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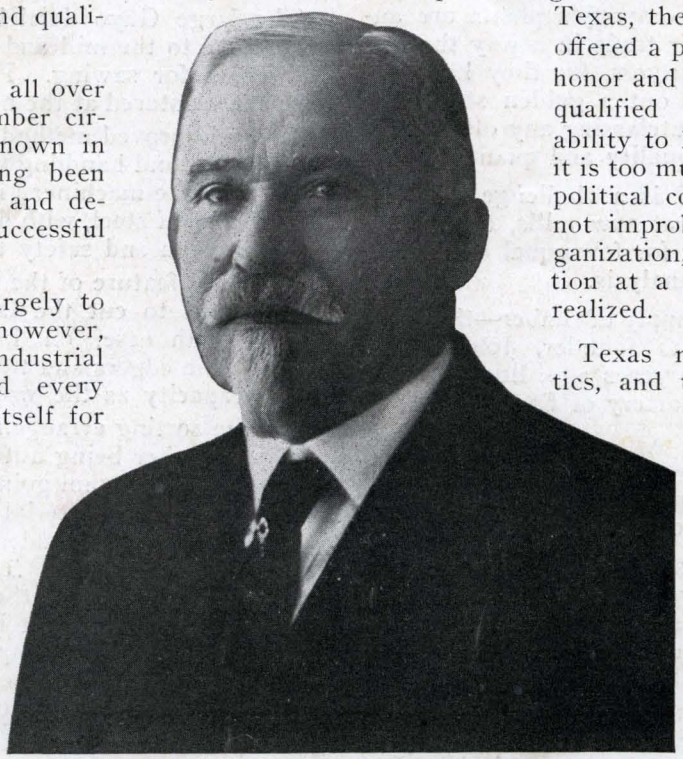
Republicans Honor Well Known East Texan

Hon. Joseph H. Kurth, Lumberman and President of the Lufkin Foundry & Machine Company, is nominated for Lieutenant Governor of Texas

THE citizenship of Lufkin, Angelina County, and East Texas are rejoicing in the honor conferred upon Joseph H. Kurth by the republicans of Texas in selecting him as lieutenant governor for the running mate of the Hon. George C. Butte, Dean of the Law School of Texas University, an exceptional man amply able and qualified for governor.

Mr. Kurth is well known all over the State, especially in lumber circles, and perhaps better known in Central East Texas, having been identified with the growth and development, in a very successful measure, of this section.

While giving his time largely to the lumber business, he is, however, identified in many other industrial plants and has sponsored every movement that presented itself for the development and improvement of the community in which he lives. The fact that Lufkin is known as the "Industrial Capital" of East Texas and undoubtedly the liveliest and most progressive town in the State for its size, is largely due to his foresight and public spirit.



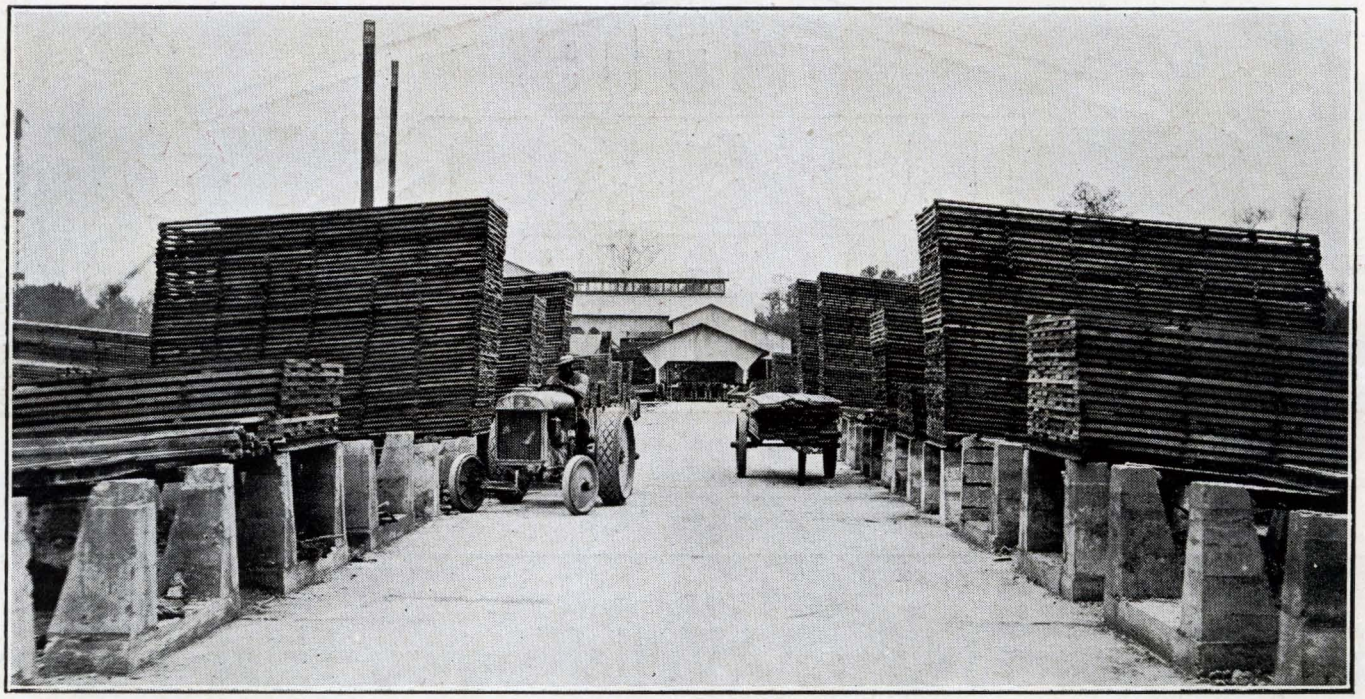
HON. JOSEPH H. KURTH

Mr. Kurth has been a life-long republican and one of the active leaders in the party, and this recognition of his service is timely and important, especially at this time when the democratic party has failed to elect a candidate favorable to even a majority of the voters.

In presenting Butte and Kurth to the voters of Texas, the republicans of Texas have offered a pair of real self-made men, of honor and high moral character, amply qualified with exceptional business ability to head their ticket, and while it is too much to say, there are peculiar political conditions existing that it is not improbable that with proper organization, time and money and selection at a national election might be realized.

Texas needs competition in politics, and the day it happens it will be worth millions of dollars to the state, for conditions under long democratic rule are just as rotten as they are in states that have been dominated by the republicans, as in Pennsylvania, for we know that states equally divided politically are by far the best governed—Texas needs competition.

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New Modern Sawmill and Hardwood Lumber Yard. Kirby Lumber Company at Voth, Texas.

Honest Now, Is It as Good as Kirby's?

This nationally known lumber question will, as it was intended by its originator, never be answered; yet the products of this great company's plants are answering it every day to their trade in a way that indicates there are few challengers, for they keep the mills busy steadily turning out a golden stream of yellow pine and hardwood outclassing any other company in the South, both in quality and quantity.

Is it as good as Kirby's? is a challenge that can also be applied to their great saw mills, as well as their directing organization; for few equal or surpass them in results in the final analysis.

An almost inexhaustible supply of timber—the finest of its kind—provided by its founder, John Henry Kirby, twenty-five to thirty years ago, lies tributary to the great central railway artery of East Texas, the Santa Fe.

The chain of mills and logging camps that spread through several counties, humming with activity, challenge the world—Is it as good as Kirby's?

No extensive description of either the plants or the personnel of this great organization is necessary. The illustrations speak for themselves. The Kirby interests will keep the challenge slogan before the world—Is it as good as Kirby's?

The illustrations of the new hardwood plant indicate the most modern construction, and the mill contains every device known for the economical sawing and grading of hardwood lumber.

The mill contains an eight-foot band mill and an eight-foot resaw and has a capacity of seventy-five thousand feet per day.

The large Guyo derrick shown sorts the logs as they come to the mill and places the logs on the endless chain for sawing. Four or five million feet of logs can be stored at the mill with this device.

Every improved method known for sawing the logs into lumber and handling them is provided throughout the mill. The machinery is of the latest type, all vital parts being of steel, with special attention being given to lubrication and safety to employes.

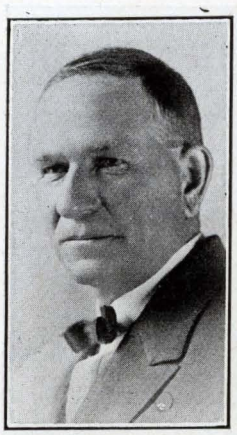
A special feature of the mill is, that it is roomy and is arranged to cut the largest logs and handle the lumber with ease, on log deck and carriage and through the edgers and trimmers, all machines having ample capacity as the work requires.

Unique sorting arrangements are provided, the gum and oak lumber being automatically separated behind the trimmer, the gum going to an overhead drop sorter, all the other material going to a ground sorter, where it is graded, loaded on buggies and hauled to the yard for air drying. The gum lumber is loaded on kiln cars and placed in the kilns, the same as used in drying pine, except that live steam is turned on the lumber to remove the sap. It is then placed on the yard, where it dries in about half the usual time. Sap stain is avoided by this process.

