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The Cameraman Snaps Part of the Crew Which Helps to Keep Lumber Rolling



Pictured above are a few of the men and women who keep the Southern Pine Lumber Company's Diboll operation running full speed ahead. They are: top row, left to right—W. E. Dopey Morgan, Wes Ashworth and Dopey Morgan and Arthur Porter. Center, left to right: J. H. (Hamp) Byerly, Willard Hickman, Betty Ruth Richey, Gus Ballinger and B. R. Minton. Bottom row, left to right: A. M. Burchfield, J. E. Weisinger and "Windy" Winder.

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Diboll Future Farmers Invade Houston Stock Show

"Educational, as well as, entertaining" was the opinion of H. N. Garrett, local FFA advisor, commenting on the Houston Fat Stock Show held in the Livestock Arena recently at Houston.

Twenty nine vocational agriculture students transported by a new Southern Pine Lumber Company all steel bus arrived in Houston at 9:00 A. M. Saturday, February 5th. The boys, along with "Red" Stivers the bus driver, spent the first hour and a half touring the livestock barns. Some of the major attractions included the champion shorthorn steer, the reserve Hereford champion and hundreds of other head of livestock exhibited by ranches including the famous King Ranch.

But for Charlie Horton of Pine Valley the rodeo captivated all other events. Cowboys initiated for the first time this year the trick used on the range of "cutting" or separating one animal from the herd. The usual steer roping and bronch riding with all the spills added to make the rodeo one of the best ever seen.

FFA members making the trip included:

Herman Crawford, Jack Goins, Woodie Vaughn, Charlie Horton, Charles Blake, Douglas Minton, Von Jhonson, Van Davison, Charles Placker, Van Scarborough, Danny Smith, Arlan Kervin, Carl Halsell, Junior Kee, Billy Kessinger, Glen Hines.

Jesse Halsell, Milfred Ruby, Gary Havard, Bobby Breazeale, Charles Anthony, Haywood Quarles, Henry Fox, Frank Jr. Smith, Kenneth Vaughn, Bill Ferguson, J. D. Russell, Louis Stringer and Artis Clark.



FUTURE FARMERS ATTEND HOUSTON FAT STOCK SHOW—Front Row (left to right) Herman Crawford, Gary Lee Havard, Arland Kervin, Bobby Breazeale, Charlie Horton, Jessie Ray Hassell, Haywood Quarels, Charles Anthony, Lewis Stringer, Henry Fox, and Douglas Minton.
Top Row (left to right) Voc. Ag. Teacher Garrett, J. D. Russell, Jack Allen Goins, Billy Kessinger, Bill Ferguson, Van Davidson, Denny Mack Smith, Charles Blake, Van Scarborough, Junior Kee, and Milford Ruby.

SCHOOL NEWS

By MARION EDWARDS

Mountain Justice, a three-act comedy, has been chosen as the all-school play. Characters are to be selected by this weekend and practice will begin immediately.

Mountain Justice envelops all the local color of the title. When Pa Slocum wears a tie or Elmer wears shoes the neighbors consider them well-dressed. The plot hinges around an honest group of mountain people who are about to be swindled out of their home. Johnny has enough "schoolin" to save his relatives-to-be. Each of the twelve characters is a star.

The comedy should be ready for presentation in approximately three weeks. It will be given in the Diboll High School Gymnasium. Watch for the date!

A special assembly program was held Thursday, February 18, culminating the campus clean-up program.

The student body president, Blant Ferguson, presided over a program given in honor of Miss Strickland.

The stage, arranged with greenery so that it became a replica of our campus, was the background for a musical. The theme of campus cleanliness began with Paul Durham reading the prologue and ended with Henry Earl Fox proclaiming Miss Strickland Miss Spic and Span of 1949.

DIBOLL, REDLAND SCOUTS WIN TILTS

Troops 128 of Dibol land 122 of Redland copped divisions of the Boy Scout invitational basketball tournament held at Redland High School's gym Saturday evening.

Scoutmaster Charles Weimer's Diboll boys won the "A" division and Scoutmaster L. C. Bililngsley's five took the "B" division.

Diboll trimmed Troop 124 of Keltys 19 to 6 in the first round, downed Troop 125 of Zavalla in the semifinals and edged Providence's Troop 140 in the finals, 6 to 5.

Providence gained the finals by trimming Troop 127 of Huntington 17 to 13.

Henry Temple and Robert Landrum did all the scoring in the final victory, while Joe Deaton of Providence tied them with three points for high point honors.

Redland, the host team, copped the "B" division by first overhauling Herty's Troop 131 by a score of 24 to 1, then beating Troop 124 of Keltys 20 to 7, and winning the finals over Troop 127 of Huntington, 21 to 4.

Huntington had first white-washed Troop 128 of Diboll 34 to 0, and then edged Zavalla 27 to 11.

Billy Joe Reynolds of Redland set the pace in the "B" finals with 10 points, followed by team-mate Charles Blackman with 4, and Dick Travis of Huntington with 3.

Officials for the games were Jerry Burkett, Donald Stallings and Ray Dunn.



Planting Pine Trees—Above the Diboll Future Farmers are shown how to plant pines in the great reforestation program. They are: (left to right) Henry Tom Sanford, Charlie Horton, Jessie Ray Hassell, Charles Anthony, Haywood Quarels, Billy Kessinger, Van Scarborough and Jimmy Bell.

RAYMOND (Hotshot) MARTIN, VETERAN TEMPLE INDUSTRIES SHIPPING CLERK



The above odd-looking character is Raymond (Hotshot) Martin, Southern Pine Lumber Company's shipping clerk who has worked at Pineland and Diboll for a total of 25 years. The fact that the two plants have continued to operate with such a handicap is proof of the strength of the management at both places and should be mute evidence that no obstacle is too great to be overcome if sufficient effort, planning and determination are applied in the operation of a business.

Martin originated at Rocky Comfort, Arkansas, and spent his youth on a farm, where, by diligently applying himself, soon built up the reputation of being able to roll the finest cornsilk cigarettes in Little River county. He went to Pineland at the age of 13 but managed to hide out until he was 18 before finally starting to work at the Dry Kilns under Foreman Gene McDonald. In 1923 he was transferred to the shipping department, there under Eddie Farley who got him from McDonald as part of a trade for a T-Model car — McDonald agreeing to let the vehicle go for half price if Farley would take Martin.

In 1947 he came to Diboll (after having absconded a couple of times from Pineland to work temporarily elsewhere—but, like a bad check, always coming back) and again went to work for Farley, now Superintendent of Southern Pine Lumber Company.

Late for dinner at his brother's house, the well known movie star Barry Fitzgerald stormed into the dining room and exclaimed, "Some lingering guests detained me at my place, or I would have been here on time!"

"Lingering guests, eh?" his brother exclaimed sympathetically.

"Yes," Barry rejoined. "They are the kind of people who, when they stand up, think they have gone!"

A VERSE FOR TODAY—

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy. —Zeph 3:17

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Get Ready For Freddie

By FREDDIE LEWIS

While the memories of last years tournament still linger with us, Coach C. O. Bradley of H. G. Temple High School of Diboll threw another humdinger on February 12th, 1949. Last year the tournament was held in the Diboll High School gymnasium where the various teams performed on the hardwood. But this year it was held at H. G. Temple High—yet it was just as colossal an affair as the one so well remembered in 1948.

In fact, this one began right before lunch on the 12th and didn't end until just before breakfast on the 13th.

There were teams here from every county joining the County of Angelina and quite a few that didn't join. Pineland got into town just past mid-afternoon but failed to get into the tournament. They were a shade late but considering the brand of basketball that was played by the teams they would have met, it is the opinion of this writer that they would not have been late getting back to Pineland. The chances are, after sizing the whole situation up, I doubt if they would have missed a single meal at home even if they had entered the fracus.

