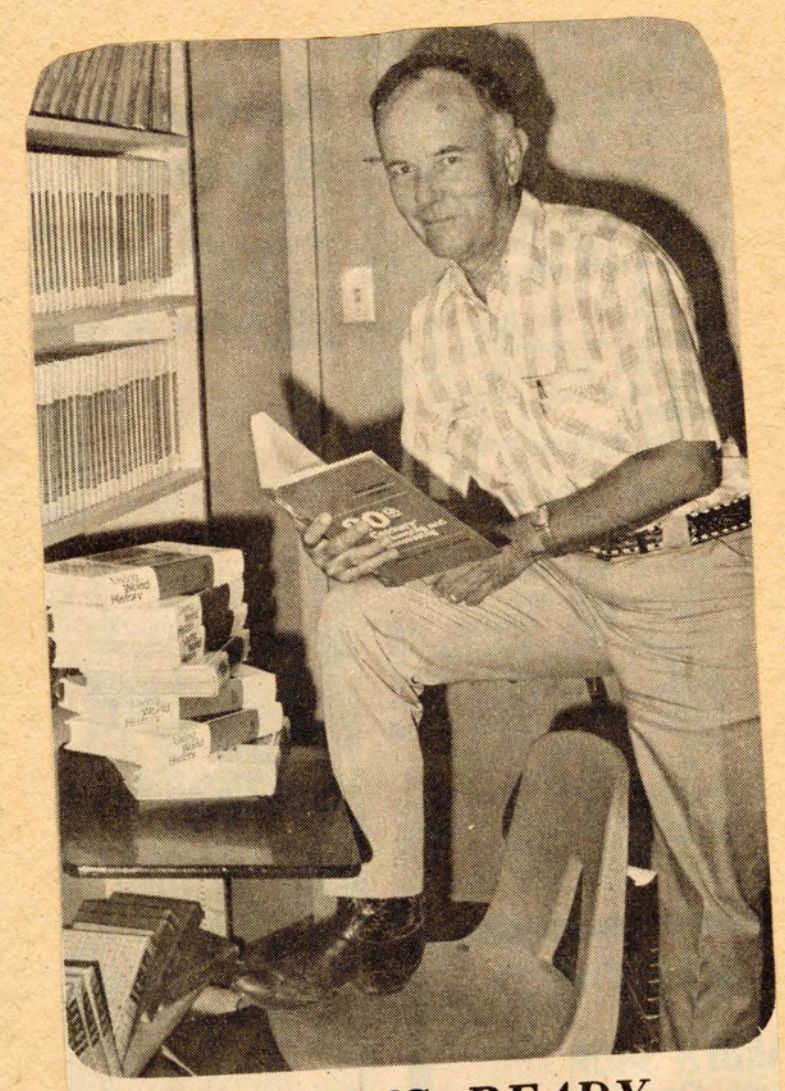
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GETTING READY

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL Principal Bill Greer readies a stack of books for the beginning of school. Registration at the three local schools will begin next week, with the first day of classes to be Thursday, August 19. The summers seem to be getting shorter every year.

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Schools to open Aug. 19

Diboll schools will be opening soon as classes are due to begin on Thursday, August 19, 1976, at 8:15 a.m., one day later than last year.

Registration for kindergarten students and all students who did not attend kindergarten or elementary school in Diboll last year was held Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

The intermediate school (grades 5 through 8) will hold registration in the school office between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18. Intermediate School Principal Ray McLain said new students will need to bring a clearance from the last school they attended along with their health and immunization records.

Registration for grades nine through 12 will take place Wednesday, August 18, at the Diboll High School.

All students who will attend Diboll High School this year and who did not attend any Diboll school last year should report to Mrs. Ingram Wednesday, August 18, at 1 p.m.

Students, grades nine through 12, who attended Diboll schools last year should report to the Diboll High School Library Wednesday, August 18, to pick up their schedule cards.

The following hours for schedule card distribution have been arranged:

Grade 9 . . . . . 8 a.m.
Grade 10 . . . . . 9 a.m.
Grade 11 . . . . . 10 a.m.
Grade 12 . . . . . 11 a.m.

Teachers in the Diboll schools will report Monday, August 16, for the first day of In-Service Training.

On Tuesday, August 17, there will be a joint In-Service meeting in Diboll, with the school districts of Zavalla, Huntington, Central and Hudson to participate.



DHS HEAD COACH Joe Wyatt and his assistants this week are busy lining up equipment for the start of football workouts next Monday. Lumberjacks will work from Monday through Thursday in shorts, shoes and helmets, then will don pads for the first head-knocking on Friday. (Free Press Photo)



NEW TWIRLERS at DHS are spending the week at twirling camp in Nacogdoches. They are Dianna Lazarine, Kim Baldree, Suzy Mills and Susie Beaty. Mitzi Jordan will be the drum major for the Lumberjack Band this year.

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THE COACHING PLATOON at Diboll schools this year features three new faces. Kneeling are Ted Bullard, first football assistant; Head Coach and Athletic Director Joe Wyatt; and Richard Sheridan, new at junior high. Standing are David Bradford, the other new junior high coach; Frank Lane Jr., new junior varsity coach; Elmer Kimbrough, junior high; and John McGilvra, head high school basketball coach and junior varsity football.

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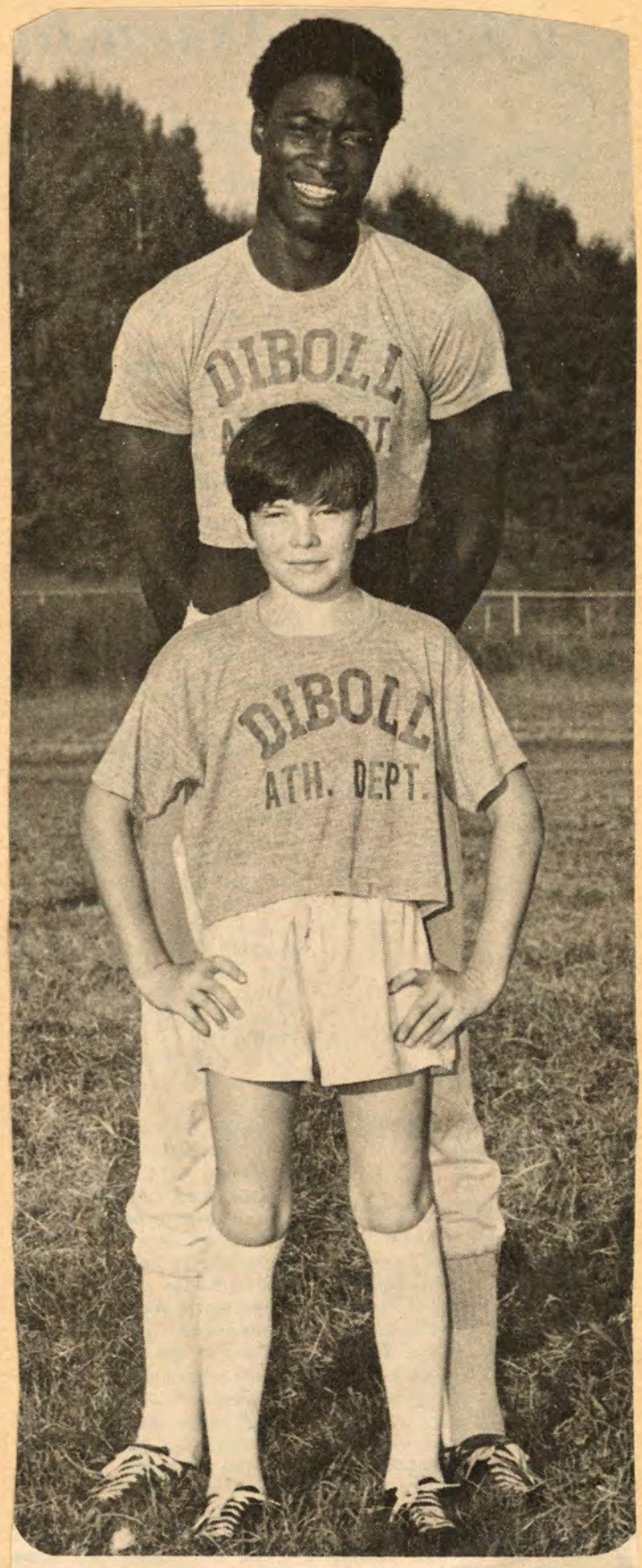
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STRIKE UP THE BAND — Diboll's new Lumberjack Band Director John Ingram has already begun his busy schedule with one week of daily band rehearsals. Approximately 50 students have been participating in the practices.

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DHS Band steps out under new director



SHORT AND TALL — Chet Alexander doesn't have much trouble seeing over Jeff Rast, the shortest man on the Lumberjack football team this season at 4'-8". But then Alexander at 6'-7" can see over most people from his positions at linebacker and tight end. Rast won't have to tangle with Alexander much before going to the junior varsity, but the little man hasn't backed off from anybody yet! (Free Press Photo)

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REGISTRATION took place Tuesday morning at the Diboll Elementary School Cafeteria where teachers and other school personnel took part in an Angelina County Cooperative In-Service meeting. The general session and small group workshops, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday were attended by five school districts, including Zavalla, Huntington, Central, Hudson and Diboll. Diboll's regular teacher workshop took place Wednesday, with opening of classes scheduled for Thursday. (Free Press Photo)

Enrollment is up again

Opening week enrollment in Diboll schools shows an increase of 70 students over the first week last year.

Figures compiled Wednesday showed a total enrollment this year of 1565, compared to 1495 the first week of school in 1975.

This year there are 666 students at Diboll Elementary, compared to 622 last year; 515 at Temple Junior School, compared to 488 last year; and 384 at DHS, compared at 385 last year.

The increases of course are at the elementary and junior school.

The totals do not include students in the work-study and homebound program.



DIBOLL SCHOOL Superintendent Don Robbins and Special Guest Speaker Dr. Robert A. Montgomery were on hand Tuesday for an Angelina County Cooperative In-Service meeting. Montgomery is the Assistant Deputy Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency. The joint session was attended by five school districts, including Zavalla, Huntington, Central, Hudson and Diboll.

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New high school menu to be offered

Starting Monday, August 30, 1976, the High School Cafeteria will offer a choice of two meats and four vegetables from which to choose a type "A" lunch.

A type "A" lunch consists of one meat or meat substitute, two vegetables or fruits, bread, and a half-pint of milk.

Additional servings may be chosen with extra charges. These are meats, 35 cents per serving; vegetables, 25 cents; salads, 25 cents; bread, two cents per slice; and extra milk will be six cents for white and seven cents for chocolate. Adult milk will be 12 cents for white and 13 cents for chocolate.

Due to the change no high school menu will be posted or run in the paper.

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DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL faculty and staff this year includes (front row) Bettye Greer, Judy Williamson, Janice Cook, Joan Doss, Garvis Baldree, Carolyn Jefferson, Ann English, Susan Haltom, Cindy Maddox and Mary Ingram. Second row: Ted Bullard, Fred Douglas, Principal Bill Greer, Linda Dunlap, Jim Dunlap, Burlon Wilkerson, Marvin Larson and J. A. Stalsby. Third row: John McGilvra, Bob McCurry, Jesse Bradford, Ted Steahle, Lynn Edge, Isaac Goodwin, Frank Lane and John Ingram. Not shown are Joe Wyatt, James Porter and Mary Bridges.

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DHS HEAD COACH Joe Wyatt poses with the backfield foursome he will field Friday against Trinity in a controlled scrimmage. Left to right they are Joe Sheddan, running back; Dennis Crager, quarterback; Ricky Conner, fullback; and John Fenley, running back. The 7 p.m. scrimmage in Trinity will be the Lumberjacks' final warmup before the September 3 season opener at Groveton. (Free Press Photo)

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS

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RETURNING LETTERMEN who will lead the Diboll Lumberjacks in the season opener against the Groveton Indians this Friday in Groveton include (kneeling) Randy Porter, Joe Sheddan, Johnny Joe Huizar, Jose Constante, Brad Wyatt, John Fenley and Isaac Hines. Standing are Larry Don Cook, Dennis Crager, Craig Ruby, Chet Alexander, Ricky Conner, Randy Pressley, Larry Spivey and Donald Ray Coleman.

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MRS. ESTELLE EDDINGTON last week presented Diboll High School a new U. S. Flag from the Pilot Club of Diboll. Principal Bill Greer and Superintendent Don Robbins (left) accepted the Pilot Club gift, which will be flown at the Louis Jordan Memorial Park field as soon as a flagpole is erected.

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CHET ALEXANDER (87) gets set to gather in a Dennis Crager pass for a short gain against Whitehouse last Friday. The Jacks overpowered Whitehouse in the first half, but had to hang on for a 12-12 tie in the last half, although they were driving at the three yard line when time ran out and the game ended.

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COME ON, LUMBERJACKS!

THESE VIVACIOUS LADIES comprise the cheerleading section at Diboll High School this year. In front are Charlotte Bray, Janet Price, Anne Cooke and Nicki Moore. In back are Glenda Miller, Robin Clark, Kathy Groom and Connie Maddox. They will be cheering on the Lumberjacks this Friday at Rusk in the final 8 p.m. non-district game.

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Jacks at Rusk this Friday

Wildcats manage 12-12 tie despite Jacks' rally

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MEMBERS OF THE PEP SQUAD at Diboll High School this year are (standing) Rhonda Pressley, Susie Capps, Jeanette Hutcheson, Melanie Harrison, Vonnie Ward, Jennifer Turner, Mary Lester, Loretta Hubbard, Stephanie Webb, Dorinda Rowland, Connie Ward and Lisa Harris. Kneeling on front row are Kim Sample, Sandra Jackson, Ronnie Sparks, Captain Belinda Tatum, Captain Teresa Martin, Alice Jansen, Jan Glover and Ruth Rast. Pep Squad sponsor is Janice Cook. (Free Press Photo)

Eagle aerials, fumbles kill Lumberjacks, 31-18

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CAMPUS TIME

by Mitzi Jordan

Hi! I'm Mitzi and I'll be writing Campus Time this year. If anybody has any news be sure to tell me so I can keep everyone informed about the happenings at DHS.

Student Council officers for 1976-77 were elected at the end of last year. They are as follows: President, Ted Mullins; vice-president, Bill Brown; secretary, Jean Greer; treasurer, Mitzi Jordan; reporter, Carolyn Cheavens; chaplin, Deborah Donahoe; sergeant-at-arms, Sandy McGuire; parliamentarian, Donald Coleman.

This week class officers were elected along with Homecoming Co-Queens and Princesses.

Senior class officers are: President, Randy Porter; vice-president, Pablo Guerrero; secretary, Larry Don Cook; treasurer, Dean Markle; reporter, Danny Harris. Senior Co-Queens are Kathy Gartman and Sandra Jackson.

Junior class officers are: President, Chris Stewart; vice-president, Brad Wyatt; secretary, Mary Anne Carter; treasurer, Joe Sheddan; reporter, Lisa Burkhalter. Junior Homecoming Co-Princesses are Jean Greer and Juanita Malanders.

Sophomore class officers are: President, Suzanne Burkhalter; vice-president, Richard Crager; secretary, Robin Clark; treasurer, Gerald Malanders; reporter, Thomas Stewart. Sophomore Homecoming Co-Princesses are Tina Grantham and Linda Oliver.

Freshman class officers are: President, Darryl Jones; vice-president, Jonathan Roach; secretary, Janet Price; treasurer, Connie Maddox; reporter, Tonya Clark. Freshman Homecoming Co-Princesses are Melanie Edwards and Manuela Vasquez.

This has really been a week of elections at DHS. FFA officers for 1976-77 are: President, David Weeks; vice president, Dennis Crager; secretary, Joe Sheddan; treasurer, Ray Anthony; reporter, Randy Pressley; sentinel, Bobby Beaty. FFA Sweetheart is Vicki Jones.

FHA officers are: President, Jan Glover; vice-president, Stephnie Webb; secretary-treasurer, Renee Clark; reporter, Connie Maddox; historian, Linda Sanford.

Band officers are: President, Barbara Maynard; secretary, Diana Lazarine; treasurer, Kathy Gartman; parliamentarian, Susie Beaty; sergeant-at-arms, Chuck Donahoe; reporter, Lauri Durham.

HERO officers are: President, Sandy McGuire; vice-president Simone Jones; secretary-treasurer, Carolyn McDuffie; reporter Carrie Blount.

September 18 was Career Day at A&M. Some Diboll students atttending were Marianna Luttrell, Danny Harris, John Oates, Tommy Carrier, Dean Markle, Pablo Guerrero, Randy Pressley, Bryan Faircloth and Gandy Stubblefield.

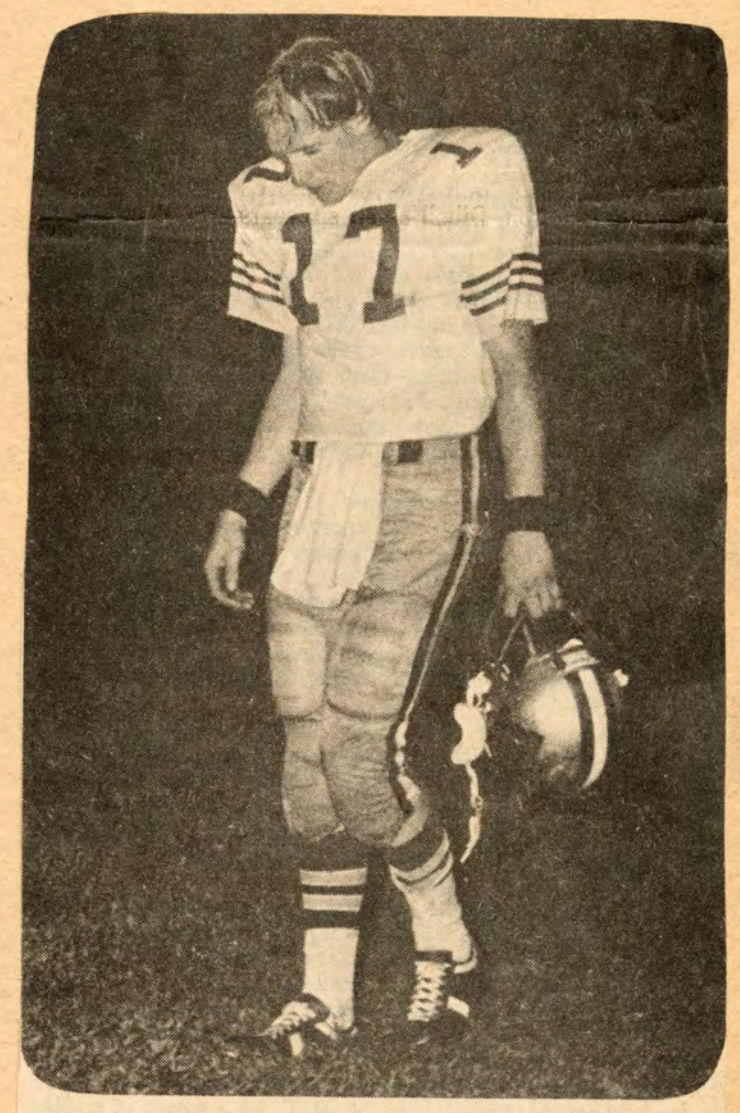
Student Body president for 1976-77 is David Weeks.

Larry Don Cook was surprised Saturday night, his 18th birthday, with a party. Those attending were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Cook, both sets of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ivie, Randy and Diana Cook, Lisa Burkhalter, Kathy Gartman, Ramona Cowart, Randy Porter, Jerry Porter, Randy Pressley, Jean Greer, Kim Baldree, Susie Beaty, Bill Brown, Ricky Conner, Carroll Saxton, Dean Markle and myself. Ask Larry Don what his parents got him for his birthday.

The Jacks go to Kirbyville this Friday so everyone be sure to come out and back the Jacks.



TED MULLINS was guest speaker at installation of officers of Temple Junior School student council. Ted, president of the DHS student council, spoke on student council operation and leadership.



DIBOLL QUARTERBACK Dennis Crager is a picture of fatigue and dejection after his Lumberjacks dropped their district opener to Kirbyville last Friday, 26-15. Diboll will try to get back into the win column when they host Corrigan Friday. (Free Press Photo)

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BICENTENNIAL DIBOLL DAY QUEEN CANDIDATES

DIBOLL DAY queen candidates this year are (left to right) Lauri Durham, Teresa Cavazos, Lisa Burkhalter, Carolyn Cheavens, Diana Lazarine and Anne Cooke. One will succeed reigning queen Theresa Weatherford Smith on Saturday, based on which of the six divisions has raised the most money for community projects.

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Jacks stop Corrigan in first victory, 22-6

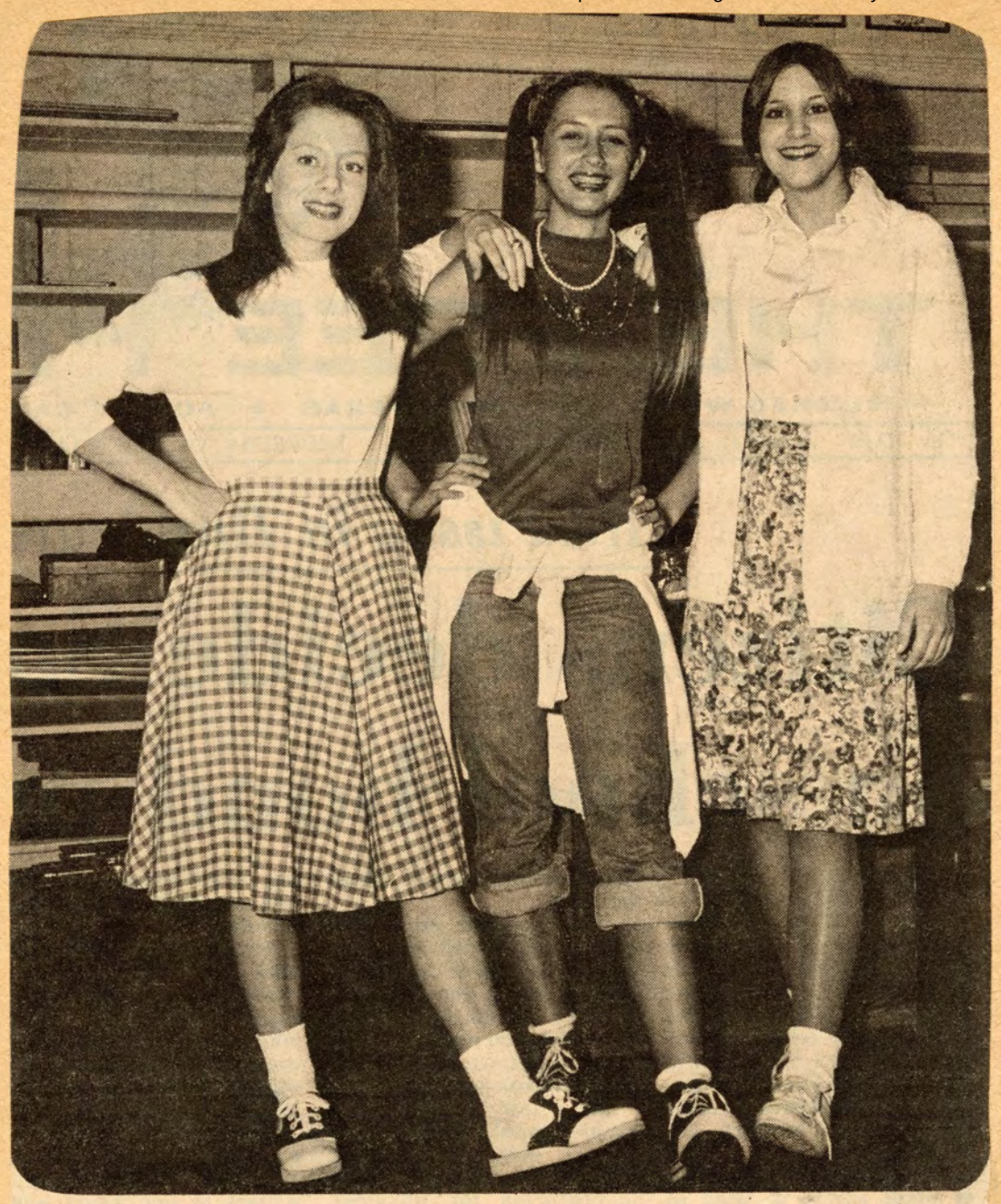
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HOMECOMING CO-QUEENS AT THE Diboll High School homecoming program this year were Sandra Jackson (left) and Kathy Gartman. Miss Jackson's escort was Artie Hall and Miss Gartman was escorted by Bill Brown. Homecoming duchesses included Jean Greer and Juanita Malanders, juniors; Tina Grantham and Linda Oliver, sophomores; and Melanie Edwards and Manuela Vasquez, from the freshman class.

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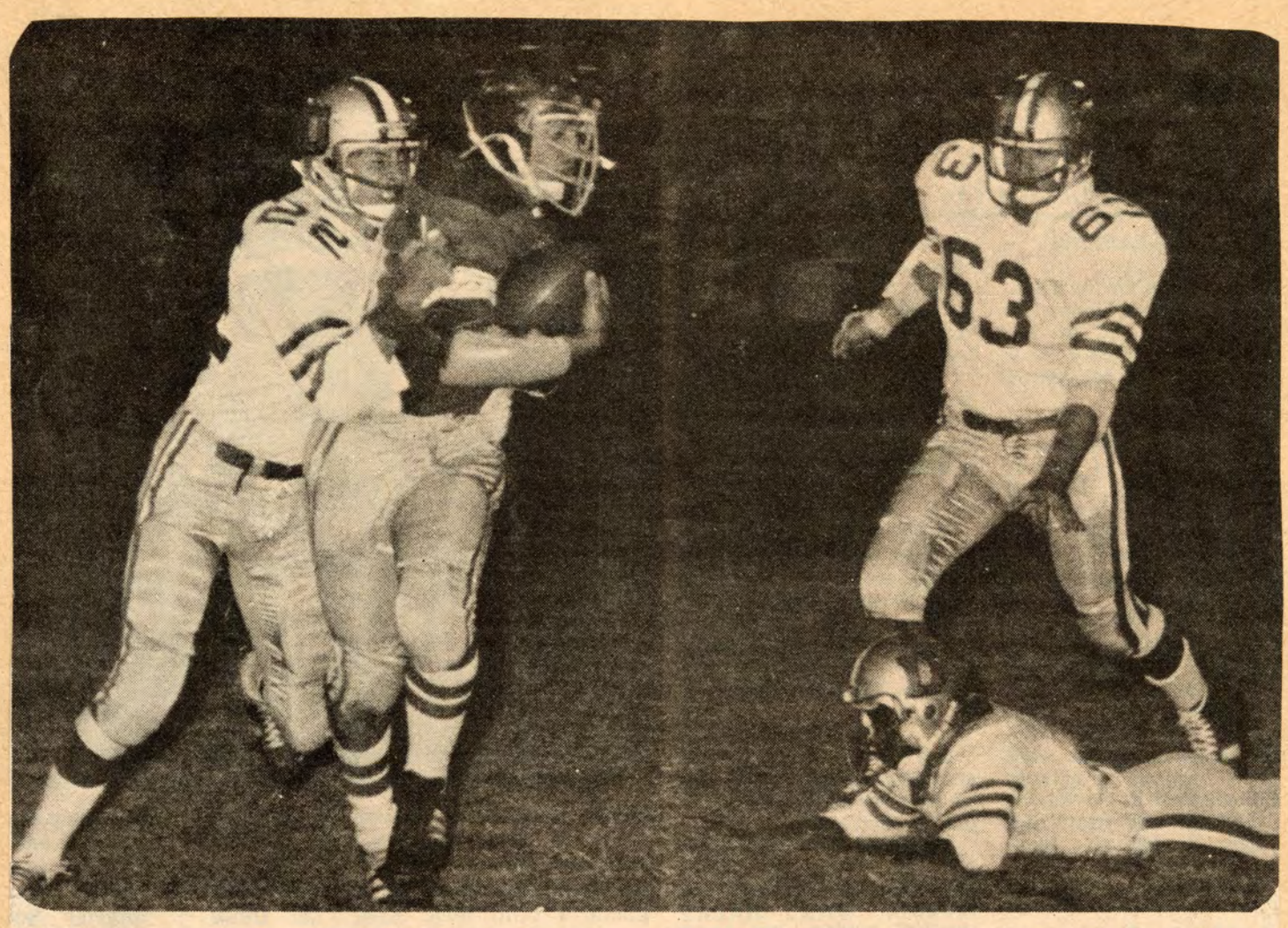


FIFTIES BEAUTIES — Last week was dress-up week at Diboll High, with students dressing in different attire each day. Anne Cooke, Delisa Mullins and Wanda Whited gave their version of teenage dress in the 1950's. What about it, mothers, is that the way you dressed in the 50's? (Free Press Photo)

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Hemphill here Friday

Newton bops Jacks, 29-7



LUMBERJACKS Larry Spivey (22) and Randy Pressley (63) move in to put the brakes on a Newton Eagle ball carrier. Newton racked the Jacks 29-7 last Saturday night in a district game at Newton with a second half surge of points.

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Diboll Honor Rolls

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, all A's: Paul Bradshaw, Susie Capps, Peggy Chandler, Tonya Clark, Dianne Garrett, Kathy Jennings, Connie Maddox, Mary Maynard, Kathy McWilliams, Janet Price, Ronnie Pavlic, Jonathan Roach, Troi Russell and Greg Spivey.

Freshmen, all A's except for one B: Melanie Edwards, Carl Ferguson, Darryl Jones, Julie Kilsby, Susan Maples, Kim Milligan and Randy Murry.

Sophomores, all A's: Susie Burkhalter, Gerald Malanders, Belinda Tatum and Sheila Wheeler.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Kim Sample, Thomas Stewart and Lanny Wilkerson.

Juniors, all A's: Lisa Burkhalter, Mary Ann Carter, Lauri Durham, Denise Grissom, Kathy Groom, Sally Russell and Brad Wyatt.

Juniors, all A's except for one B: Evelyn Carr, Jean Greer, John Oates and Linda Sanford.

Seniors, all A's: Kathy Gartman, Pablo Guerrero Jr., Danny Harris, Jeff Keels, Diana Lazarine, Carolyn McDuffie, Ted Mullins and David Weeks.

Seniors, all A's except for one B: Cathy Carr, Artie Hall, Susan Hines, Dan Larson, Charlotte Morris and Carol Saxton.

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DHS hosts volleyball tournament

Diboll High School will host a three day volleyball tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

DHS volleyball coach Linda Dunlap said that teams which will play both varsity and junior varsity games in the tournament are Cleveland, Lufkin, Woodville, Crockett, Hudson, Corrigan, Jasper and Diboll.

The tournament will be played from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday.

Mrs. Dunlap's defending district team will get back to district play next Monday when they host Corrigan.

The Ladyjacks sport a 3-2 record, with wins over Hemphill, Newton and Woodville and loses to Hudson and Warren.

The Ladyjacks have won six straight district titles, including five under Dunlap. This season's young team faces a strong challenge this season from Hudson, however, which has an all-senior team.

The district volleyball tournament will be held Nov. 8-9 in Warren.



Campus Time

By Mitzi Jordan

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JOHN FENLEY (47) is loose on one of the runs that took him to a new school rushing record against Hemphill last Friday as Diboll won its second game of the season, 55-26. Fenley rushed for 259 yards to break the record of 2[illegible] Jesse James against Westwood in 19[illegible] (Free Press Photo)

October 28, 1976

Jacks rap Hornets 55-26 on Fenley's record runs

Tailback John Fenley scored four touchdowns and set a new Diboll High School single game rushing record to lead the Lumberjacks to a 55-26 trouncing of the Hemphill Hornets Friday night in Lumberjack Stadium.

Fenley rushed for 259 yards in 22 carries to top the old school mark of 236 set by Jesse James in 1968 and had touchdown runs of six, 33, 44 and 35 yards.

The performance of Fenley shocked a partisan Lumberjack crowd since break-away running has been a thing the team has lacked for a couple of seasons and even though he scored three of his TD's on long runs, his longest jaunt of the game, 56 yards, wasn't

Fenley moved the ball to the 33 where Fenley broke for his second TD of the night.

Larry Don Cook kicked the extra point and with 6:24 left in the half it was 13-12.

The Jacks made it 19-12 just before halftime on a nine-yard run right up the middle by Crager.

The Jacks took the second half kickoff and marched to the Hemphill 44 where Fenley did his thing and raced all the way for a touchdown.

Crager passed to Randy Cook for the two extra points and with a little over a minute gone in the second half the Jacks led 27-12.

Hemphill fumbled on their next possession at their own 24 and Conner promptly banged his way to the 18 to

points and suddenly the Jacks had a commanding 35-12 lead.

The Hornets kept fighting back and scored on a one-yard run by Charles Grisby and the two extra points made it 35-20.

Toward the end of the third period the Jacks just about put it out of reach when Conner broke four tackles en route to a 14-yard touchdown and Fenley's extra points made it 43-20.

Hemphill scored its final TD with a little over eight minutes left and Conner got another on a two-yard run after a 34-yard pass play from Crager to Randy Cook set up the score.

Randy Porter's interception set up the final Diboll score

between these two schools since the rivalry began in 1956, however, the 68-0 win by Hemphill in 1957 is the most points scored by the winning team.

The Hornets own a 54-7 win to go along with that '57 shellacking but in recent years Diboll has dominated the series with four wins in a row now and a 6-4 lead in the series.

This was the first time Hemphill broke into double figures against the Jacks since 1972, the year they won their last game over Diboll.

