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## A GOOD INVESTMENT

By

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About fourteen years ago Mr. George W. Olinger founded in Denver, Colorado, an organization designed to promote the welfare of boys and to prepare them for the business of life. Beginning with a mere handful of boys of seven to nine years of age the Highlanders now number in active members, ex-Highlanders, and lone Highlanders thirteen thousand. So successful has Mr. Olinger's work been that nation-wide attention has been attracted and so certain are the people of Denver of its value to their boys and to the future of their city that they have recently subscribed $293,000.00 to meet the Highlander budget for the next three years. Of this amount $145,000.00 is to be expended on the construction of a beautiful building to be known as the Temple of Youth which will contain library, drill halls, gymnasium and other facilities for the use of the Highlanders. An extended account of the Highlander organization, its activities, and its splendid achievements cannot be attempted but the fact that the program is being enlarged and substantial support is being received from the best element of the citizenry of the capital of the "Land of the Sky" is evidence that tangible results are being secured. The people of Denver are solving the boy problem of today and in that way are simplifying the man problem of tomorrow. And however great the burdens of citizenship may hereafter become they will be carried on by men who have been trained from early youth for that purpose. In carrying on this work the people of Denver have been inspired by ideals as lofty as the snow-capped peaks which surround their city and the Highlanders are responding by helping to purify the moral atmosphere and pointing the way to habitations in the higher strata of the social ether.

One of the thoughts underlying the Highlander movement is that boys should be interested in wholesome sports and games in order that their time may not be employed in harmful diversions. The same thought actuated our school authorities when physical training was established in connection with our high school. The leader of the Highlander maintains that no system of outside training or supervision of boys will be whooly successful without the cooperation of the parents and our experience proves that to be true. Right there is the obstacle in the way of those who would help our boys. The average citizen is not awake to his responsibilities, is only passively interested in the boys' welfare present or future and is willing to leave to school, church, or other agency the task of preparing them for life. None of these is capable of accomplishing the desired results without the support of the home. What will we make of our boys is the question before us, and we are being pressed for the answer. Must they be compelled to make their own ways unaided or will we rally to their support and do our very best to mould them into useful citizens to make the future better

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and happier for all mankind? Manifestly our resources will not permit us to engage in this work on the elaborate scale attempted by other communities but there is much which can be done without placing an excessive burden on any one. We can at least provide some means for keeping our boys properly employed when out of school and there is no better way to do that than to encourage clean athletic contests. Every citizen should visit the athletic field and observe the boys at play. The lithe young bodies developing reserves of strength for emergencies of later life, the grace of movement, the fine coordination of mind and body, the spirit of teamwork, the love of fair play, the respect for order, the resourcefulness, self-reliance, enthusiam, and hopefulness are plainly to be seen and will inspire confidence in the worth of our boys and faith in their future. Then the observer should decide which is better, properly supervised physical training or the pastimes of the highway, the false fellowship of the liquor bottle, the excitement of the crap game, the enervating effect of plain loafing. Boys' minds are active and must be employed; in what way shall we permit it to be done? When that decision has been made in the only way in which it can be made, let us give of our time and money in order that we and those who follow us may realize on that priceless asset--our boys.

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Bad teeth and good grades are seldom associated in the classroom.

Bad teeth and good health are seldom associated in any room.

Have those teeth examined.

## RAT KILLING CONTEST IN SCHOOL

The pupils of the Diboll Schools are killing all the rats that they can. This work is part of a county wide movement to exterminate rats in this county. Prizes are offered to the pupils who kill the most rats.

It is estimated by the government that each rat destroys $2.00 worth of property a year; in other words, the labor of 100,000 men is required to produce as much as is destroyed each year in the United States by this pest.

To Clew Walkman go the honors for the first week. He has a record of 121 rats which makes him the cheif Pied Piper of the Diboll Schools. The other records for the first week are as follows:

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| Perry Dykes | 76 |
| L. B. Hoyland | 72 |
| James Henry | 38 |
| Raymond Weeks | 10 |
| Emsley Ashworth | 15 |
| Raymond Barclay | 10 |
| Total | 342 |

Melvin Conner, David Kinley, Franklin Christian, and Linwood Foss have entered the contest this week.

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## PUPILS PLANT FLOWER BEDS

With the coming of warm sunny days the pupils have been planting flowers around the school. The eleventh, seventh, sixth, fourth, third, and first grade has a flower bed each in which are planted early blooming flowers of all kinds. Some of these are already coming up and all will be in full bloom before the close of school. These flowers will help a great deal to make our school attractive. We want to congratulate each grade on its splendid work.