The Diboll fans turned out in force for the affair just as they did last year. Parking space around the schoolhouse was as scarce as the Rusk score against Alto which ended, Alto 17-Rusk-0. Coach C. O. Bradley and his entire faculty, together with the student body, had the job of taking care of a great multitude of people and they did it along the same lines that the H. G. Temple basketball team took care of their opponents. (In other words, I will tell you right now that Diboll won the Tournament). Hot dogs, hamburgers, and what have you were supplied the crowd by the team of Rucker and Johnson and had all the dogs (hot, that is) been put end to end that were eaten on this occasion, they would have wrapped around the world like string on a yo-yo. Ruby Simmons shared the box office with our associate editor, Eddie Mae Bradley, for the first half of the tournament. After intermission this couple was relieved by Jane Rucker and Lilly Simmons. Inez Sibley was in charge of the Be-Bop department assisted by O'Ree (Lefty) Brazil. Yes, the faculty of H. G. Temple High School did a wonderful job handling the entire situation and they had it organized down to a cat's whisker. While some were throwing hamburgers and hot dogs at you from the front, others were poking soda pop at you from both ends of the court and Joy May was tripping up to your flanks with ice cream.

The attire of the various teams was something to see. In fact, the referee took to the color of the different uniforms and instead of refering to the teams by the names of the towns they represented, he would call them in and out of the court by saying "Red out", "Blue in", "Yellow out", and so on.

Professor Lee of Livingston and Herbert Allen of Texas College (a graduate of H. G. Temple High School) were the referees and handled the games in fine fashion all the way through.

The timekeepers, scorers, and others in the press box did a good job in keeping the next team on deck notified as to just when they should warm up, get ready, and when they would go on and this eliminated a lot of confusion usually encountered in a tournament where so many teams are participating.

The ball was put into official play at 11 o'clock in the morning on February 12th with Cleveland and Colmesneil girls' team being the two contestants. Cleveland won 10-7. The next contest was also between girl teams—Nigton and Onalaska — with Nigton coming out on the big end of the score 13-2. Onalaska boys took on Brookland in the next game and were defeated 22-9. The Alto-Rusk affair followed and supplied the crowd with a lot of entertainment and fine basketball as Alto skunked their opponents 17-0. In this game it was a real treat to watch Parmer, the Alto center, and Perry, the Alto forward, handle the ball on trickey formations. On one particular occasion an Alto man was dribbling into the corner on one side of the court and Parmer in the corner on the other side. The dribbler came in, took aim at the basket, but instead of shooting, passed to Perry (while still looking at the backboard) who also faked a shot and flipped the ball to Palmer coming in from the other side and he very calmly and deliberately tossed the

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Around the Town with Eddie Mae Bradley . . .

The H. G. Temple High School Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament could have easily been called a "State Tournament;" there were thirty-nine visiting teams and the two Diboll teams made a total of 41.

The weather was favorable and we were able to carry on all of the games on our outside court. There were many visitors in our town and more than 300 visiting players. Plenty food and soft drinks were available and everyone seemed to have enjoyed himself!

The various towns in East Texas represented in our tournament were: Alto, Rusk, Chireno, Lufkin, Zavalla, Colmesneil, Woodville, Pineland, Brookeland, Chester, Corrigan, Groveton, Apple Springs, Livingston, Onalaska, Shepherd, Leggett, Cold Spring, Camden, Wells and Cleveland.

We, the citizens of Diboll heartily appreciate the presence of each visitor, and extend a "hurry-back" at anytime. Next season, we hope to entertain our visitors in the long awaited Temple Memorial Gymnasium. Our fingers have been crossed for quite some time and are still crossed.

Our tournament was quite a success from all angles and the main one was the financial angle. We took in $735.71 and cleared $479.00. Our school debts were settled out of the money raised, warm-up suits for the girls, basketballs, nets, etc. were paid for. We are now about to enlarge our library with much needed volumes.

The teachers and students of Temple High School extend to each individual of Diboll an invitation to visit our school at any time to see how we are doing, and to see some of the results of the money raised at our school. Ruby Lee Simmons, local teacher, is secretary-treasurer of the school. She succeeded Lillie Mae Simmons.

Lillie Simmons and Yours truly carried the Tigers to Pineland to participate in the Pineland Invitational Tournament. The boys played well, defeated St. Augustine by a score of 30-9; won over County Line by default; defeated the J. H. Rowe Tigers of Jasper 36-11; and went down in the finals 36-31 to Pineland. The Pineland-Diboll game was the usual "thriller." At times when the Tigers were out in front a pin could be heard if dropped to the floor. At other times when Pineland was out in front the gymnasium rocked with yells. Maybe if Coach Bradley had been present he could have coached the boys to the winning point because Coaches L. M. Simmons and E. M. Bradley (Yours Truly) knew nothing to say, only "we're depending on you, boys!"

The Tigers kept their first place trophy at home and won second place at the Camden Tournament. The Tigers, who really have the school at heart, are hard to beat—they play unusual games under adverse circumstances. At the Camden Tournament they lost in the finals to Camden by a score of 16-13, with two members of the first team out. Just goes to prove that "You can't keep a real Dibollite down."

The Veteran Team is still trying to match games, here, there or anywhere.

February Safety Meeting Is Outstanding Success . . .

By FREDDIE LEWIS

A joint Keltys-Diboll Safety Meeting was held on February 5th, 1949, as a return engagement of the December 6th program put on at the Angelina County Lumber Company by the colored employees of our company here in Diboll.

The meeting began with a few introductory remarks by Professor W. J. Jackson, then a congregational song followed by a prayer by Rev. Henderson. Then the Safety Organization of Angelina County Lumber Company of Keltys was off to a flying start with one of the finest programs ever heard in Diboll and probably throughout East Texas. They came down here loaded for bear, apparently determined to conduct for us a better Safety Program than we had for them two months ago—and we will just have to admit that they took the blue ribbon.

By the time the Trailway from Keltys unloaded the advanced unit of visitors from the Angelina County Lumber Company, the building where the meeting was held was already packed to capacity and when all their other vehicles arrived one had to use a crowbar to get into the front door. They really came in force, enmasse, and in style.

The entire crowd attending this safety meeting was estimated at better than 500 with 250 people on the inside and the rest on the outside looking in the windows, standing on boxes, sitting on automobile tops, and three or four listening from the branches of surrounding trees. Professor W. J. Jackson of the Diboll Safety Group first introduced W. E. Ford, the Chairman of the Keltys Safety Organization who in turn introduced Rev. J. D. Nichols the Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Nichols lost no time in getting the program underway with two selections from the Mt. Calvery Baptist Church. They sang "Yes My Jesus I Care" and "Thank You Jesus". Tressie Bowen was the conductor and leader of the choir and on the first two numbers the house began to warm up. By the time the Gospel Travelers Quartet of Mt. Calvary sang "What Could I Do Without The Lord", and "Jesus", the house was rocking and we were well on our way.

To keep the place from collapsing with the rythm and enthusiasm of the audience and in order that those assembled might listen to some good sound safety discussion, Rev. Nichols introduced Mr. Dave Thompson, Secretary and Treasury of Angelina County Lumber Company who spoke briefly on the essentials of Safety First and of the importance of practicing safety in our daily lives, both at home and in the places where we work. He praised the idea of different companies in the lumber industry sponsoring safety meetings of this kind in a mutual effort to promote accident prevention for the good of all. Mr. Sam Sellars, superintendent of Angelina County Lumber Company, was then introduced and complimented the program Diboll rendered at Keltys in December then stated that he had promised Mr. Arthur Temple, Jr. that they would be down here in force and that from the looks of their delegation his promise had been flufilled. He cut his remark off short with a statement that he didn't want to take up too much time talking because more singing was on the program and he wanted to hear that—but as much as we liked the singing, we sure enjoyed these officials of the mill at Keltys giving us the benefit of their experience and thoughts on the all important subject of safety.

Some of the other officials of Angelina County Lumber Company who

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Progress of the colored housing project is denoted by the above modern units which were recently completed on the south side of Diboll. Additional houses of this type will be built to provide the most modern homes for colored employees of Southern Pine Lumber Co. Low rentals will aid in affording employees an ever increasing standard of living.

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ball through the hoop standing all alone like a Yankee son-in-law at a Southern family re-union.

Next the girls from Camden and Brookland played with Brookland—the same team that had defeated Onalaska earlier—winning again 12-2. The Diboll girls then played the Alto girls and the Diboll team lost by a score of 7-1. Chester girls then defeated Leggett girls 9-2. After this, the boys teams of Colmesneil and Cold Springs tied up with Colmesneil winning 18-11.

