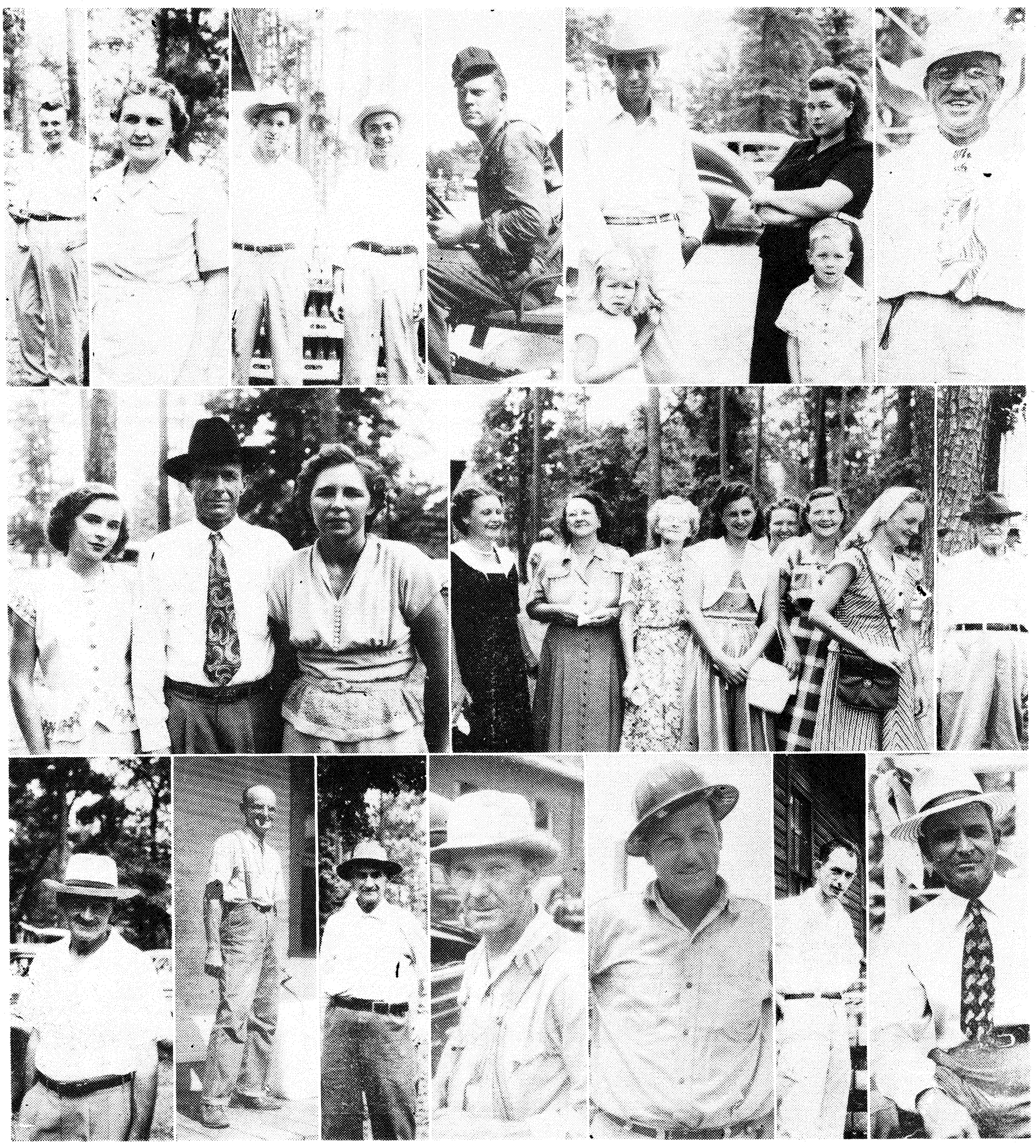
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Dibollians In Picture Parade . . .



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Mrs. Frank Farrington Retires After 46 Years With Southern Pine

Back in 1904—on April 1st of that year to be exact—a young couple got off the train in Diboll after a long and dusty ride from far-away St. Louis, Missouri. Our town then was exactly ten years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrington had arrived in Diboll where they both were destined to became not only a part of our community but also two of the most loved and respected people who ever lived here. And it is very safe to say that not one person during all the intervening forty-six years of Mrs. Farrington's career to date in Diboll ever lived here more than a few days who didn't get to know her—and to love her. Because she is that rare type of character whose life has always been, and always will be, devoted to serving those who need her, whatever may be their station in life.

Mrs. Farrington first heard of the town of Diboll at a reception in St. Louis where she met T. L. L. Temple, the founder of the company. At that time she was employed in the Barr Dry Goods store and doing social and welfare work during her off-hours. Mr. Farrington was manager of the shoe department of Sanders Duck and Rubber Company—manufacturer of rubber shoes, on Washington avenue in St. Louis Sometime after her first conversation with Mr. Temple at the reception, he offered Frank Farrington a job in the grocery store here at Diboll and asked Mrs. Farrington to assist in the building of a better social and spiritual community in the newly constructed sawmill town. They accepted his offer and came to Diboll immediately.

With Mr. Farrington working in the store, Mrs. Farrington busied hersalf by visiting in the homes of Diboll carrying on social and spiritual activities, helping the needy and nursing the sick and afflicted. She also taught girls in millinery work and dressmaking in a small building near the present location of the old office vault north of the present Southern Pine store. Two years later—in 1906—W. P. Rutland, manager of the store, asked her to do the buying for the dry goods department and shortly afterwards put her on the payroll in charge of the dry goods department where she has worked 44 consecutive years since.

Mrs. Farrington's service to Diboll has been so varied and so great that it would be impossible to include it all in one write-up. It would be difficult to include it all in one book. She was superintendent of the children's division of the First Methodist church for 18 years. She played the major part in the founding of the Pine Grove Mission church in Diboll in 1942. She has been nurse, teacher, counsellor, social and welfare worker—and a lovable friend to virtually every man, woman, and child who ever lived in Diboll during the past 46 years.

And on this date—January 31, 1950—Mrs. Farrington is retiring from active duty with Southern Pine Lumber Company to devote all her remaining years—and we wish her many, many more—to doing that which is, and always has been, closest to her heart and what she originally came to our community to do in 1904: devoting her full time and strength to social and spiritual work among the people here.

Mrs. Farrington says that whatever she has accomplished in a business, social, and spiritual way is due in large measure to the splendid cooperation of the people of Diboll and Southern Pine Lumber Company. "This company," she said, "is the most wonderful organization I know anything about. I have had the pleasure of working with three generations of Temples and knowing many others in the Temple family. They have all been wonderful to me and I know of nobody in the world who has a deeper interest in the welfare of their employees than they do. I appreciate everything they have done, and are doing, for the people who live in Diboll."



MRS. FRANK FARRINGTON

Mrs. Farrington's work in Diboll from now on will be what it has been all the time with the exception of the fact that she will no longer be in her familiar place in the dry goods department of the store. It will be the work of serving the people throughout our community—dedicating her life to helping others. She says that this is the key to a happy life. We know she is right. And we know that she must be a very, very happy person because her life has been ,and always will be, just that: a life of unselfish, devoted, active service.

Bob Cook Chicken Mystery Solved

Some time ago, Bob Cook, well known locomotive engineer on the Texas-Southeastern and Southern Pine Lumber Company's logging road, decided to go into the chicken business. He obtained a brooder, a 300-watt light bulb, $24.00 worth of assorted chicken feeds, and a set of books on which to keep accounts relative to his new venture as insurance against the internal revenue men possibly locking him up for failing to pay taxes on what promised to be a highly profitable business.

For several weeks after Bob's baby chicks arrived he strolled around Diboll taking orders for fryers, hens, and eggs—all to be delivered at a future date. He had 100 chicks—all in the best of health and growing rapidly.

One misty morning during the early part of January, 1950, Bob went out to his brooder to look after his flock, provide fresh water and feed and to dream of the day—not too long distant—when he would be known throughout East Texas as "Cook, the Chicken King" with thousands of birds and henscratch arriving in Diboll by box-car lots.

The sight that met his eyes as he opened the door to this newly constructed brooder house was sad indeed. Because every chicken in the bunch, for some unknown reason, had died during the night.

All, that is, save one.

