

Capsule Review Of The 1960's

JANUARY 4
Dozens of volunteers pitched in on remodeling a 16'x25' building to serve as the first

public library. Donated by Southern Pine Lumber Co., the building was located in the shopping center.

JANUARY 11
Nutria were causing headaches as they moved from ponds and began eating sawtimber on

SPLCo. lands. They had been brought in to clear up undesirable water growths, but the rat-like animals decided they liked pine bark better!

JANUARY 18
Herb White Sr., Diboll industrialist and civic leader, died last Saturday while on a hunting trip. He was an active supporter of Diboll Day which he helped originate in the early 1950's, and a strong supporter of Little League baseball.

From Pineland comes word that the new flooring plant and planer mill started up on Jan. 2.

Mrs. Julia Schinke was named chairman of the Booster Club's library committee, replacing Latane Temple, who moved to Houston.

JANUARY 25
Herb White Jr. will head Temple-White Company. He succeeds his father in the presidency.

Tommy Fenley was the leading scorer for Lumberjack basketball team with a 15.3 point per game average.

FEBRUARY 1
The Booster Club's special study panel voted last week to proceed with finalizing plans for calling an election on incorporation.

FEBRUARY 8
Pete McCulley, U of H assistant coach, replaced Hal Lahar as guest speaker at the Quarterback Club annual banquet. Gridders honored were Dwain Lang, most promising lineman; Wayne Halsell, outstanding back; John R. Poulard, outstanding back; Lawrence Capps, most improved back; Bennie Capps, outstanding lineman; and R. D. McClendon, most promising back. Coach Bert Lindsey was given an award as the "Most Promising Bear Fighter."

Herb White Jr. announced promotions at Temple-White; A. R. Weber, general manager of production; Ollie Johnson, superintendent; E. F. Hendrick, assistant superintendent; Floyd Minyard, supervisor of square development; and Mack Howell, green yard supervisor.

FEBRUARY 15
Fort Worth firm has begun work on surveying the proposed city limits of Diboll.

Library still moving along with book donations. W. C. Royle of Lufkin donated a typewriter.

FEBRUARY 22
Dibollians at Huntington State Bank opening were Aline Banks, Alice Dale, Walter Broker, Pearl and Avy Joe Havard and Mrs. Willie Trevathan.

MARCH 8
Mrs. Julia Schinke has been getting help from Mrs. Calvin Lawrence and Mrs. Jim Love indexing books at the library. Mrs. Jean Burns furnished blinds and Robert Ramsey installed a heater.

Carol Nelson will represent Diboll in the Dogwood Festival at Woodville. Her escort will be Charles Coleman.

The Temple Lumber Company, with offices in Houston, has formed a new real estate development department.

Mrs. George W. Hare, formerly of Michigan, is now making her home in Diboll with her son, A. R. Weber.

MARCH 15
Jim Love, President of Love Wood Products today announced that the firm will open its seventh wood flour producing plant in May of this year. The \$50,000 plant will be located in Marshall.

Post Office building has been approved for Diboll, to be located on Hendrix Street.

Jim Bridges, President of Tex Lam, Inc., reports his plant went into operation here last week.

MARCH 22
Lowell Wood, manager of SPLCo.'s minerals division has been named president of the Topaz Oil Company. Topaz is a small oil company recently acquired by SPLCo.

Mrs. Carl T. Halsell was elected to a second term as PTA President.

County granted school for retarded, to be located at the old Lufkin Radar Base.

Directors of SPLCo. authorized \$47,000 for drilling of a water well to supplement Diboll's city water supply.

MARCH 29
Petitions are being prepared by a group of Diboll citizens and surrounding communities who report they will petition the County Commissioners Court for a farm road from Diboll to Zavalla for faster access to McGee Bend Dam.

Diboll Development Company's \$4 Million shopping center opened its doors in Waco on March 16.

APRIL 12
Free Press wins awards from the Texas Gulf Coast Press Assn.

Diboll Public Library will open this Sunday.

APRIL 19
Mrs. Calvin Lawrence was named librarian by the Booster Club. Library name changed to Diboll Memorial Library.

APRIL 26
Diboll Junior High track and

THIS WAS THE YEAR 1961 IN DIBOLL

field team won first title in history. Coached by Bert Lindsey, the team compiled 42 points in Livingston. The Littlejacks took six first places, four of which were won by Tommy Fenley.

MAY 10
Voters in Diboll turned down an opportunity to take over the reins of government here last Saturday by voting down a measure which would have incorporated the town. The vote was 183 against and 164 for. Voters apparently rebelled when told there would be no taxes.

MAY 31
Diboll school trustees announced they were worried about school athletics operating in the red. They intend to try one more season before deciding to drop football in high school.

JUNE 7
C. A. Jordan, VP and general manager of T.S.E. Railroad, announced plans to retire Aug. 1. Jordan joined T.S.E. in 1914.