The next game of the tournament was a lu-lu between the bitter rivals—Camden and Diboll. In the beginning, Camden forged ahead, but not for long because Diboll came back and tied it up early in the game. From this point on, the lead passed back and forth time and time again and at the end of the half, they were even-steven. Throughout the second half the score was tied several times, Camden took the lead, then Diboll, then vice-versa and the crowd went wild. In the closing seconds of the game, Camden became desperate and started firing shots from mid-field and sometimes from farther away than that. The Diboll supporters were chanting "Get that ball", "Get that ball", because the score was tied and Camden was shooting from every possible angle and throwing caution to the winds. In the very last two or three seconds, Diboll finally got the ball and when they did, Franklin Allen, D. C. Williams, John Odom, Archie Maddox and J. W. Armstead, started a passing rythm that had the Camden boys goggleyed and sure enough, just before the horn sounded ending the game, Diboll flipped in a goal and won the most exciting game of the entire day.

Diboll's next two games were with Wells and Chireno and Diboll won both by scores of 17-4 and 18-7. In the semi-finals Diboll defeated Chester 22-15—and Chester had one of the very best teams in the tournament. It was after mid-night when this particular game was played and yours truly was played out, so contrary to all reporting traditions I took off and got the rest of the story from Coach Bradley the next morning.

Sometime between mid-night and 2 A. M., Diboll played Alto in the finals for the tournament championship. Diboll won 25-18. In the meantime, the Chester girls won out in the finals over Cold Springs by a score of 20-14.

Coach Bradley and his boys are to be congratulated by everybody for winning this invitational tournament again this year over the finest high school opposition in this part of the state. The faculty of H. G. Temple High School deserves the thanks of everybody for the efficient handling of the tournament; they took care of all the refreshments, traffic, and handling of so large a crowd from not only Diboll but all the other towns represented in the tournament.

And last but not least, our hats off to all the people there for their fine conduct. Everybody had a wonderful time, got plenty to eat, saw some of the fastest basketball they ever saw, mixed and mingled and got acquainted with each other, and there was no confusion whatsoever at any time. When it was all over, the Diboll fans bid the visitors good-night with warm hand shakes and thanks and the visitors left our town feeling that they had been shown the utmost in hospitality by their hosts. Considering the fact in something like this where so much rivalry exists between contestants, and further considering the fact that in other towns where so many people get together who don't know each other too well and have, therefore, arguments, fights, and more than a small amount of pistol shooting. I think it speaks very well for our town and for our visitors that the tournaments held in Diboll was peaceful, enjoyable, and accompanied by a spirit of good fellowship all the way around.

Safety Meeting—

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were introduced were Mr. Alton Lee, shipping clerk, Mr. Wood McMullen, personnel director, Mr. Eulan Edwards, yard foreman, Mr. Guy Edwards, carline foreman, Mr. Elie Smith, logging supply man, Mr. M. E. Sandlin, woods foreman, and Mr. J. D. Brookshire, truck foreman. We were all honored to have these fine gentlemen attend this joint safety meeting and we hope they come back to attend the next one.

Incidentally, Mr. Dave Thompson stated that so far this year—from January 1st to February 5th—there had been only one accident among employees of Angelina County Lumber Company and that one was a loss of just one day in time. We all regretted very much that they had had such a bad 35 days to begin the year as compared to ours, and we hope that in February they didn't have any at all so they could at least tie our record.

Mr. Sam Sellars said during his talk that he intended to stay at Keltys as an employee of Angelina County Lumber Company as long as the Company would let him. Rev. Nichols remarked that he was just like Mr. Sellars on that thought with the exception of one thing. He intended to stay in Keltys, period. They all, at one time or another in their speeches, agreed that Keltys was the best place in the country to work, Angelina County Lumber Company was the best company to work for, and the Management of their company was the best of all.

The Southern Pine Lumber Company employees in the audience simply nudged each other and smiled.

The new Zion Quartet, the Blind Travelers, rendered a selection entitled "Standing Is the Safety Zone". Then they sang, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" and everybody agreed that their part of the program was tops.

W. E. Ford, Chairman of the Keltys organization, then made a talk in which he pictured the dangers and hazards which follow a log from the time it is cut in the woods until it is loaded in the car for shipping. He began with saws that felled the trees, then he took it to the pond, the log deck, the carriage, the live rollers, the edger, the trimmers, the dry kilns, and all through the planer to the car line. With each step he pointed out the lurking dangers and why every man who is employed in every step necessary in the production of lumber must use the utmost care in order to protect himself from injury or death.

Following the talk of W. E. Ford, the choir rendered a number and that was followed by a paper read by Virginia Grant entitled, "Safety In The Home". In her paper, Virginia made it plain that the home was the place where more accidents happened per capita than any other place and how necessary Safety First is in our daily home tasks. Malissa Alexander followed with another paper which gave us a lot of food for thought on the subject of Safety Consciousness.

Rev. Nichols, the Master of Ceremonies, then put on a quiz program at this point and Herman Wagner was the first contestant. Wagner was quized on the dangers of logging operations. He was asked what the first thing a sawyer should do when he walks up to a tree to throw it—which direction to throw it and which direction not to throw it—how to carry an axe or a saw and so forth. When the Quiz Master had finished with the contestant he related, "Give that man all the oysters he can eat and all the trimmings. He knows all the answers."

And he did. He knew that he should never throw a tree into the sun because it will mean that you are blinded and can't see which way to run; the ground around the tree should be clean before the tree is cut to eliminate any hazard of broken branches and to give room for quick takeoff, and, of course, saws should be carried on the shoulder with the teeth pointing outward.

Dave Mathews then passed the First Aid quiz with the same flying colors that Wagner exhibited in the logging question. Dave pointed out just how, what, and when to do what should be done in the event of an accident. He explained the proper methods of treating broken bones, how to give artificial respiration, how to treat victims of heat, burns, and so forth.

After the quiz program, Rev. Lockett of Frost Lumber Industries of Nacogdoches, Texas was introduced and praised the faith which the employees had in their company. He said he had been there for forty years and expected to stay for forty more.

At this point, Master of Ceremonies Ford turned the program over to Professor W. J. Jackson.

Jackson thanked all the speakers and complimented them on the good feeling that they had for the Management of their companies. He said that he thought it was a fine thing if they thought their Manager was the best Manager in the world, their company was the best company in the world, and the town where they lived the best town in the world. Then he added that he would like to give them a concrete example of the type of Management we have in Diboll—not by doing any bragging, not by telling them what he thought, but simply by relating the facts. In the first place, said Jackson, the Manager of Southern Pine Lumber Company of Diboll, Texas was recently voted the Outstanding Young Man in Angelina County, and then went on to get elected the Outstanding Man in the State of Texas. "Nobody said much about that around here because we all knew that anyway", said Jackson. "But then something else happened that brought home to us just what a REAL Manager Diboll had. It seems that up in Washington President Truman was wrestling over a very important problem only a few days ago. He sent it over to the House of Representatives to see if they could solve it. After a few days they sent it back to President Truman and said they had given up—they couldn't solve it. So President Truman sent it to the Senate and the Senators worked on it and studied over it and finally they sent it back to the President and said they didn't know what to do wih it. President Truman then got his cabinet together and told them that they were supposed to be the smartest men in the country and he wanted to see if they were or not. They struggled with the problem and finally even they gave it back to the President and said they couldn't work it out either. President Truman then said, "Alright, send for Mr. Arthur Temple, Jr., of Diboll. I've got to get this thing worked out." Well, that is exactly what he did and Mr. Arthur Temple, Jr. and Mr. Jake Durham flew up to Washington and Mr. Arthur Temple, Jr. solved the problem and right now he is flying back from Washington and Mr. Truman is getting the first night's rest he has had in three weeks."

Jackson then outlined the plans which he originated a short time ago for the organization of an East Texas Safety Association composed of members from Camden, New Williard, Keltys, Pineland, Nacogdoches, Trinity, Corrigan and all of the other East Texas lumber companies. This East Texas Safety Association will meet once a month in a different town represented and a safety problem common to us all will be discussed and our accident prevention work extended throughout East Texas.

