



# BELGIAN HERITAGE CENTER

## Photo Contest – Logging

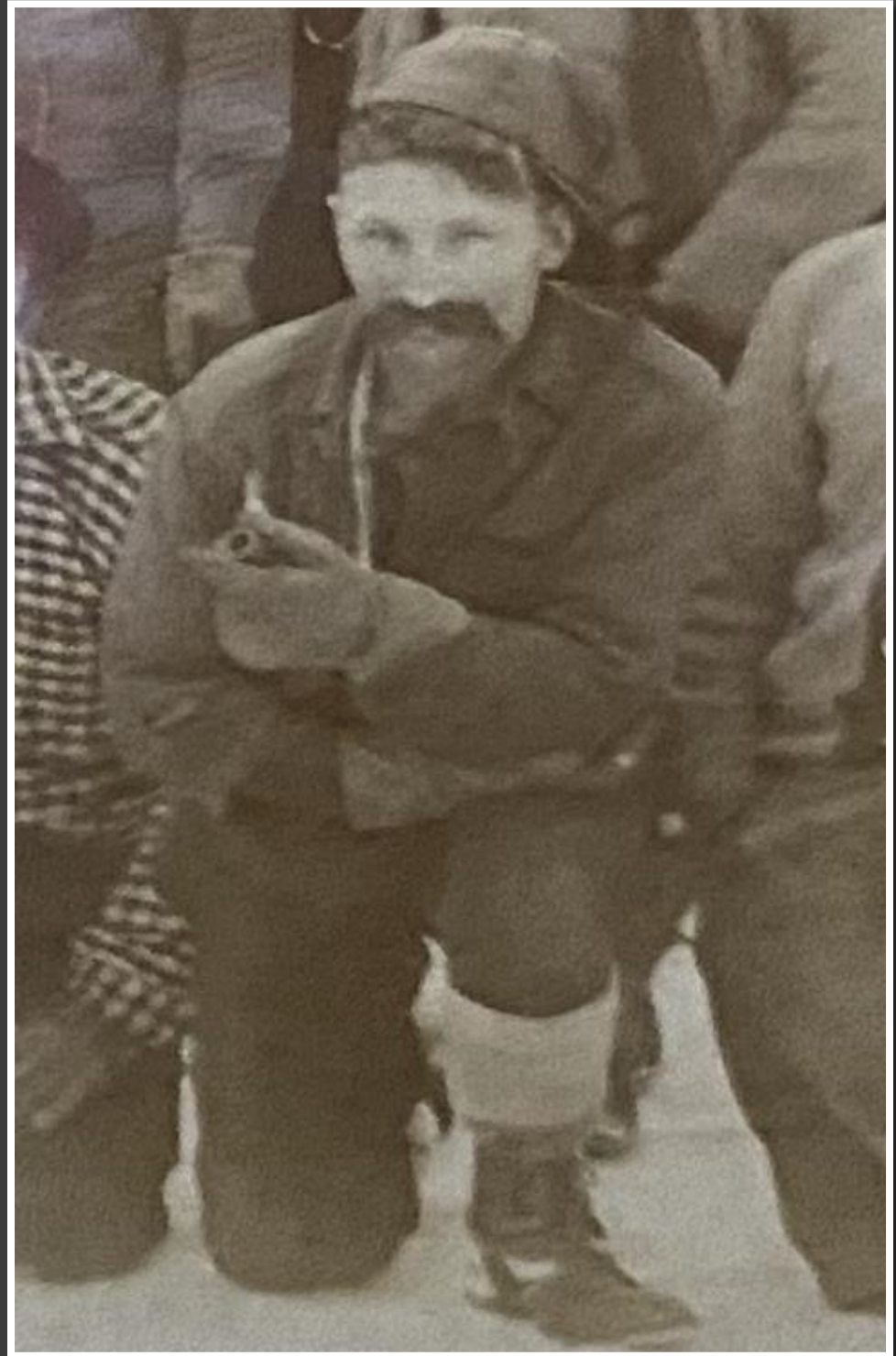
November 2023

## NOVEMBER WINNER

### Joseph DeBaker

Joseph DeBaker was a logging camp manager at Randville, Michigan, and farmed near Barrett's Dock. He was the father of Walter, Florence, George and Mabel. Joseph spoke/understood Walloon, French and some Native American language. His daughter Florence DeBaker Dalebroux said she and her sister, Mable visited the camp a few times. They were only allowed in the kitchen with "Cookie". There were workers from Kentucky (Kentucks) and Canadians (Canucks).

