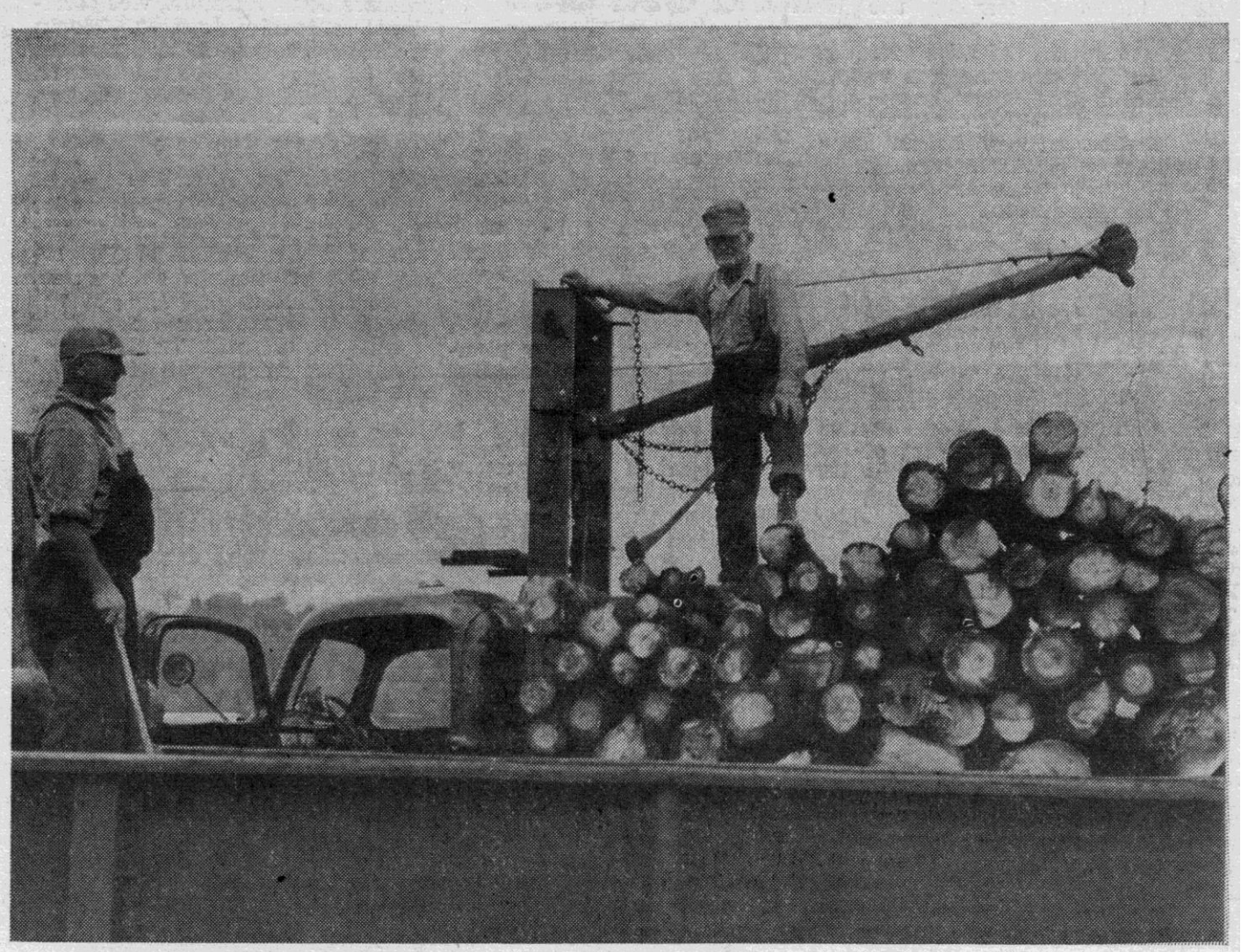
Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

September 21, 1961

Matt Miller (77) still cuts pulp all summer and can be included in the dwindling ranks of "tough old bucks" who are less concerned with age than they are about getting a good days work in. Miller who has been a resident of the Amasa-Crystal Falls area for the past 60 years, started woods work in earnest about the time men of lesser condition and ambition think of putting themselves out to pasture. Miller is one of a large number of independent jobbers who make a living from the local woods. While some use modern equipment for their operations, Matt holds onto a bit of the economical and trustworthy past. In the woods, a horse does all his heavy bull work. "I can't afford all those fancy machines" and a horse does the job just as good but not quite as fast as a tractor can with the horse being more dependable and there are no "repair bills". Joe Carlson, Ray Furmanski and Sam Opremchok help Miller during the season when he harvests five railroad car loads of pulp from May through September each year.



Sam and Matt On the Job