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EXIT OF AN EDITOR

By JAKE DURHAM

The first issue of the Buzz Saw came off the press in June 1947. Since then we've put out 42 eight-page editions or a total of 344 pages about Diboll and things pertaining to Diboll. Ordinarily there was enough going on around here during each thirty-day period to fill up the space and then some. And when there wasn't we threw in the bus schedule, the fire signals, and a couple of "canned" poems. That usually did it and nobody seemed to notice the difference.

Though the Buzz Saw has been an amateur effort from the beginning (and quite obviously so), we've been reprinted in some pretty fair periodicals—The Dallas Morning News, The Gulf Coast Lumberman, The Southern Lumberman, The Houston Post Parade Section, Southern Hardwoods, The Lufkin Daily News, The Angelina County News, plus some re-worked pieces in Texas Industry, and several others. Country boy stuff, yes. But it got around—and we were proud of it.

The Buzz Saw has never had a subcription cancellation since its inception. Of course, its been free all the time and though a number of people have gotten it for the purpose of wrapping plants, scraps for the dogs, and for various other uses, still our circulation went up from a modest 750 copies to something over 3,300 during the first twenty-four months. And it should quadruple again during the next twenty-four. Or do even better. And the reason is that you have, as of this issue, a brand new editor.

(And the crowd roared: "It's about time!")

She is the attractive Bennie Prince, formerly of the Lufkin Daily News, a graduate journalist, and a sharp young lady indeed. She has taken over and I have taken out.

As of January 1, 1950, I will be at Southland Paper Mills in Lufkin.

The principal theme of this paper has been "The Progress of An East Texas Town" and on that subject there has been plenty of material to write about. If you think not, talk to someone who has just returned to Diboll after an absence of three or four years. Ask him if he can see any big difference. His answer will be that with the exception of a few landmarks—individuals principally—he sees very little similarity!

There isn't room to list all the improvements. A few would include new churches, a remodeled store, a new clinic, fire station, fire fighting equipment of several types, an ambulance available on a 24-hour basis, all-steel labor buses for woods crews, a paved loop, hard-surfaced streets, almost a hundred new up-to-date homes for employees, lighted baseball and football fields, remodeled hotel with new air-conditioned tourist cottages adjoining, attractive new business establishments on Highway 59 and on the north loop, a more liberal group insurance plan, a credit union, an ice plant, a concrete pipe manufacturing plant; a huge new treating plant; automatic stackers and unstackers, an automatic edge sorter, a battery of new Moore cross-circualting fan kilns, new-type Stetson Ross Trimmers, a completely remodeled Mill No. 1, together with all sorts of other new equipment on the plant; an attractive new T.S.E. office and depot, a completely equipped automotive shop, a city park; maintainers, bulldozers, draglines, diesel and gasoline trucks, and all sorts of other equipment; the Buzz Saw (locally referred to as the "Poor Man's New York Times," or so reads the plug reserved for this space), and a host of new "talent" including civil and architectural engineers, graduate foresters, et al. And there will be many more in the not too distant future.

The list could be made twice as long as above. But you get the general idea.

Now, where the credit is due the credit should go.

A winning football team never attributes its success solely to the coach or to the star halfback or to the men in the line. The success of a championship eleven can usually be summed up by saying that "Under expert coaching, with better-than-average material, plus the best teamwork in the conference—nobody could defeat them."

That same thing applies to the "team" here. First, regardless of how much know - how Southern Pine employees possess, and regardless of how great is the degree of teamwork, the coach has to do skillful planning, take the chances, risk the capital, and issue the orders. Maybe you think that isn't difficult. Maybe you think the manager of an establishment as large as this has an easy job—just because he doesn't have to saw down trees or lift something heavy all day long. Maybe you think that when he goes home at the end of the day he rares back in an easy chair at peace with the world and, after having James peel him a grape, takes life as easy as it can be taken—without a care.

Though I have never been a manager, nor have I had any heavy burdens either on my mind or my back to speak of—I know that such is not the case. The manager of a plant like this has countless problems — countless worries — and he takes them home with him at the close of the day and very often sits up with them for long hours at night. If he make a decision to spend a lot of money on something like, for example, Project One — something that is designed to improve working conditions and make possible the manufacture of better lumber with less lost motion (which makes your job more permanent and, in the long run, a lot more remunerative because it enables the company to stay at the top in a highly competitive market) he is taking a terrific gamble because he has to make that decision in the face of many unknown factors.

One of the biggest unknown factors about Project One was the new automatic edge sorter. There is nothing like it in the lumber industry anywhere—and a lot of people who saw it on the drawing boards said it wouldn't work. After it was completed—with a terrific outlay of cash—some still said it wouldn't work because at first it didn't. But after the "bugs" were removed from it—like the bugs in any new piece of complicated machinery—it did work and the result was that we have unquestionably the slickest sawmill operation right here in Diboll that you will find ANYWHERE.

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WELL, HERE I AM

By BENNIE PRINCE

The December issue of the Buzz Saw has a two-fold meaning with its publication, co-edited by Jake Durham and Bennie Prince.

It is Jake Durham's farewell edition and my first—with most of the work falling on Jake.

As a beginning, I would like to say how very happy I am over having the opportunity to edit your Buzz Saw. Also I would like to hand a laurel or two to Jake in stating I hope I can continue Southern Pine Employee's paper with as much energy, zest and enthusiasm as he has poured into its pages.

The first few days of learning the ropes and fundamentals of editing the Buzz Saw have had their confusing moments, but with the continued help, support and suggestions of its readers, I feel confident that the rough edges will work out.

Persons of Diboll and Southern Pine Lumber Company wanting an article or announcement published in the Buzz Saw are to contact Bennie Prince.

The town of Diboll and Southern Pine Lumber Company are steadily growing day by day and as their progress climbs I would like to see the Buzz Saw travel upward along with them.

As I have been engaged in writing Society for the Lufkin Daily News for the past few years, I think some persons are humorously in doubt as to what the outcome of the Buzz Saw will be, some, perhaps, have envisioned a Society Sheet. But I will endeavor to come up with a few plant stories amid a flurry of sports items, poems, etc.

So all in all—maybe the outlook isn't as gloomy as could be.

Shoving joking aside, I sincerely hope the Buzz Saw will bustle with the stories and pictures which please the reader's fancy.

There will be an annual meeting of the Employees Federal Credit Union at 77:00 p.m. on Jaunary 26, 1951, above the fire station for the purpose of electing officers for the current year. Everybody who owns shares of stock in the credit union, plus all members, are invited to attend this important meeting.

ON THE COVER

On page one is shown a recent aerial view of Southern Pine Lumber Company's plant at Diboll after the completion of "Project One." New buildings include the automatic edge sorter, stacker and unstacker, new Moore Cross Circulating fan kilns, cooling shed, and the dry sorter building. For information about Project Two, on the 1951 schedule, see page 3.

XMAS CHEER GIVEN

Christmas was made a fuller and merrier celebration this year of 1950 for 14 families through the aid and efforts of Diboll merchants, churches and townspeople.

The 14 families aided included helping 56 children.

Each family was presented with a box of groceries to assure each having a nice Christmas dinner with all the trimmings plus such goodies as fruits, nuts and candy.

The children received gifts of toys and clothes to make their Christmas observance a memorable and happy occasion.

Discounts were given by the Southern Pine store, the Drug store and the Tatum Variety store, a box of clothing was contributed by Powell's Grocery and toys were donated by the Purdy Sunday school class of the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. A. Porter and Mrs. Jack Sweeny prepared the boxes and added the Christmas wrappings. The list of names of needy children in school was supplied by Mrs. Bee Burkhalter and Mrs. Mary Jane Christian.

Funds for the Christmas aid were donated by the Community Chest, the Diboll Parent-Teachers Association and the Diboll Lions Club.

