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# Finley's Rigging Shack "Classic"



(Originally printed in November 1976)

Sometime ago I wrote that we here liked to write about and publicize the man that does his work. Every day he shows up and he puts in a day's work. That is the true hero of our country and our society.

I got some feedback about that. Most of it agreeing with me and urging us to continue with this same editorial concept.

The most important thing in our world is the person or people that do the work. There is no way to prove that any one job is more important than another. Each job is, or should be, necessary to the well-being of the person doing it and to the rest of us who enjoy the benefits of that person's labor.

The thing that is so startling about this is that the person doing the work doesn't really think of himself or herself as being all that important and necessary. Since most of us are responsible citizens and do our part without taking much credit for it we assume this is not very important. We tend to downgrade our abilities and think that people who are in the public eye are the important people.

That just isn't true. We have just gone through an example that we can function without a president of our country. Without him the work went on, the government existed and in some cases did it better than before. Yet the President is thought to be the most important person in our country.

We think the people that get the publicity are the important people. We could shut down many things and not even miss them.

I have met thousands upon thousands of people that do a great job of work. All kinds of work in all kinds of occupations. I have met maybe a dozen people that are more or less famous. Legislators, movie actors and some sports figures.

Some of them I like and some of them I don't.

The point being that none of the famous people I know have really contributed anything of exceptional value. They have entertained us, they have governed us and they have done other things and they are well known for it. I'm not sure they could have done a good job of work when work is confined to producing something

of more value than a movie, game, or a seat in the senate.

(Not running them nor their efforts down. Just trying to put thing in their perspective.) Now we could live pretty good if they didn't make another movie for a year, if they didn't play another professional game for 2 years or if the legislators didn't convene for 3 years.

I think we could all agree this would interfere with our style of living very little and in some cases it would improve our living style.

On the flip side think about what would happen if all the truck drivers in the country just took a week off at the same time. All kind of bad things would happen - in just one week. Or consider if all the loggers quit logging for one year. Or think of any occupation and visualize what the effects would be if that occupation halted for a length of time.

We could starve. We'd run out of food. There would be no gas. The list of things we wouldn't have would reach from where I am at to where you are at.

Yet in the fact of this truth the thousands of people that do the work - that bring us our goods and services - labor day after day with very little recognition or credit or appreciation for the great things they are doing.

To play football it takes the teamwork of about 40 people. To get out logs it takes the teamwork of thousands upon thousands of people. The efforts of the football players may affect several hundred people. The efforts of all of the loggers will affect millions of people. Now you tell me what is important.

Let's look at it from another slant. If you were

set down someplace that was not developed. Some wild place with no services or goods except what you had with you. Some place that needs building up and made livable. You could choose 100 people that would help you in the grim matter of immediate existence. Who would you choose? Why hell you'd choose cooks, carpenters, farmers, loggers, truckers, and people who had skills and had sense and could do what needed the doing.

You wouldn't even give a thought to football players, movie people or Publishers. You'd go for practical every time. If you didn't you'd soon be dead.

Without playing down the efforts and contributions of the more famous people I'd like to elevate and recognize the efforts of the most important people. The people that do the work. Day after day and every day. Those are the people that are the most important to me, to you and to everyone else.

As a society and as a whole I feel that we give credit where it may not be deserved and forget the people who are deserving. Take my case for instance. I was a logger for years. I've never done anything that I was prouder of the doing or I've never worked with any group of people I'd rate above loggers.

Yet when I went into the easier business of publishing I received more credit. It has been said of our publication that we are a great help to the Industry. I like to hear this but it is mostly B.S. The Industry was doing pretty good before we started putting out a loggers magazine. It is now doing pretty good and it would be whether we were publishing a magazine about logging or not. If we have helped, it hasn't amounted to much.

The reason the Industry is doing good is because of the people that do the work. If they didn't do the work then no one else could do anything - there wouldn't be anything to do for.

You would think, wouldn't you, that after all these years of traveling I'd be getting weary of it? Not true - not completely true - because there are times on Friday night or Saturday night that I would be home if I had my druthers.

Usually though I do like seeing new country and meeting new people and getting to know better the country I've seen time after time before.



FINLEY HAYS

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# ZEE'S' LEGACY IN THE WOODS

*"If you were looking for trouble I couldn't think of a quicker way to find it than to gather up nine partners and go into the logging business. By the nature of things loggers are an individualistic bunch that are bull headed at times and hard to get along with when things go wrong - and when they don't."*

*To expect ten of them to work smoothly efficiently with no jealousy or animosity toward others would be expecting a lot wouldn't it? To further complicate matters how about an outfit made up of nine brothers and one brother-in-law? Sound insane? This is how Zee Brother Logging Company works. In this logging outfit, and I mean a darned good logging outfit, there are nine Zender Brothers and Lee Williamson. I've got three brothers, good men all but to be frank we four couldn't work together on any job for more than half a day before blood or hard*

*words would be flowing. The odds against such an outfit being able to work well with each other day after day, year after year, thru good times and bad are unbelievable. You'd be more likely to have three perfect hands dealt to you in a row during a pinochle game. This many men, much less relatives, being able to meld all their talents together in such a way that they all work toward the common end of getting out logs, lots of logs, without fuss feathers or bother borders on the fantastic.*

*Yet they do it. On top of this they are able to hire and hold a crew of good logging men. Working for the Zee Brothers is referred to locally as "working for the kin-folks." This label means no disrespect but on the contrary is a good mark of esteem for this outfit."*

**- Loggers World Editor Finley Hays, Oct. 1964 -  
The First Issue Ever Published of Loggers World**

## Zender and Wilburn Logging Contine the Family Business

By Brandon Hansen

**N**ine brothers and two brother-in-laws.

That was Zee Brothers Logging Company in Deming, Wash. fifty years ago when Loggers World published its first edition. At its peak, Zee Brothers Logging would have 19 log trucks, three towers, four load machines, five bulldozers, a division of crew buses and roughly 60-70 people employed.

"A lot of people around here knew us and would recognize us," Red Zender, one of the original Zee brothers said. "They said 'you must be a Zender because you walk like one.'"

The history of Zenders logging in

the Deming area stretched back to the early thirties with the Zee Brothers' father - Jake Zender joining forces with their uncles Tom and Henry and doing horse logging. Business partner Tom Burke became part of the logging business in the 1940s. They contracted out their services with Warnick Lumber Company of Bellingham and would even employ original Loggers World Editor Finley Hays.

Jake's son, John Zender, graduated from Mt. Baker High School in 1947 and in 1949 along with brothers Pete, Dick, Bernie, Nick, Red, Dan, Jake, Jr. and brother-in-law

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**BRINGING IT TO THE LANDING,** Scott Zender uses his Skagit BU-94 — something he has done for the past 27 years — to bring up a turn for rigging crew member Sheridan Leavitt of Van Zandt, Wash. to handle. Steep, rocky terrain is the norm for Zender and Wilburn Logging, which primarily operates in the shadow of Mt. Baker for Sierra Pacific.

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**HANK HARTLE** of Deming, Wash. navigates the terrain after setting a choker for Zender Bros. and Wilburn Logging. Hartle is part of the rigging crew that Marty Wilburn describes as one of the best crews around. "They're good people and they're what make us go," Marty said. Hartle has been logging for 14 years - including six years with Zender Bros. and Wilburn.



## Zender Bros. & Wilburn

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Lee Williams would form Zee Brothers Logging and Trucking Company.

"Few years after that I spent some time in a Hospital Ward with John Zender, who now operates the grapple equipped SJ-6," Hays wrote in the first edition of *Loggers World*. "Found him to be an entertaining man to share a room with. If you must go to the Hospital you couldn't ask for better company."

In the late 1950s and early 60s, brother Jim and brother-in-law Denny Cox would eventually join the company and according to Hays, it was a perfect fit.

"You must agree that if you had ten men that would and could master every and all jobs in logging; that if these ten men would work with skill and brains; and if these men gave lots of thought and planning on how to proceed you'd have one of the best logging outfits anywhere," Hays wrote.

In 1963, the brothers bought their first steel tower and were logging at Jackman Creek east of Concrete, John said.

"We had five logging trucks and I operated a SJ6 Skagit mobile log loader with a line grapple. My brother Jake ran the P and H shovel log loader."

Pete was the loader operator and very sharp, Red said, and knew how to handle guys in the woods. Bernie and Jake were Donkey Punchers while Bernie was also a high rigger. Dan was a hook-tender, Nick was a hook tender and high rigger, Dick was the truck boss and Red drove truck. Jim was the on-site mechanic and also drove truck.

