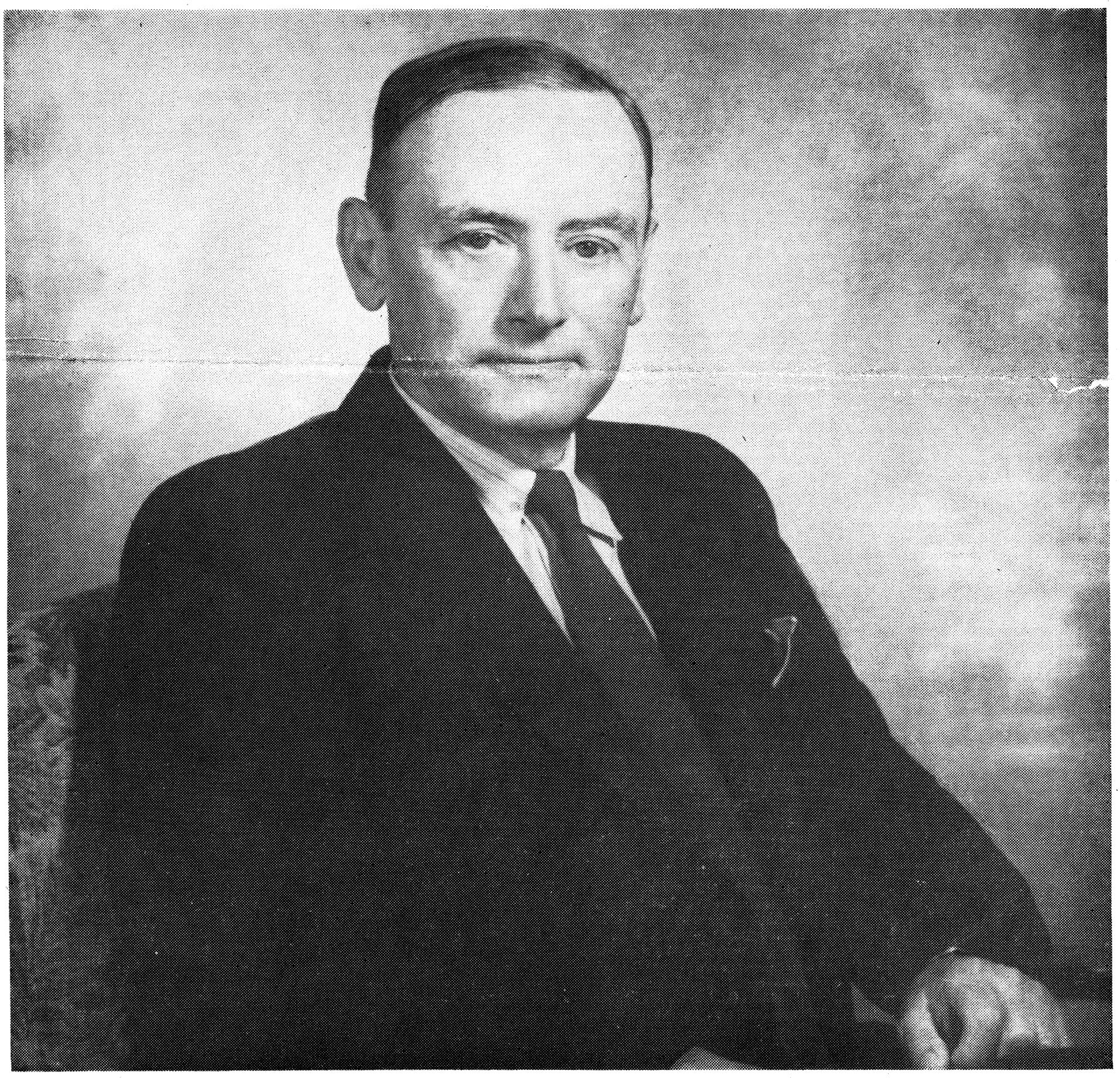
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In Memorium of E. C. Durham, Sr.

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Work On Project II Underway

First Phase To Be Completed In Sept.

Under the broiling August sunlight, brave Southern Pine employees are sweating out the construction of Project Two. The feats of these hard-working men can be seen at almost any temperature of the day.

Already erection of the new overhead timber crane and the conveyor for little mill lumber is taking on shape and meaning. Credit thus far goes to D. D. Devereaux and crew for the demolition work and the structure's foundation; to Garvie Walker and crew for the steel structural work, and to Bob Musselwhite, engineer for Southern Pine, for structural and mechanical design.

Gone from the Southern Pine scene are the old dollyways and the old green chain—and going up at full speed ahead is Project Two—another phase in the over-all modernization work being carried on at our mill.

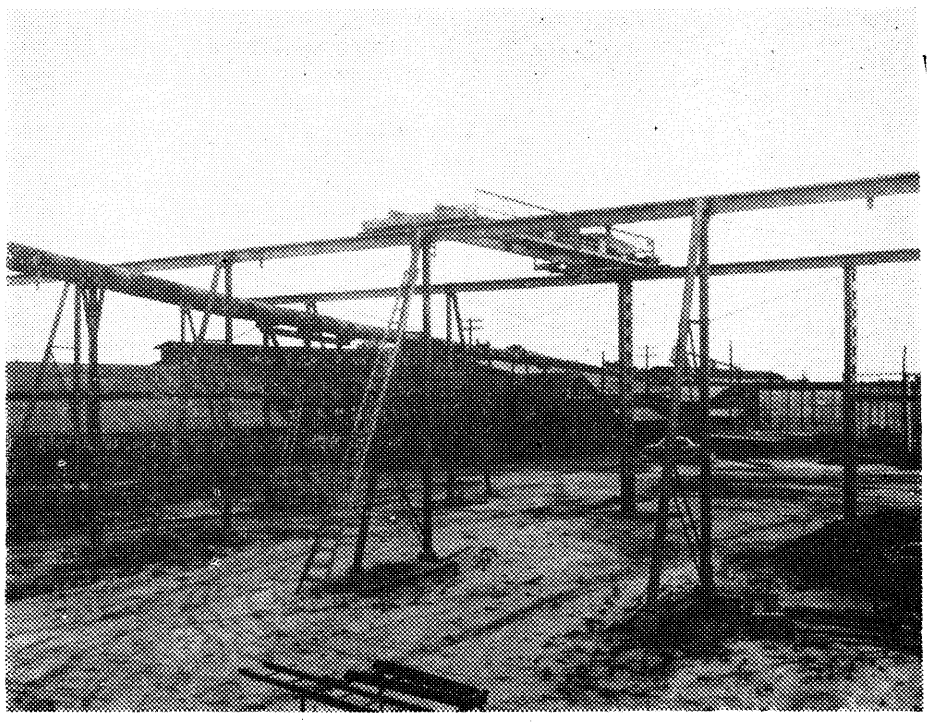
Discussing the new overhead crane, Musslewhite explained to your reporter that its runway will be 40 feet, 10 inches wide, 247 feet long, and 30 feet high. Load capacity will be three tons.

The crane will be powered by three motors: one transports the crane back and forth on the tracks; another moves the hoist from one side of the crane to the other; and a third motor lifts and lowers timbers from the ground. All motors are multi-speed.

The controls on the crane will be pendant push-button and a cord which hangs down allows the operator to walk aolng the ground and operate the crane.

All possible handling of timbers will be facilitated by this huge crane. As the timbers come out of the mill, they will be skidded down the east side and placed where the crane can reach them. The crane will then pick up the timbers, sort and stack them until an order is completed. Upon completion of the order, the crane will assist in loading the timbers in trucks or gondolas.

Railroad tracks under craneway are not installed as yet, but they are expected to be in a couple of weeks. The ground for them has already been cut and the gondolas will be loaded on these tracks. The tracks will run by the electrician's shack and the fuel house under the crane at the east end of the runway.



ABOVE IS THE EAST VIEW OF THE TIMBER CRANE. From the right of the picture, the timbers will advance, with the aid of the crane, toward the left. The end of the line is near the fuel house, and there is where the railroad will run under the framework—the facility that will enable the gondolas to be spotted right in under the crane and be loaded with only one handling of a package.

Timbers are now handled with tong hooks and the same system can be used with the crane. Each end of the timber will be hooked, with one of the men doing the hooking to operate the crane. Small timbers will probably be handled in packages with slings or grapples. Joe C. Denman and Squint Weisinger are now working on a grapple which will eliminate tong hooks for all timbers. It is hoped that one man will be able to handle all timbers with the new grapple.

Advantages of the installation of the overhead crane are more safety, more speed and more efficiency in the handling of timbers. With the crane and its special magnetic controls, timbers can be lifted and lowered more accurately with no sudden dropping of loads.

Musslewhite then discussed the new little mill lumber conveyor. He explained that this is a system to take lumber the company buys from small mills in this area and place it in the flow of regular lumber coming out of the mill where it all goes together to the trimmer.

He stated that the company will require the little mill operators to bring lumber in four feet square packages with one end approximately even. Random lengths will be permissible from six to a maximum of 24, although it is seldom any will be over 16 feet long.

Lift trucks will unload the packages and set them on an apron conveyor which will hold around eight packages, or two truck loads. The apron conveyor feeds the packages into the tilting hoist. It was explained that one man could operate the lift truck and the tilting hoist.