Submitted by Sue Dewane Vine, Joseph DeBaker's great-granddaughter





Logging Camp possibly Randville, Michigan

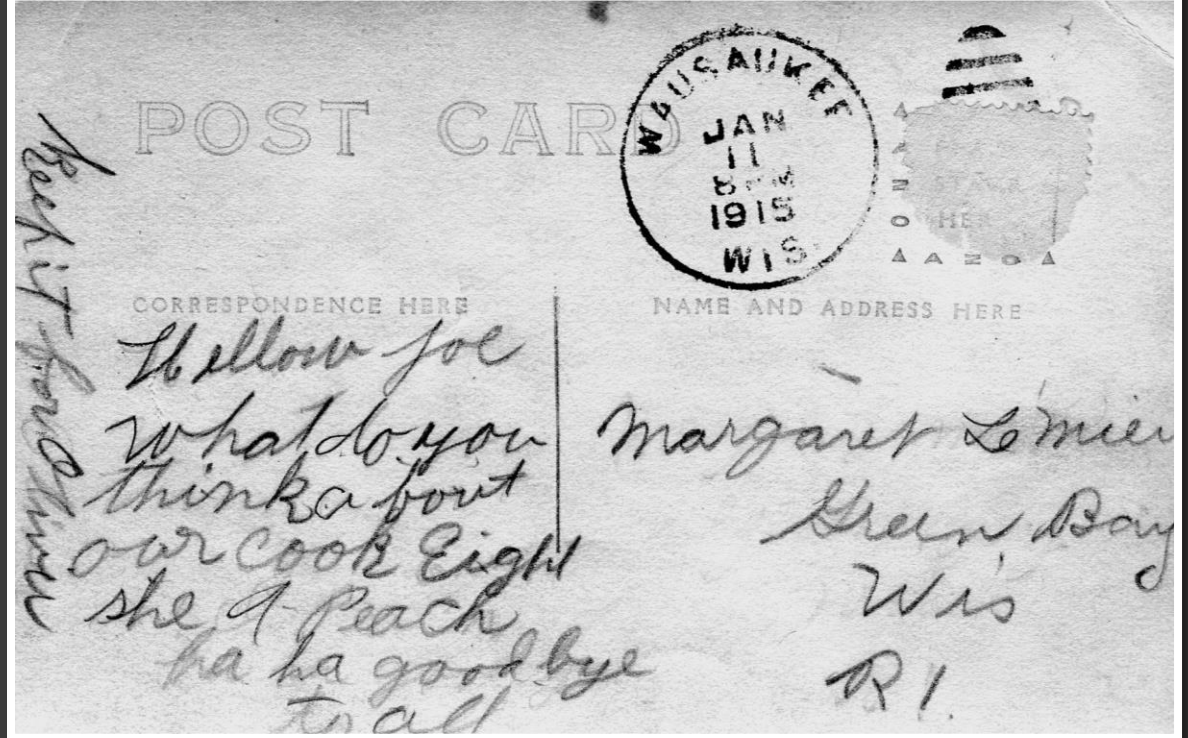
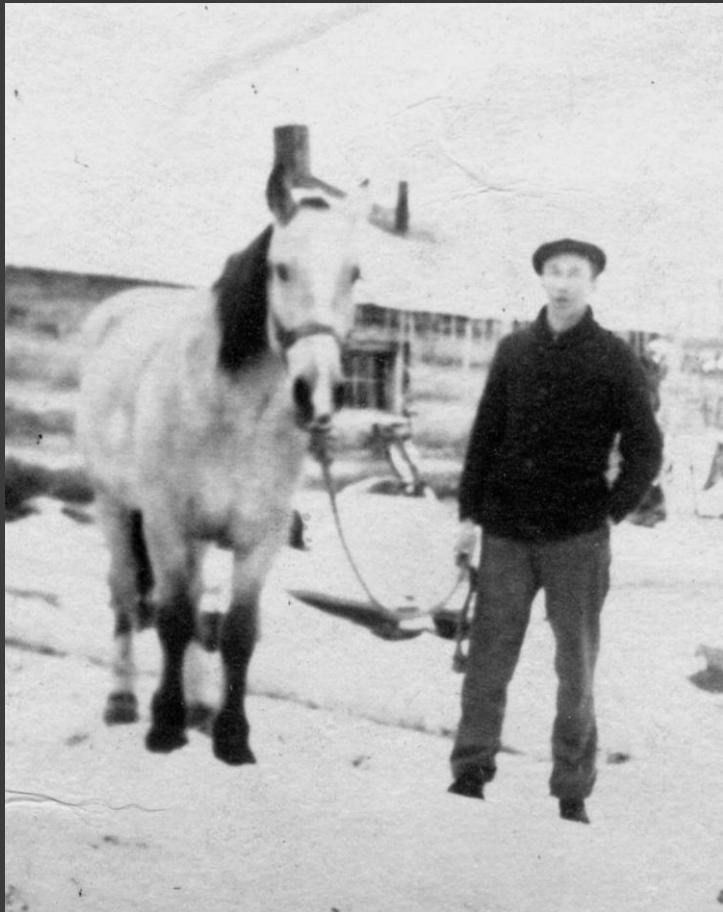
Kneeling at far right is the camp owner from Chicago. To his left is Joseph DeBaker, camp manager.