STATISTICS

	H	D
First Downs	17	20
Yards Rushing	149	354
Yards Passing	154	109
Total Offense	303	463

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THE DHS LADYJACK volleyball team finished second in last week's tournament held here, with Hudson taking first and Corrigan-Camden the consolation trophy. Kathy Groom and Marilyn Joshua were named to the all tournament team. Kneeling are Linda Oliver, Charlotte Carroll, Glenda Miller, Belinda Tatum and Jan Glover. Standing are Marilyn Joshua, Stephanie Webb, Kathy Brown, Kathy Groom and Coach Linda Dunlap. The varsity gets back to district play next Monday and Tuesday. The Ladyjacks are defending district champions, having won six years in a row. (Free Press Photo)

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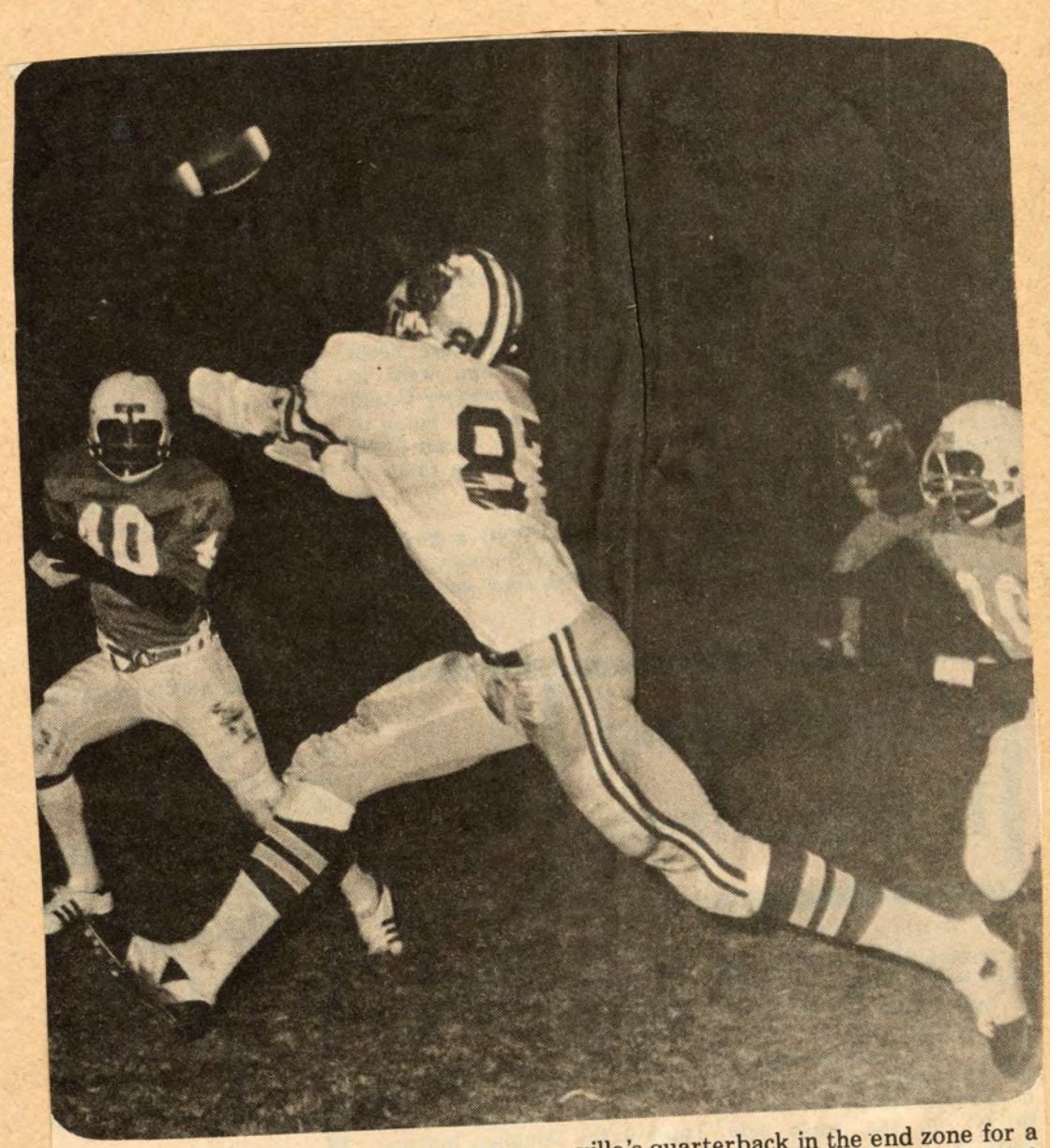


THE LADYJACK JUNIOR VARSITY finished first in its division of last weekend's volleyball tournament held here, with Corrigan-Camden second. Members of the Ladyjack JV this season are (front row) Odessa Vinson, Ruth Bray, Susan Maples and Janet Price. Standing are Tonya Clark, Susie Capps, Christine Jackson, Diane Garrett and Coach Linda Dunlap. (Free Press Photo)

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Jacks upset Woodville with safety

Spivey intercepts three passes as defense provides 2-0 victory



CHET ALEXANDER, Diboll's 6'7" tight end stretches for a pass in last Friday's game against Woodville. Alexander the linebacker helped down Woodville's quarterback in the end zone for a first half safety that stood up for a 2-0 Diboll victory, their fourth of the district campaign. (Free Press Photo)

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DIBOLL'S JOHN FENLEY (47) is dragged down by a Warren defender after he gained short yardage behind teammates Jose Constante (73) and Ricky Conner (39) who appear to have scared the daylights out of three other Warren defenders. Dibol won the season finale 26-12 to run their season record to 5-4-1.

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Jack stats looked better than record

The 1976 football season was not one of the ordinary for the Diboll Lumberjacks and as a 5-4-1 record might indicate the statistics must be quite even also.

However, that is far from being so because the Jacks led the opponents in almost every category and several by a wide margin.

In the rushing department the Jacks outdistanced their opponents by nearly a thousand yards and ended up with about a 500-yard spread in total offense.

The Jacks averaged nearly 14 first downs per outing and only the turnovers and penalties favored the opponents.

In total scoring the Jacks were outscored 173-170 but 73 of those points given up came as a direct result of fumbles and pass interceptions.

first downs 17-6, rushing yards 275-77, and total offense 327-103 but in almost every other loss the Jacks led or were within a touchdown of leading as late in the third periods.

Against Groveton the Jacks led 7-2 at one time with seven minutes left in the third period but ended up losing 31-7; in the 12-12 tie with Whitehouse, Diboll had the ball on the two-yard line when time ran out; in the 31-18 loss to Rusk the Jacks trailed 25-18 late in the third period only to fumble the ball away at the Eagle six-yard line; and against Kirbyville the Jacks trailed 14-7 in the fourth period before finally losing 26-15 and in that one fumbles gave the Wildcats 20 of their 26 points.

In the individual stats John Fenley led the team in rushing with 863 yards on 146

touchdowns and had only four intercepted all year.

In the receiving department Chet Alexander was the leader here with 21 catches for 285 yards and two touchdowns.

The scoring leaders were Conner and Crager with seven TD's each and a pair of extra points for a total of 44 points each.

Fenley ended up with five touchdowns and two extra points good for 32 points followed by Alexander and Randy Porter's two TD's each.

Isaac Hines and Greg Spivey led the team in pass interceptions with three each as the team picked off a total of 12 enemy passes.

In team scoring the Jacks' worst quarter was the first when they scored only three touchdowns all season long but their best efforts came in the fourth when they scored a total of nine TD's.

The Jacks gave up the most points in the second period by allowing ten touchdown in that stanza and a total of 63 points.

At least one school record was broken this season when a total of 723 yards in penalties were stepped off against the Jacks, breaking the old mark of 627 set in 1971.

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

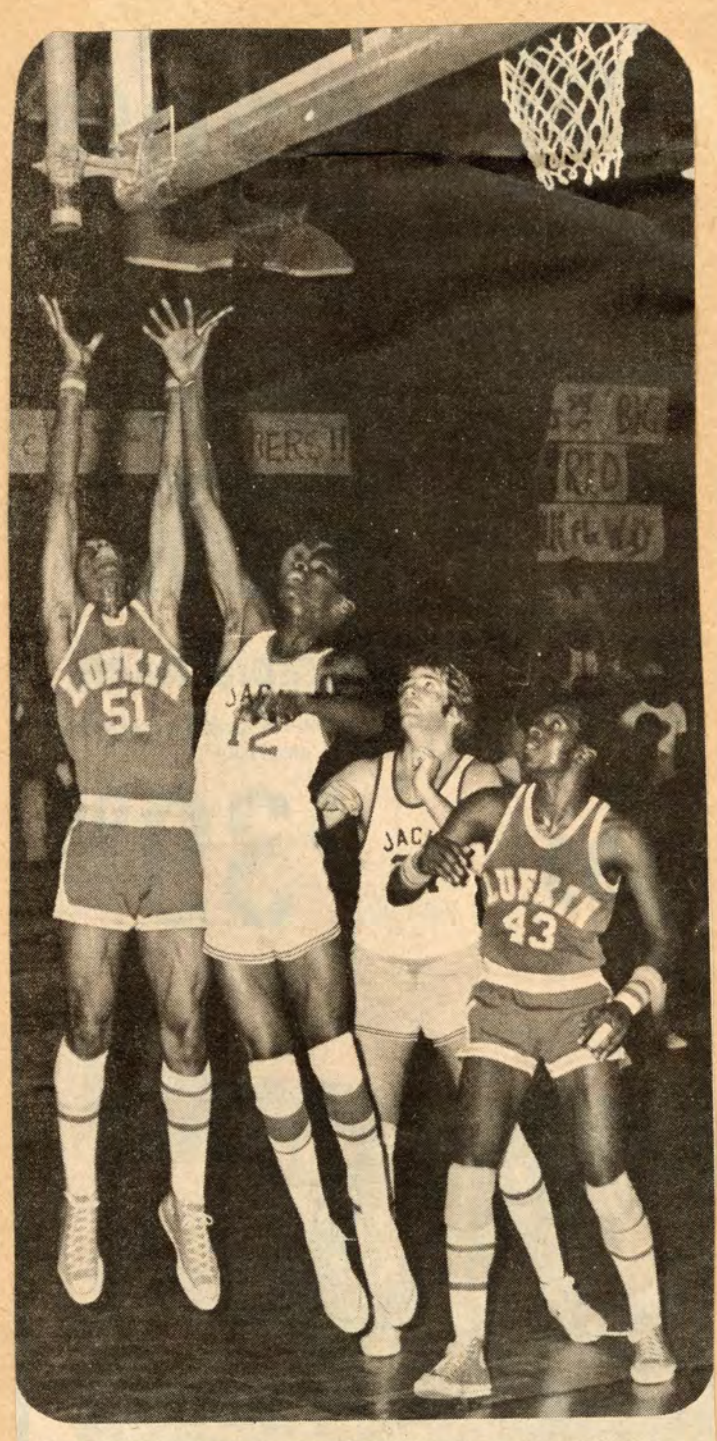
	D	Opp
First Downs	135	114
Yards Rushing	2123	1217
Yards Passing	471	965
Total Offense	2594	2182
Passes Attempted	88	137
Passes Completed	42	57
Passes Intercepted	12	4
Fumbles-Lost	38-23	25-17
Punts	38	39
Punting Yards	1251	1265
Punting Average	32.9	32.5
Penalties	723	521
Turnovers	28	31
Offensive Plays	591	496
Time of Possession	267:23	199:10

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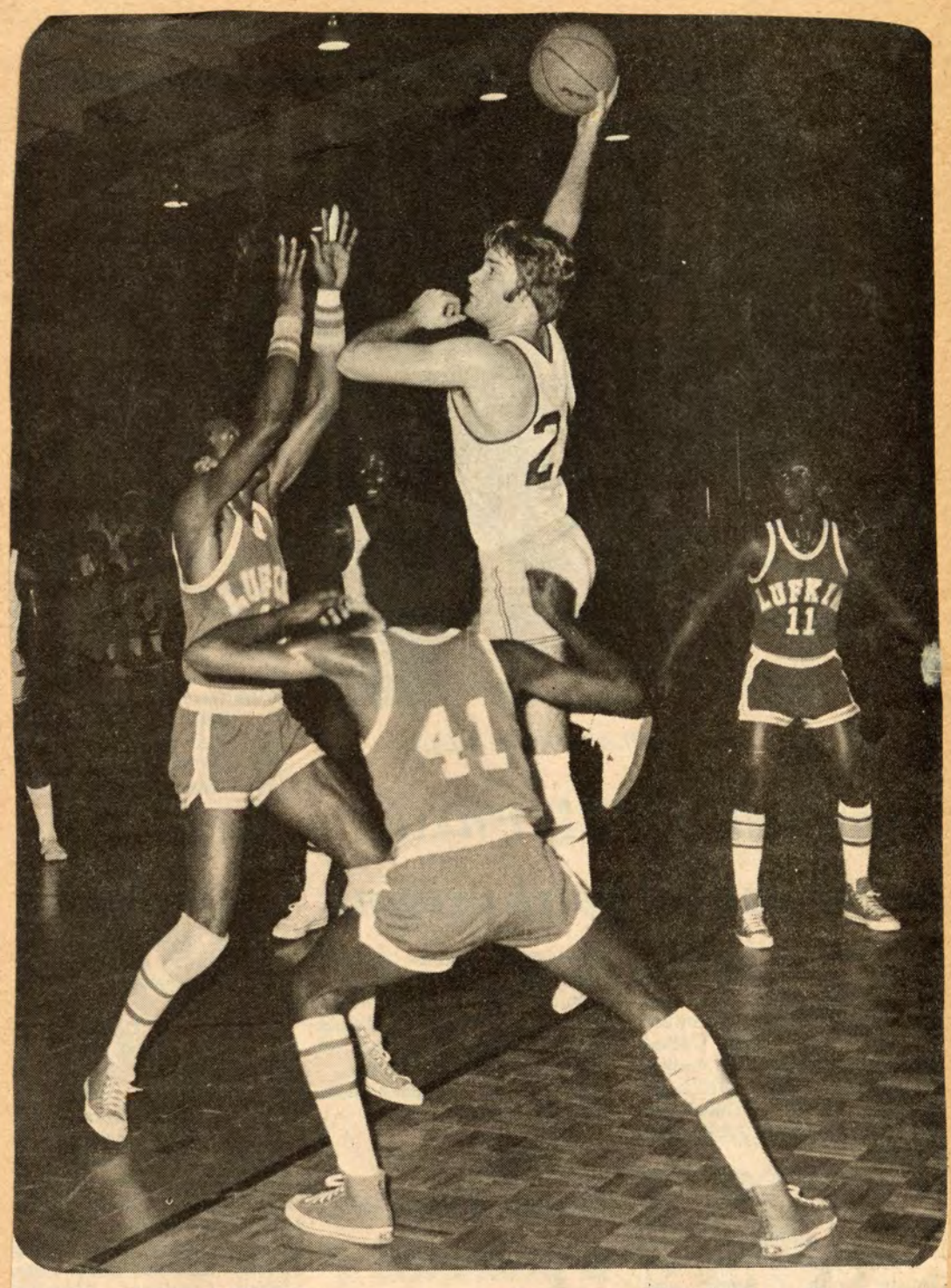
Opp.	15	63	36	59	- 173
Diboll	20	45	44	61	- 170

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LUFKIN'S ANDRA HALL (51) battles Diboll's Johnny Lewis (12) for the ball as Diboll's Gandy Stubblefield (21) and Lufkin's Billy Horace stand by for a shot at the ball. Diboll won the exciting contest here Tuesday, 52-51. (Free Press Photo)



GANDY STUBBLEFIELD goes up with a hook shot that missed in Tuesday night's game here against the Lufkin Panthers. Diboll won the game 52-51 before a good crowd in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium. Lufkin won the first game of the series in Lufkin. Lufkin's Billy Horace and Elroy Edwards defended on the play with Charles Houston (11) in the background. (Free Press Photo)

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Diboll Honor Rolls

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, all A's: Linda Bolt, Paul Bradshaw, Luci Guerrero, Connie Maddox, Kathy McWilliams, Janet Price, Gregg Spivey and Manuela Vasquez.

Freshmen, all A's except for one B: Susie Capps, Peggy Chandler, Malanie Edwards, Carl Ferguson, Dianne Garrett, Kathy Jennings, Susan Maples, Mary Maynard, Ronnie Pavlic and John Wojhan.

Sophomores, all A's: Gerald Malanders, Kim Sample, Belinda Tatum and Shelia Wheeler.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Suzanne Burkhalter, Robin Clark, Alice Jansen, Irvin McWilliams, Terri Neyland and Lanny Wilkerson.

Juniors, all A's: Mary Ann Carter, Lauri Durham, Denise Grissom, Kathy Groom, Sally Russell and Brad Wyatt.

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Seniors, all A's: Cathy Carr, Kathy Gartman, Pablo Guerrero, Linda Hale, Danny Harris, Jeff Keels, Carolyn McDuffie, Ted Mullins and David Weeks.

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Five Jacks first team all district

Five Diboll Lumberjacks were named to the first District 17-AA all district football team as selected by district coaches Wednesday in Woodville.

Fullback Ricky Conner was the lone back making the first offensive team from Diboll.

Other Jacks making the first offensive team were Tommy Alexander, tight end; and Donald Coleman, offensive lineman.

Defensive lineman David Wilkins and defensive back Isaac Hines were named to the first defensive unit.

Selected to the second offensive team were Diboll quarterback Dennis Crager, who tied for that spot with Hemphill's Steve Bass; running back John Fenley and lineman Randy Porter.

Lumberjacks named to the second defensive team were lineman Brad Wyatt and linebackers Randy Pressley and Larry Don Cook.

Making honorable mention on defense were Dean Markel and Brian Burnett, while Craig Ruby and Brad Wyatt were named to the honorable mention offensive unit.

There were a number of ties in selecting the first offensive backfield. Big Ricky Conner joins Billy Goodman of Woodville, Willie Lathan of Newton, David Mosby of San Augustine and Mike Pollack of Kirbyville as running backs.

The first team quarterback was Robin Rainey of Woodville.

Band concert here tonight

A Christmas band concert will be presented this Thursday night, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. by the Diboll High School Lumberjack Band.

The concert will be held in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

The junior high and beginner bands will also perform. All three bands are under the direction of John Ingram.

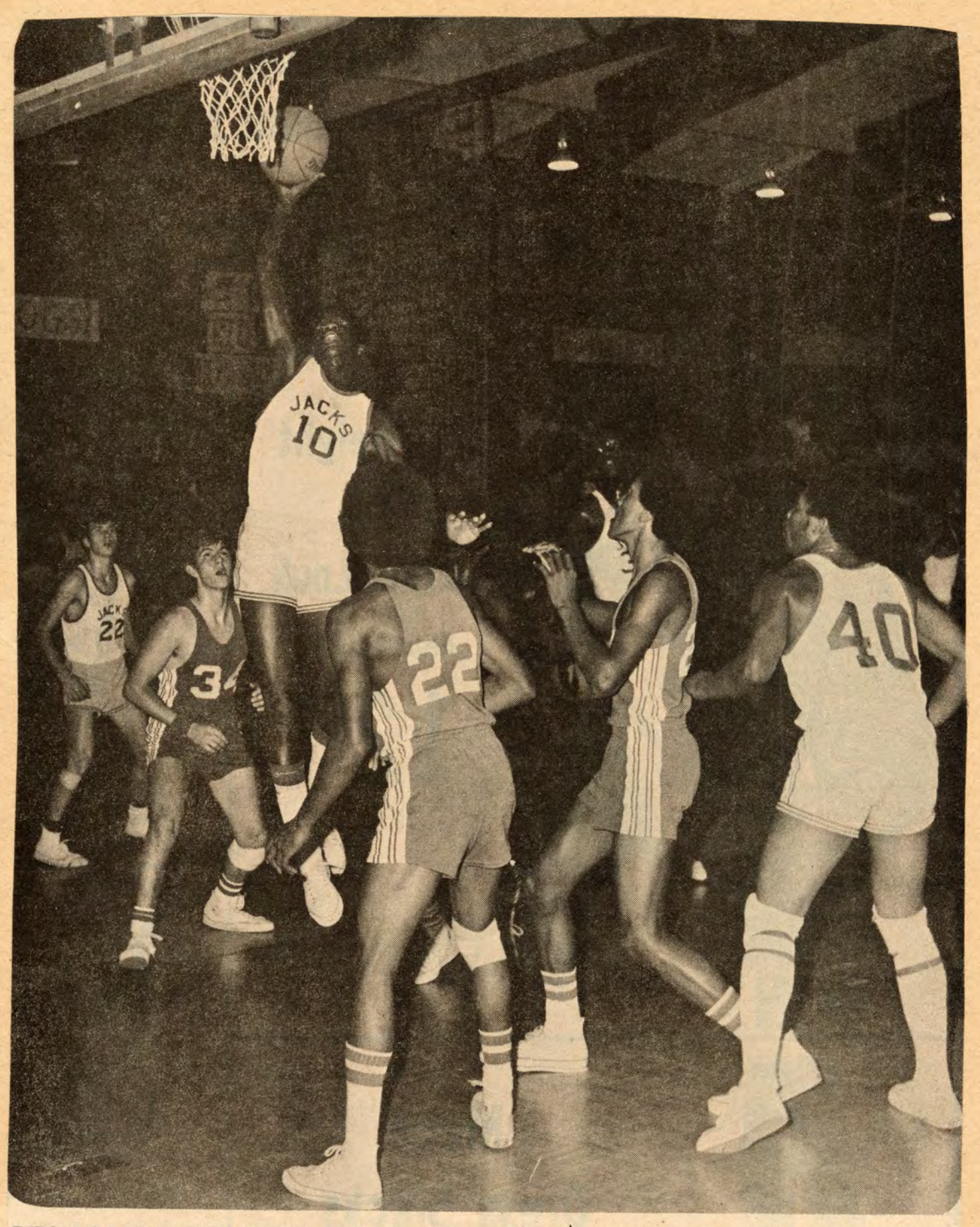
Admission is $1 for adults and 50 cents for students.



DIBOLL PLAYMAKER Neil McGilvra sets sail for the basket on one of his flying layups in a recent game. McGilvra, one of the area's quickest guards, missed Diboll's playoff game in the Hudson tournament Saturday because of illness but returned to action Monday against Central. (Free Press Photo)

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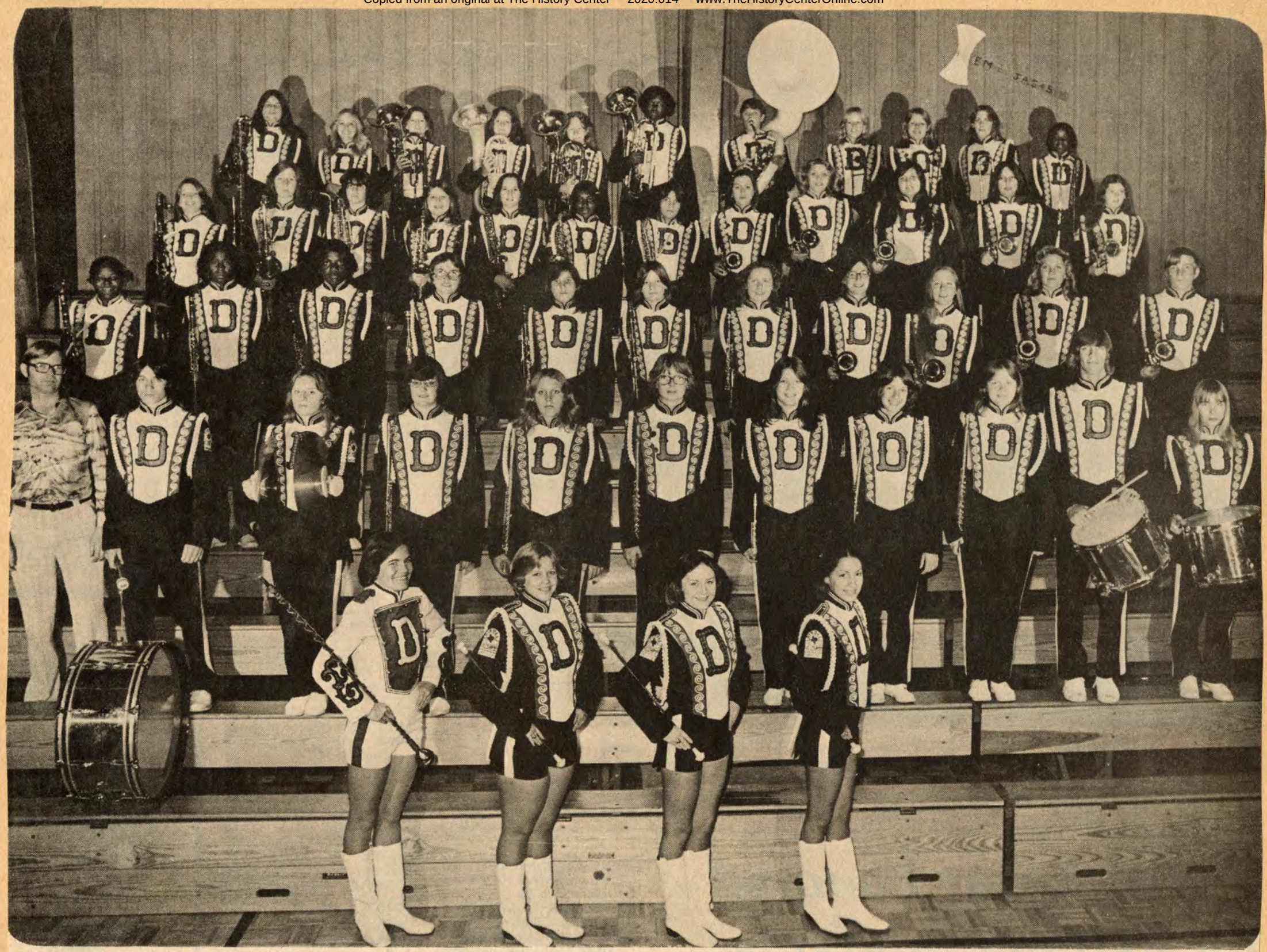
, December 9, 1976



DIBOLL'S RONNIE JOHNSON (10) goes up for two as he helped the Diboll Lumberjacks overwhelm the Kennard Tigers by an 83-70 score here Tuesday night. The victory evened Diboll's record at 4-4. Kennard's Jason Currie (34), Derry Scott (22) and Richard Hollis (20) defend for Kennard. That's Diboll's Ricky Johnson (40) at right.

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THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACK BAND will present a Christmas band concert this Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m. in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium. The junior high and beginner's band will also perform, all under the direction of Director John Ingram. Admission for the concert is $1 for adults and 50 cents for students. Members of the DHS Band are (front) Mitzi Jordan, Kim Baldree, Susie Beaty and Diana Lazarine. First full row: Director John Ingram, Ronnie Hines, Susan Barkley, Kelyn Clark, Laura Douglas, Sherri Smith, Evelyn Carr, Cheryl Schmidt, Sally Russell, Chuck Donahoe and Daphne Donahoe. Second row: Helen Miller, Connie Martin, Sandra Blount, Linda Carter, Linda Bolt, Cathy McWilliams, Troi Russell, Lauri Durham, Jean Greer, Kathy Gartman and James Gann. Third row: Cathy Carr, Barbara Maynard, Tammy Halsey, Renee Clark, Gay Sample, Jackie Robinson, Donna Lazarine, Suzanne Burkhalter, Rochelle Carter, Melissa McCall, Diane Mills and Becky Gray. Fourth row: Pam Halsell, Lisa Burkhalter, Mary Anne Carter, Kim Milligan, Mary Maynard, Carmen Levine, Billy Ivey, Jeanne Carter, Darla Smith, Deborah Donahoe and Rosalyn Blount.

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Little 'd'

By PAUL DURHAM
Free Press Editor

STRIKE UP THE BAND — The Diboll school bands put on a Christmas concert last Thursday evening, and it was a treat. Director John Ingram got everybody into the act — the beginner band, the Temple Junior School band, and the DHS Lumberjack Band.

This is good news, because it appears that more students at the sixth, seventh and eighth grade levels are showing more interest in band. It also means that Ingram is making a move to separate the junior high from the high school band, something that has been needed for a long time.

We admire the junior high students who for so many years have stepped into the high school marching band to fill out the ranks. They have done a good job. But you don't build a band that way, and it seems to me that it puts too much strain on junior high students. They also get tired of the band and start dropping out before they are juniors and seniors. Obviously, you can't build a superior band unless you have a nucleus of juniors and seniors.

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I THINK MOST DIBOLLIANS are ready to see something happen with our high school band. We've gone along for years making less than superior marks in playing and marching contests. Folks are tired of seeing other schools — many of them smaller schools — come on the football field and outclass our band. That isn't fair to our kids in the band. They work long, hard hours and they deserve better.

There needs to be a long term commitment to building a championship band. We aren't really sure what we mean by that, except that perhaps the school band and administration should make such a commitment official.

We have talked to board members and they say they have always been in favor of anything that would help the band. We believe them. But perhaps the first step should be to increase the band budget. You don't always cure a problem by throwing money at it, but monetary commitments can be the most realistic and believable actions to underscore commitment.

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THE BAND BOOSTERS asked for and got $5,000 from the Diboll Booster Club for new band instruments. That is fine, perhaps, since Diboll people will pay the tab one way or the other — either through school taxes or by giving to Diboll Day.

But it seems to me that the school should first exhaust its funds before an outside organization is approached for money. The school has the money and the band should be given whatever is necessary and reasonable to put it in a class with such bands as Whitehouse, Hemphill, Timpson and other schools which field superior bands.

We have been told that past band directors simply have not asked for anything. If that is the case, that can be easily cured by the band director submitting a budget that includes what is needed. That seems simple enough, and we believe the school board members will support it.

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I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND that this is not criticism of our band. We have students who have played in the band for years, and many of them are fine musicians. We salute them, and we acknowledge the efforts of many adults in the Band Boosters to support the band.

But the truth is that something has been missing — that something that keeps us from competing with first rate bands at contest. Perhaps John Ingram is on the right track by showing off his beginner band and junior high band. He absolutely is correct in asking for money to replace worn out horns.

Ask for and ye shall receive, Director Ingram. The community has been ready for a championship band for years. If the school administration and board are not committed in that direction, we think they should be.

It is time to start making something happen.



READY FOR CHRISTMAS

'TWAS THE WEEK BEFORE Christmas, and JonAnna, 3, and Heather, 18 months, could hardly wait for old St. Nick to make his rounds. The daughters of Jesse and Suzanne Bradford of Diboll kept their folks busy this week reading and re-reading the old Christmas favorites in happy anticipation of the big day. 'Tis the season, indeed, and local stores report a flood of activity as shoppers hurry to get in some last minute gift buying. (Free Press Photo)

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THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACKS opened Dist. 17-AA north zone play Tuesday with an 83-36 rout of Corrigan-Camden. Members of the state's ten ranked Class AA team are (front row) Ronnie Johnson, Neil McGilvra, John Fenley, Coach John McGilvra, Elton Adair, Larry Williams and Artie Hall. Standing are Steven Cade, Ricky Johnson, Gandy Stubblefield, Tommy (Chet) Alexander, Johnny Lewis and Richard Crager.

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State Class AA teams

Jacks in top ten

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RICHARD CRAGER (11) and Gandy Stubblefield (21) battle for a rebound against Corrigan-Camden in Tuesday night's game here won by the Lumberjacks, 83-36. The Lur play in San Augustine Frida Hudson next Tuesday in impor games. (Free Pre

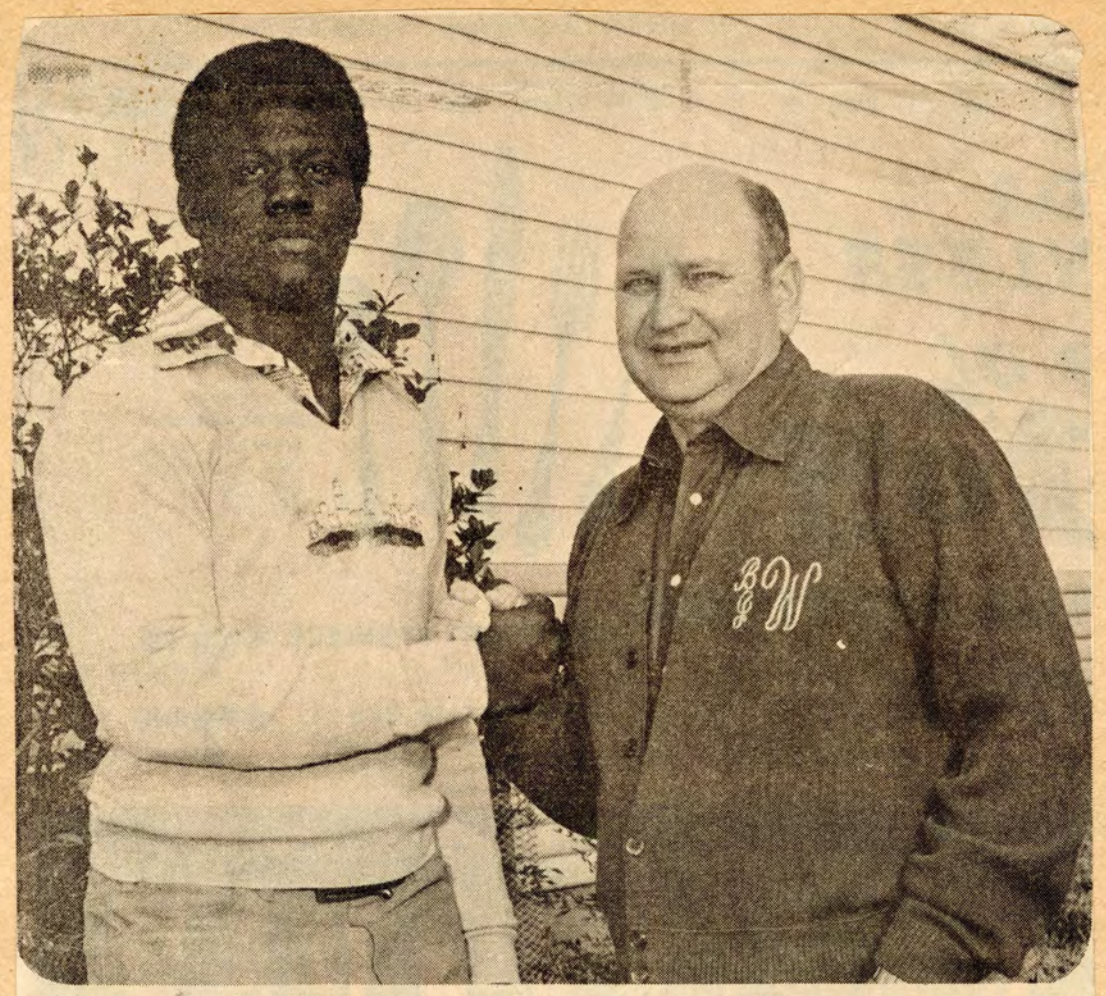
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NEW CATTLE SCALES belonging to the DHS agriculture department are demonstrated by Instructor Jesse Bradford for students Kim Milligan, Mary Maynard and Ronnie Pavlic. That's Ronnie's Angus calf in the chute. The portable scales were purchased with $1,000 in funds donated to the school by the Diboll Booster Club. They will be used to keep accurate records of weight gains and are available to local citizens under supervision of the DHS agriculture department.

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DONALD RAY COLEMAN gets congratulations from DHS Head Coach Joe Wyatt after Coleman was named to the Class AA All State team. Coleman, 6-1, 233 pounds, was named to the first offensive team as a guard. Coleman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman and will be sought by a number of Texas colleges. He was the only East Texas area gridder named to any of the all state teams.

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Jacks' Coleman makes All State team again

Donald Coleman this week won all state honors in football for the second year in a row, the sixth Lumberjack to be named to the elite team.