The program was then turned over to Dave O'Neal, president of our Safety Association, and the famished 500 were fed an oyster supper, complete with french fried potatoes, coffee, and all the trimmings.

An hour and a half later, out of the 500 or more people who attended and the 6,000 oysters that were provided, there was one man left and one oyster.

The man was asleep and the oyster was in his pocket.

COMMUNITY NEWS

By EDDIE MAE BRADLEY

The churches under the leadership of their pastors are progressing nicely.

Ida Robinson, president of the Diboll Choral Club and members motored to Lufkin Sunday afternoon to the Touring Singing Convention.

Fennie and Ruby Simmons attended the funeral of a relative in Nacogdoches last Sunday.

Amos Simmons and Aree Roach spent last Sunday in Pineland.

Alta C. Henderson spent the week end in Jacksonville.

Annie Mae Hardy and sons returned to Oxnard, California, after an extended visit in the home of her parents, Tom and Jodie Bussey.

Herbert and Goree Gipson and daughter, Jacquelin of Pineland visited in the George Hodge home recently.

Quite a few out-of-town visitors have been seen around and about recently in Diboll. Namely: Wesley McBride, Albert Lewis and Little Harvie Evans of Houston; Lessie McBride of Georgia; Vera King of Prairie View; Herbert (Diboll) Allen of Texas College; Jewel Cade of Jarvis College; the R. A. Moodys of Tyler; the Bradleys, Kimbroughs and Ledbetters of Alto; the Ed Robinsons of Livingston; H. E. Wright, Tory Harris, and Inez Blakey of Nacogdoches, and also Aaron and Annie Mae Reed.

The Freos and Lampkins of Chireno.

Recent deaths were: Myrtie Littles ad Frank Bell. Both were buried in the local cemetery.

L. C. Rutledge, former County Agent of Angelina County, now a resident of San Antonio and Paul Rutledge, State Areas Supervisor of Agriculture of Palestine were visitors in the C. O. Bradley home.

Those on the sick list are: Joe Rodgers, Charlie B. Runnels, William (Shine) Ruth; Zeola Scott, Izola Fenley and Johnnie M. Stephens.

Coach Bradley wishes to ask all basketball fans to bear with him in having to cancel the various games that were scheduled on account of inclement weather.

Some of the fans failed to get word of the games being cancelled and walked out to the school before finding out.

Even though the weather has caused him to cancel games with Lufkin five times and Garrison three times; he stlil plans to carry on as soon as the weather clears up.

So-long, until the next issue of the Buzz Saw.

A boy becomes a man when he walks around a puddle of water instead of through it.

If you lose your temper it is a sign that you have wrong on your side.

Don't stay away from church because there are so many hypocrites. There's always room for one more.

I make mistakes, of course, but I do not respond to encores.

If a man thinks well of you, make his thought true.

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The Sports Picture at Diboll . . .

By PAUL DURHAM

Basketball

The Lumberjack basketball team went to Apple Springs on the 12th of February to participate in an invitational tournament.

The teams represented were Kennard, Colmesneil, Hudson, Centerville, Apple Springs and Diboll. The Lumberjacks took on Colmesneil for their first round of play and thrashed them severely to the count of 47-27. That was the Jacks' last offensive win, however, Hudson reversed the tables and lashed the Dibollians 35-19, in their third unofficial encounter of the season.

The Lumberjacks proved themselves a presentable team though against Colmesneil when they played against height and a lot of luck that the Colmesneil boys were having with their shots, and the locals were not disgraced any by their defeat from Hudson, as the Hudsonians took the tourney, and incidentally the district that they played in with the Lumberjacks. The Lumberjacks have won 14 out of 20 games this year and several of the players have equalled or surpassed the 100 mark in scoring.

Baseball

The coaches of Diboll High School got the season under way Thursday, February 17th, with a light practice that is to help the new squad of Lumberjacks get accustomed to the feel of the oncoming baseball season.

Mr. Franks and Mrs. Ramsey have supervised the purchasing of some new equipment that is better than any that we have had in the past three years of baseball. They expect more boys out in the days following the initial day of practice.

Of course no actual practice will take place until all of the boys out have become completely accustomed to the unusual weather and have limbered up their arms sufficiently to undergo full scrimages. This should be in a week or so, and being in a district with Apple Springs, Glover, Brookeland, and Central Consolidated, the Lumberjacks should take their opposition without too much trouble, although we are making no predictions as yet.

Returning from last year's team will be Jack Allen Goins, Wallace Dean, Blant Ferguson, Paul Durham, Lewis Stringer, Charles Blake and Gordon Brashear. The Jacks lost more games than they won last year, but all of them were close scores and a lot of experience was gained by the Lumberjacks.

Boxing

Isadore Miranda of Diboll High School returned from Fort Worth last Monday, February 14th, after taking part in the second scheduled bout of the Golden Gloves Tournament there.

Isadore won his bout with his challenger from Lufkin by a decision and proceeded to Fort Worth where he lost his first fight with Edward "Bunky" Stevens by a first round knockout.

Isadore has much respect for Stevens though, and is certain that the Beaumont boy will win the Texas Bantamweight title and his expectations are rapidly coming true. Isadore was last year's winner of the Bantamweight title at Lufkin and he plans to repeat the championship next year and if he has good luck he will go again to the Golden Gloves at Fort Worth.

DIBOLL TO GET NEW LIGHTED FOOTBALL FIELD

Under the sponsorship of the Diboll Lions Club, construction will soon begin on one of the best lighted Class B football fields in the district. It is to be located east of Diboll High School near the pecan orchard.

The seating capacity of this football field will be 750 but it will be so constructed, if necessary, this can be increased to 1000, 1500, or whatever number of seats might be required in the future to handle the crowds.

The project will include a modern complete lighting system, a new hardwood fence, ticket office, the stands, and everything else to make the field complete in every respect.

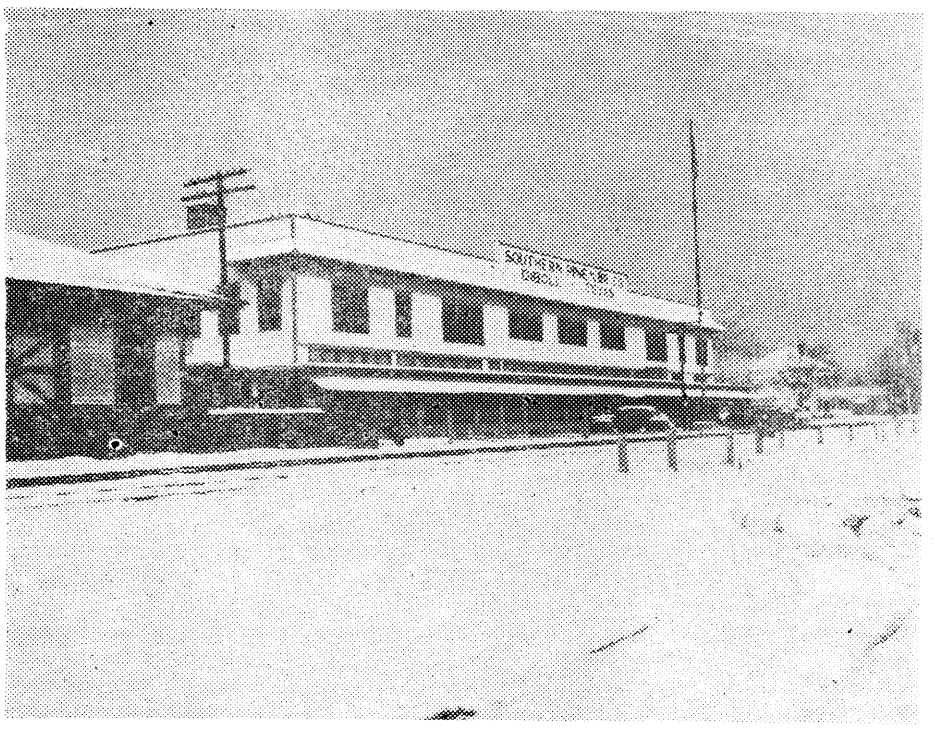
The cost of the field complete will be approximately $5500.00. A goal of $3000.00 of this amount has been set for donations, $1800.00 of which has already been pledged. The sponsors hope to have the remaining $1200.00 pledged no later than March 4th when the drive will end with a big dance—fiesta at Diboll High School Gymnasium.