The lone biddy survived and grew into a broiler and Bob removed her from the brooder and put her in his newly constructed chicken pen—a wire enclosed arrangement approximately one hundred feet by fifty. Every morning the disillusioned, dejected, and dethroned chicken king went out and tenderly fed and watered his sole survivor. It was not the chicken—it was the principle of the thing. 99 had died, yes. But Bob Cook is no man to admit defeat prematurely. At least he wasn't COMPLETELY out of the chicken business. He still had one. And he'd take care of that one with the same attention that he'd bestow upon a hundred, or for that matter, a thousand.

A close friend of Cook's—Wilbur Fogg to be exact—had given him an order several weeks before for a dozen fryers. Not knowing of the 99 per cent casualty rate suffered by the flock, he telephoned Bob, told him he was ready for his chickens. Cook sadly replied: "Well, I haven't got but one. But I'm a man of my word. I told you I would let you have some chickens, so I'll let this last one go. I'll have her ready tomorrow."

The following day Cook met Fogg. "Wilbur," he said. "That chicken I promised you last night was stolen. Somebody got her during the night. If you'll help me find out who did it I'll GIVE her to you. I don't mind the loss, but it hurts my pride to think that I could be SWIPED out of business by a chicken thief!"

Fogg immediately went to work. He inspected the premises thoroughly, sifting every possible clue. He interviewed suspects, many of whom were Bob's closest friends. He got Shirley Daniel to go with him and take pictures.

And five days later he found Bob's chicken.

Cook was jubilant. Meeting Fogg in Southern Pine Lumber Company's drug store after hearing the news that the lost bird had been recovered, Bob complimented his detective work, then drew his mouth into a thin line, clenched his fists and said: "And who was the dirty chicken thief that got her, Wilbur?"

Fogg took a puff off his cigarette. "She wasn't stolen, Bob," he said slowly. "She left you on her own accord."

"How do you account for that?", asked Cook surprised.

Fogg looked at the amazed engineer. "That chicken took off for just one reason," he said. "She was LONESOME."

Cook walked away scratching his head. It was the first time in the history of Diboll that he didn't get in the last word.

Big Year Planned By Diboll Scouts

By PAUL DURHAM

Several years ago a building was erected at the edge of the woods on the South side of Diboll near the new highway. It was given the name of The Scout House. Since its erection and dedication as the Boy Scouts' headquarters it has been used for all sorts of things—without permission and usually without anybody knowing it had been used at all until they discovered damage in the form of broken windows, marred furniture, and all sorts of other things.

Now, however, the building will have some protection in the form of a watchman and also ample "armor" such as metal shutters on the windows, et cetera, to insure that nobody uses it except the Boy Scouts.

The Scout House is an excellent piece of workmanship. To me it is beautiful—not elaborate—but picturesque in its setting among the beautiful pines and a standing monument to those boys who labored so long in the summer heat and the winter cold to complete it. H. M. Garrett, Billy Jordan, M. W. Schenke, and Harry Phillips — among others — have been working for several months now to make the Diboll Boy Scout program really effective. Thanks to Southern Pine Lumber Company for its support—both financial and otherwise—these men are going to provide a scouting program for our town that we think will be by far the best we have ever had in our history.

The main thing they need and the main thing they must have to put over this scouting program is the enthusiastic support of the people in Diboll. There is no question whatsoever but that scouting is one of the finest projects and one of the greatest influences on young people ever initiated in any town. We have a wonderful Scout House, some fine Scout leaders, and a great many boys and girls who will be better men and women as a result of having been active Boy and Girl Scouts. Please help us in this scouting program and we will put it over the top.

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Foster Tells Diboll Story In Nation-Wide Radio Broadcast

On Tuesday, January 24th, Cedric Foster, internationally known news commentator, told the story of Diboll on a coast-to-coast broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System. According to various surveys, Foster's estimated daily listening audience is approximately five million people throughout the United States—which means that the story of Diboll really got around.

Cedric Foster came to Lufkin January 23rd for a three-day speaking schedule, together with his daily news commentary originating at Radio Station KTRE at 12:00 noon on each of the three dates. On the afternoon of January 23rd he came to Diboll and was conducted on a tour of the plant and also of the town, at which time he was given the answers to many questions concerning the history of Southern Pine Lumber Company and Diboll together with our plans for the future. He summed up the information on the coast-to-coast hookup in these words:

"Nine miles from Lufkin is the town of Diboll, which is 95 per cent owned by the Southern Pine Lumber Company. The town has about four thousand people and in the company's sawmill and lumber plant about 800 are employed with the annual payroll about two and a quarter million dollars. Diboll was built, together with one of the south's largest lumber manufacturing plants, on a temporary basis in 1894. Diboll was expected to last as a town only as long as the timber supply lasted and that was estimated, when the town was built, to be 15 or 20 years. From time to time additional timber purchases allowed Diboll to continue to live. Then, in 1930 the Southern Pine Lumber Company began applying the art of forestry in the 300 thousand acres of fee lands which it owns in East Texas. Ten years ago the company began extensive pulpwood operations, giving it a market for undesirable and defective trees. That meant that the company would weed out the pine growth and start farming the timber. Three years ago the company came to a sudden realization that, as a result of rotation and selective cutting processes, together with sound logging practices and scientific forestry work, that it had a perpetual supply of saw timber growing on its own land. Two years ago Arthur Temple Jr., vice president and general manager of Southern Pine, started to rebuild the entire plant in concrete and steel and to rebuild the entire town. He is now heading for the Utopia of a model city and he's going to attain it. Houses are available to employees at an average monthly rental of eight dollars, though some run 10, 15 and up as high as 21 dollars a month. Water is free and utilities cost only a fraction of what they do elsewhere. In this age of economic unrest Arthur Temple's work at Diboll is an outstanding example, like Donald Comer's at Avondale Mills in Sycaluca, Alabama, of what can be done to meet changing economic conditions."

As far as we know, this is the first time that a town no larger than ours has ever been made the subject of a nationally known news commentator's broadcast over a coast-to-coast radio network. It means that Diboll is a town with a story—and a real future. It means that here we have an example—an example worthy of NATIONWIDE publicity—of employees and management working hand in hand in the building of a community where living conditions and working conditions are steadily improving and being pointed out as models for other towns and other companies to shoot at, wherever they may be.



Cedric Foster, Mutual Network Commentator

Cub Scout News . . .

On December 23rd, as their Good Will Project, Den 2 took a small box of canned goods to M. S. Smith, their colored friend that used to drive the garbage wagon. He is now blind and in order to "see" these boys, he would place his hands on their heads and find out how they had grown. This visit was enjoyed by all the boys and Smith was pleased to see his little friends again.

Cubs making this good will tour were: Travis Ray Parker, John Estes, Calvin Lawrence, Larry Weber, Claud Welch, James R. Johnson, and J. T. Weimer.

WORD OF GOD IS INDESTRUCTIBLE

By REV. CHARLES L. KING, D.D.

Jeremiah 36-23. "And it came to pass when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, that the king cut it with the penknife and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier . . . "

Why was the king determined to destroy the roll? For the same reason that others have attempted to destroy the Word of God. The Word of God rebuked the unfaithfulness of the king and of the nation and foretold punishment that was awaiting them. The king was angry not only because of the words against him and the nation; he was angry because he knew that the attitude of the people toward him and his policy once they had heard the Word of Jehovah would change.

Rome was in the zenith of her power. Diocletian himself was averse to a persecution of the Christians, but he had a son-in-law whose hatred for Christianity was without bounds. He persuaded his father-in-law to attempt a destruction of the church. A decree was issued requiring the destruction of all Christian churches and all copies of the Bible. I suppose Diocletian like Antiochus and like Jehoiakim, thought that he had destroyed the Word of God. Doubtless thousands of copies of the Word were destroyed. The boast was made that Christianity had been destroyed. However, this man Diocletian lived to see the day when the religion of the Book he had tried to destroy was more firmly established than ever before. In fact, he, himself upon his dying bed issued an edict of toleration and implored Christians to beseech their Master for him.

About 1380, to the little town of Lutterworth, England, a man was sent from God whose name was John. John Wycliffe succeeded in making an English translation of the Latin Bible. This was before the era of printing, hence Wycliff's Bible had to be circulated only in manuscript form. It was denounced and banned by the rulers of the church. The possession of any of Wycliff's writing was a crime punishable by death. Readers of Wycliff's Bible were burned with copies around their necks. Neverthless, the Bible was widely circulated and became a great force in the life of England during the next century.

