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Bill Greer named as DHS Principal

Administrative changes are being made in the Diboll school system, as two principals moved to new schools and a vacancy created at Temple Junior School.

The school board in a special meeting Monday night moved Diboll Elementary School Principal Bill Greer to Diboll High School Principal, and named Temple Junior School Principal Jerry Gartman to replace Greer at Diboll Elementary as principal.

Greer of course will be succeeding Robert T. Ramsey, who has resigned after 27 years as DHS Principal.

This leaves a vacancy in the Temple Junior School principal's position, and new Superintendent Donald Robbins said Tuesday he is taking applications for the job.

Robbins said that both Greer and Gartman are enthusiastic about their new roles.

Both have been in the local system a number of years.

Greer has spent his entire teaching career in Diboll. He came here in 1951 and taught science, biology, chemistry and physics at Diboll High School until he became elementary school principal in 1969.

Greer is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a master's degree, and he has done further graduate work at National Science Foundation symposiums at SFA, Baylor, Howard Payne, Louisiana State University and Mississippi.

Gartman is a veteran of ten years in the Diboll system and has 14 years school experience.

He was a coach and teacher for several years before becoming intermediate school principal seven years ago.

Superintendent Robbins said that neither man was 'assigned' the new positions "but indicated a desire to make the changes."

Robbins said he has already begun the search for someone to take the principal's post at Temple Junior School.

In other action, the board accepted the resignation of second grade teacher Sheila Swan, who is leaving because her husband is being transferred.



FACULTY MEMBERS at Diboll High School this year include (front row) Principal Bill Greer, James Dunlap, Fred Douglas, Brenda Hill, Cindy Maddox, Ann English, Carolyn Jefferson, Joan Doss, Garvis Baldree, Janis Cook, Judy Ellison, Betty Greer, Mary Ingram and Ted Bullard. On the back row are Bob McCurry, Willie Massey, Isaac Goodwin, Tony Christian, Burlon Wilkerson, Robert Ramsey, James Porter, Linda Whittington, Linda Dunlap, Judy Williamson, Penny Horne, James Livingston, John McGilvra, Jesse Bradford and Hogue Forrest.

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DIBOLL SCHOOL LEADERS

DIBOLL SCHOOLS this year will be in the hands of this administrative staff which includes (seated) Bill Greer, Diboll High School Principal; Superintendent Don Robbins; and Willie Massey, Assistant DHS Principal. Standing are Jerry Gartman, Diboll Elementary Principal, and Ray McLain, Temple Junior School Principal. (Free Press Photo)

Diboll schools to open August 26th

Diboll Schools will open on Monday, August 26, with teachers beginning in-service training the week before according to Superintendent Don Robbins.

All students who have not previously attended Diboll Public Schools are requested to come by the school of their attendance and complete enrollment forms.

The Diboll Elementary School will enroll new students who have not previously registered for grades kindergarten through four on Wednesday, August 14, and Thursday, August 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For additional information call Jerry Gartman, Principal, at 829-5419.

The Temple Junior School staff will enroll all new students in grades five through eight who did not attend the Diboll Public Schools last year on Thursday August 15, and Friday, August 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For additional information contact Ray McLain, Principal, 829-5225.

The Diboll High School staff will register students in grades nine through twelve according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, August 20—ALL NEW STUDENTS, grades nine through twelve will enroll between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon, in the high school principal's office.

Thursday, August 22—Registration of grade nine, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; grade ten—from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the high school cafeteria.

Friday, August 23—Registration of grade 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; and grade 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the high school cafeteria.

For additional information contact Mrs. Mary Ingram, Counselor, at 829-5190, or Bill Greer, Principal, at 829-5626.

The first day for class instruction will be Monday, August 26. School bells will ring at 8:10 a.m.

All school buses will run on the same routes and time schedules as in the past. Bus routes are determined and approved each year prior to the beginning of the new school year by the Texas Education Agency.



DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL cheerleaders left Monday to spend the week at Sam Houston State College in Huntsville for the annual camp. Left to right are Pam Delco, Karen Edwards, Jan Glover, Kathy Groom, Kaye Murry, Flossie Eddins, Dianne Pavlic and Brenda Sparks. (Free Press Photo)

Band practice is scheduled

Band practice for all members of the Diboll High School Band will begin on August 5 from 7-9 p.m. at the band hall.

All band students must be present for the practice sessions if they are to be in the band this year says the director, Judy Ellison.

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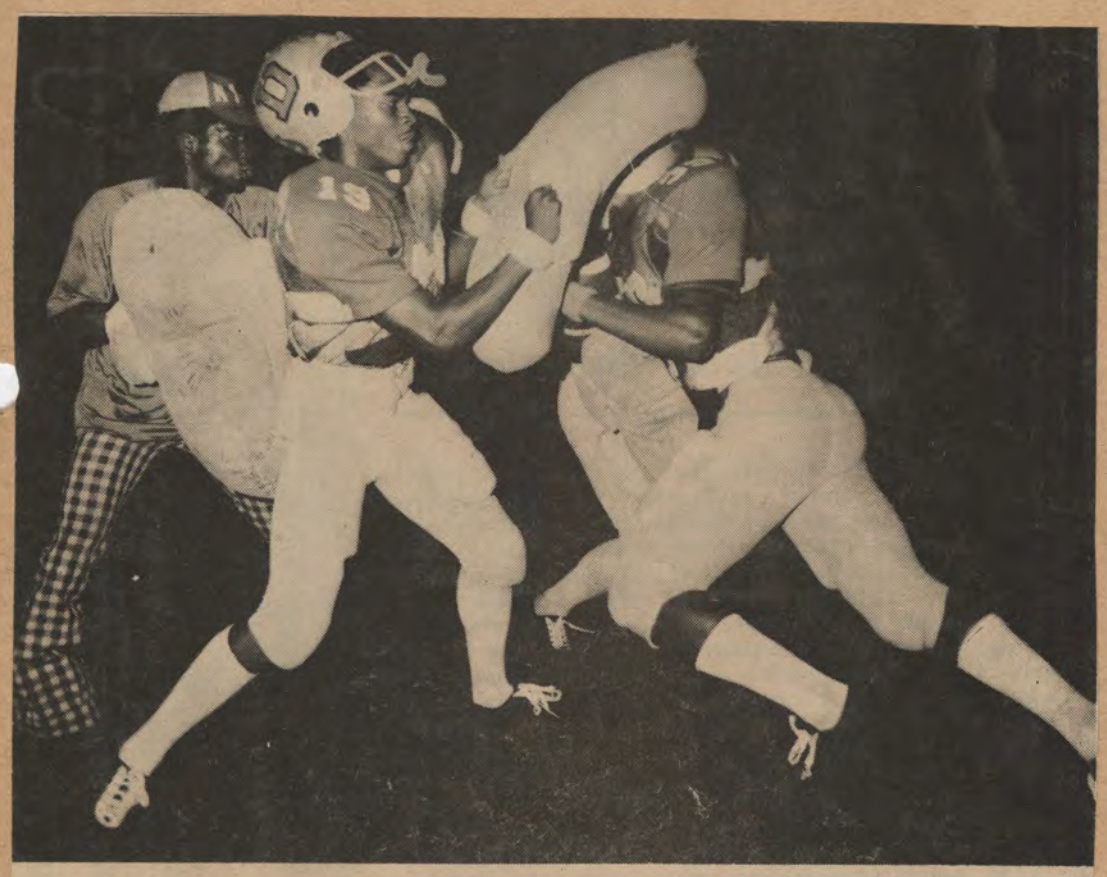
HEAD COACH JOE WYATT is busy getting his pads and equipment in shape for the beginning of football workouts, which begin August 12. He expects about 55 for Lumberjack workouts. First contact sessions will be held August 16.

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"LEFT, LEFT, LEFT RIGHT LEFT"— A lot of huffing and puffing was going on Monday afternoon as the Lumberjack band began marching practice for the 1974-75 season. Under the direction of Miss Judy Ellison and drum major Glenda McQuire the members freshed up their precision marching techniques.

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BYRON GORDON uses an air dummy to fend off a block by Donald Ray Coleman as the Diboll Lumberjacks began their first full week of contact Monday. Coach Joe Wyatt is fairly wel pleased with the workouts, but says the heat is slowing drills considerably.

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REGISTRATION was held in all Diboll schools last week and classes got underway Monday. Enrollment was expected to be near 1,600 in the three schools. Officials said classes began smoothly Monday. (Free Press Photo)

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COACH JOE WYATT shows a group of Lumberjacks a certain technique as the 1974 workouts got underway Monday. The 49 Jacks will don pads for the first time Friday as they start preparations for the season opener here on Sept. 6 against Garrison. (Free Press Photo)



WELCOME TO DHS—Members of the Anchor Club at Diboll High School assisted Counselor Mary Ingram in showing freshmen students around the school during registration last Friday. Anchor Club members served refreshments as they gave freshmen tours of the DHS facilities. (Free Press Photo)

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Jacks get down to hard work Friday

Head football Coach Joe Wyatt welcomed 49 players out Monday for the first day of fall practice.

The Jacks spent the first three days primarily on conditioning drills and will hold one more workout tonight before pads and equipment are issued tomorrow (Friday.)

The UIL requires all high schools to spend the first four days of practice in nothing but shorts and sweat suits stressing conditioning.

Most coaches oppose this rule but in view of the temperatures this time of the year, the ruling probably is good for all concerned.

Wyatt, in an accustomed role, will be looking to fill several voids due to graduation losses.

The only returning starters on offense are center David Lindsey, tight end David Porter, receiver Bryon Gordon, running back Nathan Terrell, and quarterback Jay Wyatt.

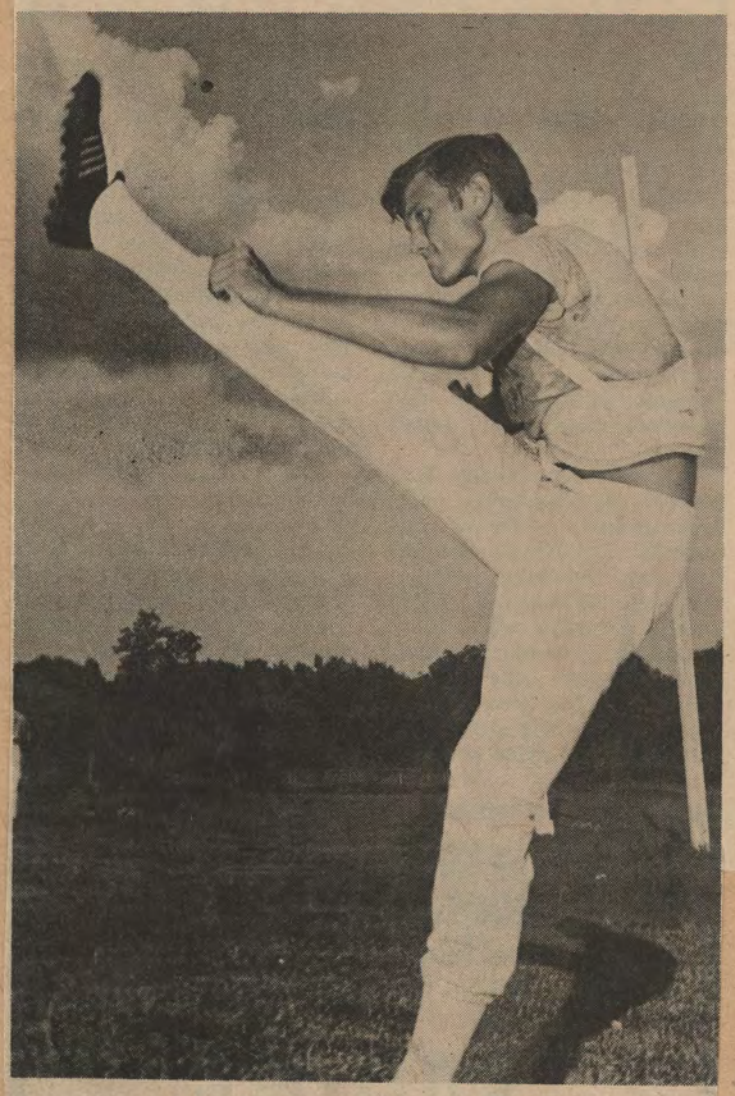
On defense the Jacks will return Wyatt and Gordon at the two safety positions, and Danny Jones and Dorry Crager at linebackers.

All in all the Jacks are returning only 12 lettermen and six of those will be seniors this year.

Gandy Stubblefield and Larry Don Cook will probably see plenty of action on defense as the pair logged several games last year as freshmen for the Jacks.

Wyatt's Jacks won eight of ten games last year and that marked the third time in seven years that his teams have won as many as eight games in as single season.

The Jacks narrowly missed a district title last year posting a 5-2 district mark to Newton's 6-1 record.



Jay Wyatt limbers his kicking leg

School finances in great shape, enrollment low

The Diboll Independent School District will begin the 1974-75 school year in excellent financial condition, even better than had been anticipated, and certainly much better than many school districts across the state.

An amended budget approved Tuesday evening by the school board shows the district with an estimated balance of $179,919.99 beginning the new school year.

The district actually will have a deficit budget for the coming year based on actual revenues and expenditures. The surplus has been built from credits in local fund assignment from the State, in larger federal forest receipts, and in gaining a teacher last year.

The board has been cautious not to disturb that surplus any more than necessary, however, until it decides what to do about $350,000 in unsold bonds. And it wants to hold whatever cash it can as long as it can as a hedge against inflation and future tax increases.

In other action at Tuesday's regular meeting the board:

• Employed Mrs. Ann Rollen, second grade; Mrs. Sandra Hawkens, fourth grade; Willard Arnold, eighth grade English, coach; Mrs. Vivian White, seventh grade math; and Mrs. Alma "Penny" Horne, high school math.

• Learned that opening enrollment is 1,509 and that the only crowded situation exists in first grade. Second grade is slightly under. Superintendent Don Robbins said the administration would watch the first grade situation a few days before considering any adjustments.

• Supt. Robbins said that state law still requires annual publication of a financial statement of the district and that this will be done when books are closed on the current year.

• Reaffirmed policy of recent years to not allow live radio broadcasts of Lumberjack football games, in the belief that this could affect attendance at games. Radio station KSPL had requested permission to broadcast live. Board instructed Supt. Robbins to authorize delayed broadcasts only. KSPL in recent years has been taping the games for replay on Saturday morning.

• Approved a Building Trades project to build a home in O'Hara Addition for Mrs. Watkins.

• Agreed to seek a new CPA firm for annual audit to replace Dr. James E. Redfield of Nacogdoches, at Redfield's request because of health reasons.

• Approved spending $35 per month to subscribe to a monthly service that will provide the business manager with all property transactions that are recorded with the County Clerk.

Enrollment as of Tuesday showed 618 students on the elementary campus, 476 at Temple Junior School, and 415 at DHS.

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COACH JOE WYATT will build his 1974 team around this group of returning lettermen from last season's 8-2 team. Kneeling are Tony Harrison, Donald Coleman, Byron Gordon, Nathan Terrell and Larry Don Cook. Standing are David Porter, David Lindsey, Jay Wyatt, Gandy Stubblefield, Danny Jones and Dory Crager. The Jacks scrimmage in Grapeland Thursday night in preparation for their Sept. 6 opener here against Garrison.

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September 12, 1974



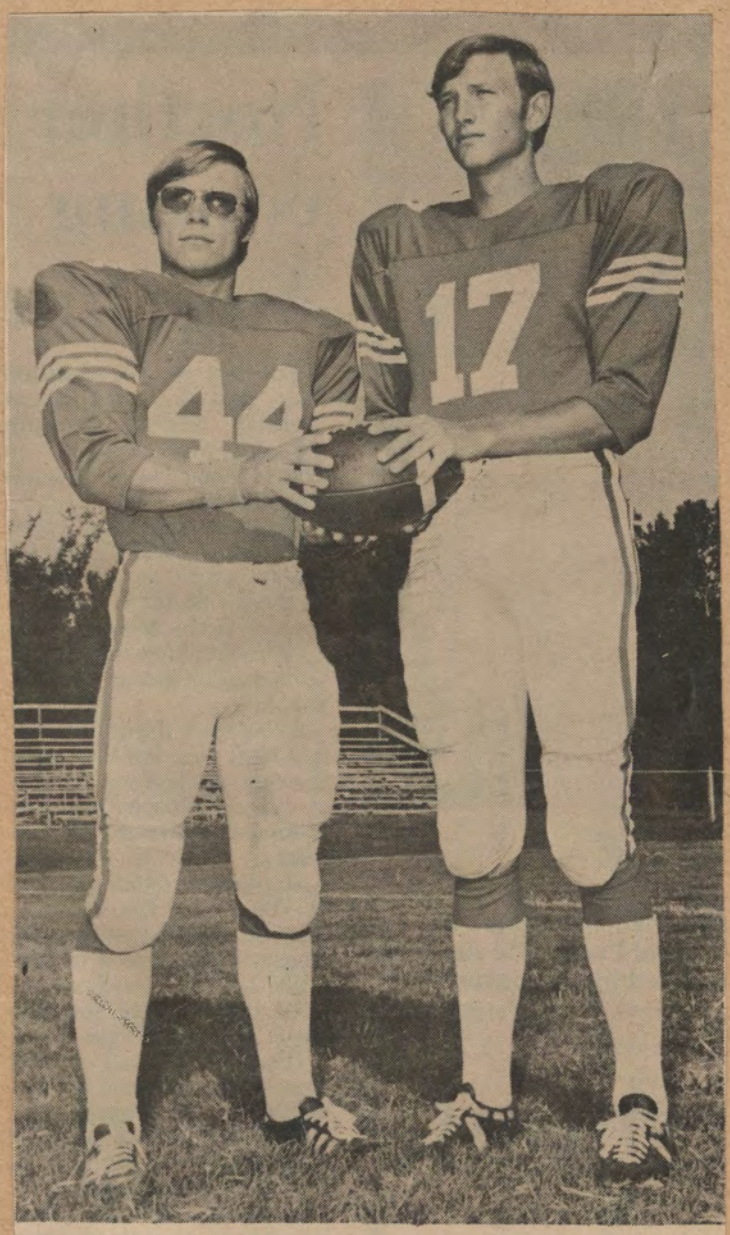
TIGHT END David Porter gets set to haul in a Jay Wyatt pass, one of five he caught Friday night as Diboll beat the Garrison Bulldogs for the first time in 18 meetings, 27-6. (Free Press Photo)



JACK MANAGERS—Keith Lee and Timmy Lloyd are the managers for the Diboll Lumberjack football team this season. Their work is seldom noticed but team managers have an important function as they perform tasks that would otherwise have to be done by assistant coaches. (Free Press Photo)

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ONLY TWO LEFT—Senior Tailback Nathan Terrell (left) and senior Quarterback Jay Wyatt are the only two remaining active players who were members of the Lumberjacks' district championship teams in 1970 and 1971. Both played on the teams which lost to Georgetown 25-7 in the region playoff in 1970 and to Rosebud-Lott by 34-0 in 1971. (Free Press Photo)



ONE WILL BE QUEEN

CANDIDATES for the Diboll Day queen title Saturday are (bottom to top) Dora Huizar, Theresa Weatherford, Suzanne Baskette, Kaye Murry, Flossy Eddins and Charlotte Harrison. Miss Baskette currently leads the group in funds. The winner will succeed the reigning Miss Diboll, Debra Washington.

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DIBOLL SPLIT END Gandy Stubblefield (5) goes high for a Jay Wyatt pass that was knocked away by Garrison defenders. Gandy caught several other Wyatt tosses and Diboll beat the Bulldogs 27-6 in the season opener. (Free Press Photo)

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Diboll Day gross now past $51,000

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NEW DIBOLL DAY QUEEN

SATURDAY'S Diboll Day was the best ever, as Theresa Weatherford became the new Diboll Day Queen, succeeding lovely Debra Washington. Left to right are Booster Club President Joe Sample, Miss Weatherford, Diboll Day Chairman C. H. Shepherd, and Miss Washington. (Free Press Photo)

Campus Time

By Flossy Eddins



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YOUNG CARPENTERS

WHILE HOUSING STARTS are in a record stage of depression across the country, members of the Diboll High School Building Trades class are continuing their annual project of building a home. This one is going up on Farm Road 1818. The BT class each year builds at least one home, sometimes more, and saves the school district considerable money by doing construction and repairs to school facilities. The vocational class gives students valuable experience that can help them later to become part of the building trades.

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THE LUMBERJACK BENCH was a sad-looking place in the game with Westwood, and it didn't look much better last Friday at Madisonville. Coaches were pleased with strong interior line play, however, and the Lumberjacks are getting ready for Friday night's district opener at San Augustine.

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HOLD STILL

TRAINING CALVES for leading in the county steer show in the spring is part of the Ag I class in which seven young ladies from Diboll High School are participating this year. Here Pam Havard, left, and Rhonda Pressley, right, are prodding this calf to feed at Diboll's calf barn.



STUDENT COUNCIL officers at Diboll High School this year are (standing) Tony Davis, vice president; Jerry McCloud, president; and Jay Wyatt, chaplain. Seated are Loretta Shipp, reporter; Regina Austin, sergeant-at-arms; Carolyn Cheavens, secretary; and Glenda McGuire, parliamentarian. Not shown is Ricky Pressley, treasurer.

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Girls invade Ag classes

By CAROLYN COCKRELL

The sun was beating down hard on Diboll High School's calf barn. Bark shavings were piled in a corner of the lot and from the wide opening leading to the stalls radiated an odor of hay and manure.

Seven young Diboll high school girls climbed out from the back of the pickup and loudly, amid the chatter, Lisa Burkhalter said, "I'm going to name my calf Melissa."

The girls, Janice Steel, Pam Havard, Vicki Jones, Jean Sheddan, Rhonda Pressley, Janie Harris and Lisa Burkhalter are causing a lot of commotion around Diboll High and Angelina County for that matter. They are the first females in the county to participate in a class that has had traditionally an all-male enrollment—vocational agriculture.

Since there are no rules that prohibit girls from enrolling in the Ag classes, Diboll had 14 girls pre-register for the first year course last spring.

Jesse Bradford, who is instructor for the three sections of the first year course said he and Agricultural co-ordinator Bob McCurry were "real surprised" as Bradford put it, when the girls signed up.

"When they first enrolled, we did some checking — sending notes home and calling some parents, and the number was cut to these seven.

Bradford is just now getting used to the females in his class and at first he had apprehensions about what might take place.

"I really hated it at first. I felt like the girls were taking it more as a novelty course than really being interested in what we had to offer," he said. "But after having them in class for six weeks, I can see that they are interested in Ag."

Bradford explained that the girls will have no special treatment and are required, like the boys, to have projects. Right now they make trips to the calf barn getting acquainted with the calves that they will be responsible for in the county steer show in the spring.

So far the class has participated in vaccinating, castrating, de-horning and worming calves. Some shop work is taught in preparation for the second year class, including hand tools such as drill, hammer, saw, and any tool that is not electrically operated.

Collectively, the girls agree that the reason they signed up for the course is that they enjoy being around animals. Two of them plan to be veterinarians after they leave school.

"I plan to live in the country and I don't enjoy household chores like cooking," said Vicki Jones who plans to be a vet.

Jean Sheddan, who has two brothers in the program, said she wants to be a vet too and she "just likes to mess with animals."

Pam Havard, the only senior (two juniors and four freshmen) says that she likes working outside.

Bradford said that initial reactions by boys in the class were that they may encounter problems with girls.

"At first some of the boys thought that the girls being in class would cause them to have to miss certain parts of the curriculum. They thought they'd be rooked. But nothing in the curriculum has been changed and the prospect of any alterations is not anticipated," Bradford said.

Bradford noted that the girls will be participating in leadership training. They will be involved in the leadership parliamentary procedure teams and possibly the judging teams in the spring.

Wondering if the FFA sweetheart was put into a new light, Bradford said, "These

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THIS WON'T HURT

VICKI JONES very carefully prepares to give this calf a shot of penicillin for a cold at Diboll High School's calf barn. As part of Vocational Agriculture I the seven girls enrolled in the class are learning various aspects of plant, animal and soil science.

Girls...

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girls didn't get to vote for the sweetheart because it was done last spring. But we aren't going to change that and the girls will vote if they enroll in the second year course.

Though the girls are the first to take agriculture in the history of Diboll High School, Lufkin High added girls to their forestry classes this fall after the semester had begun.

"Lufkin had girls sign up for their classes but didn't let them in until after the semester was underway," Bradford said.

As for future plans, Bradford said that courses may be added later if enough girls enroll.

"It's possible that we could add a course like animal care or horticulture if we have a big enrollment of girls later on. But nothing definite is planned.



MEMBERS of the Vocational Agriculture I class and their instructor, Jesse Bradford enjoy a laugh during a class on animal science. Seven girls are enrolled in the class, the first females in Angelina County to "break the ice" of a once exclusively all-male class.

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THESE DIBOLL FFA students exhibited livestock at the East Texas Fair in Tyler Sept. 26-28. Left to right are Tony Jennings, polled hereford heifer, white ribbon; Wayne Chance, polled hereford bull, blue ribbon and reserve champion bull; Vance Maddox, red brahman bull, blue ribbon; Randy Pressley, red brahman heifer, white ribbon; Donnie Stinson, charolais heifer, white ribbon; and Ray Anthony brown Swiss heifer, blue ribbon.



DHS BUILDING TRADES student James Smith is intent on hitting a nail on the head as he works on the BT project for the year, a new home on FM 1818. Building Trades classes each year build at least one new home and do other new construction and maintenance for the schools as part of their training.

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JANIE HARRIS, left, Janice Steele, middle, and Jean Sheddan, right, demonstrate part of the Ag training they received thus far this fall—cleaning Bermuda grass and weeds from the flower beds outside the Diboll High School administration building. The class was responsible for planting many new flowers and shrubs on the Diboll High campus.

Hay Show set Oct. 22

Hay will be an important part of the cow's diet this winter. Protein supplement feeds are high and we need to know the food value of the bag we feed. Plan to put a bale of hay in the Hay Show this year.

The annual Hay Show will be held this year at the Diboll High School Agriculture Building—October 22, 1974 — at 7:30 p.m.

The Angelina County Chamber of Commerce will pay for the analysis of one hay sample from each person. Additional bales of hay can be shown but the individual must pay for the chemical tests.

Enter a bale of hay, plan to attend and let's have a good Hay Show.

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NEW OFFICERS of the VICA Club at Diboll High School this year are (left to right) David Porter, president; Wayne Clark, vice president; Gary Hathorn, secretary; Randy Chumley, treasurer; Carolyn Cheavens, sweetheart; Dory Crager, chaplain; Brenda Sparks, sweetheart; Michael McGuire, sergeant-at-arms; Jeffrey Williams, reporter; and Noel Yates, parliamentarian.

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HELLO, WORLD—It's a girl for Jim and Linda Dunlap! Merridythe Brett made her debut into the world last Friday, October 11 at 6:43 p.m., tipping the scales at seven pounds, 14 ounces. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sample of Livingston and Mrs. E. H. Dunlap of Carthage.

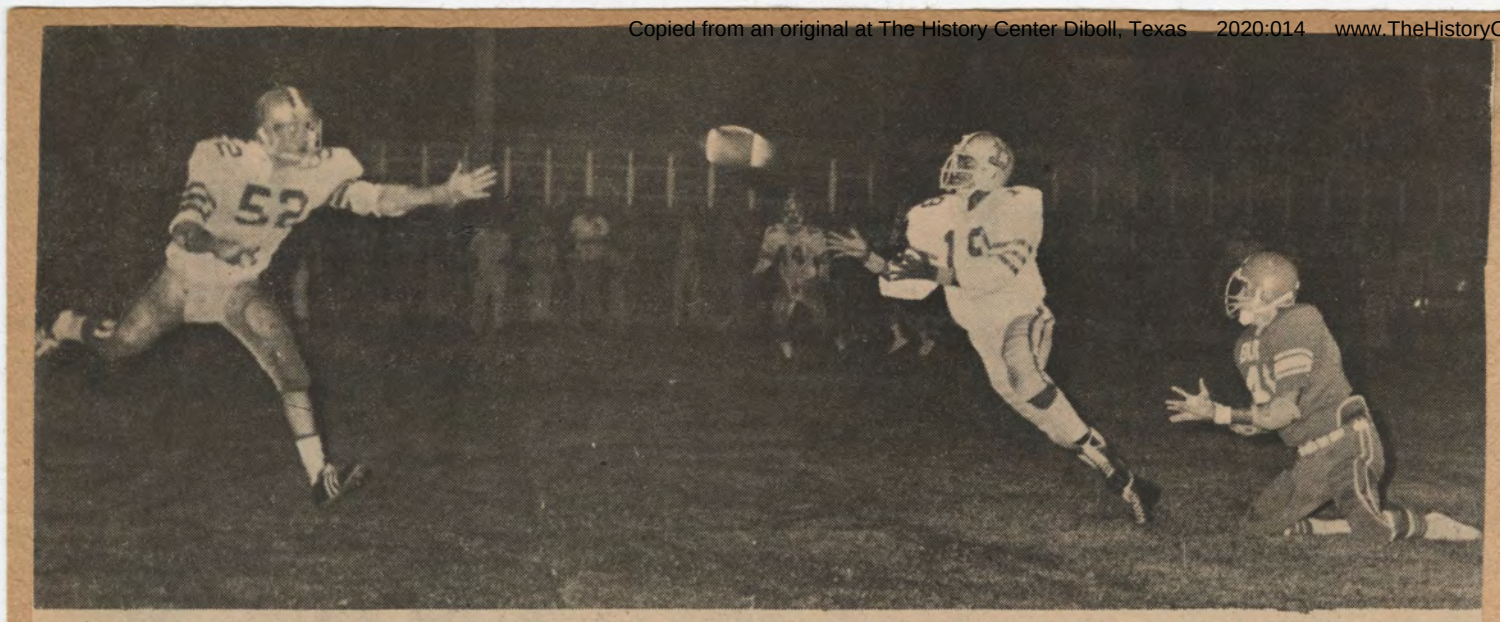
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THE PEP SQUAD at Diboll High School this year is doing its usual fine job of leading the cheers for Lumberjack teams. Members of the group this year are (kneeling) Corrine Flowers, Juanita Melanders, Juanita Salazar, Nita Wells, Diane English, Martha Estavas and Mela Mata, major. Standing are Rita Mason, Kelyn Clark, Rhonda Pressley, Pam Havard, Sara Shivers, Carolyn Cheavens, Debra Johnson, and Regina Austin, captain.