For many years in Diboll we have felt a need of a lighted athletic field where the people of our town could go after working hours and see our high school and other teams in action.

The citizens of Diboll are all urged to do their part in this community project and to send and give their contributions to Dr. Dan Spivey or any other member of the Diboll Lions Club.

The Buzz Saw

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Snow in East Texas, as far as scenery is concerned, is truly a beautiful sight . . . But it works havoc with sawmill operations! Above Southern Pine Lumber Company's Diboll store appears in a "mantle of white," but the mills were shut down due to the snow.

Diboll Vet Classes To Start March 11

The Veterans' Extension Program for the City of Diboll has now been organized and classes will begin at 7 p.m. on the night of March the 11th at the V.F.W. Hall.

To date there are thirty-three registered for classes with five to be approved and five more due to register on March 1st making a total of 43 Veteran students in all.

All classes will be held at night at the V.F.W. Hall with instructors to be named later. For further information, Veterans contact Mr. Davis McKinzie at the Angelina County Courthouse in Lufkin, Texas, any day during the week.

Any Veteran who desires to attend this school under the G.I. Bill of Rights should register immediately in order to be included on the March 11th Roll Call. For further information regarding time and place, see Rufus Taylor at the planer.

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Adam and Eve had many advantages, but the principal one was that they escaped teething.

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What humbugs we are, who pretend to live for beauty, and never see the dawn.

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To write a good love letter you ought to begin without knowing what you mean to say, and to finish without knowing what you have written.

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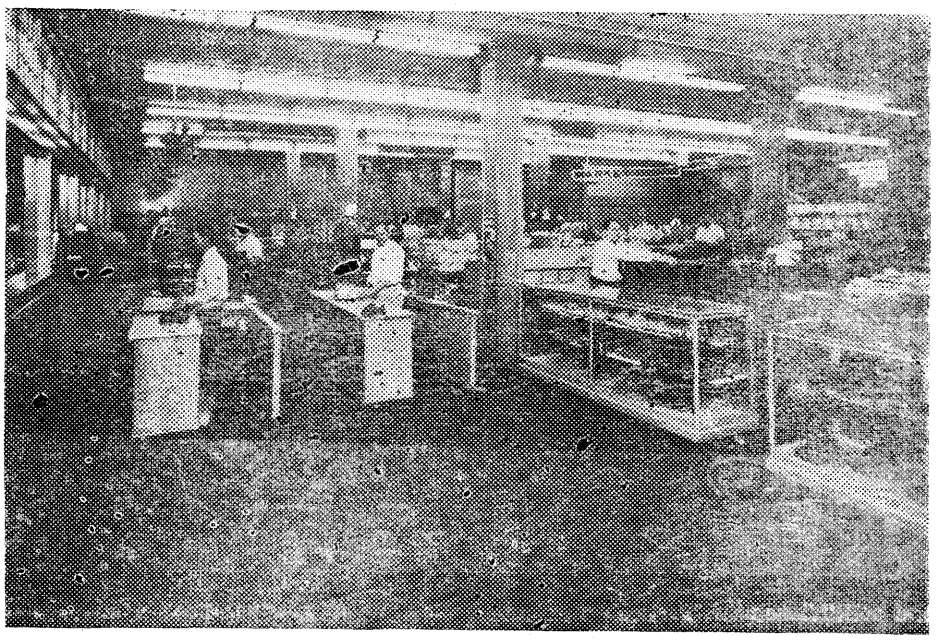
A woman unsatisfied must have luxuries. But a woman who loves a man would sleep on a board.

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Do well the little things; so shall great things come to thee bye and bye.



Ben Donahoe, assistant Mill Foreman and Millwright at Mill No. 2, poses for a snapshot during the recent snowstorm.



The above view will give the reader an idea of the smart arrangement of Southern Pine Lumber Company's recently completed store at Diboll which ranks with the most modern general stores in East Texas.

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New Memorial Hospital Will Contribute Immeasurably to Well-Being of Citizenry

Industry, which has brought prosperity to Angelina county, is giving this locale another claim to fortune in Memorial Hospital which will soon be completed and in operation.

The 102 bed institution will boast facilities which rank it among the most modern hospitals to be found in the Southwest.

The array of equipment, plus a competent staff of approximately 100 employees, will insure a smooth running institution contributing invaluably to the health of the communiy.

The 14 business firms and industries of Memorial Hospital corporation, including Southern Pine Lumber Company, employing almost 4,000 people, have contributed in excess of one million dollars to make possible the founding of the hospital.

Designed primarily for the use of the employees of the member companies, the hospital is large enough to accomodate the citizenry of Angelina county during normal times.

It will be only in the unusual case of an over-flow of patients that the occasion will arise when preference must be given member employees.

The hospital is to be operated according to by-laws, rules and regulations governing any accredited hosptial which complies with standards of the Hospital Association, American Medical Association and the American College of surgeons.

A hospital is operated like any other corporation. The hospital has a board of directors who appoints someone to run the hospital for them. This person in the hospital field is called an administrator.

The hospital administrator is Horace M. Campbell, a native of Dallas who came to Lufkin last March. His previous experience was as assistant administrator of Herman Hospital, Houston where he served until his appointment to Memorial.

A specialized person was sought for Memorial on recommendations contained in the survey by Hospital Consultants. The choice of Mr. Campbell was made because of his previous experience and, being a Texan, he is familiar with the problems confronting hospitals of this locality.

Cardwell's principal duties since arrival have been the purchasing of equipment.

Memorial hospital will have an open medical staff. All members of the Angelina County Medical Society are eligible to apply for membership.

Yearly, the board of directors will appoint a chief of staff from among members of the active medical staff. For 1949, Dr. Gail Medford has been named to head the staff.

The medical staff, in turn, will elect the vice chief and secretary treasurer.

Bringing a new medical service to this area will be Dr. Kenneth Fowler of Houston who has been named pathologist of the hospital. Dr. Fowler comes to Memorial in charge of the laboratory.

All tissue removed in operation will go to the laboratory for examination by the pathologist. Hereofore, suspicious tissue has been sent to nearby city hospitals for testing due to the lack of facilities here.

The X-Ray Department will have the latest equipment for general x-ray and fluorescopic work. Special equipment has been acquired for chest x-rays, giving a new and constantly available method for detection of diseases of the chest.

The hospital will have a completely stocked pharmacy with a full time pharmacist in charge to care for prescriptions of the confined patients.

Other key positions in the personnel will be the dietitian, director of nurses, operating room supervisor and obstetrics supervisor. A full time engineer, Tom Irvin, is already on the job studying equipment as it is installed.

Beds are a departure from the institutional white metal type. Instead rooms will be furnished in modern type furniture. As a contrast, there will be several rooms furnished in period furniture. The walls of the rooms have been tinted in varied pastel shades.

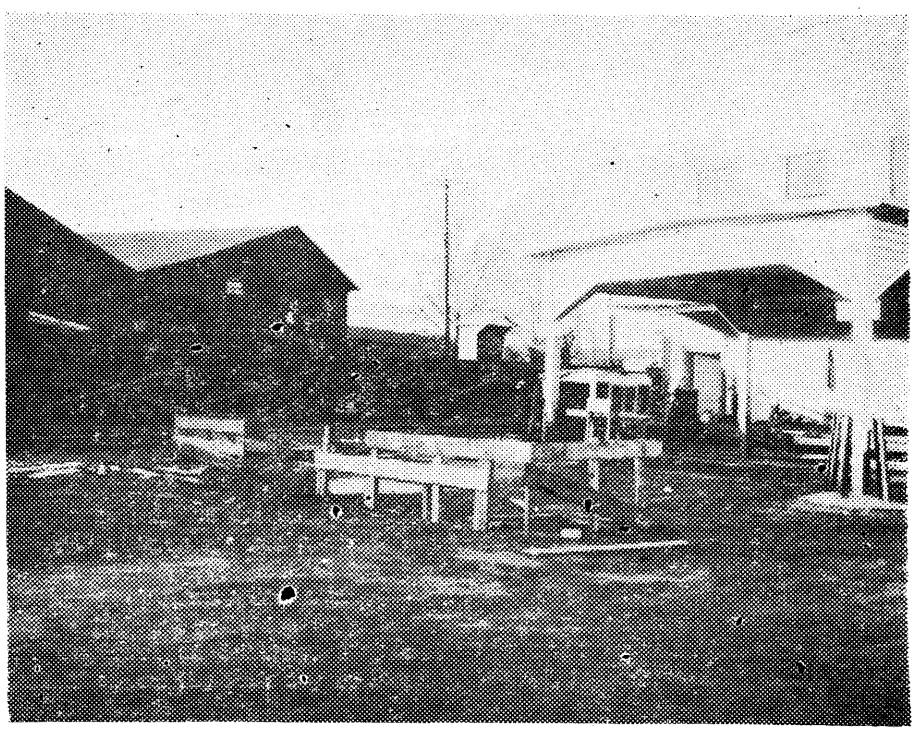
Four of the private rooms have been so constructed that isolation cases can be cared for without endangering the health of other patients.

