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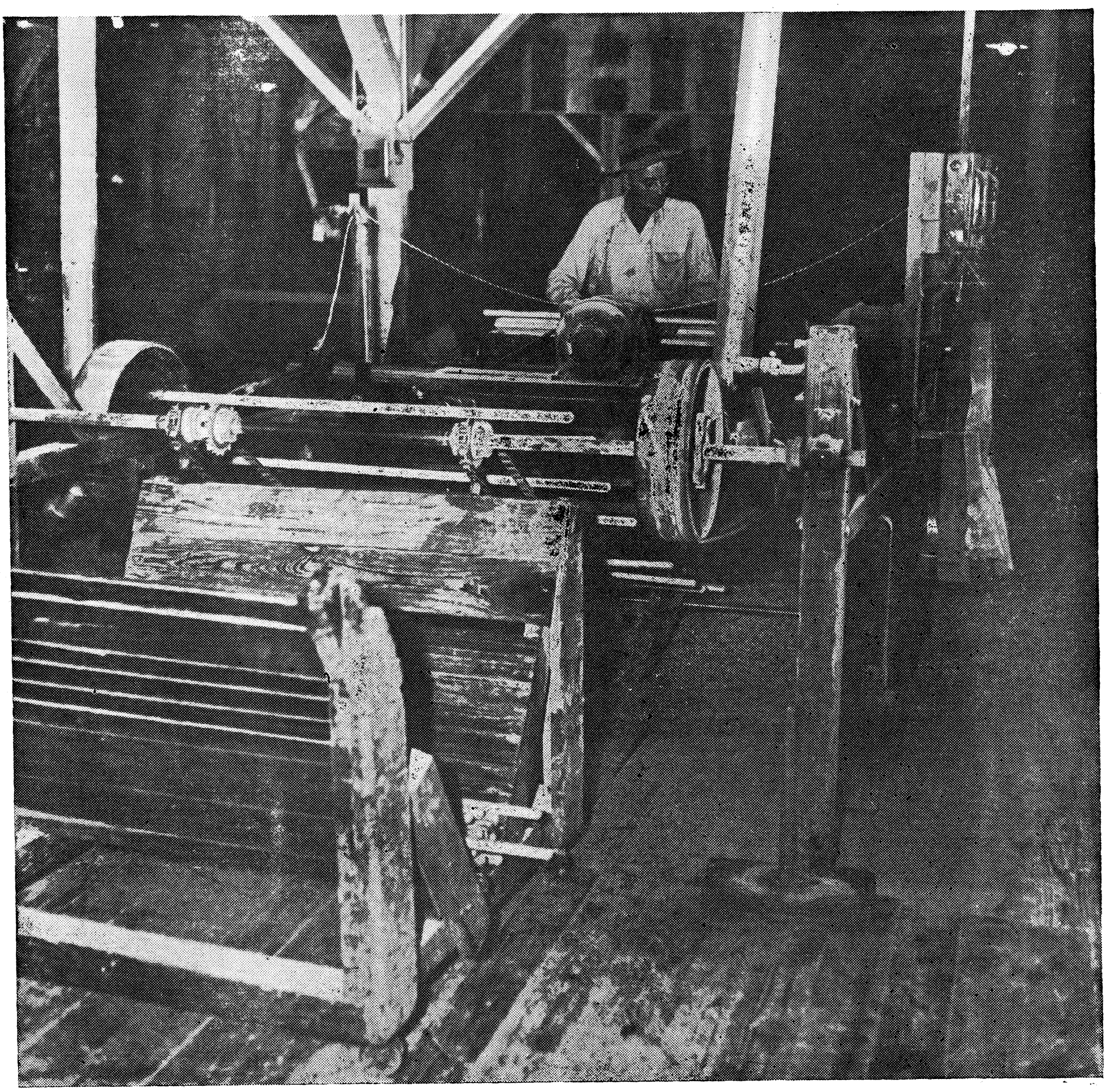

W. E. Bryce operating one of the automatic chuck and bore machines at Temple-White's Diboll Plant. This machine rounds the top end and bores a small hole in the opposite end of the handle for the broom or mop wire. Further down the line the handles are sanded, painted, graded and prepared for shipment to domestic and foreign markets.

Featuring the Manufacture of Handles at Temple-White

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Handles Play Major Role In Waste Utilization . . .

By HERB WHITE, Jr.

The present Temple-White company is, in reality, an outgrowth of the old original White Wood Products company which began operations 39 years ago in Martinsville, Indiana, where G. W. White, father of H. B. and H. C White, who was a few years younger was attending school. H. B. White first conceived the idea of utilizing the saw mill waste in some way, and after considerable study decided to put in a couple of handle lathes.

The saw mill and handle factory operated together in Martinsville until 1912 and during that time H. B. learned to manufacture and sell handles. H. C. was also learning the business during school vacations.

In 1912 the company moved to Spencer, Indiana and formed a new company, called the Spencer Wood Products company. This company turned out approximately 100,000 clothes pins and 20,000 beech broom handles per day. In 1917 the plant moved to Crotherville, Indiana, and operated in Crotherville until 1922. The production of broom handles was the same; however, instead of clothes pins the company was producing 80,000 bailwoods per day.

The factory was again moved in 1922 to Bogalusa, Louisiana, after the gigantic lumber mill in Bogalusa had agreed to utilize it's waste to produce the squares, or raw material, necessary for the production of handles. White Wood Products company operated in Bogalusa until 1938, at which time the Great Southern Lumber company exhausted it's timber supply. It should be mentioned here that the Great Southern Lumber company was set up to cut 1,000,000 board feet per day, and that they had what they thought was an inexhaustable supply of timber. One might think that a lumber mill with such a large capacity would eventually cut itself out of timber no matter how much reforestation was practiced. This was not the case here though, because the company had a tremendous timber area of giant long leaf pine. Few companies were interested in reforestation at this time so the Great Southern Lumber company proceeded to level their timber as fast as they could, without any type of conservation practices. It was not until the beginning of the end that they saw the need for, and started reforestation. The company ceased operation in 1938 which left White Wood Products company without one of its major suppliers of raw material. The eventual cutting out of the saw mill had been forseen by the management of White Wood Products company however, and negotiations were already in process to move the plant to, or near, a dependable source of raw material. Negotiations were completed with Southern Pine Lumber company, and the equipment was moved from Bogalusa into a brand new plant in Diboll, Texas. A new company was formed, called: Temple-White Company, Incorporated and this company has been producing handles ever since February of 1939. The White Wood Products company is actively engaged in selling the output of the Temple-White company, Inc.

The plant itself consists of a fairly large building—660 feet long and 100 feet wide. The present equipment will finish approximately 50,000 handles of all types per 8 hour day. Employees remain fairly constant, and approximately 110 men and women are employed.

The broom, mop and brush handle business has, for many years, been highly competitive. Perhaps one reason for this is that the broom, mop and brush industry itself is very highly competitive and requires a fairly small amount of capital to get started compared to other industries. Handle prices, from the beginning, have generally been based on waste products from saw mills and the prices for plain broom handles, depending on the grade and size, vary from approximately $30.00 to approximately $80.00 per M handles. Mop handles, according to grade, size and length vary in price from approximately $50.-00 per M handles to approximately $150.00 per M.

These prices depending upon the amount of board feet involved, are usually about half the price of lumber. It has been hard to interest some of the lumber mills in salvaging their waste, because of the low price paid for squares compared to the same amount of board feet in lumber. Fortunately, however, many mills are utilizing their waste to the best advantage, and more mills are taking this attitude all the time. Some mills who grind their waste into fuel have argued that they need all the waste they can get to keep their boilers going. In some cases this may be true; however, we have found in several cases that the squares coming out of the waste does not lower the total volume of fuel as much as one would be inclined to think. This is for the reason that quite a bit of waste from the mills in this area is too small for squares and goes directly into fuel at those particular mills where it is used for that purpose.

If you were to take a walk through Temple-White company's plant, here is about what you would see. First of all, as you climb the stairs to the ramp, you see a large shed which to the layman looks like it is jam packed with squares. Edwin Nelson is the man responsible for keeping this shed well filled with raw material for the plant. Edwin is on the road most of the time in a never-ending effort to secure more squares. At present he has about 16 mills, large and small, cutting squares for him. Mr. Nelson is also in charge of the "Lufkin Unit"—a small producing mill at Zeagler Lumber company in Lufkin, Texas. As you walk on down the ramp you enter the building proper, and there you see several Hawker and Jenkins turning machines operating under the watchful eye of Bill Allen, producing dowels out of the squares we have just previously seen. Along-side the Hawker and Jenkins machines we find the lathes, which produce the shaped handles. Jeffie Anthony is responsible for these machines, and he has to keep them in good condition in order to meet the exacting rough turned specifications. Next come the automatic chucking and boring machines, putting the rounded ends on your broom and mop handles, and also, boring a hole in the other end for the broom or mop wire. These machines are kept in top shape by W. E. Bryce. The next stop is the sanders, operated by Lamar Bunch. These sanders sand to a velvet smoothness every handle produced by Temple-White company. As we move on, we see the grading racks which extend all the way across the plant. The graders, under Ollie Johnson, separate the handles into the high, medium and low grades and then the tie boys tie them up into bundles of 50 and 100. As we leave the turning division we step into

