



## Summary Information

**Title:** Arthur Temple, Sr. Letters

**Collection Number:** 1993:016

**Creator:** Arthur Temple, Sr.

**Collection Dates:** 1939-1951, bulk 1947-1951

**Extent:** .46 cubic feet (1 box)

**Language:** English

## Collection Abstract:

Arthur Temple (1894-1951) was the manager and head figure of the Southern Pine Lumber Company, Temple Lumber Company, and other Temple family lumber interests from 1935-1951. This is a collection of correspondence copied to his son and successor Arthur Temple, Jr., with the intention to educate him on the daily issues involved in the operation of the family lumber business. The collection was compiled by Temple, Jr. and documents daily operations and management of company sawmills in Diboll and Pineland, company policies, politics, East Texas roads, forest management, and personal business.

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## Biographical/Historical Note:

Born on April 20, 1894 in Texarkana, Arthur Temple, Sr. lived his life surrounded by his family and his family's businesses. His father T.L.L. Temple started Southern Pine Lumber Company in 1893 by purchasing land in Angelina County, Texas and Arthur succeeded him as leader of the family and the business. Arthur Temple, Sr. was educated in Texarkana and at Barnard School in New York City and graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Arts in 1916. Later

that year, he started work at Southern Pine Lumber Company and married Katherine Robson Sage of New York City on November 20, 1916. Arthur and Katherine Temple had 2 children, Ann Whitney Temple (1917-2007) and Arthur Temple, Jr. (1920-2006).

Arthur Temple, Sr.'s greatest legacy may be his leadership through the years of the Great Depression, when the lumber industry, like most others, struggled to survive. Southern Pine Lumber Company and its related companies all survived the economic difficulties of the 1930's and emerged in the 1940's as strong, stable contributors to the WWII and post-war economies. In the Forest Industry at large, and particularly the East Texas Forest Industry, Arthur Temple Sr. is perhaps most well known for his early commitment to "sustained yield" forestry practices and forest preservation brought on by the company's sale of land to the federal government in 1935. Southern Pine Lumber Company, under Arthur Temple, Sr.'s leadership, gradually led the industry away from a "cut out and get out" mentality to a philosophy of scientific forest management.

Arthur Temple, Sr. began work at Southern Pine Lumber Company in 1916 at the age of 22, working his way through the company to Sales Manager, Vice President, and finally upon the death of his father in 1935, President. Among his other business interests, he was President and Director of Temple Lumber Company in Pineland and Temple Manufacturing Company in Diboll and Dallas, Vice President and Director of Southland Paper Mills in Lufkin, President of Temple Cotton Oil Company, and President of the Grim Hotel Company in Texarkana. He was a director of Texarkana National Bank, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, Texas Employers Insurance Company, Temple Builder's Supply, Inc., the Southern Pine Association, and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association. Always a promoter of East Texas and its communities and businesses he served as the President of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce in 1927 and as a Director of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Texarkana Rotary Club. As a lifelong member of St. James' Episcopal Church in Texarkana, Mr. Temple was serving as Senior Warden of the Vestry at the time of his death on November 28, 1951. His son, Arthur Temple, Jr. always believed that the stress of leading a company and its employees through the Great Depression contributed to his father's ill health and ultimately, his death at the relatively young age of 57.

### **Collection Scope and Content:**

The Arthur Temple, Sr. Letters is a collection of correspondence copied to his son and successor Arthur Temple, Jr., with the intention to educate him on the daily issues involved in the operation of the family lumber business. The correspondence covers the time from August 12, 1939-November 24, 1951, with the bulk dating from 1947-1951. The letters reveal Temple's cautious approach to business, influenced by the constraints of the Great Depression. The collection documents networking with other industry leaders such as Ernest L. Kurth and A. E. Cudlipp, correspondence with company executives E. G. Prud'homme, D. C. Kenley, S. F. Styles, Arthur Temple, Jr., R. E. Minton, J. J. Collins, E. A. Farley, Latane Temple, and Clyde Thompson (among many others), and letters to community leaders and others asking for contributions to their causes. The subjects include, but are not limited to, the death of H. G. Temple, the management of the mills and towns at Diboll and Pineland, roads in East Texas, politics, company policies, forest management and personal business.

**Arrangement:** Letters are arranged chronologically in folders labeled by month.

### **Subject Terms:**

#### **Topics**

- Forests and forestry -- Texas, East

- Forest management -- Texas, East
- Forest products industry -- Texas, East
- Lumbering -- Texas, East
- Lumber trade -- Texas, East
- Politics
- Roads -- Texas, East
- Sawmills -- Texas -- Diboll
- Sawmills -- Texas -- Pineland

#### **Corporate Names**

- American Lumber and Treating Company
- Angelina County Lumber Company
- Southern Pine Lumber Company
- Southern Pine Lumber Company -- Rules and practice
- Temple Cotton Oil Company
- Temple Lumber Company
- Temple Lumber Company -- Rules and practice
- Temple Manufacturing Company

#### **Personal Names**

- Anthony, Ben, 1880-1978
- Berckes, H. C.
- Carney, Howard A.
- Cudlipp, A. E.
- Devereaux, Dred, 1881-1967
- Dies, Martin, 1900-1972
- Durham, Jake, 1909-1960
- Jordan, C. A.
- Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973
- Hintz, John E.
- Kenley, D. C.
- Kurth, Ernest L. (Ernest Lynn) 1885-1960
- Gregory, Newman B.
- McNair, D. G.
- Minton, Robert E., 1878-1968
- Prud'homme, E. G.
- Shotwell, Gene
- Smith, G. S.
- Spencer, H. W.
- Styles, S. F.
- Temple, Arthur, 1894-1951
- Temple, Arthur, Jr., 1920-2006
- Temple, H. G. (Henry Gresham), 1885-1948
- Temple, Latané (Thomas Lewis Latané III), 1914-1997
- Thompson, Clyde

#### **Genres**

- Business records

#### **Occupations**

- Lumbermen

#### Locations

- Angelina County (Tex.)
- Diboll (Tex.)
- Lufkin (Tex.)
- Pineland (Tex.)

#### Access and Use

**Access Restrictions:** There are no restrictions on this collection.

**Acquisition Information:** Donated by Temple-Inland on August 4, 1993.

**Custodial History:** Correspondence remained in Arthur Temple, Jr.'s possession until his retirement, when it was stored with other company and family records. The History Center (T.L.L. Temple Memorial Archives) received the correspondence in 1993.

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#### Related Materials:

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#### Calendar of Letters

##### August 12, 1939

##### Arthur Temple Sr. to R. G. Park

Temple writes to inquire about the possibility of Park "favoring the Temple Lumber Company, at Lufkin, with some business." Temple says the lumberyard has "reached the conclusion that it is impossible to get any of this business and that prices are being solicited merely as a matter of courtesy or for the purpose of getting lower prices from one of their prominent competitors." Temple goes on to tell of a \$450,000 investment in stock of Southland [Paper Mill] and explains that the ownership of Temple Lumber Company and the Southern Pine Lumber Company is "virtually the same". He asks for "an even break and a fair distribution of the business where their prices are in line."

##### April 4, 1945

##### Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme

Temple writes in response to a letter by Prud'homme that discussed "the advantage of continuing to operate the sawmill in Diboll." Temple explains that any ideas of selling out or closing down have been "thrown out largely for the purpose of stimulating discussion." Temple talks of the practical as well as sentimental reasons he has "never suggested timber farming very seriously." He closes by saying he is

willing to forget timber farming at the present time and goes on to say, "the last thing in the world I want to do is to cause any uneasiness in our organizations."

**February 21, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Curtis W. Fenley**

Temple writes that he has "signed the deed to Mr. Walter E. Parks as attorney in fact for Arthur, Jr. and enclose it for your further handling."

**March 4, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes then Southland Paper Mill, Inc. president Kurth of his interest in being a part of the new construction program and providing "lumber and other materials from Diboll and from the Temple Lumber Company yard at Lufkin in the same proportion as... in the original construction." Temple says despite the shortage of lumber and other building materials brought on by government restrictions, he still wants "to do our part." He asks Kurth to have "someone figure up our proportion based on the proportion furnished... for the original build" and says Henry Temple in Diboll and Jimmy Parr in Lufkin "will do what they can to supply it."

**March 6, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes about the letter sent by Ernest Kurth on March 5<sup>th</sup> to both Henry Temple and Jimmy Parr that was a reply to his letter to Kurth suggesting that they participate in the expansion of the mill in Lufkin. Temple says Kurth has brought out the point that there has been two construction periods, one of the original mill and the other of the chemical pulp mill. He acknowledges the importance of a good relationship with the Southland Paper Mill and entrusts the project to H.G. Temple and Jimmy Parr for their "consideration and to express the hope that we may be able to do a share that will be acceptable and satisfactory."

**April 22, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes to inform Styles of concerns that Arthur, Jr. has about the percentage of lumber the Lufkin yard is getting compared to that of other yards. He says Arthur, Jr. feels that Lufkin "ought to get more because their percentage of lumber sold as compares with total sales is comparatively low." He assures Styles he understands he and Bill Hinkle are doing their best to work the allocation of lumber out so that it's fair to all thirty-two yards. He comments that he didn't see why the Goose Creek yard "should have been given more lumber to sell in 1945 than Lufkin when their profit was between one-fifth and one-sixth of Lufkin's." Temple makes clear he doesn't "want to be in the attitude of urging a policy to favor Lufkin because Arthur, Jr. is there" and that all he wants is "for all yards to be treated fairly."

**April 24, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple sends a letter to Styles to address an advertisement in the April 22 edition of the Lufkin Daily News placed by the Angelina Lumber Yard. He says, "there may be an implication that other building material dealers are taking advantage of Lufkin customers, but I don't suppose the charge is directed against our yard." He includes the cutout ad sent to him by Eddie Farley.

**April 28, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes to confirm plans for a meeting to “discuss the advisability of putting more of our production, particularly at Pineland, through the Temple Lumber Co. yards.” He says he thinks it should be decided as a group instead of by management and that the plan would “cut down on railroad and car material and implement stock at Pineland without any adverse effect in the future.” He addresses the issue Arthur Jr. had with the amount of lumber at the Lufkin yard, and says that he thinks he is “arguing for more lumber for the Temple group” and he is “inclined to think there is merit to their arguments.”

**May 10, 1946****J. E. Parr to Arthur Temple Sr.**

Parr is writing about an order placed by Temple for 500<sup>2</sup> feet of bronze screen wire. He says there “is not a square inch in town.” He says he contacted Clyde Thompson and that Thompson was able to tell him of a place in New Orleans that could send some wire. He closes by saying they will have a different width of wire in a few days and should Temple wish to get the rolls to let them know.

**May 11, 1946****H. G. Temple to Arthur Temple, Sr.**

Temple writes to let Arthur know that the paper mill “continues to do mighty well.” He says that “from a net earning statement April was the most profitable month to date and the first four months of 1946 far surpassed any four months’ operation in the mill’s history.” He continues on with specifics about the profits made so far in the year.

**June 4, 1946****Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles, M. H. Tripp, E.G. Prud’homme, H. G. Temple, and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes in regard to an Air Travel Plan he signed up for with American Airlines. He says that it was his “impression that the 15% discount on one-way fares which had prevailed before the war was back in effect or would be in effect shortly thereafter” but the “discount has never been reinstated, and as far as I can see, there is no advantage whatsoever to our participation in this plan.” He says after talking with Bob Waite, he has decided to ask those that have air travel cards not to use them until after they see if the discount is reinstated.

**June 11, 1946****Arthur Temple, Sr. to Latane Temple**

Arthur writes to tell Latane of his conversation with Jimmy Webb regarding Latane’s reemployment with the Temple Cotton Oil Company. He says “Jimmy’s attitude was quite antagonistic,” saying that Webb is upset about a letter written by Latane years earlier at Arthur’s request in which he “criticized certain practices which prevailed in the cotton seed oil industry.” Temple says Webb took the criticism personally. He doesn’t think it would be a good idea for Latane to go back to work with Webb under current circumstances, but says a job is there for him if he wants it. Temple talks of a desire to “have one of the family coming up in each branch of business in which we are interested.” He also says he would like to be “relieved of the presidency of the company” because he thinks someone with more knowledge on the subject and could give it more time should have the post. He tells Latane that Webb would not agree to let him know when he was coming to Little Rock for a meeting and “I doubt very much if you will want to see him under the circumstances.”

**June 12, 1946****Arthur Temple, Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes in regard to the letter sent by Latane the day before. He says that he supports Latane's plan "but for the fact I don't think there would be much for you to do unless you did take over the handling of the company's receivables." He also says it wouldn't make sense for him to live in Little Rock if he were the assistant to the president. He says all of that is "beside the point. I don't believe you are going to want to be associated with Temple Cotton Oil Company under the present management" and "the best thing to do is to wait until the annual meeting, when I hope a new executive head will be chosen."

**June 15, 1946**

**Arthur Temple, Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes to address the issue of an order from Washington that restricted purchases by retail yards to two cars per quarter or 7% of their January 1942 inventory. He says he thinks there should be a meeting to discuss the issue as soon as possible.

**June 15, 1946**

**Arthur Temple, Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to tell of a conversation he had with Jimmy Webb that morning. He says "Jimmy was very happy about his conversation with you" and he hopes Latane's "association with Temple Cotton Oil Company will be pleasant and profitable to both you and the company."

**July 15, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to inform H.G. Temple that he "would be very glad to see you appoint a committee consisting of Arthur, Jr., Eddie Farley, and Lee Estes to have supervision of the clubhouse at Boggy Slough" and he sees no sense in waiting to appoint the committee. He suggests he make it clear the others are not to make any major expenditure without his approval. Temple goes on to talk about how glad he will be to see Estes and George Smith admitted to the Boggy Slough membership, saying "they are both key men in our organization, and I think should be entitled to all of the privileges of membership in the club."

**July 16, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to give information about the paper mill's profits for the first six months of 1946. He says the "first half of 1946 is the best six months period in the paper mill's history" and continues to say he hopes with advances in newsprint that should apply to the Southland mill's products that the "second half of 1946 will be even better than the first half."

**September 16, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to discuss the sale of his stock in the Temple Cotton Oil Company as discussed in a January meeting. He says he is willing to sell his stock "for \$10 per share, or cost to me, for what stock I inherited, provided Southern Pine could be paid in full."

**October 1, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes in response to a letter sent by Latane that discussed the events of a meeting with Arthur Temple, Jr. He says he agrees with their plans to liquidate debt to Southern Pine, saying "I don't know that I would have much objection except for the fact that you might have difficulty in financing the

business but for the fact, too, that the organization might blow up causing confusion which might react unfavorably on the business and jeopardize Southern Pine's interest." He says he is also willing to give his stock in the Temple Cotton Oil Company away and could probably convince others to do so as well, possibly creating a way to pay off the debt. Temple states "From every consideration I certainly would like to get out of the oil mill business, and would not hesitate to give my stock away or to sell it for whatever I could get if it were not for the indebtedness to Southern Pine." He tells Latane he has plans to visit Little Rock soon, and advises him to think more on the issues discussed in the letter.

**October 4, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Martin Dies**

Temple states in this letter that he agrees with the platform adopted by the Republican State Committee and the keynote address given by Mr. Currie of Dallas so much that he asked them to send "a considerable number of each." He says he is sending two copies of each of the pamphlets to encourage support of the Republican ticket in the general elections "although I must acknowledge that you may have, probably do have, good and valid reasons not to do so." Temple also says he intends "to support the Republican nominees for all offices except that of Governor, doing so with not much hope of electing Republicans to the several offices but rather to encourage the development of a second strong party in Texas."

**October 4, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to respond to letters sent by Latane outlining a plan to attend the annual meeting of Temple Lumber Company, saying it will be a "good opportunity to get to together and discuss further the matter which has been so much on our minds of late." He says he is writing Henry Temple to suggest he meet them in Pineland a day earlier so they can discuss matters he would like to address before the meeting on Wednesday. Temple says Latane should plan to leave Little Rock early Tuesday and they will all leave from Texarkana for Pineland when he arrives.

**October 5, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple says in the letter that he was in Lufkin the day before and explains he would have visited H.G. in Diboll, but wasn't able to because "Miss Jimmie told me that you were in Pineland and would not be back until late in the afternoon." He writes that R.E. Minton took J.J. Collins out to a place to shoot armadillos, and the question of giving him a place to stay on weekends came up. Temple says that he told them he would take the matter up with H.G., and "unless there is some conflict with some other commitment that I would ask you to work the thing out or to turn the matter over to someone else to work out." He says the place is meant to be a type of retreat where he can go on weekends and get away from his Lufkin contacts. The only conflict Temple says he can think of is their commitment to Carrol, saying he thinks "this place that Mr. Minton had in mind for J.J. Collins is very close to what Carrol had in mind if, in fact, it is not the same place." He says, "unless you have an objection, therefore, I wish you would arrange with Clyde or someone to work the thing out."

**October 14, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Newman B. Gregory**

Temple writes to discuss the possibility of a gift tax on the stock in the Temple Cotton Oil Company that they had planned to turn over to an individual for the consideration of the payment of the Temple Cotton Oil Company debt to Southern Pine Lumber Company. He says he has discussed it with Bob Waite, and he seems to think the tax based on the fair market value of the stock, determined by what

the business could be liquidated for among other things. Temple continues to say he thinks this is "something that I am sure we would want to consider before going ahead with our proposed deal." He says he thinks that in the event of any tax liability "we would want to amend our proposition to Jimmie Webb or anyone else that we might make such a proposition to relieve the present stockholders of any liability."

**October 17, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Mrs. William H. Sage**

Temple writes to tell Mrs. Sage that Arthur Jr. said he would be happy to help her get some screen wire for her porch and windows. He says "screen wire is a very scarce article, as are most items of building material, but, as manager of Temple Lumber Company's yard at Lufkin, Arthur is in a position to get such items that the average person cannot get, and what's more, he is very resourceful." He continues to tell her of a recent trip to Lufkin, and the weather they've been having lately, saying "if you contemplate visiting us at all, I strongly urge that you make it during this season. It is unquestionably our best."

**October 18, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. C. Enlow**

Temple writes to say that Mr. Tripp called him and had heard about the box factory fire. He says that he and Tripp plan to leave from Texarkana Monday and go to Diboll. Temple says "Tripp suggested that we have a thorough investigation, even calling in someone from the outside if necessary, to determine whether or not the fire was of incendiary origin." He says he believes that the insurance policies would be voided if the plant was set afire, and, after consulting Josh Morris of F.W. Offenhauser & Company, his beliefs were confirmed. He decides to not move forward with an investigation on his own, but "should leave that to the insurance carriers."

**October 18, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Neiman-Marcus Company**

Temple writes to ask about a Ronson cigarette lighter he and his wife purchased in a Luggage Shop. He plans to get one for Arthur Jr. and says to have it sent to him and the expenses charged to the account of Mrs. Arthur Temple, Texarkana.

**October 21, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes about a business proposition he received from Lloyd Spencer regarding the buying of the Hope Mill. He says he'll have to tell him they aren't in a position to make an offer at the time because of commitments to Jimmy Webb, but says that he'll at least get to feel him out and see just how certain he is. He continues to say as far as he knows "Jimmy has not been able to develop anything as of yet" and that he is "afraid that Jimmy is not going to be able to do anything on the proposition we made him and the sooner we know whether or not he is going to develop anything, the better because I am very anxious to work something out along the line we have discussed." Temple then goes on to discuss the fire that destroyed the box factory in Diboll, saying he doesn't think they'll rebuild it. He says he has encouraged Mr. Tripp of Temple Manufacturing Company to take over the Dallas plant, saying it has always been the less desirable of the two and that the box business is losing a great deal of money.

**October 23, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes about a meeting he had with Lloyd Spencer, the president of First National Bank in Hope, and says he seems interested in the Hope mill as well as all of the other properties. Temple says they

need to “discuss our next move in the event that Jimmy does not develop anything” and he “would rather make a clean sale of the stock than to go through all of the trouble of liquidating piece by piece.” He continues to talk about his disappointment that the Temple Cotton Oil Company has not done better, and he would like Latane to “keep as close a watch on what goes on as you can.”

**October 24, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Universal C. I. T. Credit Corporation**

Temple writes to reply to a letter he received on October 22 and advise they had done business “very satisfactorily with Lufkin Tractor Company.” He says they have sold them numerous things on open account and they have taken care of their obligations with them promptly. Temple says he would have no problem giving them credit. He continues to say he “knows little about the financial responsibility of Mr. Gibbs, but Arthur Temple, Jr., is the writer’s son and we know him to be possessed of considerable means. We would say he is worth in the neighborhood of \$200,000.”

**November 8, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to say he has “no objection to extending the Malibou [Malibu] lease to include an additional 1,500 acres adjoining Highway 103” and to others that are “inclined to grant the request of the Malibou crowd, I suggest that you advise them accordingly.” He continues to say he thinks they do need to try to get something from the Malibou crowd, saying maybe they would be willing to build a fence along the highway and he understands “they have agreed to protect this additional acreage with a rider.”

**November 11, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Neiman- Marcus**

Temple writes to ask about a Ronson cigarette lighter he ordered the month before that has not been shipped. He asked that they “would please investigate to see if it has been shipped, and if not, that you will make shipment without further delay.”

**December 2, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Lacy Hunt**

Temple writes to ask whether or not Hunt, who is affiliated with H.L. Hunt Plumbing Supply Company, would be able to help him find a sink with a “3-1/2 inch opening” that would fit his new Hotpoint garbage disposal. He gives specific measurements and says if Hunt could help he would “appreciate it very much.”

**December 4, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to discuss the possible addition of an ice plant in Diboll. He says Arthur, Jr., told him “Everett Fulgham had told him that in his opinion what Arthur called a G.I. ice plant, which might be obtained from the War Assets Administration as Government surplus, would be just what we needed.” Temple says he doesn’t know any more about ice plants than that, and asks H.G. to be on the lookout for a suitable ice plant. He says he thinks the plant would pay for itself many times over and “would hate to see us go through another summer season unnecessarily with such a shortage of ice that we would be required to haul in ice by truck from as far away as Beaumont.” Temple closes by saying that, to his knowledge, there are not any new ice plants available for at least a year and he thinks getting one as Government surplus would be the best way to go.

**December 6, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to L. C. Hunt**

Temple writes in response to a letter received from Hunt about a sink that he was going to give to him. He says that the sink is not the right size, but if he had the size that he needed he would "appreciate very much indeed your letting me know." Temple says his son, Arthur Jr., might have ordered a sink for him, and if he had he could ask him to cancel his order if Hunt had a sink at one of his places. He closes by letting Hunt know how pleased he was to hear that a store was being built in Texarkana, and he would be glad to meet with Hunt's son-in-law, Mr. Carley, if he needs help getting set up.

**December 10, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Clyde Thompson**

Temple writes to have Thompson cancel an order for a General Electric home freezer. He says he really doesn't need it, "especially since we have a new locker plant here at Texarkana."

**December 10, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Mrs. Arthur Temple**

Temple writes to discuss the possible building of a Catholic Hospital in Lufkin. He says he has discussed it with Father Fraher and he was enthusiastic about the project as it "has been a dream of his a long time to get a hospital of this type in Lufkin." Temple continues to say that he wants to be advised of the cost of the new hospital, as well as the amount of money that was required of the local citizens through public subscription. He closes by saying "Buddy is completely well according to Dr. Girard, although they are keeping him under observation" and he is not complaining of pain anywhere.

**December 13, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to discuss a conversation he had with Arthur, Jr., regarding the proposed industrial hospital in Lufkin. He says Arthur asked about the amount of lumber Southern Pine was expected to contribute and he knew little "except for what Ernest Kurth told me a month or two ago." He says that Arthur is very interested in a hospital that would benefit the general public instead of the industries only. Temple says he thinks a public hospital would operate more economically. He says Southern Pine Lumber Company would be interested in taking stocks in such a hospital instead of making a contribution outright, but if the hospital were to be built on contribution, Southern Pine would contribute in proportion to the other industries in the Lufkin area. Temple says that Arthur, Jr., has been informed of the process used to raise money for the Catholic hospital, and that it is his hope that H.G. will see their reasoning for wanting a public hospital rather than one that only serves industries.

**December 21, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes about the duck potato plants that had been planted in the company's hunting preserve in Trinity County. He says the plants are all gone, and he is interested in planting them again so they "will have good hunting in them again as we have heretofore." Temple closes by recommending that Kenley order the plants from the same place as before, or from a sporting magazine if necessary, and thanks him for putting the matter on the agenda.

**December 23, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to inform H.G. that he talked to Josh Morriss about a treating plant in Diboll, and that Morriss had offered to talk to Rube Morriss to see if he knew of a plant for sale. He says "Josh did talk to

Rube on the phone, and Rube told him that he thought now was a bad time to figure on putting in a treating plant because so many items are difficult, if not impossible, to get." He says Rube advised that competition was going to be "awfully keen and that we probably could pick up a plant at a very favorable price in a year or two." Temple also says the treating company at Longview was having hard going and might be bought a little later. He asks that H.G. keep this information confidential, as Rube Morriss sells treating supplies to the Lufkin and Longview plants.

**December 23, 1946**

**G.S. Smith to Arthur Temple Sr.**

Smith writes to say he has received Temple's letter dated 21 December 1946 that references the Christmas Bonus and length of Service Award. He says he will be glad to add Temple's name to the list, "but so as to properly handle I need to know the date that you started working for the Company." Smith says to do this as soon as possible so it can be handled in the office before December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**December 26, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes in response to remarks made about the duck potato that he suggested planting in the ponds at Boggy Slough. He says that if there is any problem locating the name and address of the person they bought it from before to look in the advertisements in the back of Field and Stream magazine. He also says that there are a "number of such concerns who sell duck food in Louisiana, and I presume that Louisiana would be the most logical place for us to go for duck potato or any other plants that we might care to purchase to set out."

**December 26, 1946**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Gene Shotwell**

Temple writes to tell Shotwell that he delivered the 20-gauge shotgun shells that Trevor Caven asked to deliver to him while he was in Lufkin for Christmas. He says he and Arthur went by late Tuesday and put the shells on Shotwell's back porch. Temple says he was sure "you found them but doubt if you knew how they got there." He closes by apologizing for not getting to see Shotwell over Christmas, but says he didn't stay in Lufkin long.

**January 6, 1947**

**R. M. Morriss to Arthur Temple Sr.**

Morriss writes in response to Temple's letter from December 30 of the previous year. He says he would like to work with Temple, and that he has an "engineering department fully qualified to build and put into operation such a plant for you- and we think, save you some money." He asks for Temple to give him a few days to get some information together to make "recommendation as to the size plant, etc. that you will need." Morriss says he has the American Lumber and Treating Company in Shreveport, which would be about the right size, and advises Temple that if he has not seen this plant, it might be a good idea to look at it.

**January 8, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to tell about the letter he received from Rube Morriss that is attached to this letter. He says he didn't know Morriss supplied treating plants. Temple says that he thinks Morriss will "be of considerable assistance to us."

**January 8, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. M. Morriss**

Temple writes to tell Morriss how pleased he was to find that he would be able to assist with the treating plant in Diboll. He says that he had no idea that Morriss had engineers to lay out and possibly install the plants. Temple says that he would appreciate Morriss giving him more information when it is possible. He asks that Morriss be on the lookout for a plant that he might be able to "pick up from someone who is in distress." He also asks Morriss' opinion on R.P. Jackson's idea that they pick up a plant from Central or South America and bring it back as scrap.

**January 13, 1947****R. M. Morriss to Arthur Temple Sr.**

Morriss writes to say that he is afraid that Temple will not be able to find idle or second-hand pressure treating equipment. He says many plants were erected in 1946, and more are expected in 1947, so the builders have pretty much found all of the second hand equipment that there was. Morriss continues to say if a recession or depression sets in, there would be an over-abundance of treating plants, and Temple would be able to get one easily. He says the odds of buying a plant in Central or South America are not good. Morriss closes by saying they are gathering further information and will pass it on to Temple in a few days. He says he would like to talk to Temple about the matters and wonders if his travels would bring him up to St. Louis.

**January 14, 1947****Arthur Temple Sr. to R. M. Morriss**

Temple writes to address the letter he received of January 13<sup>th</sup>. He says he doesn't really like to travel and doesn't if he can avoid it, and that the last time he went up east was on vacation in Vermont. He says "there is no particular hurry about developing further information on a treating plant for Diboll" and if Morriss is ever coming to Texarkana to let him know so he can be sure to be on hand. Temple says he would rather not put in a plant at current high prices, but wait until a recession or depression to do so. He closes by saying if Morriss is interested in putting in a plant for him, they will "certainly give you an opportunity to submit a bid which we will give careful consideration before we go ahead with anyone else."

**January 21, 1947****Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple, Arthur Temple Jr., and Newman B. Gregory**

Temple writes to discuss the insurance policy that has been carried since October 1937 on the life of Jimmie Webb. He says he discussed the matter with Josh Morriss and they both agree it would be advisable to continue the policy. Temple closes by saying he would like the other men to respond with their opinions as to whether to continue the policy or not.

**January 22, 1947****Arthur Temple to Newman B. Gregory, Arthur Temple Jr., and Latane Temple**

Temple writes to clarify the statement he made about Jimmie Webb in his letter from January 21. He says that it occurred to him that his "reference to Jimmie's health and fast driving might appear callous" and that it was not intended to be. Temple says he only meant he felt "if we were ever more justified in having this insurance I think we are now because Jimmie is nine years older than when the policy was taken out" and continues to say "his health is not too good although he does not seem concerned enough about it to see a doctor, which I have advised."

**January 23, 1947****Latane Temple to Arthur Temple Sr.**

Latane writes in response to the letters sent by Temple on Jan. 21 and 22 regarding the insurance policy carried on Jimmie Webb. He says he thinks "it is a valuable asset." He also says he spent some time with Stephens and Spencer, but didn't feel he accomplished a great deal. He told them to "decide what they wanted to pay for the properties etc., after which we could say yes or no." Temple says he is beginning to lose patience in their approach to the matter "for they have been given all the information we can afford them and our fair appraisal of all the aspects. Nothing remains but for them to make up their minds." He says he thinks there needs to be a plan in place just in case the deal with Stephens and Spencer doesn't go through. He closes by saying that the two men "know of Jimmy's option and feel they can get the properties at a lower figure than his since he failed to purchase under his option."

**January 24, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he has received Latane's letter of January 23 and that all men involved seem to agree to continue to carry the insurance policy on Jimmie Webb, so they "will follow that course." He says he has "not digested thoroughly all that you wrote about your conversations with Stephens and Spencer" but he will give it more thought during the day. Temple closes by saying since Latane does have a more detailed knowledge of the business that he would be very helpful in any discussion about the selling of stock or physical assets.

**January 31, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to tell Latane he has not yet talked to Arthur Jr. about their conversation with Spencer and Stephens, but he has talked to Bill Echols, President of Merchants National Bank at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and he thinks Latane "will be interested in his opinion of Mr. Stephens." Temple says Echols has a very high opinion of Mr. Stephens, and he has been told that Stephens "had started with no capital "but his hat" a few years ago" and he is now worth somewhere close to \$600,000. Temple says he was glad to hear that Stephens had such a good reputation and it made him feel better about the deal discussed in their morning meeting. He closes by saying though he was somewhat disappointed by the amount Stephens and Spencer were willing to pay, he thinks they offered "a plan of liquidation that may work out satisfactorily for us." He says he will submit their proposition to Newman Gregory and Arthur Jr. and he hopes to be able to give Stephens and Spencer an answer by the following Monday.

**February 1, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that after thinking about the proposal made by Stephens and Spencer, and consulting Arthur Jr. and Bill Echols, he has become cooler toward it. He says even though they are highly recommended, it still wouldn't be wise to turn their business over to people that "are more or less strangers to us." He continues to say he thinks Latane should be named the president of Temple Cotton Oil Company because he could handle the liquidation of the company better. Temple says he doesn't know whether the board will listen to his recommendation as they haven't listened to others in the past, but he is willing to try. He closes by saying he has talked with Arthur Jr. and will talk to Newman about their opinion on the Stephens- Spencer proposition, and if need be they could have a meeting of all directors to discuss what to do next.

**February 7, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. V. Webb**

Temple writes to inform Webb that he has received his letter of resignation as Vice President and General Manager of Temple Cotton Oil Company and that he will present it to the Board of Directors at

the meeting called for the following Tuesday. He says "anything which may have been said, anything which may have been advocated by any of the stockholders or directors, myself included, has, I am sure, been with the good of the business in mind." Temple says he is sorry for the feeling that Webb appears to have and assures him that he has "only the kindest feeling for you and always will have." He also says he is sure the Board can buy his stock as well as a bonus, but make sure Webb knows he has no interest in buying the stock himself. Temple closes by saying he replied to Webb's letter in this way because he can write better than he can talk and he has been out of the office attending Mrs. Dorsey's funeral. He says he will be "glad to discuss the matter with you if you wish and at any time that suits your convenience."

#### **February 7, 1947**

##### **J. V. Webb to Arthur Temple Sr.**

Webb writes to inform Temple of his feelings about the Temple Cotton Oil Company. He says that "the strain during the past few months has begun to tell on me; it shouldn't go on this way... Something has gone haywire." He says the company has made money every way possible everywhere possible. Webb also responds to questions about how he felt toward the disposing of the outside properties saying he "has not had a bite on any piece of property" that he hasn't pursued to the end. He says under these circumstances he is tendering his resignation but will be glad to stay long enough to familiarize his successor with his job. He closes by saying he has \$24,900 worth of stock in the company and if it is "possible for you to pay me a bonus and take up my stock" he will certainly need it.

#### **February 7, 1947**

##### **Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to inform Latane that he has read his letter, which sets out his ideas for the future operation of Temple Cotton Oil Company. He says he would like to "straight you out on the impression which you have that my preference is for liquidating down to a point at which we would continue to operate after paying off the indebtedness to Southern Pine Lumber Company." He says that he personally prefers selling out completely, but is "agreeable to continuing to operate if Southern Pine Lumber Company is paid in full and if I should be relieved of all financial and moral responsibility." Temple says he thinks it is necessary to get rid of all idle gins but perhaps keep the Little Rock and Hope mills running. He says he isn't sure that Latane would be able to get any stock in the company unless some are willing to sell. He tells Latane to come to the meeting of Directors to present his ideas on how they should proceed. Temple closes by saying the present management "is handling the actual operation of the business in a satisfactory manner" and he wants to "continue with the present organization." He says the only complaints to his knowledge have been about the handling of credits, the subsidizing of ginners and growers, and the hanging on to dead properties, all of which he says would be fixed with his new plan that puts those matters under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors.

#### **February 8, 1947**

##### **Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he "does not understand the memo on the John K. Gibson account... except that the account has gone down from \$117,047 as of January 31, 1946 to \$65,701 as of January 31, 1947." He says he will have the columns he does not understand explained when Latane is in town next. He closes by saying that it is "very gratifying to see the reduction of better than \$50,000 in the past year."

#### **February 20, 1947**

##### **Arthur Temple Sr. to Newman B. Gregory**

Temple writes to tell Gregory "Cobb came up to see me about taking over the Ashdown mill together with its receivables and the gins serving Ashdown." He says he discussed the proposition with Latane and "the final outcome was that we agreed to sell to Cobb and his associates the Ashdown mill, the gins and the receivables for a consideration of \$70,000.00." He says Cobb has not specifically agreed, but he expects him to close on that basis and "the only item we will have to stand is taxes for 1946." Temple says he feels this deal will make the Hope mill more desirable to Spencer and Stephens as well as other prospective buyers. He says he has advised Latane to raise the price of the Hope mill and that he is "optimistic enough to think that he will be able to work out something with them without delay."

#### **February 24, 1947**

##### **Arthur Temple Sr. to J. V. Webb**

Temple writes to tell Webb that his proposition to buy the Hope mill does not appeal to him, and while he will submit it, he doesn't think it will appeal to the other directors. He says he added up all the totals from the company's last statement and he thinks "the Hope mill, its gins and its receivables are worth considerably more" than Webb had offered. He says he would not be willing to consider selling for that price until all other possibilities have been exhausted. Temple also says the main purpose of selling some of the Temple Cotton Oil Company properties is to raise money "to pay the indebtedness to Southern Pine Lumber Company" which he doesn't think will be done if they accepted the offer presented by Webb. Temple closes by saying he would rather see Webb acquire the property than anyone else, but he would have to raise his offer to at least \$140,000 in order to buy the Hope mill and all that goes with it including the gins but not the receivables.

#### **February 24, 1947**

##### **Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes to say how pleased he is that Arthur, Jr. has been selected by the nominating committee of Lumberman's Association of Texas as a director of the Association to be present for election at the Galveston convention. He says he considers it "quite an honor" and feels that "Arthur is well qualified to serve in the capacity and will be an asset to the Association." He closes by saying he is glad Arthur has signified his willingness to serve.

#### **February 25, 1947**

##### **Arthur Temple Sr. to J. V. Webb**

Temple writes to say that he should not have said what he did in his letter about the Hope mill being worth considerably more than Webb's offer. He says he knows they will probably take a loss from book value, and he did not intend to imply that they would not take less than \$140,000 for the mill. He says he thinks they will want to sell for cash and not part cash with a balance to be paid over a period of years, and if he is seriously interested in buying the mill he should try to find someone to put some money into the proposition. Temple closes saying he would "indeed like to see you take over the Hope mill" but they are going to have to get all they can out of it to repay Southern Pine Lumber Company.

#### **March 1, 1947**

##### **Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to say that in consideration of Latane's accepting the position of Vice-President of Temple Cotton Oil Company they will give him an option on 500 shares of common stock of Temple Cotton Oil Company at a price of \$10.00 per share. He says though they gave J.V. Webb an option on all of the stock owned by his three sisters, his son, and himself "the only consideration being the payment of the debt owing to Southern Pine Lumber Company by Temple Cotton Oil Company, which option he was unable to exercise, I firmly believe that you may be able to make the stock worth \$10.00 per share or

more, and we shall be very happy for you to exercise the option given you at any time within the period covered." He says it is "contemplated that the 500 shares covered by the option are to be contributed by my two sisters... my son, Arthur Temple, Jr., and myself in equal amounts and possibly including any stock that may be in the company's treasury subject to action of the Board of Directors."