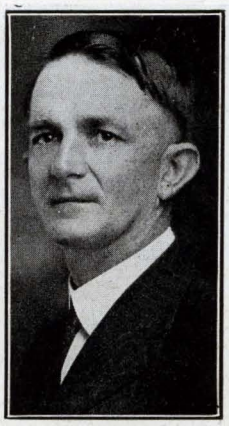
The plant has one and a half miles of concrete trams to eliminate an expense item that most mills have to carry where wood is used.

Concrete piers set with railroad irons are used for

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T. T. PARIS
Gen'l Mgr. Hardwood Dept., Voth, Texas



F. L. BURDETTE
Construction Engineer



J. W. LINK
Vice-President and Gen. Mgr. Kirby Lbr. Co.



E. H. BOUNDS
Salesman, Lufkin Foundry & Mach. Co.



C. B. EDWARDS
Treasurer, Lufkin Foundry & Mach. Co.

pile foundations, so that practically the entire output of the mill goes into lumber. There is no loss or waste for trams and foundations.

A timber dock one hundred and fifty feet long is provided, with live rollers full length, for properly grading and sorting timbers that may be cut, which give ample facilities for shipping and loading on cars.

In the mill and throughout the plant, special attention is given to handling the refuse in the most economical manner. The sawdust and hog fuel from slabs that are not suitable for good wood, is used for fuel. Trash and what is left goes to an open burner, all of which is handled by a well designed conveyor system, so that practically no labor is required.

The construction and design of the whole plant is one of permanency; all floors are of concrete, the framing of the mill being of hardwood, treated with creosote to prevent rot, and the whole plant is a credit to those who furnished the equipment, the construction engineer, F. L. Burdette, and its owners, the Kirby Lumber Company.

The Lufkin Foundry & Machine Company is very proud of this plant and its successful operation, and no doubt the Kirby Lumber Company are equally proud and satisfied, for they have just placed an order for a new double band and resaw hardwood mill, to be rebuilt at Call, Texas, containing duplicate equipment of this plant throughout.

We most highly appreciate the compliment, especially when one plant sells another. Fortunately, we have a number of good friends and customers who have seen fit to do likewise.

TELEGRAMS WE LIKE TO HAVE—A CREDIT TO US AS WELL AS THE BUILDER

Beaumont, Texas, March 20, 1924.

W. P. TROUT,
Care Lufkin Foundry and Machine Co., Lufkin, Texas.

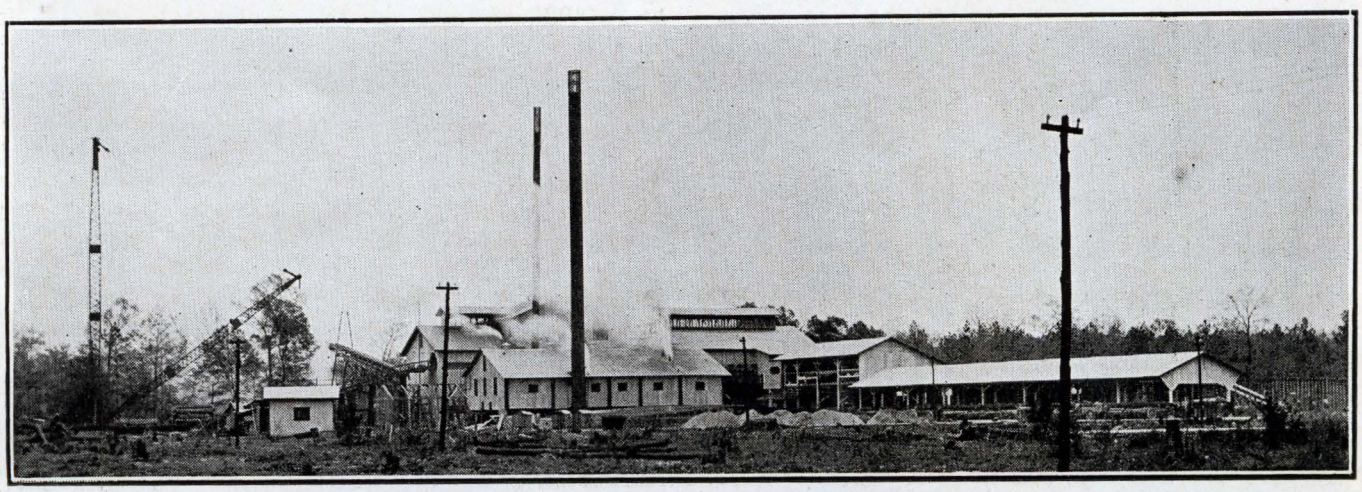
New mill started at 7:45 this morning and ran until 6 P. M. without a stop or without a hot box. Writing you tomorrow. FRED L. BURDETTE.

SUDDEN SERVICE

The Forest Lumber Company of Oakdale, La., who recently lost their mill by fire, have purchased or leased the Bowman-Hicks plant which recently cut out, and will continue in operation.

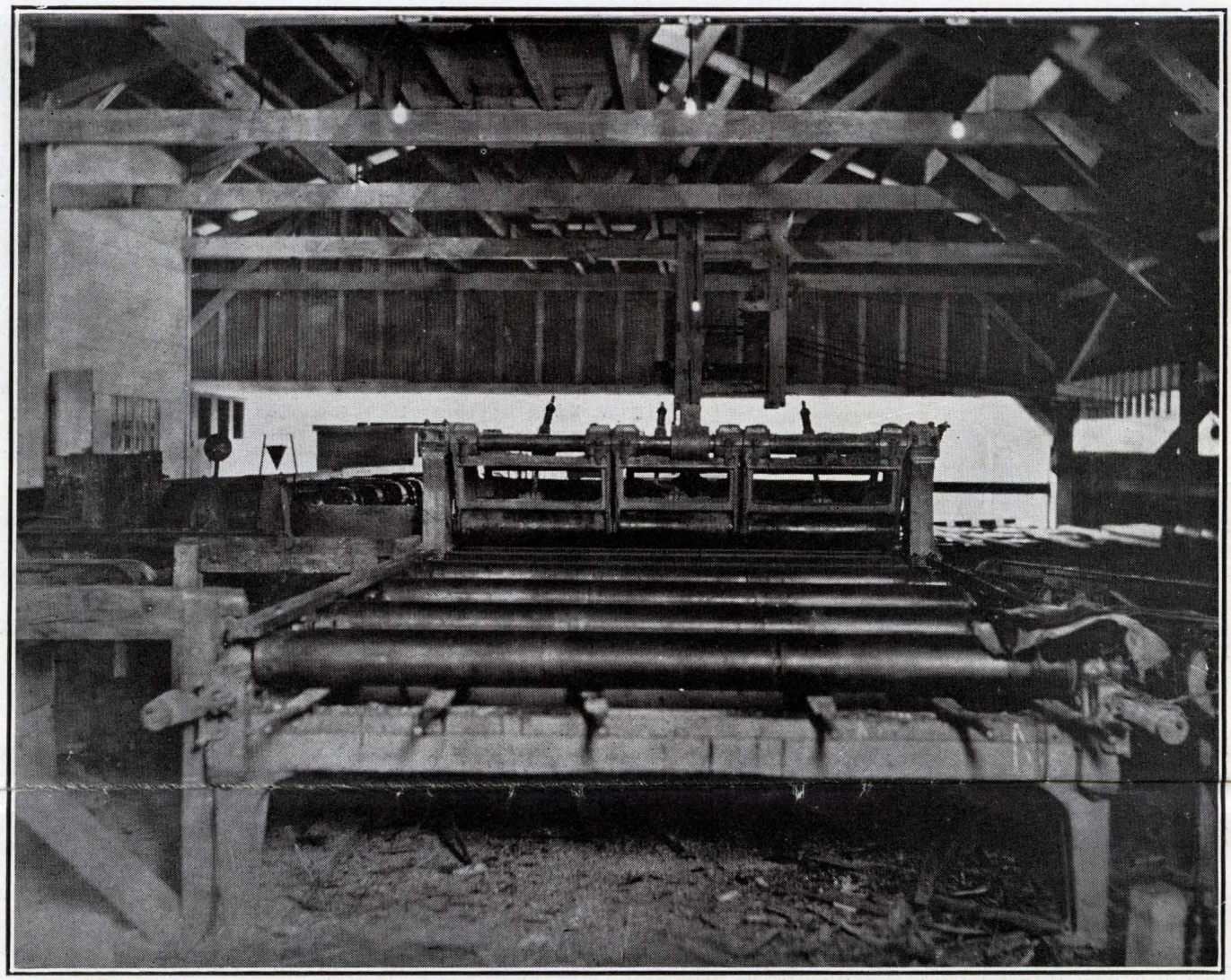
On Monday afternoon we received a phone message asking if we could ship a 12″x36′ steam feed and a Harvey Hog. We were pleased to advise that shipment could go forward inside of forty-eight hours. We received the order, made our promise good.

Harvey hogs, steam feeds, valves, etc., are our big sellers and on these specialties we try to be prepared to give immediate service. This, however, is only a small part of the $150,000.00 stock of sawmill machinery we carry, to give our customers prompt service.