Twenty-two beds have been reserved for colored in six semi-private rooms, one four bed and one six bed ward.

One six-bed ward has been designated for pediatrics and it is to be furnished with rail-sided beds to insure comfort and safety to small children.

Private rooms have been furnished through gifts of Mrs. Gladys Kelly DuPuy, Mrs. S. W. Henderson, Sr., E. L. Kurth, J. H. Kurth Estate, J. H. Kurth, Jr., Perkins-Goodwin Company, W. S. Scott, Col. and Mrs. Cal C. Chambers, D. W. Thompson, Mrs. W. C. Trout, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Wiener and Mrs. Sam Wiener, Jr.

The Lufkin National Bank has contributed furnishings for a four bed ward for white patients. Texas Foundries, Inc., has contributed furnishings for a semi-private room for white patients and a four-bed ward for colored patients.



Above is the site selected for location of Southern Pine Lumber Company's new modern ice plant which is expected to be in operation before hot weather comes again. The new plant will furnish plenty of ice for residents of Diboll and surrounding areas.

There are two waiting areas reserved for callers and incoming patients. Separate lounges have been provided for the convenience of doctors and nurses.

An outstanding feature of the hospital is the large solarium. The room runs the width of the hospital on the East wing, glassed in by oversized windows. Here in the comfort of the low, cushioned and colorful Rattan furniture, relatives and friends may visit with convalescent patients.

Supporting the hospital capacity and the estimated flow of patients are two major operating rooms and two delivery rooms boasting installations of the latest equipment.

Another operating room has been restored for minor surgery, such as ear, eye, nose and throat operations and fracture cases. An emergency room is located on the first floor near the ambulance entrance to save time when treatment calls for fast attention.

From the standpoint of architectural beauty, management efficiency and available facilities for the care and treatment of patients, Memorial Hospital ranks second to none in the entire nation. The citizens of Lufkin and Angelina County may well be proud of this addition to the community.

If there were but one royal road to success it would have been under government control long ago.

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I am not one of those who do not believe in love at first sight. But I do believe in taking a second look.

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A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

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If it's very painful for you to criticize your friends—you're safe in doing it. But if you take the slightest pleasure in it—that's the time to hold your tongue.

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We would do well to get our kindnesses done while they will do good, giving cheer and encouragement, and not keeping them back till there is no need for them. —J. R. Miller.

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Little Emily was playing house with several of her friends when Janie, from across the street, joined the party. Janie was inclined to be bossy, and Emily did not want her to join in the play. At the same time, she shrank from hurting Janie's feelings.

"Oh, you're playing house," remarked Janie. "May I play?"

"Yes," she agreed. "You can play you're the maid and this is your afternoon off."



Southern Pine Lumber Company's modern drug store is a credit to Diboll and would certainly be of equal credit to any progressive East Texas town.



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God And Mammon . . . A Sermon

No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. —St. Matthew, VI, 24.

This part of the sermon on the Mount bears upon the relation of the Christian to the riches of this earth. Our Saviour opens the topic by bidding us not to lay up treasures upon earth where moth and rust corrupt, but to lay up treasure in heaven. Later on He speaks of the eye being single; that is, of our aim, or intention, being single and concentrated on one great object. If the eye which is the guide of the body is fixed upon one leading star, instead of looking at two in different directions, then will our whole body, that is, all our works and ways, will be full of light. It is spoken against a double aim—a divided life. Then follows the text which He has already illustrated in anticipation. "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other." That there be no doubt as to what two masters He means, He then adds pointedly and concisely: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." From this to the end of the chapter He leads on in one strain illustrating in His own beautiful way the truth He has asserted. "Therefore I say unto you, take no thought, or thing not anxiously, for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink. Behold the fowls of the air. Consider the lillies of the field. Your Heavely Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

When Saint Peter was on the Mount of Transfiguration, and saw the glorified form of Jesus, and appearing with him Moses and Elijah, representing as they did the law and the prophets, he exclaimed, "Let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, one for Moses and one for Elijah." But instantly a cloud overshadowed them and a voice issued from the cloud which said, "This is my beloved Son; hear ye Him."

The law and the prophets had done their work. Not three tabernacles of equal honor to these and to Christ were to be erected. Even the Temple at Jerusalem with all its appliances for sacrificial worship was to be swept away. The Beloved Son, Christ, had come and upon Him and through Him alone all worship and honor were to pass. The honor due to Him alone was not to be shared by the great Lawgiver nor by the greatest prophet. Henceforth one Teacher and one alone must have their undivided attention, their undivided heart.

You will remember how the Philistines, when they succeeded in capturing the ark from the Israelites, took it to the temple of their fish god, Dagon, and set the ark by Dagon. "And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold Dagon was fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord, and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left of him."

Applying this, Baring-Gould remarks "Our hearts are temples, temples of the living God, but alas; too often filled with idols, the idol of falsehood, the idol of pride, the idol of self-esteem, the idol of covetousness, the idol of worldly ambition, the idol of envy. The temple of God is defiled with these idols. The worship, the attention, the love which should be God's is given instead to them.

"Let God enter in! Call in the ark of His presence. Bid Him take possession of His temple. And then down with the Dagons, beat off their heads and hands—their heads, the thoughts of evil; their hands, the means of doing evil, and leave only the stump remaining as testimony to the conquest of Christ."

I once entered a church in the City of Rome. It was a singular building, different from anything I had ever seen built for a church. It was very large, perfectly round in form and covered by an immense dome. It was built by one of the pagan emperors of Rome to the honor of all the heathen gods. In niches around the side, or on pedestals through the building, were once statues of all the fancied gods and goddesses of mythology. Before them were little altars on which offerings were made to those stone images. One day a Christian empeoror came and all those images of false gods and the many separate altars were taken away. The place was cleaned up and an altar to the one true God was set up. Henceforth there was not a divided worship with distracting ceremonies, but the worship of the one true God with pure and holy rites.

