

'TIMBER-R-R!'



WOOD CREW LAUDED

Critical Work Needs 300-700 More Able Bodied Men on Job

In speaking of the administration's feeling for the wood crew, Project Director Paul A. Taylor said today, "First let me add my personal commendation to the respect which the administration and community leaders hold for the men already engaged in timber felling, loading and wood processing."

In good part, Taylor explained, the men now on the job are the men who have kept us warm so far. "They are too few to handle the entire situation, but they are doing a man's job and doing it well. We want 300 more able bodied men on this job. We will accept as many as 700 more volunteers for regular paid assignment to this work."

WOODSMEN LIKE WORK

"TIMBER-R-R-R!"

And a huge tree which has been swaying as if in an earthquake suddenly comes crashing to the ground.

Immediately, men with axes come swarming in to lop off its branches, a two-man saw begins to cut the massive trunk into six-foot lengths, a mule-team pulls up ready to haul the logs to the power saw.

This is the wood chopping section of the Center.

Morale here is good. Most of the lumberjacks enjoy their work and know the service they are doing for the community.

An issei, Tsurumatsu Nagatani, said, "This log we're sawing is about four feet in diameter, probably the largest one here. Look! (he pointed) it's about 60 feet long."

Nagatani added, "We do

the work as a service and enjoy it--instead of grumbling."

Yasutaro Ishii, the other half of the two-man saw team, said, "This is the first time I've come out to chop and saw wood. Your body begins to ache the next day but we get used to it."

Another issei, trimming branches, said, "I used to (continued on page 2)

"It is one of the most important tasks in the Center. It is a particularly critical task of today and tomorrow. We face days when the community will require 150 cords of stove wood between breakfast and bedtime, and other days when cold and rain will make it impossible to cut wood for tomorrow. We need the constant, muscle-straining speed of many additional men to stack up a supply (continued on page 2)

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT

- ...residents of the Center use up between 120 and 150 cords of firewood on cold days.
- ...there are 128 cubic feet of wood in a cord.
- ...oak is the most common variety found in the woods surrounding the Center.
- ...baseball bats can be made from ash and hickory trees which are plentiful in the woods.
- ...approximately 15 varieties of trees grow in the surrounding area.
- ...hickory is the toughest tree to fell while persimmon is the easiest.

Girl Reporters Try Lumberjacking for a Day

By Toki Ohta & Lily Ozaki
Starting out with the bumpiest, rockiest ride or a logging truck, we two skirts went out to record what they say is the women's angle to this business of lumberjacking.

By luck we landed with Crew No. 3, consisting of 15 camper young men who gave us the run-around everytime they yelled "TIMBER!"

Supervising this snappy crew was George Fujikawa. Working about two miles directly east of the residential area, these boys' main task is that of clearing the land of trees and brush.

"The life we lead out here is one stump after another," said Joe Kondo

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of wood adequate to tomorrow's needs.

"Let me also commend the blocks for their cooperative attitude in voluntary wood cutting," Taylor continued. "We hope there will be no future need for similar requests.

"We may have to ask for Sunday sawing again, but we hope enough men, including those drawn from less essential activities, will climb on the wood wagon—enough men to put the wood situation on a sound, business-like basis.

"We are getting additional equipment for this work—43 wagons, 100 mules and more hand tools soon will be on the job.

"Now timber crews will have the equipment and op-

of Block 4 as he showed us acres of stumps behind them.

Ulysses S. Aoki, Block 20, was "cute" in our language as he commented "Pee-ee-ee" on the methods of knocking down the maples and white oaks that predominate among the numerous trees growing there.

We two tackled a sizeable hemlock tree, follow-

TWO FASTEST CREWS CLAIMED

"Hey! Are you from the COMMUNIQUE?"

"Yeah."

"Well, write that Crew 9 is the hardest working crew out here."

"Okay."

"Yeah, and tell them that we have the least men, too. Don't forget to say that we want lunches. Then we'll work harder than ever."

"Sure."

"Why dontcha say that Ballard says we are the hardest working crew. Even 'Coldrick' Grabe, our treasurer, says so. And tell them that George Fujikawa is our foreman."

"All right." --SI

TREES DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES

Trees are segregated into three classifications.

The first class of wood consists of trees used for fuel purposes.

In the second group are tall and slim trees which are set aside for fence posts.

Straight trees which are uniform in size are saved for lumber purposes. --JH
portunity to equal the record of the men already engaged in that work."

ing Bill Shirahashi's instructions, but in the excitement of its fall, forgot to yell "Timber!"

And, by luck, no one got hurt...or we wouldn't be hacking out this story.

The women's angle after this adventure? Well, we did give the boys two fems' angles (Editor's note: fems' curves?) about it all!

Crew 11 claimed the title of "Fastest Lumberjacks in the Center" yesterday. Roy Kagatani, foreman, said his men were not only the fastest but the most efficient.

"After a day's work, even lamb stew tastes good," said Joe Yonari, wiping sweat from his forehead.

Up piped Jim Masemitsu, "This work makes a man out of you. No Charles Atlas stuff for me." --SI

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They Like Work

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chun wood in Japan. It's easy if you get used to it."

In another section of the woods, Yukio Kobayashi, elderly nisei foreman of a crew of issei, said, "The issei work hard. That is steadily. My crew is new but everyone enjoys this work. It's different and we get plenty of fresh air."

Nearby worked a crew of young boys. "The old men work steady," said Kiyo Talamine, "but we work in streaks. When we work we work hard, but when we rest we rest."

Kiyo also said, "It's a risky job but we like the risk. Best of all we like to hear the sound of the trees falling. First there is a crackling sound like wood burning, and then a huge, resounding crash!"

One boy wiped the sweat on his forehead and suggested, "Gee, it would be nice if some of the girls in the dining halls would make us some refreshments and bring it out to us sometime."

Another boy rubbed his stomach, "You sure get hungry doing this work but it sure does build your muscles." --JO

First Mules Here Win Affection

"Blackie" and "Red" are just a pair of mules out of the almost 50 long-eared animals used on the Project but they hold the distinction of being the first pair of mules to enter the Center and are probably the most beloved of the bunch.

They were brought in from Jerome in October by Jimmie Okamura and Den Uca, both 19, accompanied by H. R. Mays of the Agricultural department.

Somewhat wild at first,

the mules were tamed and trained by the boys with Mays' patient guidance.

As mule skimmers for "Blackie" and "Red," Hiromi Onishi and Ichi Akiyama, also both 19, referred to the quadrupeds as their "personal" mules.

Petted and loved by the boys, the mules stood by in placid contentment as Mays commented proudly, "The fellows wouldn't trade the pair for a million dollars." --AEN