Burning is not the only method men have used in trying to destroy the Word of God. France in the eighteenth century was under the spell of skepticism. Many of the most eminent men of letters joined in the attack on Christainity and the church. At the head of these was the most brilliant writer of his time—Voltaire. Voltaire doubtless did good work in his defense of the oppressed and in exposing the weaknesses of the church. But he put forth a series of writings in which the Bible and Christianity were assailed with all the resources at his command. He even predicted that in a short time no intelligent Frenchman would believe in the Bible. I suppose that many felt that the victory of skepticism was complete. It was not so. Once the reign of terror was ended, Christianity which had never been uprooted from the hearts of the people, went forth with new life. The Bible again became the Book of the people. We are told that the house in which Voltaire lived and wrote against Christianity and the Bible became a depot for the distribution of the Word of God.

All of the attacks on the Word of God have not been from the outside. In these last years men wearing the garb of theological professors and ministers of the Gospel have made mighty assaults on the Word of God. Like Jehoiakim, they have used the penknife freely. Whole sections have been eliminated. Moses, Isaiah, John and Paul have all been denied the honor of being the authors of books which the centuries have allowed them. The doctrine of inspiration has been diluted until the skeptic has no trouble in affirming his belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures.

Will these last efforts succeed in destroying the Word of God? They will not.

BE CAREFUL IN THE WOODS . . . IN THE MILL . . . AND IN THE HOME!

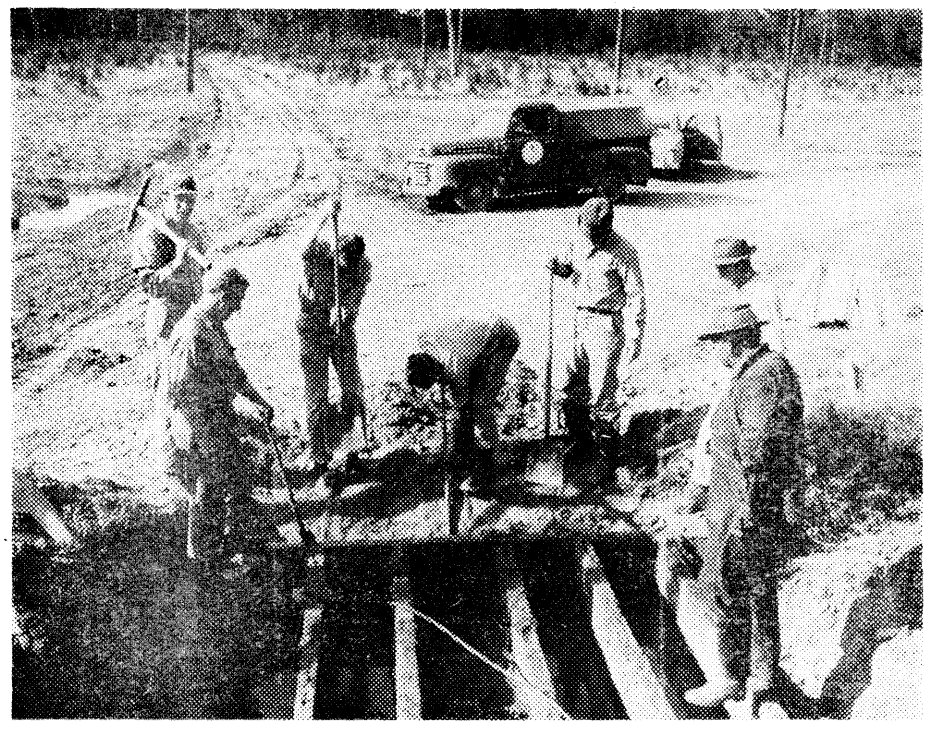
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Trees For Tomorrow . . .

By KENNETH NELSON

America is known to be the "Land of Plenty" with an abundance of everything from A to Z. However, most of our pine forests are being cut faster than they are growing which calls for action on the part of all timberland owners and tree farmers.

There are various methods of replenishing the pine timber crop and one of them is by planting the barren areas that have no seed source from which to reseed. There are several makes of mechanical planters that will do the job faster in setting out pine seedlings, but when the ground is wet and boggy the only recourse is to plant by hand.



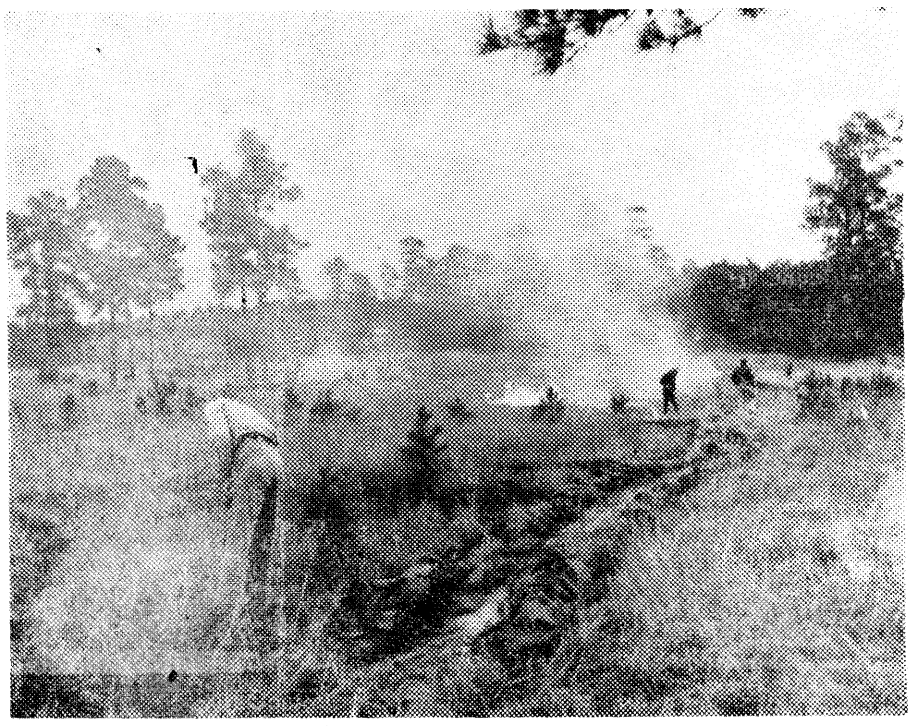
Tree Planters In Action

Therefore, for those of you that have not seen an operation of this kind, lets spend a day with the boys from the Timber & Land Department and see just how it is done.

First, if you intend to plant Longleaf seedlings, the area has to be fenced hog proof in order to keep all livestock off for the first several years until the seedlings are large enough to protect themselves. The hogs will root them up in order to eat the roots of the seedlings. The cattle, horses, sheep and goats will graze the needles, so it is necessary to keep them out. In this instance you will see from the above picture the T&L boys are building a cattle-guard.

Next, in order to do a good job of planting, the area should be as free as possible from grass and weeds. Therefore, the next picture shows the area being burned to help eliminate this. You will notice a fire lane was plowed around the area first in order to keep the fire from burning into timbered tracts. The fire break was made with our fire-fighting Jeep unit.

After the area has been burned over, we are now ready for planting the seedlings. Members of the crew are lined up to work in two man teams. One man carries the seedlings in a small tin tray made especially for this purpose which is about 6" deep, 9" wide and 14" long, so as to hold about 200 or 300 seedlings. A small amount of water is put in the tray to keep the roots of the trees damp. The other man carries what is called a "dibble". This dibble, or planting bar, is usually made of iron pipe for the handle and a piece of solid iron forming the digging end made in the shape of a wedge and another piece of iron welded on the side for a foot rest. The dibble is used to make the hole in the ground for the seedling. After the hole is made, the man carrying the seedlings drops one in the hole and another hole is punched approximately 4 inches back of this one and the dirt shoved forward in order to cover up the roots of the seedling, and then tramped down with the heel of the shoe. The above picture shows a seedling being planted in this manner.



