither to - as it were. Therefore, in order that procedures become standardized, the following, in brief, are the steps through which the pages pass before reaching finished product.

It is pointed out that final destination is shrouded in a fog of mystery and no questions will be answered.

The New Procedure, By Numbers

1. A request is received.
2. Plot planners at work.
3. Wheels are set in motion.
4. Finished product - destination secret.



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Kamloops District (continued)Comings and Goings in Management

It can indeed be said that this has been a year of changes. A thorough shake-down in the upper echelons reverberated through the Management Section.

John Bruce, abandoned his house to the clutches of tenants and headed for Nelson; Jack Robinson, shrugged his "bone-dry" clad shoulders to face Prince Rupert; Nick Mason and Fred Brahniuk pried themselves out of Victoria to fill the ranks in Kamloops. Nearly everyone changed jobs and then the office was turned upside down when Management moved upstairs to be near the files (ghastly thought). Even the Management pool cars had a change - new engines.

Vital Stats

We bade goodbye to Margaret Begg on her marriage and welcomed Keith Barker from Nelson. Dave Armit also said the vows and Trevor Jeanes contributed to the depletion of stenographic staff when he chose his bride, Anita Watt. Len McDonald and Bert LeDuc became first-time fathers with a boy and girl respectively and Larry Parlow, Amund Groner, Hubert Janning and Pete Leahy increased paternal cares (all boys); Nick Mason settled for another girl ("specializing", he says). Ranger Geoff Bodman of Alexis Creek and Shirley Lincoln of Kamloops were married on November 14. Congrats!

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House building has been all the rage with Pete Robson and Amund Groner competing against Cy Phillips for the slowest contractor. Pete Leahy fooled everyone by contracting for himself and founded his house on the sun-stroked backs and electrocuted arms of his fellow workers. Bruce Clark applied his research bent and completed a house with comparatively little trouble.

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Mel Kerr lost his voice (in the office move, he tried to say) and Larry Parlow got off the road again, only to bag a moose 'way back, which presented butchering and engineering problems. (That'll teach him not to roam!) The coffee-break was revived and we now feel up to Norris' cartoons. Bruce Neighbor was escorted back from the Prince George C.I.F. convention with a slipped disc.

After so much activity this year, the prospects for the New Year, comments Art Tourond, "appear jaded."

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---- Without A Paddle

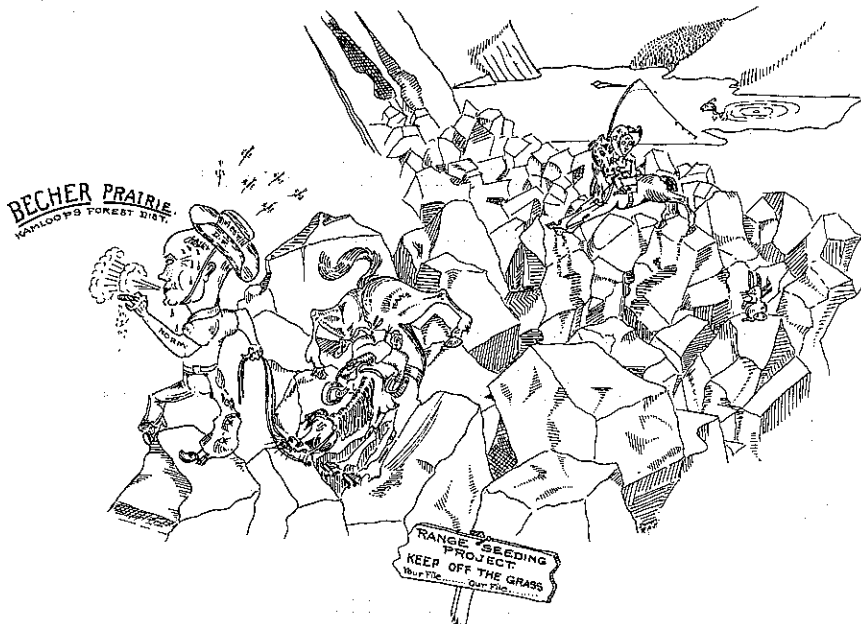
Williams Lake Ranger Jack Cawston found out the hard way that one needs a paddle on treacherous Quesnel Lake. It seems that he and Patrolman Ken Shier were out with a local neighbour, Fred Hamel, on a test run for Fred's new boat. Their intent was to spend a couple of hours on the lake after supper. Halfway through the test they lost a prop in a "spin-off".

With the help of an onshore breeze and several hours paddling by hand they finally beached the boat on the east shore of the lake, across from "civilization". With one sleeping bag, a blanket, and some fish, they survived the night. A passing float-plane spotted their fire next morning, landed and towed them into Ken's patrol station where Mrs. Shier tearfully informed them that a search and rescue party was being organized for them in Kamloops. Both Fred and Jack say now that they would rather be dead than caught up the lake without a paddle.

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A sequel to the above incident occurred shortly thereafter when Ken and the Ranger Supervisor (unnamed) took off from the Patrol Station with the boat and a full tank of gas only to discover after several hours that the extra full tank was empty. The unnamed Supervisor now personally checks the gas tanks before he takes off on Quesnel Lake.

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Cy and Norm may think their first mile of the Grazing trail has been rough but Grazing isn't all this bad.

The road is long, the road is tough,
And piled up high with trouble,
But Cy and Norm are sure enough,
They'll live to see it crumble.

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Kamloops District (continued)There Just Ain't No Accountin'

During the height of the past Fire Season our remote Vedan lookout, in the far regions of the Chilcotin country, was being supplied food by air-drop. Ranger Geoff Bodman was doing the dropping when his eye-glasses were caught in the "prop-wash" and disappeared with the cardboard box containing the mail. Nothing more was thought of the incident until some six weeks later when Supervisor Specht was locating a road on the same Lookout mountain. As he approached the lookout building he narrowly avoided stepping on the glasses that Geoff had lost six weeks before. One lens had fallen out beside the glasses but, otherwise, no damage was sustained and Geoff is wearing his old set.

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Johnny's Bear Fight

Ranger John Weinard is one potential "tourist" who will invariably heed the dictum "Don't feed the bears -- they're dangerous!"

During a Timber Sale inspection last summer, Johnny narrowly avoided becoming a meal for a "cute" little black mother bear. Leaving her cubs in the background, the bear attacked without warning, catching Johnny flat-footed. After being severely mauled, Johnny managed to gain the refuge of a nearby tree, only to have the bear follow him up, clawing and tearing at his legs continuously. As Johnny neared the top of the tree the bear finally gave up and dropped to the ground, only to sit on guard to await his inevitable return to earth.

Strapping himself in the tree with his belt, Johnny's loss of blood finally took its toll and he passed out. Regaining consciousness some two hours later and finding mother bear departed, Johnny somehow managed to scramble down from the tree only to find that his legs just wouldn't support him. The incident commenced at about 2.00 P.M. and remained undiscovered until 6.00 P.M., when Johnny's assistant, Bill Jones, after a worried search, found him in a dazed condition not far from the foot of the tree that saved his life.

Johnny is now fully recovered - one more top Ranger was saved for the Service.

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Protection Patter

With exception of the Cariboo and particularly the Alexis Creek district, we had a very light fire season and consequently do not have very much to talk about. The Alexis Creek district had a very bad season and now contains considerably less timber than it did in the Spring.