Coleman, a 6-1, 233-pound guard and tackle, was named to the Class AA All State first offensive team as a guard by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Coleman made the second all state team last year as a junior.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman of Diboll and has been a four year starter for the Lumberjacks and a captain this past season.

Coleman is highly regarded by a good many college coaches and likely will be sought by a number of them when the February college letters of intent are signed.

He had a good season in 1976 despite being hampered by ankle and knee problems. Neither injury is felt to be permanent by his high school coach, Joe Wyatt, who calls Coleman one of the best linemen he has coached in his nine seasons in Diboll.

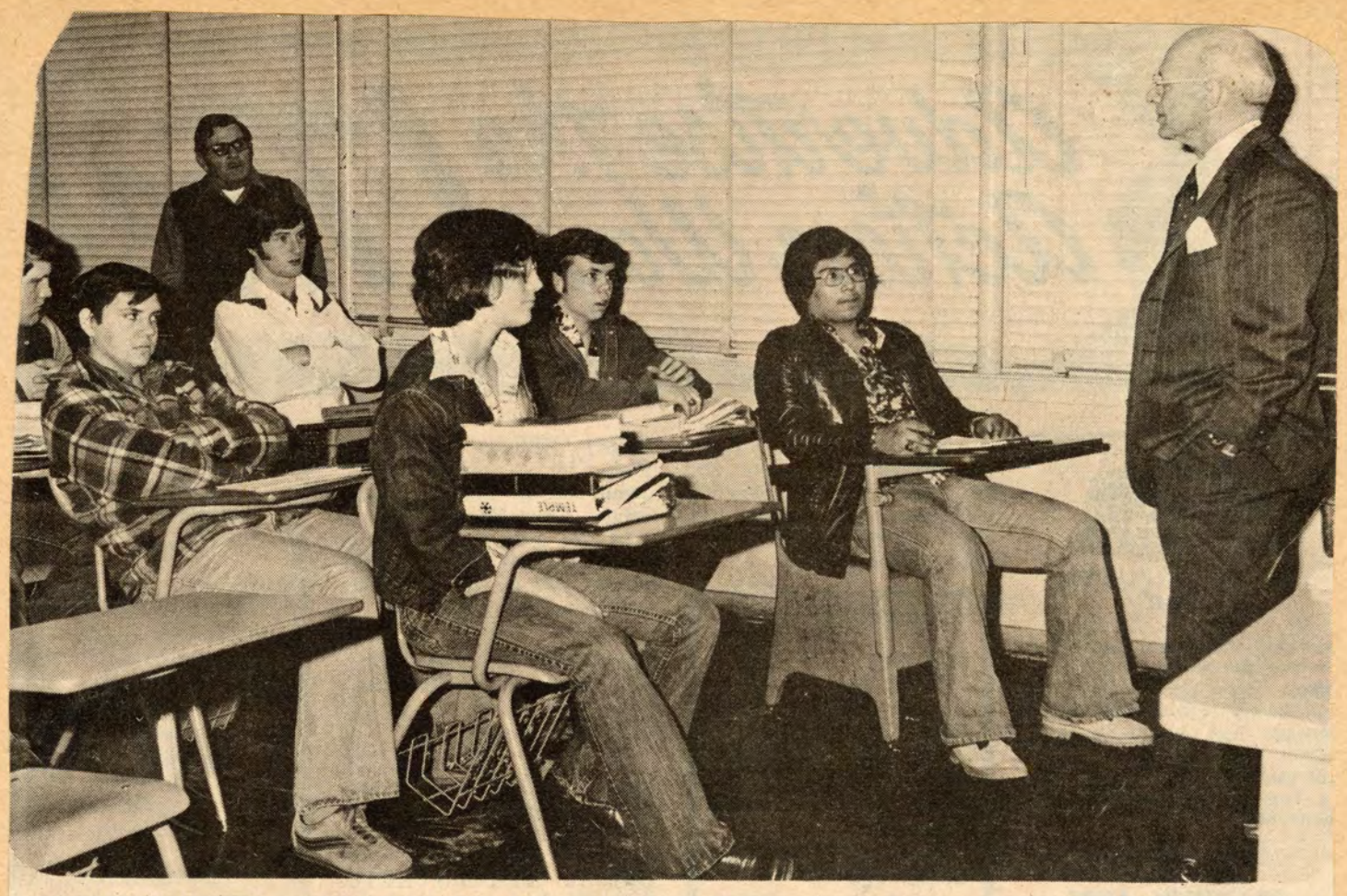
Coleman is the fifth Lumberjack to gain all state honors while playing under Wyatt.

Mack Mitchell made the all state team on both offense and defense in 1969, the only Lumberjack to make both sides. Linebacker Alton Jackson gained the honor in 1971, tackle Bobby Murry made it in 1970, and Wyatt's son Jay made the all state eleven in 1973 as a defensive safety.

The only other Lumberjack to gain all state honors was Bobby Ramsey, who was named to the all state team in 1959 as a running back.

Emmett King was one of the state's blue chip college prospects in 1974 but was not selected to the all state team.

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SCIENCE CLASSES at Diboll High School got special attention Wednesday from Richard Downs, Phd., who is Technical Assistant for Advanced Systems at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. Dr. Downs was guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Diboll Rotary Club and Pilot Club on Tuesday evening, then gave his slide presentation on NASA operations to DHS students. He has been at NASA in charge of such programs as manned lunar colony, the manufacture of oxygen and water from lunar surface materials, and the use of hydrogen as a fuel energy storage source on earth. (Free Press Photo)

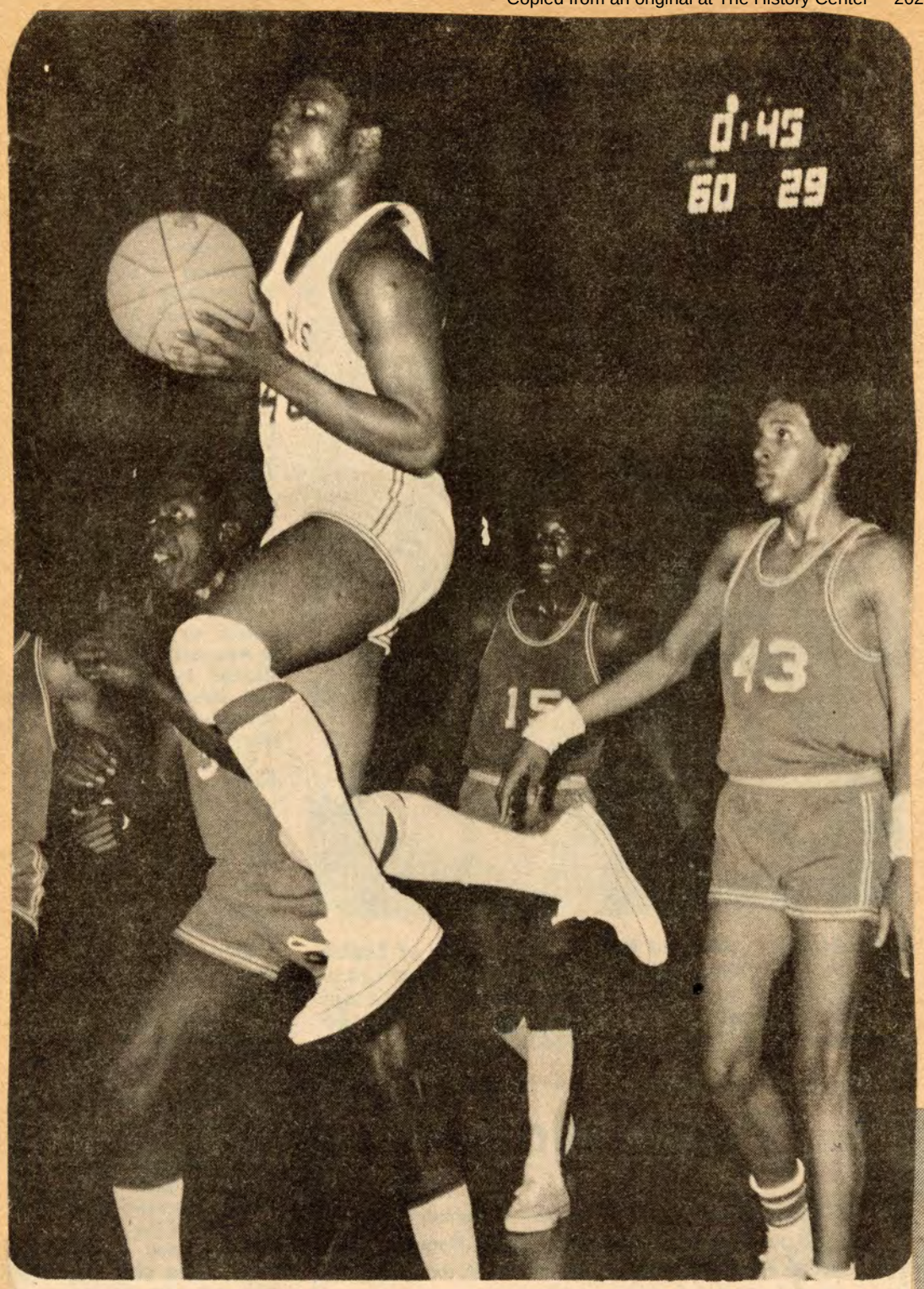


SCHOOL OFFICIALS

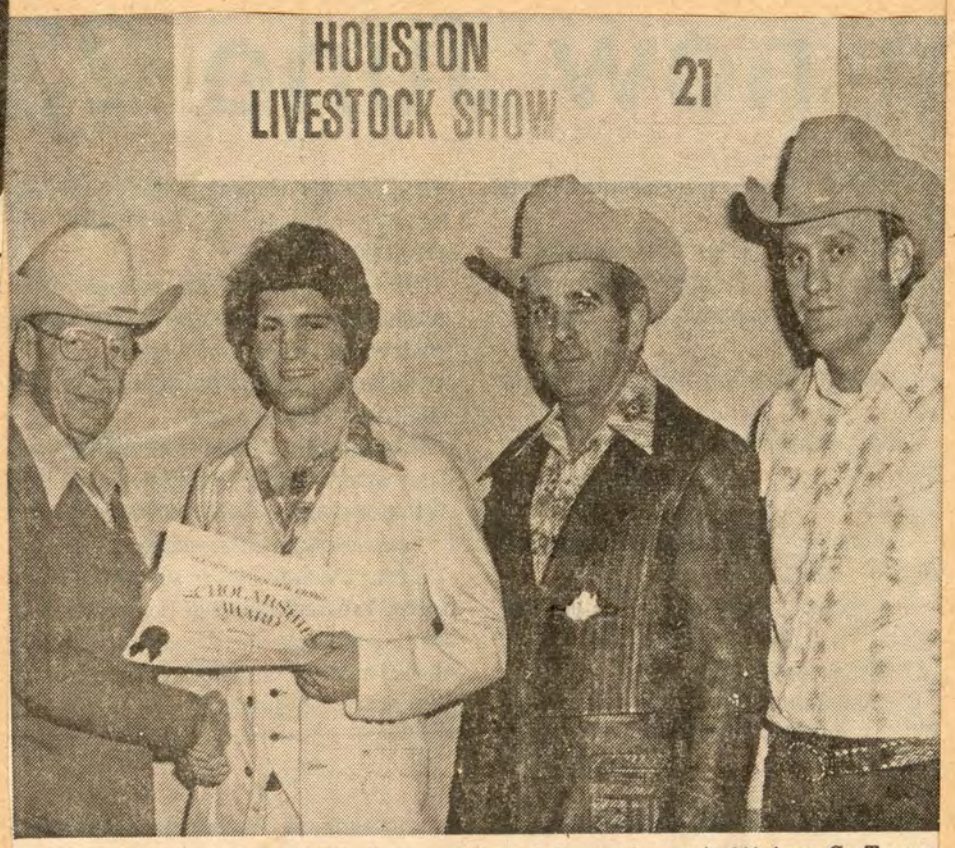
DIBOLL SCHOOL BOARD of trustees is composed of these seven men this year. Seated are Secretary Milford Ruby, President Richard (Dick) Albrecht, and Vice President Ray Pausley. Standing are C. H. Shepherd, Carl Pavlic, Stacy Cooke and Charles Havard. The terms of Albrecht and Pavlic expire in April. They have not announced whether they will seek another term.

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HIGH FLYER — Diboll's Ricky Johnson (40) gets airborne for a layup in the Lumberjack's opening zone romp over Corrigan-Camden. Johnson and the Jacks did not fly too high last Friday against San Augustine as the Wolves pulled off a 61-58 upset and Hudson beat them Tuesday 48-40. (Free Press Photo



DAVID RAY WEEKS of Diboll, second from left, receives a $1,000 Area Go Texas scholarship from N.W. "Dick" Freeman, president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. With him are Johnny Jackson, sponsor, third from left, and Jesse Bradford, agriculture teacher.

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LUMBERJACKS BECOME COUGARS

DHS HEAD COACH Joe Wyatt is dwarfed by two of his proteges, Chet Alexander, 6-7, 215, and Donald Coleman, 6-1, 235, who Tuesday signed letters of intent to attend the University of Houston on football scholarships. They become the sixth and seventh Lumberjacks to get U of H scholarships and bring the total to 16 the number of athletic college scholarships awarded DHS players in the past nine years under Wyatt's tutorship. UH Coach Elmer Redd described Alexander and Coleman as "typical of Diboll football players — they are well coached, well disciplined, and the type of players that we want to play for Houston."

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Jacks end season with 16th victory

A fourth quarter surge sent the Diboll Lumberjacks to a 57-53 win over the Huntington Red Devils Friday night and the win gave the Axemen their finest season since 1969-70.

Coach John McGilvra's Lumberjacks posted a 16-10 mark for the season and ran their zone record to 6-2, one game behind champion Hudson.

The fourth quarter rally was the difference in the game because after three periods Huntington led 45-37, but a 20-8 scoring spree by Diboll capped off the victory.

Neil McGilvra and Ronnie Johnson led that final surge for the Jacks as the pair scored 16 points between them and in a rarity for Diboll basketball, free throws made the difference.

Johnson hit on three of three from the line and McGilvra cashed in on five of six in the quarter.

The second quarter was also a big one for the Jacks as they outscored the Devils 21-11 in that one after trailing 17-4 at the end of one.

The poor start almost did the Jacks in as Huntington came out and used six players to score 17 points while Diboll managed only a field goal from Johnny Lewis and Chet Alexander.

However, in the second period Gandy Stubblefield hit four of four from the foul line, McGilvra scored five points, Lewis had a pair of field goals and Johnson pumped in four baskets to cut the Devils' margin 28-25 at halftime.

Huntington looked as though they were going to wrap things up in the third period when they outscored the Jacks 17-12 for a 45-37 lead, but McGilvra and Johnson got hot for Diboll in the final quarter.

Ronnie Johnson, held scoreless in the first period, roared back in the final three for a game high of 23 points with McGilvra collecting 12, seven in the final period.

Alexander and Lewis chipped in eight apiece for Diboll and Stubblefield added six more.

The Jacks won this one from the free throw line, canning 13 of 21 while the Red Devils hit on just seven of 16.

John Ellis led Huntington with 14 points followed by Randel Bell with 12 and Everett Buggs with ten.

The win was the fifth in a row for Diboll but it was too little too late as Hudson wrapped up the zone title with their easy win over San Augustine last week.

Huntington ended the season with a 15-16 record and were 4-4 in District 17-AA north zone action.

Diboll also won the junior varsity game, 52-39, over Huntington.

Gregg Spivey led Lumberjack JV scoring with 16 points, followed by Bray with 14 and Alexander with ten.

Tony Ellington and Ross Pinner led Huntington with 14 and 11 points.

The win put the Lumberjack JV record at 8-11 for the season.

Teachers estimate

28% may use marijuana

By MIKE CRIM

A recently completed survey of Diboll High School faculty members reveals that teachers believe that as many as 28.3 percent of their students may be involved in some form of drug usage.

The figure cited by Superintendent Don Robbins is an average of the estimates teachers gave in reply to questions asked on an internal information survey conducted by the school district.

"Of course, this is only teacher opinion, and the average figures may not be accurate at all," said Robbins.

The Superintendent said that the survey was designed to secure opinions on the drug problem from classroom teachers who are in constant touch with the students. Suggestions from the teachers as to the effectiveness of school policy and what changes can be made in the policy to remedy the drug use situation were also sought.

One of the suggestions to come from the survey was a proposal to again close the high school campus during the noon hour. Presently, the school operates an "open campus", allowing those students who have filed parental consent forms with the school to leave the campus during the noon hour.

Robbins says he believes that much of the dealing in illicit drugs takes place during the noon break, off campus, in students' cars and generally away from school supervision. Because of this, he says, there has been talk among school board members concerning a return to a "closed campus".

The problem with returning to a closed campus, aside from unfairness to students who do not abuse the privilege, is that teachers will have to assume even more responsibility as enforcers as well as educators.

"We have 30 acres of woods out there behind the school, and there will always be those who sneak off anyway — leaving the teacher in a position where he has to watch over these kids," said Robbins.

When a teacher does suspect a student of using drugs, he must have concrete proof before making any charges. If he has the proof, it is his duty to report it to the principal or directly to the police.

"Then we need to have people who will stand up in court with the evidence," adds Robbins.

It is only after a student is actually convicted of a criminal act, either a felony or a misdemeanor, that the school district may take disciplinary action. Suspension of a student for the remainder of the school year is the usual punishment.

Robbins says that punishment of students, however, is not the prime function of the teachers, or the school. "I think that we are doing more, and have been doing more than maybe any other school district in our drug education program," said Robbins.

Drug education is part of the standard curriculum offered in science and health courses, according to Robbins.

Teachers also are being made aware of the problem on a regular basis, and are being given tips on how to spot and curb use by their students.

The first of a series of drug education programs for the teachers is set for next week. Classes at Diboll schools will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday so that teachers may attend a drug program featuring Dr. June Irwin of Stephen F. Austin University.

Meanwhile, Police Chief Dewey Wolf says he believes that hard drugs — possibly cocaine, heroin, etc. — exist in Diboll, but of course to a much smaller extent than marijuana.

But Chief Wolf fears that a continued rise in the use of marijuana will lead young people to hard drugs and thus increase the hard drug traffic.

Police say that it appears to them that marijuana is not being used as openly as it was before recent publicity focused on the problem.

"Talk of who is using it and who isn't has died down, but I'm glad to note that concern among parents has greatly increased," says Chief Wolf.

"We've had a number of calls from parents who want to know what to look for and how we can help. We welcome this interest from parents because it can be the greatest help of all in slowing the use of marijuana among our young people."

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DAVID WEEKS, a Diboll High School senior this week was presented notification that he will receive the Angelina County $1,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. The award was presented by Angelina County Go-Texan Chairman Johnny Jackson. Witnessing the presentation were Diboll Agriculture teachers Jesse Bradford (left) and Bob McCurry (right). Weeks is an honor student at DHS and a member of the FFA Chapter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weeks Jr. (Free Press Photo)

February 17, 1977

David Weeks wins $1,000 scholarship

David Weeks, a senior at Diboll High School has been named winner of the annual $1,000 Angelina County scholarship offered by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Scheduled to graduate this spring, Weeks is one of 31 school students named as winners of Area Go-Texan scholarships offered in the counties surrounding Houston.

"David Weeks was selected from an outstanding group of entries, and we're truly proud of him," said Area Go-Texan Ambassador Johnny Jackson.

"David has chosen to select a career in agriculture which is a prerequisite in the scholarship competition," Jackson said.

David will be honored on Angelina County Day at the 1977 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at the 2 p.m. performance on Saturday, March 5. At this time, the Astrodome scoreboard will salute David and Angelina County officials and residents.

The Osmonds will be the entertainment star at the Angelina County performance.

Tickets in the Angelina County section can be purchased by contacting Johnny Jackson at 516 E. Denman, 632-4466 in Lufkin. Ticket prices range from $2 to $5.50.

The 1977 Houston Livestock Show will begin February 23 and close March 6. Rodeo performances will start February 25.

The ticket wagon will be at Angelina Mall on Thursday, February 17 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. with good tickets for all performances.



CONNER BECOMES CARDINAL

RICKY CONNER became the third Diboll Lumberjack to accept a college football scholarship last Thursday when he signed a letter of intent to attend Lamar University in Beaumont. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conner and DHS Head Coach Joe Wyatt witnessed the signing. Conner is a 6-1, 235 pound fullback and linebacker who had been sought by several colleges, including Texas A&I, but the big Lumberjack chose to stay closer to home. Lamar coaches said they were impressed with Conner's ability to play several positions. The Cardinals finished a poor 2-8 last season, but coaches say a rebuilding program built around strong transfers and junior college transfers insure a better season this year. (Free Press Photo)

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CATHY CARR

Cathy Carr is award winner

Cathy Carr has been named Diboll High School's 1976-77 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. Cathy won the honor by competing with other seniors here in a written knowledge and attitude examination on December 7.

She will receive a certificate from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program, and becomes eligible for state and national honors.

The State Family Leader of Tomorrow, to be chosen through judging centered on performance in the December 7 test, will receive a $1,500 college scholarship, with the second-ranking participant in the state receiving a $500 grant. The state winner will also earn for his or her school a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation.

School open house planned March 8th

Open house for all Diboll schools has been tentatively set for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. Diboll school trustees set the observance as part of Texas Public School Week, March 7-11. Parents are invited to attend the open house which will feature special exhibits and meetings with teachers.

An agenda of mainly routine items kept the school board busy for about two hours Tuesday night. Among the items approved was a selection of 24 new textbooks for elementary, junior high and senior high students. The board also agreed to advertise for bids on several items of furniture, including chairs, tables and desks.

The board also heard from Alvin Fasske who questioned the board's policy concerning smoking on the school grounds. Fasske told the trustees that he is "opposed to any school rule which would allow our youth to smoke openly on the school grounds."

Superintendent Don Robbins cited board policy which allows students to smoke only in one designated area on the high school campus, and said that it had been in effect a number of years.

Board member Ray Paulsey told Fasske that although school officials don't encourage youngsters to smoke at school, he doesn't see how the board can regulate students' activites to that extent.

Robbins called the smoking rule "a situation that has to be lived with" because of the problems of enforcing a rule which would ban smoking. The board agreed to take Fasske's recommendation under consideration.

The school board spent about 45 minutes Tuesday in a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters. The board later reconvened in open public session and vote to renew Superintende Robbins' contract for th years and Tax Assess Collector Doyne (Pop) R contract for another years. The board also proved a routine leav absence.

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SENIOR SHOT PUTTER Donald Ray Colem through a practice round as he and his Lum teammates get in shape for the coming track season. (Free Pres

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LUMBERJACKS James Stalsby, Vernon Ivy and Gregg Webb get loose as they get in shape for the coming track season. Diboll does not have a track and runners often dodge mudholes and fire ant beds workouts.

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LAURA REGISTER and Diane English display winning form as they practice the hurdles in preparation for upcoming girl's track event. Both are members of Linda Dunlap's DHS Ladyjack track and



field team. The Ladyjacks participated in their first meet last week. Interest in the track program is growing among girls each year.

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LISA BURKHALTER goes into her flip as she crosses the bar in the high jump in a practice session with the DHS Ladyjack track team. The team is coached by Linda Dunlap, who has sparked much interest in the program. Her volleyball teams have also won district five of the past six years. (Free Press Photo



DHS STUDENTS from the Spanish Class attended a Foreign Language Festival last Saturday in Tyler, with several winning ribbons in the event. Makine the trip were (back row) Jonathan Roach, Paul Bradshaw, Betty Harrison and Carolyn Cheavens. Middle row: Teacher Betty Bravo, Tony Garcia, Mike Squyres and Vicki Jones. In front are Becky Harris with the trophy won by the group, and winners Evelyn Carr, Kathy Gartman, Connie Martin and John Cheavens.
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Diboll Honor Rolls



DHS SENIOR Theresa Cavazos may seem to be in an un-ladylike position but that's the way it is when you go over the high jump bar. Theresa and the rest of Coach Linda Dunlap's DHS Ladyjack track team will compete in the Warren Relays this Friday, their second meet of the season. The boys' track and field team runs in the same meet on Saturday. (Free Press Photo)

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, all A's: Paul Bradshaw, Susie Capps, Tonya Clark, Mary Lester, Connie Maddox, Mary Maynard, Kathy McWilliams, Troi Russell, Gregg Spivey and John Wojhan.

Freshmen, all A's except for one B: Peggy Chandler, Diane Garrett, Kathy Jennings, Kim Milligan, Ronnie Pavlic and Janet Price.

Sophomores, all A's: Robin Clark, Alice Jansen, Gerald Malanders, Thomas Stewart and Belinda Tatum.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Teri Neyland, Melissa McCall and Shelia Wheeler.

Juniors, all A's: Darlene Breazeale, Mary Ann Carter, Lauri Durham, Kathy Groom, Sally Russell, Linda Sanford and Brad Wyatt.

Juniors, all A's except for one B: Lisa Burkhalter, Jean Greer, Denise Grissom and Ronnie Markle.

Seniors, all A's: Cathy Carr, Pablo Guerrero Jr., Linda Hale, Jeff Keels, Diane Lazarine, Barbara Maynard, Ted Mullins and David Weeks.

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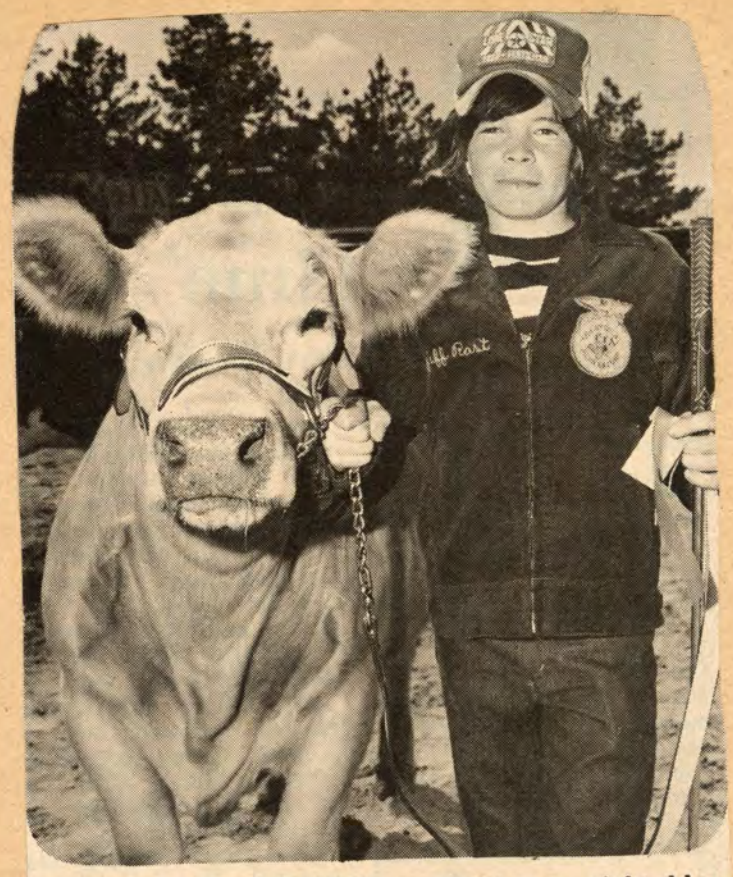


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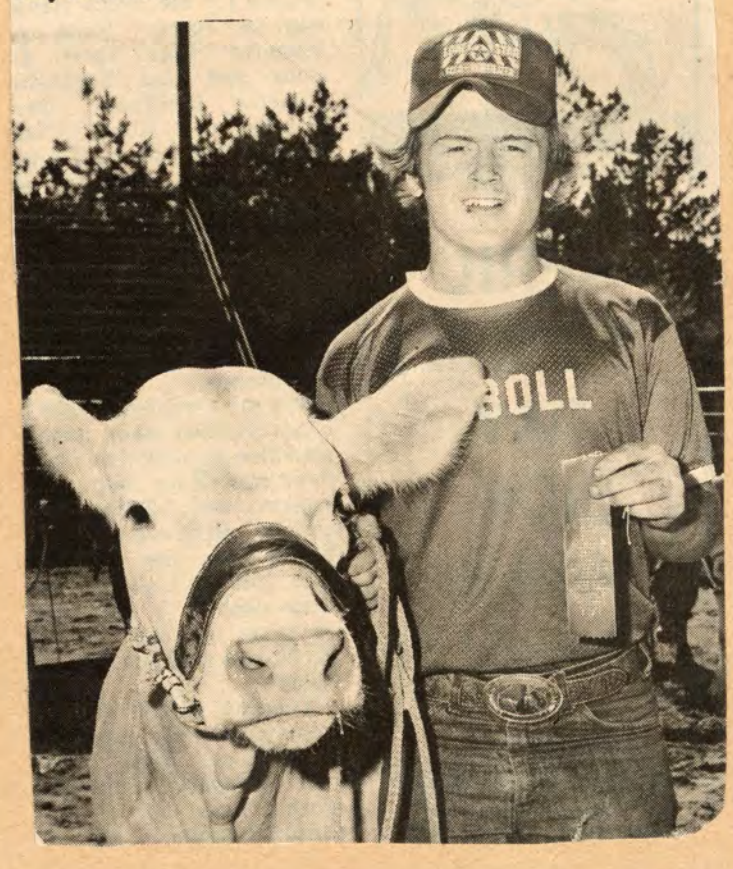
GREGG SPIVEY of the Diboll FFA Chapter showed the grand champion fryer pen of rabbits at the Junior Livestock Show on Tuesday. Gregg's champion pen was purchased for about $119, over $8 per pound for the pen. (Free Press Photo)



KIM MILLIGAN of the Diboll FFA displayed the sixth best steer at the Junior Livestock Show on Tuesday. Seven other Diboll students won blue ribbons in the fat steer division, and several won red ribbons. Calves sold for 58 to 90 cents per pound on the average. Other blue ribbon winners included Ray Anthony, Ronnie Pavlic and Chuck Carter. (Free Press Photo)



DIBOLL FFA CHAPTER members won eight blue ribbons for their fat steers at the Junior Livestock Show in Lufkin on Tuesday. Two of those were shown by Jeff Rast (above) and Randy Cook (below). Others winning blue ribbons were Ronny Pavlic, Chuck Carter, Kim Milligan, whose steer judged the highest of all the Diboll entries, and Randy Murry, Michael Hicks and Ray Anthony. (Free Press Photo)



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The Diboll FFA Chapter took its share of the honors in several divisions.

Gregg Spivey exhibited the grand champion fryer pen of rabbits and took home a record $119 for them, over $8 per pound for the 14 pound pen.

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Dale Day of Diboll showed the reserve champion fryer pen of rabbits and they sold for over $4 a pound.

The grand champion doe rabbit was shown by Vernie Hathorn.

Lisa Burkhalter had the reserve champion Brahman female, and Ricky Kee won the trophy for dairy showmanship with his Jersey heifer.

The Diboll FFA Chapter won first place in the shop exhibits and that won the chapter a $100 bill from W. A. DuBose Tractor.

Diboll's best steer was shown by Kim Milligan, who captured sixth place.

Diboll steers gaining blue ribbons were Kim Milligan, Randy Cook, Randy Murry, Jeff Rast, Michael Hicks, Ronny Pavlic, Chuck Carter and Ray Anthony.

Red ribbons were won by steers belonging to Rhonda Pressley, Randy Pressley, Luther Dover, Mary Maynard, Dennis Crager, Daniel Phipps, Ricky Kee, Ronald Lambert and Bobby Beaty.

The lone white ribbon went to Johnny Flowers.

In the lamb judging, Joe Havard won a blue ribbon.

In hog judging, Randy Pressley made the sale with a fifth place, Alton Thompson's entry was sixth and Becky Larson was ninth.

In the breeding animal division, Ricky Kee and David Weeks won blue ribbons, while John Wojhan, Kenneth Stinson and Randy Pressley won red ribbons.

Suzanne Burkhalter won a blue ribbon for her Brahman heifer, and Lisa Burkhalter displayed the reserve champion Brahman female.

This was probably the best year ever for steer prices, with buyers paying from 58 to 90 cents per pound.

About 110 calves were shown, but only 50 are selected for the sale.

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Bullard boys off to good baseball start

After four games this season, the Lumberjack baseball team is off and running toward one of their best seasons in several years, winning three of their first four games.

Surprisingly, the Jacks have had some well pitched ball games, a department Coach Ted Bullard was worried about when the season started.

The two chunkers Bullard has used thus far have been Larry Spivey and Ricky Conner and both have pitched well despite some early season wildness that has got them in trouble at times.

When the control comes around then the team could be tough because the hitting is there, as indicated by the 14 singles against Hemphill last week.

Spivey and Conner have allowed a total of 16 runs in the four games played but only ten were earned runs.

The opponents have collected only 20 hits for a team batting average of .192 but the glaring stat is the 25 walks allowed by the two Jack pitchers in four games.

Conner heads up the Jack offensive attack with a blistering .533 pace in his eight hits in 15 at bats.

Four of Conner's hits have gone for extra bases and he has driven in ten runs, also a team high.

Spivey, although hitting only .250, has been a valuable asset in his second spot in the batting order in that he is getting on base in front of the hot hitting Conner and therefore leads the team in runs scored with seven.

Conner and Spivey share the leadership in getting on base with 11 each followed by Randy Porter and Larry Cook with nine each.

Robert Tatum is the second leading hitter for the Jacks with a five for 16 norm and a .312 average.

As a team the Jacks are scoring six runs per outing and are hitting .247 as a team.

DHS track teams travel to Warren

The DHS boys and girls track teams go to Warren this weekend with Coach Linda Dunlap's girls running Friday and the boys Saturday.

Jacks zap Hornets for third victory

The Diboll Lumberjacks scored six runs in the fourth inning and went on to a 10-6 win over the Hemphill Hornets Thursday in Hemphill.

This game was scheduled due to the cancellation of two games with Alto and it was a much different ball game than the first meeting between the two when Hemphill edged the Jacks 2-1 in Diboll earlier in the week.

Coach Ted Bullard's Lumberjacks are off to one of their best starts in several years and the win over Hemphill boosted their record to 3-1 on the season.

The Jacks pounded out 14 hits against the Hornets with Ricky Conner going four for five, Larry Spivey three for four, and Larry Don Cook, Robert Tatum, and Craig Ruby all getting two hits apiece.

Spivey had a double and a triple and Conner blasted a two bagger for the Jacks' only extra base hits in the game.

Spivey started on the mound and although he gave up six runs, he allowed only five hits and what trouble he did get in was due to some early season wildness.

The junior righthander really had only one bad inning and that was the fourth when Hemphill scored four of their six runs off him.

