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Capsule Review Of The 1960's



NEW OFFICERS of the Diboll Garden Club are (seated) Mrs. Kenneth Nelson, president; and Mrs. Manning Garrett (left), vice president; and Mrs. Ray Faircloth, secretary.



OFFICERS of the Temple Industries Employees Federal Credit Union are (standing) Floyd Minyard, J. D. Johnson, Rufus Taylor, E. H. Bush Jr. and Milford Ruby. Seated are Manning Garrett, Mrs. Alan (Sis) Rich and Vernon Burkhalter.



THE WINNERS – $50 in checks are presented to Christmas lighting contest winners by Wanda Camp, left, bookkeeper for The Free Press, which sponsored the contest. Receiving checks are Mrs. Coy Edward Smith, first place winner, $25; Mrs. Leo Coody, second place, $15; and Mrs. Willard Hickman, third place, $10.



SAFETY AWARD – C. H. Shepherd Jr., right, General Manager of Temple Industries' Fiber Products Division, accepts from Personnel Director Vernon Burkhalter the Insulation Board Institute's top safety award for his plant. Looking on are George McClain of the fiberboard plant, left and J. D. Johnson of the Personnel Department, second from right.



THE DIBOLL PARKS & Recreation Board works on plans for $350,000 municipal park. The City has put up 173 acres in downtown Diboll and Texas Parks & Wildlife and U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation will contribute $173,000 cash.

JANUARY 1967

B. F. Hines retires as Postmaster; Edythe Weeks is Acting Postmaster.

City Planning & Zoning Commission approves zoning ordinance.

Football makes profit for first time in history at DHS.

Traffic light sought at Highway 59.

City Planning & Zoning Commission urges city fire department.

City takes first steps on urban renewal plan.

City Council agrees to proceed with fire department.

FEBRUARY 1967

Mrs. Gertrude Temple Gregory, 85, oldest daughter of T. L. L. Temple, died at her home in Texarkana last Thursday, Jan. 26. Her son, W. Temple Webber is Chairman of Board of Temple Industries.

Homer ocelot made the news with a mouse in his mouth.

Zoning changes approved by Council.

Jaycees given state charter. Don Wier is first president.

Mayor Clyde Thompson, Calvin Lawrence and Charles Hanks file for re-election to City Council.

Person fined for shooting birds. First since City named a bird sanctuary.

Lumberjacks beat Corrigan 70-46, to end basketball season with 7-12 record under Coach Billy Burt.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Temple sold KSPL to a group of Houston men.

Freshmen Suzanne Stubblefield and Trey Denman were Queen and King of Valentine.

DSB reports substantial growth, completing of remodeling.

Johnny Jones named to All-Zone basketball team. Johnny is the first negro to win honors in basketball and football, and only second player in DHS history to do so.

Arthur Temple made honorary member of Alpha Kappa Psi, nation's oldest and largest professional fraternity.

MARCH 1967

School board votes against publishing names of delinquent taxpayers.

Diboll's fire insurance rate dropped 16 cents.

Free Press editorially advocated higher teacher salaries.

New $100,000 City Hall decicated Sunday before large crowd.

C. H. Shepherd, Robert Conner, Don Harrison, Kelsie Roach and Marvin Wright announced as school board candidates.

Billy Hathorn and Leslie Dickens were voted Mr. and Miss Diboll High School.

Corrigan High School destroyed by fire last Friday, Feb. 24.

Farmers Home Administration approved $275,000 to City of Burke Water Supply Corporation.

Floyd Minyard elected first Chief of newly-organized City Volunteer Fire Department.

Housing Authority gets $12,000 check, first money for 80 new low-rent homes.

Jacks lost first two baseball games of season to Hemphill and Trinity.

A. B. Conner purchased Western Auto Store from Rod Smith.

Second Big B Jamboree held at Burke.

Henry Holubec named director of TexLam, Inc.

Portrait of T. L. L. Temple presented T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library by a grandson, Latane Temple.

Mrs. Ruth Currie elected president of Pilot Club of Diboll.

