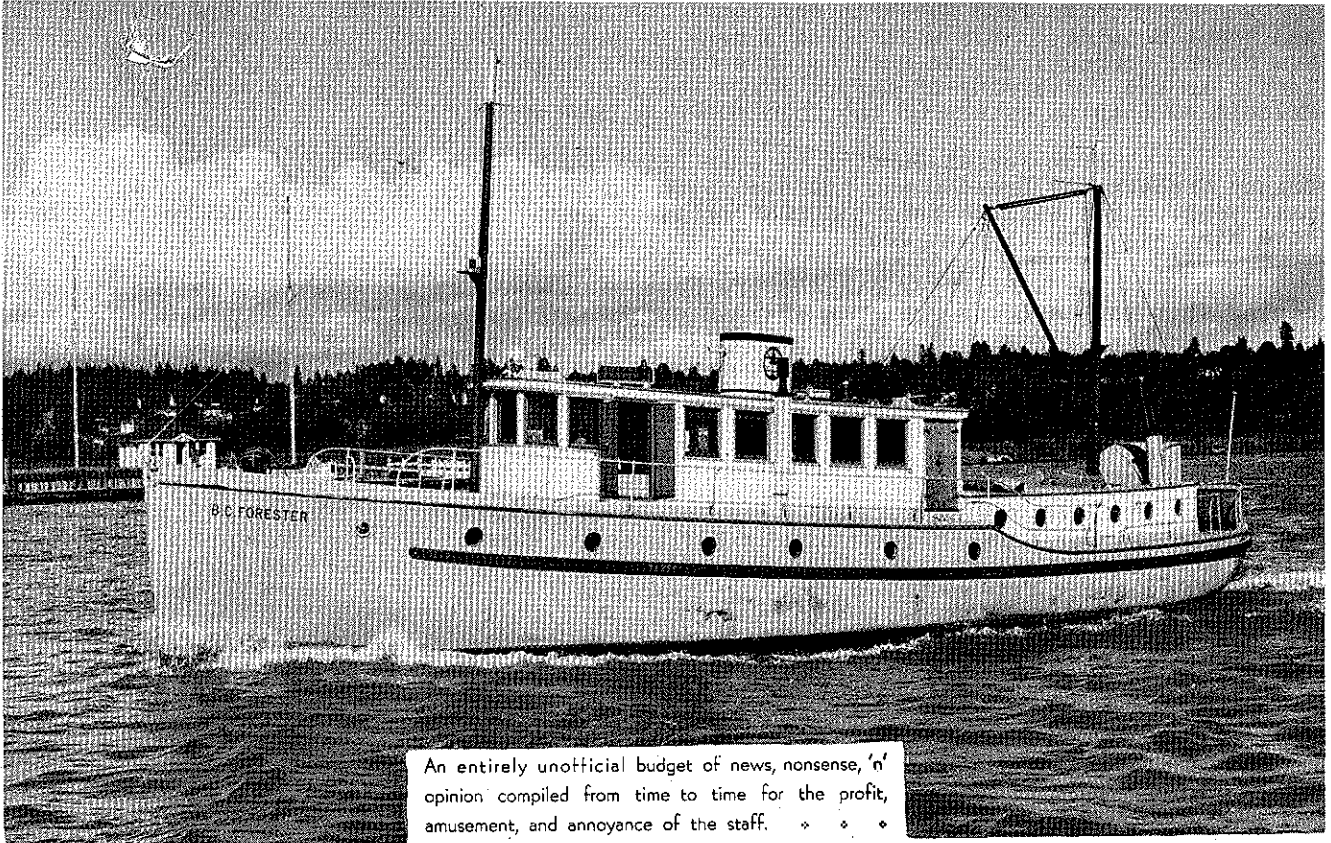


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A NOTE ON PROJECTING

Now that all the District Offices (except Vancouver) have their own motion picture projection units available for use by their respective field staffs, and now that the "back to school" season is upon us, it might be a good idea to discuss a few brief points with regard to the improvement of projection techniques.