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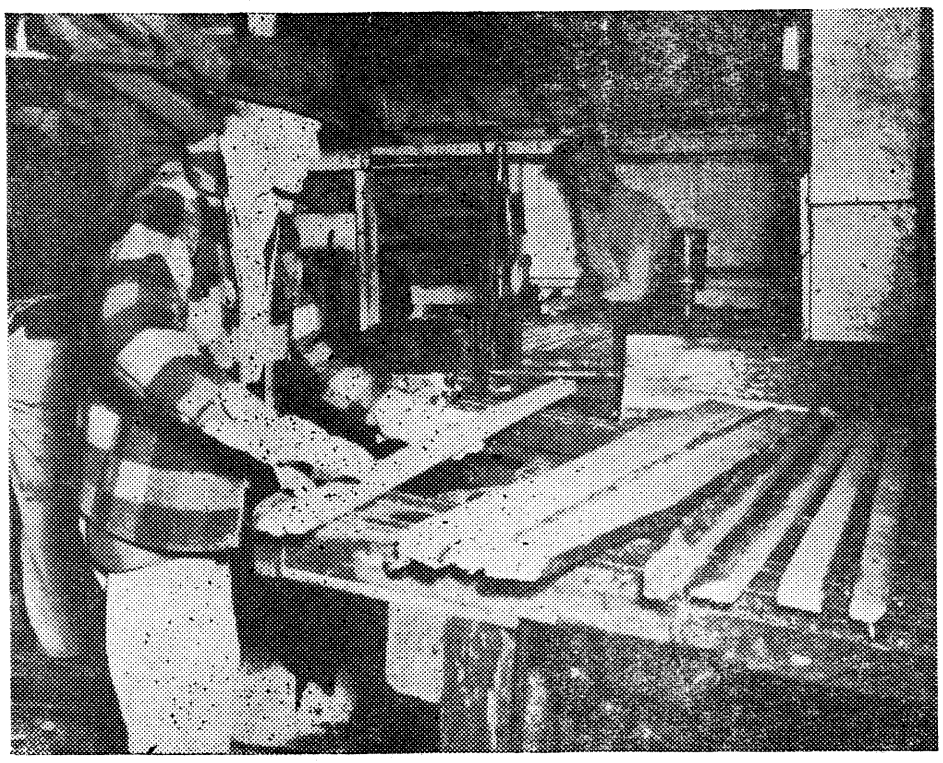
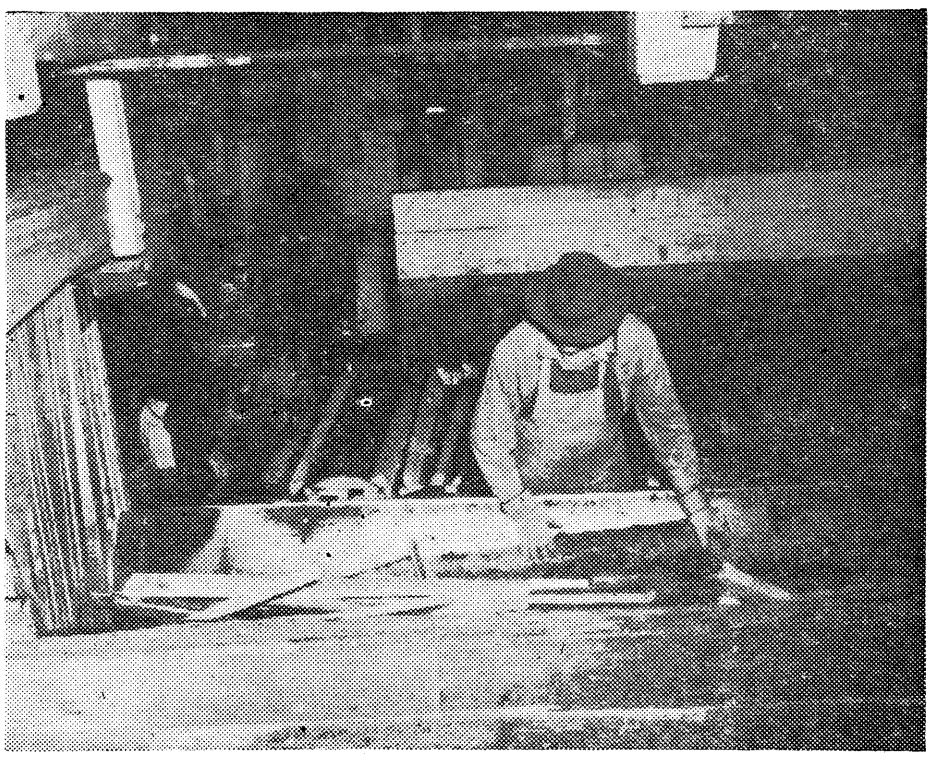
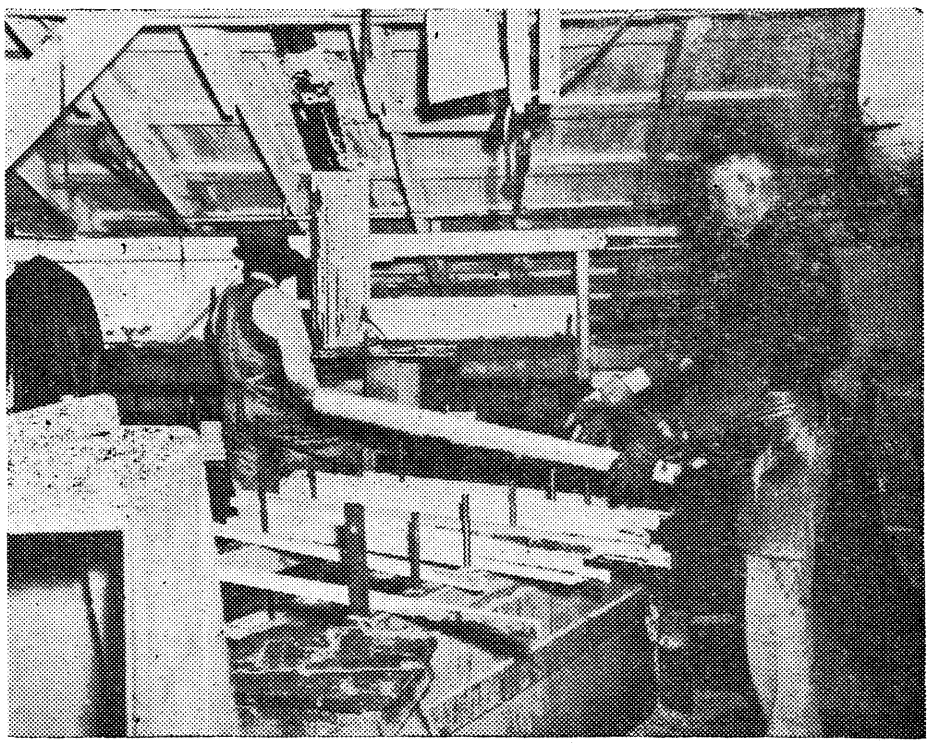


A small slab—commonly called a cant—being fed into the edger machine at Southern Pine Lumber Company's mill No. 1, where it will be ripped into two or more squares for handle stock.



D. L. Helton selecting slabs and edgings in Southern Pine Lumber Company's Mill No. 1 at Diboll which will later be ripped into one inch squares 42 and 48 inches long for conversion into handles. These slabs and edgings, now made into a valuable product, were for many years considered waste.



B. Landrum grading squares at Southern Pine Lumber Company's lathe mill at Diboll.

BE SURE TO SEE DIBOLL'S FIRST NIGHT BASEBALL GAME -- MAY 3, 8 O'CLOCK . . .

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THE STORY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I am the good shepherd and know my sheep and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep—St. John's Gospel, X., 14, 15.

There is something very vivid and graphic and genial about the teachings of Christ. His figures are very strong and it requires not only, or not so much, a mind that is bright as it needs a heart that is open and active and sympathetic to apprehend his figurative language and feel its power. He says pointedly, "I am a gate, I am a vine, I am a king." It is not so much by the intellect that we perceive, as by the heart that we feel, that he is a king, or that he is a shepherd.

The position of a shepherd in the east is one of great trust and of great hardship. We learn that much from David's adventures with the bear and the lion while a shepherd boy on the hills of Judea, and from Jacob's complaint to Laban that in caring for his flock the drought consumed him by day and the frost by night and the sheep departed from his eyes. And so it was. The pastures were always well up on the mountain sides away from the villages and easy of access to the wild beasts and the robbers. The timorous sheep would readily come to understand that all their safety and sustenance were due to the brave and watchful man who always shared their plain, hard life on the frosty mountains. The call of the shepherd's voice or the sound of his musical pipe would at any time bring the whole flock around him; and the bleating of a strayed or frightened lamb would quickly bring to the rescue the dauntless shepherd. Looking at it in this light we can the better perceive what our Savior meant when he called Himself the Good Shepherd.

There are three tests given in the text by which we are able to recognize the good shepherd. The first is that He knows His sheep. How is it then that the common shepherd comes to know his sheep and all their wants, and how do these dumb animals find a language in which to express all their needs, and their mute pleadings, or prayers, are instantly understood and answered by the careful shepherd? It is because the shepherd having shared their life and felt their wants, —with them grown hungry, and weary and shivered with the cold,—bruised his own feet on the ragged rocks and felt the sharpness of the lion's tooth, —that he knows from experience and sympathy what they feel and fear and suffer.

In a way like this it is that Christ knew His sheep and all their yearnings, for He trod with His own feet the rugged places of this world and walked through the crooked path of our devious, earthly life. It needs no articulate language to tell Him that the sharp thorn hurts the little barefoot boy, for the thorn has pierced His temples and the nails His feet. It needs no words to tell Him that it hurts the heart to bury our dear ones, for He has wept at the grave of a bosom friend. It needs no groans of ours to let Him know that hate and malice crush the soul for He was spit upon, and buffeted, and beaten. Having felt in His own bosom the throbbings of a human heart; having shared all our wants and aspirations and disappointments; He came to know us in a very deep and blessed sense. And all this He means when He says He knows His sheep.

The second test of the Good Shepherd is that He is known by His sheep. And how, my friends, do we come to know Christ? Is it by studying the evidences of Christianity, or reading books of theology? We may in an intellectual sense learn a great deal about Christ in that way. But there is something different from that meant in the text, for Christ is known by those who cannot read and do not study. The Pharisees who read the prophets and were confused by the wisdom of Jesus know not Christ. But old Simeon knew Him as a babe, and the blind beggar of Jericho knew Him, and the plain simple people of Samaria said, "Now we believe for we have heard Him ourselves and know that He is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

How, we ask, did they know? In the same way that one good man and true is able to recognize those like to himself, and that one rogue can quickly tell another. In the same way that a guileless child can tell those who are good and gentle and fond of children. There is something instinctive in the affinities of good and evil which asks not for proofs and evidences. The Pharisees were cold bad men and they demanded a sign from heaven to convince them of Jesus' Messiahship. But no such sign was given them. Peter and James and John saw Jesus walking on the shores of Galilee and they left their nets and followed him. Hardly a day passed afterwards that they did not see signs and wonders though they asked not for them. Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him and saith to him, "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile." Nathaniel answered and saith unto Him, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God, thou art the King of Israel." The intuitions of those two noble souls told them who and what they were to each other. And so too, my friends, if Christ should appear among us today, as quietly and unexpectedly as He did among the peasants of Galilee, those who are His true sheep would know His voice and be drawn to Him instinctively. As He talked to us and opened us the Scriptures, our hearts would burn within us as did the hearts of the two disciples who were walking to Emmaus after the ressurection. As He blessed and broke bread to them on that occasion, their eyes were opened and they knew their dear Lord. So, too, now in a certain blessing and breaking of bread are opened the spiritual eyes of his faithful, loving followers to recognize the presence of Christ in their inmost souls. In all these matters the promptings of the heart, the instincts of the soul, are higher and far surer guides than the searchings of the keenest intellect—the most critical acumen.