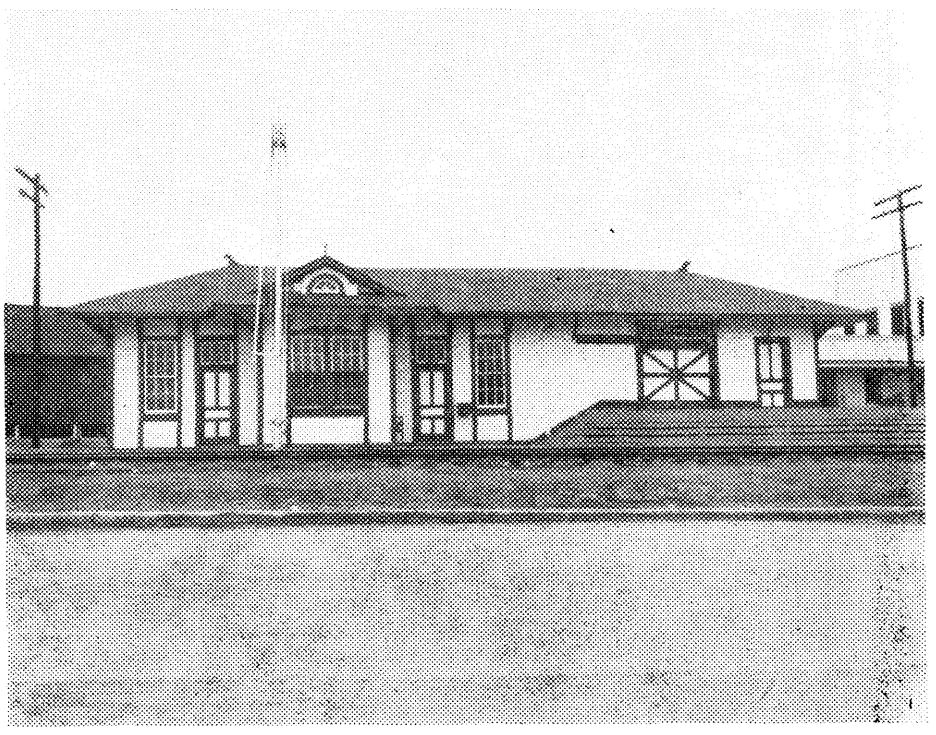
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My piece of bread only belongs to me when I know that everyone else has a share, and that no one starves while I eat. —Tolstoy

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Equality of opportunity is an equal opportunity to prove unequal talents. — Viscount Samuel

The dogs bark, but the caravan goes on. — Indian Proverb



Above is shown the Southern Pacific combination freight and passenger station in Diboll which underwent a face lifting on orders of Mr. H. L. Bell, Superintendent. The station, painted white with a green border to match Southern Pine lumber Company's store and ice plant adjacent to it, is the only one on the Southern Pacific system in this particular color scheme.

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Project Two Approved By Board of Directors

Directors of Southern Pine Lumber Company, at the annual meeting held in Diboll on December 13, 1950, formally approved the second phase of the over-all modernization program for the plant to be known as "Project Two."

This second phase will consist of the construction of a new steel and concrete rough lumber storage shed 600 feet long, 100 feet wide, and 50 feet in height. It will be located adjacent to the new area parallel to the recently completed 375 foot dry sorting chain.

The new steel and concrete shed will have a capacity of 10,000,000 feet of dry rough lumber. A huge overhead crane which will span the width of the building and travel its length will handle the lumber in packages from the dry sorter through the process of storing and up to the point where it is ready for movement to the planer for final dressing.

The overhead crane will have a clearance of 33 feet and will be of ten-ton capacity. It was bought for September delivery from the Harnischfeger Corporation in Dallas.

The new rough lumber storage shed will replace the present wooden sheds which now cover an area of some 250 feet by 600 feet.

Also included in Project Two will be the construction of a semi-automatic stacker for heavy timbers and a 240 foot by 40 foot electric craneway adjacent to the south end of Mill Number One. A three-ton crane will traverse this craneway and will make possible the easy and efficient handling and loading of timbers directly from the mill.

Contract for the steel erection on Project Two has been awarded to the Mosher Steel Company of Houston, Texas, and is scheduled to begin in November, 1951. Consulting engineers on the project will be the firm of H. E. Bovay Jr., also of Houston.

Project Two will eliminate straddle and lift trucks now in use at Southern Pine Lumber Company's plant at Diboll. It will also eliminate lumber buggies to a large extent as well as several hundred feet of dollyways.

The ten-ton overhead crane in the new storage shed will pick up packaged lumber at the dry sorter chain, move it to any point in the 600 x 100 foot shed, place it at the desired spot for storage, then pick it up and move it to the take-off point for shipment to the planer when called for. Because of the fact that the entire operation is from above, every foot of storage space in the shed can be utilized for the reason that no driveways between lumber stacks will be required as is the present set-up in any storage building where lift and straddle trucks are used.

This is the second in a three-step master modernization plan to give Southern Pine Lumber Company a completely modern plant from the ponds to the carline. Project One, now completed, has already proven to be a highly efficient operation which makes possible the manufacture of much better lumber. Project Two will make possible the handling, storing, and transporting of this lumber faster and with a minimum of lost motion. Project Three will include the installation of more modern methods and machinery for further handling, finishing, and shipping.

And unless I miss my guess, there will probably be Projects Four, Five, and Six—and more after that—because Southern Pine Lumber Company and the expansion of Diboll and the plant will go on and on.

That's progress — and Diboll and Southern Pine Lumber Company will see a lot of that not only in the coming year but in all the years to follow.

1950—Diboll's Year Of Greatest Achievement

The town of Diboll saw greater progress during 1950 in plant and town improvements than in any previous year since the company was founded in 1894.

Project One was completed. This work included the installation of new Stetson Ross trimmers, a green chain forty feet in height from the trimmers to the huge new automatic edge sorter (the only installation of its kind in the lumber industry), an automatic stacker, new electrically powered kiln transfer cars, a battery of seven new Moore cross-circulating fan kilns, new steel cooling shed, an automatic unstacker, a 370 foot dry take-down chain, a new re-manufacturing plant, and dozens of other innovations from the mills to the dry sheds.

In addition, Mill One was completely overhauled and put in first class operating shape. Automatic saw tailers were installed on both the long and short sides.

Two 600 water tube boilers were rebuilt from the ground up. All smokestacks were repainted and repaired and the two water tanks were sand blasted, painted and put in A-1 shape. A sprinkler system extension was constructed to certain sections of Project One.

A complete new flow system was worked out. Whereas in the past lumber moved out of Mill One east to the old edge sorter, thence through the kilns after having been stacked by hand, and onto the dry chain for sorting and grading.

With the completion of Project One lumber moves in a straight line from Mill One south to the trimmer table. After having been trimmed it proceeds down the green chain west to the automatic edge sorter where it is kicked off into bays by the action of kick-off switches. Moving on chains operated by individual electric motors the lumber goes into the automatic stacker on the east side of the edge sorter, is stacked by the machine, then rolls by gravity down to the kiln car track where it is rolled onto cars and transported to the new kilns. After being throughly dried, it goes to the cooling shed on the south side of the kilns. When it has been cooled to the correct temperature it is moved to the unstacker on another electric transfer car, unstacked, then dropped off onto the 370 foot dry chain for sorting, grading, and shipment to the sheds by straddle trucks. From the sheds it goes to the planer, then to the carline or truck loading ramps.

The new equipment installed—especially the stacker and new dry kilns—makes it possible for us to manufacture much better lumber than ever before. As a matter of fact, it means that we are now manufacturing lumber that is the very best. One reason for the improved quality, is that with the automatic stacker, the lumber is stacked perfectly and each stacking stick is put in its proper place automatically. This means that there are no sags and bends as is the case when lumber is stacked by hand. It also means that in the process of drying the lumber is perfectly spaced and each board gets the same amount of heat and air which is important for uniformity.

The new kilns are, of course, the very last word. Heat and humidity are controlled automatically. Fans inside the kilns circulate the hot air evenly, reversing themselves at certain intervals to insure that each piece of lumber whether on top of the stack, in the middle, or on the bottom gets the same amount of heat, hence is dried to the same degree of moisture content.

There isn't a slicker sawmill operation anywhere than ours today. And there'll be more improvements to come in 1951—and in the years after that.

Construction of the new Treating Division north of Diboll began in April, 1950, and is scheduled to be completed and in full operation by February 1, 1951. Between forty and fifty people will be employed in this addition to Southern Pine Lumber Company's Diboll operation.

During the year 1950 eleven new homes were built and sold to Southern Pine employees in Diboll. These homes are located in the new Farley Addition (named, of course, for our "Soup" Eddie Farley) and are just about as far removed from the popular conception of a "sawmillers house" as the Shamrock is ahead of the old Beanery Hotel of Diboll's earlier days.

Other additions to the town of Diboll during 1950 included a variety store, a shoe shop, flower shop, used car lot, a completely equipped cleaning and pressing shop, a pipe manufacturing plant, new modern homes for white and colored employees completely equipped with all modern conveniences, more improved streets, and a long list of others.

The new air-conditioned tourist cottages adjacent to the Antlers Hotel will be completed within a few weeks—and they will be just as fancy as you'll find anywhere.

During 1951 plans call for the construction of a retail lumber yard in Diboll, more new homes to be bought or rented by employees, a gymnasium for the H. G. Temple High School just as soon as the government lifts the ban on that type of construction, and many other things to improve the town and the plant.

And all this is just the beginning.

DIBOLL NIMRODS BAG BUCKS

Deerslayers of the Diboll Realm have quite a few antlers added to their sports hats as they reported happy hunting during the freshly closed deer season.

Armed with buckshot, clad in warm clothing to greet the wood's onslaught, and filled with the determination to return home empty-barreled but not empty-handed, the sportsmen and sportswomen found their patience rewarded.

If talk wasn't convincing enough for the sport fan's listening audience the deer or the antlers were at arms length for further proof-positive.