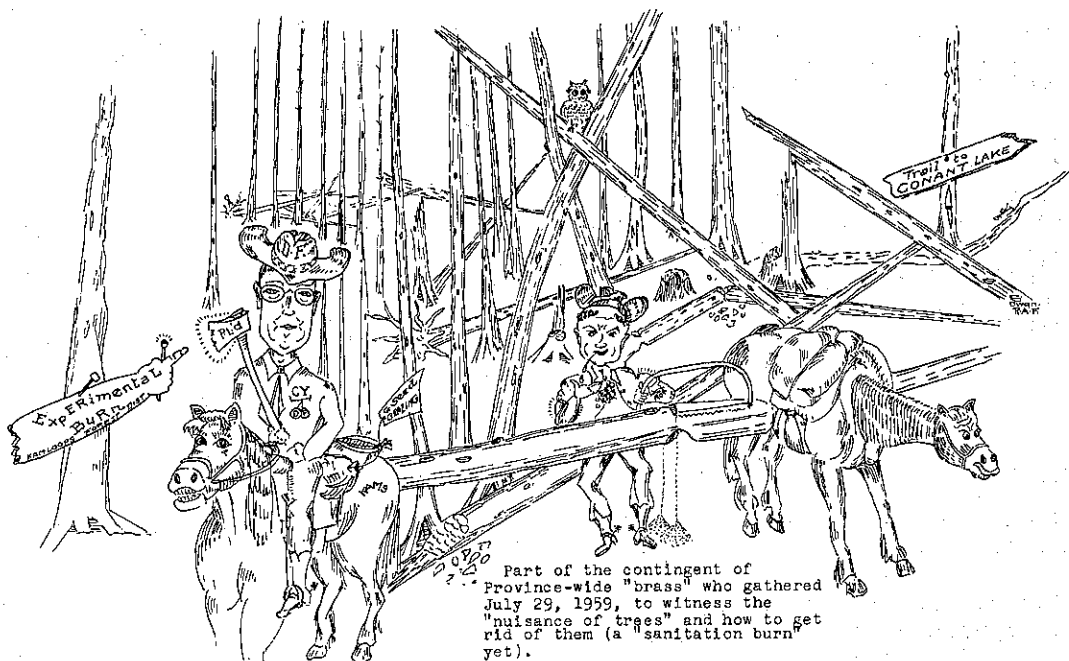
In the sunny Okanagan and South Thompson desert regions, it rained all summer. In fact, the sagebrush and cactus put on so much radial increment we have had several applications to log patches of them. If it continues next year, Surveys is going to have to re-sample the entire area and no doubt the allowable cut on our managed units in these regions will be doubled at least.

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Rope-swinging 'Chopper Jockeys

We had a helicopter for a couple of months and of course everyone learned a lot about the "birds" (next year we're asking for a "bee"). One of the things we learned was that with the helicopter you can trail people who are lighting fires. Trouble is by the time you land they have thrown all their matches away. Next Season we plan to recruit an experienced roper for observer in the helicopter. Then we'll be able to write a series of articles such as "The Day the Rope got Tangled in the Rotor", "You Can't Lift a Horse with a G-2", etc. Our experience also showed that the Protection staff and the Supervisors are all going to have to diet - any two of them now add up to an overload for the helicopter. Incidentally, we're considering additions of a clause in the contract that all pilots must be ex-jockeys.

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Kamloops District (continued)

We staged an experimental burn this summer. Everything was well planned and executed. Weather readings were taken in advance, borate sprayed around, people from Victoria arrived in droves -- if it hadn't snowed the day before it would have been a real display.

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VANCOUVER DISTRICT

Another year has almost gone and it is again the time for greeting old friends and new ones. With this in mind, we in the Vancouver District extend to one and all our very best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.

Jan G. Cameron
DISTRICT FORESTER.

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Bowling News

The Forest Service is well represented in the large Provincial Government Bowling League in Vancouver, not only in participants but also in scores. Graham Towell of the filing staff, as of October, was really hot, with an average of 220 and high singles of 290 and 350 as well as high three's of 733 and 800. Beverly Cobb, also of the filing staff, has been leading the way for the women with an average of 197 and a high single of 313 and a high two of 682.

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Call Him "Lucky"

Recently, Management Forester Don MacLaurin and two friends spent a little time at Snowcap Lake, in Garibaldi Park. They were flown in, leaving instructions to be picked up a day or so before their food supply gave out. Good mountain climbing and flying weather prevailed during the next few days but, the very day they expected the plane to return, the weather closed in for four days. However, luck was with them as they stumbled on a food drop that had been

Efforts at Pemberton - our only horse-packing district.

lost, or abandoned, in 1952. All 45 cans of food were in excellent condition after 7 years at 4,600 feet. (Don said the strawberries had lost some of their flavour but he wasn't really complaining).

A short time later Don's wife presented him with a healthy daughter who never wakens them at night. How lucky can you get?

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Speaking of luck, names must have it too. The big "pool" winners during the baseball and football series were - Bev Cobb, Bev Payne, Bev Boulton and, somewhere in the Marine Building, another Boulton.

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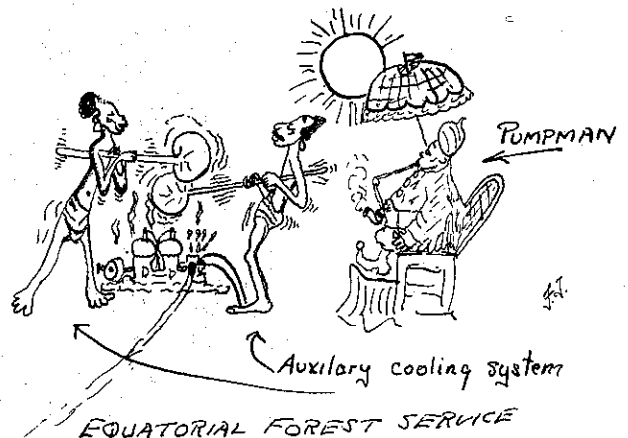
Continuing on the luck theme - Ray Wilson has been given membership in the "Turtle Club, by virtue of his life having been saved by a hard hat when a snag broke off and only gave him a "pain in the neck". A presentation will be made at our anticipated forthcoming Ranger Meeting.

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Scaling NewsSo Long and Welcome!

Great changes have recently taken place in the top "brass" of the Scaling Department.

Our old friend Chris Armstrong has vacated the Superintendent of Scaling chair to take up a life of leisure(?) and travel.



Or As We Would Have It

Vancouver District (continued)

So Long and Welcome (cont'd)

We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

Chris picked up the "loot" from two staff parties held in his honour. The scalers donated a power-saw and instructions that its use in the cutting of beachcomb material around his Vancouver Island beach home is prohibited by Section 165 of the Forest Act. A sizeable cheque was also donated by his many friends in the Service, which at last report was being squandered on riotous living in the cotton-pickin' town of Marston, North Carolina.



We all congratulate H.L. (Larry) Coles on his promotion to Superintendent of Scaling. Larry, apprenticed for the position under Chris' wing and, being a wise man, has taken in tow "Gordie" Marriott, former Inspector of Licensed Scalers and Export, and water-ski champ of Boundary Bay, as his Assistant Superintendent of Scaling. The staff wishes them both every success in their new jobs.