On this principle of the instinctive affinities of good and evil will take place the judgment at the last day. The Good Shepherd is to be the judge because He knows His sheep in the deep sense we have explained. There will be no need then of that sifting and driving hither and thither in the disentanglement of the good and the bad. The judgment will go on by a certain magnetic, or automatic force. When Christ comes in the clouds of glory those who are truly His will be drawn to Him by the intrinsic power of their purified and ennobled nature, while those who are vile and whom the Shepherd never knew will slink away of their own accord to their own place.

There is yet one other test of the Good Shepherd. He lays down his life for the sheep. This is often true of a shepherd in the East. When the enemy or wild beast comes, he goes forth between him and the sheep, and his broken spear and mangled bones tell us in language fearfully emphatic, he laid down his life for the sheep. The wild beast, whose hunger is appeased with human flesh, goes away, and the sheep are saved by the life of the shepherd. So, too, are our lives eternal to be saved by the death of the Good Shepherd. Jesus looking forward to the great sacrifice He should be called

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Around the Town with Eddie Mae Bradley . . .

By EDDIE MAE BRADLEY

H. G. Temple high school is moving along smoothly—the teachers and students are elated over the fact that there are only four more weeks of school. The feeling of commencement is in the air; the usual "after school hour" practice is being carried on, each home room with the usual spirit of rivalry—each trying to present the best program.

Edna Jane Rucker will present the fourth and fifth grades in a play entitled "Mrs. Wigglesworth Gets Religion" on April 26th. Lillie M. Simmons will present the high school play, "Truth Takes a Holiday" on April 29th. Yours truly will present the eighth grade girls in a three-act play "The Southern Cinderella" on May 6th and E. A. Gilbert will present the ninth grade in "A Fortunate Calamity" on May 13th. Watch the bulletin boards for other announcements!

Easter Parade

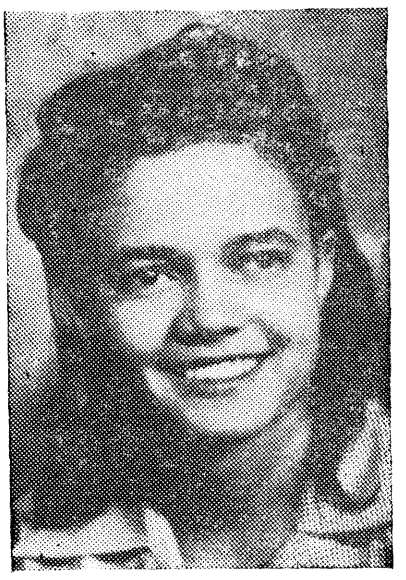
Easter was properly observed from every angle in our city of Diboll including the church services and Easter Parade. The Bunny seemed to have left the entire town happy.

At the close of the Easter services at Shiloh Baptist church, Addie Ben Bivens, daughter of Ben and Adline Bivens became the bride of Melvin Carr of Houston. Rev. W. T. Broxton performed the ring ceremony. The bride wore a becoming navy suit with blonde accessories. She is a recent graduate of Wilberforce University and now teaches at Dunbar elementary school in Houston.

The local children were presented in Easter programs at the various churches.

Community News

We extend our deepest sympathy to Fennie Simmons at the death of



his father of Goodrich, Texas, on April 17th.

Odessa Williams is visiting with her mother, Mary Powell of Houston.

The local teachers attended the East Texas Teachers Association in Longview on April 15th and they reported a very pleasant time.

Quite a few out-of-town visitors were here during the Easter Holidays. Among them were the Rev. Ernest Jones, Vester Jones and wife. Doris Covington, Maceo Andrews and wife, Edd and Irma Robinson of Livingston and numerous others.

Claudia Mae Washington and Mattie Spikes are in the hospital. There are others on the sick list but not seriously ill.

So long until the next issue of the Buzz Saw.

Get Ready For Freddie

The Diboll Eagles ushered in the baseball season ahead of their new uniforms by beating Kilgore on Easter Sunday by a score of 8-3. Even though they were dressed in their old last year's suits (and many of them the year before that and the year before that and so on) Diboll got in behind the three hit pitching of Sunny-

man and M. Williams, banged out 8 hits and scored eight runs.

Hodge, O'Ree and E. C. Williams lead the attack against Kilgore with two hits each out of four trips. Hodge had a double and a single, E. C. Williams two singles. The most damaging blow to the opposition was a home run by O'Ree in the second inning with one out and Hodge on base. The next time O'Ree came up to the plate he rapped out a sizzling double. Kilgore might have been shut out had it not been for the wildness on the part of Sunnyman who walked six men in one and one-third innings. M. Williams came in in the second frame and went on to hold the opposition to two hits for the remaining seven and two-thirds innings.

F. Randolph brought up the fielding feat of this game while playing third base. A low liner was hit to his right which looked like a sure base knock but Randolph started moving at the crack of the bat and made a back hand ankle high stab at the ball. The runner was so sure he had gotten a base hit that they had to turn him around between first and second and show him the way back home.

The Diboll Eagles hit the road following their victory over Kilgore and had their wings clipped by Pineland on April 24 by a score of 5-4. O'Ree again showed plenty of power at the bat when he belted a home run with two men on base. It was just too bad that the other base wasn't occupied at the time or they might have been playing the game until yet. Herman Jones pitched three hit ball for six innings of this game until he was relieved by M. Williams in the seventh.

Manager Otis Spikes and his boys were all dressed up for the Pineland game, however, with brand new uniforms, bats, catcher's equipment, and two new first baseman's mitts. In J. W. Armstead, who is starting out as a freshman, and Sunnyman who is starting his second year in baseball, the

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YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DEDICATION -- MAY 7TH

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HANDLES--

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the warehouse where stack after stack of various size handles are awaiting shipment. Moody Smith, the shipping clerk, rides herd in this area. As we walk on through the warehouse and enter the Paint Shop, we see a multitude of bright, colored handles. Frosty Davis is the shop foreman here. And he is responsible for putting that beautiful and lasting paint job on Temple-White's handles. Next, and last, we leave the paint shop and step into the special operation room where metal threads, wooden threads, tapering, boring and cutting to length are accomplished under the watchful eye of Albert Seekings. As we turn to leave we see out of the window a square drying yard where approximately 1,000,000 pine and hardwood squares are air drying, under the supervision of Dick Hendrick. The usual remark from the layman after going through the plant is—"I certainly didn't know so much was involved in making a handle", and also such other remarks as—"I didn't know that there were this many handles in the world."

There are many technical problems which enter into the manufacture of handles such as the moisture content of the wood, mileage that the paint gives, sand belts within certain specifications, size and shape of the handle and a multitude of other problems which the average layman would never associate with the manufacture of a mere handle.

Temple-White company prides itself on its products and on its employees who make that product possible. The company has been told numerous times by different customers that they have one of the best handles made. Customers of the company number into the hundreds, both big and small and are scattered throughout the United States, as well as in Cuba and South Africa. Many handles have been produced in the past, and are still being produced for use in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The officers of the company are H. B. White, president; Arthur Temple,

