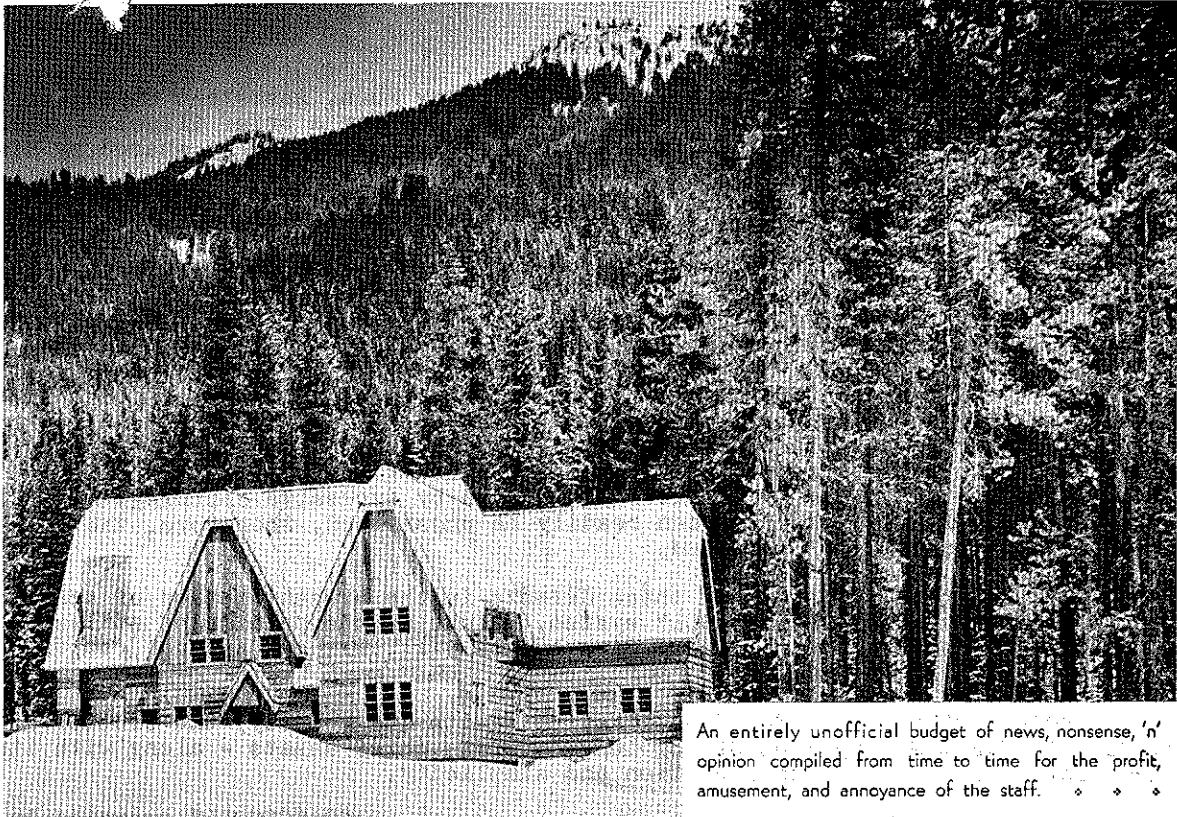


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VANCOUVER DISTRICT

On Duty

The many friends of Eric P. Fox will be pleased to hear that he is recovering steadily from his recent illness, and has returned to his office.

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Good Luck Mary

Miss Mary Kosick, our Voucher Stenographer, who came to us two years ago from Prince George, resigned her position, on May 11, to be married to Mr. Don Goodwin of the Lands Department, Pouce Coupe. On behalf of the Staff, Mr. Bassett presented Mary with a Linen Damask Dinner Cloth. The wedding took place in Vancouver on May 24 and the honeymoon is being spent travelling in the United States.

