Dedication of a mammoth log monument at the south entrance to Shelton, overlooking the bay and industrial plants, will open the ninth annual Mason County Forest Festival May 14. The celebration continues through May 15 and 16.

A cut from a Douglas fir measuring 10 feet at the butt, one of the largest Simpson has cut in many years, has been carved and polished by Artist Clarence Beauchamp into a monument of distinction.

Across the front is lettered “Shelton, Home of the Evergreen Forest.” At intervals down the face of the log from its heart, dated Year 1289, are carved important historic dates. The first logging in Mason County in 1853 gives the Centennial Theme to this year’s Forest Festival pageant and parade.

As a contribution toward the 100th anniversary of Mason County logging and the homesteading of Shelton by pioneer David Shelton, the Simpson Lookout will carry a special historical supplement in the May issue. Mason County’s unique story of forest greatness will be told in 16 pages of rare old-time photos collected by Editor Dave James over the past several years.

Mr. and Mrs. CLINT WILSON, Sawmill One trap man, announced the arrival of a boy, VAUGHN LEWIS, on Feb. 16. He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz.

Log scaling may some day be the business of JAMES ALPHEUS KNEELAND, born Jan. 20 to Mr. and Mrs. ALPHIE KNEELAND of Shelton. That’s his dad’s job with Simpson.