There can be little doubt that the skill and smoothness with which a showing is carried off has a great deal to do with its success and effectiveness on the audience concerned. One of the prime factors to consider in setting up for projection is to attempt, to the best of your ability, to convert the hall or school or banquet room into a theatre. When an audience settles down to view films, it doesn't matter where they may be, they subconsciously want to feel that certain theatre atmosphere. A reasonably accurate facimile of this can be created by following a few simple rules. Be sure your screen is set up well above head level; set the chairs out in staggered rows on either side of an aisle of sufficient width to allow free movement between the projector and screen and speaker. In connection with the seats, the first row should be no closer to the screen than twice its width and should not extend on either side more than 30 degrees. Black out all that stray light entering the room and give yourself lots of elbow room around the projector. If it is no more than 30 degrees below zero outside, try to do something about ventilation, as a stuffy room produces a stuffy audience.

In the arrangement of screen and speaker, it will be found that the best results are obtained by placing the speaker beside the screen and midway between top and bottom, directed towards the centre of the audience. If this means getting together some kind of a stand or adapting the speaker to hang from a coat hanger or something, this extra labour will be well rewarded by greatly improved sound reception. There are two main places not to put your speaker -- on the floor, or on a piano.

In this brief article we are not concerned with the actual running of the projector except to mention two small items. Always be sure to clean any dust or foreign matter from the film aperture and lens and try to place your projector so that the image just fills the screen. A couple of test runs before the show commences are always worth their weight in gold.

This might be the right moment to state that there are still lots of copies of the Motion Picture Catalogue available from P.R. & E., so if you haven't one and could make use of it if you had, or if you know of any organization in your locality who might be interested in a programme of our films, just drop us a line and we'll supply.

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THE EXODUS

During September, the Economics Division in Victoria experienced what might be called a minor exodus from the ranks of its technical staff. Three members of the Research Section and one from Forest Surveys headed for various universities throughout the world intent upon carrying out post graduate studies before returning to the Service in anywhere from nine months to two years time.

Off to the University of California at Berkeley goes Alan Orr-Ewing of the Research Section and deer mouse fame ("Direct Seeding Experiments" and "Life History of the Deer Mouse") where he will be engaged in post graduate work of a general forestry nature in connection with obtaining his Master's Degree. Alan expects to spend one full term at Berkeley and return to the Service about June, 1951.

The Exodus (Continued)

Also from Research and bound for halls of higher learning are Bob Malcolm and Ralph Schmidt. Bob will spend a term in general forestry studies at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, in quest of his Master's Degree while Ralph will cross the Atlantic to the University of Oxford for a two-year term of ecological studies. Bob Malcolm expects to return to the fold sometime next summer.

From Forest Surveys to Duke University, Raleigh, North Carolina, goes U.B.C. Honour Student Bob Breadon who has been with the Service as Forester-in-Training for the past year. Bob will be taking a post graduate course in silviculture and we hope to have him back with us next June.

The Newsletter extends the best wishes of the Service to each one of you in hoping that your efforts are crowned with success. Good luck!

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VANCOUVER FOREST DISTRICTTHE LADIES -- "bless them"

Ruth Millburn, comptometer operator, has been returned to Shaughnessy Military Hospital for further attention to her knee. This is a stubborn war disability. During Ruth's absence, relief duties are being carried out by Miss Alma Gieser. "Welcome Alma, you're among friends".

Doreen Lanaway is still on the sick list with low blood pressure. Sheila Mitchell has 'flu, and Sue Dobson resigned, due to ill health. We also lost Valerie Brown during the month when she resigned to accept another position.

There seems to have been an epidemic of ex-Forest Service girls now happily married and bringing their babies into the office. Not to be outdone by the ladies, Sid Benwell enlivened his holiday by bringing his yearling son, Wayne, along one day. Wayne was all prettied up when he started

To mark the occasion of her wedding and on behalf of her Victoria and Vancouver friends, Mr. Bassett presented Mrs. Solloway (nee Athalie Frazier) with some nice silverware on her return to Vancouver.