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Off To "Olde Jolly"

Miss Joan Goodhew, our popular Records Stenographer, left on May 13 for a trip to England. Joan has a number of cousins over there who have arranged visits to London, Kent, Sussex, and even Paris. The holiday is to last three months. Before leaving, the girls of the Scaling Staff entertained at a Bon Voyage party. To enhance the glamour girl appearance on the long journey, Joan was presented with a Train Case from the staff.

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Welcome

We welcome to the District Office Miss Valerie Brown, P.B.X. Operator, Miss Athalie Frazier, and Miss Kathleen Smithers, typists.

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The Red Carpet

The red carpet is unrolled for Doug Ross, who comes to us from Kamloops as Assistant Forester in Operation; for Foresters-in-Training Bert Gayle - Operation, and Frank Williams - Management; and for Reg Morrison on his promotion to Supervisor. A special flourish of trumpets occasions the arrival of Mechanical Inspector Harry Hill, because from now on our Mechanical troubles will, of course, be merely a memory.

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THE TALLY BOARD

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Archie Milligan who were married on April 6 and proceeded to California for their honeymoon. Archie is one of our younger Scalers and Jean Wilson, R. N. and the girl he married, is a petite nurse from Comox Hospital.

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"Happy Sailing" to Bill Novis who, we are informed, plans to enroll with the Benedicts on June 17th.

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Probably the most difficult single operation in the science of Log Scaling, is the accurate and rapid determination of the length of a log, prior to deductions.

It was the realization of these defects in the present method of scaling that prompted me to devise the "CAPTEMOLL" system, which, in the opinion of at least two authorities, (myself and a guy who owes me five bucks) will, without a doubt, supersede all present methods of log measuring.

THE "CAFTEMOLL"

As the left foot is moved forward, line secured at "A" goes through lead "D", around pulley "E", and pulls scale rule to position shown in Fig.3. As the right foot is put forward, weight of rule takes up slack by assuming horizontal position using "J" as pivot point as shown in Fig.3.

It can readily be seen that in one complete cycle, six feet have been traversed. By counting the cycles and multiplying by six (another difficult operation) the log length is immediately ascertained.

Swifters, as always, prove insurmountable. (Patent applied for).

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(Ed: Nobody asked us to print the following sketch,
but we had to do something with the space.)