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SAVES TOUCHDOWN—Byron Gordon (19) steps in front of a Buna receiver to intercept a pass in the end zone and thwart a Cougar touchdown. The timely play came with Buna leading, 12-6, and Diboll then drove for the tying TD. David Lindsey (52) comes up to lend a hand. (Free Press Photo)

Cougars, 12-12

, October 24, 1974



HALFBACK JOE SHEDDAN (20) gets set to butt heads with a Buna tackler as he picks up yardage up the middle against the Cougars. David Lindsey (52) and Dory Crager (73) look for somebody to block. The game wound up in a 12-12 tie. (Free Press Photo)

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DIBOLL LUMBERJACKS



LUMBERJACK VARSITY—Front row: Isaac Hines, Larry Jansen, Jerry Rast, Anthony Delco; Walter Terrell, Tony Davis, Nathan Terrell, Joe Sheddan and Charles Parrish. Middle row: Coach Ted Bullard, Gary Smith, Ricky Pressley, Randy Pressley, Byron Gordon, Larry Don Cook, David Weeks, Ricky Conner and Coach Joe Wyatt. Back row: Tony Harrison, Donald Colemen, David Lindsey, Danny Ray Jones, Gandy Stubblefield, Tommy Alexander, Jay Wyatt, Dory Crager and David Porter.



JUNIOR VARSITY—Front row: Terry Capps, Vernon Ivey, Glenn Douglas, Brad Wyatt, Meredith Lindsey, Ray Clark, Willie Rigsby and Johnny Huizar. Middle row: Coach John McGilvra, Barry Vance, Roger McClure, Russell Skoug, Artie Hall, Joe Sheddan, Larry Spivey, Ronnie Johnson, Douglas Cooke and Coach James Porter. Back row: Melvin Thompson, David Wilkins, Craig Ruby, Johnnie Lewis, Dewayne Coleman, Dennis Crager, Carl King, Ricky Johnson and William Earl Bray.

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TWIRLERS — Kneeling: Dora Huizar, Debbie Carter and Loretta Shipp. Standing: Dianna Lazarine, Diane Lee and Susie Beaty.



GLENDA McGUIRE, a pretty 16-year-old junior, is the drum major for the Diboll High School Band this year. Glenda is a veteran member of the Lumberjack Band. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire of Ryan Chapel Road in Diboll. (Free Press Photo)



CHEERLEADERS — Front: Karen Edwards, Kathy Groom, Kaye Murry, Pam Delco and Flossy Eddins. Standing: Jan Glover, Brenda Sparks and Diane Pavlic.

DHS HOMECOMING

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Diboll Honor Rolls

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors, all A's: Flossy Eddins, Dianne Pavlic, Nancy Ward and Jeanette Weeks.

Seniors, all A's except for one B: Tony Davis, Sara Shivers and Jay Wyatt.

Juniors, all A's: Richard Albrecht and Shirley Porter.

Juniors, all A's except for one B: Cindy Grandgeorge, Martha Grumbles and Julie Lazarine.

Sophomores, all A's: Danny Harris, Ted Mullins and David Weeks.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Robert Beaty, Bryan Faircloth, Pablo Guerrero and Jeff Keels.

Freshmen, all A's: Lisa Burkhalter, Evelyn Carr, Mary Ann Carter, Anne Cooke, Lauri Durham, Craig Ruby, Sally Russell, Linda Sanford, Stephanie Webb and Brad Wyatt.

Freshmen, all A's except for one B: Pam Delco, Jean Greer, Jeanette Hutchenson, Juanita Malanders and Deborah Thompson.

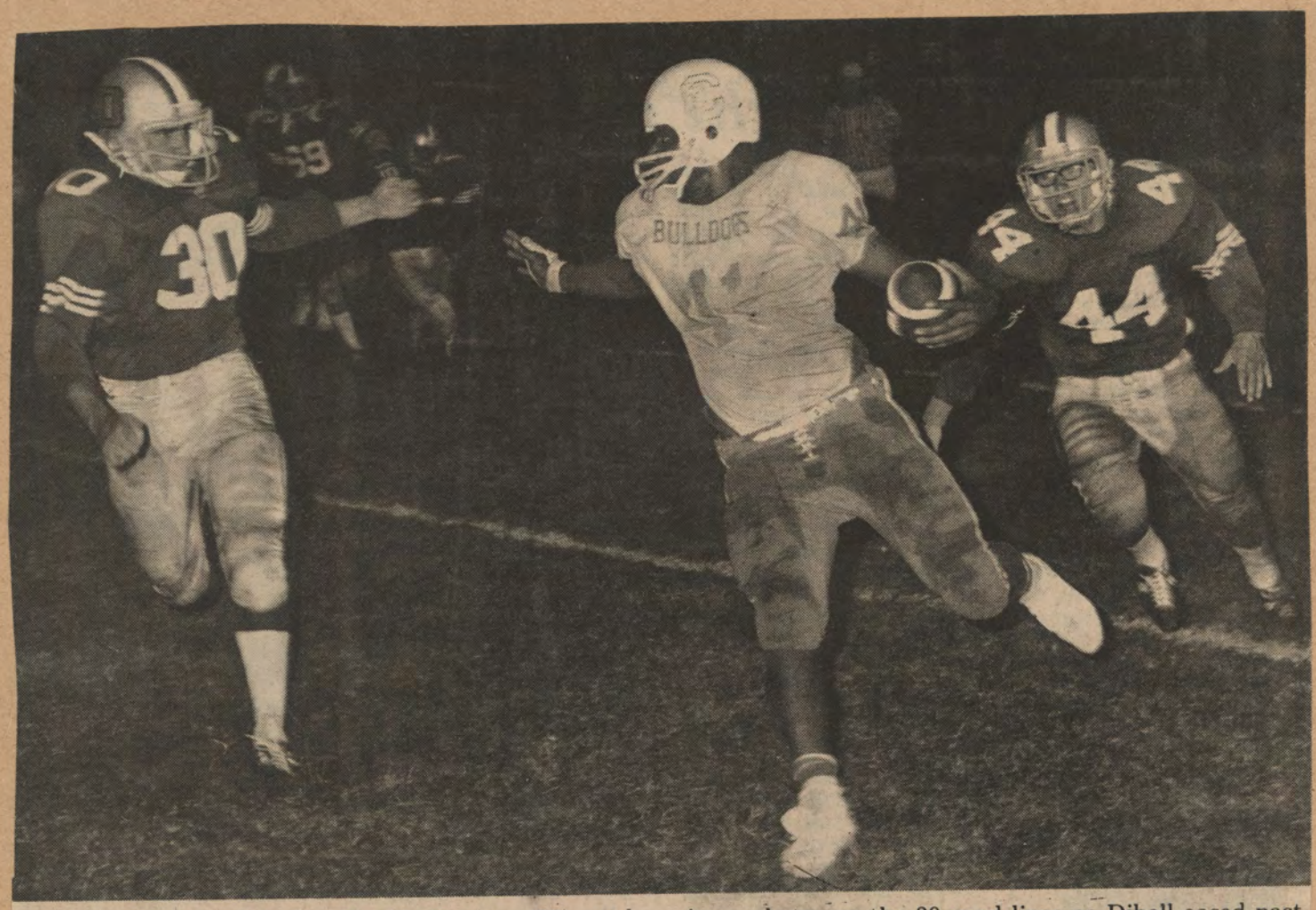
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DHS Band wins first at Doches

The Diboll High School Lumberjack Band won first place among Class AA bands in the annual SFA Homecoming parade in Nacogdoches last Saturday.

It was the second first-place award won by the DHS Band this year. They also won first in the Corrigan Homecoming parade two weeks ago.

The band is directed by Judy Ellison.



WHOA THERE—Diboll's David Porter (30) and Nathan Terrell (44) are about to hem up Corrigan's Don Colquitt on the sidelines in Friday night's game. Colquitt gained 171 yards against the Jacks, but most of it was between the 30 yard lines as Diboll eased past the Bulldogs, 28-6, in the annual homecoming game.

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HOMECOMING QUEENS

MARILYN GRACE and Dora Huizar were co-homecoming queens as Diboll High School marked that annual event at halftime activities of the Diboll-Corrigan game last Friday. They were escorted by Ronnie Baker and Barry Vance. Class princesses were Brenda Sparks and Jean Sheddan, junior class; Armanda Ammons and Diana Lazarine, sophomores; and Pam Delco and Kathy Groom, freshmen. The co-queens of course are seniors. (Free Press Photo)



LUMBERJACK CHEERLEADERS always 'get high' at ballgames, but Pam Delco seems to be unsure of Kaye Murry's perch on the shoulders of Kathy Groom as they cheer for the team. (Free Press Photo)



THE DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL BAND won first place in the annual Stephen F. Austin State University Homecoming parade this year, an initial honor over tough competition for the band. The band had won first place a week earlier in the Corrigan High homecoming against a lesser number of bands. These photos were made at the SFA parade two weeks ago.
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BAND FIRST PLACE WINNER

LUMBERJACK BAND OFFICERS proudly show off the first place trophy the Diboll Lumberjack Band won in the Class AA division of the annual SFA University Homecoming parade recently. Left to right are Dora Huizar, secreatry; Charlotte Harrison, sergeant-at-arms; Dianne Lee, reporter; Ricky Youngblood, president; Dennis Flowers, vice president; Julie Lazarine, treasurer; and Debbie Carter, parliamentarian. Band director is Judy Ellison.

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CAMPUS TIME

By Flossy Eddins



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THESE SENIORS will be playing their final football game as Diboll Lumberjacks and it will be before the home folks Friday night when Diboll hosts league champion Newton. Kneeling are Jerry Rast, Anthony **Delco, Tony Davis, Nathan Terrell and Byron Gordon.** Standing are Gary Smith, Jay Wyatt, Danny Ray Jones, David Porter and Dory Crager.

(Free Press Photo)

Can Diboll score on potent Eagles?

The 1974 football season for the Diboll Lumberjacks is winding down to the final game Friday night and because of a 12-12 tie with Buna four long weeks ago, the Jacks' game with Newton is for nothing but pride.

For the second year in a row the Diboll-Newton battle for the most part is meaningless as far as shootout for the district title is concerned.

Last season the game was built up as the big shootout for all the marbles but a week before the big event the Jacks stumbled at the hands of those same Buna Cougars and the Newton Eagles had the title sewed up before the big matchup was to take place.

The game with Newton could have been a big one had the Jacks gotten by Buna, because it would have given Diboll a 4-1 district record for the Eagle game, who now is 5-0 in district play, with the winner representing District 17-AA in the playoffs.

Newton has yet to be scored on in league play this season, while rolling nearly 40 points per outing.

November 21, 1974

Newton holds for 41-28 win

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THESE MEMBERS of Burlon Wilkerson's speech class at Diboll High School brought back a double handful of ribbons from a speech contest held in Lufkin last Saturday. In front are Ronnie Lewis, Bryan Faircloth, Albert Grumbles, Lauri Durham, Regina Austin, Tina Crawford, Sara Shivers, Vicki Jones and Stephanie Webb. On second row are Jean Greer, Manuela Mata and Cindy Watkins. At top are instructor Wilkerson, Algie Kilgore and Ray Clark. Not pictured are Terry Grigsby, Lisa Burkhalter and Tony Davis. Davis won several ribbons in the competition. (Free Press Photo)



HEADED FOR STATE—The Diboll High School vocational agriculture parliamentary procedure team has won district and area laurels and becomes the first DHS team to advance to the state meet. DHS teams have finished second in area competition, but this is the first time they've captured first place and advanced to state, says Vo-Ag Director Bob McCurry. Team members (left to right) Jerry Redd, Jeff Keels, Danny Harris, David Weeks, Randy Porter and Bobby Beaty will compete with nine other area teams at the state meet Dec. 7 in Huntsville. (Free Press Photo)

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DECEMBER 5, 1974

Second school bond bid opening set for January

For air conditioning, kindergarten building

The Diboll School Board of Trustees will again try to sell those $350,000 in bonds that were voted last May to build new kindergarten classrooms and air condition all buildings in the system except the gymnasiums.

Board voted at its regular meeting last week to have another try at the bonds, with bid opening set for January 7, 1975.

Superintendent Don Robbins said that the bond market hasn't improved that much since the last bids were taken in the summer, although interest rates have declined slightly since that time.

The board figures it needs to sell the bonds early in 1975 if the new kindergarten building and air conditioning project are completed by the time school starts in the Fall of 1975.

In other business at last week's meeting, the board also approved a new program, a 'homebound teacher' who will teach pregnant students in their own homes.

The teacher, Mrs. Theresa King, will be a half unit since the district has three pregnant students at this time. The district can qualify for a full teacher unit if there are as many as three homebound students.

What happens in this case is that pregnant students simply stay at home instead of coming to school, and the teacher goes into their home to teach.

The board also:

• Agreed to think about using funds from 1974 and 1975 to purchase a new school bus. Price of a 72-passenger bus has skyrocketed from $9,000 (paid in 1973) to over $14,000, which is more than the $11,000 budgeted for this year.

• Approved the annual audit.

• Approved various reports, including the 1974 football receipts which were slightly ahead of 1973. Receipts were $11,444.79 this year compared with $11,155.64 last year. Gate receipts were up this year, especially for junior high and junior varsity games.

• Approved modification of the Residence Homestead Exemption to comply with law. Residents over 65 must apply for the exemption anytime between January 1 and April 1 each year.

• Heard Milford Ruby explain that the high school campus does not have adequate fire plugs. Additional plugs at better locations will be requested from the city.

• Set the December board meeting for Tuesday, December 17.



DANNY JONES (52) goes up for a two pointer for the Lumberjacks in Monday night's game here won by Kirbyville, 52-46. Jones scored 12 points in the contest but a late fourth quarter rally by the Jacks fell short after the Wildcats had built an 18 point lead earlier in the game. (Free Press Photo)

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TOMMY ALEXANDER goes high for a jump shot for Diboll in the Kennard game won here last week by Kennard, 75-58. The Jacks return from the holidays for a Saturday night meeting with the Lufkin Panthers in Lufkin. (Free Press Photo)

Wyatt's eight season record equals previous eight coaches at DHS

Stranger things have happened in the world of sports, but after reviewing past and present football records at Diboll High School, an interesting oddity was discovered in the coaching records.

Since 11-man football started back in 1948, DHS has had **eight** head coaches prior to Joe Wyatt.

Wyatt has just finished his **eighth** season at Diboll and has won a total of 52 games in those **eight** years.

All those other **eight** coaches won a combined total of 52 games between them.

Now here's the real oddity.

The previous **eight** coaches scored a total of 1878 points in the 19 seasons before Wyatt came here in 1967.

Wyatt's teams have matched that total exactly, scoring 1878 points in **eight** seasons.

The glaring difference in comparing Wyatt's won-lost record to the other **eight** is in the loss column.

Wyatt's teams have lost only 30 games in **eight** seasons and all the others lost a total of 131.

Diboll's 27 season won-lost mark is 104 wins, 161 losses and six ties, a winning percentage of .392.

Before Wyatt came the won-lost percentage was a poor .240 but in the past **eight** years it has been a good .634 overall.

In the past eight years the Jacks averaged six and a half wins per season while losing 3.5 and before 1967 the average yearly record was 2.7 wins and 6.9 losses.

The first 19 seasons saw the Jacks scoring at an average of just 99 points per season while giving up 244 but since Wyatt has been here the season scoring has just reversed itself with 235 for Diboll and 139 a season for the opponents.

Ervin Dubose is running second to Wyatt in total wins with 12. However his teams lost 28 in the four years he was at the helm.

Jim Simmons has the best winning percentage behind Wyatt, a .474 in two seasons.

Robert Ramsey was the first 11-man coach and in his [illegible] six lost seven but that year four of those losses were by a total of 21 points, one a 3-0 last second loss to Garrison.

The very next season Simmons put it all together, posting a school record 6-3-1 mark.

One of those three losses was an 8-6 homecoming defeat to Elkhart.

Wyatt took up where Simmons left off and after a poor 4-6 start in 1967, he hasn't had a losing season since then.

His teams won the first district title in football in the school's history of 11 man with consecutive crowns in 1970 and 1971 and in the past two or three seasons a late season loss here and there is all that kept them from winning more titles.

Probably the low point in football at DHS came in 1951 when the Jacks finished 0-10 giving up 463 points an[d] scoring only 43.

The Jacks' highest po[int] total in any single game [in a] season was 13 and that c[ame] in a 54-13 loss to Corriga[n] homecoming, of all time[s].

In seven of the ten [years] that season the opp[onents] scored over 40 points a[nd] times over 50. Five ti[mes] Jacks were shutout a[nd] times they were he[ld] single touchdown or[less].

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Lumberjack Basketball Schedule

1- 4	Kennard	T	6:30
	DISTRICT GAMES		
1- 7	Corrigan	H	6:30
1-10	San Aug.	T	6:30
1-14	Hudson	T	6:30
1-17	Bye		
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The Diboll Lumberjacks went on a brief 10-3 scoring spree just before halftime to break open a close game and then held on for a 46-38 win over the Corrigan Bulldogs Tuesday night in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

Diboll held a slim 14-13 lead with 1:47 left in the first half but three quick fast break baskets by Danny Jones, Tommy Alexander and Jay Wyatt and two more by Lester Ray Oliphant and Gandy Stubblefield gave the Jacks a lead of 24-16 at the half.

From that point on the Jacks built up a 12 point lead during the third period and Corrigan could never catch up.

The Jacks got a balanced scoring attack as seven players got in the act.

It was the district zone opener for both teams. Diboll is now 1-0 in zone play and 4-10 on the season.

Corrigan managed 14 in the period but it wasn't enough to overcome the big lead.

The Bulldogs missed 15 free throws in the game and that could have made a difference.

Danny Jones led the Jack scorers with 15 points and Wyatt had 12.

J. P. Sirman led the Bulldog attack with a game high of 20.

In the Junior Varsity game Diboll had an easy time in winning its seventh game of the season against seven loses with a 63-28 win over Corrigan.

The Jack JV jumped to an early 15-4 first period lead and then increased that to 27-12 at halftime.

In the third period Coach James Porter's JV scored 26 points while the Bulldogs were hitting just two field goals to make the score 53-16 going into the final period.

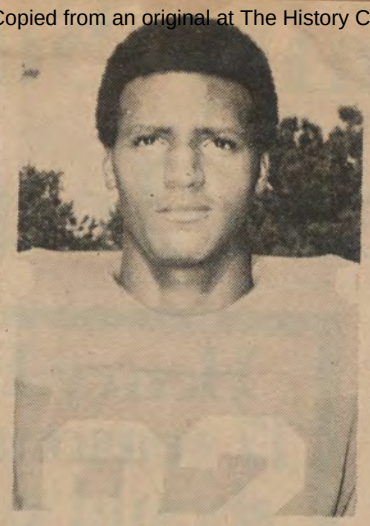
John Fenley led all scorers with 18 points for Diboll followed by Neil McGilvra's 14.

Nine players got in on the scoring for Diboll and Fenley, after going scoreless in the first half, ripped the nets for all his points in the second half.

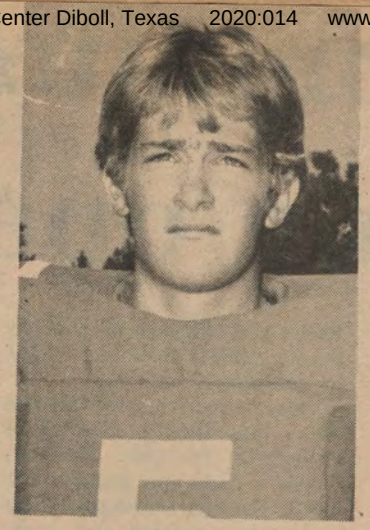
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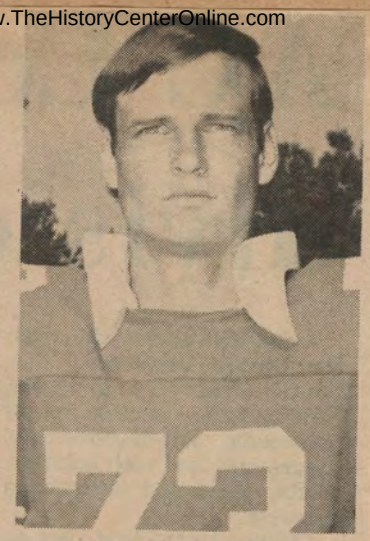
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Jay Wyatt first team

Newton Eagles dominate

quarterback

17-AA all district team

The Class AA state champion Newton Eagles completely dominated the District 17-AA all district team, placing seven on the first team offense and nine on the defensive first team.

Kirbyville placed three men on offense and three on defense followed by Diboll and Hemphill with one each on offense and defense.

Buna and Corrigan had only one man to make either the first offensive or the first defensive team.

Last place San Augustine failed to land a single player on the first team.

Diboll quarterback Jay Wyatt was named to the first offensive team for the third year in a row and linebacker Danny Jones made the first defensive team.

Diboll dominated the second team with six players on offense and defense.

Offensively split end Gandy Stubblefield, who set a school record for pass receptions, was named to the second team along with guard Dory Crager and running back Nathan Terrell.

Named to the second team defense from Diboll were Gary Smith, a lineman, Tommy Alexander at linebacker, and Larry Jansen in the secondary.

Six Lumberjacks made honorable mention with Tony Harrison and Larry Don Cook making it on defense and tight end David Porter, center David Lindsey and linemen Donald Coleman and Ricky Pressley on offense.

Newton placed seven of their 11 offensive starters to the first, headed by running back James Rollins.

Joining Wyatt in the backfield were Rollins and Mike Martin of Newton, Stafford Breed of Kirbyville, and fullback Donald Colquitt of Corrigan.

The second team offensive backfield was made up of Hemphill's Carl White, Willie Lathan of Newton, Mike Hall of Kirbyville and Nathan Terrell of Diboll.

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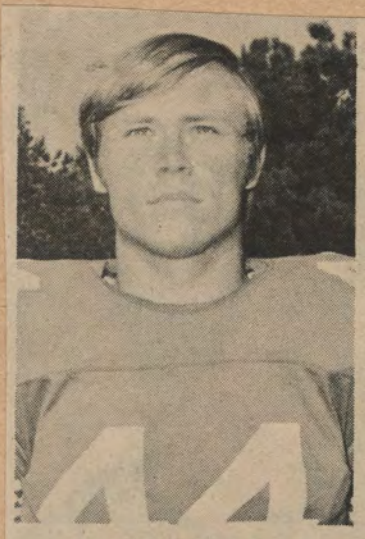
Making up the first and second team offense were 17 seniors, five juniors and three sophomores.

The sophomores all made the second team.

On defense there were 23 seniors, five juniors and two sophomores on the first two teams.

Newton had only one starter named honorable mention and that gave them a total of 22 making the elite team.

Diboll and Kirbyville were next with 14 named to the squad.



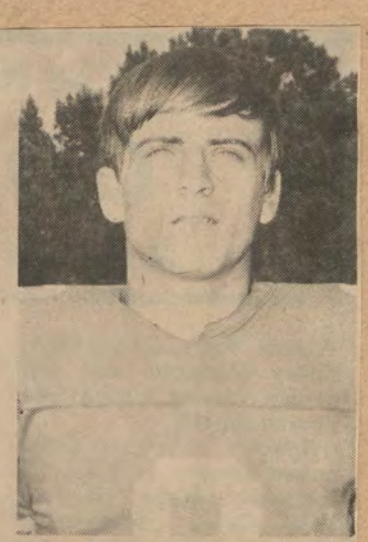
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News Roundup

1 Hurt In Diboll Fight

A fight involving an estimated 200 persons at the Diboll High School gymnasium erupted last night after a basketball game with Corrigan.

One person was taken to Memorial Hospital for treatment as a result of the meelee.

Law enforcement officers from Lufkin Police Department, County Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Public Safety answered a call from Diboll Police for help in quelling the disturbance.

Officers reported that Beverly Goff, 15, 317 Elm Street, Diboll, was taken to Memorial Hospital where she was treated and released after being injured in the affray.

Diboll police Cheif Dewey Wolf said that the fight started after the game was over and most of the crowd was already out of the building when a Diboll girl student began cursing a Corrigan basketball player.

Wolf, the only officer at the game, said that he was outside at the time the incident began and when he got inside he got one boy who was involved and escorted him outside to his police car.

Wolf said that when he attempted to put the boy into the car, he created a distrubance and a large crowd gathered around.

Wolf said that as he took the boy back to the gymnasium, the crowd surged toward the building to get back in and the woman was injured as persons were closing the doors.

There were no arrests made in connection with the incident.

Wolf said that there were a few reports of disturbances in Diboll after the fight but none were major. Wolf said that the incident lasted between 30 to 45 minutes and was not of a racial nature.



TENNIS was the order of the day Saturday as part of the DHS tennis team hosted players from Newton for friendly matches. Left to right are Newton Coach Doyle Warren and players DeLayne Bacon and Nathan Hines being welcomed by Diboll's Tony Davis, Kathy Groom and Coach Linda Dunlap.

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Wolves edge Jacks 64-60 in thriller

Big Mack is drafted by Cleveland Browns

Mrs. Dannie Mitchell admitted that she had been doing her share of bragging Tuesday when it was learned that her son Mack Mitchell had been selected by the Cleveland Browns in the first round of the professional football draft.

"Yessir, I've done my portion of bragging, and I just thank the Lord," said Mrs. Mitchell.

Big Mack, now 22 and finishing a fine career as a defensive end for the Houston Cougars, was the fifth choice in the first round Tuesday.

He will go to Cleveland to talk contract around the middle of February. He comes back to Diboll on February 25 as the center of attention of Mack Mitchell Day.

Mitchell was named to several All American teams this season and has been selected by most professional scouts as certain pro material because of his size, 6-8 and 250, and quickness.

Mitchell's high school football coach, Joe Wyatt, said he was told by Cleveland Browns officials that "Mitchell can play for us right now."

It is not known at this time what bonus or salary Big Mack will receive. But for his mother and other family at the public housing residence in Diboll, the important thing right now is that Mack has made it.

His mother still isn't accustomed to Mack's travels now that he's reached stardom. When Mack called home recently to tell his mother he was going to New York for a banquet, she told him: "Well, you all just come on up Highway 59 and stop in here and I'll have a pot of rice and red beans waiting for you."

Mack explained that they would be flying, not driving to New York, but that the invitation was tempting. It isn't trite to say, however, that Big Mack can put away the food and eating is the highlight of his trips home.

Equally important to Mack is seeing his "number one fan," who is his retarded brother, Harrison.

Mack is the first to credit his success to his mother who, like the rest of the Mitchell family, is a large person. She has counseled closely with the big son and shamed him into "straightening up" when he had grade problems soon after going to Houston.

Mack's father died many years ago and Mrs. Mitchell was left the job of raising the family "the best I could." Mack is the 'baby' of the family.

"I was able to do it with the help of God, Coach Wyatt and a lot of good friends and neighbors," says Mrs. Mitchell.

Nobody is more proud of Mack than Wyatt, who saw the big man's potential early and worked with him in football and track.

"You've got to remember that Mack was barely 17 when he finished high school. That's one of the reasons some people could not see his potential," says Wyatt.

Two people who saw the potential were Houston Coach Bill Yeoman and Coach Guy Lewis. They gave Mack the choice of playing either basketball or football at Houston. Many Dibollians felt Mitchell's only chance was in basketball, claiming he was "not aggressive enough" in football.

Bill Yeoman knew otherwise. At the time Mitchell signed with Houston, Yeoman told The Free Press: "Mack is a big man. Big people often are afraid of hurting smaller people, but you'll see that he'll come around when he gets to Houston where everybody else is big too. If Mack decides to play football, he will be an All American before he leaves Houston."

Yeoman was correct. Mack tried basketball one season, ran into grade problems and dropped out. The next year he had his grades back in shape and went out for football and began his climb to fame as one of the nation's best defensive ends.

Mack was named the outstanding lineman in this year's Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl, then went on to play in the Senior Bowl where he received his first money as a player, $1,350, and the Hula Bowl in Hawaii.

Mack came home and paid some bills with his Senior Bowl money. He likely will have no money problems after he signs his contract with Cleveland—he'll be in the chips and a long way from his modest upbringing in Diboll.

But for all his size, Mack is a gentle person and not likely to forget his mother's sacrifices for him, nor his friends in Diboll—especially when he is close enough to Highway 59 "to drop by for a pot of rice and red beans."



MACK MITCHELL

Mack Mitchell Day slated February 25

Citizens of Diboll will turn out on February 25 to honor their first All American football player, Mack Mitchell.

The special day will be marked by several observances by the school, civic clubs and the city, ending with a banquet that night in his honor.

Location for the banquet will be announced later by the sponsoring Diboll Rotary Club. Chairman Joe Elliott said that tickets and information on the banquet will be planned later this week.

Mitchell probably will be accompanied here by Bill Yeoman, head football coach at the University of Houston, where Big Mack made All American as a defensive end. He was selected by the Cleveland Browns in the first round of this week's professional draft.