The tilting hoist tilts the package to an angle of about 45 degrees, then raises it up an incline to a height of about ten feet above the ground. As the package reaches the top of its travel, one layer of boards is allowed to slide off the package onto the cable conveyor. By progressively raising the package an inch at a time, each succeeding layer of lumber is allowed to slide off the package onto the cable conveyor.

The cable conveyor goes up a slight incline, levels out and carries boards into trimmer table.

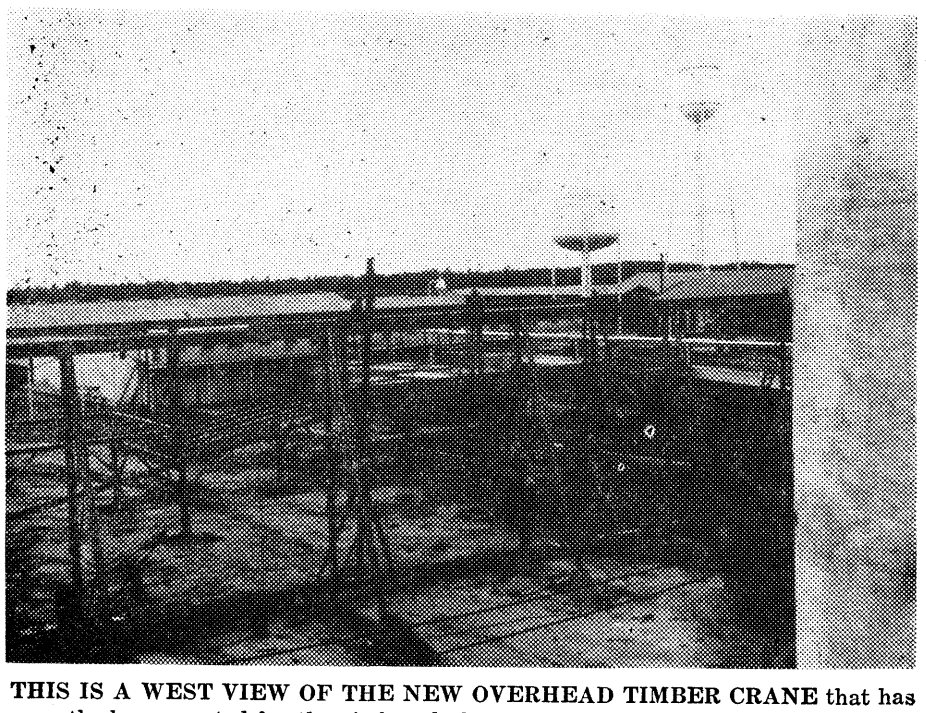
This mechanism will save time and labor as one man will be able to handle the whole performance.

The operator will be able to reverse the cable conveyor and should a breakdown occur in the trimmer or sorter, we will be able to accumulate lumber from the saw mill on the conveyor and therefore be able to avoid some of the shutdowns experienced in the past.

The tilting hoist is generally used to break down packages of lumber and feed it into an automatic stacker such as one in use at Southern Pine or on a planer machine. However, in this instance, Musslewhite pointed out we are using the tilting hoist to take rough green lumber and feed it onto a cable conveyor which carries it into the trimmer. This application of the device makes it distinct in the lumber industry. Also we have adapted the use of the little mill lumber conveyor and the overhead crane to take care of our particular problems.

As a result of the designs of Bob Musslewhite and the planning of Southern Pine executives, these additions are being installed to give more economical and more convenient operation within the mills of SPLC.

Completion of these new modernization projects is slated for early September or thereabouts. When production starts, E. P. Ramsey will be in charge of operations.



THIS IS A WEST VIEW OF THE NEW OVERHEAD TIMBER CRANE that has recently been erected by the timber dock at Mill 1. This is but one of the new facilities that is being installed by Southern Pine — one of the many additions that can readily be found in the varied expansion program going on all over the plant sites.

TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF "THE SQUIRE" — E. C. DURHAM, SR.

The most fitting tribute that might be paid to the memory of E. C. Durham, Sr., was written, strangely enough, by "The Squire" himself. In "The Long Leaf Pine" Mr. Durham's host of friends will find the personification of one they loved as a truly devoted, loyal, humble, and gracious Texan who enriched the lives of all who were privileged to know him:

"Trim and graceful stands the tall marshall of the forest legion. A mien of majestic melancholy suggests his disdain for the superficial things of life. The rustle of his flowing plumage foretells the approaching storm and under its mighty onslaught he sways and totters and springs back to the combat, joyously defiant, gloriously triumphant.

"When the calm comes he draws under his protecting armor weary beast and bird and perhaps a luckless man and soothes their troubled spirits with his soft, soughing song.

"In summer he conserves the moisture and keeps flowing crystal clear streams which cool parched throats and starts the mockingbird's interminable warble of his Schubert-Mozart-Titl serenade. In drab winter his rich green foliage delights the eye, whitens the spark of hope and gives promise of eternal life.

"His gray cone spearheads make happy little children and his gnarled and twisted sinews bring heat and light and cheer to the hearthstones of many a lonely cabin.

"He gives of his life's blood to soften the painter's brush and to relieve human suffering. His marrow adds beauty to man-made things and makes the violin vibrate under the impulse of the sweetest melodies.

"His great strong heart goes out for the protection of mankind from the fury of the elements, to carry the crushing traffic of the busy world, to support myriad wires which take energy and communication to every corner of the land, to be cut and shaped to serve in countless ways.

"In return for all he gives he takes toll from the bosom of the earth but gets his principal sustenance from the air. Even for this he pays by giving a rare perfume.

"At last, his knotted joints and the stumps of his splendid torso remain enduring markers of the spot where a beautiful and useful life was spent, monuments to unselfishness, pyramids of consolation to those who pass through this world giving more than they receive."

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Published Monthly By and For the Employees of Southern Pine Lumber Co.



ARTHUR TEMPLE, JR., AND ASSOCIATES, Inc., have made Diboll the site of their home offices. The move from Lufkin to Diboll was around July 19, 1951. Shown in the above photo are (left) Harvey Moore, vice president, Ronnie Blythe, payroll clerk, and Horace Stubblefield, Jr., supervisor of the Box Factory. Seated is Mrs. Katherine Green who is bookkeeper for the Temple & Associates group. Offices for the company are located on the second floor of the Southern Pine Commissary. Another set of newcomers in the business world to Diboll are the offices of Temple Builders Supply although its employees are not pictured in this issue of the BUZZ SAW. Vice president is Henry Spencer, with Harry Walker as secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Margaret Haley, secretary to Mr. Spencer. This company moved to Diboll around August 1.

New Editor Looms On Buzz Saw Scene

By PAUL DURHAM

Stepping into a job that has previously been filled by such persons as Jake Durham and Bennie Prince is just like a two-year-old baby putting on his father's shoes AND trying to walk in them. That, however, is just what I am going to do.

And I must admit that attempting such a task is just a bit pressing on one who happens to be quite a bit younger than either of its former editors. And neither can I even scrape the edges of those two distinguished persons and come up with the wit and compactness with which they so assiduously swept fact and color into the pages of this publication.

Even so, I have lived in Diboll all but three years of my life, and as the Buzz Saw and myself grow up together, so will the town grow with us. And with that in mind perhaps the copy that is sent out to you in the future will not be too hard to digest . . . at least until I've been saddle broke.

I've had a fleeting image that most of those who have heard about Bennie's successor have envisioned a publication such as Will Rogers would have written . . . with speech similar to his, but lacking everything else. If such a thing does take place, guess I'll be back in my seat as sports reporter and someone else will be writing an introduction as editor.

There's nothing like the good old college try though, and on the 2nd of October you'll get your chance to view the September issue. I want to say right here and now that all complaints must come in by mail. In fact I think I'll ask Sheriff Boren to come in on that date and watch over me. Of course if that doesn't work, I'm sure Vernon Burkhalter will be more than glad to transport me to the Memorial hospital in his Silver Streak ambulance.

Seriously though, I hope that it won't be that bad. Indeed, when Rat Johnson, Herb White, Jr., the school authorities, Fred Lewis, all of Southern Pine's foremen, Mr. Temple, and myself put our heads together, I'm sure that in several months time we'll have a publication rolling here that will equal the rapid expansion and growth of the town of Diboll itself.

Once Again A Buzz Saw Editor Bids Farewell

By BENNIE PRINCE

Once more the editorship of the BUZZ SAW is changing hands. Whereas on December 26, 1950, Bennie Prince came on to replace Jake Durham—now in September, 1951, Paul M. Durham comes on to replace Bennie Prince.

To express my genuine appreciation of the support, and help which you the people of Diboll have given me, would take more space than the eight pages I am allowed in the monthly paper. Editing the BUZZ Saw has been a great pleasure to me and it is with reluctance and regret that I take leave of the job so soon.

Farewells for the most part were meant to be short and sweet—and with that thought in mind—I would like to thank all persons who have helped me publish the issues of the BUZZ SAW during the first half of 1951. Without each of you—it could not have been.

To Paul, your new editor, I would like to wish the best luck and success in publishing Southern Pine's and Diboll's paper as it is truly one of the most interesting jobs I know of. I believe Paul will furnish the readers with the reading material and BUZZ SAW they all want.

