

Fox Passes

By ALVIN FOX

Christmas week will long be remembered by the shop crew in Diboll. It seems that Lee Vaughn kept coming to work with either a deer tail, deer feet, or a set of antlers with him and everybody thought he was some sort of freak. He just wanted to be doubly sure, however, that everybody knew that he had killed an eight point buck.

Arthur Porter and Jim Hogue tried again this year to kill a deer but without any luck. We hear that Porter got a good open shot but for some reason or another he says his gun was defective and he missed as usual. As a result of the miss he got his shirt tail cut off—a little operation that is always performed by the rest of the party when a member cuts loose at a deer then fails to bring in the venison—and it caused quite a commotion. It seems that Porter had on a very fine expensive shirt, and having a great deal of confidence in himself as a marksman had no idea that he was running any risk whatsoever of getting the shirt mutilated, because he just knew if he got a shot at a deer there would be a dead deer. He turned out to be wrong, he lost his shirt tail, and now he resolves that the next time he goes out hunting he will wear an old discarded number that he doesn't mind having cut up. Nevertheless, he adds, "But I'll never miss another one so I have very little to worry about."

All employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company—woods crews, mill crews, and all the rest—had their individual hunts at Boggy Slough but as far as I have been able to ascertain only one man (Ray Rector in the electrical crew) fired a shot that bagged a buck. However, there were other things killed out there such as squirrels, ducks, a pet goose, and several bottles (I mean that were empty and used for targets on top of stumps).

One thing we can all be thankful for about the various hunts this year at Boggy Slough is the fact that nobody got hurt though we have all read in the papers about hundreds of people killed this year in hunting accidents. When you consider the fact that the Boggy Slough Hunting Club has been there all these many years with literally thousands of hunters in the woods at one time or another since it began I think our record of no accidents during the entire period of time is proof of the fact that safety is practiced out there not only by Southern Pine employees but also by the many guests of the company who use the Club for their hunting parties. Let's all continue to be safety conscious when we are out in the woods with a gun just as we are in our work. If we do that we will all live longer and at the same time make it possible for our fellow men to enjoy the same privilege.

The shop crew was honored the other day by a visit from the one and only Jim Vance who has for sometime been looking after Southern Pine Lumber Company logging activities in Hull—or at least part of it. He said and we quote, "I'm here to eat everything in sight in whose ever house I choose to visit and I won't be home myself for a few days so don't anybody expect anything from me. I'm a fugitive from Hull; I'm hungry, and I'm accepting all the dinner invitations I can get." All the guys at the shop gave Uncle Jim a warm welcome because he is one of the best liked men in Diboll and we were glad to see him back.

You know, a man wouldn't have to be gifted as a writer to fill up an entire book on the things we all have to be thankful for as employees of Southern Pine Lumber Company and residents of Diboll. 1948 was a year of progress—progress that can be

seen in the form of physical improvements as well as in many other ways—I think that all of us as individuals feel pretty proud of our town. There is no question but what it is by far the most up-to-date, the most progressive sawmill town in Texas and probably the entire South. We have so many things here that are not enjoyed, and never have been enjoyed, by employees of any other lumber company, as far as I know. We have a fully equipped clinic, modern dental offices, 24 hour ambulance service, one of the most modern stores in East Texas where prices are as low or lower than those found in any store in the county, new houses going up all the time for Southern Pine employees, safe, modern all steel labor buses for the woods crews, and dozens and dozens of other things that the management of Southern Pine Lumber Company bought or built to make Diboll a better place in which to live. And all these things are just a start.

If we all do our part, get into the swing of things and cooperate with the company, we can look forward to 1949—and all the years to follow after that—with the assurance that living conditions, working conditions, and the whole appearance of our town will keep on being improved, remodeled and made better and better in every possible way. Even though Southern Pine Lumber Company has been operating in Diboll for the past fifty-four years it can be considered still a youngster because with a perpetual cut of timber the mills will be operating long past your time and my time. I understand that the dry kilns, for instance, are going to be re-built soon and that a big program of plant modernization will be put into effect in 1949. There will be new houses to replace the old, modern equipment of all kinds bought to replace the old, and Diboll as a town dressed up, improved, and reset into a more permanent foundation anticipating a long life.

SCHOOL NEWS

Diboll High School enjoyed its first big assembly in many weeks last Thursday morning.

The long-awaited decision of the District 26-B football team was read by Mr. Pate. Diboll placed four men on the team, two on the first and two on the second team. Tip Brashear, end, and Wallace Dean, backfield, made the first team. Paul Durham, tackle, and H. A. Brown, backfield, were named on the second team.