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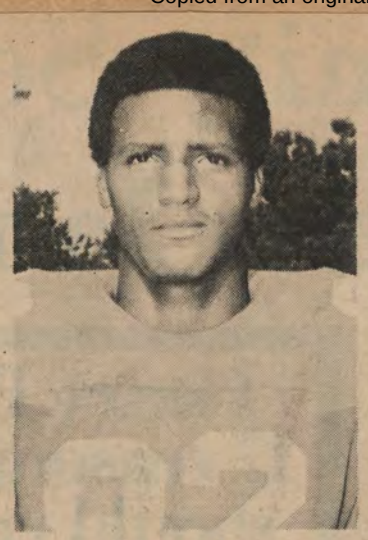
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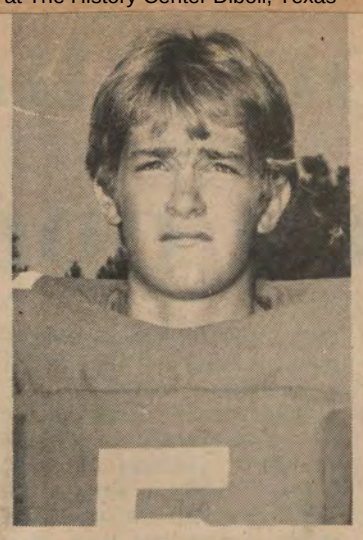
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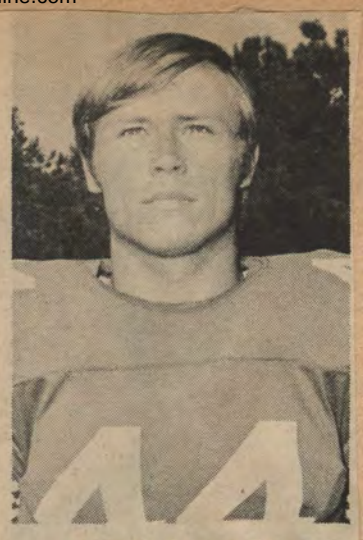
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Newton Eagles dominate 17-AA

The Class AA state champion Newton Eagles completely dominated the District 17-AA all district team, placing seven on the first team offense and nine on the defensive first team.

Kirbyville placed three men on offense and three on defense followed by Diboll and Hemphill with one each on offense and defense.

Buna and Corrigan had only one man to make either the first offensive or the first defensive team.

Last place San Augustine failed to land a single player on the first team.

Diboll quarterback Jay Wyatt was named to the first offensive team for the third year in a row and linebacker Danny Jones made the first defensive team.

Diboll dominated the second team with six players on offense and defense.

Offensively split end Gandy Stubblefield, who set a school record for pass receptions, was named to the second team along with guard Dory Crager and running back Nathan Terrell.

Named to the second team defense from Diboll were Gary Smith, a lineman, Tommy Alexander at linebacker, and Larry Jansen in the secondary.

Six Lumberjacks made honorable mention with Tony Harrison and Larry Don Cook making it on defense and tight end David Porter, center David Lindsey and linemen Donald Coleman and Ricky Pressley on offense.

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Diboll and Kirbyville were next with 14 named to the squad.



DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL Speech Class brought back a handful of ribbons from the Winter Dramatics Festival held at Nacogdoches High School last Saturday. Participants were (left to right) Ronnie Lewis, Meredith Lindsey, Stephanie Webb, Jean Greer, Bryan Faircloth, Lauri Durham, Instructor Burlon Wilkerson, Ray Clark and Algie Kilgore. Not shown are Tony Davis and Terry Grigsby.

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DIBOLL SCHOOL BOARD members are expected to take bids next month on the new kindergarten classrooms and classroom air conditioning. Current board members are (left to right) C. H. Shepherd Jr., James Glover, Mrs. Sandra Pouland, President Richard Albrecht, Carl Pavlic and Stacy Cooke. At right is Superintendent Don Robbins. The terms of Cooke, Glover and Marshall Capps (not shown here) will expire in April.

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Diboll FFA youth in calf scramble

Mark Thompson, Diboll High School FFA member, will compete in the world's largest calf scramble at the February 22 matinee performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eley Thompson of Lufkin.

The calf scramble, a feature of the show since 1942, was started to allow 4-H and FFA boys an opportunity to get started in the beef or dairy cattle business. Winners at each of the rodeo performances receive certificates to buy registered females which they bring back for judging at the next year's livestock show.

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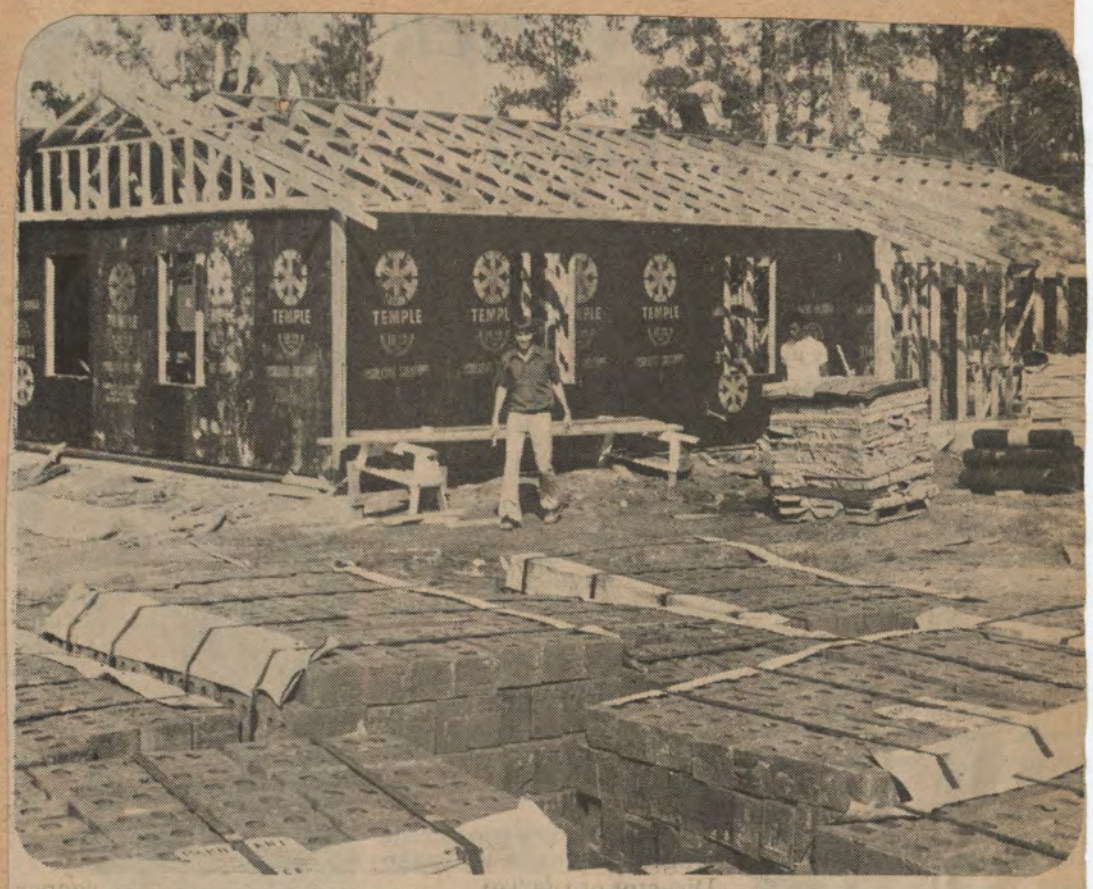
Through the 1975 show, this will include expenditures for beef heifers amounting to $569,825. This money went for 3,874 animals.

During the same years, $665,025 went to boys in the dairy scramble. This covered 3,275 heifers.

Of the 388 boys who compete this year, only half will be winners.

The calf scramble is the fourth event at every rodeo performance. Twenty-eight boys will take part in the beef scrambles, competing for 14 heifers and 24 boys will scramble for 12 dairy calves

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NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION is not at a standstill in Diboll. Duncan Construction of Lufkin has 11 homes in the $21,000 range under construction, three in the O'Hara Addition and eight just off Maynard and South First. Most of the homes are already sold under the Farmers Home Administration plan that requires only a small down payment and monthly payments graduated on annual income. Duncan's Dick Gardemal says the company plans to build several more of the homes in Diboll this year. (Free Press Photo)

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Wyatt joins the Cougars

Jay Wyatt, a three time all-district performer at quarterback for the Diboll Lumberjacks signed with the University of Houston Tuesday.

Wyatt put his name on a Cougar letter and became the fifth Lumberjack to sign with Houston in the past five years.

Houston Assistant Coach Elmer Redd made the trip to Diboll Tuesday for the signing of Wyatt.

The lean senior signal caller for the Jacks holds several school passing records and finally decided on the U of H over such schools as TCU, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Rice, Auburn and SFA.

There were 25 schools interested in Wyatt's services, some as a kicker and others as a quarterback.

Wyatt completed 48 percent of his passes the past three seasons hitting on 215 of 446 for almost 3,000 yards and 34 touchdowns.

As a kicker and punter he scored 89 points and had a three year punting average of 36.0 yards per kick.

Wyatt holds the single season passing record for most touchdowns, 12, and total yards passing in a season with 1,213, both coming in 1972 as a sophomore.

His career totals for completions, passing yards and touchdowns are also a school mark.

In 1971 as a freshman he saw limited action at quarterback and completed only four passes, good for two touchdowns.

As a defensive back Wyatt made the second team all-district squad as a freshman.

After moving to the number one quarterbacking spot as a sophomore, he set the school record for passing yards and TD passes and was named to the first team all-district.

In 1973 the Jacks went to a rushing attack on offense and Wyatt's passing credentials dropped to 48 completions in 104 attempts, 642 yards and 11 touchdowns.

However he still got the coaches' votes for all-district quarterback for the second year in a row and was also picked to the second team defense.

In January of 1974 the all-state teams were released and Wyatt made the first team as a defensive back.

His senior season saw him miss tying the school record of pass completions in a single season by one as he hit on 91 of 167 for 969 yards and nine touchdowns and for the third time in a row he was named as the first team quarterback on the District 17-AA all-district team.

The Lumberjacks won 28 games and lost only 13 and had one district championship in the four years Wyatt was a starter.



THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACK varsity closes out the 1975 season Friday night in Huntington. Members of the team are (front row) John Richard, Anthony Russell, Frank James, Gregg Mullins, Bill Taylor and Burton Bullock. Standing are Coach John McGilvra, Jay Wyatt, Gandy Stubblefield, Tommy Alexander, Don Blake, Danny Jones and Larry Oliver. (Free Press Photo)



WYATT SIGNS WITH HOUSTON

JAY WYATT signed a letter of intent Tuesday to attend the University of Houston. Jay, the son of Head DHS Coach and Mrs. Joe Wyatt, is the 12th Lumberjack to receive a college football scholarship during his father's career at Diboll. Jay set several school records as a Lumberjack quarterback. He was signed Tuesday by Coach Elmer Redd, who also signed Delrick and Elrick Brown, Lester Price and Bobby Harrison of Lufkin to become Cougars this fall. Please see story on the sports page. (Free Press Photo)

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Kenneth Stinson in calf scramble

Kenneth Stinson, 4-H club member, will compete in the world's largest calf scramble at the February 26 evening performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sinson of Diboll.

The calf scramble, a feature of the show since 1942, was started to allow 4-H and FFA boys an opportunity to get started in the beef or dairy cattle business. Winners at each of the rodeo performances receive certificates to buy registered females which they bring back for judging at the next year's livestock show.

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The livestock show, which starts February 19, will be staged in the show's $12.5 Million facility and rodeo performances will be held in the Astrodome February 21-March 2.

Top talent will entertain at the rodeo performances. The Osmonds appear on February 21-22; Helen Reddy on February 23; Conway Twitty, February 24-25; Olivia Newton-John, February 26; Charley Pride, February 27-28 and Charlie Rich, March 1-2.



DIBOLL JUNIOR VARSITY closed out another successful season Friday night in Huntington. Members of Coach James Porter's team are (front row) John Fenley, Neil McGilvra, Bill Brown, Coach Porter, Donald Coleman and Jesus Guerrero. Standing are Pablo Guerrero, Larry Williams, Ricky Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, Isaac Hines, Johnny Lewis, Chris Stewart, Dwayne Coleman and Charles Ligon.
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Six Diboll FFA'ers in Livestock Show

Six members of the Diboll High School FFA Chapter will compete in the junior division of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to be held February 19 through March 2.

Participating members are Ray Anthony, Tony Jennings, Wayne Chance, Randy Pressley, Lisa Burkhalter and Ricky Pressley.

Jesse Bradford is their Vocational Agriculture teacher.

The competition in the junior events is set for the second week of the show when 4-H and FFA boys and girls from all sections of the state will be vying for top premiums and prices.

This is the largest junior livestock show in the country.

These young people will join adult exhibitors in seeking premiums of more than $400,000, a new record for the Houston show. Around 19,000 entries are expected.

Baseball workouts underway

Baseball workouts got underway Monday for the Diboll Lumberjacks and Coach Ted Bullard is optimistic about his team's chances this season.

Bullard signed up 22 boys for the first workouts, quite a contrast to last year when only about 13 showed up the first day.

Returning lettermen for the Jacks this season include a good nucleus.

David Porter, Nathan Terrell, Larry Don Cook, Ricky Conner and Larry Jansen head up some of the starters from last year.

Also back are Johnny Austin, Walter Terrell, Tony Jennings, Randy Pressley, Carroll Saxton and Ricky Pressley.

Bullard indicated that some new faces looked good in the first workouts and could add needed strength to the team.

All the Jack home games will be played in the daylight hours, with district games starting at 3:45 p.m.

The first game will be March 4 in Diboll against Rusk beginning at 4 p.m.

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IN LINE — Burlon Wilkerson, speech and drama teacher at Diboll, right, registers for the festival as Danna Dossett, a Nacogdoches High School drama student and time keeper, looks on. Twenty Texas schools participated in the festival.



JULIA WEISINGER, senior at DHS, recently earned the highest rating in the Betty Crocker "Search for Leadership in Family Living" contest conducted among senior Home Economic students at the school. Miss Weisinger received the Family Leader Award representing "Qualities of understanding and high values that will serve you and others throughout your life." The General Mills Corporation sponsors the contest.

DHS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

MARCH			
3	Rusk	Here	4:00
6	Livingston	There	4:00
11	Rusk	There	4:30
13	Livingston	Here	4:00
18	San Aug.	There	7:30*
21	Hudson	There	7:00*
25	Corrigan	There	3:45*
27	Corrigan	Here	3:45*
APRIL			
8	Huntington	Here	3:45*
11	San Aug.	Here	3:45*
15	Hudson	Here	3:45*
24	Huntington	There	3:45*

*Denotes District Games



MACK MITCHELL'S high school jersey No. 90 was officially retired Tuesday during Mack Mitchell Day ceremonies. The ex-Lumberjack gained recognition to five All America teams while playing defensive end at the University of Houston. Head DHS Coach Joe Wyatt (center) made the announcement at a special assembly as Diboll Mayor Clyde Thompson (right) looked on.

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At Tuesday events

Mack Mitchell praised

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Mack Mitchell was toasted as a great athlete and a warm, hard-working individual Tuesday night as 300 Dibollians and friends gathered in a banquet in his honor that culminated Mack Mitchell Day in Diboll.

The banquet was held at Angelina College cafeteria for Mitchell, the All American football player who was a first round draft choice of the Cleveland Browns.

Coaches and former teammates saluted the big man, and Temple-Eastex Incorporated President Arthur Temple announced creation of a $2,000 scholarship in honor of the ex-University of Houston defensive end.

The $2,000 scholarship from the T.L.L. Temple Foundation in Mitchell's honor will be to the University of Houston. The deserving Diboll High School graduate will be selected by high school officials.

Guest speaker was Houston head coach Bill Yeoman who cited Mack's physical abilities but who also stressed his hard work and fine attitude as reasons for his success at football with the Cougars.

John McGilvra, Mack's basketball coach at DHS, Head DHS Coach Joe Wyatt, and Richard Warner, quarterback of Mack's high school teams gave testimonials to the star.

Warner, a Baylor law school student, stole the evening with his eloquent description of Mack as a high school player who was one of the first to star at DHS after integration.

Joe Elliott, chairman of the day's events, presented gifts to Mack and his mother, Mrs. Dannie Mitchell.

Houston Coach Elmer Redd was also at the head table, along with Al Tabor, a coach with the Cleveland Browns.

Tabor later told The Free Press that the Browns "can use Mack right now" at defensive end. "We're mighty proud to get him."

Yeoman told the crowd that Mitchell, a 6-8, 250-pounder, has the physical requirements to star for any football team. He must, however, continue to show qualities of hard work and good attitude "that have brought him this far," Yeoman said.

In response, Mitchell thanked the friends and admirers for their faith in him and publicly thanked his mother "for being the most responsible for me being where I am today."

A number of Mitchell's U of H teammates were in attendance, including Kelvin McAuliff, Arthur Briles, Harold Evans, Clarence Shelman and Gerald Hill. Another ex-Lumberjack now at Houston, Emmet King, also attended. His father, the Rev. C. L. King, gave the invocation.

State Representative Buddy Temple presented a number of proclamations to Mack from Gov. Dolph Briscoe, State Senator Don Adams, Congressman Charles Wilson and House Speaker Bill Clayton. He also presented Coach Joe Wyatt with a special House resolution and said one honoring Coach John McGilvra would be forthcoming.

Big Mack was honored during the day Tuesday at all three schools, where he submitted to hundreds of autograph seekers.

At Diboll High School, Mack's high school jersey No. 90 was permanently retired by Coach Joe Wyatt, and Student Body President David Porter presented Mitchell with a plaque.

Mayor Clyde Thompson presented Mitchell with a proclamation at the high school designating February 25 as Mack Mitchell Day in Diboll. At the banquet, the mayor presented Mitchell with the official key to the city.

Mitchell was flanked at the banquet by his mother, who raised him and several other children after their father died many years ago, and by his girl friend.

Dr. Russell (Woody) Ingram, president of the Diboll Rotary Club, was master of ceremonies. The Rotary Club and other Diboll organizations sponsored the banquet.



TUESDAY NIGHT was a big moment in Mack Mitchell's life as he was the center of attention of coaches, friends and players. From left are Al Tabor, Cleveland Browns coach; Coach Bill Yeoman of the University of Houston; Mitchell; DHS Head Coach Joe Wyatt; and Diboll banker Joe Elliott, chairman of Mack Mitchell Day activities.

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MACK MITCHELL signed hundreds of autographs Tuesday during Mack Mitchell Day in Diboll, including these for Mrs. James Porter and children, Wendell and Wanda. The ex-DHS footballer was a first round draft choice of the Cleveland Browns after making several All American teams as a defensive end for the Houston Cougars. (Free Press Photo)

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TOP TEENAGERS — Diboll High School Principal Bill Greer (left) announced this week that four DHS students have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers in America. They are (from left) Jeanette Weeks, Jay Wyatt, Dianne Pavlic and Jerry McCloud. (Free Press Photo)

Four DHS students in top teenager category

Four Diboll High School students have been selected as outstanding teenagers of America for 1975.

They are Jerry Lester McCloud, Freddie Jeanette Weeks, Elna Dianne Pavlic and Jay Wyatt.

Selection for the outstanding teenagers awards program automatically qualified these students for further state, regional and national honors.

The outstanding teenagers, who are nominated by their school principals, are chosen for excellence in academic achievement and community service.

These students will now vie for the Outstanding Teenager of the Year trophies to be presented in May 1975. Similar trophies will be presented to the state winners. The state winners are selected by the Outstanding Teenagers Awards Selection Committee, in cooperation with the Board of Advisors.

The 51 state winners will be eligible for awards totaling $7,000. One boy and one girl will be chosen for national scholarships of $1,000 to the college or university of their choice. Also the ten regional winners will be selected from the remaining state winners to receive $500 regional scholarships.

Under the guidance of the Board of Advisors, the Outstanding Teenagers of America program was created to encourage young people to take full advantage of the opportunities in our country. The awards are presented each spring and the biographies in all those honored are recorded in the annual volume, "Outstanding Teenagers of America," which is published by Fuller & Dees.

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Diboll chapter set for Junior Livestock Show

The Angelina County Chamber of Commerce sponsored Junior Livestock Show will be held at the rodeo grounds in Lufkin next Tuesday, March 11.

Judging of animals will start at 1 p.m. and the sale of steers will begin at 6 p.m.

The following Diboll FFA students will be showing breeding animals in the show:

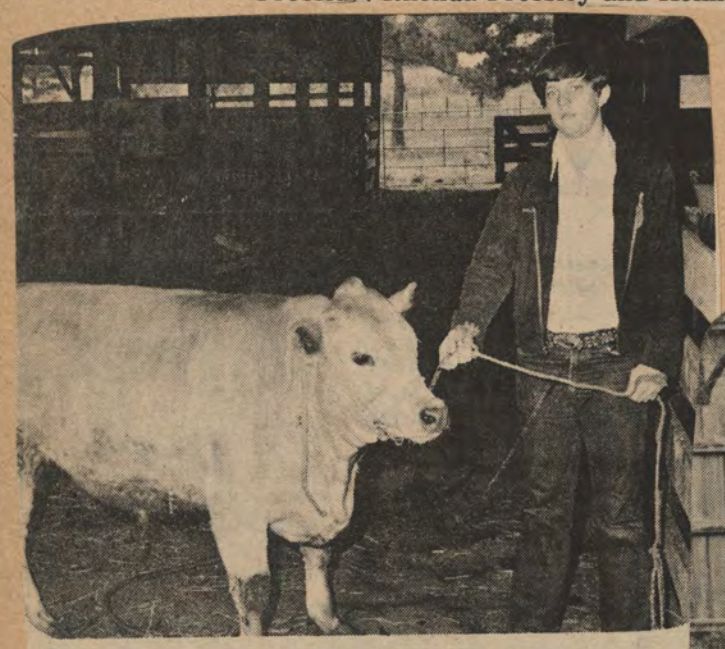
Randy Pressley, Brahman heifer; Ricky Pressley, Brahman heifer; Tony Jennings, Hereford heifer; Lisa Burkhalter, Angus heifer; Wayne Chance, Hereford bull and heifer; Ray Anthony, Brown Swiss heifer; Vance Maddox, Brahman bull; Donnie Stinson, Charolais heifer; and Randy Porter, Hereford cow.

These Diboll FFA students will be showing steers:

Mark Thompson, Tim Allen, Vicki Jones, David Weeks, Dennis Crager, Joe Loftin, Jeff Keels, Keith Lee, Glenn Douglas, Russell Skoug, Ricky Torbert, Ray Anthony, Pam Havard, Ricky Pressley, Randy Pressley. Rhonda Pressley and Kenneth Stinson.



Ricky Pressley



Glenn Douglas



Vicki Jones



Keith Lee

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DHS BUILDING TRADES students are shown with the projects which won awards at the District VICA contests last weekend. Left to right are Instructor Hogue Forrest, Wayne Clark, Michael McGuire, David Porter, Dory Crager, John Richards, Steve Martinez, Lewis Ivy, Don Blake, Ramiro Perez, Tony Rice, Burton Bullock and Esteban Cavazos.

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DON BLAKE won first place in speed skills at the District VICA contests held last weekend. Don will represent the district at the state meet and is the fifth DHS student to win the contest at district under the tutorship of Building Trades Instructor Hogue Forrest (right). (Free Press Photo)

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DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL band students who won honors in the Solo and Ensemble Contests held at Nacogdoches earlier this month were (left to right) Jean Greer, Patricia Settler, Susan Hines, Diana Lazarine, Julie Lazarine, Dianne Lee, Debbie Carter, Deborah Wilson, Lisa Burkhalter, Dennis Flowers, Kathy Gartman, Ricky Youngblood, Barbara Maynard, Evelyn Carr, Tammy Ivey, Stephanie Webb, Suzy Mills and Lauri Durham. The groups were directed by DHS Band Director Judy Ellison. (Free Press Photo)

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At Diboll High School

Discipline promised after Tuesday fight

The Diboll School Board has promised strict discipline in dealing with student troublemakers after a fight erupted Tuesday at the high school between a few white and black students.

The board met in special session Tuesday night and about 50 white people who learned of the meeting were there to protest what they called the leniency of administration and teachers toward troublemakers.

No action could be taken by the board because of a 72-hour notice requirement. Members had been convened to hear accounts of Tuesday's trouble.

DHS Principal Bill Greer read a number of written accounts of the Tuesday fight from teachers.

The problem apparently started between classes when a black student reportedly stood in front of a white student's locker. The white student reportedly asked the other student to move and when he did not, the white student 'moved him.'

Toward the end of the ensuing class, the black student reportedly 'dived across a row of desks' on top of the white student and a up the fighters including, according to the reports, at least three black students who tried to assist teachers in separating the fighters and the throng.

One white student was injured about the face or head and another was reportedly hit in the head with a rake, a large comb carried by many black students. Principal Greer said it appeared from his initial investigation that about seven students were actively involved.

There were reports that some white students then left the campus to arm themselves. Police, however, said that their search later turned up only one loaded .22 rifle in a car and that the owner denied knowing there was trouble on the campus.

The campus was in a state of flux the remainder of the day. A number of students went home; some said they were sent home. There were other smaller incidents during the day but no reports of injury.

The school usually is hit by student unrest in the early Spring. One official said Tuesday's incident was not much different from others that had occurred, and that it had been ballooned out of proportion.

Adults at Tuesday night's meeting voiced concern that black females intimidate white females at school; that blacks carry rakes which can be used as weapons; that administration does not back up teachers in disciplinary actions; that some teachers look the other way when some students cause problems; and that black students are allowed to 'get away' with actions for which white students are disciplined.

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are the school's chief disciplinary procedures.

Board members wanted to know why the parents had not approached the board before now with complaints. About a dozen responded, saying that their children fear reprisals from black students if they complain of being pinched or cursed.

Other parents requested that the board make it unlawful for rakes to be carried. Greer and Robbins said that the staff cannot actually search students, but can ask them to empty their pockets.

One mother suggested that a detention room system now employed in Lufkin schools might be worthwhile. Supt. Robbins said such systems have been tried by a number of schools but later abandoned.

The discussion ranged into other areas, including a concern that marijuana "is used regularly" on the campus, including inside restrooms.

Robbins replied that these reports are always checked out, but he reminded the group that new laws now offer some protection to people possessing small amounts of marijuana.

One DHS teacher who came here at midterm was at the meeting. She stood up and said she was not given complete support in disciplinary matters. Board member Marshall Capps responded that "the board will see to it that you are given support" from now on.

Board President Richard Albrecht said that the board in recent months had been made aware of the growing use of profanity and other misconduct by students and that the superintendent had been instructed to alert teachers that "the board is behind them 100 percent" in disciplining unruly students.

Board member Carl Pavlic agreed that teachers must be given more authority "but we must be color blind in this."

Supt. Robbins stressed that the school has "but one set of rules" and that those who break the rules are punished. He said, however, that officials must move with rules and regulations, "the laws and the courts" in meting out punishment.

It was generally agreed that more interested parents are needed to clear up differences. Robbins said that no parents appeared before the board in the last two student suspensions.

"What we need are more parents interested in their children," said Board member Mrs. Sandra Pouland.

Member Stacy Cooke said that schools are "hamstrung by the courts" in some areas.

Member C. H. Shepherd said solution of the problems would require "a lot of people working together." "If any place can figure out the right answer, I think we can do it here in Diboll," he said.

Albrecht adjourned the meeting after two hours. He said the board at its regular meeting this Thursday will consider Tuesday's incidents further, along with whatever disciplinary actions are brought forth by the administration.

Officials said at noon Wednesday that the campus was quiet and orderly that morning following the day of unrest.

Board expels two students

The Diboll School Board in a marathon session Tuesday night dealt with discipline problems. Two students involved in last week's unrest at the school were expelled for the remainder of the semester.

Other discipline problems were discussed at length in the meeting that lasted far into the night, said Superintendent Don Robbins.

In other action Tuesday, the board awarded new two year contracts to all principals.

Most of the meeting was in executive sessions.

Enrollment was back near normal this week and officials reported school progressing normally.

The board in its regular meeting last Thursday, which was attended by about 150 people, moved to ban the 'cake cutter' or rake on any school campus. That ruling was effective Monday.

Superintendent Robbins said the rake can be used as a weapon and is allowed in no other area schools that he knows of.

The board also adopted Robbins' suggestion of establishing advisory groups at all three schools to discuss school policies and problems and offer suggestions to school officials.

Citizens interested in serving on these advisory groups can contact Superintendent Robbins.

The advisory panel at DHS will consist of teachers, parents and students. The panels at Temple School and Diboll Elementary will consist of teachers and parents.

Several citizens voiced opinions at the meeting. Bert Lindsey said he lived in Diboll because he wanted to and because he feels it is the best city in the world. But the school has a problem, a lack of discipline, Lindsey said. The school board should instruct the administration to straighten out the problem immediately "or we should get an administration that can," he said.

Henry Ligon said that parents should not allow temporary problems between our children to tear down what adults have built together in Diboll.

Parents at the meeting, both black and white, appeared in agreement that they want more discipline and will support the school in dealing it out.

One woman criticized last week's Free Press account of a meeting, saying the newspaper reported "only things about blacks." A newspaper representative tried to explain that the story recounted what was said and what took place at the meeting, and not a newspaper opinion.

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DIBOLL FFA

What Rodeo Parade would be complete without plenty of horses. Lufkin's Rodeo Parade featured its share. These two members of the Diboll FFA ride side by side in yesterday's Rodeo Parade through downtown Lufkin.

MINI-WAGON

Sara Shivers, Diboll FFA Sweetheart, and Jessie Bradford make their way through downtown Lufkin in the Rodeo Parade. Despite threatening weather, a large turnout showed up.

Kathy Groom singles champ

The District 17-AA tennis meet was held in Nacogdoches last week and two Diboll High School players earned the right to advance to the regional meet later this month.

Kathy Groom came away with the girls singles title and Jimmy McClain won second place in the men's singles.

Groom will go on to Brenham for the regional matches but McClain will pass up the regional tennis match in favor of golf since the two meets are on the same day.



KATHY GROOM
Close in regional playoff

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Local schools to begin quarter system in Fall

By CAROLYN COCKRELL

Along with all other schools in the state, Diboll will incorporate a form of the "quarter system" this Fall and according to Superintendent Don Robbins, few changes are expected right away.

