

## *Columbia River*

Farmer and his wife, in field, digging sweet potatoes. They have a small irrigated farm on reclaimed land, Northern Oregon. Came from Idaho in 1919, and cleared the land from sage brush. Raised ten children here, five now at home. Melons and turkeys are their cash crop.

“We done everything you see here.

“We haven’t had once cent of this relief money—  
but we’ve had to work twenty-four hours a day to stay off.

“You can, if you’ll work.”

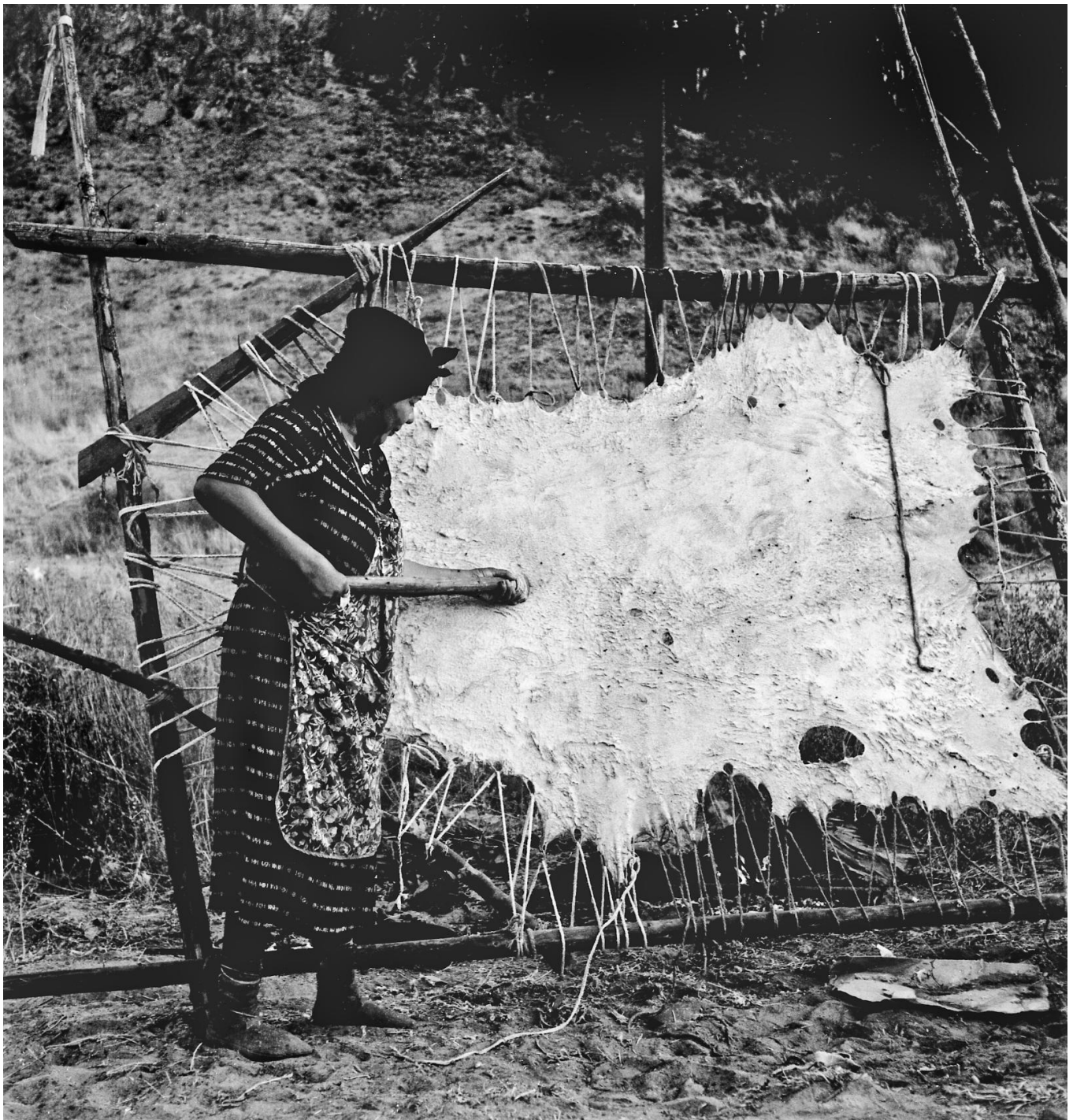


**Excerpt from Dorothea Lange’s field notes on the farm in Irrigon, Morrow County.**



010      Yakima Indian village, on the Columbia River,  
Inhabited during salmon season. After the fishing is over  
they return to the Yakima Valley.

Indian girl: "They don't want to live better.  