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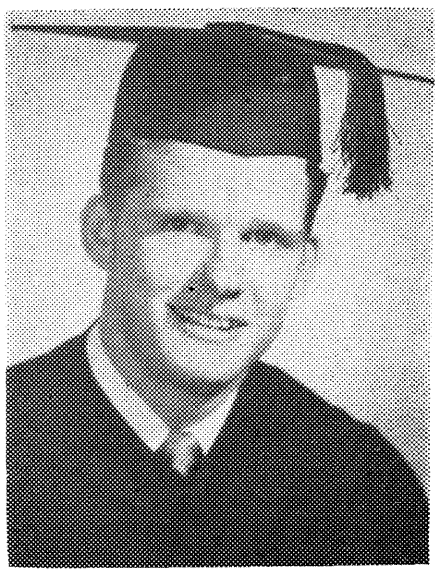
Mrs. Green Attends Dallas Conference

Mrs. Mae Lewis Green, homemaking teacher at Diboll, attended the Homemaking Teachers Conference in Dallas July 30 to August 4.

The local delegate, serving as co-charman of publicity, was in charge of putting a window display in the exhibit room at the Baker Hotel.

On July 29 a dinner for all committee chairmen was held at the Baker, on July 30 committee meetings and a general session were scheduled.

An area breakfast followed by a business meeting and the appointment of new members to the area advisory group were the highlight features held August 4.



E. P. RAMSEY, JR., shown in the above photograph, will be graduated from the East Texas Baptist College in exercises to be held August 22, 1951. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ramsey, Sr., of Diboll.

E. P. Ramsey, Jr., To Receive BA Degree

E. P. Ramsey, Jr., son of Mr .and Mrs. E. P Ramsey, Sr, of Diboll, will be graduated from East Texas Baptist College Wednesday, August 22, 1951. He will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree.

Ramsey is a Bible major, with minors in Speech and History.

While a student at the East Texas Baptist College, he took an active part in campus activities. He was president of the sophomore class in 1948, president of the Little Theatre, acting club in 1949 and 1950, president of the J. B. Gambrill Society of Preachers, elected one of the favorites in 1950, and a member of the Delta Psi Society for speech students that have at least a "B" average. He also served as vice president of the B.S.U. and was member of the Student Council.

E. P., his wife and son plan to move to Fort Worth where he will begin his graduate studies. He plans to remain there until he has completed his advanced schooling.

At present, Reverend E. P. Ramsey is pastoring churches at Clayton, Texas, and Fair Play, Texas. He has been in the pastorate since March 13, 1949.

Humorous Bits About Southern Pine Treating Plant's Hard - Working, Ingenius Framing Crew Personnel

One of the most efficient, hard working humorous units at Southern Pine's Treating Division—without question and without a doubt—is the framing crew.

This bunch is on the job from 7 a.m. until they finish up what is needed for the treating cylinders at night. During these hours Dick Goins, L. J. McDonald, Shorty Myers, Alvin Lane, "Mr." Brent, Old Henry and Red Hardin furnish foreman Steve Johnson with all the bull and trouble that any supervisor could possibly withstand.

When a person first glances upon this crew—his first thought would be to have the pole inspectors be doubly cautious in going over the men's work, else some company might come up with crossarm holes in the butt-end of the pole and the top loaded down with enough bark to start a nice termite castle.

However, one man, whose name we will not mention but whose initials are Dick Goins, has actually talked his mates into believing that he is (of all things) a genius.

Now if you can fathom that, for example, one rainy day on the framing yard Steve Johnson was knocked on his hindquarters when he picked up two steel connections when both the connections and Steve were soaking wet.

Result! Some 220 volts of high octane juice walloped Steve to the ground. He withstood the shock in great form, but about a week later an argument came up as to exactly how many volts hit the foreman.

"Genius" Dick was on his toes as usual and came up with the suggestion that the crew rig up a voltmeter, have Steve hold it, and stand in the big tank at the plant with 220 volt connections under his arms. The vote was eight to one with Johnson the only one against the idea. Dick wasn't in the least bit offended and when your reporter asked him about it, he claimed his "genius" will had simply won through again.

L. J. McDonald is better known as "Slugger." He performs twice weekly for the Dairy Queen softball club in Lufkin. L. J. himself insists that he is a first rate hitter against any opposing pitcher. He backs his statement up with the fact that Dairy Queen holds the record for the most consecutive losses, and the fact that he's hitting around .100.

It has been seriously discussed by Steve Johnson that he, Old Henry, "Mr." Brent, Shorty and Dick Christen themselves the pole peelers and just "beat the socks of those farmers."

The other day "Mr." Brent tried to make a nudist of himself when he started a fight with a four foot electric drill. The drill won the short battle and Brent went home in his overalls with a pair of seat covers wrapped daintily about his frame.

Johnnye Foster saw Shorty sitting under a pile of poles shading him from the sun recently. He inquired of Shorty what was wrong. The framer cheerfully replied that it was mighty hot working with his big saw and he had just sat down in the shade to prevent possible heat exhaustion.

Mr. Foster would probably have been more impressed with the reply and would never have questioned his act had not Shorty had his boots and socks off with his eyelids partially closed and a short snore in his throat, which was cut even shorter.

In a serious vein, however, your reoprter feels sure the executives of the Treating Division are proud of the work which is so industriously performed by the framing crew. They are some bunch of workers.

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Dietetic cranberries bring new color and flavor for dieters. They are packed in 12-ounce glass jars and are sweetened with sucaryl calcium. Only 10 calories per 100 grams.

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Gov. Allan Shivers Delivers Stirring Independence Day Talk

Crowd of 2,000 At Diboll Celebration

Independence Day was celebrated on July 3 this year in Diboll as an estimated crowd of 2,000 persons thronged the Southern Pine Treating Division picnic grounds to hear an address by the Gov- of Texas, Allan Shivers.

Wearing a traditional Texas symbol, a hat slightly larger than the popular ten-gallon brand, Governor Shivers paid tribute to persons of such communities as Diboll who have built a great community, state and nation by being good neighbors and good citizens.

He added that he hoped all persons would resolve to be better neighbors and citizens tomorrow and days thereafter to help the nation preserve the freedom enjoyed in this country today.

The Governor stated that he was happy to have a part on the July 4 celebration, even though it was a day early, to help the people of Diboll share in their pride in their community. Commending the people for their progress in Diboll, he said that such fine towns do not just happen, they are built by great people who help to build a great state.

In his speech, Shivers pointed out some of the blessings which are enjoyed by living in this country such as our belief in God, our freedom of being individuals and our right to do as we please. He reminded his audience that government officials are only trustees of the people and that no government should be master as such is the practice in some countries today.

Shivers urged his listeners to hold high the torch of freedom and to preserve their state's and nation's from interference.

Senator Ottis Lock of Texas introduced Governor Shivers to his audience. In his introductory message, Lock stated that Texas throughout history has been blessed with great leaders—leaders with foresight and wisdom, leaders with honor and virtue, leaders who have the public welfare at heart. "Texas has such a leader today in Governor Allan Shivers."

Arthur Temple, Jr., vice president and general manager of Southern Pine Lumber Company, presented a brief talk to the people of Diboll before introducing Senator Lock. Temple expressed his appreciation to the people for their co-operation and interest they have put into their jobs and their town. He stated that the community and the company had made some progress and that they would make more as you had to crawl before you could walk.

Temple closed by saying that we're almost out of the crawling stage and ready to walk, and again gave his thanks to the people. He then introduced Senator Lock, the "Wheelhorse Senator known to all East Texans."

Master of ceremonies for the program was Clyde Thompson, woods superintendent. The speakers platform for the occasion was trimmed in red, white and blue crepe paper frills. A Texas flag was featured on one end of the platform while the United States flag was placed at the other end.

Seated on the speakers platform were County Attorney James Moore and Judge H. R. Rolston, both of Lufkin; Senator Ottis Lock, Governor Shivers, Arthur Temple, Jr., Buddy Temple and Ben Anthony.

Celebration activities started at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, and lasted until 2:30 p.m. During the early portion of the program music was presented by William Grissom, James Arthur Patton and Harold Small, local western-style singers, alternately with Mack Wiseman and his Country Boys of Station KWKH, Shreveport, La.

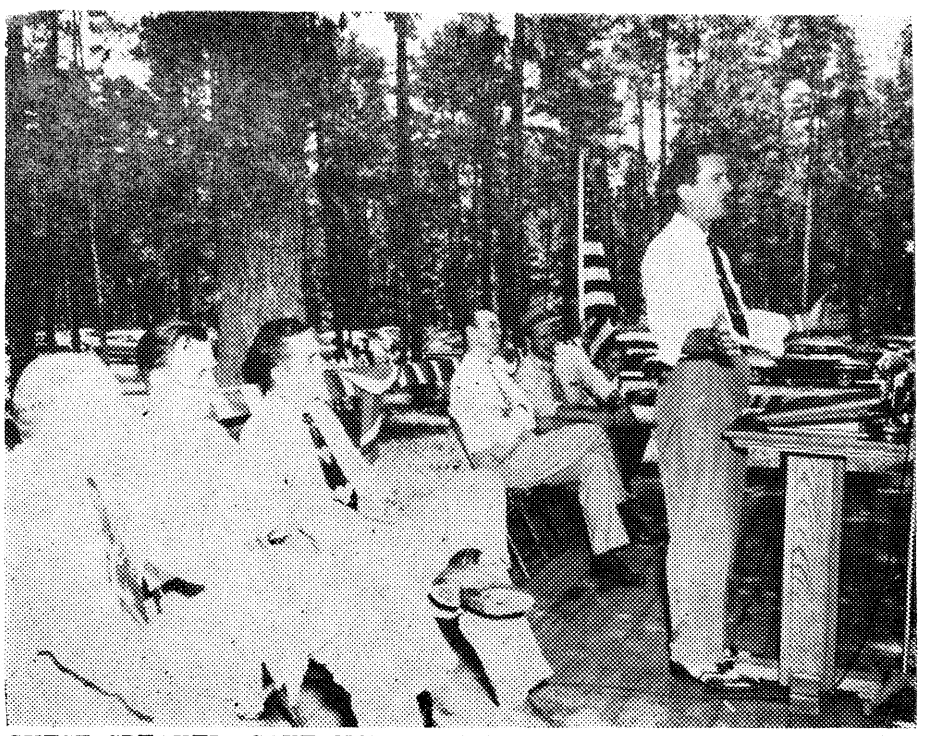
Prior to the Governor's address, vocal selections were rendered by the Perry Chapel C.M.E. Male Chorus of Diboll, under the direction of W. J. Jackson.