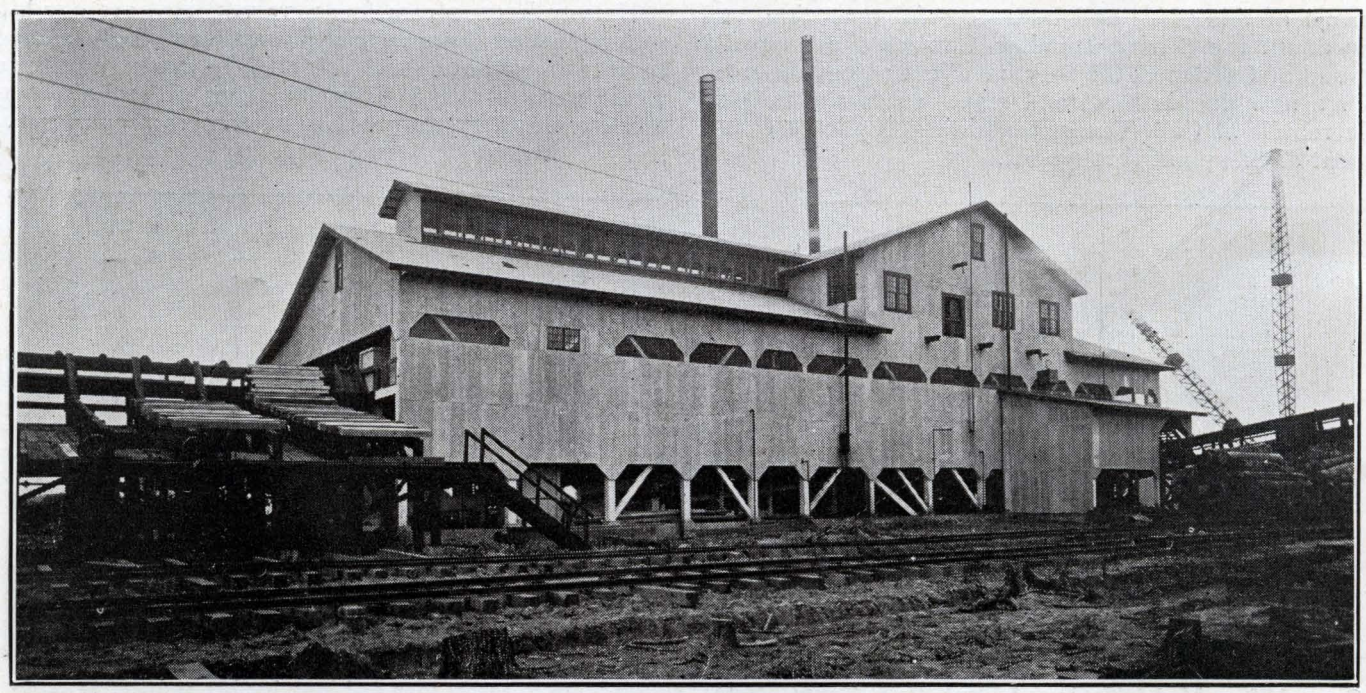


General View Model Hardwood Plant, Voth, Texas. Note: Ample room to assort logs and long lumber assorter to properly grade and distribute the output at lowest possible cost.

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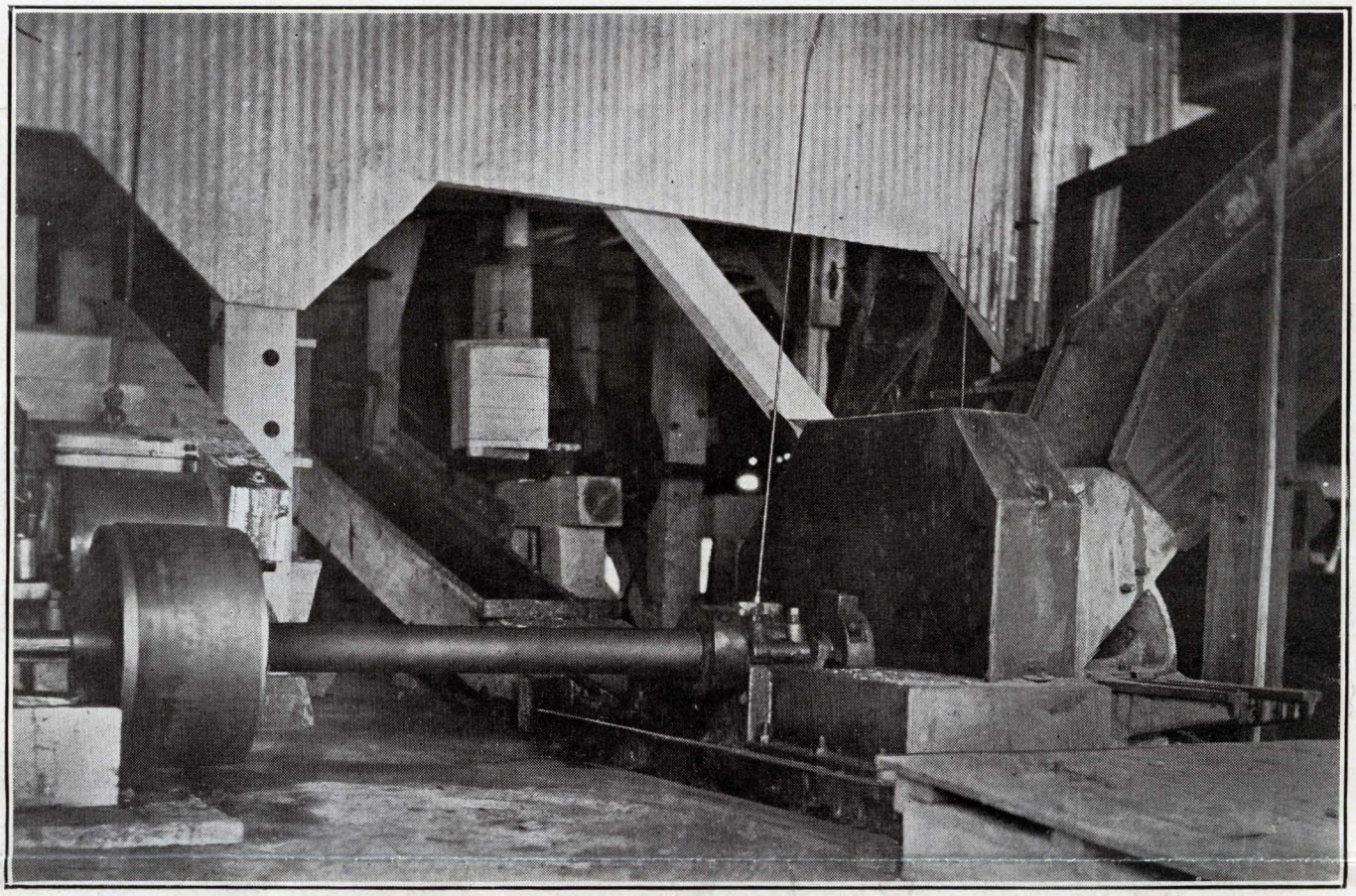


84″ Lufkin Edger with Column Rolls. Ample Edger Capacity for Both Band and Resaw.



Modern Band and Band Resaw Mill at Voth, Texas.

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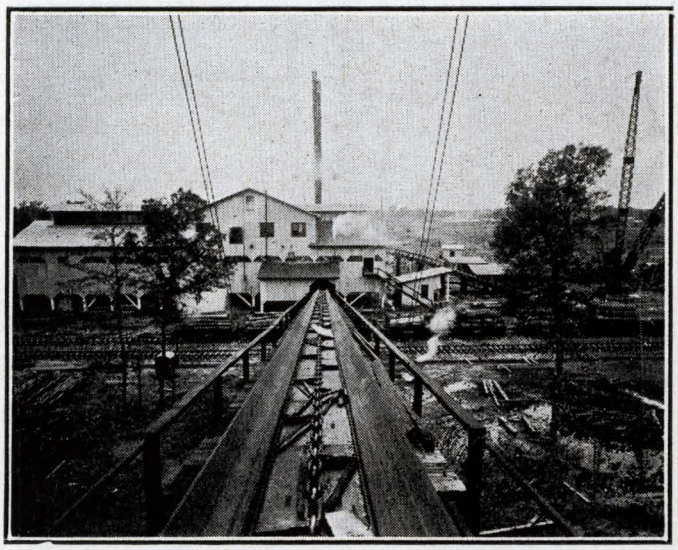


Fine example of proper installation of the Harvey Hog—The performance of which sold two other machines to this company.

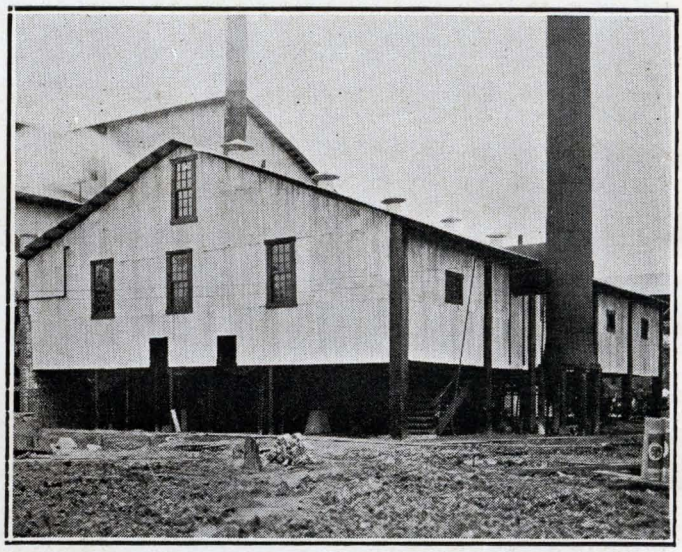


Lufkin Hardwood Carriage with front set works steep log deck where no overhead cantor is required.