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THE BUSH RANGER'S LAMENT

Twenty-four years in the Service,
Twenty-four years last May,
Yet I haven't found all the answers,
When some of the public say -

What do you do in the winter?
What do you do when it rains?
What do you do there's no fires?
It shouldn't require much brains;
To write out a few burning permits
Or run lines a few hundred chains.

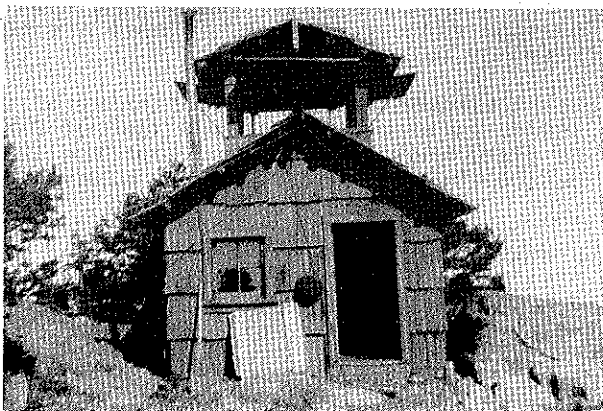
But now we have Uniforms snappy,
Maybe we can put right the guff
And tell them we're growing more timber,
To keep them all working and stuff.

Yes, now we have Uniforms lovely,
With trousers, shirt, jacket and tie,
Oh Yes, we have also a "what's it",
To tip when the Ladies pass by.

So don't get down hearted you young 'uns
And carry the ball as before,
And maybe when pension o'er takes us,
We'll have time to add up the score.

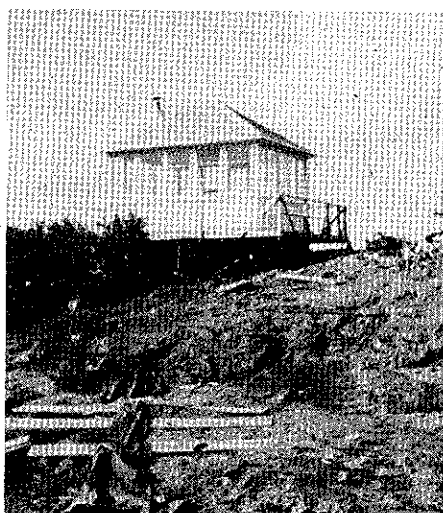
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Above - The Old Look - a sturdy product of a craftsman, in a day when allotments were small and so few in number that fieldmen, on occasion, actually scrounged the wherewithal.

Right - The New Look - Lookout in course of erection. Crew probably just stepped out for something.



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FORESTERS IN THE FARM NEWS

Forestry and more particularly, the B.C. Forest Service, secured the lion's share of the July issue of FARM SERVICE NEWS, published by the B.C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd. Featured on page 4 was a picture of the Chilliwack Ranger Station and a story on Ranger J.A. (Jim) Mahood and his 30 years of "Service with the Service". Facing that on page 5, was the smiling visage of "Dean" R.D. (Doug.) Greggor and his account of the work at the Green Timbers Ranger School. Thank you, FARM SERVICE NEWS.

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STANLEY F. BANKES RETIRES

August 10 was the dateline for one more of those occasions which seem to have taken place all too frequently of late. Friends came from Lands, Surveys, and Water Rights, as well as from the various divisions of the Forest Service to wish Stanley F. Bankes best wishes on the event of his retirement after 37 years in the service of the Government - 28 of which were with the Forest Service.

Preceded by a few appropriate words from Dr. Orchard, Mr. Bankes was presented with a silver tea service bearing a suitable inscription on the tray. The ceremony ended with a word of appreciation from Mr. Bankes, followed by the handshakes of his many friends.

