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With the advent of warm weather and the coming summer, nearly every employee of our company will be going on vacation, whether it be just a weekend or a month. **Plain Talks** would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the happiest of times.

Like it or not it is also the time when many people will never again return to their offices, much less their families and loved ones. Today, when you are walking down the hallway at your office building, or strolling along a street, or just sitting in front of your TV at home with your wife and your children -- think about it. Will **THEY** be secure with you on the road? Is your car safe mechanically? Will you be able to avoid the drunk driver, or the unexpected, unavoidable condition that you see rushing up on you at 70 m.p.h.?

Texas has a slogan -- Drive Friendly. Here's another one -- Think Defensively. But most importantly, don't think that just because you arrive at your destination that you are safe. Drowning accounts for many deaths, life jackets in boats save many more, and you still have to get home.

Accidents are going to happen just as surely as an Oak tree grows from an acorn. If each one of us does our utmost best to prevent an accident, maybe we can all look back on the summer with beautiful memories to add to the scrapbook of a wonderful life.

Enjoy yourselves safely. **Plain Talks** likes to keep its readership.

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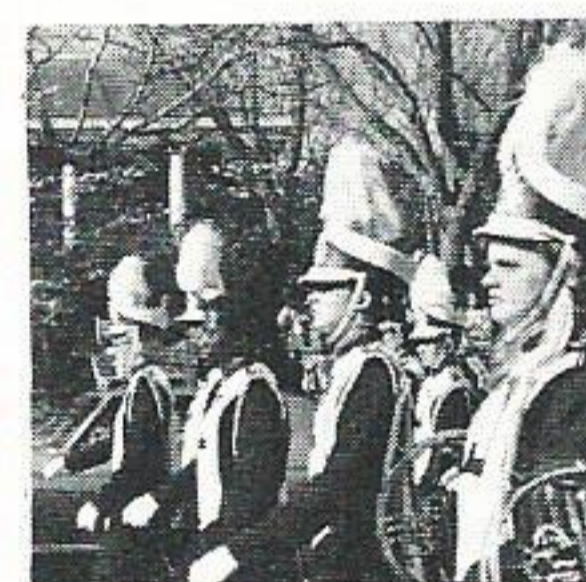
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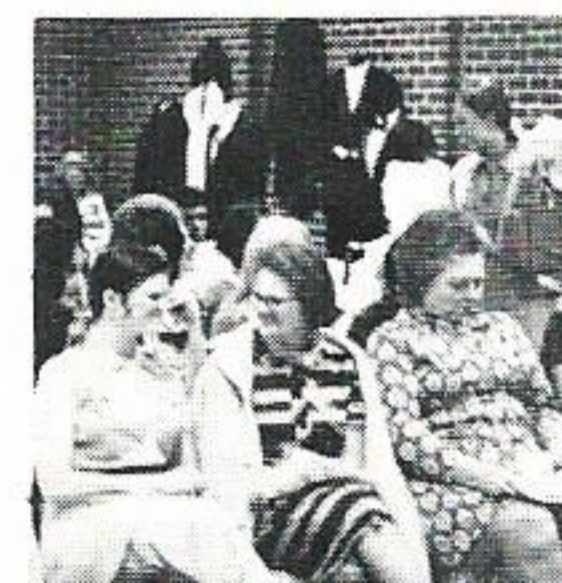
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OUR COVER:

Beauty, laughter and the sweet smell of Spring was the rule rather than the exception during the 1971 Dogwood Festival in Woodville as thousands turned out for the annual event.

Woodville Does Its Thing

They came from as far away as Abilene, Dallas and Springhill, La., these beauty queens from two states, to participate in what is quickly becoming one of the Lone Star state's biggest and most colorful attractions — the Dogwood Festival at Woodville.

