

Capsule Review Of The 1960's

This Was The Year 1962 In Diboll

JANUARY 3
Increase in housing starts in 1962 may boost lumber output.

JANUARY 17
Due to freezing rains and snow and temperatures dipping to 11 degrees, schools turned out and Southern Pine Lumber Co. lumber division was forced to close for three days.

In politics, Justice of Peace George N. Johnson says he will seek that office again and Benton Musslewhite announced he would seek Congressman John

Dowdy's post.

Richie Wells and George S. Smith retired and were honored with a dinner by Southern Pine Lumber Co.

FEBRUARY 7
Diboll Lions Club has completed its latest project, a bicycle rack for Diboll Elementary School.

Roads and streets are in bad shape after two months of hard winter weather.

FEBRUARY 14
J. D. Winder of Diboll Water Company says water rates will be increased March 1.

Temple Tigers are in round-ball playoffs.

FEBRUARY 21
Neal Pickett, director of Federal Housing Authority in Houston will be guest speaker at a meeting at Boggy Slough.

Tommy Lanyon, manager of Radio Station KSPL, says he plans to form a television cable company.

Trail Riders made their annual stop in Diboll enroute to Houston Fat Stock Show.

A library site has been selected by the board of directors.

FEBRUARY 28
Sandra Black was elected sweetheart of McGee Bend Future Farmers of America District.

MARCH 7
Lufkin State School is scheduled to receive its first students this month.

MARCH 14
Joe C. Denman Jr. and George P. Johnson have announced they will seek re-election for trustee posts.

Front page editorial in the Free Press starts campaign again for incorporation of Diboll.

MARCH 21
Engineers say McGee Bend Dam is nearing the 50 percent completed mark.

MARCH 28
Interested citizens turned out for a town meeting on incorporation.

The Library Board has named a committee to be in charge of Library Week in Diboll. Members are Sam Garcia, Mrs. C. H. Shepherd Jr., Mrs. Alice Dale and Mrs. W. F. Pate. Doynne Rich has been elected new president of Parents-Teachers Association.

R. B. Thompson and Diboll Development Company purchased a 17-acre tract in Lufkin for a new \$1 million shopping center.

APRIL 4
Petitions will be ready this week to be presented to Angelina County Judge H. R. Rolston by Diboll citizens who are seeking an election on incorporation here.

Julian Zimmerman and Nicholas Peay were named directors of SPLCo.

Sixteen families on Farm Road 58 have pooled resources and now have city water. Each family paid \$150 each toward purchase of pipe.

Tommy Fenley, Billy Bowman and Joe Paul Stovall will advance to Regional track meet in Kilgore.

APRIL 11
Mrs. Pearl Hoot was the first person to purchase a life membership (\$25.00) in Friends of Diboll Libraries.

In a surprise write-in vote, Hogue Forrest ousted incumbent Joe Denman for one of the school trustee posts in Saturday's election. George P. Johnson, the other incumbent, was re-elected.

APRIL 18
Lamar Collins and Ward Burke presented petitions to Judge H. R. Rolston asking that a May 5 election seeking incorporation be held here.

Temple Retail yard was burglarized.

Diboll State Bank assets top \$3 Million, and vice president Charles Hanks says they have plans to remodel.

Diboll Library adopted a \$3300 budget for 1962 fiscal year.

First Baptist Church had good

attendance for morning services of the Spring Revival. An average of 28 men attended the early services and then breakfasted on delicious food cooked up by the ladies of the church.

Ronnie Blythe was presented a television set on his 15th anniversary of service with Temple Associates.

Free Press won first place trophy for best editorial page and second place in community service at Beaumont TGCPA convention.

MAY 2
Clearing has started on the new Post Office site.

MAY 9
Voters favored incorporation of Diboll. Final vote was 368 for and 257 against.

MAY 16
Mrs. Charles Hanks has been named new president of Diboll Garden Club.

Herbert Allen, Temple High coach, has resigned. Allen said he was not making enough money and had been refused a raise. Coach Allen has had five district championships in six years at Temple.