Diboll got a run in their half of the first on a walk to Randy Porter, a single by Spivey, and a double by Conner and that 1-0 lead was never relinquished.

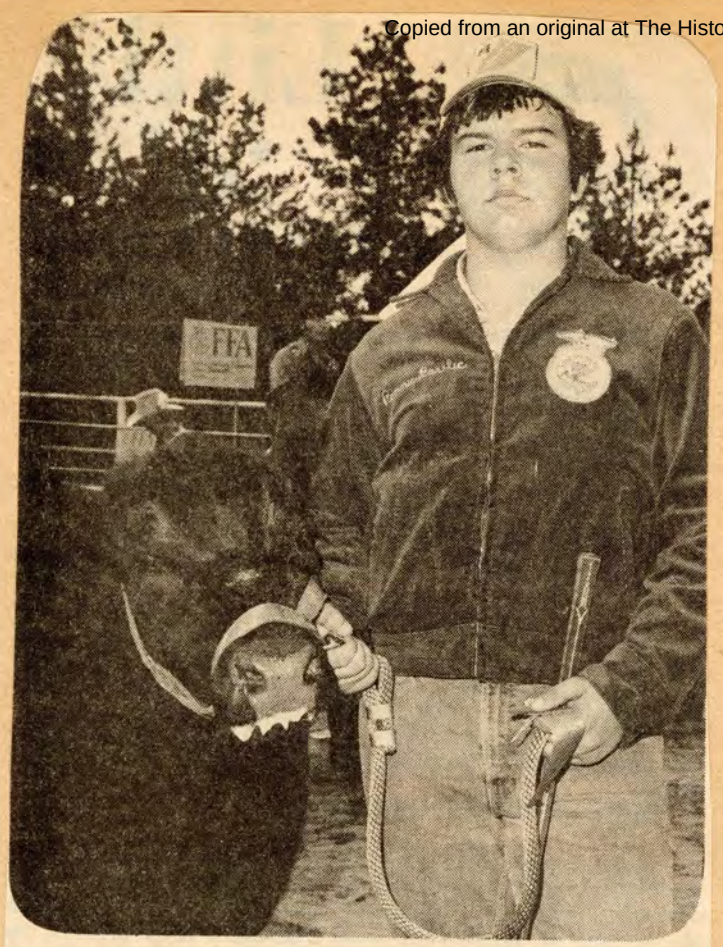
The Jacks got two more in the third on Spivey's double, Conner's single and Tatum's single that made it 3-0.

Then came the big inning with four runs in the bottom of the same inning and after the Jacks added a single run in the seventh, Hemphill got a pair of runs in their last shot.

Diboll left ten men on base and on this day had their hitting shoes on with only two Jacks going down via the strikeout.

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RONNIE PAVLIC'S steer was another of the eight DHS entries to win a blue ribbon in last week's Junior Livestock Show. The 50 calves sold at auction brought 58 to 90 cents per pound, with the grand champion selling for $2 per pound and the reserve champion for $1.35 per pound. (Free Press Photo)



THESE DHS STUDENTS presented an overview of career education in the senior government classes at DHS to an education class at SFA State University. Making the presentation were (seated) Donald Coleman, Mitzi Jordan and Charlotte Morris. Standing are Ted Mullins, Jeff Keels, Pablo Guerrero and Bill Brown. Students explained how this career education unit had helped them and then answered questions from the SFASU class.

(Free Press Photo)

Diboll's Spivey hurls no-hitter

Righthander Larry Spivey became the first Lumberjack to pitch a no hitter since the days of Danny Baker and David Wimp as he horse-collared the Hemphill Hornets last Wednesday 11-1.

The only run off him came on an error, stolen base, and a sacrifice fly, while his teammates where bombing Hemphill pitching for 11 runs on as many hits.

Spivey allowed only three base runners, one on an error, the other two on walks and he struck out four.

The Jacks put the game away with an eight run burst in the fourth inning when they sent 13 men to the plate.

Spivey also carried a big stick in the game going two for three at the plate, including a double, two RBI's, and he also scored two runs.

Larry Don Cook and Tommy Carrier both had two hits also and Carrier drove in three runs with his hits.

Spivey is 3-0 on the season and in the games he has pitched his teammates have

unearned and he is the probable starter for today's (Thursday) game against Shepherd.

Fowlers lead junior girls

The Temple Junior School Little Ladyjacks placed fifth among six schools in a track meet at Warren last week. They return to Warren for another meet this Thursday.

Ethel Fowler won the 60 yard dash and placed second in the 440 yard dash.

Dessia Fowler was second in the 60 yard dash, second in the 100 yard dash and fourth in the triple jump.

Deon Handy was third in the 80 yard hurdles and Christy McCollum placed sixth in the triple jump.

The 800 relay team of Gay Sample, Lisa Williams, Susan



DIBOLL GOLF COACH Joe Wyatt poses with the top medalists in Tuesday's high school golf tournament here. Jimmy McClain (right) of Diboll and Bo Land (left) of Livingston finished in a tie at 81, with McClain winning the playoff. The score was several strokes high for both golfers as the Diboll course played tough for all seven teams in the meet. (Free Press Photo)

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LANNY WILKERSON gives his demonstration of the correct way to use a long iron as fellow students Alice Jansen, Teresa Cavazos and Chris Stewart stand by to correct his stance. The four studied career opportunities in golf as part of career education training. Their instructor is Linda Dunlap, and they got golfing tips and advice from local pro Ray Paulsey and local player Robert Ramsey.

(Free Press Photo)

Diane Garrett region bound

Diane Garrett of the Ladyjack golf team qualified for the regional golf tournament in Brenham next week.

Garrett was medalist in the District 17-AA tourney last week and now will represent Diboll at region.



THE FREE PRESS was presented its second School Bell Award by the Texas State Teacher's Associaton at its recent convention in San Antonio. The award was presented by TSTA President Grace Grimes to Mike Crim of The Free Press. Mike wrote a three part series with photographs on last year's Huntington school bond election. At left is Jim Dunlap, a Diboll High School teacher who is president of the Angelina County Teacher's Association.

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DIBOLL'S JIMMY McCLAIN (center) won medalist honors in the district golf tournament here Tuesday as he fired a four over par 76. Diboll's Gandy Stubblefield (left) was second with a 77, and San Augustine's Herbert Bickley (right) was right behind in third place with a 78. (Free Press Photo)



DIBOLL'S GOLF TEAM of John Oates, Gandy Stubblefield, Jimmy McClain and Bryan Faircloth won the District 17-AA golf tournament here Tuesday with a team score of 327. McClain was medalist with a 76, Stubblefield was runnerup medalist with a 77, and Oates and Faircloth shot 87's to bring DHS its second straight district title. Coach Joe Wyatt holds the team trophy.

Coleman will play in All Star Game

Donald Coleman became the sixth Diboll Lumberjack football player to be named to the Texas High School Coaches All Star Football team this week when he was chosen to the South squad.

The 6-1, 235 pound offensive lineman just a month ago was picked to the Class AA all state team for the second year in a row, the only area player to be named to that elite team from any classification.

Head Coach Joe Wyatt calls Coleman the best lineman he has coached in his ten years at Diboll.

Coleman joins Jay Wyatt, Emmett King, Alton Jackson and Danny Baker as the five players under the tutorship of Coach Wyatt to play in the all star game and the sixth Lumberjack chosen was Bobby Ramsey in 1960.

The University of Houston bound all star also excels in track and already this season has broken school records in the shot put and discus.

Coleman is the only Diboll athlete ever to be named to all state teams in successive seasons and he is also the first lineman from Diboll to be picked for the all star game.

Mack Mitchell and Bobby Murry were chosen to the all state teams as offensive linemen but neither was picked for the Coaches All Star game.

Mitchell is the only Lumberjack footballer to be named to the first offensive and defensive teams in the same year and the former U of H All American did that in the 1969 season as an offensive end and linebacker.

Coleman will report for all star practice July 22nd in Dallas and the game will be held in Texas Stadium July 28th.



DONALD COLEMAN

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SEVEN NEW MEMBERS were inducted into the National Honor Society at Diboll High School this Monday. They are (seated left to right) Lanny Wilkerson, Thomas Stewart, Brad Wyatt, Lisa Burkhalter, Sheilia Wheeler, Suzanne Burkhalter and Gerald Melanders. Holdover members of the honor society are (standing) Sally Russell, Ted Mullins, Jean Greer, Lauri Durham, Mary Ann Carter, President David Weeks and Kathy Groom. Scholarship, leadership, service and character are the criteria for admission into the select group.

(Free Press Photo)



LOU ANN CLOY of Warren captured medalist honors in the District 17-AA girls golf tournament held at Diboll Municipal Golf Course Tuesday. Diboll's Diane Garrett (right) was runnerup for medalist honors with a 138, slightly back of Lou Ann's 135. San Augustine took team honors in the tourney, with Warren finishing second and Diboll third. The tournament was directed by Diboll girls golf coach Mrs. Linda Dunlap (center). (Free Press Photo)

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THE DIBOLL GIRLS finished five strokes behind Warren in Tuesday's district golf meet here. Team members were Jean Greer, Melanie Edwards, Carolyn Cheavens and Diane Garrett. Miss Garrett was runnerup medalist with a 138.

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Teacher injured

Diboll High School Building Trades Instructor Marvin Larson was injured Tuesday when he fell from the roof of a home his class is constructing in the Shannon Forest subdivision here in Diboll.

Unconfirmed reports said that Larson suffered two cracked vertebrae in the upper part of his spine, a broken collarbone and required 25 stitches to close a scalp wound.

Larson was working on the roof with an electric saw when he fell to the slab, apparently on his head and shoulders.

Officials said he was resting fairly comfortably at Lufkin's Memorial Hospital.

Three Ladyjacks take colors to region meet



THESE DHS LADYJACKS will represent Diboll at the region meet in Brenham this week. Left to right are Diane Garrett, who competes in golf on Wednesday; Glenda Miller, 80 yard hurdles and long jump; Rhonda Pressley, discus; and Robbie English, mile run. The track and field events will be held at Brenham this Saturday.

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PROVING THE POPULARITY of the girls track and field team at Diboll High School is this group of girls who participated in the program this year under Coach Linda Dunlap. On the front row are Deborah Donahoe, Belinda Tatum, Teri Neyland, Tracy Chandler, Tonya Clark, Ruth Bray and Kathy McWilliams. Second row: Kim Sample, Odessa Vinson, Susie Capps, Lisa Burkhalter, Rhonda Pressley, Ruth Rast, Janet Price, Peggy Chandler and Janie Lopez. Top row: Juanita Malanders, Renee Clark, Robbie English, Kathy Brown, Delisa Mullins, Kathy Groom, Carmen Levine, Coach Linda Dunlap, Denise Grissom, Glenda Miller, Diane English, Laura Register, Jan Glover and Stephanie Webb. (Free Press Photo)

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TEN SENIOR MEMBERS of the Diboll Lumberjack Band were honored at the annual spring concert Monday night. Left to right are Kim Baldree, six years in the band; Susie Beaty, six years; Mitzi Jordan, six years; Diana Lazarine, six years; Barbara Maynard, five years; Cathy Carr, six years; Chuck Donahoe, four years; Connie Martin, six years; Kathy Gartman, six years; and Kelyn Clark, three years. Not pictured is David Townsend, four years. This is the largest group of seniors gr[illegible]d from the band. (Free Press Photo)

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REGIONAL ENTRIES — These four Diboll High students represented their school at the region literary meet last week in Brenham. They are Kathy McWilliams, persuasive speaking; Eula Mitchell, news writing; Larry Dor Cook, informative speaking; and Jef Keels, who competed in persuasiv speaking and science.
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PILOT CHECK — Mrs. Clyde Thompson (right) last week presented a check to Diboll High School Librarian Mrs. Joan Doss. The check is an annual contribution from the Pilot Club of Diboll to provide a subscription to Heritage magazine. (Free Press Photo)

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THESE DHS STUDENTS earned awards at the recent Speech Club banquet. They are Becky Harris, Susie Capps, Speech Instructor Burlon Wilkerson, Diane Garrett and Connie Maddox. (Free Press Photo)



Randall Perry

Last but not least

Diboll High School has had three football players sign grants to play football this fall. Two, Donald Coleman and Tommy Alexander signed letters to play for the Houston Cougars.

Two days later another Lumberjack, Ricky Conner, signed to play football, but without the hoopla that was present when Coleman and Alexander signed.

No, Conner did not sign with a major university. He will probably never set foot in the Cotton Bowl or Rice Stadium or Memorial Stadium in Austin.

He will never play before 70,000 screaming fans, but Conner will have a chance to play at a school which is rebuilding its program, Lamar University.

But before Conner settled on Lamar, he received his share of letters.

"I really have no idea how many letters from universities I have," Conner laughed. "I started to count them the other day for my scrapbook, but I didn't. I have well over 50."

He had visits from Houston, Baylor, Arkansas, Oklahoma, TCU and many smaller schools. Texas A&I, winner of the NAIA championship the last two years, recruited him extensively. They even left a scholarship at his house for him to sign if he wanted.

"They had my name typed on it," Conner said. "All I had to do was sign it. Gil Steinke (A&I head football coach) said I would probably start next year at fullback down there.

"But," he continued, "everytime I started to sign, I began to wonder if they really meant it. Another thing, there isn't much to do down there. About the only thing they have is King's Ranch."

With all of these other opportunities available, how in the world did Conner end up at Lamar?

"The main thing is that it's close to home," he said. "I love East Texas and it's close enough here for me. Another thing, I really liked the people I met there.

"The students, administrators, just everybody was so friendly. It really impressed me."

When Conner signed his national letter of intent last week to play at Lamar, he was listed as a defensive tackle. But he said he wants to play fullback or tight end.

"I want very badly to play fullback or tight end," he said. "But really it doesn't matter where I play, just so I play. There's nothing I hate more than sitting on that bench."

When Conner plays his final down at Lamar and passes his final test, the 6'3" 240-pounder said he will probably end up back in Diboll.

"In a town like this, you get to know just about everybody," he smiled. "I couldn't live in a big town. I'd like to live here for good eventually."

That's OK. As the saying goes, when you're 6'3" and 245, you can live just about anywhere you want.

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MR. AND MISS DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT BETTER WAY for this year's Mr. and Miss Diboll High School to get to visit than on a roadside picnic among the spring flowers. Diana Lazarine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lazarine, has been in the band six years, a twirler for three years, homecoming duchess, class favorite, student of the month, Anchor Club president and she plans to attend Angelina College. Gandy Stubblefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stubblefield, played football and track three years, basketball and golf four years, was student of the month and student council representative. Gandy plans to attend Texas A&M. (Free Press Photo)

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THE BRAINS AT DHS

TED MULLINS (left) was named valedictorian of the DHS graduating class Tuesday night and David Weeks (right) was class salutatorian. DHS Principal Bill Greer posed with the top ranking students after graduation exercises. Mullins finished with a four year average of 97.65 and Weeks with a 96.53. The top four class students were boys, with Carolyn McDuffie the high ranking girl with a 93.39 average.

(Free Press Photo)

DHS valedictorian kept attendance, grades high

A studious Ted Dexter Mullins, who has never missed a day of school since he started the first grade, was named valedictorian of the 1977 Diboll High School graduating class here Tuesday night.

Mullins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mullins, finished his four years of high school with a grade average of 97.65.

Class salutatorian was David Ray Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weeks Jr., Danny Harris will receive one of the coveted Lufkin Industries Inc. scholarships — a $4,000 offer, plus another $100 scholarship from the Diboll Jaycees. Harris also was named recipient of the Citizenship Award from the National Honor Society.

The Alpha Eta Alpha scholarship of $100 goes to Gerald Porter.

Diana Lazarine wins the Lufkin Kiwanis Club $100 scholarship to Angelina College.

Houston, both on football scholarships.

Valedictorian Ted Mullins was cited for an unusual accomplishment — of never missing a day of school since he started the first grade. Young Mullins will attend Baylor University this fall.

Salutatorian David Weeks, also Student Council President, gave the address.

Invocation was by Donald Coleman and the benediction by Ted Mullins. Vice Principal James Porter presented the



DANNY HARRIS is congratulated by DHS Vice Principal James Porter after Harris was named for the National Honor Society Citizenship Award at DHS graduation exercises Tuesday night. Harris also will receive the area's most lucrative college scholarship, a $4,000 gift from Lufkin Industries, and another $100 from the Diboll Jaycees. Harris finished fourth in his class with a 94.73 average. (Free Press Photo)

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CREAM OF THE CROP — The top ten students are usually recognized at DHS graduation ceremonies. Eleven were recognized this year because that many finished with a 90 or better average. In order of their finish were (seated) Ted Mullins, 97.65; David Weeks, 96.53; Pablo Guerrero, 95.09; Danny Harris, 94.73; Carolyn McDuffie, 93.39. Standing are Jeff Keels, 91.90; Barbara Maynard, 91.84; Kathy Gartman, 91.73; Diana Lazarine, 91.53; Bryan Faircloth, 91.43; and James McCall, 91.07. (Free Press Photo)



DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL honor students Ted Mullins, valedictorian, and David Weeks, salutatorian, were congratulated on their accomplishments at graduation exercises last week by Superintendent Don Robbins (left) and school board president Ray Paulsey (right). Mullins' four year grade average was 97.65, and Weeks finished with a 96.53. Mullins will attend Baylor University to study medical research, and Weeks will pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

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Joe Wyatt quits as coach

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JOE WYATT
Feels it's time to move on

His teams hold best grid record

Joe Wyatt, Head Football Coach and Athletic Director at Diboll High School the past ten seasons, resigned the position Tuesday night and announced he will move to Axtell to become high school principal and football coach.

Wyatt met in private session with the school board on another matter, then tendered his resignation.

He told The Free Press that he will begin making the move to Axtell next week, with his family to follow as soon as they can sell their home here.

Wyatt said one reason for the move is to get closer to Waco, where son Brad can attend Baylor University. Brad will be a senior this year and will be eligible for football at the Class B school.

Axtell is a farming community located about eight miles from Waco and soon will be moving into Class A.

Wyatt's move brings to an end Diboll's first glory era in high school football. Since coming here in 1967, Wyatt has coached DHS football teams to more victories than the school had achieved in the 19 years before he came.

His record the past ten years stands at 62 victories, 39 losses and two ties.

In the 19 years of football before he came here, the school had managed just 52 wins, 131 losses and five ties.

Wyatt had only one losing season, that a 4-6 record in his first year in 1967. After that he was 5-4 in 1968, 8-2 in 1969, 7-5 in 1970, 9-3 in 1971, 6-4 in 1972, 8-2 in 1973, 5-4-1 in 1974, 5-5 in 1975, and 5-4-1 in 1976.

The 1969, 1970 and 1971 teams were his greatest. Coming off an 8-2 season in 1969 when he lost only to Lufkin Dunbar and Crockett, his Lumberjacks snapped a three game losing streak in 1970 to win seven games, the district and bi-district titles before falling to Georgetown

Wyatt...

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regarded West Rusk, 20-17 to win the bi-district title in another memorable game.

Highlight of the 1971 season was the Lumberjacks' 20-8 victory over state ranked San Augustine for the district title. Wyatt's team went on to beat Hallsville, 19-6 in bi-district.

Diboll had never come close to a district title before those successive title wins in 1970 and 1971.

Wyatt came to Diboll in 1967 from Tomball. Prior to that he had coached at Boerne, Los Fresnos and Lyford.

He attended high school in his hometown of San Benito in the valley, then attended Centenary college. After two years in the U.S. Army in 1952-54, Wyatt graduated from Baylor University in 1956 and went on to his first coaching job at Lyford.

Wyatt has coached football here twice as long as any other coach in the school's history. He leaves behind what no other coach did: a winning tradition.

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Bullard going to Buna

Ted Bullard this week announced that he is resigning his position as a coach and teacher at Diboll High School.

Bullard will become assistant coach at Buna High School.

He has for the past four years been first football assistant and baseball coach at DHS under Head Coach Joe Wyatt.

According to Wyatt (right), Bullard had been offered several assistant and line coaching jobs around the state but finally chose Buna, where he will be assistant to Head Coach Bobby Goforth.

Wyatt said he expects to move David Bradford up from Temple Junior School to serve as his assistant with the high school varsity football team. Bradford moved the faltering junior high into a competitive position last season.

Bullard and his family have their Diboll home up for sale and expect to move to Buna in June or July.

Since Buna is no longer in Diboll's district, it is not likely that Wyatt and Bullard will have to face one another on the gridiron.

Bullard came to Diboll from ville four years ago where he coach.

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DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL cheerleaders are spending the week at cheerleader's camp. Making the trip are (front) Charlotte Bray, Connie Maddox, Janet Price and Alice Jansen. In back are Glenda Miller, Marty Grantham, Kathy Groom and Kathy Terrell.

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JIMMY McCLAIN has signed a letter of intent to attend Lamar University in Beaumont on a golf scholarship. Golf Pro Ray Paulsey (left) who has worked closely with Jimmy to improve his golf game, was on hand for the signing along with Jimmy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McClain. (Free Press Photo)

Consistency key to success for DHS golfer Jim McClain

Jimmy McClain isn't large, but he is living proof that size is not essential for hitting a golf ball a long way.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. George McClain has signed a letter of intent to attend Lamar University in Beaumont on a golf scholarship.

Jimmy at 5-5 and 125 pounds packs a wallop with a golf club. Newcomers who see him going up against championship golfers chuckle at his size, but the chuckles disappear after they see Little Jim whack the golf ball.

But while he drives with the best of area golfers, Jimmy's greatest asset is his consistency on strange as well as familiar golf courses.

Local golf professional Ray Paulsey has worked closely with McClain during his four years on the Diboll High School golf team.

"Jimmy is consistent no matter where he is playing," says Paulsey. "He plays one course as well as another, and that is the mark of a good golfer."

McClain's parents credit Paulsey with young Jimmy's maturity as a golfer. Paulsey admits that he has thoroughly enjoyed working with Jimmy and watching the youngster improve his game.

Once troubled by a temper towards himself when he was playing poorly, McClain has overcome that disadvantage — one which plagues many talented golfers and keeps many others from moving up the ladder of success.

Just about everybody in Diboll knows Jimmy McClain. They have wondered over the years if he would ever grow up, in size. He was extremely small until his senior year in high school, when he finally began putting on pounds and some height.

His size has prompted the blond youngster to try that much harder. He has spent countless hours swimming and playing tennis, in addition to golf. He also enjoys hunting and fishing, which are traditions with the McClain men.

Football is the only sport Jimmy left off after junior high, although he performed well as a running back in the lower grades.

McClain and his DHS companions have won the district golf title four straight years and represented the district at region as many times. Last year they went to state, where they finished fifth.

His companions on the golf team this past year were Gandy Stubblefield, John Oates and Bryan Faircloth.

McClain has won medalist honors a number of times in the district meets, as well as other non-district tournaments.

He plans to study accounting at Lamar this fall. But every spare moment will find Jimmy McClain on the golf course, continuing to awe everyone with his ability to rocket golf balls straight down the fairways.

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NEW OFFICERS of the Diboll High School Lumberjack Band for the coming year are (left to right) Renee Clark, president; Sally Russell, treasurer; Suzanne Burkhalter, secretary; Deborah Donahoe, sergeant-at-arms; and Evelyn Carr, reporter. Not pictured is Lisa Burkhalter, vice president.

(Free Press Photo)

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Lumberjack coaches have poor records in 29-year period

Football coaches have not had an easy time of it at Diboll High School.

Although the past ten years have been fairly bright, the 19 years of DHS football before that were pocked with mostly losing seasons and only occasional flashes of glory.

In the 29 years of 11-man football here, Diboll teams have a long way to go before claiming a winning percentage.

The record for those 29 years stands at 114 wins, 170 losses and seven ties.

Of the 114 wins, Coach Joe Wyatt's teams have won 62 of them in the last ten years, while losing only 39 and tying two.

Prior to Wyatt's arrival here in 1967, only four DHS teams had managed to win as many as five games in one season.

Robert Ramsey coached a 5-4 season in 1949, the second season of 11-man football here.

J. B. Carrington coached his team to a 5-5 mark in 1952, but only after his 1951 team went 0-10, the worst record in the school's history.

That was it until 1961 when Bert Lindsey coached a good team to a 5-4-1 mark.

Jim Simmons' 1966 team finally broke the five win barrier when it won six and lost three. Since that time, things have been looking up, although Simmons gave way to Wyatt in 1967.

Wyatt's ten year tenure is much longer than that of any previous coach. Ervin DuBose coached four seasons, from 1956 through 1959. His 1956 team compiled the best record for him with a 4-6 mark.

Diboll school officials are now searching for a successor to Joe Wyatt, who resigned two weeks ago. That successor may not find the 29-year record so bright, but he will find the scales tipping in the favor of a winning tradition over the past ten years.

29-year history

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	COACHES
1948	1	7	1	Robert Ramsey
1949	5	4	0	Robert Ramsey
1950	4	6	0	J. B. Carrington
1951	0	10	0	J. B. Carrington
1952	5	5	0	J. B. Carrington
1953	1	8	1	J. R. Havard
1954	1	9	0	Jonnie Waldie
1955	3	7	0	Jonnie Waldie
1956	4	6	0	Ervin Dubose
1957	3	7	0	Ervin Dubose
1958	2	8	0	Ervin Dubose
1959	3	7	0	Ervin Dubose
1960	1	8	1	Bert Lindsey
1961	5	4	1	Bert Lindsey
1962	1	9	0	E. H. Bush
1963	3	7	0	E. H. Bush
1964	1	9	0	E. H. Bush
1965	3	7	0	James Simmons
1966	6	3	1	James Simmons
1967	4	6	0	Joe Wyatt
1968	5	4	0	Joe Wyatt
1969	8	2	0	Joe Wyatt
1970	7	5	0	Joe Wyatt
1971	9	3	0	Joe Wyatt
1972	6	4	0	Joe Wyatt
1973	8	2	0	Joe Wyatt
1974	5	4	1	Joe Wyatt
1975	5	5	0	Joe Wyatt
1976	5	4	1	Joe Wyatt
	114	170	7	

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DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL faculty and staff this year is composed of (front) Garvis Baldree, Barbara Unsell, Linda Dunlap, Cindy Maddox, Janice Cooke, Bettye Greer, Toni McCall, Ann English, Judy Williamson, Mary Ingram and Joan Doss. Standing are Fred Bland, Billy Clegg, Vice Principal James Porter, James Stalsby, Stephen Mills, Fred Douglas, John McGilvra, Jim Dunlap, David Bradford, Bob McCurry, John Ingram, Principal Bill Greer, Frank Lane, Jessie Bradford, Burlon Wilkerson, Susan Haltom and Lois Clemens.

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New coach's philosophy on his athletic program

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the philosophy of new Diboll Football Coach Fred Bland concerning coaching and the school athletic program. The article was written by Coach Bland and appeared in a recent issue of TEXAS COACH magazine.)

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By FRED BLAND
Diboll Head Coach

Coaching Philosophy

A successful coaching philosophy can be summed up in four areas: communication, dedication, discipline, and emotional enthusiasm. In order to be successful, the coach must understand each area and its effect on the athletes.

Communication is an extremely important area because if a gap exists between the coaching staff and players, the athletic program has little or no chance for success. The policy of having an open door for communications is a vital part of any successful program. The era of the dictatorial coach is gone. Today's coach must have empathy and the ability to listen to players problems with an open mind.

Dedication is an extremely hard word to explain as it means many things to different people. To an athletic program, it means the loyalty and hard work necessary to make the program successful on the part of both the coaching staff and players. There must exist a bond between the two because the success of the program depends a great deal upon the unity of all parts for the common goal of a successful program.

Athletics is one of the last strongholds of discipline in our society. Athletics gives the youth of the community an opportunity to be taught the type of discipline that is fair and just and not prejudiced toward any individual or racial group. Discipline is necessary in all areas of a person's life. Without a certain degree of it, people are like a ship without a rudder that travels a course that seems to follow the will of the wind. Discipline is composed of several types and areas. A person must be able to use the proper one at the right time to gain the maximum benefits.

Discipline should be instilled with positive and creative thoughts. Every athlete with whom a coach comes into contact will react differently to certain forms of discipline. It is taught through example, repetition, and patience and not through suppression and domination. By use of these techniques the right frame of mind is achieved to approach the problems involved in teaching and maintaining discipline.

Suppression and domination will at times have to be used to assert one's authority but it should not be the most popular approach. The ability of the coach to communicate with his players has a lot to do with how often authority must be asserted.

Emotional enthusiams is important to a successful program because athletics is an emotional experience. Coaches and players should not be afraid to let their emotions show at times. Without a show of emotions, the athletes become mere puppets and the truly successful program from an educational standpoint has to have tangible benefits which can be derived from emotional experience.

Emotional enthusiasm is what keeps the momentum going or gets it going. Coaches must be able to smile and joke in all contacts with the players. He must also get mad, chew, pat, and encourage players as well. All of these techniques are means of communications, and each show of emotion is vital to maintain variety in the program.

A beneficial adjunct to this is the fact that it encourages spirit and hustle and maintains discipline.

Athletic Program Philosophy

The athletic programs of the school provide a legitimate extension of the schools educational program. In all of the athletic programs the athlete learns that the discipline and knowledge of the classroom has value in his athletic endeavor and vice versa. Without an interest in athletics the student is stymied in learning to fight some of life's battles without prior help.

The coaches in the athletic program should not only be interested in the athlete in the coaches own field of interest but should be concerned with the academic phase as well. Coaches should support athletes in other sports fields than their own by attending all other sports functions. A sincere interest in all aspects of the athletic program cannot help but make the entire program stronger.

The success of a winning program is not necessarily reflected in the won-lost column but in the impact that it has on the youth involved in the program.

A strong athletic program emphasizes the importance of the total program in aiding the youth to understand the American system. Every athlete as well as coach should try his best to support all phases of the athletic program.

Coaching has become a year round job and entails more than just the school life of the athlete. The coach must now become interested in th[e] social and community aspec[ts] of the athlete. The co[ach] should encourage these by [his] active support.

The coaching staff sh[ould] not be yes men to the [head] coach. All ideas shou[ld be] given a proper hearing [and] views aired whether [in] meetings or private [confer]ences so that the [best] decision which rest[s with the] head coach has been ma[de]

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1977-78

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sep.			
2	Groveton	H	8:00
9	Whitehouse	T	8:00
16	Rusk	H	8:00
23	open		
30	Kirbyville	H	7:30
Oct.			
7	Corrigan	T	7:30
14	Newton	H	7:30
21	Hemphill	T	7:30
28	San Aug.	T	7:30
Nov.			
4	Woodville	H	7:30
11	Warren	T	7:30

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NEW DHS COACH FRED BLAND
Ready to go to work

Beaumont assistant to head athletic program

New DHS Football Coach & Athletic Director Fred Bland is on the job and looking forward to the beginning of football workouts this coming Monday.

Bland, 33, was employed as new head coach last Friday by the Diboll School Board. He was selected from about 20 applicants for the job that was held until recently by Joe Wyatt.

Bland is busy this week checking his equipment inventory, meeting his coaching staff, and arranging physicals for his players.

The new coach plans to begin two-a-day workouts Monday, in contrast with the single long workout that former Coach Wyatt has used in recent seasons.

Bland comes to Diboll from South Park High in Beaumont where he has been an assistant football coach the past six years.

that Diboll should play close to .500 ball every season.

The new coach is a solid, stocky looking fellow who looks to be a typical football guard. And he was a back in high school for Port Neches-Groves. He played on PN-G's first district championship team in 1962.

The Orange native did not play football at Henderson Junior College or at Lamar University, where he graduated in 1966. He returned to Lamar for his master's degree in 1973.

Bland's wife Janice is a licensed vocational nurse. Their children are Michael, 12; Travis, 7; and Summer, 6.

David Bradford is moving up from junior high to be Bland's first assistant with the varsity. Frank Lane and John McGilvra will continue to coach the junior varsity.

Bland has also coached at Athens, where he was backfield coach; at Bay City, where he was head sophomore coach, head track coach and headed football scouting; and at Buna, where he coached seventh and eighth grade football.

This is Bland's first job as head coach, and he is eager to get started.

"Diboll has a good reputation in football," says Bland. "You have good administra- hing staff support, a good

say how xpects to he learns material speculate



FOUR DEFENSIVE STALWARTS for the Diboll Lumberjacks this season are Brian Burnett, a 5-11, 180-pound linebacker; Craig Ruby, offensive and defensive tackle at 6-1, 210; Vernon Ivey, a guard and end at 5-9, 155; and David Wilkins, the Jacks tough noseguard at 5-10, 185. They will be trying to stop the speedy Groveton Indians in the season opener here Friday at 8 p.m. (Free Press Photo)

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NEW DHS HEAD COACH Fred Bland met with part of his coaching staff this week. Kneeling are JV Coach and head basketball coach John McGilvra; Coach Bland; and high school assistant David Bradford. Standing are Richard Sheridan and Lynn Johnston, junior high coaches. Not shown is junior varsity coach Frank Lane and another junior high coach yet to be named. Shoes will be issued high school players this week, with regular two-a-day workouts starting Monday.
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Groveton romps to 35-0 victory over Lumberjacks

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DIBOLL HIGH cheerleaders whoop it up as the DHS Band strikes up a fight song against Groveton here Friday. The crowd was good for the opening game of the 1977 season, but Groveton spoiled Coach Fred Bland's debut as coach here with a 35-0 victory travels to Whitehouse this F battle another Class 2A power (Free Pres



JOHN FENLEY (47) lowered his head to butt his way for a few yards before being grounded by two Groveton defenders in last Friday's game here won by Groveton, 35-0. Fenley, the Jacks' leading rusher, could not get untracked against the pesky Indians. Diboll goes to Whitehouse this Friday.

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Campus Time

By Jean Greer

Hello, my name is Jean Greer and I'll be writing Campus Time this year. If anyone has any news that they want printed please don't hesitate to contact me at school or call me at 829-5462.

Many various groups at DHS have been busy this summer in preparation for football season. The first group, of course, is the football team. Last Friday night the Lumberjacks beat Trinity in a pre-season scrimmage, 1-0.

The cheerleaders and pep squad have been busy also. The DHS cheerleaders for the 1977-78 school year are: Kathy Groom, Alice Jansen, Glenda Miller, Connie Maddox, Janet Price, Charlotte Bray, Kathy Terrell, and Marty Grantham. These cheerleaders won one blue ribbon, two red ribbons and the spirit stick at camp at SFA this summer.

The pep squad captains this year are Jan Glover and Belinda Tatum. The pep squad and cheerleaders have buttons for sale for 50 cents that say "Roll on Big Red." These buttons will be available at the games. Also each week they will have ribbons to sell for 15 cents each.