A demonstration by the woods fire fighting unit, complete with airplane, radio and fire jeep, was one of the special attractions of the program. The fire jeep was located at the picnic grounds and the audience could hear the men talking with the radio tower at Lufkin and the airplane which was flying overhead. The demonstration showed the audience how a forest fire could be pin-pointed within a radius of 100 or 200 yards in a minimum of time.

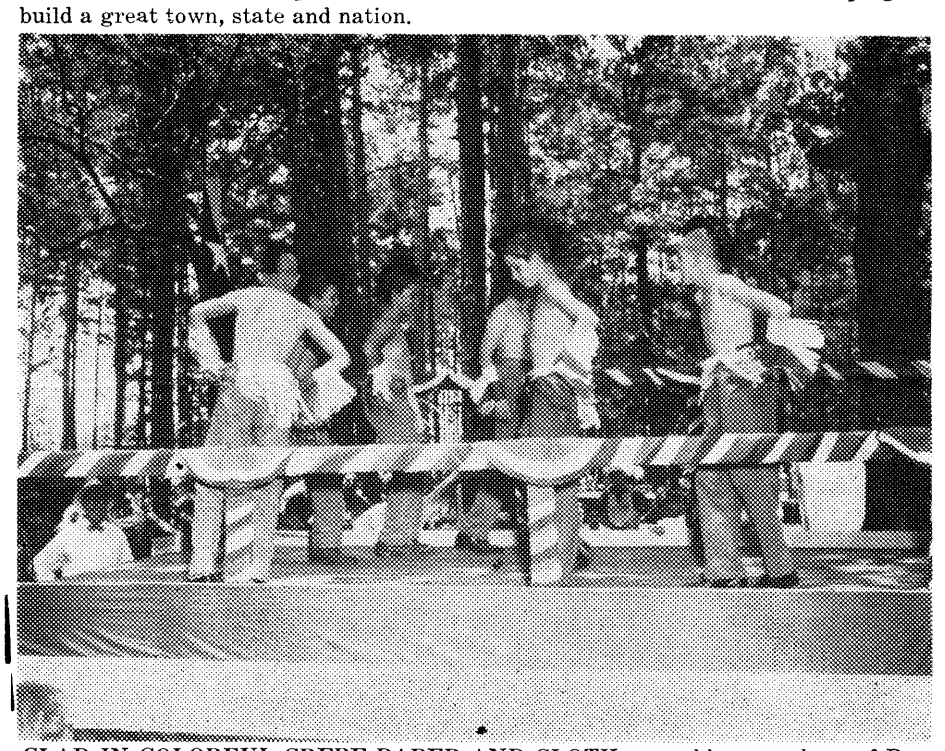
Troop 128 of Diboll presented the Boy Scouts Rain Dance which proved to be one of the most colorful events of the program. Flag raising ceremonies were conducted by the Diboll Boy Scouts, after which the program of speakers was featured.

At 12:30 p.m., guests from Diboll and

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GUEST SPEAKER, GOVERNOR ALLAN SHIVERS of Texas, illustrated his stirring Independence Day message with meaningful gestures. In his speech, the governor paid tribute to persons of communities such as Diboll who are helping to build a great town, state and nation.



CLAD IN COLORFUL CREPE PAPER AND CLOTH ensembles, members of Boy Scout Troop 128 of Diboll presented the "Boy Scout Rain Dance," during the program portion of the celebration.



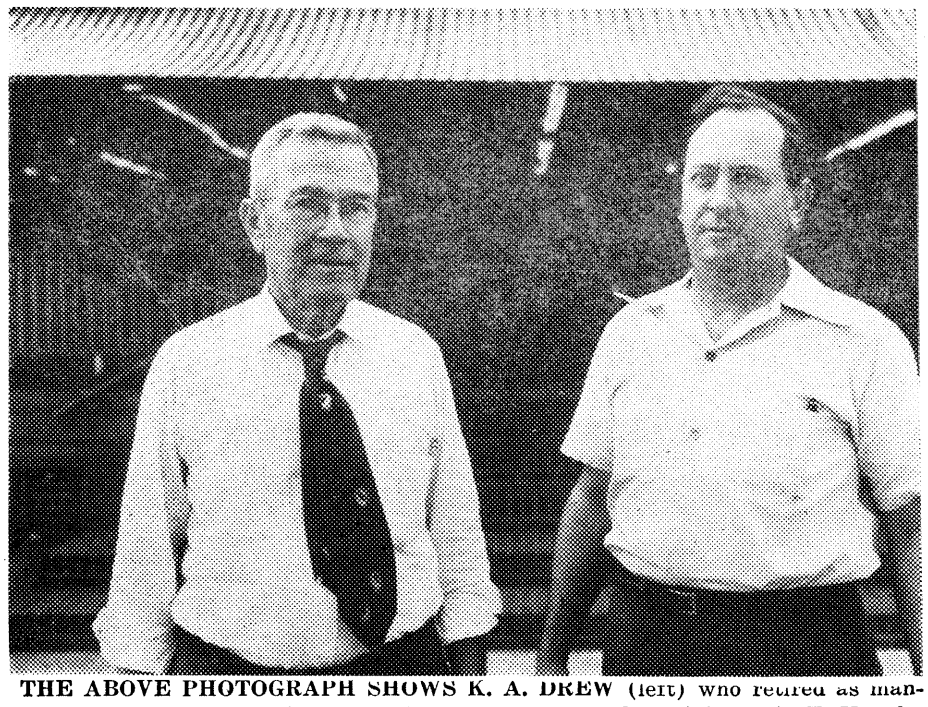
BARBECUE APLENTY WAS ON HAND to greet attenders at the gala Fourth of July celebration in Diboll this year. The food was served with an amazing amount of speed and efficiency. For those at the end of the long, long lines, the wait for food was well worth it.



LISTENING TO THE WORDS OF THEIR GOVERNOR is an attentive [illegible] crowd of some 2,000 persons who were present for the principal address, the old-fashioned barbecue and an interesting all-day program. The 1951 Independence Day celebration has been acclaimed by local persons as one of the most interesting and successful programs held here.

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THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS K. A. DREW (left) who retired as manager of the Southern Pine Store August 15. Pictured at right is A. F. Vaughn who took over as manager of the Dry Goods, Furniture and Appliances Departments. The other new managerial addition to the SPLC store staff is Richard W. Wimp, not shown in photo. He will manage the Food, Market, Feed Departments.

Store Personnel Changes In August Finds R. W. Wimp And A. F. Vaughn As Managers; K. A. Drew Retires

Changes in personnel and policy have come about at the Southern Pine Lumber Company Store during the month of August.

K. A. Drew, former manager of the store, resigned from his position on August 15th, with Richard W. Wimp and A. F. (Lefty) Vaughn taking over.

In charge of the food, market and feed departments will be Wimp, while Vaughn will manage the dry goods, furniture and appliance departments of the store.

Wimp disclosed that it was his intention to give the people in Diboll the finest and cleanest food store and the most popular prices they have ever had.

During his first busy days of taking over his new job, he has been departmentizing the store to make shopping easier for his general public. He is adding items necessary to have a complete store.

New policy for the food store will be on a cash and carry basis, with delivery service on paid order basis only, effective September 1.

A sign to the effect of the above statement will appear in the store within the near future.

Grocery business is not new to R. W. Wimp who has followed this line of work for a good many years. He is certainly getting off to a wonderful start in this undertaking at Diboll of giving its residents the type of store of which they can be proud.

In explaining his policy, Lefty Vaughn said it would be to offer good service and to please the people with his merchandise, along with moderate prices. Like Wimp, Vaughn is striving for a better-stocked store.

For approximately 21 years, Lefty has been in store work, dividing his time and duties between the drug store, the grocery department and the departments of which he now manages.

Before his departure from a long and successful tenure of office at Southern Pine, K. A. Drew said that although one job was ending—another was beginning. Drew is not about to retire from activity as he is energetically makings plans for going into business for himself.

An employee of Southern Pine for around 35 years, the veteran store manager reflected that he had been serving in that capacity for 13 years. He also worked for Southern Pine at Pineland as store manager.

When asked about his future business plans, Drew replied that the plans were still in the making and as yet nothing definite had been decided upon.