The government is trying to make them."  
Celilo, Wasco County, Oregon



011      Method of scraping hide for softening.  
Indian fishing village.  
Celilo, Wasco County, Oregon





012 Couple digging their sweet potatoes in the fall.  
Irrigon, Morrow County, Oregon

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# *Josephine & Klamath Counties*

Father: “We build as we can, to get away from rent and get something for what we pay out.”

Mother: “We didn’t take the tent down ’til we had the roof over it.

“Next year we’ll be painted and have a lawn and flowers.

“We’ll put our driveway over there where those beans are.

“We’ve got rabbits now and we’ll get some chickens as soon as we can.

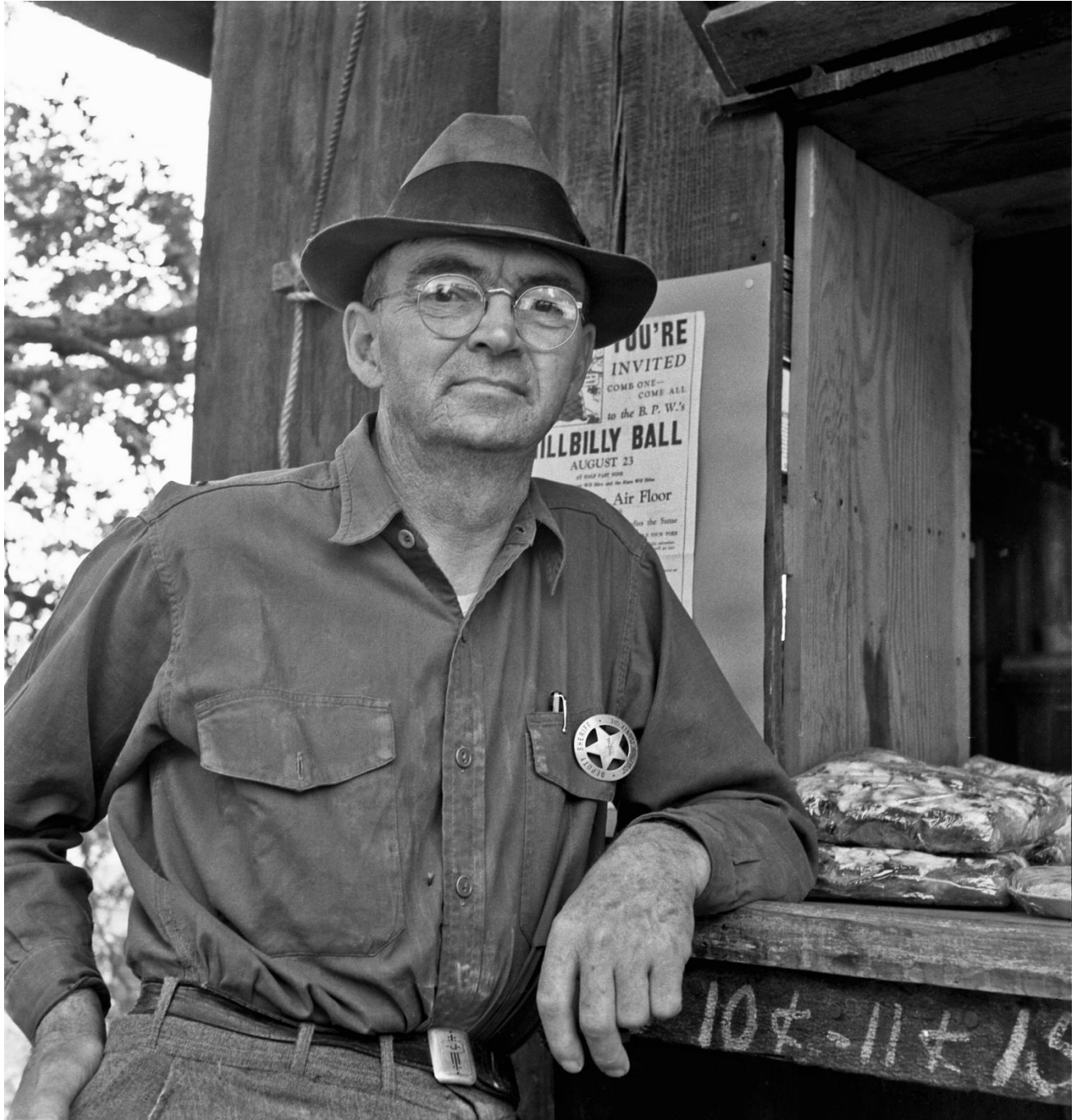
“We think we’re doing swell.”