Controlled burning in planting season

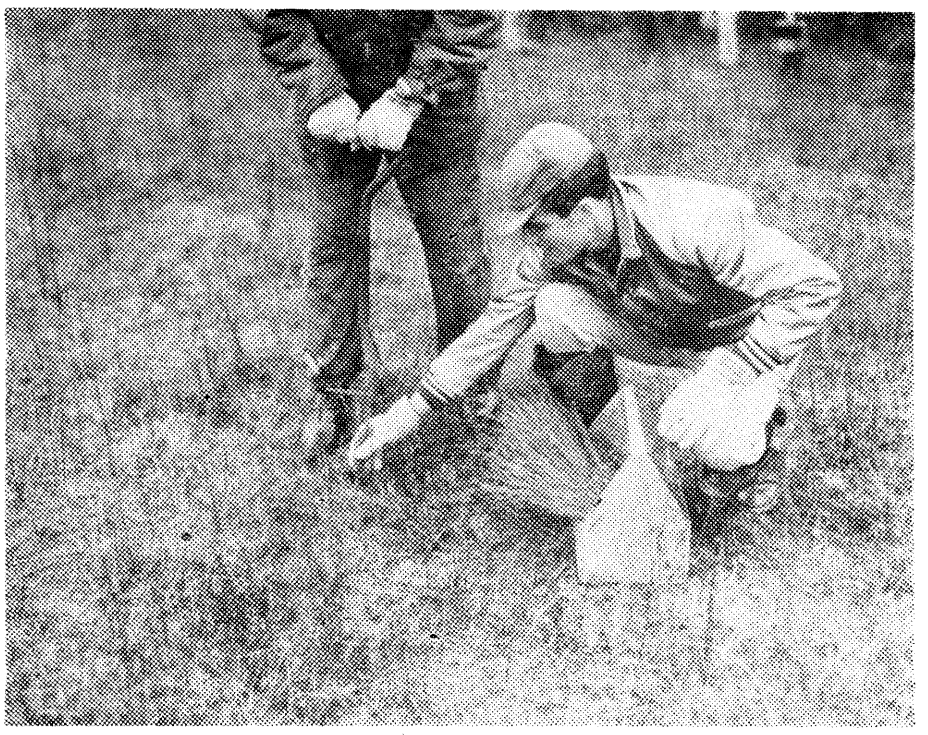
The other picture shows a large crew actually planting trees by hand.

About 1000 trees per day is a good days work for each man to plant. The trees can be spaced at different spacing, but most long leaf seedlings are planted 6 feet apart. Using this spacing, you get approximately 1200 trees per acre. Of course, no one expects to get 100 percent survival on all trees that are planted, but under ordinary conditions he will get from 80 to 90 percent survival.

We might mention that the Texas Forest Service maintains the only tree nursery in Texas which is located just out of Alto, Texas and is known as the "Indian Mound" nursery. Anyone can purchase trees from them by ordering, in advance of the planting season, which is during the months of January and February. They sell them at cost, which is now $3.00 per thousand.

The above is a story of one of the many ways Southern Pine Lumber Company is helping to grow timber for tomorrow. It is also just one of the many jobs being done by your Timber and Land Department.

We in the Timber & Land Department are proud of our jobs and feel that we are important cogs in the machinery of Southern Pine Lumber Company.



Foresters constructing cattle-guard on Southern Pine land.

Tree planters at work on Southern Pine land near Rayville

SAFETY SHOES

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, — 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Yes, they are all there. Will they be there tomorrow? Yes, you were given 10 toes, and they cannot be replaced if you lose any one of them.

How do we keep them? The first rule is to be careful and not take unnecessary chances when lifting or working around anything that can fall. The second rule is to protect them —by wearing SAFETY SHOES. If you do not have a pair, or if the ones you are now wearing are just about worn out, why not get a pair today, while you can still count ten good toes? You can get them at the supply house from George Johnson, who has several styles and all sizes. Get them today while you can still say 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, — 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 good toes.

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A pessimist is a man who has to live with an optimist.

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Our tastes often improve at the expense of our happiness.

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The conversation of a woman is worth all the libraries in the world.

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Observe the face of the wife to know the husband's character.

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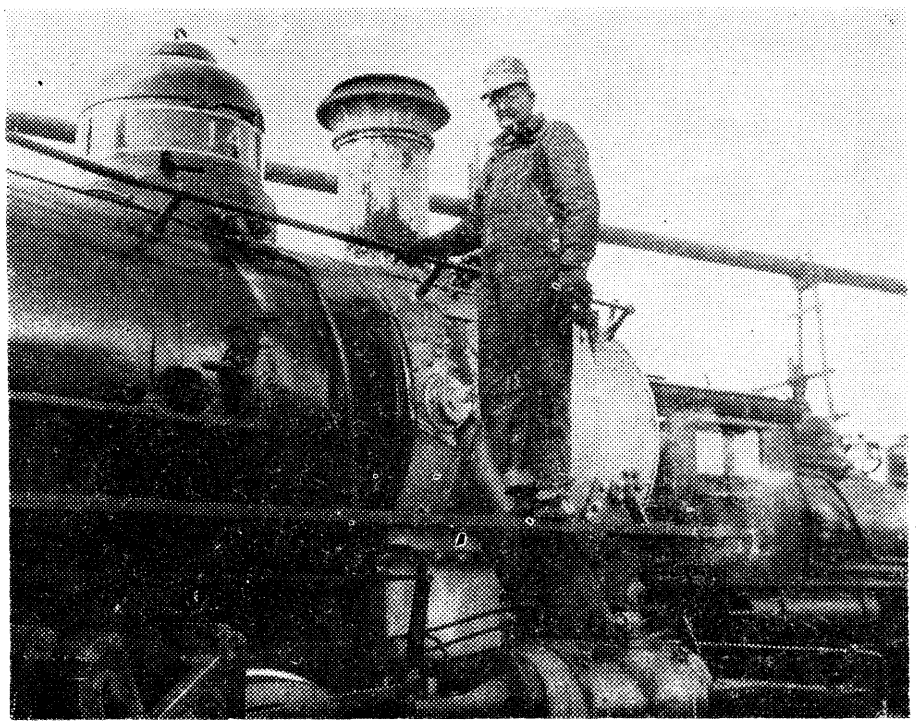
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Rat Tales . . . by "Rat" Johnson

The editor of this rag has asked me to write up a fellow who is well known to all—and one of the most unusual characters this company (or any other company) ever had on its payroll.

I refer to J. B. (Jim) Rushing.

I have known Jim longer than I can remember. I recall that when he was a teenager that he had a fine horse and saddle and when he rode down the street all the girls would take notice because Jim was a very handsome horseman. He was also the owner of a loud shooting pistol and once hit 19 consecutive acorns that were thrown in the air before he ever missed one.



JIM RUSHING

Jim was raised in the forks of Jack Creek. He was so country that he was afraid to come to town and never did until his two brothers hog tied him and hauled him in here in a wagon. After arriving in Diboll and finally being pulled out of the wagon, Rushing had to be carefully watched for the first two or three days to keep him from making a wild dash back into the woods. Charlie and Frank, his brothers, finally got him fairly well tamed and talked him into going to work. He started in the shop where he stayed for several years before transferring to Southern Pine Lumber company's log train. After several years on the log train he was transferred again, this time to the Texas Southeastern where he is the ace brakeman. He is also extra fireman—and that is what you can find him doing now.

Rushing was in the Navy in World War I and is one of the most active members of the American Legion to be found anywhere.

Jim goes to bed every night with the chickens, gets up every morning long before they do, and is never seen during the week anywhere except on his job and at his house. But come Saturday night, regardless of the weather or anything else, and he blossoms forth all dressed up and puffing on a big black pipe in front of the hotel. But whether there or on his job Jim Rushing always wears a smile. He is a good fellow and everybody likes him. He is also one of the best all-around employees that T.S.E. ever had. If you don't believe it, just ask him—he'll verify everything I have said.

Very soon the time will arrive when we can all start giving some thought and doing some work on our town beautification program. Last year the company set out hundreds of red bud and dogwood trees all over town as part of this program. This year each individual citizen should do something toward making his own yard attractive by planting flowers, shrubs, trees, or whatnot. Diboll is a town that is undergoing a face-lifting. We can all see the improved streets, new houses, new construction, new signs, and dozens and dozens of other things designed not only to make our town more attractive, but also to make it modern and up-to-date in every respect. Let's urge every person to consider his own premises a place that he can personally improve upon by a little work late in the afternoon. You will be surprised how much a few flowers and shrubs can improve the appearance of the place where you live. How about each and every one of us seeing who can have the most improvement around our individual homes?

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Among many other new things, Diboll has a shoe shop and a flower shop and will soon have a modern bakery and two or three other things we have never had around here before. In a few years we will be self-sufficient in Diboll and have everything you could find in a town three times this size. One of the main things that we need is a bank. I understand that this is being talked about and that we are trying to get a bank here but whether we will be successful remains to be seen.