He first plans to rest just a little while and then he'll be off on whatever plans interest him.

Drew expressed regret at leaving his old position and the many friends he had made but he also said that he was looking forward to change— which incidentally interests most of us.

The editorial staff of the BUZZ SAW would like to wish K. A. Drew luck in his new venture and to wish R. W. Wimp and A. F. Vaughn good luck in their new positions at the Southern Pine Store.

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Employees Should Work For Better Safety Too

Let everyone be sure each day that he has done everything possible to better last year's accident record.

Every man has certain daily duties. His most important duty is seeing that he does not CAUSE injury to himself or to fellow workmen, not even slightly. Every man should think safety and act safely every minute in every day so that he can return home after the day's work without having harmed or having been harmed.

Put in that extra minute or two that you think you are saving by chance-taking in applying the safe practices which are shown in your safety rules, plus the additional safety instructions that have been given to you by your foreman. This is for your welfare. We need your continued help.

If a piece of machinery is faulty, resulting in loss of earnings, we gather repairmen and ideas so that it can be put into service the quickest moment possible. Chance-taking does not pay you, your friends, your family or your co-worker. Steady, careful work pays in cash and saves the body, which cannot always be replaced or repaired like machinery.

Only by your cooperation, can chance-taking be eliminated and accidents to workmen be reduced to the minimum. We are counting on you 100 percent.

Box Factory Fulfilling New Texarkana Contract

Action has returned to the Temple & Associates Box Factory at Diboll as the crews are working on fulfilling a contract for Day & Zimmermann Engineers, Lone Star Ordnance Division, Texarkana.

This contract was started around July 25th and completion is expected during the early part of September.

Original contract with the company called for 80,000, 105 millimeter Howitzer boxes.

When operations first were resumed at the factory, operations were handled by a day shift while a night crew was in training. To date both shifts are busily fulfilling the new contract.

Another contract received by the factory is for 10,000 pallets, which are wooden racks for lift trucks to pick up merchandise. This contract is also for Day and Zimmermann Engineers.

At present, Horace Stubblefield, Jr., supervisor at the Box Factory, states the company is bidding on several thousand boxes for various ordnance plants. Foreman is Paul Hogue.

The duties of supervisor at the factory were taken over by Stubblefield July 19th. He also added that there are definite expansion plans in the making for the factory as the company hopes within the next two or three years to operate one of the biggest box factories n the South.

For the Howitzer boxes, Lonnie Flowers has been contracted to haul the boxes to Texarkana and at present six trailers are being used to do the job.

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Governor Speaks—

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surrounding communities and visiting dignataries were treated to a real-old-fashioned barbecue luncheon with all the trimmings. During the afternoon, contests such as sack races and greasy pole climbing were the highlight attractions with cash awards for the winners.

Ben Anthony of Diboll was in charge of the over-all arrangements for the event, with Bernice Hines in charge of the fire department demonstration; H. N. Garrett in charge of the Boys Scouts who performed policing and parking duties; George Johnson and Shirley Daniel in charge of the entertainment, and W. W. Jackson who assisted in getting the properties together.

Cold drink booths were under the sponsorship of the Diboll Lions Club.

Gipson's Funeral Home of Lufkin furnished the sound equipment, records and drinking water for the event. Elwyn Gipson and Paul Selman were on hand to take care of these matters.

Boy Scouts helping with the activities included Bobby Neil Bowman, James Ashworth, Keith Fairchild, Larry Bowman, Kelsey Griffin, Jimmy McCall, Robert Rector, Gene Baker, Paul Fairchild, Larry Weber, Donald Pinkerton, Billy Jones, Billy Hines, and Billy Carrier.

Among the persons attending the program were the Oklahoma A. & M. Forestry students who participated in summer encampment studies at Boggy Slough as guests of Southern Pine Lumber Company.

Lufkinites attending were Ralph Chancey, Sherman Mitchell, S. N. Mitchell, Paul Williams, Lynn Metteauer, R. B. Thompson, Ralph Zelesky, Rip Hinson, Wade Keene, Herman Bate, W. L. McHale, Herman Brown, Russ Eagle, Tommie Massingill, Charles McClanahan, Jake Durham, Jimmy Parr, Herb White, Sr. and Herb White, Jr.

LIKE HAM AND EGGS

The extension ladder on the fire truck is missing and the Company would appreciate having it returned.

Either bring back the ladder or come and get the fire truck as the two go together like ham and eggs and one without the other is no good.

The company would prefer having the ladder returned.

Seven Departments Have Clear Safety Records

Congratulations and safety laurels are given at this time to E. P. Ramsey, Willard Hickman, Ed Strickland, Paul Durham, Ed Smith, Bonnie Brown, Joe Bob Hendrick, Willis Jordan and Arthur Porter and their crews for spotless records in the no loss time accident bracket.

These crews have had no lost time accidents during the first seven months of 1951, which is a credit to both the employee and the foreman.

Safety Director, Jack Sweeny, states that he is mighty proud of these departments and hopes that in the near future other departments join in with spotless records which will add up for a good safety year for Southern Pine Lumber Company.

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Mrs. Lottie Wimp Is Stork Shower Honoree

Mrs. Lottie Wimp was named honoree at a stork shower August 2nd at the home of Mrs. George Smith at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses for the event included Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Erma Aashworth, Mrs. Lucille Warner and Mrs. Flava Vaughn.

For the occasion, mixed flowers provided the floral decorations. Gracing the dining room table was a huge mixed bouquet of summer flowers which reflected a color scheme of pink and white.

Refreshments of sandwiches, punch, and cake were served tea style to the guests.

During the party hours, appropriate games were played with the honoree the receipient of the prizes.

Approximately twenty guests attended the shower.

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Area Boy Scouts Attend August Camp Meet

Fourteen young men from the East Texas Area Boy Scout Council are spending from August 13 to 26 at the National Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. They were to leave Mineola Sunday morning, August 12 and arrive back from the ranch on Monday, Aug. 27.

Over 8,000 Explorer Scouts from all over the United States will experience high adventure at Philmont this summer. The various groups will see each other, however, only as their trails cross in the 200-square miles of mountains and valleys which Kit Carson used to roam. There are four primary base camps, six secondary camps and twelve trail camps scattered over the 127,308-acre ranch.

It will take one or two days for the East Texas Explorers to get used to the high altitude and to see Kit Carson's old fort, the buffalo herd, and other things of interest around the Big House and headquarters. They will then pack their burros and start up the trail which will take them up to an altitude of 11,500 foot elevation.

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Role Woods Horses Play In Lumber Industry Proves To Be Important One — Reports Clyde Thompson

Behind the scenes in the production of lumber, a band of workers play an important role—but seldom receive any share of the limelight. This crew in question is composed of the horses which are ridden by the woods officials.

Names of the hoofers (as shown in the photograph) are Frank, Dolly, Queen, Trigger, Red Smoky, Sealum and White Smoky. George Thompson's horse is named Alec but he was riding Queen the day this picture was taken.

According to Clyde Thompson, woods superintendent and interviewee for this article, these men who do this strenuous riding have nicknamed themselves "The Diboll Mounties."

Thompson revealed that the role these horses play in the lumber industry is one of the most important yet for the most part their hard work and efforts are overlooked by the majority of people. He further stated that when he, Ritchie Wells, and Kenneth Nelson head for the woods with their trusty horses that they are not going for a joy-ride but for a day of good hard riding.

In explaining the role of these horses, Clyde said they first enter the picture when Southern Pine purchases timber. At this stage of the game, the horses are used by the officials to look over the land and to get an idea of the grade and the stand of the timber. To accomplish this, the easiest mode of transportation is by horseback.

After the purchase of the land and before the logging crew goes to work, the officials take another ride around the terrain to judge where the lines will go and also to find corral locations for the mules.

Another feat accomplished by horseback is to allow the woods men ample opportunity and time to study how the timber is to come off the tract of land to determine the best sites to build bridges and roads.

Southern Pine owns several high class woods horses which place as high, in their opinion, as horses in the Kentucky Derby. As these horses are famous for their racing ability, these woods horses are equally as well-trained and famous for the jobs they do.

Woods horses are trained to travel over and through any kind of rough and rugged country, through thickets, through puddles and gullies. Practically by instinct the horses know before their experienced riders which route to take.

The care of the Southern Pine horses is largely the responsibility of the man who is his regular rider, and each man is very zealous in watching after his horse.

If a person is around Clyde Thompson, Ritchie Wells, Kenneth Nelson, A. J. Wells, George Thompson, Hugh Timms or Barty Breazeale long enough, note can be taken that the conversation runs along the "What my horse can do" vein. Each is sure that his horse is by far the best and experienced one in the bunch—or throughout the world for that matter.

From all indications Hugh Timms and Clyde Thompson seem to keep up a continuance barrage of this "shooting-off-the-mouth" about the brilliance of their animals—and Hugh generally wins.

A story goes that for once Clyde Thompson came out best. One day Clyde, Hugh and Ritchie were riding in Trinity county where the company had timber rights. Survey on tract had been made years ago and the lines were rather dim and hard to detect. In fact it was really difficult following the lines through the rough territory and the trio lost the line so Ritchie circled back and then rode on ahead of Clyde and Hugh to see if he could pick up the line once again.