Danny Baker threw a 10-0 no-hitter at Trinity, and David Wimp pitched a three-hit 4-2 win over Livingston and Eddie Horton and Lee Baker beat Hemphill 3-1 as Jerry Gartman's Jacks won three in a row.

Banks in the county started closing on Saturday as of April 1, 1967.

Diboll Jaycees were building and selling Purple Martin birdhouses.

Free Press won six awards in press association contest.

New United Pentecostal sanctuary to be dedicated Easter.

Danny Baker hurled his second no-hitter, beating Huntington, 14-0.

Temple Industries again named No. 1 large employee contributor to Community Chest.

C. H. Shepherd and Henry Holubec named to Texas Gypsum board of directors.

State Senator Charles Wilson said he is against all sales taxes.

Summer street improvement program announced by City Council. Cost – $70,000.

Diboll School Board voted to begin Building Trades Class in Fall.

Temple Industries said it purchased from outside sources a record 82 million feet of sawtimber in 1966.

Danny Baker spun his third no-hitter of the season, blanking Wells, 11-0, in five innings.

APRIL 1967

School board pushed forward its desegregation plans by announcing that Temple High School be merged with DHS beginning in September.

C. H. Shepherd and incumbent Robert Conner won school board posts.

Mayor Clyde Thompson and Councilmen Charles Hanks and Calvin Lawrence won re-election easily to the City Council.

Construction began on South Meadows Nursing Home.

Fred Smith of Corrigan said he would re-open the Village supermarket.

The Free Press called for cleanup of the city dump.

Original First Baptist Church building, built in 1912, sold to make way for Diboll Congregational Methodist Church building.

Danny Baker fired a one-hitter as Diboll beat Hudson 4-0 for its tenth straight victory.

Joe Denman was named President of Texas Forest Products Mfg. Association.

Sabine Investment Company announced new parking plan for the Village.

Fred Smith re-opened the Village Supermarket.

Johnny Jones became the second DHS athlete to win district recognition in three major sports – football, basketball and track. He became the first negro in East Texas to be so honored.

Free Press again called for action on cleaning up of city dump.

Temple Industries announced college scholarship plan for students of employees.

City seeks bids on new street improvement program.

Large Grade A eggs were selling three dozen for $1.00 at Pavlic's.

City announced it would inspect new machines for cleaning up the city dump.

Temple Associates was awarded its seventh major construction contract at Texas A&M.

City police were investigating sudden rash of vandalism.

Temple Industries donated land for new library in Pineland.

Lee Baker stifled Alto, 4-2, as Diboll won its 14th game, against just two losses.

MAY 1967

Gary Wesley Purcell, 24, and Billy Frank Furgurson, 23, were killed in a car wreck.

Moore Bros. low bidder on street job.

Inspectors in town to look at damage to rural mail boxes.

School newspaper criticizes school board for its policies.

Sophomore David Wimp threw an 8-0 no-hitter at Central as Diboll won its 16th game and the zone title.

'Fessor W. J. Jackson, 97, honored with special day and Senate resolution.

City Corporation Court fines of $585 set new record.

School board gives tentative okay for new DHS gym.

Eddie Horton's grand slam homer helped Diboll to an 8-6 win over Corrigan – victory No. 18.

DHS senior class president Ronnie Rector gave school $500 check for building covered walkway.

Temple Industries gave its old fire truck to the City.

Diboll split a pair of playoff games with Elkhart, winning 11-0 on Danny Baker's one-hitter, then blowing one, 4-1. Diboll has a 19-3 record.

Coach Jerry Gartman's Lumberjacks head for bi-district clash with Robinson after beating Elkhart, 5-4, in the deciding district game. Record now 20-3.

Vandals hit the LL Park concession stand, reported Milford Ruby.

Sabine Investment began pushing lot sales in its O'Hara Addition.

JUNE 1967

Diboll beat Robinson 1-0, then lost 4-3, and came back to win the third and deciding bi-district game, 7-3, before a cheering crowd in Lufkin. Danny Baker and David Wimp provided the brilliant pitching, with both doing iron man stints in the final two games.