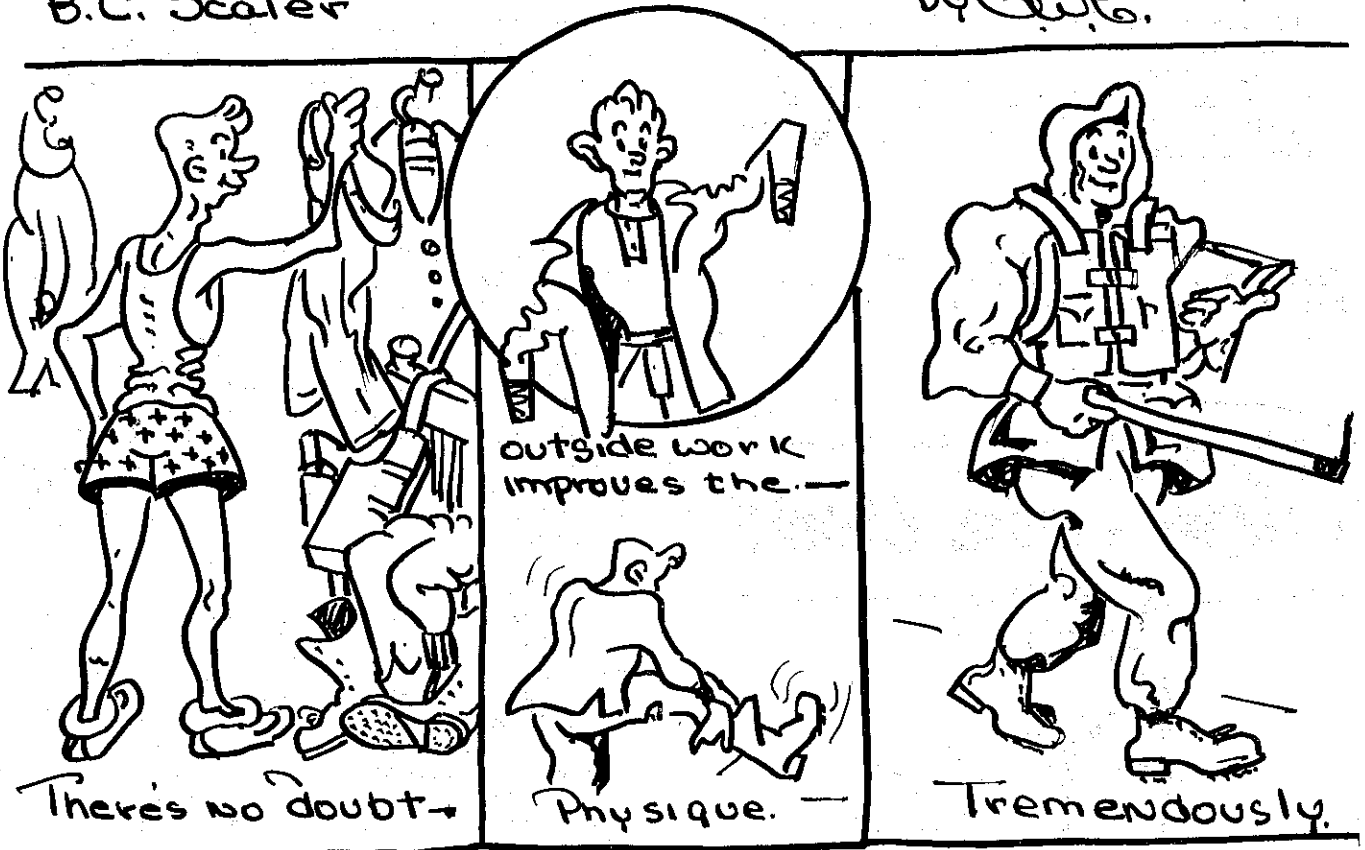
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The Scaling Department welcomes from the Cruising Staff, Len Miles, and Jon DeWest.

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B.C. Scaler

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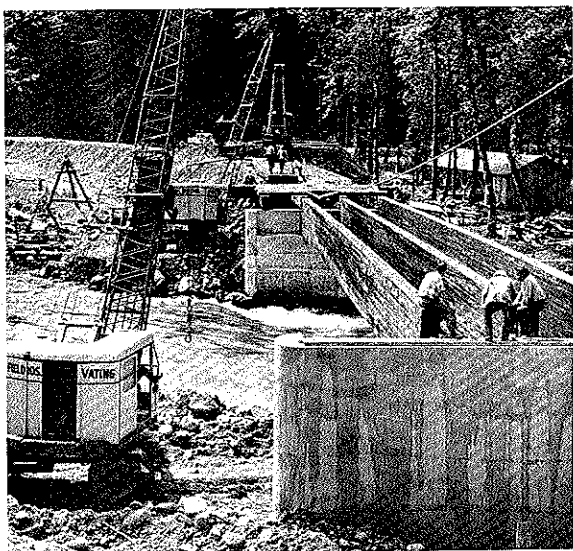


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ENGINEERING DIVISIONTHE BIG NEW BRIDGES

When the Forest Development Road programme got under way a few years ago, Engineering Services Division began to look for a type of bridge that would stand the punishment of heavy, off-highway trucks and tractors. It had to be economical, simple to erect in out-of-the-way places, without fancy equipment and specialized people, have a life-expectation in keeping with sustained-yield logging, and yet not be so monumental that it could not be abandoned or salvaged with changing plans. The solution - the pressure-creosoted timber bridge.

Creosoted wood piles are used for foundations whenever possible. The main girders are laminated with waterproof glue from two-inch boards of selected B.C. coast Douglas fir. The glue stands the heat and pressure of the creosoting process without trouble.



Chilliwack River Mile 2 Bridge. Photo shows three of the four main girders in position, while preparations are being made for launching the fourth girder, which is lying on the fill in the background.

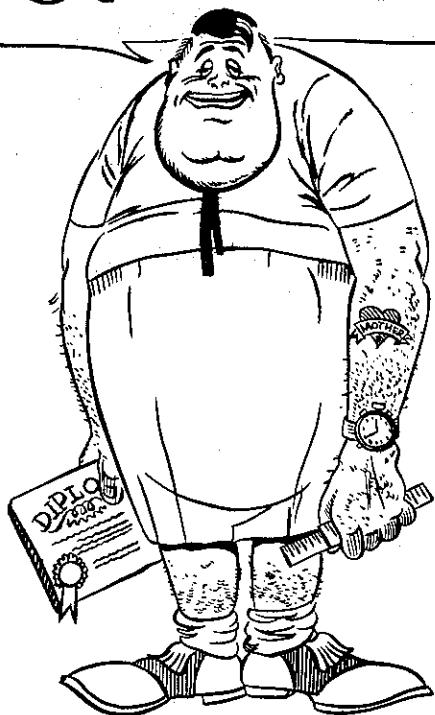


Part of the Kingcome River bridge. The pile-driver has finished its work and is being skidded by the tractor back over the bridge.

Nine of these bridges have been built in the last four years. They are designed to carry loads up to 100 tons. The biggest is the Kingcome River bridge, which has three 80-foot main spans, and 45 feet of approach trestle at each end. It used 70,000 f.b.m. of lumber in the nine glulam girders and 120,000 f.b.m. in the remainder of the bridge, as well as 6,000 lineal feet of piling. The "falsework" or temporary structure required for erection used 40,000 f.b.m. of lumber and 4,000 lineal feet of piling. The site survey was made in January of this year and construction was practically completed by the end of summer.

GOLLY - SIX WEEKS AGO I COULD NOT EVEN
SPELL "ENGINEER" -

NOW I AM ONE!



The longest single spans erected to date are those of two almost identical bridges over the Chilliwack River. Each main girder is 101'-9" long, 12½" wide, and 65" deep. They are believed to be the largest glulam members ever laminated in Canada. The photo shows three of them in place. Concrete piers were used because the large boulders in the fast-flowing river would have made pile-driving too difficult.

The next time you hear someone speaking disparagingly of "little old wooden bridges", you can tell them that British Columbia timber can be used for modern, heavy-duty permanent bridges, as the Forest Service is proving.

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S and I. News Flashes!



HELICOPTER-BORNE FORESTERS CLASSIFY 10.5 MILLION ACRES IN 1959.