Howls of protest have come into The Free Press after the school board's announcement last week that football may be discontinued next year.

JUNE 14
Bobby Burns became the first youngster to win a bicycle in The Free Press' "Win A Bike" contest.

Splash Day program was a big success. Ann Warner won the bathing beauty contest. Sandy Black and Judy Taylor were runnersup.

JUNE 28
Free Press copped four plaques in the Texas Press Association contests last week.

A pledge drive to raise approximately \$10,000 to repair and maintain two swimming pools will start this week.

Diboll schools plan to submit first athletic budget to state officials.

JULY 7
State Water Board okays Toledo Bend Dam project.

Mrs. Arthur Temple Sr. donated \$500 to the fund-raising drive for the swimming pools. Mrs. Temple began the original swimming pool pledge drive four years ago with a \$10,000 donation.

JULY 12
According to Librarian Mrs. Calvin Lawrence, more than 400 books were checked out last month.

Diboll Little League All Stars selected were Gary Conner, Ronny Rector, Junior Shofner, Ronald Emsoff, Jimmy Beaty, Joe Henry Smith, Cary Jones, Charles Hudnall, Glen Jacobs, Dean Smith, Eddie Horton and Wayne Stephens. Managers are Rankin Weatherby and J. I. Beaty.

JULY 19
Southern Pine's Minerals Division last week completed new water well about one mile south of town which will produce up to 300 gallons per minute.

JULY 26
Burglars hit The Free Press offices, removing a 1,000-pound safe containing about \$400. The safe belonged to Bartlett, Baggett & Shands Insurance.

A two-phase expansion program totaling \$1 1/2 Million has been approved for the Fiber Products Div. of SPLCo.

AUGUST 2
County lawmen still looking for the thieves who stole the BB&S safe last week. Burglars broke into the Temple Associates vault this week.

Children's story hours begins at Diboll Memorial Library. Free Press has given away 12 bikes in its contest.

Ralph, Pris, Bruce and Mike Magill moved this week back to their native Oklahoma.

C. H. Shepherd Jr. was promoted from Plant Superintendent to Production Manager at fiberboard plant. Shep joined SPLCo. in Jan. 1959.

A total of \$12,238 has been pledged on the swimming pool repair project.

AUGUST 9
Post Office construction contract awarded to an Austin firm.

Coach Bert Lindsey was off to coaching school and announced the hiring of Mason Dunn as assistant coach. School does not finance the coaching school trip, so the QB Club donated \$50.

Burglars hit again, ransacking the Village Washateria. According to Jim Bridges, Tex Lam is operating full scale and hopes to generate annual sales of \$1 Million by mid-1962.

The 100,000-gallon water tank is completed now.

AUGUST 16
A 2,000-light sign for the Pine Bough Restaurant is going up in the next two months. Sheriff Leon Jones and County

Commissioners will supply Diboll with deputy on 30-day trial period.

SPLCo. officials okay two-week vacations for employees with ten years service.

Twenty-two boys report for football.

AUGUST 23
W. E. Morgan, the area's last blacksmith, retires from SPLCo.

AUGUST 30
SPLCo. completes logging on big International tract. The 100 million feet of timber was purchased in 1956.

Old Miller Park is on its way down.

SEPTEMBER 6
Free Press drops the "Angelina County" from its masthead, but remains a county-oriented newspaper.

Diboll beats Timpson 6-0 in season football opener.

SEPTEMBER 13
Civil Defense is the big thing lately. Joe Denman and family are building a concrete fallout shelter in their home.

Angelina County aided 5,000 coastal evacuees during Hurricane Carla.

Jacks lose QB Paul Murphy in Livingston game, lose 30-14. Descendants of the J. C. Diboll family started library building fund with \$100 donation.

SEPTEMBER 20
Diboll walloped Shelbyville, 32-14.

SEPTEMBER 27
Jacks lose to Garrison, 22-8, because of seven fumbles. Wayne Halsell gained 144 yards.

OCTOBER 4
Athletic budget looking up due to a working QB Club and winning team.

George S. Smith received SPLCo. service pin for 40 years service, and Ben Donahoe honored for 45 years service.

OCTOBER 11
Diboll loses its deputy sheriff. Cleveland boys admit burglary and theft of BB&S safe.

SPLCo. making free flushouts available to employees.

Diboll clobbers Corrigan, 24-8.

OCTOBER 18
Lufkin National Guard unit began active duty Saturday due to Berlin crisis.

Jacks crush Grapeland, 22-0 behind hard-running of John R. Poulard, who gained 116 yards on 29 carries.

NOVEMBER 1
Community Chest donations in Diboll set new record, giving 18.54 percent of \$77,000 county goal. Diboll's total was \$12,734.77.