"Every so often we used to have company meetings at the home," Red Zender said. "Before we started the meeting, mother would lead us in a prayer for us to get along. In the meeting we might have some disagreements but it was all fine and good and then we would end the



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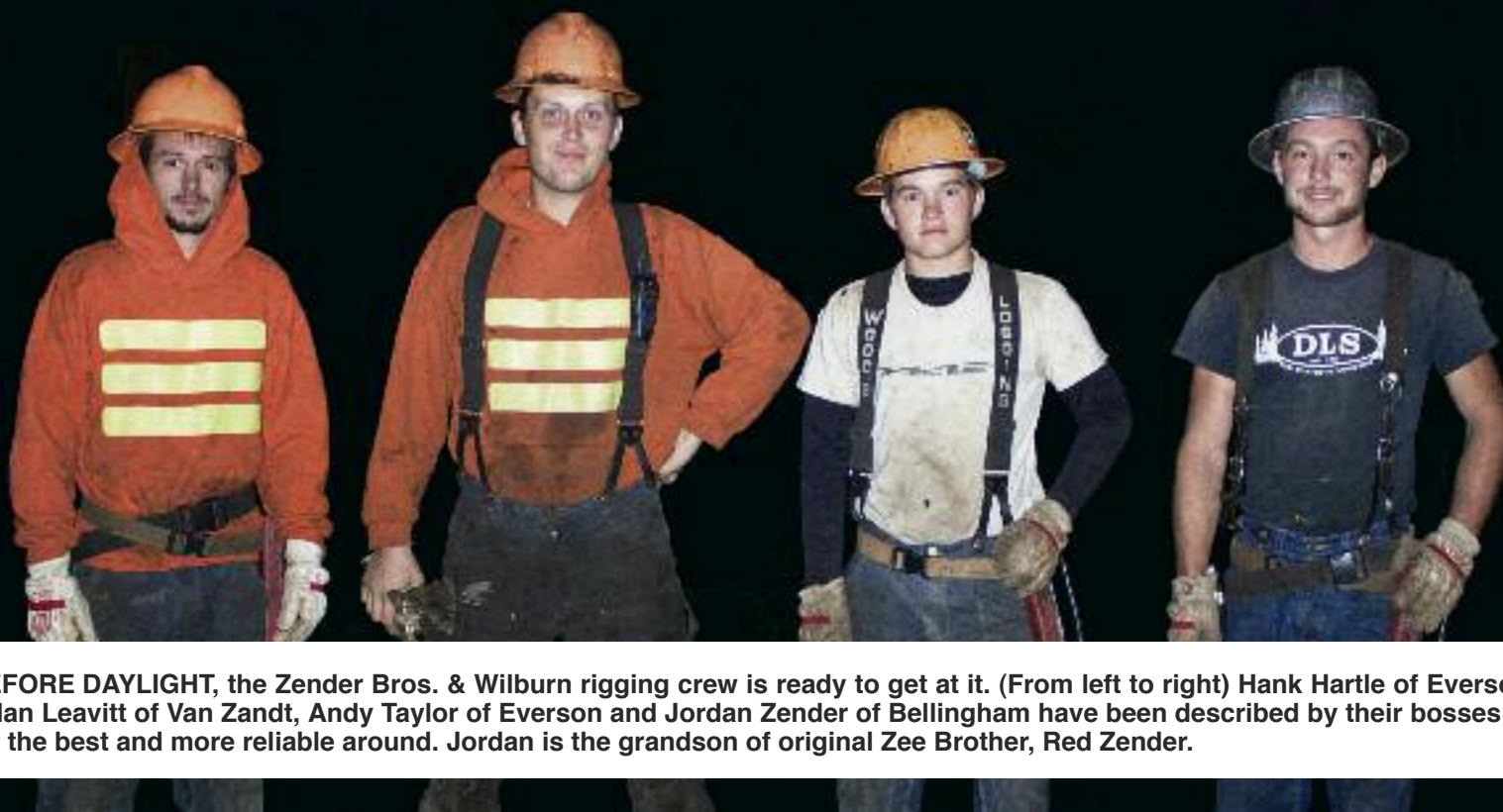
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UP BEFORE DAYLIGHT, the Zender Bros. & Wilburn rigging crew is ready to get at it. (From left to right) Hank Hartle of Everson, Sheridan Leavitt of Van Zandt, Andy Taylor of Everson and Jordan Zender of Bellingham have been described by their bosses as one of the best and more reliable around. Jordan is the grandson of original Zee Brother, Red Zender.

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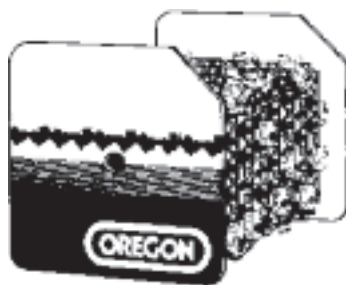
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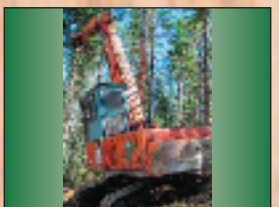
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meeting with a prayer. Our dad Jake was at our meetings but he would usually say very little but he would give us good, sound advice."

The Zee Brothers did a great deal of contracting with Scott Paper Co. in a relationship that proved profitable for both parties.

"We logged for many companies but we logged for them the most," Red said. "And at one time I believe we were the oldest contractor working for them. Their money was good and they're a real stable company. You knew what you were getting from them."

Along with logging, another passion for the Zender brothers was baseball. In 1952, they formed a semi-pro baseball team called the Deming Loggers. They would log during the day and play at night.

"We played against local teams and placed first in our league," John Zender recounted. "We went on to compete for the 1956 National Semi-pro title in Wichita Kansas where we lost to Fort Wayne, Indiana."

John, who Finley regarded as excellent hospital company, played organized baseball and was an infielder and outfielder that was even invited to spring training by the New York Yankees before he hurt his shoulder and went home to log.

Much like their logging operation, the Zenders were all over the field. Dick was the manager and catcher of the Deming Loggers. He also had a stint in professional baseball and had a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. Bernie and Nick had contracts with the L.A. Dodgers as well. Pete and Nick played outfield and infield while Jake Jr. was exclusively in the outfield. Bernie played short-stop or third base, Red was the pitcher, Dan played second base, and Jim dabbled in catching and the outfield.

In 2001, the Zee Brothers retired from the logging industry after over 50 years of service. They sold off the equipment and now the two surviving original Zee Brothers, John and Red, reside in Deming and enjoy their large and active families.

"I continued to log for three more years," John said. "With one shovel and one Cat I operated the K170 hydraulic grapple shovel, Fory McComber did the falling and bucking and brother Red did the hauling. We contracted with private landowners. I decided to retire in 2003 at 74 years old. I enjoy keeping up my home, my vegetable garden and mowing with my tractor. But most of all I enjoy spending time with Celine, our children and all their families."

John and his wife Celine have been married for 63 years and were blessed with six children, 17 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and have another one due this month.