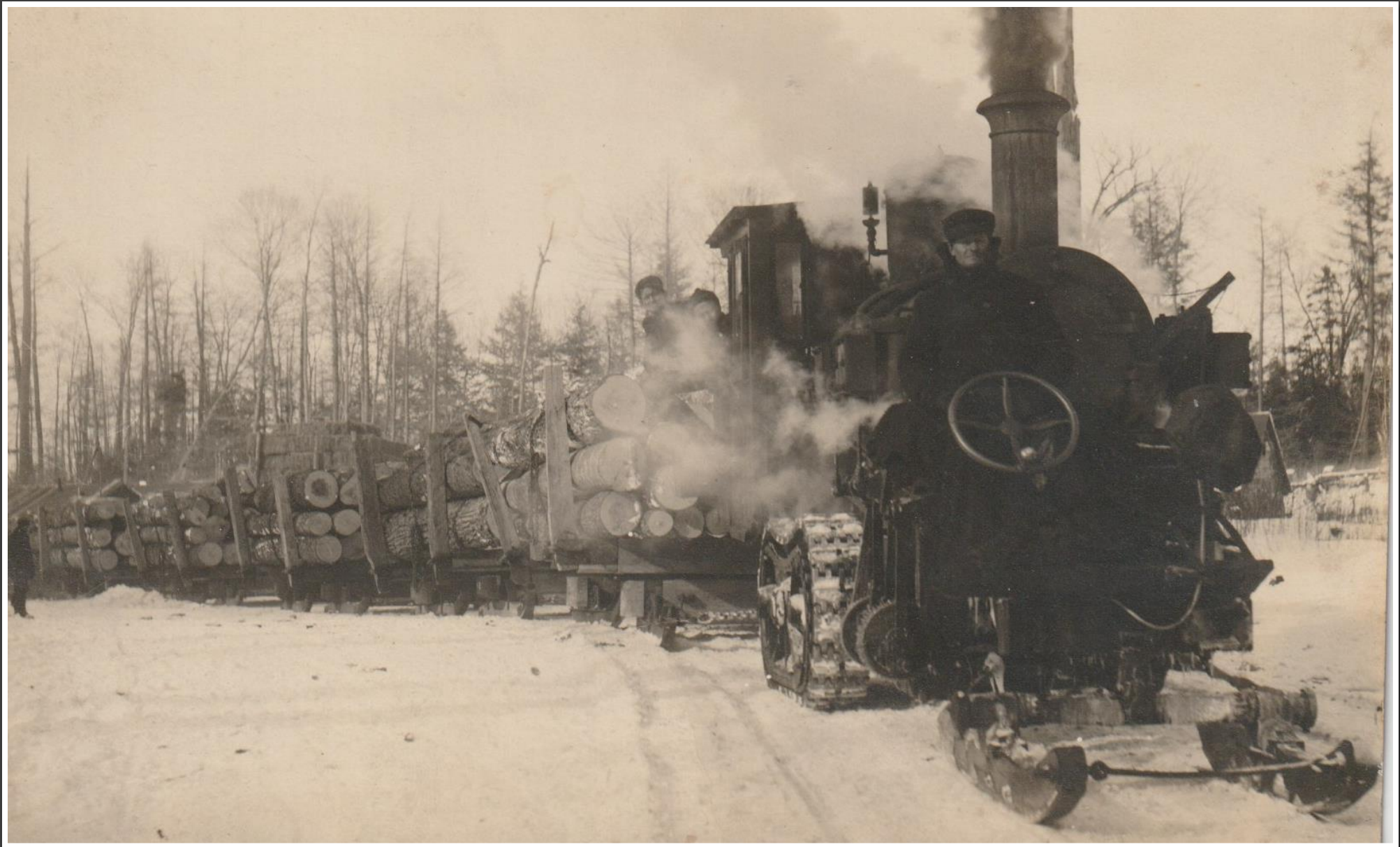
Submitted by: Sue Dewane Vine

## Oliver LaPlant

This is a real photo post card sent back to family in Bay Settlement from a Wausaukee lumber camp. The man is Oliver La Plant 1883-1959. He was temporarily living and working at the camp.

Submitted by Liz Bell





## Logging Equipment

Photo belonging to William Clabots shows the equipment used to move logs out of the woods.

Submitted by: Mary Clabots



## Lumber Camp

Photo belonged to William Clabots, likely taken at the logging camp in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where he worked in the winter for many years.

Submitted by: Mary Clabots