

BIRTHPLACE OF SAWMILLS IS MENDOCINO

Editor A. A. Heeser
Interestingly Writes
Of Plants

RUNNING SINCE 1852

Mill Business Really
Developed Coast In
Every Way

(Editor A. A. Heeser in The Mendocino Beacon)
Sale of the mill of the Mendocino Lumber Company at this place to Harrah brothers of Willits, who will dismantle it, and take out the machinery, recalls the fact Mendocino was the birthplace of the redwood lumber industry in this county—and in the State of California, for that matter.

Started Long Ago.
The first sawmill built here, in 1852, not only represents the beginning of the redwood industry in this county and the State but it represents the foundation settlement of this county by white men. The part the product of this mill played in the building of early California cities and towns is realized by few of this generation. Early building material came by sailing ship around the Horn, and was very limited, so that when this mill was built, it was the only source of lumber for the building of the early cities and towns in this county.

Started From Scratch.
These early-day lumbermen not only pioneered in the lumber industry but they pioneered in transportation; built their own sailing vessels which transported the lumber to San Francisco and other coastal cities. No wagon roads existed in the county when this mill went into production. There was no railroad north of San Francisco, and the first leg of the journey by inland route to this section was made out of San Francisco to Petaluma by water.

Made Foreign Ports.
By 1880, which is some little time ago, the Mendocino mill had produced a quarter of a billion feet of lumber, and the combined coast mills something over a billion feet to go toward solving the housing problem of that early day. And those early-day pioneer lumbermen did not confine themselves to the California market alone. They made shipments to distant parts of the world. The writer has seen 13 vessels at anchor in Mendocino bay—a number of them square-rigged ships—waiting for cargoes for foreign ports.

Dismantling Regretted.
The dismantling of the Mendocino mill will be viewed with regret, especially by old timers, many of whom worked in this mill in their youth. After 92 years of existence, it seemed to have justified itself pretty well as a going concern, and given eight more years, it would have rounded out a whole century. It had been a live and energetic business for seven years before the citizens of this country got around to perfecting an organization and establishing a county government.

The Day Of Boys.
On the sentimental side, there is a long list of small boys, now mostly gray-haired men, who fished for shiners and an occasional trout off its boomsticks.

Miss Lizzie Baechtel Is Called At Willits

Word from Willits Monday told of the death of Miss Lizzie M. Baechtel. Miss Baechtel had made her home in Willits throughout her life. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Baechtel, one of the very early settlers in Little Lake Valley. Of the original family all of the children, except William H. Baechtel, have passed away. Mr. Baechtel had never married, nor had his sister who died this week and it is recalled that they occupied the old Baechtel home and almost every year Mr. Baechtel and Miss Lizzie Baechtel would take a trip together, the affection they bore each other being very pronounced.

Will Return Here After War Ends

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Eastlick were here the first of the week from Mare Island, where they are employed. For 26 years, before going into defense work, Mr. Eastlick was employed by the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Co. here. On his present trip Mr. Eastlick stated, just as soon as hostilities are concluded, he and Mrs. Eastlick planned returning to Mendocino county.

Will Request Aid From Commission

Highway Commissioner Walter Sandelin will be in Sacramento next week when the Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District will present their request for State financial aid from the State Highway Commission. In addition to the Golden Gate Bridge directors a number of members of the State legislature will be present to uphold the justness of the request to be made.

WERE IN TOWN
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Quadrio, of Willits, were Ukiah visitors Thursday.

and when they got just too cold, made a bee-line for the fire room and after they had absorbed a comfortable degree of heat, and before going home, drifted upstairs to watch the big saws slice through logs, note the carriage in its quick back runs and listen to the various noises that only a sawmill can make. Most of them in after life still get a kick out of that panorama of action.

A Great Belt.
Though the mill is being dismantled, the timber assets of Big River still remain, and no one wants to discount them. The Big River watershed is the largest of any coast river and the redwood belt is the widest at this particular point of the four counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Sonoma and Mendocino. Early-day loggers passed up much fir and small redwoods, and as a result the pioneer cuttings now have a heavy growth of young timber. Some of these redwood trees are four and five feet in diameter. And the river itself contains many millions of feet of sinker logs which are buried in its sandy silt that one day will be taken out and utilized.

Uses Are Many.
With new processes at hand soft and second-growth woods can be hardened to almost the condition of metal. And wood is used now in Europe for a multitude of purposes, including stock feed and clothing. So our forest area is really money in the bank and getting more valuable all the time.