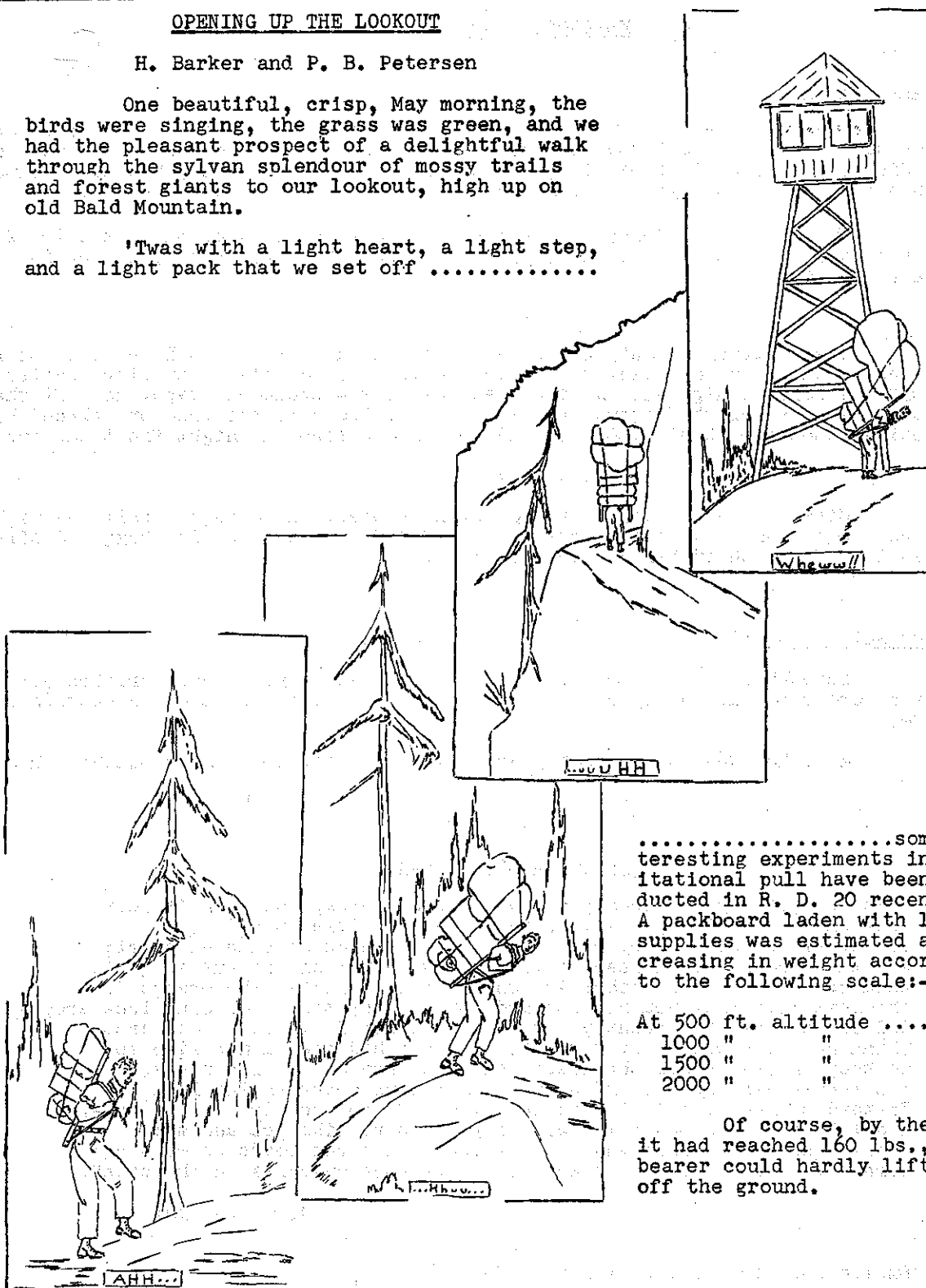


OPENING UP THE LOOKOUT

H. Barker and P. B. Petersen

One beautiful, crisp, May morning, the birds were singing, the grass was green, and we had the pleasant prospect of a delightful walk through the sylvan splendour of mossy trails and forest giants to our lookout, high up on old Bald Mountain.

'Twas with a light heart, a light step, and a light pack that we set off

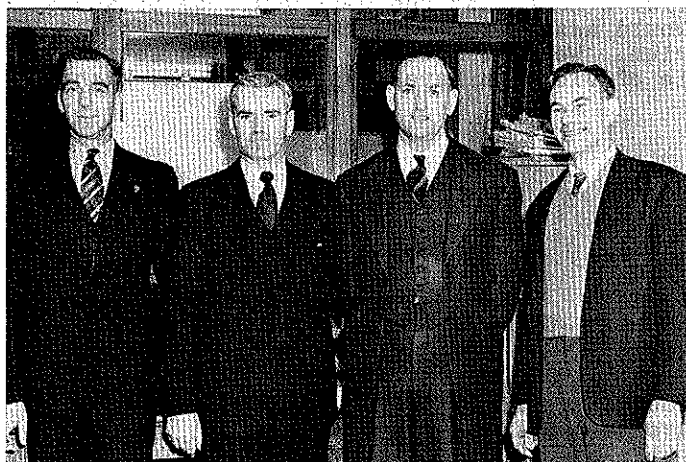


.....some interesting experiments in gravitational pull have been conducted in R. D. 20 recently. A packboard laden with lookout supplies was estimated as increasing in weight according to the following scale:-

At 500 ft. altitude		20 lbs.
1000 "	"	40 lbs.
1500 "	"	80 lbs.
2000 "	"	160 lbs.

Of course, by the time it had reached 160 lbs., the bearer could hardly lift it off the ground.

The four stalwart members of the Vancouver District Office staff, impressively pictured below, together represent 102 years of service with the Department of Lands and Forests. Which all goes to prove the benefit of getting 'em while they're young.