**Excerpt from Dorothea Lange’s field notes on a family originally from Oklahoma in Klamath County.**



013 Hop picker with her children goes from paymaster's window to company-owned store adjoining. She had earned forty two cents that morning, spent it for one pound bologna sausage, one package "Sensation" cigarettes, one "mother's cake."  
Near Grants Pass, Josephine County



014 Deputy sheriff, stationed at paymaster's window on large Willamette hop ranch. Owner employs between 500 and 600 hop pickers for three weeks each year. He says, "We have (meaning deputy) to kinda keep them scared as much as anything." Near Grants Pass, Josephine County





015      Sign of service station, U.S. 99. Hop pickers are wanted for four big growers of the area three weeks before opening season. They also advertise in newspapers including San Francisco newspapers, 450 miles away, "but they don't say what they pay," a picker said.  
Josephine County, Oregon

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016      Was Nebraska farmer, now migrant farm worker in the West.  
“The WPA has ruined the working man in the USA...I’ve never asked  
for as much as a piece of bread, and I ain’t again’ to.”

“You don’t realize that there’s thousands of families out of their  
homes. Now look at me. This is the first time I’ve been out of the state  
of Nebraska for 30 years... Listen, people aren’t through coming away  
from the state of Nebraska. They’re not started yet.”

Merrill, Klamath County, Oregon

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017      Neglected baby, parked in truck in which they came from Mississippi. Father drunk, mother sleeping, 3 p.m., in dirty tent. There is another 5-weeks-old baby. (Attention called to this by camp nurse.) Farm Security Administration camp, Merrill, Klamath County, Oregon      October 27, 1939

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018 Migrant children. In unit of FSA (Farm Security Administration)  
mobile camp.