Clyde chirped to Hugh, "I will show ole Dolly the line and she will follow it through." Sure enough they found the line and kept going on a steady course—not losing sight of the line this time. At this point and during the rest of the trip, Hugh had nothing to say for it seemed that Clyde's horse had proven his salt.

Unknown to Hugh, however, it was Ritchie who was leading the way as he had gone on ahead of the two, found the line and was signalling to the others where it was. Clyde could see Ritchie's signals where Hugh couldn't. Of course this fact didn't come to light until quite some time later, much to Clyde's gladness and Hugh's sadness.

Another favorite story concerns itself with Kenneth Nelson's horse, Red Smoky. It seems Red Smoky had an aversion to having bits put in his mouth, but Kenneth and Clyde were determined not to be defeated. So bright and early one a.m. the twosome, who had planned a jaunt to Liberty county, put their horses in a trailer, hitched the trailer to the car and off they headed to a point where the horseback riding was to start.

What started as a simple task ended in three hours of fruitless work for Clyde and Kenneth as at the end of that time they still had not succeeded in putting the bit into Red Smoky's mouth. The men who had tried every means of accomplishing this task from tying the horse's head down to his legs to pleading with tears in their eyes—finally gave up in exhausted despair.

Just about this time they spied a group of workmen several hundred yards away so Clyde sprints over for help. Apparently through struggling and as a couple of the workmen approached, Red Smoky just yawned, opened his mouth and let the men put in the bit without so much as a nay.

The men wandered back to their job wondering what all the fuss had been about while Clyde and Kenneth were overjoyed that the finale of the trying task had been reached.

Later on, Clyde found a cartoon of two young girls and a horse, under which was printed the following words: "I yawn—then he yawns, then I put the bit in his mouth." The cartoon is placed atop Kenneth's desk as a constant reminder.

Shoving the humorous incidents aside, Clyde pointed out that Southern Pine has really gone to all lengths to provide comfortable quarters for their horses. They have modern stables, up-to-date trailers for transportation and the best care and feed in the world.

Although Clyde, Ritchie and Kenneth aren't in the saddle every day, the four crewmen spend the day in the saddle, directing operations and moving swiftly to and from the saw crews to the team crews. So for George Thompson, A. J. Wells, Hugh Timms and Barty Breazeale and their horses, riding is just another part of their day's work.

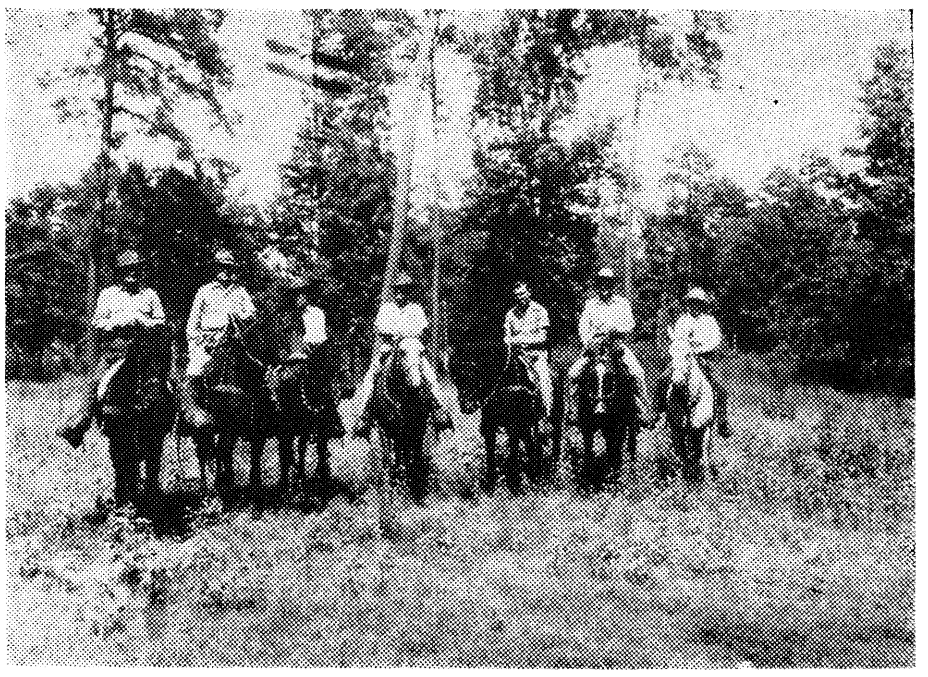
Although their glory is little from the general public, the praise these horses receive from their riders and their company give proof of the importance and value of the jobs which these workers-on-all-fours perform each day.

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BIBLE VERSE

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

— Saint Matthew 24:24



COMPOSING "THE DIBOLL MOUNTIES" are Ritchie Wells, who is riding Frank, Clyde Thompson on Dolly, George Thompson on Queen, A. J. Wells on Trigger, Kenneth Nelson on Red Smoky, Hugh Timms on Sealum, and L. B. Breazeale on White Smoky. The role these horses play in the production of lumber is an important one and one that is discussed in the accompanying article.

Ens. R. C. Thompson Carves Navy Career

Ensign Raymond Clyde (R. C.) Thompson, USN, son of Mr .and Mrs. Clyde Thompson, sails from San Diego on the USS Taussig (DD 746) to Hawaii August 27th. Before he returns to the states, he will have served in Korea, Japan and Formosa.

R. C., since graduating from the University of Texas in June, has been in San Diego assigned to the destroyer Taussig as torpedo and anti-submarine warfare battery officer and assistant 2nd (deck) division officer. During these weeks he has been studying cryptographic (code), the instruction of which is very confidential; and has had four weeks training in the Combat Information Center, the nerve center of the ship.

Thompson was commissioned Ensign US Navy on June 1, 1951, and received his BA degree June 2, from the University of Texas. He was registered there four years under Plan II — a specialized course in the arts and humanities for selected students. He was in the Naval ROTC through the Holloway plan which was set up because the Naval Academy at Annapolis was too small to provide the Naval officers required by the fleet today.

In addition to taking naval science courses for the four scholastic years, training was taken in the summer through training cruises. During the cruises he received practical training aboard ship. The first summer was spent on two different cruisers—the USS Macon and the USS Columbus—which took him to Europe. The ship docked in Italy and R. C. visited Lisbon, Portugal, Pisa, Florence and Rome. One of the high spots was a visit to the Vatican and an audience with the Pope.

During the second summer, six weeks were spent at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., for aviation indoctrination and two weeks were spent at the Naval Amphibious base at Little Creek, Virginia.

The third and last summer was spent on a Junior Officer's cruise aboard the USS Noa, an Atlantic Fleet destroyer. While aboard the Noa the ship was acting as a plane guard for first the USS Cabot and then the USS Wright.

While in the University, R. C. found time for many activities other than serving as Battalion Executive Officer for the Naval ROTC. Among these activities were president of the Houston Club; business manager for Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and a member of the Pre-Law Society "Scabbard and Blade" and the Mariner's Club.

Diboll Native Stars In North-South Grid Game

Several years ago, the BUZZ SAW carried an article on a Diboll native who had transferred from this town to Lufkin to play on the Panther football squad. At the time Carman Bonner was a junior in school and was playing outstanding ball on the Panther A team. One year later, his senior year, he was voted the best right guard in District 10AA for the second consecutive year.

His senior season in Lufkin was the past one, and on the 10th of August he played all but four minutes of the North-South All-Star game that was played in the Little Rose Bowl in Tyler. Sports writers in Palestine and other outlying towns voted him the outstanding lineman on the Southern squad. Doyle Nix of the victorious North team walked away with the best lineman award in which both teams were included. Bonner took the second place choice in that battle, and was edged out of the first spot by only a few votes.

Carman practiced in Palestine from the 6th through the 9th along with the rest of the South stars. All the boys were treated with the highest of dispatch that could be attained by the Chamber of Commerce of Palestine, the theatres, the restaurants, and all other businesses alike.

No curfew restrictions were placed on the boys during the training week, therefore Bonner reported that the female group in Palestine also showered attention on the thirty boys that were sweating it out.

After the game, which the North won, 20-0, the entire group was presented with gold engraved Elgin wrist watches. They were also awarded their game jerseys as souvenirs.

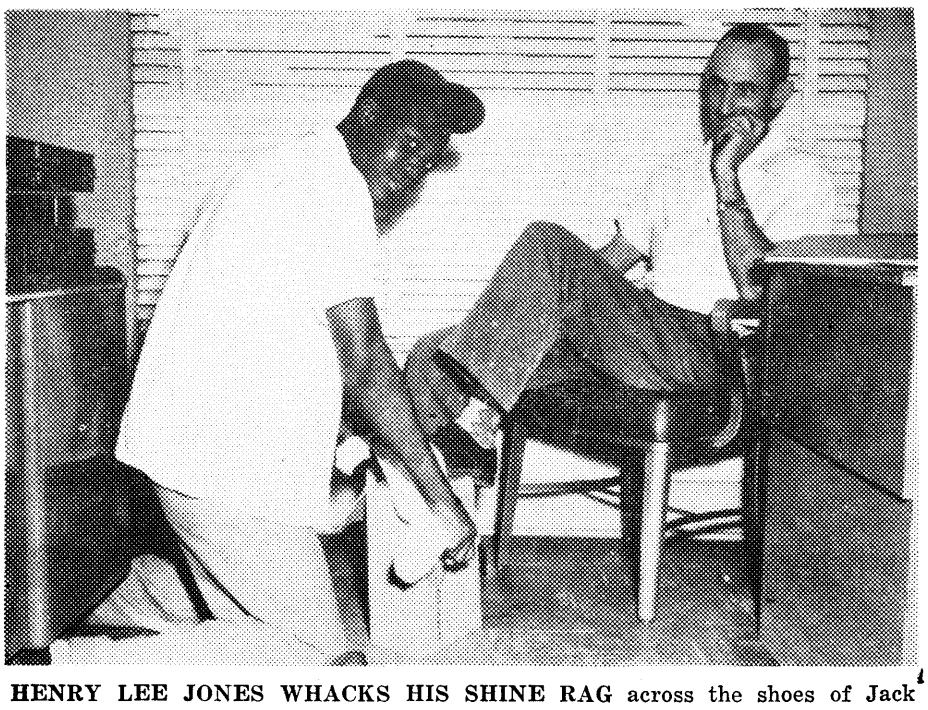
At any rate, Bonner deserves the appraisal from the eyes that have been turned toward his gridiron achievements, and it isn't a bad bet that those eyes will multiply in number when Carman carries on with his football at Baylor this fall.