It was on May 29, 1913, that Stanley Bankes started with the Water Rights Branch, but, in 1922, he transferred to the Forest Service. During his tenure, he was responsible for dealing with 45,000 timber sale clearances, indicative of the extent of timber sale business which took place between 1922 and 1950.

All members of the Victoria Office staffs are glad of this opportunity of wishing Mr. & Mrs. Bankes many happy years to come.

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ALL AROUND THE PARKS DIVISION

By S.E. Park

We, tied firmly to our desks, wonder rather wistfully what the big attraction is over there in Paris. First, our boy Chuck Velay, wearing a sadly subdued and stunned expression, has returned from his holiday in that rollicking city. And now, Mickey Trew is off to spend his holiday in Paris. Oh, well - perhaps it's the Museums. This exodus in search of distant fields appears to be pretty general. Bob Ahrens has headed out into the wild blue yonder to assist Economics. They were so economical they ran short of help. Our "Little River", Lloyd Brooks, has set his bearings for the States to take a post graduate Varsity course.

The ski-hill has been cleared in Manning Park and we hear it's a beauty. Our Fifth Column also tells us that Bob Boyd and Joe Hilton have bought themselves snappy ski outfits and have been seen walking around behind the barn wearing barrel staves tied to their boots. Bob wants to be known as the "CLUB PRO". Joe St. Pierre sent us in his clothing sizes for the new F.S. uniform and we now realize that we have the original "Mr. Five-by-Five" within the Division. We would like to send the efficiency experts up to Manning to look at our boy Jim Stark, busy as a beaver "clerking". Poor, harrassed Jim looks like one of those eight-armed Hindu gods as he swiftly and simultaneously attends to nine inquisitive tourists - plays Mr. Christian to Boyd's Captain Bligh, "Aye, aye, sir" - answers the radio-phone - opens the mail - conducts the office generally while signing the invoices and telling the high school crew to get out of the office - and the cat drivers about the Diesel fuel. Yup, Jim gets our boost of the month.

Len Shaw of Langford Workshop gave out the cigar this month, in celebration of the arrival of his cute lil' tax exemption, Evelyn Marilyn, by name, born on August 8.

They tell us its quite a sight - George Nicholson seated proudly on his new D6 Cat. The thing is a complex mass of buckets, arms, scoops and shovels all controlled by a terrifying assortment of knobs, buttons and levers. George looks like one of these long-haired keyboard artists at the console of a theatre organ. He confesses he hasn't tried all the gadgets on his machine because the last time he pressed one knob he got a squirt of chocolate sauce in his eye from a soda dispenser. It's very discouraging because he hates chocolate.

We, personally, are very happy about things right now. A construction crew is building an addition to our office block and the racket is so terrific that we (a) cannot hear the boss roar, (b) cannot hear the girls chatter. In fact, it's just like a noisy heaven.

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WELCOME HOME

Soon after you receive this issue of the Newsletter, the Hon. Mr. Kenney, Minister of Lands and Forests, Dr. Orchard, and Mr. F.S. McKinnon, Chief of Economics, will be returning from a trip to Norway and Sweden where, with delegates from the industry here in B.C., they have been studying the results of Scandinavian forest management techniques for the past two months.

After a false start from Vancouver's International Airport during which a motor "conked out" forcing their return for repairs, the party finally got away later on August 17 and arrived, apparently without further mishap, in Oslo, Norway, on August 20 for a one-week tour of Norwegian operations. On August 28 they arrived in Stockholm, Sweden, for a three-weeks period of study before returning to this side of the Atlantic.

So far as we know at dead-line time, the Chief expected to spend an additional ten days in England while Mr. McKinnon may have visited Denmark for a few days. In

Welcome Home (Continued)

any event, the original itinerary for the party called for them to return by October 1.