Working in the Campbell River, Creston, McBride, Quesnel, Horsefly, and Canim Lake areas two groups of foresters using Bell 47 helicopters flew 945 hours. A third group flew 100 hours in a de Havilland "Beaver". In all, they classified 10.5 million acres of land in the 1959 maintenance inventory mapping programme.

LOSS FACTOR CREWS DETERMINE LOG RECOVERY, BREAKAGE, AND WASTE ON TYPICAL COAST AND INTERIOR LOGGING SHOWS. INFORMATION FORMS BASIS FOR REALISTIC CULL FACTORS.

During 1959 field season, two loss factor crews, one on Coast and the other in Interior, established samples on typical logging shows to determine volume of wood recovered, as well as volume lost through defect, breakage, and current utilization practices.

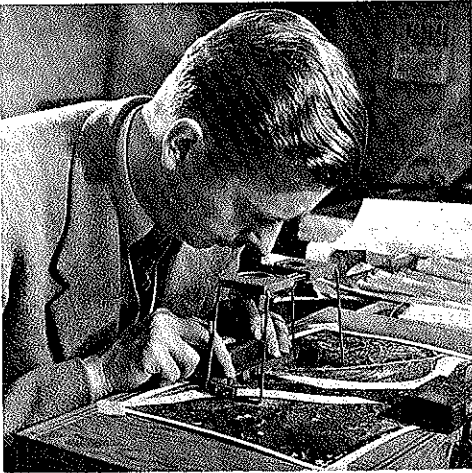


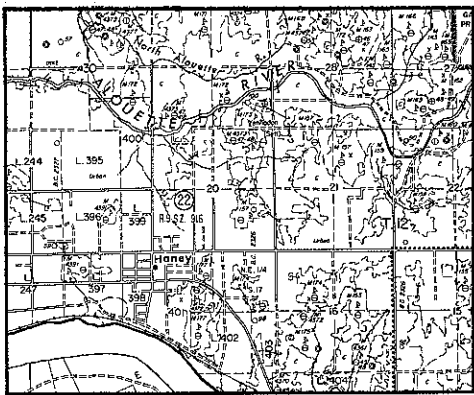
PHOTO VOLUME SAMPLING IN KAMLOOPS AND PRINCE GEORGE FOREST DISTRICTS.

1,600 photo volume plots were recently measured in the Kamloops Forest District. This work involved measuring tree heights and stand density on aerial photographs at a scale of 1:15,840. 100 double ground/photo plots were also measured to permit the development of photo volume tables for inventory zone 5. In addition, volume estimates were obtained by photo sampling in inventory sub-zone 935 of the Prince George Forest District, using an existing zone 4 photo volume table.

4,000 SAMPLE PLOTS ESTABLISHED IN FOREST INVENTORY.

During the year, 28 hard-hiking foresters established 4,000 sample plots in 10 inventory sub-zones. Some of the plots were remeasurements, others were initial measurements in forest type classes where the accuracy of estimates required strengthening.

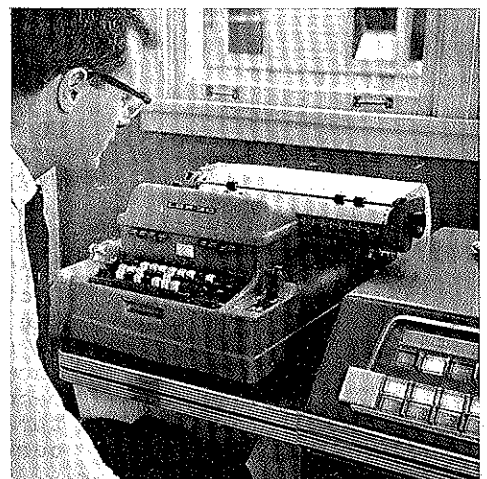
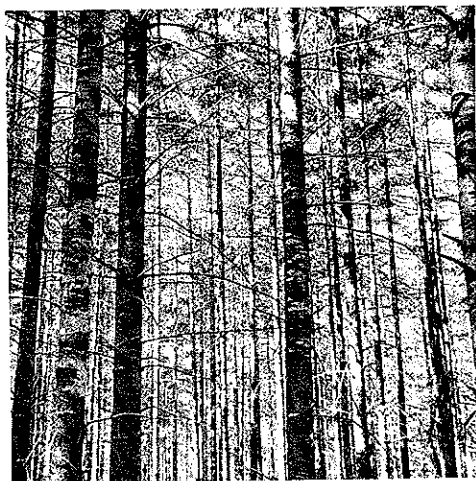


S. & I. News Flashes! (continued)**NEW FOREST COVER MAP SERIES STARTED.**

The first 1-inch-to-1-mile forest cover maps of a new series have been published. These maps are based on the most recent helicopter and ground re-examination of approximately one-tenth of the Province each year.

L.G.P. 30 ELECTRONIC DIGITAL COMPUTER REVOLUTIONIZES SURVEY COMPILATION METHODS.

Recent installation of an L.G.P. 30 computer is speeding up sample compilations, and providing quicker answers to complex mensurational problems. The machine compiles a sample and prints the result to numerous specifications in an average of 7 minutes.

**REVISION OF ZONAL GROWTH ESTIMATES COMPLETED.**

Revised M.A.I. values have recently been calculated for inventory zones 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9. These estimates are based on 16 type-groups rather than on the 11 type-groups formerly used.

REMEASUREMENT OF PERMANENT SAMPLE PLOTS CONTINUES.

54 plots were remeasured during 1959 field season.

SURVEYS AND INVENTORY WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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WORKING PLANS DIVISIONThe Salesman Extraordinary

A forest may be likened to a barrel full of water under a running tap. The barrel has a tap at its bottom attached to a hose which can deliver the water when you want it. Until you open the lower tap the water coming in at the top flows over and is wasted. Thus until we harvest the growth from an overmature forest this growth is balanced by mortality of trees and decay. The level of water in the barrel represents the minimum age of oldest immature trees which must reach a value sufficient to pay for their delivery to market. You need the pressure of the barrel 85% full to send the water where it is useful. Therefore you open the lower tap just enough to balance the inflow from above. If there is a leak in the barrel (in a forest this leak would correspond to a devastating fire or insect epidemic) you must open the tap less to maintain pressure. The right opening of the lower tap represents the allowable annual cut of a forest.

Working Plans Division (continued)The Salesman Extraordinary (cont'd)

Determining how far to open the tap, or calculating annual allowable cuts for P.W.C.s and S.Y.U.s, is a major function of this Division. One of our staff members was an expert at this sort of thing, so he was recently transferred to Prince George where he could practice his specialty directly on the innocent, unsuspecting logger.

The following is an example of the excellence of his technique. He lays claim to being an expert on all types and vintages of cars and can rattle off the complete specifications and characteristics of any model you may care to name. Recently this super salesman decided to palm off his broken-down old jalopy on one of the more gullible members of our Division. He duly turned up with the car at the prospect's house at 10 A.M. one Saturday morning. He proceeded to reel off his most glowing sales talk from which the customer was led to believe that the antique being described was actually in better condition than a Rolls-Royce fresh from the builders. Particularly he stressed its instant starting (a characteristic conspicuously absent from the car then owned by the customer), but when he proceeded to demonstrate, nothing happened. After two hours of rummaging under the hood and producing nothing but phony alibis, he finally had to call up a mechanic to get the heap started. This form of reverse salesmanship really paid off, however, for he sold the car! On the other hand, he had to take the customer's old car as a trade-in; in this case, both biter and bitee were bitten.

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HATCHED

To Marguerite SMITH, a GRANDSON, Paul Douglas Webb.

To Davis Monfoad CAREY, a GRANDDAUGHTER, Linda Yvonne Carey.