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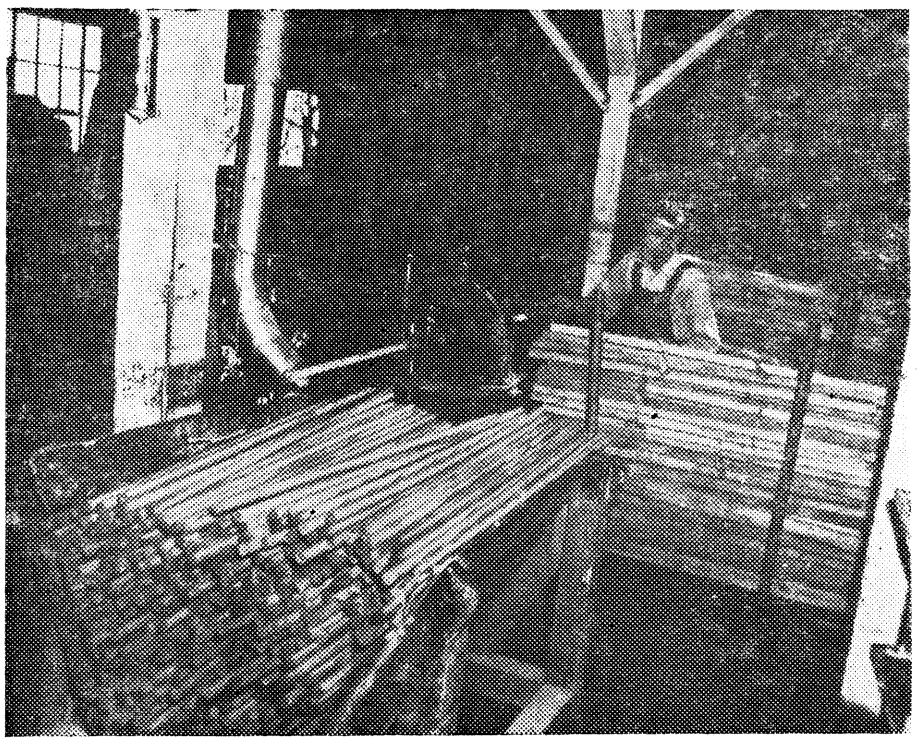
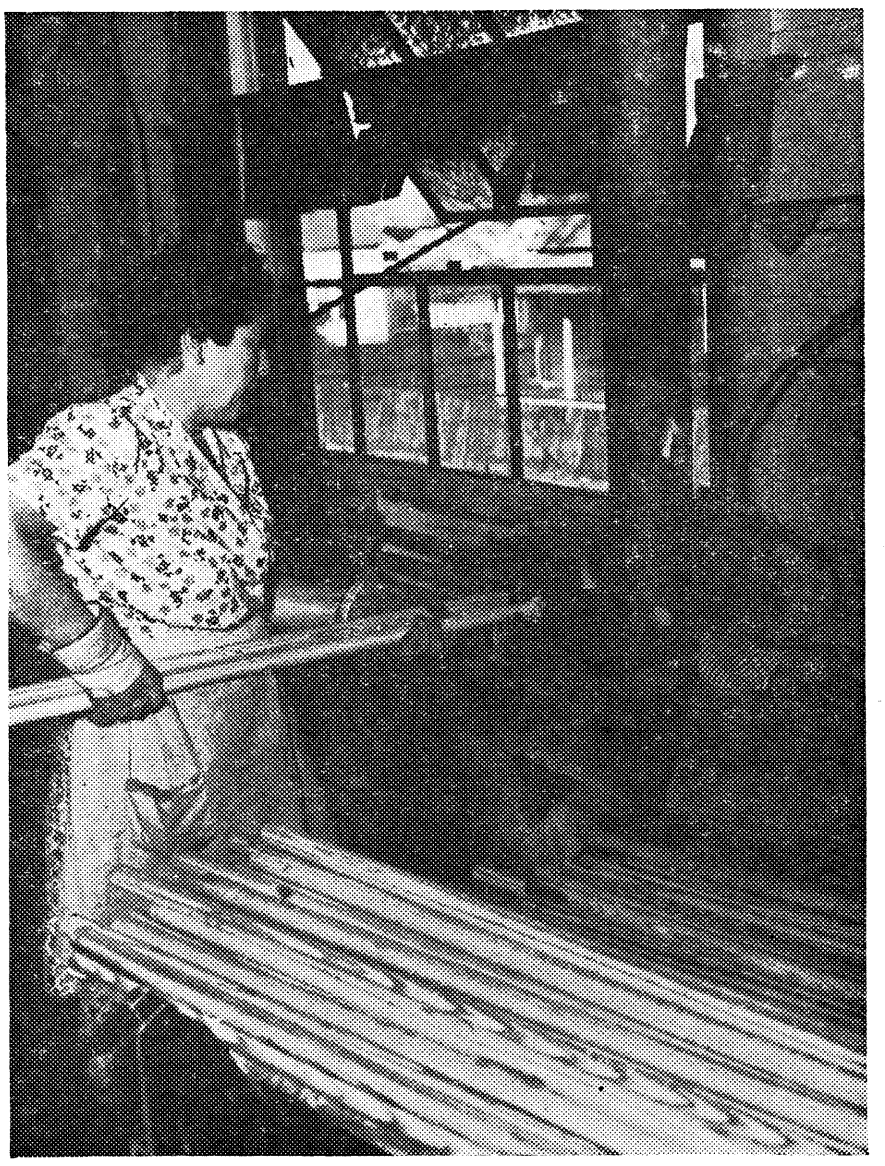
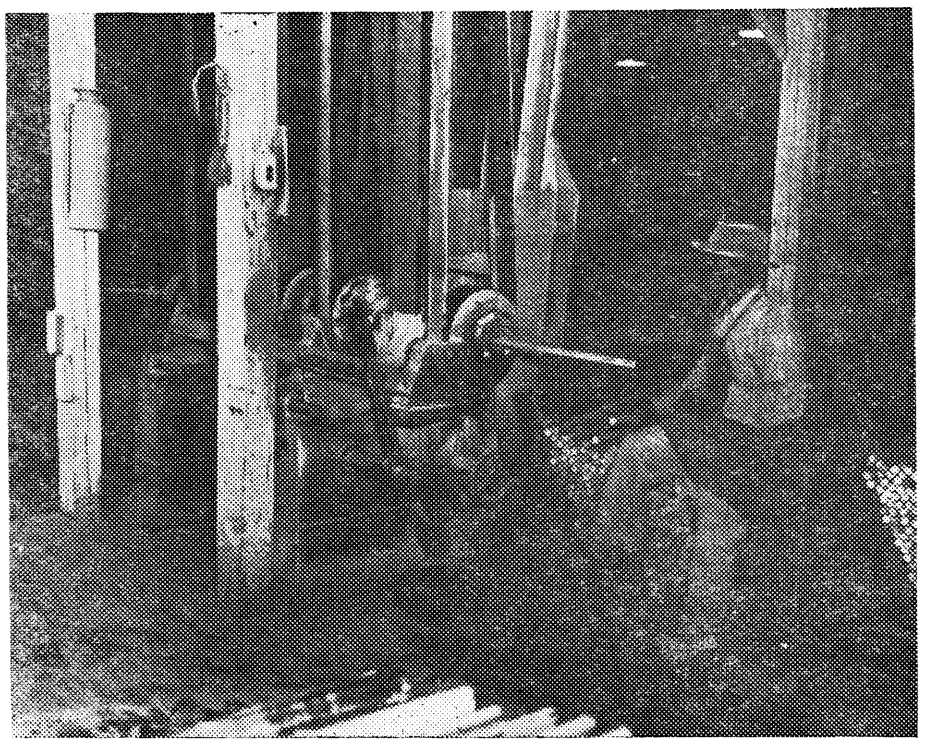


H. L. Fuller operating one of the Jenkins dowel machines at Temple-White which makes "Rounds" out of "Squares" one to one and one half inches in size. This is the first operation in the manufacture of a handle from the rough stock.

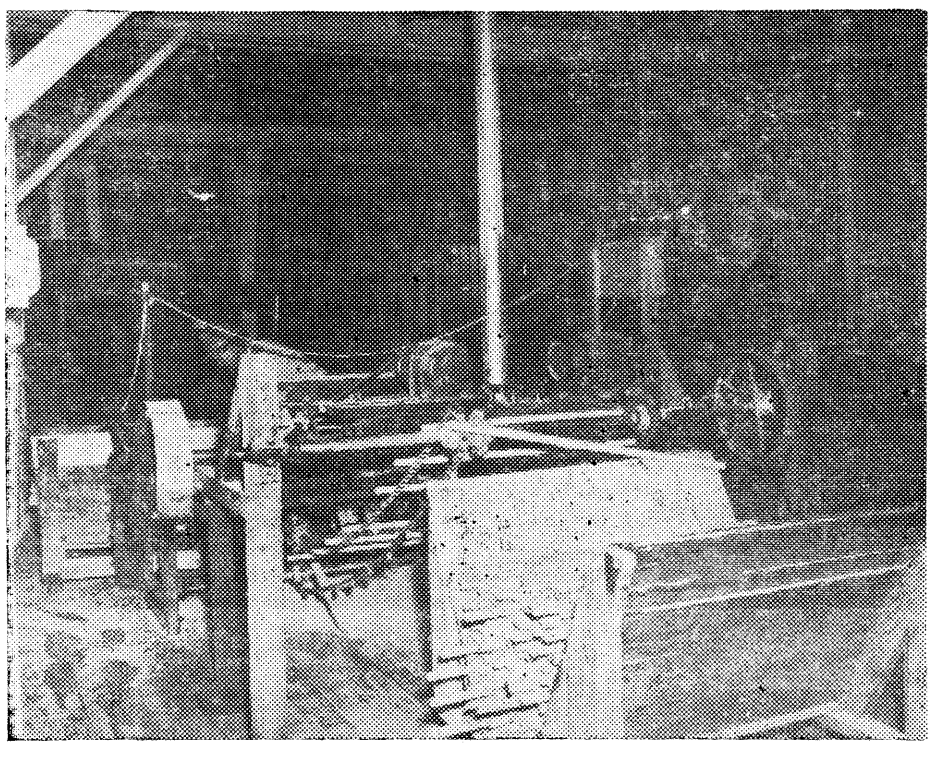


Mrs. Jewel George rounding the end on a mop handle, commonly called "Chucking."



Fred Ike feeding one of A. R. Weber's improved versions of a Nash Sanding machine at Temple-White. When the handle leaves this machine it is smooth and ready for use in the plain stage.

Frosty (The Great) Davis and Mrs. Alice Nichols in Temple-White's paint shop with Louis Landers in the background. In this department the handles are painted according to the customers specifications then prepared for shipment by rail.



Joe Hathorn feeding automatic chuck and boring machine at Temple-White.

SEE YOUR BASEBALL CLUB IN ACTION UNDER THE BIG LIGHTS -- MAY THIRD . . .

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UPSHUR COUNTY FLASH BLAZES WIDE TRAIL ACROSS THE PINEYWOODS . . .

Upshur county, Texas, is famous for three products: sweet potatoes, muscadines—and Calvin (The Pot) Lawrence. Mention either on the streets of Gilmer and you've worked up a conversation because the natives there delight in expounding the virtues of those things of which they are so proud.

And they have a right to be. Upshur county sweet potatoes are the biggest, most prolific potatoes in the world. So are their muscadines. And then, of course, we mustn't forget old Cal.

The first eighteen years of his life were strictly uneventful. He was born just before daylight on October 13, 1907, on a sandy land farm—but that caused no great commotion in the neighborhood because everybody was up anyway.

Then one bright spring day Lawrence got a travelling salesman to count the notches on the corner fence post and, much to his surprise, found out that he was eighteen years of age. He tied up his team and ran full speed for the house.

Dashing in the back door, Calvin found his father thumbing carefully through the new 1925 Sears & Roebuck catalogue.

"Pappa!", he said breathlessly. "That drummer counted up them Christmas notches on the fence post and guess what? I'm a MAN!" His father closed the catalogue, stared at the six-foot-one, 200 pound barefoot boy with the first growth of whiskers on his face, approximately two inches long.

"How's that again", inquired his Dad.

"I'm eighteen years old, according to the calendar I made, and I'm a man", he replied, self-consciously pulled an eight-penny nail from the floor between his toes. "Or at least I figure I am, anyway".

His father looked up as him puzzled. "Well, son, what do you want to do about it?"

The boy brightened up. "I want to give one of my little brothers my Buster Brown suit, get some clothes like that drummer and go to school!"

April 26, 1926, found Lawrence in the office of the president of Tyler Commercial College, dressed in a tight fitting pinch-back, a celluloid collar and a purple tie.