Attaining the title of expert marksman were Rebecca Farley, Jay Boren, Carl Halsell, Fenley Vaughn, Buster Williams, Henry Evans, Paul Tucker, Blant Ferguson, Bobbie Farley, Junior Goins, Ed Smith.

E. S. Scoggins (Dead-Eye Dell) shot at a little deer eight times at close range and must be given credit for trying even if he didn't get him.

Scouts Get Awards In Recent Ceremonies

Larry Weber of Troop 128 of Diboll was among the Boy Scouts who received awards at the Lufkin Junior High School in December as Angelina County Boy and Explorer Scouts received public recognition for their scout achievements in court of honor ceremonies.

Adding color to the ceremony were three football players, Fred Benners, Herschel Forester and Benton Musslewhite, who made the awards along with Angelina county scout leaders.

Arthur Temple, Jr., retiring district chairman, received a special award in recognition of his work for scouting during the past year.

Receiving Eagle Scout awards from Musslewhite were Don John Smith of Post 123, Ronald Boyd of Post 130, and Bobby McCall of Post 134. Musslewhite wore the Eagle badge he received a few years ago as a member of Post 130.

Congratulations were extended the boys upon reaching the top in scouting and Musslewhite congratulated their leaders on having helped to put them there.

He urged the three scouts not to slack up now that they have reached the top, telling them they can now do more good work than ever before.

Temple received his award, a scout statuette, from Scout Don Bresie.

The award was accepted by the retiring chairman "on behalf of all the committeemen and scouters who worked so hard during the past year."

Forester presented the Life Scout awards to David Musslewhite, Robert Stroud and Larry Simmons of Troop 130.

Star awards were presented by Benners to David Musslewhite and Robert Stroud of Troop 131, Larry Weber of Troop 128 of Diboll, and Newton Lemke of Troop 123.

Merit badges were awarded by Temple.

Larry Weber of Troop 128 received badges in carpentry, personal health, pathfinding and basketry. Garry Boyd of Troop 134 received badges in camping, life saving and swimming. Don Bresie of Post 130 received badges in physical development, swimming and life saving. Ronald Boyd of Post 130 received badges in pioneering, woodworking and poultry keeping.

Larry Simmons of Post 123 received a merit badge in athletics. Bobby McCall of Post 134 received badges in camping and Indian lore. J. B. Cochran of Troop 134 received badges in camping, bird study and woodwork.

Presentations of the first class awards by Bob Stroud, incoming district chairman. Scouts receiving first class awards were Robert Stroud, Jerry Fuller, Mickey Tolbert, Paul James, Michael Hughes, Gene Allen and Johnny Bateman of Troop 130 and Billy Chipman of Troop 123.

Second class awards were presented by R. G. Simmons. They included Horace Russell, Leroy Hinds, Drebon Bowers, W. A. Preston, B. C. Finley, Larry Bills, Dan Amburn, Lamar Evans, Billy Frank Hill, Kary Davison, Hoyt Burnett and Douglas England, of Troop 122, and Harry Stafford, Troop 123.

Also James Pesky, Michael Winthrop, Ashford Brock, Dick Lytle, Joe Davis, Bennet Shotwell, and George Lawrence of Troop 130, and Preston Carter, Jr., Jerry D. Powell, Alvin L. Hutson and Don Pinkerton of Troop 128.

Lee Friesen who is advancement chair-

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The new Diesel truck recently put in service on the lumber haul from Diboll to the markets of the Southwest.

NEW DIESEL TRUCK PUT IN SERVICE

Southern Pine Lumber Company recently purchased the first of a fleet of diesel-powered, 144 horsepower heavy duty trucks to be used on long distance lumber hauls throughout the southwest. The unit pictured on this page has a capacity of 55,000 pounds payload on a 153-inch wheelbase, single axle, and 1100 x 20 tires.

Tests completed during the month of December reveal that the diesel truck uses one gallon of diesel fluid to each 8.33 miles travelled round trip as against a gallon of gasoline in conventional equipment of similar size per 6 miles round trip. Cost of diesel fluid per gallon is 17.8 cents wholesale with tax included as compared to 19.5 cents per gallon of gasoline.

The new diesel truck is not only much more economical to operate, but it also has greater power which enables it to lose less time on long hills and at the same time putting less strain on the motor.

Official driver of the new diesel truck is Bill Jones who—according to Raymond Willis—fell heir to it because his old truck was lighter than the equipment driven by Franklins and Carrier and was the most logical one to be retired or placed in other service. (Jones says he was assigned to the new truck for the simple and very obvious reason that he was the best driver in the bunch. This statement is denied flatly by Franklin and Carrier, naturally.)

TEMPLE-WHITE TOPICS

By HERB WHITE, JR.

Narrow Escape

H. C. White and A. R. Weber narrowly escaped serious injury recently when the car in which they were riding was hit by a truck in Diboll. Weber was severely shaken up and received a small cut on his left ear and possibly a fractured rib. White was not hurt except for a few bruises. Both were extremely lucky that their injuries were not more serious.

Temple-White Has New Bookkeeper

Alex Conn has taken over the bookkeeping duties of Temple-White Company, Inc. Conn succeeded Collis Ryan who resigned because of ill health.

Conn is well known throughout East Texas. He grew up on a farm just south of Diboll and has spent most of his life in the Big State. He and his family live in Lufkin.

Hunting Season Nearly Over

Most of the hunting seasons are over now, or will be shortly. The dove, duck, and goose season is over and the deer season will bow out the last of December. About all that will remain open in this area will be quail season.

This year proved to be a fairly good year for hunting. There were a lot of doves killed, as well as ducks and geese. A large number of hunters in this area have killed at least one buck this year. The latest kill was made by Carl Halsell at the Ryan Lake Club. He picked a large nine pointer and shot him twice with squirrel shot and then floored him with one slug from his shotgun.

Quail seem to be plentiful, however, many hunters have complained about their dogs having trouble locating the birds due to the extremely dry weather.

Temple-White Employees Receive Bonus

All employees of Temple-White received a special Christmas bonus this year. The bonus was based on forty hours work for all employees who had worked for ninety days or longer. Those who did not qualify under this were given a straight $15 bonus. In addition, all of the supervisors received a three pound box of candy.

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MARY HENSON, H. A. BROWN ELECTED MR. AND MISS D.H.S.

Mary Jo Henson and H. A. Brown were elected Mr. and Miss DHS during a recent election o fthe student body, December 16.

Mary Jo and H. A. are both members of the senior class. Mary Jo is active in all school affairs and is a member of the "Pine Echo" staff and also of the "Southern Pines" staff. H. A. is one of Diboll High's outstanding athletes and also serves as vice president of the senior class.

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The great use of life is to spend it for something which outlasts it. — William James

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That means that when a great many other concerns are going out of business because they can't produce the quality of lumber required by the trade and sell it at a profit by reason of their high costs and antiquated methods of manufacture, Southern Pine will be percolating on all eight cylinders—and you will have a job and a good job, while employees—or rather, ex-employees—of the outfits left by the wayside will be looking for work.

That's what I mean when I have said so many times that the progressive management of this company is a great asset not only to the stockholders but to YOU.

This is my last day on the payroll of Southern Pine Lumber Company anyway, so I can speak my piece without polishing any apples or having any motive other than to tell it like it is. Which is simply that in Arthur Temple, Jr., you have a young manager of this operation who is a builder at heart; a manager perfectly willing to take a financial chance if, by taking that chance the probabilities are that the employees of the company will have better working conditions, better living conditions, and more job security than they could ever possibly find elsewhere. And with his unusual executive ability, he isn't going to be wrong often.

But regardless of his talents, his drive, and his desire to make this the most attractive place in the industry to work, and Diboll the most attractive town in East Texas in which to live, he must have able field captains, co-captains and a team willing to pull together all of the time for the common good. He must have, in those who work for him in whatever capacity, TEAM SPIRIT.

I think he has it now. But—like a football team that plays an inspired game one Saturday and then loses eight in a row because the boys "let down"—team spirit can be lost if a complacent attitude is taken about it.

But just what is "team spirit" as applied to employees of an industry?

It is enthusiasm; it's that feeling of "belonging"—of being an integral part of the operation regardless of how small or seemingly unimportant your job appears to be (remember that if your work was not important there would be no point in having you or anybody else do it); it is that feeling of pride in being an employee of a progressive top-flight lumber manufacturing concern; it is that something inside you that says "I'm working for the best outfit in the business, with the best fellow-employees in the world. We're going places—TOGETHER!"

The company can't expand and prosper without the active cooperation and job interest of its employees—and the employees can't prosper if the company isn't able to make a profit, expand, and do a better manufacturing job than its competitors.

It's as simple as that.