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HONOR ROLL: DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL:MONTH ENDING MARCH 9, 1928.

First Grade.

Class I.

Jack Nunnellee, Cletis Wright.

Class II.

Jean Milford, Maurice Oliver, Jewel Stringer, Ray Fryman, John Henry Womack, R.B.McKinney.

Class III.

Franklyn Christian.

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Second Grade.

Class I.

Bob Agee, Mildred Griffith, Lucile Leftwich, Eugene Wright, Ulen Davis, Evie Wilkins, R.V.Wilkerson, Leonard Jennings, Marjorie O'Hara.

Class II.

Zada Neyland, Fannie Ruth Kellow, Clayton Wilkerson, Lendell Jennings, Edna Alice Fairchild, Violet Ballenger.

Class III.

Lucile Vaughn,Edwin Lee Welch, H.C.Carroll, Eddie Williams, Myrtle Anthony, Jim Dale Taylor, Hellen Cunningham.

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Third Grade.

Class I.

Evelyn Campbell, Lyndall Carroll, Eric Johnson,

Class II.

Mary Lonzo,Maurine Hodges, Bonner Massingill, Arline Grisham, Jack Chandler, Mary Jane Milford, Pauline Smith, Marjorie Pickle, Reginald Kelley, Linwood Moss.

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Fourth Grade.

Class II.

Marguerete Griffith, Clemmie Oliver.

Class III.

Marguerete Smith, Elma Strauss, Pauline Devereaux, Arthur Landrum.

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Fifth Grade.

Class II.

Ralph Fryman, Roscoe Rushing, Cleveland Waltman.

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Sixth Grade

Class I.

Gladys Waller, Francis Henry, Jack Tucker

Class II.

Rufus Stringer, Ezel Coan, Mattie Ruth Weeks, Fay Kelley, Ollie Mae Copes

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## HONOR ROLL--(continued)

Sixth Grade

Class III. Odell Dial, Nell Otis, Flava Ward, Ruth Massingill, Norma Green, Macbeth Ashworth.

Seventh Grade

Class I. Vera Smith, La Vera Barclay, James Henry, Franklin Weeks.
Class II. Nona Miles, Lucille Weise, Guy Nunnellee.

Eighth Grade

Class II. Mary Smith, Stella Faye Jones, Norvel Pence.
Class III. Gladys Curry, Ora Massingill.

Ninth Grade

Class III. Luther Jennings

Tenth Grade

Class I. Earline Courtney, Dovie Riley.
Class II. Eula Barnum.

Eleventh Grade

Class I. Lola Weisinger.
Class II. Velma Henry, Rhoda Faye Chandler, Morelle Moss.

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## SENIORS GIVEN RECEPTION

Maurine Jett entertained in honor of the seniors with a valentine party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lang Tuesday evening, February 14th. The valentine motif was carried out very successfully by the use of hearts, crepe paper, and flowers. Appropriate games and contests were enjoyed the earlier part of the evening. Later some began to dance. Refreshments of two courses were served the guests. All declared that it was an ideal valentine party.

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Jones--See here, that dollar you lent me last week was a counterfeit.

Estes--Sure. Didn't you say you wanted it bad?

## JUNIORS PRESENT PLAY

The Junior Class of Diboll High School presented a play on Tuesday night, March 20, entitled "A Fortunate Calamity."

The characters were well chosen and the play was a great success. Talent was shown by all the characters, especially by Rastus and Dinah Johnson, the black-face comedians.

Mr. McKnight, the director, and every member of the cast is to be congratulated on the excellence of the play. The cast was as follow

Mrs. Merkle.....Dovie Riley
Ruth Mercle.....Vera Williams
Alta Merkle.....Pearl Hart
Kate Vantyle.....Eula Barnum
Bernard Gullion....Paul Kellow
Albert Cambell.....Aden Jayroe
Joe Brown.....Wilmer Richardson
Rastus Johnson.....Elwin Burrows
Dinah Johnson.....Amyl Hendricks

The proceeds from the play will go to cover the expenses of the Junior-Senior reception.

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## COUNTY CONTEST HELD

Diboll was represented in the Interscholastic League County Contest held at Lufkin last Saturday, March 17, by Ora Massingill and Nona Miles in junior spelling, and Zada Miles and Vivian Weeks in senior spelling. The senior team won second place, and Vivian won individual third place.

John Lowe Kent won first place in high hurdles, second place in the 220 low hurdle , and fourth plac in senior declamation.

Unfortunately Thomas Birch, who was to represent us in high jump and pole vault, was unable to enter due to sickness.