**March 4, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to L. C. Hunt**

Temple writes to tell Hunt that he is no longer looking for a sink to fit his garbage disposal unit, saying he has "given up the idea" of trying to install it. He says he wishes Hunt would disregard his previous request but know that he does appreciate his efforts in his behalf. In a footnote to Arthur, Jr. he also tells him to stop looking for a sink that fits the disposal and asks if he would like to have the unit.

**March 6, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes about the horse that was given to H.G. after concerns were raised about his being able to continue feeding the horse. He says he wants him to know that "it is perfectly agreeable to me for you to make whatever disposition you care to of this horse." He says he doesn't know who holds the horse's title and that he was given to H.G. because it was thought that he could get some use out of him. Temple suggests that H.G. contact Arthur, Jr. to see if he would like the horse, otherwise he says it would be perfectly all right for H.G. to sell or give the horse away. He says he sees no point in feeding him at high cost when no one is getting any use out of him.

**March 15, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes about the paper mill, saying it had another good month in February. He says "the surplus shown on the balance sheet as of February 28, 1947, is \$2,763,888."

**March 15, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple says he isn't sure whether H.G. received a copy of the letter Arthur, Jr. sent on March 15, but that Arthur is interested in taking the horse off his hands. He says he plans to put him out at the ranch where there is a barn and lot, and says he thinks he might be able to get some use out of him during the coming summer. Temple says the best disposition of the horse would be to sell him if possible, and in that event deduct the cost for caring for him.

**March 29, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Carrol Allen, Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple says he assumed that Allen and Arthur, Jr. would like to have one of their "Daddy's baby pictures or pictures taken when he was three or four years old" and is sending them both one. He says they were found in a large collection of photographs among T.L.L.'s effects. He says if they are not interested in keeping the photos to show them to the children and then send them back, but says he could think of none other that might care anything about them.

**April 12, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to say Southland Paper Mills had a net income before taxes of \$354,860 in March, and after a reserve for federal income tax they had a net of \$214,860. He says the figures for the first three

months of the year show the paper mill “is continuing to operate profitably” saying if he is not mistaken “March 1947 marks the high point in profit since the start of the mill some seven or eight years ago.”

**May 1, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Clyde Thompson**

Temple writes that his sister, Mrs. Newman B. Gregory, has been trying to get a General Electric dishwasher for her summer home in Long Island but has been unable to get one from the dealer there, so they asked if he would be able to get her one. He says he hasn't gotten very much cooperation out of GE, but he wishes Thompson would write the General Electric Supply Company in Houston to find out if and when they could let them have one of the units. He says she wants a dishwasher and sink combined but without the garbage disposal because it wouldn't be very practical in the area that the house is located. Temple says he could get a different sort of dishwasher from International Electric Company in Shreveport but she prefers the GE. He closes by saying he has sent a copy of this letter to Arthur, Jr. and if he could get one of the GE units more readily than Thompson he would appreciate him advising them as soon as possible.

**May 1, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. H. Ziegelmeyer**

Temple writes that the retail lumberyard of Temple Lumber Company at Lufkin is crowded and needs additional space to continue doing business at the current volume. He says there is vacant property on the west side of the yard that belongs to T&NO that the company would very much like to lease. He says if the land is not available to the company they would be forced to build a warehouse to house materials at another site, which would be very inconvenient and would add to the cost of handling. Temple asks that if Ziegelmeyer would consider leasing the land that he would advise Arthur, Jr. at Temple Lumber Company with a copy to D.G. McNair so they might contact and confer with him as to the terms and conditions. He continues with a description of Temple Lumber Company, saying that it is closely affiliated with Southern Pine Lumber Company, and that he is President of both companies. He says that “the two companies control a considerable volume of tonnage, and it has always been their policy to favor the Southern Pacific Lines with a heavy percentage of it.” Temple says due to those facts, he feels Temple Lumber Company is worthy of their favorable consideration of its need for more space at Lufkin. Temple closes by saying he assumes Ziegelmeyer is the person he should write on the matter, but that if he is not it would be appreciated if he would forward the letter to the appropriate person.

**May 5, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to William Kearney & Son**

Temple writes to say that he has received from the United States Plywood Corporation a letter dated April 29 that he assumes they received as well. He says he is interested in using Flexwood to cover the walls in some offices and he would appreciate it if a representative from their company could come and see him to give an estimate on what they have in mind. He says he will be in Dallas soon and if he has time will drop by their office, but asks that in the meantime he send a sample book that shows samples of the wood they are able to furnish.

**May 7, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to say the he is “delighted to read in a copy of your letter of May 5<sup>th</sup> to Knight that the receivable of the Little Rock mill have been reduced from \$434,000 as of April 30, 1946, to \$242,000 as of April 30, 1947.” He says that this progress is in accord with the policy that he has advocated for years but that was always met with the answer that the extension of credit was customary to ginners and

growers and the reductions could not be made without the sacrifice of goodwill and eventually the ruin of the business. He says he is sending a copy of this letter to Newman Gregory and Arthur, Jr. so they will know of the good work being done by Little Rock and that the Temple Cotton Oil Company has reduced its indebtedness to Southern Pine Lumber Company from a high of \$694,000 to \$550,000. Temple says a letter received from Knight said it was thought that Latane would be able to reduce the indebtedness a little more in May. He says he is glad that Latane wrote Mr. Roney of Caddo-DeSoto Cotton Oil Company, saying they are well able to buy the Little Rock and Hope mills if they are inclined to do so which would appear to be logical if they are expansion minded. Temple closes by saying he is interested in what progress Cobb has made in the forming of his business since he has not signed any deed or deeds and was made to believe that Cobb expected to have everything closed up within 45 days from the time they agreed on terms. He says he presumes the settlement will be checked closely so they will be sure they are getting "all to which we are entitled on the Ashdown sale."

**May 9, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple, Jr. and Newman B. Gregory**

Temple writes that he has received a check in the amount of \$50,000, which brings the indebtedness to Southern Pine Lumber Company down to \$500,000, saying, "very good progress is being made in our chief objective."

**May 9, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that reports from Southland Paper Mills, Inc. for the first four months of the fiscal year show a surplus of \$3,194,271.47, an increase of \$775,837.04 over the December 31, 1946 figure. He says that the figures in the surplus account are net after deducting the reserve for income taxes, and by saying he thinks H.G. will agree their investment in Southland Paper Mills, Inc. "looks mighty good."

**June 16, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he is "a little disappointed that Mr. Guinee did not respond more favorably to our offer of the Hope and Little Rock mills with their gins" but they lowered the price as much as possible. He says he is willing to wait to sell for at least another year, but if a good offer should come he wants to feel free to accept it. Temple says he doesn't know how to answer Latane's question about the preferred stock. He says he is "willing to go along on any basis which is agreeable to you and the others, but it would be hard for me to justify to the others the inclusion of a pro rata part of preferred stock along with the common in the option." He closes by referencing the tax figures in the memo accompanying Latane's letter of June 12<sup>th</sup> but then saying, "any talk about loss or gain in the sale of the remaining properties is more or less idle."

**June 19, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to inform Latane that he has "talked with Mr. Burford yesterday afternoon after I wrote you, and he gave it as his opinion that Temple Cotton Oil Company could issue some of the presently un-issued stock at a discount from par" but it would make him liable to creditors for the difference. Another plan would allow the directors to sell the stock at a discount in consideration of services rendered, but he would have to pay income tax on the difference. Both plans have some sort of objection to them. Temple says that he would like to know his decision by the annual meeting in August. He also discusses the possible time of the meeting, saying that he would like it to "be convened and adjourned to

sometime later in the month when I would be here.” He closes by discussing the specifics of how the meeting could be planned.

**July 23, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes in response to a letter regarding “requests from the Malibu Hunting Club through Mr. J.W. Austin.” He says he is not familiar with the area or the conditions of the lease, so he would not be able to offer an “intelligent opinion as to whether their requests should be granted or not.” He says regardless of that fact, the “requests do impress me as reasonable” and that if granted they would benefit everyone. He says unless there is some other objection, he would be in favor of granting the requests of the Malibu club.

**July 23, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to notify H.G. that he will be driving “down to Lufkin or Diboll Sunday afternoon... for the purpose of discussing a cooperative sustained yield unit for Government timber.” He says since this will be his last visit until after his trip in August, they could also discuss anything else H.G. may have in mind. Temple says he appreciates the offer of an air conditioned room but, due to the fact he will be alone and that his trip is “rather indefinite,” he would rather stay at the library in Diboll.

**July 26, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to say that Arthur Jr. called and urged him to go to Lufkin as originally planned so they can visit when he isn’t so busy, and that the present plan is for he and Katherine to leave early Sunday with the intention of being back in Texarkana Monday night so she won’t miss more than one day at the Red Cross office. He says he thinks this plan will give them the same amount of time to visit, and that, though he hates being pressed for time on trips, it really means a lot for Katherine to get to accompany him. He closes by saying he will probably call sometime Sunday afternoon and that in an emergency, Katherine could return by train by herself.

**July 29, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to inform H.G. that a report of the Temple Manufacturing Company shows a profit of almost \$145,000 for the year. He says they received a check from the company for \$15,000, which leaves only \$32,000 unpaid on their several year old note. Temple says he is satisfied with the progress being made at the Temple Manufacturing Company and it seems the company has been put back on its feet. He says he is confident that it will “continue to operate on a satisfactory basis.”

**August 27, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud’homme**

Temple writes that he has received Prud’homme’s letter regarding a treating plant in one of their mills and says he is pleased with his ideas and the impression he gained in talking with Mr. Eland and Bill Hinkle. He says he doesn’t believe he sent a copy of his last letter to Rube Morriss in response to one he received that discussed the plans for purchasing a plant. Temple says Morriss should be in Texarkana within the next few weeks and they will discuss the situation and he will know more about what he has in mind after the visit.

**August 28, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. A. McCaul**

Temple writes that he has just had an opportunity to make a detailed examination of the booklet made by McCaul's company entitled "Future Unlimited" and that he found it "very interesting and full of valuable information." He says the information is well presented and that the "booklet will redound to the benefit of the T&P [Texas & Pacific Railway] and the area which it serves." Temple asks that McCaul send one of the booklets to his son in Lufkin, saying he is sure Arthur, Jr. will be interested in it. A footnote to Arthur, Jr. details why Temple wanted him to receive this booklet, saying that he "would like for you to see what the T&P is doing to promote industrial development."

**September 5, 1947****Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that at his request Harry Wiegel has given him in detail the pension-trust plan, which was adopted by the Texarkana National Bank for its officers and employees on February 26, 1947. He says as nearly as he can tell the plan is exactly the same as the one outlined to them by Mr. Hand but that employees pay a different percentage of their annual salary to the cost of the plan. Temple says in order to qualify the employees must be over 25 for males and over 30 for females, they are required to serve 5 years, and the maximum benefit is \$250 per month. He says the bank's trust operates through the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company.

**September 8, 1947****Arthur Temple Sr. to L. F. Green**

Temple writes to say that he has received Green's letter and that he is not interested in acquiring a bottling plant but his son, Arthur, Jr. might be. He says he is forwarding the letter to Arthur, Jr. and that he is "quite sure that he will communicate with you promptly."

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple Jr.**

Temple sends a story written by E.V. Durling about a man that lived to be 152 years old. It explains his diet and his numerous exploits with women. The story says he lived on cheese, onions, coarse bread, milk, and mild ale and that when he turned 152 the king invited him to London for a visit. While in London, the man went off his diet and that the rich foods he ate were too much for his digestive system; he died shortly after. The story ends by saying he should ask a dietitian what he thinks of the man's diet so he too can live to be 152.

**September 19, 1947****Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Maddox**

Temple writes to tell H.W. that he is happy to give him the information that he has about Arthur, Jr.'s building operations, but it would be more helpful for him to contact Arthur, Jr. directly. He says that he knows Arthur is building a bunch of houses at Goose Creek and he assumes that is what H.W. was talking about when he referred to it as at Pelly. In addition to that, he is building a good many houses in Lufkin and has an addition underway here just north of Beverly known as Brookhaven. Temple says to his knowledge, there are not any treated materials being used in the houses being built because it would make constructing them too costly. He assures, however, that the houses are very well built but they are built down to a price where they will sell readily. He closes by again saying he doesn't know a great deal about Arthur, Jr.'s operations and that the best way to get information would be to contact him.

**September 22, 1947****Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to say that he met with Rube Morriss and discussed the treating plant. He says Morriss said not to do anything right now because there are numerous treating plants falling into distress after the war and the plants will be cheaper to buy. He says that he is in no hurry to install a plant in Diboll, but when they do decide to he is sure Morriss will want to have the job of installing it and would probably also want to sell them the treating materials. Temple says there is even a chance Morriss would want to buy the plant himself and sell it to them for a profit or to be cut in on the deal some way "because Rube is a pretty good trader." He says the plant would cost around \$150,000, considerably more than he had anticipated. He says he is inclined to think that a lower price was discussed earlier on. Temple says there may be some question as to whether they want to make that sort of investment on the plant, even though Morriss argues that more and more treated material is being used. He says there might be a chance to buy the plant in Lufkin and if they could get it, they could leave it where it is and save the expense of moving it to Diboll.

**September 25, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple asks if H.G. subscribes to the United States News and says that if he does, to read the article on page 32 of the September 26<sup>th</sup> issue headed "Worker Coolness to Pension Plan" that tells of the voting in the various Ford branches in favor of higher increases in wages instead of lower increases in wages plus a pension plan. He says this is similar to what they discussed in Diboll about most employees being interested in cash now instead of security in old age or after retirement, though Temple says the article went on to say that old men in the Ford Company were more in favor of the pension plan. Temple says he still thinks the pension plan is the best option for their employees. He says he wonders "how far a company should go in what might be termed a paternalistic attitude in providing something which is in the best interest of the employees in spite of the own preference."

**October 8, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. E. Cudlipp**

Temple writes to say though he wrote that he would be in Lufkin for the Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association meeting and the Forest Festival, he has a cousin coming in from Virginia that he has not seen in many years and doesn't want to leave without seeing them unless it's absolutely necessary. He says he isn't sure when they are arriving or how long they will be staying, but he hopes they get there in time for him to visit them and still attend the meeting. He closes by saying if he "should not be there Saturday, you will understand why."

**October 9, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that he has been giving a great deal of thought in recent months to a "bonus and/or pension plan for the employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company." He says he thinks a pension plan is the best long-term plan, but he knows the employees would probably prefer cash bonus. Temple proposes since it is too late in the Temple Lumber Company's fiscal year to consider implementing a pension program and most would probably prefer cash anyhow, that both companies set aside a percentage of their earnings to be paid this year as a cash bonus. He says he would like them to adopt a permanent policy of setting aside money for bonuses because he thinks it will generate goodwill, promote efficiency, and combat any union activity. He says he thinks 10% of the gross earnings would be distributed among all employees, totaling about \$100,000 each to Diboll, Pineland, and the yards for this year and that in the future they could set a percentage of earnings in order to provide the incentive aspect. He closes by saying he will be in Diboll later in the week and he

would like to meet with H.G. and discuss the program farther. He also says he has sent a copy of this letter to Eck and Styles and would be glad to hear their suggestions prior to the meeting in Pineland.

**October 21, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to say that he appreciated the letter he received detailing the current business of Temple Cotton Oil Company. He says that it is "indeed distressing that the cotton seed oil business seems to operate always on the basis of anticipating higher prices for products later in the season." He also says "the prices of products will certainly have to advance or the entire industry will go broke." He asks if Latane has heard anything more from Mr. Groce in New York about a possible buyer for the mills, saying that he thinks selling them would be the best option. Temple says he was pleased to hear that John K. Gibson's account has been brought down significantly and he hopes Latane will be able to keep other questionable customers in line. He closes by saying he will be out of town for the next few days on a trip to El Paso for a meeting with the Board and a meeting with the directors of the Texas Employers' Insurance Association in Dallas.

**October 29, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he was relieved he was able to talk to Styles and get his approval on missing the trip to Houston due to the fact that he is sick. He says the purpose of his call was to see if Styles could meet him and Arthur in Lufkin or Diboll to go over the project. Arthur, he says, has more experience in building housing on a mass production basis than anyone else in their organization and he thinks his advice would be very helpful. Temple says he is "disappointed not to have a visit with you at this time." He says he is interested in Styles' plans to build a new yard for the Lumber Market, and the only question in his mind is if it will be as accessible to employees and others as the Polk Avenue yard. Temple closes by saying it has been a long time since he has been able to visit Houston and he would like to spend a few days there soon.

**October 30, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that it's good that he didn't go to Houston as planned because Gertrude and Newman Gregory got into a collision outside of Texarkana and were taken to a hospital where they received plasma and Gertrude two blood transfusions. He says "Gertrude suffered fractures of possibly as many as seven or eight ribs, a broken collar bone, and possibly a broken arm." He says the doctor thinks there might be some internal damage as well because she continually spits up blood. Temple then interjects that Katherine called him and said that Gertrude's collarbone and arm are not broken and there are no internal injuries. He says Newman only has a gash on his head, but nothing much else was wrong, and the both cars involved in the crash were demolished. He closes by saying he gathered all of their things up that they were bringing and that he is almost over his cold.

**October 31, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that after the letter he wrote yesterday that was sent to H.G. and Arthur, Jr. as well as Styles that he has a more favorable report to give. He says Gertrude was not doing well this morning, so they brought up a specialist who examined her and said that barring any complications she should be able to recover completely. He says as far as he knows, she suffers from "nine fractured ribs and a broken clavicle, which, goodness knows, are enough." Temple says she is uncomfortable and seems to be suffering a great deal, but is "doped up continually." He closes by saying he went to see the car that

Gertrude and Newman were riding in and he didn't think he had ever seen a more completely demolished car and it was a "wonder that either of them came out alive."

**November 11, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that he has just received the Southland Paper Mill's financial report and it indicates continued progress. He says net income for October was \$217,289 and net income for the first 10 months of the current year was \$2,089,443. He says the total assets of the company stand at \$13,680,072.00.

**November 12, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes in regard to a bulletin he saw that said ground was being broken on a new industrial hospital in Lufkin for exclusive use of the several industries that will contribute to its cost. He says though they have been urged to participate in this project, he had no idea that it was so nearly a reality. He says he has "advocated a new hospital in Lufkin which would serve the needs of all of the people" and he still thinks that it would be better than one that is used exclusively for industry, but he wonders if they should not now make some effort to be a part of the new hospital. He says if such a hospital is to be built, he is "inclined to think that we will want to use its facilities if they can be available to us." Temple closes by saying the estimated cost leads him to believe that a hospital much larger than will be required for the purpose is contemplated due to the fact the Catholic hospital in Texarkana is huge and costs nowhere near what the one in Lufkin will.

**November 14, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that Mr. Russell R. Rowles of Rowles & Company stopped by to see if they would be interested in selling their stock in Southland Paper Mills, or perhaps half of it. He says they believe they can get double what they paid originally for the stock. Temple says he told Rowles they had no reason to sell the stock and the company is making a splendid return on the investment. He says they would have to pay out any capital gain as they will any ordinary gain to avoid penalty under Section 102 of the Internal Revenue Code. Temple closes by saying he just wanted to let H.G. know of what the man thought of their stock.

**November 14, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to K. W. Cooke**

Temple writes to say that he is enclosing stock certificates that total fourteen units, each unit consisting of one share of common and one share of preferred in the name of Mrs. William H. Sage and Amelia Whitney Sage, who are the same person. He says he would like to have the certificates reissued in one certificate covering the common stock and one covering preferred stock in the name of Arthur Temple, Jr., and he wants them to be delivered to Arthur in Lufkin.

**November 18, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to K. W. Cooke**

Temple writes that he forgot to mention the transfer tax on the stock he asked to have transferred to his son. He says the easiest thing would be to collect it from Arthur when the stock is delivered to him.

**November 19, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he is glad to have Latane's letter and the company's statement as of October 31. He says he is glad they are making a profit, even if it is a small one, and since the markets are "fullish" he hopes the estimate of the final result may be conservative.

**November 20, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that the Temple Manufacturing Company showed a profit of \$7,900 for the month of October, bringing the total for the current fiscal year to \$22,071. He says they are doing a good wholesale business, and since the fire at Diboll, they have been trying to develop the wholesale business and have made \$48,000 out of a total of \$185,000.

**November 25, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he was contacted by a Mr. Jarvis had heard that the Paris yard was for sale. He says he told the man they hadn't discussed selling and suggested calling Styles. Temple says he doesn't think they could consider selling the Paris yard unless they intended to buy the Hinkle yard, "which has a very much better location and which, I understand, has always done well." He says they have discussed buying the Hinkle yard before but he doesn't know if it's for sale now or not. Temple says he "would be interested to know whether this party contacted you after talking with [him] and what your reaction was."

**November 25, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that since he last wrote Styles he received the monthly reports for October, 1947 and the last 12 months of the past fiscal year. He says there is a difference in the regular monthly statement and the statement that Styles sent of approximately \$10,000. Temple close by asking why the Houston yard shows a decline of \$27,000 between the two statements, The Lumber Market \$16,000, and similar variations all the way through.

**November 25, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S.F. Styles**

Temple writes that he has received the statement showing sales profit and percentage of net profit to sale for the year ending October 31, 1947 and that he wants to extend his heartiest congratulations to S.F. as the head of that branch of the business. He is very proud of the showing of the Lufkin yard because of Arthur, Jr.'s connection with it. Temple closes by asking what happened at the Clarksville yard. He says the first eleven months showed a profit of \$12,000 but the final report only shows \$2,546.99. He says he wonders if the improvements made to the yard were charged to expense rather than to capital investment.

**November 28, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he is glad to have the letter from Styles explaining the difference between the statement he sent and the monthly report. He says he assumed the monthly report was accurate, when actually the statement sent by Styles was the more accurate of the two. He asks whether there was a possibility that some of the merchandise may have been sold and not accounted for. Though he says he "should think that any great unexplained difference should warrant some investigation" he says that it also could be as simple as some of the yards being shorthanded or operating with incompetent help. He closes by saying "the fact that the Houston yard and several others went considerably over their

estimated profit seemed to discount any suspicion against those who ran considerable under.” He says if Styles is satisfied, he is also.

**December 6, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to National Gypsum Company**

Temple writes to say that they have just wired a response to their telegram that “Arthur Temple, Jr. and Associates of Lufkin, Rusk and other points are a partnership with a net worth of approximately \$100,000. He says they have paid their obligations to him promptly and have “been altogether a very satisfactory account.”

**December 11, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that though he has never been able to decide on definite plans to modernize their plants, he realizes that it is necessary to do something in order to lower labor costs in order to compete with other companies or even survive in the future. He says he would like to be able to get rid of the trams because they are too costly to maintain and are not very efficient. Temple says there have been delegations who investigated other mills to see the modern way they do business and whether they recommended adopting the methods in their plants but he has never learned their conclusions. He strongly feels that “now is a good time for us to undertake any improvement program because we have the surplus cash and equivalent to finance any such program” and they need to begin preparing for the “severe competition that will confront us when the present strong demand for lumber comes to an end.” Temple closes by saying he is not close enough to the operations of the business to make any definite decisions about the update of the plants, but he feels it is necessary to “take advantage of any practical improvements” and wants H.G. to be on the alert to do whatever he feels is justified.

**December 12, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes to ask if the \$46,500 contributed to the building of the industrial hospital in Lufkin by Southland Paper Mills, Inc. is an outright donation or an investment. He says he assumed it was a donation but he had heard other businesses participating were subscribing for stock or bonds on the basis of \$100 per employee. He says, speaking for Southern Pine Lumber Company, they “appreciate being offered the opportunity to participate in the new hospital” but they didn’t know enough about it to really get involved. He also says there “is some question as to what advantages would accrue to our companies located away from Diboll” saying they would have to maintain hospital facilities of some sort there. He closes by saying again he would have preferred building a public hospital, and he thinks the “Catholic Sisters might have been induced to build such a hospital as they are building here in Texarkana with very little help from Lufkin” and then maintaining it themselves.

**December 12, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that he looked over the November statement and that a \$46,500 deduction as a contribution to Memorial Hospital in Lufkin appears. He says “apparently Southland has treated their contribution to the industrial hospital as a donation rather than as an investment for which they would receive stock and/or bonds.”

**December 15, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to B. R. Hamm**

Temple writes that Josh Morriss told him “you thought his 14-foot boat was not large enough to accommodate the motor and wind propeller.” He says he contacted his son in Lufkin and asked him to bring up his boat that he believes is a standard 15-foot length, or whatever was standard before the war, the next time he comes to Texarkana. Temple says he would appreciate it if Hamm would hold the motor equipment until he can get the boat.

**December 18, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes that as far as he knows Styles would be willing to leave the trip to the South Texas yards up to the two of them, but he would be able to go around January 5. He says he is sure that anytime that suits H.G. will suit himself and Styles, and “if Arthur can and will go with us, I presume that one time would be about as good for him as another.” He closes by saying he is sending Arthur, Jr. a copy of this letter and would like him to suggest a time.

**December 18, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he is glad to hear that Farley is “giving serious consideration to what we might do within reason to make our plants more efficient in order that we may be better prepared to meet keen competition later on.” He says he doesn’t know what would be practical or impractical as far as modernizing the plants, but that his purpose will be accomplished when he has Farley, Eck, and Henry think in terms of modernization. He says he doesn’t want to spend more money than is needed and they should take the process of updating the plants one step at a time, but the company has never been in better financial shape to take on such a project. Temple closes by saying he was glad Farley sent a copy of his letter to Arthur, Jr. because he has been very interested in this matter and Temple wants to keep him informed.

**December 19, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he is well satisfied with what was accomplished on his visit to Lufkin, saying that before his trip he didn’t know much about the new industrial hospital in Lufkin “but I feel that I now know all of the details.” He says he now sees a number of advantages to the method adopted to deal with the contributions sent, making such contributions tax deductible. Though he would like to see the corporations have something to show for their money, he says he doubts such a method would be possible. Temple says he hopes Kurth will give consideration to his suggestion that the contributing corporations underwrite the \$20 per man per year to provide interest and amortization of the bonds to be issued rather than the current plan because any money that is paid in under the current plan will be lost. He says he told Dave Thompson he would like to see Henry Temple and George Smith on the board of trustees and Arthur, Jr. on the board of directors. He also says that he would like to have it understood the Southern Pine Lumber Company group will include the employees of the Texas Southeastern Railroad though the company will not be named as a participating member. He says that he would assume the Temple-White Company would want to cooperate as well, but they would have to take it up with them. Temple closes by thanking Kurth again for the trip to Lufkin and wishing him and his wife a joyous Christmas and a happy new year.

**December 22, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Ida Lee White**

Temple writes that he has received the copies of the statements pertaining to the proposed memorial hospital in Lufkin and thanks her for sending them. He closes by wishing her a very merry Christmas.

**December 22, 1947**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is glad to have Prud'homme's letter in regard to the improvement plan at Pineland and the development of a more efficient operation. He says he feels he achieved his goal of alerting Prud'homme and Henry of the need to update, and he wants to go slow and not spend more than is necessary in this process. Temple acknowledges that a lot has been done at Diboll and Pineland in past years, and doesn't want it to seem like he is impatient in updating farther. He only says he wants to be ready to compete with other companies when the time comes and the details for accomplishing such a purpose must be left up the operating officials.

**February 7, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. E. Minton**

Temple writes that while he would like to attend the meeting to discuss the diminishing supply of wild game, he doubts he could contribute enough to the meeting to justify a special trip so he has forwarded Minton's letter to Henry Temple with a request that he arrange to have someone there to represent the Boggy Slough Club as well as Southern Pine Lumber Company. He says he hasn't had the opportunity to observe the wildlife on the Company's hunting preserve, but if there is some shortage all interested parties should meet "to discuss the causes and to determine what steps, if any, may be taken to reverse the trend." He closes by saying if there is something of a business nature that should take him to Diboll or Lufkin around the time he would be more than glad to attend the meeting, otherwise there will be someone there to represent them that is both vitally interested in the problem and also able to speak for the Company.

**February 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Hanson Bennett Magazine Agency**

Temple writes that he is enclosing his check for \$3 to pay for a one year subscription to the United States News, and that he would appreciate it if they will do whatever they can to have the subscription start as soon as possible.

**February 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he has been thinking about what steps they could take to put the company in the best position possible to withstand the shock of a depression that he says he "has felt for a long time in the offing and which I think it is generally conceded we are sure to have." He suggests eliminating as far as possible all speculative business and confining sales to financially strong customers, saying that the "severe losses sustained by many... retail lumber concerns in the break of 1920, which was due not only to inventory loss but also to credit loss." Another suggestion that Temple has is to have the yards audited constantly. He says he recalls Styles mentioning Joe Martin as a possible man for the job in the past, but he wonders if Martin is experienced enough to do the job. Temple says he talked with Arthur, Jr. and they both agreed on the topics discussed in this letter. He says that Arthur, Jr. is also very interested in the Temple Lumber Company and would like to receive a copy of the monthly reports that Styles sends out. Temple closes by saying it is "difficult to know just what is going to happen" and he thinks "that we ought to operate conservatively and be just as well prepared as possible for any shock whenever it may come."

**February 19, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. G. Temple**

Temple writes to say that he is returning a letter from Martin Dies as well as a balance sheet from Lufkin Creosoting Company, Inc. He says he doesn't know what the people would want for their stock, and doesn't really know much about the condition of the plant or its value, but if it is a good plant it is being carried at a very low figure. Temple says he thinks it would be "well for us to investigate this plant a little further to determine its condition" and if they like their findings they may consider taking it over, either alone or with other Lufkin interests. .

**March 2, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Durham, Clyde Thompson, E. G. Prud'homme, and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes that he is sending a report of the Texas Employers' Insurance Association that he picked up at a meeting of policy holders. He says he thought the report would be of some interest since they had discussed their workmen's compensation insurance in the past. He draws attention to the fact that after the Texas City explosion the Texas Employers' Insurance Association was still able to return dividends to their policy holders. Temple closes the letter by saying that the men "might want to consider what our experience would have been if we had been with Angelina Casualty Company and some disaster.... had occurred."

**March 8, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Willie P. Jones**

Temple writes that he appreciates the letter he received from Jones, and that he knows Henry Temple meant a lot to him. He says Henry often mentioned Jones by name and told him how he could depend on him. Temple says he was pleased "that transportation was arranged for you and a number of other colored people to attend the funeral service in Texarkana" but he regrets it wasn't possible to provide for more. He says Arthur, Jr. is taking over as manager at Diboll, and he is sure that he will be able to carry on the duties of the office as well as carry on the Diboll tradition that was built up under the leadership of Henry Temple. Temple closes by saying he trusts Arthur, Jr. will receive "the same loyal and faithful cooperation that has been given heretofore."

**March 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. B. Richardson**

Temple writes to authorize Arthur, Jr.'s signature on checks drawn on the account of Southern Pine Lumber Company, and says he would appreciate it if Richardson could mail a signature authorization card to G.S. Smith in Diboll. He says since H.G. Temple passed away and Arthur, Jr. took over as manager at Diboll, there may be a need for an entirely new authorization of signatures and if that is the case, they would be very glad to comply.

**March 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he is willing to follow Kenley's judgment "with respect to handling the land adjoining the producing well in Cherokee County", saying that since Kenley is more familiar with the area he would be in a better position to judge the possibilities. He says that generally he thinks they should lease their land at the highest prices obtainable "unless, as in this case, we have some inside information which may lead us to believe we will be able to get more money by waiting and then hold our royalty for a gamble." He says this has been the policy for a long time, and the only time they refused to lease at a good price and gamble was on Temple Lumber Company's land in Panola County where taxes would have only allowed them to keep 15% of the lease money, thus justifying the gamble they took.

**March 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that after reading Prud'homme's letter in regard to the announcements to be used in Diboll and Pineland, he gets the impression that Prud'homme would like the announcement to be printed for distribution. He says he had hoped that Prud'homme would have such notices typed and posted in Pineland, and that Arthur, Jr. would do the same in Diboll. He also says Arthur, Jr. asked about distributing the notice to the trade, but he didn't think it would be necessary since the lumber journals would carry the news of Henry's death and because they have never gotten out formal notices about deaths in the past. Temple closes by saying he isn't opposed to sending out formal notices to suppliers if Arthur, Jr. saw fit to do so.

**March 12, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he received Farley's letter that assures his continued cooperation under the new regime and that he appreciates very much the general reaction to Arthur's appointment. He apologizes for not getting a wage adjustment worked out earlier, and says that now anything done will be attributed to Arthur, Jr. even though he may not be directly responsible. He says he has always been opposed to secret pay raises, saying that "what we do ought to be open and above board." He also says the edgerman mentioned in Farley's letter has every right to be upset after finding that a man who does the same job, or an easier one, is making more money than he is. Temple says he doesn't know what could be done to overcome the inequities that have developed over the years, but they might need to adopt the Angelina County Lumber Company's scale for all except salaried and supervisory jobs, or a little below it. He says he thinks it is very important they keep everyone happy during the management change, and he is willing to come down and work with Farley and Arthur, Jr. to resolve the problem with the wages. Temple says he was sorry to hear Farley had soreness in his left groin and he hopes he will go and have it examined. He closes by saying he can go to Diboll anytime he's needed and to let him know whenever he can be of any assistance to either Farley or Arthur, Jr. in working out problems.

**March 13, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has Prud'homme's letter advising he has a letter for Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company that says they can furnish an engineer but that he interprets the letter to suggest they first take up with Moore Dry Kiln Company. He says he just doesn't know what all this is about. He remembers discussing having an engineer for Allis-Chalmers look over the plans and recommend what could be done to improve the efficiency without too great an outlay of money, but he says he doesn't see the connection between that and Moore Dry Kiln Company. Temple says he believes Henry was in communication with Moore Dry Kiln Company about improving kilns at Diboll. He says that as far as he knows they only have one Moore kiln at Diboll, and they should give serious consideration to modernizing more of the kilns at Diboll. He instructs Prud'homme if he is contacted by a representative of Moore Dry Kiln Company to have them call Diboll and also to let him know when a representative of Allis-Chalmers will be at Pineland so they can all go and hear what he has to say. Temple closes the letter by saying he has not been out to see Whit Rosborough's mill in Texarkana, and if there is time when Arthur, Jr. is in town they might run out and see it together.

**March 13, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he doubts the suggestion he made of adopting the Angelina County Lumber Company schedule of wages would be impractical because considerable dissatisfaction would be caused if they adjusted wages downward. He says it is hard to know what to do since any shift right now could

cause dissatisfaction among the workers “and certainly now would be a bad time to bring on any dissatisfaction when we have just had a change in management at Diboll.” Temple closes by saying if they could get by until a recession or depression they could make adjustments more easily than they can now, but until then he hopes Farley, Eck, and Arthur, Jr. will be giving the situation much thought.

**March 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a letter from C.W. Rice, Editor-Publisher of The Negro Labor News, that he thinks will interest Farley. He says he is not in any position to judge Rice’s value to them in combating subversive or union activities, and he believes Henry had reached the conclusion that he was some sort of gold-digger. Temple closes by saying he hopes Farley will let him know what the doctor reports and also that he hopes Farley’s grandson’s injuries are not too serious.

**March 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud’homme**

Temple writes that he went to Diboll and met with Arthur, Jr., Eddie Farley, and Clyde Thompson to discuss the advisability of making adjustments to their wage scale. He says they agreed not to make a general advance in wages at the time but to make some adjustments to “eliminate some bad practices which have prevailed in the past and which I think were started during the war years when we were prevented from increasing wages by Government regulation.” He says that they will do away with all under the table payments and that Eddie and Clyde are going to examine wages paid in the plant and the woods to determine if there are any inequities. He says they plan to pay out a bonus representing 10% of each man’s earnings in the first three months of the fiscal year, and the bonus would take the place of any wage increase. Temple says he is sure this plan would be approved by the board of directors of both companies, and advises that Prud’homme arrange to pay Temple Lumber Company Employees on the same basis at any time he sees fit. He closes by saying the atmosphere in Diboll was filled with enthusiasm and cooperation that he says “was very gratifying to me.”

**March 18, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to P. J. Neff**

Temple writes to ask if Neff could “intercede with the traffic officials of the Gulf Coast Lines in our behalf” to help them get a rate on logs in carloads in connection with the T&NO and the TSE Railroads from Houston to Diboll that would permit them to ship logs by rail instead of by truck. He says he is enclosing a letter he has received from the Traffic Manager in Diboll, R.A. Jackson, that shows the current rate which they see to be excessive and more than they can stand and also the course being followed to get a lower rate. Temple says they have about 20,000,000 feet of lumber to be moved from Hardin County to Diboll, and he is sure they can make it worthwhile for the Missouri Pacific Lines to favor them through increased tonnage from all of the mills and lumber yards that extend from the Red River to the Rio Grande. Temple closes by apologizing for the length of the letter and for taking up so much of Neff’s time, but says that he is anxious to hold as much business in the railroads as possible and it might work well to the advantage of Missouri Pacific Lines. He says he is only asking for Neff to talk to his traffic officials, Mr. Schill and Mr. Faulk, “to show us only such consideration as may be warranted.”

**March 20, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud’homme**

Temple writes that he thinks it is generally agreed that they should not renew their contract with John Cullen when it expires in June, and that to avoid confusion Prud’homme should tell him this decision applies to all of their companies. He says if Cullen should wish to hear from each company separately to

let him know and he will have it done. He has enclosed a note from Tripp that says he concurs in their decision. Temple closes by saying if he should not see John Curren as planned he would like Prud'homme to write him and make it very clear that he is speaking for all of their companies involved in the contract.