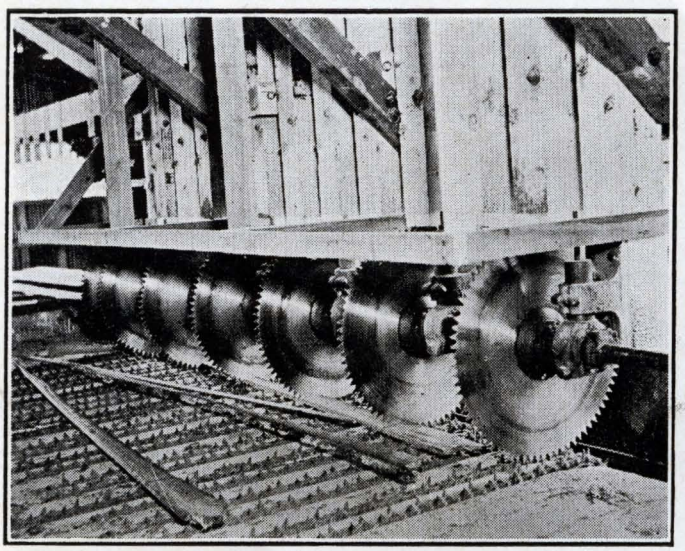
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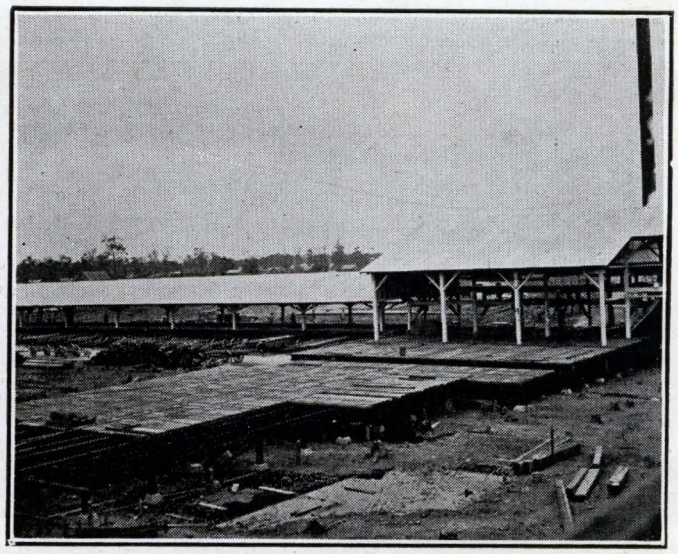
Looking down the Slab Conveyor. All conveyors are lined with cast iron runways, almost everlasting for wear, doubling the life of the chains and greatly reduces power required.



All Steel Power House, modern in every respect.



Modern installation of Slasher which cuts refuse into 16-inch lengths for stove wood.



Lumber Sorter and Assorter to Kilns.

The Kirby Lumber Company has recently placed an order with us for their new double band mill at Call. The new contract was given us largely on a basis of the prompt execution of our contract at Voth and the splendid results obtained in the operation and performance of the Voth plant.

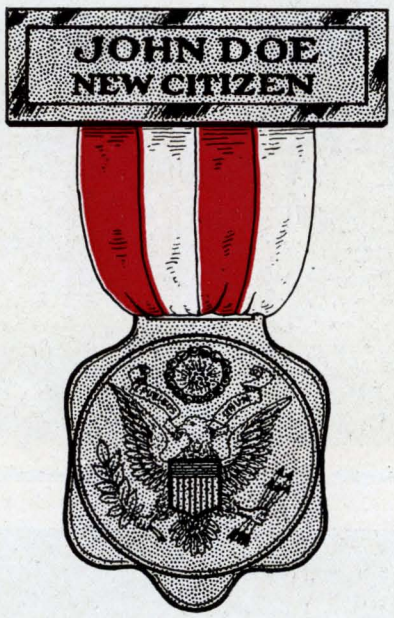
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THE TRUE SPIRIT OF AMERICANISM—

A New Idea of inducting young men and women into citizenship

It is indeed refreshing to note the increased interest, especially among the owners of our large lumber plants, that is being taken by the executives in old fashioned patriotism and duties of citizenship, as exemplified in the many celebrations on last Independence Day.

In normal peace time there is a decided indifference and luke-warmness toward patriotism and civic duties among the citizenship generally and these Fourth of July celebrations are very timely, in view of present day cliques, clans, blocs, leagues, many of which are controlled by demagogic politicians throughout the country.



The most unique movement along this line was inaugurated last year by Mr. C. P. Myer, Vice President and General Manager of the Wier Long Leaf Lumber Company at Wiergate, Texas, who conceived the idea of inducting into citizenship with the proper ceremonies all young men and women who had become twenty-one during the past year.

The results were astonishing, and the same ceremonies were repeated this year, when 37 young men and women, as well as their parents, and all present were told of the fundamental duties of citizenship and the great responsibilities of the individual if full privileges and advantages therefrom should be enjoyed to the fullest extent.

All of the new citizens were registered and given certificates of admission, and presented with Liberty Badges, and then in a patriotic address were told of the fundamental, basic reasons of the constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and incidentally were told that it was never intended that there should be cliques, leagues, labor and farm blocs, and that these were like unto the mob before Pilate, crying "Crucify him! Crucify him!" for they represent only a small majority of the citizenship that depend on our constitution and the Declaration of Independence to secure: "Certain unalienable rights; that among these are "life, liberty and the pusuit of happiness" **to all the people.**



C. P. MYER
Originator of the Idea

These exercises took up the entire morning, after which a great barbecue was spread, the afternoon being given over to games and sports, all of which was given at the expense of the Company.

The ceremony of inducting into citizenship the young men and women of any community, town or even city, could very well be emulated throughout the country, and as was the case at Wiergate, the Badge of Honor was given to each new citizen, showing the great seal of the United States in the form of a bronze fob and the certificate of admission, being copies of the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights of an American citizen and the etiquette of the Stars and Stripes, then pledges of allegiance to the flag and the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, is in all a ceremony that no one will ever forget.

We know of no better way of practicing true Amercanism than this method which has been so successfully put over by Mr. Myer, and we hope next year to see this plan carried out by many more lumber plants, towns and cities throughout the country.

Patriotic Picnic at Blox, Texas

At Blox, Texas, on the same day, Hon. John Henry Kirby gave his employees a great barbecue and picnic and delivered a wonderful patriotic address on the duties of citizenship, in which he gave an original "Bill of Rights" and the meaning of liberty, which will be found on another page of this issue.

Mr. Kirby never fails to register a great interest when talking to the people of East Texas, for they know he is sound to the core on all questions that are of vital interest to their welfare and he, too, never misses an opportunity to awaken the patriotic instinct and call our attention to our opportunities and duties as American citizens.

Independence day was celebrated at both Peason, La., and Deweyville, Texas, in the plants of the Peavy-Wilson-Moore interests, in a manner that shows the friendship and good will existing between the several hundred employees and their families and the owners of the Company, who were hosts at this Fourth-of-July barbecue and picnic.

The feature of the day's program was an independence Day address by Judge Harry F. Atwood, noted author and lecturer, who spoke on the subject, "Back to the Constitution" and who held his audience spell-bound throughout the period of his discourse, at the close of which he received a great ovation. Judge Atwood stressed the fact that America is drifting from Representative to direct form of government in controversy to the constitution, and that the United States is drifting toward Socialism and government ownership, and that we are drifting toward class consciousness, and pleaded