The crux of the Diboll plan will allow for new course offerings and three 60-day quarters instead of the two 90-day semesters.

"The greatest advantage in the quarter system as adopted by the State of Texas is that it allows for more flexibility in planning course offerings," said Superintendent Robbins. "We will be able to plan for more creative courses — those which may be career oriented or highly specialized."

Robbins said that the independent school districts have complete freedom in choosing new courses as long as they are approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Classes in Diboll High School will remain 55-60 minutes long though some schools have adopted 80 minute classes under the semester plan.

"We still have six period days and at this point there is no provision for a student to graduate before the usual four years," Robbins said. "We have no summer program in our plan."

"The time scheduling of classes at the high school will not be affected, but the elementary school's schedule will be. At this point we are not prepared to release any time changes for the elementary school," said Robbins.

Robbins warned that the quarter system will take some getting used to and will require a lot of participation in idea-sharing between teachers and students.

"Our teachers here in the high school are pretty well reconciled to the new system and are looking forward to it. It's not going to affect the elementary school that much," he said.

As far as course changes are concerned, Robbins noted that he is looking into the possibility of offering a career English as well as college bound English next year.

This type of English would modify what the students are getting in the college preparatory class. It is directed toward the practical, everyday uses of the language.

Also, Robbins said that the required courses of government will be offered for two quarters and an elective government course called Advanced Texas Studies may be taken.

As for physical education, the Diboll district now requires four years of P.E., but is considering offering certain "lifetime" sports as electives.

"Of course the versatility with our curriculum depends entirely on the personnel we have to teach the courses. We hope we can hire some new personnel, but most of the new courses will be taught by our present faculty," Robbins said.

He explained that a student may repeat a third of the course instead of repeating the whole year, as practiced in the past.

"For instance, courses may be divided into topics or units over three quarters. If a student fails only one of the units but passes the other two, he only has to repeat next year that part which he

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failed. As it now stands, when a student fails the first semester and doesn't make well enough the second semester to bring the average to passing even though he passed the second quarter, he has to repeat the entire course."

Robbins thinks that a student who gets lost in a course the first six weeks and stuck in the class for the rest of the year, knowing he likely will not pass, is bored and doesn't try.

Though the quarter system is still in its planning stages in Diboll, Superintendent Robbins says that many changes will occur in the curriculum before things run smoothly.

"In the larger, richer schools, the administration plans on the combined initiatives of the students and teachers. We aren't able at this point to plan in this manner, without the adequate personnel and in some cases the talent a course requires. But we are leaving suggestions open," Robbins said.

Some schools in the State have tried the quarter system and have been disappointed in it, said Robbins. Diboll will get its chance to decide the program's merits this Fall.

Diboll golfers take District 17-AA title

The Diboll Lumberjack golf team of David Lindsey, Jay Wyatt, Gandy Stubblefield, Jimmy McClain and Bryan Faircloth easily won the District 17-AA golf championship Monday in San Augustine.

The Jacks shot a 338, far ahead of Kirbyville and San Augustine who finished with identical 425 scores.

Lindsey won the medalist honor with an 80 as Wyatt, Stubblefield and McClain all came in with 86's and Faircloth shot a 95.

Coach Joe Wyatt and his golfers will go to region April 25 and 26 in Brenham.

McClain, who won second in the men's singles of the 17-AA tennis tournament, will pass up the regional tennis matches for golf since both events are held the same day in Brenham.

The Diboll girls golf team didn't fare as well but did manage to come in third place in the District 17-AA tourney.

The Diboll girls had been practicing only two weeks. The team is made up of five freshmen, one sophomore and a junior.

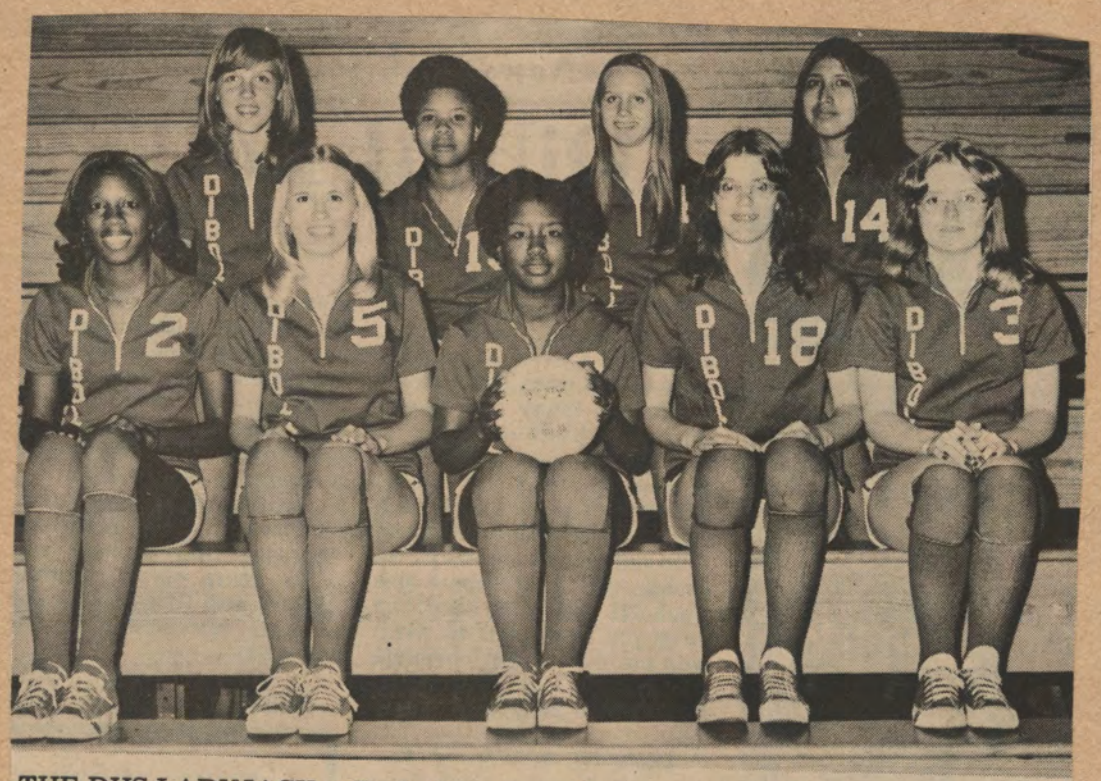
Members of the team are Anne Cooke, Kathy Gartman, Lauri Durham, Mary Ann Carter, Jean Greer, Carolyn Cheavens and Dianne Lee.

Kirbyville had two teams in the tournament and the Wildcats took home first and second places with scores of 433 and 495 while Diboll's third place team shot a 582.

The San Augustine girls came in fourth, far back with a score of 638.

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Bi-district title eludes Ladyjacks



THE DHS LADYJACK volleyball team won the district championship for the fourth straight year but lost its bi-district game to Anahuac on Tuesday night in Huntsville. Members of Coach Linda Dunlap's team this season are (front row) Debra Johnson, Kaye Murry, Brenda Sparks, Betty Baldwin and Becky Skoug. In back are Kathy Groom, Marilyn Joshua, Jan Glover and Othelda Bullock.

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Jay Wyatt selected to play for South Stars



DIBOLL'S JAY WYATT
Will play in All Star game

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...RLS TRACK TEAM finished ... district meet held last week. ...its infancy, the girls track ...been amazingly successful. ... the team this year are Mitzi Jordan, Jan Glover, Dora Huizar and Manuela Mata. Standing are Betty Baldwin, Manager Kim Baldree, Kaye Murry, Coach Linda Dunlap, Barbara Miller and Juanita Melanders.

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Girls fall in region

The Diboll Ladyjack track team didn't fare too well in the regional meet in Brenham last week and no one qualified for the state meet.

Coach Linda Dunlap's girls did show improvement in distances and times over their efforts in the District 17-AA meet a week ago but the field at Brenham was simply too fast.

No one from District 17-AA qualified for the state meet, including district champion Huntington.

In regional tennis play, Diboll's Kathy Groom came close but failed to qualify for the state meet after winning the girls' singles title in the district meet.

Diboll wins 17-AA JV meet at Buna

The Diboll Lumberjack junior varsity track team helped salvage an otherwise dismal year by winning the JV division of the District 17-AA track and field meet in Buna Monday.

Diboll scored a total of 131½ points to runner-up Newton's 109½.

Corrigan edged out host Buna 91-81 for third place, followed by San Augustine, Hemphill and Kirbyville.

Coach Ted Bullard's Jacks came out of the field events with a slight lead and fought off Newton the rest of the way.

The big turning point in the meet came in the mile run when the Jacks came in with a surprising 2-3-5 finish for 16 points and that just about broke it open.

The Jacks racked up four first place finishes, four seconds, and six third places that were good for 124 of their total points for the day.

In the field events Keith Lee came through for the Jacks on his final toss and with a fifth in the pole vault.

The Jack sprint relay team of Joe Sheddan, Stubblefield, Harrison and Porter sprinted to a first place in that event with Porter coming on strong at the finish to break the tape.

Randy Pressley and Issac Hines came in 2-3 in the 880 for 14 more points as the Jacks continued to hold off Newton's charges.

In the hurdles, David Lindsey came in second in the 120 yard high hurdles and Stubblefield teamed with Lindsey in the 330 yard intermediate hurdles to pick up a second and third place respectively.

Joe Sheddan turned on a burst of speed to cop third place in the 220 yard dash after finishing tied for sixth in the 100.

Then came the mile run, an event the Jacks weren't supposed to do well in.

Dennis Crager finished

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THREE NEW MEMBERS were inducted into the National Honor Society at Diboll High School last week. They were (at left) Ted Mullins, Martha Grumbles and David Weeks. Other NHS members participating in the ceremony were Dianne Pavlic, Jeanette Weeks, Jay Wyatt, Nancy Ward, Flossy Eddins and Dick Albrecht.

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Diboll School Honor Rolls

Honor rolls for the fifth six weeks have been released by Diboll School officials.

Those named to the honor rolls at the three Diboll campuses are:

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Third grade, all A's: Tammy Breland, Paul Hale, Ted Cheavens, Ricky Hendrick, Renae Campbell, Jamey Miller, Laura Nethery and Ezequias Lerma.

Third grade, all A's except for one B: Robin Squyres, Edwin Quarles, Deborah Register, Kathy Griggs, Elizabeth Kelsey, Esteban Guerrero, Frank Mitchell, Robert Ellison, Karen Carnley, Jeff Nicholson and Sandie Capps.

Fourth grade, all A's: Shannon Farrow, Melissa Albrecht, Kevin Hurley, Joe Allen and Becky Spaine.

Fourth grade, all A's except for one B: Cherie Clark, Morris White, Reginald Barnes, Shelia Jones, Allison Lazarine, Bettina Wolf, Gregory Sudduth and Leticia Silguero.

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Fifth grade, all A's: Diane Cook, Carol Cooke, Melissa Fairchild, Jennie Ferguson, Michelle Hall, Marjorie Harris, Orville Harrison, Mark Hines, Doreen Holt, Cathy Scarbrough, Susan Taylor, Jill Ward and Nancy Wells.

Fifth grade, all A's except for one B: Sharon Breazeale, Kevin Clark, Harlan Faircloth, Kim Goins and Jimmy Nethery.

Sixth grade, all A's: Michael Amason, Marty Grantham, Mark Holubec and Barry Tate.

Sixth grade, all A's except for one B: Roy McCall, Charles Mettlen, Brian Miller, Sherri Smith and Donna Wright.

Seventh grade, all A's: Paul Bradshaw, Susie Capps, Tonya Clark, Susan Maples, Janet Price, Gregg Spivey and Manuela Vasquez.

Seventh grade, all A's except for one B: Donald Harris, Kathy McWilliams, Ronnie Pavlic, John Wojhan and Kim Milligan.

Eighth grade, all A's: Suzanne Burkhalter, Robin Clark, Irvin McWilliams, Gerald Malanders, Darlene Norris, Thomas Steward and Shelia Wheeler.

Eighth grade, all A's except for one B: Jeff Barker, Tina Grantham, Dortha Hendrick, Nicki Moore, Belinda Tatum and Lanny Wilkerson.

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, all A's: Darlene Breazeale, Lisa Burkhalter, Mary Ann Carter, Lauri Durham and Brad Wyatt.

Freshmen, all A's except for one B: Donald Burnette, Jean Greer, Kathy Groom, Jeanette Hutcheson, Teresa Jansen and Sally Russell.

Sophomores, all A's: Pablo Guerrero, Danny Harris, David Weeks and Ted Mullins.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Susan Hines, Barbara Maynard and Carolyn McDuffie.

Juniors, all A's: Richard Albrecht, Cindy Grandgeorge, Martha Grumbles, Shirley Porter and David Turner.

Juniors, all A's except for one B: Julie Lazarine and Vickie Russell.

Seniors, all A's: Flossy Eddins, Kaye Murry, Nancy Ward, Jeanette Weeks, Julie Weisinger and Dianne Pavlic.



THIS GROUP of Diboll High School students have been taking advantage this year of a number of special seminars at Stephen F. Austin State University. In front are Dianne Lee, Kaye Murry, Martha Grumbles, Julie Lazarine, Flossy Eddins, Jeanette Weeks, Dick Albrecht and Benny Dominey. In back are Ted Mullins, Doug Cooke, Ricky Pressley, Cindy Grandgeorge, Jerry McCloud, Dianne Pavlic, Valerie Criswell, Nancy Ward, Debra Johnson and David Turner. Region VII Educational Service Center and SFA University sponsored the series of "Talented Youth Seminars" during the year. The seminars were designed for the exceptionally talented high school juniors and seniors in the 12-county region, and these DHS students participated in eight of the seminars.

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School advisory groups meeting

Monday, April 28, a joint meeting of the three advisory committees for Diboll High School met in the school library. The purpose of this meeting was to formulate common goals for the three bodies.

Don Harrison served as chairman for the session, and Geneva Jordan as recording secretary. Reports were heard from each of the committees and the group discussed each in some detail.

The group decided upon several common goals to be shared by all committees. These included a proposal that students who display repeated disruptive behavior in the classroom be asked to appear, with his parents, before the Parent Advisory Committee.

The Students Advisory Committee's recommendation adopted by the entire body concerned increased availability of extra-curricular activities for the students.

The group also agreed that continued publicity of all three committees and their purposes should be maintained.

The Faculty Advisory Committee's recommendation that school policies involving the students be published in The Free Press was approved, as was the proposal for assemblies early in the next school year to inform the student body of existing rules and regulations concerning their conduct at school.

The group also endorsed the goal for more faculty meetings on the high school campus.

The meeting adjourned with the three committees agreeing to meet in joint session when such a session was deemed necessary.



BAND AWARD — Charlotte Harrison, Dora Huizar, Dennis Flowers and Ricky Youngblood proudly display the U.I.L. sight reading plaque won by the Diboll High School Band April 24 in Kilgore.

The band under the direction of Miss Judy Ellison will present their annual Spring Concert Tuesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. The public is invited to attend.

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MR AND MISS DHS

JAY WYATT and Dianne Pavlic have been selected Mr. and Miss Diboll High School for this year. Dianne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pavlic. She is a member of the National Honor Society, an Outstanding Teenager of America, has been a cheerleader for four years and held numerous class offices. Jay, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wyatt, is also a member of the National Honor Society, and Outstanding Teenager of America, and has been an outstanding three sport athlete at DHS and will attend the University of Houston on an athletic scholarship.

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Seniors graduate Tuesday

Graduation exercises for the 1975 senior class at Diboll High School will be held next Tuesday, May 27, beginning at 8 p.m. in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

The program lists 64 members of the class as probable graduates, about the same as other recent classes.

Principal talks at the exercises will be given by Student Council President Jerry McCloud and by Senior Class President Dorry Crager.

Members of the class are John Marlin Austin, Regina Alice Austin, William Matthew Bradshaw, Rebecca Alice Bunch, James Ray Carr, Esteban Cavazos, Randy Lee Chumley, David Wayne Clark, and Corry Guss Crager.

Also, Dorry Russ Crager, Thomas Eugene Davis, Anthony Dewayne Delco, Florence Favre Eddins, Vergie Evone Finley, Dennis Ray Flowers, and Mavis Rene Goff.

Also, Marilyn Louise Grace, Earnest Kent Hannah, Dena Lynn Hanson, Curtis O'Dale Harper, Charlotte Dianne Harrison, James Allen Holt Jr., and David Michael Hood.

Also, Deborah Anne Hubbard, Renee Hughes, Dora Jean Huizar, Danny Ray Jones, William Ray Kilgore Jr., Steve Martinez, Arthur Lynn Mason, Manuela Mata, and Jerry Lester McCloud.

Also, Marian Kaye Murry, William Jordan Oates Jr., Elna Dianne Pavlic, Ramiro Perez, Mary Katherine Peters, Howard R. Phipps, Jimmy Phipps, and David Wayne Porter.

Also, Jery Wayne Rast, Suzanne Baskette Rast, James Howard Redd, Billie Jo Register, John Winston Richard, and Loretta Ann Shipp.

Also, Sara Ann Shivers, Gary Mike Smith, James Carol Smith, Wanda Joyce Stinson, Regena Gay Strong, Bill Dean Taylor, and Nathan Earl Terrell.

Also, Kim Marie Turner, Danny Ray Vardeman, Nancy Elise Ward, Richard Dale Ward, and Theresa Ann Weatherford.

Also, Julia Ann Weisinger, Freddie Jeanette Weeks, Jeffery Lynn Williams, James Jay Wyatt, Noel Drew Yates, and Ricky Youngblood.

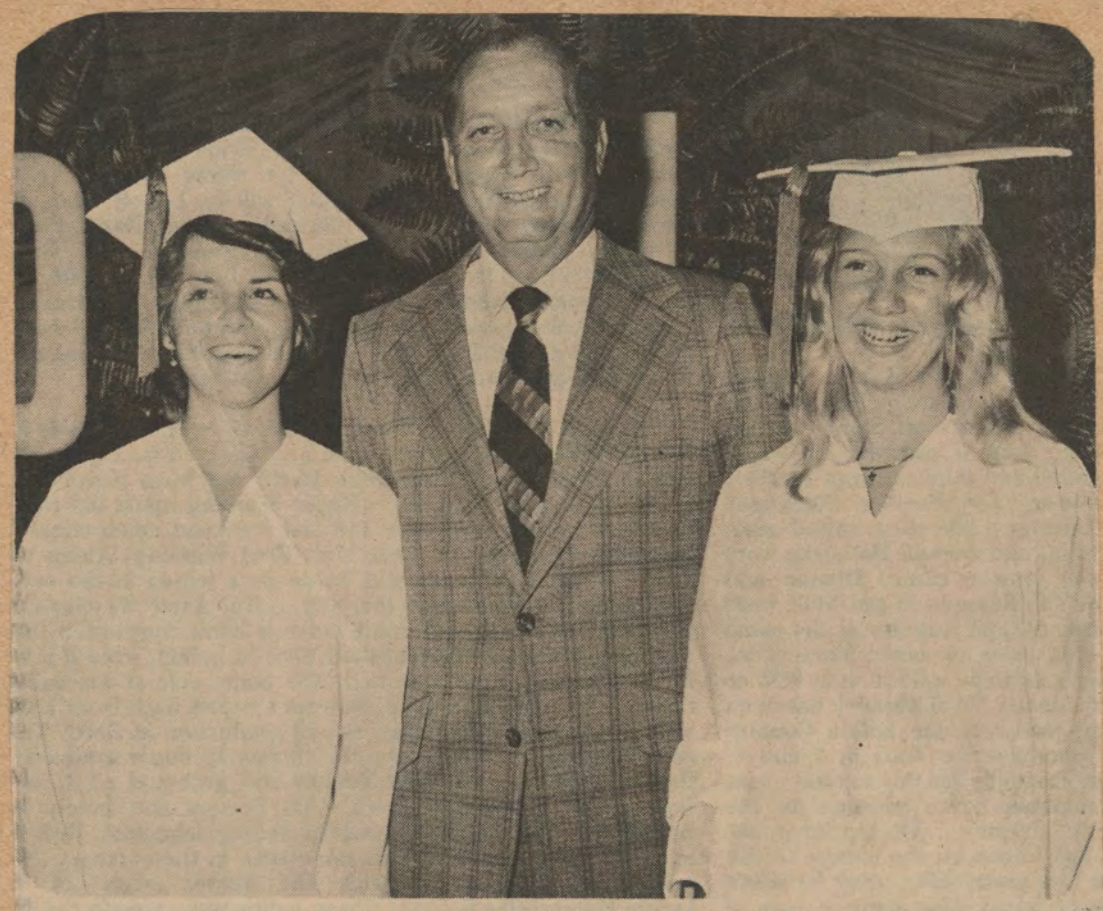
Members of the National Honor Society are Miss Eddins, Miss Pavlic, Miss Shivers, Miss Ward, Miss Weeks and Jay Wyatt.

Ushers will be Dianne Lee, Valrie Criswell, Debbie Carter, Douglas Cooke, Frank James and Bennie Dominey.

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THEY'RE TOPS

JEANETTE WEEKS (left) was valedictorian of the DHS graduating class with a four year grade average of 97.65, and Flossy Eddins (right) was salutatorian with an average of 96.07. Superintendent Don Robbins presented their scholarship offers at graduation exercises Tuesday night. Third ranking student was Nancy Ward with an average of 95.36. (Free Press Photo)

Weeks, Eddins finish at head of DHS class

Jeanette Weeks was valedictorian, Flossy Eddins was salutatorian and Jay Wyatt was high ranking boy of the 64-member Diboll High School graduating class that received diplomas here Tuesday night.

Miss Weeks, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weeks Jr. finished with a four year average of 97.65, while Miss Eddins, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Eddins, had a four year average of 96.07.

Jay Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wyatt, had a four year average of 91.40. He was sixth in the top ten.

Third high ranking student was Nancy Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Ward with a 95.36 average; fourth was Dianne Pavlic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pavlic with a 93.41 average; and fifth was Sara Shivers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shivers with a 92.93 average.

Seventh ranking student was Julie Weisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junious Weisinger with a 91.38 average; eighth was Jerry McCloud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie McCloud with an 87.58 average; ninth was Wayne Clark, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Neyland, with an 86.60 average; and tenth ranking student was Dora Huizar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Huizar with an 86.55.

The usual scholarships were presented the valedictorian and salutatorian, and a number of other scholarships were presented including:

- Pilot Club of Diboll scholarship to Nancy Ward.
- Diboll Jaycee scholarship to Kaye Murry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Murry.
- Alpha Eta Alpha scholarship to Dena Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fox.
- Temple Alumni Club scholarship and SFA assistance scholarship to Jerry McCloud.
- Mack Mitchell scholarship for $2,000 to Nathan Terrell, scholarship established by the Temple Foundation.
- Texas College in Tyler scholarship

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SEVEN OF THE TOP TEN graduating seniors at Diboll High School this year are (left to right) Julie Weisinger, seventh; Jeanette Weeks, valedictorian; Jerry McCloud, eighth; Sara Shivers, fifth; Flossy Eddins, salutatorian; Jay Wyatt, sixth and top ranking boy; and Dianne Pavlic, fourth.

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ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

JERRY McCLOUD was presented the Temple Alumni Club's first scholarship at graduation ceremonies Tuesday night by Elaine King, club secretary. McCloud was President of the Student Council this year and eighth ranking student in the graduating class.

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KAYE MURRY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Murry was presented the annual Diboll Jaycee scholarship at graduation ceremonies Tuesday night by Gary Jones of the Jaycees.

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PILOT SCHOLARSHIP

NANCY WARD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Ward and third ranking student in this year's DHS senior class, was presented the annual Pilot Club scholarship by Sue Carter (left) and Pilot President Geneva Sides (right) at Tuesday's graduation.

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HOGUE FORREST RETIRING

REV. HOGUE FORREST (center) gets a handshake from School Superintendent Don Robbins as Forrest steps down as Building Trades instructor at Diboll High School. That's DHS Principal Bill Greer at left. (Free Press Photo)

Builder Forrest bids his students goodbye

The success of a new program depends on the person in charge, and that has certainly been the case with the Building Trades program at Diboll High School.

The man who started it eight years ago is Hogue Forrest, who is retiring from the program the end of this school year to return to private business.

When the school administration decided to go into the Building Trades vocational course, they knew they would have to come up with the right man for the job. Hogue Forrest's name kept popping up, so they coaxed him into taking on the charter course.

Building Trades has been a success almost from the start. Forrest with his years of building experience has taken about 30 students each year and taught them something about construction. A good many have turned that experience into their life's vocation. Others will fall back on it in later years.

In addition, the Building Trades classes have been of inestimable assistance to the school. During the past eight years the classes have constructed six homes, the school administration building, pressboxes and concession stands, and poured walkways and remodeled numerous rooms on the three school campuses — all at great savings to the school and to taxpayers.

The class is now constructing the new kindergarten classroom on the elementary campus, a project Forrest regrets he will not see to completion.

The classes first project was construction of the Building Trades shop and classroom, and from there Forrest introduced them to home and office construction and remodeling.

Forrest probably never dreamed of becoming a vocational instructor. For the past 26 years he has pastored Congregational Methodist churches in Angelina County. The past four years he has been pastor of the Pine Valley Congregational Methodist Church.

Rev. Forrest was born almost 60 years ago at Old Manning here in Angelina County. He grew up and attended school at Beaird in the Bald Hill community.

He entered the carpentry business early in life and was in the construction business when he entered World War II in 1942. He served with the Seabees in the South Pacific until 1945.

Forrest returned to civilian life and worked in the construction business until 1949. He attended Jacksonville Baptist College, a Congregational Methodist Bible school and Stephen F. Austin State University to complete his formal education.

He then resumed his pastoral work and construction business until 1963 when he went into the grave monument business in Lufkin, which he was operating when Diboll school officials got him to take over the Building Trades class eight years ago.

Rev. Forrest plans to return to his monument business where he feels he is badly needed now, and to keep doing "a little farming and a little fishing." He will continue his preaching too, but in general he plans to "slow my pace just a little and enjoy life some before I'm too old to enjoy it at all."

School officials won't be happy to see Hogue Forrest leave, but they agree he has earned a rest after giving the school one of the area's best Building Trades vocational programs.

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DIBOLL PILOT CLUB members may appear to be headed for a picnic with those big baskets, but they were on their way last Thursday to serve lunch to Diboll teachers who were undergoing in-service training. Pilots on this task force were Ossie Thompson, Geneva Sides, Aline Stovall, Julia Schinke, Brenda Leamons, Jessie Conner, Billie Carter and Sue Carter. (Free Press Photo)

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FACULTY MEMBERS at Diboll High School this year are (seated) Judy Ellison, Joan Doss, ...rolyn Jefferson, Ann English, Cindy ...dox, Garvis Baldree, Linda Dunlap, Mary ...m and Janice Cook. Standing (left to right) are James Porter, Principal Bill Greer, Ted Bullard, Isaac Goodwin, Susan Haltom, Linda Brown, Burlon Wilkerson, Judith Williamson, Robert Ramsey, Rodney Nicely, James Dunlap, Fred Douglas, Jesse Bradford, Bettye Greer, Lyndon Edge, Ted Steahle, John McGilvra, Bob McCurry, Joe Wyatt and Asst. Principal Willie Massey. Not shown is Marvin Larson.

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LENORA FLOWERS received her diploma from Diboll High School last week from Superintendent Don Robbins (right) and DHS Principal Bill Greer after successfully completing her education program. (Free Press Photo)

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School enrollment down 60 students

Enrollment in Diboll schools was 60 students below opening day last year, but officials expect registrations to rise during the next few days.

Superintendent Don Robbins said that enrollment on opening day this year was 1,437, compared to 1,497 on opening day last year.

There were 578 students in kindergarten through four, 477 in grades five through eight, and 382 in grades 9-12. These figures are almost certain to rise later this week, although they may not reach last year's high of 1,543 students, Robbins said.

Robbins also reported that only 41 people ate at the high school cafeteria on opening day. Twenty-five of those were students, the rest teachers.

The cafeteria has been losing money and the board is trying to figure ways to improve the situation, including the possibility of closing the cafeteria and feeding students from one of the other two cafeterias.

About half the students who eat in the cafeterias receive free lunches, but the district is reimbursed for these meals by the federal government.

The board Monday night adopted the same free lunch program as it has had in the past. The district is obligated to adopt the program and cannot question anyone who applies for the free lunch program unless there is a clear and definite violation of the income standards.

The board also approved a diploma for Lenora Flowers.

The resignation of second grade teacher Ann Rollen was accepted and the following new teachers were employed:

Michelle Griggs, 22, second grade; Janet Carney, 22, seventh grade math; Susan Haltom, 23, Plan A Special Education; Phillip Parrish, 23, elementary P.E.; and Frances Walton, 32, sixth grade.



DIBOLL SCHOOL administration office is staffed this year by Lucy Clegg, tax office; Joyce Carr, bookkeeping; Ruby Smith, secretary-bookkeeper; Business Manager Doyne (Pop) Rich and Superintendent Donald Robbins. Classes resumed smoothly in Diboll schools Monday. (Free Press Photo)



DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL students Doug Cooke, Dianne Lee and Larry Don Cook were among those attending the Texas Association of Student Councils workshop at SFA University July 20-25. The workshop dealt with problems in schools today and how the student council can respond to such problems.

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CLASSROOMS GOING UP

BUILDING TRADES CLASS at Diboll High School is doing much of the work on the new kindergarten classrooms at the Diboll Elementary campus. The classes began framing the building late last week. The classrooms will replace portable classrooms which now house kindergarten and should be completed early next year.

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DRUM MAJOR Julie Lazarine steps the DHS Band out to a practice drill in preparation for Friday night's season opener at Garrison. The band practices in the early evening hours to beat the September heat.

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Enrollment creeps past 1,500 figure

Enrollment in Diboll schools climbed upward this week but is still about 20 students behind this same time a year ago.