Red has been married to his wife Bev for 53 years and the two have six

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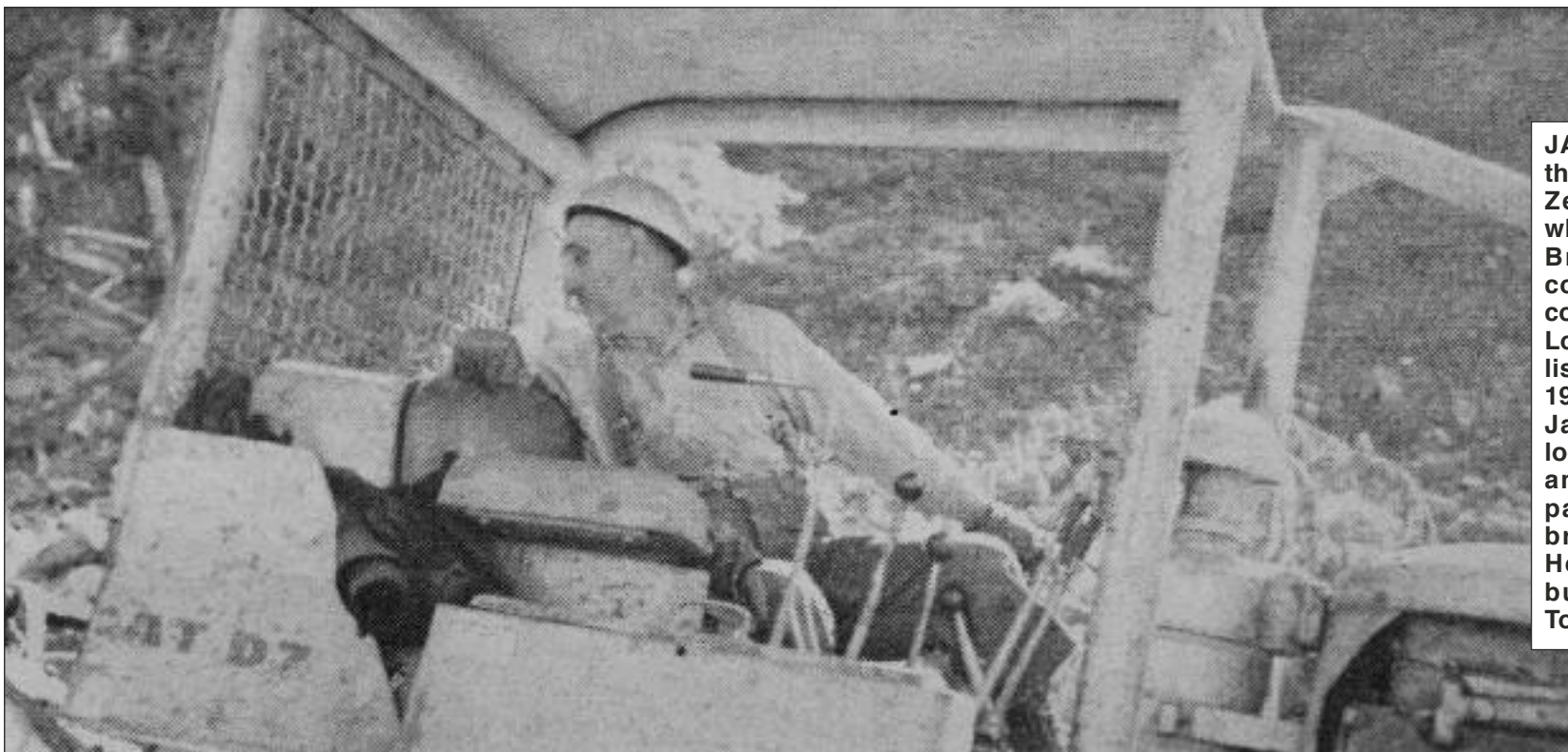
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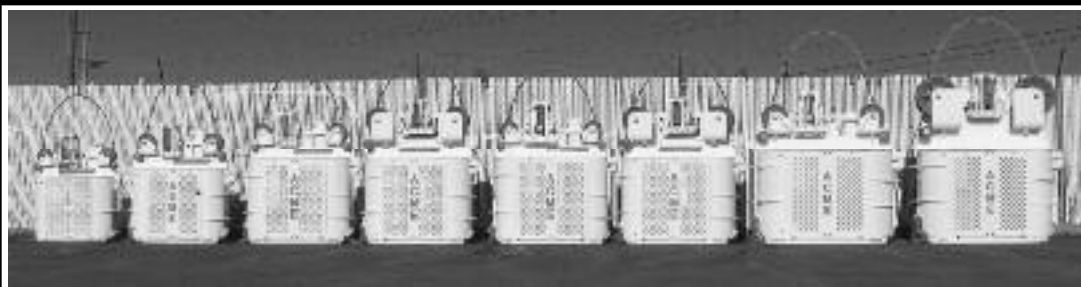
The Zender brothers of the Deming Loggers of 1956 (runners-up at the '56 National Baseball Congress Tournament). Front row (left to right) - Pete Zender OF, Jake Zender OF, Nick Zender 3B, Dan Zender OF. Back row - Lawrence Zender P, John Zender OF, Jim Zender C, Dick Zender C/MGR, Bernie Zender 2B.

This team would go on to play for the national semi-pro title in Wichita, Kansas where they lost to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John Zender, still residing in Deming, played professional ball and even had a contract with the New York Yankees. Dick had a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals while Bernie and Nick had contracts with the Los Angeles Dodgers.



**JAKE ZENDER, SR.** the father of the nine Zender brothers who formed the Zee Brothers Logging company, made the cover of the original *Loggers World*, published in October of 1964 by Finley Hays. Jake started horse logging in the 1930s and in the 1940s partnered with his brothers Tom and Henry along with business partner Tom Burke.



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kids, 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

The Zenders aren't out of the woods yet, as Zender Brothers and Wilburn Logging Inc. is keeping the tradition alive. Started in 1980, Greg and Jeff Zender - sons of Nick Zender - partnered up with Marty Wilburn started to take to the woods themselves.

"We kind of had been gearing up that way," Greg said. "In 1980 we had started our own business and by 1984 we had a couple more brothers that had come on-line and there was enough of us to form a cable side. We saved up some money after getting our feet wet working on weekends and holidays by ourselves, we were able to make the jump to full-time."

"They use to call us the Baby Zees," Scott, who joined the company in 1984, said.

Jeff would leave the logging industry because of injury but Greg, Scott and Marty have continued on with the company.

"It was an interesting time in the middle 80s," Greg said. "I think family relatives owned 10 different cable sides at one time."

Greg added that before the Zee Brothers retired as a company, they

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THIS PHOTO TAKEN FROM THE FIRST LOGGERS WORLD PUBLISHED features Lawrence "Red" Zender checking the scales on the load. Red's truck was a West Coast International with a 250 horse Cummins in it. On top of the load is second loader Roy Roberts. John Zender is in the cab of the SJ-6 wondering whether Red wants another log and if so what size.

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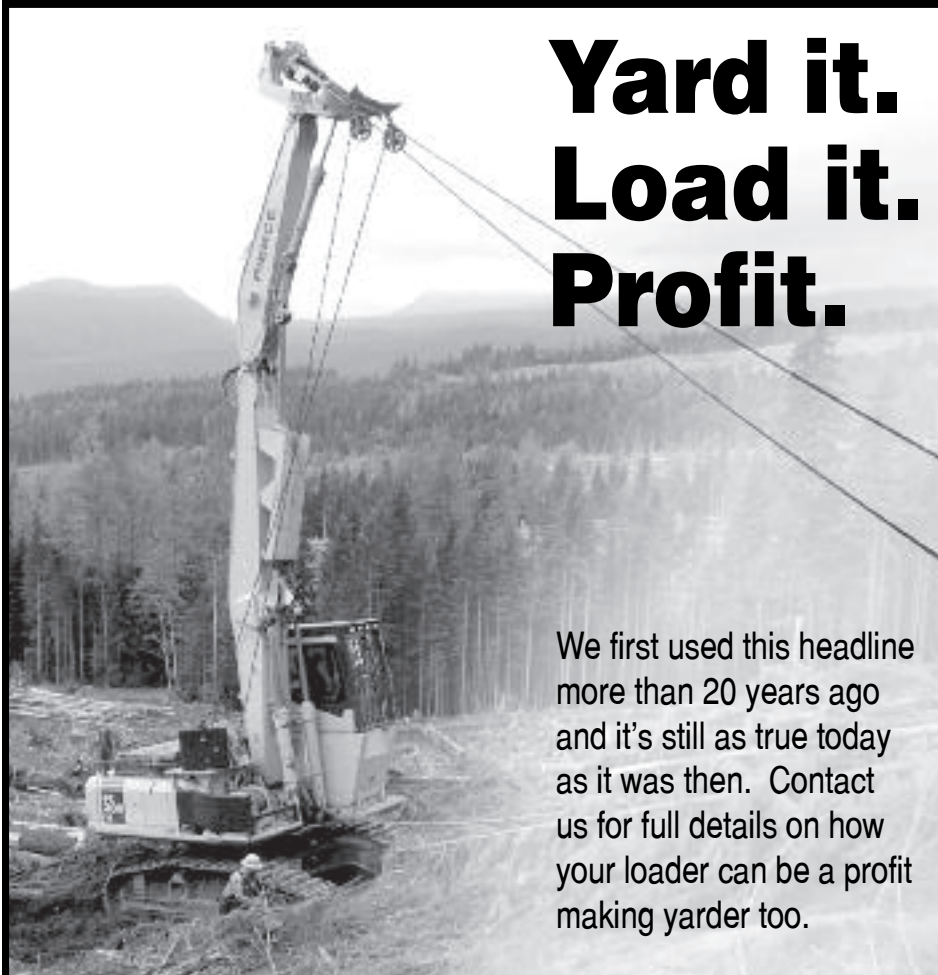
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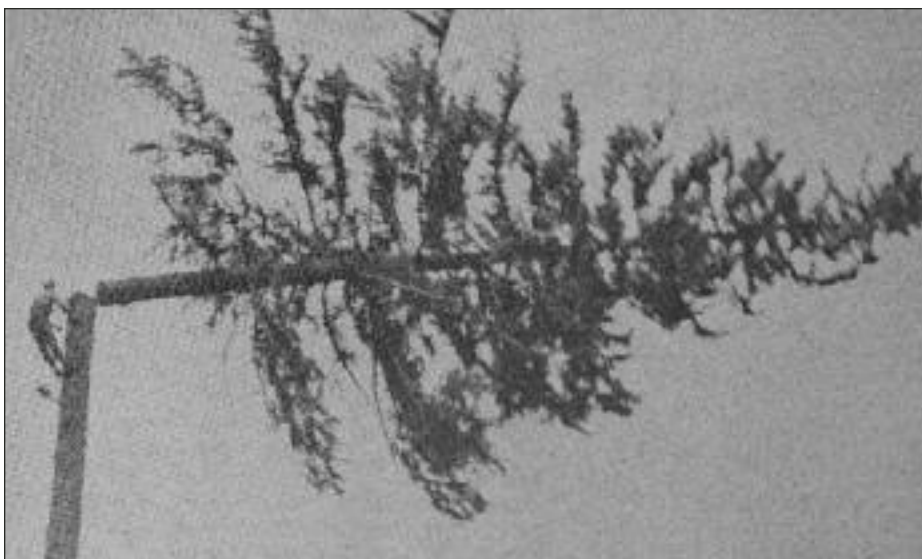
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LEE WILLIAMSON poses in this photo from 1964 with his West Coaster. The machine had 280 Cummins horses under the hood and really ate up the road, according to Loggers World editor Finley Hays. Lee, the only original partner who doesn't carry Zender as a last name was not only a truck driver. He also held his own in most any job in the woods, said Hays, including operating shovel and rigging.