Left to Right	Age	Joined Dept.	Service
Syd Benwell	41	Nov. 1923	26½ yrs.
Bert Dunn	43	Aug. 1926	23¼ yrs.
Archie McNeil	40	Sept. 1928	21¼ yrs.
Elliott Henderson	46	May 1920	30 yrs.

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KAMLOOPS DISTRICT

Better Accommodations

Charlie Robertson, who has ranged the ranges of the south Cariboo around Clinton for many years from a 2 x 4 office, is all set to move into a set of spacious new offices. His new private office is larger than his former place which had to accommodate three people for most of the year. He has gone from one extreme to the other.

We are in the process of opening up a new ranger station at the 100 Mile House, up the Cariboo. So, at this time, Ranger Paquette is temporarily set up in a prefabricated sectional hut.

The devotion to duty of Ranger Stan Noakes of Williams Lake could be rated highly at the moment. The district office instructed him to seize a tractor located some 60 miles off the Cariboo highway. As the road was in the break-up stage, he left the nearest stopping house on the highway about midnight, drove to the tractor, placed his seizure notices sometime about 4:30 a.m. and returned before the night frost was over.

Miss Lillian Smith, Operation stenographer, has changed positions with Miss Margaret Begg from the school inspectors' office. We welcome Miss Begg and offer best wishes to Miss Smith in her new surroundings.

Hatched and Matched Section

Dorothy Puff, who has been with us for over a year, has forsaken her typewriter for a career in marriage. Robert D. Eastwood has taken her back to eastern Canada as his wife.

Mrs. Eastwood has been replaced by Miss Bell, to whom we extend a hearty welcome.

Those Quaint Old Lads

If trees grew up within a year, well then, perhaps we needn't fear
That one fine day we'd realize that inexhaustible supplies,
If not respected as they ought, have got a knack of running short;
And then there'd be a fearful wail and we would all be put in gaol,
Because we'd shut the other eye whilst others sucked the orange dry.
The next time that you're homeward bound, just take a careful look around
And see how all the country's parched between Perim and Simon Arzt.
Think how much better it would be if there had been a man like me
To keep an eye on all the trees and dole them out to licensees,
And lend a general helping hand to keep some cover on the land,
Instead of men with instincts lewd who left the country in the nude.
I'd like to think posterity will say of chaps like you and me:
"Those quaint old lads who ran the show a hundred years or more ago,
Were not entirely on the make, they left some currants in the cake".

J. G. Watson.

Empire Forestry Review, March, 1950.

JOE'S WELL DOES WELL

In its March, 1950 issue, the Newsletter carried an article dealing with the presentation of Joe St. Pierre's Wishing Well to the Solarium Junior League in Victoria. At that time it was Joe's and the Service's hope that the Well would be of assistance to the League in collecting funds which would assist in the work of caring for the crippled children at the Queen Alexandra Solarium. We have recently received a letter from the League which indicates that the people of Victoria have responded to the Wishing Well's appeal in a most heartening manner.

Public Relations Office,
Forestry Department,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the wishing well which you so kindly donated to our Club and we thought you might be interested in learning that so far we have been able to raise a total of \$259.83 and through this means we hope to raise a great deal more to help the little crippled patients of the Queen Alexandra Solarium.

Joe's Well -es Well (continued)

We would especially like to extend our thanks to Mr. J. St. Pierre who made the wishing well which is so attractive and appealing. We are hoping to find a suitable permanent location for it during the summer months.

Your generosity and interest are very much appreciated. Thank you once again,

Sincerely,

SOLARIUM JUNIOR LEAGUE,

per (Miss) I. Birchall,
Corresponding Secretary.

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ONE-MINUTE FIRE PHOTOS?

With the 1950 Fire Season well under way, your Newsletter correspondent prowled through the Operation offices in search of any new wrinkles in the field of protection. The most interesting appears to be the decision to experiment with outfitting patrol aircraft with Land cameras for use in spotting forest fires.