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## SOUTHERN PINE LUMBER COMPANY

The Southern Pine Lumber Company's stores have installed a new system for the benefit of their customers in the way of putting on special sales each Saturday in every department.

Each article of high class merchandise on sale will be sold at much less than the regular price.

It will be worth your time to look over our complete stock of fresh goods and take advantage of the exceptionally low prices. You will receive courteous treatment. We want you to be satisfied and will appreciate your patronage.

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Last week about half of the fifth grade was absent from school on account of sickness. We are very glad to see them all back again.

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The boys in the fifth grade find it great sport to catch rats. One boy has already caught 63.

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Marguerite Griffith and Marguerite Smith represented our school in the sub-junior spelling contest. Although they did not win first place they did exceedingly well owing to the fact that they had studied the words only one week. The first Marguerite took fifth place while the other one stood eighth.

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The fourth grade is having a conduct contest between the boys and girls. The side that loses must have a party for the victors.

## PARTY GIVEN FOR MISS JEWEL

On Monday afternoon, March 5, the sixth grade and teacher, Miss Strauss, gave Miss Jewel a suprise party in appreciation of her work and playing for their chapel programs. The desk was covered with beautiful flowers in addition to the linen luncheon set. Miss Jewel appreciates it very much.

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Due to an error Kenneth Nelson's name was omitted from the orchestra list. We are sorry this happened because Kenneth plays the alto and helps the orchestra very much.

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The pupils of the second grade were very thoughtful of Miss Elodie while she was ill. They not only visited her but they also took flowers to her daily, wrote her letters, and gave her two fruit showers. They were very glad to have her come back, and she was equally as glad to be back with them.

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R. B. McKinney had a birthday Thursday, March 15. He was eight years old. During the morning exercise the children sang to him their birthday song. His classmates wish him many more happy birthdays.

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All fo the first grade pupils who go to Sunday school have their names written in colored chalk on the blackboard the following Monday. This encourages Sunday school attendance.

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## BASEBALL PRACTICE WELL UNDER WAY; TEAM PROSOECTS GOOD ; TWO GAMES THIS WEEK

After two weeks of baseball practice which has been interferred with due to bad weather the team as a whole is rounding into form rapidly. Besides the regulars that are out for their old positions the following youngsters have been reporting every day and putting in some hard work; Pat Dial, Edwin Nelson, James Hill, Milton Braker, Paul Weeks, Joe Moss, Aden Johnson, Gordon Bateman and Martin Albritton. Lefty Vaughn, Snooks Estes and Elwin Burrows are all showing up well on the mound and will soon be "lobbing em" in there like old timers. Lefty and Snooks are veterans from last year and their ability on the mound has already been proven. Burrows is the dark horse of the trio and his mettle is yet to be tested.

Bill Agee is performing behind the bat again this year and looks better than ever. He is one of the outstanding catchers in all East Texas and the team is mighty proud of him .

Paul Kellow is holding down second base again this year and looks mighty good too. As to who will perform at first and third base is still in doubt. The following boys are trying out at both places and will each probably see service at one corner or the other thru out the season; Pate Warner, Elwin Burrows, P.H. Strauss, Tracy Kellow, Archie Ferguson, and Gordon Bateman. Captain Warner performs exceptionally well at either position but will likely see the most service at third. Tracy Kellow is showing up well at third but is experiencing some trouble with his throwing arm. Unless he overcomes this weakness he will be shifted to the outfield where he is perfectly at home. P. H. Strauss is trying out for an infield position and bids fair to make it. His lack of height is his only drawback especially at first base where he seems to show to best advantage. Estes will hold down the short stop position when he is not doing mound duty. In this position Snooks is showing up to great advantage. His throws are perfect and he gets them off with lightning speed. In the outfield Burris, Ferguson, Jayroe, T. Kellow, Hill, Strauss, Bateman, Vaughn and Burrows will all see service before the season is over.

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## SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets will go on sale Monday March 26th to all school children. Every grade in the school that buys tickets to the amount of 75% of their enrollment will be given a half holiday. Everybody get busy and work for that holiday.

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## Diboll Loses Hard Fought Game To Lufkin Town Team

Diboll opened the season in baseball yesterday afternoon by playing the Lufkin town team composed of some of the best players in East Texas. Lufkin scored first making two runs in the 4th, both on errors. In the fifth with two men on Estes slammed out a home run to take the lead for Diboll 3-2. In the 7th Lufkin rallied to score 3 runs taking the lead which Diboll failed to overcome. Five chances in outfield were missed by Diboll and accounted for all of Lufkins runs.