**March 23, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he wants to set up Arthur, Jr.'s salary at \$1,000 per month or \$12,000 per year instead of the \$10,000 per year basis that he wrote Smith about earlier.

**March 26, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that since Jimmy Webb has not attended either of the two directors' meetings since he resigned his position of vice president and general manager of the company and has shown indifference in other ways, he would have no objection to replacing him on the board. He says he doesn't really know who to suggest taking his place unless it would be G.R. Payne, who he says "would be eminently qualified through a long and successful business experience and whose judgment is, in my opinion, thoroughly sound.

**March 27, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has received Prud'homme's letter reporting his conversation with Don Canterbury and says that while he doesn't know that Canterbury's proposition is out of line, he is inclined to think that Mr. Spearry's will be better. He says after hearing what Mr. Cook had to say about Spearry, "I feel that he is thoroughly competent." He instructs Prud'homme to contact Spearry and then relay his proposition and his impression of him back. Temple says after he gets his report on the two men they should all meet and discuss whether or not to hire a consultant, and if they decide to, which to hire.

**March 31, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. J. Shands**

Temple writes that he is enclosing two signature authorization cards for the account of Southern Pine Lumber Company bearing the signatures of himself as president, Arthur Jr. as manager, G.S. Smith as assistant secretary-treasurer, and Calvin Lawrence, accountant, and asks that they honor checks drawn on the account when they are signed by any two of those named. He says he is very sorry to have missed Shands when he and Arthur, Jr. were in the bank because he would have liked to visit with him. He also said that they are very happy to make their account with First State Bank and Trust in Lufkin their active account and they know their business will be handled in a highly satisfactory manner. Temple closes by saying how proud he was to hear that Arthur, Jr. was elected a director of their bank and says that he is "sure that he will be able to render you valuable service in this capacity."

**April 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Angelina Hotel**

Temple writes that he called Arthur, Jr. and had him ask whether a gabardine topcoat had been found in the room he was in after he checked out. He says since talking to him, he realized he could have left the coat on the table near the phone booth. He closes the letter by saying if a coat was found he would appreciate very much their returning it to him, and he would be glad to repay the transportation costs.

**April 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is sorry to hear that Prud'homme will not be able to attend the Southern Pine Association annual meeting but that he can understand his wanting to be on hand when the Sears' purchasing agent visits Pineland. He says they "will have a pretty good delegation at New Orleans anyway" and that he "will try to represent Temple Lumber Company as well as Southern Pine Lumber Company." Temple closes by saying he presumes Prud'homme's reservation was at the Roosevelt and saying that Arthur, Jr. might want to use it since his own reservation was at the Monteleon which is some distance from the Roosevelt where the convention is being held.

**April 2, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. met with all of the men concerned with the woods and logging and they said they could only take about 15,000,000 feet per year from their fee lands for the next fifteen years if they planned to carry out a sustained yield program. He says this means they would have to supplement timber if they maintain their present production at Diboll, and they are working with the U.S. Forest Service on a deal where they would supply the timber on an agreed price, but that it will be another 30 to 60 days before they will know if they will be able to reach a deal. He says in the meantime he wonders if they would be able to get any timber from Southwestern Settlement and Development Company, saying that between the deal with the government and Southwestern, he would prefer to deal with Southwestern but he isn't sure whether any of their timber could be logged to Diboll economically. Temple says he knows Prud'homme has been talking with Bill Merrem about timber for Diboll and he was told they weren't taking any more customers, but he wants to find out if they would ever work with them in Diboll as they are in Pineland. He says that if they aren't able to find someone to supply extra timber they will be forced to cut their production in Diboll to 15,000,000 feet per year, which is just about what mill #1 would produce on a 40-hour per week schedule, thus presenting many problems. Temple closes by saying the only alternative would be to abandon sawmilling and go to timber farming, something he doesn't want to do because of all of the customers they have had for so long.

**April 2, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he called R.P. Jackson, Vice President of Koppers Company, and was told "there had been no developments in their negotiations with Lynch Davidson" and that they are hoping for some change in the attitude of Lynch Davidson's son-in-law with whom they are dealing. He says they will not show any interest in the land in Polk County or interfere with their negotiations, but if they reach a point where there was no hope of trading with Lynch Davidson they would like the chance to see what they might be able to do. He says Jackson told him that the timber would be a good acquisition for them and that though it has been cut down to a 10" diameter and couldn't be used for years "much of the timber is no doubt of a size that is putting on rapid growth." Temple closes by asking that Kenley not do anything that would embarrass him with Jackson and that only in the event that Koppers Company pulls out would he want to become involved in any negotiations for his own account.

**April 2, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes in reference to a letter received from Texas Dry Kiln Club that "it is impossible for me to pass upon the value of membership in this club which will entitle us to the services of a dry kiln expert" but says that Farley and those that have attended meetings with him would be able to better decide whether the benefits of the membership in the club "would be commensurate with the cost." He says in

the event they go on a reduced production basis and in the event they do not use their full kiln capacity he assumes they would be charged only on the basis of the kilns that are used. Temple closes by saying he hates “to duck the responsibility of deciding whether we should support the club or not since you have put it up to me” but feels others are in a better position to make a decision about it.

**April 5, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he had completely forgotten about the planned overhaul of Mill #1 that was scheduled for December but then postponed until May, and wonders if the work is still planned for next month. He says “it seems to me that we would gain a good deal if we could do any necessary overhauling or repair work during the two weeks vacation period which comes a little later on in the year” because then the work could be done more efficiently and at a lower cost. Temple closes by saying “I think it would be inadvisable to go ahead with any extensive overhauling or repairing until we know definitely just what our future course will be” and wonders if the work can’t be put off until July or August. He says that they will know later in the month what they can depend on from the U.S. Forest Service and then they can go on with their planning.

**April 5, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Tee Hunter**

Temple writes to say that he has received Hunter’s letter regarding the coat left at the Angelina Hotel that says the coat has been shipped to him. He says that if she will let him know how much the express charges were he would be glad to repay them.

**April 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. J. Pollard**

Temple writes that he appreciates Pollard’s letter and the confidence he has placed in Arthur, Jr. He says he hopes Pollard will get a “great deal of good out of [his] stay at Marlin.” Temple closes by saying he knows Pollard missed Henry a great deal, as they all do, but they must not dwell on the misfortunes that come into their lives, especially in the case of a death because the person has gone on to a richer and fuller life.

**April 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. A. Ralls**

Temple writes that since it is doubtful that they will adopt any pension plan for their employees it would be better if Ralls just submitted a proposal for one of their allied interests rather than go to all the trouble of getting up data for all of the companies. Southern Pine Lumber Company, Diboll, “would probably be representative of a larger more inclusive group” and he says the conditions there would give them enough information to consider. He says that some thought had been given to a proposal presented by Mr. Hand of Houston but they couldn’t bring themselves to adopt it because of the high costs and the fact that many would rather have a bonus than a pension plan anyhow. Temple closes by saying he would like to see some sort of pension plan in the companies if they could afford the costs.

**April 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. H. O’Brien**

Temple writes that he didn’t have the chance to ask if O’Brien had any information about the new kiln drying process that is said to employ “the principle of a vacuum to draw the moisture out of lumber.” He says that it occurred to him that some of the engineers engaged in research work in the Trade Promotion Department of the Southern Pine Association might have some information about the

process, and if they did he would appreciate it very much if they would pass the information on to him. Temple closes the letter by saying that he was “much impressed by that program put on by the Advertising and Trade Promotion Committee at the meet in New Orleans” and that it was “apparent that the Advertising and Trade Promotion Committee is putting on an aggressive and intelligent campaign to promote the use of southern pine.”

**April 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud’homme**

Temple writes that he enjoyed reading Sloan’s report of his conversation with Battenfield but that he was disappointed to find that modernizing the plant at Pineland runs so high. He says he doesn’t think it would be advisable to consider any such plan without deciding what they could gain and if it would make any money over a reasonable period of time. He says if Prud’homme has anything further to report after his meeting with Battenfield he would be glad to hear it. Temple closes the letter by saying that he enjoyed being in New Orleans with Prud’homme and that he looks forward to visiting him in Pineland.

**April 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he thinks 75 cents per foot for pipe in the well at Clarksville is probably a good price, and that he would be willing to sell at this figure. He says he isn’t sure what well Mr. Stephens of Shreveport referred to but it might be the same one for which they recently gave Albert Wooley an extension of a lease. Temple says if it is the same well they couldn’t very well sell the pipe as far as he knows, but Kenley should contact Stephens as well as Wooley to work out details. He closes by saying if they are free to sell the pipe, he sees no objection to doing so.

**April 10, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Durham**

Temple writes to thank Durham for the two copies of United Gas Company magazine that he sent for April. He says he read the article about the use of gas at Pineland and Diboll, and he thought it was very well done.

**April 13, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he is sorry he wasn’t able to visit longer with Kurth in New Orleans because he would have liked to discuss the possibility of getting an improved road from Bronson or around Pineland to Lufkin. He says such a road would greatly benefit them and that it would open a large territory for the production of pulpwood. He closes by saying such a highway has been under consideration for a number of years, and might have been approved, but he just wanted to mention the road to Kurth with the hopes that he could speak with John Redditt about it.

**April 13, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud’homme**

Temple writes that after returning home from New Orleans he wrote Howard O’Brien about the new process for kiln drying and received a response that says “Mr. Heitert... is preparing information on the subject for you.” He closes by saying that when he receives the information he will pass it on to Prud’homme as well as Arthur, Jr.

**April 13, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that it would be all right to plan on a vacation of one week at Pineland some time during the summer, and that he doesn't think it is necessary that the vacations at Diboll and Pineland occur at the same time. He says he has always liked Tripp's idea of giving a vacation at Christmas because it is always so hard to get a crew around that time and also by closing in summer they lose the best producing time, but the vacations are usually given during summer and they probably mean more at that time than at Christmas. Temple closes by suggesting that Prud'homme plan out a vacation as he thinks best and that he will send a copy of this letter to Arthur, Jr. so he can plan a vacation for the Diboll employees.

**April 15, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he forgot to tell Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. not to discuss the information he gave them about the May Brothers timber and mill at Haslam. He is personally not at all interested in the Haslam proposition but didn't want to turn it down without talking to Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. first.

**April 15, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to R. M. Morriss**

Temple writes that he talked to Arthur, Jr. and that they now have an opportunity to buy the treating plant in Lufkin. He says Arthur suggested having it appraised and asks if Morriss knows anyone who would be able to do it or if he would be willing to look at it himself. He says they gave thought to putting in a smaller plant but "a full-sized treating plant... might be better for our purpose." Temple closes the letter by asking Morriss to let him know if he could suggest someone to appraise the plant and tells him if he had planned to visit the area to let him know when he would be coming.

**April 15, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that since writing his letter discussing a road between Bronson and Lufkin he has received a letter from Arthur, Jr. that says such a road is "already provided for and that it will be built within the next twelve months." He says because of this it will not be necessary for Kurth to meet with John Redditt about the road.

**April 19, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to P. J. Neff**

Temple writes that he appreciates Neff's interest in their appeal for more favorable rates on logs being transferred on the Gulf Coast Lines to Diboll. He says though it isn't in their policy to make adjustments in rates he is now satisfied that they have done everything possible to get the logs from Hardin County to Diboll as economically as possible and now they "will have to work out our problem as best we can."

**April 19, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that after writing Ernest Kurth about a road from Pineland to Diboll and receiving a reply from Arthur, Jr. that said such a road is already being planned, he has received a letter from Kurth that says the road will originate north of San Augustine. This, he says, does not accord with what Arthur wrote and that a road that originated near Bronson "would be very much better for us."

**April 21, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to Angelina Chevrolet Company, att: C. L. DuPuy**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a license receipt and a certificate of title to his Cadillac sedan. He says both are signed in blank so whoever purchases the car can fill in their name and that he doesn't think there are any other papers needed to transfer the title. He says when he receives the invoice on his new car he will "remit promptly" and it is his understanding after his car is sold DuPuy will remit the full proceeds from the sale to him. Temple closes by thanking DuPuy for getting him a new car and for selling his old one, and if there is any question he can consult with Arthur, Jr.

**April 22, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he is returning right of way easements in favor of Texas Power and Light Company and asks what they are getting out of them. He says he has sent a letter to Reggie Goodrich in regard to similar easements in Newton County where they get \$12 per thousand feet for the pine and hardwood timber and \$2 per cord for the pine and hardwood pulpwood. Temple says this didn't seem like enough because they are selling the timber and the land as well because the grantee is not going to permit new growth. He closes by saying they are happy to pay more for good timber growing land than they are paying in Newton County.

**April 23, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Walker**

Temple writes in reference to a political debate they had over lunch in Cleveland about who had voted for the Taft-Hartley Bill and who had voted to sustain the President's veto. He says he is enclosing a blacklist of the senators and representatives that voted for the bill and to override the veto, and the list shows that the men discussed were with the President. He says "how anyone could be for Truman when he vetoes the Taft-Hartley Bill, aside from anything else he may have done, I cannot understand." Temple closes by asking that Walker return the list to him, as he would like to keep it for future reference.

**April 24, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Walker**

Temple writes that on a recent trip to Galveston, Walker said the National Association of Manufacturers was a regular contributor to the Fulton Lewis broadcasts, and that he doesn't believe it is true. He says he has written a letter to Mr. Lewis to find out but in the meantime he would like to bet Walker \$5 that N.A.M. doesn't contribute to the broadcast. Temple closes by saying he doesn't think there is anything wrong with N.A.M. supporting Fulton Lewis, but his opinions might be considered prejudiced and he couldn't afford to have them as a regular contributor.

**April 24, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he hasn't had the benefit of discussing the plans for the financing of the new hospital but he has felt, and still feels, it has been poorly conceived. He says the way he would like to see the hospital financed is to issue stock for one-half of the cost and interest bearing bonds for the balance to the involved companies, a plan he says that "might not have some tax advantages that the plan which was adopted will have" but it would give the stockholder something to show for the money they put up. He says they agreed to the original cost of \$60,000 from Southern Pine Lumber Company but now Arthur, Jr. has written they are asking for any additional \$25 per employee, driving the total from SPLC to about \$75,000, an amount Temple says is too much to be donated to a hospital that is located 12 miles from their facility when the company will have to operate an emergency hospital in Diboll anyway. He closes by saying he realizes it is probably too late to make a change in the financing of the project,

but he wanted to state his opinions and if Kurth is interested in following the plan he wrote about that he “would like to see [him] take such steps as may be necessary to affect the change in the plan.”

**April 26, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he realizes that it is very important to retain the goodwill of farmers and other land owners in the area that they own land and timber and that they might have to “make some concessions in granted rights-of-way for electric lines. He says Texas Light and Power Company should pay a reasonable price for land reserved exclusively for their use. He closes by saying he thinks it would be hard to charge reasonable prices for use of their land because such easements have been granted in the past free of cost to utilities. He says they should “aim to be compensated adequately if it is at all possible.”

**April 26, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. E. Minton**

Temple writes that he doesn't think he will be able to be in Lufkin for a meeting of the members of the Boggy Slough Club but that he “will be willing to stand by whatever is decided by our group.” He says he is very interested in the conservation and preservation of the game on their lands and he is glad everyone who has been granted hunting privileges is on board.

**April 27, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. R. Bemis**

Temple writes that he is planning to come to Prescott to visit Bemis and to look over the improvements made at his mill in that past year. He says that he would like to make the trip before it gets too hot, but at the same time he wants to be sure that Arthur, Jr. is able to go on the trip as well. He closes by saying he will let Bemis know a few days in advance when they will be coming so they will not miss him.

**April 28, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has received Prud'homme's letter in regard to rights-of-way easements for the R.E.A. and other utilities. He says he understands it is very important that they keep the goodwill of farmers and other land owners and they “cannot afford to take a stand that will antagonize them.” He says the least that could be expected of them would be that they sell their timber and pulpwood at current market prices and that he doesn't see how anyone could resent that. Temple closes by saying he thinks they should “insist upon such prices up to the point of antagonizing the farmers and other land owners who are being benefited by the extension of the utility lines.”

**April 29, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he might have “made a mountain out of a mole hill” when he suggested that they be compensated for rights-of-way for utilities with the current market value of timber and pulpwood and the land used which otherwise would be growing timber. He says that now he thinks the only thing they can do is to avoid giving rights-of-way and try to get as near to the market value of the timber removed on the land that they do give them.

**April 29, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that one thing he would like to comment on in connection with the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company report is the juggling of inventories of lumber and logs and the practice of adjusting the overrun and the payment of flatheads on an inflated scale. He says he has never been in favor of these practices and then outlines why he feels this way. He closes by suggesting these practices be done away with and that he is sending a copy of this letter to Arthur, Jr. though he believes he is already taking steps to stop these practices in Diboll.

**April 30, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is very interested in Prud'homme's letter to Wes Bowen about the May brothers' proposition at Haslam. He says the whole thing turned out pretty much how he expected, saying that it looked entirely too good to be true. He says it would have been fine to add more hardwood timber to their holdings, but he isn't expansion minded and doesn't want to make a mistake and over-expand as in the depression years. Temple says he wants to be comfortable when the next depression comes and after years of problems he is afraid of hardwood. He says he is glad that Arthur, Jr. and Prud'homme were able to look over the proposition before he made a definite decision. He closes asking if Prud'homme had discussed with Wes the #2 Sap Gum S2S and resawn, saying that since #2 Gum has been something of a problem for him in the past this might be a good outlet.

**April 30, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. R. Bemis**

Temple writes that he has received Bemis' letter in regard to their visiting him at Prescott, and that since the improvements being implemented at his mill will not be in operation until June 1<sup>st</sup>, they will wait to visit until then. He says they went to Whit Rosborough's mill to see his improvements but he wasn't as far along as they thought he was. Temple says he will have "quite an operation" when it is all working and that he admires "the courage which he is displaying for a man of his age."

**May 4, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. A. Hunter**

Temple writes that he has received Hunter's letter with a check for \$3,220.20 from the sale of his 1946 Cadillac sedan. He thanks Hunter for his help in selling his car, and says his new car is performing very well and he would stop by the next time he was in Lufkin for Hunter to look at some scratches on the hood and windshield.

**May 7, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he just wired Styles that Bob Waite is mailing him a check for \$300,000 which increases his indebtedness to their office to \$1,100,000. He says if these housing projects are safe they have nothing to worry about, but he can't help but be concerned when dealing with such large figures. He also says that he hopes Styles will be able to continue his plan to pay back all \$1,100,000 by August. Temple closes by saying he doesn't understand why it is necessary for the Temple Lumber Company to carry the contractor's accounts for so long a time and it seems Temple Lumber Company is carrying the load and taking whatever risk may be involved other than the small amount of capital put up by the sponsors.

**May 7, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Justice E. Detwiler**

Temple writes that since he lives in Texarkana and not in Diboll it would be impossible for him to put on a campaign for the solicitation of funds for the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation but that he is forwarding his letter to Arthur, Jr. He says he doesn't think it will be possible to raise \$1,000 in Diboll without a contribution from Southern Pine Lumber Company and that such a contribution has already been made. He closes by saying "there are probably very few at Diboll who would feel that they could afford a contribution" since they have already contributed to other agencies.

**May 11, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he has received Kurth's letter advising that State Highway 103 has been placed on the Primary Federal Aid System of Texas and that construction will be started soon. He says this is most gratifying to him and his company as it will cut the distance between Diboll and Lufkin to Pineland almost in half. He closes by saying he will continue to watch further developments.

**May 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has read Prud'homme's letter to John Curren and the proposed softball and recreation program for Pineland. He says he assumes that lights will be needed for softball games and that it is his experience that lights are expensive. He says he would like to know the cost before Prud'homme decides to go ahead with the program. Temple closes by saying it is important that he gets good leadership for this program, otherwise people will lose interest and it will deteriorate.

**May 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that it has been a long time since he has seen a statement from the Texas Southeastern Railroad Company and that he would like Jordan to send him a copy of the balance sheet. He says that Latane has asked his opinion of the value of TSE stock to be used in connection with his father's Estate Tax Return. Temple says he would like to know what Jordan thinks is a fair market value for the stock or for what it could be sold by a willing seller to a willing buyer in an arm's length transaction.

**May 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that Rube Morriss was in his office the day before discussing lumber treating, and he learned that Morriss sells the treating chemical Noxtane. He says he was told it is the same as Permatox, which they use, and if this is the case he would like to give their business to Morriss in the future. He says Morriss told him the product is being used by a great deal of lumber manufacturers east of the river. Temple closes by saying he presumes they are not "wedded to Permatox" and there would be no objection to their changing to something just as good and at no higher price.

**May 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he picked up the umbrella that he left in his old car and that the one he lost is the one he bought before his last trip to Diboll. He says that he is sure that he had it with him when he left to come home from Diboll, and can't think of where it could be. He says he doesn't want Farley to worry too much about it but that he would appreciate it if he would look in his room at the library and on Arthur, Jr.'s hat rack to see if it is there.

**May 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he might have been too hasty in his judgment of the cost of playground lights before and that due to the fact that many playgrounds around the area have the lights they might not be as costly as he thought. He says if Prud'homme has not already provided the playground with lights he would like to know the cost, but he assumes that lights have already been provided since he has announced the games starting after seven o'clock.

**May 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Frank C. Taylor**

Temple writes that he would like Taylor to supplement his statement rendered Temple Lumber Company, Pineland, for services rendered with a statement to show more clearly how charges for transportation, subsistence, etc. are arrived at. He says he suggests it for the reason that there has been discussion at Diboll and Pineland as to what is included. Temple closes by saying he is sure Taylor charges based on customary practice, but it would be interesting to know how they are figured.

**May 19, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Frank C. Taylor**

Temple writes that he is glad to have Taylor's letter with explanation of charges applied on the Pineland audit. He says he was glad to learn the time consumed in recreation or breaks was not charged to them. Temple closes by saying Taylor has his full confidence, otherwise they would not have used him over the years.

**May 22, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. J. Chester**

Temple writes that it has been suggested that his company purchase a 65 ton diesel-electric locomotive for a price of approximately \$48,000. He says the salesman told him that this engine would pay for itself in about eight years when compared to the current workload of their steam locomotive. He asks if Chester thinks a diesel locomotive would be a profitable investment, and says that it has occurred to him that such equipment might be purchased from War Assets Administration because of the number of locomotives that were used at government plants during the war.

**May 24, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he is returning correspondence with Mr. Finley Scruggs of Humble Oil and Refining Company in regard to the drilling of a well on the Chiveral Survey in Sabine County. He says he is inclined to cooperate with Humble in what they are trying to do but it isn't fair for them to retain an option to cancel the lease at the end of 60 days. He says if Humble is willing to pay as much as \$2.50 an acre for prospecting they should have the option to lease the land at an agreed price. Temple says he doesn't expect them to accept the proposal as it is now, saying he wouldn't either if he were in the situation, but he would like to have a well drilled in Sabine county. He instructs Kenley to go ahead and make the deal. Temple closes by saying his opinion is given without much knowledge as to what is going on in the Sabine County area, and he thinks they should lease where they can get a favorable bonus payment and when the prospect of drilling is tied in.

**May 24, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. R. Bemis**

Temple writes that he appreciates the hospitality extended to them when they visited and that he hopes they may be able to reciprocate their courtesy in the future. He says that he would have liked to

accompany Bemis and Arthur, Jr. to Lufkin and Nacogdoches for the meetings but he didn't feel well and concluded the trip wouldn't be worthwhile since they are largely social affairs and he wouldn't have enjoyed it as much as he had in the past. He closes by saying that he, Josh Morriss, and three guests went fishing the day before but didn't have any luck.

**May 26, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. M. Morriss**

Temple writes that after Morriss' last visit he communicated with the two mills at Diboll and Pineland and suggested that they switch to Noxtane. He says that Diboll had just received a car load of Permatox that will last them a while, but that Pineland had been using Noxtane with very satisfactory results. He says since Pineland has reported such a good experience with Noxtane he suspects Diboll will also begin to use it after their current supply of Permatox is exhausted. Temple says when Arthur, Jr. was in the week before they discussed a treating plant for Diboll and they agreed they need a small plant like Morriss had offered. Temple closes by saying he has suggested a directors' meeting in early June to come to a definite conclusion about the treating plant.

**May 27, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he has read the statement of policy that Latane made to managers and others at a meeting held in Arkadelphia the week before and that he thought it was very well done. He says it is very important to have all key men advised as to objectives, delineation of authority, etc., and that he is sure everyone at Temple Cotton Oil Company appreciated the improvements made under Latane's leadership. He says he should think that John K. Gibson would have little trouble in refinancing his indebtedness at the end of the current crop year except for the fact he doesn't have a good reputation. Temple closes by saying he had hoped they could visit Arkadelphia when they bade Latane goodbye at Hope, but they got tied up at Prescott. He asks that Latane let Wayne Barrett know why they didn't continue to Arkadelphia as they had planned.

**May 27, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. M. Casey**

Temple writes that he feels that \$150 is enough for his company to contribute for the support of the National Association of Manufacturers because they are already contributing to so many other associations. He says they won't be able to contribute to NAM in accordance with the dues suggested on the basis of their net worth but that they will be happy to continue on the basis of \$150 per year.

**May 29, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Southern Pine Association**

Temple writes that the statement of costs for 1947 "is very interesting indeed" and says that he is sure that the publication will be of considerable value. He says that he notes no selling cost is shown for Temple Lumber Company's mill at Pineland while a selling cost of 4.765 is shown for Southern Pine Lumber Company's mill at Diboll, and he wonders why a cost is shown for one and not the other. He says he would like to know what factors are included in selling cost, saying that he knows there is a wide variation in the selling costs of the several mills due to the fact that some mills do include these items in their selling costs while other mills do not. Temple closes by saying it would be interesting to him to know what factors they consider legitimate.

**May 31, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. L. Waite**

Temple writes that he thinks it would be well for them to have what could be called a semi-annual directors meeting of the directors of Southern Pine Lumber Company and asks that Waite would please get the notice out to all of the directors with the details.

**June 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. E. Minton**

Temple writes that he has contemplated for some time that they would create another vice-presidency for Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company, but that the by-laws of both companies provide for a vice-presidency, so he thinks it would be necessary to amend the by-laws. He says that after consideration he thought that it would be necessary to have the by-laws amended by the stockholders, but that Mr. Waite has a book that says that directors can amend by-laws as long as it isn't prohibited by the charter or a statute. Temple says he would like to know if it's possible to have a meeting of the directors of the two companies to amend the by-laws to create another vice-presidency making two for both companies, and to elect the people that would fill the roles.

**June 3, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that Mr. Minton called and gave his opinion as to whether the by-laws of Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company can be amended without action by the stockholders and said Minton says article 1326 says any such amendment would have to be by the stockholders. He says that under the circumstances he thinks it is hardly worthwhile to call special meeting and they can just wait until the regular meeting at Pineland in October and Diboll in December to accomplish what he has in mind.

**June 3, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes referring to Styles' letter regarding an additional contribution by the Lufkin yard to the industrial hospital that he agrees that they have already contributed more than should be required of them. He says he is "not at all in accord with the method of financing the cost of the industrial hospital at Lufkin" and he can't see how others could conceive of such a plan unless it was to take advantage of the excess profit tax. Temple says he would have advocated the creation of a corporation with stock and bonds and when he suggested this to Ernest Kurth he was told it was too late to make any change to the method of financing. He says they were brought into the project after construction had already begun and he didn't think they could afford to stay out when all of the other leading industries were participating. Temple closes by saying it will be very costly for them and that they will not get as many benefits from it, but there is nothing they can do about it.

**June 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. J. Chester**

Temple writes that he is returning correspondence that Chester handed him in Shreveport relative to the purchase of a Diesel-electric locomotive. He says that what he had intended was to get Chester's opinion on the feasibility of switching from steam to diesel-electric power and whether he knew of a second hand locomotive they could buy, but he says that after talking with Chester he doesn't think a diesel-electric would work out well, and that if they did switch that it would be best that they buy new equipment. Temple also says he appreciates Chester's offer to have one of his men pass on any second-hand equipment they might contemplate buying, but that they wouldn't need it. He says he is going to contact Mr. Kurth about his experience with a diesel-electric locomotive and says it will have considerable bearing on what they decide to do. He closes by again thanking Chester for his help.

**June 9, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he has no suggestion to make with respect to his handling of the request of Mr. McHenry for a lease on 2,000 acres in the ranch. He says when McHenry called him about it earlier he told him he wasn't familiar with the circumstances. He says he wouldn't take McHenry's side over Kenley's but he is sure they would want to cooperate with him and others that are trying to get any development in their territory, specifically with "homefolks." Temple says McHenry has never really impressed him and says as far as he knows "he is not a man of any financial responsibility."

**June 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple says that he spoke to Arthur, Jr. about selling pulpwood from Temple Lumber Company's land to Southland Paper Mills and he feels that Southland would be glad to get this wood. He says Arthur, Jr. thinks that Southland is entitled to the wood, but they can't wait for them so he suggests that Prud'homme write to Dick Wortham and see if they are interested. Otherwise, he thinks it would be alright to offer it on the open market or to others.

**June 19, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he received Latane's letter in regard to the Little Rock mill and says that he will contact Arthur, Jr. and the other directors so they can make a definite decision in time for Latane to contact his purchaser. He says in the event they ask \$275,000 as suggested that they not allocate \$50,000 of it to brands and goodwill. He closes by saying anyone interested in buying will pay the price they might ask for actual physical assets rather than such intangibles.

**June 21, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he received a notice of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Southland Paper Mills, Inc., and says that he is sure that the purpose of the meeting is to consider further expansion by adding a third newsprint machine as was proposed earlier. He says he was about the only person that opposed it due to the effect it would have on the wood supply in the area. He says he would like Kenley's opinion of the effect of the paper mill on saw timber in their area and says he is sure the future supply of saw logs has not been endangered. Temple closes by saying he is urging Joe Kurth, who opposed the expansion as well, to be present at the meeting and says he is reasonably sure that he can count upon his continued opposition.

**June 22, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. F. White**

Temple writes that they are again considering putting in a pension plan for their employees at Southern Pine Lumber Company and says that if they should adopt a plan for this company they would want to adopt a plan for Temple Lumber Company as well. He says when they were considering plans before, White had offered to make a proposal and now they would like for him to submit that proposal. Temple says he isn't sure they can afford a pension plan, but they are sure they need to do something to take care of the old men who ought to be retired to improve efficiency in the organization and also from a humanitarian standpoint.

**June 22, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Bankers Life Company**

Temple writes that they are revisiting the idea of adopting a pension plan and would like to know if Bankers Life Company would like to revise their proposal of May 15, 1944. Temple closes by saying they would like to know if Pete Adams is still representing them and to send them his warmest regards.

**June 23, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he has a letter from Arthur, Jr. approving the proposal to offer the physical properties of the Little Rock oil mill to Procter and Gamble or Buckeye, excluding the automobiles. He says he hasn't heard from Newman but that he discussed it with Gertrude and she was in favor of the sale as he is sure that Marguerite and Georgie would be also. He says it isn't necessary that they approve the plan, but that as they have significant interest in the company he has decided to do. Temple says unless they should have some expression to the contrary from Newman that they proceed with the preparation of the proposal to be presented to Buckeye. He closes by saying they should have some leeway in their negotiations.

**June 23, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to Clyde Thompson**

Temple writes that he has just received a letter from his friend Cloud that says he understands they do not need his land anymore. He says should this be incorrect Thompson should notify him immediately and he would also advise him about the 311 acres of timber he offered to them. Temple closes by saying he is still on friendly terms with O.N. and if there is anything further that he can do in their interest to let him know.

**June 28, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to R. M. Morriss**

Temple writes that he hasn't made any progress in regard to the treating plant for Diboll. He says Arthur, Jr. thought very highly of Morriss' plant but wanted to give it more thought, and that's where it stands at the moment. He says while he trusts Morriss' judgment he would like to see one of the plants in operation, and if he installs one before they decide what they are going to do that he would let them know so they can go visit it.

**June 28, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Durham**

Temple writes that he appreciates his invitation to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration to be held at Diboll on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He says he would like to come but that he won't be able because of various complications. He says he is sure there will be quite a celebration at Diboll and he wishes he could attend, particularly to hear Martin Dies' speech.

**June 28, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to W. T. Greenwood**

Temple writes that he is referring Greenwood's letter of June 28<sup>th</sup> to the manager of the mill at Diboll and in the event that he needs a lath mill foreman he will communicate with him.

**June 29, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to Thomas E. Hand**

Temple writes that he is again giving some thought to a pension plan for the employees of their several companies and that he has recently gone over the data and letters that he has received from Hand with

respect to a pension trust. He asks to be reminded of the advantages Hand maintains for the pension trust as against straight pension plan, saying that the latter would seem simpler and require less work. Temple says they still have doubts about whether they can afford the pension plan and that some have said the monthly pensions are too low. Temple closes saying he realizes the urgent need for a pension plan and hopes they can "figure out a way to adopt a plan that we can afford and that would be adequate to our purposes."

**July 6, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that the letter he received from Reggie Goodrich has again prompted him to restate his opinion on their timber and land buying policy. He says he thinks they should take advantage of any opportunities to buy timber and land where "we can see our way clear to come out whole" either in the present market or in the long haul, and that he wants to be comfortable when the next depression comes, which he says will come "as surely as God made little apples." He says he knows the policy that he advocates is difficult because it's hard to foresee the future, but he just wants to be prepared for anything that may happen. Temple closes by discussing the problem Diboll is having finding timber to carry them over for the next 10 or 15 years and says Diboll may be tempted to pay higher prices for timber which may be cut in the future than Pineland, thus putting Pineland in a position to carry out a more conservative policy.

**July 8, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he has read Berckes' letter to the Conservation Committee on the subject of Forest Experience- Training Program. He says they have "put on at Diboll a graduate of the Duke School of Forestry, Mr. Martinelli, and they are very optimistic about the success of their program and hope that Martinelli will qualify for a permanent position. He says that in considering the plan agreed upon by Korstian and Southern Pine Association it occurs to him that some difficulty may be experienced in getting lumber companies to cooperate. Temple closes by mentioning the scholarship that Southern Pine Lumber Company will begin sponsoring in the Forestry School of Stephen F. Austin College and that Temple Lumber Company in Pineland will likely do the same thing.

**July 8, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that it has been a while since Farley talked to him about the "blue baby" at Diboll and says that he wonders if any steps have been taken with a surgeon in Houston to have it handled. He says as he recalls the surgery was supposed to cost around \$2,100 and he has offered to take care of all or part of this cost through the Temple Foundation, saying that he doesn't know how any average working man could afford such an expense. Temple closes by saying he was sorry to not have a longer visit with Farley when he was in Diboll.

**July 8, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Carrol Allen**

Temple writes that he has considered Allen's appeal for a new parish house at Lufkin and that he has decided to contribute \$500 for Katherine and himself. He says his pledge is available at any time and is "contingent upon the raising of the amount adequate to do the job and, if, and when the project is definitely assured." He says he doesn't mean this to sound like a lot of conditions but he just doesn't want to put up money that will remain in a fund indefinitely.

**July 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. M. Morriss**

Temple writes that he is glad to hear that Morriss plans to have two little treating units in operation soon and that he will let them know when they are operating so they may come and see them. He says they would like to see one before they decide to buy one for Diboll.

**July 13, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. J. Chester**

Temple writes that he has Chester's letter advising that he has requested Mr. Dix to send a representative to Diboll to determine whether or not they would be justified in buying a Diesel-electric locomotive. He says that he failed to mention in his last letter that the representative should contact Arthur, Jr. in Diboll when he arrives. Temple closes by saying he regrets hearing that Chester was going to retire from active service with the T&P, saying that much of the fine reputation the T&P enjoys is the result of his work and that he will be greatly missed.

**July 14, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he was sorry to learn that there were carry over losses from previous administrations at Arkadelphia. He says he had hoped it had all been taken care of previously. He says unless they can put the feed mill on a paying basis they might as well sell it or abandon the operation. Temple closes by saying he assumes they will have ample information to determine whether or not they can make a success of the feed mill venture.

**July 14, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. F. Allen**

Temple writes that he received Allen's letter regarding the handling by Texas Employers' of their compensation insurance under the Southern Pine- Temple Lumber group and that he understands there will be no change in the charge by Texas Employers' as long as the premium remains the same. He says he doesn't think Allen needs to explain the actions any further, and he would appreciate if Allen would continue to send letters such as these to Arthur, Jr. so he can be kept fully advised.

**July 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he just discussed with Mr. Thomas, Prud'homme's contractor, the proposed contract for a new store at Pineland. He says he told Thomas they would be in Pineland the next week and would have a definite decision at that time. He says he wants to forward the plan to Arthur, Jr. along with the cost estimate and if he approves it then he sees no problem in starting the work on the new store as soon as weather permits. Temple says he thinks that space will work for their needs and suggests omitting the air conditioning but says to install ducts that can be used for heating or air conditioning if they decide to install it in the future. He says he was impressed with Thomas, but he thinks it might be well for them to get some competitive bidding, though he doesn't think they would be able to get any bids without specific plans. He says it appears to him that there are no fancy features in the building, just things that are completely practical and necessary to function. Temple closes the letter by saying he and Arthur, Jr. will discuss the new store and give them a definite answer by the following week.

**July 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he decided to refresh his memory on the profits made in the store, drugstore, and market the year before going ahead with the building of a new store at Pineland. He says that without analyzing the store profit he doesn't know whether they are getting a fair return or not. He says he doesn't think the drugstore in Pineland is doing as well as it should be. Temple closes by saying his purpose in writing this letter is to suggest that Prud'homme check into the operation of the drugstore in Pineland to see if there are any leaks.