ABOVE: Nick Zender in the first Loggers World ever published, is seen here topping a spar for the Skagit BU-85. Nick used a chain instead of a safety rope and sawed the top out with a small chain saw. He climbed up the tree limbing it with an axe until he got to this point. It took Nick about a half hour to top this tree. Nick was the father of Scott and Greg Zender, who currently operate Zender Bros. and Wilburn Logging which is also based in Deming, Wash. The Zee Brothers retired in 2001 and sold off their equipment but the legacy lives on as sons and grandsons of the Zee Brothers work with Zender Bros and Wilburn.

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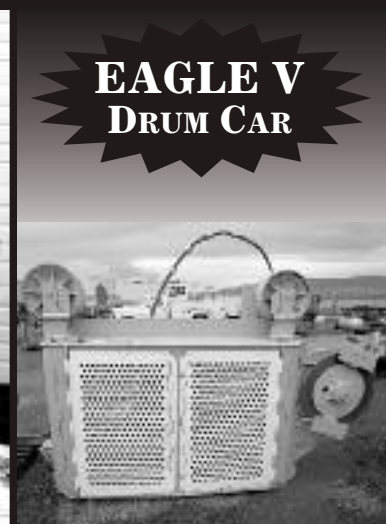


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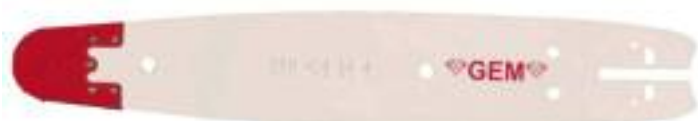
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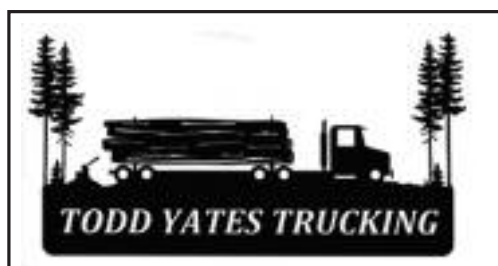
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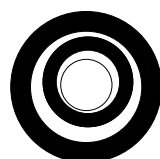
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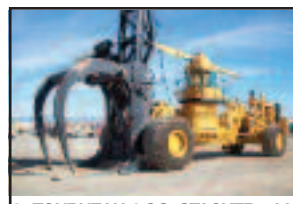
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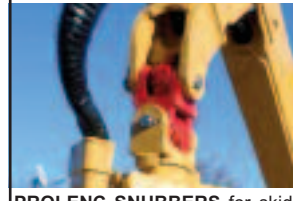
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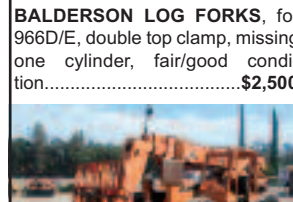
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With eight employees currently on the job-site, the new Zender brothers and Wilburn have tried to keep with their outfit as that same familiar family unit. Greg's wife, Diana also does the all-important job of keeping the books for the company.

Heavy praise has to go to the Zender Brothers and Wilburn rigging crew, who Wilburn calls "one of the best around."

Red's grandson Jordan Zender, Everson's Andy Taylor, Van Zandt's Sheridan Leavitt and Deming's Hank Hartle navigate the steep and rocky terrain just outside of Deming that the logging outfit is famous for not scoffing at. Greg said it's a crew that doesn't cut corners, does things right and that you can focus on other company needs and they'll make sure everything on the job site is set up.

"They're good people, they're what make us go," Wilburn said. "It's experience and youth."

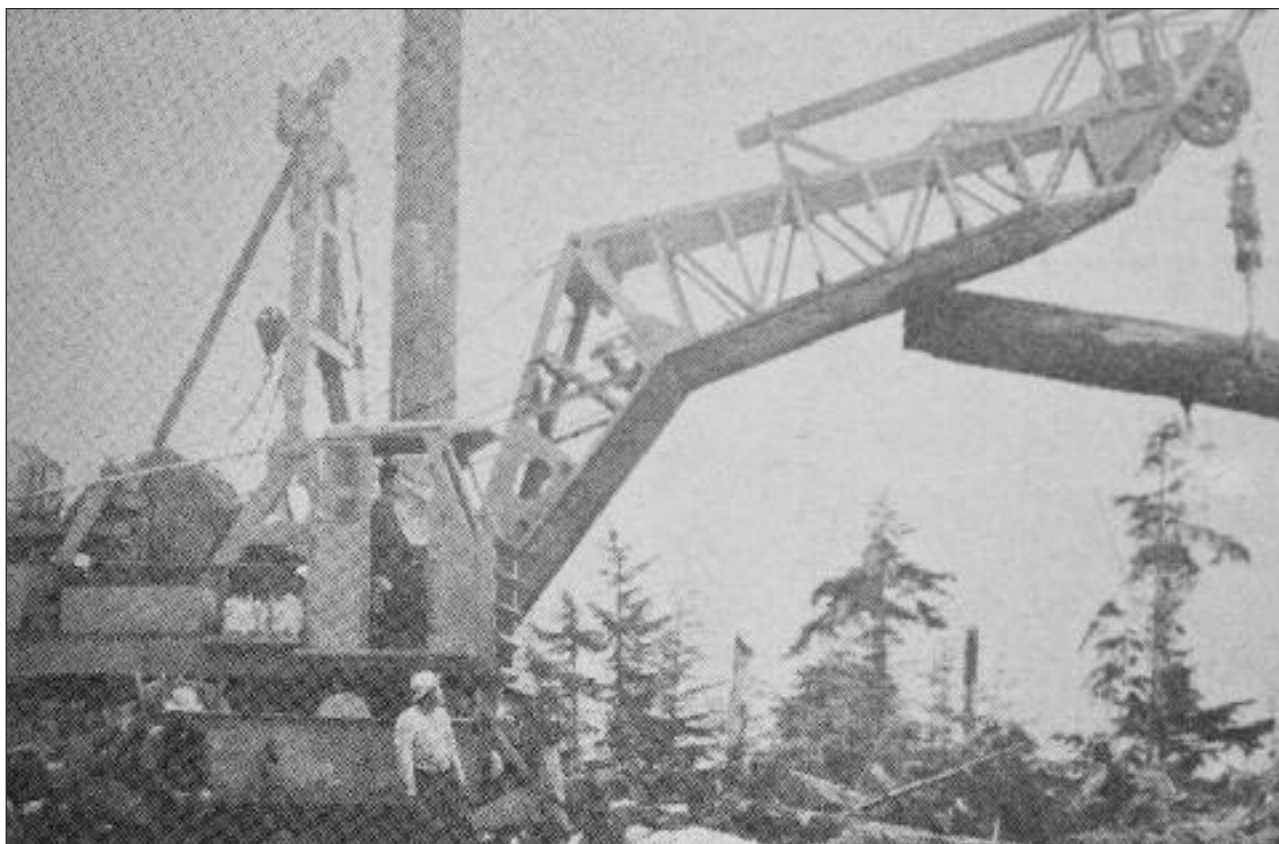
Marty is practically a Zender, having married Greg and Scott's sister Terri.

Marvin Fiones of Stanwood runs their CAT 322 with a 7000 Log Max processor and has been up in the woods for 42 years, while Greg operates the Kobelco SK290 loader and Scott resides in the Skagit BU94 yarder - one of the biggest yarders in the area.

"It's just very nice to run, they call it the workhorse and it doesn't heat up during the day," Scott said. "I love running yarder, I've been around one since I was a little kid and my dad took me up to the jobsite on a lot of Saturdays on them."

Hauling for Zender Brothers and Wilburn is Ron TerWisscha of Everson, Wash., Randy Edin of Nooksack, Wash. and cousin Bill Zender.