I know this: We have a manager in Arthur Temple, Jr., who can really get things done and he's got his whole heart and soul in the development of Diboll and in making it one of the finest industrial towns in the South. He is a builder by nature and if the people of Diboll will continue to cooperate with him in every way he will make this place the envy of every medium sized town in the country. What we should think about is that the company and Arthur Temple, Jr., can not do everything for everybody. In other words, there is a great deal that can be done here by the people themselves—such as the yard beautification program—so we should all put our shoulders to the wheel with Arthur Temple, Jr., push together, and it will make the over-all job three times as easy. We will all benefit from it, too, in more ways than we can count.

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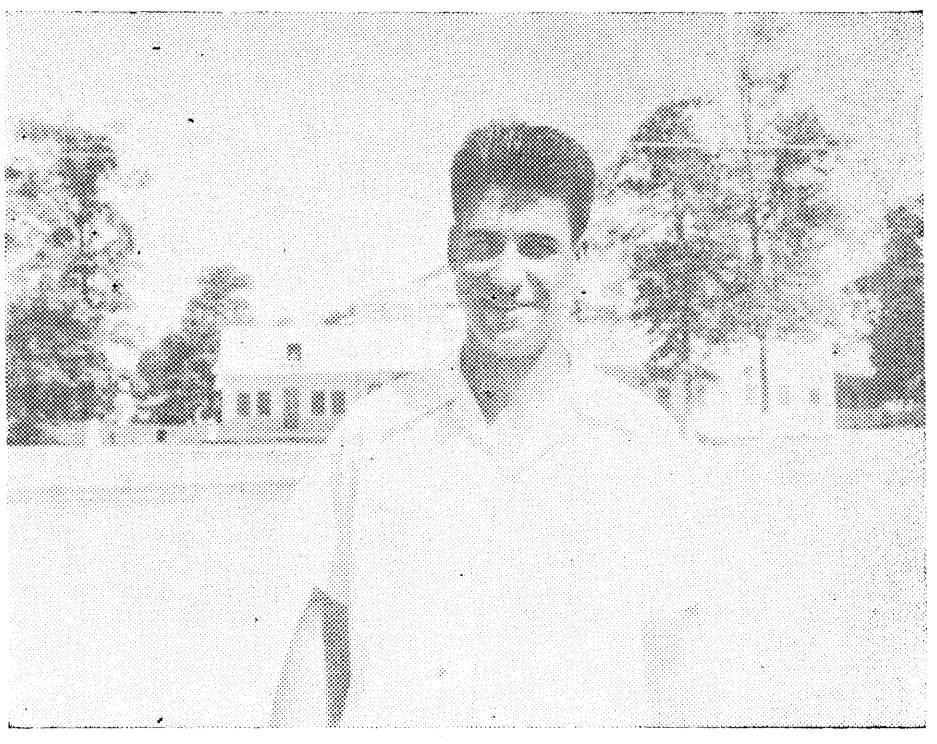
A couple of months ago we came out with a sizzling article on the subject of people maliciously poisoning dogs in Diboll. I don't know how many were killed but I am sure more than 20 would be a conservative estimate. Anyway, since our article in the Buzz Saw about it, there hasn't been another case as far as I know. We are glad that what came out in the Buzz Saw about this matter had some affect.

The Sports Picture . . .

By PAUL DURHAM

At the moment the Diboll Lumberjacket Basketball team is pounding away at their opponents in what promises to be one of the hottest races ever staged in District 56-B.

Before entering District competition, the Lumberjacks compiled a record of seven wins and four losses which is not bad considering the competition they have been up against. They have already taken their share of glory in various tournaments and have proven that they are capable of winning District 56-B by beating highly talented Zavalla. Zavalla and Central Heights appear to be the teams to defeat for the championship as they again came up with very fine squads. Zavalla has always been an arch rival of the Lumberjacks and even though they trounced us 38-22 it is obvious that it was no walk-away for them.



PAUL DURHAM

The one big difficulty that the Lumberjacks seem to have with Zavalla is getting the ball down in the home end of the court. The Eagles system of defense requires them to "dog" the guards as they advance toward the center of the floor. The defense is so effective that it becomes necessary for the forwards to assist in moving the ball toward the goal in the alloted nine seconds. When they succeed in this, the guards again have to postpone their maneuvers until the forwards can assume their correct position.

The Jacks will probably run into other teams with this identical type of defense play and it will be necessary for us to set up an adequate answer to it.

One of the most improved players on the Diboll squad in that of a six-foot-three inch center, Van Scarborough. Van is a senior and has participated in basketball only one and one-half seasons. He will be mighty hard to replace.

Charles Blake and Tip Brashear remain the top scorers on the club. Art Clark promises to show up with good ball playing his Junior and Senior years. Ferguson and Placker are a pair of mighty good guards and we feel that they really balance out the smooth operating five.

Elsewhere in the Diboll sports picture, Coach Robert Ramsey has revealed the places and dates of next years football games. The schedule includes Trinity, a newcomer to District 29-B. They are not reported as a top team but they should and probably will give somebody plenty of trouble. As soon as we can have the schedules printed on cards they will be put up all over town so everybody can watch their calendars when the team is going into action.

Notice!

ALL Southern Pine Lumber Company employees who desire double indemnity on their group insurance policy and who have not signed letters authorizing the additional 10c pay deduction per thousand dollars insurance, should see Calvin Lawrence in the office before February 8th.

Double indemnity simply means that your beneficiary will receive DOUBLE the amount of insurance she would receive if you did not have the double indemnity clause, in the event you are accidentally killed off the job.

JOIN THE ACCIDENT PREVENTION CAMPAIGN! SAVE A LIFE OR A LIMB . .

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Get Ready For Freddie

By FREDDIE LEWIS

After completing just a fair football season, the H. G. Temple High school slid into the basketball schedule—and landed on their Southern Exposures by losing the first four games. They were playing, however, under the handicap of not having the proper footwear and as soon as Coach Kenyon and his assistant, Professor Greer, provided basketball shoes the tide changed at once and the Tigers went into the winning column. The girls brought home to Diboll the first victory of the season when they defeated



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Camden on December 30 at Diboll. The first quarter of this game ended with Diboll leading 4-0 and at halftime 7-2. Camden held Diboll scoreless in the third quarter and added three more points to their score. In the fourth quarter, before the sound of the referee's whistle had died out, Diboll had made a field goal and were on their way to final victory. Camden was held scoreless in this quarter and with about two minutes to play Diboll rang up another goal making the final tally 11-5 in our favor.

In the meantime, the H. G. Temple High school boys team also played Camden on this same date and, like the girls, took the lead in the first quarter and was never overhauled afterwards. At the end of the first quarter the score was 8-2. Thanks to the flashy playing of John Odum, Ennis Canada, and Hunt of Diboll, we led by a score of 12-3 at the half. Camden rallied in the third and made four points but Diboll came back with five more in the same quarter and led 17-7 at the opening of the fourth frame. The game tightened up a little bit in the closing minutes with Camden making five quick points while holding Diboll to one, but time caught them—as time always catches everything—and when the final whistle blew the boys had racked in a 18-12 victory.

Followingt his game with Camden, Diboll went into the tournament at Chester the first week in January. In this tournament, the Diboll boys team shook off the cobwebs of their early defeats and really went to town. We don't know what Coach Kenyon and Coach Gree did to fire them to such heights, but fired up they were because they won three games in this important meet. Returning home, they played Nigton over in the gym and gave a good account of themselves on the hardwood. Winning by a close score of 24-22. Nigton always produces a good fast basketball team and they are great even in defeat. The lead changed in this fracus several times. At the half, the score was tied and in the fourth quarter it was tied again. But with Odom, John Edward Simmons, Hunt, and Canada playing like their lives depended upon it, the deadlock was broken and Diboll brought home the bacon. In the very last minute of play Nigton almost tied up the game, missing several shots by inches but the Diboll basketeers were crowding them so closely they just didn't have that final extra punch that was required.

On January 17 Alto came to Diboll with both their girlrs and boys teams and went back to Alto with two victories to the tune of 8-4 in the girls' games and 19-15 in the boys game. The girls held Alto to a 3-3 tie at the half but lost out in the third and fourth quarters when the opposition scored one field goal and two free throws. The boys blew their game in the final minutes of play. After trailing in the first quarter by a score of 4-2, Diboll took the lead in the second and at half-time had Alto behind the eight ball 12-9. In the third quarter Diboll increased their lead two more points and in the fourth and last period scored a free throw and led momentarily 15-9. At this point John Odom, high scorer of the Diboll quintet, was pitched out on his ear for excessive fouls. Odom is the roving center on the club and one of the most valuable players we had had in a long time. With Odom out, Alto came from behind with one field goal after another until they had run Diboll ragged and reversed the scoring to the tune of 19-15 where it was when the game ended.