Officials reported that enrollment Tuesday of this week was 1,507, compared with 1,527 this time last year.

The decrease is primarily in the high school, where enrollment has slipped to 383 from last year's 417.

Kindergarten through grade four is holding steady, with 626 students compared to 627 last year, and Temple Junior School enrollment is up, from 483 last year to 498 this year.

School officials aren't sure what has caused the drop in enrollment, except that it is apparent that the dropoff is at the high school level.

Last year's ninth grade class numbered 151, but the tenth grade class this year numbers only 95.

The tenth and 11th grades usually are the heaviest dropout years.

School officials had anticipated a leveling-off in enrollment after the district had experienced an average annual increase of about 100 students for six years.

At least 17 students can be accounted for that are not in the enrollment figures: There are nine pregnancies which are in the homebound program and eight students who are in the work-study program.



GETTING READY for each Friday night football game requires hours of preparation by the band as well as the football team. The Diboll Lumberjack Band is preparing its routine for Friday night's season opener at Garrison. The band is directed by Judy Ellison.

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HAPPY COACH

IT ISN'T OFTEN that DHS Coach Joe Wyatt is this happy this early in football season. But he is optimistic about his Lumberjacks and says his defense is looking superb. The Jacks get a real test tonight (Thursday) when they scrimmage Grapeland here in preparation for their opener next Friday at Garrison. For a closer look at Coach Wyatt, read Michael Crim's column on "Th super(stitious) coach", section two, page five.

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STARTING BACKFIELD for Coach Joe Wyatt's Lumberjacks through the first two weeks of practice is this foursome of Joe Sheddan, tailback; Gandy Stubblefield, quarterback; Larry Cook, wingback; and Larry Jansen, fullback. Wyatt will probably be looking at other players in these positions when Diboll scrimmages Grapeland tonight.

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DEFENSIVE LINEMEN and linebackers for the Lumberjacks as they shape up now include (kneeling) the front four of Randy Pressley, Jose Constante, Ricky Pressley and Larry Cook. Standing are linebackers Tony Harrison, David Lindsey and Ricky Conner. (Free Press Photo)

CAMPUS TIME

By Dianne Lee



DIBOLL VS GARRISON IN SEASON OPENER



BOBBY McCURRY, Diboll Vocational Agriculture teacher, is presented his 25 year tenure pin by Albert Timmerman Jr. of Rockdale, president of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas. The award was presented during the annual awards program, Houston, for his outstanding service to vocational agriculture in Texas.

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GETTING HIGH FOR THE LUMBERJACKS

DHS CHEERLEADERS have practiced all Summer to perfect this routine and others they will use to cheer on the Lumberjack football team. At ground level are Linda Oliver, Glenda Miller, Kathy Groom, Stephanie Webb and Nicki Moore. On the upper level are Anne Cooke, Karen Edwards and Robin Clark. The cheerleaders will be in action Friday night when the Diboll Lumberjacks host Splendora in the home opener at Lumberjack Stadium.

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LARRY JANSEN takes a short pass from Gandy Stubblefield for a touchdown in Diboll's 33-6 opening season victory over Garrison last Friday.

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LINEBACKER David Lindsey gets the word from Coach Ted Bullard in a break during Friday's game with Garrison as Head coach Joe Wyatt listens in.

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IT WAS DEFENSE such as this in the line that held the Garrison Bulldog ground game to minus yardage Friday night. That's David Lindsey (52), Jose Constante (73) and Randy Pressley (81) moving in to stop a Bulldog runner for no gain.

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Rugged defense is key to 33-6 Jack win over Garrison

Defense super again as Jacks win, 36-0

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THIS IS THE REASON Splendora runners were held to short yardage Friday night. Diboll's stout defense gave up only 89 yards to the visitors as they won their second straight game, 36-0. (Free Press Photo)



DHS PEP SQUAD had plenty of opportunities for yelling Friday night as the Diboll Lumberjacks scored a 36-0 win over Splendora for their second straight victory of the season. (Free Press Photo)

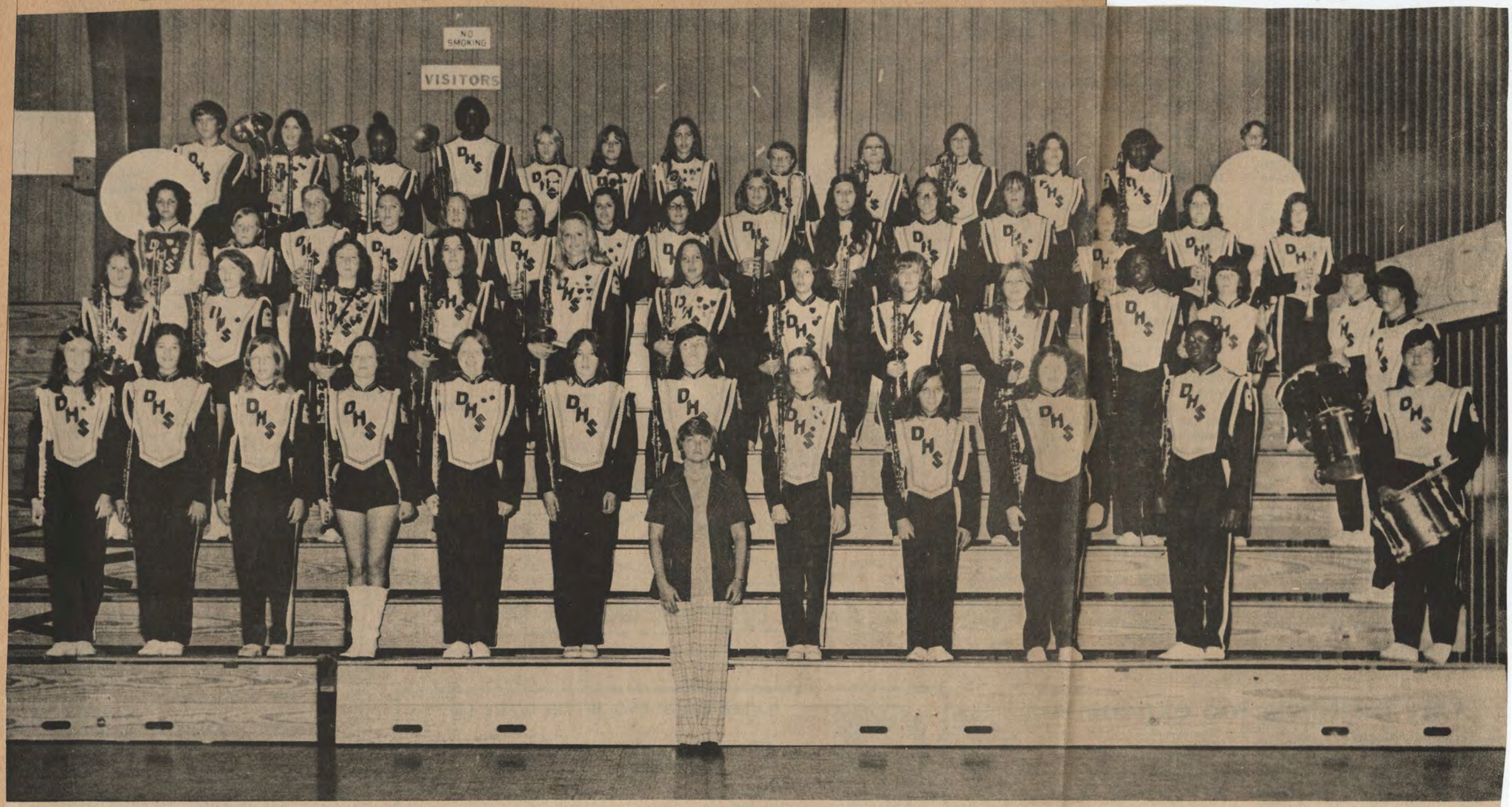


JULIE LAZARINE is the drum major for this year's Lumberjack Band. Julie is a senior at Diboll High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lazarine. Julie has been in the band seven years and is now first chair trumpet. Her hobbies are chiefly outdoors where she likes to fish, swim and water ski. Julie plans to attend Tyler Junior College and study to be a dental hygienist. (Free Press Photo)

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FRIDAY IS BAND NIGHT



THIS FRIDAY NIGHT is Band Night at Lumberjack Stadium when Diboll hosts Madisonville. The band is an essential part of any athletic program, so be on hand to salute our band. Members are (front row, left to right): Evelyn Carr, Kim Sample, Alma Tobias, Susie Beaty, Sallie Russell, Robbie English, Mitzi Jordan, Kathy McWilliams, Tracy Chandler, Troi Russell, Susan Hines and Robert Tatum. Second row: Debbie Carter, Vicki Russell, Barbara Maynard, Ramona Cowart, Lisa Burkhalter, Suzy Mills, Diana Lazarine, Kim Baldree, Renee Clark, Connie Martin, Amy Flowers, Ronnie Hines and Chuck Donahoe. Third row: Julie Lazarine, Ricky Clark, James Gann, Kathy Gartman, Jean Greer, Mary Anne Carter, Suzanne Burkhalter, Lauri Durham, Rochelle Carter, Melissa McCall, Melanie Harrison, Dianne Mills, Mary Maynard, Kim Milligan and Becky Grey. Fourth row: Glen Douglas, Dianne Lee, Alberta Mitchell, Carmen Levine, Jeanne Carter, Darla Smith, Deborah Donahoe, George Wells, Cathy Smith, Jimmie Harris, Cathy Carr, Barbara Miller and Jesse Alford.

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THE LUMBERJACK BAND, cheerleaders and pep squad didn't have much to cheer about in their team's 42-2 loss to Westwood, but they did their best anyway to keep spirits high.
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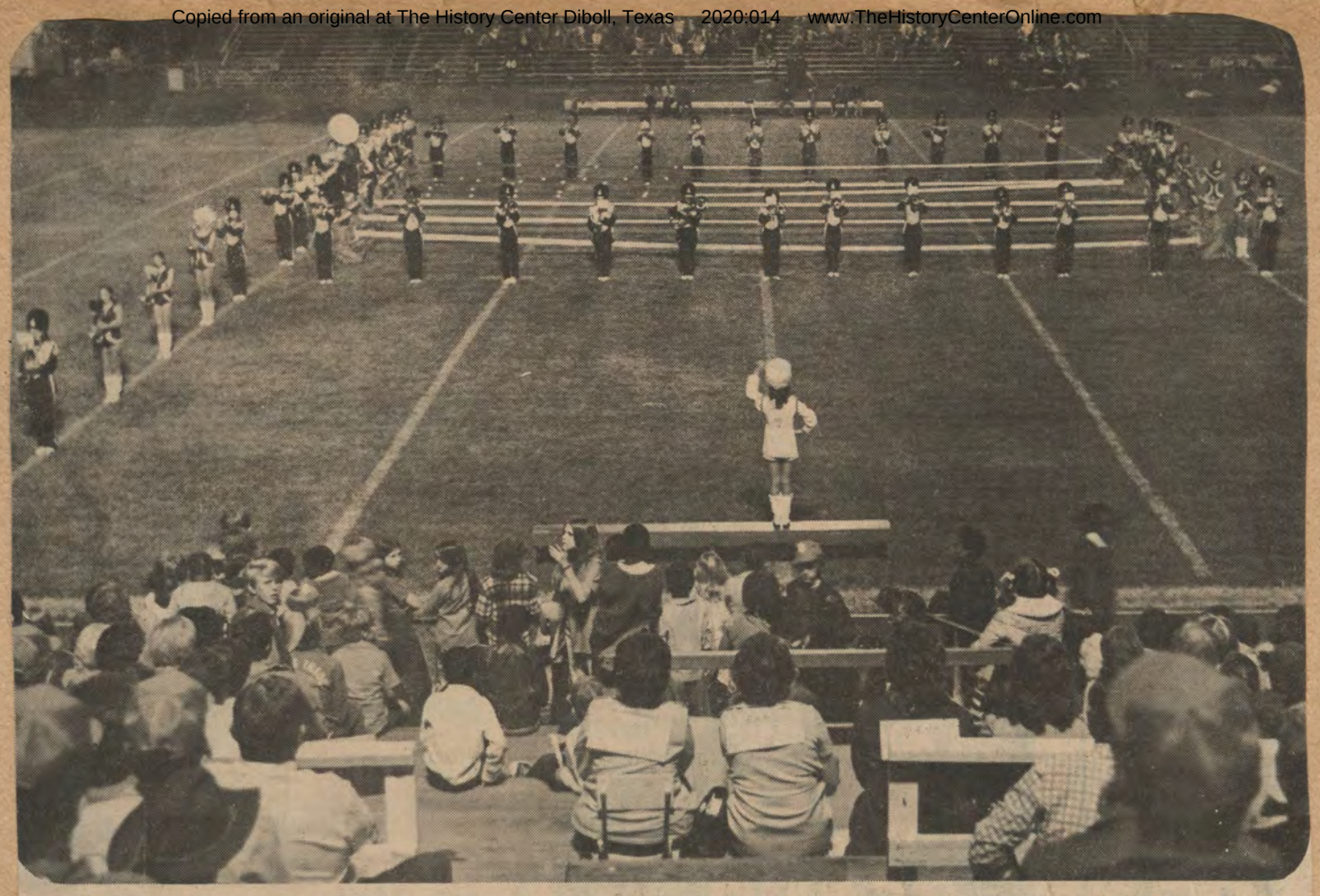
JOE SHEDDAN may miss the remainder of the football season because of an knee injury suffered in the Splendora game. Sheddan was Diboll's leading ground gainer prior to his injury.



MADISONVILLE'S Larry Heaton grimaces as he is hit by an unidentified Lumberjack and Randy Pressley (81) on a short gainer. Diboll's defense covered a Mustang fumble at the six yard line late in the game which resulted in the winning touchdown as Diboll won, 12-7.
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THE DHS BAND and pep squad performed a special routine at Friday's football game featuring the flag and patrotic music. The occasion was Band Night at the Diboll-Madisonville game. Here Drum Major Julie Lazarine leads the band in playing "This Land Is Your Land" as Old Glory is unfolded between the ranks.

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DIBOLL'S JOHN FENLEY (19) rides the blocks of Walter Terrell (44), David Lindsey (80) and Larry Cook (6) for short yardage before he is stacked up by Madisonville's David Phillips (82) in this action from Friday's game won by the Lumberjacks, 12-7.

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COACHES HONORED

THIS FRIDAY is National Coaches Day as tribute is paid to the thousands of school coaches throughout the United States. Diboll's coaching staff includes (seated) Head Coach and Athletic Director Joe Wyatt, Assistant Ted Bullard, and girls physical education instructor Linda Dunlap. Standing are junior high coaches Jack Webb and Will Arnold, junior varsity coaches James Porter and John McGilvra, and junior high coach Elmer Kimbrough.

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OCTOBER 9, 1975



BEAUTY WITH THE BAND

THE FRONT LINE of the Diboll High School band this year is composed of this group of vivacious ladies, who are Lisa Burkhalter, Susie Beaty, Diana Lazarine, Drum Major Julie Lazarine, Vicki Russell, Debbie Carter and Dianne Lee. The band and football team have an open date this week before hosting Buna here on October 17.

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HOMECOMING ROYALTY

DIANNE LEE and Debra Johnson were presented as co-queens at the DHS homecoming ceremony last Friday night at halftime. Their escorts were Doug Cooke and Michael Phipps. All are senior students this year.

(Free Press Photo)



THE DHS BAND is silhouetted by the big bonfire burned on the DHS campus last Thursday evening as part of the annual homecoming celebration. A crowd of students and fans turned out for the bonfire, but the spirit-builders failed to pull their football team through the homecoming game as San Augustine upset the Lumberjacks, 12-0.

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Wolves hang 12-0 defeat on offense-less Axmen

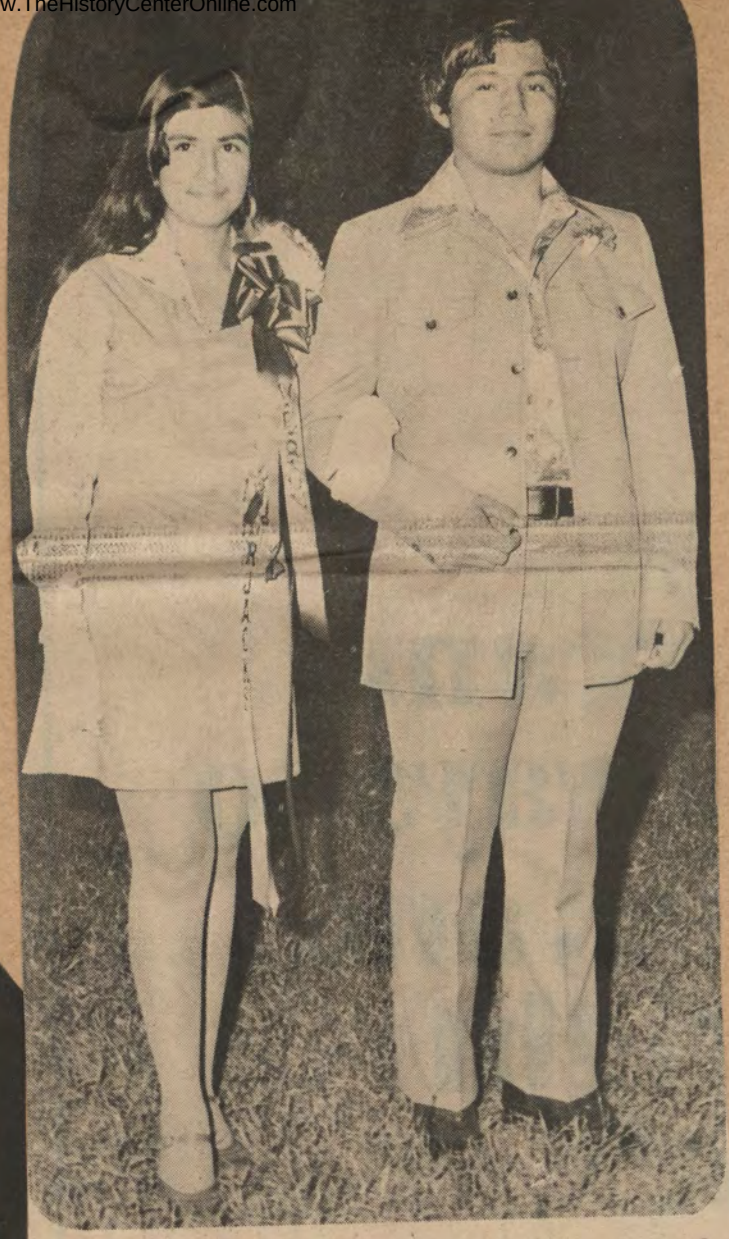
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KATHY GARTMAN was the other junior class representative in this year's DHS homecoming. She was escorted to the halftime ceremony Friday night by Dennis Lenderman. (Free Press Photo



DEBRA WILSON was one of the junior class representatives in the 1975 DHS homecoming, and her escort for the halftime ceremony was Artie Hall.



VERONICA ACOSTA was the co-candidate from the sophomore class for the 1975 DHS homecoming. She was escorted by Pablo Guerrero.

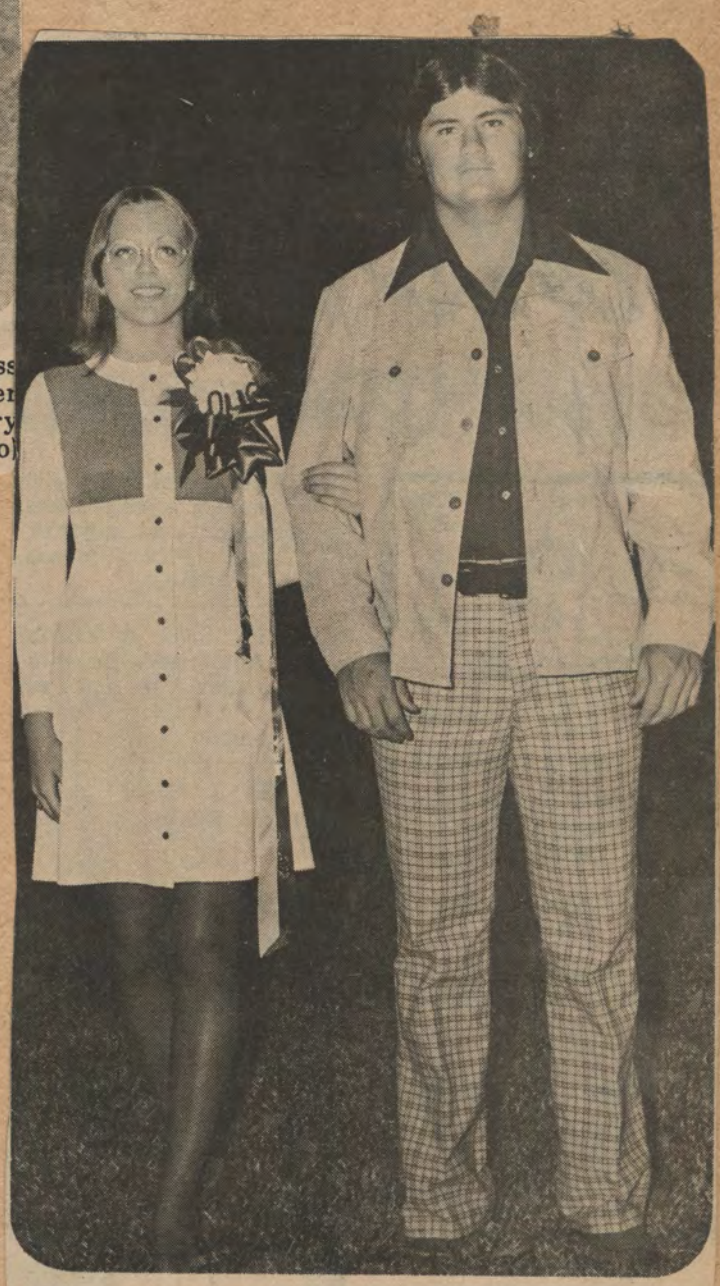
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LINDA OLIVER was one of the freshman class representatives in the 1975 DHS homecoming and her escort at Friday night's homecoming game was Larry Oliver. (Free Press Photo)



GLORIA PARISH was the co-candidate from the sophomore class for the 1975 DHS homecoming. Her escort for the Friday night presentation was Joe Sheddan. (Free Press Photo)



TINA GRANTHAM was escorted by Don Sharry at Friday night's DHS homecoming ceremony. Tina was one of the freshman class representatives. (Free Press Photo)

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Forget the sexes

Schools agree to uphold Title IX

, October 16, 1975

Diboll schools will adopt a simple resolution affirming that the district will not deprive any student of participation in any school activity because of sex.

The resolution is in line with the controversial Title IX guideline issued by the controversial Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Title IX has had secondary and college educators up in the air because it is confusing and complex. But basically what the law seeks to do is to prohibit sex discrimination against women in education.

Diboll's resolution reads as follows:

"It is the intent of the Diboll Independent School District that no person (student or employee) in the Diboll Independent School District shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin, be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

As with all the laws it carries out, HEW threatens the cutoff of federal funds to any district which does not comply.

But compliance with the law should cause few, if any, changes in programs in the Diboll schools. It offers academic and athletic programs for boys and girls.

Medical authorities across the country, and even HEW officials, have strongly advised against girls joining the football team.

Diboll should have no problems with mixing of the sexes, since the junior and high schools provide separate but equal dressing room facilities for physical education classes and the various athletic programs.

Title IX has stirred considerable debate on high school and college campuses in recent months, chiefly as it affects athletics. Most schools already provide equal academic programs.

The big question has been whether or not authorities will push the law to the point that schools must spend the same amount of money on sports for girls as it does on sports for boys.

An HEW overview of Title IX relating to athletics states:

"Where selection is based on competitive skill or the activity involved is a contact sport, athletics may be provided through separate teams for males and females or through a single team open to both sexes.

"If separate teams are offered, a recipient institution may not discriminate on the basis of sex in provision of necessary equipment or supplies, or in any other way, **but equal aggregate expenditures are not required.**

"The goal of the final regulation in the area of athletics is to secure equal opportunity for males and females while allowing schools and colleges flexibility in determining how best to provide such opportunity."



BUILDING TRADES students at Diboll High School are doing much of the work on the new kindergarten classrooms now under construction on the Diboll Elementary campus. This is one of the primary projects for the BT classes this year. The classrooms will be completed early next year. (Free Press Photo)

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THE DHS PEP SQUAD this year is composed of these members: Captains Belinda Tatum and Jan Glover in front. First row: Connie Chandler, Jeanette Hutcheson, Kathy Tate, Glenda Luttrell; Janice Cook, sponsor; Marianna Luttrell, Ondrea Barlow and Rhonda Pressley. Second row: Darlene Breazeale, Teri Neyland, Alice Jansen, Sandra Jackson, Rita Mason, the only four-year member; Diane English, Eula Mitchell and Kelyn Clark. Third row: Juanita Malanders, Wanda Taylor, Jennifer Turner, Diamond McCloud, Bertha Sparks, Bonnie Sparks, Janie Harris and Ruth Rast. (Free Press Photo)

Diboll School Honor Rolls

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

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Freshmen, all A's except for one B: Melanie Harrison, Richard Crager, Kim Sample, Blenda Tatum, Ricky Kee and Darlene Norris.

Sophomores, all A's: Kathy Groom and Lauri Durham.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Brad Wyatt and Sally Russell.

Juniors, all A's: Susan Hines, Diana Lazarine, Ted Mullins and David Weeks.

Juniors, all A's except for one B: Barbara Maynard, Chuck Donahoe and Danny Harris.

Seniors, all A's: Debbie Carter, Martha Grumbles, Cindy Grandgeorge, Richard Albrecht and Julie Lazarine.

Seniors, all A's except for one B: Valrie Criswell, Dianne Lee, Shirley Porter and David Turner.



C'MON JACKS — You can count on the DHS Pep Squad to keep spirits alive, even when the Lumberjacks are losing. The overall-clad ladies are always on their feet and yelling, except for an occasional pause to put a stray curl back in place. (Free Press Photo)

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THAT'S NO FAIR — It was the smallest against the largest, but Diboll's Larry Jansen (9) brought down Buna's Herbert Booker (33) on this play last Friday. Jansen is 5-9, 150, and the big Buna fullback is 6-4, 240. (Free Press Photo)



RICKY CONNER (87) performed well for the Lumberjacks in his first try at fullback against Buna last week. Conner rushed for 132 yards in 22 carries to give new spark to the Lumberjack offense. (Free Press Photo

Jack fumbles give Buna 21-6 victory



LARRY DON COOK (6) cruises the left side behind good blocking from his Jack teammates in Diboll's 21-6 loss to Buna. Diboll is 0-2 in district play and tries to get back into the win column this week at Corrigan. (Free Press Photo)



TAILBACK JOHN FENLEY (19) bursts through a hole for good yardage in a Diboll drive against Buna last Friday. Fumbles hurt the Jacks as they lost a 21-6 decision after they had commanded a 6-0 lead much of the game. (Free Press Photo)

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New alignment for 1976

So in 1976 District 17-AA will have Diboll, Kirbyville, Newton, Corrigan, Hemphill, San Augustine, Warren and Woodville.

Coaches and other officials are meeting tonight (Thursday) to line up all the scheduling of games and in all probablility some of the sites may be the same as this year.

Coach Joe Wyatt may have to realign his entire schedule other than just the district changes.

Splendora won't be on the schedule next year for sure and it's possible a couple of others won't be.

Wyatt has already had talks with Center and Groveton about the possibility of getting together again and Crockett has indicated an interest in playing Diboll again.

A Crockett-Diboll series has been nixed already by Wyatt but the Center series is a good possibility right now.

, October 30, 1975



REV. HOGUE FORREST

For a loyal sports fan...

Friday night's football game between Diboll and Kirbyville will be dedicated to Rev. Hogue Forrest, who died after a highway accident Monday.

Rev. Forrest retired earlier this year as the Building Trades instructor at DHS. He had for many years been one of the school's most devoted boosters of athletics.

Changes planned for Driver's Ed.

Superintendent Don Robbins explained to the Diboll school board Tuesday night that the recent Attorney General ruling on student fees would have little effect on the local district except for driver's education.

Robbins said that the school could not charge for driver's education after October 1 of this year, and that the ruling will mean some sort of shakeup in the program here for next year.

Diboll is fortunate, he said, in having a full-time driver's education instructor and that classes will proceed this year.

"We will have to take a hard look at our situation for next school year because the program will cost us heavily then," Robbins said.

The superintendent said that Diboll probably will do what most other school districts will do on driver's education, and that is to offer classroom work during the year and offer actual driving during the Summer.

This way the school can continue its $30 charge per student for driving and help defray some of the costs.

The DE program this year will cost the local district about $12,000 for 79 students. Some of this will be refunded by the state but the student fee will be lost.

Next year the state will reimburse only about $1,200, or about enough to buy gasoline for the DE car.

The board spent most of its two hour meeting Tuesday discussing band uniforms and school colors.

Several other routine business items were discussed, and the board wound up by approving the administration's request to allow teachers and students to attend the Thursday funeral of ex-teacher Rev. Hogue Forrest.

The board also approved the school dedicating this Friday's football game to the late Rev. Forrest, who was killed Monday in a highway accident.

Board okays purchase of new band uniforms

The Diboll High School Lumberjack Band will take to the football field next season in new uniforms strikingly similar to the ones they've been wearing the past ten years.

The school board voted unanimously Tuesday night to order 70 new uniforms, but split 3-2 on approving the basic black uniform over red ones.

Representatives of the Band Boosters Club appeared before the board to explain their campaign to purchase new uniforms. Mrs. Wanda Clark said that the Band Boosters prefer the black uniforms chiefly because they will wear and last longer without fading, but she said the club would accept new red uniforms if the board so voted.

After much discussion, board member Carl Pavlic motioned that the board accept the Band Boosters proposal of black uniforms. Siding with him were members Mrs. Sandra Pouland and Milford Ruby. Voting for the red uniforms were C. H. Shepherd and Ray Paulsey.