DIBOLL'S GREATEST baseball team, the Diboll Lumberjacks are champions of Region IV with a season record of 25-4. On the front row are Danny Baker, Stanton Turner, Joe Henry Smith, Nick Trout, Wayne Stephens, Ronnie Watkins, Albert Smith and James Greer. In back are Ed Horton, David Wimp, Louis Landers, Robert Willia Lynn Pavlic, Richard Warner, Lee Baker and Coach Je Gartman.

THIS WAS THE YEAR 1967 IN DIBOLL

Plans for new DHS gym approved.

Two youths charged in theft of $1,200 from Nelson's Jewelry.

Joe Denman elected Vice President of Southern Pine Association.

Louis Landers awarded first annual Diboll Lions Club scholarship, as Betty Smith named valedictorian and Charline Weimer, salutatorian of graduating DHS class.

Examination for postmaster's job announced.

The Lumberjacks of Coach Jerry Gartman whipped Thrall, 7-4 and 5-4 to become Region IV Champs. It was the end of the season for Diboll's most successful baseball team, which finished with a 25-4 record. DHS had won region titles also in 1950, 1952 and 1960. Wayne Stephens stole a record 46 bases during the season.

The Ernest Breazeale home in Pine Valley burned.

Barbara Childers was second runnerup in Miss Lufkin contest.

The construction man who became a legend in his own time, Dred D. Devereaux, died Wednesday, June 14 at age 85.

Mrs. Kenneth Nelson was elected president of Diboll Garden Club.

Free Press won its third General Excellence sweepstakes plaque from the Texas Press Association.

Jim Love, Chairman of the T. L. L. Temple Memorial Library Board named nation's top library trustee by the American Library Association.

School board got into hassle over committees, and voted to sell bonds to finance new gym.

Pool halls closed by City Council action.

Hwy. 59 concrete buckled under 100-degree heat.

Emma Lou Simmons, 27 and the mother of nine, said she acted in self defense when she killed her husband, Atmar Simmons, with a shotgun.

JULY 1967

Massive cleanup of city dump begun.

Free Press won national award for editorials from the National Newspaper Association.

Mrs. William J. Jones Jr. charged with murder without malice before JP Dan Fenley in shotgun slaying of her husband William J. Jones.

Arthur Temple named director of Forest History Society, Inc.

DHS Head Coach Jim Simmons announced his resignation to accept the top job at Jasper.

City Manager Will Cockrell and Fire Chief Floyd Minyard revealed new fire monitors.

CWO Herbert T. Hutson awarded Air Medal for heroism in Vietnam.

Free Press gives away 70 bikes in subscription contest.

Disc Jockey Ed Cook had his beard shaved before hundreds of people as a publicity stunt for radio station KSPL.

New sanctuary of Lakeview Baptist Church underway.

Joe Wyatt of Tomball became Diboll's new head coach and athletic director.

Diboll selected as headquarters for Deep East Texas Economic Development Association.

City Council seeks authority to "clean up" yards in two sites operated by Housing Authority.

Carl Sanders, Kurt Kullak and Bill Oates are principle officers in Temple Industries' new "furniture group".

Jasper beat Diboll in Little League playoffs, 9-7.

AUGUST 1967

City Manager Will Cockrell said he will resign to become City Manager at Cuero.

DHS Coach Billy Burt resigned to take a similar post at Jasper.

Ray Faircloth elected president of Diboll Jaycees.

Free Press asks City action in landscaping of public housing additions.

Fund honoring late Louis (Pop) Jordan begun by Jim Simmons.

Rev. Stanley Vodicka proud of his post at First Methodist Church.

C. A. Neal Pickett chosen to head new DETEDA here. He is a former Houston Mayor and Houston FHA Director.

CWO Herbert T. Hutson awarded Bronze Star in Vietnam.

R. F. (Bob) Cook, retired TSE Railroad engineer, died at 77.

80 more low-rent homes approved at cost of $1 Million.

Ed Cook joined the City Police Department and Oscar Crawford became City Utilities Director.

Smith's Supermarket in The Village closed once again, leaving Diboll with only one major food store.

Local teacher raises to total near $30,000.

People keep giving to Pop Jordan memorial fund.

Parks & Wildlife officials visit here on proposed new city park.

