

## Meet Your Neighbor

# Long-Time Logger Now Edits Davenport 'Ripsaw'

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"A native Yankee Doodle American rebel" is how Tom Scribner of Davenport describes himself.

Scribner, who spent 50 years in the woods, "lumbering" his way across the country from Michigan to northern California, has taken off his "cork" shoes and taken up his pen.

He now edits "The Redwood Ripsaw" from his own "pressroom," in a converted bedroom in his home. The bi-monthly publication first rolled off the press in June and has reached a circulation of 1000. His mailing, which now totals 200 pieces each edition, goes to addresses in Alaska and New York.

"And," says Scribner, "KNBR radio station in San Francisco, has even quoted from 'The Ripsaw.'"

Scribner's literary achievement has not been limited to "The Ripsaw." In 1957 he had an article published in a national magazine, "The Lumberman," entitled "The Fast Rigs I've Seen"; and a reprint of one of his recent editorials appeared in a college paper in Kentucky.

"My rough and raw humor seems to appeal to people," Scribner comments. It takes three days for him to get out an issue. "I rap it out rough, never make a proof," he notes. After the paper is written and mimeographed, Mrs. Scribner helps him staple and address the copies.

Scribner invites anyone to contribute items for publication in his paper. Several people in the Davenport area are now regularly contributing news and topics of local interest and discussion.

The call of the woods has not yet been stilled in this lumberjack and he hopes that an opportunity to work in the forests again will open for him. Logging is in the life blood of his family, he says, for his father began in timber at the age of 11 and was a logger for 71 years. The Scribner family in the United States can be traced back as far as 1690. Scribner notes that his grandfather fought in the Civil War on the side of the North. The original name, Schribner, of German roots, means "scribe."

Mr. and Mrs. Scribner, who came to Davenport from Eureka about 10 months ago,



TOM SCRIBNER

combined their families 22 years ago. They have 7 children and 13 grandchildren.

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