The band has been working also. They will have a contest each week for best rank with the visiting band director acting as judge. The twirlers for the 1977-78 school year are Suzanne Burkhalter, Darla Smith, Jeanne Carter, Deborah Donahoe and Kim Milligan with Rochelle Carter as head twirler. These twirlers attended camp at SFA this summer with Jeanne Carter and Suzanne Burkhalter winning medals for being so outstanding.

The drum major this year will be Lisa Burkhalter who attended camp this summer in Arlington. Ask her about the exercises she learned.

The Lumberjack annuals have arrived. There are a few extra if anyone is interested in purchasing them. But be sure to hurry because there are only a limited number left. The price is $6.

Vance Maddox is lucky enough to have acquired a 1977 russet-colored GMC truck this summer. Sally Russell also got a new car, a 1974 green and white Monte Carlo.

There are many new faces at DHS this year. Not only the freshmen, but people who are new to our town. New to the freshman class are Susan Caldwell, Harold Bell, Curtis Clemens, Kelly Gray, Keith Nash, Jeffery Ferguson, Lou Nell McGraw, Sonny Miller and Josie Martinez. Sophomores who are new at DHS are James Underwood, Felita Hereford, David Bryce, Janet Capps, Jacqueline Spencer and Jeff Hearne. Juniors are Todd Barnes and Valerie Gates. And there is one new senior Doris Mendoza.

There are several new teachers at DHS, too. They are Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Clemens, Mrs. Unsell, Mr. Mills, Coach Bradford, Coach Bland, Mr. Clegg and Mrs. White.

There are several new courses offered at DHS this year. These courses are choir, shorthand, psychology, sociology and economics.

Rhonda Squyres is on cloud nine after receiving an engagement ring. Everyone be sure to look at it.

The Ladyjack volleyball team will have a game Thursday afternoon at 6 p.m. in the gym. Everyone come out and back the Ladyjacks to their first victory.

The Diboll High School Lumberjacks will have their first game Friday at 8 p.m. at Lumberjack Stadium against the Groveton Indians. Everyone be sure to come and support our team at this game and throughout the year.

Campus Time

By Jean Greer

The Spanish Club elected officers last week. Representing the club this year will be Veronica Acosta, president; Janie Lopez, vice president; Betty Harrison, secretary; Arturo Morado, treasurer; Rebecca Morado, reporter.

Attending Career Day at Texas A&M University were Kay Capps, John Oates, Craig Ruby, Lauri Durham and I. There were many exhibits in which you can major. We also attended the Texas A&M-Kansas University football game. The Aggies were victorious in the game with a score of 28-14.

There are two new students at DHS. They are Elizabeth Reese and Patty Parrish, who are both sophomores.

Mr. Bradford, ag instructor at DHS, is the proud father of a baby girl. Kristen Michelle was born Sunday morning. Also, Mrs. Susan Haltom had a boy this month.

Sally Russell and Renee Clark went to Houston Saturday to see the Ice Capades. They reported having a great time.

Friday, September 16 will be band night at the football game. The band has been working very hard this year under the direction of John Ingram. Be sure to come to the game Friday when the Lumberjacks host the Rusk Eagles in their last non-district game. Game time is 8 p.m.

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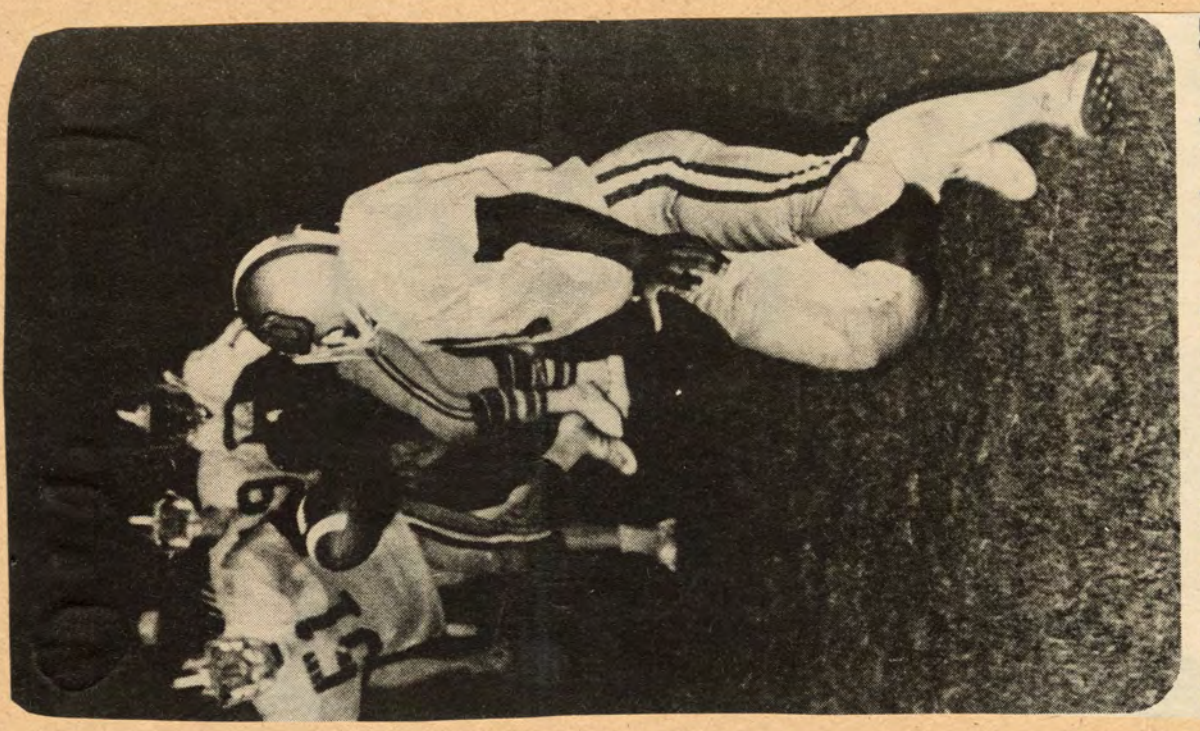
Whitehouse speed sends Jacks down again, 36-8

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DIBOLL QUARTERBACK Gregg Spivey (19) waits for a block from teammate John Fenley (47) as he cuts between two Whitehouse defenders for short yardage in last Friday's game. Spivey later suffered a sprained ankle in the game, which was won handily by powerful and swift Whitehouse, 36-8. The tough non-district schedule finally comes to an end for Diboll this week as they host another highly ranked team, the Rusk Eagles.

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JOHN FENLEY gets set to take a pitchout from QB Gregg Spivey in this action from last Friday's game won by Whitehouse, 36-8. Fenley scored Diboll's only touchdown on a 45-yard run late in the game.

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Rusk flys past Jacks in last minute flurry, 36-0



DIBOLL'S RANDY COOK (30) leaps over a teammate in an attempt to catch up to Rusk Fullback Reggie McGowan as McGowan took off for good yardage in last Friday's game here. Rusk won 36-0 with a 30-point burst late in the game after the Lumberjacks held the visitors to a 6-0 lead for three quarters.

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September 22, 1977

Ladyjacks to host tourney

The Diboll Ladyjacks Invitational Volleyball Tournament will be held Sept. 22, 23 and 24.

Nine teams will participate, including Lufkin, Alto, Hudson, Kennard, Diboll, Woodville, Corrigan, Newton and Temple Junior School.

The Ladyjack varsity will play Woodville at 5 p.m. Thursday, Temple Junior School will play Woodville at 4 p.m. Thursday, and Diboll JV will play Hudson at 12:30 Friday.

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Policy adopted on band instruments

Students who play school-owned band instruments will now be expected to pay $15 a year toward maintenance of those instruments.

The Diboll school board Tuesday night approved the recommendation of the band director after a survey of band parents showed that an overwhelming number of those responding to the survey favored the payment.

Band Director John Ingram requested the new policy because of rising costs of maintenance on school-owned instruments.

Superintendent Don Robbins said that 47 of 59 parents responding to a survey approved the token payment. Only eight said no to the payment.

Board President Ray Paulsey said at first he was opposed to the idea, but now favors it in view of the majority view of parents.

Paulsey, Nancy Holubec, James Rhone and Stacy Cooke voted for the new policy, with members Charles Havard and Clyde Cheshire dead set against it.

Havard said no charges are made to football players and he thinks no charges should be made to band students. "It's hard enough to get kids to play in the band now," Havard said.

But Stacy Cooke said he thought it was not a comparable situation. Students who purchase and play their own instruments must also maintain them, while those who play school instruments are not out any money at all, Cooke reasoned.

(See POLICY, Page Eight)



THE LADYJACK varsity volleyball team of Coach Linda Dunlap this year consists of (front row) Susan Maples, Linda Oliver, Odessa Vinson, Charlotte Bray, Kathy Brown and Glenda Miller. In back row are Janet Price, Belinda Tatum, Susie Capps, Tonya Clark, Kathy Groom, Jan Glover and Charlotte Carroll. They are 1-1 in district play. (Free Press Photo)

Policy changed...

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Exceptions to the payment may be made when students are requested to play the more expensive school instruments, or if the band director determines that a student is not able to pay.

In other business Tuesday the board:

- Learned that enrollment is still increasing, from 1649 on opening day to a current 1678. That includes 738 in elementary, 550 in junior high and 390 in high school.
- Approved bid of Lufkin Typewriter for four new Royal electric typewriters at a total cost of $1,800.
- Tabled action on bids to reroof the main elementary building, elementary gymnasium and Temple gymnasium. Officials will make sure that bidders are bidding on the same items before a bid is let.
- Agreed to sell home built by Building Trades to school board member Charles Havard for $39,800. That was the price agreed on last month. Havard has been the only serious buyer for the home.
- Learned that about 30 elementary students experienced a skin rash on Monday. It apparently was not serious and may have been caused by tree pollen. Officials decided to keep students away from the suspected tree to see if that is the problem.
- Agreed to employ another aide at Diboll Elementary.
- Agreed to employ Shelia Phillips as a diagnostician in the Angelina Co-op Program.

Corrigan Series

	Diboll	Corrigan
1948	0	14
1949	19	6
1950	14	12
1951	13	54
1952	13	26
1953	13	54
1954	0	41
1955	39	8
1956	0	15
1957	0	33
1958	6	0
1959	30	6
1960	6	6
1961	24	8
1962	12	29
1963	35	14
1964	0	33
1965	18	24
1966	21	0
1967	40	0
1968	21	0
1969	74	7
1970	6	20
1971	14	7
1972	24	0
1973	25	7
1974	28	6
1975	25	6
1976	22	6
Total Points	*542*	*442*

Diboll - 17 wins
Corrigan - 11 wins
One tie

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HOMECOMING ROYALTY

HOMECOMING QUEENS Kathy Brown (left) and Mary Anne Carter were presented at halftime of the Diboll-Kirbyville game last Friday to climax homecoming week activities at DHS. Kathy's escort was Winell Agent, while Mary Anne was escorted by Kay Capps. Both girls are seniors, since seniors are traditionally selected as homecoming queens. Duchess pictures are on page two.

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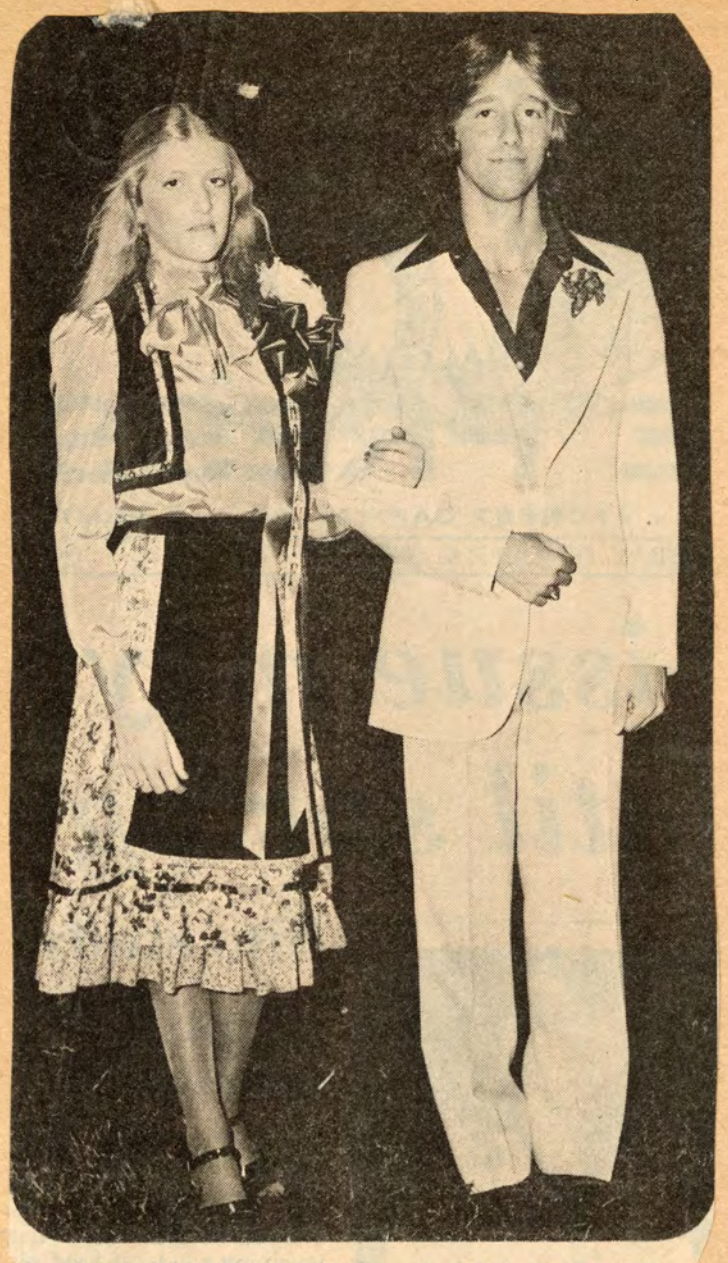


DARLA SMITH and VANCE MADDOX
Representing the junior class



LINDA OLIVER and CARL KING
Representing the junior class

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MELANIE EDWARDS and TED MULLINS
Sophomore class representatives

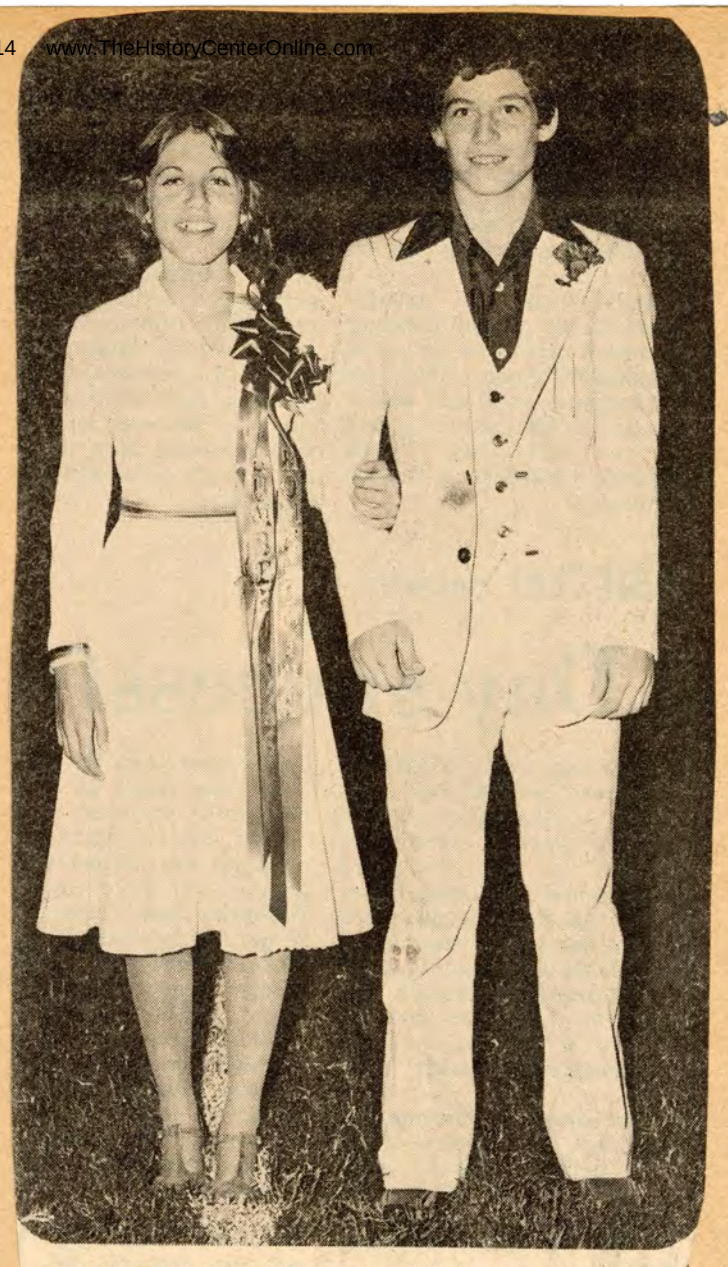


CHARLOTTE BRAY and DANIEL PHIPPS
Sophomore class representatives

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ETHEL FOWLER and KEITH BRAY
From the freshman class



MARTY GRANTHAM and BRUCE JORDAN
From the freshman class



LAST FRIDAY was dress-up day at Diboll High School as students celebrated homecoming week. Girls wore attire from the 1950's, and this group seemed to be enjoying themselves doing it. They are (left to right) Ronda Squyres, Anne Cooke, Lauri Durham, Mary Anne Carter, Jean Greer, Sally Russell, Renee Clark and Lisa Burkhalter. (Free Press Photo)

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PRIDE OF THE LUMBERJACK BAND

THE FRONT LINE of the Diboll Lumberjack Band this year is especially beautiful and talented, and they will be performing again for the home folks this Friday night at halftime of the Diboll-Newton game here. The lovely ladies are (kneeling) twirlers Suzanne Burkhalter and Deborah Donahoe. Standing are Darla Smith, head twirler Rochelle Carter, drum major Lisa Burkhalter, and twirlers Kim Milligan and Jeanne Carter.

(Photo by Mike Crim)

Wildcats strut to 34-0 win in district opener

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THE LUMBERJACK BAND of Director John Ingram always puts on a good halftime show at Diboll football games. This is one small section performing Friday night in Corrigan. DHS is in the midst of one of its worst football seasons, but Director Ingram is working hard to build a championship band, with emphasis on beginner and junior high bands expected to produce a larger marching band in years ahead.

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DIBOLL'S LARRY SPIVEY (22) runs into opposition from Corrigan-Camden's Michael Brooks (81) in this action from Friday's game won by the Bulldogs, 36-0. It was Diboll's fifth straight loss of the season. (Free Press Photo)



DIBOLL QUARTERBACK Gregg Spivey (19) tries to get outside on this play with Corrigan's David Brandenburg (50) in hot pursuit. The Bulldogs blanked the Lumberjacks 36-0 in the district game Friday.

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LISA BURKHALTER is the senior drum major for the Diboll Lumberjack Bank this year. Lisa is active in several groups, is an honor student, and is the reigning Diboll Day Queen. She hopes to be a lawyer and plans to attend Baylor University after graduation at DHS. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burkhalter. (Free Press Photo)

Diboll Honor Rolls

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, all A's: Mike Amason, Susan Barkley, Angela Capps, Marty Grantham, Christy McCollum, Tammy Porter, Cheryl Schmidt and Barry Tate.

Freshmen, all A's except for one B: Laura Douglas, Angela Gordon, Tammy Halsey, Mark Holubec, Jamie Mathews, Charles Mettlen, Brian Miller, Sherri Smith and Kathy Terrell.

Sophomores, all A's: Paul Bradshaw, Becky Gray, Kathy Jennings, Connie Maddox, Kathy McWilliams, Janet Price, Troi Russell, Gregg Spivey and John Wojhan.

Sophomores, all A's except for one B: Susie Capps, Tonya Clark, Melanie Edwards, Diane Garrett, Darryl Jones and Becky Waller.

Juniors, all A's: Ondrea Barlow, Tina Grantham, Gerald Malanders, Melissa McCall, Shelia Wheeler and Lanny Wilkerson.

Juniors, all A's except for one B: Suzanne Burkhalter, Jeanne Carter, Alice Jansen, Glenda Miller, Irvin McWilliams and Belinda Tatum.

Seniors, all A's: Mike Appanaitis, Darlene Breazeale, Lisa Burkhalter, Evelyn Carr, Mary Ann Carter, Lauri Durham, Jean Greer, Denise Grissom, Kathy Groom, Jeanette Hutchinson, Teresa Jansen and Sally Russell.

Seniors, all A's except for one B: Renee Clark, Anne Cooke, Neil McGilvra, Eula Mitchell, Craig Ruby, Linda Sanford, Larry Spivey and Deborah Thompson.

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Jacks' aerial show fails to slow Newton express

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CHEERING THE RED AND WHITE

CHEERING ON THE LUMBERJACKS and getting fans to whoop it up for the home team is the job of Janice Cook's cheerleaders at Diboll High School. The group this year is composed of (front) Alice Jansen; (kneeling) Charlotte Bray, Connie Maddox and Glenda Miller; and (standing) Marty Grantham, Kathy Groom Kathy Terrell and Janet Price.

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Jacks come to life, but Hornets prevail, 33-25

By GERALD MALANDERS

By 30-0 count

Wolves blank Jacks



PROJECTOR FOR SCHOOL — The Diboll Jack Backers have presented a new 16mm sound projector to Diboll High School. Jack Backers president Arthur Powell (right) made the presentation last week to Superintendent Don Robbins. (Free Press Photo)

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THEY'VE GOT SPIRIT!

THE PEP SQUAD at Diboll High School may be small in number this year but they make up for that with enthusiasm and spirit. The spirited girls are (front) Sherri Patton, Captain Jan Glover, Captain Belinda Tatum and Diane Carrier. Second row: Kim Sample, Deborah Thompson, Tracy Chandler, Tammy Hicks and Ruth Rast. In back are Ethel Fowler and Brenda Lambert. They are under the direction of Mrs. Janice Cook, and they will be cheering the Lumberjacks in their last home game of the season here Friday night against Woodville.

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EVELYN CARR was named band sweetheart and Jeff Hearne band beau at halftime ceremonies of the Diboll-Woodville game here last Friday. Evelyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carr and Jeff is the son of Rev. and Mrs. George Hearne. At center is Wanda Clark, who represented the Band Booster Club.

(Free Press Photo)

Ladyjacks in finals

The DHS Ladyjacks volleyball team was scheduled to go against Warren in the finals of the district tournament Wednesday afternoon in Warren.

Coach Linda Dunlap's team is fighting up from the loser's bracket, while Warren is representing the winner's bracket.

The Ladyjacks first beat Woodville, then dropped into the loser's bracket after falling to Hemphill. They came back to vanquish Hudson, Corrigan-Camden and Hemphill in the loser's bracket to earn the right to the finals.

Eagles' big plays smother Jacks with ninth loss, 43-22

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DIBOLL LUMBERJACK BAND



THE DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL Lumberjack Band this year is composed of (kneeling) twirlers Kim Milligan, Suzanne Burkhalter, Rochelle Carter, Drum Major Lisa Burkhalter, and twirlers Deborah Donahoe, Jeanne Carter and Darla Smith. First row (left to right) are Kathy McWilliams, Troi Russell, Linda Bolt, Evelyn Carr, Sally Russell, Sherri Smith, Laura Douglas, Cheryl Schmidt and Cheryl Williams. Second row: Linda Carter, Sandra Blount, Monica Reeves, Melissa McCall, Lauri Durham, Pam Halsell, Tammy Halsey, Carol Cooke, Donna Lazarine, Gay Sample and Renee Clark. Third (short) row: Diana Cook, Lori Lee, Kim Goins, Diana Santana, Janet Miller and Bettina Baskette. Fourth row: Jennie Ferguson, Shanon Capps, James Gann, Jeff Hearne, Diane Mills, Valarie Gates, Jean Greer, Mary Anne Carter, Mary Maynard, Carmen Levine, Cynthia Levine, Doreen Holt and Rosaline Blount. Fifth row: Band Director John Ingram, Kelly Gray, Susan Barkley, Daphnie Donahoe, Alberta Mitchell, Mary Lester, Barry Tate, Mark Holubec and Billy Ivey.

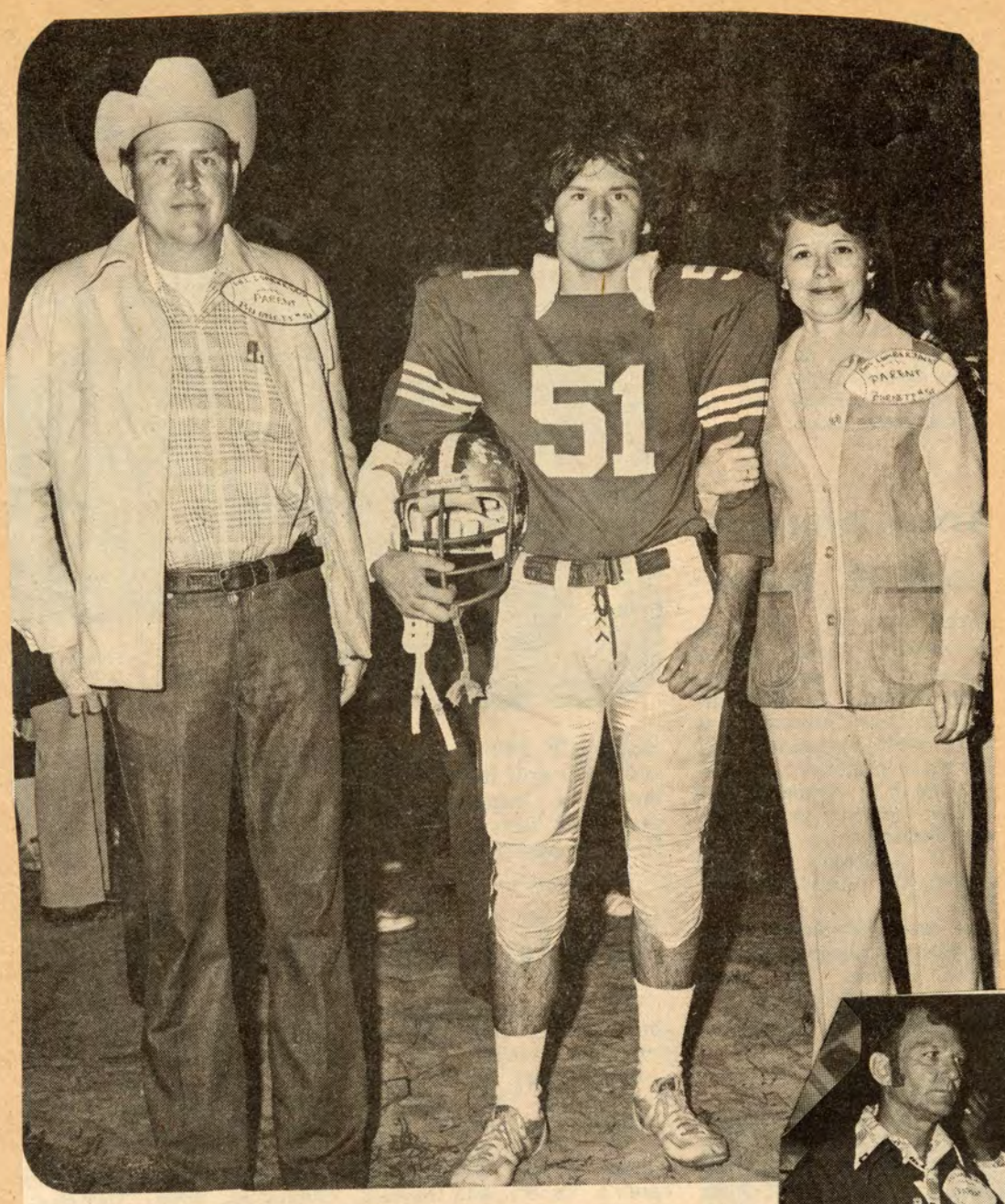
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SENIOR BAND STUDENTS were recognized at the last home game of the season here Friday. They are Evelyn Carr, Sally Russell, Renee Clark, Drum Major Lisa Burkhalter, Jean Greer, Mary Anne Carter, Lauri Durham and Head Twirler Rochelle Carter. All have been members of the Lumberjack Band for seven years. They will perform at their last football game this Friday in Warren. (Free Press Photo)

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PLAYERS' PARENTS HONO

FRIDAY NIGHT was Parents Night at Lumberjack Stadium, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burnett were among the proud parents who marched onto the football field with their sons.

Brian is an offens starter for the father was an all basketball playe mid-1950's.



PARENTS of Lumberjack football players were introduced with their sons prior to last Friday's Diboll-Woodville football game. Here Milford Ruby waits with son Craig and Carl Pavlic with son Ronny before going onto the field for introductions.

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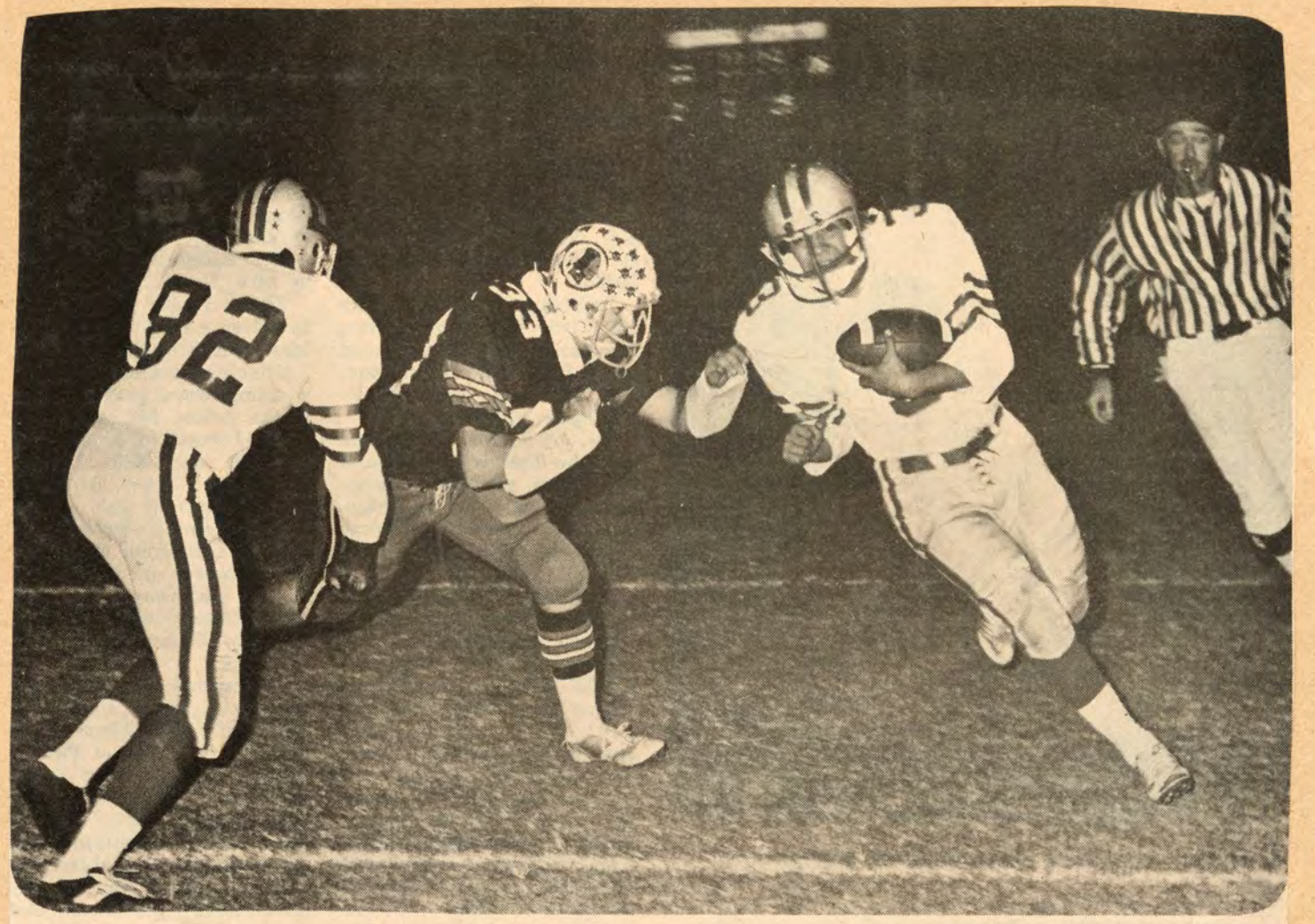
CAROLYN CHEAVENS and Kathy Brown were presented as football sweethearts for the Diboll Lumberjacks at last Friday's pep rally. The girls are surrounded by Lumberjack captains Johnny Joe Huizar, Craig Ruby, David Wilkins and Larry Spivey.
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DISTRICT 17-AA
DISTRICT STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts	Opp
Newton	7	0	0	234	38
Corrigan	5	1	1	179	70
San Aug.	5	1	1	152	78
Kirbyville	4	3	0	178	133
Woodville	3	4	0	127	111
Hemphill	1	5	1	102	182
Warren	1	5	1	61	202
Diboll	0	7	0	53	241

DISTRICT 17-AA
SEASON STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts	Opp
Newton	10	0	0	253	45
San Aug.	8	1	1	242	78
Kirbyville	7	3	0	217	142
Corrigan	6	3	1	222	114
Woodville	3	7	0	129	166
Hemphill	2	7	1	157	227
Warren	1	8	1	53	208
Diboll		10	0	61	348



JOHNNY JOE HUIZAR (3) lugs the football past a Warren defender with the help of teammate Mike Hicks (82) in last Friday's game at Warren. Huizar scored Diboll's lone touchdown on a pass from Greg Spivey as Warren sent the Jacks to their tenth season defeat, 12-6.
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Late Warren score sends Jacks to winless season

Newton dominates 17-AA all district selections

The champion Newton Eagles dominated the District 17-AA all district selections announced by coaches late last week.

Runnerup Corrigan-Camden and San Augustine were in close running on the first offensive and defensive teams.

Diboll did not place anyone on the first teams, and defensive lineman David Wilkins was the only Lumberjack named to the second teams.

Named to the honorable mention list were Johnny Huizar, Michael Brown, Larry Spivey, Donald Hamilton and Randy Cook, all on defense.

Lumberjacks making the honorable mention offensive team were Craig Ruby, Brian Burnett, Greg Spivey and Brandall Porter.

Diboll's best mention was the selection of Larry Spivey on the first offensive team as punter. Mike Medley of Newton was selected as the place kicker.

Lawrence Wood of Corrigan-Camden was named the outstanding offensive player in the district, and linebacker Clyde Jenkins of Newton was selected as the outstanding defensive player.