**July 16, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he hadn't thought of the possible saving that could be done by installing air conditioning in the new store by reducing or eliminating the need for windows. He says since they make their own electricity it wouldn't be an expense, and since Prud'homme already has two air conditioning units he would just have to buy one more. He says, though, the air conditioners will have to be replaced eventually and he doesn't know the life of an air conditioning unit. Temple closes the letter saying he would like to arrange with Thomas to build the store on a fixed fee basis with the company paying all bills and labor. He says that unless there is some objection Prud'homme should go ahead and work it out with Thomas.

**July 19, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he hates to disagree and not do what Kurth asks him to do, but that he can't follow him in his support of Lyndon Johnson in his race for United States senate saying that he has always been violently opposed to the New Deal and it is clear that Johnson was a clear favorite of the Roosevelt administration. He says that he will either vote for Coke Stevenson or George Peddy as their thinking is more in line with his own, and he would try to influence as many as possible to do the same.

**July 20, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he is too pessimistic and conservative to bet that oil will be found when a well is drilled on their land. He says in spite of his first reaction to Kenley's letter he is willing to abide by his judgment and wait to see what develops and they have to find out whether the well is going to be drilled.

**July 20, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he asked Finley Scruggs if he thought his people would be interested in a blanket lease on all of Temple Lumber Company's and Southern Pine Lumber Company's land and agree to pay the rental for not less than five years. He says Scruggs thought his people might be interested and would let them know for sure soon. Temple says this proposition was suggested to him by his friend J.K. Wadley and says that certainly it will bring in more than they have been getting in the past but if oil is found on their land they will lose the opportunity to lease at high prices. He closes by saying he will be in Diboll the next day and would be interested in learning what Kenley thought of this sort of deal.

**July 27, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Directors of Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company**

Temple writes that for some time he has been thinking about pension program for the employees of the two companies and that he has concluded to recommend a combination trust plan providing life insurance. He says in order to get the program underway before the end of the fiscal year he would like

to have an informal meeting of the directors to discuss and further explain what they plan to do. He says he is requesting a luncheon to be held for the directors and asks that they let Arthur, Jr. know if they will be attending. Temple closes by emphasizing that a pension plan for their employees is very important and he feels all employees are entitled to the security that a definite pension program tied in with life insurance would provide.

**July 28, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he was interested in reading about the Hall boy, and says that in talking with his wife about the operation the boy is going to have that the cost quoted seemed very high. He says he wonders if it includes travel costs and a lengthy hospital stay. He says he would like Farley to find out what the cost covers if possible without embarrassing those involved and to refresh him on what they would be expected to take care of out of the Temple Foundation. Temple closes by saying he had a visit with Hall in Diboll and that he seemed very appreciative of what they proposed to do.

**July 30, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he received Kenley's letter advising him of the well southwest of Alto on Southern Pine Lumber Company land. He says the news is gratifying and he hopes the thickness of the sand means that the well is on the edge of a real pool. He says he would like to be kept advised of any developments.

**August 5, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he would have no objection to Kenley talking to Finley Scruggs about the proposition that he made to him several weeks earlier as he has heard nothing from him. He says since the discovery of oil in Rusk he has wondered if they should make a deal with an oil company. He says Mr. Tripp of Diboll told him his son Maurice has developed a new method of locating oil through radio activity and has told him in the past that he would like to make a deal with a company like theirs with it understood that they would split all proceeds from an oil discovery in half. Temple says this looks very attractive to him and he would like to talk to the company that Maurice is associated with when they are ready. He closes by saying he wonders if it wouldn't be advisable to do more slowly in making more oil leases and he usually wouldn't have much faith in the new method discussed, but what he knows of Tripp would lead him to believe that he has something that may be worthwhile.

**August 5, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to William A. Peavy**

Temple writes that he didn't have the opportunity to discuss the cutting of the timber on the 1,300 acres in Angelina County belonging to Mrs. Jasper Peavy. He says he is writing Arthur, Jr. and Dave Kenley to ask them to look and see if they would be interested in cutting the timber on a selective basis and to suggest a price they can afford to pay.

**August 5, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Pan-American Engineering Company, att: A. G. Galt**

Temple writes that after further investigation they have decided not to change locomotives and will not need the diesel electric locomotive that was offered at the present time.

**August 6, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. A. Damrel**

Temple writes that he received Eck's letter in regard to the building of the new store at Pineland and he says he assumes that Arthur, Jr. will handle the payroll and submit statements to the company at regular intervals. He says he notes that Eck states they are to assume the responsibility of furnishing materials, but that Arthur, Jr. thought it would be better for his organization to buy all of the materials except what Temple Lumber Company could buy at an advantage. Temple says outside of those points, Eck's letter covers the situation and he feels it might be advisable in order to avoid further confusion to have a short contract that would show Arthur, Jr.'s organization is responsible for the \$5,000. He says the letter also says the fee will cover a local foreman and supervisor of the job and Arthur, Jr. said it was customary to charge the time of such a man against the owner and he would prefer to handle it in that manner. Temple closes saying he is sending this letter to Eck in Pineland but that he isn't expected to be in Pineland for the rest of the week, so he asks that Damrel call the letter to his attention when he returns.

**August 6, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that Finley Scruggs called him and said that he wanted to go to Diboll to check the records to see what acreage Southern Pine Lumber company and Temple Lumber Company own and what is now under lease. He says he told Scruggs to get in touch with Kenley before going to Diboll so he can be sure he will be there. Temple says from this call he assumes Humble is interested in his proposition and though he had his doubts about whether it would be good proposition for them he now believes it would be. He closes by suggesting Kenley help Scruggs get whatever information he should need and to do whatever he can to encourage the deal.

**August 7, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to J. Carroll Clement**

Temple writes that he is returning correspondence pertaining to the Jerry Hall case that was sent to him at Arthur, Jr.'s request.

**August 9, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to J. R. Bemis**

Temple writes to thank Bemis for his letter giving his opinion of A.F.P.I. [American Forest Products Industries]. He says frankly he doesn't know what to think about A.F.P.I. and it might help if he wrote to them and got a report on their activities. He says their contributions are a pretty heavy item and it's hard to determine whether or not they are getting value received. Temple says he isn't concerned about such an outlay under present conditions but he is looking ahead to when they will have to trim their sails, but even now he doesn't like to contribute to something the value of which is in doubt.

**August 10, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to Thomas E. Hand**

Temple writes that this letter will authorize him as their pension consultant and broker of record to obtain from life insurance companies which they have named and from others as he may deem proper to underwrite the life insurance and annuity benefits contemplated by the proposed retirement plan for the Southern Pine Lumber Company and the Temple Lumber Company as well as any other companies they may decide to include in the proposed plan.

**August 13, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to Business Executive Publications**

Temple writes that they received the offer for a second subscription to The Report for the Business Executive and though they have misplaced the subscription blank they would like to have the subscription submitted for Arthur Temple, Jr. and to bill him directly.

**August 28, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that he and Mr. Webber have discussed the contents of the letter from Jordan in regard to transit privilege extended on account of rough squares purchased on the outside by Temple-White and they agree the practice ought to be discontinued. He says he is not in favor of willingly violating any law or regulation of the Interstate Commerce Commission and he would be opposed to doing so whether or not there is any danger of being caught and penalized.

**August 30, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to V. J. Adams**

Temple writes that he returned from vacation and found Adams' letter advising that there has been some delay in getting payroll data from Temple-White and that retail division of Temple Lumber Company but that he expects to have the data soon and will be able to present a complete picture to them in the future. He says he wonders if it wouldn't be best for him to meet with Adams in Diboll to see where they stand and they are ready to continue with their consideration of a pension trust plan and await his suggestions. Temple closes saying he is enclosing a letter from Mr. White in Dallas that says it would be advisable for them to get a bid from United Fidelity Life Insurance Company but he says he doesn't know the financial strength of the company and would have to depend on Adams as to whether they would qualify.

**August 31, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. P. Deas**

Temple writes that he thanks Deas for his letter giving him information about American Forest Products Industries and that he is returning the copies of letters and statements enclosed with his letter and will return the magazines he sent after he has a chance to read the articles. He says he is still unconvinced about the value of A.F.P.I. [American Forest Products Industries] and one of his main causes of doubt is that he doesn't have any direct contact with their work. He says he wonders how much of the stuff is getting to the public. Temple says he wonders if the company doesn't conduct much of its work east of the river. He closes by saying he appreciated Deas' letter very much.

**September 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Martin Dies**

Temple writes that he has just read the brief filed by Dies with the National Labor Relations Board in the Doc Smith case and that he hopes it will be as convincing to the board as it was to him. He says he doesn't see how "any fair minded judge could hold against Southern Pine Lumber Company in this case in the face of the evidence repeated in your brief and your argument." He closes by saying he would like to know the decision of the board when it is rendered.

**September 3, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Finley Scruggs**

Temple writes that the time for their meeting in Diboll as suggested in Scruggs letter will work for him and that he will be ready to meet with Scruggs and Mr. Hankinson when they arrive. He says he is writing to Dave Kenley to see if the meeting time will be satisfactory to him and asks that he let him know if it will not be.

**September 4, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that since an argument has arrived between Jordan and Herb White about the proposed end of transit privileges enjoyed by Temple-White he suggests that Jordan withhold any action contemplated until he and Temple Webber are in Diboll. He says they don't want to be in violation of law or rules but he realizes how much the transit privileges mean to Temple-White and if they could find any way to legally continue using them then of course they would want to grant Temple-White that benefit. Temple closes saying he hopes something may be worked out and he suggests waiting to change the policy until they can all get together and discuss it thoroughly.

**September 7, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he appreciated the letter about the result of operations at Pineland for the month of August and says that contrary to Prud'homme's expectations he is not seriously disappointed at the result. He says the disappointing thing to him is the loss sustained by the dimension plant and the toilet seat department, but overall he doesn't think there is anything to be concerned about in the result for August and they should be satisfied to show any profit at all. He says he isn't much inclined to put out a varied line of toilet seats and would rather focus that equipment to something else since they have run into considerable difficulty in marketing their product. Temple says he will be meeting with Mr. Adams and Mr. Hand in regard to their pension plan and that he has a meeting with representatives from Humble Oil and Refining Company in regard to a lease deal. He says they will also meet with Herb White and Jordan on "a matter of vital concern to the handle factory" and their time will be taken up, otherwise he would suggest Prud'homme come to Diboll and spend the night with them. He says he hasn't given much thought to Temple Lumber Company's cash position or what it will be at the end of the fiscal year, and he knows the yards are using an "awful lot" of money due to the large amount of business they have been doing, but Styles has assure him that money will continue to come in on the Westview Housing Project. Temple closes saying after seeing the trial balance the cash of the company is not going to be "any too good" and he will try to determine what cash will be available at the end of the year for distribution to stockholders.

**September 7, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that in another letter he dictated he did not go into the matter of a new store building and post office. He says that in view of Temple Lumber Company's cash position he would be glad to see the building deferred and that if they wait they can build for considerably less in the second half of next year.

**September 10, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. White**

Temple writes that he should have suggested that White sit in with them when they met with Mr. Hand and Mr. Adams about their insurance and annuity plan but it didn't occur to him because the purpose of the meeting was to consider a revised estimate of the funding liability for Temple Lumber Company and Southern Pine Lumber Company. He says there was little difference in the estimated cost for Temple-White and he hopes White will be in favor of joining with Temple Lumber Company and Southern Pine Lumber Company in adopting the plan. He says he is asking Arthur, Jr. to send the folder showing the calculations for Temple-White to him. Temple closes saying he believes they will get the transit privilege for Temple-White worked out satisfactorily.

**September 10, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. E. Minton**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. has suggested that it would be to the Company's interest to sell houses at Diboll to as many employees as would buy them at fair and reasonable prices. He says he doesn't have any strong reluctance to sell such property and he doesn't know of any good reason for such an attitude as they have had to selling in the past other than the possible obligations owners would impose on the Company. He says because of Minton's long association with Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company he would appreciate it if Minton would let him know of any objection to selling houses to employees at either Diboll or Pineland. Temple says one of the main reasons they want to sell the houses is that they do not get adequate rent and every year they spend considerably more on maintaining the houses than what they make. He closes saying the employees are more likely to keep up the houses and the companies are interested in saving the maintenance costs.

**September 11, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that in reading over the file of correspondence between Menefee and Mr. Gordon of the Southern Pacific he was impressed with the fact that the correspondence relates entirely to the question of whether mop and broom handles would be applied against inbound shipments of rough squares. He says he thinks they have complied with the tariff and that Gordon's denials of Menefee's application was a refusal to accept finished handles, not lumber processed through the lumber company's planing mill. He says he thinks the only apparent weakness in their position is that they are applying outbound shipments by Southern Pine Lumber Company against inbound shipments which are for Temple-White and there are two companies involved and one is being used for the benefit of the other but the weakness didn't seem to have much bearing on Jordan or others. Temple says he intends to discuss the matter with the transit rate expert with the T&P [Texas & Pacific] when he is in Dallas, but it looks to him that they are in the clear except for the question raised earlier in the letter.

**September 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he took a small package containing grease fittings to Little Rock with him instead of reshipping them but he forgot to give them to Latane. He says when they got home they couldn't find them and the post office called and said the fittings weren't intended for Temple Cotton Oil Company and should be returned. He says one thought he had was that Latane had taken the package with him when he got out of their car and that he would like to know if he has them. Temple closes his letter saying he enjoyed his visit.

**September 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he was interested in Prud'homme's comments on the proposal to sell houses to their employees and the pension plan. He says he has had doubt as to whether their employees would be able or willing to buy their houses and commit to a one industry town where "there would be no opportunity for employment should their services to Southern Pine Lumber Company, Temple-White, or the TSE be severed." He also says he is glad they have decided to go ahead with the pension program because he thinks it is urgently needed. Temple says he was reluctant to limit the insurance but he realized many of their high salaried employees owned stock in the company so they would not be relying entirely on their pension. He closes saying it is important they take care of the "rank and file" in the company and he doesn't think the limit will cause any suffering.

**September 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that he turned over one of the claims Jordan gave him to C.C. Hayes and that he is going to have one of his men consider it and let them know if they are complying with the tariff. He says Hayes agreed about what the weakest point of their position is and he told Hayes it was a point that had not been stressed by Jordan in their conversation at Diboll. Temple says he will let Jordan know what Hayes finds and then they will decide their course of action. He closes by again saying he doesn't want any of their companies to be in violation of any law, rule, or regulation.

**September 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. White**

Temple writes that Mrs. Ralls called him and said that she had talked with White about a pension plan for Temple-White with the thought they would go with a different plan than that being adopted by Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company and she wanted to know if that was ok with him. He says he told her it would be perfectly alright and he just wanted the best plan at the lowest price for Temple-White. He says there may be some advantages to their using Minnesota Mutual, one being that they don't have to use a bank as a trustee, making it simpler than their plan. Temple says Mrs. Ralls "is pretty much of a nuisance", saying she has been very persistent in this process and he doesn't think she is very trustworthy. He closes the letter saying he doesn't think it would make any difference if Temple-White is in the same plan as Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company, but he hopes if they decide a pension plan is needed at Temple-White they will see the Houston combination is the better.

**September 20, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. White**

Temple writes that he doesn't "see how any employee with a grain of sense could fail to see the advantage from the employees' standpoint of such a pension plan" adopted by Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company. He says he understands that a young man is not as much interested in a pension plan effective at 65 as an older man, but he thinks they should see the advantage of the life insurance feature. He says if Mr. Hand and his company cannot sell the plan to the employees, as is their job, it will not work. Temple closes saying since White is uncertain about the program it would be best to wait to put it in at Diboll, Pineland, and the Temple Lumber Company yards and then if they want to come in later they can.

**September 20, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. R. Stephens**

Temple writes that he is glad to learn that Stephens has agreed to serve as director of Temple Cotton Oil Company. He says with Stephens' wide acquaintance over the state and his judgment and ability he will be of considerable value to the company. Temple closes saying he feels Stephens is eminently qualified and he looks forward to a "very pleasant association with you in the conduct of the affairs of the company."

**September 22, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he has been reading something under the column headed "Swabbings" in the Dallas Morning News about the well on their land southwest of Alto and that he is enclosing a clipping from

today's paper. He says he is glad to know the well is producing some oil and that the operators are optimistic enough to drill an off-set well.

**September 23, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he and Temple are going to drive to Diboll early in the next week to confer with Mr. Hand about the bids that have been received from a number of insurance companies and also to approve a trust agreement which their attorney has drawn up. He says he has arranged for them to meet with him at ten o'clock Tuesday morning and he would be glad for Prud'homme to meet and participate in the discussion if he would care to do so.

**September 25, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he received the copy of Latane's letter sent to Arthur, Jr. making an appointment to meet him in his office. He says as far as he knows there will be nothing to conflict with meeting him and Mr. Stephens in his office at 9:30 Thursday morning.

**October 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. R. Schindler**

Temple writes that he is glad Schindler sent a copy of his letter to Arthur, Jr. because it is "quite impossible for me at this distance to say whether we are experiencing any difficulty in securing sawmill machinery, logging equipment, and sawmill supplies generally." He says Arthur, Jr. will be able to give him this information and he is sure he will hear from him soon.

**October 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he was sorry that their meeting didn't end in a more optimistic manner and that he was glad that he, Latane, and Arthur, Jr. seemed to be in agreement that they couldn't do more to interest Mr. Stephens than to offer him stock in Temple Cotton Oil Company at a fair price. He says he doesn't think they could afford to offer any special compensation other than stock and if Stephens has any interest in accepting the challenge that was referred to several times in their meeting the stock interest should be sufficient incentive. He says if Stephens prefers not to serve without some other sort of compensation that perhaps they should let him resign or fail to qualify and go on without him on the board. Temple says he has the utmost confidence in Latane and his ability to continue the progress that has been made to date and would back him in anything he wanted to do. He says he doesn't think anything will be lost by charging off some of the John K. Gibson indebtedness as Stephens suggested, but he doesn't see the point in changing their auditors. Temple closes saying he wished he could offer more encouragement and says he is willing to help in any way possible.

**October 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that since meeting with Mr. Hand in Diboll he has wondered if they could afford the costs of the pension program and that the plan would not meet their immediate needs. He says that the plan has become less attractive and that after meeting with Arthur, Jr. he decided to call Mr. Hand and ask him to hold up on the plan until they could think about it a little more. He says he felt guilty doing this because Hand's organization has done so much work but that he wants to be thoroughly sold on anything they might undertake and if they decide not to adopt the plan they have been considering he

thinks they should compensate Hand for the work he has done. Temple closes discussing the possibility of contributing to the Temple Foundation who in turn could give money similarly to a pension plan.

**October 2, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he has talked with R.P. Jackson about his negotiations to buy the Lynch Davidson lands in Polk County and that Jackson was “ready to throw up his hands” leaving them free to negotiate for the land if they wanted to do so. He says the proposition seems to be too expensive and they might want to have someone look into buying the timber from the land. Temple closes saying he doesn’t think they would be able to make a favorable deal in the matter.

**October 2, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. R. Stephens**

Temple writes that he is glad that Stephens has decided to qualify as director of Temple Cotton Oil Company for one year and that he feels he is capable of serving but he doesn’t want him to feel like he is making any great personal sacrifice. He says when they elected him to the Board of Directors they never thought Stephens would be involved in the management of the business or that he would be tied down to specific duties and obligations. He says Latane wanted someone “in whom he had confidence close at hand to advise with and you seemed to fill that need.”

**October 4, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. R. Stephens**

Temple writes that he was glad that Stephens decided to serve as Director of Temple Cotton Oil Company and that he understands why he might be reluctant to spend too much of his time on the company since he has no financial interest. He closes thanking Stephens for his friendship to Latane and the interest he has shown in working out some of the difficult problems of Temple Cotton Oil Company. In a footnote to Arthur, Jr. Temple writes he didn’t mail the letter of October 2 to Stephens because he thought it sounded “too hard.” He says he doesn’t want him to think they can’t go on without him and he questions some of his suggestions.

**October 4, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that Eck Prud’homme asked him to let him know how many would be in Pineland for lunch preceding that annual meeting. He says he wishes Styles would let Prud’homme know how many from his way would be attending the meeting and how many will be in town for lunch.

**October 5, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that Kurth’s letter to companies that have subscribed to the building of the Memorial Hospital suggesting individual memorials has been referred to him. He says since they have already subscribed a large amount of money and he understands his father’s name will be included among those to be memorialized they do not want to go any further. He says he thanks him for the suggestion and the opportunity he offered them.

**October 6, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he is, and has always been, opposed to paying more for seed than they can get out of it and making unsound loans to farmers and gingers for the privilege of buying seed. He says both

practices are contrary to good business practice. He says he doesn't know "how far we can go in swimming against the current or bucking practices which seem to prevail in the cotton seed oil business" and changing policy could result in a severe loss, but he does feel very strongly they should remove all gambling from their business practices. Temple says he is unsure whether Parker is big enough to act as manager and he was disappointed in the showing of the Hope mill. He closes saying he enjoyed Latane's visit and hopes he will come down more often.

**October 7, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to V. J. Adams**

Temple writes that he is sure that Adams was surprised to learn that they had gotten cold on the pension program for employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company as they are leery of the cost and because none of their employees would qualify for a pension in less than ten years. He says they need something that will take care of the immediate liability in taking care of old men who should be retired now. Temple closes saying he was "quite embarrassed by calling off the deal after we went so far" and they will discuss their pension needs at the annual stockholders meeting and directors meeting.

**October 8, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that referring to Kenley's letter about the price they should accept for their land, saying that he presumes that he referred to the deal they discussed since they met with the Humble representatives which he advised consummating unless he is able to work out something even better. He says he doesn't recall what Humble's proposition was on 100,000 acres and if they consider these two propositions and decide which they think is best he will need full details. Temple says while he doesn't remember exactly what Humble's proposition was he believes he has the other deal clearly in his mind.

**October 8, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. W. Thompson**

Temple writes that Mr. Styles sent a copy of his letter to Thompson to him that pertained to the request to purchase first lien notes of the Memorial Hospital. He says he feels like their allied interests have participated rather liberally in the building of the Memorial Hospital and he doesn't think the hospital will be as useful to them in Diboll as it will be to the industries in Lufkin. Temple closes saying he hopes the Lufkin yard of Temple Lumber Company will not be obligated to purchase any of the first lien notes, but at the same time they don't want to shirk their responsibilities or evade commitments that have been made.

**October 11, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Edwin C. Durham, Jr.**

Temple writes that he heard Durham called representing Atlantic Refining Company in a lease on their lands and that he had suggested an appointment with him. He says he doesn't feel qualified to discuss any sort of lease deal because he doesn't know what lands belonging to Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company are already under lease and suggests they get in touch with Dave Kenley. He says they do have several large deals under consideration at the present time and Kenley is familiar with them. Temple closes saying he hopes they will get in touch with Kenley as soon as possible.

**October 11, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to P. M. Anderson**

Temple writes that since receiving Anderson's letter suggesting that he return to Texarkana and only handle sales of hardwood they have been trying to figure out if this would be a good thing to do or how it might be managed. He says he understands Anderson's desire to be closer to home and to cut down on his work, and says he will be in Diboll soon and they can talk more about this at that time.

**October 11, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he was sorry to learn from Kenley's letter that the deal that made such a strong appeal to him is out and that he wonders how Kenley thinks the deal with Humble would be better. He says he was very interested in what Kenley wrote about Hunt and urges him to explore the situation further, saying he wonders if they could get a definite commitment out of them.

**October 13, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he received Kurth's letter in regard to the subscription of Memorial Hospital bonds by the Temple Lumber Company yard at Lufkin and says that he doesn't want to be in "the attitude of holding out on such a small item as \$2,300 of the bonds." He says he wishes the hospital had been financed on a basis other than the one employed and he doesn't think employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company should be charged so much per employee for physical examination because they have facilities and staff in Diboll that can do the same thing.

**October 13, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme, S. F. Styles, and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes they have "always had a very liberal policy with respect to company owned cars" but there seems to be a tendency to look upon company owned cars as provided not only for business but also for individual employees and their families, which he says isn't right. He says they need to make it clear that the cars are for business except during emergency. He closes by suggesting the men send out letters to all that use company cars and explain the cars are only to be used in the discharge of their duties as employees.

**October 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he is inclined to think they need to do something with Temple Lumber Company's acreage and that they should accept Humble's proposition, but that it would certainly be worth waiting to get a proposition from Atlantic. He says he is more interested in making a deal on Pineland's acreage than Diboll's and that they can be reasonably sure that Humble would do some drilling some time during the term of the lease if they should take a lease on 100,000 acres. He says this plan was suggested to him by a very successful man in the oil business several months before he ever talked to Finley Scruggs.

**October 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that if Kenley can get at least \$20 per acre on the land belonging to Temple Lumber Company in Jasper County he is inclined to think they should lease instead of gamble. He says he isn't completely familiar with the conditions in Jasper County and would rather take the money and gamble on royalties. Temple closes saying he will be in Diboll the next week and they can discuss the various deals Kenley has pending then.

**October 21, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. W. Thompson**

Temple writes that he has Thompson's letter in regard to memorials or memorial plaques to be placed in the new hospital at Lufkin and says that the main person he wants to memorialize is his father, T.L.L. Temple, and perhaps Henry Temple as well. He says he thinks Watson Walker should have a memorial also, but then wonders where to stop choosing people to memorialize. He says he is disposed to leave the matter to Arthur, Jr. but he truly feels his father should have a memorial along with J.H. Kurth Sr. and S.W. Henderson, men he says who were responsible for the industrial development of Lufkin.

**October 22, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to D. W. Thompson**

Temple writes that he was in a confused state when he responded to Thompson's last letter regarding the memorial plaques to be put in the hospital at Lufkin. He says he wants to place a memorial plaque in the new hospital for his father and that if Arthur, Jr. or any other members of their official family think they should also place memorials for Watson Walker and Henry Temple he would "be quite agreeable to doing so." Temple closes by apologizing for not responding more intelligently to Thompson's letter, saying that he hasn't slept as well as he would like in the past few nights and that he has been upset by the sudden passing of Mrs. Josh Morriss.

**October 25, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he is glad to learn from Smith's letter that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue approved Temple Lumber Company's request to be allowed to re-allocate the cost of land which will allow them to increase their timber account by about \$250,000. He says this will be very beneficial and Smith has done a very good job.

**October 27, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to V. J. Adams**

Temple writes that after the annual meeting of stockholders of Temple Lumber Company there was a meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the need of a pension program. He says the consensus of the group was that they should not adopt the plan suggested by Adams at the time because they need to take care of so many elderly employees now and that they are still concerned about being able to pay for the plan in the event of a rough year. He says others in their organization will continue to think about a program that will take care of their needs and also be affordable and he is looking forward to reading a survey taken by the Southern Pine Association of plans for taking care of employees. Temple closes saying if he knew of a formal pension plan that was in use in the entire lumber industry he would have less fear of pioneering in such efforts.

**October 27, 1948****Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that when Styles mentioned a bonus for employees of the retail yards the conversation was changed to how a bonus should be paid and who should participate. He says he presumes Styles understood a 10% bonus is in order because that is what they have been paying in Diboll and Pineland. He says he thinks it would be better to adjust salaries to compensate various individuals according to their ability and their worth to the company and that a bonus should be a flat rate for all. Temple says he is glad to hear Styles has arranged to borrow money for the Westview Project so his indebtedness to Southern Pine Lumber Company can be cleared and says he hopes Styles will continue his program to reduce receivables and inventories in an effort to be prepared in the event the market collapses. He

closes saying he was pleased that the board agreed with his recommendation that Eck and Styles serve as vice presidents of Temple Lumber Company and that he was sorry they didn't have more time to visit.

**October 30, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that since receiving Prud'homme's letter he has tried to draft a notice to employees to tell them that they have abandoned for the moment any pension program and then gives a short example of what he thinks should be released to employees. He gives Prud'homme permission to edit the release but says he doesn't want to make a commitment to adopt a pension plan in the future. He closes saying he doesn't think this notice will violate any contract with the employees but he hasn't sent it to a lawyer to be sure. He says Arthur, Jr. or Prud'homme think it is advisable to do so they can submit it to Martin Dies or J.J. Collins.

**November 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes in response to Prud'homme's letter regarding listing him and Styles as Vice Presidents on their new letterheads. He says he thinks they should both be there along with any other officers and they could come up with some way to distinguish between what each man does.

**November 2, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Mrs. Carrol Allen**

Temple writes that he is sending a recent issue of "Printer's Ink" and the obituary of Dick Lawrence and asks when she is through with them that she turn them over to Arthur, Jr. He says with it being Election Day he hopes they are "doing your duty as American citizens" and voting for Dewey, Warren, and Porter and closes saying he would really like to see Porter replace Lyndon Johnson in the Senate.

**November 3, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he has Smith's letter advising that he has been conferring with Mr. Carey, and agent for the IRS, and that he has raised some question about the fair market value of timber as used in Temple Lumber Company's 1946 return and also the depreciation of some of the items. He says he doesn't have any suggestions to make and he doesn't see how they can contend for any higher values on pine and hardwood stumpage. He closes saying all he thinks can be done is to have Smith negotiate for the best settlement possible on both of the issues.

**November 3, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to V. J. Adams**

Temple writes that in view of the results of the election he thinks it is best that they decided to defer any action on a pension program. He says that with the Democrats in control the government will swing very much to the left and there will be lots of pro-labor legislation and it will be questionable whether labor will need much help or consideration from industry. He says perhaps "the hand of God or some other influence restrained us just in time."

**November 3, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he doesn't see any objection to cooperating with E.C. Durham or Carl DuPuy by contributing a lease on approximately 300 acres of their land near Zavalla. He says he ordinarily thinks

they ought to get something out of any land that they lease but if it isn't possible they should go along with others who are interested.

**November 4, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. C. Durham**

Temple writes that he has just received a copy of Durham's letter to Dave Kenley urging the cooperation of Southern Pine Lumber Company in the drilling of a well in the Shawnee Prairie area. He says he advised Kenley to cooperate with Durham and Carl DuPuy and asks if they would be able to hold out part of their land. He then discusses his surprise over the outcome of the election a few days before and says they can look for a left wing government. Temple closes by saying he was sorry to hear that Durham's sister had passed away.

**November 4, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. M. Malone**

Temple writes that while they are sympathetic with any movement to promote the resources of the soil they are contributing to so many other conservation programs that he is reluctant to approve any more money to be sent out for such. He says they have no doubt that Malone's organization represents a worthy cause but they are already doing their fair share to conserve resources.

**November 6, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. B. Creager**

Temple writes that he is enclosing part of the editorial page from the Wall Street Journal and calls his attention to the marked editorials as well as the article titles "Whither the GOP?" He says that he recalled a letter that Creager sent out years earlier in which he advocated a reform of the Republican Party. He says he thinks that the Republican platform wasn't presented as it should have been in the recent election. Temple closes urging Creager to resume his fight to have the Republican Party adopt a program based on sound principles and not try to cater to various minority elements in the country.

**November 6, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple Jr. and D.C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he has talked with A.P. King, Jr. in Houston and told him they didn't favor the partnerships he submitted to them and they didn't think they could afford to gamble whatever they might get on the prospect of finding oil. He says he thinks they should be able to work something out but asks what they should do if they can't. He says if they can't come up with something they should seriously consider the counter-proposition suggested by Mr. Wadley.

**November 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Carrol Allen**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a check for \$500 as his contribution to the St. Cyprian Parish House Building Fund. He says he saw construction had already started and congratulates Allen on getting started so quickly. He closes saying it started raining when they got home and has been raining off and on ever since and he hopes the rain extends to Lufkin so that it will help with the wood fires.

**November 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Ben Anthony**

Temple writes that he almost has his guest list for his party at Boggy Slough completed and that he should hear from the last few soon. He says he thinks some additional people will be attending from Lufkin and says he is bringing ten cases of Budweiser because some guests have said "they do not care

for the brands which are obtainable down there.” He closes by thanking Anthony for making arrangements for his party and says he hopes it is as successful as parties he has sponsored in the past.

**November 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Edward T. Welsh**

Temple writes that in accordance with his phone conversation and letter from Welsh he is enclosing subscription blanks that he has filled out as President of Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company. He says though he has shown the address of Southern Pine as Texarkana he would like the Diboll office to receive any publications as well and would like to have Diboll added to the mailing list.

**November 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Harry Siegel**

Temple writes that he has just learned of Siegel’s gift of several bottles of old and rare Scottish whiskey and rum and that he appreciates “ever so much your remembering me in this fashion.” He says it has been a while since he has been able to visit with Siegel in Lufkin but that he hopes to have the pleasure of seeing him soon.

**November 12, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Gene Shotwell**

Temple writes that he is having a party at Boggy Slough and he would be very happy to have Shotwell join their party. He says if he would be able to attend to let Arthur, Jr. know.

**November 15, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes the he has no objection to liquidating the feed mill at Arkadelphia if a sale or prospect of sale doesn’t develop soon. He says he isn’t one to hold on to a bad prospect like his father, who he saw lose thousands of dollars because he would not admit defeat. He says since they have tried everything possible to make the feed mill profitable and haven’t been successful it is perfectly alright with him to close that plant down and liquidate the assets.

**November 16, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hints**

Temple writes that he was surprised to learn from Harry Walker that nothing had been done toward renovating that yard at Mexia and he presumes Odessa as well. He says it might not be smart to start making improvements at this time, but advises there has “been quite a movement in recent years to transform the old style lumber yards into modern and attractive building material stores. He says the next time Hints is in Houston he should call Styles and have him take him to the new Temple Lumber Company yard so he can get an idea of how the renovated yard will look.

**November 16, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. W. Rice**

Temple writes that he has received Rice’s letter of November 13 along with an editorial from his paper on the recent nation elections. He says he is sure that Arthur, Jr. is “desirous of continuing the very satisfactory relationship” at the Diboll plant and he knows he will give careful and serious consideration to supporting Rice’s work with their colored people. He says they are very fortunate to have the class of colored people working for them in Diboll and Pineland and he is trying to show them the consideration to which he feels they are entitled.

**November 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. P. King, Jr.**

Temple writes that he has received King's letter outlining the agreement for them to lease to H.R. Cullen their presently unleased acreage. He says while the letter outlines the general terms of the agreement there will be certain details to work out and that after King gets done with his deer hunting he thinks it would be in order for them to have another meeting to work out some of those details. He says he has written to Kenley in Diboll to be on the lookout for Henry and to cooperate in getting descriptions of the acreage. Temple closes saying he is very happy that they have been able to agree in principle on the lease to be given Mr. Cullen and it has been his pleasure to negotiate and work out the deal with King.

**November 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he has received a letter from A.P. King outlining the lease agreement with H.R. Cullen and asks that Kenley go over a copy of the letter and let him know if he has any suggestions with respect to it. He says they will have to work out the obligation on the part of Cullen to develop the acreage and that Henry will be contacting him soon with the descriptions of the acreage involved in the lease. He says they will meet with King to "thrash out further details" and closes saying he is very happy about the deal they agreed on with Cullen.

**November 22, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Robert L. Henry**

Temple writes that has received Henry's letter with proposed lease from Temple Lumber Company to various individuals and trustees and that he doubts if it would be worthwhile for him to make the trip to Texarkana to go over the lease with him, saying he thinks he can go over it with Arthur, Jr., Dave Kenley, and Mr. Minton and then they can report to him if necessary. He says he has written a letter to Kenley about some things in the lease that will have to be worked on and he thinks they need to discuss the obligation of the lessee to develop the land.

**November 22, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he received a letter from Robert Henry with a proposed lease drawn by Frank Smith and that he assumes a meeting has been held to discuss this proposal with Arthur, Jr., Henry, and Mr. Minton. He says he has gone over the lease and sees a few things that he does not agree with and says that the lease doesn't place any obligation on the lessee. He says that he is enclosing a copy of successful oil operator J.K. Wadley that contains suggestions about what they should do and that he supposes all of the details can be worked out with Mr. Henry. Temple closes saying that he would like to see a final draft of the lease contract.

**November 29, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Byrne Industrial Services**

Temple writes that he has their letter acknowledging their order for 2,100 copies of their Merry Christmas folders. He says he would appreciate it if they would not make their shipment after December 10 in order that they may be included in the employees' pay envelopes.

**November 30, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that if Smith can give him an estimate of Southern Pine Lumber Company's net profit before and after taxes he would appreciate it. He says that because of their surplus of cash and government bonds they have been vulnerable under section 102 of the Internal Revenue Service and that he still thinks they will be treading on dangerous ground not to pay out all of their current earnings except what they might hold back for plant improvements, land purchases, etc. He says he certainly doesn't want to be the cause of any penalty and would appreciate Smith's advice or suggestions.

**December 1, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that the objection raised in Kenley's letter is addressed in the proposed lease and that he interprets it to say that the lessee must exercise his option with respect to any of the land involved in the lease or that such land will be released by the lessee. He closes asking if Kenley has any other interpretation of what is said in the letter.

**December 3, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. B. White**

Temple writes that he has White's letter advising that he will be in Diboll for the annual meeting of Temple-White. He says the Southern Pine Lumber Company stockholders' meeting will be happening the same day and they should plan to have the Temple-White meeting after that.

**December 3, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Calvin Lawrence**

Temple writes that he is returning the application of Hardy Williams to be put on the Temple Foundation. He says since there seems to be little possibility of getting an allotment from Williams' son he thinks they should put him on the Foundation "until an allotment from the son is forthcoming", after which he says Williams can be removed from the Foundation or his allowance can be adjusted.

**December 6, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that they will be having the annual meeting of Southern Pine Lumber Company followed by the Directors' meeting next week and he would be glad for Prud'homme to sit in on both if he would be interested in doing so. He says Arthur, Jr. is arranging lunch for those who will be attending and he should let him know if he plans to come so that name may be added to the list.

**December 10, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. White**

Temple writes that he has received White's letters regarding the action taken at the meeting of stockholders and the meeting of Directors of Temple-White, Inc. He says it is agreeable to Southern Pine Lumber Company to renew the lease rental contract with Temple-White and also the contract for electric power and steam for a period of one year or until December 28, 1949.