In the next game Diboll clashed with Wells over in the gym. Diboll won this game 18-12 with Odom and John Edward Simmons really going to town on the hardwood. Henry Lee (Sonny Boy) Jones and Morris Rhone as well as Odom, Canada, and Hunt have played some fine ball so far this season and promise to develop into real stars.

On January 24 Diboll defeated Groveton by a score of 22-14 (boys) while the girls were losing against the same school by the narrow margin of one point in an 8-7 contest.

Jerlean Cosey, Myrtlestine Madoria, Billy Jean Simmons, and Birda Mae Canada all played a good game on this night and really tried to take the game out of the fire.

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Around the Town With Freddie Lewis

By FREDDIE LEWIS

Coach Kenyon has announced that the annual basketball tournament will be held in Diboll on Saturday, February 25, 1950. Let us remember this date and turn out to help support the team and the school and make this tournament the success that it usually is. You have almost an entire month in which to make your plans for attending this function and we hope that you do not let anything get in the way of it. As we all know, the Diboll basketball teams always make a fine showing in the tournaments held at home. I am sure you will be proud of both teams if you will come out and watch them in action on February 25. For details see Coach Kenyon or Coach Greer and they will have all the information you want about the affair. Incidentally Diboll was over at Pineland in a tournament on January 21 and, as sad as it is to admit it, got eliminated. The girls were eliminated by Pineland after winning their first start. But the boys were knocked out in the first round and just barely got into the show. However, when Pineland comes over here on the 25th for the tournament the Tigers are really going to be ready for them and things may be evened up on that date. When Pineland beats Diboll it is like Joe Louis being knocked out by a midget. We like the folks over there and like to play them in basketball, football, baseball, or in any other sort of contest. But we can't allow them to win from us except on rare occasions for two reasons: it makes them feel too good, and it makes us feel too bad.

Earl (Tinker) Belton ,the former colorful, daring, smooth fielding first baseman of the Diboll baseball team, has organized an all-star basketball team and states that the uniforms are already ordered and several games scheduled. Belton has such performers as Eugene Hodge, Archie Maddox, Ed Allen, Jake Taylor, and J. L. Rhone on his roster and these boys—all former H. G. Temple High school stars —should be able to give any team in this section of the state a fast run for their money. The games already scheduled are with Pineland, Nacogdoches, and Camden, with four or five others on the list to be contacted. We want to do everything we can to support this team and keep Belton in Diboll because he plans to play baseball next season here and that means that we will have not only another star performer but also a crowd-getting attraction for the reason that Belton is a flashy player from way back yonder. (He is the one I reported some months ago as having played with a club down in Louisiana one time and finished the season—I don't know how short it was—with a batting average of 1000).

Safety Meet To Be Held February 16th

Our monthly safety meeting was held in January as usual with Mr. George Hailey, safety engineer with Texas Employers Insurance association out of Beaumont being present. Mr. Durham was there after having spent a month in the hospital in Houston. Mr. Daniel was present as usual with his motion picture projector on which he showed the first Joe Louis vs. Joe Wolcott fight together with a fifteen minute film on safety in the woods. This safety picture on logging demonstrated just how a man could handle himself when using axes and saws and brought out many examples of hazards in logging operations and how they can be avoided. Falls, widow makers, rolling logs, cats, trucks, brakemen, and loadermen were all brought into the picture to cover every phase of logging safety.

In Mr. Hailey's talk he pointed out that the accident record for the year 1949 in Diboll was not as good as it could have been and urged us all to talk safety, think safety, and practice safety every day during 1950. He offered some suggestions on how we could eliminate most of the accidents that happened during 1949.

Mr. Durham was not at all satisfied with the size of the crowd and so stated. He said that if Mr. Hailey could drive better than 200 miles from Beaumont and if Mr. Daniels could make two trips from Lufkin with his camera equipment, members of the safety organization should be willing to come 200 yards to the meeting. He then asked for suggestions on the problem of how to get 100 per cent attendance.

An idea was presented and accepted by the crowd as follows: It was decided to have the safety meetings every third Thursday night in each month separate and apart from the Brotherhood, though in the same building. In other words, Brotherhood will meet on the first, second, and fourth Thursday nights and the safety meetings will be held on the third Thursday nights of each month with the entire program being on safety and not as a part of the weekly Brotherhood meeting.

Remember that in February on the third Thursday night of the month we will have this re-organizational safety meeting, complete with picture show, safety talks, and election of new officers and committees. It is imperative that we all take renewed interest in the safety program both around the plant and in logging operations. We have had too many accidents, especially during the past few months, and we all must get together and spread the word of safety and make 1950 our best year.

Double Indemnity Now Available On Group Insurance

During the month of January, 1950, the following letter was sent to every Southern Pine Lumber Company employee with reference to our group insurance coverage with the Provident Life Insurance Company:

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Very few of us carry enough life insurance to see our families through life in case of death. This is especially true in case of accidental death.

We have checked with our insurance carriers and find we can get twice the amount of life insurance that we now carry in case of accidental death off the job for 10c per month per $1,000.00 of life insurance. In other words, for those carrying $1,500.00 of life insurance their families could collect $3,000.00 in case of accidental death off the job for only 15c additional per month.

Mr. Temple has asked me to get this information and present it to the employees. He feels that everyone should have more coverage, especially in case of accidental death off the job.

We will not be able to get this rate unless 75 per cent of our employees want this coverage. In order for us to be able to tell our insurance carriers what we want to do about this it will be necessary for you to sign this letter and return it to your foreman promptly.

Yours very truly,
Southern Pine Lumber Company
Calvin Lawrence

A number of Southern Pine Lumber Company employees are under the impression that because more than 75 per cent of the people on the payroll signed up for this additional insurance protection that all would automatically be included, including those who did not sign up for the increase. This is not the case. In order for you to have this additional protection YOU MUST SIGN YOUR LETTER and authorize the deduction of the additional 10 cents per thousand dollars of insurance.

Those employees who WANT the increase in their insurance and who DID NOT sign up for it can still get it if they will come to Calvin Lawrence's office and sign up for it NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8.

DIBOLL IS ON THE MARCH -- LET'S GET IN STEP AND PUT OUR TOWN ON TOP!

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MARY LOU STRICKLAND, J. A. TATUM RITES READ IN JANUARY 21 CEREMONY

Miss Mary Lou Strickland became the bride of J. A. Tatum in a ceremony performed by the Reverend Verle E. Fridley at the Midway Garden church of God, Saturday evening, January 21.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strickland and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tatum, all of Diboll.

Vows were exchanged before an arch entwined with northern smilax and huckleberry foliage, intermingled with small white flowers. The green foliage and small white flowers banked the altar and railing. On either side of the arch were placed candelabra holding gleaming white tapers and tall floor baskets featuring white gladiolis and chrysanthemums.

Pre-nuptial music was rendered by Mrs. W. F. Pate, who also played the traditional wedding marches. Soloist was Miss Betty Ruth Richey who sang "I Love You Truly" and "I'll Be Loving You Always."

The bride chose a royal blue suit, worn with rose accessories for the occasion. Her bridal corsage was a cattlia orchid.

Miss Rosellyn Sexton attended the couple as maid of honor, while Nathan Edwards attended as best man. Miss Sexton wore a wine colored suit and gray accessories. She wore a corsage of vanda orchids.

Ushers were Wendel Roberts and Orville Bryce. Miss Mattie Lynn Ford and Miss Francis Bailey performed the candlelighting duties.

A reception was held at the home of the Reverend and Mrs. Verle Fridley, 304 Paul, immediately after the ceremony.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. David Lott, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Braswell and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Black, Miss Rhoda Chandler, Mrs. Geneva Rector, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pate and son, Mrs. Jimmie Ferguson, Orville Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Strickland and daughter, Billie Jean Goins, H. O. Humble, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reeves and son and daughter.

Mrs. Vernon Burkhalter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Strickland, James Strickland, Miss Dorothy Strickland, James Roach, Miss Betty Sue Wiley, Buddy Bush, Kenneth Rolluen, Mrs. Anita Anderson, Miss Ruth Tatum, Nathan Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Strickland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tatum, Mrs. Roy Ford, Mrs. Hope Gill, Miss Mattie Lynn Ford, Wendell Roberts, Miss Francis Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Vaught, Mrs. F. Farrington, Miss Willie Ruth Cole, H. M. Garrett.