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Paper towel rack in bathroom is handy for cleaning up—saves laundry.

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HENRY LEE JONES WHACKS HIS SHINE RAG across the shoes of Jack Sweeny as the two of them discuss the prospects of small town boys breaking into professional baseball. Such a chance for Henry Lee seems to be fairly bright for he has already made a better than average move toward his life-long ambition by exhibiting fine ability and sportsmanship with the Bluejays of Lufkin while he is only sixteen years of age.

Henry Lee Jones, SPLC Rookie-Shoe Shine Boy, Cracks Leather As First Rung In Ladder Of Baseball Career

During this time of year when baseball is the rage around the country, it is only natural that this story about Henry Lee Jones should find its way into print. He's been shining shoes for the past four years, working his way through school, and taking time out for all the baseball he can handle.

Henry is 16-years-old and is the son of A. J. Jones, an employee of Southern Pine now working at the fuel house. He estimates that he shines some 4,000 shoes a year, and if any of you have ever had this potential big leaguer shine your leather for you, it need not be said that he is a perfect example of the Chattanooga relict of rag-popping. Once he takes hold of his wool rag the slapping and whacking really takes place.

The same applies to his ball playing when he displays his hitting prowess for the Bluejays of Lufkin. Henry is the first string catcher for the club and his hitting percentage for the season now stands at .356. It is Henry's ambition that he can become a better than average percentage hitter, and with such a factor backing him up, climb on up the rungs of the professional baseball ladder until he becomes eligible to play with the Greyhounds of Houston. That happens to be the apple of Henry's eye at the present time, and upon his graduation from high school, it is very likely, according to the plans he related to us, that he will venture down to Houston for a try-out with the Greyhounds.

Assuming that Henry does carve a niche for himself with the Houston club, it will take a lot of disuasion to prevent him from pushing himself on with the professional New York Giants, his life-long ambition.

Among Henry Lee's other athletic accomplishments lie in the Temple Tigers basketball and football teams. During the past football season he ranked next to C. P. Hunt and John Odom in scoring. And both of those boys are very fast backfield men.

During an interview, Henry Lee expounded on the finer points in sports activities that have come about since Professor H. C. Kenyon has been in charge. He remarked on several occasions that Professor Kenyon had greatly influenced the athletes at H. G. Temple high school to be more interested in sportsmanship and to be more easily inspired about the games they were playing and the school that they were playing for.

Such deliberations by a boy of 16 serves only to illuminate the fact that he is more than thoroughly interested in the better and more polished game of baseball. Add to that the idea that he has been engulfed by the game since he was only seven years of age, and one draws the conclusion that Henry Lee Jones has already made the biggest step toward gaining success in the baseball world—respecting the knowledge and ability of others. He now has only to wait for the next few years to pass and to earn the chance to prove to the managers of his choice that he has the big bat and the big heart one must possess to make the grade in the world of baseball.

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Big Move of 14 Houses Headed For Hull, Tex.

There's a big move going on to date to Hull, Texas. Behind this move is Southern Pine Lumber Company who is in the process of moving some 14 houses to that vicinity for the benefit and comfort of their logging employees.

These homes will be living quarters for George Thompson's saw crew and scaler. The camp is situated at the edge of Daisetta in a shady grove of pines and now a total of thirty houses will constitute this thriving little community at the Hull camp.

All modern conveniences are available at these homes, including electricity, gas and water.

Employees working in that vicinity will not have to make the long trip to Hull and back during days they are sawing there. Another advantage in establishing the community is that it will enable the saw crew to have only one location to service.

Clyde Thompson, woods superintendent, states that he is happy to see these homes being moved there as it will be of such great service to both the employees and the company.

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"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."

Some Helpful Hints For Remaining Hot Days

Most of the employees need not be reminded that it has been hot in Diboll lately. However, here are a few words of caution to all of those exposed to the sun and the 100 degree heat:

Everyone should take advantage of the salt tablets that are handy around all the water fountains. These tablets do not keep you from sweating. But—they put back into your blood what has been removed by excessive work and resulted perspiration. This makes them a very timely pill to talk about and employees should make it a habit to use them frequently during the course of the day.

Along with the salt tablets is the reminder that too much cold water poured into a hot body is much the same as being slapped in the face by a bear. Be careful of trying to quench your thirst with all the ice water that is found around the plant.

Anyone who becomes exhausted, or thinks that he is going to be sick, from the heat, should rest several minutes before continuing with his work.

All plant and woods employees are urged to take all necessary precautions against intense heat, as people over all the country are succumbing to it every day due to the lack of knowledge to guard against it.

Make your salt tablets a habit, watch the amount of water you drink, and keep your work at a steady pace.

Box Ready For Xmas Collections

Each year a group of civic-minded persons in Diboll are responsible for the filling of Christmas boxes for the underprivileged.

With the appearance of this article in the BUZZ SAW, a box will be left at the Southern Pine Store so residents can contribute what gifts of clothing, etc. they wish to early.

Persons desiring further information concerning the Christmas box may contact Mrs. Arthur Porter.

Park Committee Issues Warning

The Park Committee of the Diboll Lions Club is happy to make note at this time on the good reception the wading pool at the Henry Temple Memorial Park is receiving.

But a word of warning is also being made. Parents should take extra precaution in seeing that their children are watched carefully while playing in the park area so that no child will be injured in the pool.

The Park Committee, sponsors of the new city park, cannot take any responsibilities for any accidents.

We thank you for your cooperation and interest.

The Park Committee

DIBOLL LIONS CLUB

J. H. Byerly,
H. N. Garrett
C. F. Lord

Southern Pine Is Now Producing Fuel Poles

With the first of July, Southern Pine started producing fuel poles which are being shipped to El Paso, Texas, and several points in Arizona.

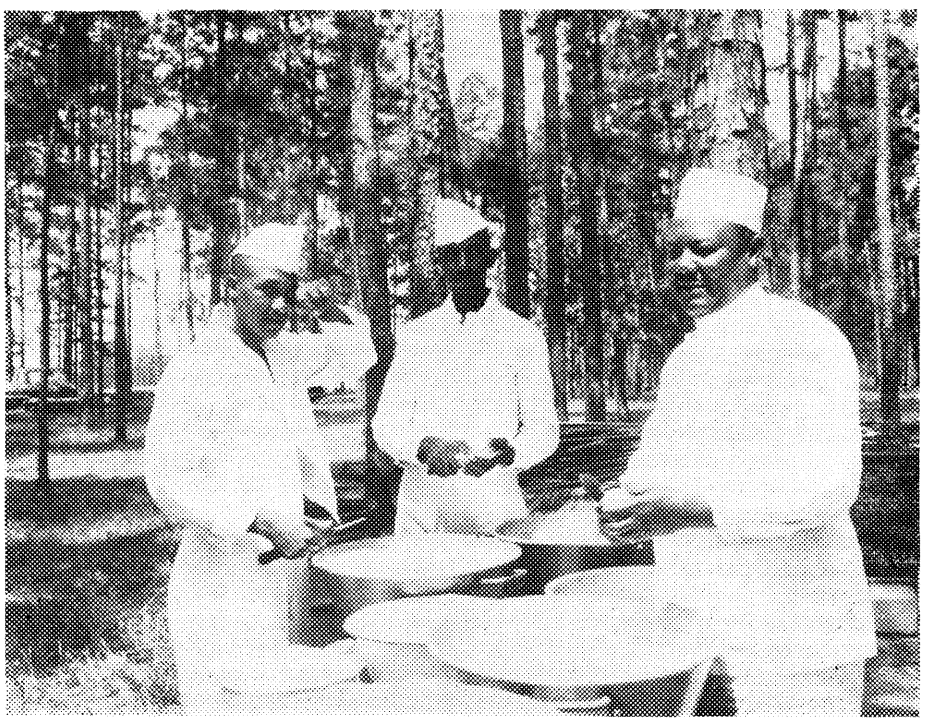
The fuel poles are oak and hickory, 10 to 20 inches in diameter and 28 to 32 feet in length. These poles are of timber which will never be fit for saw logs.

Fuel poles are used for two purposes. One is the extraction of the tanic acid, and the other, is for making charcoal.

