



**FOREST OPERATIONS BECOME MECHANIZED**

A forwarder rides through the rough forest carrying logs to the nearest road for loading onto trucks in the Dolbeau area of Quebec. As forest operations become progressive-

ly more mechanized, a five-man wood-cutting team does work once handled by dozens. And the future holds still more mechanization, including the possible chipping of wood on

the cutting site and dispatch of the chips to the mill by pipeline. Forest work in this area is part of the Dumart Newsprint Ltd., operations.

**Parents Are Taken To Task For Carelessness With Pills**

By BRENDA LARGE  
OTTAWA (CP)—Parents who dose their children with flavored and candy-colored headache pills—and then forget to put the bottle away—were taken to task by a poison control expert appearing before the Commons food and drug committee.

Dr. Robert J. Imrie, pediatrician in charge of the poison control centre at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, said one-third of all cases of child poisoning resulted from children accidentally eating headache tablets.

He blamed parental ignorance of the tablets' dangers for these cases, which most frequently involve children under the age of five.

"Colored and flavored tablets are just namby-pamby nonsense," he said.

"In the late 1950s, all the drug companies manufactured plain white, chalky headache tablets and if parents wanted to give their children a mild dose they

there would be at least six floats in the parade.

Plans are not yet finalized, but negotiations are now underway for the procuring of a band to play in the parade and also to give a concert, on July 8th. One addition has been made to the schedule, a baseball game to be played at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Souris Town League.

William A. Acorn, chairman of the tug-of-war, was named MC of the coronation Tuesday, MC at the opening Wednesday, and announcer of the boat races also on Wednesday.

Dr. W.G. Marshall, Souris West was announced as parade marshal.

just broke off a small piece. "Now a mother tells her child: 'Take the nice pill, dear;

it tastes just like candy.' Should she be surprised when her child eats a whole bottle of the 'candy' which she has carelessly left lying around?"

NO PROBLEM IN BRITAIN  
Dr. Imrie said Britain does not have such a problem with accidental poisonings of chil-

dren from headache pills. "Their tablets are still the white, chalky-tasting type." The pediatrician, who has been in charge of the Toronto Poison Control Centre since 1957, said Canada needs two or three highly organized poison control centres rather than the

250 now scattered in hospitals throughout the country. It was difficult for smaller poison control centres to bring up to date their treatment information with some 200 to 1,000 new and potentially dangerous household products being manufactured every month.

**U.S. Special Force Men Bog Down With Elephants**

By HORST FAAS  
BAN DON (AP)—United States Special Forces men in Viet Nam are trained to handle virtually every wartime situation at their base camp at Fort Bragg, N.C. But not elephants.

"I thought this was a helicopter war," said Sgt. Tibert Apodaca when he arrived from Fort Bragg. "But they sent me to elephant country. How do you fly an elephant?"

Apodaca now is a veteran Mahout (elephant driver) who has spent many days on elephant patrols along the Cambodia border 30 miles away.

He and his 11 Special Forces A team colleagues are the only elephant-borne team in the U.S. armed forces.

Ban Don appears more Laotian than Vietnamese. The 60 elephants wandering around the small, uncity town were caught in the jungles along the Lao border by Laotians who have lived in Viet Nam for decades.

Before the Special Forces came, the elephants were used for carrying timber and water. Now they are used for war.

The elephant war, however, is much different from the days of Hannibal.

USED BY BOTH SIDES  
The Communist Viet Cong have them too, and pack supplies into Viet Nam from Cambodia and Laos on elephants.

In Hannibal's day the elephants were used to engage in close combat with the enemy. Nowadays they are kept out of the way.

A Special Forces man explained: "Elephants are so scarce and so valuable in this primitive economy that to have

one killed is a serious matter." The Americans hire the elephants at 150 Vietnamese plaisters (about \$2) a day. Four elephants usually accompany each patrol.

The main mission of the Ban Don Special Forces camp, which lies 30 miles northwest of Ban Meuthot, is to establish forward patrol bases and keep watch on 50 miles of the Cambodian border. A total of 600 mountain tribesmen are used in the strike force which does this work.

Each elephant can carry up to a ton of supplies. Sometimes the command post of the patrol is established on an elephant's back, and it wanders through the brush with a radio antenna waving high in the air.

Americans have discovered that harsh methods are used in training the elephants. First, the young elephants are cut from the wild herds along the border area with the help of "turronat" elephants.

Then they are driven to Ban Don, forced into stockades, and their forelegs and hindlegs tied together so that they have to stand on only two feet.

Then begins a continuous prodding with stakes and beatings across the eyes and head with sticks.

"They have to break the animal's spirit," an American said. After about four months of this treatment, the animals are set free. The ones that remain

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