Amongst those who made the trip as representatives of various sections of the industry, there are a goodly number of familiar ex-Forest Service names, for example, Mike Gregg, Len Andrews, Hugh Hodgins, Angus MacBean, Ross Douglas, and Charlie Schultz.

The Newsletter welcomes the voyagers' return from this most informative and valuable experience.

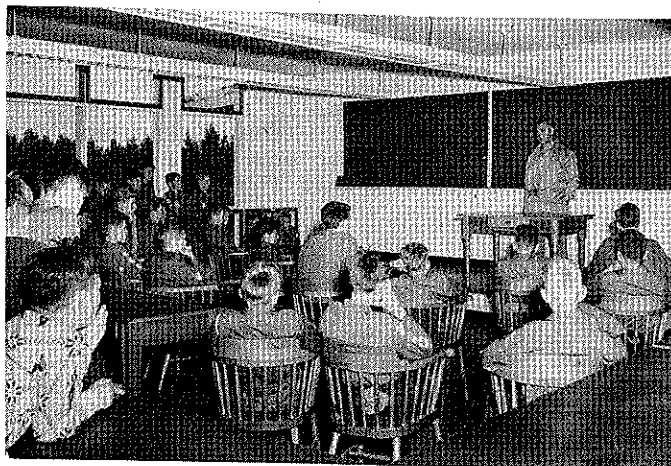
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FOREST SERVICE HOST TO JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS

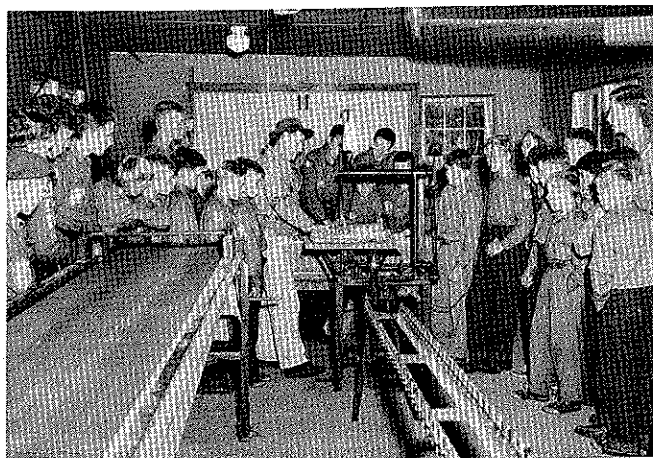
During the months of July and August the Forest Service played "host-for-a-day" to each of the four groups of Junior Forest Wardens who attended the Canadian Forestry Association camp at Point Atkinson, on Burrard Inlet. Transported in a large bus chartered from the West Vancouver Transportation Co., some fifty boys left camp at nine in the morning and journeyed to Green Timbers Forestry Station. Arriving at the Station, Superintendent Tom Wells took charge of the groups and guided them on a tour of the nursery and plantations, explaining techniques and describing the annual programme of furnishing several millions young trees to the different planting sites.

From the nursery, the Junior Wardens went on to the Ranger School where they were met by Doug. Greggor, Jim Pedley, and a representative of the Public Relations Division. The last-named welcomed the group and briefly outlined the various Divisions of the Service and the functions for which they and the Forest Districts were responsible. The party then broke up into two groups and toured the Ranger School buildings.

After a lunch interval, the bus carried the boys to the Marine Station on the north arm of the Fraser, where Jim MacDonald and his lieutenants - Max Bennett, Tom Edwards, and Bob Swan took over and detailed the various operations that enter into the equipment and other products of the Marine Station. The programme terminated with a visit to the Vancouver District Radio Station, where Stewart Croteau and Alex Ferguson showed the lads how the "largest private network in the Dominion of Canada" operated.