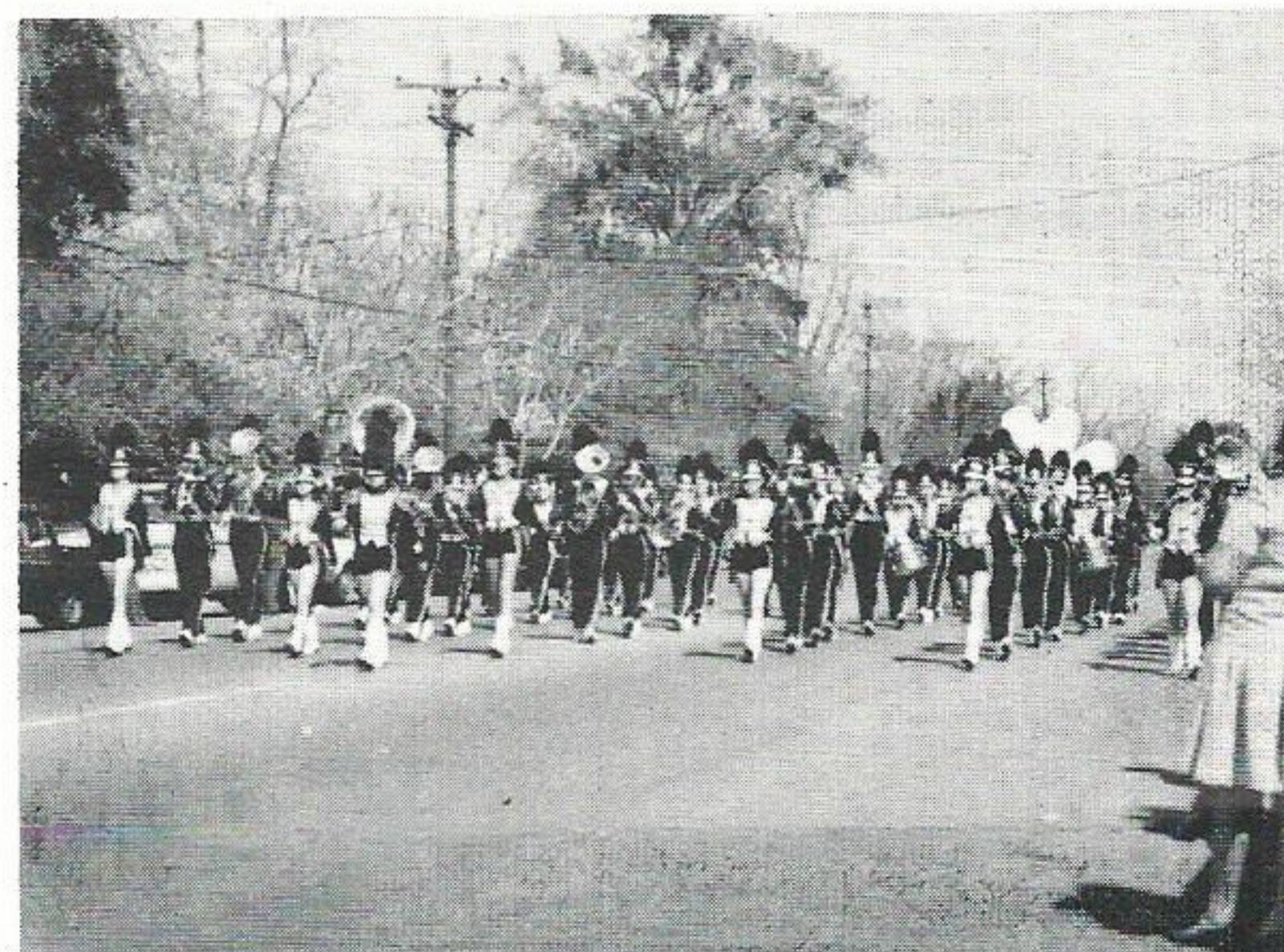
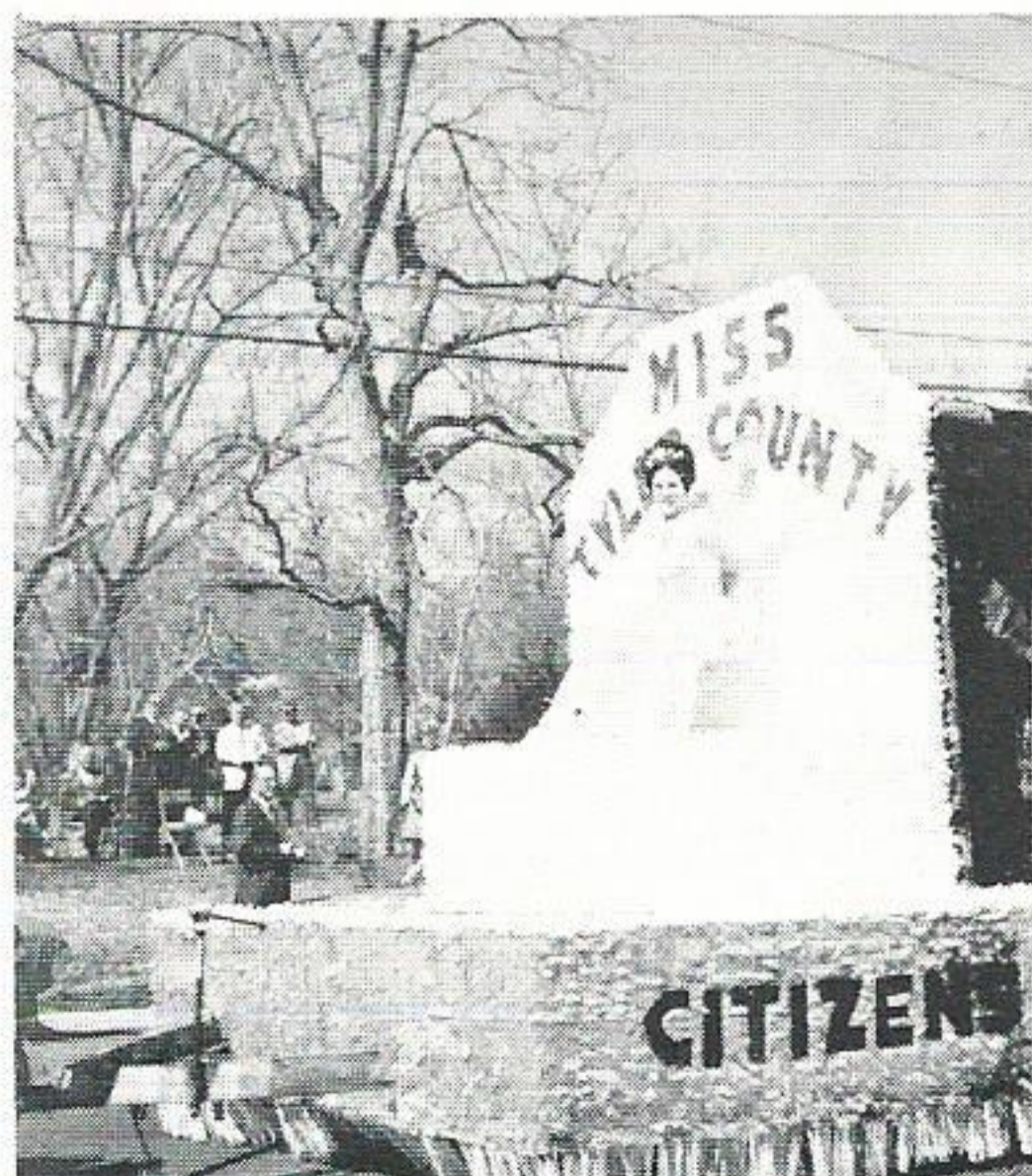
Literally thousands of people swelled Woodville's normal population of almost 3,600 to well over the 10,000 mark that first Saturday in April under brilliantly sunny skies and warm temperatures. Decked out in its festive finery, the small Southeast Texas City strutted with pride as did the bands and participants from throughout the area who joined it -- after all, the Dogwood Festival, though held in Woodville, is the culmination of hard work by a great many Texans who live in such cities as Warren, Spurger, Hillster, Livingston, Colmesneil, Corrigan, Huntsville, Groveton, Kountze, Peachtree, Rockland and many, many more.