During the past 42 issues of this paper I have watched, and written about, what was going on with reference to a lot of things (I've watched, but not written about, a lot of other things which, though very interesting and exciting from a news angle, weren't exactly safe to put in print). I have also visited some other East Texas lumber towns and lumber plants, as many of you have, during this same period of time. And what impressed me most was the fact that, though a lot of people take the growth and the modernization of Diboll as something more or less in the natural course of events, no other lumber town or lumber plant I have been in is enjoying the same progressive program of expansion, modernization, and "face lifting" that we have had here.

In other words, if we all look around a little bit we'll see that Diboll is ALREADY way ahead of practically every lumber town in the south. And the first quarter isn't even over yet. There are big things planned for the immediate future—big things for the town, the plant—and for you as individual members of the team.

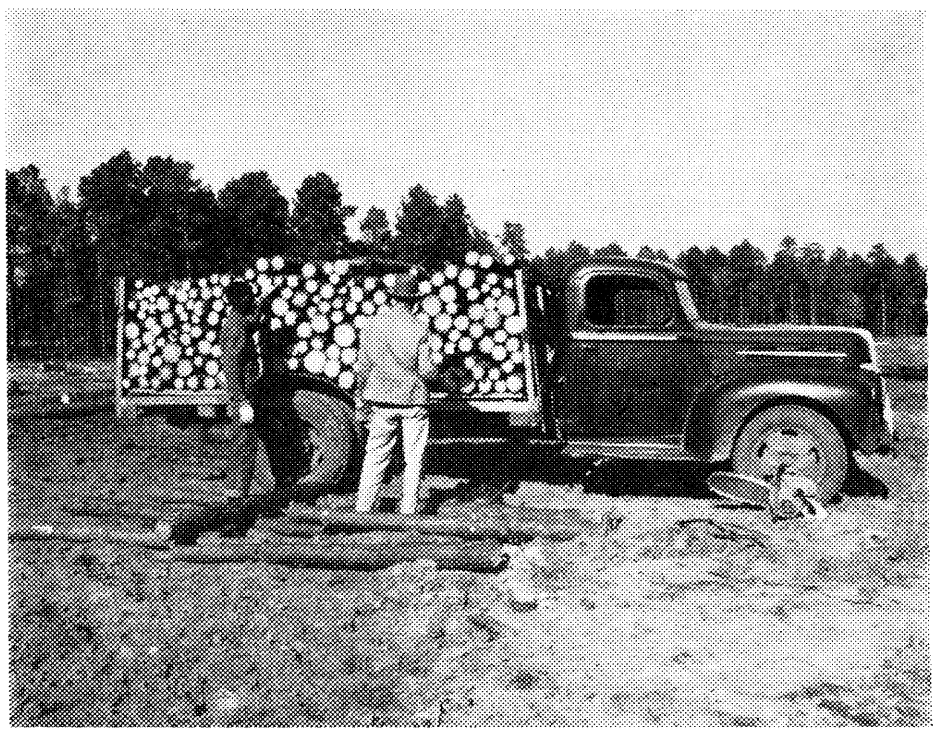
It's not easy to say "Goodbye" to a place like this. It's harder still to say it to you all with whom I have lived, worked, and counted as my friends. I've enjoyed putting out the Buzz Saw and I appreciate the tolerance of all those among you who knew a split infinitive when you saw one (I don't just split them. I tear 'em to shreds) and still wrote no complaining letters to the editor along the lines of "Look what your English is doing to my little Johnnie's grades in school." You have been a swell bunch of folks to be associated with and I wish you the best of everything during the coming year and in all the years after that.

You are members of a great team. Keep the spirit of the team high and the future will bring you countless blessings in prosperity, happiness, and opportunities for greater achievement.

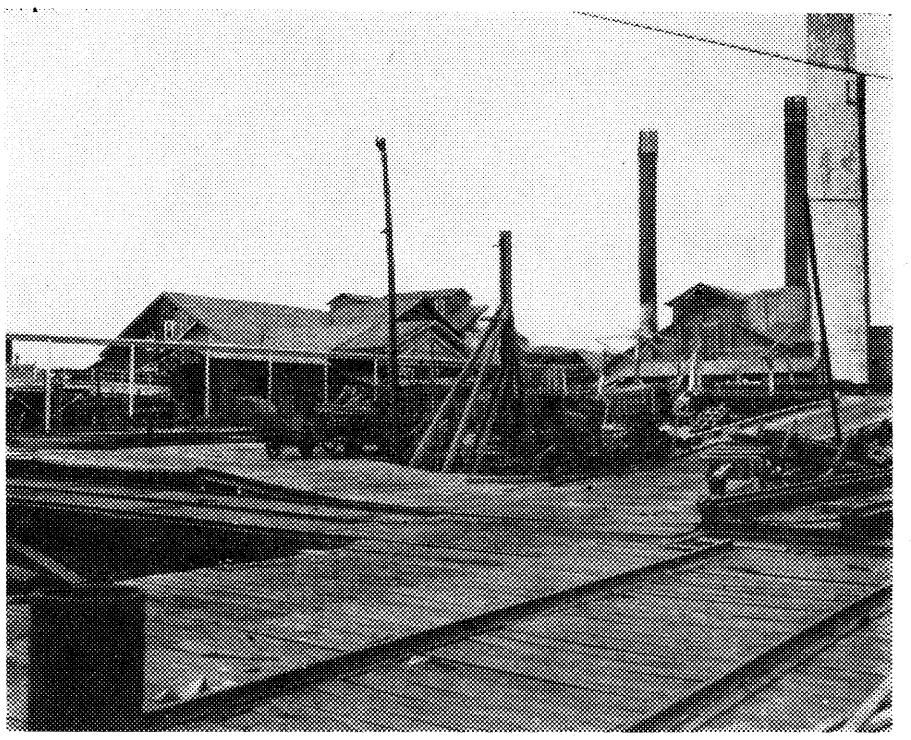


One of the new houses in Diboll's Farley Addition on the south side of town built by Southern Pine Lumber Company for employees.

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Maxie Moore checks fence posts while Joe King unloads very first post for the Treating Division.



Pictured avove is the old separator and green chain area on the south side of Mill Number One at Diboll which is in the process of being torn down along with the old kilns and the green transfer tracks.

First Fence Posts Harvested For Treating Division

The first fence posts harvested on company lands for treating division stock was harvested in the Old Renfro Pasture east of Diboll on December 18 under the supervision of J. Shirley Daniel, post and pulpwood contractor for Southern Pine Lumber Company.

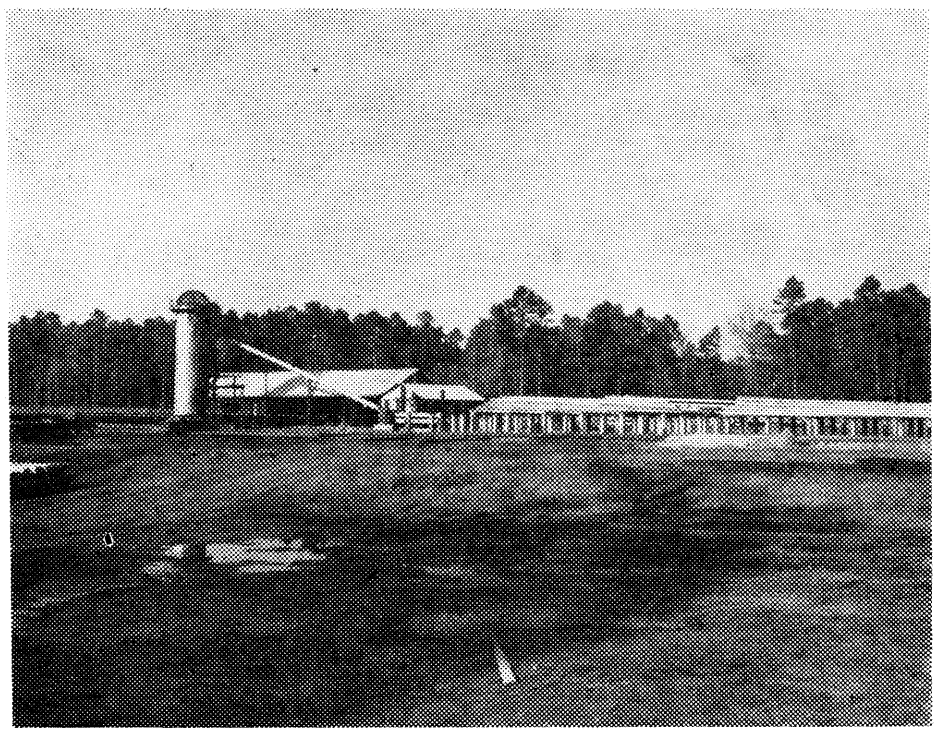
According to Daniel, the harvesting of fence posts on company lands will add greatly to the success of the forestry program and will mean the untilization of a vast amount of wood unsuited for either pulp or sawlogs.