Corrigan-Camden coach Buz Cockrell was selected coach of the year in the district after he guided his Bulldogs to a 5-1-1 record in district that was good enough for a second place finish. The Bulldogs were 6-3-1 on the season, which was a tremendous comeback after an 0-10 season in 1976.

The Bulldogs were beaten 21-20 by Newton for the district title.

Those named to the first offensive team were:

Terry Lathan, Newton, split end; Tom Beall, San Augustine, tight end; John Schoenemann, Corrigan, Greg Elliott of San Augustine and Mike Medley of Newton, tackles; Floyd Marsh of Woodville, David Wade of San Augustine and Vernon Jenkins of Newton, guards.

Dwight Hargraves of Newton is the center; and backs are Lawrence Woods of Corrigan, Leon Jackson of Newton and Herbert Bickley of San Augustine.

DeWitt DuVall of Corrigan and Ricky Sells of Newton shared the quarterback honors.

The first defensive team is composed of Odis Blueitt of Kirbyville and Tom Beall of San Augustine at defensive end; Calvin Cooper of Woodville, John Schoenemann of Corrigan and Randy Holmes of Newton, defensive linemen.

Linebackers are John Hadnot of Woodville, Brad Haley of San Augustine, Clyde Jenkins and Steve Caples of Newton.

Defensive backs on the first unit are Curtis Barnes of San Augustine, Jack Wilson of Kirbyville and Terry Lathan of Newton.



LARRY SPIVEY
First team punter



DAVID WILKINS
Second team defense

Sophomore quarterback Greg Spivey set a school record for number of passes attempted and completed, but other than that there are few bright spots in the final statistical summary of the Diboll Lumberjacks' 0-10 football season.

Spivey went to the air 215 times and completed 109 of those attempts for 877 yards.

His attempts and completions were far more than any other Lumberjack quarterback, so far as Free Press records show back to 1958, completing 51 percent of his passes.

Three other Jack quarterbacks three fewer times but gained more yardage, however.

Jay Wyatt connected on 72 of 166 throws for 1213 yards in 1972, and Wyatt hit on 91 of 167 tosses for 969 yards in 1974.

Oather Spencer threw for 1155 yards in 1970, hitting on 71 of 133 attempts. Spencer's passes gained 974 yards the next season, in 1971, when his receivers ran under 64 of his 149 aerials.

Danny Baker passes accounted for 970 yards back in 1967 on 58 completions in 177 attempts.

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GREGG SPIVEY
Sets a record

Spivey sets air record despite dismal season

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Jacks open basketball season here on Friday

Coach John McGilvra kicks off his tenth year as head basketball coach this week as he sends his Diboll Lumberjacks against the Class 4A North Shore team from Houston.

The two teams battle this Friday night in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium as the season opener for the Lumberjacks. The junior varsity game starts at 6:30 with the varsity match at 8 p.m.

McGilvra begins his tenth year as head mentor of what should be one of his better teams at DHS, headed by his son Neil and three other starters from last year's team that finished second in the 17-AA north zone.

McGilvra is Diboll's winningest basketball coach. In the nine years he has been here his teams are playing close to .600 ball. That includes three straight district titles in 1969, 1970 and 1971, the Mack Mitchell era in DHS basketball.

In addition to Neil McGilvra, the play-making guard, other starters back from last year include Johnny Ray Lewis, a snappy outside shooter, Ronny Johnson and John Fenley.

Elton Adair and Richard Crager are experienced squadmen from last year's team.

Also on this year's outfit will be Paul Bradshaw, Stefan Handy, Greg Spivey, Ricky Kyle, Amos Alexander, Larry Williams and Stefan Rogers.

Diboll finished second to Hudson in the north zone last season and Hudson went on to win the district title.

The Lumberjacks will have their hands full with a tough non-district schedule, a McGilvra trademark to get his teams ready for district competition.

The Jacks lost to North Shore by six points in Houston last season. After that opening game Friday, the Jacks will host the state champion Broaddus Bulldogs here next Monday night, then play the Lufkin Panthers in Lufkin the following night, on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Lufkin returns the game here on Nov. 29, and then the Jacks enter the tough Lufkin Tournament Dec. 1-3. Their other two tournaments will be the Hudson Tournament Dec. 8-10 and the Jacksonville Tournament Dec. 15-17.

Diboll opens district play on Jan. 10 at Corrigan.

The District 17-AA north zone is composed of Diboll, Corrigan-Camden, Hudson, Huntington and San Augustine.

Frank Lane will be coaching the DHS junior varsity, which will play the same night as the varsity in all season games except in Anahuac on Dec. 27 which will be a varsity game only.

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1977-78

Nov.			
18	N. Shore	A,B 6:30	H
21	Broaddus	A,B 6:00	H
22	Lufkin	A,B 6:00	T
29	Lufkin	A,B 6:00	H
Dec.			
1-1	Lufkin Tourn.		
5	Central	A,B 6:00	H
6	Broaddus	A,B 6:30	T
8-10	Hudson Tourn.		
15-17	Jacksonville Tourn.		
27	Anahuac	A 7:00	T
30	Woodville	A,B 6:30	T
	DISTRICT GAMES		
Jan.			
10	Corrigan	A,B 6:00	T
13	San Aug.	A,B 6:00	H
17	Hudson	A,B 6:00	H
20	Open		
24	Huntington	A,B 6:30	T
27	Corrigan	A,B 6:00	H
31	San Aug.	A,B 6:00	T
Feb.			
3	Hudson	A,B 6:00	T
7	Open		
10	Huntington	A,B 6:00	H



DIBOLL SCHOOL principals Jerry Gartman and Bill Greer got assistance from two officials in taping down several squares of parquet flooring that came loose under the east goal during the Diboll-San Augustine basketball game last Friday night. This was not as bad as the incident about a month ago when a large section of the parquet flooring came loose during a Diboll-Lufkin game. The school board is now considering replacing the entire floor, since the flooring manufacturer and the contractor who installed it are no longer in business.

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Lufkin hoots as Diboll's gym floor, clock cave in

Everything fell in but the ceiling here Tuesday night as the Lufkin Panthers made off with a 62-57 win over the Diboll Lumberjacks.

Lufkin fans were hooting and Diboll fans were embarrassed as a section of parquet flooring came loose and the game was called off with less than two minutes to play.

Diboll was already embarrassed because the scoreboard clock was not working. The scoreboard clock has not worked all season.

The Diboll school board was to meet in emergency session Wednesday afternoon, possibly to authorize the purchase of a new clock because officials have been unable to obtain the necessary parts to repair the present clock.

School officials and students were preparing to work all day Wednesday to repair the parquet flooring, which has been a bugaboo ever since it was put down when the gymnasium was built in 1968.

A section about four by five feet came loose in the closing minutes in Tuesday's game, but Business Manager Pop Rich says there are loose tiles in other sections of the floor.

Rich says the floor is worked on several times each year but continues to come apart. To compound the problem, the companies which manufactured the flooring and the glue for it are no longer in business.

The school board is now considering the feasibility of completely replacing the floor, but Rich said this would not be possible during basketball season, or even during the school year. The work would have to be done during the summer.

Replacing the floor could cost $25,000 to $50,000, depending on the type floor used.

The scoreboard clock has been a nemesis for several years also. It works when it is checked out, then fails when basketball season rolls around. But apparently the school board will remedy that by finally purchasing a new one.

But back to Tuesday's ball game:

The Lumberjacks and Panthers went at it pretty good, with fouls aplenty on both sides.

The Panthers took an 18-16 first quarter lead, and the two teams battled away to a 38-30 Lufkin lead at halftime.

Lufkin pulled away in the third quarter to build a 54-42 advantage, but the Lumberjacks outscored them 15-8 in the fourth quarter and were making a game of it when the floor fell in, or came apart, or blew up, or whatever.

Anyway, the game ended with the Panthers taking home a 62-57 victory, slightly closer than their 71-61 win over the Jacks in Lufkin last week.

Neil McGilvra led the Lumberjacks with 20 points and Johnny Lewis chipped in a dozen.

Ardie Hall was Lufkin's big gun with 15, Kent Johnson scored 13, Elroy Edwards had 11 and Danny Hartsfield hit on ten.

Fouls were numerous as Diboll hit on nine of the 17 free throws for 53 percent, while Lufkin hit on eight of 19 for 42 percent.

Lufkin had 27 field goals to 24 for the Jacks.

Lufkin blasted Diboll's junior varsity, 74-30, in the preliminary game.

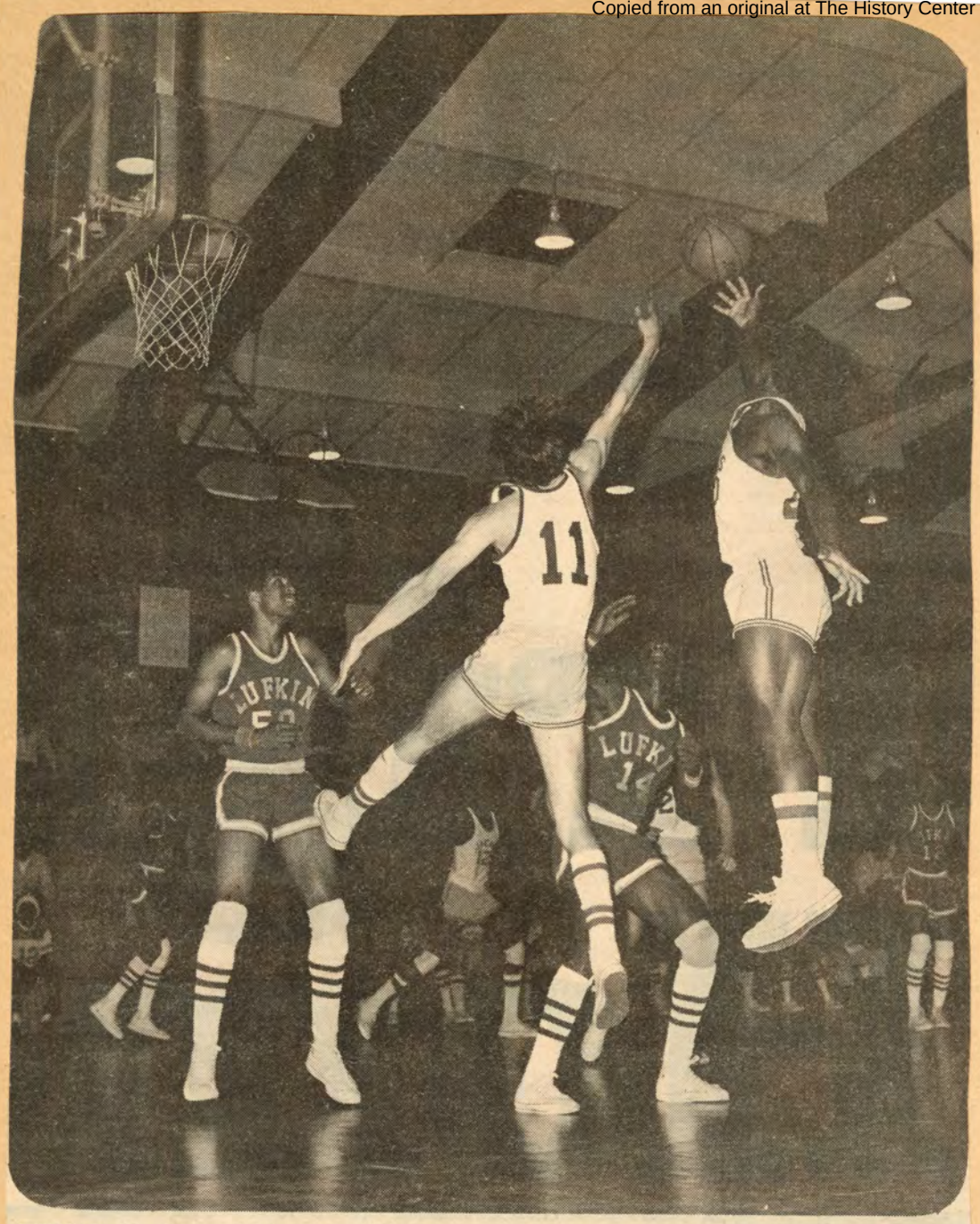


TOO MUCH DEFENSE

RONNIE JOHNSON (10) tried this jump shot against Lufkin here Tuesday night, but it isn't easy when Charles Houston (10) is playing good defense with a hand in your face. Lufkin won the game 62-57, which was called with less than two minutes to play after a section of the Diboll gymnasium floor came apart. Diboll was further embarrassed because the scoreboard clock was out of order.

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DIBOLL'S Richard Crager (11) and John Fenley (20) leap high for a rebound in Tuesday night's game with Lufkin as Lufkin's Andre Hall (50) and Danny Hartsfield (14) wait for a shot at the ball. Lufkin won, 62-57, in a game that was called because a section of the Diboll gym floor came apart.

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LUMBERJACK GUARD Neil McGilvra goes high to score two points on a layup in a recent game with Lufkin. McGilvra and Johnny Lewis scored 18 points each and Ronnie Johnson led scoring with 19 as Diboll edged Broaddus, 72-68, for their third win of the season. (Free Press Photo)

New scoreboard works, floor repairs are okay

Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium at Diboll High School has a new scoreboard. The DHS Lumberjacks put it into action in fine form Monday night as they registered a 92-69 win over Central in the first game recorded on the new board.

The repaired floor of the gymnasium also stayed together.

A section of the beautiful parquet flooring came apart during a game between Diboll and Lufkin last week, causing considerable embarrassment to the school, team and town.

Repairs to the floor are temporary until the school can decide if and when it can be replaced.

The Diboll school board met in special session last week to order a new scoreboard after attempts to repair the old one had failed and the gymnasium was without a clock and scoreboard since basketball season began.

The new scoreboard arrived in time for the Monday game with Central.

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Many renovations needed

Survey shows needs at three school campuses

AN ANALYSIS

Diboll school officials have nporarily solved their blems with the gymna- m scoreboard and faulty ring, but a recent survey the three campuses icates extensive remodel- is needed to bring the rict facilities into first class shape.

The survey was conducted by Temple Associates Inc. architects, who are working with school officials to draw up a program to relieve overcrowding on the elementary campus.

Architect Ernest Grossman told the school board last week that the survey shows that some of the deficiencies may be attributed to maintenance, but that most fall in the category of 'extensive renovation'.

Here are some of the needs Grossman found at the three campuses in interviews with campus principals:

DIBOLL ELEMENTARY

1. Seven additional classrooms are needed to handle present needs; music room needs expansion.
2. Cafeteria needs renovation to cut down on two hour lunch service now required.
3. New ceiling needed in main building.
4. Covered walks needed in several areas.

TEMPLE SCHOOL

1. Additional space needed for new programs such as industrial arts, typing lab, speech and homemaking classes.
2. Band room needs expansion and library needs shelving.
3. Cafeteria too small for student population and needs expansion.
4. Students locker space is inadequate.
5. Campus drainage problems need correcting.
6. Ceilings in original building are loose and stained and unsightly.
7. Carpet in fifth and sixth grade rooms is worn out and needs replacing.
8. Interior walls need resurfacing.

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

1. Student parking lot needs to be paved and lighted.
2. Existing band practice field needs regrading, striping and lighting.
3. Football fieldhouse is inadequate. Additional dressing and locker facilities needed for physical education.
4. Sewer problems during rainy season.
5. Need covered walkway to gym from main building.
6. Existing band hall should be increased by 50 percent.
7. Conflict in schedules with P.E. and athletic activities (thus need for separate fieldhouse).

continuing maintenance program that is beefed up considerably during the summer, most of the items discovered in the survey would call for capital outlays not covered in a regular maintenance program.

The school board is faced with the decision of how many of these items — if any — to include in a bond issue it is likely to call sometime after the first of the year.

That bond issue is chiefly to support the construction of either temporary or permanent classrooms to relieve the crowded conditions at Diboll Elementary.

Temple Associates has been asked to put dollar figures on two options: To build a completely new elementary school for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6; or, to move a grade from the elementary to junior high and one from junior high to senior high, which is considered a temporary solution for one or two years.

The school board did not ask Temple Associates to put dollar figures on the problem areas of maintenance and needed renovation discovered in the survey. They likely will consider at least some of the major items when a bond issue is called, probably in the spring of 1978.

Diboll Honor Rolls

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, all A's: Mike Amason, Susan Barkley, Tammie Halsey, Mark Holubec, Charles Mettlen, Brian Miller, Christy McCollum, Cheryl Schmidt, Sherri Smith, and Barry Tate.

All A's, except for one B: Angela Capps, Robbie Cobb, Angela Gordon, George Mendoza, Tammy Porter, and Donna Wright,

Sophomores, all A's: Paul Bradshaw, Susie Capps, Tonya Clark, Dianne Garrett, Becky Gray, Lisa Harris, Kathy Jennings, Connie Maddox, Kathy McWilliams, Janet Price, Greg Spivey, and John Wojhan.

All A's, except for one B: Luci Guerrero, Darryl Jones, Susan Maples, Troi Russell, Becky Waller, and Vonnie Ward.

Juniors, all A's: Shelia Wheeler.

All A's, except for one B: Suzanne Burkhalter, Tina Grantham, Gerald Malanders, and Lanny Wilkerson.

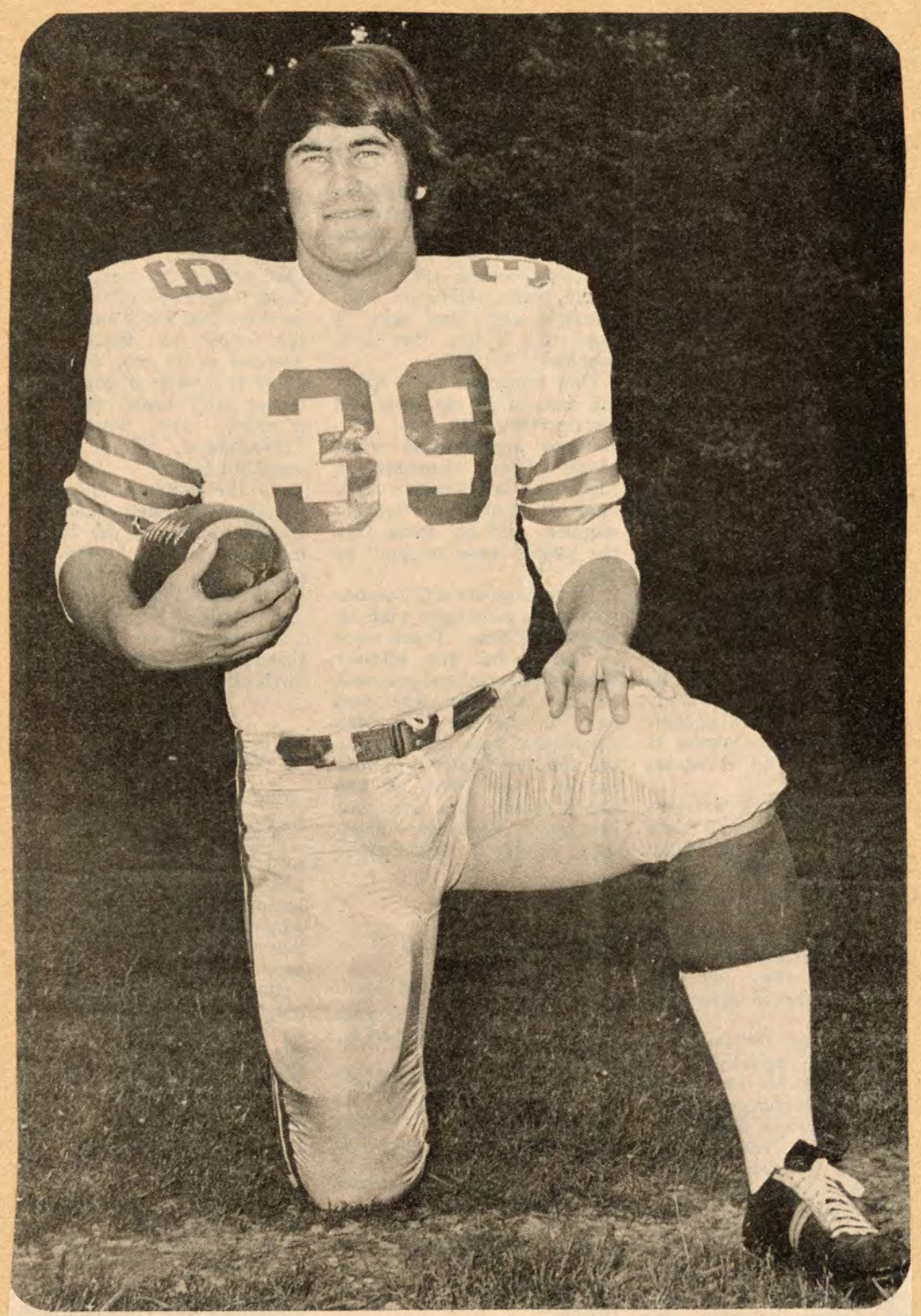
Seniors, All A's: Darlene Breazeale, Lisa Burkhalter, Evelyn Carr, Mary Anne Carter, Renee Clark, Anne Cooke, Lauri Durham, Jan Glover, Jean Greer, Denise Grissom, Kathy Groom, Teresa Jansen, Simone Jones, Linda Sanford, Rhonda Squyres, and Sally Russell.

All A's, except for one B: Mike Appanaitis, Jeanette Hutcheson, Neil McGilvra, Craig Ruby, Larry Spivey, and Debra Thompson.

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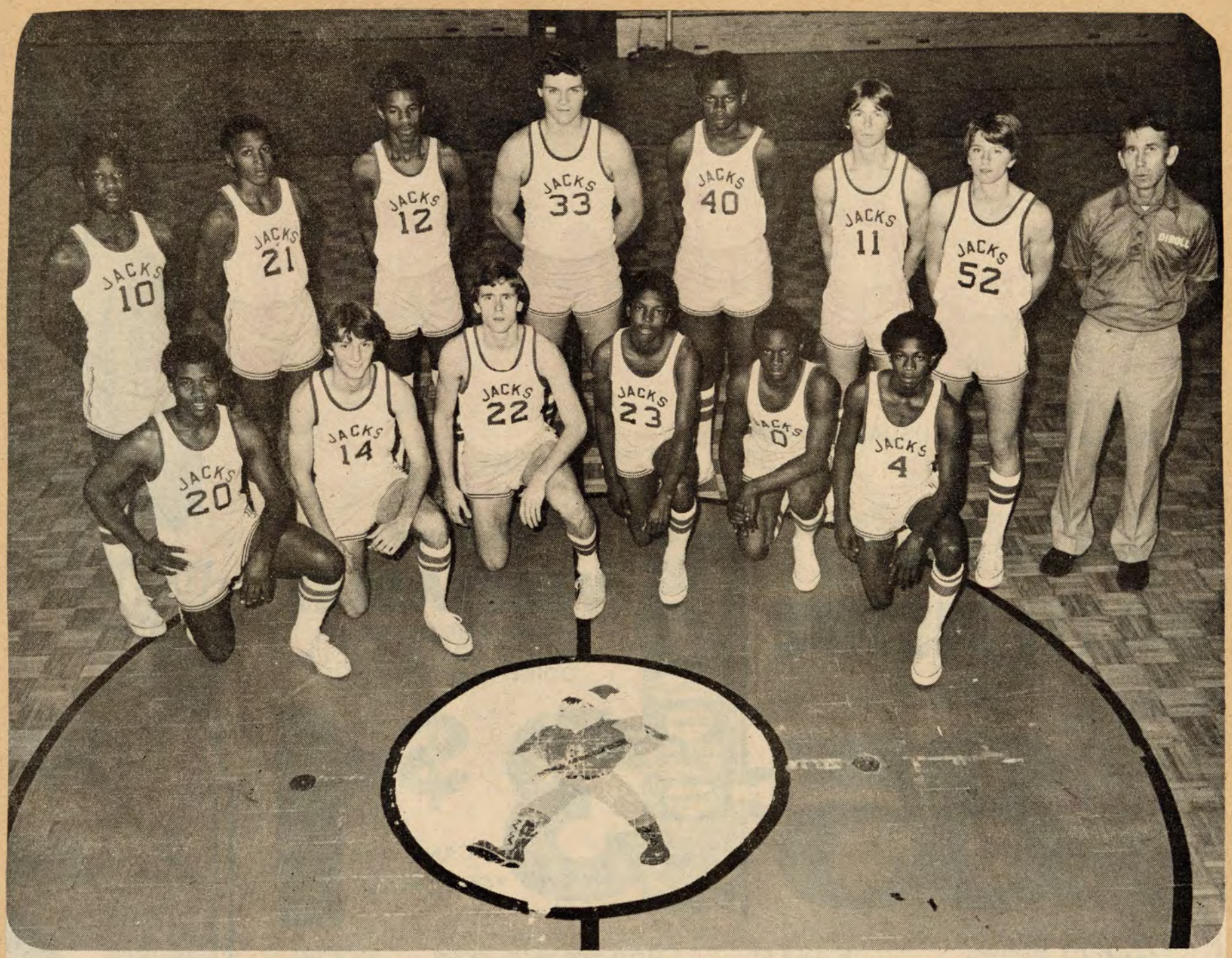
RONNIE JOHNSON (10) has come alive as Diboll's scoring ace the past two games. Johnson, shown here fighting Lufkin's Chris Wortham for a rebound, hit for 26 points as Diboll beat Central Monday night, then led the team with 19 points as they beat Broaddus, 72-68, Tuesday night. Johnson is one of four Lumberjacks now regularly scoring in double figures as Coach John McGilvra's Lumberjacks have come alive to win three of their last four games. (Free Press Photo)



RICKY CONNER, 6-3, 243-pound fullback from Diboll, has become the second signee of the season for the Texas A&I University football team in Kingsville. Conner was All-District 17-AA in football for two seasons. He rushed for 1,300 yards in 15 games and had nine touchdowns. The Javelina signee was All-District 17-AA three years in baseball and placed second in the district track and field meet in the discus. He was a student council officer and was named most athletic at his school. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Conner Sr. of Rt. 1, Conner has been coached in football by Joe Wyatt. Conner last year signed a letter of intent with Lamar University, but decided not to accept it.

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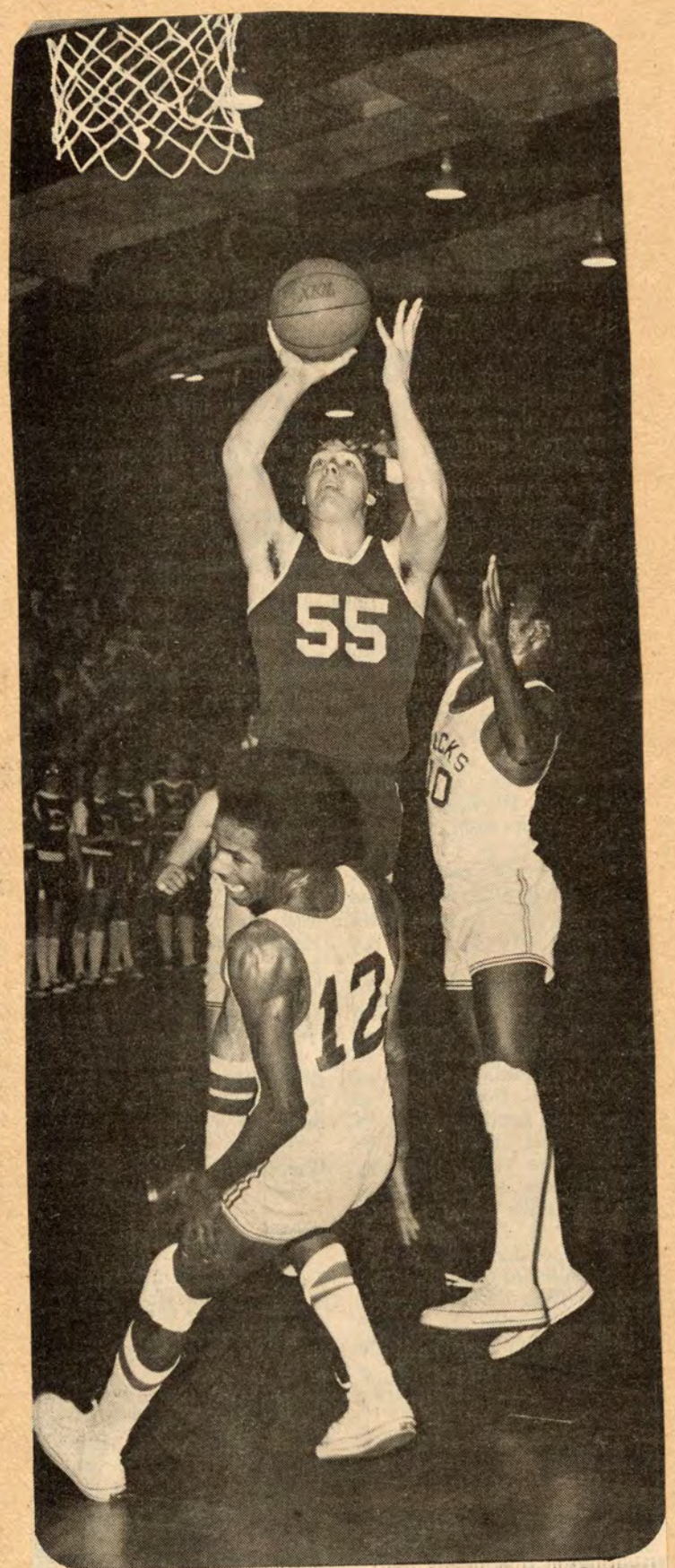


THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACKS won four of five games last week to boost their record to 5-7 and promise to be a real factor in the District 17-AA race this season. Members of the team are (kneeling) John Fenley, Paul Bradshaw, Neil McGilvra, Stephan Handy, Larry Williams and Lee Adair. Standing are Ronnie Johnson, Amos Alexander, Johnny Lewis, Ricky Kyle, Stephan Rodgers, Richard Crager, Gregg Spivey and Coach John McGilvra, who is in his tenth year as head DHS coach and is the winningest basketball coach in the school's history.

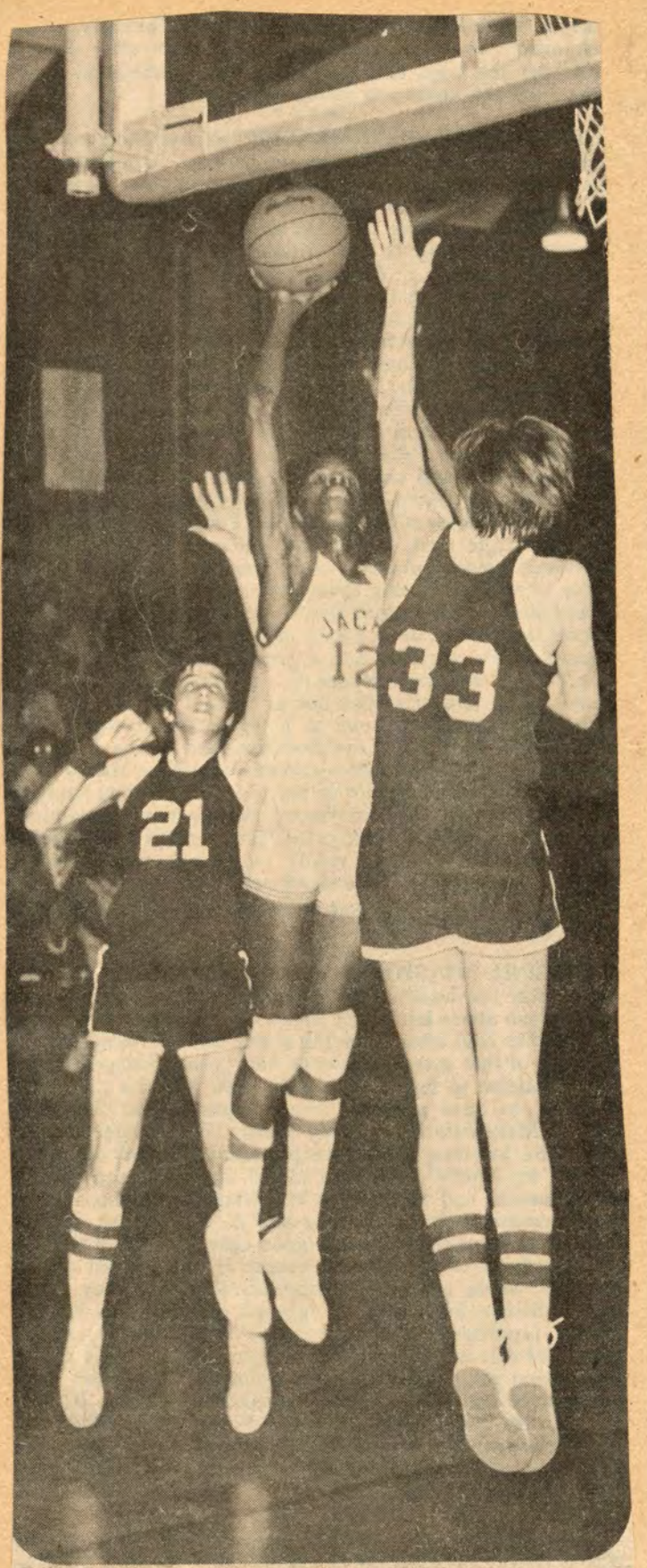
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JOHNNY LEWIS (12) goes reeling before the offensive charge of Hudson's Joey Parker in Tuesday night's game here won by Diboll, 32-28. Parker scored the goal on this shot. Ronnie Johnson (10) defends for Diboll. The score was only 8-6 favor Diboll at the half, but a Diboll surge in the third quarter paved the way to the win, giving Diboll the zone lead with a 3-0 mark.
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HUDSON FALLS

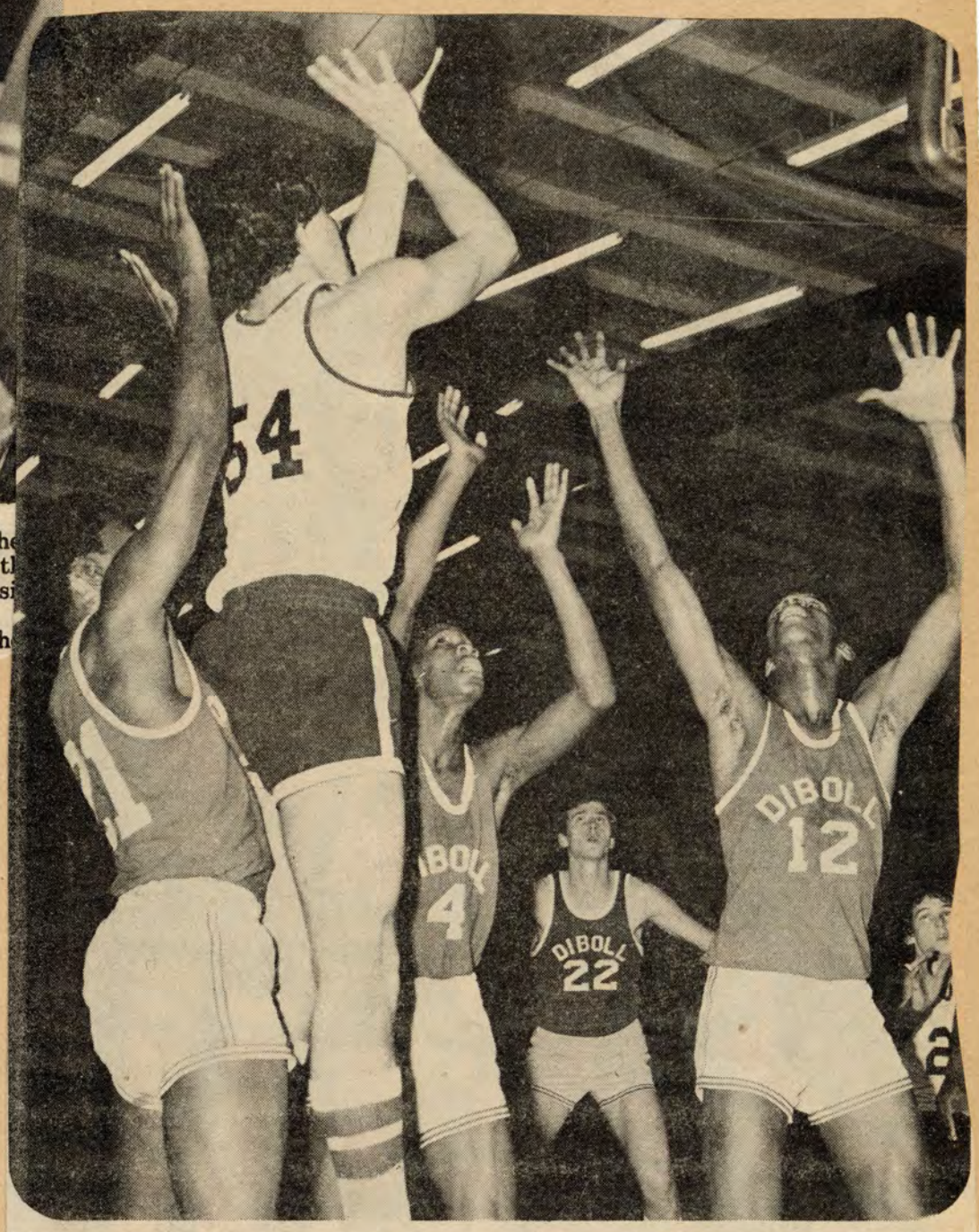
DIBOLL'S JOHNNY LEWIS (12) jumps between Hudson's Ricky Hefner (21) and Jerry Arnold (33) to score two points Tuesday night as the Lumberjacks defeated the defending zone champions, 32-23. It was one of the lowest scoring varsity games played here in some time, as Diboll held an 8-6 halftime lead. Diboll now leads the District 17-AA north zone with a 3-0 record and is now 12-8 on the season. See story on page five.
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DHS BASKETBALL COACH John McGilvra is flanked by his Lumberjack team in a familiar strategy pose during a timeout. McGilvra is in his tenth season as Lumberjack coach and holds all coaching records in basketball he His team this season will make th first serious bid for a district title si last winning in 1971.