"We're just a small part of the family business," Bill said. "The main thing is if you don't like what you're doing that's not going to work because you're putting in a lot of hours and investing a lot of money so you've got to like it. We still like it up here working in the mountains."



**IN THIS 1964 PHOTO, John Zender is at the controls throwing some logs over. At the bottom of the machine is Roy Roberts the second loader on the left and George Cooper, Jr. on the right. This bunch keeps a good landing, Finley Hays wrote in *Loggers World*, as soon as the turn is landed the limbs are sawed off, the logs are then quickly painted and branded.**

TerWisscha has been hauling for 24 years and enjoys working for Zender and Wilburn so much "they couldn't beat me out of here with a stick." His truck is a 2004 Kenworth T800 with a C15 CAT engine in it.

Edin started driving in 1976 and bought his first truck in 1979. He now is on his third truck, a 2004 Kenworth T800.

"We have a lot of fun and there's no nit-picking or unrest on the landing," Edin said. "It's a positive attitude we try to have up here and we have a good time. Most of what they log is some of the severest terrain you can get. It's definitely not a place for a novice."

Edin also added how good and honest the outfit was "otherwise I probably would have already retired."

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**TRIMMING THE LIMBS** off an unruly log is crew member Sheridan Leavitt. Scott Zender brings up each turn with his Skagit BU-94 and Leavitt quickly removes to chockers for a quick return down below. Scott's brother Greg commented how easy it is to leave the crew alone to attend other company needs as they'll show initiative and cut no corners in the operation of the side.



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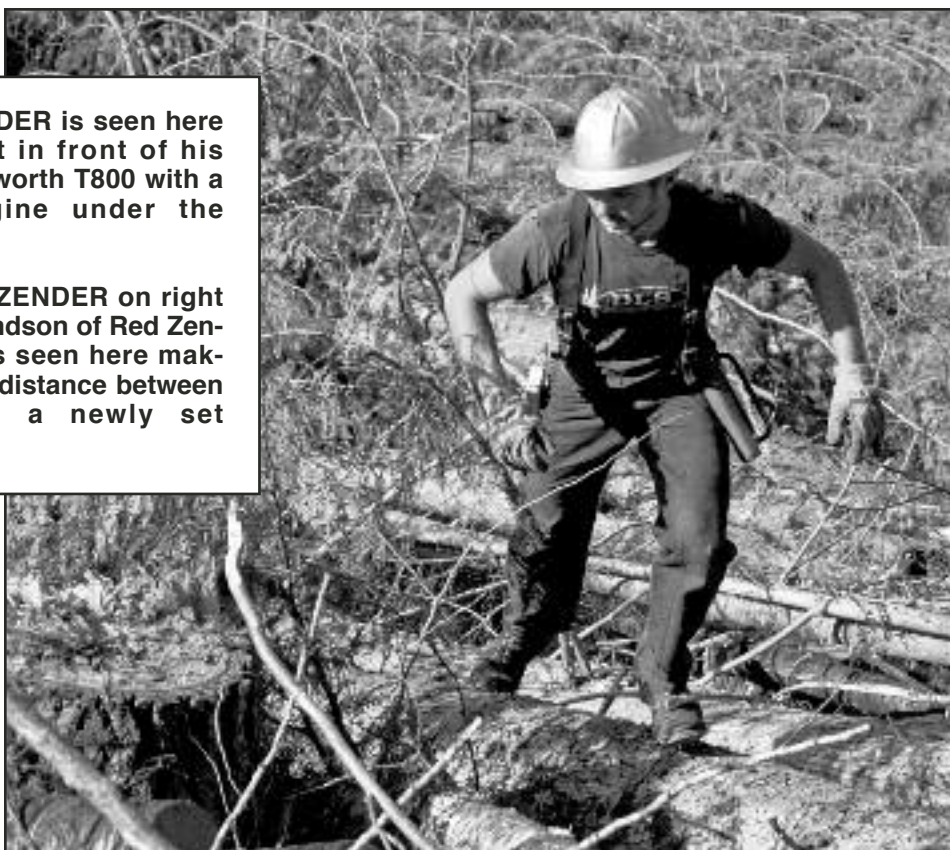
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BILL ZENDER is seen here on the left in front of his 2013 Kenworth T800 with a CAT engine under the hood.

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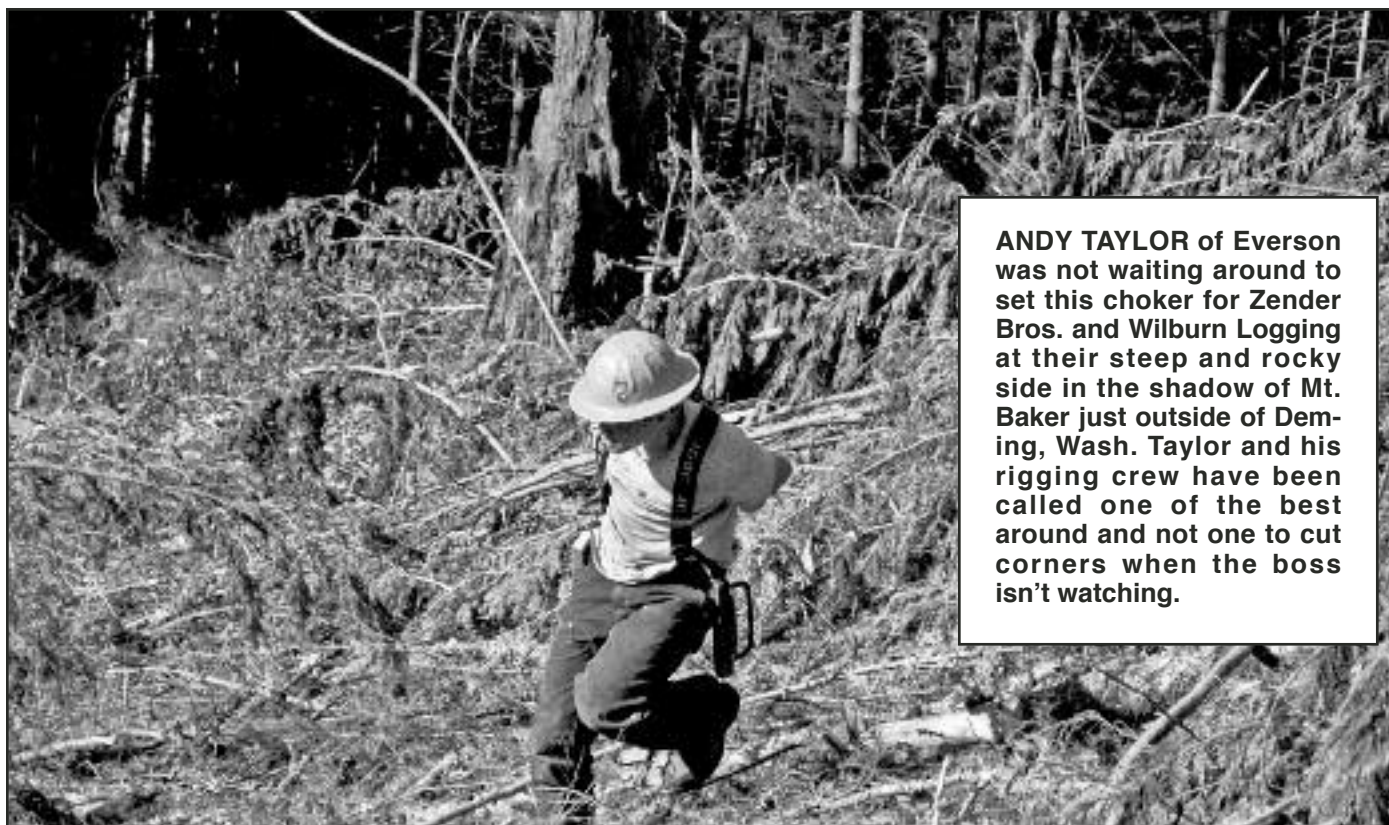
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GREG ZENDER, son of original Zee Brother Nick Zender, loads a truck with his Kobelco 290 near Deming, Wash. Greg began Zender Bros. and Wilburn with his brother Jeff — who has since gotten out of logging — and Marty Wilburn in 1980 after cutting his teeth working for the Zee Brothers. “When you were at the crew bus eating lunch everyone was talking and exchanging ideas on how to do better logging.” With steep sides and rocky terrain, Greg and his company are tackling some challenging jobs with over 30 years of experience.