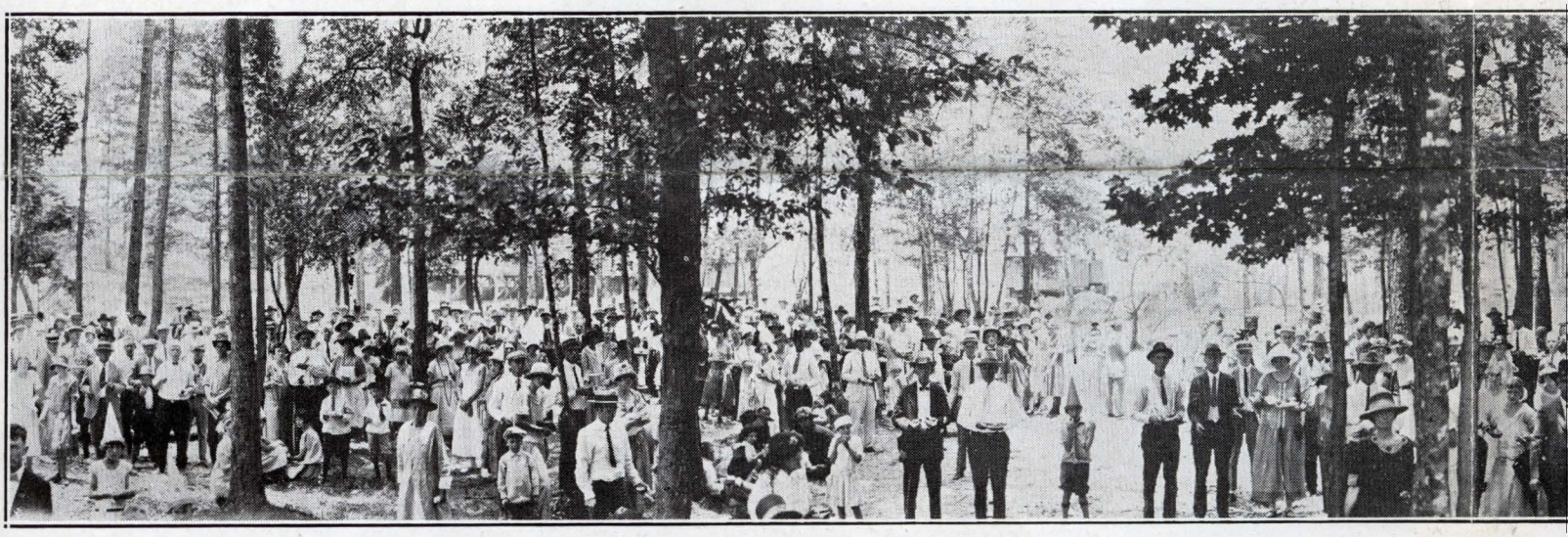


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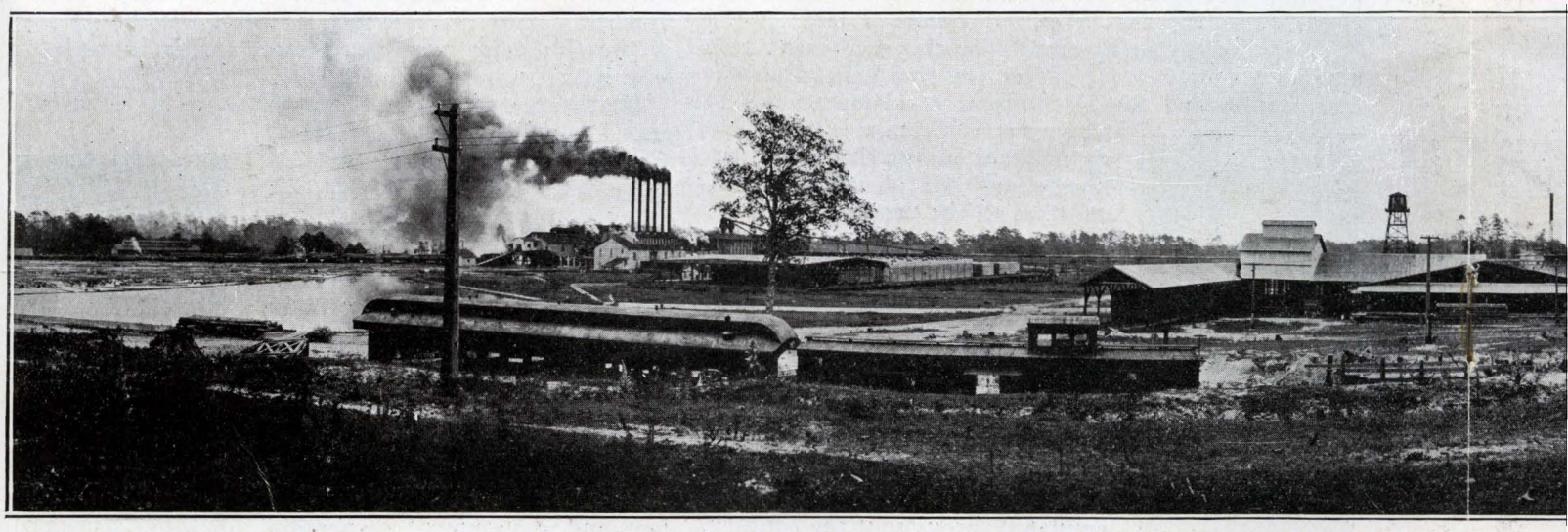
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On the banks of beautiful Cow Creek, Weirgate, Texas. Picnic crowd assembling for initiation ceremonies when 37 young men and women w
of the greatest republic on earth. The waterfall sho



The crowd at the big barbecue! Note the prosperous appearance of the people—as well dressed as city folks—who live in real houses with
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General view Weir Plant—the largest and most modern sawmill plant in Texas. Built in 1918 and has never lost a day due to breakage of s
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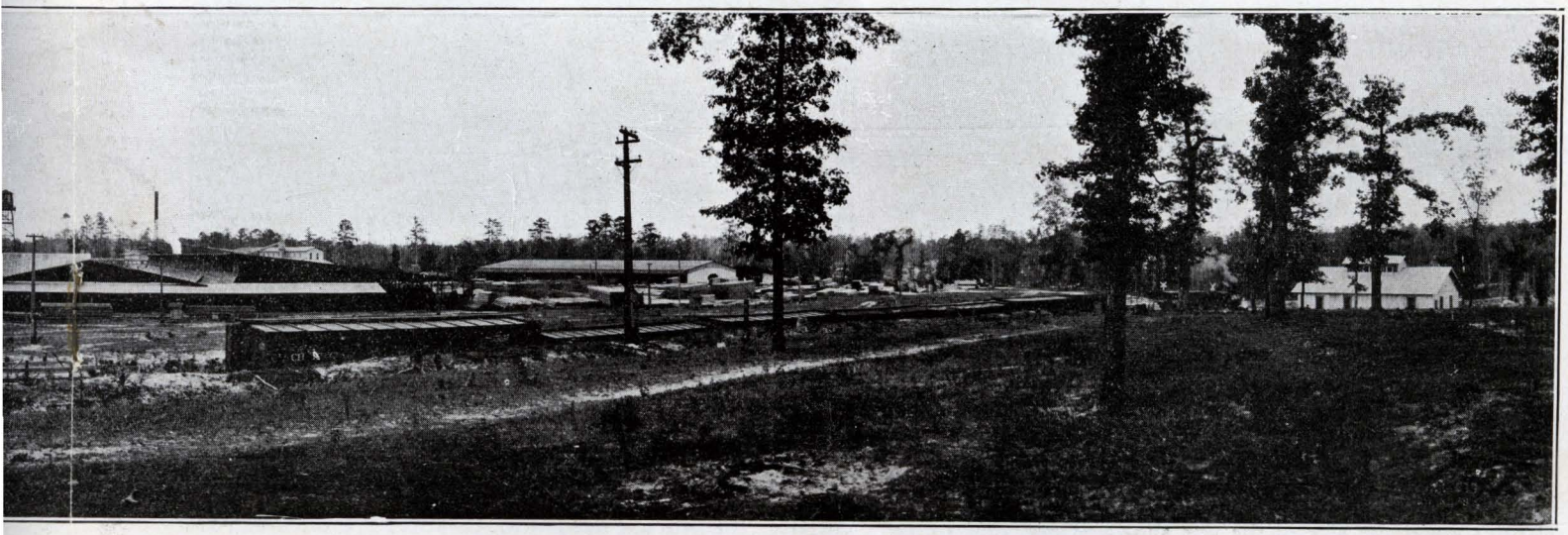
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en and women were registered, badged and given copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence and ushered into citizenship
The waterfall shown on page 10 at the left of this picture.



eal houses with all modern conveniences and the high cost of city living left out. Let our state labor agents, who charged the lumbermen
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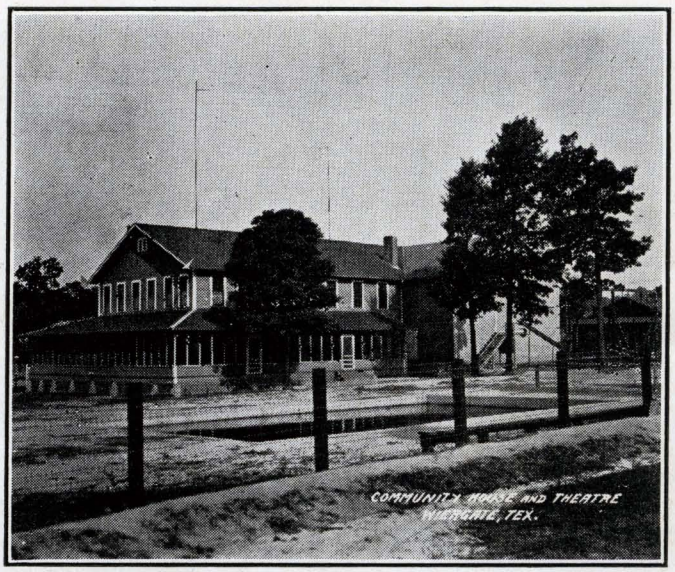
o breakage of sawmill machinery, which is "Lufkin Line" throughout. Note: Incidentally the Peavy Wilson plant at Peason, La., is a
and boasts of the same record.