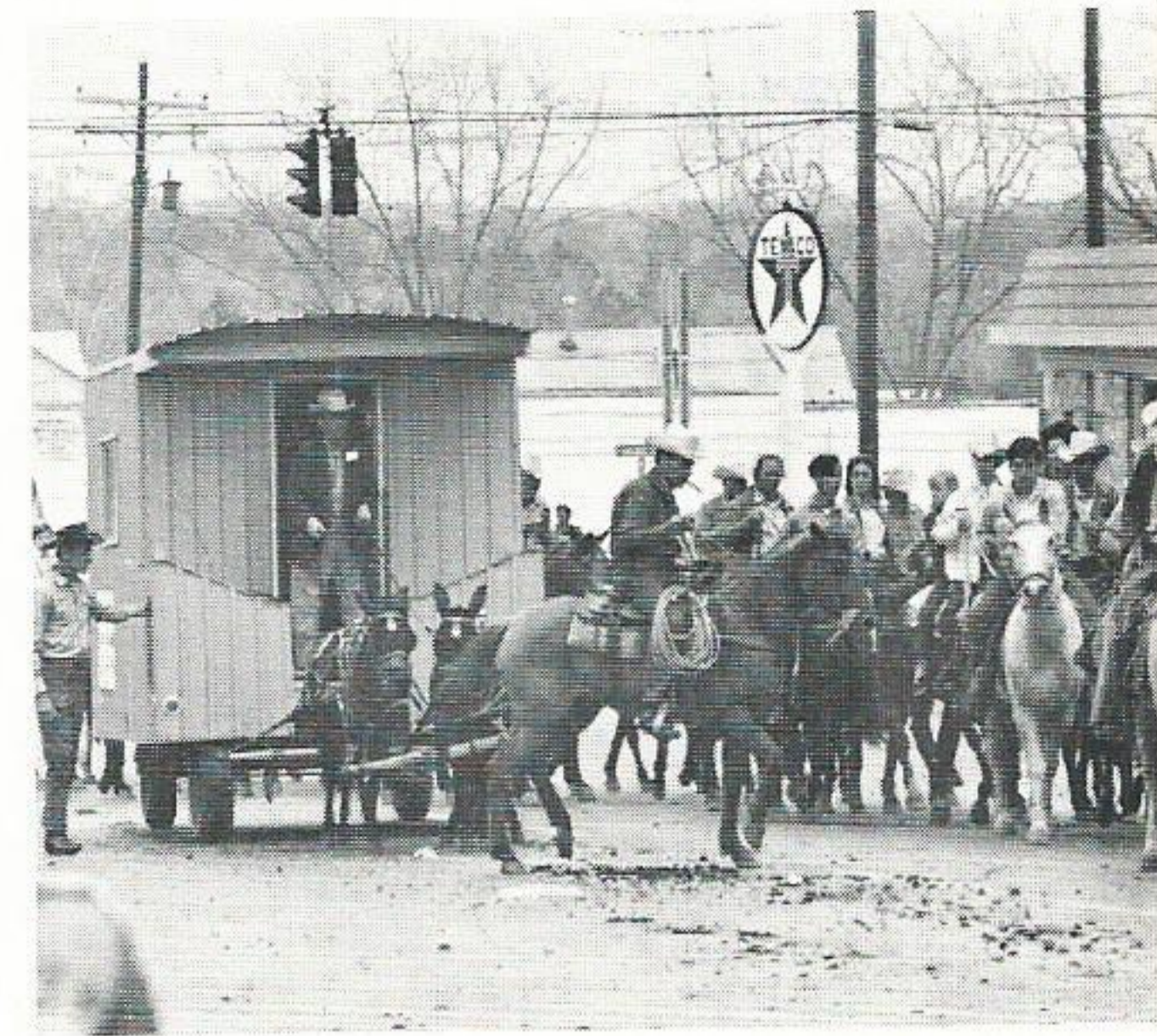
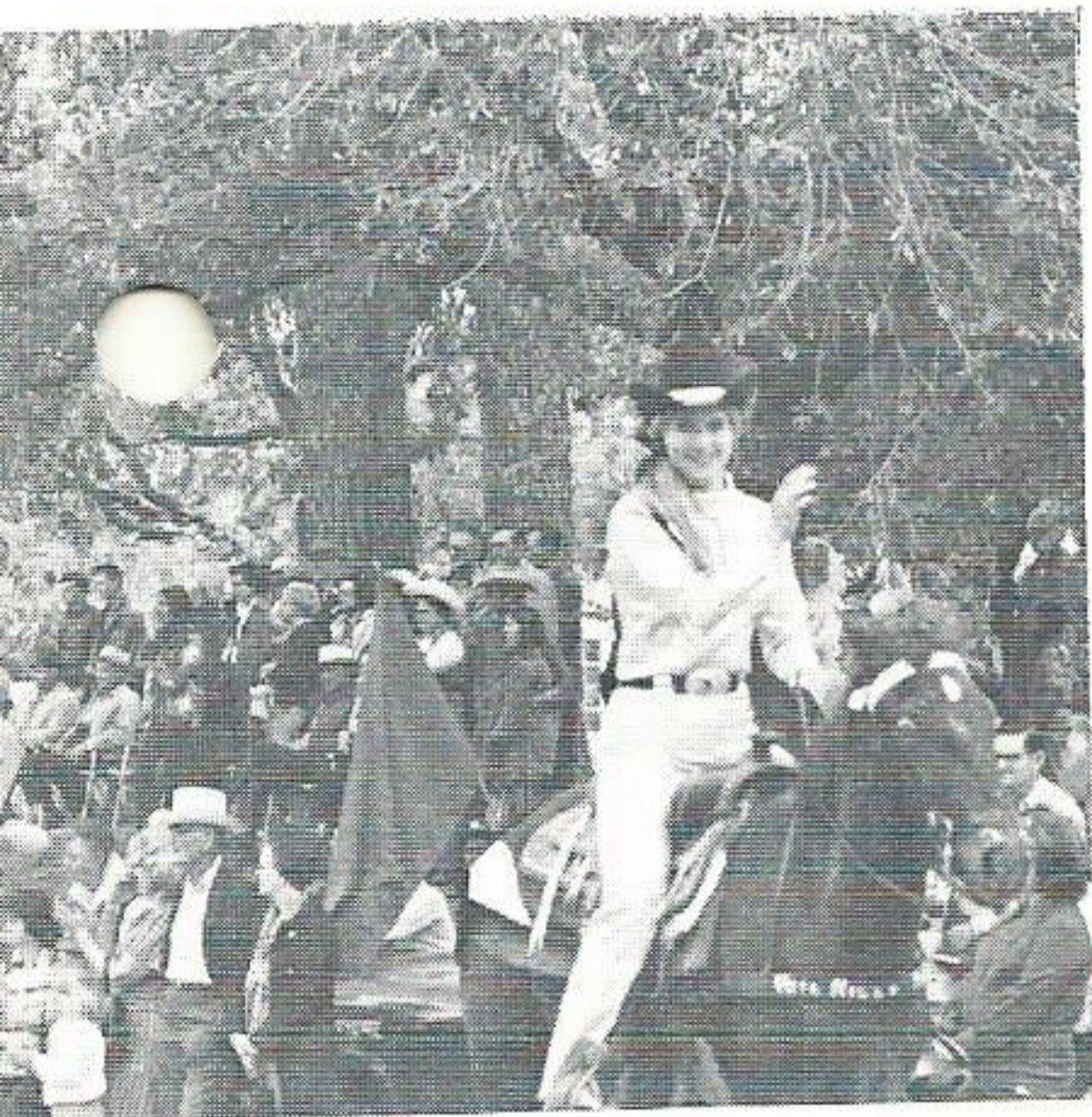
Our company played its part in making the festival a success as did many other companies. Wyatt Bell, local superintendent at Woodville, is president of the city's Chamber of Commerce, and acted as a director of the annual event. Our company was further represented by the reigning queen of the festival, pretty Jill Ogden, daughter of Jack Ogden (sales) in Woodville. Miss Ogden officiated at the ceremony this year when she relinquished her crown to the new 1971 Dogwood Queen, Robbie Crawford of Woodville.

Begun in 1940, the Festival has grown over the years with more and more people joining in on the work and the fun that is produced from it. It is a time of year when Spring blossoms into full bloom, and the bleakness of winter gives way to the irresistible urge of nature to live again.

It is fitting that the Dogwood Festival and the Easter Season come at this time bringing together as one, the love of nature, the love of mankind and the love of God.

Dogwood Festival officials couldn't have wished for better weather. Wyatt Bell (checkered jacket), local superintendent for our company at Woodville and a festival director, rides with Dogwood Chairman Joe Wheat (center), and Fred Bennett, festival director, just behind the Woodville marching band (center photo). At left is one of the many beauty queens, Lois Smith, who represented host Tyler County in the annual parade. Scenes of Western Weekend, which preceded the Dogwood parade by a week, are shown on the following page giving evidence that a good time was had by all.