**December 10, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he would like for Styles to let him know when he plans to have the opening of the new yard on Kirby Drive, saying that not only would he like to attend the formal opening but that he thinks it would be nice to have a meeting of the Directors of Temple Lumber Company in Houston at that time. He says the yard will be of interest to the Directors and also that it was suggested that they

have the next meeting in Houston. He says if Styles thinks it would be better to have the Directors down after the formal opening when he isn't so busy to let him know.

**December 14, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he wonders if Smith took advantage of the opportunity to discuss with Frank Taylor their position with respect to Section 102 as a result of their paying only 40% of their earnings after taxes in dividends. He says he is uneasy about their standing because there are no set rules to govern their action. He says he has copied an article relating to this issue and has enclosed a copy that shows that they are vulnerable on all four points mentioned. Temple says if Smith has talked with Taylor about this he would certainly like to know what he had to say, if anything.

**December 14, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Jack Tinnin**

Temple writes that the gloves sent to Tinnin were thought to have been the gloves that Tinnin left at Boggy Slough but that he now understands they were new. He closes saying he was in Diboll for the annual meeting and saw a pair of gloves that Arthur had just made. He says since they were a perfect fit for him he persuaded Arthur, Jr. to let him have them and they are the nicest gloves he has ever seen.

**December 16, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he has received the letter from Styles stating that he would like to have the Temple Lumber Company Directors meet in Houston when the new yard is formally opened so they can meet the employees and some of the friends of the company who will be attending the opening. He says Styles plans for the opening to be no later than the middle of January and as soon as he knows the definite opening date he will call a meeting of the Directors of Temple Lumber Company to meet in Houston at that time. He says he thinks the meeting will be of considerable interest to men on their board and he is anticipating the meeting with much pleasure.

**December 16, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a paragraph taken from a letter written by Frank Taylor that outlines that method of pricing the work which Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company is doing for them. He says the enclosed paragraph shows they are protected by a guaranteed maximum overall cost and he is disposed to leave the work to be done and the details to Taylor. He says he is going to talk with Taylor about checking the timber account, saying they know what they have done and don't want the timber account increased any more than they already have it set up.

**December 17, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. P. King, Jr.**

Temple writes that he received a letter from Mr. Cullen that outlined what he plans to do in connection with the lease on their companies' land. He says that he hasn't acknowledged the letter because he wants to discuss it with Arthur, Jr. and Dave Kenley. He says it doesn't seem to him that Cullen states exactly what he proposes to do and it seems Cullen should assume more obligation as a consideration for the lease on their land. Temple says he doesn't know how to put the obligations into writing but in the meantime he would appreciate any suggestions. He closes saying he would like King to let Cullen know that he received his letter and to explain his delay in acknowledging it.

**December 20, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. C. Durham**

Temple writes that since they had their Directors' meeting he has been thinking about whether they paid enough of a dividend to avoid any penalty under Section 102 of the Internal Revenue Code and after discussing the matter he thinks they should pay another 5% in addition to the 10% agreed upon. He says he is inclined to do this but he would much prefer a more conservative policy and he would appreciate it very much if Durham would let him know if he would be agreeable to paying another dividend, saying that he will contact the other Directors to get their approval as well.

**December 20, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. P. King, Jr.**

Temple writes that since writing King last he has given more thought to Cullen's letter and that he thinks that three years would be "ample for the primary term of a lease" with the understanding that the land would be surrendered if exploration should cease during that period. He says they don't want their "lands tied up for five years or even three years without an exploration or development being carried on." He says he feels Cullen should be willing to bind himself to what he is to do. Temple says he will be in Houston for the formal opening of the new yard there and for a meeting of the Board of Directors of Temple Lumber Company and asks if they could "hold in abeyance a final discussion of such terms and conditions... until that time." He closes saying in the meantime King might take up the points he mentioned with Cullen and get his thoughts on them.

**December 21, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he realizes they might not get any money out of oil or leasing their land for oil if they make the deal with Cullen as contemplated, but the main consideration of the lease will be the intensive exploration of their lands. He says he thinks they "are gambling a good deal on finding oil" but there is a chance they could sell the overriding royalty for a substantial amount of money.

**December 27, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that when he was in Dallas talking with Frank Taylor about Southern Pine Lumber Company's liability under Section 102 he discussed with him many things that had come up in the audit at Pineland. He says since the cash register at the pharmacy is not working there has been no record of sales and the best way to fix the problem is to fire the pharmacy manager as soon as possible. He says they also discussed the desirability of eliminating all discrimination, saying they both think it is a bad practice to allow anyone a discount. Temple says he would like to do away with any type of discount and treat all employees equally and he would like Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. to get together and discuss whether or not they can do this and when the change would be put into effect.

**December 31, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. R. Payne**

Temple writes that he enjoyed the copy of Payne's communication with the Republican National Committee and agrees with it one hundred percent. He says those who have "counseled a more radical or liberal stand on the part of the Republican Party are, in my opinion, just as wrong as they can be." He says he thinks the Republican Party should stand for things they know to be right whether they win or not. Temple says it will be interesting to see just what course the Republican Party does follow in the approaching session of the 81<sup>st</sup> Congress and in what comes out of the National Committee.

**December 31, 1948**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he is "in full accord with [Smith's] suggestion that they contribute from the Temple Foundation one-half of the balance owed to the Company by Barney Goins and Earl Harvey." He says he thinks this would be consistent with what they have done in several instances at Pineland and whatever Smith and Arthur, Jr. think is best will be alright with him.

**January 3, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he thinks that they should charge employees fair and reasonable prices at their stores but that the stores shouldn't be operated solely to the benefit of their employees. He says selling merchandise at cost or anything less than what represents a fair and reasonable profit and to rent their houses at a loss "smacks of socialism and paternalism" and he isn't prepared to apply that theory to business any more than to government, though he says the latter has gone that way in the past and the trend still seems to be in that direction.

**January 6, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he doesn't know what other concerns in their position are contributing to the East Texas Chamber of Commerce but he doesn't think \$200 is too much for any of their companies to subscribe. He says that there is no doubt in his mind but that the East Texas Chamber of Commerce is doing much for their section of the state and that he believes they can depend upon the Chamber to "exert its influence on the state legislature in favor of an increased appropriation for the forest service." He closes saying unless Prud'homme thinks \$200 is too much for Temple Lumber Company he should have a check forwarded to the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

**January 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he is sending a report of proceedings of the third annual meeting of the Arkansas Wood Products Association. He says that glancing over the report it strikes him as being quite interesting and he believes that it will be particularly so to Farley because there are a number of articles on kiln drying and the packaged handling of lumber.

**January 10, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that they will be having a Directors' meeting at the new yard on Kirby Drive on January 15. He says that it won't be necessary for Smith to notify the other Directors because he has already done so.

**January 14, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. E. Minton**

Temple writes that he has signed originals and all copies of the leases by Temple Lumber Company as well as those of Southern Pine Lumber Company in favor of H.R. Cullen and that Mr. Waite will mail the documents to Minton as requested. He says he would call Minton's attention to a difference in the two leases, saying he thinks that "and taxes" was mistakenly added to the Temple Lumber Company lease. He says he hasn't read the Southern Pine Lumber Company lease because he assumes that it has been checked and is the same as the Temple Lumber Company lease except for the counties addressed.

**January 17, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he would be glad to suggest that Arthur, Jr. represent him at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Pine Association since he will not be able to attend the meeting himself. He says he would like Arthur to meet those who will be in attendance and to participate in the discussion of proposed legislation which will vitally affect the industry. He says he will get Arthur to communicate with Berckes in the event that it is possible for him to attend the meeting.

**January 17, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Kenneth Nelson**

Temple writes that at the regular meeting last December Arthur, Jr. discussed plans for modernizing the plant at Diboll and was authorized to proceed with these plans which he estimated would cost close to half a million dollars. He says Arthur, Jr. also says there is sufficient timber to operate on the present basis. He says they are almost at the point where they are ready to make contracts for the modernizing of the plant at Diboll but he wants to make sure they are not going to spend more money than they will be able to justify. Temple closes asking Nelson to write him fully about the current supply of saw logs.

**January 18, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is glad to hear that Prud'homme got back to Pineland safely. He says that he doesn't see anything wrong with selling the company houses at Hemphill, and they will have them appraised and then offer them to employees at a discount. He says before they enter a house selling program in Pineland they should try it at Diboll because conditions there are more favorable. He says he doesn't think they can afford to sell the Evadale houses and says that the final decision requires more thought. Temple closes saying he is inclined to let Arthur, Jr. work out the details on how to sell the houses and to let him start a program at Diboll. He says he realizes selling the houses will cut losses but that it's such a departure from what they've done in the past that he is "disposed to proceed at a step at a time."

**January 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles, Arthur Temple, Jr., and Latane Temple**

Temple writes that when they discussed the yards' inventories at their meeting in Houston they overlooked the practice that they have followed in the past of calling upon the Temple Lumber Company to relieve the pressure of surplus items at the mills. He says he can see a considerable advantage to having each branch or division stand on its own feet and he thinks they might accomplish this by asking the yards to let them put stock with them on consignment and asks Styles to let him know what he thinks about it. Temple closes saying he thinks they will have good business in 1949 like they did the year before and he thinks sales will pick up when the weather improves.

**January 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple, Jr. and E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has discussed the advisability of reducing their running time at the mills and that they think that this would be a good move. He says they are in a period of very low demand and to prevent the accumulation of surplus they should adjust their production. The only objection he says he can see is that the employees that work by the hour would lose money, but he says he thinks they can stand such a reduction without any great hardship. Temple says whatever they do at one mill they should probably do at the other and suggests they decide what to do and put any changes into effect as soon as possible.

**January 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that Bob Waite has called his attention to the item of \$84,000 of notes they hold on the Lufkin Memorial Hospital. He says he understood they were to receive bonds and not notes, as is customary, and wonders if there was a good reason to switch from bonds to notes. He says he wishes Smith would let him know if what they hold are in fact notes and not bonds and says any explanation he might be able to give about the switch would be appreciated.

**January 21, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Kenneth Nelson**

Temple writes that he has just received Nelson's "very good letter" of January 20<sup>th</sup>. He says the letter gave him a clearer picture of the timber situation than he has had before and that it made him feel safe to go ahead with their modernizing program at Diboll. He apologizes for asking Nelson to give him this information at a time when he was already busy getting descriptions in connection with their oil lease to Mr. Cullen but says he may be compensated by the satisfaction he now feels in going ahead with the extensive work in Diboll.

**January 29, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. G. Hayes**

Temple writes that he understands the Texas rail carriers have filed a proposal to establish a mileage scale of rates which will be considered on public docket before Texas-Louisiana Freight Bureau at Dallas on February 1<sup>st</sup>. He says the scale does not take into consideration the two 20% increases granted to the railroads and the scale will have to be increased accordingly. He says he has been informed that T&P [Texas & Pacific] will probably oppose the granting of the mileage scale of rates but says he is convinced the scale would be beneficial to shippers and would not hurt the railroads. Temple says the railroads lost tremendous tonnage to trucks and with the scale they would handle considerably more lumber than they are now. He says it is unfair for Texas mills to not have some rate advantage over Louisiana and Arkansas and while he isn't a rate man he can see no reason or justice in the current set-up and he hopes the T&P representative who will be at the hearing will give sympathetic consideration to the proposal which will be submitted.

**January 29, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he received a letter from Arthur, Jr. who represented him at the meeting and he also received from him the reports from the meetings of the Southern Pine Industry Committee and the Directors of the Southern Pine Association but he hasn't had the time to read them yet. He says Arthur told him it was decided to assess members of the Southern Pine Association an additional five cents per thousand feet to set up what might be called a war chest. He says he doesn't quite understand the purpose of this since they are already contributing to a number of organizations and with the declining lumber prices he doesn't see the advisability of taken on an additional burden. Temple says he doesn't think the industry should lessen their active opposition to legislation which they consider unsound and which would be unfair and the money they are currently contributing to Southern Pine Association is ample for all purposes. He closes saying he doesn't know how the extra money will be collected but he is not disposed to pay it for his companies.

**January 31, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that in reading the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell report he made several notations to discuss with Prud'homme in due course. He says one important point that struck him was the control of supplies in the several departments and particularly in the shop. He says he thinks they ought to have better control of such items and says perhaps they should build a warehouse like in Diboll to house the items. Temple closes saying he remembers discussing such a warehouse with Prud'homme sometime ago and he thought it was Prud'homme's plan to go ahead with the building of this.

**February 3, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that his first reaction to reading Smith's letter of February 2<sup>nd</sup> in regard to fair market value of timber was to suggest that they use the average paid in March and April but that the average would be too low. He says he doesn't think they can take any less than \$18.09, but if there is any way to get more he would like to do so.

**February 12, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that he was glad to learn that Pineland is still using Gulf oil, saying that he knows that did go to Gulf a number of years ago but that he thought there might have been some change in the intervening years without his knowing it. He says they should use the business they are giving Gulf at Pineland to maintain the tonnage that they are receiving on the TSE from Gulf Oil Corporation. He says that Prud'homme should draw their attention to the fact that Temple Lumber Company and Southern Pine Lumber Company are closely affiliated and that Temple Lumber Company is interested in TSE. Temple closes saying they should call attention to the business they are giving Gulf at Pineland should they ever eliminate routing by TSE.

**February 14, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme, Arthur Temple, Jr., and M. H. Tripp**

Temple writes that he doesn't recall when their contract with John Curren expires but he thinks they need to get together to discuss whether they need to renew the contract for another year. He says they haven't really used Curren's services in the past year and he would much rather just pay him for services rendered when they are needed. He says they don't know what the next year holds and that he would like Arthur, Jr. and Prud'homme to discuss whether they think they need to renew the contract.

**February 15, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Clyde Thompson**

Temple writes that he has a "good deal of pressure" put on him to switch their compensation insurance from Texas Employers to Angelina Casualty or to another company that is represented by Josh Morriss. He says he has been sold on Texas Employers and holds them in high regard but he doesn't want to be prejudiced to them and asks that Thompson write him with a suggestion as to what to do about the situation. Temple closes saying he has been reluctant to use Angelina Casualty in the past and he was pleased with Texas Employers.

**February 17, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Tom Connally**

Temple writes that he is happy to see the opposition against the bill that proposes to replace the Taft-Hartley Act, saying he would like to see the good conditions that have prevailed under the act continue without any changes. He says he doesn't like that the new bill would force people who want to work to pay into a union, calling it "un-American." He closes the letter saying that he hopes Connally will use

every effort to sustain the main features of the Taft-Hartley Act, saying he thinks it is a good law for the public and should stand with no more than minor amendments.

**February 18, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that after receiving the combined statement for the yards and Pineland he compared the receivables and inventories with those of November and has found a decrease in receivables of \$700,000 and an increase in inventories of around \$300,000. He says he knows Styles is trying to reduce both and commends him for his reduction in receivables, saying it better prepares them for a recession or depression, and he isn't as worried about the inventories. He says he thinks they should continue the campaign to reduce their inventories to the lowest practicable level and it "behooves us to get our house in order by reducing our receivables just as much as we can."

**February 19, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that the statement he received showing two months sales and accounts receivables and amounts past due at each of the Temple Lumber Company yards is very interesting and he thinks this could be used for Styles to push the managers of those yards to press collection more vigorously. He says the past due amounts look large at some yards and the overall amount doesn't look good at all and this strikes him as where they might get caught in the event of a general decline in business. Temple closes saying he thinks it's in order for Styles to insist on all past due receivables "being attacked in a very vigorous manner."

**February 21, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to O. C. Stockemer**

Temple writes that he is referring Stockemer's letter to Arthur, Jr. at Diboll and says that in the event that he has anything to offer him he will let him know.

**February 23, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he felt when they made their deal with Collins and Dies years ago he thought they were called upon to pay a rather high amount and that he supposes he was the cause of their staying with Judge Minton when others advocated their going with Collins and Dies. He says he finally yielded and he supposed their actions were justified, but says it was a costly arrangement and Prud'homme, Arthur Jr., and others at the mills are the only ones that will be able to determine if they are getting value received. He says he thinks it might be well for them to have an appraisal of the work done at their numerous industries to make sure they are being charged a fair proportion of the total overall cost. Temple closes saying he thinks Arthur, Jr. might be willing to talk to Collins and Dies since they are on such good terms, but if he would be embarrassed to do so it might be best for Prud'homme or himself to write and see if an adjustment would be in order.

**February 23, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he thinks all contributions to TLMA [Temple Lumber Manufacturers Association] ought to be on a uniform basis and that he doesn't see why any lumber manufacturer should make a flat contribution regardless of its production and other contribute on a per thousand foot basis. He says he recalls when Prud'homme brought up the matter at the TLMA Executive Committee meeting that Al Cudlipp stated everyone pays that same rate and denied Prud'homme's allegation that some paid per

thousand feet and some paid what they felt like paying. Temple says if Prud'homme had any grounds to say Cudlipp was wrong that he would not hesitate to bring the matter up at the next meeting.

### **February 26, 1949**

#### **Arthur Temple Sr. to Wright Patman**

Temple writes that he has been advised that the House Committee on Education and Labor in executive sessions will consider and decide its recommendations for changes in the Wage-Hour Law and that it is probable that the committee "will report out a .75 to \$1.00 minimum wage and hold other changes. He says he is opposed to any minimum wage because he thinks wages should be allowed to go up and down with the cost of living and when economic conditions justify a change in one direction or another. Temple closes saying he hopes Patman will oppose any change in the minimum wage and if an increase appears inevitable he will insist upon clarifying amendments that will make the law more workable than it is at present.

### **February 26, 1949**

#### **Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he was in Diboll the last couple of days and that while he was there he went over the receivables of the Temple Lumber Company yards with Arthur, Jr. and that some of the past receivables seemed to be excessive. He says since he started dictating this letter he read Styles' letter of February 23 and he will take his word that the past due column is not as bad as it seems. Temple says he thinks anything past due is worthy of their full attention and urges them to bear down as hard as they possibly can to collect what is due. He says business is slowing down and he looks for a lower profit margin for the year. He closes saying Styles is more qualified to judge his receivables than he is and he is glad he thinks they are in good shape but that he will continue to "needle" him on his receivables because he doesn't think there is anything to which Styles could better devote his thought and attention.

### **March 1, 1949**

#### **Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he has received Berckes' letter in regard to the additional 5 cents per thousand fee assessment to fight harmful legislation and says that as far as he know they have never been officially called to give this additional money that Berckes terms in his letter "a voluntary temporary assessment" and he wrote to object to the assessment that Arthur, Jr. told him had been voted. He says he suggested in his letter that some of the surplus funds of the Southern Pine Association might be applied to the work of the Southern Pine Industry Committee [S.P.I.C.]. He says some are complaining their companies are putting out too much money and it is questionable if they are getting their money's worth. Temple closes saying he doesn't mean to say the work of the Southern Pine Industry Committee isn't worthwhile but the funds could be taken from the Association's surplus to take care of the " immediate, and, as you suggest, temporary need of S.P.I.C.

### **March 2, 1949**

#### **Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he notes from Latane's letter that he bought eight additional tanks of oil for Temple Cotton Oil Company and says that he hopes his judgment holds sound. He says in the past when they have gambled on futures they have lost heavily and it is a game he doesn't know how to play. He says if there is any way to control John K. Gibson to prevent him from getting into them too deep and get a mortgage for credit extended for the purchase of fertilizer that he doesn't see any objection to doing business with him. Temple says this would require management and he is perfectly willing to leave the matter to Latane to handle.

**March 3, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. J. Pollard**

Temple writes that he is returning the report of the inspector for the Interstate Commerce Commission and says that it's gratifying to have such a good report on their locomotives at Pineland. He says when he was in Diboll Arthur, Jr. showed him the improvements he is making in the shop facilities and he thinks it was a good move to concentrate all of their shop work to one place. He says he was also impressed with the enlarging of the supply house so that everything can be kept in one place where they can keep a better check on it. Temple says this is "a mighty good system" and wonders if the same system could be applied in Pineland.

**March 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he was glad to learn that Prud'homme is planning to plant some pine seedlings next year, saying that it seems to be good investment. He says he wonders if 300,000 seedlings will go very far and he supposes it would be good start.

**March 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he was interested to learn that there was not a single bid on the Federal timber offered for sale. He says he is unable to understand their pricing and asks why there was not more interest in this offering. He says if Prud'homme hears any talk as to why there was not more interest in this timber as offered he would appreciate him advising further.

**March 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he wired in reply to Kurth's letter that he can count on Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company for a contribution to the Texas Forestry Association, saying he feels the amount is in line with others mentioned in his letter. He says he talked with Eck Prud'homme to get his ideas about hiring a full time secretary-manager and the enlarged activities of T.F.A. and that he seemed to be in accord with the program and recommended their participation and so he agreed. He says that he is confident the Texas Forestry Association will be of considerable benefit to the forest industry and he is tired of putting up money in so many directions when they don't seem to be getting their money's worth. Temple closes saying he has been reluctant to agree to the additional assessment of 5 cents per thousand feet for S.P.I.C. [Southern Pine Industry Committee] and he would be interested to know how Kurth felt about that.

**March 15, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that Styles called him to say he is very anxious to buy the Tewell yard at Edinburg that was discussed at the Director's meeting in Houston when it was decided to hold off on expanding until they can sell some of the yards they have now, particularly the ones in North Texas that are not as profitable. He says Styles has been told the Tewell yard has done very well in the past few years and compares it to the more profitable of their own yard. Temple says Styles' judgment as to yards and locations has been very good. He says he told Styles that Temple Lumber Company doesn't have any surplus cash to invest but Styles told him he could provide the money from the retail division without borrowing. He says he isn't "particularly keen about expansion" at the present time but he doesn't think they should close their eyes to any good opportunities. Temple closes saying he told Styles he would

give him an answer soon and asks Latane for his opinion, saying he “would be inclined to accede to Styles’ recommendation.

**March 15, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles, Latane Temple, Arthur Temple Jr. and E. G. Prud’homme**

Temple writes that after their discussion about receivables and inventories at their last Directors’ meeting he read something in the Wall Street Journal that says more working capital is required to do business now than before the war. He says they should continue to watch their inventories and receivables and he is sure that Styles is working continuously to keep them at their lowest possible level. He says more progress has been made on receivables than inventories but inventories are usually worked down by the end of the year.

**March 18, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he had wired to Styles that their attitude had not changed toward buying an additional yard and that he was sorry to disappoint him. He says Temple Lumber Company does not have any money and is in debt to South Texas National Bank and Southern Pine Lumber Company to the extent of almost a half million dollars, a fact that Temple says shows they are in the same place they were in when the depression hit and they had to “sweat blood” to pay back what they owed. He says after speaking with some of the Directors of the Temple Lumber Company he has found they agree they can’t expand at the present time.

**March 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he spoke with Styles when he and Temple were in Lufkin and that after hearing Styles’ explanation for wanting to purchase the Tewell yard and seeing how anxious he was to do so they agreed to let him make a proposition to Mr. Tewell to lease the yard for five years. He says they are all in agreement relative to a policy of expansion and he thinks they all agree they are not interested in expansion for money but he didn’t want his personal views to cloud the situation when Styles was so anxious to get the Tewell yard. He says statements show receivables are going down and Styles has adopted a program to reduce the inventories as well.

**March 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that in one of Latane’s letters he refers to the receivables of Temple Lumber Company yards for three months or older to be 14.5% of the whole, and says he isn’t sure how they arrive at that number but he will have Styles check into it and let him know. He says he has spoken with Styles and has been reassured the receivables are in good shape and has been told that there is a reserve set up for bad accounts that is well in excess of the dollar total of the three months or older accounts. He closes telling Latane not to “understand for a minute that I am in favor of being lax just because we do have such a reserve set up.”

**March 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he called earlier in the morning to tell Styles to hold off on calling Mr. Tewell if he hadn’t already until they could discuss the lease prospect further, saying he didn’t see any advantage to a lease over an outright purchase. He says if they only leased the yard Tewell or his estate could sell the yard out from under them after they had gotten established. He says they are positively not interested

in acquiring the yard since they owe over a half million dollars and another half million dollars left to be paid on last year's income tax liability, and he can't justify the expansion just by Styles' desire to consolidate their position in the valley. Temple says he secretly wishes Tewell would not be interested in the lease, but if he is that he will back Styles because he trusts his judgment on these types of matters.

**March 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. E. Cudlipp**

Temple writes that he is sorry that they didn't get to have more of a visit when he was in Lufkin but that he got tired of the rate hearing and didn't see any need to stay. He says he appreciates the business Lufkin Foundry has given their railroad, saying if it weren't for businesses like his the TSE [Texas Southeastern Railroad] would have a problem staying in the black. He closes saying they are sorry he was not shown more consideration by Southern Pacific but they will welcome the extra tonnage, however they come by it.

**March 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that after talking with Styles he understands that Styles' plan is to have \$500,000 in the bank or to pay Texarkana for the account of Temple Lumber Company and that he assumes that means he wouldn't be paying anything for the yards on the Federal Income Tax Liability but says he assumes he did contemplate taking care of the yards debt to South Texas National Bank. He says he doesn't see how Temple Lumber Company could have that much money after taking care of their debts at the end of the current fiscal year. He says he appreciated Styles calling and particularly the attitude he expressed toward the deal with Mr. Tewell, saying he trusts his judgment but he would rather they be prepared for a recession or depression so they aren't caught in the place they were in the 1930s. Temple says his main argument against the expansion is that it is an unequal gamble and he would like for Styles to call Tewell and see what sort of deal could be worked out. He closes saying again that he secretly hopes that a deal can't be worked out and they will abandon this plan entirely.

**March 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that it is difficult for him to draw any conclusion from the graph enclosed in Latane's letter but that if the market trend echoes 1948 they might be able to come out better on their oil contracts. He says he read in the Dallas News that oil has sunk to a "terrific level" and there is a chance of higher prices unless the market is "shot to hell." He closes saying cottonseed oil has suffered a greater decline than any other and their experience this year is "discouraging indeed."

**March 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is glad that Prud'homme had talked with John Curren about renewing his contract and also that Curren seemed ready to make some reduction in his fee. He says Curren is going to write him after he talks with Cy Lowe and he will then contact Prud'homme and Arthur Jr. to see what they think should be done. He says he was sorry not to get to see Prud'homme after the meeting and he doesn't know the outcome of the hearing yet but he has asked Arthur to let him know.

**March 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. E. Minton**

Temple writes that he is returning the original and a copy of a letter written for H.R. Cullen by Corbin J. Roberston and dated March 18, 1949. He says he accepted both with a signature but the date will have

to be inserted before they are sent to Cullen. He also advises them to communicate with Arthur, Jr. about the letter. Temple says when Arthur, Jr. stopped by his office he referred to the enclosed and asked they be sent to his office rather than directly to Cullen, and Temple asks Minton to find out what purpose he has in this before sending the letter.

**March 30, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Finley Scruggs**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a copy of a letter written by R.E. Minton to Arthur Temple, Jr. He says when they started negotiations with Scruggs for a lease they thought it was not included in their deal with Mr. Cullen but they have since been told otherwise and they will not be able to consummate a lease on the land with Humble. He says if they should want to they could contact Cullen to see if he would be interested in cooperating with Humble in any development in the area. Temple closes saying if the land can be excluded from the Cullen lease he would be more than willing to let Humble have it.

**March 30, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John G. Curren**

Temple writes that he has Curren's letter that suggest they get together during the Southern Pine Association meeting to discuss the renewal of his contract. He says since he, Arthur Jr., Eck Prud'homme, and Temple Webber will all be there for the meeting the suggestion is a good one. He says he has a room reserved at the Roosevelt Hotel and if Curren will get in touch with him they will arrange a time to meet.

**April 1, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John G. Curren**

Temple writes that since writing Curren last he has received a program for the Southern Pine Association meeting and that nothing of interest is taking place after the Southern Pine Industry Committee meeting and they should meet then to discuss the renewal of Curren's contract. He says he is sending a copy of this letter to Arthur Jr. and one to Prud'homme to let them know of his plans.

**April 12, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he wishes Prud'homme would let him know what part of the \$3,600 retainer to be paid John G. Curren should be borne by Temple Manufacturing Company. He says his idea would be to let them pay \$300 a year with the balance to be divided between Diboll, Pineland, and TSE [Texas South Eastern]. He asks Prud'homme to work all this out and to advise him what they decide so he can let Tripp know what is expected of Temple Manufacturing Company.

**April 21, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he has received a letter from Gene Ebersole agreeing not to insist upon their staying in the Lumberman's Association of Texas as an associate member and he was glad he hasn't insisted on their staying because "it probably would have been very difficult for us to get out if he had."

**April 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Dayton Castleman**

Temple writes that he is in hearty accord with the work that Castleman is doing but it wouldn't be proper for him to contribute either for himself or his company since they don't do any business in Texarkana at all. He says although he can't contribute he wishes them all success.

**April 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. E. Cudlipp**

Temple writes that it was very thoughtful of Cudlipp to send him a sheet torn from the Beaumont Journal which showed pictures of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce convention. He says as Director of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce he should have attended the convention but he wasn't able to attend because he was on the go so much. He says he contacted Hubert Harrison recently to have him see that someone who would be more active would replace him.

**April 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Bob Waite told him that Pineland's indebtedness to Texarkana would be increased by about \$300,000 and about \$125,000 advanced. He says he is disappointed to see Temple Lumber Company in such heavy debt at a time when they may be entering into a recession or depression and when it is quite apparent that they are entering upon a period of deflation. He says he realizes Pineland is not wholly responsible for this debt but it would behoove them to conserve their cash and restrict their expenditures to what is considered necessary. He says the heavy increase in the indebtedness of Temple Lumber Company to Southern Pine Lumber Company is not a trend that he likes in the current circumstances. Temple closes saying he thinks they should have another Directors' meeting about the middle of May to review their situation and take stock of the future.

**April 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Durham**

Temple writes that he opened the pictures of their exhibit at the Lumberman's Association of Texas convention and says they are good pictures and show the exhibit to very good advantage. He says he wished he could have seen the exhibit itself but he wasn't able to attend. He says that wishes he had suggested they take Temple Lumber Company off the signs since it was Southern Pine Lumber Company they wanted to feature. Temple says he was told their exhibit was causing a great deal of interest and he is sure it was a good exhibit and worth the money and time that it cost.

**April 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that if Prud'homme hasn't already he advises him to wire his representative in Washington and urge him to support the Wood Bill, which he says retains most of the desirable features of the Taft-Hartley Act. He also urges Prud'homme to have anyone else he can think of to wire the representative as well, particularly "working men or the rank and file" as a telegram from them would mean more than one from someone closely related to management.

**April 29, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that in his letter commenting on the increase of the Temple Lumber Company indebtedness to Southern Pine Lumber Company he might have made the comment that the increase in inventories at Pineland and the income tax installments more than account for what Temple Lumber Company owes the Texarkana office. He says he doesn't know this additional comment is noteworthy but thought it might be of interest to Prud'homme and anyone else he sent a copy of his letter.

**April 30, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he sent Smith a copy of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, and Company's reports on the examination of accounts of Southern Pine Lumber Company for the last year. He says if Smith has any comments on the audit reports he would be glad to hear them and they could meet when he comes down for the meeting of Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association at Boggy Slough.

**May 3, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he thinks Prud'homme's notice to employees about the bonus is well worded and that it doesn't commit them to pay the bonus at the end of the next three months period which is something he says he wanted to stay away from. He says his idea of a bonus is "something that can be paid to employees over and above their regular rate of pay if at the end of a given period it is deemed advisable." He says if they told the workers in advance they would be getting a bonus the advantage of a bonus over an adjustment in wages and salaries is lost.

**May 3, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme, S. F. Styles, Arthur Temple Jr., Latane Temple, and G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he is sure they will recall that at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of Temple Lumber Company it was suggested that they meet more frequently and that he thinks a meeting in mid May is considered in order. He says he thinks they should get together to discuss the current conditions and calls a meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup> in Houston. He says he would appreciate it if those addressed would write him indicating their preference as to time and place for the meeting.

**May 4, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme, S. F. Styles, Arthur Temple Jr., Latane Temple, and G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that it has been brought to his attention that the Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association meeting in on the 21<sup>st</sup> and not the 27<sup>th</sup> as he thought and has been suggested they hold their meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Lufkin or Diboll so those who wish can attend the T.L.M.A meeting also. He asks they advise him if it is agreeable to them all.

**May 6, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that they should plan to have the meeting of the Board of Directors of Temple Lumber Company on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He says Prud'homme and Styles might want to have Directors' meeting early Saturday and leave in time for the T.L.M.A. [Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association] meeting that afternoon instead of being away from home on Friday night and if that should be the case he is not opposed to having the meeting on Saturday. He says it has been suggested they should have the meeting over lunch if it is on Friday but he thinks it would be better if everyone made their own arrangements for lunch. Temple says it won't be necessary for Smith to send out a formal notice of this meeting as he has sent a copy of this letter to everyone. He closes saying if Prud'homme or Styles write that they would like to have the meeting on Saturday he will let Smith know.

**May 7, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that since writing his last letter to Smith he thought about it and decided that it would be best if they didn't have the Directors' meeting on the morning of the meeting of T.L.M.A. [Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association] at Boggy Slough. He says he would rather have the meeting on the Friday before so they're meeting doesn't have to be rushed and says he is sending a copy of this letter to Arthur, Jr., Styles, and Prud'homme to suggest this.

**May 9, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he has letters from both Prud'homme and Styles indicating that they would prefer they have their Directors' meeting in Diboll on May 20<sup>th</sup> and that it has been definitely determined, therefore, that the meeting will be held then. He closes by again saying he thinks it would be best if each of them would make arrangements for lunch on their own.

**May 10, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that noting Prud'homme's letter regarding the Directors' meeting he thinks that it would be best to leave the meeting at the time that it is arranged since Arthur, Jr. has arranged the meeting with Mr. Robertson for later that afternoon. He says he thinks having the meeting on Saturday morning would have made it too rushed and some of them will have things to do in connection with the T.L.M.A.[Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association] meeting.

**May 10, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he doesn't see "why it would not be ample time for us to discuss vacations when we have our meeting in Diboll" and the regular time for vacations is August, giving them plenty of time to make a decision. He says if Prud'homme thinks they should decide something sooner to talk with Arthur, Jr. and let him know what they come up with. He says that he would personally rather pay the employees for an extra 40 hours than shut down and lose the production entirely.

**May 11, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he had already seen the C.I.O. [Congress of Industrial Organizations] circular distributed at Diboll and that it has not been his thought that they would discontinue the 10% bonus at this time. He says he did think it was unwise to tell the employees in advance of the bonus they would be receiving and the point was to decide whether to award a bonus based on conditions at the time. He says he didn't think they should be influenced by what the C.I.O. says and he would be inclined to ignore their statement in the circular and that he doesn't see how they could cut the bonus until their competitors make some cut. Temple says he thinks this issue can wait until their meeting but if Prud'homme's immediate action is needed he should contact Arthur, Jr. and decide what they need to do. He says they want to counteract the efforts of the C.I.O. to organize their employees but they shouldn't be intimidated into doing anything they don't find reasonable. He says his idea is that they should always be "fair and square" with their men and always do what they think is right.

**May 11, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a clipping from the Texarkana Gazette which quotes a Washington labor columnist as saying Governor McMath of Arkansas is responsible for scuttling the Wood Labor Bill in House last week. He says he is sure someone close to the Administration called on the Governor to do this and now that the bill has gone back to committee everyone seems to think it will be the end of it. He says he can't see why Representatives of a largely agricultural state should object to strong labor management relation laws.

**May 16, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he is sorry that Latane will not be able to attend the meeting of Directors of Temple Lumber Company but that he is glad to have his ideas about improving the cash position of the company. He says he thinks considerable progress has been made by the retail division and the big handicap to overcome is the payment of the Federal Income Tax.

**May 18, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Frank Tull**

Temple writes to thank Tull for his letter but says that he knows nothing of the circumstances and that he should contact Arthur, Jr.

**May 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Beauford H. Jester**

Temple writes that he has just wired Jester urging him to follow the recommendation of Senator Ottis Lock in his appointment of at least two members of the Sabine River Authority Board. He says he is sure that Lock is sympathetic with the timberland interests in the area and it is only right that such consideration be shown to the timberland owners in the Sabine River basin because "they will undoubtedly be the ones most affected by the building of one or a series of dams on this river." He says it looks to him that the whole country has gone "dam crazy" and they have been confronted with the prospect of building a dam on the Neches River many times which would inundate something like 300,000 acres of the finest growing timberland in East Texas and would greatly affect Southern Pine Lumber Company. Temple closes saying he knows their debates have just started and there was much work to be done but he strongly thinks the landowners should be well represented on the board.

**May 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Beauford H. Jester**

Temple writes in a telegram that he urges Jester to follow the recommendation of Senator Ottis Lock on the appointment of at least two of the Sabine River Authority Board, saying that he is anxious that timber interests be protected and is confident that Lock's suggested appointment will be friendly and considerate.

**May 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he has just received Styles' letter with copies of letters to Robert Waite and George Smith in regard to a difference between him and Smith on the retail division's fair proportion of taxes and dividends paid. He says he thinks what Styles did to equalize the burden was a nice gesture and that it's nothing more than fair that the yards bear their proportion of the interest charged Temple Lumber Company by the Texarkana office. He says each unit or division should stand on its own and it would not be fair to impair Pineland's showing by having them carry more than their part of the load.

**May 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that he is returning St.L.S.W. [Saint Louis South Western] Railway Lines recharge debit statement of overcharge freight claims. He says although Jordan fears the consequences, he sees nothing else to do but to forward everything for checking and to request re-debit authority. He says if they are wrong in what they have been doing then they will have to adjust their procedure accordingly but he hopes it can be worked out so they will not lose the privileges they have been enjoying. He asks that Jordan keep him informed about the situation.