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in his address a return to the constitution. This is a subject with which Judge Atwood is thoroughly familiar, and he has been studying it closely and has written several books on it.

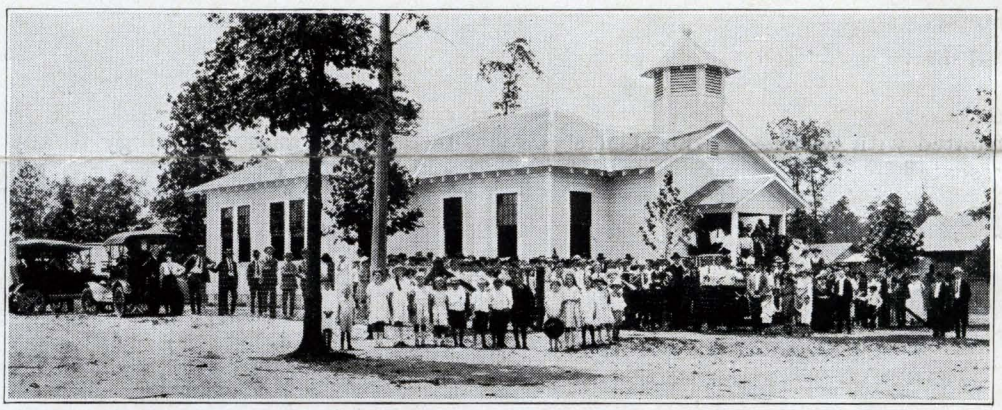
There were, no doubt, several other Independence Day celebrations that we are not aware of, but the above mentioned were very successful in reflecting the true spirit of Americanism among the people, and the results of such celebrations can not be overestimated.

Mr. Mill Manager and Owner: If you are contemplating something of this kind in your community next year, Mr. Myer at Wiergate or this publication will be glad to furnish you any information desired or assist you in any way possible, for there was never a time in the history of the country when true and ideal Americanism should be emphasized, as it should be at this time.

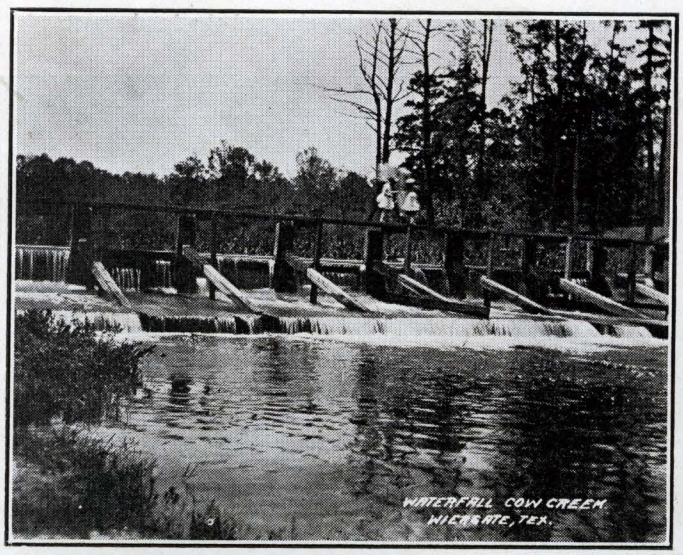


Community House with recreation hall, library, lodge rooms, ladies' club rooms, theatre, and well equipped play grounds and swimming pool covering one block.

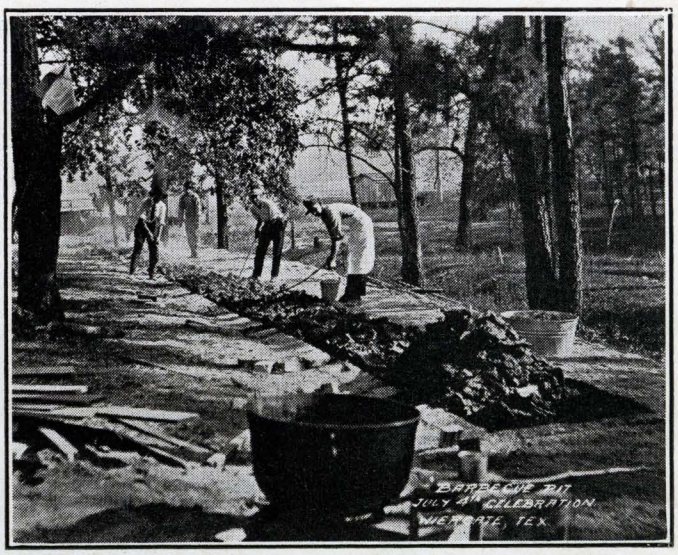
Weirgate is the model lumber town of East Texas



Baptist Church: Wiergate is well supplied with churches of the leading denominations as well as any other town in Texas.



Water Fall—Cow Creek flows through Wiergate in two streams about the size of the one shown—clear, cold spring water, dam forms what is now known as Wier Lake.



Barbecue—Roasting three thousand pounds of beef, goat and chicken; the pits are lined with discarded fire brick and are made permanent for future use. The large pot in front contains the pepper-sauce.

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Mr. Kirby's Bill of Rights or the Meaning of Liberty



HON. J. H. KIRBY
of East Texas

To summarize in simple language the full meaning of these great guaranties, it can all be compressed into the word "liberty." Liberty is the right to do as you will so long as you accord the same right to others and do not infringe upon their exercise of that right.

Liberty is the right to eat and drink what you will, being responsible to society for any abuse of the privilege.

Liberty is the right to think as you will, to worship as you will, to act as you will.

Liberty is the right to be free.

Liberty is the right to be secure in your person, houses, papers and effects.

Liberty is the right in all criminal matters to be tried by a jury of your countrymen and to be informed of the nature of the accusation against you and to be confronted with witnesses who accuse you and to be represented by counsel in your own defense.

Liberty is the right to enjoy and control all you can honestly earn and save.

Liberty is the right to be secure in your property so that it can not be taken even for public use except with just compensation.

Liberty is the right to fix the charge you shall make for your property in private use.

Liberty is the right to control your children, bring them up in the fear of the Lord if you so choose without any meddling from any governmental agency, whether State or Federal.

Liberty is the right to require your children to perform certain essential services without coercion from your government.

Liberty is the right to worship God according to the dictates of your own conscience.

Liberty is the right to reject the doctrine of any church whose dogmas you can not accept.

Liberty is the right of yourself and family to be secure in your home without the meddling of any organization, church or government.

Liberty is the right to plant such crops as in your judgment will promote the family thrift, uninfluenced by any meddlesome governmental or other authority whatsoever.

Liberty is the right to cultivate your own soil in your own way.

Liberty is the right to send your children to such schools and have them taught in such branches as in your judgment will make them useful men and women.

Liberty is the right to be secure from the exactions of privately organized regulators.

Liberty is the right to love the Constitution and its guaranties and to rely upon them.

Liberty is the right to aid a deserving negro without being waited upon by the Ku Klux Klan.

Liberty is the right to be a Christian Scientist without the consent of the Baptist church.

Liberty is the right to be sprinkled without the consent of the Immersionists and to be immersed without the consent of the Sprinklers.

Liberty is the right to believe in the creation of the world and of Adam and Eve as recorded in the book of Genesis without the consent of any scientist.

Liberty is the right to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God without the consent of the Jews.

Liberty is the right to believe in all the miracles recorded in the New Testament without the consent of the materialists.

Liberty is the right to accept the Sermon on the Mount without the consent of Jews, Pagans, Mohammedans, Buddhists or any others.

Liberty is the right to act upon your beliefs without making apology to any individual or organization on earth, you being individually responsible to God for your views and actions.

Liberty is the right to feel that your government will always support you in the enjoyment of every guaranty recited in the Constitution.

Liberty is the same today, yesterday and forever.

Liberty is so precious that men will sacrifice life itself in its defense.

Liberty is so valued that men will sacrifice their lives and their property that it may descend as a heritage to their posterity.

Liberty is the most precious word in any language, meaning freedom, not license; privilege not preference.

Liberty built fires that enkindled the revolutionary spirit.

Liberty as typified by Patrick Henry of Virginia and James Otis of Massachusetts was finally the heritage of these American States.

Liberty is the dearest word in the lexicon of the patriot.

Liberty is the sweetest word upon the lips of the thousands who have died for it.

Liberty today is menaced by the ignorant and the venal and it must be rescued by the unselfish and patriotic.

Liberty means equality of opportunity in the struggle for existence.

Liberty means safety of home, family and children.

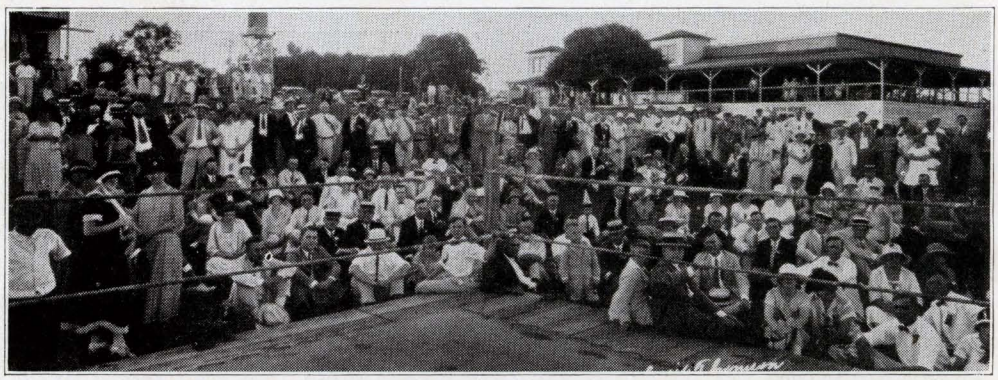
Liberty means freedom of mind and spirit.