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MATCHED

Harry Sutcliffe to Mary Ann Martell.

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MATCHED AND DISPATCHED

---- (to Prince George) - James (Crudney Q.) Elliott to Marie Bennett. (The wedding actually took place after Jim had left this Division, but since the rest of us had spent two and a half years attempting to convince him of the evils of bachelorhood and the joys of matrimony, we feel that this marriage should be credited to this Division's tally sheet).

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New Arrival

Ole (Oily Marge) Olsen. Engineering's loss is our gain. Ole was married while transferring from one Division to the other, so we don't know where to credit this wedding. As a newlywed, he has made himself popular by explaining to the old hands how one controls a wife. Needless to say, none of us battle-scarred veterans believe any of his stories.

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By being careful not to state what Division we belong to when on field trips, we sometimes receive compliments (?) meant for other Divisions. For example, one of our operatives was told by a farm woodlot licensee that he very much appreciated receiving the Forest Service calendar (Public Information please note). In fact, said the licensee, he made a point of hanging it where most healthy people would see it at least once a day ---.

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We wish everyone --

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

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RESEARCH DIVISION"TREES PLEASE"!

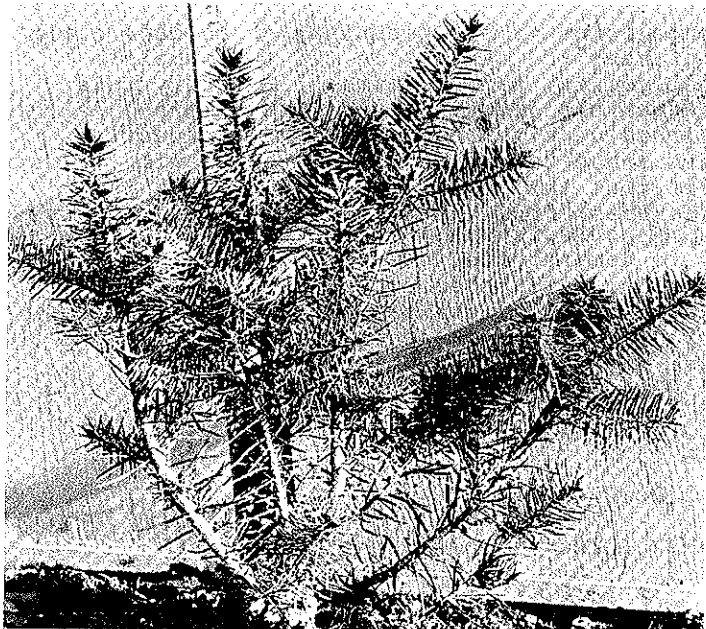
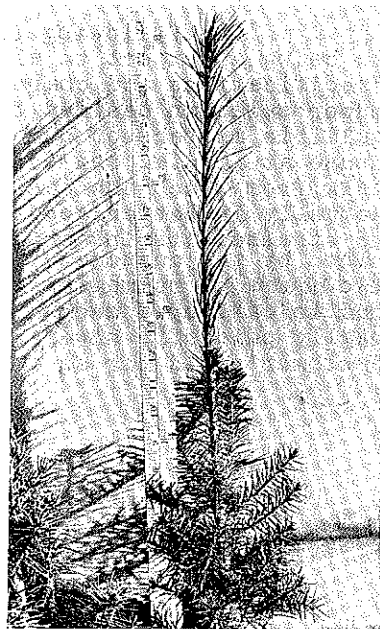
The reforestation of unproductive land in B.C. is expensive work so we try to ensure that the former crop is replaced by one that is at least as good. We could do much more than this, however, and ensure that the future crop is far better than the preceding one, by selecting only the very best trees for parents of the planting stock.

Breeding from only the best parents has resulted in tremendous gains in agriculture and horticulture which most definitely could be paralleled in forestry. We have made a start along this line and, for the last three field seasons, have been combining the coastal stands for Douglas fir, superior in both form and volume to surrounding trees of the same age. These "plus trees", as they are called, are few and far between but some very good ones have been located. Twigs are collected from the tops of these trees and then grafted on to root stock in the nursery which is later planted out in a special tree "bank". All the valuable inherent characters of the parent trees are conserved in these grafts and the breeding of superior planting stock will begin as soon as the grafts flower. Due to our limited means, progress to date has been slow and we have had to concentrate on only one species and confine our work to the Coast.

The work of selection, in 1959, was greatly assisted by the Plus-Tree Board, an off-shoot of the Tree Farm Forestry Committee, which is composed of industrial and

Research Division (continued)"Trees Please!" (cont'd)

government foresters. This committee, however, only covers one Forest District and we would like to have good specimens of all our commercial species in the tree "bank". This



Marked differences in growth and form appear as early as 3 years in seedlings from poor and good parents.

is where members of the Service can help us to locate trees which are healthy and superior in both form and volume to the trees surrounding them. The stem of such a tree should be perfectly straight with no sweep or bends and the crown narrow with thin branching. The branches should be short and not persist on the stem when dead.

We are particularly interested in trees between 40 and 150 years of age. If you should happen to see a particularly fine tree which might qualify, please don't pass it by as it might be the one tree in a million for which we are looking. Mark the location so that the tree can be found again and contact Alan Orr-Ewing, Research Division, Victoria, who will arrange to have the tree examined. If the tree is about to be felled, remove some twigs from the top of the crown, after felling, pack them in wet moss and ship them, air mail if possible, to Research Nurseryman, Box 204, Duncan, B.C. He will be able to propagate the twigs and the superior qualities of that parent tree will then be conserved for ever.

Such trees will not be found very often, so you should examine a possible candidate tree very closely. There is always the chance, however, that you may locate a really outstanding tree and if you should do so, please don't forget these instructions.

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P R O T E C T I O N D I V I S I O NJust for the Record

Towards the end of last year Ian Cameron, Forester i/c Protection, was appointed District Forester for Vancouver on Mr. D.B. Taylor's retirement. We congratulated Ian and welcomed Harry Forse from Nelson to be in charge here. Walter Henning retired last Christmas after 30 years' service, and Harold Holmberg from Vancouver took his place as Protection Officer. We hope Walter enjoys an easy life in his Lazy-boy, and in desultory manner drills holes through anything within easy reach of his new "Black & Dekker". Harold Holmberg has built a fine home in Victoria. His property adjoins a boys' school. Their curriculum is all shot since they found that Harold still has a few good-looking daughters at home.

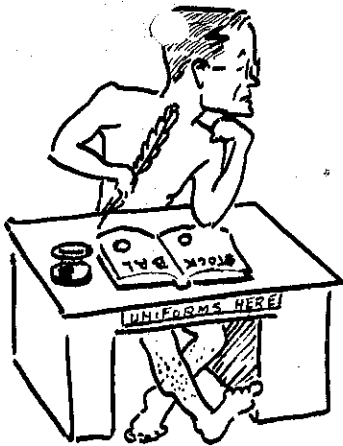
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Other members of the Division continue with their respective vocations or clerical occupations. Property Returns from the Districts come in and old ledger-keepers on their high stools cook up a balance for "overs" in Pliers Misc. or "unders" of mislaid motor cars. When the Forest Service thoughtlessly purchases the contents of a whole household in Atlin just to save freight charges, it is not always realized what a heavy responsibility is placed on those having to decide between baby carriage minus incumbent, under B, and carriages baby fire fighting (without attachment) under C.