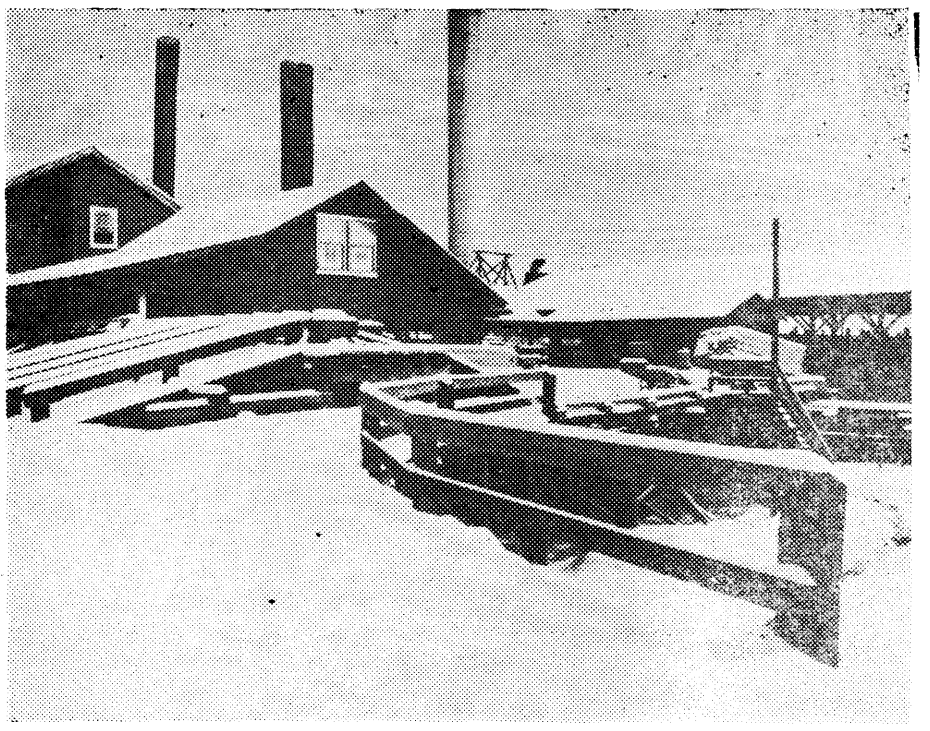
All this illustrates what Christ may do for our own hearts, divided between the love of this world and of heavenly things, distracted by a dozen different desires, all clamoring for attention and gratification. Mammon represents to us the multitudinous claims of the world, dividing and drawing away our affections from the service of our God. Anxious thoughts for what we shall eat and what we shall wear, or how we shall obtain the means for procuring these, absorb altogether too much of the time and energy of professing Christians. Too little do they show a trusting confidence in God who knows that they have need of all these things.

Now in regard to the pursuit of wealth which has captivated the minds and is engaging the energies of such a vast proportion of our people, we need to say some sober and reasonable things which are in strict accord with the Word of God. While the Bible states strongly and truly that we cannot serve God and mammon, and also that the love of money is the root of all evil, yet it also commends industry and speaks of riches as a blessing from God. For example, it says, "If any provide not for his own and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." It also says that it is God who giveth us power to get wealth. And again, "The hand of the diligent maketh rich." It is perfectly right that those who work faithfully should receive the full reward of their toil and those who bring unusual ability or ingenuity to their work should reap larger reward, even though it be more than is sufficient for their immediate necessities. These truths are not denied or contravened by the previous text about mammon and the root of all evil. The words translated "serve" mammon literally means to be a slave to riches and such servitude does destroy and supplant the service of God. Again, it is the love, the idolatry of money that is the root of all sorts of evil. In oher words, riches themselves are not evil, but may be the good gift of a loving God. But the way, the spirit in which we regard them, or hold them, or obtain them may be altogeher wrong and may be at the root of nearly all the evil there is within us. When we pursue wealth in a wrong spirit, that is, make it a distinct aim of our ambition to become rich, or pursue wealth for the pleasure ,the pomp, or the worldly distinction it may give us, the pure and noble aspirations of life become supplanted by those which are sordid, selfish and ungodly. To this point so truly speaks the Scriptures. "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition."

There is one other way in which the acquisition of wealth may become a ruin to our souls and that is acquiring it by means which are not honest and honorable. All cheating, all taking advantage of another's ignorance, all creation of fictitious values in stocks, or products, or goods by such manipulations as corner, monopolies, spreading false rumors and a hundred minor methods whereby prices are made to fluctuate without any change in real values—all these are simple serving mamon and despising God. The sooner we realize this and wash our hands from all such operations, the sooner we shall have peace of mind and be at peace with God. I know that hundreds of ingenious and difficult questions can be put by those men to make it appear that their operations are needful and that their skill in them should be rewarded. But let them rather frankly acknowledge that wealth is the object of this ambition and not claim at the same time to be the children of God and of the light. In this great country of unbounded resources there are occupations and opportunities enough for earning an honest and comfortable living without resorting to ways that are quesionable. If those dubious occupations must be followed by someone, and owing to the peculiar methods of modern trade you see no way clearly of following them honorably, then leave them to the modern publicans who make no pretense to be followers of the crucified One.

The difficulty in these matters chiefly arises not from men entering deliberately into doubtful occupations, or resorting intentionally and of preference to doubtful means, but they grow into these things gradually and almost unconsciously. Being much in the world and constantly familiar with its ways, a worldly spirit gradually possesses them. Their sensibilities and their conscience become dulled to the nice distinctions between what is strictly honorable and what is an en-

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The above snow scene is mute evidence as to why sawmills cannot operate under certain conditions. In this picture the dolly runs at Mill No. One are completely covered with snow, making it impossible for the jitneys to move lumber from one operation to another.



Above is D. L. Kee, a truck driver in the crew of Albert J. Wells. Mr. Kee has been with the Company too long to even estimate the number of logs he has hauled, but the record shows that throughout his career he has never had an accident of any consequence.

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Diboll Cub Scouts Present Program At Blue-Gold Banquet

Pack 128 of Diboll held their Blue and Gold Banquet, Tuesday, February 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the Community House with about 90 people present.

The "Luck" was taken out of "Pot Luck" with Mrs. Foster Davis as Chairman of the Food Committee. Rev. Weimer gave the invocation and all lined up and were served a lovely meal.

Lion Cubs gave a Flag Ceremony. Jimmie McCall lead the Pledge of Allegiance and all Cubs took part in singing "We're the Cubs of Region Nine" as our own Pack Flag was exhibited.

A. R. Weber, as Institutional Representative, talked to the parents about more leaders—two deep, all the way around—and explained a better way for Cubbing for 1949.

First part of our Minstrel Program were two special numbers. Buddy Sanders as a Hawaiian dancer and Clifford Smith accompanying on Ukelele. Next, these same two Lion Cubs changed into black faces and Clifford Lee as the Colored Mammy, singing "Sweet Kentucky Babe" with Buddy Sanders strumming on his guitar.

Our end men, Billy Frank Jones, Jerry Don Powell, Ray Carr, Jimmie McCall, Billy Fred Carrier and Ray Davis entertained us in a big way. Minstrel songs were sung by the entire cast. The last number was by all the boys, each playing his own home-made musical instrument. We had flutes, mandolins, guitars, tambourines, jugs, and triangles. This was really worth hearing.

We want to thank Mrs. Wilbur Pate and Mrs. Lee Estes for helping with our songs.

Seven boys received Badges and arrows for work well done. Four of our boys were graduated into Scouting: Finley Vaughn, Smith L. Minton, Clem Porter and Carl Keith Burchfield, Scoutmaster Weimer and Assistant Scoutmaster Carl Webber Ferguson were there to welcome them into Troop 128.

We were especially glad to have Scout Field Executive Paul McWilliams with us and we are very grateful to him for helping with the paint job on the "end men."

NOTICE !

On Thursday, March 3, 1949, Mr. Ben W. Friend of the Nacogdoches Office of the Internal Revenue Department will be in Diboll to assist employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple-White in the preparation of their income tax returns. Any employee with a problem concerning income tax should see Mr. Friend at Southern Pine Lumber Company's office on this date.

SOUTHERN PINE
LUMBER COMPANY

Sermon—

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tering wedge to crooked methods. The spirit of the world overshadows them and unconsciously they become the servants of mammon.

Now is there any test which will enable us to know at any time—at the present time—how far his worldly spirit has gotten possession of us and to what extent we are serving mammon? Mark the following: There are Christians in the world and there are worldlings in the church. They both profess the same things; outwardly the appear in the same category. Both may be regular at church, regular in their business and punctual in their social appointments. To a mere casual observe they appear much the same, yet there is a world of difference. And this is the difference. The worldling birngs the world with him to church. While sitting or standing here, going through the prescribed forms of worship, his thoughts are on his business, on household cares, on the dress and general appearance of people around. Just so far as such things have occupied your thoughts in the last hour, just so far have you been worshipping mammon though you have stood in God's house and in His august presence.