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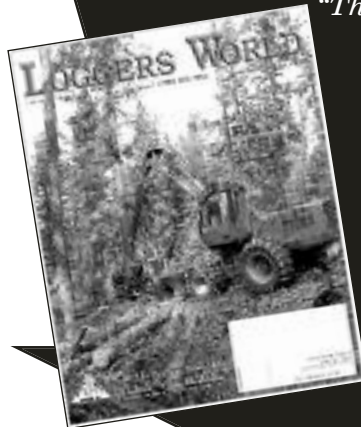
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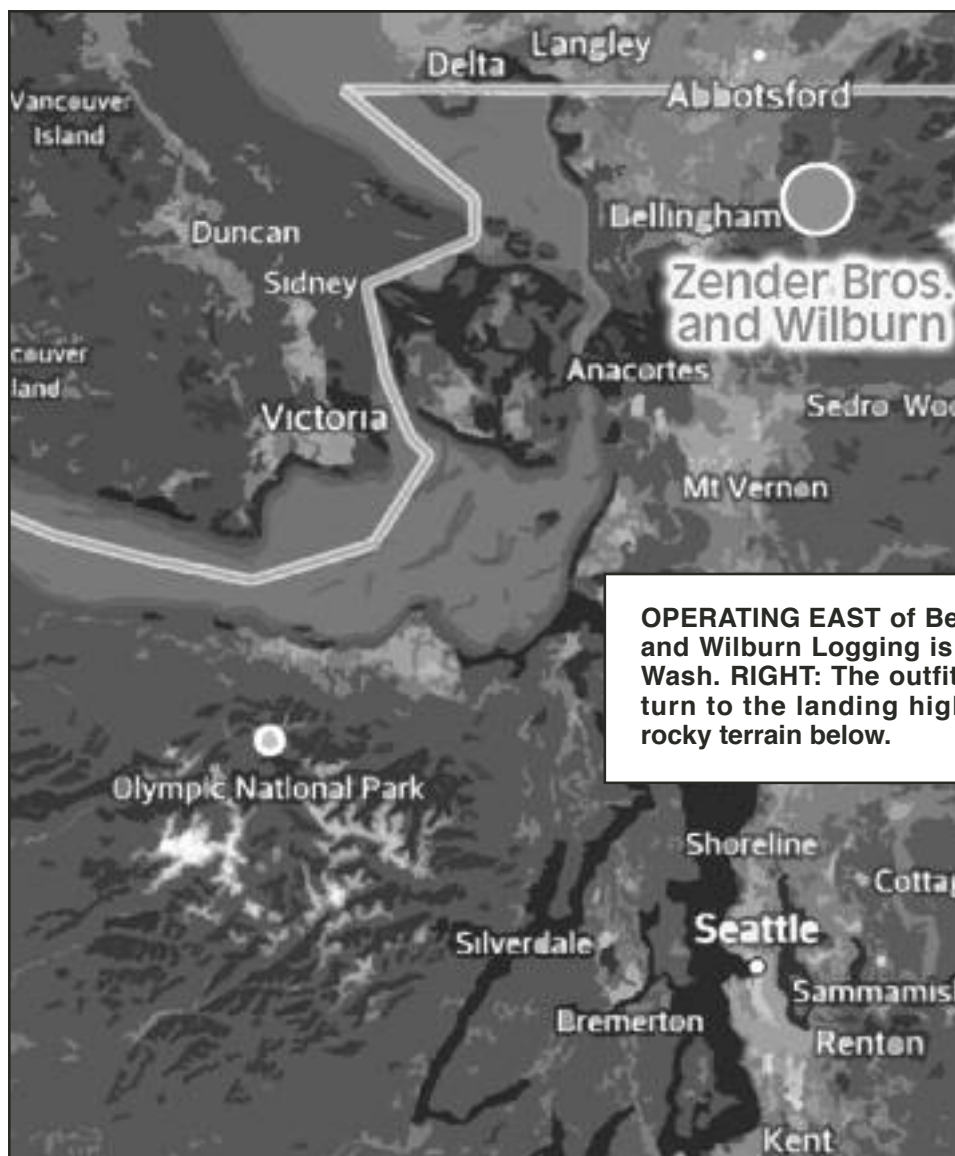
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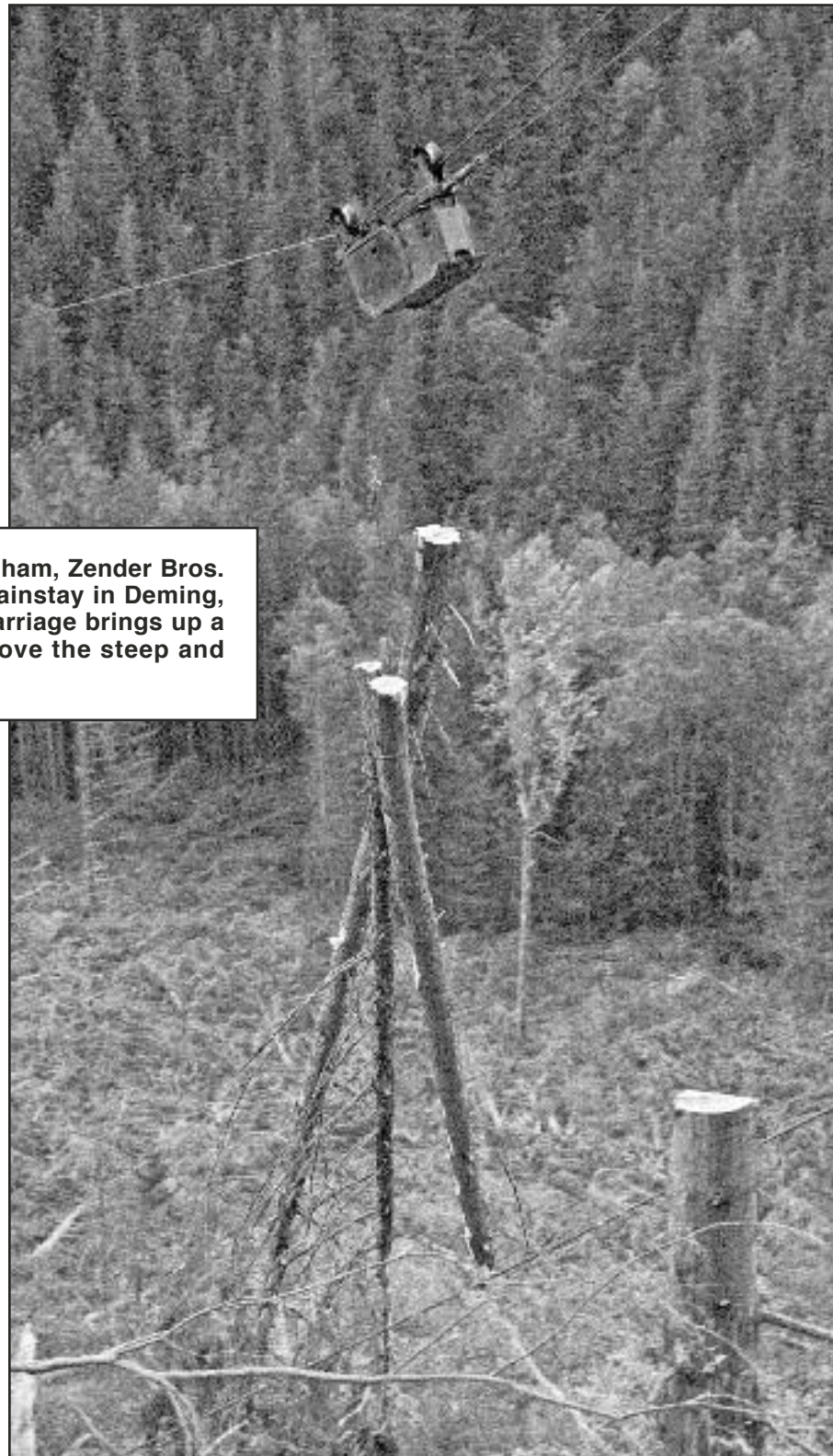
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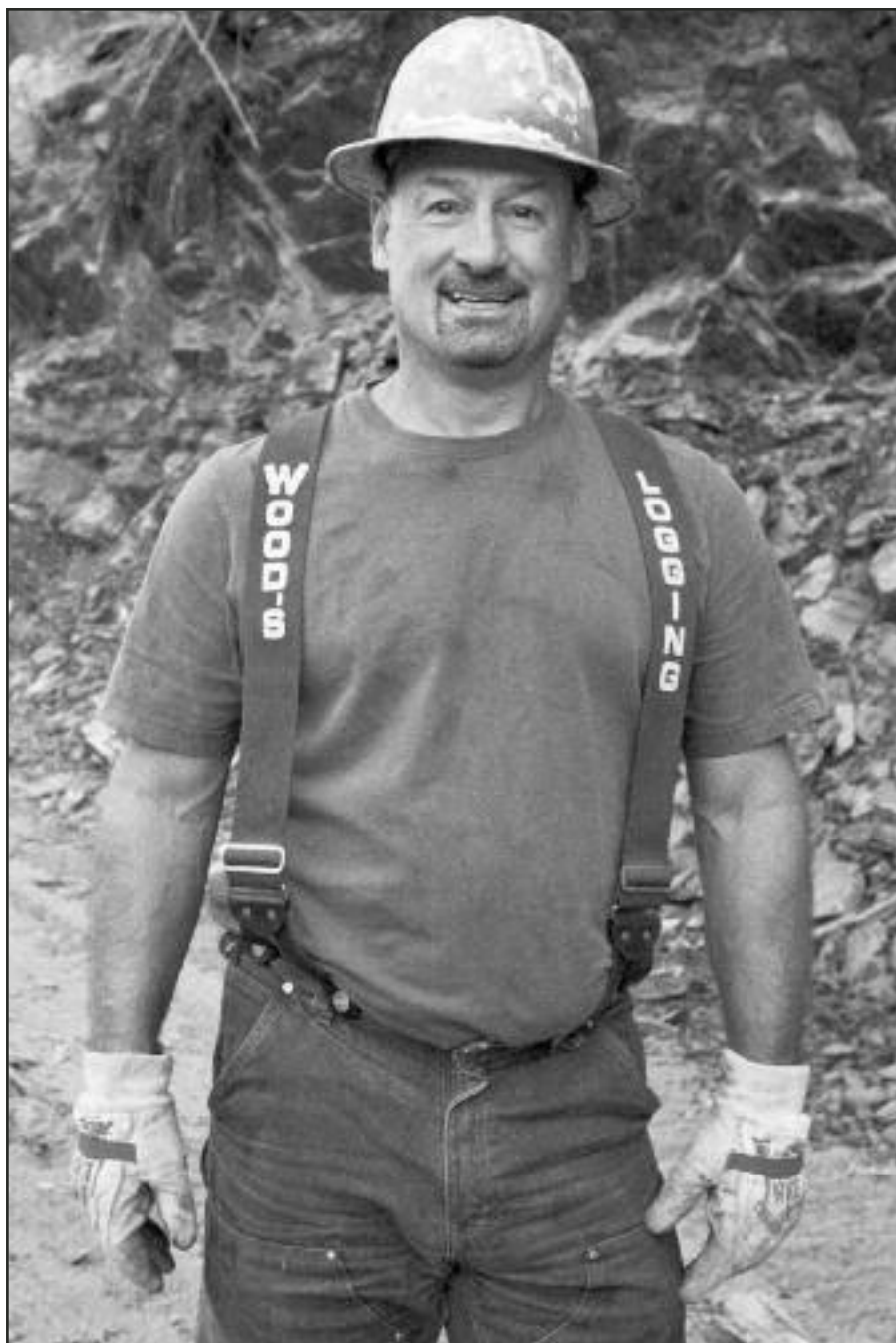