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Hailed As Good
For Extension

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Big Corporation Has
Policy Of Seeking
New Business

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Taking A Rest.
George Reidmiller has sold the Windsor Barber Shop to Dee Parkinson, who had worked for Mr. Reidmiller the past four years. The former has not been feeling well and will enjoy an earned vacation.

Is To Be Agent.
Fred Erickson has taken over the Grayhound Bus Agency from the Willig Freight Lines. The Ericksons plan extensive improvements in their place of business in the immediate future to take care of the increase in business caused by taking over the local agency for the bus line. Plans call for a new waiting room and ticket office as well as rest rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carlson have returned from a business trip to the metropolis.

Miss Melba Smith has returned to her home in San Francisco following a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams, of Oakland, are visiting Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Ruth Fuller.

Dancer Is Here.
Miss Jane Hampton, telephone operator at Camp Shoemaker, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutton. Miss Hampton's mother underwent a major operation at a local hospital and is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Nelson have returned from a visit in the Bay cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae F. Phillips have returned from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Elwyn Lambert, and family at Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bohn visited friends in San Francisco.

Mrs. Ada Huett is home from San Francisco where she visited her daughter.

Miss Dorothy Josephsen came up from San Francisco last week for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Albright have returned from a visit in San Francisco where they passed some time with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Strider have returned from Ukiah where they were at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Crawford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fermin Garcia came up from San Francisco for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartline.

John F. Perkins Weds.
Miss Phyllis Kathryn Roach and Ensign John Frederick Perkins, of the Merchant Marine, were married at a candle light ceremony at the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. L. Kent officiating at a double ring event. It was an elaborate wedding with attendants being beautifully gowned. The bride is a graduate of the Fort Bragg high school, class of 1940, and is a daughter of Mrs. Clara Roach, formerly of Westport. The groom is a son of Mrs. Kathryn Perkins and the late Charles R. Perkins and graduated the same year as his bride from our high school. Following the ceremony a reception was held after which the happy couple left on a short honeymoon trip which will last until the groom is called to return to duty.

They Were Hosts.
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Byers were

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A scene from Roy Rogers' newest rodeo of action and thrills in Republic's "Lights of Old Santa Fe" with George "Gabby" Hayes and Dale Evans at Old Santa Fe Friday and Saturday.

hosts at a turkey-banquet at the Del Mar Clubhouse. Following the dinner a delightful program was rendered for entertainment of the 25 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williamson, of Burlingame, enjoyed the holidays at the home of Mrs. Ruth Fuller.

Miss Dolores Gunnar, of San Francisco, was here last week visiting her parents.

Barbara Beebe, of San Rafael, passed the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. Pearl Frank.

J. L. Howard Died.
J. L. Howard died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Beall, Greenwood. Mr. Howard was past 80 years of age and had been an invalid a long time.

New G. E. S. Officers.
New Chapter, Eastern Star, Mendocino, last week installed new officers. The hall was beautifully decorated and more than 100 were in attendance. The new officers are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Freathy, who were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron; Elizabeth Markham, Associate Matron; James Lilley, Associate Patron; Gladys Bishop, Secretary; Jennie Swanson, Treasurer; Florence Gabbert, Conductor; Ruth Gabbert, Associate Conductor; Isabelle Murray, Chaplain; Helen Imhoff, Marshal; Rosalie Gabbert, Organist; Verda Wakerley, Adah; Eleanor Smith, Ruth; Grace Atkinson, Esther; Rose Lilley, Martha; Edith Medcalf, Electa; Laing Chambers, Warder; Theodore Markham, Sentinel.

Wed In Ukiah.
Miss Dorothy Martin and Harvey A. Walters were married at Ukiah last week. The parents of both bride and groom live in Fort Bragg and the young couple

will make their home here.

Mrs. Carl Gustafson has returned from a visit in Healdsburg where she visited her sister and family.

Visited In City.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burnie have returned from a visit in San Francisco and Oakland where they were at the home of Mrs. Burnie's brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Murray came home Sunday from a visit in San Francisco. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Stanley Willis and party who were here a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Carlson and daughters came up from Stockton for a visit with Mrs. Carlson's sister, Mrs. Jack Fee.

Lorraine Welch, of San Francisco, has been here visiting her sisters and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burrows and children have returned from a stay at St. Helena where they visited Mrs. Burrows' parents.

Had An Operation.
Mrs. John F. Gummerus underwent a major operation at the U. C. Hospital, San Francisco. She was accompanied by her daughters.

Mrs. Priscilla Sullivan was here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Holmes.

Veteran Is Buried.
The funeral of the late Stanley J. Simons was held at the Mortuary Friday afternoon, Rev. Huthnance officiating. Born in Astoria, Oregon, May 19, 1897, he was a veteran of the first World War and had lived in Fort Bragg about seven years. He is survived by his widow and two children, a son and daughter.