About the only thing missing from the annual Western Week festivities at Woodville was Sam Houston himself, and we wouldn't be surprised if a distant relative of General Sam was on hand for the event.

Some 1500 trailriders representing numerous clubs and an estimated six or seven thousand people crowded into and around the historic square of Woodville to participate in, and witness, the kick off of this two week-end festival.

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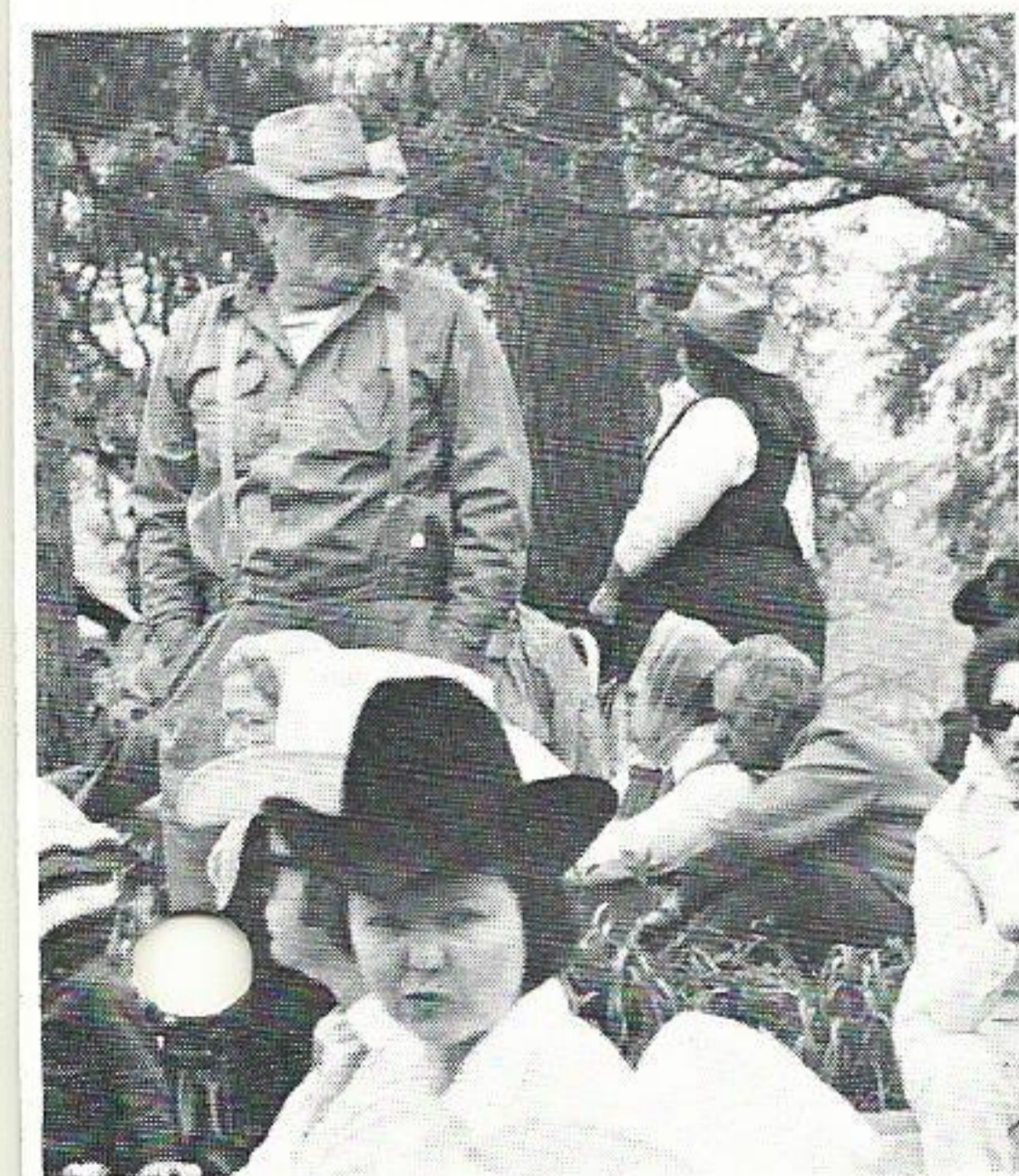
The weather consisted of gray overcast skies, but once again the rain held off adding to an already amazing record. Not once, in all the 27 previous festivals, has rain forced cancellation of a parade. "It's come close a couple of times," said one Woodville native, "even rained on the day of the parade, but it always stopped before things got underway, or started after it was over."

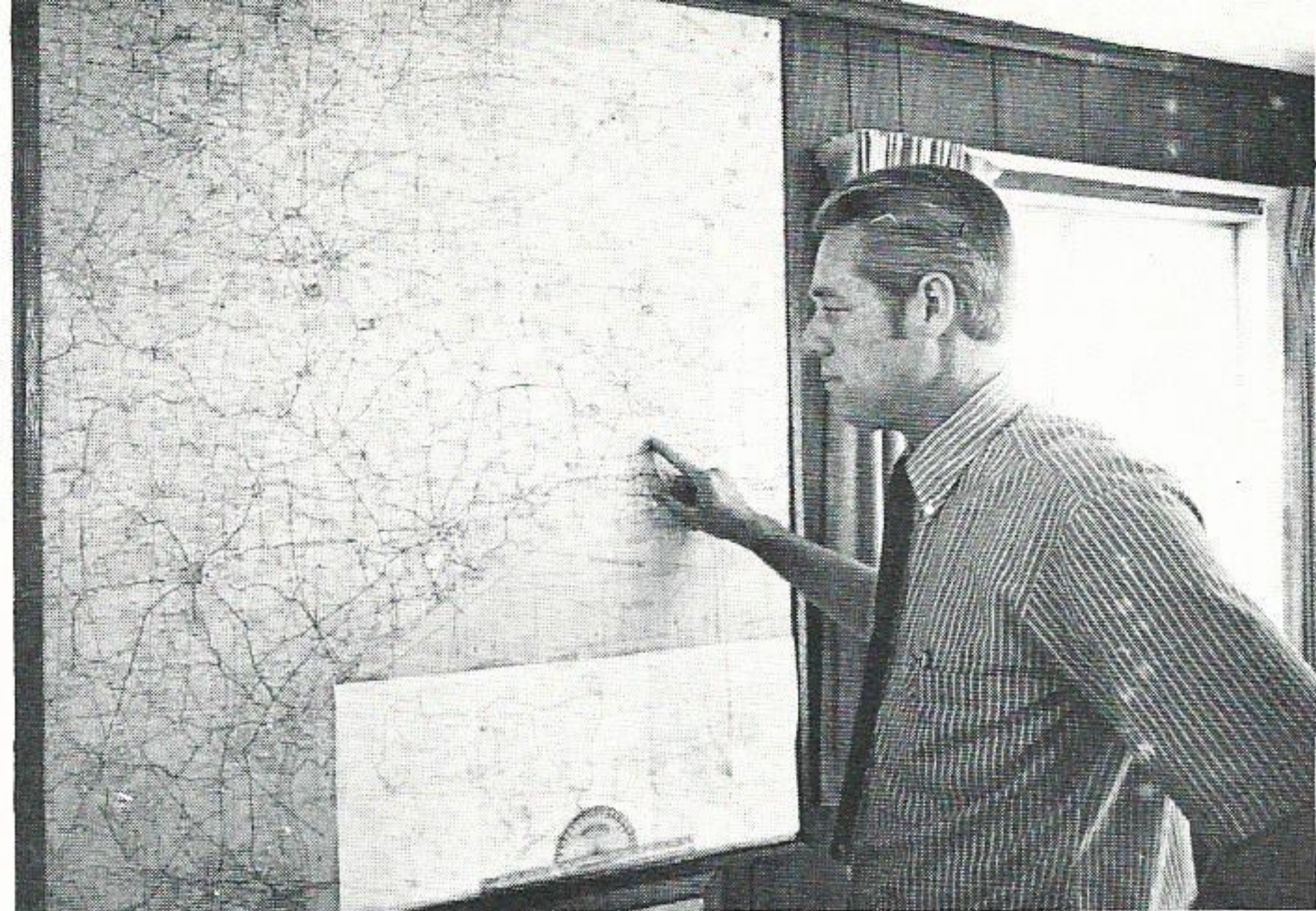
The people of Woodville and the surrounding area, including the Alabama-Coushatta Indians, are justly proud of the inherent beauty of the area where the Dogwood blossoms bloom. Texans don't really need a reason to celebrate as any time or any reason is cause enough, but the Dogwoods make it an official reason, and Woodville isn't about to let it go unnoticed.