"When we cut a tree for pulpwood as part of our thinning program, we can use only sections of the trunk down to a minimum tip of four inches. Now that we have a market for our fence post material as a result of the soon to be completed treating division of Southern Pine, we can also use sections of a tree with a tip of three inches. In an average small tree, this means that we can get one or two extra "cuts" for posts that, without the new market, would necessarily have to be left in the woods as waste."

Pine fence posts are cut in lengths of six, six and one-half, and seven foot lengths. After having been harvested and brought into the treating plant they are unloaded on a ramp that moves them into the peeling machine by force of gravity. After having been peeled they are sorted according to size and stacked on the yard for drying. The peeling machine can handle from 800 to 1000 fence posts per eight-hour day with four men.

After having been thoroughly dried the posts are treated under pressure with either creosote or Penta according to the specifications of the purchaser.

During 1951 tests will be conducted on a large scale to determine the best hardwood suitable for fence posts. Experiments already conducted have proven that properly treated gum will last as long, if not longer, than pine. Other hardwoods, however, have not been so tested and may prove to be valuable for this use also. If they are, it will mean a market for undesirable hardwood growing in pine producing areas and will greatly improve our pine forests stands throughout East Texas.



Peeling machine building at Southern Pine's Treating Division in Diboll.

Diboll F.F.A. Chapter Active and Capable

First year boys of the Diboll F.F.A. Chapter have found many activities and projects of late which have classed the organization as an active and capable one.

Recently the group won first plce in a chapter conducting contest held in Hudson.

The team making the trip was composed of Leo Carnby, president; Tolbert Beasley, first vice president; Harold Small, second vice president; Louie Thompson, third vice president; Clayton White, secretary; Earl Carr, treasurer; Billy Breazeale, historian; Gilbert Frankens, reporter; Joe Mirando, parliamentarian; and Robert Landrum.

Others included Bobby Neil Bowman and James Strickland.

Calf Scramble

Two boys were selected to participate in the calf scramble, slated February 11 in Houston. There will be a beef scramble and a dairy scramble.

Giving their all to the task of calf catching will be Leo Carnby and Billy Wayne Breazeale.

Elton Robbins will go to Houston February 11 to show the calf that he won in the calf scramble which was held in Houston last year.

Robbins won fourth place with his calf at the competition during the Texas Forest Festival in Lufkin.

Three boys of the Diboll chapter received pigs as their chapter project.

The pigs were entered in the events at the Forest Festival which resulted in Henry Samford winning first place, Joe Wilkerson, third place, and Nelton Robbins, fourth place.

At the Dallas Fair, held during the latter part of October, delegates from the organization attended the event and reported a most enjoyable and interesting trip.

There were many sights of interest for the boys to see and visit. They were impressed with the events and information concerning forestry, feeding practices and livestock. Many other exhibits caught their fancy.

Among the more interesting projects is the broiler house which the F.F.A. chapter is building. The group feels that this is their most interesting and probably most valuable one to date.

The broiler house is expected to be completed and in operation by January.

The project is being backed by an honorary member of the chapter, Arthur Temple, Jr., who has done a great deal for the Diboll Chapter.

Carl Halsell, Henry Samford and Charlie Horton are the members working on the project.

Camp To Be Established

Plans are now underway to establish a camp on the Neches river. Four of the boys journeyed to the river in search of a suitable camp site, but as yet no definite site has been secured.

Happy New Year

The Diboll F.F.A. members join together in wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, in addition to hoping that each and everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

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NO SHORTAGE OF SECRETARIES

The F.F.A. Chapter of Diboll will have no shortage of secretaries as a number of feminine volunteers have offered their services.

Secretarial volunteers include Sallie Weimer, Jo Nell Vaught, Jimmie Beth Jordan, Dovie Hall, Billie Walker, and Elasyn Myres.

Working for experience, the girls will busy themselves with bookkeeping, typing and other clerical duties.

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F.F.A. SWEETHEART NAMED

Miss Era Nell Saxton reigns as sweetheart of the Diboll F.F.A. Chapter as a result of the election held at a special meeting last week.

Elected co-sweetheart was Miss Jimmie Beth Jordan.

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DOROTHY SMITH PRESENTED AS "BELLE OF THE BALL"

Miss Dorothy Beth Smith, Diboll High School sophomore, was presented as "Belle of the Ball" at a Christmas dance sponsored by the DHS band at the Community Center, December 22.

Other nominees and their respective classes are:

Senior Class — Dovie Hall
Junior Class — Betty Havard
Freshman Class — Joyce Day

The band sponsored the contest which ran for three weeks. Proceeds made from the contest and dance combined totaled $50.65 and will be used to buy band jackets for the graduating senior members of the band.

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H G. Temple High News

By PROF. H. C. KENYON

This is truly a season of good news and glad tidings. The principal, faculty and student body of H. G. Temple High School have received from Mr. Arthur Temple, Jr., the good news concerning the improvement and expansion of the H. G. Temple School.

This improvement expansion program is a long range plan. According to a statement from Mr. Temple, the gymnasium will be constructed first.

The principal, teachers, students, and colored citizens of Diboll are very grateful to Mr. Arthur Temple, Jr., the Board of Education and the superintendent of the schools of Diboll for agreeing to take the H. G. Temple School off the poverty row where it has stood for many years and to equip it in keeping with the educational standards which are requiring the fullest educational opportunities for all American children.

According to the coaching staff of the school, basketball season is well on its way. The boys' basketball team has won six, lost two and tied one. The girls' team lost four and won 1.

The basketball tournament which was held at Diboll, December 16, was not a success from the standpoint of attendance and finance; however, we will conduct another tournament about the first or second week in March and we look for greater success.

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THE SPORTS PICTURE

By PAUL DURHAM

Before we get into the basketball highlights of the month this column would like to express its sympathy for the Lumberjack football team which didn't receive ample publicity and backing to place any of its players on the All-District team.

For the past two years, Diboll has placed at least one man on the mythical eleven. And it is a proven fact that in order to do this, a team must be given a plug in every type of column that may be available.

The Champion Groveton Indians dominated the eleven with four men; runner-up Woodville placed three; and Lovelady, a team that Diboll and most of the other district teams beat, placed three.

That certainly is a coincidence, when a team places no higher than fourth, places three outstanding players on the "select eleven" . . . . especially when Diboll had a back in H. A. Brown, a guard in Carl Halsell and an end in Edgar Austin who paralleled and perhaps doubled the playing efforts of the Lovelady lads.

However the Lumberjacks did locate Brown, Halsell and Austin in the Honorable Mention column.

And speaking of basketball, the Lumberjack basketeers opened seasonal play with a resounding 48-37 non-conference victory over the Central Bulldogs. The game was played in the Diboll gym, December 8, and the near capacity crowd saw "Zack" Austin score 24 points in his first game as a Lumberjack roundball gladiator.

Taking the floor for the Jacks the first game was Bill Ferguson and James Carr at guards; Earl Burchfield and Gail Torbert at forwards; and Austin at center. That was a team of two freshmen, one sophomore, and two seniors.

However, the regular starters for the team have now crystallized in Ferguson and Brown at guards; Burchfield and Clark at forwards, and Austin at center. Robert Landrum also sees lots of action at a forward post. But as it looks from here, that will be the line-up for the year, plus subsitutions.

Thus far in six games, Zack Austin has rolled up 120 points or an average of 20 points per game. That's a nice way to start the season, and if Austin continues, he might smash the all-time scoring total set by J. A. Tatum in 1947 of 316 points in 16 games . . . all bets taken under the counter . . .

After the opener with Central, the Jacks shoved off for a tournament in Zavalla. And, after only one game under their belt, the Axemen were pitted against Woden at 1:00 o'clock. Woden socked the Jacks 42-32, capitalizing on the dexterity of their six foot-nine inch center.

The Jacks grabbed their second game with Leggett, 52-32. Austin whipped in 29 points in that one. The win fed the boys into the consolation finals with Zavalla, and the year-round, backwoods hardwood beaters trounced the Jacks 40-30. Thus Diboll emerged with a long face, no consolation trophy, and a bellyful of 'action under fire.'

The Jacks jumped back into their winning ways with a 30-36 win over Central the following week. However, the Axemen fell to Redland the next night, 43-30; thus giving them one district win and one loss.

On December 21, the Diboll gym was site of the Annual Lumberjack Basketball Tournament, and Woden, Central Consolidated, Zavalla, Pineland, Garrison, Leggett, Centerville and Diboll participated. Pineland rocked the rafters with its roaring play from the first game, and the Indian thinly clads went on on bend the Lumberjacks 63-43 in the tournament finals.

Leggett jumped through a fast 39-27 game with Garrison in the consolation playoffs.