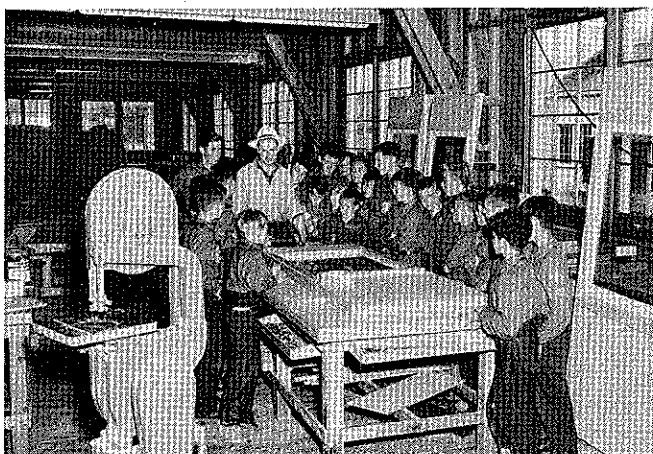
"Dean" Doug. Greggor of the Ranger School with class of visiting Junior Forest Wardens.



Superintendent Tommy Wells of Green Timbers instructs Wardens in intricacies of the newly-developed conveyor belt system of baling seedlings.



Alex. Ferguson, operator of XLU42, Vancouver, seems well pleased with his visitors' interest in "the Dominion's largest private network".



The touring Wardens appear fascinated by the Lookout prefabricating process as explained by Walter Loch at the Marine Station.

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KAMLOOPS DISTRICT

Rapid Depreciation

Jack Smythe reports the ultimate in car damages. Asst. Ranger Bill Smith advises a goat chased him to the top of a fence and then proceeded to butt a few dents in his vehicle before departing. Acting Fire Inspector Stan Noakes stopped his car in an out-of-the-way location in the Cariboo. His new green car looked appetizing to a pair of horses and while he was driving one horse away, the other chewed off a patch of paint on the rear of the car. Ralph Johnston, at the much publicized Lillooet fire, was arguing with the packer about his excessive rate for horses. Just as Ralph came out on the best end of the deal, one of the horses must have felt a wave of pity for its owner. At any rate, at this critical moment the horse pulled off the gas tank cover and commenced to chew it up.

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Ron Lyon, dispatcher at Vernon, composed the following poem:

One of the biggest joys in a Ranger's life is when
the mail arrives.
It can be easily seen on opening, it comes from
many hives.
Here's a missile from management that really is
ablaze,
The coloured pencils those boys find ne'er ceases
to amaze.
Here's one that says, "Please, boys, when you are
buying stuff,
Have five copies printed up, we find that four is
not enough".
And here's a bill that's been returned - they say they're
in a bad position
With such a bill, for \$2.05, when two dollars needs a
requisition.
This one comes from the Insect Branch and thanks us
for our sample.
We find the little bug we sent is Choristoneura
Fumiferample.
And here's an R.S.R. account to cancel and replace,
We got it here in Vernon when it should have gone
to Chase.
And here's one from Operations that says, "When
sending things in here,
For Heaven's sake, prepay the things". I guess they
want a beer.
At last here is the grazing lease that the permittee
swore was gone.
It will give me great pleasure to evict his sheep,
who have homesteaded on my lawn.
Well, that looks to be the lot, but wait, what's under-
neath it all?
Well, things aren't so bad at that - it's an expense
cheque, for stamps I bought last fall.

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MATCHED

Daphne Burt and Charles Grove-White were married in Vancouver at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 12.

Before the two departed for Vancouver, Col. Parlow presented them with a silver tea service on behalf of the staff in the Kamloops Forest District.

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CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL

The following passage is taken from the cruise report of X9696 near Myra under date of December 15, 1927:

"The primary object of this sale is to replenish the fast failing supply of box materials for the Okanagan fruit trade as has been stated previously on this file..."

Twenty-three years later we note that the box supply has not yet run out, and they are only commencing to work on the extensive jack pine stands.