Liberty means freedom of action in all matters which concern alone oneself.

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East Texas Mill Managers and Hoo-Hoo Frolic at Bay Shore, July 19th

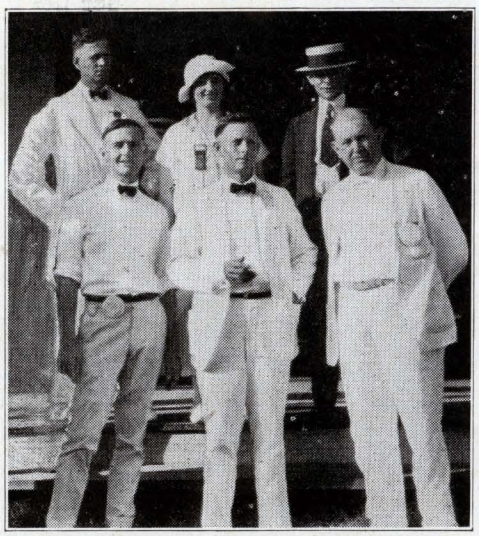
The Houston Bunch Gave the Boys and Girls A Big Time Almost Equaling Lufkin Hospitality



A section of the crowd at the Hoo-Hoo gathering at Bayshore Park, facing Galveston Bay. Hundreds of lumbermen enjoyed themselves at the pavilion in the rear. The concatenation was staged under the grove of trees in the center of picture.

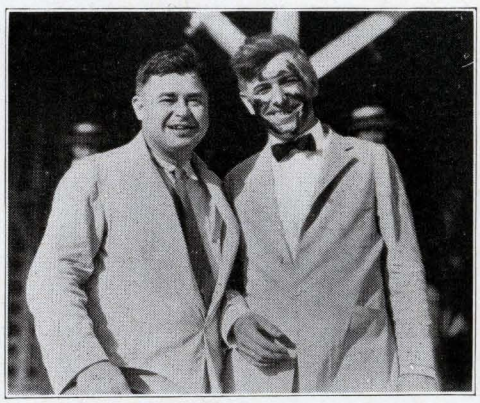


Bathing beauties who captivated members of Hoo-Hoo. Prize winners.

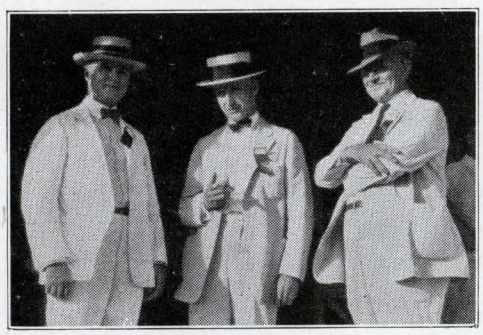


From left to right: Jack Griffith, who engineered the big celebration; W. W. Wallace, Jerome Swinford. Rear, left to right: Virgil Sheppard, Mrs. Thomas Pennington, J. H. Cooke. A sextette who were active in making the occasion a success.

—Cuts Courtesy American Lumberman



E. L. Kurth got his face smeared when he "kidded" a fluffy jazz dancer on the floor of the pavilion. F. D. Wherritt is accompanying him to a wash basin



From left to right: C. C. Sheppard, president Louisiana Mill Managers' Association; H. R. Isherwood, secretary-treasurer of Hoo-Hoo, and C. P. Myer, president East Texas Mill Managers' Association.

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BOHLSSEN HARDWOOD MILL AT EWING, RECENTLY BURNED, NOW BEING REPLACED BY LUFKIN FOUNDRY & MACHINE CO.

The H. Bohlssen Manufacturing Company at Ewing, Texas, who had the misfortune to lose their saw mill and power plant by fire on July 31st, have already placed contracts for all the equipment required to replace their mill, and it is expected to be in operation not later than November 1st.

While the new mill will be practically the same capacity as the old one, it will have all of the latest improvements and will contain an eight foot band mill, seven foot resaw, 84-inch edger and twenty-foot trimmer, with all necessary auxiliary rolls, transfers, assorting chains, etc.

Every facility is being provided for the economical manufacture of hardwood timber, and it is the company's intention to build, in connection with this mill, a work-up factory, so that all of the timber will be utilized as far as possible, the arrangement being provided in such a way that the handling cost will be reduced to the minimum.

While the building will be of heavy frame construction, concrete floors and foundation, the main machines will be set on steel columns, making it, to a great extent, as near fire proof as possible.

Mr. Harry Badstuebner, a well known Construction Engineer, will have charge of the work. Mr. E. H. Bounds of the Lufkin Foundry & Machine Company, securing the contracts.

The plant has an exceptionally fine quality of Texas hardwoods and will be in operation for many years to come.

We hope in a very early issue to illustrate this new mill and some of its interesting features.

LUFKIN LINE EQUIPMENT GOES TO RUSSIA

It will be of interest to many of our readers to know that the sun never sets on Lufkin equipment.

While we have done very little export business, the products of this company have been shipped to Europe and South America.

At the present time we are shipping Lufkin pumping units for pumping the oil wells of Baku, to Russia to the American Steel Export Company of New York City.

We are very proud to have this order, which is the forerunner, we hope, from this far-off country.

Sure!! We got the money first.



Safety First

Dorcas—"Do you ever allow a man to kiss you when you are motoring with him?"

Philippa—"Never. If a man can drive safely while kissing me, he's not giving the kiss the attention it deserves."

Isaac—"You should pull the curtains down ven you kiss your wife. I saw you last night."

Abie—"The choke's on you. I wasn't home last night."

Proprietor—"Do you drink?"

Applicant for job—"Thank you sir. I'll have a small one."

Mr. Tightwad—"I gave her $10 last week and told her to use it so she would have something to show on a rainy day. What do you suppose she did with it?"

Mrs. Tightwad—"Hadn't noticed."

Mr. Tightwad—"She bought four pairs of flesh colored, sheer, silk, rolled top stockings."

Foolishment

How doth the gentle laundress
Search out the weakest joints,
And always scrape the buttons off
At the most strategic points?
—S. I. R., N. Y. City.

"Gracious! That skirt is so tight that I can plainly see what you have in your pocket."

"But I have no pocket."

"Then what is that lump?"

"Oh, that's a mosquito bite."

No Tiresome Chase

Little Girl (to bride at wedding reception): "You don't look nearly so tired as I should have thought."

Bride: "Don't I, dear? But why did you think I should look tired?"

Little Girl: "Well, I heard mother say you'd been running after Mr. Smith for months and months."

Sherman Was Wrong

"Poor boy," remarked the lady visitor to the wounded soldier in the hospital, "you must have been through some pretty tight squeezes."

"Well, ma'am," he replied, blushing uncomfortably, "the nurses here have been pretty good to me."

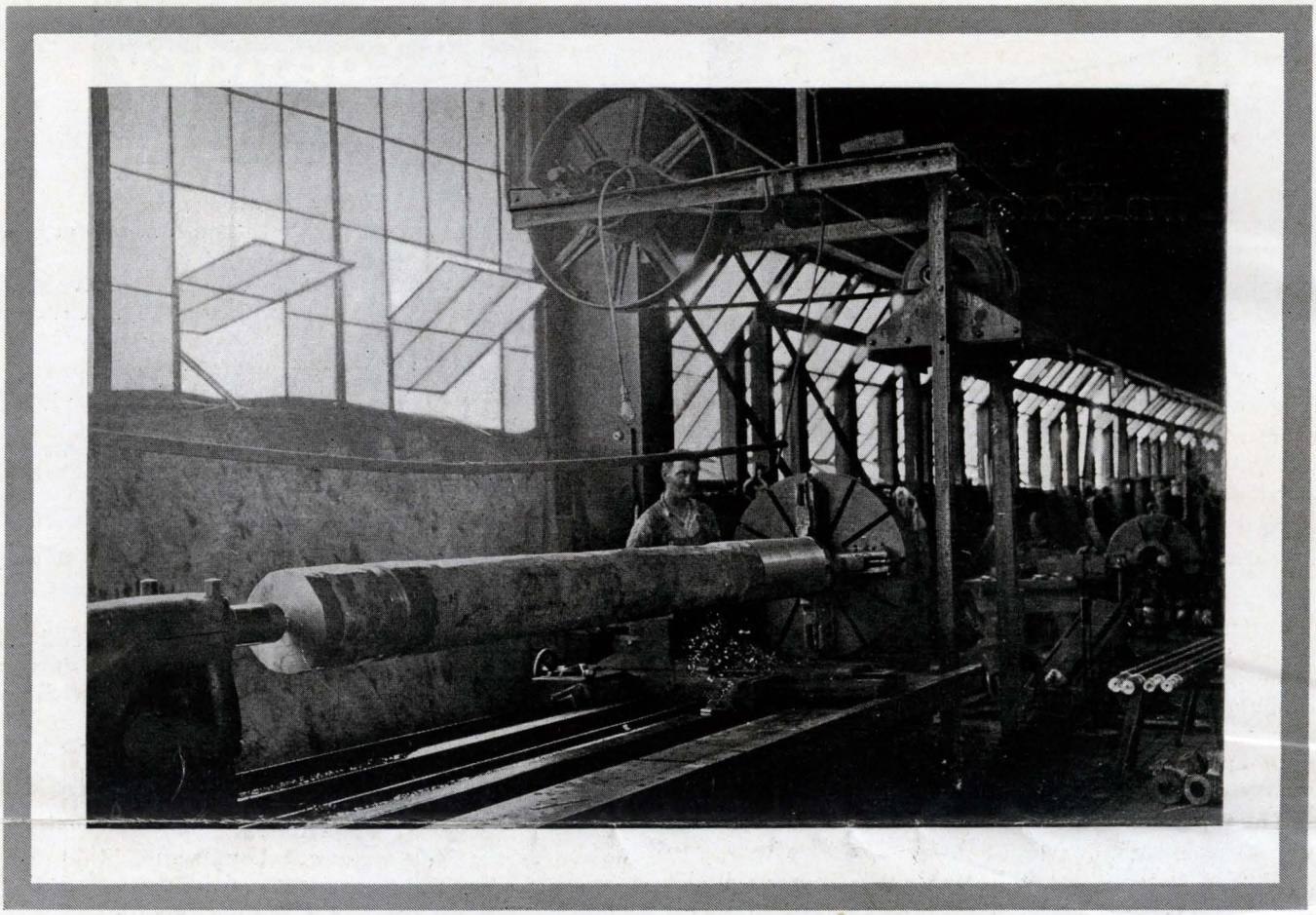
We wonder if the guy who paints those Hole proof Hosiery advertisements from life gets paid besides.
—Froth.