Miss Betty Ruth Richey, Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brice, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Anderson, Mrs. Essie Reynolds and children, Miss Henderson, Miss Rose Ellen Sexton, Miss Johnnie Freeman and Miss Mary Freeman.

F.F.A. To Attend Fat Stock Show

Five members of the Diboll chapter of the Future Farmers of America plan to attend the 1950 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition on February 11—FFA and FHA Day at the show.

H. N. Garrett, their vocational agriculture teacher, has made reservations for tickets to the afternoon performance of the Roy Rogers' World Championship Rodeo.

From throughout Texas, approximately 10,000 FFA and FHA members are expected to throng to Sam Houston Coliseum for the special day on which the members of the two organizations are honored.

The nation's leading western motion picture, radio, and rodeo stars will be in Houston for the 12 day show, beginning February 1. Roy Rogers will bring his actress and Texas-born wife, Dale Evans; bewhiskered George 'Gabby' Hayes; Foy Willing and the Riders of the Purple Sage, and Rogers' educated horse, 'Trigger'.

FFA and FHA members will see the show at a special price because show officials are confident that the members profit educationally and that they will become better ranchers and farmers of tomorrow.

Other tickets may be obtained by mail by writing Rodeo Ticket Sales Director, P. O. Box 2371, Houston, Texas. Tickets are priced at $3.60, $3.00, $2.80 and $2.10. Orders should specify dates and number of tickets desired and should be accompanied by a check for the tickets plus an additional 40 cents for registration.

A Point To Think About

Criminals find themselves in jail, not because they do not know the law, but because of their attitude toward the law.

A great many accidents occur in our mills, not because our men do not know how to avoid accidents, but because they have a poor attitude and will not bother to take the necessary precautions to prevent accidents.

Perhaps they believe that accidents occur only to "the other fellows". A little thought will show that we are all "other fellows" to somebody else.

More education in safety is definitely to be desired, but it is even more important to use the knowledge we already possess.

The prevention of accidents is the logical and inescapable result of good workmanship.

MARY BETH PHILLIPS CONDUCTS DANCING SCHOOL IN DIBOLL

The Diboll dancing school began in January, 1949, under the direction of Mary Beth Phillips, to offer instruction in ballet, tap, and acrobatic dancing to boys and girls from four years of age up.

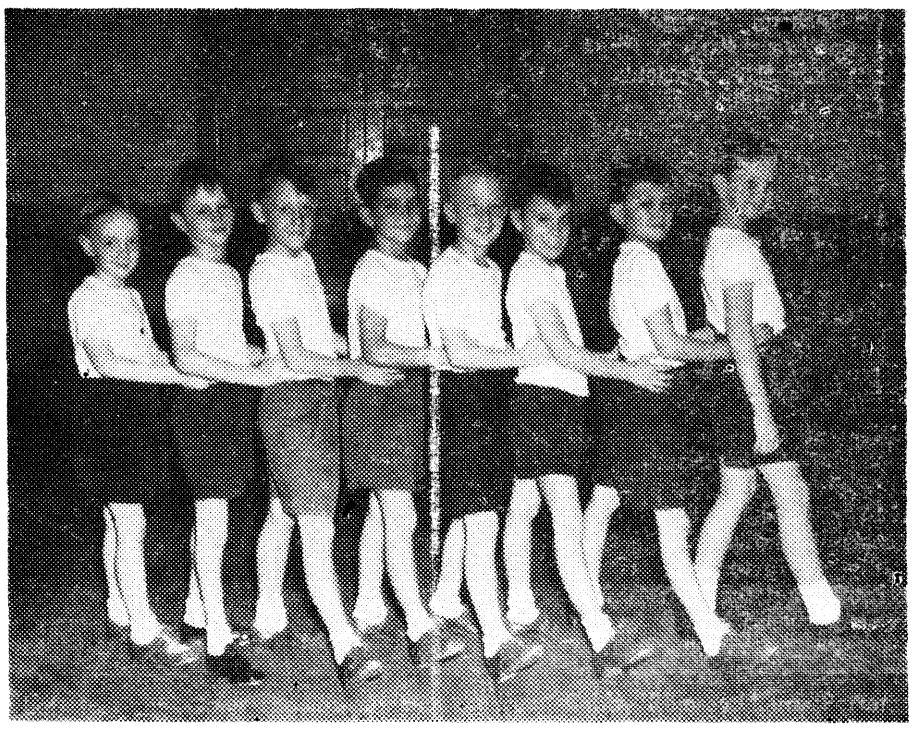
Mary Beth Phillips graduated from Denton High school then attended Texas State Teachers college for women at Denton for two years, then to North Texas State Teachers college where she majored in music and dancing for two more years. She also studied in the Sproule School of Dancing in Beaumont before coming to Diboll to teach in Diboll High school. She now directs the dancing school as a separate enterprise, holding classes on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

One of the chief purposes of the school of dancing is to develop poise, character, teamwork, and general physical well-being in students.

During the latter part of the month of May the dancing school will stage a recital in the high school gymnasium to be sponsored by one of the local civic organizations. Proceeds from this recital will go to the sponsoring club and be used in Diboll for some worthwhile community drive. The exact date of this recital will be announced later.



Left to right, advanced class—Betty Jane Copeland, Eloise Copeland, Shirlene Holcombe, Elsie Martin, (Mary Cathrine Richmond and Jo Lynn Holcomb not in picture). Mary Beth Phillips, dancing instructor.



Left to right—John Thomas, Jimmie Landrum, Bobby Ramsey, Larry Porter, Billy Frank Pate, John Thomas Holder, Travis Porker, John Estes.



Left to right—Sandra Ashworth, Linda Kay Harrison, Carol Nelson, Charlotte Campbell, Sandra Powell, Nita Ramsey, Sharon Christian.

JOIN THE ACCIDENT PREVENTION CAM PAIGN! SAVE A LIFE OR A LIMB . .

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Temple-White Topics

By HERB WHITE, Jr.

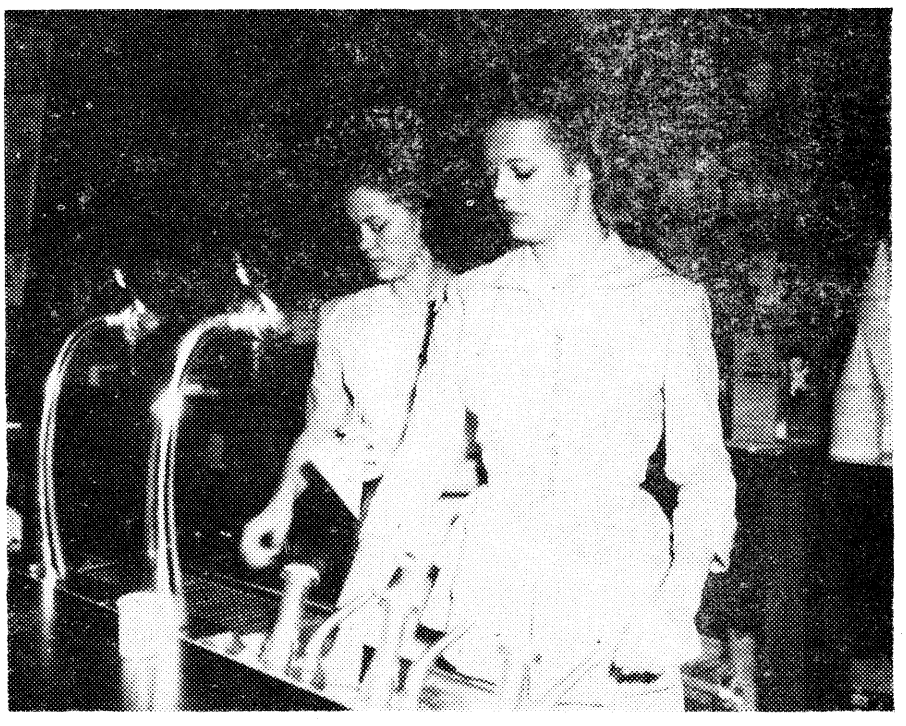
Edwin Nelson, well known Temple-White employee, has an interesting and profitable hobby of repairing and adjusting clocks. Edwin also does a lot of work for a well known repair shop in a nearby town. The shop has a reputation for fine work, so Ed must know his hobby pretty well.

