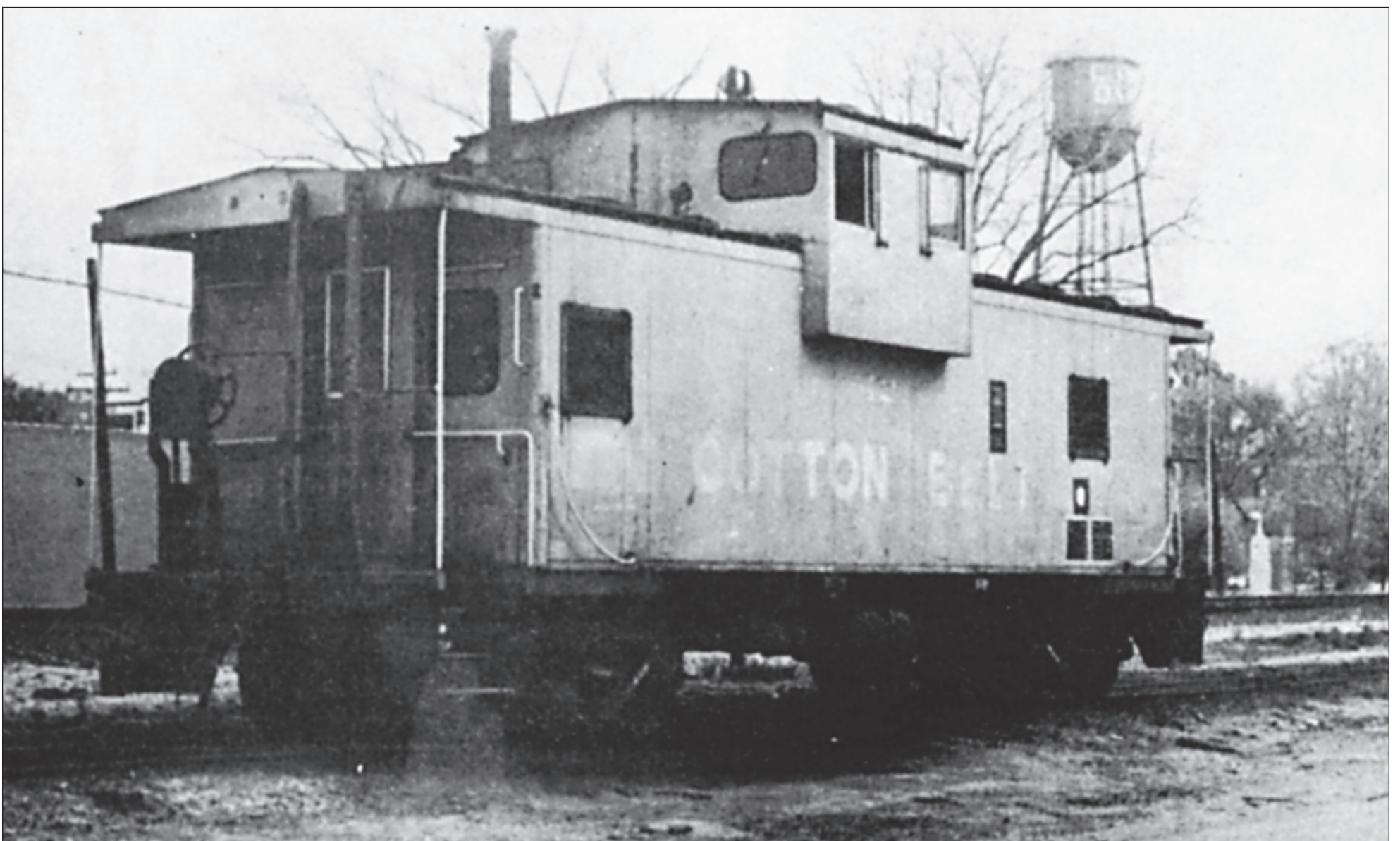


HISTORY & FOLKLORE



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Officers of the Liberty Girl Scout Neighborhood Association, 1956-57, include (standing) Frank Hancock, Liberty city manager at the time; Benny Rusk, executive at First State Bank, and Liberty Jewelry's Audie Creel. Seated are Lona Odum, Mrs. C.T. Parrish, Mrs. Cornelius.



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DAYTON'S RAILROAD TRADITION

Caboose parked near the Dayton Southern Pacific depot houses train crews who handle switching in the area

Dayton is a beehive of rail activity these days as Southern Pacific schedules more and more freight train activity in the area. Five or six strips of rails stretch down a three-mile section of the SP mainline west of Dayton, indicating considerable train composition to come in future years.


There is talk the old depot in downtown Dayton will be refurbished. Old-timers remember when it was a real showplace in the 1930s.

In many ways, Dayton is a railroad town. The town appeared after the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, now SP, was built through here in the 1870s. Later Dayton built two of its own railroads: Trinity Valley & Northern and Dayton & Goose Creek Railroad.

The TV&N was ripped up after the closing of the great sawmill in Dayton. Its main line reached to Lum and Macedonia, some 20 miles and connected a complex network of logging lines in the surrounding woodlands.

The D&GC was built by Ross Sterling, and was quite rundown until recent times. It is now very busy serving the industrial areas of Cedar Bayou and the Trinity Valley and is a big moneymaker for SP, we hear. (Not from them!)


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