

THEN *and* NOW!

Cutting Through History— The Chain Saw Story

(NAPSA)—Here's one for the log books: the first electric chain saw was developed in 1926 by Andreas Stihl.

Then: Professional loggers at the time were glad to get their teeth into Andreas Stihl's innovation. It essentially revolutionized timber harvesting and improved the lives of woodcutters and farmers who previously had to rely on axes and crosscut saws to make a living.

Now: Today, chain saw use extends far beyond the logging industry. A variety of individuals employ these machines in their professions and for their everyday needs—farmers need them for clearing land and trimming trees; contractors use them for cutting large timbers, crossties and landscaping ties; and homeowners use them to cut firewood.

There have been many improvements on the saw itself in the past 75 years, including increased chain saw performance through the reduction of weight and an increase in operating conveniences. STIHL inventions, such as the anti-vibration system, the ElastoStart™ shock-absorbing starter handle and protective features such as the STIHL Quickstop® and dual brak-



How many can say their teeth are better then ever after 75 years? One brand of saw can.

ing system along with Inertia activated chain brake have paved the way for even more efficient machines.

In recent years, the company's efforts to develop new technologies that reduce hydrocarbon emissions have helped professionals working in restricted areas get their jobs done in a more environmentally-conscious fashion.

Andreas Stihl's unwavering commitment to the design and manufacture of high quality tools, his successors say, remains constant throughout the company and has made his the number one selling brand of chain saws in the world.

You can learn more about chain saws and sawing online at www.stihlusa.com.