Superintendent Don Robbins had spoken for the red uniforms also, saying that he felt the school should move toward keeping with the school colors of red and white in all uniforms. Robbins said this was a personal view and that he would be happy with the board's decision.

The board discussed the possibility of changing the school colors, since the band uniforms are basically black, and athletic uniforms now are primarily grey and red.

Several members were opposed to getting into a change of school colors, however.

The 70 new uniforms will cost about $10,500. The Band Boosters propose to put up about $1,000, and the school agreed to pledge up to $4,000, although it appears that $2,500 might cover the school's participation.

Mrs. Katherine Sage Temple has pledged $2,000, and the Diboll Booster Club will be asked to put $5,000 into the project.

As now proposed, the new uniform will be basic black with a white shield on front with a large D. The shield will be trimmed in red, and the citation will be red. A large Lumberjack will be on the back of the shield. The shields can be removed so that the uniforms can be worn more comfortably in warm weather and in concert or stage appearances.

The estimated price per uniform is $165. However, the present black hats probably will be retained to go with the new uniforms.

Mrs. Sue Carter told the board that she felt the black uniforms would wear much longer than red or a lighter color.

The present uniforms were purchased ten years ago, although several uniforms have been added on occasion since then.

Mrs. Clark, president of the Band Boosters, said she hoped the present uniforms could be saved and a junior high band organized.

Supt. Robbins said that the school still has the ol uniforms which the pres uniforms replaced ten ago.

The board voted to with taking bids on t new uniforms so that they be available by next Summer.

Jacks ramble past C-C Bulldogs, 25-6

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Ladyjacks are district volleyball champs again!



COACH LINDA DUNLAP'S DHS Ladyjack volleyball team Tuesday won their fifth straight District 17-AA title. The Ladyjacks lost their first set to Hudson but came back to beat San Augustine, Newton, Corrigan, then beat Hudson in two straight sets for the league crown. They will play the winner of District 18-AA the middle of this month for bi-district. The district tournament was held Monday and Tuesday at Warren. Kneeling are Rebecca Skoug, Debra Johnson, Karen Vinson and Jan Glover. Standing are Karen Edwards, Marilyn Joshua, Kathy Groom and Coach Linda Dunlap, who has coached the last five district championship teams. (Free Press Photo)

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THESE SIX SENIORS will be playing their final football game for Diboll High School this Friday when the Jacks travel to Newton. Standing are Tony Harrison, David Lindsey and Ricky Pressley. Kneeling are Walter Terrell, David Jansen and Charles Parish. Harrison and Lindsey are doubtful starters because of leg injuries. This is a small number of seniors for the Lumberjacks, who are mostly a sophomore-junior team this season. (Free Press Photo)



GANDY STUBBLEFIELD (5) got his chance to do some fancy-stepping for Diboll last Friday in the Lumberjacks' 25-0 loss to Newton. It was Stubblefield's first time to run in the backfield and he was the game's leading ground gainer with 76 yards. The 6-4, 200 pound junior has played quarterback and split end this season also. (Free Press Photo)



THESE SIX SENIORS complete long careers with the DHS Lumberjack Band this year and Friday was their last football game. They are Jimmie Lee Harris, Amy Flowers, Drum Major Julie Lazarine, and twirlers Debbie Carter, Dianne Lee and Vickie Russell. (Free Press Photo)

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Easy 25-0 Eagle win

Jacks give away finale to Newton

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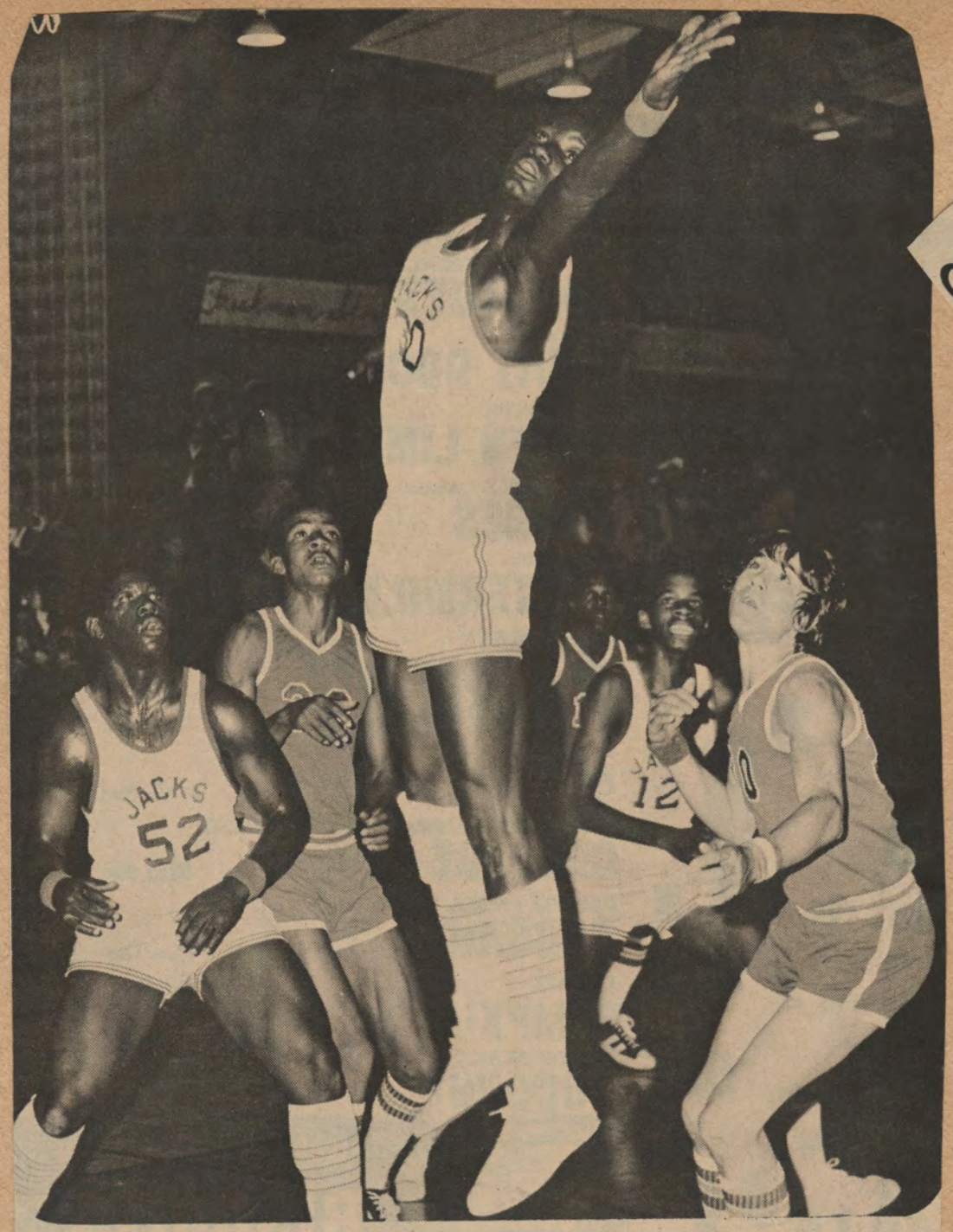
A PAIR OF BIG JUNIORS was Diboll's contribution to the 17-AA All District offensive team. Ricky Conner, a 6-2, 217 pound fullback-linebacker, and Donald Ray Coleman, 6-1, 230-pound tackle were Diboll's only selections to the first team. Both of course will be back next year. (Free Press Photo)



THE DHS SPEECH CLUB participated in the Fourth Annual Speech Festival at Lufkin High School last Saturday and brought back 23 ribbons. Making the trip were (front row) Kathy Tate, Becky Harris, Sandra Jackson, Debbie Taylor, Glenda Luttrell, Brenda Bowen, Jean Greer, Lauri Durham, Diamond McCloud and Lynn Oliver. Standing are Gerald Malanders, LaShon Laird, Lanny Wilkerson, Algie Kilgore, Bryan Faircloth, Ronnie Lewis and Speech Director Burlon Wilkerson.

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DIBOLL'S CHET ALEXANDER goes high for a rebound in a recent game the Lumberjacks won over Apple Springs. Teammates Donald Coleman (52) and Johnny Lewis (12) and two Apple Springs players wait for Alexander to come down with the ball. The Jacks are 2-7, with their only wins over Apple Springs.

(Free Press Photo)

McGilvra hot outside

December 11, 1975

Jacks win second game over Eagles

The Free Press, Diboll, Texas, Thursday, January 15, 1976

Jacks sting Hornets in thriller, 31-30

Take 3-0 lead in zone battle

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IF YOU'VE WONDERED why basketball players don't always hit those easy shots, here's one reason. An unidentified Hudson player puts his hand in Gandy Stubblefield's face as Gandy tries to take a shot in Tuesday night's game won in the closing seconds by Diboll, 31-30. The Hornets led throughout the game until the final seconds when shots by Johnny Lewis and Neil McGilvra put the Jacks out front and keep them 3-0 in zone play. (Free Press Photo)



NEIL HITS TWO

NEIL MCGILVRA (22) fires a jumper as Hudson Hornets Hardy Dotson, Barry Caver and Stanley Temple watch and wait for the rebound. McGilvra led Jack scoring as he and his teammates upset highly favored Hudson 31-30 to take a 3-0 lead in the District 17-AA North Zone Tuesday night here.

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JACKS WIN BIG GAME

DIBOLL'S JOHNNY LEWIS (12) goes high with one of his jump shots in Tuesday night's battle with Hudson as Hornet Stanley Temple (25) guards him and Hornet Larry Jackson (33) goes sprawling away from the action. Diboll won the important zone game 31-30 in the final few seconds on shots by Lewis and Neil McGilvra to take an undisputed 3-0 lead in District 17-AA North Zone. See story on the sports page.

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ONE FOR AWHILE — DHS ents and fans swarmed the playing last week after the Lumberjacks edged Hudson 31-30 to take hand of the zone lead. The Jacks still have a long way to go for the zone title however as they travel to Huntington, San Augustine and to Hudson in the last round of play.

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Coleman on 2A All State team

Donald Coleman, the mainstay in the Diboll Lumberjack offensive line the past two seasons, was named to the Class AA second team all-state this week.

The easy going 6-1, 230 pounder became the fifth Lumberjack to make the elite team since 1967.

Coleman has been a starter for Coach Joe Wyatt since his freshman season and after making All-District in 17-AA this past season he has capped everything off with an all-state honor.

The junior guard in his own quiet way has been a team leader on and off the field with his attitude and character and according to Coach Wyatt, Coleman never complained or made an excuse.

"If he missed his assignment, he'd say, 'It's my fault Coach, I missed my block,' he didn't try to blame someone else," said Wyatt.

Aches and pains didn't bother Coleman because he knew that was part of the game and in fact without realizing it, he played the last five games of the season on a cracked ankle.

The break wasn't discovered until he started basketball workouts and the ankle started swelling.

Coleman, after completing his third season as a starter, raised a few eyebrows this past season and several college coaches indicated an interest, but Coach Wyatt had to send them away disappointed because there was still a year of eligibility left.

This past football season the Jacks used Coleman's blocking abilities to the fullest in short yardage situations. "When we were in those short yardage situations, he was the man we went over," said Wyatt.

Fullback Ricky Conner and Coleman combined their talents this past season and with Conner bulling his way as a runner and Coleman doing the blocking, the pair was named to the District 17-AA first team by the coaches.

Coleman is one of six brothers in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman along with one sister who is the baby of the family.

The big lineman now has his work cut out for him and what he does for an encore next year remains to be seen, but barring any unforeseen injury he should be an odds-on choice to repeat next year on the all-state team.



DONALD RAY COLEMAN and his Coach Joe Wyatt read in the Houston Chronicle about Coleman being named to the Class 2A All State football team. The big junior lineman was named to the second offensive team. He is the fifth Lumberjack to gain all state honors under Wyatt. (Free Press Photo)

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Freshmen, all A's: Suzanne Burkhalter, Richard Crager, Robin Clark, Alice Jansen, Irwin McWilliams, Gerald Malanders, Belinda Tatum and Shelia Wheeler.

Freshmen, all A's except for one B: Tina Grantham, Melissa McCall, Nicki Moore, Thomas Stewart, Darla Smith, Lanny Wilkerson and Darlene Norris.

Sophomores, all A's: Lisa Burkhalter, Lauri Durham and Sally Russell.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Mary Ann Carter, Kathy Groom, John Oates, Linda Sanford and Brad Wyatt.

Juniors, all A's: Michelle Hambrick, Diana Lazarine, Suzy Mills, Ted Mullins and David Weeks.

Juniors, all A's except for one B: Kathy Gartman, Pablo Guerrero, Billie Hatthorn, Susan Hines, Jeff Keels, Barbara Maynard, Carolyn McDuffie, Charlotte Morris and Danny Harris.

Seniors, all A's: Richard Albrecht, Cindy Grandgeorge, Martha Grumbles, Shirley Porter and Julie Lazarine.

Seniors, all A's except for one B: Benny Dominy, David Turner and Tammy Ivey.



SON HORNETS beat the erjacks last Friday night in round of zone play, 51-37, had taken the first round l then lost its contender's zone by losing to San Augustine Saturday night, 76-75. This action took place in the first game as Hudson's Hardy Dotson (15) and Stanley Temple (25) maneuvered around Diboll's Gandy Stubblefield.

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DIBOLL SCHOOL BOARD posed for the official photograph of the 1975-76 year last week. Seated are Mrs. Sandra Pouland, secretary; Stacy Cooke, president; and Carl Pavlic, vice president. Standing are C. H. Shepherd, Superintendent Donald Robbins; Milford Ruby; Ray Paulsey and Dick Albrecht. The terms of Mrs. Pouland and C. H. Shepherd expire in April. They have not announced whether or not they will seek another term.

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COACH JOHN McGILVRA'S Diboll Lumberjack basketball team this season is composed of (front row) Don Wilson, Neil McGilvra, John Fenley, Frank James and Anthony Russell. Standing are Arte Hall, Johnny Lewis, Gandy Stubblefield, Tommy (Chet) Alexander and Don Blake. (Free Press Photo)

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McGilvra leads scoring

Neil McGilvra dominated the Diboll Lumberjack basketball statistics for the 1975-76 season, leading the team in almost every offensive category.

McGilvra led the team in field goals and free throws making him the team's leading scorer with 336 points and a 14.0 average.

Chet Alexander and Johnny Lewis finished tied for second in the scoring with 182 points each and identical 8.6 points per game averages.

Gandy Stubblefield led the team in rebounding with 177 followed by Alexander with 162.

Lewis and Alexander had the highest field goal percentage among the starters as the pair finished with 43 percent with McGilvra close behind at 42 percent.

From the foul line McGilvra connected on 90 of 116 free throws good for 78 percent and Lewis followed that with 61 percent.

As a team, offensive rebounding might tell the tale of this season with only 169 rebounds under their own goal compared to 442 defensive carooms.

The Jacks finished the season with a 9-15 mark and wrapped up third place in their zone with a 5-3 mark.

Diboll was outscored by their opponents by a 1,247 to 1,125 count for a per game average of 51.9 to 46.9.

Stephen Cade led the Jack JV in scoring this season with 250 points in 20 games but it was Ronnie Johnson who had the best per game average.

Johnson, elevated to the Varsity near the end of the season, scored 178 points for an average of 16.2 per game.

Dewayne Coleman finished with 80 points followed by Elton Adair with 51 and Larry Cook with 45.

With homemade equipment

First DHS track title recorded by 1960 team

(District championships at Diboll High School have been relatively few, especially in the four major sports of football, basketball, track and baseball. However, this is the first in a series of articles covering individual titles won by the school since 1947.)

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The first bonafide track championship at DHS was in 1960 when the school was a member of District 19-A and this team set school records that stood until the late 60's and early 70's.

That district title was accomplished like all other track titles at Diboll, without the benefit of a track to run on.

The school's athletic budget at that time was spread so thin that equipment consisted of one pair of "store bought" starting blocks and two "homemade" sets, two wood hurdles, one discus, and one steel shot put.

Oh, there was plenty of analgesic balm and other ointments for the pulled muscles but as a whole the team had to make out on the bare necessities.

The coaches of that team were Ervin Dubose and Lonnie Read and they, like most coaches at Diboll, stressed track and worked hard toward having a good program regardless of the problems that happened to arise.

The "track" in those days was the city block adjacent to Lumberjack Stadium winding around Devereaux, Judd, Rutland, and Durham streets with about 12 inches of sand in most places to contend with.

The coaches used their car odometers to mark off an approximate 440-yard course and that was where the team worked out every day.

Even today, the track team uses a similar course that takes them through Old Orchard Park and finally ending up jogging down FM 1818 to the make-shift track joining Highway 59.

The team of 1960 started slowly, hampered in workouts by bad weather which brought on pulled muscles and other ailments.

The first two meets that year were a waste of time and money as cold weather sidelined several Jack runners and the team didn't accomplish anything.

Then in the Pineywood Relays the team started to come around and in that Nacogdoches meet Bobby Ramsey set a meet record in the broad jump with a leap of 20 feet, seven inches, bypassing the old mark by nearly two feet.

Then at Livingston he bettered that mark and set a school record of 21 feet, one inch that stood until Johnny Jones went 21'2" in the district meet of 1967.

Prior to the district meet, the team had not come close to winning a meet with Ramsey picking up most of the points that were garnered to that point.

However, in the 19-A district meet in Huntsville, the team surprised everyone by placing in 13 of the 14 events held.

When it was all over the Jacks had five representatives for the regional meet in Brenham.

In that one, Ramsey missed by three-quarters of an inch becoming the first Diboll athlete to make it to the state meet.

Ramsey jumped 20'5" and missed by that small margin finishing in second place but had to settle for third.

Havard finished fourth in the 100-yard dash with a time of 10.3, and Goins had a fourth in the discus with a toss of 121 feet.

Ramsey also ran a 23.4-220, which was just shy of the regional record of 23 flat but his time was good for only a fourth place.

The sprint relay team ran a 44.9, just two-tenths of a second off the regional record, but the fast field that day won the meet with a 44.2.

The Jacks wound up with 16 points in the meet which was more than any other DHS team in a regional meet.

It turned out to be a good year for DHS Spring sports in spite of the conflicting workouts between track and baseball and track didn't seem to affect the performance of the baseball team because the Jack nine went on to win district and region that same year.



Lumberjacks jog streets in track workouts

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'Jacks for real, beat Hudson

By GARY WILLMON
News Sports Writer

DIBOLL — The Diboll Lumberjacks have won seven games so far this season while losing 12. But don't let that fool you. The 'Jacks are sizzling right now with a 3-0 District 17-AA mark after dropping the Hudson Hornets here last night, 31-30, in a typical 17-AA come-from-behind thriller.

Meanwhile, the Hornets own a 14-5 season record. But don't let those five losses fool you, either. All five have come by one point, and last night's encounter was no exception.

"We just never gave up," said Diboll coach John McGilvra, who watched his son Neil drop in the winning point with 12 seconds left in the contest.

The young McGilvra, who is just a sophomore, took high-point honors with 13 points for Diboll while teammate Johnny Lewis had 10 for the 'Jacks.

Larry Jackson led the Hudson scoring with 10 while Steve Sikes and Stanley Temple netted eight apiece for the Hornets.

"Hudson has the best defense of any team we've played this year," Coach McGilvra added, and that is standing the Hornets up against such teams as Cypress-Fairbanks, Lufkin, Kennard and San Augustine, all of whom Diboll has faced this year.

Indeed, the low score indicates a defensive struggle on the evening. The Hornets jumped to a four-point lead twice in the first quarter, but Diboll came back to knot the score each time. Jackson was perfect on a lay-up at the buzzer to give Hudson a two-point lead at the end of the initial stanza.

Both teams played to a stalemate in the second quarter with each squad racking up eight points to give the Hornets a two-point halftime lead, 18-16.

And Hudson was hot at the outset of the second half, edging their lead to six-points early in the third period. But Diboll slowly fought back to trail by only four going into the fourth and climatic quarter, 26-22.

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With 1:05 left in the game, Lewis connected on a jumper from the free throw line to tie the score at 28. Then Jackson was fouled as he tried to drive the baseline, and he was good on two pressure one-and-one free shots to give Hudson a 30-28 lead with 44 seconds remaining.

Neil McGilvra created a deadlock once again as he drove the lane and sank a six-footer with only 32 seconds left to play. But Lewis drew a foul as Jackson tried a shot that would give Hudson the lead once more with 21 ticks left on the clock.

Jackson, who had made six charity tosses already on the evening in as many tries, missed both of them this time and Gandy Stubblefield rebounded for the 'Jacks. He passed the ball to McGilvra who drove the length of the court and was fouled as he attempted a shot with 12 seconds left.

Receiving the only two free throws the Lumberjacks had all night, McGilvra sank the first one to give Diboll its final 31-30 score.

After missing the second free toss, the Hornets had time to bring the ball down court and try for a winning basket but a traveling violation killed their chances for a win.

Diboll now sits atop the District 17-AA standings with a 3-0 record while the Hornets are in second place with a 2-1. San Augustine is 1-1 in the district, and Huntington and Corrigan comprise the cellar for the league.

Diboll will take the rest of the week off, having an open date Friday night. No rest will be forthcoming for Hudson, however, as the Hornets host the Wolves of San Augustine Friday night in another made-to-order 17-AA confrontation.

In last night's game, Hudson hit 10 of 29 field goal attempts for 35 per cent while the Lumberjacks made 15 of 45 for 33 per cent.

At the charity stripe, Hudson made 10 of 12 for 83 per cent while Diboll, namely McGilvra, hit one of two attempts.

The Hornets outrebounded the 'Jacks, 22-21, but led in turnovers, 10-5.

The Diboll gymnasium may have a spell over the Hornets as Hudson has never won there since entering the Class AA ranks in 1973. Each loss, however, has come by just a few points.

Diboll took the junior varsity contest, too, by a score of 49-35 with Ronnie Johnson having 22 points for the 'Jacks. Steven Code also had 13 for Diboll.

For Hudson, Jerry Arnold had 11 points.

HUDSON (3)	FG	FT-A	PF	TP
Jackson	2	6-8	2	10
Sikes	4	0-0	2	8
Dotson	2	0-0	2	4
Temple	2	4-4	1	8
Caver	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	10	10-12	7	30

DIBOLL (31)				
McGilvra	6	1-2	3	13
Russell	0	0-0	2	0
Stubblefield	1	0-0	2	2
Alexander	1	0-0	5	2
Lewis	5	0-0	2	10
Fenley	2	0-0	0	4
TOTALS	15	1-2	14	31

Score by Quarters

Hudson	10	8	8	4--30
Diboll	8	8	6	9--31

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Weekend losses fatal

Hudson, SA oust Jacks from race

The title race in the north zone of District 17-AA has made an abrupt about face for the Diboll Lumberjacks after a disastrous weekend when they lost back to back games to the top two teams in the zone, thus eliminating them from title contention.

The first loss was a hotly contested 51-37 affair to Hudson Friday night and then in a suspended game with San Augustine the Jacks went three overtimes Saturday before losing to the Wolves 76-75.

Prior to those two stunning defeats the Jacks had been tied with Hudson for first place in the zone while San Augustine was just a game behind the leaders.

Now the Diboll-Huntington game tomorrow night (Friday) is meaningless for both teams as the two wind up the 1975-76 season in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

The Hudson loss no doubt took some sting out of the Jacks for their battle with San Augustine Saturday night and it was a frustrating loss.

Coach John McGilvra had his work cut out, preparing his team for San Augustine after such a tough loss the night before but the Jacks rose to the occasion and took it down to the wire before finally bowing out of the race.

Friday night at Hudson the Jacks ran aground with some inconsistent officiating and again the Hornets' margin of victory came from the free throw line.

Hudson was 15-20 from the charity line while Diboll managed just one of three free throws.

The game was relatively close until midway in the third period when Hudson finally pulled away.

The Hornets led 16-12 after the first period but early in the second quarter the Jacks pulled to within two before falling behind at halftime 28-20.

In the third period the Jacks refused to fold and came out at intermission to score six straight points to make it 28-26.

Hudson then reeled off six straight to move back in front by eight and from that time on the Jacks couldn't catch up.

After three periods, it was 38-30 and the Hornets padded that to a game high of 16 points late in the contest.

The big difference in the game however was from the foul line as both teams scored 18 baskets from the field.

Fouls hurt the Jacks in more ways than one as two key starters fouled out, Chet Alexander and the team's leading scorer, Neil McGilvra.

Two other starters for Diboll were beginning to get in foul trouble late in the game with Anthony Russell collecting four and Gandy Stubblefield three.

Johnny Lewis led the Jacks in scoring with 12 points, most of them coming in the first period. McGilvra had nine points followed by Alexander with eight and Stubblefield with six.

Hardy Dotson led the Hornets with 16 points.

Saturday night the San Augustine Wolves and Diboll played a game of survival and both teams did just that as the contest had to go three overtimes before a winner was decided.

For the loser in that one, there was no tomorrow and the Wolves stayed alive in the zone race by edging Diboll 76-75.

The game was a continuation of a Tuesdasy night suspended game, one which was called off because of a faulty scoreboard.

San Augustine was leading by a narrow margin of 21-18 when the game was called and the two teams took up at that point Saturday night.

The Wolves moved out to a 39-32 halftime lead before Diboll roared back with a good second half performance.

Diboll outscored the Wolves by one in the third period but still trailed by six going into the final period but a 15-9 outburst tied the game at the end of regulation time.

In the first overtime San Augustine's Bill Taylor connected with four seconds remaining to tie the game once more and send it into the second overtime.

With time running out in the second overtime Neil McGilvra hit two free throws to tie the game at 73 apiece, setting the stage for the third overtime period.

Lynn Wilson hit two free throws for the game deciding points in the final overtime and in that period only one field goal was scored by either team, that a layup by McGilvra.

Taylor was high for the game for the Wolves with 29 points and McGilvra poured in 24 to lead Diboll.

The Jacks are now 8-15 on the season and 4-3 in zone play.

Winners in four of their first five zone encounters, the Jacks now have lost three of their last four games.

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Nothing much since

1967 baseball team posted 24-4 record

Fielding perhaps the best all-around baseball team ever assembled at Diboll High School, the 1967 team posted the best record ever at DHS and went on to win everything in sight in giving the school its second regional title in baseball.

Although the team had some run scoring power, it was the year of pitching as the Jack hurlers set all sorts of school records.

Two sophomore pitchers, Danny Baker and David Wimp, combined for five no-hitters, four of them by Baker to lead the team to a fine 24-4 won-lost record.

During that 24 win season the Jacks reeled off a record 19 in a row before the skein was broken by Elkhart in the district playoffs.

Coach Jerry Gartman's Lumberjacks started off the season with two straight losses, a 4-2 opening loss to Trinity and a 3-1 setback at the hands of Hemphill.

After that the team reeled off the 19 consecutive victories that included three no-hitters by Baker over a two-week span.

His first one came in a 10-0 win over Trinity, one in which he struck out nine and walked only two.

That masterpiece was followed a week later with a 14-0 no-hit job over Huntington that included 14 strikeouts.

Just two short weeks following his first no-hitter Baker blanked Wells 11-0, giving up no hits, two walks, and nine strikeouts in a five-inning game.

Baker's next start was a one hit, 12 strikeout performance over Alto.

During this stretch of outstanding pitching by Baker, his older brother, Lee, joined in with a one-hit shutout over Huntington.

As the regular season began to wind down, another sophomore, David Wimp, fired a no-hitter at Central and Danny Baker came back the very next game with his fourth no-hitter of the season in a 5-0 win over Corrigan.

The regular season ended with Wayne Stephens leading the Jack hitters with a .410 average and a school record of 35 stolen bases.

Baker posted a perfect 7-0 record on the mound and pitched 51 innings, giving up just 16 hits, and 86 strikeouts.

Wimp finished the season with a 6-2 mark with 61 strikeouts in 43 innings and Lee Baker was unbeaten in five starts for the Jacks.

Against Elkhart in the district playoffs, the Jacks took an 18-game winning streak in to the series and promptly extended that to 19 with a win over the Elks in the first game of a two-out-of-three playoff.

However in the second game Elkhart snapped the string with a 4-1 win but the Jacks took the third game for the district title by a score of 5-4.

The bi-district playoff turned out to be much more exciting than both the district playoffs and the regional playoffs combined.

The Jacks had to face a good Waco Robinson team in a two-out-of-three series and it went right down to the wire.

In the first game at Robinson's home field, Baker twirled a three hitter and the Jack bats were near silent too but Diboll took that game by a 3-1 score.

The second game was played in Lufkin and a Robinson win would force the third game to be played as part of a double header that same afternoon.

As fate would have it, Robinson and the Jacks played a marathon, going 12 innings before the Jacks finally fell 4-3.

In that game Wimp started for Diboll and went four innings before Baker came on to go the final eight innings and ended up as the losing pitcher.

That forced the third game and Baker came right back to start that game and did go five innings before running out of gas.

Wimp finished up and saved the win for Baker as the Jacks took a 7-3 win and the bi-district championship.

Stephens stole his 43rd and 44th bases in those final two games.

The regional battle was a cake-walk for the Jacks as they swept Thrall in two straight, 5-4 and 7-4 for the regional championship.



FFA MEMBERS learn various skills during their vocational training. The Diboll chapter each year builds creep feeders such as the one Arthur Kilgore and Sidney Murray are working on here. This is FFA Week in Texas and chapter members will observe it with various activities.

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Open house at schools

Next week is Public School Week in Texas and Diboll schools will be open to the public for inspection.