Danny Baker and Bill Everett Tucker stole the show at the PTA Carnival with their rendition of "Please, Mr. Custer."

Jacks, Alto battle to 8-8 tie.

NOVEMBER 15
Coach Bert Lindsey was packed and ready to report for Army reserve duty Nov. 22, but received deferment until Jan. 24.

NOVEMBER 22
Veteran statesman Sam Rayburn died last week.

John Poulard was the only unanimous selection to both offensive and defensive first teams on District 20-A all-district. Making second team offense were End Billy Bowman, Tackle James Simms and Center Joe Paul Stovall. Second team defensive choices were Wayne Halsell and Stovall, and Paul Murphy was honorable mention.

NOVEMBER 29
James McCollum, age ten, became the first pedestrian fatality in Diboll in 15 years.

Undeclared, untied Temple High Tigers won their tenth straight game and will play Arp

in state playoffs.
DECEMBER 13
SPLCo. announces \$260,000 in Christmas bonuses in Diboll and Pineland, and Temple-White announces \$10,000 in bonuses here. SPLCo. directors also okayed a broader pension plan.

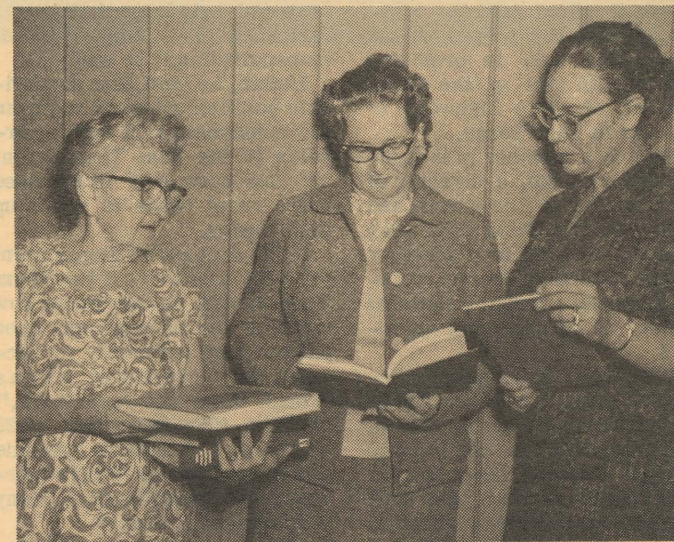
DECEMBER 27
Mrs. Jean Burns, Mrs. Mar-

jorie Shepherd, Mrs. Beth Iman and Mrs. Virginia Ne helped pack food baskets needy.

Diboll Lumberjacks v guests of SPLCo. at Bo Slough for two-deer hunt. Hunting with the Jacks v Paul Miller, Mel Branch Ted Green of the Dallas 7 ans pro football team.



FIRST HOME of the Diboll library was this 16' x 25' building near the downtown shopping center in 1961.



MRS. ARTHUR PORTER SR. (left) donated first books new library. Center is Mrs. Julia Schinke, Booster C Library Chairman, and Mrs. Alpha Henrich (right)



ANN WARNER, center, was named Miss Splash Day 1 at Whispering Pines Park. At right is Berniece Permen the 1959 Miss Splash Day. At left is Booster Club President Lamar Collins.



THE FIRST BOARD OF TRUSTEES for Diboll Memorial Library was named by the Booster Club in April, 1961. front are Mrs. Beth Stubblefield, Librarian Mrs. C. Lawrence, Mrs. Alpha Henrich and Mrs. Julia Schinke middle are Arthur Temple, Booster Club President Lamar Collins and Calvin Lawrence. In rear are Board Chair James L. Love, Paul Durham and A. J. (Jewel) Brown



A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS hangs the sign on Diboll Public Library - later the Diboll Memorial Library - after they had finished painting the temporary building. Left to right are Hubert Wells, Don Hendrick, Vernon Burkhalter, Pat Austin, Doyle Glass, Sherral Fears and Latane Temple.



THESE TEN STARTERS played their last game for DHS last Friday as they beat Trinity, 14-6. In front are Letcher Tindall, R. D. McClendon, Billy Bowman, Paul Murphy and Joe Paul Stovall. In back are Frank



LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS this season are, front row: Gary Conner, Ronny Rector, Junior Shofner, Ronald Emsoff, Jimmy Beaty and Joe Henry Smith. On back row are Manager Rankin Weatherby, Cary Jones, Charles Hudnall, Glen Jacobs, Dean Smith, Eddie Horton, Wayne Stephens and Manager J. I. Beaty. Players are from the Diboll, Huntington and Burke teams.



SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Diboll Quarterback Club got together to see DHS Football Coach Bert Lindsey off to coaching school. The Club donated \$50 so Lindsey could make the trip. Left to right are Van Scarborough, Billy Mac Smith, Oran Burchfield, Lindsey and Von Wilson.