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Olde Moneybags

Across the way, hoarse cries of frustration are heard at least once a year. These cries are nothing to do with thwarted romance. They emanate from Floyd "Moneybags" Nelson, 'round annual estimate time. This Protection Officer's noise is matched and even exceeded in decibel measurement by Ken Kenney's who, when snowed under

Protection Division (continued)Olde Moneybags (cont'd)

--- stripped from
him ---

by requisitions, finds his year's uniform supply stripped from him in short order.

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On the subject of sound, another voice, usually directing procedure in the quietly modulated tones expected of a Chief Clerk, can be used with greater range when any assault is attempted upon his furniture vote, or a short circuit manoeuvre planned on his line to telephone supervisors Miss Thompson and Mrs. Jones. This voice can also fill effortlessly a large church or auditorium, and a real pleasure is in store for those who hear a solo by Art Stringer. An occasion was provided on September 25, at St. John's Church in Victoria, when June Panter of this Division became the very lovely bride of Ron Mecredy of Surveys.

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Eric Moyes, 1/c Protection Planning & Research, with Mike Zachary, sound a note of quiet dignity in another office commonly referred to as the "Bull Pen". Bob Fielder, Stan Chester, and John Young, climb mountains all summer and return here for the winter, and that campus maidens' menace, Dick Tripp, comes here in the summer to join Larry Lucas, the "mainstay".

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Salmon Derbies

Some of our wealthier yachtsmen with roomy cruisers have been taking office friends out fishing. Pre-organization is generally good. Cardboard containers of varying name-brands but uniform size are taken aboard - these facilities carrying fish home already filleted. Equipment and tackle is chosen with care so that each man has a line and a chance to fish for a definite type and weight of salmon. These stag outings have been a great success, and the wives have been exchanging some interesting recipes - "les petits poissons on toast avec dog-fish liver-oil sauce" and "cod casserole" par exemple.



Wives' ways with a small fish.



Wives' ways with a small fish.



Wives' ways with a small fish.

The Weatherman

Imperturbable Jack Turner, meteorologist, who is exposed to innumerable bad jokes and his own weather, set conditions for a light 1959 Fire Season (about half the 1958 totals). He also set them just right for his gladiola bulbs. After each annual gladiola show, Jack, his wife, and daughter, may be seen returning in triumph with their trophies guarded by umbrella, parasol and storm lantern.

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Season's Greetings to All!

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REFORESTATION DIVISION

The year 1959 will go down in reforestation history as a banner year. The above-average temperatures of the summer of 1958 are believed to have stimulated cone bud production which resulted in a bumper cone crop this year.

The crop of Coastal Douglas fir was the best since 1945 and there was a good crop throughout the Province on most species, except Ponderosa pine and, possibly, larch.

Crews under direct supervision of Reforestation Division personnel picked 7,330 bushels of Coastal Douglas fir and other species. Men from the Attorney-General's Department co-operated with Reforestation to collect an additional 1,770 bushels in the Chilliwack P.W.C. Forest Service personnel, chiefly Stand Treatment Crews, collected 500 bushels of spruce and other species in the Interior. In all, 9,600 bushels of cones were collected. When extraction is completed, about Christmas-time, a total yield of almost 5,000 lbs. of seed is expected. This will produce in excess of 100 million seedlings!

The Reforestation Division would like to take this opportunity to express their

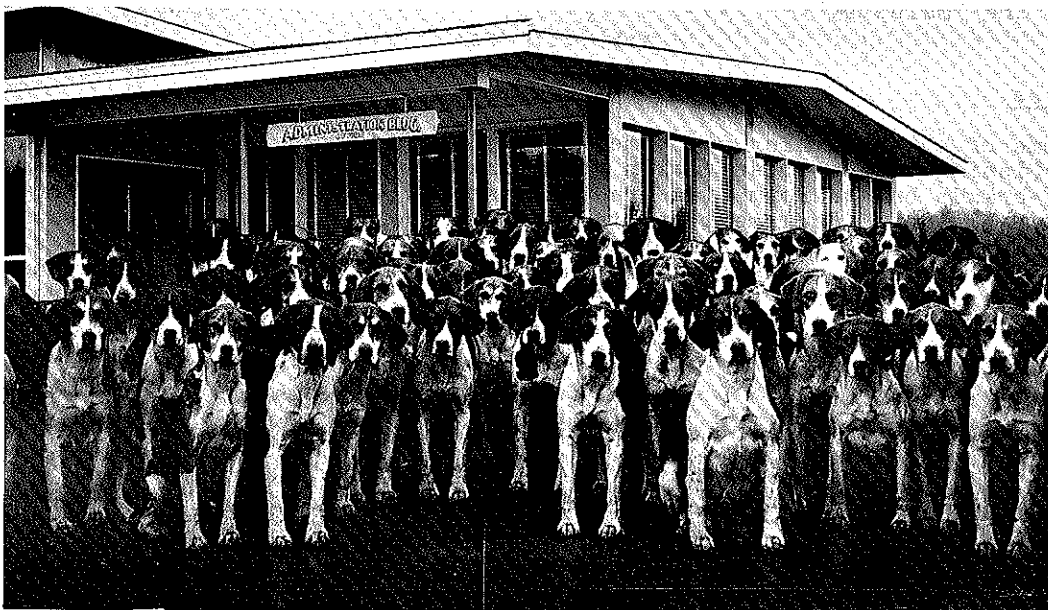
Reforestation Division (continued)

appreciation to the various members of the Forest Service who did such a good job of reporting the cone crop and particularly to the Stand Treatment Crews and others who did a thorough and conscientious job of cone collecting. Not only do we have an ample supply of seed but we know exactly where it all came from and that it came from the best type of parent trees.

The Cone Production Areas established in 1957-58 have proved their worth. Two plots, established in 30-to-40-year old Coastal Douglas fir stands at 1,500 and 2,400 feet, were thinned to approximately 200 stems per acre, all competing vegetation cut out or sprayed, and four different fertilizer treatments applied. The best treatment produced a seven-fold increase over the check on one area, and a twenty-four-fold increase on the other. Again, on the best area, the best treatment produced 200 bushels of cones per acre which will yield seed worth \$1,500 to \$2,000. The Seed Improvement Programme has certainly made a big step forward this year.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to all Districts and Divisions.

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RANGER SCHOOLThe Green Timbers Boys

We are a gang of martyrs and suffer right along,
 With sighs and groans and big loud moans as the instructors sing their song.
 In Construction Course our Bob McNabb got pinned beneath a bridge,
 While John Perdue was forced to leave his trail up on a ridge.
 From Maths we hear that angles are "just like a sitting duck."
 Fred Swetitch says, "Who told you so", Hank Doerkson says, "No luck."
 "Botany has quite a twist," says Ian Loomer, calm and sage,
 But in his book of notes I see there's nothing on that page.
 Tom Harvie says, "I've got it now, Surveying is a must."
 Bob Gibbs retorts, "I'll do or die, Pathology or bust."
 In volley ball Russ Trenamen invented a new twist,
 Ed Hewitt made an awful swat - to find that he had missed.
 Dan Reiter, from dry Kamloops, deplores the fall of water,
 Gerry Dodd ignores this fact and sports a wealthy widow's daughter.
 Cy Ford is hunting ducks, I see, and bringing home the prize,
 While Gary Ward is trying on used-car lots for size.
 George York has fouled us up and ruined all our marks,
 Jack Nelson says, "Tis for the birds, most certainly the larks."
 Eric Peterson, our rugby champ, broke finger in defence,
 While Ray Moss, floating player, sat high upon the fence.
 Art Budden, on the slide rule, has answers -- just right there,
 Tor Perrson says, "I'll find them fast, give me a plain steel square."
 Tony Teindl has studied hard and come up with answers galore,
 If Eric would only give questions to match, he'd have a perfect score.
 A Merry Christmas to One and All, and a Happy New Year's Day,
 So say the entire group of us, as scribed by M. McRae. (poetic licence #423).