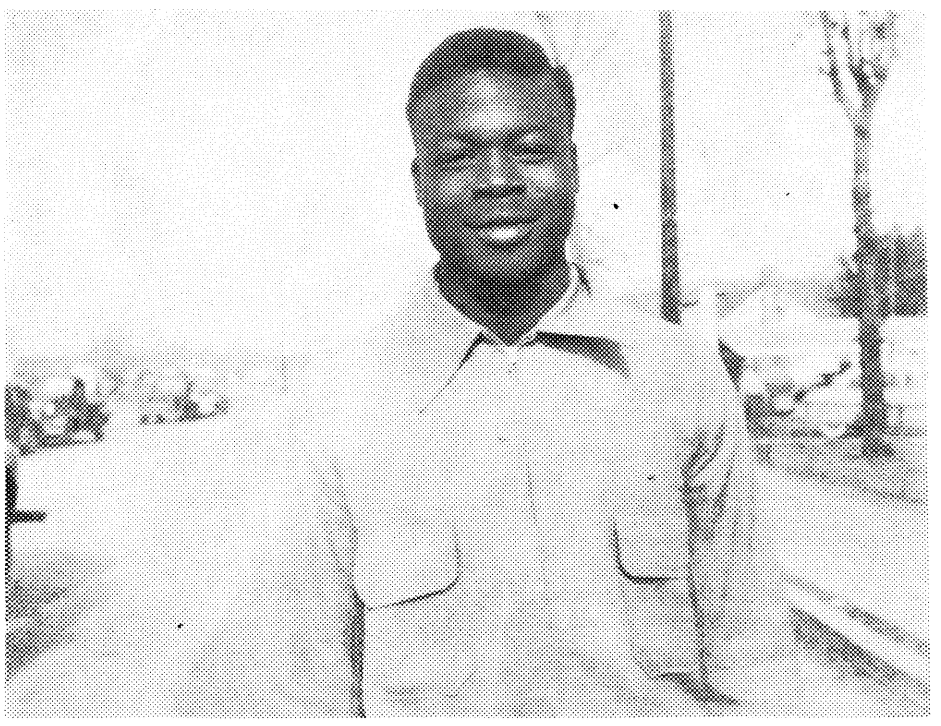
Zack Austin poured 59 points through scoring honors in the tournament. That brings Austin's total to 180 points in ten games or an average of 18 points per game.

The Jacks also have a much better than average ball handler and set shot expert in Bill Ferguson, the last of the long line of Ferguson brothers. Bill is a dead shot with any shot he attempts, and his only trouble that we can see from here is that he doesn't shoot half enough. How about that, coach?

Coach Bennis Franks will have something to look forward to in next year's team. He has a hatful of freshmen and sophomore boys headed by Robert Landrum, Gail Torbert, and James Strickland . . . they'll be rough next year.

The crowds at the Diboll games have been pretty good this year, but with the admission only 10 and 25 cents, everybody should come out to support the team.

Be sure and tune in on this column next month when we give you, the Diboll baseball fans, a complete report on spring baseball in Diboll — you'll be interested and what's more you'll be glad you did.



Pictured above is Herman Jones, age 18 as of December 17th, 1950, and one of the best athletes in the history of Diboll's H. G. Temple High School. For example, during the 1950 baseball season Herman pitched and won twelve games in a row including two no-hit no-run contests. (These included games played with Lufkin, Lake Charles, DeRidder, the North Dakota Monarchs, and others.)

Word of Herman's twirling ability reached none other than Leo Durocher, manager of the New York Giants, who sent a scout all the way to Diboll to look him over. His verdict: Plenty on the ball and needing only a couple or three years under good coaching with a fast semi-pro team.

Herman was also one of the mainstays on the H. G. Temple High School football team during 1949 and 1950, playing halfback and being good for at least one touchdown per game (Except against Orange).

His athletic career will probably be cut short within the near future, however, (At least here) because he has enlisted in the armed forces for the duration. And with his ability to chunk the old apple, he should make one of the most effective hand grenade artists anywhere.

Take A Lesson From the Hen

Hard work means nothing to a hen. She keeps on digging worms and laying eggs, regardless of what the business prognosticators say about the outlook for this or any other year.

If the ground is hard, she scratches harder.

If it's dry, she digs deeper..

If it's wet, she digs where it's dry.

If she strikes a rock, she digs around it.

If she gets a few more hours of daylight, she gives us a few more eggs.

But always she digs up worms and turns them into hard-shelled profits as well as tender, profitable broilers.

Did you ever see a pessimistic hen? Did you ever hear of one starving to death waiting for worms to dig themselves to the surface?

Did you ever hear one cackle because work was hard?

Not on your life. They save their breath for digging and their cackles for eggs.

Success means digging. Are you?

Safety Contest Slated

Effective January 1, 1951, employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company will be engaged in a safety contest, so announces Jack W. Sweeny, Safety Director.

Four teams will be engaged in the safety battle, divided into the following teams: 1 - plant, white; 2 - log, white; 3 - plant, colored; and 4 - log, colored.

Safety meetings will be held once a month of each team at which the teams will keep an account of attendance.

The white team that wins over a three-month period will be entertained with some kind of social function, and also a social function will entertain the colored team winners.

The contest on attendance will be based on a percentage basis as some of the departments have a larger personnel membership than others.

Dates of the safety meetings to be held each month have not been announced as yet, but will be in the near future.

The purpose of the contest is to get the employees to attend the meetings where safety topics will be discussed.

Talks concerning hazards on the job, first aid, how to avoid accidents and all measures for safe working will be featured at the monthly sessions.

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LADIES CORNER

And in the Ladies Corner this month, we find them all looking out from under all the Christmas rush and the New Year well started.

Menu tips often sneak in handy at this time when attempts are bravely made to restore the house to order minus the Yuletide decorations.

For winter's latest attack on the locality a bit of warm, energy-filled meals are needed to meet the nutrition bill.

So here goes one: This is a kind of surprise soup or one-dish-meal combination. Recipe is as follows: Have rich chicken broth, and slice into it some small cooked very thin sausages, highly seasoned and browned. Then add minced peas, Lima beans and onions, and cook. Season well. Lastly, drop in enough egg balls to do good and serve with hot buttered bread.

Now the egg balls mean soup garnish made by moistening the sieved and seasoned yolks of two hard-boiled eggs with enough raw egg white to moisten, shaping into balls and sauteing until brown.

Another tempting dish is deviled ham, a versatile meat product. Add a can of the deviled ham to a cup or so of mayonnaise, beat it up and serve with egg or tomato salad. For the trimmings, serve with rolls and coffee and dessert, if desired.

The note of variety with the accent on goodness can again be attained by rolling fish cakes in very finely chopped nuts before frying them. (Very good for crabmeat.)

A hot and hearty oven dish can be attained with a caldron of coffee and fresh fried doughnuts and cheese and is a four-star special.

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RAT TALES . . . .

By GEORGE (RAT) JOHNSON

This is the first column I have ever written for the Buzz Saw that Jake Durham didn't have a chance to censor. As a matter of fact, all during the past three years he has censored most of my stuff so much that I couldn't even recognize it when it came out in print. He added to it a lot of his own remarks about different people—usually very uncomplimentary—and when these same people got sore about it they came at me because the column had "By Rat Johnson" above said remarks. Jake was in the clear and I was in hot water just because he was the editor and had the opportunity to slip anything in my column he wanted in it with or without my permission.

Since the first issue of this paper back in the summer of 1947 Jake Durham has hurrahed almost everybody in town at one time or another—and nobody could hurrah back. Ot least not in print. He really poured it on such local citizens as Clyde Thompson, N. B. Hall, Joe Bob Hendricks, Bob Cook (several times), Vernon Burkhalter, B. F. Hines, me, and dozens of others including a few at Pineland.

But actually no harm has ever been done and I think everybody has thought the Buzz Saw was a pretty good little home town paper. It has been a means of telling the people of Diboll about improvements, planned improvements, scout activities, personal sketches, company history, community activities, and all sorts of other things that were of interest—plus a lot of "chatter" thrown in for entertainment.

And we've all got to cooperate with our new editor, send in news items, ideas, and information and keep the Buzz Saw wheeling and dealing in the future. But back to the OLD editor.

Jake Durham was raised here in Diboll, went to school here and finally graduated (after his Dad had been elected to the school board). He "wintered" over at Texas A. & M. several years then went to law school at the University of Texas. He passed the state bar in the early 1930's (one of the few he ever passed) and took up the practice of law in Lufkin about 1935.

The first case he ever tried (law case, that is) was in the defense of a man charged with killing his wife. The plea was insanity. The verdict was 35 years in the pen for the defendant and it would have been more—the electric chair maybe—but, according to one of the jurors with whom I talked later, everybody on the panel figured the guy was at least partly crazy or he wouldn't have had Jake as his lawyer so the plea was partly successful after all.

Then in 1938 Jake ran for county attorney.