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DIBOLL PLAYERS Amos Alexander, Lee Adair, Neil McGilvra and Johnny Lewis gathered around as Hudson's Joey Parker (54) went up for a shot in this action from last Friday's game at Hudson. Diboll won the game, 44-38, to take command of the 17-AA north zone. They can clinch the title this Friday if they beat Huntington in the final regular season game here.

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VICA OFFICERS — Officers for the Vocational-Industrial Club of America, Diboll Chapter this year are (left to right) Joe Powell, advisor; Randy Cook, president; Vernon Ivey, secretary; Johnny Huizar, treasurer; Tony Homan, reporter; Joe White, parlimentarian; and John (Buck) Cheavens, sergeant at arms. Not pictured is Brandall Porter, vice president. Members of the local club are enrolled in building trades courses at DHS, and hope to promote that type of study and career work through the club's activities.

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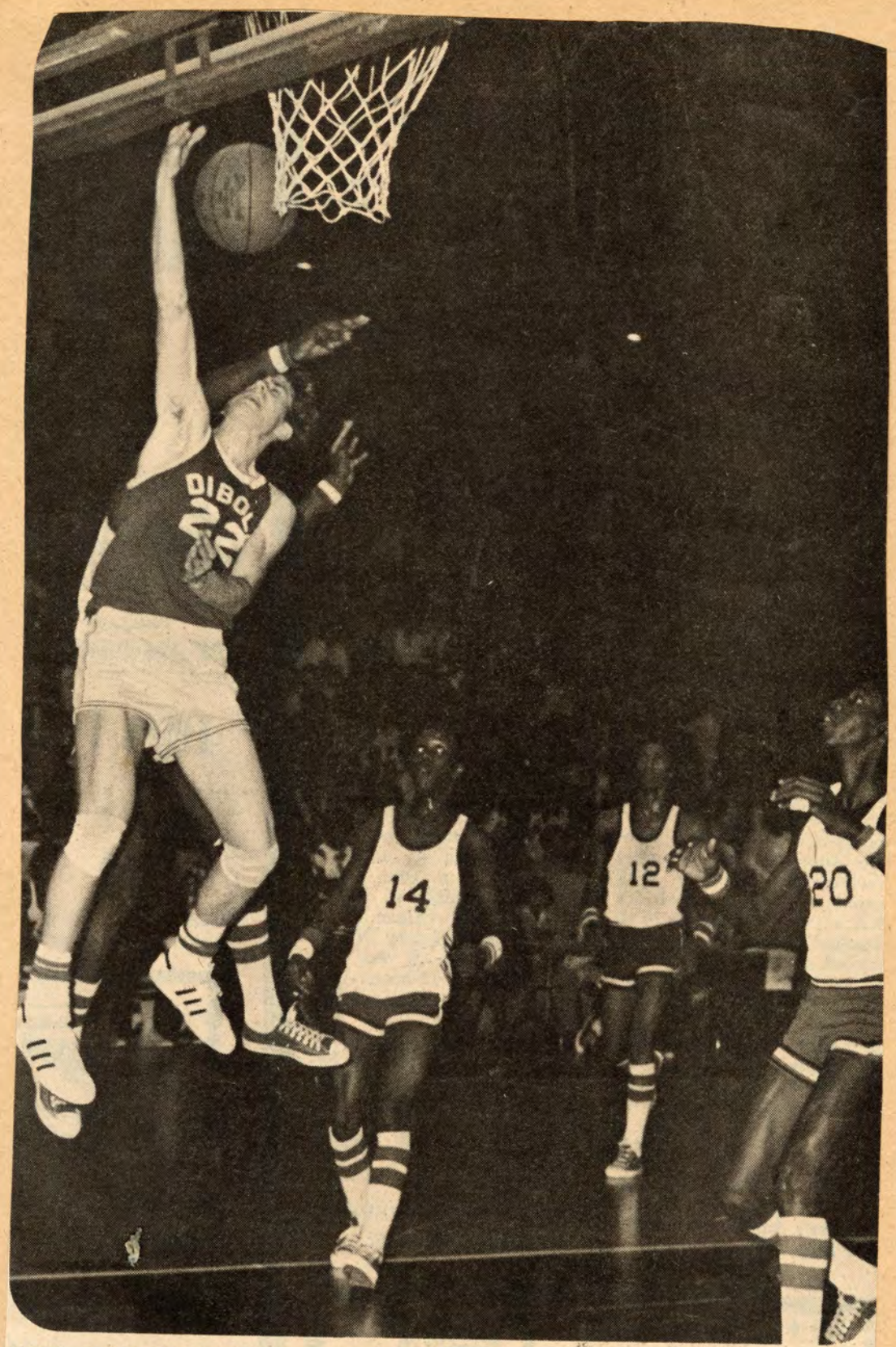


VICA WEEK

DIBOLL MAYOR C. H. Shepherd Jr. (center) has been awarded an honorary membership in the Diboll High School Chapter of the Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America. Club President Randy Cook (left) and advisor Joe Powell made the presentation at a breakfast honoring Shepherd early this week. Next week the mayor will sign a proclamation declaring VICA week in Diboll. The local club currently boasts 21 members, most of whom are enrolled in the building trades courses at DHS.

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NEIL MCGILVRA didn't have much chance on this layup attempt against Hemphill last Thursday, as a Hornet defender whacked him across the face under the basket. Diboll won the game, 69-50, using a full court press to subdue a young but hustling Hemphill team.
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Schools' racial mix changing

The number of Mexican-American students in Diboll schools is growing, especially in the elementary grades, according to a survey recently completed by school officials.

The survey shows that black and Mexican-American students dominate the kindergarten and first grades.

In kindergarten, white students account for 47.4 percent, 21 percent black, and 31.6 percent Mexican-American. In the first grade the breakdown is 42.4 percent white, 26.6 percent black and 31 percent Mexican.

After that the white percentage increases and the black percentage tapers off, with the Mexican-American total hitting 32 percent in second grade.

The black percentage of students stays fairly constant from kindergarten through high school, while the white percentage is on a definite upward scale. The Mexican population ranges from 31 percent in kindergarten to 16.3 percent in grade eight. After that the Mexican population skids dramatically to 8.2 percent in the ninth grade, 5.5 percent in tenth grade, 5.6 percent in grade 11 and 8.7 percent in grade 12.

Superintendent Don Robbins says the dropout level for Mexican-Americans is evident after the eighth grade, although it appears to be declining somewhat the past two years.

Of the 1,735 students in the system, 964 are white, 390 are black and 381 are Mexican-American, meaning that the black population is being challenged as the majority minority population here.

Until about five years ago, Diboll was roughly 75 percent white and 25 percent black. That percentage has now changed to 55.6 percent white, 22.5 percent black and 21.9 percent Mexican-American, judging by school students.

		WHITE		BLACK		MEXICAN-AMERICAN	
Grade	Total	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
K	152	72	47.4	33	21.0	48	31.6
1	203	86	42.4	54	26.6	63	31.0
2	153	78	51.0	26	17.0	49	32.0
3	160	84	52.5	32	20.0	44	27.5
4	155	82	53.0	35	22.6	38	24.5
SE	12	2	16.7	8	66.7	2	16.7
5	124	74	59.7	25	20.1	25	20.1
6	131	77	58.7	27	20.6	27	20.6
7	144	66	45.8	39	27.1	39	27.1
8	123	81	65.8	22	17.9	20	16.3
SE	8	2	25.0	6	75.0	0	0
9	122	80	65.6	32	26.2	10	8.2
10	108	79	73.2	23	21.3	6	5.5
11	71	50	70.4	17	24.0	4	5.6
12	69	51	73.9	12	17.4	6	8.7
Total	1,735	964	55.6	390	22.5	381	21.9

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Diboll loses in bi-district

Jacks beat Hornets for district crown

The Diboll Lumberjacks gave Coach John McGilvra his fourth district basketball title in his ten season here last Thursday night as they erased the Hemphill Hornets, 69-50, in the SFA Coliseum in Nacogdoches.

The victory moved the Lumberjack record to 19-9 on the season. They had won the north zone of 17-AA with a 7-1 record, while Hemphill won the south zone with an 8-0 mark.

But Hemphill was not in the game after the opening minutes of the second quarter, as the Lumberjacks' full court press wore down the younger Hornets.

The Hornets made a game of it before that, however, as they matched points with the Lumberjacks in the first quarter. Diboll managed a 12-11 first quarter lead, then put the pressure on the Hornets in the second quarter, outscoring them 17-5 to run up a 29-16 lead at halftime.

Hemphill came back to draw within 39-31, but that was as close as the Hornets were to come this night, even though both teams scored 21 points in the third period. Diboll outpointed Hemphill 19-13 in the final period.

Johnny Ray Lewis was hot from his corner again and led the Lumberjacks in scoring with 22 points. But hot behind him were Ronnie Johnson with 21 points and Neil McGilvra managed 18 points from his guard position.

Lee Adair contributed six points and Richard Crager two for the Jacks.

Hemphill was led by Larry White with 16, Ronald Garrett with 14 and Leon Thomas with ten.

The Jacks wound up with 28 field goals in 59 attempts for 48 percent. The Hornets could manage but 20 field goals in 60 attempts for 33 percent.

At the free throw line, Diboll hit 13 of 19 for 68 percent, while Hemphill sank ten of 16 free throws for 62 percent.

Both teams dragged down 35 rebounds in the game. Lewis led the Jacks with 13 rebounds, and White pulled in ten for the Hornets. Hemphill had 24 turnovers to Diboll's 20.

A large following of Diboll fans, and a good showing from Hemphill, managed to create considerable noise in the roomy SFA Coliseum. The Lumberjacks were led to Nacogdoches by police escort and a caravan of students of teachers.

It was a sweet win for the Lumberjacks and their Coach John McGilvra, whose 1971 team was the last to win a district title.

His best effort was in 1970 when a team paced by big Mack Mitchell, Kelvin Phipps and Greg Drake stormed past district and bi-district opponents to the region tournament in Brenham.

The Jacks won their first game, but then dropped a two point decision to the Kountze Lions, who went on to win the Class 2A state title. The Lumberjacks came back to win a third straight district crown in 1971, but fell in bi-district play.

Kountze posts 68-65 win over Lumberjacks

The Diboll Lumberjacks fell victim to a cold shooting fourth period and the Kountze Lions in Jasper Tuesday night and took a 68-65 licking in the bi-district encounter.

The loss ended the basketball season for Diboll. The Lumberjacks finished the season with a 19-10 record, not bad at all considering the Jacks lost six of their first seven games of the season before settling down to play good basketball and win the zone and District 17-AA title for Coach John McGilvra the fourth time in ten years.

Kountze won their district easily, with East Chambers their only real threat.

The victory Tuesday night increased the Lion season record to 22-6 and sends them to Brenham this weekend for the region tournament.

It was this same Kountze school that knocked Diboll out of the state playoffs at the region tournament in Brenham in 1970 by a two point margin. Kountze went on to win the state 2A title that season.

Diboll led most of the way but could connect on just three field goals over the final four minutes of the game after pulling to within one point of Kountze, 60-59.

The probable turning point in the contest came late in the third period after Diboll had led by as many as seven points earlier in the game.

.With the Jacks leading 47-46, Kountze went on a 9-2 scoring binge to take their biggest lead of the night at 55-49 and after that the Jacks could never recover the lead.

Diboll led in field goals 32-25 but the Lions won it at the free throw line with an 18-1 difference. However the Jacks still had their chances late and couldn't cash in.

The first period was relatively close throughout as Lee Adair scored eight points to boost the Jacks to an 18-13 lead.

In the second period Amos Alexander had two key tip-ins, the last at the buzzer, to give the Jacks a 34-32 halftime lead.

The third period saw the lead change hands eight times before Kountze took a 48-47 lead they never relinquished.

The Lions increased that to 55-49, and their biggest of the game came with just over five minutes left, 60-53.

The Jacks kept nipping at that lead and cut it to one 60-59 on two Adair field goals and one by John Fenley.

Kountze went up 62-59 but Neil McGilvra cut that to one, 62-61, with just under four minutes to play, but from that point on, the ball just wouldn't go in for Diboll.

The Lions stretched their lead to 66-61 with 2:18 left before McGilvra made it 66-63.

At that point the Lions went into a semi-stall and forced the Jacks to foul, making the score 68-63 with only seconds remaining.

Adair led the Jacks with 20 points followed by Johnny Lewis with 19 and McGilvra with 14.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Diboll	18	16	15	16—65
Kountze	13	19	22	14—68

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FFA WEEK



DEWAYNE COLEMAN is another Ag Co-op student who works regularly at Brookshire Bros.



GARY REEVES works with the Brahman-Angus steer he is feeding out this year



KIM MILLIGAN and Carlton Ward, Diboll FFA work on a greenhouse project



THESE DIBOLL STUDENTS look on to learn the use of latest surveying equipment

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HOUSTON CALF SCRAMBLE D-26



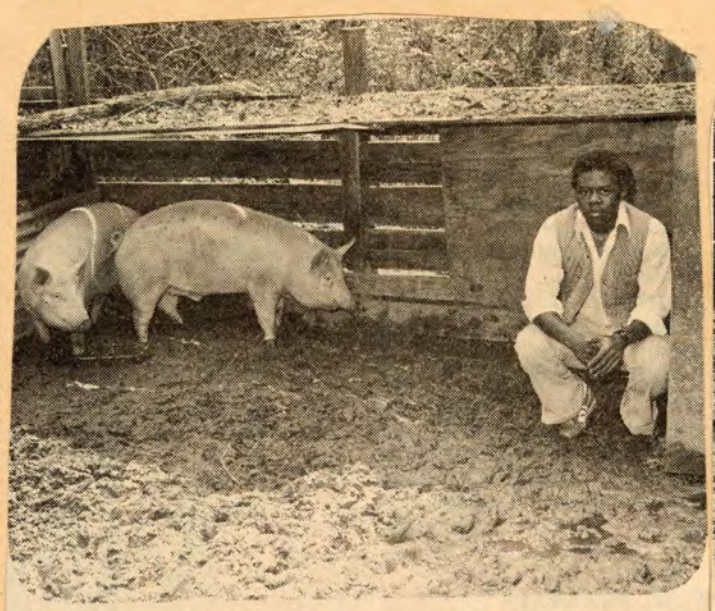
CARY E. CHESHIRE of Diboll was a winner in the calf scramble at the February 26 night performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Cary won a $275 certificate donated by Easterling Properties Company, and will use it toward the purchase of a registered calf. Shown together following the calf scramble are (left to right) Charles Arnold, county extension agent; Cary E. Cheshire, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Easterling, sponsors. Cary is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Clyde Cheshire of Diboll.



MICHAEL FASSKE of Diboll Ag I is raising rabbits as his project this year



KIM MILLIGAN is feeding out this Angus steer for showing at the County Junior Livestock Show in Lufkin on March 14. Kim is an Ag II student at Diboll High School.



RICKY COLEMAN of the Diboll FFA chapter is raising Yorkshire barrows as his project this year. He will show them at the Junior Livestock Show in Lufkin on March 14.



GEORGE WELLS, an Ag II student at Diboll High School, plans to show this Charolais cross steer at the Angelina County Junior Livestock Show on March 14.

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Opposed to new athletic policies

McGilvra resigning as basketball coach

Diboll High School basketball coach John McGilvra has told Diboll school officials that he plans to resign on June 1 at the end of the school year.

McGilvra in his surprise letter of resignation said he is dissatisfied with new policies handed down by Athletic Director Fred Bland — policies he says could ruin the basketball program he has spent ten years building.

McGilvra just finished his tenth year at DHS and brought the school its fourth district championship in that time. His teams have played better than .600 ball during his tenure here, and his 1970 team missed the state finals by two points.

McGilvra thus becomes the second winning coach to quit DHS in a year. He, together with football coach Joe Wyatt who resigned last spring, had given Diboll a golden decade in the major sports of basketball and football.

Between them they had six district titles in the ten years, giving Diboll the reputation of one of the best one-two sports combination of any 2A school in the state. Smaller schools such as DHS generally are known for only one major sport, if any.

McGilvra told The Free Press that he has no immediate plans but that he does intend to remain in basketball. He said that rumors that he planned to quit coaching this year are just rumors.

He told The Free Press this Wednesday that submitting the letter of resignation is the toughest thing he has ever done and something he did not want to do. He said, however, that he will leave rather than see the basketball program ruined.

McGilvra's chief concern, he said, about new policies in the athletic department is Athletic Director Bland's decision to carry out a full spring program that will prohibit basketball players from working out during sixth period P.E. This would last for six weeks. McGilvra said he might live with that, except he sees this as the beginning of de-emphasis of basketball.

In his letter of resignation, McGilvra wrote, in part:

"It is with deep regret that I request that you accept my resignation as teacher-coach effective June 1, 1978.

"I have been advised this date by the athletic director that I would no longer have my basketball players in sixth period P.E. until after all spring sports were over. I have had sixth period P.E. for the past seven years and have also coached tennis. The program has worked for seven years and it is difficult for me to understand why it should be changed now. We have had a successful program over the past ten years.

"Approximately 12 basketball players will now have to be rescheduled to other P.E. classes if they do not



ONE OF THEIR LAST HUDDLES

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McGilvra resigns

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called to the attention of the administration and was not carried out as planned.

"I was advised by the athletic director at the beginning of last school year that I would work on Sunday afternoon at the school and I refused. When a person coaches junior varsity on Thursday nights, scouts on Friday nights and gives a scouting report on Saturday morning — that should be sufficient time.

"I was also advised this date that I would be required to meet at 7:00 in the morning next year to work on the (football) kicking game. The athletic director stated in the meeting that all coaches' complaints would go through him. This is reassuring, to say the least, since many problems were not worked out through the athletic director this past year.

Another problem which was handled by the administration was the matter concerning practice shorts on the first day of basketball practice. I did not have enough practice shorts for the players and was advised by the athletic director that they had to be used for the off season program. This matter was corrected by the administration.

"Unless the basketball players are left in sixth period P.E. under my supervision, they will not have equal opportunity as players in other sports.

"My classroom performance, respect from my students and the four district basketball championships will stand as my record. If my basketball program can be changed this easily in one year, it makes you wonder what could happen to it next year."

McGilvra said he does not want to leave Diboll, where his wife works and his two sons attend school.

A native of Hudson, McGilvra was an outstanding high school and college player. In addition to coaching basketball at DHS, he assists with junior varsity football and coaches tennis.

Colleagues say he is one of the most respected people on the DHS campus, where he also teaches history.

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BAND AWARDS — Several members of the Diboll High School Band competed at the UIL solo and ensemble contest last week. Among those attending the contest were (left to right) Mary Lester, first division (class II piano solo); Kathy McWilliams, second division (class I clarinet solo); Evelyn Carr, first division (class I flute solo) and Karen Ingram, second division (class II flute solo). Miss Carr will attend UIL State Solo and Ensemble competition at the University of Texas campus in June. Not pictured is Doreen Holt, first division (class III piano solo). John Ingram is DHS band director.

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McGilvra says he would stay here if asked

Diboll School Superintendent Don Robbins said this week that he assumes the school board will consider basketball coach John McGilvra's resignation at its regular meeting later in March.

Robbins said he had heard nothing about a special meeting to discuss McGilvra's letter of resignation, which was hand delivered by McGilvra to Robbins and school board members over the weekend.

Robbins said he did not know what the board's reaction to the resignation would be. The board last week, however, approved the changes in the athletic department to which McGilvra has strenuously objected.

McGilvra was asked by The Free Press this week if he would reconsider and remain in the system if the problems could be resolved. His answer was: "You bet. I love Diboll."

Tracksters run cold

The Diboll Lumberjack track team was colder than most in their first meet last Saturday in Woodville, where the cold and wet kept times unusually high for all competitors.

Craig Ruby was Diboll's best entry in the field events as he finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 121-9-3/4.

Diboll runners failed to make any final events as they competed against 17 other schools in the Dogwood Relays.

The Lumberjacks will try their hand again this Saturday in Livingston where they may have more luck against a more balanced field.

Coach Fred Bland said that while his team did not show well in times, he was pleased with the progress members are showing in different events.

Coach Linda Dunlap's Ladyjack team found the going tough at the Woodville meet on Friday. Glenda Miller was the team star as she finished in a first place tie in the long jump with a leap of 15-7-3/4.

The girls team will run again in two weeks at Hardin.

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FLYING HIGH AT DHS

NEWLY ELECTED Mr. and Miss Diboll High School, Neil McGilvra and Carolyn Cheavens, took advantage of spring winds last week to try their hand at kite flying. Both are seniors at DHS. Miss Cheavens is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Buck) Cheavens. Carolyn is 18 and has been football and FFA sweetheart, played on the golf team four years and has been a student council officer four years. She loves to cook and will attend Angelina College this summer before enrolling at SFA State University in the fall to study interior decorating. Neil, 19, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGilvra. He has played basketball four seasons and been all district three times. He has been class favorite, has been student council representative three years, and served on the newspaper staff. Neil is now being interviewed by college coaches for a possible basketball scholarship.

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Monday deadline set by board

Will McGilvra compromise?

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll school trustees, agreeing to give high school coaches Fred Bland and John McGilvra "one more crack" at a compromise, Tuesday night tabled consideration of McGilvra's letter of resignation until April 3.

A crowd of approximately 35 persons was on hand for the regular school board meeting Tuesday — most there apparently in support of McGilvra.

A disagreement between McGilvra and head coach and athletic director Fred Bland concerning changes in coaching duties prompted McGilvra to tender his letter of resignation shortly after his team won the district basketball championship this year.

Although McGilvra did not attend the school board meeting his wife, Fran, did appear before the board. "His resignation stands unless he gets his sixth period P.E. back — that's why he resigned," Mrs. McGilvra told the board. McGilvra was recently switched from coaching a sixth period off-season basketball program to a tennis program.

Athletic director Fred Bland, asked to explain the new off-season program, told the board that the program is designed to benefit all sports — not any particular sport. Bland also noted that even with the change in coaching schedules, McGilvra would only have to coach tennis six out of 36 weeks during the school year.

School board trustee Stacy Cooke told those present that he feels that there are other reasons besides the changes in coaching schedules which prompted McGilvra's move to resign.

"I think that we're being manipulated — first he resigns and then makes demands for changes in order to come back. I wonder where he is tonight if he's so interested in this job."

Cooke told the board that he thinks that several reasons have contributed to McGilvra's stand. "I don't think that he likes to assist even with the football program, and certainly not tennis...the board has agreed that we couldn't see a coach dedicating himself to one sport year 'round," Cooke added.

Jimmy (Bill) Ferguson of Diboll, addressing the board, told members that McGilvra's resignation was "due to a personality conflict when we renewed Bland's contract, and possibly when we renewed school superintendent Don Robbins' contract."

Ferguson was critical of Robbins because of what Ferguson said was his difficulties encountered when he asked to appear before the school board to speak about the McGilvra situation.

According to Ferguson, he had called Robbins at home on a Saturday ten days prior to the board meeting and was told by the superintendent

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that the board agenda for the March 28 meeting was already set, and that he would have to get unanimous board approval to get on the agenda.

Ferguson said that later talks he had with "...educators, legal advisors and former board members..." indicated that he had been misled by Robbins. Ferguson said in a signed statement submitted as a letter to the editor in The Free Press that he found that "my right as a concerned citizen could not be denied if I notified Mr. Robbins at least 72 hours before the meeting that I wished to be placed on the agenda."

Ferguson and several other members of the Tuesday night audience were among persons who attended a March 14 school board meeting at which the McGilvra resignation was discussed at length in closed executive session. Members of the audience were told by Robbins and board president Ray Paulsey immediately after that meeting that the board had not even discussed the matter.

Ferguson told board members Tuesday night that, "If he (Robbins) would intentionally lie to me then he might intentionally lie to this school board."

Robbins, in answer to Ferguson said that there was no lying involved in asking Ferguson to get full board approval to be placed on the agenda. "When Mr. Ferguson contacted me school was out — offices were closed and by law when the agenda is set, then the meeting would have to be opened up by the school board," said Robbins, noting that Ferguson and others were being allowed to comment on the matter.

Robbins also added that "There is no personality conflict between Coach McGilvra and myself — we have a very great respect for each other." Robbins told the board that McGilvra had indicated to him last year that this would be his last year and that he would "hang them up when son Neil graduated."

McGilvra had indicated that he would be interested in moving to some other coaching station after this year long before the present situation came about, according to Robbins.

"That's not true," said Mrs. McGilvra in response to Robbins' statement.

Other members of the audience and the board also spoke of the problem, including James Simms, who said that it might have been possible to avert the problem earlier if McGilvra had been able to talk out his problems with Robbins directly instead of having to "go through the chain of command."

But Bland, who is McGilvra's immediate superior in the school "chain of command," said that he had asked McGilvra about his opinion of the off-season program changes but, "He never came back to talk about it." Robbins agreed, noting that, "We never did get an opportunity to talk about it until after the full letter of resignation was divulged in the newspaper."

Simms further told the board that many persons in the community would be sorry to see McGilvra and his family leave if some compromise might still be possible. "He's a winner — an asset to this community and we don't want to lose him," said Simms.

Eddie Wojhan of Burke also made a plea to the board to try and resolve the matter. "We're losing one of the best teachers that Diboll has ever seen, regardless of the athletic program," said Wojhan.

H. G. Stubblefield told the board that, "This is not a board problem anyway — this is an administrative problem. Unless the two coaches can get along we can't have a valid program. I think that we should give the two men a chance to work it out among themselves — and if they don't, then you have a letter of resignation to stand on."

Henry Holubec told board members that, "Your back is to the wall — all you can do is accept the resignation."

But Paulsey asked the board for a motion to table the matter until the two coaches had time to work out some compromise by themselves. Cooke moved that the board set a deadline of April 3, at which time the board will again consider McGilvra's resignation or hear of a compromise plan.

"Let them have one more crack at it, we've done all we can do to try to work it out," said Paulsey.

Board member Charles Havard told those attending that he would go along with the decision to table the resignation until April 3, but added that he thinks that, "The damage has already been done" and that the two coaches probably never would be able to work together for a successful program.

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Board thinks McGilvra matter can be resolved

Diboll school board members discussed in private Tuesday night matters pertaining to the resignation of DHS basketball coach John McGilvra but refused to allow his letter of resignation to be presented for action.

Board President Ray Paulsey told The Free Press Wednesday that he hopes the matter "can be worked out so we can keep Coach McGilvra."

Paulsey told The Free Press that he believes the problems can be resolved so that McGilvra can be retained as a teacher-coach, and that all other parties involved can be satisfied.

After the meeting Tuesday night behind closed doors, Paulsey and other board members stated simply that no action had been taken on McGilvra's resignation.

About a dozen interested citizens attending the meeting were told that the matter did not come up.

But Paulsey said Wednesday that the matter certainly was discussed. He emphasized, however, that he as board president refused to allow Superintendent Don Robbins to present McGilvra's letter of resignation.

"I feel, and I think some other board members agree with me, that we just did not want to accept the letter of resignation. Instead, I feel that we should try to resolve the matter, as it should have been done in the first place, without even talking about Coach McGilvra's letter," Paulsey said.

Paulsey said he is hopeful that the matter can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction by the time the board holds its regular meeting on March 28.

If it cannot be resolved, apparently the board will have to consider McGilvra's letter of resignation.

McGilvra gave his letter of resignation to school officials and board members two weeks ago. It was a surprise move to everyone.

In his letter, McGilvra said he took issue with new policies handed down by athletic director Fred Bland, who is in his first year here. The policy which most offended McGilvra was one which did away with him having his basketball players in sixth period P.E. during the six week spring sports program.

The new policies were explained to the school board just three days before McGilvra's resignation by Supt. Don Robbins. However, Paulsey said this week that he does not think the board fully understood the changes.

Paulsey also said he thinks the board members assumed that the policy changes had been discussed and agreed to by the administration and athletic department heads.

Coach McGilvra is completing his tenth year at Diboll. During that time his basketball teams have won four district titles, the latest this season.

His resignation was to be effective June 1 of this year.

At the time of his letter of resignation, McGilvra told The Free Press that he has no desire to run the entire athletic program but that he does not want to see his basketball program ruined.

McGilvra said at that time

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Diboll Honor Rolls

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Ninth grade, all A's — Michael Amason, Susan Barkley, Angela Capps, Marty Grantham, Mark Holubec, Joanne Harris, Brian Miller, Cheryl Schmidt, Sherri Smith, and Donna Wright.

All A's, except for one B — Linda Carter, Sandy Eakin, Angela Gordan, Tammy Halsey, George Mendoza, Charles Mettlen, Tammy Porter, Gay Sample, Barry Tate, and Kathy Terrell.

Tenth grade, all A's — Susie Capps, Tonya Clark, Becky Gray, Kathy Jennings, Connie Maddox, Kathy McWilliams, Janet Price, Troi Russel, Gregg Spivey, and Becky Waller.

All A's, except for one B — Linda Bolt, Paul Bradshaw, Deborah Ellison, Diane Garrett, Luci Guerrero, Lisa Harris, Mary Maynard, Sherri Patton, Jonathan Roach, Vonnie Ward, John Wojhan, and Michael Harris.

Eleventh grade, all A's — Gerald Malanders, Irvin McWilliams, Glenda Miller, Darlene Norris, Belinda Tatum, and Shelia Wheeler.

All A's, except for one B — Ondrea Barlow, Suzanne Burkhalter, Janie Harris, Alice Jansen, Kim Sample, Velma Scott, and Lanny Wilkerson.

Twelfth grade, all A's — Lisa Burkhalter, Mary Ann Carter, Anne Cook, Lauri Durham, Jean Greer, Sally Russell, and Rhonda Squyres.

All A's, except for one B: Mike Appanaitis, Evelyn Carr, Renee Clark, Jan Glover, Teresa Jansen, Craig Ruby, and Linda Sanford.



DAVID WILKINS had the winning cleanup poster at Diboll High School. Deborah Thompson won second place, David Saxon third and Sherri Patton got honorable mention. The posters spotlight this as cleanup month and this Saturday as cleanup day in Diboll.



DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL'S land judging team won first place at the county contest sponsored Tuesday by the Angelina County Soil Conservation District at the Jim Gordon Bell farm at Pollok. Vernie Hathorn, John Stalsby, Alton Thompson and James Stalsby made up the winning team. James Stalsby was also the high point student in the overall contest. All are students of the vocational agriculture program at DHS. (Free Press Photo)

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DHS BASKETBALL COACH John McGilvra poses with the four Lumberjack players who were named to the 17-AA north zone all district team. They are Neil McGilvra, Ronnie Johnson, Coach McGilvra, Johnny Ray Lewis and Lee Adair. Diboll had four of the ten selections to the north zone team after they won the district title this season, their fourth in ten years.

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RESERVE CHAMPION

RANDY MURRY of Diboll FFA (right) showed the reserved grand champion steer at Tuesday's Junior Livestock Show sponsored by the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce. Home Savings & Loan Association paid Randy $3 a pound or $2,895 for the steer. At left are Danny Rope manager of Home Savings' Dib branch, and Mark Swan, exec tive vice president of Home Savin Diboll FFA produced six of the top steers in the show.

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GRAND CHAMPION HOG

VERNON IVEY of Diboll FFA received $4.50 a pound or $1,057 for his grand champion hog at the Junior Livestock Show in Lufkin on Tuesday. Texas National Bank made the record purchase, and bank officials Dr. B. H. McVicker, R. M. Shumaker and Larry Risinger were there to seal the purchase, one of many that TNB made to help the show to several new records.