**May 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Tom Connally**

Temple writes that he has just read a bill that has been referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry that he calls "most drastic." He says the bureaucracy in the U.S. Forest Service is trying to gain complete control of the timberland down to the smallest units, "another step toward state socialism." He says legislation of this type is completely unnecessary and he is confident that Connally will oppose the bill with "all the vigor you possess."

**May 27, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that at the meeting of Directors of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company in Dallas authority was given to Mr. Vollmer to scrap or sell a number of locomotives. He says TSE [Texas South Eastern] might be interested in buying one of them but after finding out more about the work that would have to be done he didn't think they would be interested anymore. He says Mr. Vollmer sent him descriptions and blueprints of several of the trains for sell and that even though he doesn't think they will be interested he wanted to forward them to Jordan to make sure there wasn't any interest on his end.

**May 27, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. G. Vollmer**

Temple writes that he received Vollmer's letter giving information about the several types of locomotives which will be sold or scrapped and says that he is sending all of the information to C.A. Jordan in Diboll so he can decide if they would be interested in buying one of them. He says he didn't take into account the repairs that would have to be done and he thinks their motive equipment is in good shape. He closes by thanking Vollmer for taking the time to get all of the information together for him and says if they decide they are interested in a locomotive, which he doubts, he will let Vollmer know.

**May 27, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. M. Combs**

Temple writes that whether Combs knows it or not the market on hardwood timber is "terribly depressed" due to the lack of export business. He says it has been alleged that countries, particularly the United Kingdom, are using U.S. money to buy timber from France and from countries behind the Iron Curtain. He says it isn't fair for the hardwood industry in the south to be taxed to support a policy that is destroying its own business. He says he is enclosing a resolution adopted by the National Lumber Exporters Association and he hopes Combs will do something to alleviate this condition. Temple closes saying he feels justified in calling this to Combs' attention because his district contains numerous hardwood mills.

**June 1, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme, and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes that the local Lincoln-Mercury dealer has offered him a station wagon fully equipped for under list price. He says he doubts they need a car of this kind, and if they did they could probably do better to get a Ford, but he told the salesman he would write them about it.

**June 2, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. E. Cudlipp**

Temple writes that this letter will acknowledge receipt of his letter along with a copy of the resolution adopted at that meeting of T.L.M.A.[Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association]. He says the resolution is more generous in its appreciation and that it sounds like Don Canterbury had a good deal more to do with the wording than Kirby Herndon and Dave Thompson. Temple closes saying if any credit is due to the host of the meeting it should go to Arthur, Jr., and his staff.

**June 7, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that after analyzing the profit for May there were some questions about some of the items. He says he doesn't want Smith to go to the trouble of itemizing these charges for the year but would like to know what makes up the three items in the month of May.

**June 10, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Mrs. Ralls, representing Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company spent about an hour and a half in his office discussing with him and Bob Waite group health and accident insurance. He says according to Mrs. Ralls Prud'homme has been getting quotes on insurance and she advocates their combining the new insurance with their life insurance that Minnesota Mutual already carries. He says he thinks it would be ok and that the only objection that he, and he supposes others would have, with Minnesota Mutual is that the representative in the area is Mrs. Ralls, who he says has made a nuisance of herself. Temple says he told her they would get the information together and have a meeting to discuss their course of action and that even though they have been pleased with Provident and Josh Morriss in the past they wouldn't let it carry too much weight. He closes saying this letter is more of a report of Ralls' visit and he will be ready to go into a discussion of their employees' insurance at any time.

**June 13, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he doesn't think they could have a better team working on their group life and health insurance than Prud'homme and Damrel in Pineland and George Smith and Calvin from Diboll. He says since their experience with Provident Life and representative Josh Morriss was a good one he would much prefer to use Provident than Minnesota Mutual because their representative made a nuisance of herself. He says he doesn't think he needs to sit in when they discuss their plans because he trusts what the men will decide, but says he thinks they should give consideration to staying with Provident.

**June 13, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is returning the Southern Pine Industry Committee voluntary assessment forms that Prud'homme sent him and says he suggests he "remit for Pineland only on pine production or shipments" but he thinks that they should leave their hardwood out of their contributions to the committee since they are already contributing to Southern Hardwood Producers. He says since Arthur, Jr. is a member of the Southern Pine Industry Committee he wouldn't want to do anything to embarrass him, so he is sending a copy of this letter to him as well and would appreciate it if he would let them know if he doesn't agree.

**June 14, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that one thing that should be considered in figuring Provident Life and Accident Company's bid on their insurance is the commission they get on this business. He says that it started when his father made a deal with Offenhauser and they have been getting \$150 per year on the insurance carried with Provident. He says he knows this isn't a big item and he doesn't know whether the same policy would be extended to group insurance but he is sure they could get the company to split their commission if they wanted to. Temple closes saying he would like Prud'homme to keep this information about the commission to himself.

**June 15, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a letter received from Mrs. Ralls that says the policy offered by Minnesota Mutual was cheaper than the offer by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company. He says he doesn't know if her figures are correct as he has known her to not be accurate in the past, but from what he has heard from Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. they do not understand this to be correct. He says they will probably want to check into it further.

**June 15, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. A. Ralls**

Temple writes that he has received Ralls' letter regarding to group health and life insurance for their companies. He says they have a committee working on this coverage and they have determined that it would be cheaper to have their coverage carried by one company rather than two and they are getting quotes from numerous companies. He says they will make a decision after they have all of the information they need, but since he doesn't have all of the facts and figures he is relying on this committee to make a decision for him. Temple says he doesn't know when this decision will be reached and that should Ralls have more arguments on behalf of Minnesota Mutual she should direct them to Prud'homme.

**June 23, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to James R. Cornelius, Jr.**

Temple writes that this letter will acknowledge receipt of Cornelius' letter advising that C. Skelton of Commerce, Texas, is the owner of an undivided interest in a tract of land in Nacogdoches County being a part of Joshua Jacobs survey and that this tract is part of land conveyed to Southern Pine Lumber Company by Mary R. Saner. He says he is referring this letter to their attorney, R.E. Minton of Lufkin.

**June 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company**

Temple writes that they wish to cancel the policy issued by their company and delivered to Southern Pine Lumber Company, Temple Lumber Company, and Temple Manufacturing Company. He says there is some question about whether to cancel the coverage for the retail division of the Temple Lumber Company but he should be able to notify them about their decision soon. He says their reasoning for canceling this policy is that they have decided to have one company carry their health and life insurance, and after an exhaustive study they decided to use Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company for this.

**June 27, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company**

Temple writes that Mr. Styles would like to continue the group life policy carried for the retail division of Temple Lumber Company as he was told by Mrs. Ralls that they would be happy to continue their

coverage even though mills of Temple Lumber Company and Southern Pine Lumber Company cancelled out. He says if there is anything wrong with this he would like them to wire immediately so that there will not be an interruption in this insurance.

**June 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Mr. Stinnes and Mr. Cummings of Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company called him and was very upset about losing the group life insurance policy on their employees and wanted to know if there was any complaint. He says he didn't tell them of their antipathy for Mrs. Ralls. He says he told them that they had simply decided that Provident could better serve their needs and they would try them out for a year or so and see how they came out. Temple says he is interested to see how the Provident policy works out, but that he doesn't think they could've assembled any better team to decide what was best for them and their employees. He closes saying he wouldn't like to continue correspondence over this insurance unnecessarily but he just wanted to let Prud'homme know about his conversation with the Minnesota Mutual men.

**July 1, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he has Latane's letter advising that he has closed out 20 of his 25 tanks of oil at an average of \$11.93 and that this represents a severe loss. He says that he is ready to "swear off of buying futures because apparently our best judgment is of no avail." He says he realizes that his attitude is negative and he has nothing constructive to suggest as a way to make their products sell at a profit. Temple says he can't take seriously what a broker told Latane about a New York oil buyer setting out to punish them for having 25 contracts, saying he can't believe the "big boys" would be so concerned about such a comparatively small transaction by one company.

**July 6, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Kenneth Nelson**

Temple writes that he has executed the amendment to the Cullen lease which Mr. Waite has attested.

**July 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. A. Godwin**

Temple writes that he doesn't know of any need for Godwin's services at their plant, saying that he has never heard of any Communistic activities among their employees and that if he isn't mistaken Godwin's line of work is combating Communism. He says his son, Arthur Jr., is in charge in Diboll and he thinks he has the situation well in hand but that if Godwin knows of any subversive activities at Diboll he would be the one to contact.

**July 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes that when Roy Riley of Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company was in his office the day before he suggested that they cut the amounts of life insurance on their employees who retire or are retired due to age, saying it would reduce the cost. He says he thinks they should consider following this suggestion because their companies would save a good deal. He tells Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. to discuss this matter and if they are interested to contact Riley.

**July 11, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. E. Price**

Temple writes that he would rather not give him a definite answer in regard to pooling and/or unitize their lands covered by their lease to Mr. Cullen until they have been able to discuss the suggestion with Mr. Minton and Arthur, Jr. He says he will make it a point to discuss this with them and will write him upon his return to Texarkana.

**July 13, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. E. Price**

Temple writes that he conferred with Arthur, Jr. and R.E. Minton and that they accede to Price's request that they reserve the right to pool and/or unitize lands covered by their lease to Quintana Petroleum Corporation in the event of a sale of any part of their royalty interest. He says Mr. Minton is preparing a letter of agreement covering this and it will be given to the representative of Quintana that he believes will be in Diboll the next day.

**July 22, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that right after they sold their July contracts at what he thought was just about the lowest point of the season the markets started rebounding and the Dallas Morning News says that the New York Market closed one to thirteen points higher. He says while he discounted Latane's claim the "big boys" were gunning for them the market behavior seems to lend credence to the claim. He says it's hard to understand how they lose every time that they have bought on the board.

**July 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a copy of a letter he received from Bill Peavy in regard to the Frost lands that was a reply to his inquiry to a letter asking him if the lands were for sale. He says he doesn't think they would be interested in the Waskom lands or in buying all 125,000 acres but they might be able to work out some sort of a division with Southland and/or Angelina County Lumber Company. He says he would suggest Prud'homme tell Speary they might be interested in a part of the Frost lands and the only other course of action he could suggest is that they contact Ernest Kurth about a possible two or three way split. Temple closes saying he hopes Prud'homme had recovered from his palsy and that he hopes he will find all well at home when he gets there.

**July 27, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. B. Campbell**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. has talked to him about his conversations with Campbell and his son about moving their treating plant from Nacogdoches to Diboll but says that before meeting with him to discuss the matter further he thinks it might be well for him to ascertain from his son what has developed so far. He says they have been considering installation of a treating plant at Diboll and he has leaned toward a smaller plant, but that Arthur Jr. has always wanted an all around plant. He says he doesn't think their ideas "are sufficiently crystallized at the present time to justify a meeting" and that under the circumstances he suggests that further action be deferred.

**July 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Grand Hotel, att: Harry A. Peters, Jr.**

Temple writes that he wonders if Peters would be good enough to reserve a double room with twin beds for himself and Mrs. Temple for several days in September. He says they have heard good things from many people and look forward to spending the first few days of September with them in Point Clear.

**July 29, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he has just heard that Chronister Lumber Company has sold their timber 8" and up to someone other than Kurth or Southland. He asks if Kurth knows anything about it.

**July 29, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that if Latane has good reason to believe that the oil market is rigged against small or independent operators and can produce evidence to support this claim he doesn't know of anyone who would be more interested or effective in doing something about it than Wright Patman, Representative of the First Congressional District of Texas. He says he thinks it is strange that after they bought their contracts the market went down until they sold and then they began to rebound. He says he didn't think that Temple Cotton Oil Company was a factor as to bring any drastic action on the part of the "big boys" and that if there is any evidence to support Latane's allegations he wouldn't be adverse to doing anything about it.

**July 29, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes to ask when the regular annual meeting of stockholders of Temple Cotton Oil Company is scheduled because they are planning on leaving town on August 20<sup>th</sup>. He says that the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> is the only week that wouldn't conflict with his and Arthur Jr.'s vacations, and that the best thing might be to call the meeting to order at the appointed day and then adjourn it over until sometime the early part of September unless there is a reason to have the meeting earlier.

**August 1, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he can certainly appreciate Prud'homme's position with respect to the Sabine River water shed improvement program and he thinks the best thing to do would be to discuss the situation with Senator Lock and give him an opportunity to appoint a successor with Governor Shivers. He says the news contained in the clipping from the Dallas News which he sent that said nothing could be hoped for on the Sabine River project for four or five years is most gratifying and by that time there might be a Republican Congress and Administration that might not be so "dam minded" and will be more interested in the economy.

**August 1, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. B. Campbell**

Temple writes that since writing several days ago he spoke with Arthur, Jr. and several of their other Directors and they decided it wouldn't be advisable to consider further the installation of a treating plant at Diboll. He says they appreciate the consideration shown by Campbell and his son and if they decide to install a treating plant in the future they will be glad to consider working out something along the line which Arthur Jr. and Campbell's son had in mind.

**August 3, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a clipping from the Dallas News that states that legislation calling on army engineers to expedite studies of the Sabine River watershed and that similar measures had been introduced asking for completion as expeditiously as possible of an examination and survey of the area.

He says he talked to Arthur Jr., who told him he hoped that Prud'homme wouldn't be pressured to get off the Sabine River Improvement Board. He says he told Arthur Jr. he thought it would be embarrassing for Prud'homme to serve on a board promoting the development when he is not in favor of it. Temple says he still feels it would be "most embarrassing to [Prud'homme] to serve on this board" and he thinks it would be better if he resigned and let someone else serve in his stead.

**August 3, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. F. Montgomery**

Temple writes that he has just received Montgomery's letter agreeing to the extension of their lease in favor of Albert Wooley in Red River County, Texas, for a year and that he thanks Montgomery for this and for his prompt answer. He says they have played along with Wooley in that area for the past ten or fifteen years and he has done more than any one man to keep interest alive and stimulate prospecting for oil. He says Wooley told him they are about to drill a well in the Mitchell land that is just west of two wells that are producing a small amount of oil. Temple says he thinks these wells aren't very deep as all of the oil showing in Red River Country has been at shallow depth.

**August 4, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. W. Thompson**

Temple writes that at the request of Dick Wortham he is enclosing their company's check for \$1,000 payable to Texas Forestry Association which is the amount he agreed to contribute for their two companies, Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company, to help establish a permanent organization and an executive secretary.

**August 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. White**

Temple writes that he has read a copy White's letter of August 4<sup>th</sup> to Temple and that he appreciates his position and can assure that Southern Pine will assist in any way they can in solving his problems and will give consideration to his need for the production of squares at the lath mill. He says he and Temple were discussing this matter yesterday and for some unaccountable reason there is a demand for plaster lath in mixed cars and the plaster lath seems to be the lever for getting mixed cars of lumber at attractive prices. He says it's true they are financially interested in Temple-White and are disposed to cooperate with White to make the business as successful an operation as possible. Temple says he doesn't think the lumber company should be penalized and suggests they pay the lumber company what they could get for lath and let them continue to make plaster lath until they make some stock to take care of the mixed car trade. He says this might "work a temporary hardship" on White but that he could get squares from mills like New Willard, Trinity, or Camden.

**August 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Wright Patman**

Temple writes that he understands that the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives has agreed to recommend repeal of the Gearhart Bill, interpreting the meaning of employee according to common-law rules, and adopting an amendment to the Social Security Act defining "employee" to include contract loggers. He says he hopes Patman will oppose this move, saying the Gearhart Bill clarified that companies were not liable for the Social Security taxes on employees of their contract loggers. He says to repeal the bill would make them liable and bring back uncertainty and confusion and impose on them the duty of collecting taxes for the government. Temple says he is confident that opposition to this move will develop and he hopes Patman will see fit to oppose the repeal and amendment.

**August 9, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is glad to have Prud'homme's letter analyzing the profit at Pineland for the month of July and that the profit looks "mighty good." He says he would like to see the hardwood flooring unit, finishing plant, and dimension mill on a healthier basis. He says everything he has read indicates that construction is continuing at a high level and that this should result in a "very satisfactory showing at our operations." Temple closes saying he is optimistic for their business and hopes that he won't be disappointed.

**August 10, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. White**

Temple writes that it looks to him that White has worked out his problem of getting squares from the lath mill and that the squares he will be getting from New Willard and Trinity should ease their supply situation considerably. He says he hopes to be able to visit with Harlan if he is still in Diboll when he gets there with Temple Webber.

**September 7, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he is forwarding Berckes' letter addressed to Southern Pine Association subscribers to Arthur, Jr. saying that he thinks the cooperation they seek could better come from Diboll. He says they are very interested in mechanical efficiency and would be glad to cooperate with J.R. Bemis and his committee.

**September 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Calvin Lawrence**

Temple writes that it was difficult to carry on correspondence while he was stuck at home after his appendectomy and that he isn't surprised that his comments on Abe Womack's application to be put on the Temple Foundation were confusing. He says he approves the recommendation that the applicant be paid \$25 per month and that he have free rent on his house. He says he is sorry to hear that Lawrence's wife had a major operation and he was glad she was doing well. Temple closes that he is gaining back his strength and he thinks his wound should heal right away.

**September 9, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that within the past year he thinks that Arthur Jr. has questioned the advisability of carrying insurance on their dwellings in Diboll just as Prud'homme did in his letter but that he was assured by Josh Morriss they were justified in carrying the insurance to the threat of destruction by windstorm. He says the rate in Pineland isn't much greater than the one in Diboll and he thinks this is coverage they ought to carry.

**September 12, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Josh Morriss discussed with him the insurance on the dwellings at Pineland and that there is a considerable difference between what Morriss figures they are carrying and what Prud'homme wrote in his letter. He says Morriss argues they have a very low rate on this coverage and they should continue to carry it because of the danger of fire or wind damage. Temple says he is inclined to agree but he is willing to discuss the matter later.

**September 14, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he would be glad to have Bob Keeler elected a director of Temple Cotton Oil Company, saying that Keeler would "represent a considerable block of stock." He says he wonders if Keeler was elected if he would feel justified in making the annual trip to Little Rock for the meetings and they should try to call him to find out if he could and would serve if elected.

**September 15, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Senator Robert A. Taft**

Temple writes that he is very interested in the amendments to the Wage Hour Act and says since Taft is a member of the conference committee appointed to work out the differences in the bills passed by the House and the Senate he decided to write him because he thinks he is the only one that he might make an impression on. He says he is opposed to the increase in minimum wage that will likely occur but he would like Taft to oppose the provision that exempts sawmills that employ fewer than twelve men. He says there are many sawmills in the south that employ few men and for them to be exempt would impose great hardship on the larger mills and he doesn't think there should be any discrimination between large and small mills. Temple closes saying he commends Taft for his work as a Senator and says he hopes he will be returned to that office in the next year's election.

**September 19, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Kenneth Nelson**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a deed in favor of the American Legion post 113 and says that though Nelson's letter states he is reserving the timber on the land the deed doesn't stipulate such and he wonders if it should not. He says he presumes this could be handled in a side agreement and that it probably has been, but he wanted to draw Nelson's attention to it in the event it may have been overlooked.

**September 19, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has Prud'homme's letter in regard to insurance on the dwellings at Pineland and that he thinks they should meet to discuss whether to continue carrying the insurance and that he would like Prud'homme to let him know when their current coverage expires. He says that he would like to know if they have time to wait until their annual meeting in October if they can't meet before then.

**September 21, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he neglected to discuss either before or during the meeting an increase in salary for Latane, but that he talked to Newman, Josh, and Arthur separately and they were all agreeable to an increase of \$100 a month. He says he is sure Latane would also like to make some adjustments to the compensation of Cochran and MacArthur and he thinks their salaries shouldn't have to be approved by the board. He says he enjoyed his visit with Latane and says he thinks the current season will turn out to be a good one and Latane has his full support.

**September 21, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he would think twice before changing auditors because their current auditors are familiar with their operations and have done a satisfactory job. He says auditors are usually inclined to

protect their clients but if they disagree with their suggestions then they don't have to follow them. He says since Latane will be the one to deal with the auditors it is up to him to decide what to do.

**September 22, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. R. Morriss**

Temple writes that on his way back from Little Rock he told Morriss and Arthur, Jr. about an article he read on how things had changed and he had received a copy of this same article from Sloan that he is enclosing. He says after Morriss has read it he would like for him to send it to Arthur.

**September 22, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that when discussing prospects for Temple Cotton Oil Company and the cotton seed oil industry at their meeting he doubts that any of them gave any consideration to the effect that currency devaluation might have on their business. He says it is true the devaluation could encourage the import of copra and coconut oil and possibly other oils to compete with cotton seed oil. He says he doesn't want to "add any other bad situation to those which already exist to make out prospect any more pessimistic" but that he cannot see anything good for Temple Cotton Oil Company in the current devaluation.

**September 23, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he has had it on his mind for some time to discuss Kenley's retirement since he doesn't really have much to do anymore. He says he wouldn't be surprised if Kenley had thought about retiring on his own, and he would actually prefer the idea to come from him. He says this is very hard for him to suggest but he only has the good of Southern Pine Lumber Company in mind. Temple closes by saying Kenley has "served the company well over a long period of years."

**September 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes he has been considering for a long time suggesting that Kenley resign his position with Southern Pine Lumber Company, saying that he doesn't have much to do anymore and that "it behooves us... to operate efficiently and economize where we can." He says Kenley is in better shape than most men as he believes he has a very substantial cattle business and other interests so he isn't dependent on his salary. Temple closes saying he hopes Kenley doesn't take this in an unfriendly way, saying that he has his goodwill and high regard.

**September 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. A. Ralls**

Temple writes that he is glad to know they are entitled to a dividend on the group life insurance carried with Minnesota Mutual and suggests to her where she should send the checks. He says he understands the check for Temple Manufacturing Company has already been mailed.

**September 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes he saw in the Dallas News an article about the Swiss process for converting wood waste into boards. He says there are a "great many" new boards on the market and Arthur, Jr. has been interested in something of this sort for Diboll. He says on their way to Little Rock they stopped to see the

plant where "Cobbwood" is made but the plant was not running. Temple says he understands the company has not been able to operate successfully.

**October 1, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that when he was in Diboll Arthur, Jr. gave him the advertisement of a ranch in New Mexico and said that Kurth was familiar with it and thought he would like it. He says it seems too large for them and he was looking for something much more modest. He says he was sorry not to see Kurth on his trip to Angelina County. Temple closes saying Arthur, Jr. told him of the business proposition in New Mexico and says he suggested he tell Kurth they aren't interested in expanding that far away.

**October 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a circular from Byrne Industrial Services with several sample Christmas messages for employees. He says they've used them the past few years and urges Prud'homme to consider the advisability of getting out another such message this year. He says he would suggest the design he has marked on the front as the message appears to be the most appropriate for them.

**October 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he wired Congressman Patman and Congressman Tackett to urge them to oppose the gag rule on the social security bill as well as any amendment that would eliminate the Gearhard Resolution. He says the Resolution helped to resolve some problems they had some years ago.

**October 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Wright Patman**

Temple writes that he is concerned about the possibility of the Gearhard Resolution and urges Patman to oppose the Gag Rule.

**October 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Boyd Tackett**

Temple writes that he is concerned about the possibility of the Gearhard Resolution and urges Tackett to oppose the Gag Rule.

**October 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that when he was in Pineland he checked with Damrel and learned that Kenley was making approximately \$10,000 a year and he feels this is out of line. He says he hopes they can arrive at some mutually satisfactory adjustment at the earliest practicable date.

**October 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Stanley F. Horn**

Temple writes that he thinks J.W. Durham in Diboll can write a good article about cutting pulpwood for the Christmas issue of the Southern Lumberman. He says Durham wrote a similar article for The Buzz Saw some months ago and recommends Horn get in contact with Durham.

**October 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Durham**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a letter he received from Stanley Horn asking for an article about their experience in cutting pulpwood. He says he thinks the article Durham wrote for the Buzz Saw would probably work, but he would have to revise it to fit within the 3,000 word limit and also suggests he remove anything "that might smack of boasting." He says he assumes Durham will not object to writing this article and he should advise Mr. Horn whether or not he may count upon him to comply with this request.

**October 10, 1949****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he wonders what happened to the sample Christmas messages that were supposed to be attached to his letter to Prud'homme. He says if they weren't attached they must have gone to Arthur, Jr. and if that was the case Arthur could look over them and then send them to Prud'homme.

**October 10, 1949****Arthur Temple Sr. to Lyndon B. Johnson**

Temple writes that he is very concerned about the possibility of the elimination of the Gearhart Resolution which was passed in 1947 and clarified who was responsible for the social security taxes of independent contractors. He says he thinks it "is grossly unfair" for them to be required to pay the social security taxes. He says he hopes Johnson will oppose any amendment to the Social Security Act and the elimination of the Gearhart Resolution.

**October 13, 1949****Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he would like to know what Styles considers to be a reasonable cash balance for him to maintain and that he thinks they ought to declare a dividend of not more than 6% so Temple Lumber Company can accumulate a cash surplus just as Southern Pine has. He says he is very happy with the improvement made by Temple Lumber Company in the past year and he is looking forward to seeing Styles in Pineland. He says he expects a good meeting.

**October 13, 1949****Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he tried to reach Latane by phone but he was told he was out of town, so he decided to write. He says he wonders if the sensible thing would be to not continue buying seed when they know they will have a definite and positive loss. He says if there is no prospect of reducing their cost of operating it seems rather foolish to continue to operate in the face of a known loss. Temple closes saying it would be better for them to discuss this on the phone and that he would like Latane to call him as soon as he has had time to digest this letter.

**October 14, 1949****Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes he has received Kenley's letter suggesting another conference the next time he is in Diboll and he would be glad to meet with Kenley when he is back in town.

**October 14, 1949****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes he is glad that Prud'homme talked with Ernest Kurth about his attitude toward giving right of way timber and pulpwood for Highway 103. He says he thinks they should insist on payment at

fair market value and he sees no reason for them to give any saw timber or pulpwood that would have to be removed for the highway.

**October 14, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that when writing the day before he called attention to the difference of \$100,000 between what Styles and Bob Waite showed as Pineland's credit balance. He says Waite explained the difference was due to a delay in a letter from Damrel asking for a deposit of \$100,000 to Pineland's account.

**October 14, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that it is the lack of profitable margin in the cotton seed that Latane has bought and that it might be advisable for them to buy seed only at a price at which they could break even. He says when Latane comes down they can discuss the various Temple Cotton Oil Company problems. He says he is enclosing a weekly letter from South Texas National Bank of Houston that discusses briefly the failure of the cotton seed price support program of the government.

**October 17, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that they plan to be in Pineland on the following Wednesday and that should give them ample time to go over the plant and discuss several matters that Prud'homme has in mind. He says Temple has talked to him about additional storage in Pineland and he is quite agreeable to building a new shed. He says he was sorry to learn they had more rain in the last week and he hopes they will have good weather soon.

**October 20, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a pamphlet on training and supervision that was given to Arthur, Jr. by a representative of A&M College of Texas. He says Arthur, Jr. signed up for the course and it was his idea that Prud'homme would want to observe the program at Diboll and possibly "then engage the services of the A&M staff for the same program at Pineland."

**October 21, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Byrne Industrial Services**

Temple writes that he would like Byrne Industrial Services to enter their order for 2,500 Christmas cards to be sent to Temple Lumber Company and Southern Lumber Company. He asks they bill the company and says they will mail payment to them promptly.

**October 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that when there were in Pineland it was suggested they discuss their credit insurance but he told them it would be better to discuss it when they were alone with those who were more familiar with the policies. He says he thinks they should have their house in order in case the market collapses again, but he isn't sure they need to continue to carry credit insurance. He says the accounts in Pineland are moderate at the moment and it might be best to discontinue the insurance. Temple closes saying he would like Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. to think about this issue and when they get together they can discuss their future course in regard to the credit insurance.

**October 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that it would be very easy for him "to tell [Berckes] of some of the difficulties which would arise in our operations if we should be held responsible for social security taxes" which would be the case under the amendment passed by the House of Representatives and if the Senate concurs when they reassemble in January. He says that this cost would be a "terrific burden" and they have protested the repeal of the Gearhart Resolution and any amendment that would alter its present status. He says Senator Johnson sent him a copy of the bill but he hasn't had time to read it and he would like Berckes to study it and advise members of the Industry with respect to any provisions that he considers bad.

**October 25, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he has done a lot of thinking since their last conversation about what Kenley should be paid for the work he does and he has decided the amount suggested doesn't make sense to him. He says he is sure not just anyone could do as good a job on their taxes as Kenley has, but the amount of work he is actually doing doesn't warrant this high of a salary. He says he wants to "do what is fair and right" by Kenley and he would like him to continue to think about what he thinks would be compensation for the work he will be doing.

**October 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he has talked with Dave Kenley about making some adjustment to his salary and that while they haven't come to a definite agreement yet he would like Smith to credit Kenley with \$416.67 per month.

**October 26, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a copy of the letter sent to Arthur, Jr. by Clyde Thompson. He says he thinks they should transfer some of Pineland's hardwood logs to Diboll since there is a shortage there but questions whether they can afford to transport logs from such a distance. He says he thinks the matter is worth pursuing further and he would like Prud'homme and Arthur to come to a definite conclusion.

**October 27, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is "in full accord with Arthur's suggestion to lease our stores" and they should wait to build the store until they have a deal so that whoever leases it can have a say in the arrangement. He says he doesn't know whether Arthur has found anyone to lease the store, but recommends they consider contacting Brookshire Brothers because he is sure that larger chains will not want to expand to a small town like Diboll. He says he would like Arthur to contact Brookshire Brothers in Lufkin and see if they are interested and if they aren't that maybe they could give them a lead on who would be interested.

**October 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that instead of crediting Dave Kenley at a rate of \$5,000 per year as he had written he would instead like Smith to credit him on the basis of \$4,000 per year payable monthly. He says he

doesn't know whether they should figure out some sort of bonus for Kenley but they will have some time to figure out exactly what to do.

**October 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Dave Kenley**

Temple writes that he has received Kenley's letter suggesting his salary should be adjusted to \$4,000 per year and he is glad he is agreeable to that rate.

**October 31, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that when he wrote suggesting they consider shipping some of Pineland's hardwood to Diboll he intended them to continue to cut hardwood on one side of the mill at Pineland and supplement such production with continued production of hardwood at Diboll. He says even though he sees the advantages to putting Pineland on cutting pine and building another mill for hardwood he thinks that they will not make as much progress on hardwood as they should. He says the main problem with transferring hardwood to Diboll is the cost of transportation and he would like Prud'homme to make a reasonable estimate of what a hardwood mill would cost so they could make an intelligent consideration about what to do.

**November 4, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he has received Berckes' telegram advising of C.C. Sheppard's death. He says it is "quite a shock" to him and the loss will be "sorely felt by the Southern Pine Industry." He says he didn't know Sheppard's family and wishes Berckes would extend his "deepest sympathy in their bereavement" to them if he has the chance.

**November 4, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he was surprised to learn that Pratt Hines said Pineland is oversold through February. He says he hopes Pratt has exaggerated but he knows the situation is bad and suspects Diboll is facing the same problems. He says they will turn down any orders they feel they can afford to reject and not take any orders for prompt shipment unless every single item is in surplus. Temple says they will do what they can "to give the mills a breathing spell."

**November 4, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Gene Shotwell**

Temple writes that he is entertaining a crowd at Boggy Slough on November 15<sup>th</sup> and would like it if Shotwell would join them, saying he is a big asset to all of their parties.

**November 4, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he doesn't suppose that Pineland is solicited for membership in the Texas Manufacturers Association, and if they are he should say they have contributed at Texarkana for both Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company. He says they are sending \$500 to be pro-rated between Pineland and Diboll.

**November 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Gene Shotwell**

Temple writes that he is sorry to hear that Shotwell can't attend his party. He says if there should be any change in his plans he is welcome to come at any time.

**November 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Ben Anthony**

Temple writes that since writing earlier he has received a letter from Arthur, Jr. saying he will not be able to attend the party at Boggy Slough but if they need someone else to help putting deer hunters on stands they could invite Arch Hollingsworth. He says he thinks Ab Grumbles should be able to handle it but asks if Anthony would call and invite Hollingsworth to come for the entire time or as long as he can stay.

**November 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Ben Anthony**

Temple writes that he has received a letter from Gene Shotwell saying that he cannot come to the party at Boggy Slough. He says without Shotwell and Arthur, Jr. he doesn't know what they will do for men to help put hunters on stands. He says he thinks the only thing they can do is get Ab Grumbles to take those out that want to hunt deer and then just give directions to those that want to hunt ducks. Temple says he is disappointed that Shotwell and Arthur, Jr. can't attend but thinks they will get along alright.

**November 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Aubrey Manley told him of a truck that a man is willing to sell for \$2,250. He says the truck sounds like an extremely good buy but he doesn't think they would be interested in a second hand truck like this one but he wanted to hear what Prud'homme thought.

**November 9, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. W. Wortham, Jr.**

Temple writes that he is entertaining friends at Boggy Slough and he would like it very much if Wortham would join them. He says he would also like for Ernest to come and he would appreciate it if Wortham would extend an invitation to him.

**November 21, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes that he has an extra copy of the Southern Pine Industry Committee's publication "Text to the Wage-Hour Law (As Revised)" and if either of them would like to have it for one of their key men to let him know. He says additional copies can be obtained from S.P.I.C.

**November 21, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple, Jr. and E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes he is sure that Arthur, Jr. and Prud'homme have received a copy of the Eriez Manufacturing Company's letter in which they asked for additional information in order that they may have their Engineering Department consider their problem with respect to metal in logs. He says they might not have enclosed the questionnaire in their letters as they had in his but he says he is sending a copy to Prud'homme and would like him to fill it out and send it in if he is interested.

**November 23, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he sees no reason why the yards should report accidents to Diboll rather than directly to the Industrial Accident Board and the Texas Employers Insurance Association's office nearest to where the accident occurs. He says he is sending a copy of Styles' letter regarding this matter to Arthur, Jr. and he presumes Arthur will discuss it with Jake Durham and Clyde Thompson. He says if there is no objection from them about reporting accidents directly he thinks it should be done.

**November 28, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Howard A. Carney**

Temple writes that he is sorry he couldn't be at Boggy Slough when Arthur, Jr. entertained a number of members of the Texas Senate there. He says he would have come but he had a number of important engagements he couldn't put off. He also says he was glad to hear that Carney was able to get a buck although was on crutches. Temple says he is sorry Arthur didn't plan to take them around to see the timber they are cutting, saying it is a good demonstration of what can be done by scientific selective cutting.

**November 29, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he is enclosing eighteen powers of attorney naming D.G. McNair agent and attorney-in-fact to be filed in counties that they operate lumber yards or own real estate. He says this is necessary in view of the death of S.F. Styles and the appointment of McNair as general manager of the Retail Division of Temple Lumber Company so McNair can sign deeds and execute other legal instruments. He says he is also enclosing eighteen copies of a resolution of the Board of Directors of Temple Lumber Company that he has signed as president and needs Smith to sign as secretary and then forward them all to McNair. Temple says it will be necessary to write up numbers of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Temple Lumber Company adopting the resolution and he doesn't think there will be any objection from any of the Directors but if there is to let him know.

**November 30, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that when he was in Houston Bill Hinkle called his attention to the fact that the retail yards' profit for the fiscal year ending October 31<sup>st</sup> was about \$200,000 less than had been anticipated. He says he received the yards' reports for October and can't see where this reduction in anticipated profit has been taken into account. He says he would be glad to hear from McNair on this matter as well as any further comments he may have on the drop in inventory value.

**December 2, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Howard A. Carney**

Temple writes that he was glad to hear back from Carney and to have his views relative to the proposed additional taxes. He says he agrees they have all the taxes they can handle at the moment and hopes when the Legislature meets in January they will be able to come up with some way to take care of the capital expenditures without imposing new or heavier taxes. He says he has read recently a suggestion that bonds be issued for such a purpose. Temple closes saying he was glad to hear that Carney is not using crutches and is walking with a cane now.

**December 2, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he would like to suggest the when the company buys automobiles that such purchases be confined to Chevrolet and Ford. He says more expensive cars were furnished to employees

in the flush years but under normal circumstances he thinks they should be conservative in their purchases.

**December 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. M. Morriss**

Temple writes that when they were altogether in Houston for the funeral of S.F. Styles they discussed the installation of a treatment plant in Diboll and decided they needed to have an engineer come in and advise them as to specifications, location, lay-out of the plant, etc. since they don't really know anything about this process. He says when the investigation is complete he hopes they can buy their equipment through Morriss.

**December 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes they have discontinued the bonus at the yards and will not have the problem Prud'homme discussed in the future. He says he doesn't know what would be the best method of taking a bonus into account but they are not figuring on a bonus for the retail division hereafter. He says he discussed it with McNair when he was in Houston for Styles' funeral.

**December 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. B. White**

Temple writes that he suggests having their Temple-White meeting following the Southern Pine meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> if it is agreeable with White and Herb.

**December 5, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he is sure one or both of their mills would be interested in a discussion of the new Wage-Hour Law with Peter Gaffney in Shreveport. He says he is calling this meeting to the attention of Arthur, Jr. and Eck Prud'homme. He says so far they haven't had any problems with the new law but there might be something addressed in the meeting that could come up in the future.

**December 7, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that the statement from Pineland for the month of November looks good, though it is always disappointing to see any losses. He says he wonders if they shouldn't negotiate with Kirby for their hardwood since their own production of hardwood won't cover their needs. He closes saying he appreciates Prud'homme's invitation to come to Boggy Slough but he doesn't think he can come. Temple says he is sure Prud'homme and the others he will have from Diboll and Pineland will do a good job as hosts and entertain the other guests.

**December 8, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Malcolm McCulloch**

Temple writes that he was afraid he would get a letter like the one he got from McCulloch. He says he knew McCulloch was not satisfied with McNair taking over the retail division and he was glad to know he felt kindly toward McNair and his resignation was based solely on a disagreement over policy. He says McCulloch has been a valuable employee and he would hate to see him sever his connection with Temple Lumber Company but if he must he wishes him luck in what he does in the future. Temple says if he can work out his differences he would very much like McCulloch to continue as manager of the Kirby yard.