The election of Mr. and Miss D. H. S. were chosen by the entire student body. Marion Edwards was named Miss D. H. S.; Edward Bell was named Mr. D. H. S. Candidates nominated from the floor other than the winners included Mary Sue George and Rose Ellen Saxton; Isadore Miranda, Douglas Minton, Frank Smith, and Paul Durham.

Various arrangements of Christmas carols, sung by Frank Smith, Blant Ferguson, Marion Edwards, Betty Harvard, Debra Havard, and Naomi Ruth Spivey were enjoyed by the students.

Class meetings were held Friday, December 12, for the election of class favorites. Class favorites chosen were: seniors, Eddie Ruth Quarles and Ralph Weisinger; juniors, Jean Marie Gunter and Joe Ed Curry; sophomores; Grenita Erwin and Gary Lee Harvard; freshmen, Marie Moore and Charlie Horton.

The junior class met Wednesday, the 15th, and selected their senior class rings. All agree that it is the best bargain they have ever made. The seniors met on the same date to select their invitations for graduation. This is the first of the numerous and enjoyable steps that the seniors will experience in their last year in D. H. S.

The Homemaking Girls really performed a service at the basketball

Meet Your Directors . . .



Pictured above are the directors of Southern Pine Lumber Company. Left to Right: Temple Webber, E. C. Durham, Arthur Temple, Jr., Latane Temple, Eddie Farley, Bob Waite, and Arthur Temple seated.

THOUGHTS FOR A HAPPIER NEW YEAR

1. Knowing that confusion causes headaches, therefore I resolve to think only thoughts of harmony.

2. Knowing that anger poisons the blood stream, therefore, I shall endeavor to remain calm under all circumstances.

3. Knowing that hate comes from wrong thinking, and everyone has the power to change his thought, therefore, I choose to think constructive thoughts of love.

4. Knowing that worry makes one unhappy, therefore, I invite happiness and express happiness.

5. Knowing that there is a Universal Law, always accepting my very own thought images, which are reflected back to me, therefore, I now maintain that I shall always give the best and expect only the best in return.

6. Knowing that over emotional people have not yet succeeded in reaching that balanced state, therefore, I shall control myself through that inner living poise of life.

7. Knowing those who fall asleep at night thinking thoughts of joy must find in their tomorrow a peaceful state of mind, therefore,

I know that the power of feeling the feeling the words I pray

Comes through the realization that God hears what I say. So I'll think into existence every day My Godlike nature in a metaphysical way.

8. Knowing that the man who will not make a decision holds himself in a wavering state of mind, which les-

tournament on the 17th by serving meals to the visiting teams.

The F. F. A. chapter, under the leadership of H. N. Garrett, has been steadily progressing in many departments: in their regular work; service to the nearby farmers and cattle owners; their latest task is the remodeling of the main Ag. Building.

Work is underway on this year's edition of Southern Pines, the school annual.

If you want to keep in step with the activities of D. H. S., watch for the weekly edition of the Pine Echo which is on sale everywhere each Friday. The staff will endeavor to publish extras on the major holidays, and we hope that you will give us your support. This paper runs a weekly agricultural column, important items of interest in the town, engagements of coming attractions at the theatre and visiting shows, and presents a wide array of jokes and cartoons, in addition to school news. The price is only five cents.

sens his ability, I promise myself to think things through until I reach a decision, and in this way I'll quicken my mentality.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Well, it appears that the last games of football are on the records, and the school teams have begun their roundball season. Here at Diboll, head coach Bennis Franks and Coach Ramsey have, after three weeks' practice, broken the pre-season ice with four straight victories over Lufkin and Centerville. The team is absent only three lettermen from last season, and the coaches claim that the squad is no weaker than it was last season. They feel sure that their boys will improve as the year progresses.

• Twenty boys, most of whom have just completed a full season of football, reported for this year's session and the material is promising. The situation is much the same as was the football setup, in that the majority of the players are either sophomores and juniors; only two seniors are starters.

The Lumberjacks have looked pretty good on the average of their shots in practice games, but have had considerable trouble in passing and handling the ball; This, of course, is probably due to early season stiffness and Mr. Franks will iron out the wrinkles during the season's endurance.

Anyway, let's all keep an eye on the Lumberjacks!

LET'S BE FRIENDLY

We pass this way but once, 'tis said
So while we earn our daily bread
Let's watch our feet that they may tread

The path that's kind and friendly.

We meet with travelers on the way
Some old and bent, some young and gay

To all, Good Luck, Good Health, we say

To show that we are friendly.

A nod, a smile, you'd scarce believe
How much the burden 'twill relieve
Of some poor soul constrained to grieve
Thinking the world unfriendly.

A friendly word, a kindly deed
Does more to help the human need
Than any doctrine, form or creed,
So let's be friendly.

Three things are known only in the following way—a hero in war, a friend in necessity, and a wise man in anger.