MAY 23
Mrs. Claire Clifton and Mrs. Birdie Pate were honored by PTA for 20 years service in Diboll Schools.

Bert Lindsey resigned as head football coach at DHS. SPLCo. officially terminated its last existing woods crew.

Four multi-drill heads are now being used by planing mill of SPLCo. to cut several drilling operations time in half.

Linda Baker was valedictorian and Sandra Powell was salutatorian of the 1962 graduating class at DHS.

JUNE 20
Officers of Friends of Diboll Libraries are Joe C. Denman, Mrs. Hileory Poulard, Mrs. Doynne Rich and Mike Partin.

JUNE 27
Clyde Thompson was elected Mayor and Aldermen are Charles J. Hanks, Dr. Edwin L. Hoot, Calvin Lawrence, Doynne Rich and Eddie F. Shaw.

E. H. Bush Sr. has been hired as DHS head coach.

Free Press won General Excellence award at TPA convention in Corpus Christi.

JULY 4
SPLCo. announced it is planning a gypsum plant which will be located in Dallas.

JULY 18
Darwin (Bo) Smith won the Lone Star Farmer Award at state FFA convention in Fort Worth.

Diboll and Beulah residents voted to consolidate the two schools.

JULY 25
Jerry Lackey joined Tex-Lam as plant superintendent.

AUGUST 8
The timber industry is seeking funds to battle southern pine beetle.

Bernie Hagins has been hired to assist Coach E. H. Bush.

AUGUST 22
New Diboll library building plans were revealed by trustees.

SEPTEMBER 12
3,255 people had polio vaccines on Sabin Oral Sunday.

Mrs. Oleta Craft has opened a new dress shop.

Diboll Day top prize will be a trip for two to Hawaii. Queen candidates are Michele Nelson, Ginger Horton, Sara Salmon, and Carole Gene Breazeale.

SEPTEMBER 19
Last rites for Walter Purdy were held September 15.

TSE Railroad's new 99-1/2 ton diesel engine is now being used.

NOVEMBER 12
Nolan Hall, alderman, and George Smith, city judge, were sworn into office last week.

Dick Albrecht is busy settling into the newly-remodeled Cash Drug in the Village.

Lumberjacks finished 1962 football season with season record of one win and nine losses.

NOVEMBER 28
City officials declared Diboll a "Bird Sanctuary".

DECEMBER 5

The Diboll Booster Club elected C. H. Shepherd Jr. the new president. Diboll Day 1962 showed a net profit of \$5,036.

DECEMBER 19
SPLCo. paid \$200,000 in Yule bonuses and Temple White Company bonuses totaled \$15,000.

A five-year plan to relocate, redevelop sub-standard housing in Diboll was approved by SPLCo. directors.

Directors also approved new loading dock facilities, office extension and steam boiler for fiberboard plant; extension of log storage area at sawmill; additional working tanks at treating division; installation of weighing scales to eliminate log scaling.

John Dowdy was in town for the new Post Office dedication ceremonies.

Don Wier became a member of Million Dollar Club of American General.



JOHN CONNALLY visits with Diboll friends A. J. Brown, Ray Rector and Lamar Collins when he was campaigning for Governor.

