



FIRM IN WILD ROSE SINCE 1937

E. L. Knoke, owner of Knoke Forest Products of Wild Rose, and Mgr. Dave Clayton show Lester Walters, driver of the fork-lift tractor, where to place lumber for storage in the Wild Rose yard. Knoke keeps about 200-500,000 feet of lumber on inventory and 75-200,000 feet of logs. The firm has been in business since 1919 and in Wild Rose since 1937.

'New Friends Each Year'

Knoke Firm Uses Woodland

WILD ROSE — "Each year in this business we make new friends I almost hate to grow old," says E. L. Knoke, owner of Knoke Forest Products Co. of Wild Rose.

Oldtimers of the Wild Rose area laughed when the business and its loggers moved into the county in 1937. They felt there was no timber available. They were wrong. Since 1937 some 35 to 50 million feet of logs and lumber have been found in the area of Wild Rose and southern Wisconsin.

The Knoke firm was originally founded in 1919 in Elcho (Langlade County) but moved to Wild Rose at the suggestion of the Chicago and North Western Railroad, which wanted oak railroad ties. The ties had been 90 per cent of the firm's business when it was located at Elcho. Since then, railroad ties have decreased to only five or 10

per cent of the business, while lumber, pilings and veneer logs have climbed to the top of the list. Knoke pointed out that "there is more timber here now than ever." Most of their cutting is from Marquette, Waushara, Waupaca, Winnebago, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Dodge, Dane, Portage, Adams, Jefferson, Columbia, Outagamie, Wood and Oconto Counties, although some cutting is done in a number of other counties.

Selective Cutting
Mgr. Dave Clayton said that through selective cutting the woodlots and timber stands have become improved, and as Knoke pointed out, "Each year it is easier to buy timber."

The main reason this timber is easier to buy is that there is no market for fuel wood such as there was only a few years ago. The farmers are also looking for ways to dispose of timber so areas can be cleared for farming or replanting to Christmas tree pines. "There is enough timber here for 50 or 60 years at the rate it is being cut,

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WILD ROSE — The Wild Rose Bank started originally in 1901 and merged with the Union State Bank of Wautoma in 1934. Howard Simon is manager of the Wild Rose office. General banking services are offered.

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