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MARTY WILBURN, of Bellingham, is a partner with Scott and Greg, and is practically a Zender himself after marrying Scott and Greg's sister Terri. Having started in 1980, Wilburn likes the size of the outfit, saying that all three partners on site makes things a lot more manageable. "Not getting too big has been good for us," Marty said. "We can be hands on and know what's going on."

## Zender & Wilburn

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Bill, son of Red Zender, and owner of Mountain View trucking, continues in the family line with a 2013 Kenworth T800 with a CAT motor and has been hauling for 18 years. He's also a certified welder.

"We started young," he said. "We worked with Zee Brothers and it was a lot of fun. You usually don't get a lot of opportunities to fail and learn and grow but they treated us very well. They were a well-oiled machine and they basically did everything themselves at the end of the day."

Zender Brothers and Wilburn currently log for Sierra Pacific, who has kept them busy close to home for years — even during the recession of 2008.

"They have had a really good relationship with us and kept us out

here," Greg said. "They've been excellent managers of their tree farms and try to do it right. Do it for the long haul."

While the Zee Brothers are out of the woods, their legacy still lives on. They showed what a family can accomplish when they work together and the Zenders around Deming, Wash. aren't going anywhere anytime soon.

"When I look back that's probably one of the most unique experiences I had working with them. They passed down good values and work ethic throughout the years that we still lean on," Greg said. "When you were at the crew bus for Zee Brothers eating lunch, everyone was talking and exchanging ideas on how to do better logging. You have nine brothers and two brother-in-laws work all those years and they were a good outfit. It's amazing and a credit to family."

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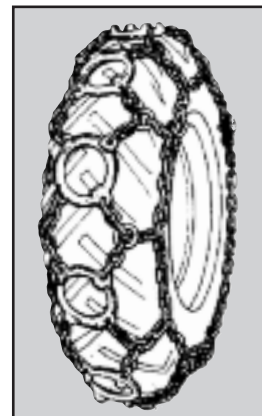


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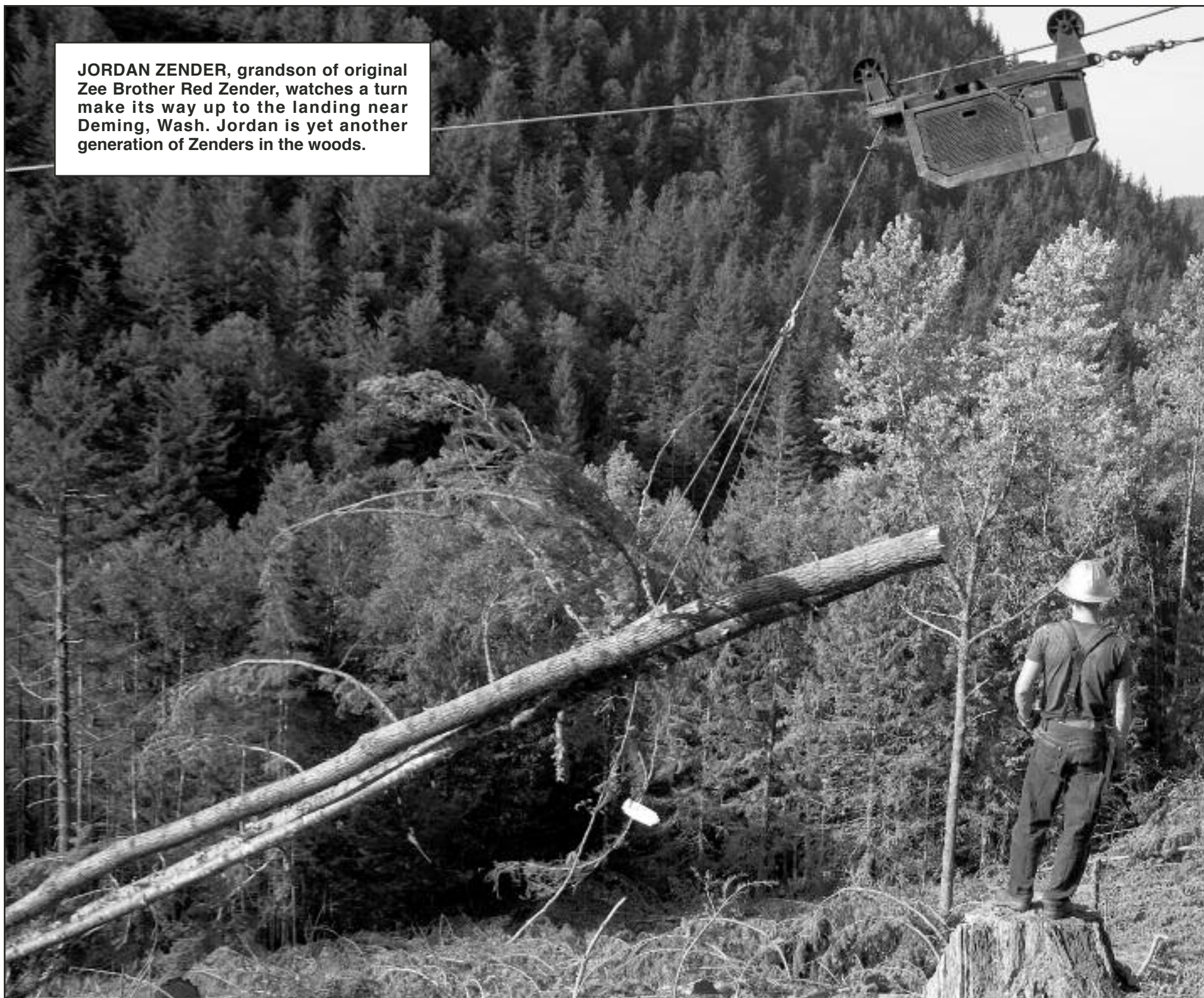
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As We See It....

# LEADERSHIP

The success of any organization or business is directly related to the quality of its leadership. No matter how good of a product you produce, service you provide, or vision you have, you still need the leadership of quality individuals to pull it all together.

