

**THOSE PINE CLAD HILLS OF MORTON**

by G. C. Churchill

The pine clad hills of Morton,  
 Their grandeur is sublime,  
 They have stood the test of ages,  
 And they've scoffed at Father Time.  
 Those pine clad hills of Morton  
 Their grandeur is the same  
 As when the Red Man roamed the  
 wilds,  
 In search of food and game.

They saw the Red Man come and go,  
 His wigwams disappear,  
 And then they saw that noble race,  
 The Canadian Pioneer.  
 George Morton, there in rapture  
 gazed,  
 When his eye beheld the scene--  
 The glories of those pine clad  
 hills  
 Would dazzle Sheba's Queen.

There he, in visions, often saw  
 A village nestled there,  
 In the shadows of those pine clad  
 hills  
 By Whitefish River fair.  
 And Morton saw his dreams come  
 true,  
 As the years rolled swiftly by,  
 A village grew and nestled there  
 Beneath his watchful eye.

Now, Morton's gone with all his  
 band,  
 And the Pine Clad Hills are there.  
 They prove that man with all his  
 hopes  
 Must yield them in despair.  
 Alas for them, they came and went  
 Like bubbles on the wave;  
 Their hopes and aims in life were  
 left  
 To wither at the grave.

For, Oh, the changing streams of  
 years  
 Have borne them all away;  
 The Mill Wheels all are silent  
 now  
 Through all the live long day.  
 But oh, the grandeur of those  
 hills  
 Where woodland paths lure on,  
 They stir emotions in the breast  
 Like summer's breeze at dawn.

In those Pine Clad Hills of Morton  
 Let me spend my leisure time,  
 Where the pine tree's shade is  
 deepest  
 I may breathe the breath of flower:  
 Some day I too, must leave these  
 scenes,  
 As those in days of yore,  
 And the visions of those Pine Clad  
 Hills  
 Will fade forever more.

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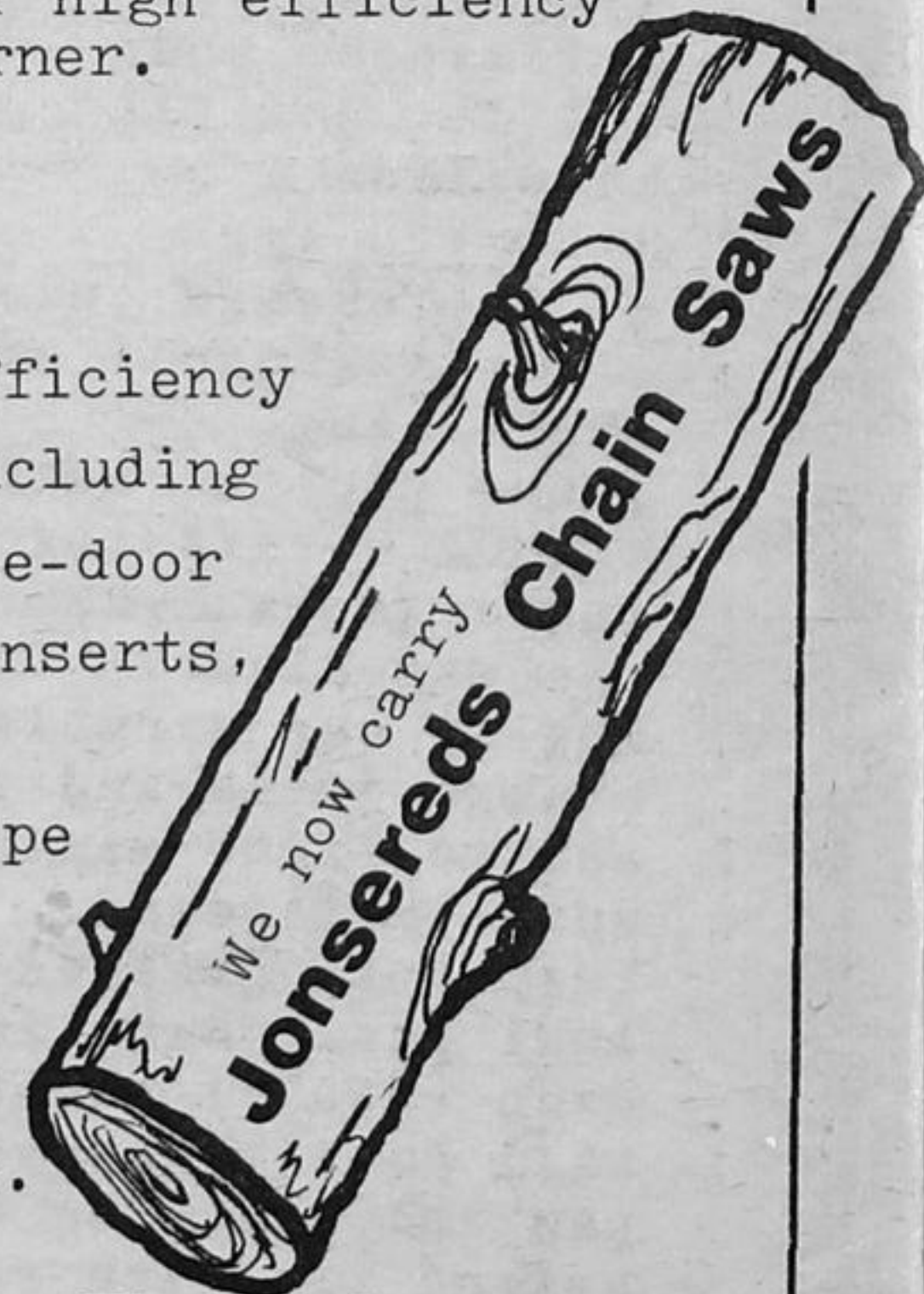
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