TI Employees Federal Credit Union announced $7 Million in loans since beginning in 1950.

School tax rate revised back to $1.85. New teacher benefits proposed.

SEPTEMBER 1967

Alton Shaw named Acting City Manager.

Two swimming pools have lost $15,000 since opening in 1958.

New South Meadows Nursing Home opens Sunday says Arwine Simpson, administrator.

City dump much improved since cleanup work begun.

School board signs $273,220 contract with Thomas & Thompson for new gym, band hall and science building.

Timpson edges Diboll, 18-13 in coaching debut for Joe Wyatt.

Temple Memorial Library catalogues its 9,000th book.

Free Press campaigns for wider bridge over White Oak Creek on FM 1818 for safety of school children.

Trinity Tigers edge Lumberjacks, 13-8, on fake field goal.

Mrs. Fannie Farrington is first patient at SM Nursing Home.

Diboll teachers prefer Christmas bonus in survey.

City Council attacks poor telephone service.

Cornerstone leveled for new Burke Masonic Lodge.

Jacks spank Corrigan 40-0 for first win of season.

OCTOBER 1967

District Highway Engineer J. M. York announced White Oak Creek bridge expansion under study.

George Overshone was killed in Vietnam.

Booster Club passed resolutions supporting new White Oak Creek bridge and supporting City Council's request for better telephone service.

Pioneer Dibollian Mrs. Fannie Farrington passed away at age 91.

Elkart beats Diboll, 28-6.

A $346,000 municipal park was announced, with matching funds of $173,000 from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Test conducted for using bark as chicken litter.

Grapeland Sandies pass their way to 26-14 win to spoil Diboll homecoming.

PTA Halloween Carnival is this week, Oct. 20.

New baseball park will be named after late Louis (Pop) Jordan.

New officers of PTA are Mrs. C. H. Shepherd, re-elected president; Mrs. Pat Russell, vice president; and Mrs. Olen Blake, treasurer.

House Speaker Ben Barnes and wife Martha visited Angelina County.

Diboll whips Splendora, 21-12, for second victory.

Temple Industries marked its 73rd anniversary.

Diboll alerted to move into Class AA for UI Leage.

Hearing set on zoning ordinances.

School board accepts new Building Trades classroom.

Ben Barnes spoke to area Jaycees.

The W. E. Smiths celebrated 50th anniversary.

Jim Love elected president of Texas Forestry Association.

Westwood wallops Jacks, 41-0.

NOVEMBER 1967

Work progresses on new DHS gym.

TI sawmill in Pineland ceases its hardwood production, and switches to pine.

Zoning ordinance passed revisions.

School board begins sea for superintendent to rep W. F. Pate, who is retir

Diboll rallies to upend A 22-15.

Diboll gives $15,652 to C munity Chest.

Groveton battles Axemen, 0.

Ground broken for Ange College.

Lufkin defeats city sales

TI announced blanket pay crease for hourly people.

Diboll ends 4-6 season 16-0 victory over Madi ville.

Austin firm to architect municipal golf course.

Plans announced for Ange Mall in Lufkin.

TTA initiates jet p flights.

City's population re-se 3,350 by City Council.

DECEMBER 1967

Village merchants to Highway Department for lights and crossovers on H way 59.

Floyd Minyard re-ele Fire Chief.

QB Danny Baker and G Carrol Nash first team cho to 21-A All-District foo team.

George T. Honea named president and general man of TSE Railroad and Don rison, secretary-treasure

Local industries anno Christmas bonuses tot $300,000 to employees.

Highway Engineer J. M. assured the Free Press t new, wider bridge will be across White Oak Creek road shoulders widened on sides of the bridge.

Diboll beat Redland, 5 to bring season record to

Freezing weather grippe county.

Dr. Frank Eddins na Chief of Staff at Wood Heights General Hospit Lufkin.

Diboll Boosters and Jay distributed 70 Christmas baskets.

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ALBERT SMITH, Danny Baker, Lee Baker and W Stephens were unanimous selections to the all-tourna team at Hemphill. The players and Coach Jerry Gar show off the first place trophy won by the team.

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