Western Weekend itself is relatively new to the festival. It started back in 1958 when approximately 75 riders formed on Highway 190 West at Dickens County Line Store and rode to Woodville in time to participate in the annual Street parade. Things just sort of mushroomed from then on until it grew into the giant event it is today. Only the Houston Fat Stock Show Parade each year has more trail riding clubs than Woodville.

Most of the townspeople get in the spirit of things dressing up in their western gear and add a touch of realism. People begin to gather early around the faded green court house. Some bring blankets staking claim to small pieces of real estate under the shadows of the trees, while others jockey on foot to obtain the best vantage point long before the first horse is ever seen.

Woodville has been described as a city where pickups outsell cars by two to one, and on parade day most of the trucks can be seen headed toward town filled with youngsters and old timers alike out to have a good time, and they do. Whether its the parade, the rodeo or the dances afterwards, Western Weekend means a good time, and why not—fun is the name of the game.





Lost Pilot Following

Lost, low on fuel, unable to see the ground, forced ever higher by increasing overcast, the pilot of a small single engine plane searches desperately for an answer as to what he must do. His life, and the lives of his wife and three children depend upon the right answer, anything else could be very fatal.

It is just this situation that faced a family from Oklahoma one gray Thursday late in March of this year, and into which our chief pilot, Floyd Crow, suddenly found himself thrust as the saving force. This story, thanks to Mr. Crow and co-pilot Jim Killough, and the hard work of the FAA officials at Lake Charles and Houston, has a happy ending.

The weather was clear in Oklahoma City following the passage of a front and the family of Gordon Dennis was looking forward to a trip to New Orleans in the family plane. Dennis, unfamiliar with the unpredictability of Louisiana weather, assumed he would have fair weather all the way knowing that the front which had passed through Oklahoma clearing the skies would have the same effect in Louisiana. This was his mistake.

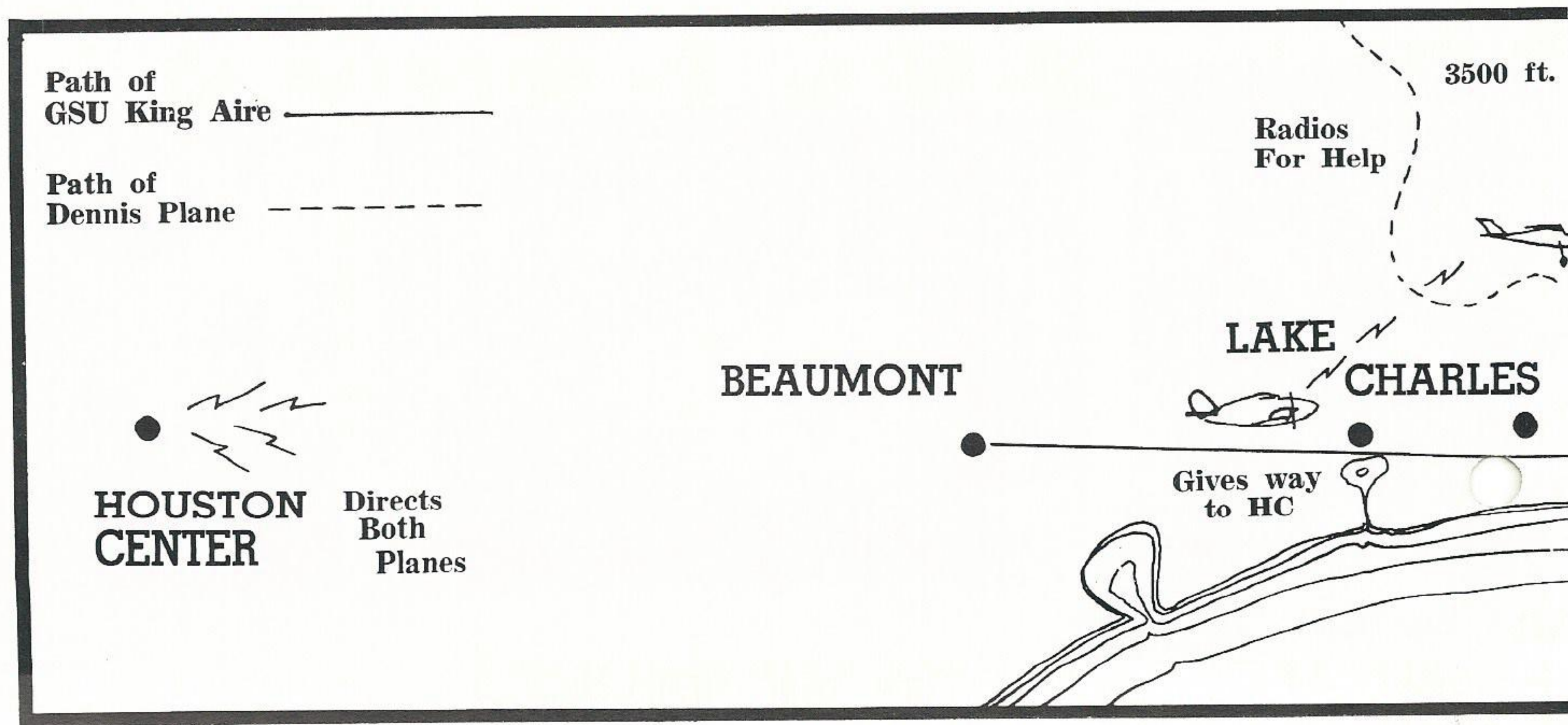
Just when Dennis realized that Louisiana was not going to cooperate weather-wise is uncertain. But by a quarter to seven that night he was in big trouble and knew it.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. in Beaumont, Mr. Crow was getting airborne at the Jefferson County Airport headed for Baton Rouge in the prop-jet King Aire owned by our company. Little did either pilot know of the macabre circumstances that would throw them together.