"You got any openings here for a bookkeeper?", he inquired, snapping off a bite of raw sweet potato and munching it nonchalantly.

"How much experience have you had?"

"Eighteen years," Lawrence replied. "Born in 1907."

"I mean experience as a Bookkeeper," the president came back impatiently.

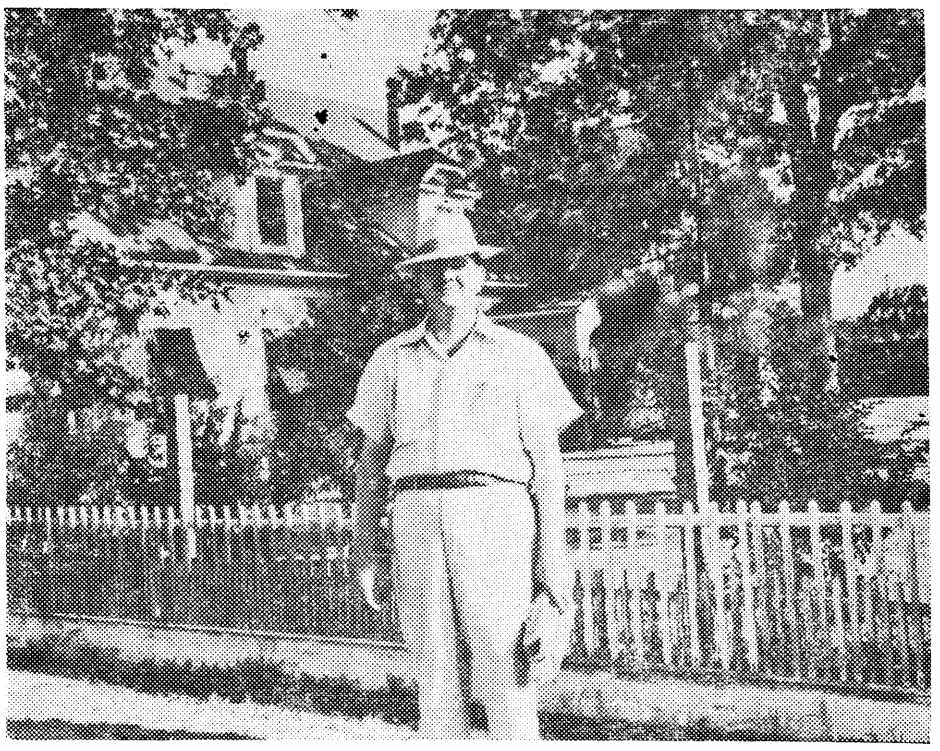
"I ain't ever had no experiecne at anything 'cept farming sweet 'taters", the boy replied. "That's the reason I want to be a bookkeeper. Pushing a pencil around just looks to me like a better deal."

The president wiped his brow, led the boy into the registrars office.

"I'm not at all sure, but I believe this young man wants to register in the school of accounting and bookkeeping. If he has the necessary funds sign him because, after all, this is a democracy!"

In October, 1926, George Smith, secretary and treasurer of Temple Lumber company at Pineland, was in dire need of a young man to work in the office. He telephoned Tyler Commercial College, got A. N. Beasley, enrolling secretary, on the wire.

"Mr. Beasley", George began. "I'm looking for a young man to work over here at Pineland in the office—a young man who won't mind living pretty far back in the sticks on light pay. Do you have anybody who can qualify as a combination clerk and clean-up man?"



CALVIN LAWRENCE

"Just what percentage of the work do you estimate will be clerking and what percentage cleaning up?" Beasley asked.

"Well, frankly, it'll be about five percent bookkeeping and ninety-five percent sweeping", George answered.

"I've got just the man you want", said Beasley. "His name is Calvin Lawrence. He weighs 200 pounds, he's a good mop and broom man and I believe in time you can teach him to add. We've had him up here a little over five months and he has shown more improvement than any student in the class. When he got here he knew absolutely nothing. Now he can count up to a hundred!"

When Calvin arrived in Pineland on October 7, 1926, Urban Farrow met him at the train. Farrow was private secretary to Henry G. Temple, Manager of Temple Lumber Company, and, being anxious to show the new arrival the hospitality of Pineland, picked up his pasteboard suitcase and carried it to the office. Lawrence, unaccustomed to the situation, naturally assumed that Farrow was the janitor.

"Say, Bub," said Lawrence. "That big lake over there. What's that for? That's the biggest bunch of water I ever saw!"

"Why that's the mill pond", replied Farrow. "That's where we store our logs so the insects won't do them any damage".

"Well I'll be doggoned. We don't have that much water in all of Upshur county but if we did we wouldn't put TREES in 'em. We leave the trees out in the woods and, brother, if you don't think they keep good out there you're nuts. We got some that have been there maybe a hundred years and they're still growing. What do you do with logs besides making fence posts out of 'em?"

"We manufacture lumber. You know, boards—boards like you nail on your house and your barn."

"Aw, you mean planks", said Lawrence, his face brightening up. "And this is a plank factory! Wait 'til I write my folks in Upshur county about that!"

After four years in Pineland Lawrence was transferred to Hemphill as timekeeper in the office of Temple Lumber company there. He had learned to make change by having Atty Damrel tutor him at night for two years and his future seemed bright indeed. Then in 1937 the Hemphill mill burned (which brought forth the famous remark of M. A. Sloan in answer to his wife's question as to what was on fire: "It's the job, honey".) and Lawrence was left to take care of the office and store. A year later, in 1938, he decided that a man capable of running both an office and a store all alone must have enough on the ball to go in business for himself and make a killing, so he pulled stakes, moved his family to New Mexico and got ready to make his mark as an oil tycoon.

It didn't dawn on the young pioneer that an office with nobody in it and a store with no merchandise was hardly a test of executive ability. He just knew he was a manager. And that did it.

First he bought a big International truck with a 2280 gallon tank on it and made a deal to haul gasoline from the Malco refinery at Artesia, New Mexico, to Clovis. Only one minor detail was left out of the contract and that was 'how often' he would get to do the hauling. After one trip—155 miles—Lawrence came home, showed his wife the money he had made after deducting expenses, lit up a cigar and relaxed.

"A trip a day and we'll be making more money than I'd have made in Hemphill in a week. Boy, this is soft!"

A month passed and our trucking mogul had made only one other trip. Two months, two more trips, four months and no change, then five months and still the International was not broken in.

About this time Henry Temple wrote Lawrence, told him that though he knew he was doing fine in New Mexico, if he ever wanted to come to Diboll to please let him know.

Calvin dictated a telegram to his wife, addressed to Mr. Temple, approximately five seconds after receiving the letter and while frantically throwing clothes in a suitcase: "I am not ready, I have been ready. When we will arrive in Diboll depends upon how fast my truck can travel. Thanks, Calvin."

Lawrence arrived in Diboll, bag and baggage, family, truck and all on August 27, 1938, at 4:00 a.m. At 8:00 a. m. he was working in the timekeepers office counting out the first money he had seen in sixty days.

In 1943 he was made bookkeeper, Dell Scoggins took over the timekeepers department, and the locally famous Lawrence waistline had at long last gotten back to its pre-New Mexico circumference of 46 inches.

Now, in addition to his other duties, Lawrence handles all the sick and accident group policy insurance; he is chairman of the troup committees for troups 128 and 275 of the Diboll Boy Scouts, president of the school board, member of the Baptist church, secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood, treasurer of the Diboll baseball club, member of the Temple Foundation committee, chairman of the welfare fund, and an active member in the Upshur county ex-citizens club. He and Gertie Mae have three fine children—Dorothy, who is a sophomore at Baylor university; Calvin and William Henry.

Not to be outdone by Wilbur Fogg, Eddie Farley, Raymond Martin, E. P. Ramsey, Dewey Ballinger and several others who took courses at the Institute of management at Southern Methodist university at Dallas, Lawrence recently promoted himself a trip to Texas A&M to attend the accountants school. Returning to Diboll on April 27 after two days at college station Lawrence hung his framed certificate on the wall of his office, assumed the air of a very highly polished college graduate and boasted to Dred Devereaux that "though the course was actually a three-weeks course, I finished her in two days. And graduated with honors." That's all well and good. We're glad he went and we're proud that he was sharp enough to get through in record time. We believe everything he says about it. We don't even mind his "college man" attitude.

But running around here in a uniform and referring to himself as an "Aggie" just because he spent two days at A&M. Well, that's taking it a shade too far.

SPORTS SHOTS

By PAUL DURHAM

The Diboll Lumberjacks racked up their first district win at Splendora this month, walloping the Bulldogs for an 11 to 4 decision.

The Jacks showed signs of weakness in the opening frames but managed three runs in the third inning, only to be overtaken in the bottom of the third. The Bulldogs took over there, 4-3, but it was quickly reversed in the fourth when the Jacks scored five times. They counted in the sixth frame twice and once in the seventh.

The Axemen cracked the ball for 11 hits, Goins and Dean getting two singles apiece. Dean also played an errorless and steady game at shortstop.

The game was the Lumberjack's second season win, as they trampled Central 12-3 the previous week.

Having gained a considerable degree of confidence, the Lumberjacks made it two in a row the succeeding weeks, edging the Big Sandy nine 5-4.

This game was a see-saw battle up until the Axemen worked the tie breaking run across in the seventh.

The Jacks scored one in the third and held on. But the lead changed hands, the Jacks' pitcher was blasted for two hits in the fourth, and Big Sandy counted four times on wild and uneven pegs to the plate.

The count was 4-1 going into the fifth, and the Jacks took advantage of Lovett's wildness and dashed home three runs to even the tally. Three hits also helped to rattle the big boy's control and the fast one missed the dish from all angles. Sylestine replaced Lovett and looked good as a fireman in retiring the third Lumberjacks.

Big Sandy was held safely at bay by Placker in the sixth and seventh frames and the Jacks were feeling like a winning ball club in the bottom of the seventh.

Charles Blake walked as the first man up. Vaughn moved him down as he took first on an error. Blake stole third and made home with the winning run on a passed ball. Sanford was at the plate, but he gladly relinquished the base path for the runner; Blake.

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MEET ME AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DEDICATION IN LUFKIN ON MAY SEVENTH!