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Fire Prevention Regulations
 from
The McNabb Act

(Condensed only for convenience)

Thou shalt have all thy fire tools or thou shalt have no certificate.
 Thou shalt have no nicks in thy fire-axe or thou shalt be prosecuted.
 Thou shalt not disagree with thy Forest Officer or thou shalt be persecuted.
 Thou shalt have fully charged, sealed fire extinguishers.

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Ranger School (continued)Fire Prevention Regulations from The McNabb Act (cont'd)

Thou shalt have quality in they full complement of tools.
 Thou shalt not be one axe short or thou wilt be prosecuted.
 Thou shalt have thy watchmen around the logging machine.
 Thou shalt not connect the name of thy Forest Officer with profanity.
 Thou shalt not subject thy Forest Officer to ridicule.
 Thou shalt shake in thy shoes in the presence of thy Forest Officer in fear of being prosecuted.
 Thou shalt take full responsibility for all actions of thy servants.
 Thou shalt not have thy women travelling in the forests without the presence of thy Forest Officer.
 Thou shalt have a full complement of tools for all thy employees including all thy women folk.
 Thou shalt have fire extinguishers for all thy units and shalt not group same.
 Thou shalt not run thy mill during daylight hours for fear of disturbing thy Forest Officer's peace of mind.
 Thou shalt not make a reasonable and practical application of these regulations, but shalt follow them to the last letter.
 Thou shalt not log in such a manner as to cause confusion to thy Forest Officer in the application of these regulations.

- G. Dodd -

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GREETINGS FROM PERSONNEL DIVISION

- Seen in a recent issue of "Just Between Office Girls" -



"That's a pretty rotten thing to say about me. It's the truth, but it's pretty rotten."

So now we know why the Forest Service doesn't have a suggestion-box system.

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Story

At a personnel managers' conference this Fall, O. Meredith Wilson, President of the University of Oregon, told of seeing a big truck going through town and he was surprised to see that every few blocks it would stop and the driver would get out and bang on the side of it with a big 2 x 4. After following it a few blocks, Dr. Wilson leaned out of his window at the next stop and asked the driver what he was doing. "Oh", said the driver, "this is only a 2-ton truck and I've got three tons of canaries inside so I've got to keep one-third of them up in the air all the time." Wilson remarked that he wasn't sure if that reminded him more of some management heads' philosophy or some union leaders' philosophy.

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A Poem? - Sure It Is!Overheard in the Washroom

"Was it Shakespeare who said, 'Why, what's in a name?'
 Well, don't call me a Clerk, it fills me with shame."
 "What's wrong with Clerk, it's better than Stockman"
 "You mean you'd prefer it? Your head's full of rock, man!
 Now I'd like some titles like they use in the States.
 You get no more pay but it makes you feel great
 To be known as the Chief of Equipment Supplies
 Or Head Supervisor of the chief ledger guys.
 Of course higher up it gets complicated,
 'Cause big titles have gone to the men lower rated.
 Chief Supervising Heads of Divisions there'll be
 Over Divisional Head Supervising Chiefs, see?
 And they'll have to dream up something even more flighty
 So the man at the top will be known as Almighty."
 "But what happens then to the Stockman and Clerk
 If Head Supervisors titles go to any old jerk?
 We'd be no better off 'cause we've gone round and round
 And the big names are silly and not even sound."
 "Here comes Old Bill, he's been round a long time
 Let's see what he thinks of this circular rhyme."
 "What do I say, boys, well just let me think,

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Greetings from Personnel Division (continued)Overheard in the Washroom (cont'd)

I've seen many titles and some of them stink.
 But then by and large if the job fits the name
 There's no reason for any man to feel shame.
 For it's in a man's worth and not the job's nature
 That he earns dignity in the eyes of his Maker;
 And I've always found that the man who does well
 At the task that's before him don't need no shell
 Like a name to protect him, for he's held in respect
 By the rest of the boys. That's what I think, by heck."

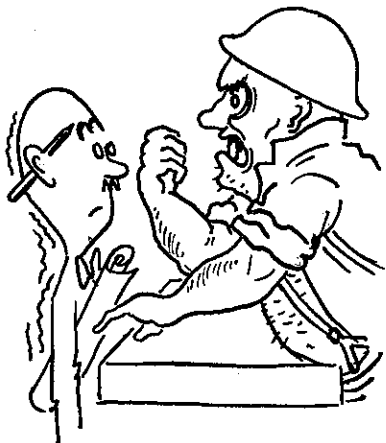
- Jim Williams -

(ED. - Or was it dreamed up in the washroom, Jim?)

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In any case Jim, Arch McKeever, Vivian, Pat and Lorelai (latter two both single and good looking, fellows) of the Personnel Office send to one and all in the Forest Service Greetings and Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM MANAGEMENT

Every day brings forth its quota of protests, some verbal, some by letter, some by phone, and some by telegram. Mostly they are concerned with stumpage rates (they are always too high), protection for the small man, or stand treatment ("those kids just marked the culls"). Ah! Well!

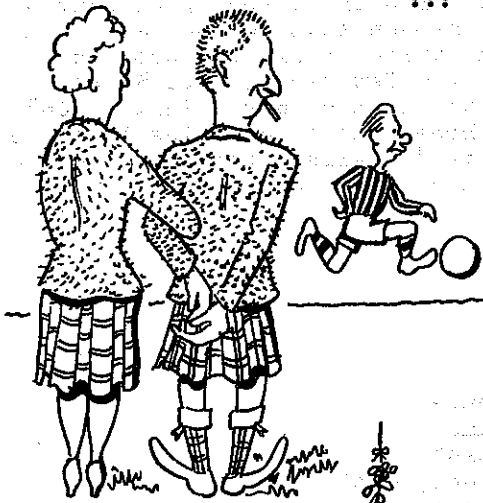
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It's always hard to say "good-bye" to old friends and we've lost some dandies over the years. Sawyer the Hope, for example, who writes that drinks cost only 16¢ a double as he sails placidly down to South Africa.

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The "Laird of the Lower Floor", Sandy Mc--Chisholm, who left in September; and now the "Olde Pro", Sam Marling, will be coming to the end of the line early in the new year. Well, we can only wish them the success that Sawyer appears to have found in that best of all "good shows" -- a congenial bar!

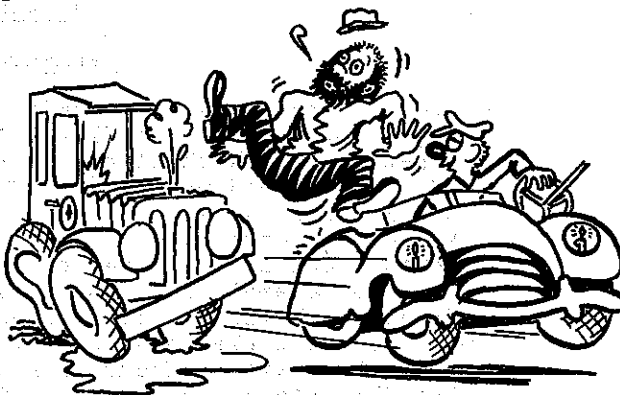
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As to the rest of the staff, the thin get thinner and the fat fatter and the male members of the staff are all getting a little balder. Not so "Borze" (Ryzard Borzuchowski to you). He continues to astonish everybody, and his latest exploit is worthy of Ripley.