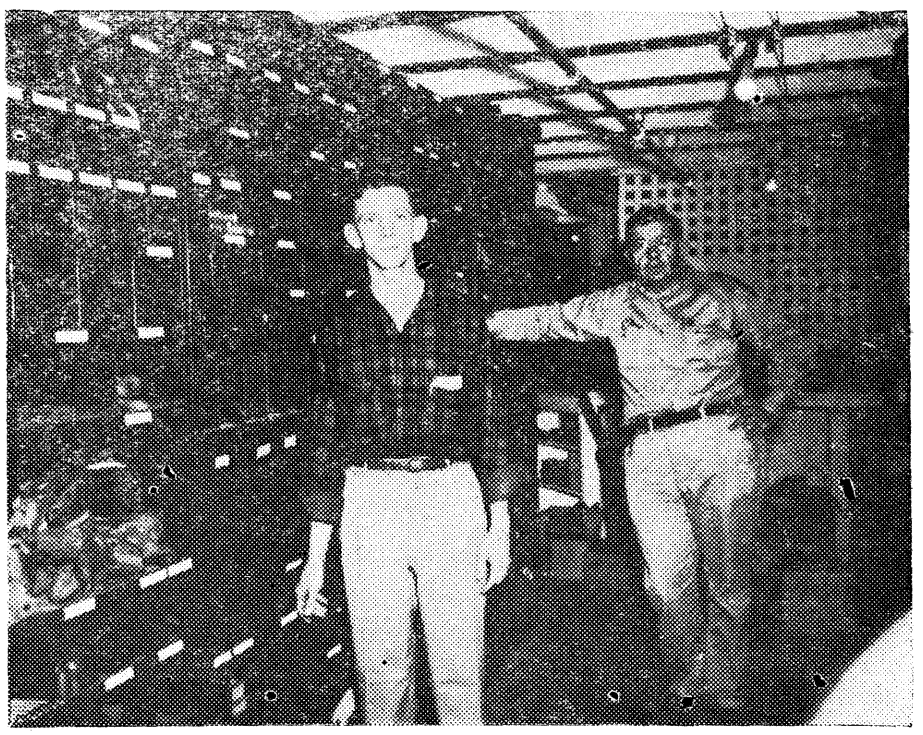
On the other hand the sincere Christian takes the true God and his religion with him into his daily work, to his field, his shop, his store, his office, or to her parlor, her nursery, her sewing room, her kitchen. While there he or she thinks of God as present and interested in the work, approving or disapproving every act. How far this may be your daily experience, no one but yourself and God can tell. So far as it is,, just so far are you from day to day a worshipper of God and not of mammon. In outward appearance we may seemingly serve a dozen masters, but in true heart service we can have but one. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

RAT TALES . . .

By GEORGE (RAT) JOHNSON

In the March issue of the Buzz Saw we are going to give you a complete story with pictures on the new shop construction—which is now combined with the automobile and truck repair shops—plus a description of the new supply house operated by yours truly. All I can say about it now is that it is absolutely the last word in equipment and parts storage down to the smallest detail.

A fellow that we are really indebted to for helping us get this parts department set up is Morton J. Halyard of Henderson-Medford Motor Company in Lufkin. Halyard started coming to Diboll the first of January, 1949 and finished up on the 16th day of February. He first came to Lufkin in 1936 where he worked for the Angelina Hardwood Company until 1945 as hardwood yard foreman and shipping clerk. After they cut out he went to Henderson-Medford Motor Company as a parts man.



Martin J. Halyard and "Rat" Johnson are pictured above in the newly completed store room of Southern Pine Lumber Co. shops at Diboll.

Halyard (Alias "Junior") was not only of great assistance to us in the planning and the building of our supply house, he was a real friend in every respect. When he arrived in Diboll in the mornings he would start to work like a windmill and never let up until the day's quota of work was finished—which more often than not lasted into the night.

As a result of Halyard's assistance, experience, and general know-how in the setting up of a parts department, Southern Pine Lumber Company now has a supply house that is second to none and a parts department that is just as scientifically built and as perfectly arranged as that of any Ford dealer or other automobile supply house.

One of the many stories circulating around Diboll of late concerns Bobby the fire department mascot—a dog with various and sundry types of breeds and ancestors. Anyway, every time the fire siren blows in Diboll Bobby takes off for the firehouse and if the truck is gone he takes off after the truck. On one occasion we timed him and it took him exactly fifty seconds to get from the house to the fire station after the siren blew and the distance is a good four or five city blocks. He is a loyal, faithful, intelligent mongrel dog.

But last week he was lost and though all the firemen searched high and low, he could not be located.

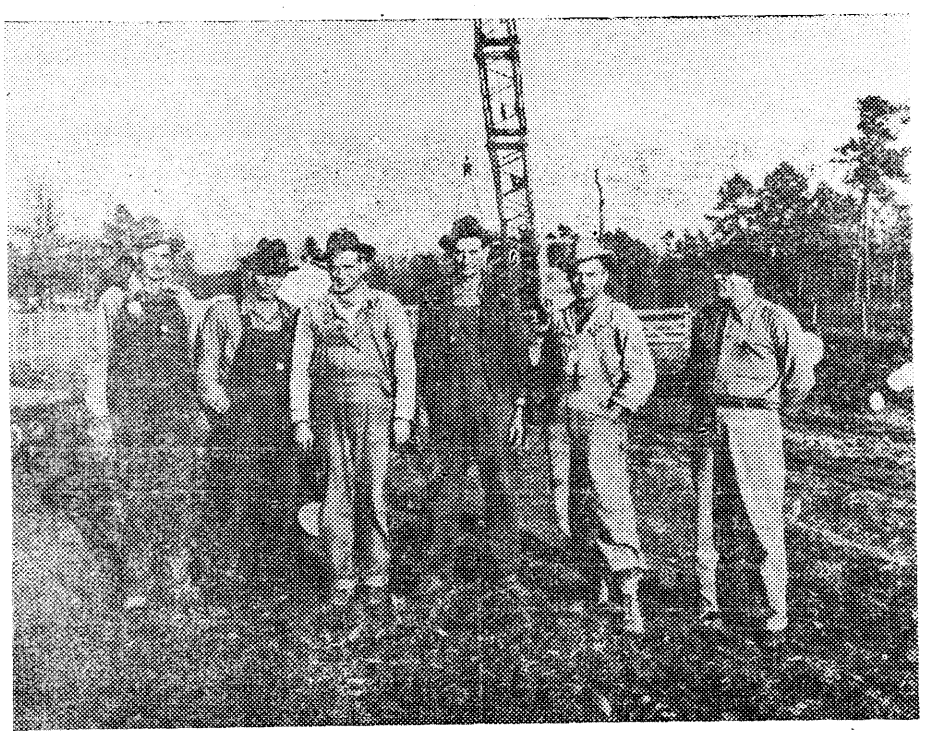
It finally developed that Bobby had gotten into an automobile somehow and was carried to Lufkin. He was reported there but finding him in a town of 12,000 or more was something else. Why we didn't think of the obvious solution I don't know—but we didn't. And here's what happened:

The first time the fire whistle blew in Lufkin after Bobby arrived, he quite naturally took off for the fire station. In the meantime, we had had an article in the Lufkin Daily News with reference to the loss of Bobby and in which we requested that anybody who found him in Lufkin notify us immediately. The next thing we knew—or so it says here—Chief Kerr of the Lufkin Fire Department telephoned that Bobby was there, true to form, and that we could come get him.

Then it developed that somebody else had him. Anyway, we got him back.

As most of you might have noticed, the company recently has had a truck with a crew of men bringing in dogwood and redbud trees—among others—in the beautification program for the City of Diboll. These trees have been set out in many front yards and in a few years will be very pretty indeed. We should all join together and do our part in this beautification program by planting flowers, improving the appearance of our yards, and taking it upon ourselves to do the minor repair work on fences, et cetera, wherever possible instead of calling on the company to send the carpentars every time a picket falls off.

You know, the Management of this company has a full time job on its hands trying to make plant improvements, installing new production methods, and a thousand other things, which are being done to protect our jobs and to insure that Southern Pine Lumber Company can always meet the competition of the industry and keep rolling as they have been doing for the past fifty-four years. As citizens of Diboll and employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company, let's look around our own homes and see what we can do as individuals to make some improvements ourselves. You would be surprised how much you can do with a hammer and a few nails, a few flowers, a rake and a shovel. (Yes, I know. But keep your wisecracks to yourself).



Above, left to right, J. R. Tilford, J. T. Smith, I. V. McAdams, Frank Welch, Edgar McAdams and Albert J. Wells of the logging department are snapped by Shirley Daniel in front of a Southern Pine Lumber Co. loader in the edge of Diboll.