Came Unexpectedly.
Wilbur West, U. S. Navy Aviator, Ordinance, surprised his mother Mrs. Ina West and family Christmas Day when he walked

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Controversy Raging
40 Years Nearing
Settlement

AN OLD SUGGESTION

Reducing Riffle At
Schow Place Will
Lower Lake

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To Donate Blood.
Another group of blood donors will go to Santa Rosa, January 16 to donate a pint of blood.

W. H. Castled, has returned from a visit in Fresno county.

Calls On Friends.
Pfc. James Mahan was here during the holidays visiting former schoolmates and friends. He

entered the home unannounced just as they were preparing to eat their turkey. Of course an extra place was made but he was home only five hours.

Visited Husband.
Mrs. Robert Hirsching has returned from a week in San Francisco, where she visited her husband, who is in the Navy.

Sgt. Alvin Calver is home from Camp Cook on a 10-day furlough visiting his parents.

Pvt. John Murray enjoyed the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Murray, and has left for Fort Benning, Georgia.

Sgt. John Hurley came over from McClelland Field, Sacramento, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hurley.

All At Home.
Mrs. Margaret Walsh passed an enjoyable Christmas, due to the fact it was the first time in eight years she had all her sons and daughter and the members of their respective families present at the Christmas feast. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walsh, daughter Patricia and son Tommie, of Ukiah; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walsh, daughter Marie and son Michael, of Walnut Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn Walsh, daughter Clara and son Leland, of Ukiah; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Schaeffer.

Mrs. P. O. Conley left last week

DO YOUR PART

Local merchants are asked to use paper bags only when needed for sanitary or protective purposes, while shoppers are requested to carry their own shopping bags and accept goods unwrapped. In the campaign now being directed by state salvage chairman, Judge Edward P. Murphy, of San Francisco, to save thousands of tons of top-grade paper.

Many at the Hammond General Hospital recovering from wounds received on Bougainville last March.

Ball Made Money.
The women's annual ball was the most successful from a financial standpoint they have ever held. There was a large attendance and all had a good time.

Home From War.
Corporal Roy Taylor passed the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bernice Steen. He has spent 21 months in the Aleutians. He reported for duty at Fort Riley, Kansas. Mr. Taylor attended Willits high school a few years ago.

Red Cross Sewing.
The Red Cross sewing room will be open every Thursday afternoon at the grammar school. Mrs. Shirley Case is now in charge of the work.

The Precipitation.
The seasonal rainfall at the end of the year amounted to 21.37 inches.

An Ambulance Worker.
Corporal Francis Coratto is home from a camp in Texas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coratto. Francis is a member of the Ambulance Corps whose duty is to pick up the wounded and give first aid.

On Island Of Corsica.
Corporal William J. Raines, of Willits, now stationed on the island of Corsica, is in the oldest member group in that area and has received special mention. He is a radio operator and radio gunner of a B-25 Mitchell bomber. He attended Willits high school before entering the service.

Son In France.
T. J. Whitney sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Whitney a Christmas greeting from France. He is with the Headquarters Detachment of the Ordnance Department and is now in the fighting zone.

Mrs. P. O. Conley left last week

Had Served Long In The War Zone

Technical Sergeant Douglas L. Cleaden, whose home is at 612 West Standley street, has returned home after 32 months' service with the Air Corps in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. He remains under the Army's Troop Rotation Plan for a furlough before being re-assigned to a post within the United States.

for a visit with friends in Berkeley and Sacramento and will be away several weeks.

Aviation Cadet Wilbur Anderson was home Christmas visiting relatives and friends. He returned to the Army flying field in Texas where he is learning to fly the latest type of Mitchell plane, which he wishes is a splendid plane.

Go Into Navy.
Two young men of this area who are approaching their eighteenth birthdays have enlisted in the Navy. They are James Peck Hart, of Ukiah, and Charles Eugene McCune, of Laytonville.

Corporal Mary Haney, of the Marine Corps women's division, was here during the holidays visiting at the Haselwerdt home. She was accompanied by Mrs. Florine Olson, a former resident now employed in San Francisco.

A Feelsish Act.
William Veitz was brought to the hospital last week suffering severe burns, received when he threw gasoline on a wood fire in the camp near Laytonville where he was living. The gas exploded and Mr. Veitz has severe burns on the hands, arms and face. The injured man also developed pneumonia, following inhaling flames as the gasoline burned over the upper part of his body. Mr. Veitz is reported in serious condition.

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