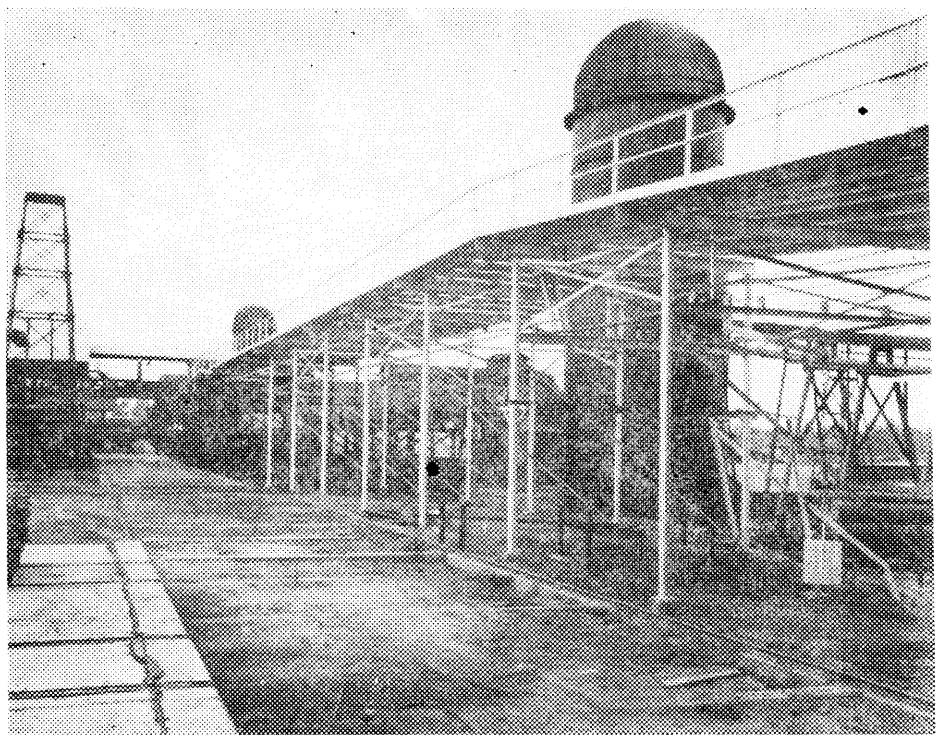
Instead of promising the people "A chicken in every pot," he guaranteed that, if elected, he'd see to it that there would be a turkey in every pot and that he would personally furnish the pots. There were three men in the race. Durham finished third. His only comment was: "I've been booed, sued, and subdued. I'm through ."

In January 1942 he enlisted in the army and finally finagled his way into a headquarters office job as courts-martial clerk at Pendleton, Oregon. After telling his commanding officer what a hot shot lawyer he was back in Texas they sent him to Officers Candidate School and transformed him almost overnight into a ninety-day wonder second lieutenant and shipped him overseas.

The career of our ex-editor overseas in Africa and Italy and here and there may never be known in full, but I have managed to get several small bits of interesting information from a couple of his old buddies who were with him over there. One bit concerned a certain Colonel by the name of Goodman who was almost killed one night by being run over and trampled by an unknown fellow officer. It seems that the Colonel and several junior officers — among them Durham—were in a room on the third floor of a building in Bari, Italy, one night about eight o'clock when an air raid started and a bomb hit the building next door. The first thing that happened was that the lights all went out and the officers took off to get downstairs and out of the building to a shelter. Somehow or another, while running down the first flight of stairs in the dark, somebody ran over the Colonel, knocked him down and kept going. The next day an official investigation was held for the reason that the colonel had a dislocated shoulder and was slightly hot about the whole thing.



JAKE (Lame Duck) DURHAM



The new green chain which runs from the Stetson-Ross trimmers on the south end of Mill Number One to the automatic edge sorter. Upon seeing this section of Project One, Jack Dionne remarked: "You've got some pretty tall pull off men around here, haven't you?" Height of the green chain: 40 feet.

Each of the junior officers who had been in the room with him the night before flatly denied that they had run over him. Durham was especially emphatic that it was not he who had so flagrantly disregarded the rules of military courtesy, to say nothing of the court- martial laws, and claimed that he had been the LAST one out of the room and out of the building. The colonel, according to a friend of Jake's from Benton, Louisiana, who was there on the night in question—one Major Ford Stinson—never did find out who did it. But he later said as follows: "It was dark on the stairs of the building that night and I didn't see the person who ran over me and stepped in my back. All I know is that whoever it was said as he went over: 'Nothing like this ever happened in Diboll!' None of the junior officers in the room with me that night lived anyplace by that name." (Durham was listed from Lufkin because he was living there at the time he enlisted).

On another occasion, I have been reliably informed, some of his pilot buddies in a B-26 outfit talked Durham into going on a raid with them. After being assured that it would be strictly a "milk run" with no danger involved, Durham put on two parachutes, a helmet, goggles, an oxygen mask, and about thirty pounds of other protective equipment and was hoisted into the plane by the members of the crew.

When they got back to the base after having run into some unexpected German ME 109 fighters, plus some anti-aircraft fire—neither of which did any damage to the plane he was in—Durham steped nonchalantly from the plane, said in a strong voice to the members of the crew of the plane: "Is this all you guys have to do to earn your army pay?"

Then he fainted.

After they got him awake and able to stand on his feet—some two hours later for the latter—he meekly told them: "Boys, if you will agree not to come up to headquarters and try to borrow my typewriter I'll agree not to come back out here trying to hitch any more rides in your airplane." And that ended the flying career of our hero once and for all.

When he finally got back to the states and out of the army he got a job in Lufkin with Brown and Root, then an insurance company, and finally when Frank Morong left, Mr. H. G. Temple offered him a job down here. By this time he had gotten married (in Florida while he was still in the service) and just HAD to work, so he moved back to Diboll. That was in the summer of 1946.

Now he is taking off again tomorrow —January 1—to go to work for Southland Paper Mills. We don't know just what his job will be up there but we imagine that sooner or later they'll start a publication of their own and Durham will be back to his old tricks.

And if they can turn out paper as fast as he can turn out his chatter to print on it, they'll be declaring three or four dividends a year.

But anyway, we wish him luck on his new undertaking. I've enjoyed working with him on the Buzz Saw and I hope he has success and happiness in the years to come.

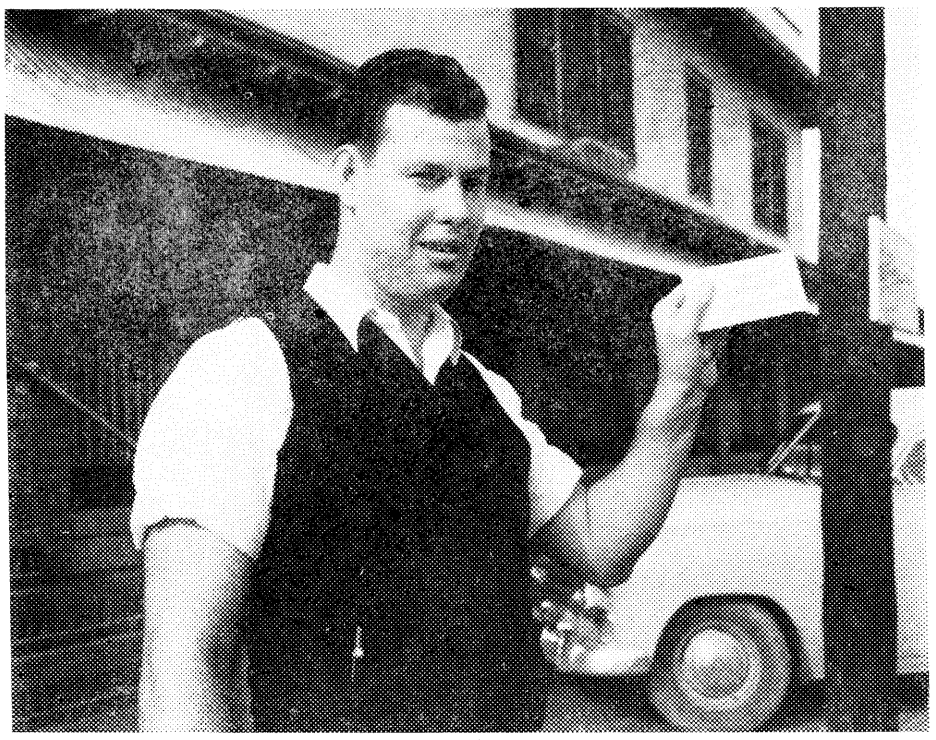
Incidentally, Hot Rod Burkhalter and Paul Durham (no relation of Jake's, I might add) have had considerable training under his supervision, Hot Rod for a couple of years and Paul for three months during the past summer. This training consisted primarily in developing them into first rate—well, just for the sake of courtesy we'll call it "prevaricators." Having more experience with Jake, Hot Rod was, until recently, a much bigger liar—pardon, I mean prevaricator—than Paul. But now Paul seems destined to pass Burkhalter and put him in the shade for the simple reason that he is taking a post-graduate course under a man whose talents along those lines surpasses Jake's to about the same degree that Fibber McGee's surpasses a news comentator. I refer, of course, to none other than J. D. (Windy) Winder, Paul's present boss, and a man with few equals and no peers in the jaw-waggling league. After a few months with him Paul should be an artist in his own right.