Although parents can visit the schools anytime during the week, regular open house will be held at all three school campuses on Tuesday night, March 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

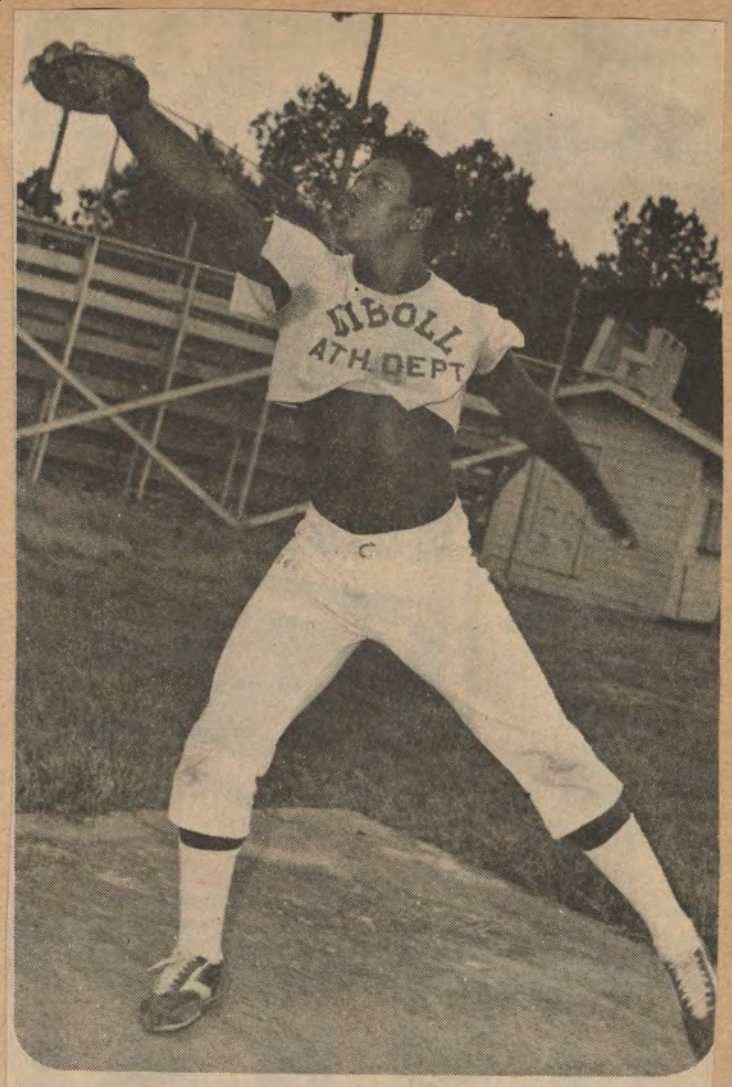
Members of the board of education in addition to visiting the schools will eat lunch Monday at Diboll Elementary School, at Temple Junior School on Wednesday and at Diboll High School on Friday.

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL
1976 BASEBALL SCHEDULE
West Zone

Mar. 11	Nacogdoches JV	H
Mar. 16	Lufkin JV	T
Mar. 18	Crockett	T
Mar. 23	Corrigan	H
Mar. 26	San Augustine	T
Mar. 30	Hudson	T
Apr. 2	Bye	
Apr. 5	Huntington	H
Apr. 9	Corrigan	T
Apr. 12-16	Spring vacation	
Apr. 20	San Augustine	H
Apr. 23	Hudson	H
Apr. 27	Bye	
Apr. 30	Huntington	T
May 3-7	Makeup games	
May 10-21	Zone playoffs	
May 22	District decided	



THIS IS FFA WEEK in Texas and Diboll FFA Chapter President David Weeks will show this Santa Gertrudis heifer at the Houston Fat Stock Show as part of the week's activity.



DONALD COLEMAN is the strong man on the Lumberjack track and field team. Coleman heaves the discus and the shot put and will take part in the junior varsity division of the Pineywoods Relays in Lufkin this weekend.

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JOHN FENLEY and Joe Sheddan practice a baton handoff during track workouts on the DHS campus. The Lumberjacks will take part in the junior varsity division of the Pineywoods Relays in Lufkin this weekend.

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Coleman 4th in meet at Dayton

The Lumberjack track team took part in their first meet of the 1976 season in Dayton and Coach Joe Wyatt was more than pleased with his team's performance.

On a cold and rainy day the Jacks didn't score many points but "the kids looked good in the running events," said Wyatt.

Members of the sprint relay teams raced around the track without any trouble with the baton exchanges and this is a bright spot since none of the foursome had ever run together.

Donald Coleman threw the shot put 46-11 good for fourth place and Chet Alexander broad-jumped nearly 18 feet but didn't place.

The Jacks go to Lufkin this weekend in the Pineywood Relays.

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Beat Nacogdoches JV

Conner, Spivey lead Jacks to first win, 1-0

The Diboll Lumberjack baseball team chalked up their first win of the 1976 campaign and it came in fine fashion with a 1-0 win over the Nacogdoches JV Friday.

Monday's game with Nacogdoches was canceled because of wet grounds and will be played today (Thursday) in Diboll beginning at 4 p.m.

Ricky Conner, Larry Spivey and Larry Jansen were three of the heroes Friday against Nacogdoches as the Jacks' defense reversed its performance of a few days earlier when they committed nine errors and gave up seven walks in losing to Lufkin's JV 12-7.

This time a dropped third strike turned out to be the only error of the game for Diboll as Conner twirled a masterpiece.

He gave up only three hits, walked two and struck out 12, the last strikeout coming with the tying and winning runs on base in the final inning.

The Jacks pounded out five hits in the game as Spivey went two for three with Jansen, Randy Pressley and Randy Porter collecting the other hits.

Another factor in the game was the Jacks' ability to move the ball at the plate with Jansen's leadoff strikeout in the first inning being the only Diboll hitter to whif.

Conner held Nacogdoches hitless going into the sixth inning but gave up a hit in that frame to spoil his gem.

The Jacks got the only run of the game in their half of the fifth when with two out, Jansen started it off with a walk.

Jansen stole second and Spivey lashed a single to score Jansen to make it 1-0.

In the top half of the seventh Nacogdoches threatened after two were on a double and an infield single, but Conner struck out the final batter to nail down the victory.

The Jacks are now 1-1 on the season and play three more non-district games before starting zone play March 23.

Kennard canceled both games with Diboll and in those spots the Jacks picked up Nacogdoches JV in the game today and March 18 they will go to Crockett.

Those two games will be sandwiched around a rematch with the Lufkin JV Tuesday, March 16 in Lufkin.



RANDY PORTER, Issac Hines and Dennis Crager will be running the 440 yard dash for the Lumberjack track team this season. (Free Press Photo)

Ladyjacks run in first track meet

The Diboll Ladyjack track team competed in their first meet of the season in Woodville last weekend and although they didn't win the meet, seven girls made it to the finals.

Coach Linda Dunlap will take the girls to Lufkin Friday and this meet will be only the second competitive meet for just about every member of the Ladyjacks.

The Woodville meet did give the Diboll girls much needed experience since most of them had never seen a track meet, much less run in one.

The Ladyjacks would have had a third place in the 100 but a disqualification ruined this since the Diboll runner ran out of her lane.

However they did pick up fifth and sixth places in the discus with Denise Grissom and Rhonda Pressley and Miss Pressley also picked up a sixth place in the shot put.

Glenda Miller was sixth in the long jump and in the 80 yard hurdles Laura Register finished fifth and Kathy Groom sixth.

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WANDA WHITED buries in the pit as she practices the broad jump with the DHS Ladyjacks track team. Coached by Linda Dunlap, the girls are steadily progressing as a track team. (Free Press Photo)



LAURA REGISTER (left) prepares to hand the baton to Deane English as they run relay practice on the DHS campus. The girls track team, the Ladyjacks, participated in their first meet of this year's season at Woodville last week.

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BIG MACK BACK HOME

MACK MITCHELL took time out this week to work out with the DHS track team. The native Dibollian is a defensive end with the Cleveland Browns and will attend school and complete his off season training program before reporting back to Cleveland in June. Isaac Hines (left) and Joe Sheddan and Coach Joe Wyatt stopped for a brief chat with the big 6-8, 250-pound pro lineman who was an all state athlete at DHS and later an All American at the University of Houston.

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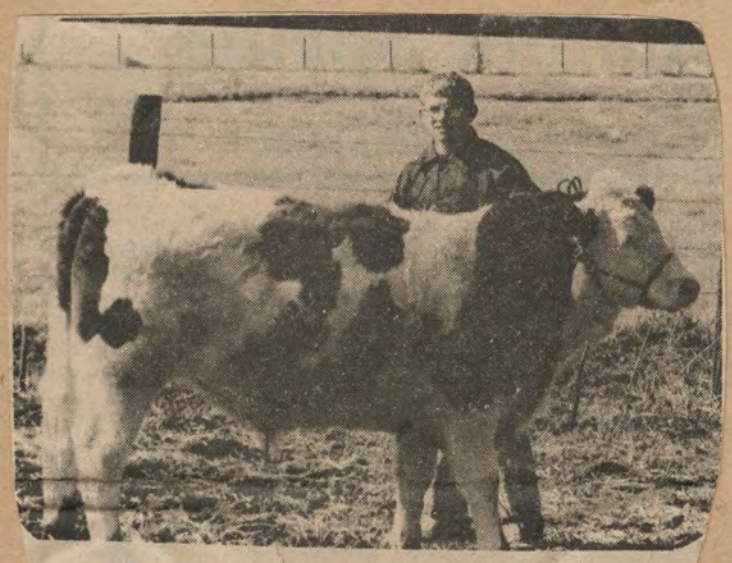
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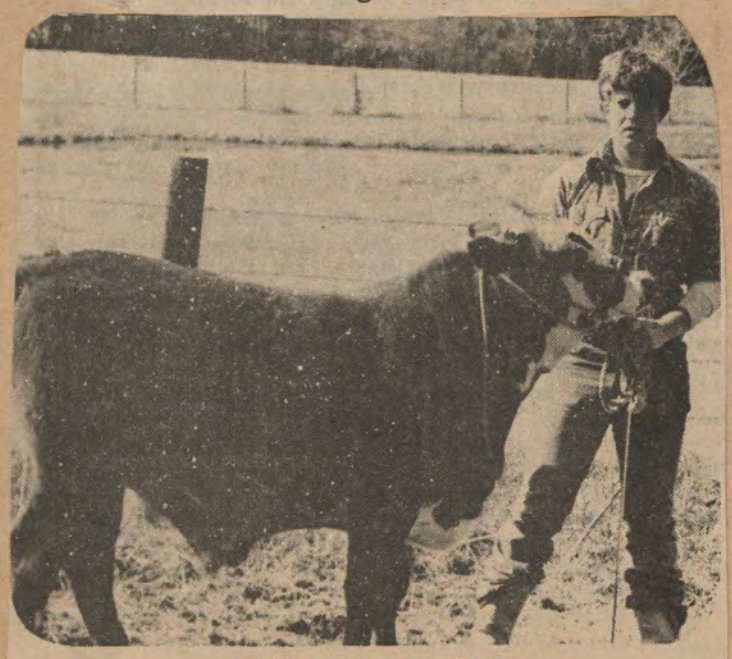
MEMBERS of the Diboll FFA Chapter will be showing their fat steers in the Angelina County Junior Livestock Show on Tuesday, March 16. Other FFA and 4-H members will also compete in the annual show with calves, swine and breeding livestock. These are the eight Diboll entries in the show.



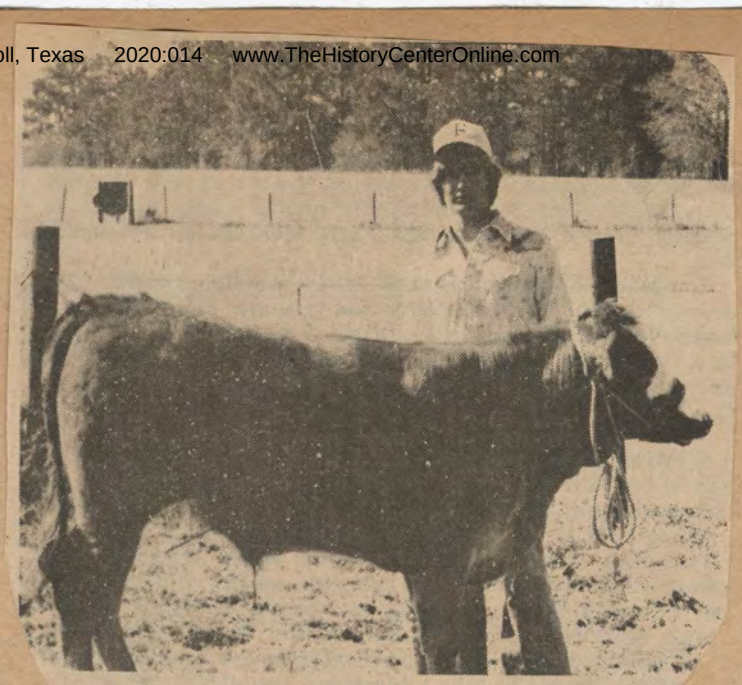
KIM SAMPLE
Simmental-Angus cross steer



RICKY KEE
Simmental-Angus cross steer



GLENN DOUGLASS
Brahman cross steer



KEITH LEE
Simmental-Angus cross steer

Ribbons galore for Diboll FFA Chapter

Diboll FFA Chapter members did well in the recent County Junior Livestock Show according to Jesse Bradford.

Bradford listed the following students and ribbons won by their entries:

Lanny Wilkerson, blue, first in heavyweight Hereford division; Ricky Kee, blue, first in heavyweight mixed breed division; Michael Hicks, blue; Ricky Torbert, blue; Kim Sample, blue; Keith Lee, red; Dennis Lenderman, red; Glenn Douglass, white; Johnny Flowers, white; and Brian Burnett, white.

Breeding Animals Division: David Weeks, blue ribbon, grand champion Brahman-Brahman cross female; Randy Pressley, blue, Brahman cow; Ray Anthony, red on Brown Swiss bull and white or Brown Swiss cow.

Market Barrows: Robert Tatum, white; Randy Pressley, white; Ricky Pressley and Verada Ivey, no ribbon.

Rabbits: Richard Crager, blue, grand champion doe and reserve champion rabbit of show; Daniel Phipps, blue; Garland Thompson, one blue, four red and two white ribbons; Ronnie Jones, one blue, one white; Randy Harper, one red; Travis Parish, one red; Brett Carnley, one white; Lloyd McKnight, one white; and Melvin Thompson, four white, two red.

Diboll FFA placed second in the Shop Show.

DHS students showing with the Angelina County 4-H included Lisa Burkhalter, whose Angus heifer won a blue ribbon and first place in beef cattle showmanship; and Kenneth Stinson, red ribbon on Brown Swiss heifer and first place in dairy cattle showmanship.

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RICKY KEE of Diboll High School won a $275 check from the Burger King Corp. as a successful participant in the Houston Livestock Show Calf Scramble. With Ricky are his teacher, Jesse Bradford (left) and Joe Turner of Burger King.



GLENDA MILLER practices the broad jump as the Ladyjacks track team prepares for a meet this Friday in Buna. The boys track team will also compete at Buna on Friday, with finals set for Saturday there.



DHS BAND MEMBERS who took part in the District Solo and Ensemble contest last week brought home 23 medals. Left to right are Glenn Douglas, Deborah Donahoe, Darla Smith, Alberta Mitchell, Evelyn Carr, Jeanne Carter, Kim Sample, Connie Martin, Band Director Judy Ellison, Melanie Harrison, Diana Lazarine, Suzy Mills, Cathy Carr, Barbara Maynard, Julie Lazarine, Debbie Carter, Dianne Lee, Mitzi Jordan, Lauri Durham, Kathy Gartman and Melissa McCall. (Free Press Photo)

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McGilvra, Lewis on All Zone

Sophomores Neil McGilvra and Johnny Lewis of the Diboll Lumberjack basketball team were named to the District 17-AA All North Zone team this past week.

Three sophomores were named to the ten-man squad along with five seniors and two juniors.

The San Augustine Wolves, winner of the north zone, placed three players on the team while Diobll, Hudson and Huntington had two and Corrigan one.

McGilvra, the Jacks' leading scorer this year, Lewis, and Huntington's Kent Johnson were the three sophomores making the team.

The other Red Devil on the squad was junior Randel Bell.

The Wolves had Terry Hicks, Ray Roberts and Dennis Barnes on the squad while Hudson placed Larry Jackson and Hardy Dotson.

The lone Corrigan player to be named was senior Jerry Stutts.

Diboll's Gandy Stubblefield and San Augustine's Bill Taylor were honorable mention.



THE 1976 LUMBERJACK baseball team is composed of (front row) Jerry Landrum, Walter Terrell, Tony Rice, Carroll Saxton, Randy Porter, Pablo Guerrero and Larry Jansen. Standing are John Oates, Larry Spivey, Ricky Pressley, Ricky Conner, Craig Ruby, Larry Cook and Coach Ted Bullard. (Free Press Photo)



MRS. CLYDE THOMPSON (right) this week presented the Diboll High School Library with a one year subscription to American Heritage book series. Accepting the gift was Librarian Mrs. Joan Doss. The gift presented by Mrs. Thompson is supported by the American Patriots Division of the Pilot Club of Diboll.

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Board may search for new stadium location

Sodding work is due to be done on the field at Lumberjack Stadium before this football season, and the Diboll school board may begin looking for a future site for a new stadium.

Superintendent Don Robbins told the board Tuesday night that the sodding work is needed this spring and summer, and he is to get estimates on what that will cost.

Board Member Ray Paulsey is personally interested in the project and will assist in it.

Member Richard Albrecht said he felt the board should start now to look for possible sites for a new stadium before land prices go any higher.

He got support from several members, but Supt. Robbins cut short the discussion, saying that the acquisition of land should be discussed in private at some future time.

Lumberjack Stadium was built in 1948. Renovations have been made several times since then, but the stadium remains small, has poor drainage, dilapidated visitor stands, and limited parking facilities.

The stadium has no track, and the need for a track has been mentioned many times as a priority.



RICHARD CRAGER of the Diboll FFA Chapter exhibited the Reserve Champion Doe Rabbit at the Angelina County Junior Livestock Show on Tuesday. Crager also had a First Place Buck Rabbit at the show. That's reigning Rodeo Queen Ann Stroud of Madisonville posing with Richard.

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WILBUR F. PATE

Services Friday for Wilbur Pate

Funeral services will be held Friday in Lufkin for Wilbur F. Pate, 73, former longtime superintendent of Diboll schools.

Mr. Pate died in a Houston hospital late Tuesday. He had been ill the past few years and had lived in the Houston area.

Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Gipson Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Garden of Memories.

Mr. Pate was born May 25, 1902 at Bronson, Texas. He began his teaching career in Sabine County and later taught for two years in San Augustine County before coming to Diboll as high school principal in 1941.

He was elevated to superintendent the following year and served in that position for 26 years. He officially retired from the Diboll system in July, 1968, ending a 39-year career as educator and public school administrator.

A large scale building program under Pate's planning resulted in new elementary and high school plants and a new Temple School before integration.

The expansion program separated into three campuses the elementary, intermediate and senior schools which had until 1952 been on the same campus.

The school board honored Mr. Pate after his retirement by naming the new high school gymnasium the Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

He was active in church and civic affairs here. He was a past president of the Diboll Lions Club, honorary member of the Diboll Jaycees and a life member of the Diboll Quarterback Club, district lay leader and Sunday School teacher at the First United Methodist Church, a member of Who's Who in the Methodist Church of America, and was a member of the Burke Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Pate was a life member of the Texas Association of School Administrators and a member of TSTA and NEA. He was also active in Boy Scout work during his years in Diboll.

His papers on lumbering and the railroads of East Texas were published by the

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National Academy of Science, and his plan for special education classes in Diboll was widely copied by other state educators.

Mr. Pate received his BS and MA degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Survivors include one son, Billy Frank Pate of Houston, several brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Gipson Funeral Home, directors.

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DISTANCE RUNNERS Michael Hicks, Vernon Ivey and Larry Cook get in shape for their races in the District 17-AA track and field meet scheduled this week. (Free Press Photo)

Girls golf team third

Diboll's girls golf team completed their season Monday by finishing the third place in the District 17-AA championship tournament.

Members of the first team for Coach Linda Dunlap this season were Dianne Lee, Jean Greer, Anne Cooke, Sandra Jackson and Tammy Ivey.

The second team also took part in the tourney and members of that squad were Debra Donahoe, Glenda Luttrell, Becky Skoug, Melanie Harrison and Carolyn Cheavens.



DIBOLL HIGH'S one-act play cast is in Baytown this week competing in the area contest after sharing honors with Newton in the UIL District contest last week at Angelina College. The cast of the play, titled "Fixin's", includes (seated) Mona Kilgore, Lanny Wilkerson and Algie Kilgore. Standing are instructor Burlon Wilkerson, Bill Brown and Terry Grigsby. (Free Press Photo)

Shepherd, Havard win seats on school board

Incumbent C. H. Shepherd and newcomer Charles Havard were elected to the Diboll ISD board of trustees last Saturday as only 242 people bothered to cast votes in the election.

Havard replaces Mrs. Sandra Pouland on the board. She did not seek reelection.

Two women seeking to replace Mrs. Pouland lagged slightly behind Havard in the voting. Havard polled 116 votes to 104 for Mrs. Nancy Holubec and 101 for Mrs. Melba Price.

Henry Procella had dropped out of the race but his name was on the ballot and he got eight votes.

Shepherd won his third term on the board and easily led the balloting with 153 votes.

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DIBOLL FFA CHAPTER won first place in the pasture judging sponsored by the Upper Neches Soil and Water Conservation District last week. Team members were Brett Carnley, David Carrier, Mark Thompson and Glen Douglas. At right is Advisor Bob McCurry. Carrier was also the high scoring individual in the contest.



DIBOLL ALSO HAD the first place team in the land judging sponsored last week by the Upper Neches Soil and Water Conservation District. Members were Sidney Murray, Tim Allen, Ricky White and Arthur Kilgore. At right is Advisor Bob McCurry. Tim Allen was also the highest scoring individual in the land judging event.

Conner strong in 9-0 win over Huntington

A six-run fourth inning and Ricky Conner's two hitter paced the Diboll Lumberjacks to a 9-0 District 17-AA win over the Huntington Red Devils Monday.

The win gave the Jacks a 3-5 season mark and left them 1-2 in zone play with a big game coming up tomorrow (Friday) in Corrigan at 4 p.m.

Jacks ready for district

The Diboll Lumberjack track team will go to Warren today (Thursday) to take part in the District 17-AA meet.

Coaches Joe Wyatt and Ted Bullard expect a strong field in the meet and the Jacks hope to unseat some of the favorites.

The team has improved steadily with each meet this season with all the times and distances better now than at any time this season.

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Ladyjacks fourth in district track

The Diboll Ladyjack track team capped off a successful 1976 campaign by finishing a strong fourth in the District 17-AA meet in Nacogdoches Tuesday.

Two Diboll girls, Linda Miller and Teresa Martin will go on to the regional meet April 4 and another barely missed going due to a controversial call by one of the judges in the 80-yard hurdles.

That disputed call not only knocked Ladyjack Laura Register from region, it also kept the Ladyjacks from finishing in third place.

In that race Register crossed the finish line in a dead heat with two other girls and the timers clocked her for a second place finish but the "picker" or judge, pointed her out as finishing third.

After a long discussion between the Diboll coaches and track officials, the judge in question ruled a third-place finish for Register and his decision is final.

The team championship was won easily by Buna which picked up 166½ points to second-place Corrigan's 99½.

San Augustine finished third, thanks to the judge's decision in the 80-yard hurdles, just ahead of Diboll's 76 points.

Hudson nosed out Huntington for fifth place 45-44 and Kirbyville had eight points.

Newton didn't compete in the meet because of a late entry registration.

In the field events Coach Linda Dunlap's girls picked up a first, third, and three fourth-place ribbons and that first-place finish turned out to be a meet record.

Linda Miller had a triple jump of 32'4½" breaking the old record of 28 feet by a wide margin.

Kathy Groom finished fourth in that event and grabbed off another fourth place in the high jump for Diboll.

Rhonda Pressley was fourth in the shot put and Denise Grissom's effort in the discus was good for a fourth place.

In the running events Register, Groom, Miller and Martin led the mile relay team to third place and the same foursome finished fourth in the 440-yard relay.

The 880-yard relay team of Wanda Whited, Melanie Harrison, Jennifer Turner and Miller picked up a fourth place and Register got third place points in the 80-yard hurdles while Groom finished fourth.

Martin broke a meet record in the 100-yard dash but she was one-tenth of a second behind the leader and finished second in that event with a time of 11.9.

The Ladyjacks tuned up for the district meet with a warmup at Stephen F. Austin Saturday and in that one they finished fifth in their division.

The foursome of Register, Groom, Miller and Martin finished fourth in the sprint relay and Groom had a fourth in the high jump.

Martin had another second in the 100-yard dash and Register was third in the 80-yard hurdles.

The Ladyjacks have only competed in track for three years and this is the first time the Diboll girls ever had a series of competitive meets.

Coach Dunlap fielded a young team this year and with the experience of 1976 the girls will be a strong contender for the 17-AA title next year.

There were no seniors or juniors on the team, only four sophomores and 12 freshmen.

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Band concert slated May 18

The annual spring concert will be performed by the Diboll High School Lumberjack Band on Tuesday, May 18 in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and the band will be under the direction of Judy Ellison.

Five Jacks to region

Five Diboll athletes will represent the school in the region this weekend at Brenham.

The golf team of David Lindsey, Jimmy McClain, Gandy Stubblefield and Bryan Faircloth tee off today (Thursday) with the tournament winding up tomorrow (Friday).

Donald Coleman is the other Lumerjack competing in the regional meet and he will be throwing the shot put Saturday for the Jack track team.



DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL'S boys golf team won the District 17-AA golf title last week and compete in the regional meet in Brenham this week. Left to right are David Lindsey, low scorer in district with a 74; Jimmy McClain, second low scorer with a 78; Gandy Stubblefield and Bryan Faircloth. Joe Wyatt is golf team coach.

(Free Press Photo)

Hornets, Wolves rap Lumberjacks

The San Augustine Wolves scored eight runs in the first two innings and went on to an easy 11-2 win over the Diboll Lumberjacks Monday night in San Augustine.

This was a makeup game of an early season rainout contest between the two teams.

Diboll winds up the 1976 season today (Thursday) in Huntington and needs a win to finish in fourth place in the zone.

Pablo Guerrero started for the Jacks and was shelled in the very first inning as the Wolves scored five runs.

Ricky Conner relieved Guerrero in that inning but couldn't hold off the hot bats of the Wolves and he too was hit hard as San Augustine got to him for three more runs in the second inning to make it 8-0.

Larry Jansen came on opening the third inning and finished up for Coach Ted Bullard, giving up three runs to San Augustine in the fourth.

The Jacks finally got on the scoreboard in the fifth inning when Craig Ruby led off with a walk, moved to second on another walk to Jansen and both runners scampered home on Larry Spivey's booming triple.

Diboll managed only three hits in the game as Andy Porter managed a single and Larry Cook had a double to go along with Spivey's extra base hit.

The Jacks are now 1-6 in zone play, their only win coming over Huntington, their opponent in today's game.

San Augustine is 3-2 in zone play behind Hudson and Corrigan, the top two teams in the zone.

Diboll played probably one of its best games of the season Friday afternoon in Hudson although they lost a 7-2 contest to the Hornets.

The big inning did it for Hudson as they scored five

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SAYING GOODBYE

JUDY ELLISON was presented red roses and other gifts by her band students at the spring concert Tuesday. She is resigning this year after eight years as director of Diboll school bands.

Senior band members with Miss Ellison are (left to right) Dianne Lee, Debbie Carter, Julie Lazarine, Miss Ellison, Vicki Russell, Jimmie Lee Harris and Amy Flowers. (Free Press Photo)

Jack golfers in state tourney

The Diboll Lumberjack golf team left yesterday for Austin for the state tournament after finishing second in the District 17-AA tourney last week.

This is only the second time that an athletic team or participants have competed in the state meet in any capacity.

Emmett King was the first when he ran in the 220 yard dash in 1974.

Members of the Jack golf team going to Austin are Gandy Stubblefield, David Lindsey, Bryan Faircloth and Jimmy McClain.

Emotion flows for departing band director

A fair crowd turned out at Wilbur Pate Gymnasium Tuesday night to hear the combined bands of Diboll schools in the annual spring concert.

The group, performing for the last time under the direction of Judy Ellison, started fast with the "Spirit of '76" and finished fast with "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Miss Ellison has resigned at the end of the month after directing the bands the past eight years. She was mobbed and hugged at the end of the concert by the nearly 60 tear-eyed band students.

Senior band students presented Miss Ellison with gifts from the band, and she in turn presented gifts to the six seniors — Vicki Russell, Debbie Carter, Julie Lazarine, Amy Kay Flowers, Jimmie Lee Harris and Dianne Lee. The band roster for this year's concert included:

FLUTES — Susie Beaty, Evelyn Carr, Laura Douglas, Robbie English, Sally Russell,

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Emotion flows for departing band director

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Kim Sample, Sherri Smith and Alma Tobias.

CLARINETS — Sandra Blount, Angela Capps, Cathy Carr, Linda Carter, Tracy Chandler, Angela Gordon, Jo Anne Harris, Susan Hines, Mitzi Jordan, Julie Kilsby, Connie Martin, Kathy McWilliams, Gloria Parrish, Troi Russell and Betty Tucker.

BASS CLARINETS — Lisa Burkhalter and Romona Cowart.

ALTO SAXOPHONES — Kim Baldree, Renee Clark, Diana Lazarine, Suzy Mills, Jackie Robinson and Gay Sample.

TENOR SAXOPHONES — Barbara Maynard and Vickie Russell.

BARITONE SAXOPHONES — Debbie Carter and Jimmie Lee Harris.

FRENCH HORNS — Mary Anne Carter, Lauri Durham and Melissa McCall.

TRUMPETS — Suzanne Burkhalter, Rochelle Carter, Robbie Cobb, James Gann, Kathy Gartman, Becky Gray, Jean Greer, Melanie Harrison, Julie Lazarine, Mary Maynard, Kim Milligan and Dianne Mills.