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Dick Hendricks and crew are happy over the fact that the company traded the old Chevrolet truck for a bright and shiny Studebaker. Speaking of Studebakers, we have it pretty straight that Mr. Weber is about to set foot in his very own Land Cruiser within a few days. He has run into one hitch, though. His car is going to be too long for his garage.

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Air Force Veterans in and around the Diboll area who are interested in keeping their reserve commissions and ratings in effect are urged to get in touch with any of the members in Flight "C" of the 9806 Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron in Lufkin. This flight meets every Thursday at the Lufkin Foundry Trailer Division at 7:30 p.m. Interested Air Reservists may contact Jake Durham or Herb White in Diboll.



Pictured above are Southern Pine Lumber Company's "Fair Fountaineers" who dispense sodas, sundaes, and sweet smiles daily in the drug store at Diboll. They are, left to right: Vina Ola Fears and Doris Nell Hooper. These attractive young ladies say that being "Drug Store Cowgirls" isn't such killing work, but that putting up with such characters as Raymond Martin, Vernon Burkhalter, Herb White, Raymond Willis, railroad moguls Boot Jackson and R. V. Honea, George Milford, and some of the other rabid coffee drinkers is worth all their pay.

Incidentally, Vina Ola and Doris Nell are cousins and were both born at Wakefield, Texas, near Goat Hill—which, today, is a very well known settlement south of the Neches River.

Let's Think This Over

Elsewhere in this issue of the Buzz Saw you will find a story about the coast-to-coast broadcast by Cedric Foster of the Mutual Broadcasting System in which he told the story of Diboll over 350 radio stations all over the United States into which his broadcasts are channeled daily at twelve noon. This was the first time our town ever received national publicity and, as far as we know, it was the first time that any news commentator (especially one with such a tremendous listening audience as Mr. Foster) ever made any town in this part of the country the subject of a five-minute story over the air—free and unsolicited—to an estimated five million people in every state in the union. Why did he single Diboll out as a place of interest to the rest of the nation?

He did it because Diboll, though comparatively small as towns and cities go, is a place with a STORY. It is the story of progress, of modernization, of building for the future. It is the story of a community where a company and its employees are walking hand-in-hand to build a model town with better and better living and working conditions, better jobs, and a FUTURE for the generations to come. Whereas a great many sawmills have cut out—and many more will cut out in years to come—Southern Pine Lumber Company will continue to operate because we have sufficient timberlands on which scientific forestry practices are being carried out to insure a perpetual supply of saw logs for the mills.

Another thing about Diboll that is a rarity among so-called "sawmill communities" is the fact that the management of our company is just as interested in improving the TOWN as it is in improving the PLANT. And a lot of lumber concerns aren't at all interested in improving EITHER. In other words, many lumber companies in the south realize that they can operate just so many more years and not one day more—simply because they don't have the timber resources to operate with. They, therefore, aren't interested in spending any money on their plant or on new houses or on anything else because their estimated future doesn't justify it. Our company, on the other hand, is remodeling the plant here—and doing it with CONCRETE AND STEEL—because they're getting geared up for the production of lumber fifty years from now or even a hundred. By the same token, improvements throughout the town itself are being carried on at an ever-increasing rate in order that Southern Pine Lumber Company employees will have modern up-to-date HOMES in modern up-to-date SURROUNDINGS in which to live, and in which their children may live, during the years to come. It all narrows down to the fact that we are all working for a PROGRESSIVE company and living in a PROGRESSIVE town where the rule of the day is build—improve—modernize—and plan for the FUTURE.

Visit around at other "sawmill towns" in East Texas—or anywhere else, for that matter—and you'll see that Diboll is so far ahead of the others that they would have to look through a telescope ten feet long to see the dust we're kicking up.

On Thursday afternoon, January 26, George Hafley of Texas Employers Safety Division made his monthly inspection of the plant and held a safety meeting at 4 p.m. for all Southern Pine Lumber Company foremen, then at 7:30 p.m. conducted another meeting at the Brotherhood Lodge Hall for all colored employees. At both meetings safety and entertainment films were shown (The first Joe Louis Joe Wolcott fight for entertainment), followed by safety talks and a general discussion of safety problems.

Safety programs for woods crews and plant employees, like anything else, must be kept active to be successful. Most of us find ourselves losing interest in safety unless we constantly remind ourselves of it's importance to US as individuals—and very often we don't realize this until we wake up in the hospital with an injury.

To really put our safety program over like it should be put over, we are going to have a complete reorganization of both safety groups during the month of February. George Hailey has worked out a plan to get the ball rolling and will present his ideas on the subject at our monthly safety meetings. As usual, we will have several films on safety work together with at least one entertainment film. Everybody is urged to come to these meetings and join with us in getting Southern Pine Lumber Company's accident record lowered for the year 1950. It has been definitely proven time and time again in hundreds of plants throughout the country that safety campaigns DO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

Let's make our jobs less hazardous by keeping safety uppermost in our minds at all times and by taking an active part in this safety program. The exact date for the February meetings will be announced on the bulletin boards. Come out and help us make our program a success.

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Not to expect perfection—that is the soundest principle of married life.

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Life should be partly cakes and red geraniums.

41 SOUTHERN PINE EMPLOYES TO RECEIVE SAFE-DRIVER AWARDS

Forty-one Southern Pine Lumber Company motor vehicle operators will receive safe driver awards for the period June 1, 1948, to June 1, 1949, according to George Hailey, Safety Engineer of the Texas Employers Insurance Association.

These forty-one drivers have, collectively, drove a total of 142 years, without an accident of any kind. Here they are:

M. G. Meadows, W. W. Shoemaker, R. D. Williams, Lewis Minton, Cecil Ryans, Arthur Grant, R. Conway, W. E. Smith, N. Odell Harper, H. C. Tobias, E. A. Stephens, A. J. Elliott, Victor Powell, Floyd Frankins, Jimmie White, H. J. Harper, J. E. Dowdy, C. E. Breazealle, J. T. Smith, C. P. Willis, F. S. Simpson, E. McAdams, O. M. Burchfield, George Thompson, W. E. Jordan, L. B. Breazeale, Dave Kinley, Cecil Walton, Kenneth Nelson, J. E. Strickland, Richie Wells, D. W. Glass, W. W. Jackson, George Smith, Clyde Thompson, Jess Parker, Hugh Timms, H. T. Waller, E. Burchfield, C. E. Harper and N. B. Hall.

Hailey said there were several Southern Pine Lumber Company drivers who are not included on the above list but who are eligible for safe driver awards—their names having been left off through error. He asked that those men notify the Personnel Office, stating the number of years of driving without damage to company equipment, and without an injury of any kind, and safe drivers awards will be issued accordingly.

The awards will be delivered at an early date through the individual's foreman.

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Diboll Boy Scouts Plan Big Year

Well, big things are in the making for the Diboll Boy Scouts.

A trip for two Diboll Scouts to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in July, a trip to camp Tonkawa for the entire troop in July, a trip to the San Jacinto Battleground and the Battleship Texas in the very near future, and National Scout Week, February 5-11.

The trip to Gettysburg will be the biggest thing that ever happened to the Diboll Scouts. The two scouts earning the most points will be the ones selected for the trip. The points will be given for achievement work in the scouts, school, church and in the community. The people of Diboll can help his or her favorite scout by helping him to achieve any program he undertakes to do.

The Camp Tonkawa trip will be for all Scouts able to raise the ten dollars fee for the privilege of attending the camp for one week with all meals furnished. It will be well worth the money.

The trip to the San Jacinto Battleground will be for all the Scouts and will be taken when the weather clears up a little.

This year National Scout Week is February 5-11. During that week the Scouts will have a display of their handicraft in front of the homes of Mrs. Farrington and Mr. and Mrs. Schenke. Everyone is invited to come over to see the work done by the Diboll Boy Scouts.

A new Explorer Scout Post was organized this last week and twenty-five boys have shown interest in the new post. We will be glad to have as many boys as possible to join this new post.

If it is at all possible we are going to try and take a two or three week trip to Old Mexico. It will depend largely on the work of the Explorer Scouts as to whether or not this trip will be taken.

Any boys fourteen years old and over who would like to take a trip of this kind just come to the Explorer Scout meeting on any Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Scout House and find out all the details.

DON'T FORGET! HELP YOUR FAVORITE SCOUT GO TO GETTYSBURG JUNE 24 TO JULY 14!

DO ACCIDENTS PAY? ASK THE MAN WHO HAS HAD ONE! BE CAREFUL ALWAYS!