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THE WELCOME MAT

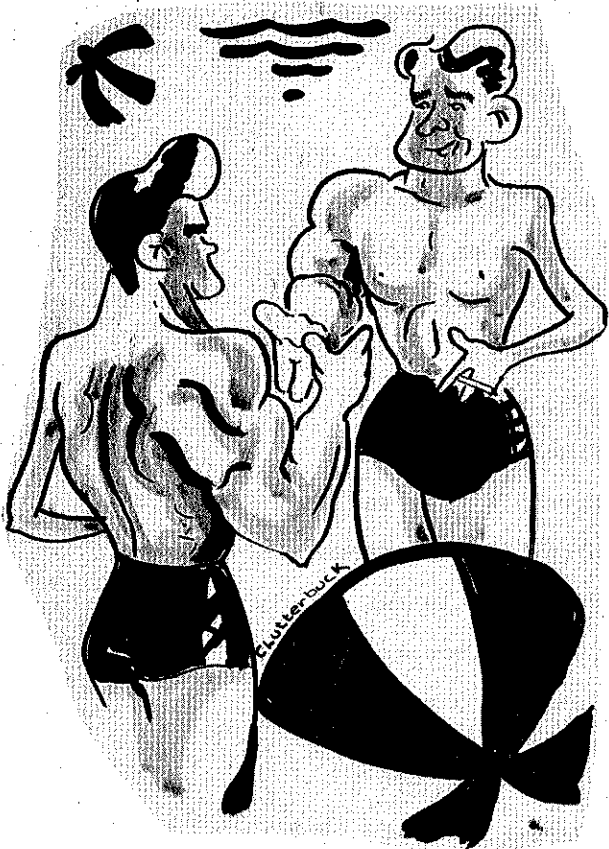
The tattered olde mat is extended by Public Relations to welcome Miss Anna McCook who has joined the P.R.E. staff as stenographer. Our sincere welcome, Anna, and we hope you will be happy in the Service.

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On the afternoon of August 16, 1950, Miss Irene Blackbourne, of Management Division, Victoria, and Mr. Denis Besley were married at St. Johns Church, Victoria, B.C.

The week previously, Dr. C.D. Orchard, presented Irene with an automatic pop-up toaster on behalf of her many friends in the Division. After a honeymoon up-Island, the Besleys will reside in Victoria. Our sincere wishes to you both for a long and happy life together.

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CUT PRETTY FINE

The operator of a camp up the Coast shipped a boom of logs to Vancouver and when they were scaled it was discovered that two separate Timber Sale marks were both used on each of a number of logs. The two Sales in question were adjacent to one another and carried the same stumpage.

The operator in question was taken to task by the Supervisor of Scalers, and asked to explain why this serious contravention of the Forest Act had taken place. The operator explained that as these logs were cut from line trees between the two adjacent Sales, and said Sales carried the same stumpage, he was at a loss as to what mark to use, so in order to be on the safe side and avoid any complications, he used both Timber Sale marks.

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"Very pleased to meet you - I'm a scaler myself".

OUR MASTHEAD STORY

The Masthead on this issue pictures the launch B.C. Forester busily churning through the muddy waters of the Fraser River offshore from the Marine Station. The small white building showing over the prow is Radio Station XLU42 - Vancouver District set.

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ASST. RANGER BERT BODMAN INJURED IN HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

We regret to report that Albert (Bert) Bodman, long-time Assistant Ranger in Jack Greenhouse's Langford Ranger District, was given a severe shaking up in an accident while driving his Tank Truck to a fire at nearby Luxton on September 11.

Although no official report is available at time of writing, it seems that Bert had started to pass a slow-moving road construction truck when it suddenly started to make a U-turn in the middle of the road. Bert swung wide to the left to avoid the impending collision, hit the loose gravel on the shoulder of the road, swung hard right to get out of the ditch and slammed into a pile of loose gravel. At this stage the 80 gallons in his Tanker shifted, the vehicle rolled over once, and came to rest upright on its wheels.

At time of writing, Bert is in the Royal Jubilee Hospital undergoing a thorough check-up. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery, Bert.

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