**December 12, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Mrs. C. S. Record**

Temple writes that he was sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. Record. He says he can't help but think that Arthur, Jr.'s success has been due to the start he got under Mr. Record. He closes saying that Record was a "fine man, highly respected and beloved by his associates" and he is sure his passing will be a great loss to all who knew him.

**December 15, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he didn't know about the extra assessment for the Lufkin Memorial Hospital until he was told by Arthur, Jr. and he doesn't think there is anything they can do but pay it. He says he never really liked the way the hospital was being financed and Arthur, Jr. is on the board there and he will forward McNair's letter to him since he knows more about what is going on.

**December 15, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Caddo Crate Company**

Temple writes that they are referring to a letter of December 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the equipment at the box factory bought in Ponta, Texas, recently bought by Arthur, Jr. He says he is familiar with what was purchased and what is for sale and they will hear from him shortly.

**December 19, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he wonders if Kurth has given any further consideration to turning over the Memorial Hospital in Lufkin to the Catholic Sisters or some other church organization. He says if they could turn it over to someone like the Catholic Sisters they could be sure that the hospital would be well. He closes saying he was glad to be able to participate in the festivities honoring Kurth as Man of the South for 1949.

**December 20, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he has begun to go over the retail yards' statements for the year and they seem to be quite complete and have all the information someone in his position could desire. He says he still doesn't understand the heavy drop in the yearend inventory and he would like McNair to write him and fully explain any conclusions he may have about the issues brought up. He also suggests their being more realistic when they estimate their inventories month by month.

**December 20, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that if his understanding of the regulations of the Internal Revenue Department is correct that he would use the average price of \$26.79 for Temple Lumber Company for the first two months of the year. He says the only objection he can see to doing this is they are using a different price, but maybe Smith can come up with some way to justify the difference in methods.

**December 24, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he didn't mean to suggest that Smith should change the method of figuring the fair market value at Diboll. He says he thinks it would be easier to sustain a value based on timber purchased in the first sixty days of the fiscal year, but if Smith can get by with the higher figure he is fine with that.

**December 27, 1949**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he has a copy of Berckes' letter to Mr. Seaman and that the proposed study of the activities and functions of the Southern Pine Association will be discussed at the meeting of directors. He says he hopes to attend the meeting if there isn't a conflict with something else.

**January 6, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Mrs. S. F. Styles**

Temple writes that he has just received Styles' letter asking about the market value of the stock Mr. Styles owned and says there hasn't been enough stock sold or bought from Temple Lumber Company to really have a market value. He thanks her for offering the stock to him, saying he isn't really interested but Arthur, Jr. might be. He says he is sending a copy of this letter to Arthur to see if he has any interest.

**January 13, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Dawson**

Temple writes that he was glad to talk with Dawson and that Arthur, Jr. is very interested in having Dawson do work for him in Diboll. He says there is already an engineer on staff at Diboll, but some work could be found for Dawson from time to time. He advises Dawson to contact Arthur, Jr. if he has any interest in this position.

**January 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that after seeing the statement from the East Texas Chamber of Commerce that he returned to Prud'homme he wonders if Diboll and Pineland should not contribute to Bowie County as they are repeatedly under their quotas. He says they could also consider contributing less to Angelina and Sabine Counties since they both consistently exceed their quotas.

**January 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes that Mr. Bailey of London Guarantee and Accident Company was down to discuss the renewal of their credit insurance policy. He says in addition to a lower normal loss Mr. Bailey convinced them they should continue to carry the insurance. He says they authorized Bailey to continue the coverage and he thinks they can all feel a little better about having the insurance to protect them.

**January 19, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that on the statements sent to Bob Waite he notes that William Hinkle is listed under "notes receivable, unsecured." He says he remembers questioning Hinkle's indebtedness before and was told Hinkle had borrowed money from Diboll. He says in view of the fact that Hinkle is now the assistant general manager of the retail division of Temple Lumber Company and has an increased salary he hopes this indebtedness can be cleared soon. Temple says he would like to know about the Kenley item as well. He says he might seem overzealous in trying to hold down the loans and advances but it looks bad on their statement and might make them subject to criticism by the Internal Revenue Department.

**January 20, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. E. Cudlipp**

Temple writes that Cloyd Young came to him and told him there might be a severance tax imposed on timber. He says he thanked Young and told him he would get in contact with Cudlipp to see what steps are being taken to combat any such proposal by the Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association. He says he would like Cudlipp to write him what steps are being taken and he will talk further with Young about this matter.

**February 10, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has just read the reprint of two articles enclosed with Prud'homme's letter and says they were "splendid" and he is glad they were able to get enough copies to distribute them to the employees. He says he would like Arthur, Jr. to get enough copies to distribute in Diboll as well.

**February 13, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. E. Cudlipp**

Temple writes that after speaking with Cudlipp he wired Jim Lindsey, Newt McCann, and Cloyd Young urging them to support the proposed one cent tax increase on cigarettes. He says while he hasn't heard back from any of them he is sure they will all support the proposal and he will write back if he can get anything definite out of them.

**February 20, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. E. Hintz**

Temple writes that since he gave Arthur, Jr. some of his Oil Field Lumber Company stocks he would like for him to know what they are doing and would like Hintz to mail him a copy of the financial statement. He says that he hasn't gotten statements on the last year's business but he is sure they will be along soon.

**February 28, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he would like to answer Berckes' letter regarding the effect of the minimum wage increase but that he isn't really qualified to do so. He says Berckes' should contact Arthur, Jr. or Eck Prud'homme to get more information. He says this new increase will likely lead to the introduction of labor saving machinery and as of now he doesn't know of any mills that have had to close because they couldn't pay the additional wage. He says the new wage will likely lead to the firing of workers that can't justify the wage of 75 cents per hour. Temple closes saying he has perhaps answered Berckes' questions more fully than he had intended, but still says Arthur, Jr. or Prud'homme would be better prepared to give him detailed information.

**March 6, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Durham**

Temple writes that there is an article in the Gulf Coast Lumberman that he thought Durham would enjoy reading.

**March 8, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to P. M. Anderson**

Temple writes that he has been wondering if they are justified in maintaining a separate sales office for hardwood with Diboll's production of hardwood declining and Pineland's production going into dimension and toilet seats. He asks if Anderson has any suggestions about what they could do about the situation and asks about the possibility of Anderson retiring. He closes saying that this is a very delicate subject and he wants Anderson to know he wants to do what is right by him as well as Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company.

**March 13, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he doesn't think that they should invest in young timber when what they need is older wood. He says they should wait and keep the Frost Lumber Industries acreage in mind and when there is a depression, which he thinks will come very soon, they will be in a position to take advantage of bargains. He says Ernest Kurth might try to buy the land without giving others a chance to "figure on it" but the people are pretty smart and will probably hold out a little.

**March 16, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that when he was in Diboll Johnnye Foster asked him about some tanks that Arthur, Jr. told him Latane had for sale. He says he told him to write Latane, but decided to do it himself and have him pass the information on to Arthur or Foster at Diboll.

**March 16, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he saw a copy of a letter from Prud'homme and that he is glad he thinks well of the possibilities presented by National Utility Service, saying that Arthur, Jr. was impressed as well. He says Boots Jackson of TSE [Texas South Eastern] audits all of the freight bills of Diboll, Pineland, and the Temple Lumber Company yards and he supposes he does as thorough a job as Menefee did.

**March 16, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Jim Ben Edens**

Temple writes that he is making plan to attend the luncheon meeting in Dallas instead of the one in Fort Worth. He says he doesn't know much about the Trade Promotion Program of the T.L.M.A. [Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association] and he hopes his presence at the meeting will be worth something.

**March 16, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to P. M. Anderson**

Temple writes that he is glad to learn that Anderson has decided to move to Texarkana to handle the hardwood sales and he trusts he has someone looking to find him a suitable house. He says they will pay the transportation costs for moving Anderson's furniture and other household goods from Diboll.

**March 16, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Grogan**

Temple writes that they used C.D. Shy of Memphis and that his work was very satisfactory. He says he doesn't know about Mr. Shy's charges but that he is writing Arthur, Jr. and would like him to write Grogan about this and to add anything that might be helpful.

**March 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to T. E. Maynark**

Temple writes that following Mr. Hiatt's visit he contacted the managers of the Diboll Mill, the Temple Lumber Company mill, and the manager of Temple Cotton Oil Company mills and says they are all interested in Maynard's proposition. He says the contract impresses him as "eminently fair" but he wants the managers to decide if they should engage his services.

**March 29, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he is returning right-of-way easement in favor of Texas Power and Light Company for a power line over J.J. Collins' camp. He says he is reluctant to do so because it means the destruction of some young growing timber as well as taking out of production a large amount of land but he doesn't see that they have a choice. He says he trusts Kenley is keeping easements like this at a minimum.

**April 8, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. W. Rice**

Temple writes that he has received Rice's letter along with the reprint from the Congressional Record of March 13<sup>th</sup>. He says he is sure Rice is doing a good work and instead of talking with him about his findings he should contact Arthur, Jr. or E.G. Prud'homme as they know more of the conditions at the mills.

**April 10, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple, Jr. and E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Herschel Payne came to see him about getting a job after he graduates from the University of Arkansas next June. He says he would like very much to do something for Payne and asks Arthur, Jr. and Prud'homme to consider if they can offer him anything and let him know what they think so that he can let Payne hear from him shortly.

**April 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Southern Pine Association, att: H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that they are enclosing agreement to contribute thirteen cents per thousand board feet for support of the Trade Promotion Campaign of the Southern Pine Association in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

**April 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to N. F. McGowin**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. has forwarded McGowin's letter in regard to Temple Lumber Company's contributing to A.F.P.I. [American Forest Products Industries] on its production of hardwood. He says there was much disagreement about whether to support the AFPI program and now they can't see that A.F.P.I. can do much for hardwood producers. He says they feel they are not disposed to contribute on their hardwood production.

**April 28, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Stanley F. Horn**

Temple writes he doesn't think he could give any more information about the improvements being made in Diboll than what was contained in the write-up. He also says he doesn't like the personal publicity about Arthur, Jr. included in the Gulf Coast Lumberman, saying this article should be more impersonal. He says he will appreciate any publicity Horn sees fit to give them in the Southern Lumberman.

**May 2, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he hopes the meeting they are planning to discuss the new store will be held off a bit because he hasn't been feeling well, but says if it needs to be soon it would be ok with him. He says they should take Josh Morriss to Pineland and as soon as Arthur, Jr. replies with a date for the meeting he will communicate with Morriss and see if he can make the trip.

**May 5, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that since talking with Prud'homme on the phone about going to Pineland he noticed that there is a meeting to nominate a suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Dallas and after that meeting they will head on to Pineland. He says he is sending a copy of this letter to Arthur, Jr. so he will know of their plans.

**May 12, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Herman Mueller**

Temple writes to advise that they are cooperating with Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association in promoting Texas lumber and that they contribute to that cause. He says due to this fact they are not interested in advertising on their own.

**May 15, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he isn't sure he fully explained his position in respect to their credit insurance. He says he had planned on discontinuing the coverage but they had been convinced by the representative from Memphis that they needed to continue to carry it. He says he is still rather unsure whether they are justified in continuing to carry this insurance and each of them should consider what to do before the policy expires in the early part of next year.

**May 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that when Josh and Wop Heath were in his office they discussed the plan for the new store buildings in Pineland and they think it would be best to build the buildings out of timber. He also says Prud'homme should plan to have a hay warehouse completely separate from the other store buildings.

**May 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he wonders if the new store to be built in Pineland could be built west of the office and they could leave the original store standing. He says he thought the service buildings would be moved between the feed store and the present store but something could have come up and made this impractical.

**May 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Josh Morriss and Wop Heath were in his office discussing the possibility of installing a timber sizer outside the mill and they all agreed there would be no objection. He suggests Prud'homme try to find out if their present sizer can be fixed and used for their present needs.

**May 20, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has just received Prud'homme's letter regarding the installation of a timber sizer at Pineland and says there is no objection to extending the timber dock as much as needed, only a question of whether the cost of doing that and getting the timber sizer in good condition would be justified. He says the only stipulation was they avoid any penalty in insurance rates.

**May 22, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he received a letter from Joe Pollard that said the land they had given him was costing him too much to keep up and when the dam was built it would have about four feet of water over it. He says Pollard offered the land back to the company if they would repay the money he spent improving it but they didn't think it was a good idea. Temple says Pollard asked for his letter to be destroyed after it was read and he would like it if Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. (who is receiving a copy of this letter) would keep it confidential.

**May 29, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. E. Bovay, Jr.**

Temple writes that he has received Bovay's letter stating he has been retained by Mr. Camp to make a study of his mill. He says he was glad to recommend Bovay to Camp.

**May 31, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes confirming that Latane will be meeting in his office on June 8<sup>th</sup> and he has notified Newman and asked Temple Webber to tell Arthur Jr. about the change. He closes saying he hopes Alice will not suffer "any unusual discomfort" after he tonsils are taken out and that he hopes Latane's problems with mumps and ringworm will clear up soon.

**June 2, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he thinks Arthur, Jr. will have some photos of forest lands and logging operations like Berckes requested. He says he is also sending the letter to Eck Prud'homme, saying he might also have something of interest to Berckes. He says he would particularly like it if they had a picture that showed the replanting work that is being done in order to counteract the claims frequently made that lumber companies "denude the land and do nothing to replace the timber."

**June 5, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes that Frank Taylor of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, and Company has suggested the same maximum of \$12,500 for the next year but to include Temple Manufacturing Company. He says "it is a very comfortable feeling to have the audits all the way down the line" and he thinks they are justified. He says he would like Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. to give the matter of an audit for the mills and the Retail Division for the current year some thought.

**June 9, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Ben Anthony**

Temple writes that he doesn't believe he has ever been charged for his party at Boggy Slough last November. He says he doesn't want the company to pay for the party and would like Anthony to look

and see if he has been charged and also that he would like to have a date assigned to him to have Boggy Slough for a party in the fall. He closes saying he was sorry not to see more of Anthony but that Arthur, Jr. was anxious to get back to Diboll.

**June 14, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to George P. Johnson**

Temple writes that he has received Johnson's letter advising that employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company would like to give him an air conditioning unit for his car. He says he appreciates the gift very much and he would like Johnson to extend his gratitude to every employee. He says Arthur, Jr. tipped him off about the gift so he had already arranged to have an air conditioning unit installed in Dallas and that he trust that since he got a good deal on it he assumes it will meet with Johnson's entire approval.

**June 16, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has been very interested in laminated 2 x 4's and that he was glad Prud'homme and others decided the item is practical and says the only question he has is whether the cost will be in reason. He says he has heard Arthur, Jr. would like to have the machine set up at Diboll and says it is probably a good idea if they have both agreed on it.

**June 19, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he doesn't see how Mr. Stephens could be entitled to \$100 from him as payment of the wager they made several years ago.

**June 22, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. J. Collins**

Temple writes that he has received Collins' letter pertaining to an increase in the retainers their company is paying his firm and he thinks Collins should meet with Arthur, Jr. and discuss something which will be satisfactory. He says he doesn't see any reason to deal with their company as a group and he thinks it would be better if they dealt with each company separately. He says he hopes some agreement can be reached so they can continue to retain Collins' firm.

**June 22, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Jr. to H. B. White**

Temple writes to thank White for the book he sent and says he has been thinking about suggesting a cut in the commission that Temple-White is paying White Wood Products Company for selling. He says he would like White to give this matter some thought and to let him know what he thinks.

**June 22, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he doesn't want McNair to make room for Bob Burns unless he is satisfied with him. He says his interest in Burns is because of his father and what Fleishel Lumber Company means to them. He says McNair should work this out any way he sees fit and he doesn't want to influence his decision.

**June 23, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he has received Kurth's letter and notes that Angelina Casualty Company has been paying about \$5,000 a year to Collins and Dies in addition to the retainers they agreed upon five years

ago. He says he doesn't see any reason for them to deal with Collins and Dies as a group and if they must do so he thinks the total fee ought to be divided among the companies on the basis of the number of employees.

**June 26, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. W. Wortham, Jr.**

Temple writes that he assumed that Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company would continue their support of Texas Forestry Association but that he hasn't discussed it with Eck Prud'homme or Arthur, Jr. He says he is sorry he and Wortham didn't get to visit when he was down to see Ernest.

**June 26, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Mrs. Franklin Farrington**

Temple writes that the Temple Foundation has been contributing to Mrs. Jack Fields and that Henry Temple used to keep up with her, but since he passed away they haven't heard anything about her. He says he would like Farrington to let him know if Fields is still in need of their contribution.

**June 26, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. B. White**

Temple writes that he has just received White's letter and thinks his suggestion to have a meeting in Diboll to discuss the selling commission and the charges made by Southern Pine against Temple- White is a good one and they can meet at a time that suits everyone.

**June 29, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. L. Burford**

Temple writes that he is enclosing \$100 as a contribution to Newt McCann's campaign for re-election as flatorial representative. He says he thinks McCann stands for what is right and deserves support in his campaign.

**June 30, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. B. White**

Temple writes that since his last letter regarding a meeting in Diboll he and Mrs. Temple have set the date of their vacation and that he would like to have the meeting a week earlier than planned if it is ok with everyone. He says he doesn't think they will have another world war and he thinks Russia will back off "now that we have called her bluff" and that it's sad "that one nation...just a few men, hold the fate of the world in their hands."

**June 30, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he notes that Prud'homme is having some difficulty in putting Herschel Payne to work since they are cutting down on the crew at the dimension mill and that perhaps he could tell the others that Payne is being trained for office work to avoid criticism over hiring new people while firing others.

**June 30, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Frank C. Taylor**

Temple writes that he has given a lot of thought to Taylor's letter in regard to an audit for the current year for Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company. He says they are in full accord

that they should have an audit for the year and that they approve the cost. He says Eck Prud'homme had some complaints from the last time and lists them for Taylor's use, but says that he has no intention of telling him how an audit ought to be made. Temple says they would appreciate if any unnecessary work would be held at a minimum in order to keep costs down.

**July 5, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he received Prud'homme's letter regarding their group health and accident insurance and says that he would be most reluctant to cancel out their coverage from Provident after only having it for a year but if that would be better for their employees they might consider doing it. He says Arthur, Jr. is having some studies made by Calvin Lawrence and he is interested to see how they have fared in a year with Provident.

**July 5, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Frank C. Taylor**

Temple writes that Eck Prud'homme suggested that before Taylor starts on the Temple Lumber Company audit Mr. Alexander should meet with him and George Smith about the work to be done so that "maximum cooperation may be derived." He says this would help them to achieve their desire of saving as much work as possible.

**July 10, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that since writing recently about monthly reports that would give them some idea of how Oil Field Lumber Company's business is going he has given it more thought and says if they could have a report each month on sales at each of the yards they would have the important information. He writes he would like to have these reports if it isn't too much trouble for Hintz to get them to him.

**July 12, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes to ask Kurth if he would ask Lyndon Johnson for an appointment to Annapolis for his great nephew, W. Temple Webber, Jr. He says he realizes appointments are hard to come by but Webber is a "fine boy" who "would be a credit to the Naval Academy."

**July 14, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he has Kurth's letter that says he doesn't feel comfortable asking Lyndon Johnson for an appointment to the Naval Academy for Temple Webber. He says he thought Kurth would have been a help in getting an appointment, saying it is the only way he knows of to get anyone into Annapolis is to receive an appointment. He says while he didn't vote for Johnson in 1948, he thinks he is doing a good job and will probably vote for his re-election. Temple says Kurth's statement that he should have voted for Johnson because of what he did for Southland is not sound and that too many people vote with their personal interests in mind instead of those of the nation.

**July 15, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he met with Harry Walker and they discussed Oil Field Lumber Company's affairs. He says after reviewing statements he wonders if it wouldn't be best for them to dispose of the yards

through sale or liquidation. He says he would like Hintz to contact him with his reaction and his thoughts on how to accomplish this.

**July 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he has received Kurth's letter to all directors of Southland Paper Mills, Inc. and that he hopes the meeting called will not be during his vacation time as he does want to attend. He says he might be in the minority but he isn't in favor of expansion by Southland and while he might be too conservative he doesn't want to endanger the future supply of saw timber in their area. He says the current war in Korea leads him to think that expansion at this time might not be the best idea and he knows Fred Dierks is going to go ahead with the building of their newsprint mill in Arkansas if the war does not interfere. Temple closes saying he would like Kurth to let him know as soon as possible when the meeting of directors will be held.

**July 18, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he has just received the final statement of Temple Lumber Company for the mill and yards combined and that he preferred the old forms more, saying they were easier to read. He says he doesn't want his preference to "govern necessarily" and he is sending a copy of this letter to McNair, Prud'homme, and Arthur, Jr. to get their thoughts on the new form.

**July 21, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he is returning a statement from Southern Pine Association covering additional trade promotion fees. He says they are obligated to carry their part of the trade promotion work of the Association and he would like Smith to make out a check to send them.

**July 21, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he assumes Prud'homme will be making the trip to the west coast with them and says he knows he will enjoy it. He says they will leave from Dallas and he will meet them there.

**July 22, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. B. White**

Temple writes for White not to plan on meeting him in Diboll until he hears otherwise as he will be out of town. He says Arthur, Jr. has made an investigation of the charges Southern Pine is making against Temple-White and he will have the results when he gets back.

**July 31, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. B. White**

Temple writes that he has returned from his trip and found White's letter. He says it would be better for him if they met later on and if he could be in Diboll around the time the directors of Southland Paper Mill meet he could see him then. He says he had a good trip and learned a lot about how things are done in the west.

**July 31, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. E. Reardon**

Temple writes that he has received Reardon's letter in regard to the new crayon he is using to mark his lumber. He says he enjoyed his trip through their plant and he wishes Reardon would thank Mr. Myers for his time.

**August 7, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that after talking with Prud'homme and Josh Morriss they have decided to have Wop Heath "do some figuring" to see how much they could save on insurance if they installed a sprinkler system in the new store at Pineland. He says he is perfectly willing to leave the final decision about whether to install a sprinkler system up to Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. He says he thinks the sprinklers would be a good investment but if he and Arthur, Jr. disagreed it is alright with him for the two of them to proceed accordingly.

**August 10, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Kenneth Nelson**

Temple writes that W.E. Stewart was in his office with the intention of leasing on land under which they own the minerals north of New Boston. He says he is willing to give Stewart the lease in consideration of his drilling a well, and he would like to know exactly what minerals they own in Bowie County. He says he would like Nelson to let him know this information and if the land is already under lease as soon as he can.

**August 11, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he doesn't know where Prud'homme got the idea that Wop Heath was coming to Pineland to consider putting in a sprinkler system, but he was sent to Dallas by Josh Morriss to talk with sprinkler companies that will be contacting Prud'homme shortly. He says that when one or more of these companies have representatives in Pineland he presumes that Prud'homme can get bids on the system for the stores.

**August 11, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he read Prud'homme's letter in regard to the toilet seat department's performance and that he doesn't expect any sort of profit from the department in July. He says he thinks they should continue to operate the department until they are convinced one way or the other they should abandon it.

**August 14, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Harry T. Kendall**

Temple writes that he is very interested to see Kendall's debarker and when they go west again he will be sure to stop by and see that as well as other things that are of interest. He says he would like Kendall to send him Mr. Myers' initials so that he can contact him to thank him for his time when they were visiting the Shevlin-Hixon plant at Bend.

**August 14, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to William C. Hinkle**

Temple writes that he was glad to read Hinkle's comments on his correspondence with McNair about a bonus for the employees of the Retail Division and that he isn't opposed to doing something for their "key men" but that he would like to get away from the bonus plan unless they can come up with some

scientific way to determine who gets what. He says they will have a meeting to discuss this matter after he returns from his vacation.

**August 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he has received the notice of the annual meeting of Temple Cotton Oil Company and asks if Latane and Cochran could convene the meeting as scheduled and adjourn it to a later date so Newman could attend.

**September 2, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. J. Collins**

Temple writes that the question of a carrier for their compensation insurance has come up and there is a feeling that Angelina Casualty Company could do a better job. He says as a director of Texas Employers Insurance Association he has gotten to know the men who are running the Association and knows what a good job they do. The only advantage he can see to Angelina Casualty is that they are a Delaware corporation and they can take their cases into federal court. Temple closes asking Collins to let him know if this really is an advantage and says if he has an opinion about which of the two would be a better company to tell him.

**September 13, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Carrol told him of Joe Pollard's dissatisfaction with U.S. Tires and says since it was determined that Pollard was prejudiced against U.S. he has wondered if Pineland has been taking full advantage of their contract with U.S. Rubber Company. He says there is no question that U.S. will take care of their needs and this has raised the question of whether a purchasing agent is needed at Pineland. He says this is not a criticism of the management but only a subject that he, Carrol, and Arthur, Jr. discussed when they were together.

**September 14, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. G. Weakley**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. told him that he had suggested to a representative of Texas Employers that they establish an office at Lufkin for the purpose of investigating claims. He says J.J. Collins told him it is important that claims are investigated promptly. Jake Durham, who has been "looking after" their compensation insurance is going back into the Army and as such it would be very advantageous for Texas Employers to set up an office in Lufkin.

**September 14, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. E. Minton**

Temple writes that Aubrey Canon has discussed with him the advisability of assessing their mineral rights and having them put on the tax rolls. He says he would like Minton to let him know if he thinks they should do this and what value they might put to them.

**September 15, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Carrol Allen**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. told him that Allen is ready to go ahead with the development of the 80 acres on the basis of his recommendation and that he is to pay Allen \$16,000 for their one-half interest. He says he wonders if this could be applied to the \$17,000 that Allen already owes; saying if it could that

would be favorable. He closes saying he thinks it would be in order for Allen to give him a deed to one-half undivided interest in the 80 acres.

**September 21, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. E. Savoy**

Temple writes that what he had in mind when he suggested giving St. Cyprian's a Bible was that he would give them something needed and he thought it would be a fitting memorial for his father. He says he doesn't want to give anything that isn't needed and he is agreeable to donating \$100 to be used any way Savoy sees fit. He says he really likes St. Cyprian's and he is glad to see Ann and Arthur, Jr. taking such an active interest in the church as well.

**September 26, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Johnnye Foster**

Temple writes that when Arthur, Jr. was there he told him that the Underwood electric typewriter they sent to Foster had never been received and that after calling the shipping company they learned it had been shipped three months ago. He says they are in the process of trying to find it but he only thinks they will be able to get some sort of pay off for it since there will be little chance of finding it now. He says he spoke with the head man at Ragland's and demanded immediate action either to produce the typewriter or payoff.

**September 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Ben Anthony**

Temple writes that he has received Anthony's letter advising him that November 15<sup>th</sup> has been assigned to him for use of Boggy Slough. He says it will suit him fine as long as they can meet the night before and leave the day after.

**September 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Clyde Thompson**

Temple writes that he was sorry not to see Thompson before he left Diboll but congratulates him on an excellent job as general chairman of the Forest Festival. He says he was very impressed with everything and happy with the representation of Southern Pine Lumber Company.

**September 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. W. Wortham, Jr.**

Temple writes that he suggests Wortham get in touch with Arthur, Jr. about Southern Pine's contribution to Texas Forestry Association saying he assumes Arthur just forgot to have a check mailed to Mr. Bishop. He says he is sorry he didn't see Wortham when he was in town for the Forest Festival.

**September 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that it is hard to lay down any "hard and fast rule" to guide them in buying land to grow timber saying that he only suggests they not spend too much on the land. He says he has no objection to their making occasional purchases of moderate size and he trusts that Prud'homme will make wise choices. He closes saying he was disappointed not to see Prud'homme at the Forest Festival and he was very glad to see such good representation of Southern Pine Lumber Company.

**September 30, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he doesn't think they would have been able to have a satisfactory business meeting even if Prud'homme had been at Lumberman's Day at the Forest Festival since everyone was so busy. He says the Temple Lumber Company annual meeting is coming up and Prud'homme should have any definite ideas about improvements to be made in Pineland and their costs at that time.

**September 30, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple, Jr. and E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that they will be interested to know that he talked with Rosborough Bemis at Prescott about wages being paid by mills in Arkansas and he learned that everyone there is being paid around 80 cents. He says in light of this fact and the minimum being paid by their neighbors in Texas he sees no choice but to increase their minimum wage as well.

**October 11, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. B. Edens**

Temple writes that he is sorry he will be unable to participate in the meetings that have been arranged with lumber dealer organizations throughout the state but that he will be busy all during that time. He says he thinks he will be free on the date of the Lubbock meeting but it is so hard to get to Lubbock from Texarkana that he wonders if it would not be better to rely on the directors of T.L.M.A. [Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association] saying they are probably better qualified to serve in the capacity Edens has in mind.

**October 19, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. R. Stephens**

Temple writes that when he was talking with Latane recently the topic of the bet he made with Stephens several years ago came up and that it appears that he lost the bet and is enclosing a check for \$100. He says he still maintains that the examining agent should not have approved the deduction of a loss on the John K. Gibson indebtedness and they must have had an easy agent. He apologizes for being so late with the check, saying he was hazy on the terms of the bet but after talking with Latane he is entirely satisfied.

**October 26, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. B. Edens**

Temple writes that he has heard from Arthur, Jr. that Edens is counting on him to be at the meeting in Lubbock and says that after his last letter to Edens he had hoped that he would get someone else. He says his main reason for not wanting to go is a sore tongue that he has had for a few weeks that he would like to keep a close watch on but recommends Temple Webber to go in his place but he is going on a vacation during that time.

**October 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he has no suggestion on how to operate successfully when Latane is paying \$100 a ton for seed. He says he would be glad to come to Little Rock with Newman and Arthur, Jr. to discuss what they should do. He says he is sending a copy of this letter to the other two with hopes that one of them can come up with a solution to this problem.

**October 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to A. E. Cudlipp**

Temple writes that Mr. Green from the Houston Post called this morning in an effort to get him to pay \$50 on a full-page ad on the protection of the forests of East Texas from fire, saying T.L.M.A. [Texas Lumber Manufacturers Association ] would only give him a list of names to solicit for contributions and materials for the ad but would not contribute money. He says he should think that if it is of any interest to the lumber industry that it would be supported through T.L.M.A. and he would like to know what position they have taken on this sort of thing.

**October 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Southwester Transportation Company, att: H. B. McManus**

Temple writes they are very sorry to have put so many people to so much trouble over the Underwood electric typewriter that was shipped to Southern Pine Lumber Company, saying it had been misplaced and reported as never received. He says he apologizes to McManus and to Mr. Atkins for causing so much trouble.

**October 30, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he doesn't really know what a meeting with between himself, Arthur, Jr., Newman, and Latane would accomplish but just suggested it to let Latane know they weren't neglecting him. He says if Latane thinks such a meeting would be beneficial to let him know and they would be glad to come up at any time.

**October 30, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is planning to entertain a group of friends at Boggy Slough from November 14th to the 16th and since Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. are entertaining the Southwestern crowd on the 16<sup>th</sup> he might just stay over to meet some of them. He says he doesn't want to stay over for the preliminary meeting of the Texas Forestry Association but when he, Prud'homme, and Arthur, Jr. are together they can discuss their contribution to the T.F.A.

**October 31, 1950**

**Arthur Temple to E. A. Farley**

Temple writes that he doesn't know whose error it was but that Wiener Lumber Company in Dallas received more in their shipment than was ordered. He says he supposes Farley will want to track down who is responsible for this and says they were lucky it was shipped to an honest customer who reported the overage and paid them for it.

**November 1, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that while he thinks they ought to go ahead with their plan for a hardwood mill he doesn't see how it would be justified in doing so with the continued inflation that is predicted as a result of the armament program. He says he realizes the hardwood mill is an urgent need and says they can get the plans drawn up and then they can discuss prices with suppliers. He says they could get little mills to cut hardwood for them, and that while it won't be as good as with a band mill at Pineland he is convinced this would be their only alternative.

**November 4, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Carrol Allen**

Temple writes that the best way they can solve the Pineland tire situation is for Allen to report to Prud'homme what he has observed. He says he doesn't want to cause any friction between Eck and Allen because it could hurt U.S. Tires and says the best way to avoid this is to call and discuss the matter with him personally. He says the purchase of tires other than U.S. Tires has been due to the prejudice of some foreman and he is sure Prud'homme would like to work it out.

**November 4, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. W. Rice**

Temple writes that he is sure Rice is doing good work "among the colored people" but says he isn't sure there is a radical element in Diboll or Pineland that would require the "sound doctrine" that he is preaching. He says he thinks Rice's newspaper has a good representation in the two towns already and while he doesn't think any additional contribution on their part would be justified he will leave it up to Arthur, Jr. and E.G. Prud'homme to decide.

**November 6, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he wrote Rice, the editor of The Negro Labor News, and directed him to contact Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. for any assistance, saying they are in a better position to evaluate his work an influence among their people.

**November 13, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he enjoyed reading the clipping by Bruce Barton and says there is a lot in what he says. He says there are a lot of men who try to do everything on their own and end up not accomplishing as much as they would if they delegated their work. He says Henry Temple was one of these people and it used to really irritate him.

**November 13, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he agrees they should have full and detailed information on the timber holdings and that after he has discussed it farther with Bill Merrem or whoever is going to do the work and get the cost they can discuss whether it is advisable to go ahead. He says he is planning to stay over for the first night of Prud'homme's party and is looking forward to being with Arthur, Jr., Prud'homme, and the Southwestern people.

**November 17, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he was sorry to have to leave Boggy Slough instead of staying for the first night of Prud'homme's party as planned, but he had a very bad sore throat and decided it was best to come back and have it treated. He says he was glad to see Bill Merrem, Webb Pedigo, and Jack Frost before he left and he hopes they are having a good party.

**November 22, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that Bob Waite and Aubrey Canon have been working for some time on getting a new trust to take the place of the Temple Foundation and working with Mr. Burford to determine when the trust set up by his father expires. He says there are very complicated points involved and it would be

easier if he met with Canon the next time he comes to Hope. He says Canon and Waite are going to meet with Frank Taylor to determine if the new trust will be tax deductible.

**November 29, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he is enclosing Southern Pine Lumber Company's stock certificate #186 and asks that Smith endorse it as he and Bob Waite had already done and return it so it may be cancelled. He says after talking with Frank Taylor it was determined the Temple Foundation cannot be revived or extended and they can't set up a new trust to take its place because of the new tax law. He says that in view of the circumstances they are going to reissue the stock to the individual heirs and their two companies will have to carry the load borne by the Temple Foundation. Temple says the new tax laws should be out by February and at that time they can study them and decide if a new trust can be established.

**December 4, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that for a long time he has thought about distributing stock from Southland Paper Mill to the individual stockholders of Southern Pine Lumber Company and that he is going to suggest it at the meeting to be held in Diboll. He says he would like Kurth to let him know what the stock is currently worth as well as any other helpful information as soon as possible so that he can consider it before their meeting.

**December 5, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he has a letter from Arthur's secretary asking for a picture of "Papa" to fit a frame they have. He says he recalls Styles having a number of copies of a picture made and wonders if there are any left. He asks if there are that McNair send one to Lottie for Arthur.

**December 15, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Walker**

Temple writes that he was sorry to not get to see more of Walker when they were in Diboll. He says he doesn't know what the solution is to Oil Field Lumber Company problem and the best suggestion he has is to sell out or liquidate but since it wouldn't be the best for everyone he won't insist on it.

**December 21, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he can tell "very readily" what has been done with money at the Retail Division of Temple Lumber Company but that he gets so few statements from Oil Field Lumber Company that he couldn't tell where the money has gone. He says he doesn't suspect anything irregular in the Company's accounting but it might be in order for them to have an audit so they will have all of the information that is needed. He closes questioning how much supervision is given at the Odessa yard.

**December 21, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Mrs. W. P. Rutland**

Temple writes that if Rutland was "surprised and hurt beyond measure" at the dividend she received he is disappointed because he thought she would know the company's dividend paying practices. He says she was incorrect when she said this year's dividend was the "smallest ever paid" and that a lot of money went out this year in an effort to modernize and fix up the mills. He says he doesn't think the company favors employees over stockholders and also that she is mistaken in her claim that Southern

Pine has received dividends from the Texas Southeastern Railroad. Temple says he is sorry to hear that Rutland was advised not to invest in Southland Paper Mill stock and he thinks the present management of Southern Pine has done a good job of taking care of their stockholders. He closes saying he hopes he has answered any questions Rutland had and if not he would be happy to hear further from her.

**December 27, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he has just received Hintz's letter answering his question of where the earning of the recent years have gone. He says it was unfortunate he suggested the advisability of an audit in the same letter that he raised this question, saying he doesn't suspect anything is irregular. He says he isn't anxious to receive a dividend from Oil Field Lumber, saying he would much rather have them pay off any debts before a dividend is declared. Temple says without more information it is difficult to decide what to do about a dividend and that they should probably just pass it.

**December 28, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. H. Zimmerman**

Temple writes that when he was in Diboll recently he was told that Zimmerman offered stock to Arthur, Jr. that he wasn't able to buy and Arthur told Zimmerman to contact him about it. He says while he would like to be associated with William Cameron and Company the stock doesn't fit in with his current program and he doesn't feel he should buy the stock. He says he is writing directly since he had heard Zimmerman would like to hear something from him by the end of the week.

**December 30, 1950**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. sent him a Christmas card received in a basket or box from Grady Turner. He says Arthur didn't know of a Turner, and he doesn't either, but it has been suggested that it might have been one of the men on the Temple Lumber Company at Boggy Slough. He asks if McNair knows him that he drop Arthur, Jr. a note to let him know.

**January 3, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. mentioned wanting to take over eight North Texas yards of Temple Lumber Company and possibly the Oil Field Lumber Company yards, but they didn't discuss it very deeply. He says he has long wanted to get rid of the yards but he doesn't know how Arthur, Jr. would be able to finance the deal. He says in the event they decide to go through with this he would be perfectly content to leave it up to McNair so that outsiders wouldn't think he was favoring his son.