It was somewhere west of Lake Charles that Mr. Crow first became aware of the situation. Flying on instruments himself, Mr. Crow was being directed by Houston Air Traffic Control Center when he first heard the troubled pilot.

The Dennis aircraft had apparently been in contact with the Lake Charles tower trying to get help in getting down. Lake Charles referred the pilot to Houston Control which had the proper radar service to guide the plane. Mr. Crow, monitoring the same frequency, heard Dennis ask for help in getting down.

"He (Dennis) indicated that his plane did not have the instruments to fly in that kind of weather and that he was not instrument rated. He needed to get down and wanted to find a hole in the cloud cover to drop down," said Mr. Crow. "I feel like this would have proved fatal."



Lands Safely The Leader



Floyd Crow and Jim Killough

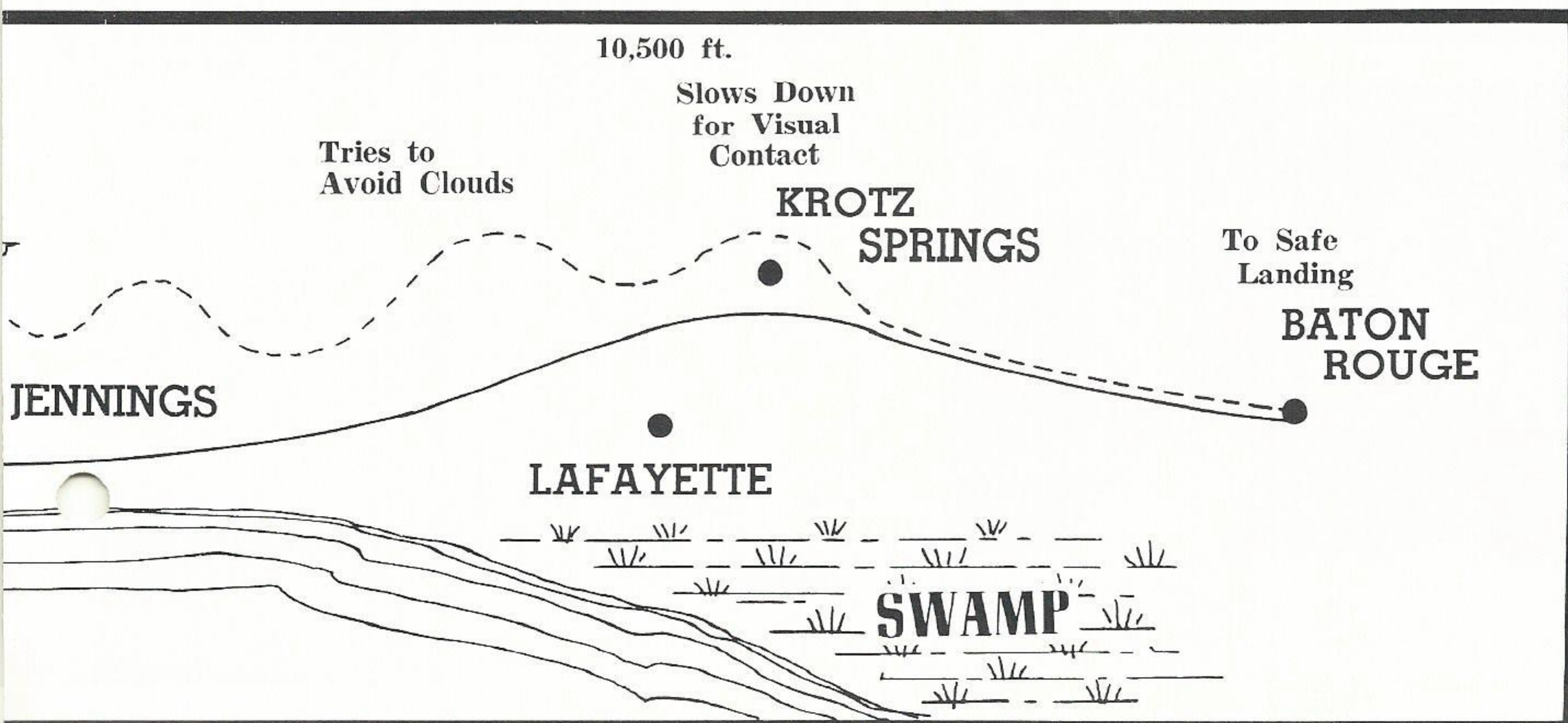
Houston advised Dennis that the nearest facility with weather decent enough to land was at Baton Rouge, but that even the Baton Rouge weather was deteriorating quickly. "After he (Dennis) talked with Houston Center several times, it was obvious that he was excited, he really needed some help," said Mr. Crow. "What he wanted to do would certainly have been fatal. He wanted to find a hole and let down through the hole in the clouds, and this is a bad mistake that a lot of less experienced pilots make. They find out that there is not any bottom to the clouds, only the ground, or they get so disoriented that they lose control of the airplane. So I talked to him and advised him that this was not the best thing to try. I talked to Houston Center then and said that if they could get me a steer over to him I would pick him up visually and let him follow us on in to Baton Rouge."

The situation was not getting any better. Mr. Dennis first reported about 30 miles northeast of Lake Charles at about 3500 feet. This was about 50 miles off the course the plane should have followed. On top of that the cloud cover was thickening with every minute and forcing Dennis to fly ever higher in an effort to stay on top where he could see. When Mr. Crow finally intercepted the private plane it was at an altitude of about 10,500 feet northwest of Krotz Springs, La.

Talking about the incident later back in Beaumont, Mr. Crow stated that his biggest worry was that Dennis would try to drop below the clouds in an effort to find a landing spot. "That area over there is swamp, and not any ground visuals, lights. If he had tried to go down he would have busted up. This kind of thing happens all too often. You hear about it and read about it. Those holes are just not big enough to go down in," Mr. Crow said.

Perhaps the Dennis family would have arrived safely at Baton Rouge had not Mr. Crow volunteered to help, but there is no doubt that the presence of our company plane on the scene increased those chances a thousand fold. A day later it was learned that the plane was refilled with 34 gallons of fuel, almost a full tank. This indicates that the Dennis aircraft probably had only an hour's worth of fuel left when it landed at Baton Rouge.