As you may know, the recently developed Land camera is the type capable of producing a print of a photograph within one minute of taking the shot. The thought behind the experiment is that it may be possible to get a good picture of a fire from the air and get the print into the hands of the Ranger or Fire Boss within a matter of minutes.

In the case of a newly-spotted fire, it is felt that the information contained in a photograph of the fire and surrounding terrain will be of much greater use to the Ranger than the traditional map reference method of fire reporting. Also, during the actual fighting of a fire, a clearly defined picture of its overall progress and direction could prove invaluable to a Fire Boss in the planning or re-organizing his attack.

Operations are quick to point out that there are several difficulties to be ironed out before this method could possibly be successful. Also, as this is a purely experimental project, they are not in a position to say whether the idea will work or not when applied under actual conditions.

In any event, the Newsletter feels this is news-worthy material and possibly at the end of the Season a follow-up story will reveal if the plan has been a success.

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Good Luck Beth Sealey

Although May 13 fell on a Saturday this year, it could easily have been the traditionally awesome Friday the 13th insofar as the lady bowlers of the Victoria office were concerned. Their star player and constant source of inspiration, Beth Sealey, chose that date to retire from the Service and devote her considerable energies to the full-time job of looking after husband Earl.

We were all sorry to see Beth leave us, but felt a little better when we realized that there would be one happier male on the face of the earth because of it.

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PINE WOODS LODGE OPENED

The opening of Pine Woods Lodge in Manning Park, on June 3, 1950, marked another milestone in the long trail of Provincial Park development, and brought the dreams of the Service as a whole and the Parks and Recreation Division in particular, one step closer to realization.

Over 120 invited guests from the industry, boards of trade and tourist organizations, the press, and the Service itself gathered in the large, artistically-designed Lodge to mark the occasion with an enjoyable luncheon and an informal "tour of inspection" through all the various installations at present completed in the area.

The Chief Forester, after declaring Pine Woods Lodge officially opened, briefly outlined the progress of Provincial Park development since it came under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service some years ago, primarily through the efforts of the late Ernest C. Manning when he was Chief Forester. The opening of Pine Woods Lodge is significant for the fact that it is the first time the operation of a Forest Service installation in the Provincial Parks has been turned over to commercial concessionaires. Mr. Orchard pointed out that the final plans for the erection of a gas and service station close to the Lodge and a number of tourist cabins have now been completed and that some of the latter units should be ready for use this year.

The beautifully appointed interior of the Lodge provides appealing and comfortable surroundings. In this connection, the Chief paid warm tribute to Cy Oldham, Chief of Parks and Recreation, and to his capable assistants, Chester Lyons, Mickey Trew, Joe St. Pierre and Len Neilson, whose hard work and determination made it all possible. Mr. Orchard also pointed out that the undeniable success of the luncheon and opening ceremonies were the result of more hard work on the part of Cy Oldham and Eric Druce of Public Relations.

Pine Woods Lodge Opened

In closing the Chief extended an invitation to all present to inspect every nook and cranny of the building, and to "tell us if you find something you don't like". He also hoped that the guests would return to Pine Woods Lodge themselves and tell their friends that a warm and hospitable welcome awaits all who care to visit Manning Park in the future.



Left - The Head Table at the opening of Pine Woods Lodge, Manning Park, June 3, 1950. From right to left:- Mr. George I. Warren, Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau, and Mrs. Warren; Mr. H. R. MacMillan, first Chief Forester of B. C. and Mrs. MacMillan; The Chief and Mrs. Orchard; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Knapp; Mrs. D. E. Satterlee and His Honour Mr. D. E. Satterlee, Mayor of Bellingham, Washington.

Below - A great day for these four. Left to Right:- Len Neilson, Chester Lyons, Joe St. Pierre, and Cy Oldham, all of Parks and Recreation, whose ability, vision, and determination all went into making Pine Woods Lodge a reality.



Below - Pine Woods Lodge, set amongst the magnificence of Manning Park, approximately 4,000 feet in the sky.

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