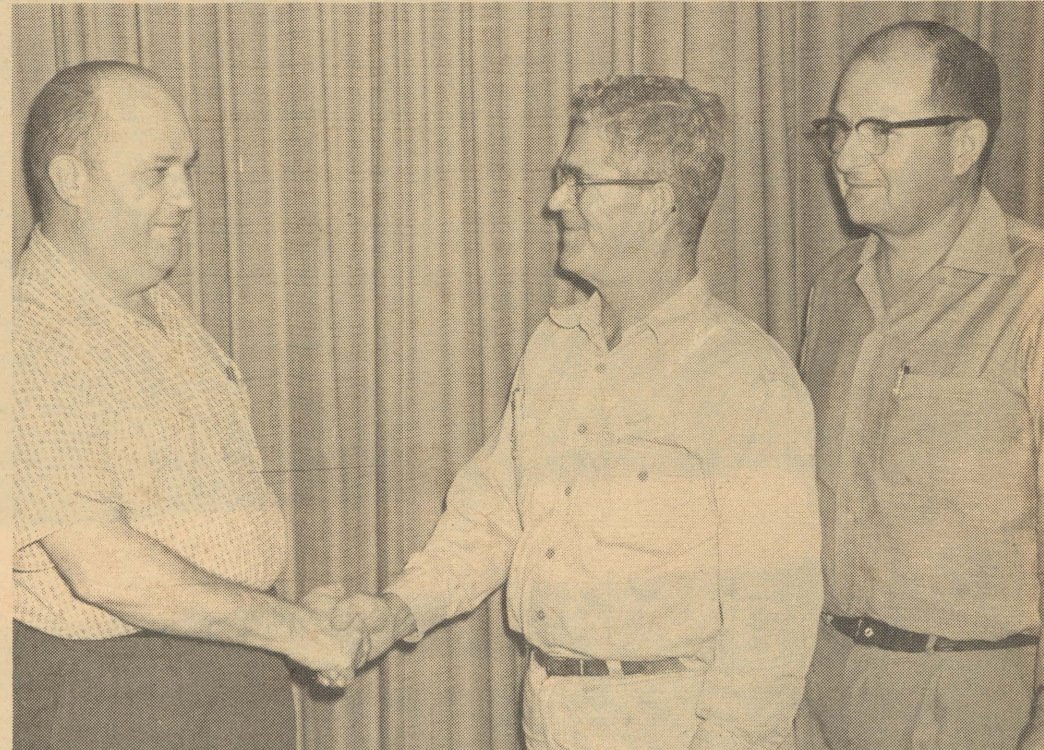


PROFESSOR AT 92 - Professor W. J. Jackson cuts birthday cake as members of TSE Railroad staff look on. Left to right are Mrs. Clara Ferguson, Charles Foster, Professor, Boots Jackson, George Honea and Don Harris.

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DR. J. C. CLEMENT looks on as a youngster swallows his Sabin cancer vaccine. This was the first of three Sabin On Sunday clinics held throughout the county.



JEWEL BROWN, center, congratulates new Booster Club President C. H. Shepherd Jr., left. Brown is outgoing acting president of the Club. At right is Coody, who was re-elected as secretary.



A HARD-WORKING GROUP which packed and distributed some 40 baskets of food and toys for the needy just before Christmas pose beside one of the loaded trucks prepared by the Booster Club. From left are young Mark Shepherd, Arthur Temple, Lottie Wimp, Herman Grigsby, R. M. ville, Mrs. Virginia Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Shepherd, Chester Willis, James R. and George P. Johnson.



THESE FOUR LOVELY Diboll High School students will vie for the title of Diboll Day Queen, 1962. Left to right are Michele Nelson, Ginger Horton, Sara Salmon and Carole Gene Breazeale.



SIXTEEN FAMILIES who live on Farm Road 58 east of Diboll had a big day Sunday. The first section of a mile-long waterline was completed by the 16 who, by digging their ditches by hand, will soon have city water. The line has since become known as the "Hamp Byerly water line."



BOB YORK, center, shows off an old fashioned broadaxe to four of his fellow retirees of Southern Pine Lumber Co. Left to right are Lon Smith, Walter Broker, York, George Thompson and Maxie Arnold. The five represent about 200 years service with SPLCo.



COUNTY JUDGE H. R. Rolston, right, administered the oath of office to Diboll's new mayor and City Council. Left to right are Mayor Clyde Thompson and Aldermen Edwin L. Hoot, Doynne (Pop) Rich, Charles J. Hanks, Calvin Lawrence and Eddie Shaw. This group composes Diboll's first real city governing body.



GEORGE S. SMITH and Ritchie Wells, two long-time Southern Pine employees, were honored with a retirement dinner at the Pine Bough Restaurant. Mr. Wells had 56 years service with the company, and Mr. Smith had served 40 years.

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