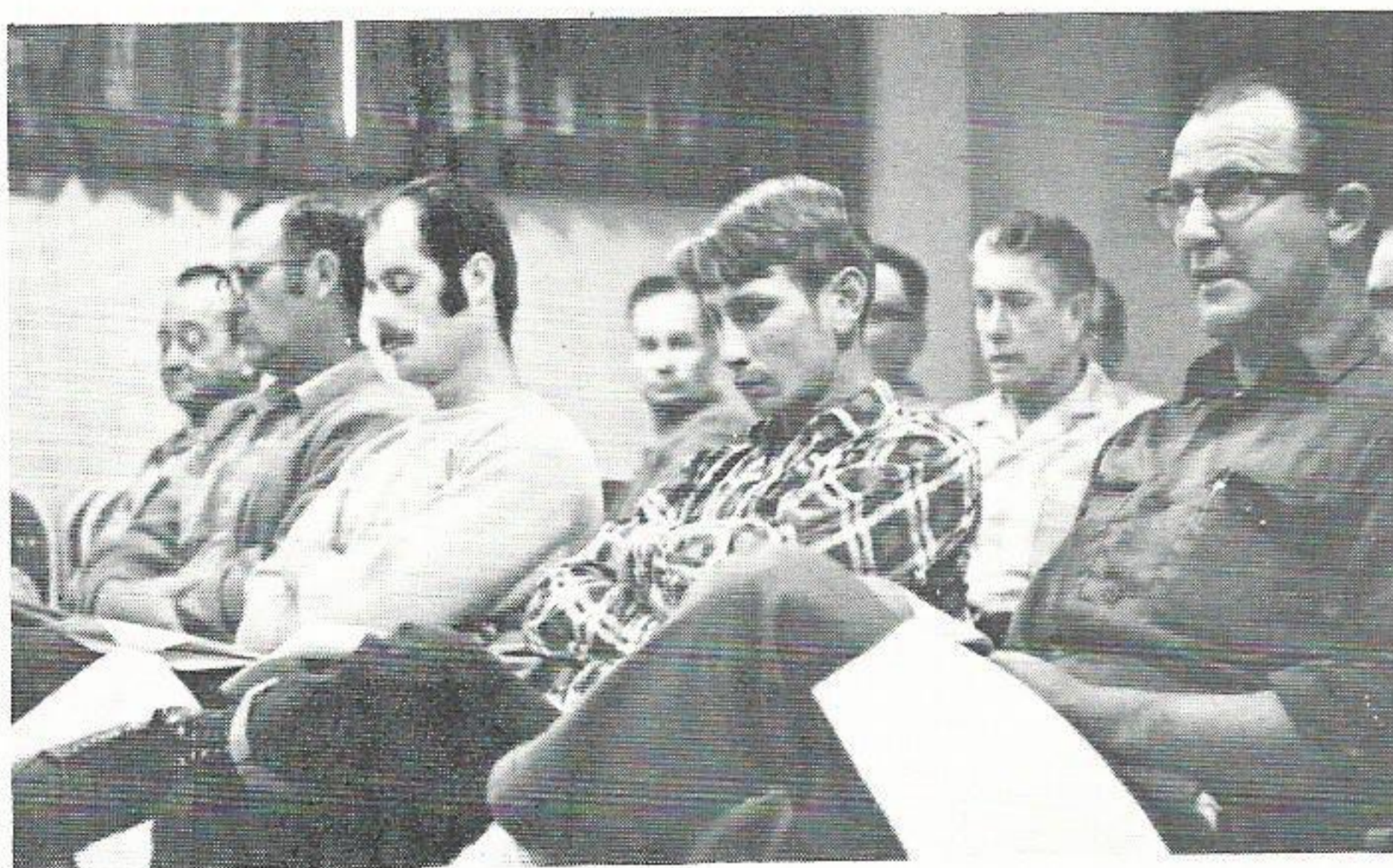
Gus Guillot, tower chief of the Jefferson County Airport, said to Mr. Crow after hearing the story, "you probably saved five lives by your action."





T. "Boone" Chaney, garage mechanic first class out of Baton Rouge, goes to the blackboard in explaining a mechanical technique during a course held recently for representatives of the Lake Charles, Port Arthur, Beaumont and Western Divisions at the Beaumont Service Center. The course is designed to teach T&D Department personnel the best way of maintaining and operating their costly equipment.

Representatives from four divisions listen closely and take notes as T. "Boone" Chaney describes various methods of maintaining line trucks and other gear used in the servicing of our customers needs throughout the system. The men had many questions and traded information back and forth on various problems that have faced them in their work.



Baton Rouge Success Shared

Success breeds success it is said, and with this in mind, 15 men representing the Beaumont, Port Arthur, Lake Charles and Western Divisions were on hand recently to undergo a classroom and field course in the proper use and maintenance of the costly equipment used in operations by our company.

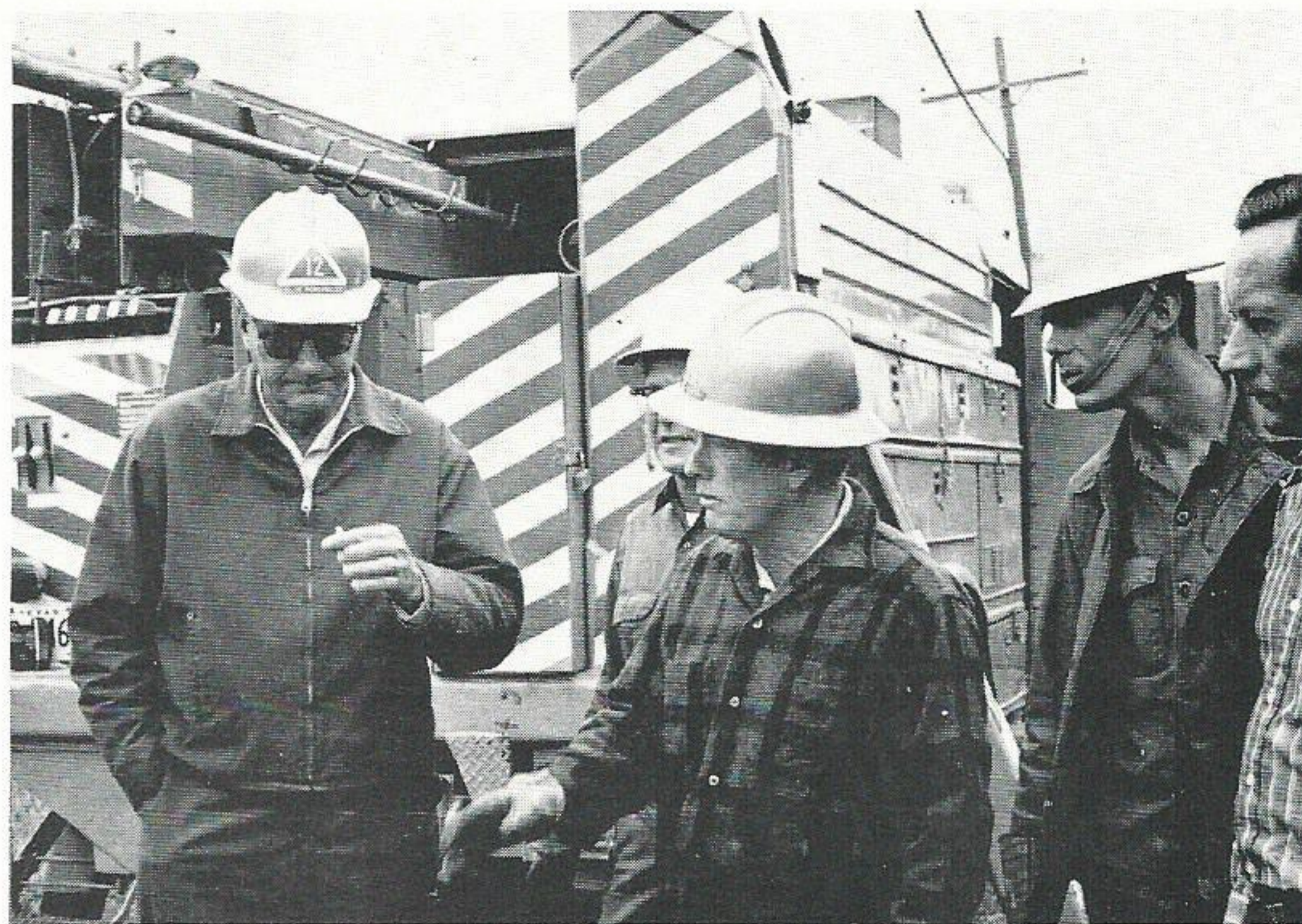
According to A. W. Baird, Beaumont Division operations superintendent, the course was originally begun in Baton Rouge and was so successful that it was decided to hold a similar course in Beaumont with the various other divisions sending picked representatives.