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EAST TEXAS SAFETY ASSOCIATION HOLDS QUARTERLY MEET AT TRINITY

The recently organized East Texas Safety Association, composed of Negro employees of five East Texas lumber companies with headquarters at Diboll, held its first quarterly meeting at Trinity, Texas, on April 9, 1949.

L. Spencer, second vice president, and an employee of Texas Long Leaf Lumber Company at Trinity, had the stage set as host and did a fine job of preparing for the meeting. Incidentally, since the first meeting of the East Texas Safety Association at Diboll on March 12, 1949, Spencer has organized a local safety group among Negro employees at Texas Long Leaf at Trinity and he reports that they have already made a great program which got the Association off to a rolling start.

Deacon Spencer gave the group a warm welcoming address which was followed by Churchwell of New Willard.

Professor W. J. Jackson of Southern Pine Lumber Company, the founder of the East Texas Safety Association, was introduced as President. He praised the efforts which had been put forth by the Trinity safety group to make the meeting so successful. Jackson briefed the association members on the object and purpose of the organization stating that its success depended upon the effort and thought put forth by the members. He suggested that every man make himself an agent against accidents and carelessness in his own department and spread the doctrine of safety consciousness wherever he might work.

Each of the four vice presidents from various mills spoke of the action which they had taken in their respective towns since the organization of the association to promote safety. All stated that they had gotten a great deal of cooperation from other employees in their respective towns and one hundred per cent backing from the companies for whom they work. All agreed to double their efforts to put over the message of Safety First—to talk safety, practice safety, and think safety.

Mr. Joe Richards, superintendent of Texas Long Leaf Lumber company at Trinity, was introduced and stated that he was behind the safety movement and the East Texas Safety Association and added that the idea of representatives from the various safety groups of East Texas lumber companies meeting together to discuss methods and practices of safety was one of the finest things that could be done to reduce industrial accidents. Mr. Richards introduced Mrs. Paul Sanderson, the wife of the late great lumberman, and Mrs. Sanderson took a bow amid a roar of applause. Also introduced were Mr. Richards' nephew, Mr. Buffelton and Mrs. Buffelton who were also greeted by a burst of applause.

L. W. Spiller, second vice president from Corrigan, Howard McGowan, third vice president from Camden, James Paxton, fourth vice president from New Willard, and W. J. Jackson of Diboll, president, all pulled into Trinity with their full quota of ten committeemen from each mill.

The Trinity Safety Group served barbeque and all the trimmings to the visiting delegates and it was enjoyed by everybody.

It has been suggested by several committeemen from various places that these meetings be held every thirty days at a different town for the purpose of promoting safety and keeping interest as lively as possible in the prevention of sawmill accidents. So far the Association has been a tremendous success and we believe that its value will increase as time goes on. In some of the East Texas sawmills there is no active safety organization at all and we of the East Texas Safety Association intend to not only promote safety generally throughout East Texas but also to aid and assist representatives in organizing and making successful local safety organizations to carry on in this kind of work.

The next meeting of the East Texas Safety Association will be held in New Willard, Texas, on the second Saturday in May. Representatives from the five sawmills in East Texas who are affiliated with the association will gather there where James Paxton, fourth vice president, will be host. We are all looking forward to going to New Willard and are anticipating another successful meeting.

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Eagles have two prospects in whom the fans will no doubt have a lot of faith before the season is over. Sunnyman's only drawback is control on the pitching mound but he is working out regularly to learn how to place the horsehide where he wants it and with a little improvement in that department should be one of the best. J. W. Armstead handles himself fine in the outfield and should develop into a top-notch ball player.

And there is Herman Jones who is in his second year of play—17 years of age—and looks good on the pitching mound. Herman is a southpaw thrower and has a good fast ball as well as a sweeping curve. Such veterans as O'Ree, Fred Randolph, White, M. Williams, Rueben (Jellie) Samuel and George Hodge are looking good as ever and hustling every minute they are out there on the playing field.

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Good Shepherd—

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upon to make calmly says, "I lay down my life for the sheep." For you poor sinful Christian; for me, poor sinful priest; and for you sinful children of the world who know not Christ, did Jesus bow His head upon the cross and receive the spear point in his side. "Therefore," says Jesus, "doth my father love me, because I lay down my life." Not that the Father was pleased by the agony of the cross and the pangs of death. Such things please not God. But He was pleased by the willingness of Jesus to make that marvelous sacrifice of self for those who were unworthy,—a sacrifice the greatness of which we who are only human can never estimate. And because that sacrifice was boundless in its scope, and infinite in its value, and eternal in its power, it was sufficient to atone for the sins of the world, and reverse the universal decree of death to sinners.

This test of death was the third and last test of the Good Shepherd. While dwelling on this pastoral relation of Christ, we are to consider that He is still our Shepherd. Not only while He was leading His followers over the plains of Galilee and the hill country of Judea, telling them of the kingdom and feeding them by miracle, but today in this distant country, He is our strong and watchful Shepherd. They are His deputized shepherds who proclaim to you the gospel and bring you the blessed sacraments. It is His Spirit which is this hour working in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. By His command and power are the sheep washed in the fountain of baptism in the holy communion.

Nothing more beautifully brings out the character of Christ, our Shepherd, than the parable of the lost sheep. "What man of you having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness and go after that which is lost until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing." In like manner the Good Shepherd follows us with His eyes when we wander away from the fold off into the devious ways of sin. His Spirit pleads with our hearts to return, and our first disposition to do so, he strengthens us in the effort and smooths the way before us. Figuratively, He takes upon His own shoulders and bears us up the rocky slopes down which we have clambered and fallen. When he returns with the lost one, He rejoices and the angels rejoice with Him over that which was lost but is found again. Such care and such rejoicing show how keenly watchful, how interested, how tenderly affectionate, is our dear Saviour of those He came on earth to seek and died to save. Realizing all this we can well rejoice with that King of Israel who himself knew what it was to be a shepherd.

"The Lord is my Shepherd therefore I can lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and shall lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

The Buzz Saw

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DIBOLL FUTURE HOMEMAKERS ENJOY AREA MEETING IN NACOGDOCHES

"Around the World With Homemakers of the Future" was the theme of the Area X Meeting held in Nacogdoches at the Stephen F. Austin College on April 2, 1949. A record attendance of more than 600 members, including 39 chapters, was present.

Margaret Potts, president of the Ellen H. Richards Club of Stephen F. Austin presided over the meeting. The Invocation was given by Mr. Gene Cariker, student body chaplain. Following this was a greeting given by Dr. Paul Boynton, president of Stephen F. Austin College. Ollie Jo White, president of Area X of Carthage, opened the meeting with the Future Homemakers of America's ceremony.

The candidates for area and state officers for the coming year were presented to the group and were elected in the House of Delegates meeting which was held in the afternoon. The new officers are as follows: Alice Ann Hutchison, president, Nacogdoches; Arnette Elliott, vice president, Hemphill; Johnny Stringer, secretary, Gary; Willa Dean Young, treasurer, Gaston; Doris Innerarity, parliamentarian, Pollok; Martha Rogers, publicity chairman, Henderson; Gloria Garner, Historian, Carlisle; Helen Tenins, Song Leader, Marshall; Letha Daily, reporter, Beckville; and candidate for state office, Ollie Jo White, Carthage.

A style show was presented during the morning meeting in which all chapters participated and represented various countries. The program was very well arranged and carried out in an interesting manner. Holland was portrayed very well by Carlisle and Gaston. Nell Minster, a native of Holland told of her native country and their customs. Everyone enjoyed her speech very much.

In the House of Delegates Meeting honorary members were elected and the outgoing officers made farewell speeches. The meeting was then adjourned with the Future Homemakers of American ceremony.

The Nacogdoches chapter acted as hostess at a banquet given on April 1, for the officers and their sponsors.

The old and new officers were interviewed by radio station KSFA during the meeting.

Miss Sondra Waltman represented Diboll as candidate for Area office. She and Mrs. Green attended the dinner given at the Liberty hotel in Nacogdoches for the Area Executive Council, candidates and their sponsors.

Sondra was a nominee for Area Hissorian but lost to Miss Gloria Garner of Carlisle in the election of the House of Delegates.

Attending the meeting from the Diboll chapter were Mrs. Green, Sondra Waltman, Jo Lynn Holcomb, Jimmie Beth Jordan, Jo Nell Vaught, Lola B. Dykes, Frankie Sue Goins, Betty Marie Smith, Ona Faye and Billie Ray Bobbitt. Mrs. Waltman, Mrs. Holcomb, and Shirlene Holcomb were visitors from our chapter.

Jo Lynn Holcomb, Jimmie Beth Jordan, Jo Nell Vaught and Lola B. Dykes represented Switzerland as Diboll's part in the style show.

JUNIOR SENIOR RECEPTION

The juniors entertained the seniors on Friday night, April 1, 1949 with the annual reception. There were approximately one hundred guests present. Balloons and colored streamers, lights, a fortune teller's tent and a forest scene carried out the theme of the dance which was a gypsy encampment. All the girls dressed as gypsies in their bright cotton dresses.

Games such as checkers, forty-two, dominoes, monoply and bingo were enjoyed by the group. Refreshments were served as a picnic lunch. Paper plates and napkins of school colors were used.

Memory books were presented to all the juniors and seniors as souvenirs of the occasion.

The junior class would like to publicly thank Mr. Garrett and his FFA boys for their cheerful help in decorating the gymnasium for this festive occasion.

Pending the selection of the senior class to sell magazines, the honorable consequence was arranged in a 17th Century Auction, the 13th of this month. The students were required to sell five magazine subscriptions preceeding the 13. Those failing to reach this requirement fall as victims of the auctioneer, Douglas Minton. Johnny Waller, Joyce Ford, Douglas Minton, and Marion Edwards were the only four who sold their quota and therefore enjoyed the liberty of bidding against their fellow students.

Contrary to the unprecedented predictions of the seniors and to their sheer delight the auction was very successful.

Charles Haas was sold for $2.25 and sold for the highest value of the seniors. Dorothy Willis upheld the ladies dignity as she was sold for $1.50. These were the most generous of the bids.

Miss Franklin acquired three of this year's graduating seniors to work on their weekly paper. Mr. Garrett opened his wallet for three of the seniors also.

Certainly no harm was inflicted upon anyone and everyone had a good time at the auction. The juniors are looking forward to a program of this nature next year.

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Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.