TROMBONES — Rosalind Blount, Jeanne Carter, Cary Cheshire, Deborah Donahoe, Darla Smith and George Wells.

BARITONES — Alberta Mitchell, Dianne Lee and Carmen Levine.

BASSES — Jesse Alfred and Glenn Douglas.

PERCUSSION — Susan Barkley, Ricky Clark, Chuck Donahoe, Daphne Donahoe, Amy Flowers, Ronnie Hines, Shelia Parr, Keith Rains and Robert Tatum.

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SEVEN STUDENTS were inducted into the National Honor Society at Diboll High School Tuesday night. The seven (seated) are Lauri Durham, Jean Greer, Kathy Groom, Julie Lazarine, Debbie Carter, Mary Ann Carter and Sally Russell. Standing are the other members of the NHS except two who were absent: Bob McCurry, sponsor; Ted Mullins, Doug Cooke, Dick Albrecht Jr., Marty Grumbles, David Turner, David Weeks, Dianne Lee, Mrs. Mary Ingram, sponsor; and Shirley Porter. Not shown is the third sponsor, R. T Ramsey. To gain NHS membership, students mus display scholarship (an 85 average in each subject citizenship, character and leadership. Studen maintaining an 85 average are graded by facul members on each of the four basic points membership.

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Four teachers resign, five others will retire

Four Diboll teachers will resign at the end of the current school year, five others will retire after long years of service as teachers here, and the Diboll school board has employed its slate of instructors for next year.

Resigning will be Judy Ellison, the district's band director; Linda Brown, high school English and Consumer Math teacher; Rodney Nicely, high school biology teacher; and Zenova Gasaway, second grade teacher.

All resignations will be effective at the end of school later this month.

Those retiring will be Willie Massey, assistant high school principal; Robert T. Ramsey, former high school principal and now driver's education teacher; Louise Massey, first grade; Claire Clifton, second grade; and Pauline Collins, fourth grade.

DHS seniors to walk the aisle

Diboll High School graduates will get their diplomas in commencement exercises scheduled next Tuesday, May 25, at 8 p.m. in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

There are 72 students in the class, although officials could not confirm Wednesday what the total number of graduates would be.

Senior Dianne Lee will be the principal speaker for the ceremony, which will be the 49th graduating class at Diboll High School.

Members of the class are:

Vera Adair, Richard Albrecht Jr., Freda Alexander, James Alsbrooks, Doug Baldree, Don Blake, Lena Bray and Shirley Brewer.

Also, Brenda Burke, Donna Capps, Debbie Carter, Doug Cooke, Bernita Criswell, Valrie Criswell, Benny Dominy, Karen Edwards and Amy Flowers.

Also, Teresa Flowers, Peggy Grace, Cindy Grandgeorge, Lisa Grantham, Martha Grumbles, Bryan Harper and Louise Harris.

Also, Jimmie Harris, Tony Harrison, James Hodges, Lewis Ivey, Tammy Ivey, Frank James, Larry Jansen and Debra Johnson.

Also, Mona Kilgore, Julie Lazarine, Dianne Lee, Dennis Lenderman, Joseph Lewis, David Lindsey, Rita Mason and Keith McClure.

Also, Roger McClure, Rita McCollum, Glenda McGuire, Wade Moore, Greg Mullins, Charles Parish, Dianne Parish and Wesley Parish.

Also, Homer Patton, Everlene Poole, Bobby Porter Jr., Shirley Porter, Kenneth Posey, Rickey Pressley, Tony Rice and David Rivers.

Also, Teresa Rogers, Anthony Russell, Vickie Russell, Jean Sheddan, Beckie Skoug, Janice Steel and Effie Teal.

Also, Walter Terrell, David Turner, Howard Turner, Barry Vance and Delois Ward.

Also, Willie Ward, Alvin White, Donald Wilson and A. C. Whitmill.

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Diboll golf team advances to state

The Diboll Lumberjack golf team shot a team score of 322 to give them second place in the regional tournament last weekend.

The second place finish sends the team of David Lindsey, Gandy Stubblefield, Bryan Faircloth and Jimmy McClain to the state meet in Austin May 14-15.

The foursome's score was three strokes behind the leader Willis, which had a team score of 319.

Finishing third in the tourney one stroke behind Diboll was Sealy with a 323.

This is only the second time for an athlete or athletic team from Diboll High School to be in the state playoffs. The only other was Emmett King who advanced to the state meet in the 220 yard dash in 1974.

Stubblefield and Lindsey led the Jack golfers in the regional tournament by shooting identical 76's with Faircloth carding an 84 and McClain an 86.

In track, the Jacks had only one representative in the regional meet in Brenham along with the golfers, and that was shot putter Donald Coleman.

Coleman had his best distance of the season in this event but failed to make it to the finals.

It took a toss of 51 feet to get to the finals in this fast field of athletes and Coleman had a 48-1, his best ever, but it was way short of the minimum.

Jacks beat Devils in last game, 8-5

Randy Porter's double and Carroll Saxton's triple keyed a five run fourth inning that gave the Diboll Lumberjacks an 8-5 come-from-behind win over Huntington Tuesday night.

In the season's finale for both teams, Diboll trailed 4-0 going into the fourth inning but they rallied for the five big runs and then three more in the fifth to notch the win.

The win gives the Jacks a 4-9 season mark and 2-6 in zone play.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Charles Havard

"Lull" is upon us

The sports scene at DHS is slowly winding down to the last out so to speak and as far as the four major high school sports are concerned, it was not a good year.

However, I think it's time to take a look at the reason winning has been so tough for the past couple of years.

One of the things I firmly believe is happening is the lack of quality athletes the school has had or maybe I should say the shortage in number of good athletes.

Sure there have been several good athletes the last two seasons, but we just haven't had as many good ones as it takes to be a winner.

I think the school is going through a period that could be called a "lull" in outstanding athletes. All schools reach this point at one time or other and some of these "lulls" just last longer than others.

The school has had some district championship teams in other sports this year and last, but I'm talking about football, basketball, baseball, and track only, the big four.

I definitely don't think the coaches are at fault because without the "hosses" not many coaches can win.

In football, the problem was glaring — no speed. The team didn't have that one man who could break a game.

Some thought the basketball team should have done better but it's awfully hard to compete in a zone where two of the schools (perennial basketball winners) don't compete in football.

The baseball team hasn't had the interest it should have therefore hampering the number on the squad and cutting the number of quality pitchers needed to win.

Track's problem is simplest of all — no speed.

Prime stock scarce

The Jack football team 10-9-1 over the past two seasons, and the five years prior to that they had a record of 38-18 or a winning percentage of about .680.

The truth of the matter is the team had players such as Thomas Joshua, Oather Spencer, Nick Trout, Jay Wyatt, Emmett King, Alton Jackson, Bill Yates and Mack Mitchell.

Some of those players were on the same teams together and though it may sound a bit derogatory, we haven't seen that caliber of football player in a couple of years.

Winning has certainly spoiled us all and some Lumberjack rooters tend to forget so quickly that not too many years ago five wins made a successful season.

In fact five football wins in a single season was a school record for 19 seasons of football at Diboll and not until Joe Wyatt arrived on the scene did the school win seven, eight, and even nine games.

Basketball has been successful very few times over the years and only three times has the school won district titles.

The years of 6-8 Mack Mitchell produced those three titles.

However, since that time the schedule hasn't been the easiest in the world as Coach John McGilvra started slating games with 4-A and 3-A schools.

This was done to provide some stiff competition prior to the

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ROBERT T. RAMSEY
In front of school he served 29 years

Longtime principal retires

Robert Ramsey coached last six man grid team

Robert Ramsey had never seen a game of six man football when he became football coach at Diboll High School in August, 1947.

The job was a sideline anyway. Ramsey came here as high school principal that year, and for serving as the only high school coach for football, basketball and baseball that year he received an extra $100.

Ramsey isn't sure he ever got the hundred dollar "bonus" for coaching, but he thinks he got a lot of satisfaction from his brief coaching career here, as he coached the last six man team and the first 11 man team at DHS.

Ramsey will be only a young 60 this July, but he is retiring from Diboll High School this month. That will end a 37 year career in education, 29 of it here in Diboll.

He served as high school principal from 1947 until 1974 when he stepped down and became a fulltime driver education instructor for the remainder of his teaching career.

Looking back at that 1947 season of six man football, Ramsey laughs softly. "I think we were 2-4 that season and I had never seen a game of six man football before I came here. So I asked Wilbur Pate to let me put in 11 man the next season and he agreed."

Ramsey scheduled two games with the Lufkin B team at the end of the 1947 season so his 22 players could get a taste of 11 man action and they won both games.

The 1948 season in 11 man wasn't too encouraging, as the team went 1-7-1. But Ramsey coached defense well and only one of the losses was lop-sided.

What worried the young administrator-coach most was that his team played in the outfield of old Miller Park, among the grassburrs and sand.

Dr. Dan Spivey had begun his practice in Diboll about then and he was an avid football fan, so he and Ramsey teamed up to bring about Diboll's first football stadium.

They got about $4,500 in pledges from local mill workers and Arthur Temple then agreed to give support from Temple Industries on the new stadium.

Ramsey and Bennis Franks personally selected the trees to be used as light poles, peeled the poles themselves and got them hauled to Lufkin for treating. Temple equipment was used for grading the new field.

They finally planted grass the next August and the present Lumberjack Stadium was used for the first game in September, 1949, when Diboll beat Shelbyville, 19-0.

Ramsey's team compiled a 5-4 season in 1949 and that record stood at DHS about 18 years.

Ramsey and Franks coached the baseball team to a district title in 1949 also and Franks took over as head basketball coach. Ramsey succeeded in employing J. B. Carrington as football coach in 1950 and finally was able to settle down to his administrative duties.

"I've loved being in Diboll and being associated with the school and community. Diboll has been good to me and my family," says Ramsey.

The retiring educator grew up in Stockman, a tiny farming community near Timpson that has produced dozens of teachers and high school and college administrators.

He played the major sports at Timpson. He was an outstanding football and basketball player, and won district two years in the shot put and discus throw.

He got a chance to attend the old College of Marshall as a member of the choir. The deal was that he would sing in the choir, play basketball — and work! The work the first year was washing dishes, but he got a job grading papers the second year.

Ramsey later transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University, getting his BS degree in 1947 and his master's in 1951.

He taught at Blair for three years before becoming principal at Mt. Hermon near Center, where he stayed for six years before coming to Diboll in 1947.

Ramsey married Rita Franks in 1940. Their children are Dr. Robert (Bobby) Ramsey, head of the Department of Communications at SFA University; Mrs. Nita Hurley and Mrs. Deanna Crump, both of Diboll. The Ramseys have six grandchildren.

Dr. Ramsey was Diboll's first blue chip athlete to be sought after by major universities, and he originally attended Southern Methodist University on a football scholarship.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are active members of the First United Methodist Church of Diboll and retain an interest in other community activities.

When school draws to a close this year, Robert Ramsey will have ample time to improve his golf game and to work at his small ranch near Timpson.

Robert Ramsey has fought the good fight — put more into his community than he has taken from it. It is now time for a well deserved rest.

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THE BEST AT DHS

TOP HONOR STUDENTS in the 1976 graduating class at Diboll High School were Richard Albrecht Jr. (left) the class salutatorian with a four year average of 95.23 and Shirley Porter the class valedictorian with an average of 95.32. Superintendent Don Robbins made presentations to the top students. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albrecht and Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Porter Sr. (Free Press Photo)

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Porter, Albrecht tops in largest DHS class

Shirley Porter and Richard Albrecht emerged as the top scholars in the 1976 graduating class at Diboll High School with four year averages of 95.32 and 95.23, respectively.

The 49th graduating class at DHS was the largest in the school's history, numbering 72, and they went through the commencement ceremony before the largest crowd ever to see commencement here. About 1,200 witnessed the event at Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

Class member Dianne Lee delivered the brief commencement address, encouraging her fellow students to use their training to make useful citizens.

Miss Porter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Porter Sr., barely nosed out Albrecht to become the school's 49th valedictorian with a four year average of 95.32.

Albrecht, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albrecht, has a four year average of 95.23.

David Turner was the third ranking student with a 94.79 average; Cindy Grandgeorge was fourth with 94.76; Julie Lazarine fifth with 94.63; Marty Grumbles sixth with a 92.68; Debbie Carter seventh with 92.58; Charles Parish eighth with 91.36; Vickie Russell ninth with 90.00; and Doug Cooke tenth with an 89.95.

The valedictorian and salutatorian received the customary college scholarship offers. Civic club scholarships went to:

Marty Grumbles and Debbie Carter from the Pilot Club of Diboll; Julie Lazarine from the Angelina County Medical Auxiliary; and Marty Grumbles from the Alpha Eta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Larry Jansen was awarded the Best Citizen Award by the National Honor Society.

Members of the graduating class were:

Vera Francis Adair, Richard Samual Albrecht Jr., Freda Gail Alexander, James Brandford Alsbrooks, Douglas Ray Baldree, Wesley Don Blake, Lena Marie Bray and Shirley Ann Brewer.

Also, Brenda Gail Burke, Donna Allen Capps, Deborah Lynn Carter, Douglas Lyle Cooke, Bernita Vernell Criswell, Valrie Elaina Criswell, Lloyd Benjamin Dominey Jr., Karen Lynette Edwards and Amy Kay Flowers.

Also, Teresa Marlene Flowers, Peggy Sue Grace, Cynthia Denise Grandgeorge, Lisa Dale Grantham, Martha Lynn Grumbles, Bryan Harper and Berdie Louise Harris.

Also, Jimmie Lee Harris, Anthony Dale Harrison, James Monroe Hodges, Monroe Lewis Ivey, Tammy Jewel Ivey, Frank James, Larry Frank Jansen, Debra Elaine Johnson and Mona Faye Kilgore.

Also, Julie Lynne Lazarine, Linda Dianne Lee, Dennis Mark Lenderman, Joseph Venard Lewis, David Edwin Lindsey, Rita Marie Mason, Michael Keith McClure, Roger Dale McClure and Rita Darlene McCollum.

Also, Glenda Jean McGuire, George Wade Moore Jr., Vann Gregory Mullins, Charles Arthur Parish, Dianne Parish, Wesley Don Parish, Homer Wilburn Patton and Everlene Poole.

Also, Bobby Ervin Porter Jr., Shirley Ann Porter, Kenneth Ray Posey, Rickey Ray Pressley, James Anthony Rice, David Franklin Rivers Jr., Teresa Lynn Rogers, Anthony Dean Russell, Vickie Gay Russell and Glynda Jean Sheddan.

Also, Rebecca Ann Skoug, Janice Steel, Effie Dell Teal, Walter Keith Terrell, David Dalton Turner, Howard Gordon Turner, Barry Vance, Betty Delois Ward, Willie Earnest Ward, Alvin Lynn White, A. C. Whitmill and Donnie Raye Wilson.

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CAMPUS TIME



By Dianne Lee

Well, this year has certainly gone by fast, hasn't it? Today the Seniors are on their Senior trip to Lake Tejas. They won't be back at school until Tuesday, May 25 at 10 a.m. to practice marching for graduation. Graduation will start at 8:00 that night. A lot of happy but sad Seniors will be finishing up that 12th year of school.

I know that I for one will be shedding many tears for saying good-bye but then I'll be excited to get out on my own and look forward to college and new people.

I have really enjoyed writing "Campus Time" this past year, and I would like to thank everyone for their help. People have been so kind to stop and tell me how much they have enjoyed my column. The Free Press has been a big help and I would like to thank them also.

Now for news:

It seems that being a Senior has brought me plenty of good meals. Tuesday morning, Mitzi Jordan had a "Come As You Are" breakfast for some Senior girls. Those girls who made it to the 5:00 eating were Vicki Jones, Kim Baldree, Marty Grumbles, Julie and Diana Lazarine, Debbie and Mary Anne Carter, G. G. Denman, Mitzi and myself.

Tuesday night, Mrs. Jefferson treated the Senior Anchor girls to hamburgers. Mrs. Dunlap and Brett, Mrs. English and Mrs. Doss were on hand for the feast.

Wednesday at lunch, Marty Grumbles' grandmother had a Mexican feast prepared. Those who were there were Cindy Grandgeorge, Julie Lazarine, Debbie Carter, Mrs. Jefferson, Mrs. Dunlap, Miss Ellison and myself. The food was terrific and we even had Spanish music, too.

Thursday morning, Mrs. Nancy Weber had a breakfast at her house honoring Marty Grumbles. Those attending were Mrs. Doss, Mrs. English, Mrs. Jefferson, Debbie Carter, Julie Lazarine, Vickie Russell, Cindy Grandgeorge and myself. Each girl picked a potted plant to take home. We'll see if we have green thumbs or not.

The boys g team did a good job at the state meet in Austin last week. We didn't win first place but we are all proud for them to compete in such a meet.

Lots of guys from DHS are planning on being on the Dixie League team this summer. I can't wait to attend some of the games; I know we'll have a good team.

The panel of 1976 Seniors was put up in the hall last Wednesday. That's one of the big things every year to stop and look at all the Senior pictues. If I must say so myself, they look like a pretty good bunch.

Mr. McCurry treated the NHS members to a weiner roast and swimming party at his home. As it has been for the past three years it rained of course but that didn't stop us. Those members were Jean Greer, Rand Pressley, Kathy Groom, Larry Jansen, Robin Clark, David Weeks, Debbie Carter, Marty Grumbles, Doug Cooke, Terry Brewer, John Tatum, Sally Russell, William Prince, Mary Anne Carter and myself. Mr. and Mrs. Greer were in on the fun too.

This is it for "Campus Time" for this year. Next year there will be a new person to fill this job. Thanks again for reading the column and for all the nice things said to me.

Graduation is only a matter of days away and all the memories of school and friends are held dear to my heart. Lots of people knock school but I think school is great for a person. It's a chance to gain knowledge and have fun at the same time.

Teachers and friends make school what it is. I think Diboll High School has some of the best faculty and students in the world. I'll miss DHS just like I'll miss my friends but I'll always remember the football and basketball games, the band trips, the laughter and the tears — these things I'll always treasure, thanks to Diboll.

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TOP TEN STUDENTS in the 1976 DHS graduating class were Shirley Porter, valedictorian, 95.32; Richard Albrecht, salutatorian, 95.23; David Turner, 94.79; Cindy Grandgeorge, 94.76; Julie Lazarine, 94.63; Marty Grumbles, 92.68; Debbie Carter, 92.58; Charles Parish, 91.36; Vickie Russell, 90.00; and Doug Cooke, 89.95.

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JULIE LAZARINE (left) has been presented a scholarship by the Alpha Eta Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi by President Wanda Clark. Julie plans to study dental hygiene at Tyler Junior College.

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Massey's first job: to get the kids in school

When Willie Massey came to Diboll in 1953 as principal of H. G. Temple School, his first and biggest problem was getting school-age people into school.

"There were six boys enrolled in high school, but we had about 40 on the football team. Those boys were either walking the streets or working at the sawmill, and they would come over and play football," Massey recalls.

That was illegal, of course, so Massey set about the task of talking the male students into coming to school.

Massey spotted a group of young males — the school was then all black students — standing on a street and pulled his car beside them and inquired why they weren't in school.

"Look, man," said one of the youths, "I'll be 17 next year and I'll go to work at the mill then — makes no difference if I go to school or not, I'll go to work at the mill when I'm 17."

But Massey slowly enticed the youths into the classroom and one of his problems was solved. But Temple School operated on sparse funds with few teaching aids and it was a struggle.

When integration became a reality, Temple School was merged with the all white Diboll Elementary and Diboll High School, and Massey's school became the intermediate or junior high.

Massey was moved to the high school as Assistant Principal, a post he has held the past six years. He has 23 years in the Diboll school system and a total 38 years as an educator.

Massey served as principal for two years at Long Branch High School in Panola County, eight years as principal at Nigton High School in Trinity County, and two years as assistant principal at Lufkin Dunbar before Superintendent Wilbur Pate brought him to Diboll to take over at Temple High.

The educator says he was glad to see integration of public schools because it meant better educational opportunities for many students. He also knew it would create problems, but he feels most of the chief problems of integration have been resolved.

He believes that as time goes by, student disorders and problems between white and black students will mostly disappear.

In addition to his school career, Willie Massey has been active in community activities since he has been in Diboll.

He has been a trustee of T.L.L. Temple Memorial Library since it was formed in 1962, and he has been a member of the Housing Authority of the City of Diboll since it was formed in the early 1960's.

He treasures a citation presented him recently by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals "for distinguished service to the children and youth of this state for dedication and professional leadership in the field of education for 38 years, 30 years as a principal."

Despite a stroke suffered earlier this year, Willie Massey plans to spend a lot of his time now that he is retired on his farm in Nigton County.

He runs about 150 head of cattle on the farm near where he was born, and it is his favorite place in his leisure time. It is also a lot of work, and Massey admits more of the work will have to be done by hired help from now on.

His wife, Louise Massey, also retired this year after many years as a teacher here. She will go to the farm with Massey much of the time also, but not to work if she can avoid it.

"No sir, she loves to fish too much," says Massey. "She'll sit out at the stock tank and fish as long as she can while we tend the cattle. But that's okay; we both intend to enjoy our retirement," he says.



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Hogue Forrest

Few men enjoy the fullness of life as did the late Rev. Hogue Forrest. Perhaps that is because so few of us put more into our lives for other people than we demand in return. If anyone ever tried to do his best for others, Hogue Forrest did.

His accomplishments as a preacher, teacher and friend have been chronicled in these pages a number of times. They were polite reminders of how a preacher-carpenter served his community for almost three decades; of how he worked so closely with young men to teach them the building trades; of his love for farming and fishing, though he had precious little time for either.

There are too few people like Hogue Forrest, and when one such warm person departs this life we all feel diminished. He was a fine, good and strong man. The real pity of losing him, however, would be if those who knew and loved him ever fail to remember the qualities he had that made him a great man. His greatest ambition would have been that more of us developed those qualities and practiced them in our everyday lives.

—P.D.

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Congratulations

Diboll High School Senior Class of '76





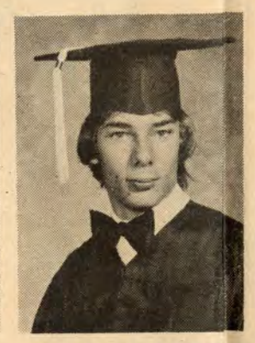
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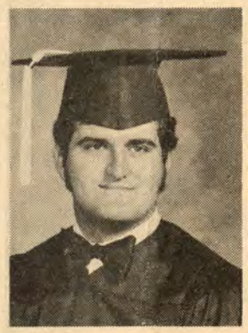
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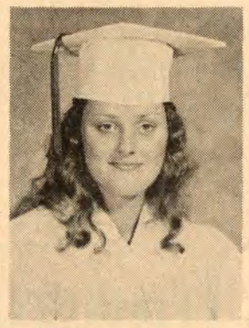
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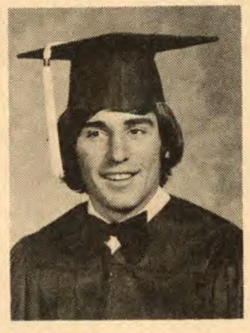
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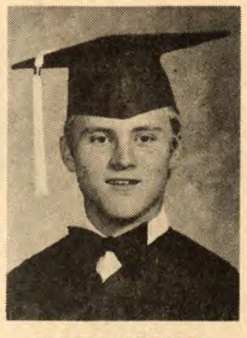
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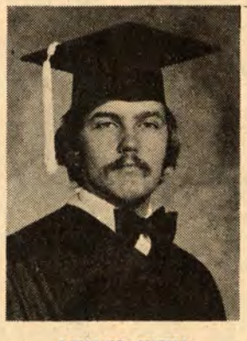
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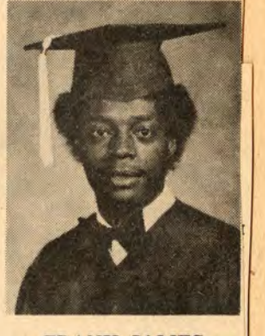
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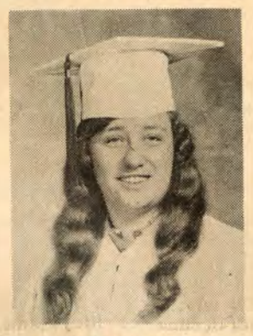
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It's Kick-Off Time!



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'Twas a poor year for sports at Diboll High

The 1974-75 school year is quickly coming to a close at Diboll High School and looking back over the sports scene it could easily be said that this wasn't the year for the Lumberjacks.

The football team finished with a 5-4-1 record, well below par for a Joe Wyatt coached team but did stay in the title race until near the end of the season.

The basketball team had a losing season for the fifth straight year, losing twice as many games as they won and finished up with a 7-14 mark.

Track and field faltered badly. In fact, the Jack thinclads had one of their poorest seasons since the mid 60's.

The baseball team also had a miserable season, winning only two of ten games after poor weather hampered them throughout the Spring.

Coach Linda Dunlap's girls volleyball and track team did manage to salvage an otherwise poor year for Lumberjack athletics by winning their fifth consecutive district volleyball championship and came home with a third place in the district track meet in only the second year of girls track at DHS.

The District 17-AA football chase was wild and woolly at times although after the midway point it was doubtful if anyone would catch powerful Newton, who eventually went on to take the Class AA state championship.

The Jacks had a shot at them but lost it when a 12-12 tie with Buna and a disputed 15-12 loss to Kirbyville did them in.

The '74 Jacks lacked speed, size and depth which isn't anything new but they opened the season in fine fashion, winning their first two games over Garrison and Splendora.

Then came two straight losses at the hands of Westwood and Madisonville before getting back in the groove against San Augustine 36-23 in the first district game.

After an open date, Buna tied the Jacks 12-12 to hurt the Jacks' chances but they were still in the race.

Corrigan was blasted 28-6 on homecoming night in Lumberjack Stadium but the next week the Jacks were just about eliminated by Kirbyville 15-12.

In that game the officials gave the Wildcats a hotly disputed "fifth" down with only seconds remaining and the district title just about slipped from their grasp at that point.

The Jacks took out revenge the next week on Hemphill in a 35-0 rout to set up the head-to-head battle with the unscored on Newton Eagles.

Some of the glamor was gone from this predicted "shootout" but the Eagles were still smarting from the 32-27 loss at the hands of the Jacks from the season before and came to town to make hash of Diboll.

For a while it looked as though they were going to do just that when they scored four touchdowns in the second quarter to take a comfortable 34-7 halftime lead.

The Jacks surprised everyone and regrouped at halftime and came roaring back with two third period scores and then another early in the final period.

Suddenly it was 34-28 but the outmanned Jacks' miracle finish just wasn't to be and Newton tallied once more to win it 41-28.

The 28 points were the most given up by Newton in a single game all season and at the time it was more than all their opponents had scored combined.

This was one of those "if" seasons for Diboll because "if" the seven point loss to Westwood, the tie with Buna, and the three point loss to Kirbyville had gone the other way, the season just as easily could have ended up on an 8-2 note.

Coach John McGilvra's basketballers had a similar fate, losing several close games that could have turned the 7-14 mark into a winning season but the ball just didn't bounce that way.

This marked the fifth consecutive season the Lumberjack basketball team finished below .500.

The team has won a total of 42 games over the past five seasons and as McGilvra so aptly put it, "It's tough to win nowadays without a big man."

Lack of height was what he was referring to and this killed the Jacks again this season.

The track team had its problems and for the first time in nearly ten years not a single Lumberjack qualified for the regional meet.

Bad weather hampered the team throughout the season and for a school that has no track to run on this hurts them much worse than it does a school that has a track.

Rainy weather on the make-shift track at DHS left puddles of water, slick spots and in general sloppy running conditions whereas a track could have eliminated some of these problems.

The baseball team looked promising in the preseason workouts but much like the basketball's big man, a baseball team doesn't win too often without pitching and timely hitting.

"There were several games where just one hit in the right spot could have won a game for us but we didn't get it," said Coach Ted Bullard as he summed up the disappointing season.

One interesting statistic about the 1974-75 season is that the three major sports, football, basketball and baseball produced a combined total of just 14 wins.

In the past seven seasons prior to this one the "big three" won 20 or more each year.

In 1973-74 the three sports chalked up 24 wins and in comparison in 1968-69 and 1969-70 the school won nearly 40 games in those three sports.

It has been nearly ten years since the school has won less than 20 games in a single season.

Good-bye, or maybe it should be good riddance to 1974-75 sports. It could have been better.

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Claire Clifton looks forward to long rest

By ALAN DODD

After 34 years of teaching second grade in Diboll public schools, Mrs. Claire Clifton is retiring at the end of this year's term.

How did she get into teaching? "My daddy had decided for me. He thought that's what all girls should do," she said.

Mrs. Clifton is one of several teachers who has commuted to Diboll from Nacogdoches for many years, simply because she preferred teaching in Diboll.

During those 34 years she has traveled about 326,000 miles between Diboll and Nacogdoches to meet approximately 5,500 class periods!

Mrs. Clifton was born in Nacogdoches and has lived in East Texas all her life.

She attended Stephen F. Austin College, and in 1967 she returned to earn her Master's in Elementary Education.

Mrs. Clifton's first job netted a salary of $97.50 per month for a nine-month period. "It was sure hard getting by in the summer," she said.

Her first classes were large, with as many as 60 students enrolled. She remembers that absenteeism was a large problem because parents did not seem as interested in sending their children to school.



CLAIRE CLIFTON

She said many of the parents of her first students had not attended much school themselves. A common excuse for poor attendance was that students did not have good clothes for attending school.

Mrs. Clifton said she is retiring to do "nothing for awhile."

Once she has "done nothing" for awhile, she would like to catch up on visiting neighbors that she has not "seen in years," do church work and volunteer her services at the Treatment Center in Nacogdoches.

Also, she said she will be able "to wash dishes sometimes" for her husband, J. D. Clifton.

Traveling is also in her plans, and she hopes to visit her sister in Morocco, Africa.

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