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LAURA REGISTER, DIBOLL FFA
Reserve champion English cross steer

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BRUCE JORDAN, DIBOLL FFA
Reserve champion Hereford steer

...junior livestock show.

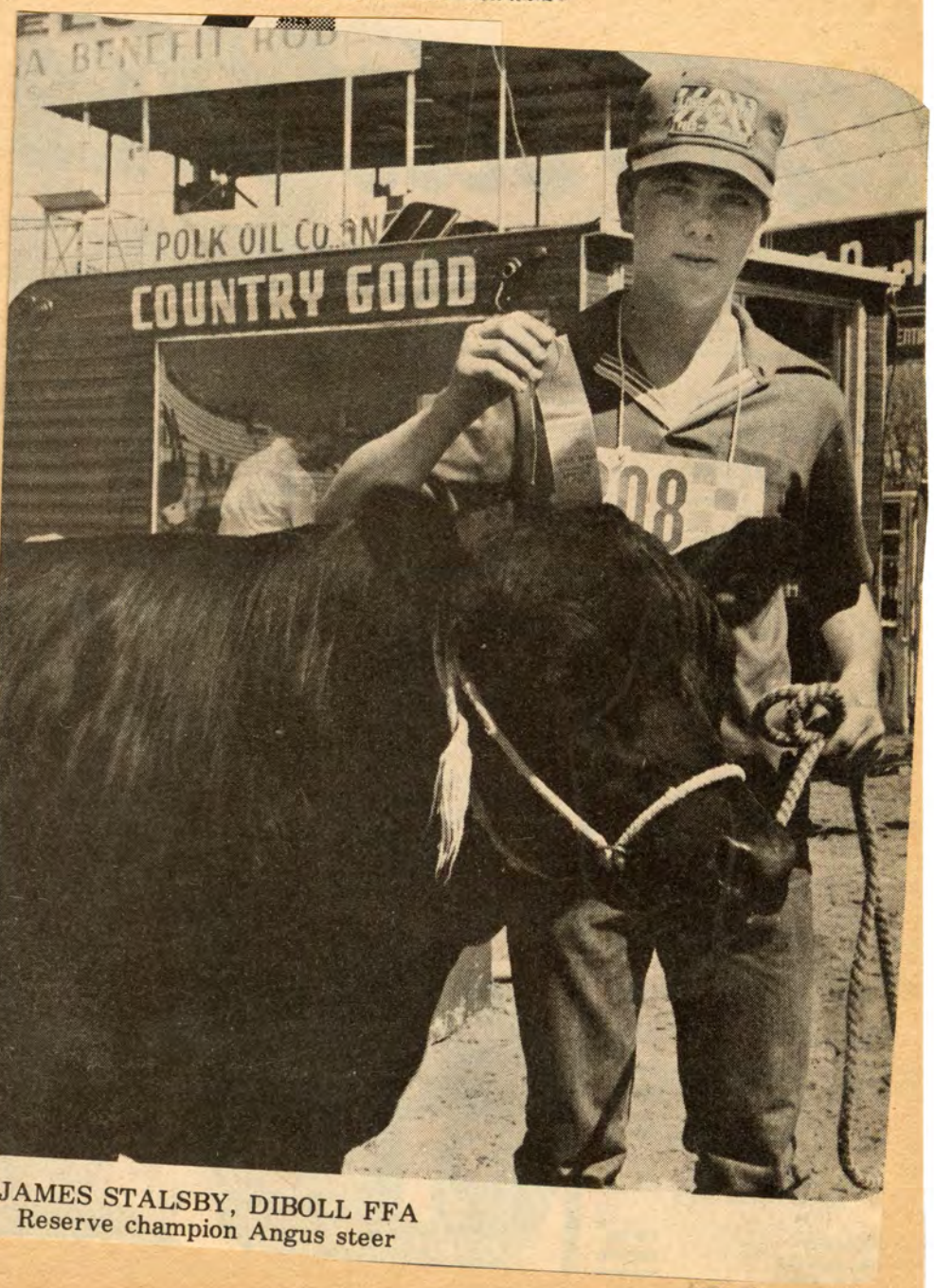
Three Diboll FFA students walked off with the honors for best pen of rabbits. Gregg Spivey had the grand champion pen. The three rabbits were purchased by Lufkin National Bank for $4.75 a pound and a total of $66.50.

Diboll's Dale Day showed the reserve champion pen, purchased also by LNB for $63. Jeff Ferguson of Diboll was third with his pen, purchased by East Texas Rabbit Breeder's Association for $4.25 per pound.

Show officials estimated that the average price paid for steers at the Tuesday night auction was 85 cents a pound, about twice the present market price of 44 cents. This accounted for the overall record auction of $60,800, about double the $31,800 brought in last year.

Diboll FFA probably did better than the overall average, as the local chapter produced six of the top 12 steers in the show. Thirteen of the chapter's 21 steers made the sale.

Students whose steers made the sale with blue ribbons and the prices



JAMES STALSBY, DIBOLL FFA
Reserve champion Angus steer

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THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACK baseball team is nearing the end of the season. Team members are (back row) Craig Ruby, Keith Lee, Larry Spivey, Richard Crager, Gregg Spivey, John Wojhan, Johnny Huizar, John Porter and Coach David Bradford. Middle row: Kent Havard, Ricky Coleman, Jeff Hearne, Bruce Jordan, Mark Holubec, and Charles Mettlen. Front row: Curt Clemons, Keith Nash, Mike Fasske, Billy Ivey, Roy McCall, David Bryce and Mike Amason.

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TRADES AUCTION — Students in the Diboll building trades program will auction off some of the projects they have made this year, tonight (Thursday) beginning at 5 p.m. at the buildings trades building on the DHS campus. Showing off some of the items which will be auctioned are (left to right) Vernon Ivey, Brandall Porter, Don Burnette and Willie Hale. Among the items which will be on the bidding block are dining room tables, stereo cabinets, china hutches and porch swings. Instructor Joe Powell said that the public is invited to the auction, and refreshments will be served.

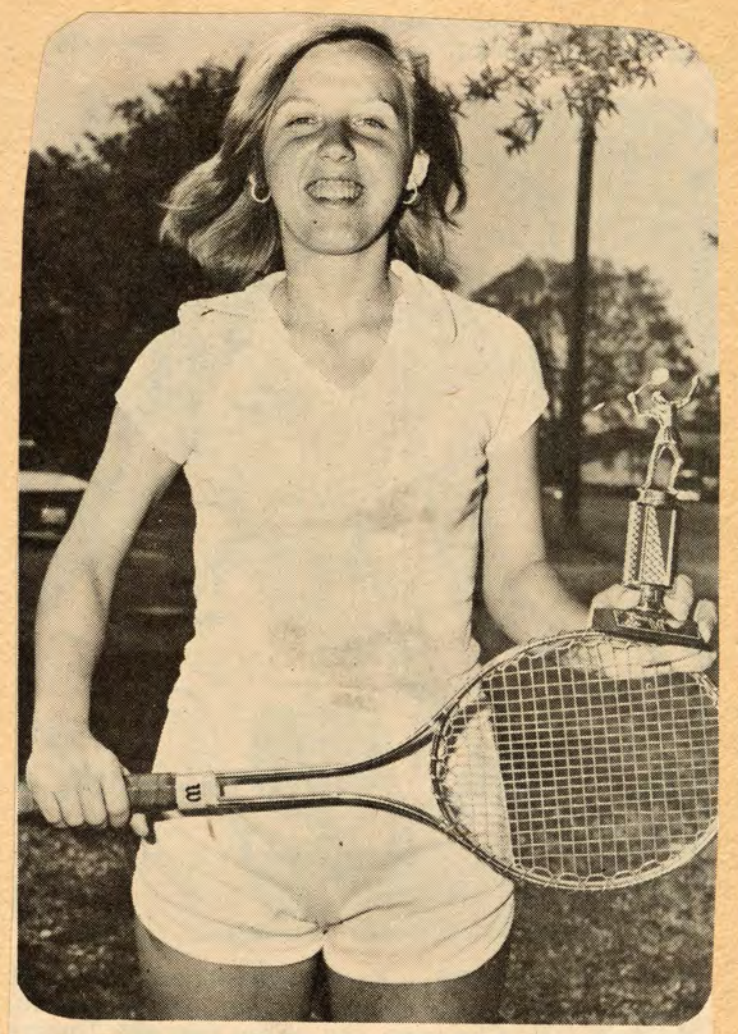
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BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK — Members of the Angelina County Medical Auxiliary are currently conducting a series of blood pressure screening clinics at county high schools. Some 400 students at Diboll High School were due to be tested Tuesday by the volunteers. School nurse Mrs. Nancy Miller (right) helped coordinate the testing at DHS. Previous surveys at area schools have shown a small percentage of students have elevated blood pressure readings, showing the need for annual checks, according to Mrs. Melita McCall, spokesman for the Medical Auxiliary. Blood pressure screenings will be held at Huntington High School Thursday, April 27 for students and faculty members.

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KATHY GROOM won district in girls tennis singles last week and will go to Brenham to take part in the region meet this Friday. Kathy is a senior at Diboll High School.



SECOND IN DISTRICT — The DHS girls golf team placed second in the district meet last week. Melanie Edwards, Connie Maddox, Diane Garrett and Carolyn Cheavens are the team members. Diane Garrett was easily the medalist in the tournament with the low score for the 18 holes.

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McGilvra through June 1

Board okays resignation

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll school trustees Monday night voted to accept coach John McGilvra's resignation, effective June 1.

The vote, which brought an end to weeks of speculation concerning McGilvra's future here, was not unanimous.

Board members Stacy Cooke, James Rhone, Charles Havard and James (Doc) Walker voted to accept the resignation, while Ray Paulsey cast the only dissenting vote. Board President Nancy Holubec normally votes only in case of a tie, and Milford Ruby did not attend the Monday night meeting.

The school board last week voted to set Monday as the final deadline for any compromise moves McGilvra and head coach Fred Bland might make to resolve the situation. Board member Stacy Cooke told the overflow audience Monday night that his discussions with McGilvra had indicated to him that the reasons for McGilvra's resignation run much deeper than any apparent friction between the two coaches.

Paulsey agreed, saying that the problem was much more than the sixth period P.E. class conflict which had spurred McGilvra's action. "He thinks that he has been betrayed by the administration," said Paulsey.

Bland said that he and McGilvra had talked a day after last week's school board meeting, and said that the basketball coach had indicated to him at that time that he wished the board had gone ahead and accepted his resignation then.

Jimmie (Bill) Ferguson, a close friend of McGilvra's who has been present at recent board meetings, said that he was not asked to speak for McGilvra, but said that McGilvra feels that he was forced into resigning his post as basketball coach.

"He is a broken man...he did not really want to resign but felt that he was forced to," said Ferguson.

McGilvra has not been present at any of the board meetings at which his resignation has been discussed, but Ferguson has spoken up for McGilvra on several occasions.

Included in the standing room audience in the administration building board room Monday night were several students from Diboll High School. One student told the board that "We love him, and we wish some of our other teachers had some of the respect that we have for him." She added that there were nine other students crowded into the halls of the administration building who had come in support of McGilvra.

Cooke also said that he had talked with McGilvra about the head coaching position at DHS which he did not apply for after Joe Wyatt's departure last year. Cooke said that McGilvra told him that he didn't think it would be feasible for a basketball coach to supervise the entire athletic program and have the football coach work under him.

Cooke said that he believes that if McGilvra is interested in coaching only basketball he should investigate the possibility of coaching at either a larger school or a smaller school which has no football program.

After hearing all comments from the audience present, Cooke moved "reluctantly" that the board accept the resignation. Charles Havard seconded the motion and the vote was taken, ending McGilvra's ten year career as DHS basketball coach.

In other business Monday the board canvassed the election returns from the school board elections and declared Ray Paulsey, James (Doc) Walker, Stacy Cooke and Milford Ruby winners.

After new members were sworn in, the board was reorganized. Officers for the school board are Nancy Holubec, president; Stacy Cooke, vice president and James Rhone, secretary.

The board also voted to allow the junior high school band to travel to Astroworld in Houston later this month. The band boosters had asked that the band be allowed to go

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GLENDA MILLER of the DHS girls track team practices her long jump in preparation for a track and field meet in Warren this Friday. Coach Fred Bland's boys track and field team will participate in the Warren Relays on Saturday. (Free Press Photo)



McGILVRA SIGNS WITH AC — Diboll High School basketball star Neil McGilvra (seated right) has signed a letter of intent to attend Angelina College on scholarship. He signed the letter last week as Angelina College Coach Guy Davis (seated left) and his parents Mr. and Mrs. John McGilvra looked on. Neil averaged just over 18 points per game his senior year in helping the Lumberjacks to the district title and has been an all-district performer the past three seasons. His father has coached the Lumberjack basketball team the past ten seasons, including four district championships.

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JAN GLOVER and Neil McGilvra, DHS seniors, were presented the Wilbur F. Pate Scholarship Award last week by the Diboll Lions Club, which makes the presentations annually in honor of one of its late members. The awards were given at the annual barbecue sponsored by the Lions Club and Jack Backers. Left to right are Arthur Powell, Jack Backers president, Lions Club president Joe Baker, outgoing Lion president Charlie Grumbles, Jan and Neil. (Free Press Photo)

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THE DHS GOLF TEAM placed second in the district meet last week and will play in the region meet at Brenham next week. Kneeling are Jim Grossman, John Oates and Barry Tate. Standing are John Cheavens, Coach Fred Bland and Mark Thompson. John Oates was medalist player in the district meet. Diboll's girls golf team also placed second in district and plays at Brenham this week. Diane Garrett was medalist for the girls in their district meet.

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NEW MEMBERS were inducted into the Diboll High School chapter of the National Honor Society in ceremonies Tuesday evening. The new members are (seated) Belinda Tatum, Connie Maddox, Diane Garrett, Paul Bradshaw, Susie Capps, Tina Grantham and Tonya Clark. Holdover members of the NHS are (standing) Gerald Malanders, Susie Burkhalter, Jean Greer, Sally Russell, Thomas Stewart, Lisa Burkhalter, Lanny Wilkerson, Kathy Groom, Sheila Wheeler, Mary Anne Carter and Lauri Durham. Students to the select group come from the top three grades based on character, leadership, scholarship and service. Society sponsors are Mary Ingram and Bob McCurry. (Free Press Photo)



THE DIBOLL ROTARY CLUB recognized the nine students of the month selected for outstanding achievements at Diboll High School this year. The students recognized on a month-by-month basis were (left to right) Johnny Ray Lewis, Neil McGilvra, Craig Ruby, Kathy Groom, Ronnie Markle, Jean Greer, Larry Spivey, Lauri Durham and Eula Mae Mitchell. Howard Daniel and John Orynawka of the Rotary Club recognized the students, each of whom received special certificates during the year. (Free Press Photo)

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EIGHT SENIORS played their last performance for the Diboll High School Lumberjack Band at the spring concert Tuesday evening. All have been in the band seven years. They are Evelyn Carr, piccolo; Renee Clark, alto saxophone; Sally Russell, flute; Mary Anne Carter, baritone; Rochelle Carter, trumpet; Lisa Burkhalter, tenor saxophone; Jean Greer, trumpet; and Lauri Durham, French horn. (Free Press Photo)

Large crowd hears three school bands in concert

John Ingram's Temple Junior School and Diboll High School bands presented the "Wonderful World of Disney" as its spring concert offering Monday evening at Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

Five numbers were presented by the beginner band, the high school choir, Temple Junior Band and the DHS Lumberjack Band. Most of the numbers were centered around music from Walt Disney movies and cartoons.

Members of the high school choir were Kathy Brown, Evelyn Carr, Lisa Harris, Yvonne King, Johnnie Ray Lewis, Kathy McWilliams, Darla Smith, Denise Stinson and David Wilkins.

Senior members of the Lumberjack Band performing for the last time were Evelyn Carr, Sally Russell, Renee Clark, Lisa Burkhalter, Jean Greer, Rochelle Carter, Lauri Durham and Mary Anne Carter.

LAND WANTED

The Diboll Independent School District desires to purchase a tract of land 20 to 30 acres in size, located within the Diboll Independent School District, suitable for a school site. Please submit no later than July 21, 1978, in writing to the Board of Trustees, Diboll Independent School District, P. O. Box 550, Diboll, Texas, %Don Robbins, Superintendent.

Band concert set Monday

The Temple Junior school and Diboll High School music departments will present the Wonderful World of Disney, a spring music concert featuring the Temple Junior School Beginner Band, the Temple Junior School Band, the Diboll High School Choir, and the Diboll High School Band.

The concert will be held on Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the Diboll High School Gymnasium.

Admission will be free and the concert will last about an hour.

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THE TOP ELEVEN honor students in this year's DHS graduating class and their four year averages are (seated) Lauri Durham, 96.28; Sally Russell, 95.90; Lisa Burkhalter, 95.05; Mary Ann Carter, 94.88; and Kathy Groom, 94.31. Standing are Jean Greer, 92.84; Evelyn Carr, 92.40; Linda Sanford, 91.84; Darlene Breazeale, 90.93; Anne Cooke, 90.80; and John Oates, 90.56.
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40 of 72 seniors here seek college education

By JEAN GREER

Forty of the 72 members of the Diboll High School senior class responding to a survey indicate they will continue their education in college this fall.

Of the 72 questioned, 25 said they plan to attend four year colleges or universities. Another 15 plan to attend Angelina College, and most of those 15 plan to work while attending AC.

The 1978 class will go through commencement exercises at Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Although all 72 answering this survey may not be in line for diplomas on Tuesday, all have plans for the future and here they are:

Veronica Acosta: Go to Angelina College and take sociology. Also plans to get married.

Mike Appanaitis: Work for the telephone company.

Darlene Breazeale: Work for the telephone company.

Kathy Brown: Go to Prairie View A&M and study business administration.

Lisa Burkhalter: Go to Baylor University and study law.

Don Burnette: Be a carpenter.

Randy Burt: Go to Angelina College and work at the Big Tin Barn.

Kay Capps: Go to Texas A&M and be in the corps. He plans to study mechanical engineering.

Brett Carnley: Work at his own gas station in Burke.

Evelyn Carr: Plans to get married in October and work. She will live in Beaumont and might attend Lamar.

David Carrier: Work for Land & Timber Division of Temple Industries.

Rochelle Carter: Go to Houston and work for Lord & Taylor.

Mary Anne Carter: Go to Sam Houston State University and study elementary education.

Carolyn Cheavens: Go to SFA and study interior decoration.

Renee Clark: Get a job as a keypunch operator.

DeWayne Coleman: Go to Jarvis Christian College.

Rosaura Compean: Get a job (not sure where).

Anne Cooke: Go to A&M and study elementary education.

Ester Criswell: Go to Houston and get a job.

Lauri Durham: Go to A&M and study marketing.

Diane English: Go to Angelina College and later to SFA.

Martha Esteves: Go to St. Edward's University in Austin and study computer science.

John Fenley: Study to be an auto mechanic.

Reba Freeman: Go to SFA and study elementary education.

Jan Glover: Go to work and to Angelina College.

Jean Greer: Go to A&M and study business.

Kathy Groom: May get a scholarship from either A&M or University of Houston in volleyball.

Margaret Guevara: Go to Angelina College and work.

Jeanette Hutcheson: Go to Angelina College and work.

Vernon Ivey: Work for Champion Paper in Corrigan.

Teresa Jansen: Get married.

Simone Jones: Get a job as

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40 of 72 seniors here seek college education

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keypunch operator and take courses at Angelina College.

Vicki Jones: Work (not sure where).

Jimmy Kee: Go to Angelina College and take business courses.

Algie Kilgore: Work at Southland Paper Mill.

Yvonne King: Go to work and later to college.

Charles Landrum: Work for the City of Diboll.

Jerry Landrum: Go to work for Temple Associates.

Becky Larson: Go to work and get married, live in Lufkin.

Keith Lee: Go to A&M and be in the corps. Plans to study animal science.

Johnny Ray Lewis: Go to Houston and attend Texas Southern University.

Janie Lopez: Attend the Houston Police Academy.

Vance Maddox: Go to work and later to Angelina College.

Juanita Malanders: Attend East Texas State University and study accounting.

Ronnie Markle: Work at Piney Woods Tractor and Implement Co. Will go to Wisconsin and learn to be a serviceman for Case. Might later attend Lamar University.

Sharon McClure: Work at Brookshire's in Diboll.

Lisa McCollum: Work and take some courses at Angelina College.

Neil McGilvra: Go to Angelina College on basketball scholarship and then to another college. Plans to study advertising and commercial art.

Doris Mendoza: Plans to study to be a bi-lingual teacher.

Eula Mitchell: Go to Angelina College and later to SFA and study communications.

Linda Norris: Go to work and take some courses at Angelina College.

John Oates: Go to Lon Morris College on a golf scholarship and later attend Texas A&M.

Debora Parish: Go into the Army.

Daniel Phipps: Go to Angelina College and work at Pavlic's. He hopes to be a social worker.

Calvin Porter: Go to Angelina College and SFA. Plans to study electronics.

Denise Rast: Plans to go to Angelina College and work.

Craig Ruby: Go to college (not sure where).

Sally Russell: Go to Angelina College and later to SFA. She plans to major in science.

Linda Sanford: Get a job. She plans to get married in October.

Patricia Settler: Go to Angelina College and take nursing courses.

Larry Spivey: Go to work and later Sam Houston State University.

Ronda Squyres: Get a job as a keypunch operator. She plans to get married in June.

Chris Stewart: Will be the manager of the new MacDonald's in Nacogdoches. He also plans marriage in the near future.

Kenneth Stinson: Work, and may go to Jarvis Christian College.

Robert Tatum: Work with Temple Associates. Plans marriage in the next year.

Debrah Thompson: Go to work and to night school.

Mark Thompson: Work at Lufkin Supply Company.

Debbie Wilkerson: Go to Angelina and take keypunch courses.

David Wilkins: Go to Blinn Jr. College.

Larry Williams: Work at the Plywood Division at Temple Industries.

Karen Vinson Wilson: Get a job and take care of her baby.

Tim Windsor: Work at Lufkin Industries.

Largest class graduates

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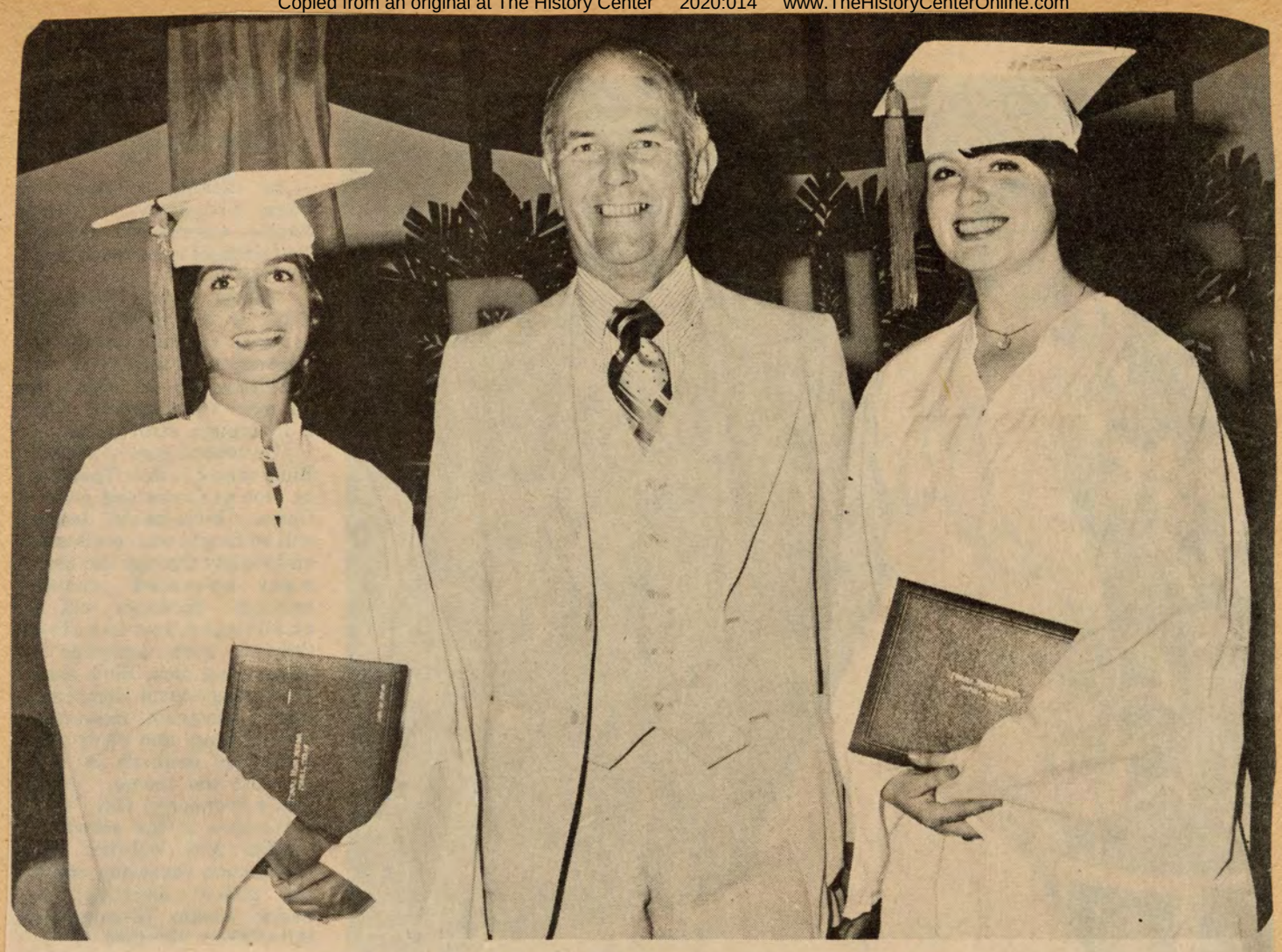
Shane Mewborn, Betty Loraine Miller, Eula Mae Mitchell, Linda Lee Norris, John Hart Oates and Debora Sue Parish.

Also, Daniel Lee Phipps, Calvin Wayne Porter, Sherall Grissom Rast, Ronald Craig Ruby, Sally Josephine Russell and Linda Dian Sanford.

Also, Patricia Ann Settler, Larry Paul Spivey, Rhonda Gail Squyres, Christopher Lennord Stewart, Kenneth Ray Stinson and Vernon Theron Swallows Jr.

Also, Robert Gordon Tatum, Deborah Ann Thompson, Mark Ashley Thompson, Debbie Diana Wilkerson, David Lynn Wilkins, Larry Doneal Williams, Karen Vinson Wilson and Timothy Gen Windsor.

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HEAD LARGEST DHS CLASS

LAURI LEE DURHAM (left) was named valedictorian of the DHS graduating class of 75 students at ceremonies Tuesday night. Her four year average was 96.28. Salutatorian is Sally Russell (right) who finished with an average of 95.90. DHS Principal Bill Greer presented the school's largest class to an overflow crowd at Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

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75 earn diplomas

Largest class graduates

Diboll High School graduated its largest class Tuesday night in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium as 75 seniors received their diplomas.

The old mark was 72 graduates in 1976.

Lauri Lee Durham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Durham, was the class valedictorian with a four year average of 96.28.

Sally Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren (Pete) Russell was salutatorian with a 95.90 average.

Others in the top 11 were Lisa Burkhalter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Burkhalter, 95.05; Mary Ann Carter, daughter of Mrs. Billie Carter, 94.88; and Kathy Groom, daughter of Dee Dee Groom and Travis Groom, 94.31.

Also, Jean Greer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greer, 92.84; Evelyn Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carr, 92.04; Linda Sanford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sanford, 91.84; Darlene Breazeale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Breazeale, 90.93; Anne Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Cooke, 90.80; and John Oates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oates, 90.56.

Oates was the 11th high ranking student and the high ranking boy in the class, with the top ten students females.

School board president Mrs. Nancy Holubec presented diplomas to the 75 graduates and Student Council President Kathy Groom presented the address.

Although this is the largest graduating class, next year's class is projected to be smaller. Here is the breakdown of graduates by year since 1965:

1965	43
1966	40
1967	40
1968	54
1969	33
1970	40
1971	54
1972	56
1973	57
1974	67
1975	64
1976	72
1977	69
1978	75

Members of this year's class are:

Veronica Acosta, Michael Anthony Appanaitis, Virginia Darlene Breazeale, Kathy Elaine Brown, Lisa Gail Burkhalter, Donald Ray Burnette, Randy Gordon Burt, Kay Stefan Capps, Anita Evelyn Carr, Brett Carnley, David Alan Carrier, Jacquelyn Rochelle Carter and Mary Anne Carter.

Also, Carolyn Ann Cheavens, Rhonda Renee Clark, DeWayne Edward Coleman, Rosaura Esteves Compean, Stacy D'Anne Cooke, Ester Lynn Criswell, Lauri Lee Durham, Paula Diane English and Martha Esteves.

Also, Reba Joice Freeman, Janice Elaine Glover, Jean Marie Greer, Kathryn Dee Groom, Margaret Guevara, Carol Jeanette Hutcheson, Vernon Eric Ivey and Teresa Ann Jansen.

Also, Simone Jones, Vicki Elizabeth Jones, Jimmy Farroll Kee, Algie Lee Kilgore Jr., Arthur Lee Kilgore, Yvonne Jonell King, Charles Losney Landrum, Jerry Lee Landrum and Rebeckah Esther Larson.

Also, Leighton Keith Lee, Johnny Ray Lewis, Juanita Lopez, Robert Vance Maddox, San Juanita Ada Malanders, Ronald Gene Markle, Sharon Lynn McClure and Velesia Jean McCollum.

Also, John Neil McGilvra, Maria Doris Mendoza, Gary

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NEXT YEAR'S TWIRLERS at Diboll High School are already at work. They will sponsor a bingo game at Fair Acres Community Center Thursday at 7 p.m., with six games for $1. Next year's group is composed of (kneeling) Sherri Smith, Gay Sample, Mary M Susan Barkley. Standing a Burkhalter, head twirle Donahoe and drum major gan.

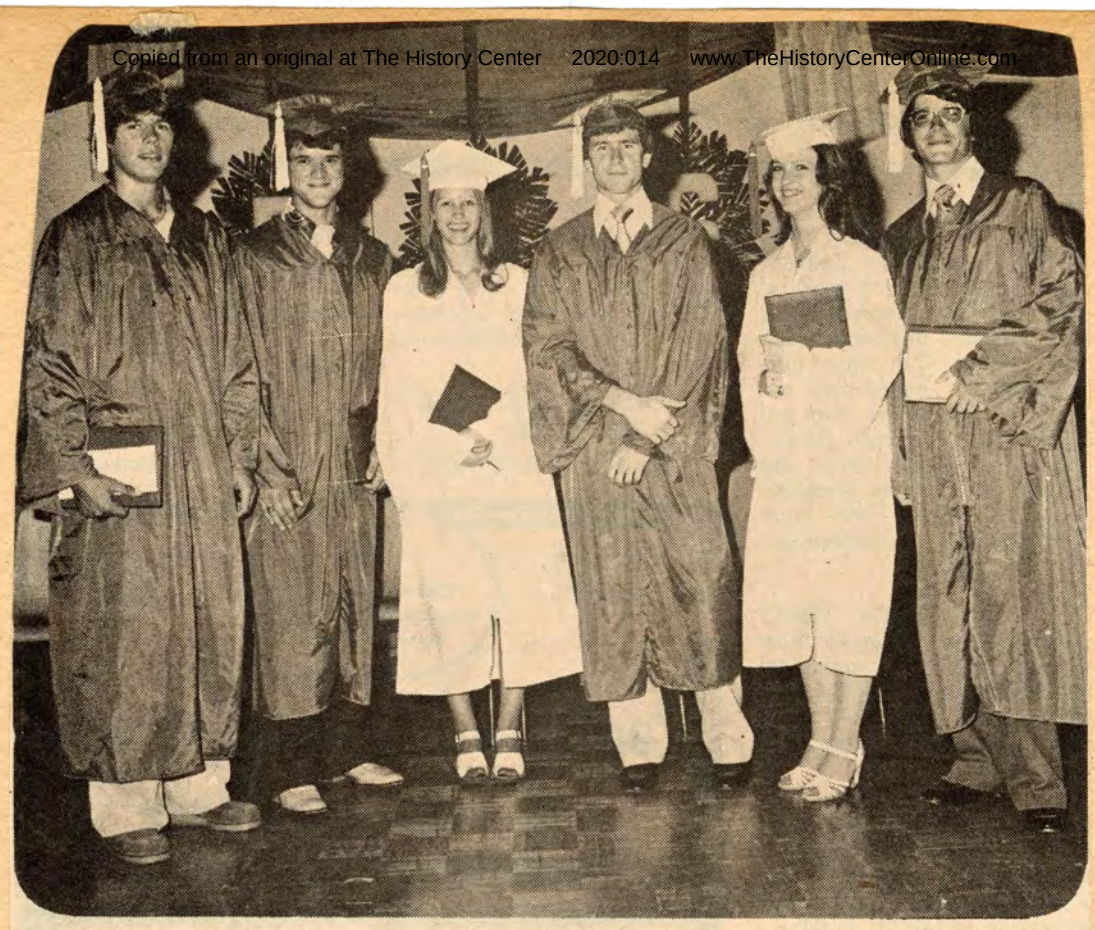
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CHEERLEADERS for next year have been elected at Diboll High School. Kneeling are Connie Maddox, Kathy Terrell, Alice Jansen and Tracy Chandler. Standing are Melissa Fairchild, Janet Price, Gwendy Hicks and Marty Grantham. The girls plan a car wash at Warner's Gulf Station this Thursday and Friday from 9-5, with prices $4 for cars and $6 for vans. They will conduct a car window wash at Angelina Mall on Saturday.

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SEVERAL DHS STUDENTS received special scholarships. Left to right are Kay Capps, the Alpha Eta Alpha $100 scholarship; Vance Maddox, $400 Pineywood Transportation Club scholarship; Jan Glover, Diboll Pilot Club scholarship. Neil McGilvra, basketball scholarship to Angelina College; Evelyn Carr, music scholarship to Lamar University; and John Oates, golf scholarship to Lon Morris. Not shown is Lauri Durham, $500 scholarship to A&M from the Angelina County A&M Club. (Free Press Photo)



JAN GLOVER (left) received the annual scholarship presented a DHS senior by the Pilot Club of Diboll. The presentation was made by Mrs. Frances Baker for the Pilot Club to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Glover. (Free Press Photo)



LAURI DURHAM, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Durham of Diboll, has been presented the Angelina County A&M Club $500 scholarship. Club president Jim Riggs made the presentation to the Diboll High School valedictorian as Lauri's mother looked on last week. She plans to attend Texas A&M University this fall.

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