Merrill, Klamath County, Oregon

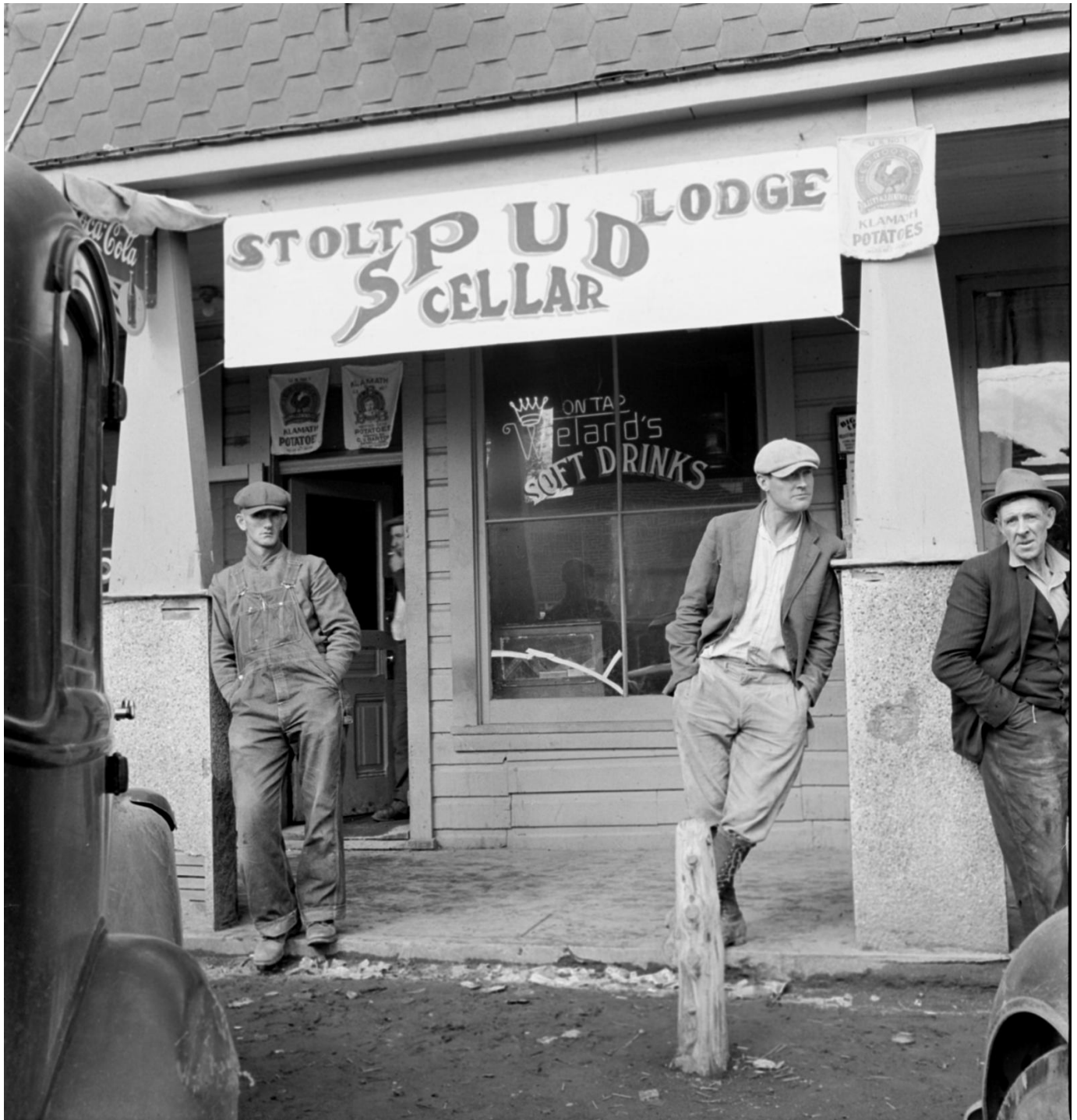
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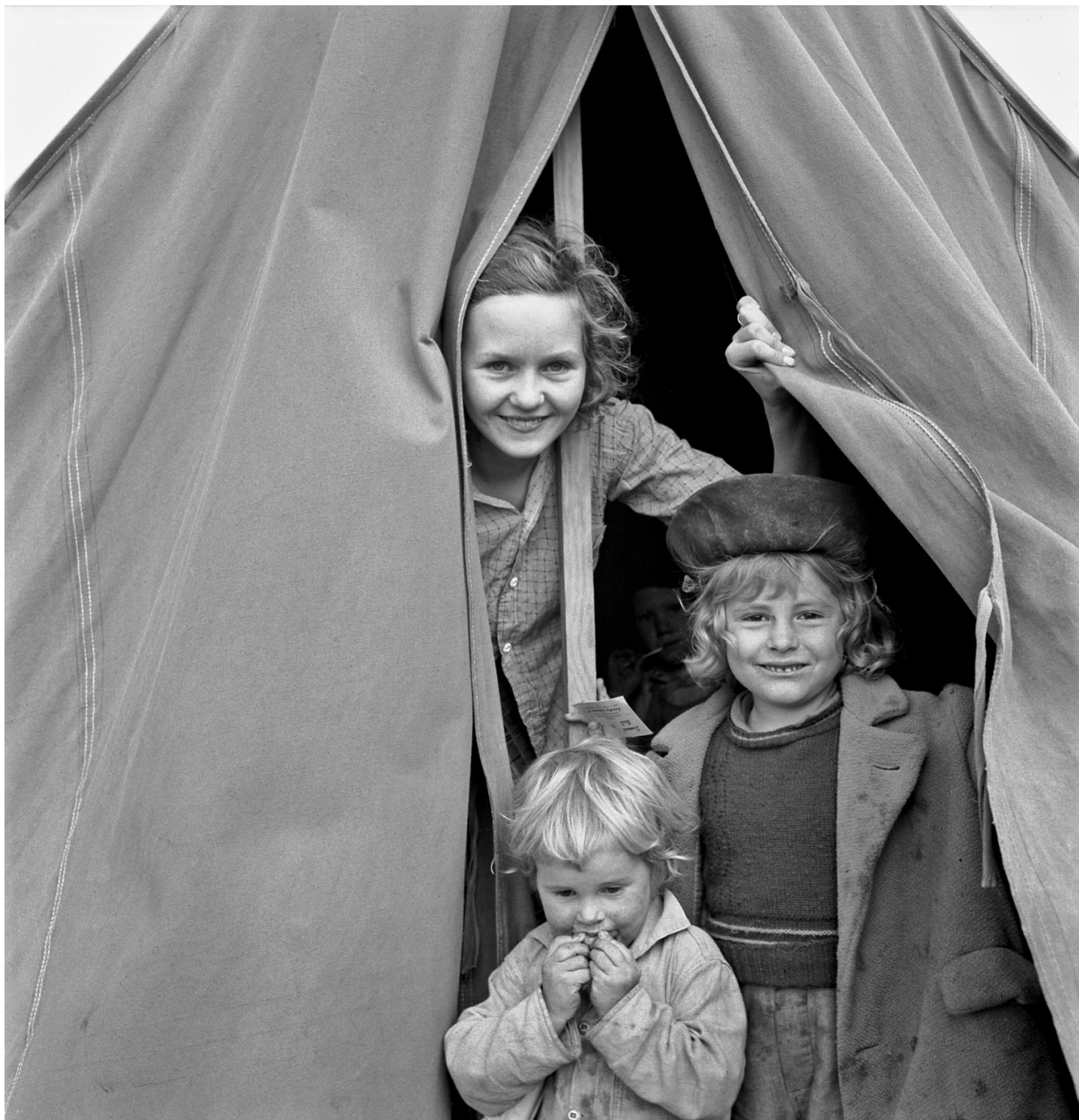
019      “Pond monkey” guides course of logs from the mill pond to the chute. Pelican Bay Lumber Company mill.  
Klamath Falls, Oregon

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020      On main street of potato town during harvest season.  
Merrill, Klamath County, Oregon



021 Lighthearted kids in Merrill FSA (Farm Security Administration) camp, Klamath County, Oregon

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022      One of the forty potato camps in open field, entering town.  
Malin, Klamath County, Oregon





023      The camp nurse introduces doctor to mother of sick baby. FSA (Farm Security Administration) camp unit, Merrill, Klamath County, Oregon





024      Doctor examining children in trailer clinic.  
FSA (Farm Security Administration) mobile camp,  
Klamath County, Oregon



025      Young migrant mother has just finished washing.  
Merrill FSA (Farm Security Administration) camp,  
Klamath County, Oregon



026      Young mother, twenty five, says  
“Next year we’ll be painted and have a lawn and flowers.”  
Rural shacktown, near Klamath Falls, Oregon

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