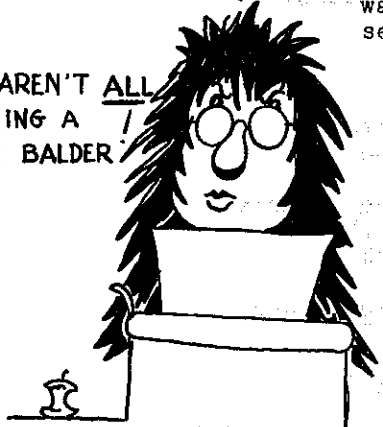
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It seems he was involved in an accident in Vancouver from which he emerged unscathed and, after the usual palaver, was returning to his vehicle only to be knocked down by a drunk. This time he made it to the hospital. Fortunately it was not too serious.



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By the way, we trust that everybody is reading Harry Marshall's "Elephant Kingdom". Harry came to us from Bangor by way of Siam.

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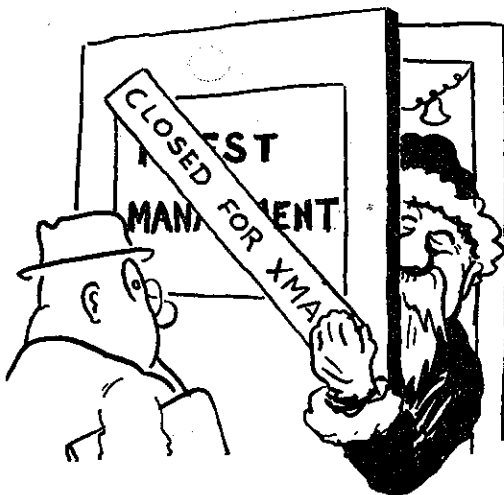
News and Views From Management (continued)

After much wailing and gnashing of teeth we achieved the ultimate by having two Chief Clerks, and congratulations are in order to Donald (Bluebeard) Ritson for reaching such an elevated plane.

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In conclusion we wish to extend Xmas Greetings to all our colleagues throughout the Forest Service. If you have a Timber Sale for processing or you need a Mark -- for Pete's sake don't send it to us. After all, there are more important things in life.

Merry Xmas!



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Wow!

Eric Moyes, of Protection, Victoria, clothed in the current Forest Service uniform style, gazes with ill-concealed envy at the chic "new" model being displayed for Newsletter readers by John Andre, of P.I. & E. Note the alluring bell-like sweep of the jacket and the trousers, designed along the latest "inverted funnel line" and now the craze. (ED. - Don't tell me the riding breeks are in preparation of further economy moves!)

Seriously though, the uniform being modelled by John was a sample made up for the Service in 1922 but never adopted for official use (thank heavens!). It surely ranks as a likely candidate for the F.S. Museum.

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AN EIGHT-ENDER

To those who belong to the mystic fraternity of serious Curlers, the above title is enough to take one's breath away. To the non-believers, -- you can skip this item if you wish.

However it did happen in Victoria's Civil Service League and involved a Forest Service rink. The trouble is that our rink was on the wrong end of this historic event.

A rink skipped by Dick Spilsbury (Alf Slocomb, Topog Surveys, third; Sam Marling, Management, second; and Teg Jones, P.I. & E., lead) had a perfect eight end scored against them on Saturday, November 7, 1959. It was worth \$100 to the winners, but only a place in history for Skip Spilsbury.

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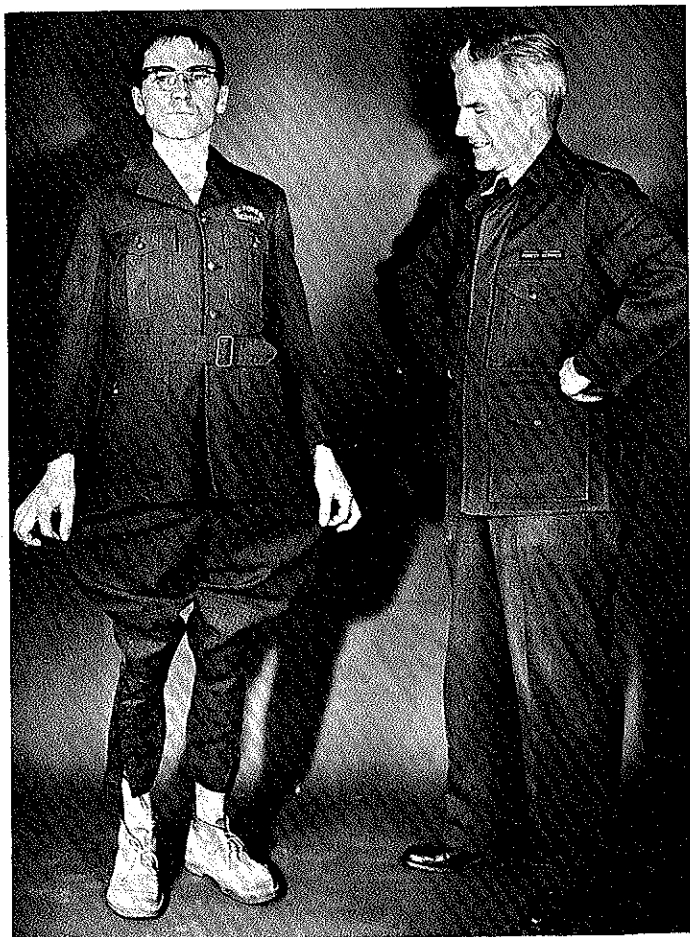
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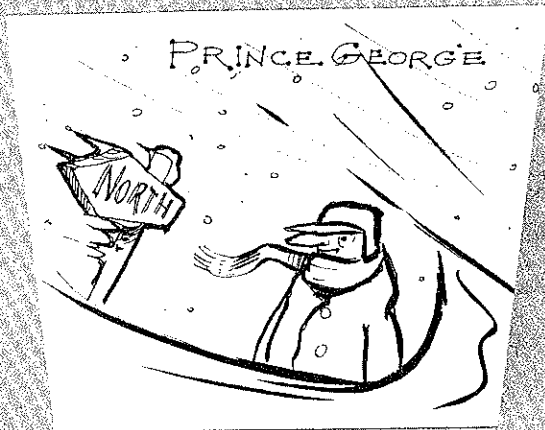
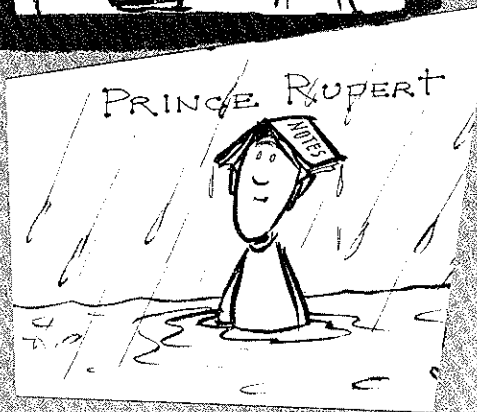
For the records and because we are glad to have her with us, the Newsletter welcomes to the ranks as Forest Service Librarian, P.I. & E. Division in Victoria, Isabel Garner.

Isabel came to us direct from the Commonwealth Forestry Bureau on September 1, 1959, to replace Noni Guthrie who left during the summer to head the new Strathcona Lodge School for Girls at Shawnigan Lake, V.I.

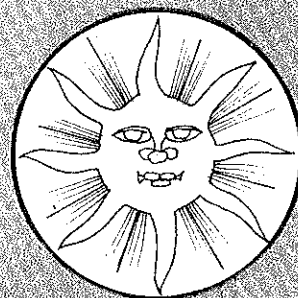
Isabel's B.A. in Languages (German and Russian) from Oxford and her three years' experience with the Bureau are expected to contribute much to Library service throughout the Service. Those Districts with libraries prepare yourselves for a visit in the not-too-distant.

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