To him who is shod, the whole world is covered with leather.

WE'RE PLANNING TO SEE YOU IN LUFKIN AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MAY 7TH

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SOUTHERN PINE LUMBER COMPANY TO REMODEL DIBOLL PLANT

As one step in Southern Pine's efforts to lead the way for the rest of the lumber industry, thus providing the very best products for the market and resulting in the very best conditions for its employees, a major portion of the equipment has been purchased and construction is now started for improvement of that part of the plant between the sawmill and the rough storage shed.

All of the dry kilns are being replaced with the most modern type of cross-circulation kilns. These kilns, although fewer in number, will handle more lumber and also provide for grade improvement. In addition, the work of the operators will be made easier. A new trimmer, which is the most modern type on the market and which is similar to the very finest equipment now used in the West Coast mills is to be installed. This trimmer will handle larger quantities of lumber with greater ease for the operator and will be able to do both random length and selective automatic trimming for lumber up to 32 feet long. The work of handling lumber and transferring it from the sawmills to the kilns and from the kilns to the rough storage shed will also be made easier for the men and will provide for grade improvement by the use of the most modern stacking and handling machinery. This equipment will move, sort, stack and unstack lumber by methods which are not only equal to any other lumber mill in the country but in some cases better than equipment used anywhere else in the industry since it represents new developments. To house this equipment and to cool lumber, new structures will be built. These structures will probably result in reduction of fire insurance rates as well as provide better housing for equipment and lumber than now exists.

To accomplish all of this, the staff of Southern Pine investigated conditions in the industry both in the south and in the west and spent many long and tedious hours to insure that the best equipment and the best overall plan for use of this equipment was obtained before work was started. They have obtained information available from the major manufacturers of lumber mill equipment to supplement their own knowledge as well as the experience of other lumber mills. They have also supplemented their own engineering and planning with the experienced engineering staff of H. E. Bovay, Jr., Consulting Engineesr, of Houston, Texas, who have done similar work for other mills and who are assisting in both the planning of the work and in the development of the new machinery.

It should be of interest to everyone to know that this program is now in the construction stage with the first work being the tearing down of the kilns and rebuilding them one at a time. Garvey Walker is in charge of the work as construction foreman.

As far as we have been able to ascertain, Southern Pine Lumber company is the first mill in this section of the country to develop an over-all plan for improvement and modernization of its operations. When the work is completed ours will be a streamlined up-to-date plant from which will come even better lumber than ever before, produced with greater efficiency—and more of it.

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Of all God's creatures there is only one that cannot be made the slave of the lash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

By MRS. A. R. WEBER

Cub Pack 128 will have a Cub-Dad baseball game Friday, April 29th starting at 5 p.m. at the baseball park.

Picnic supper will be enjoyed by families and cold drinks furnished by the Cubs.

Badges will be awarded. Den 3 has two new members—George Trigg and Carroll Leggett. Den 2 also has two new members — J. T. Weimer and James Richard Johnson. Den 1 has a fine new meeting place built by Southern Pine Lumber Company which is very much appreciated by Den Mother Carr and her Cubs.

All Cubs are getting ready for the Pet show in Lufkin on Saturday, May 7th at 3:30 p.m.

Cub Pack 128 held their kite tournament which was sponsored by the Lion's club at the ball park on Saturday, March 26th at 2:30 p.m.

Prentess Carter, Den 1, won with the steadiest flying kite.

Royce Grimes, Den 3, had the hardest pulling kite. Den 2 had five winners: Jimmie McCall with the largest kite, Jerry Don Powell had the smallest kite, John David Swallows had the highest flying kite, Harold Dean possessed the most unusual kite and Larry Weber held the most beautiful kite.

The boys who entered a kite and did not win were given a pass to the theatre by Mr. J. Shirley Daniel.

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DIBOLL BOY SCOUTS ACTIVE

The Green Bar Patrol of Troop 128, Diboll, went on an overnight camp April 15 on the Neches river near the bridge on highway 59.

There were eight members and the Scoutmaster on the encampment and though no fish were caught, a great deal of advancement in plans were completed. Supper was cooked out in the open by the boys and some of their parents came down for a visit to the camp.

Mr. Halsell took the boys up the river by motor boat to set out and run their trout lines.

Those attending were Carl and Jessie Halsell, Henry Temple, Gilbert Frankens, Kenneth Flowers, Reginal Cosey, Larry Scarborough, and Charles Weimer.

J. A. Tatum and Scoutmaster Weiner attended a training course for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters at Camp Tonkawa on March 12 and 13. Tatum took the course on camping and Weimer the course on health and safety. Both courses were for the purpose of conducting an active camping program for the summer.

The scouts are looking forward to a Camporee to be held at Lufkin May 6 and 7. From the way they are working at the job the scoutmaster predicts that some first place awards will come back to Diboll with Troop 128. All parents are urged to see the night evcent on May 7 at the Panther stadium in Lufkin.

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There is only one thing for a man to do who is married to a woman who enjoys spending money, and that is to enjoy earning it.

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If two friends ask you to be judge in a dispute, don't accept, because you will lose one friend; on the other hand, if two strangers come with the same request, accept, because you will gain one friend.

Shirley Daniel Host To Supervisors And Foremen

On the night of April 19th, Shirley Daniel was host to 27 foremen and supervisors of Southern Pine Lumber Company at his "shack" in Diboll to inaugurate a program of monthly meetings at which entertainment and educational films will be shown, safety and instructional talks will be made, along with general round table discussions of any subjects pertaining to the work performed by the various department heads present.

Fried chicken, cooked by A. C. (The Old Master) Phillips, was the main course for dinner—along with french fried potatoes, salad and all the trimmings. Daniel said that after the feed, there was not enough left to even interest the roaches.

Two films were shown at the April 19th dinner including a twenty minute show of the Joe Louis - Billy Conn 12-round fight, round by round.

Arthur Temple, Jr., made an informal talk to the group complimenting all present on their fine cooperation and on the greatly improved spirit of teamwork existing between the various departments of the company. He outlined plans for town and plant improvements already underway and others on the agenda for the near future and stressed the importance of every man and woman in the Southern Pine Lumber Company family doing their very best as employees and as citizens of Diboll to put the modernization program over the top.

The date and time of the next foremen and supervisors meeting—to be held during the month of May—will be announced within the next ten days. All foremen and supervisors are urged to attend.

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Record Safety Meet Held April 20th

By FREDDIE LEWIS

On April 20, 1949, the largest safety meeting ever held in Diboll got off to a flying start at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Jake Durham made a brief talk and introduced Mr. Clark of the Texas Employers' Insurance Association in Beaumont who addressed the crowd that was packed in the lodge hall like sardines in a can. Mr. Clark stressed the importance of safety and safety consciousness in the home, on the plant, and in the woods, and complimented the employees of Southern Pine Lumber company for what he called the finest accident record in the sawmill industry during the past three years. Mr. Clark's talk was followed by a picture show put on by Shirley Daniel with the first film "Pheasant Fever" and the second the Joe Louis-Billy Conn first fight. Every seat was filled every window had at least six heads and six pair of eyes looking through, and out on the front porch of the building there were enough people to make a pretty fair sized meeting themselves. Mr. Durham announced that each month at the safety meeting two films would be shown—one, a film of entertainment and the second a film on some aspect of safety. This was the first picture show ever shown at one of our meetings and it is believed that next month it will have to be held outside for the reason that there is not a building in town large enough to hold the expected crowd. The drawing card, of course, is the free picture show but regardless of the motive of people who attend our meetings, they will get a good talk on safety, plus a sound film on safety and will go home, we believe, a little bit more safety conscious than they have ever been before.

It Pays To Play Safe With Safety Shoes

When anyone carries material in his hands or lifts it or handles it, his feet are underneath where they will get the blow if it falls. When it is said the feet stick out, that is a truthful statement, as anyone knows who has felt the sudden pain of injured toes.

Probably everyone who works at any job is in danger of a foot injury, and on some jobs the danger is great. To prevent injury to feet nothing is better than safety shoes with their reinforced toe caps so that only a very heavy weight can dent them, and even that weight will be unlikely to damage toes. When he gets work shoes a worker should insist on safety shoes.

Protect Hands

Most of us are so used to seeing trained hands at work that we pay little attention to the quick skill shown. Hands, however, are like other parts of the body in that they can't withstand the hazards of industry without protection.

A worker who had some hot material to handle got his hands burned often and had trouble holding the material. The reason was that he protected his hands with only a rag, which he tried to wrap around his hand, but which often came loose. When he started wearing asbestos gloves the burns stopped occurring and he had no trouble holding on to the material. He had given himself protection.

Rough, sharp, hot or otherwise hazardous materials should always be handled with the right gloves or other hand protection. Such protective equipment is sure to wear out and inspections can be made to check on its condition so that it will be repaired or replaced before it does wear out. Any kind of protective equipment which is defective will be relied on and will thus cause accidents.

Gloves or any other hand protection which could get caught shouldn't be worn around moving machinery. Rags and similar materials which could be caught shouldn't be held in the hands close to moving machines. If a guard has been removed and not promptly replaced, a hand injury is the logical result. A common cause of hand injuries is for workers to hope their hands can be quicker than the motion of a machine. It seldom works out that way, for the motions of the hands have to be directed by the eyes and the brain. If the direction is a little slow for any reason the hands will be slow too.

Hands are the most likely part of the body to be injured when a machine is started by someone who doesn't make sure everyone is in the clear.

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Jr., vice president; H. C. White, secretary and treasurer. H. C. White also manages the active affairs of both Temple-White company, Inc., and White Wood Products company, Inc. Mr. A. R. Weber, who has been with the company since 1932 is the superintendent of Temple-White company, Inc. Mr. Weber guides the entire production of handles through the company and he also maintains the entire plant in first-class operating condition. Mr. Weber, who is a graduate of Michigan State College, studied forestry while in school and he is also a very able technician on the machinery and equipment. The company is also very fortunate in having Mr. Frank Shirk in charge of the turning division. Mr. Shirk is a lad of an admitted age of 78 or so, and he has been with the company some 20 odd years. Even before that he was a handle man in Michigan and there are not many things that Mr. Shirk doesn't know about making a handle.