Looking back at the leadership that the American Loggers Council (ALC) has enjoyed over the years and the strides that have been made-I can't help but feel proud to have been a part of the vision that our founders had for the ALC. That vision being a "National Voice for Professional Loggers" in this country. The ALC has accomplished many things over the past twenty years through the hard work and dedication of some of the finest loggers (and individuals) this country has to offer.

I've always believed it was far more productive to build upon successes as opposed to trying to "reinvent the wheel" and that has been a constant through the years with the ALC leadership-building upon what those before them had started. Few things, especially in the legislative arena, can be resolved in the short span of one's term as ALC President making it all the more important to build upon those successes.

It's hard to believe that my term as ALC President is nearly over but as that time nears I look back at what we all accomplished and question if we could have done more for our nation's loggers. We all strive to do more, unfortunately that is not always possible for one reason or another.

We have had a very productive year nonetheless, primarily on the legislative front. After seventeen years we were finally successful in getting our truck weight language of "state legal tolerances on interstate highways" introduced into legislation, while it may not go anywhere this Legislative session, we do have a bill now and will continue to work on this issue. Also we were able to get a bill drafted and introduced in both the U.S. House and the Senate to allow children of logging company owners to begin careers in the industry at the age of 16. Neither of these issues are "done deals" and both are going to take a concerted effort by all in the industry to get signed into law but I'm confident we can get it done. These are just a couple of the many issues that the ALC has been working on this past year.

The ALC has been fortunate to have had the leadership they have had over the years and I count myself lucky to have been able to work with many of them. I am proud to have been a small part in what ALC has been able to accomplish over the years and am completely confident in its future because of the leadership we have coming up in the next few years.

As I am writing this month's article plans are well underway for this year's ALC Annual meeting to be held at the Island Resort and Casino in Harris, Michigan. This will be a special homecoming- since the very first ALC Annual meeting in 1994, we will be returning to Michigan for our twentieth anniversary. My wife,

Maureen and I are excited to showcase the beauty of the Great Lakes and the fall colors of the U.P. and look forward to seeing you all in our neck of the woods.

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent Michigan and all the professional loggers of this country as the ALC president.

Thanks to all for the support and encouragement this past year, it was and is truly appreciated.

Until next time,  
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Summary Judgment....

## **The Left's Magic Spell on Free Education for Illegals FAILS**

by William Perry Pendley

"We're all becoming border states now," worried Bristol County, Massachusetts Sheriff Tom Hodgson over tens of thousands of illegal immigrants—most unaccompanied children—swarming into the American Southwest, many making their way to America's first county. Meanwhile, officials in Connecticut and Maryland balked at federal plans to house illegals there and Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman was livid to learn illegals were secreted into his state.

Hundreds of cities—coast to coast and border to border—fearing their schools, health departments, and local budgets will be overwhelmed demand that their leaders re-

spond. If they do, their plans will draw the left's incantation in such matters as chanted by the Chicago Tribune: "A 1982 Supreme Court ruling guarantees children who are in the U.S. illegally the right to a public education and says schools cannot inquire about their immigration status."

The left's depiction of Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), proves Will Rogers right: "It isn't what we don't know that gives us trouble; it's what we know that ain't so." Plyler held only that, because illegal aliens are "persons" under the Equal Protection Clause, if states deny them free primary education, states must have a basis that passes "intermediate scrutiny." Specifi-

cally, the Court held that a Texas law did not pass that test. Thus, Plyler: (1) does not apply to secondary and post-secondary education; (2) did not hold that public education is a right; (3) did not confer legal status on illegal alien children; (4) does not prevent an illegal alien from being arrested and deported; and (5) does not prevent a school from inquiring as to the legal status of and reporting illegal aliens. In fact, Plyler does not bar a state from denying primary education to illegal aliens; Plyler holds only that, if a state does so, it needs a better reason than Texas had in 1982.

Not surprisingly, Plyler remains the epitome of "judicial activism." Five justices, acting as if they had been elected to Congress, ruled "illegal alien children" a "special class" and that Texas had not shown that its law "had a substantial relationship to a substantial state interest" when it voted to deny them free education. The justices admitted that free school was not a "right" but said it was a special benefit whose denial violated the Equal Protection Clause. In so ruling, they relied on these "facts": there are only 3 million illegal aliens in the United States; Congress might declare illegal aliens to be citizens; illegal aliens will never leave so citizens should pay to help them improve themselves; citizens are "callous" toward illegal aliens so courts must protect them from "neglect"; and, the cost of paying to educate illegal

aliens is not as important as the psychological toll on them of not having free education.

Chief Justice Burger, with Justices Rehnquist, White, and O'Connor, responded with a vigorous dissent: "in an effort to become an omnipotent [] problem solver[,]. . . the court distorts our constitutional function"; "the importance of a governmental service does not elevate it to the status of a fundamental right"; "assum[ption of] a legislative role [is] one for which the court lacks both the authority and competence"; "[i]llegal aliens have no right whatever to be here, and the state may reasonably, and constitutionally, elect not to provide them with governmental services at the expense of those who are lawfully in the state"; "the Constitution does not provide a cure for every social ill, nor does it vest judges with a mandate to try to remedy every social problem."

Local officials should ignore the spell the left seeks to cast, respond zealously to the likely lawsuits from the usual suspects, and ask the Supreme Court to reconsider Plyler given illegal immigration over the last three decades and what is happening now across our southern borders, in detention centers throughout the country, and to communities in all 50 States.

*Mr. Pendley, a Wyoming attorney, is President and Chief Legal Officer of Mountain States Legal Foundation and a regular columnist in Loggers World.*

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# Ballad of the St. Helens Apeman

by Otto Oja

Somewhere upon St. Helens' crags, up  
where the thunder rolls, up where the  
thunder rolls, There dwelt a monster  
apeman who gathered loggers' souls  
At night he roamed the logging roads,  
a howling wild with glee,  
And knocking guylines from stumps  
swung 'round the yarder trees  
He played around the yarder sleds  
and scattered rigging wide,  
And banged a hundred diesel drums  
far down the mountain side.  
The lightning flashed on early morn,  
made light the forest gloom,  
The loggers saw the apeman's tracks  
and felt the pall of doom.



They swiftly turned their crummy  
'round and headed back for home,  
And swore by all things Holy, they'd  
let the apeman roam.  
But two there were who chose to stay

and take a look around,  
A pair who never turned for home till  
timber hit the ground.  
Big One-eyed Jim a chain saw man,  
whose name all loggers knew,  
For he had traveled far and wide,  
where ever timber grew,  
And Slabwood Bill, a bucking fool,  
from somewhere on the Sound,  
Whose chain saw roared a hungry  
tune and logs did roll around.  
They'd take on any foe they'd meet,  
and fight with knuckles bare,  
No apeman roaming logging roads  
could stay the famous pair.  
They gathered up their gas and oil,  
and buckled on their packs,  
And heading up the mountain side,  
spit snooze upon the tracks.  
Then high upon the rocky slope, along  
the right-of-way,  
Big One-eyed Jim looked down his  
sights to where the tree he'd lay.  
When suddenly he stiffened and a  
chill went up his spine,  
His eye had caught a giant ape a-com-  
ing down the line;  
Near ten feet tall with six foot arms, a  
mass of hairy hide,  
Ears like tin hats, a stump-like head  
on shoulders four feet wide.  
The ape let out a mighty roar and



thumped his mighty chest,  
The sound boomed far across the  
crag, stirred Eagles in their nest,  
Jim quickly loosed the undercut, to  
Slabwood he did yell,  
"Hey, look who's come to visit us, the  
bull-buck out of Hell!"  
Slabwood Bill sprang on the stump  
from where he filed his chain,  
His hat fell off, his hair stood up, the  
blood froze in his veins.  
Yelled Slabwood Bill to One-eyed Jim,  
"You've never missed a tree,  
And if you miss what's coming there,  
you've seen the last of me!"  
Cried One-eyed Jim to Slabwood Bill,  
"I've never gunned more true,  
And if this one is off its mark, then I'll  
be gone with you!"  
His chain saw screamed and ninety  
tons of timber shook the land,  
The tall fir struck the mountain

where they'd seen the apeman stand.  
They saw while dust was settling  
down, the tree had found its mark,  
There stretched out was the Fear-  
some Thing, a kicking up the bark.  
Then Slabwood with his chain saw  
flew with speed you seldom see  
The sparks were flying from his corks  
as he tore down the tree,  
He bucked the Gent from head to toe,  
and made a long-butt too,  
His chain saw roared and never hung  
as fur and fire flew.  
No more the apeman roams the hills,  
a-hunting loggers souls,  
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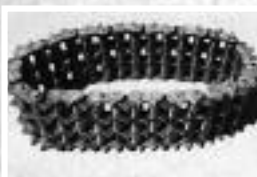
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