Now to something on the serious side. During the last four months of 1950 we had four men killed on the job in separate accidents and if those tragedies didn't wake everybody up to the absolute NECESSITY of safety I just don't know what else could. Nevertheless, a lot of

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J. A. Tatum, Southern Pine Lumber Company store employee, and his Christmas bonus.

RESOLUTIONS WE HOPE THEY MAKE

RICHIE WELLS: To quit trying to talk everybody to death.

BOB COOK: To resolve to go a little easier on Sweeny's grocery bill.

RAYMOND WILLIS: To be a little tighter with the company's money. On more than one occasion during 1950 he didn't lose over three or four nights sleep over saving as much as fifty additional cents on a $15,000.00 purchase.

HOT ROD BURKHALTER: To quit being so modest about his ability as an ambulance driver.

HERB WHITE: To quit talking business all the time and discuss hunting, fishing, guns, reels, rods, et cetera, once in a while.

WINDY WINDER: To let up a little on his constant praise of President Truman and the Administration in Washington. They just can't be all that good.

SIDNEY PARKER: To lay off once in a while. A man just can't be in top form all the time who won't take a day off occasionally for a short rest.

BERNICE HINES: To be more careful about shooting people's PET Bobcats. There is plenty of WILD game to take a pop at hereabouts.

C. A. JORDAN: To be a little more conservative with the T. S. E.'s money. After all, if you throw enough of it away it may eventually play out and leave the outfit broke.

BEN ANTHONY: To quit being so nervous. A man dashing around at top speed all the time might blow a fuse. Slow down before it's too late.

R. D. MCVICAR: To quit spending all his loose change on popcorn.

KENNETH NELSON: To quit being so grouchy all the time. Cheer up.

CLYDE THOMPSON: To quit sitting around half asleep all the time. Get a move on. You can't get anything done strolling leisurely around at a snail's pace.

DRED DEVEREAUX: To be a little more forceful with his crew during 1950. Speak up. They never know whether you're pleased with what they're doing or not.

R. V. HONEA and BOOTS JACKSON: Fraternize with each other occasionally. These boys are in the same business, after all, and a cup of coffee together every now and then might do them both good.

CALVIN LAWRENCE: To get interested in some sport during 1950 such as baseball and get his mind off business at least part of each day. Remember that more than one bookkeeper has ended up in the bug house.

ED STRICKLAND: To quit going into such detail when people ask him questions. For example, in describing the size of a certain family in Diboll he replied: "House Full". Another time when he backed his pickup into a timber under Mill One, then moved forward and hit another, then another, he turned to the fellow riding in the cab with him and described the situation in detail as follows: "Close place".

SAFETY RECORD DURING 1950 WORST YET

Southern Pine Lumber Company's safety record for the year 1950 set a new record not only for the number of compensable accidents but also for their severity.

There were a total of 90 on-the-job-accidents for the twelve months period serious enough in each case to necessitate at least the loss of seven days from work for each employee injured. Four men were killed— three in the woods and one in the mill—DURING THE LAST FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

The fatality on September 8, 1950, was the first man killed on the job here since 1944.

As a comparison, during the year 1948 there were 43 lost time accidents, no fatalities, and with most of the accidents of minor seriousness.

Our alarming 1950 safety record should be proof positive to every Southern Pine employee of the importance of being safety conscious at all times, on the plant, in the woods, and in the home. May we count on your active cooperation during 1951 to reduce our accident rate?

Remember—the accident you prevent by being careful may be the one that would have happened to YOU!

SCOUTS - - (Continued from Page 3)

man of the district, was master of ceremonies.

Impressive opening and closing ceremonies were presented by the Angelina Chapter of the Order of the Arrow.

Persons from Diboll attending the event were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. S. Weimer, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Weber, Carol Halsell, H N. Garrett, Maynard Schinke, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Fairchild and Marshall Glover.

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Scouting Marches On

A lot of things seen and a great many activities completed reads the tally sheet for Boy Scouts of Troop 128 of Diboll for the past year.

For instance Bobby Bowman will "reel" off dozens of things that happened on the two separate encampments which the boys attended at Camp Tonkawa . . .

Billy Fred Carrier likes to tell of the crab fishing when the boys visited the Battleship Texas; then that winter camp at Livingston—just too much wood to carry to mention that trip . . .

But when Larry Weber and Clem Porter won the trip to the National Jamboree, everyone was happy to see a Diboll flag planted on the historic battlegrounds of Valley Forge . . .

Indian war games near Nacogdoches and lots of camping and cooking with many other activities have enriched the lives of numerous scouts in the town of Diboll.

About 80 percent of the Scouts have advanced in rank with Larry Weber receiving the coveted Star rank award from Arthur Temple, Jr., at the District Court of Honor in Lufkin this month.

Just off the record last year Diboll's Boy Scout Pack 128 was the only pack in the district to receive the award plaque for fulfilling the goal commitments in the crusade to strengthen the Arm of Liberty Program.

Unofficially the group has been advised that Pack 128 will be one of the two packs to receive the award again this year in the Angelina district.

This is a clear indication that Pack 128 is one of the top-notch packs in the district which speaks of hard work with rewarding results for the leaders and their boys.

Cubmaster for Pack 128 is Garland Fairchild, with Carl Halsell the assistant cubmaster.

Institutional representative is A. R. Weber; committee chairman, Charles Weimer; and committee members, Rev. W. J. Snarr, W. F. Pate, and Louis Minton.

Den Mothers include: One, Mrs. Carl Halsell; Two, Mrs. Charles Weimer; Three, Mrs. Louis Minton; and Four, Mrs. Garland Fairchild.

Den chiefs are composed of Clifford Lee Smith, Den One; Larry Weber, Den Two; Smith Minton, Den Three; and Keith Fairchild, Den Four.

Holding the honorary title of Dean of Den Mothers is Mrs. A. R. Weber.

Troop 128 membership includes H. N. Garrett, scoutmaster; Billy Jordan, assistant scoutmaster; Douglas Minton, assistant scoutmaster; A. R. Weber, institutional representative; W. P. Anderson, committee chairman; W. H. Wilson, Arthur Porter and Jake Durham, committee members.

For Post 128, M. W. Schinke is advisor, with Jules E. Nogle, assistant advisor; A. R. Weber, institutional representative; Calvin Lawrence, committee chairman; and W. H. Wilson, Arthur Porter and Jake Durham, committee members.

Fred Lewis is scoutmaster of Troop 275, with Woodfee Peters as his assistant scoutmaster.

The Troop committee chairman is H. C. Kenyon, and committee members are W. J. Jackson and Finey Simmons.

A partial list of scouts receiving training in the den chief training course during 1950 includes Smith Minton, Rodney Jones, Keith Fairchild,, Clifford Smith, Larry Weber, Billy Frank Jones, Billy Fred Carrier, Prentis Carter and Joe Halsell.

Attending the club leaders training course for the 1950 year where R. L. Pitts, Tilman Hutson, H. N. Garrett, Charles Weimar, Douglas Minton, Billy Jordan and M. W. Schinke.

XMAS BONUS PAID DEC. 23rd

On December 20, Southern Pine Lumber Company paid a Christmas Bonus equal to a 40-hour weeks pay to all hourly employees who had been on the payroll at least one year and who had worked 95 percent of the time made available to them during the preceeding twelve months period.

Salaried employees received a straight one week's pay at the same time.

Employees who came on the payroll at any time during the year up to and including September 1, 1950, and who had worked 95 percent of the time made available to them during the period worked received the equivalent of a 40-hour weeks pay. Employees who came to work after September 1 received a straight $15.00 bonus.

Temporary employees and members of construction crews on special projects were not included in the bonus payment.

WOODS FIRE SIGNALS

ONE siren blast means grass fire and calls out only Group A firemen.

TWO siren blasts mean woods fire and calls out ALL firemen.

RAT TALES - - - (Cont. from P. 7)

people will STILL contend that "accidents just happen." They don't. Accidents are caused by some failure either in machinery and equipment—or usually by the failure of the man himself to guard against danger. Let's make 1951 accident free. We can do it if every man, every hour, every day, will say to himself: "The next accident might be MINE and I am, therefore, going to be careful and not let it happen." Be safety conscious — don't take chances — realize that you CAN be hurt or killed just like all the others who were hurt and killed in 1950. Make safety your business just like you make it your business to grade lumber or load cars or saw down trees. Because it IS your busines—and when you forget it and become careless you are the one who loses most. Other concerns where the work is much more hazardous than it is here have gone a year, two years, and longer without a SINGLE lost-time accident. And it wasn't luck that they maintained such records. They did it by having every employee in the plant and out in the woods making safety HIS PERSONAL BUSINESS. Make it yours—it will pay you in the long run.