Kenneth Nelson, manager of the Timber and Land Department at Southern Pine, pointed out that besides the income derived from this operation, lands are being cleared of undesirable hardwoods and such release will permit the growing of more pine trees.

A contract has been made with H. W. Grimes to produce and haul the poles and with Claud Welch to load them on cars after work hours.

Thus another business venture comes into the Diboll scene.



Q. T. BUSSEY, A. C. PHILLIPS AND CHARLIE B. RUNNELS were responsible for the delicious barbecue that was to be found in abundance at the July 4th celebration. These cooks also prepared the beans and other trimmings that went along with the barbecue. All the folks that attended the gala event commented highly on the luncheon and stated that it was by far the best ever to be found at the 4th celebration.

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- - - ON THE SPORTS SCENE - - -

By PAUL DURHAM

Baseball in Diboll during the month of July has been played on a strictly 50-50 basis. The Millers have lumbered out five wins while they were losing the other five contests that they fought for.

Quite a bit of hitting took place when the Millers bucked San Augustine for 15-5 and 6-5 triumphs. The third game found them on the loose end of a 7-6 score.

The initial games of the month found them splitting a two game series with Hemphill 12-3 and 7-8.

Newton also did some fancy stepping in stopping the locals 9-8.

The club grew restless after a while and decided to make a trip to Manning, Louisiana for what was supposed to be a bang-up affair. It was—Manning 11, Diboll 2. The runs that the Louisianians piled up, however, were blamed on one bad inning for the Millers. Up until the disastrous fifth the game was nip and tuck.

Fostoria gave the team a ride in Miller Park on the 19th, but their pitcher, Brock, from the University of Texas, slowly but surely fell before the Millers, 4-5. He wasn't on hand when the Lumbermen trailed over to Fostoria on the 22nd, but his mates revenged his defeat of a few nights before by humbling Diboll 10-0. A Fostoria lefthander by the name of Adams took care of the boys in that one.

It could be accurately stated that our locals were mad to the boiling point. The point fell exactly below zero, however, when Livingston literally slaughtered them in a freak contest on the 26th.

It was a freak contest because of the failure of the town team to assemble the entire club for the game. And the only thing that saved face for them was a long-hit, well-hit homerun by Joe Jones, the Miller catcher. The remainder of the game saw a misplaced ball club falling in battle before a team they should have beaten by half the margin that they were trimmed by.

There have been the brighter July moments. You fans have watched Henry Temple further develop his hitting prowess in power and percentage.

The team was greatly strengthened by the addition of Jimmy Moore, Joe Jones, Floyd "Goat" Simmons, Howard Tisdale and Glenn Williamson, when of the boys transferred down from Lufkin.

The Millers have looked much better afield than they have in the previous two years. Such boys as Charles Anthony, Carman Bonner, Henry Temple and Linwood Smith are steadily picking up baseball savvy from the old heads that still haunt Miller Park every season. They're learning, working, planning, molding and rapidly maturing into the ball players you will be watching during the years to come.

Now comes the time that the BUZZ SAW intends to put into print some points that have been known by both players and fans for some time but have never been very correctly stated as far as we know. To-wit:

Baseball in Diboll for the past two or three years has been much the same as it has been in most other towns that attempt to support a semi-pro club—unenthusiastic and unsupported to the point of human exhaustion.

This, of course, doesn't include the support the high school teams were given, for such backing as that is hard to beat in any town of our size anyplace on the face of the globe.

But—the town team has stayed in operation when less than twenty fans were out to watch the games. Playing under such conditions is strenuous. That is easily proven by the fact that the large crowds at the school games in 1950 inspired the club to attain higher and greater laurels that would otherwise have been out of their reaches.

It's true that no one cares to go out two or three times a week and watch a team lose 75 percent of their games. But when a local team, composed of local boys and talent, plays .500 ball and better, nothing but a poor hardball fan would stay away from the park.

Obviously something else is wrong because several other teams (such as Conroe, managed by Ty Cobb; and Lufkin, who won 13 straight) have won 80 percent and better of their contests this year in surrounding East Texas towns, have been forced to fold up because of lack of attendance.

Now this column is certainly not criticizing Diboll support—it is merely trying to get to the bottom of a deep problem that is literally corrupting baseball over the country.

Dozens of small name sports writers like me are endeavoring to help keep the national pastime alive in the hearts and minds of its local citizens and fans. A lot of young men are losing the only chance they'll ever have by your not keeping them playing. You fans who are real fans at heart may be absolutely tearing to shreds a Diboll youngster's opportunity to make baseball his vacation or free ticket to an education.

Your attendance at the games will inspire the locals to better performances. Their performances will eventually travel to sports writers all around the country and those writer's remarks indulge scouts and coaches to take notice and keep track of ball players that they could use and most probably will want.

I hope that we are not off on a vain track, for even when the Millers pack up for the season, we'll be right back again next year, urging you to SUPPORT and BELIEVE in this sport that is vital and life-saving to you as well as to the players.

Here is a pulsating moment of life—hours of enjoyment and relaxation that we hope you will want to become a part of, and years from now refer to it as—"The good old days around the 50's when we really had a team."

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Diboll Delegates At Lake Tejas Gathering

The Angelina Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America held their first county camp at Lake Tejas, near Colmesneil, June 28-27.

Diboll participants included Elsie Martin, Diboll High school —junior, Ann Harrott, and Barbara Vaughn, seniors. Sponsor was Mrs. May L. Green.

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CHUCKLE

There were guests for dinner. From upstairs came a child's voice. "Mother, there's nothing but clean towels in the bathroom. Shall I start one?"

— The Wingfoot Clan

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

The parking space in front of the store is urgently needed for customers. Therefore, if it is not too inconvenient, please park your cars on the vacant lot next to the office just south. This is not too far to walk and leaves considerably more room for our customers at the store.

Southern Pine Lumber Company



WAITING IN LINE FOR BLOOD TYPING ACTIVITIES are members of the main office of Southern Pine Lumber Company. Scene of these typing activities was the clinic, with Mrs. Lucille Warner, SPLC nurse, helping Memorial Hospital Technician LaVeck with his somewhat tedious job. Citizens had their blood typed to help build a blood bank for Angelina county.

RAT TALES . . . .

By GEORGE (Rat) JOHNSON

Back again. I missed spreading a little bull in my column the last two issues of the Buzz Saw.

My excuse—well I have been so busy I just couldn't find time to write—or to think of what to write. Perhaps with this column I will return to the fold.

The work has been pretty strenuous due to the fact that Diboll is a growing town. With the addition of the Treating Plant, the box factory and the construction which has been and is going on, poor little ole me has had to work

There is but one man busier than I am and he is—well I can't think of him but I am sure someone must be busier.

Speaking of the Heat!

People with shady jobs should be happy—I mean persons with jobs in the shade should be happy. Just for a laugh the other day some friends and myself dashed outside with a thermometer at straight up one o'clock just to see what the sun was doing.

It must have been cooking for the mercury soared to 126 degrees in around sixty seconds.

The heat certainly hasn't done anything for the dispositions of working men. So beware.

Way Up High

Bob Musselwhite journeyed high upon the beams of the new crane one day to see what was going on. About that time D. D. Devereaux spotted him, watched a while then boomed out for him to come down as he was getting too hot.

It took a few minutes of wailing and gestures from Dred before "Big-Foot" (his nickname for Bob) would venture from his daring heights to the ground below.

Mr. Dred said he felt sorry for Bob because when Bob wore out the shoes he found he would have to go barefooted as he could never find a shoe to fit him. Hm-m possibility.

Pardon me for keeping on referring to the heat but it just will not be unnoticed. It is so hot that you can go fishing and the fish you catch are already cooked.

The other evening we drove down to the river where we saw the fish all searching for shady places. A great majority of the fish were on top of the water as it was so warm they just couldn't stay in.

The river is so low you have to hunt a place to put your lines and it is great fun jumping logs. There is no danger of getting drowned, believe me.

While on my little excusion I met two citizens of the vicinity here leading and enjoying the life of Riley. They loaded their boat with cold drinks, cold cuts and started drifting down the shady side of the river. They were having a great time but finding it difficult to steer only in shady nooks.

About the Shop Crew

The shop crew is very worried these days. One of their best friends has gone on his honeymoon after twenty years. It is the first time he has been out of Angelina county in fifteen years.

So we put plenty of tags on him and gave him a letter addressed to the law informing officers to please help him have a grand honeymoon and if he breaks any laws to please go easy on him.

Notifications to all newspapers along his route have been sent warning them to be on the lookout for him. He is really trying to reach West Texas to judge the Beauty Contest—but his wife doesn't know it.

The couple in question is Wesley and Erma. Ben and Maggie Donahoe are with them to try to take care of them.

A Few Reminders

Don't forget your Credit Union! Deposits are always welcome and loans are plentiful.

Also we have a new shipment of safety shoes.

Guess I will hang my thirty tag as a finale on this column. Don't forget during the summer (and winter too) enjoy yourself — but remember to practice safety.

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SAFETY — Good Sign of Efficiency

Some people think that speed is a sign of efficiency. It is—provided the job is safely accomplished.

When going through the plant, you may often have obstructions in the aisles, many due to lack of foresight on the part of individuals. Foremen and employees should keep departments in condition so that everyone can WALK SAFELY. Keep obstructions off the floor.

Make aisles and floors safe for walking and let's each walk—NOT RUN—through the department.