Holding Hands

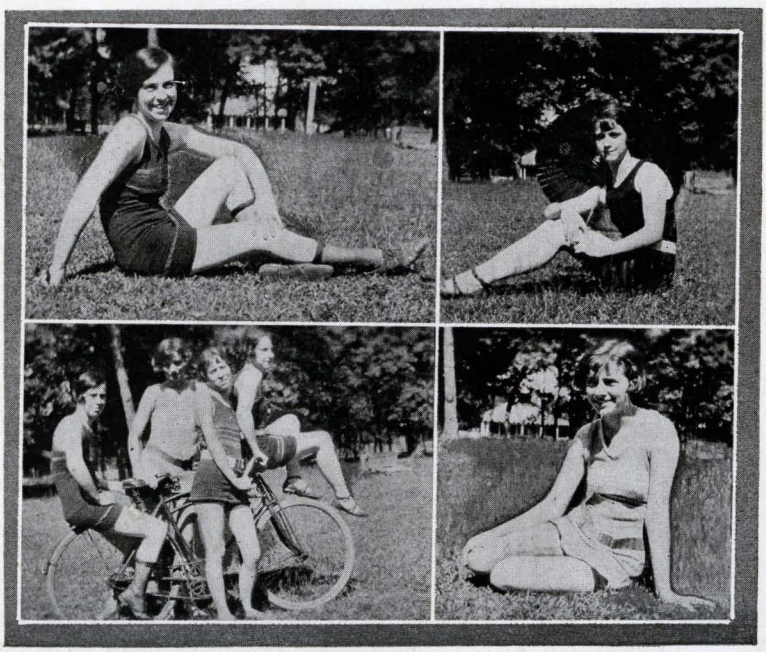
Pythian Sister: "I suppose you have been to see a sick friend, holding his hand all evening?"

Knight (sadly): "If I'd been holding his hand, I would not be out so much mazuma."—The Triangle.

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We carry billet stock to forge engine and gang shafts 14-inch diameter, most any length on short notice—the shaft shown is 11½-inch diameter, 12 feet long, for Kirby Lumber Company, Merryville, made and shipped 24 hours after order was received.



Some more of Hicherson's Bathing Beauties of Conroe, Texas.

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Simple Fire Escape for the Sawmill

It is very unfortunate that at the mill of the Forest Lumber Company, Oakdale, La., a filer, Mr. C. B. Doliv, 55 years of age, died as a result of injuries sustained in a 45-foot fall from the filing room.

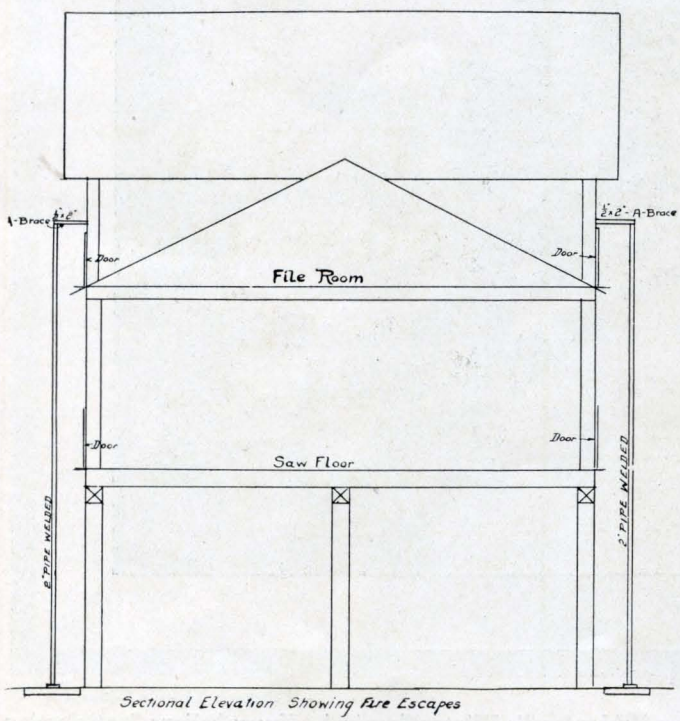
Sawmill fires are peculiar, and the writer knows of many instances when the employees working on the sawing floor, to say nothing about the filing room, did not have the opportunity to get out without jumping to the ground.

Every sawmill should have easy and quick means of getting from the first floor and also from the filing room to the ground.

This can very easily be accomplished by taking 2″ pipe, welding the joints instead of using couplings, put a flange on the bottom and set on a concrete pier 30″ from the side of the sawmill, and the men can slide down this pipe, both from the filing room and the sawing floor. There should be one on each side of the building, and a glass sash and a door opposite same in the building that could be opened. This arrangement is just the same as the firemen use at the fire stations in the big cities where they sleep over their apparatus, only instead of the brass tube an ordinary 2″ pipe will do the work just as well.

The top of this pipe, of course, is braced to the building by a simple brace bracket of ½x2″ iron. Any double band sawmill can be equipped with galvanized pipe and the whole expense not exceed $50.00.

This idea is not original, but it is used in a large sawmill at Naples, Texas, and it is so handy that the men usually slide down at noon and evening rather than take the steps. No sawmill can afford to be without it.



Sectional Elevation Showing Fire Escapes

A Quiet Political Campaign

Many persons comment on the fact that the presidential campaign seems to be devoid of excitement except that which is artificially stimulated among the followers of certain of the candidates and the paid proponents of radicalism. Those who remember other presidential campaigns will admit that there is a sharp contrast between this one and those of twenty years or more ago. The reason is comparatively obvious. The majority of the American people have made up their minds on the issues. They are the thoughtful citizens who do not wait to be told what conditions are and what the possibilities of changes in political power may mean; they make up their own minds through observation, study, and, one might say, instinct. The very quietness of the campaign is reassuring. The old days of red fire, brass bands and bombast were picturesque, but not convincing. If our American people will go to the polls on next election day after a thoughtful consideration of the issues and the candidates, there will be no need to worry about the future of the United States, the stability of its government or the prosperity of its people. Radicalism is not popular with our people, but there are, of course, a large number of the unthinking to whom it will appeal. The proportion of radicalism to conservatism is not very great, but a conservatism which is indifferent can be beaten by a radicalism which is active. The quiet study of the political situation must be translated into definite effect on election day by putting into the record in the form of a vote the conclusions arrived at after mature deliberation.

Apply the Test of Sincerity

Many thoughtful citizens in an election campaign apply the test of sincerity to candidates, parties and platforms. It would be a good thing for every voter to apply such a test this year. Let him take the three parties, Republican, Democratic and Radical; the three candidates, Coolidge, Davis and LaFollette; the three party platforms; and then analyze all of them in the light of the sincerity of purpose. Let him compare the platforms and try to disentangle the honest purposes from the vote-catching suggestions, and then let him look at the record of the three parties from the point of view of their constructive possibilities, their support of the Constitution, and their regard for the entire people as a mass rather than any clique, class or cabal. There are many other tests that must be made before arriving at an honest decision as to the candidate to be voted for, but it is a good start to try and prove up the point of sincerity—something rare in politics in this country.

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—Courtesy Lincoln Magazine

"Being Up in the Air" is not a new adventure for the ski jumper at Montreal's Winter Carnival. If you believe "anticipation brings the greatest pleasure" cool off—for cold weather will come if you live to see it!