TIME: 8 P. M. -- PLACE: DIBOLL'S LIGHTED BASEBALL PARK -- DIBOLL vs. CENTER

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Sport Shots—

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Each team was credited with five hits. Charles Placker was in top form, retiring the entire side once via the strikeout route. He added control and a sliding curve ball to his wares in whiffing seven of the Indians nine.

Well, at the start of the season you were reminded that the Lumberjacks squad was limited, as a whole, in hitting power. Also it was said that the team was young and inexperienced. Now, in a town—any town—the public must respect its sports activities just as it should its classroom curriculum and recognize it as one of the best —win or lose.

The Jacks were held to very few hits the first few games, also to very few runs, but they are slowly emerging from the ranks of an off-on ball club. Jack Goins is slapping the horsehide at a cool .423; Charles Blake has a neat .343; Wallace Dean a .330 mark; and Blant Ferguson an even .300.

Dean is undoubtedly the best fielder on the club. That is, speaking in terms of percentages and the number of chances he has handled. Rumors have it that Dean possesses a "magic glove" that jumps for the ball by itself. I've seen it, and it's about the size of a pillow; but no kidding, he can handle that rock.

The pitching staff has been Coach Ramsey's chief trouble up until the past three games. Charles Placker has gone the route twice for as many wins, and Paul Durham has acted as relief man to Charles Haas for the other win.

The Jacks' seasonal average is very poor. They have won three and lost five but the ones that really count, that is in the district competition, have been swallowed largely by the boys. They have two district wins to their credit and are leading the conference of Big Sandy and Splendora. By the time this reaches print, they will have played Splendora for the third decision and the Axemen will tackle Big Sandy on the fifth of May for the final, if not tying game.

Coach Ramsey's problem now is his outfield. He had five boys to choose from, all of which are poor hitters. They have looked pretty bad in earlier games on defense too and the decision for a good starting outfield against the tough Big Sanders at Big Sandy will be hard to make.

Miller Baseball? Wait and See

The final light pole has been sunk into the loam of Miller park and a most adequate system of lighting has been installed. This system is much the same as that of any other East Texas park. The manager and leasers of the park have sold fence signs to various companies in this county and in doing so, have furthered the beauty and convenience of the diamond.

The Millers have purchased their new suits and they are said to be of the highest quality and in quantity enough to enable Manager R. V. Honea to field a sizeable team.

This is Manager Honea's first try at piloting a club, but from all points of view he looks like a good man for the job.

For the first base position he has Junior Cook, Preston Holcomb and Nathan Edwards as candidates. Cook is a good fielder and in my opinion one of the club's best hitters. Holcomb is a good first sacker and could hold it down. Edwards is a rookie an it is yet to be seen whether he can prove himself valuable.

Rufus Taylor may give the second sack a try and it looks like Bobby Burns at short.

Hillary Poland is a stand-by at third and if the big boy can swing that lumber up to pre-season expectations, the Millers will have the best in the hot corner.

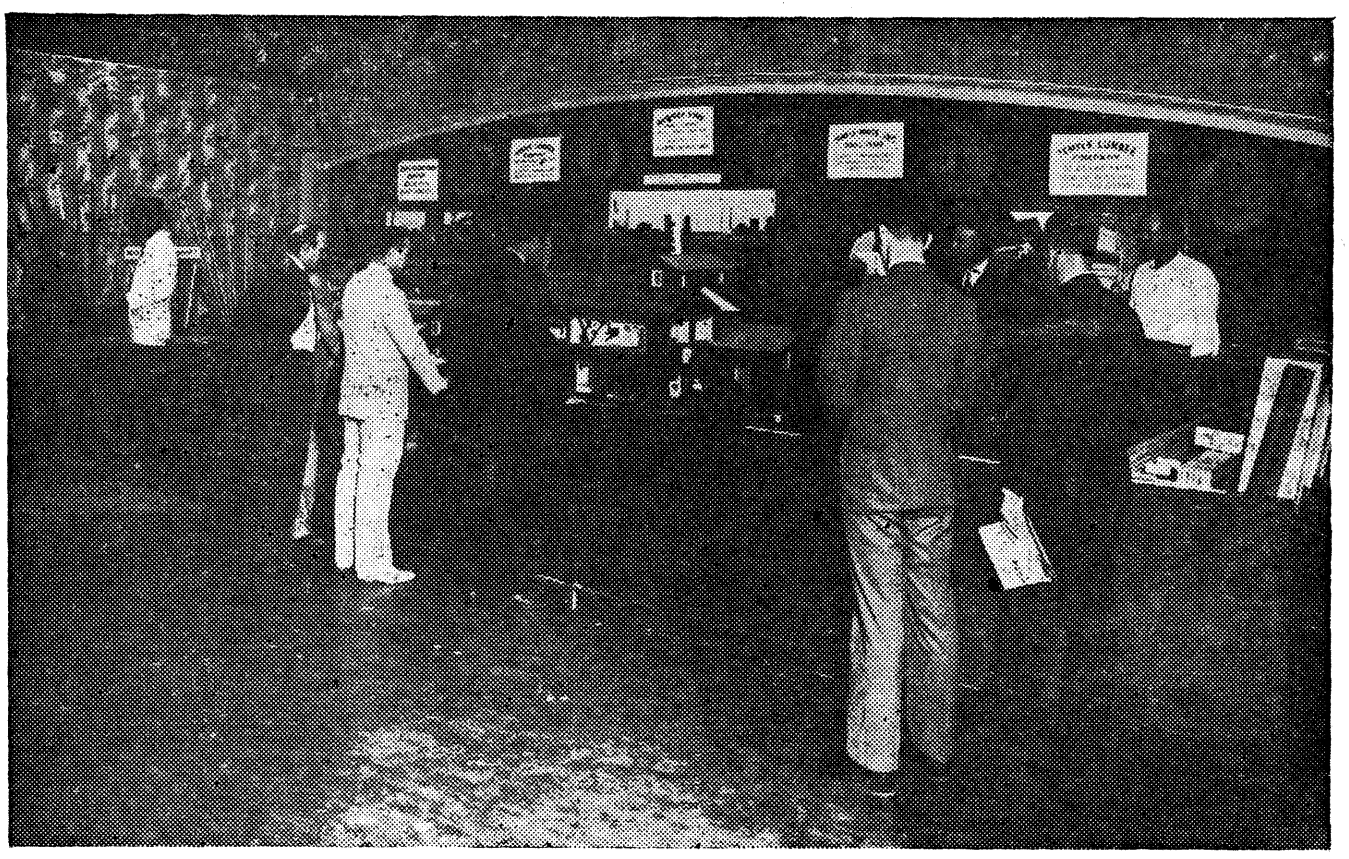
Bobbie Farley is the boy in the center slot with the two other field posts to be divided among Cecil Harper and Billie Martin, both extremely fast, and Jack Sweeny who may change back to the infield.

Foster Davis is the fill-in at any position and if he feels like playing, he may give someone a ride for his spot.

Pach "Flash" Lozano is the only candidate as yet for the catching spot and Manager Honea will be in a bad boat, should Lozano be bowled over the plate two or three times a week.

Since the early season has its effect upon the batters' eyes, it is hard to tell just what depth the Millers will have in batting power or, especially, reserve strength. The bench is lacking in experience and ability to field. As for the pitchers, the Millers have two good hurlers in Ray Rector and Lefty Sanders. Ray is still very good with the curve-ball and can always make a seven or eight inning stretch. Lefty's trouble is still in control, and if he can groove that rock down to the mitt, he can cut loose with some whipping, snapping, fast-moving stuff.

That's the way it looks from here, so until the next time, I'll cover all Miller games and give you the low-down on them. Stay tuned in and watch those batting averages, standings and percentages of your Diboll Millers.



Pictured above is Southern Pine Lumber Company's model sawmill exhibit at the Retail Lumbermens Convention at Dallas, Texas, where it was shown from April 23rd through April 27th. The exhibit is an improved version of the model sawmill that took first honors at the 1948 Lufkin Forest Festival and includes a running band saw, a carriage that operates just as a carriage in a large mill, trimmer saws, sound effects (A wire recording taken in the sawyers booth at Mill No. 1) smoke belching from the smokestacks, logs moving up from the miniature mill pond into the mill, a moving green chain and many other innovations that had the delegates to the Lumbermens convention spellbound as they watched it operate. Dozens of spectators asked quite seriously: "Is it really cutting those logs into lumber?

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ODE TO A TEXAS' FOREST

Let others boast of prairie land,
With the broad and rolling plain,
Of cliffs, and rocks and mountains grand,
And picturesque domain.

But give to me the wildwood deep,
Where hawthorn brambles grow,
Where bobwhites call and rabbits peep,
Where violets and the primrose blow.

I love the woods, the shade groves.
I love the vineclad hills,
Where turkeys strut and wild deer rove.
I love the laughing rills.

The lofty pines that always sing
In a soothing plaintive way
Bring peace and rest and joy to me
On a long hot summer day.

In autumn days when flowers fade,
And harvest fields are bare,
The forests dress as for parade
With colors rich and rare.

The gums are yellow, green and blue;
The oaks a crimson brown.
The sumach dons a fiery hue,
As Jack Frost fits the gown.

The leaves come down, the trees are bare.
They stand like statues tall—
Like Grecian gods in muteness stare
In grandeur over all.

Then next they're clothed with ice and snow
And jewels rich and rare
When the sunshine gives a sparkling glow
To crystals hanging there.

God first knew man beneath the trees,
And counseled with him there.
His voice still sings within the breeze.
His breath is in the air.

All employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company are invited to attend the dedication ceremonies at Memorial Hospital in Lufkin May 7 from 3 to 6 p. m. Colored employees are invited Sunday morning, May 8, from 9 o'clock until noon. Public inspection of the hospital will be Sunday afternoon, May 8, from 2 till 6.

Southern Pine Lumber Company is one of 12 companies participating in the Memorial Hospital Corporation to give employees and their families the very finest hospital facilities to be found anywhere. Go to Lufkin on May 7 or 8 and inspect this beautiful new 102-bed institution and hear Governor Beauford Jester's address.

The two senior employees of the company, Charlie Otis and Walter Allen, will represent Southern Pine Lumber Company and sit on the speakers' platform during the opening ceremony on May 7.

LET'S GO ALL OUT ON OPENING NIGHT! DIBOLL vs. CENTER -- MAY 3, 8 O'CLOCK!