**January 5, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that Josh Morriss called him and said he was planning a trip to Diboll. Temple says he will be accompanying him and if McNair isn't satisfied with the method of taking the yards' inventories as they decided yesterday he could come meet with him and George Smith to talk it over. He says if McNair is pleased with the current arrangement there would be no need for him to come unless he simply wanted to visit.

**January 8, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he is sure what Arthur Jr. had in mind in his letter was the opportunity to share in the purchase of saw logs harvested off of Southland's lands. He says any such timber cut which is not under option Southern Pine should have the opportunity to buy it.

**January 11, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to W. Joe Anderson**

Temple writes that he appreciates being offered a non-resident membership in the Lufkin Club but since he spends so little time there he would get little use of the membership. He says from what he is heard the club will be very attractive and if he spent more time in Lufkin he would be very happy to take advantage of the opportunities offered by membership.

**January 13, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he is glad to have Kenley's letter and says he has speculated in his own mind if the timber they will have to cut in the future wholly justifies the improvements they are making in Diboll. He says they should look to buy logs or timber that can be cut now to give their young timber time to grow.

**January 13, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he is glad to note that Temple anticipates an operating profit for the current season and that Temple Cotton Oil Company will just about break even for the current year. He says he would like to know what Mr. Long of Republic National Bank recommends to help with their current problems. He says he is still having a little trouble with his tongue and he hasn't been able to figure out the cause.

**January 18, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes they can keep in mind Kenley's suggestion that they take advantage of a chance that they may have to repurchase the land in Trinity County, but says Southland will not likely sell it and even if they did he doesn't really see how it would help. He says it seems to him they should try to buy timber "of good saw log size" and he can't see how it helps to buy more small timber.

**January 17, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. and his associates have purchased the Glass Plant Lumber Company and he is in on the deal in a small way as are Temple Webber and Josh Morriss. He says Arthur has proposed a merger with Oil Field Lumber Company and his yard at Rusk. Temple says he thinks this is a good proposition and he would like Hintz and Harry Walker to think about this merger and let him know how it appeals to them. He says he doesn't see the point of operating independent yards when they could be combined and operated more cheaply.

**January 19, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Robert T. Keeler**

Temple writes that he has received Keeler's letter and appreciates his interest "manifested by the questions... asked about the annual report of the Diboll's operations for 1950." He attempts to answer the questions Keeler asked but says that he is forwarding the letter to Arthur, Jr. because he will be able to give more in depth information. He says they have been fortunate their employees in Pineland and Diboll consistently reject the unions because of their fair treatment and good wages. Temple closes by thanking Keeler again for his questions and tells him to write whenever he has other questions.

**January 19, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he presumes that Prud'homme has received the bulletin that pertains to a N.P.A. [National Production Authority] order that temporarily bans all new commercial construction without a license. He says he is concerned about their new store project in Pineland but says that since the store has already been started it might be allowed to continue. He says Prud'homme should contact the office in Dallas to see if they can continue with the project and if Prud'homme didn't receive a copy of the bulletin to let him know so he can send a copy.

**January 24, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he must have given Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. the wrong impression when he wrote a few days ago about the new restriction on commercial building, saying he had not intended to have them stop their building but just that he wanted to clear it with the office in Dallas to be safe. He says he is "perfectly satisfied to go right ahead" saying he is sure they will not be stopped and if they are they should be permitted to proceed.

**January 25, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is sending an edition of The Wall Street Journal and draws his attention to an article about the Federal ban on commercial building. He says there is "nothing particularly enlightening about this article" but he thought Prud'homme would find it of interest. He advises Prud'homme to be sure he observes the comments of Mr. William Hinkle of Temple Lumber Company quoted in the last paragraph.

**February 2, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he received the Peat, Marwic, Mitchell supplementary report on the accounts for the Retail Division of Temple Lumber Company and after going over it he has some questions he would like to discuss with McNair when he is in Houston next. He says he still wonders about the conditions of the accounts receivables and he would like to have McNair let him know if he has any comments on the issue. He says he would also like to know what McNair thinks of the poor showing of 1949.

**February 5, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he doesn't think they should knowingly violate the Walsh-Healey Act and if there is any question of whether they are doing this they should take advantage of the counsel of Collins, Dies, Garrison and Renfrow. He says he thinks it would be ok to let the quotation on these Army desks stand and take a chance if they get the order.

**February 16, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. A. Hunter**

Temple writes that Latane Temple called to see if he could get a Cadillac Model 62 for a friend and that he would very much like to accommodate. He says he would like to know if Hunter would be able to help and asks if so that he send them the date the car will be delivered. He says he would like the white-wall tires if they do not run out because of the government ban on them.

**February 19, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Carrol Allen**

Temple writes that since they got back he has been going over the statements that Allen gave him and after going over them he has determined Allen is "spread out too much" and he would be better off if he focused on one or two businesses. He says that he thinks "it behooves [Allen] to consider very carefully the several lines of business" he is involved in and the risk involved. He closes saying he hopes Allen doesn't get offended with his advising him but suggests he work with H.J. Shands who he thinks would help very much.

**February 20, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he has always thought the best way to determine the market value of timber is that average paid during the year but if he is wrong he would like to use whatever method is best to get the highest value. He says they used the average method in Pineland the year before so it might be best to use the same method in Diboll.

**February 22, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Spencer**

Temple writes that he is enclosing waiver of notice of the meeting of stockholders in Temple Builders Supply and says he hopes he will be able to attend. He says he has other things to do around that time but he will try to be in attendance.

**March 2, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Jim T. Lindsey**

Temple writes that he has just been advised that Lindsey has introduced a bill that would do away with the exemption of lumber and building material plants so that the chain store tax would be applicable. He says he isn't concerned about the bill because of the immediate penalty but he is concerned about the long-term effects. He says he can see no reason to broaden the statute to include lumber yards and building material plants and that he urges Lindsey to eliminate line yard and building material plants from House Bill #285.

**March 3, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he has received Hintz's letter with year-end statements of Oil Field Lumber Company and that he finds the showing for the year "quite satisfactory." He says he hasn't heard from Arthur, Jr. about his proposal to merge the Oil Field Lumber Company yards into Temple Builders Supply Company and he thinks they should meet in Dallas to discuss the matter. He says he believes that there should be a meeting of Oil Field Lumber soon and he would like it to be held around the same time as the Texas and Pacific Railway directors' meeting to save him another trip.

**March 5, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. is planning to come to Texarkana soon and he suggested it might be a good time for he and Hintz to get together to discuss a merger of the Oil Field Lumber Company yards with Temple Builders Supply yards. He says to let him know if this is agreeable to him and they could meet in Dallas if needed. He says he will be in Mississippi for the next few days so he won't get their letter until he returns so he suggests that Hintz mails a copy to Arthur, Jr. so he might plan accordingly.

**March 9, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he and Arthur, Jr. met with Harry Walker and discussed the merger of Oil Field Lumber Company and Temple Builders Supply. He says that he has to be in Dallas for a meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> and that Hintz could join them there to discuss this matter. He says he thinks it would be in order for Hintz to bring Walker along as well.

**March 23, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple and D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he is calling a meeting of the Directors of Temple Lumber Company to consider the advisability of going ahead with planned improvements at Pineland and that he trusts Latane and McNair can attend. He says the meeting is being called in Diboll as it is more convenient there.

**March 24, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he asked Frank Sloan to let Prud'homme know the meeting of the Board of Directors of Temple Lumber Company has been moved to better suit Latane Temple's schedule and that after not hearing from Prud'homme he assumes there is no objection to this move.

**March 26, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he started thinking after he sent his letter to Hintz on Saturday and says he didn't mean to imply that Hintz was an old man and was of little usefulness but he thinks of Hintz as he does himself: not as vigorous as he once was and more inclined to let younger men handle business matters. He says he wants the merger between Oil Field Lumber Company and Temple Builders Supply to be in Hintz best interest.

**March 28, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he has just received Berckes' letter advising him of the meeting with Russ Eagle in Lufkin and inviting him to lunch and says though he would like to attend he doesn't feel like making another trip to Lufkin. He suggests Berckes invite Arthur, Jr. and also thanks him for the picture he sent of the group at Edgewater Park when they had their Study and Planning Committee meeting.

**March 29, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he doesn't see why a trade of Temple Cotton Oil Company stock for Temple Lumber Company stock can't be worked out with his sisters and that if he is serious about doing this he suggests Latane meet with Newman to discuss it. He says he is sorry he didn't get to visit with Latane more when he was in Diboll but the Southland meeting went much longer than usual.

**March 29, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he thinks Latane has done well to secure an option on fifteen acres of land but that he isn't very keen to negotiate a loan with the RFC [Reconstruction Finance Corporation] for money to build a fertilizer plant and that soon he thinks the RFC will limit their loans to plants that contribute directly to the defense effort. He says he presumes Latane will continue with preliminary plans and an

estimate of cost and when these are ready they will call a special meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the next step.

**April 4, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he has just received a letter from Arthur, Jr. asking when he would let him know about Oil Field Lumber Company, meaning "if and when we are ready to exchange [their] stock in Oil Field Lumber Company for stock in Temple Builders Supply." He says he, Harry, and Harry, Jr. all agreed and as far as he can tell the only thing they are waiting on is further word from Hintz. He says he would like Hintz to let Arthur know if he is ready to proceed.

**April 7, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Carrol Allen**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a Power of Attorney from Arthur, Jr. that he has signed and he presumes Allen should sign in the presence of a notary public. He says he is glad that two of their lots have been sold and he hopes they will continue to sell.

**April 9, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he won't be able to meet with Hintz and Arthur, Jr. in any place except for Texarkana because of his busy schedule and Hintz should call to see when Arthur is making a trip up so they can meet. He says he can appreciate Hintz's reluctance to go into this merger and he doesn't want to urge him to do anything he doesn't want to do and he hopes Hintz will reach a conclusion he thinks is in his own best interest.

**April 14, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Henry Spencer**

Temple writes that he would like Spencer to mail a financial statement of Temple Builders Supply to J.E. Hintz. He says he received a condensed balance sheet some time ago but it wasn't very detailed and if he could furnish Hintz with one that would show what is represented at Texarkana and Rusk it would be very helpful.

**April 20, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Ottis Lock**

Temple writes that he discussed Senate Bill #39 with Arthur Jr. and that while he doesn't feel qualified to discuss the technical aspects he says that as a director of Texas Employers Insurance Association he has seen that the officers are working in the interests of their policy holders and that he agrees with the judgment of Ben H. Mitchell and his associate who have opposed the passage of the bill. He says any reduction in rates to one group will be reflected in higher rates to another group.

**April 20, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Jim T. Lindsey**

Temple writes that he was in favor of the "right to work" law passed in the Legislature but he didn't realize the bill was a declaration of state policy with no penalties for violation. He says he understands a bill has been introduced that will put teeth in the right to work law and he hopes Lindsey will support it.

**April 20, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Henry Spencer**

Temple writes that he received Temple Builders Supply's condensed balance sheet and that it is gratifying to see the progress being made. He says he suggested a sign to Arthur, Jr. that would better advertise the name of the company and that he told him that he hasn't gotten very far with John Hintz. He says he will meet with Hintz and Harry Walker to discuss the merger further.

**April 24, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he was sorry not to see Hintz at the convention and asks what he has decided about the proposed merger and also asks if he has done anything about the audit. He says he thinks they should have an audit whether they go through with this merger or not since they have never had one.

**April 25, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Henry Spencer**

Temple writes that C.D. Workman who operates Superior Ice Company came by to discuss the possibility of supplying the yard there with ice. He says Workman seemed to be a "nice fellow" and he told him he would write to Spencer on his behalf. He says he would like Spencer to see Workman on his next trip to Texarkana and decide what to do on his own.

**April 26, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is planning to go to Diboll with Josh Morriss but he doesn't think it is necessary to wait until then to hold up or cancel their order for items in the improvement program contemplated. He says he would prefer to wait until some deflation sets in and if Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. agree they should hold up their orders that it is perfectly alright with him.

**April 26, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Homer R. Mitchell**

Temple writes that he was glad to learn the Senate refused to take up SB-39 and he was interested to learn that both Howard Carney and Ottis Lock voted to bring this bill up. He says he didn't know much about the technical aspects of the bill but he trusts that Lock and Carney understood his position on it.

**April 27, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Frank Taylor**

Temple writes that he has been talking with John Hintz about an audit and that Taylor proposed to handle the Oil Field Lumber Company audit on the same basis as their current arrangement. He says he doesn't see how that would apply, but he would like to have any audit of Oil Field Lumber. He suggests Taylor contact Hintz with the details and get his approval to go ahead with the work as soon as possible.

**April 28, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he wrote Frank Taylor about an audit and that the audit he has suggested shouldn't cost very much. He says he understands Hintz's reluctance to throw Groover out of a job at Mexia, and even questions whether Groover is able to do his job well with his current health problems, but says he doesn't understand why Hintz thinks that he will lose face by going into the merger. He says he doesn't want to force him into something he doesn't want to do and if they are to go through with the merger he wants it to be unanimous with Hintz, Harry, and himself.

**May 3, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that the more he thinks about the proposition discussed the more he thinks that it would be better to build a small hardwood mill at Pineland and he leans to holding the cost down as much as possible.

**May 3, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to J. H. Kurth, Jr.**

Temple writes that he has been considering the building of a hardwood mill at Pineland and it was suggested that Kurth might be willing to sell his mill at Jasper. He says that if Kurth is willing to sell at a reasonable price it would fit nicely with their plans. He says he would like Kurth to write him to let him know if he will continue selling.

**May 7, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes to ask if Hintz sees any objection to trading stock on the value from December 31, 1950, as suggested by Arthur, Jr. He says he presumes they should call another meeting of stockholders of Oil Field Lumber Company to take formal action on the proposal. He says he would like to meet with Hintz in Lufkin and he will bring Aubrey Canon to advise them as they "thrash everything out and bring this whole matter to a conclusion."

**May 8, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple, Jr. and E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a copy of a letter received from Joe Kurth that says he doubts they will be able to get together on a reasonable price for his Jasper mill but that there is some possibility.

**May 9, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to C. G. Hayes**

Temple writes that he wonders if it would be possible to have Car Service Order 876 suspended, saying he thinks it is going to mean more lumber diverted from the railroads to the trucks. He says they cannot take care of as many of their customers as possible if they are required to load cars to capacity. He says he hopes that railroads will do whatever they can to have the Car Service Order 876 suspended or annulled by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

**May 11, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Ira Davis**

Temple writes that he is getting together some of his associates in Oil Field Lumber Company and wish that Davis would reserve accommodations in the court for seven men for Tuesday night.

**May 11, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Arthur Temple, Jr. and E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that they might be interested to learn that C.G. Hayes doesn't think the railroads could accomplish anything towards having Car Service Order 876 suspended or annulled. He says someone in the department with whom Temple talked said they should try to get along under the order or they could get something worse.

**May 14, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he thinks they should go ahead with Arthur, Jr.'s suggestion they trade stock on the basis of December 31, 1950 values if they can work out all of the problems connected with this deal. He says he did some figuring and found that if they did this the stockholders of Oil Field Lumber Company would gain. He says everything is set for them to meet in Diboll and he has rooms reserved for them all. Temple asks that Hintz bring information with him that would help them determine the cost basis of their Oil Field Lumber Company stock.

**May 15, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he sees no reason why the annual meeting of Temple Cotton Oil Company can't be deferred one week and that unless he hears from Latane to the contrary he will mark his calendar accordingly.

**May 18, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Hassell, Jr.**

Temple writes to give Hassell the names and addresses of the present Oil Field Lumber Company stockholders, with the exception of Verna Florence Hintz whose married name and address he doesn't know, so they may be sent a notice of the meeting of stockholders of Oil Field Lumber Company. He says he is a little confused why all of this is required to accomplish their purpose but that he will leave the mechanics to Hassell and Frank Taylor. He closes by suggesting the meeting be early in the morning so he can drive to Dallas and back in the same day but says whatever time is best for the others will be fine with him.

**May 19, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that Frank Taylor and Mr. Hassell have suggested Arthur, Jr. buy two-thirds of Hintz's stock now and he was asked to take the stock over so Arthur, Jr. does not have to borrow any more money. He says in the event Hintz will accept his check he can send the stock certificate to him. He says this whole matter has become more complicated than they had planned but it is all to minimize their tax liability.

**May 21, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes to guarantee that Verna Florence will have a sale for her stock. He says Arthur, Jr. is still set on taking over their Oil Field Lumber Company stock for cash or stock in Temple Builders Supply.

**May 22, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he thinks the home for needy old people discussed in McNair's letter is a worthy project but the question is what exactly Temple Lumber Company ought to do. He says he doesn't see how Mr. Turner can ask them to do more than his own company and he suggests McNair offer to furnish such amount as he sees proper. He says he would be willing to make a cash contribution of whatever amount that McNair sees fit.

**May 23, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he is thinking of suggesting that Latane is named president of Temple Cotton Oil Company at their meeting. He says he is very conservative and he doesn't want to stand in the way of a

“vigorous, aggressive policy.” He says Latane might be surprised to receive this sort of letter from him but he doesn’t see the need in being bothered with these things when he doesn’t have to be. Temple says he doesn’t want to discourage what Latane is doing, but he doesn’t want the responsibility of being the president when the company is carrying out such an ambitious program.

**May 23, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud’homme, Arthur Temple Jr., Latane Temple, and D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that the Temple Foundation trust will be exhausted in the next month and advises all of the men to go over the list of employees and former employees that have been supported by the Temple Foundation and eliminate all that is possible. He says this will be better in that the Federal Government will be bearing a large part of the cost, but bad at the same time as the contributions will be reflected in their costs. He says he thinks it is the only course that can be followed after the funds in the Temple Foundation are exhausted.

**May 26, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud’homme**

Temple writes to clarify his letter about the Temple Foundation. He says he and his sisters will make contributions to the fund from time to time and the future distribution will be exclusively for employees in need. He says he thinks they ought to screen their beneficiaries very carefully and eliminate all those that they should not carry. Temple says they should write Mrs. Jack Fields that they can no longer contribute to her.

**May 29, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he hopes that some way can be devised for them to make enough laminated 2x4 at a price that would return at least cost in order to supply demand for this item. He says their main problem is one of supplies and he has no idea how to overcome that.

**May 29, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he doesn’t see how they can do anything other than cut off Hintz compensation as of May 31<sup>st</sup> when Oil Field Lumber Company will cease to exist and if he is needed they will pay him on a pro rata basis. He says Aubrey Canon has found that Hintz will get book value for his stock and receive 119% in dividends and due to these findings he thinks Hintz has fared fairly well. He says he doesn’t think Hintz should get severance pay or the thirteen months’ bonus salary.

**May 31, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Spencer**

Temple writes that he is returning the duplicate contract between Temple Builders Supply and Temple Builders Supply, Inc. for the signature of H.W. Walker, Jr. as secretary. He asks when it is signed they return it to him.

**June 4, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. Mann**

Temple writes that he appreciates Mann’s feeling as mayor and his trying to do everything possible to retain some of his population and even add to it. He says he doesn’t know how the men living in Hemphill feel about moving to Pineland but he thinks the company has been derelict in their duty in not providing adequate housing for the men close to their work. He says they consider themselves a very

real part of Sabine County and have worked to make Pineland a better place to work and live. Temple says they will give "earnest consideration" to Mann's letter and whatever they do will be in the interest of protecting as far as possible the interests of Hemphill and Sabine County as a whole.

**June 5, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Spencer**

Temple writes that he tried to talk to John Hintz but since he was out he spoke with McMillan and told him they are anxious to get the books closed so the merger could be completed and he suggested Frank Taylor be asked to come down and help with this matter. He says McMillan told him he would tell Mr. Hintz of his suggestion.

**June 8, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he received a copy of a letter written by John Slaughter to Arthur, Jr. about some trouble with their Baytown yard. He says the letter seems to be "the work of a crazy man" and says he would hate to think anyone working for Temple Lumber Company would make such statements.

**June 12, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. A. Jackson**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a letter addressed to the Directors of The Texas and Pacific Railway Company that has to do with the construction by the Gulf Oil Company of a petroleum products pipeline. He says TSE [Texas South Eastern] Railroad might seek to participate in this business and so he is sending this letter for Jackson's consideration and says that if there is anything he can do to help the T&P to let him know.

**June 12, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to R. A. Damrel**

Temple writes to answer Damrel's questions addressed to Bob Waite and says the money in the Temple Foundation will be expended by the end of the month so a new fund has been set up to take its place. He says until the new bank accounts are set up he suggests Damrel continue to issue checks as he has in the past. He says they should be ready to go with the new trust in July.

**June 14, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he contacted Arthur, Jr. and found he doesn't object to changing his plan to attend a meeting in Pineland. He says he and Temple were talking about the proposed purchase of the Sturgis mill at Hemphill and that it doesn't appeal to either of them. He says they should have a meeting to get Prud'homme's thoughts and to consider them thoroughly and to also have the directors' appropriate money to put in the fund that is taking the place of the Temple Foundation.

**June 15, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he would like to have their meeting changed to an earlier time so they can finish and won't have to drive home after dark. He says Arthur, Jr. and his family are coming to visit on the day before but they should be able to leave early enough to make the meeting. He asks Latane to write him with a decision on this matter.

**June 16, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he has thought for a long time that it would be a mistake to not have a yard at Port Lavaca but that he doesn't want to expand too much and end up owing too much money. He says he would like McNair to do a survey there and to let him know what he thinks of the proposition of leasing Mr. Ezell's yard and operating it for a few years to get their bearings. He says he will be disposed to follow McNair's recommendations on the matter.

**June 18, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple, G. S. Smith, Arthur Temple Jr., and D. G. McNair**

Temple writes to advise the men there will be a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Temple Lumber Company the following week to discuss the building of a new hardwood mill at Pineland as well as a few other matters. He says he would like them all to let Eck Prud'homme know if they will attend in time for lunch so they will have enough food.

**June 18, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to J. S. Long**

Temple writes that he thought it was very nice of Long to write about his visit to Texarkana and the other places where Temple Builders Supply and Temple Lumber Company operate stores. He says he spoke with Mr. Lovellette about a shingle stain that would keep its color better than the one he has been using.

**June 20, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he doesn't think that the remarks he made at the end of their meeting were adequate and that he really thinks that all who contributed to the success of the business are to be congratulated. He says they didn't really get to discuss storage for their seed but he is sure if they get to build a fertilizer plant it will free some space. He says he was impressed with Mr. Hudson's presentation of the proposed plant and he thinks they should try to sell the Hope mill to help finance this program. Temple closes saying he feels very good about Latane being elected president of Temple Cotton Oil Company.

**June 20, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is glad to learn that Prud'homme has arranged to buy the Sturgis Lumber Company short time timber, saying that if it is of good quality he has made a good buy. He says he assumes they can discontinue discussions of buying what's left of the Hemphill mill because he can't see any advantage to them buying it.

**June 26, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that the Oil Field Lumber Company statement he has received is the first "really complete statement" he has ever had and that he can't understand the difference between the statements he saw earlier. He says he would like an explanation of the differences in the statements.

**June 28, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he is enclosing a copy of the Oil Field Lumber Company balance sheet. He says he was actually mistaken in his original letter on some counts but there is still a problem between the two statements.

**July 2, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he has no plans for going to Diboll any time soon but that he will bear in mind that Kurth wants to meet with him.

**July 6, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Spencer**

Temple writes to submit his resignation as president of Temple Builders Supply, Inc. and asks that he be relieved of his duties and responsibilities as soon as possible.

**July 7, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D.G. McNair and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes that Billy Temple, who has worked at Pineland for about a year, has indicated that he is not happy in Pineland and would like to be in the retail of the business. He says Billy is very qualified and like Herschel Payne who went to Pineland at the same time he feels stymied there. He says Eck Prud'homme "has not had the same conception of their possibilities for development." Temple asks that the two men let him know if they have any possible jobs for the two boys.

**July 10, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he got a receipt that indicates he has been credited for a week's vacation. He says he doesn't feel like he deserves this and he is returning the receipt.

**July 12, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Spencer**

Temple writes that he is enclosing Oil Field Lumber Company stock certificates and that he received stock certificates from Temple Builders Supply, Inc.

**July 16, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. C. Berckes**

Temple writes to acknowledge the receipt of their letter of July 14<sup>th</sup> in regard to their decision to discontinue the voluntary contribution to the Trade Promotion Program, saying that they have paid too much into the program for the benefit received.

**July 17, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Frank Farnsworth**

Temple writes that since seeing Farnsworth he and Mrs. Temple have decided to give up their trip east and so he will not be able to see the labs that so impressed Arthur, Jr. He says he enjoyed his visit with Farnsworth in Diboll and hopes they can visit again soon.

**July 17, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that Arthur, Jr. suggested that they place Billy Temple with Temple Manufacturing Company but the suggestion didn't appeal to him because it is a small organization and he doesn't know how Billy would fit into it. He says he thinks Billy would be better at Temple Lumber Company.

**July 17, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to M. H. Tripp**

Temple writes that he has a copy of Tripp's letter in regard to the charge-offs on June profits and the loss statement. He says he is sure Tripp is doing everything possible to collect this account and that Temple Manufacturing Company can't afford to take such a loss without exhausting every effort to collect the account.

**July 18, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Hugh W. Branch**

Temple writes that since Branch was there he communicated with several directors about an increase in their contribution to Texas Manufacturers Association and says they don't feel they can pay more than they are now. He says that they are contributing so much in so many different directions that they feel they should cut down somewhere.

**July 19, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he has received the Southern Pine Association material concerning the Trade Promotion Committee. He says he told Herb Berckes they would be discontinuing the voluntary contribution to the TPC. He says he would like Prud'homme to let him know if he received the materials as well so that if he hasn't some can be sent to him.

**July 20, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he would like to see them slow down their capital investments because their operating capital is getting pretty low. He says he thinks they should hold off on the building of the tourist court in Pineland, saying that the one in Diboll costs about \$19,000 and the one in Pineland would no doubt cost the same. He says he thinks they can get by without it and would like to defer the building if it is agreeable to Prud'homme.

**July 23, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to J. W. Hassell, Jr.**

Temple writes to acknowledge the receipt of Hassell's letter with stock certificates and says that as soon as he receives the duplicates of the trust deposit agreement from Henry Spencer he will sign as trustee. He says he sees on the Temple Builders Supply stock certificate that he had signed as president, but now that he has resigned and hears that Arthur, Jr. has been elected president of the corporation he wonders if the certificates are valid.

**July 25, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. L. Kurth**

Temple writes that he read the materials left by Ligon Smith of Texas Industrial Conference and that he doesn't think they can support another organization of this sort right now. He says they already support a number of similar associations and that there is probably some sort of overlapping between them. He says he is willing to follow whatever course is taken by Kurth but he thinks they are already contributing to more powerful committees.

**July 26, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that Josh came up with the letter from Latane canceling Temple Cotton Oil Company's insurance and that he was "sick about this." He says all he could tell Josh was that Latane thought it would be better to deal with someone in Little Rock instead of at a distance, but he recommended Josh go to Little Rock to discuss the matter. He says he wishes there was some way to "ease the blow" to Josh.

**July 28, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H.C. Berckes**

Temple writes that he is asking Arthur, Jr. and Eck Prud'homme to continue the ten cent voluntary contribution for trade promotion, saying that Temple Webber attended the Trade Promotion Committee meeting and recommended they continue their participation in the program.

**August 3, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that after hearing from Arthur, Jr. about the poor business practices by the Vickers at Odessa he thinks that an audit is in order to see if anything out of line has occurred. He says he doesn't think they should do anything within the next few days, and asks that Hintz not tell Vickers about this so they can spring the audit on him to get the best effect.

**August 6, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he thinks it would be very good to make a lease agreement with someone on the store in Pineland. He says he thinks they should do the same for the other stores and get out of the mercantile business entirely. He says he was very surprised to hear about the store accounts and says that grocery credit should only be extended on a thirty-day basis.

**August 6, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Ed Price is quoting Carl on Common and Better Sap Gum below the Memphis list prices and that he asked Price to tell Carl they are willing to meet any legitimate competition. He says he would like Prud'homme to talk to Carl and to arrange to have the order for Diboll placed whichever way is easiest to handle.

**August 10, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes they will not be able to meet Carl's price on the Sap Gum and that after talking to Ed Price they think they can sell the stock to better advantage.

**August 10, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Pineland is overdrawn in Texarkana National Bank and will have to start relying on its receivables for needs. He says they have "gotten to the bottom of the barrel" and that he recommends either drawing from their other accounts or reducing their receivables. He asks Prud'homme when the shopping center in Pineland will be completed and how much more money they will have to spend on it.

**August 10, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John E. Hintz**

Temple writes that he has some questions about the A&M Lumber Company in Odessa as brought up in Hintz's letter. He says that Arthur, Jr. agreed not to foreclose until the end of the year. He says everything might be alright at Odessa but he would like to have an audit in order to satisfy himself as well as justify Vickers, who he says has operated the yard at Odessa for too long without much supervision. Temple asks that Hintz not tell Vickers about the audit.

**August 15, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he compared the statements from Temple Lumber Company for July 1950 and July 1951 in order to determine where the money has gone and says the results were quite interesting. He says after the comparison it was easy to see how they had spent so much money and gotten to their current point in spite of the fact they have done so well in the past few years.

**August 17, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to H. W. Spencer**

Temple writes that he was glad to hear that Spencer had a successful visit at Odessa. He says he is particularly glad Spencer doesn't think there has been any dishonesty at Odessa, just questionable ethics due to lack of supervision. He says he is sure Vickers will do a good job for Temple Builders Supply, Inc. and he would like to have an audit of the Odessa yard to make sure everything is in order.

**August 20, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to John G. Curren**

Temple writes that he was happy to learn that the unfair labor practice charge against Temple Manufacturing Company had been withdrawn and says he would like to discuss the charge with Curren at his earliest convenience.

**August 23, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes that he was sorry to hear that Mr. Nichols has reported that the IRS has kicked back his report on their 1947 and 1948 returns and he will be able to go to Diboll to discuss the matter whenever needed.

**August 23, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to M. H. Tripp**

Temple writes that he has communicated with Frank Taylor about an audit for Temple Manufacturing Company and says that the cost isn't something he would like to pay, but since he is thinking of doing away with audits for Southern Pine and Temple Lumber Company for the year he thinks they would be justified. He says he would like Tripp's opinion about the audit and says he has a man that might be even cheaper that could do the work.

**August 27, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to G. S. Smith**

Temple writes to confirm that a meeting has been scheduled with Mr. Nichols and says he and Bob Waite will be there in time for a short conference among themselves.

**August 31, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he was contacted for information about the gin that burned in Wamba and says he didn't know much about it. He says he understands the seed was saved, but says it won't be much good without a gin and this is a "grievous loss" since it burned at the beginning of the season.

**September 3, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Henry Bahr**

Temple writes that he thinks he should have suggested in his last letter to Bahr a scientific basis for determining the fair market value of stumpage rather than a "definite formula." He says he thinks they should use the average of Government sales, saying this would make it so there is no question or argument on the part of the taxpayers when making out their returns.

**September 8, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Fred Hansen**

Temple writes that he has been requested to write a foreword for the booklet to be distributed among the employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company and says he has enclosed what he has so far. He says he isn't very familiar with the details of the policies and that he would like Hansen to make any needed changes. He says he is also sending a copy to E.G. Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. with the request they let him know if there are any changes needed. Temple says if they don't hear anything by September 11<sup>th</sup> to have the foreword printed as submitted.

**September 11, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Fred Hansen**

Temple writes that he has received several suggestions about his foreword and submits the changes that he would like to be made.

**September 17, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to D. C. Kenley**

Temple writes that he is enclosing two leases in favor of Bobby Menziel that he says Mr. Dunagan at Tyler has been very anxious to have.

**September 22, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to Stanley F. Horn**

Temple writes that he appreciates Horn sending him a copy of the Southern Lumberman that included a story by H.E. Bovay, Jr. and Richard B. Robertson about their new treating plant at Diboll.

**September 22, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he enjoyed his visit in Pineland and that he is disposed to do whatever Prud'homme would like in regard to the two tracts of timber they discussed, though he says the best time to buy young timber is in a depression. He says he doesn't know that they reached any definite conclusion about the price to bid on Government timber, but says whatever Prud'homme decides will be fine for him.

**September 27, 1951****Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is sorry to hear that Prud'homme is having trouble with their group insurance. He says they should have their policies set clearly so their dealings with Mrs. Ralls will be negligible. He says

he appreciates Prud'homme's feelings as to the effect this may have on their employee reactions, but says he doesn't see much reason for it.

**October 2, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. G. Gribble**

Temple writes that he is sorry he doesn't have a copy of the last financial statement of the Texas Southeastern Railroad Company but he is asking C.A. Jordan to send one. He suggests that Gribble contact Arthur, Jr. about the stock of TSE [Texas South Eastern], saying that he might be interested in making him an offer. He says he regrets Gribble sold his Southern Pine Lumber Company stock when he did since the business is doing so well now.

**October 2, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to C. A. Jordan**

Temple writes that he would like Jordan to send C.G. Gribble a copy of the last financial statement of TSE [Texas South Eastern]. He says if Arthur, Jr. is not interested in Gribble's stock that perhaps the railroad can take it in.

**October 3, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that since they don't know how much it would cost to carry out the bonus plan at Pineland as suggested he would like Prud'homme to do some figuring on it and let him hear from him. He says he has written the Dallas office of the Wage and Hour Division for all of the pertinent regulations and hopes to be fully informed by the time of their meeting so they can make a decision.

**October 4, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that he is glad Prud'homme isn't disappointed in losing the Government timber near Pineland, saying he is never disappointed in losing that sort of timber because it costs so much. He says it hurts to have people like Stone and Sturgis, who don't comply with the Wage-Hour Law, beat them and he would like to see some sort of regulation on who can bid.

**October 12, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Texas Forest Service**

Temple writes that they would like to have a quantity of "Keep Texas Green" folders in order to send them to customers and others in Texas. He says to start at an order of 500 and if there is any charge for such a large quantity to let him know and they will "remit promptly."

**October 18, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes he is not sure that what they decided about the bonus in compliance with regulations and recommends they check with their attorney. He says he wants to be as sure as possible they are in compliance with regulations and asks McNair pass any information he gets on the matter on to Prud'homme and Arthur, Jr. as it will affect them in the future.

**October 19, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Frank C. Taylor**

Temple writes that they have decided not to have an audit for Southern Pine Lumber Company and Temple Lumber Company this year as their business hasn't been at its best and they have been more

disposed to watch more closely all items of expense. He says they could probably have any audit done for a much lower price as well.

**October 19, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme**

Temple writes that Charles Jennyss representing National Precinct Workers, Inc. talked with him and gave him the impression that Prud'homme was impressed with his work against Communism and labor leader racketeers. He says if this man really did make such a good impression and Prud'homme would like to contribute to his cause to let him know. He says he is cautious to contribute to a cause like this as he did to the National Precinct Workers, Inc. in the past.

**October 20, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he is glad McNair contacted some people in regard to their proposed bonus and says he would like to be sure before they begin to pay a bonus. He says he would like McNair to continue to keep him, Arthur, Jr., and Eck Prud'homme advised about the information he is getting on this matter.

**October 24, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to D. G. McNair**

Temple writes that he was sorry to learn of the fire at the Denton yard but that if any yard were to burn the Denton one was the best because they had not been too successful there. He says he is leaving and will be back in ten days but leaves his contact address in case something comes up that would require McNair to get in contact with him. He says he would like to take the insurance money from Denton and either buy or put in a yard at Port Lavaca or Pasadena. Temple closes by telling McNair to go ahead with whatever he thinks is best if any quick decisions are required.

**October 26, 1951**

**Southern Pine Lumber Company to Clover Manufacturing Company**

Temple writes that they are sending Clover's letter and catalog to the mill in Diboll.

**November 7, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to E. G. Prud'homme and Arthur Temple, Jr.**

Temple writes to say that he hopes the two men will vote against House Joint Resolution #6 that raises the ceiling for old age assistance and he hopes they will use their influence to convince others to vote the same way.

**November 14, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Bishop Quin**

Temple writes that he meant to be in Lufkin for the dedication of the lectern Bible he donated to St. Cyprian's in memory of his father but that he was ill. He says he was glad to give the Bible and he has a real affection for the parish due to his children's association with it. He says Arthur, Jr. spoke to him about the new building they have planned in Lufkin and says that while he doesn't see the need for a new church building he will be happy to help in any way. Temple says they can meet when he is in Lufkin next to discuss the matter further.

**November 14, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Dred Devereaux**

Temple writes that he has heard Devereaux is retiring today and would like to let him know how much he has meant to the company. He says he has agreed to deed the house that Devereaux is living in at Diboll to him as a token of appreciation, and wishes him the best in the future. He says he looks forward to visiting with him in Diboll in the future.

**November 19, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that he received Latane's letter that says Arthur, Jr. has tentatively agreed to meet with them in his office. He says he wonders if they should have Newman sit in with them, saying he understands this is only an informal meeting and if Latane would like Newman to sit in he should call and let him know.

**November 23, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to Latane Temple**

Temple writes that any such liquidation of the properties of Temple Cotton Oil Company should be passed upon by the stockholders to comply with law. He says they should do anything they can to make sure that a radical change in business practice is done legally.

**November 24, 1951**

**Arthur Temple Sr. to James Savoy**

Temple writes that he and Ann wanted to be in Lufkin for the dedication of the Lectern Bible he donated but that certain things prevented this. He says he wonders if a dedication while they are in Lufkin over Christmas wouldn't be alright, saying it would be easier for them to be there then. He says from what he hears he is sure St. Cyprian's needs added facilities but that it distressed him to hear there was a possibility of abandoning their current property. He says he is sure the people there will make the best decision.

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