"The over-all purpose of the course," said Mr. Baird, "is two fold. The course is designed to acquaint the operators with things they can do, and should do to reduce maintenance costs, and in so doing, allow the company to get longer usage from the equipment."

Mr. Baird pointed out that a line truck costs a minimum of \$30,000 and, more often than not, costs much more depending on the type of equipment used on the truck. The school is designed to familiarize the crews and foremen with steps they can take to assure proper use and maintenance of the equipment.

T. "Boone" Chaney, garage mechanic first class, and Clyde Wilson, labor foreman, both of Baton Rouge, conducted the class. It marked the ninth time the pair has conducted the session in various areas through the system.

The session is broken down into two parts, classroom instruction in the morning and field demonstration in the afternoon. The morning hours are spent with Mr. Chaney discussing the various things that do go wrong with a line truck and its related equipment based on actual incidents that have occurred at some time or other. He then points out why these breakdowns happened. "Lack of proper knowledge on the part of the operator" was cited by Mr. Chaney as the basic reason.



Following classroom instruction in the morning, the men went to the field where Clyde Wilson (right center) began his phase of instruction. Mr. Wilson, labor foreman out of Baton Rouge, showed the men how best to get the most out of the equipment they operate. Results of this training have shown immediate improvement in the Baton Rouge Division in the lowering of breakdowns and maintenance costs.

Mr. Wilson then takes over in the afternoon with an actual truck on some job location. The participants gather around and Mr. Wilson shows them, step by step, the proper use of the equipment from the smallest bolt and nut to the use of the drill and bucket.

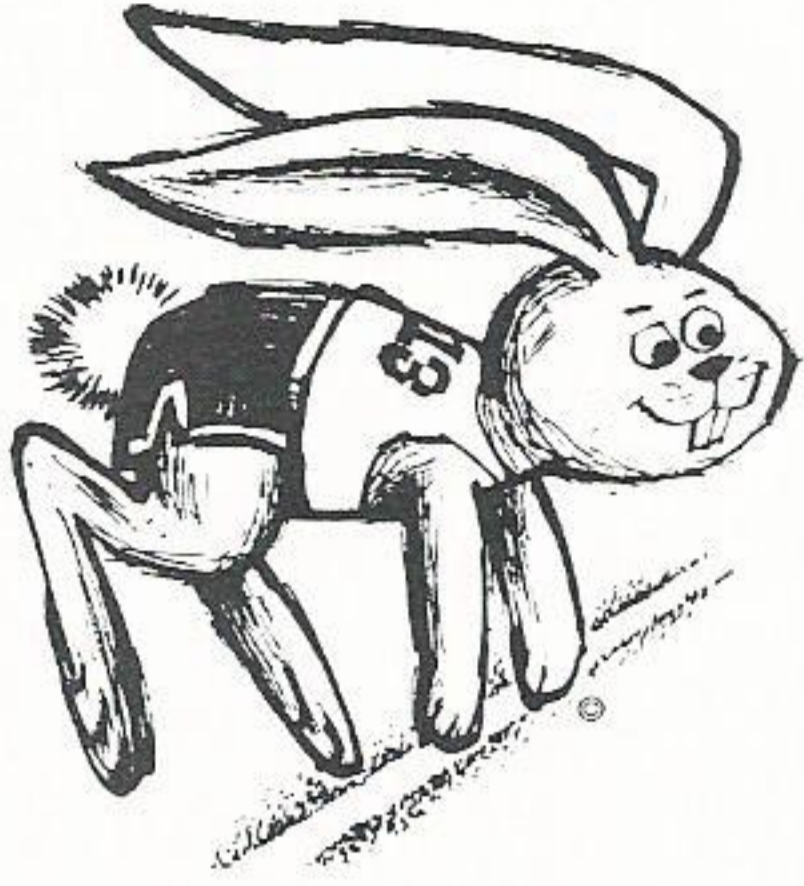
“Each piece of equipment, be it a bolt or nut or anything you have on board, is designed for a specific purpose with a specific tolerance. Nothing should be substituted for what is called for to do the job,” said Mr. Wilson.

The course, presented by the two Baton Rouge Division men, has already proved its worth. Favorable results were almost instantaneous in Baton Rouge and Mr. Baird was optimistic that once the men returned to their own respective divisions to pass the word, the Baton Rouge success story would spread throughout the rest of the system. “We won’t have to wait long to see the results of this course,” Mr. Baird concluded.

Those in attendance were, from Lake Charles Division: Roland Broussard, labor foreman, and J. A. Babin, first class mechanic; from Port Arthur Division: J. G. Koenig, first class mechanic and M. J. Pellerin, labor foreman; from Beaumont Division: L. G. Gaspard, garage foreman, Richard Willis, first class mechanic, Bennie L. Bruce, truck driver, Lloyd D. Bell, line foreman, R. A. McReynolds, line foreman, Glenn P. Broussard, apprentice lineman, W. V. Williams, truck driver, Phillip Hutchinson, lineman, and John D. Jordan, lineman; from Navasota: Curtis Gideon, garage foreman, and Emory Shead, truck driver.



Hand picked representatives of each division will now go back to their jobs and pass along the knowledge they have learned to their co-workers. By doing so each man can be major factor in bringing better service to our company’s customers and a lowering of our operations overhead.

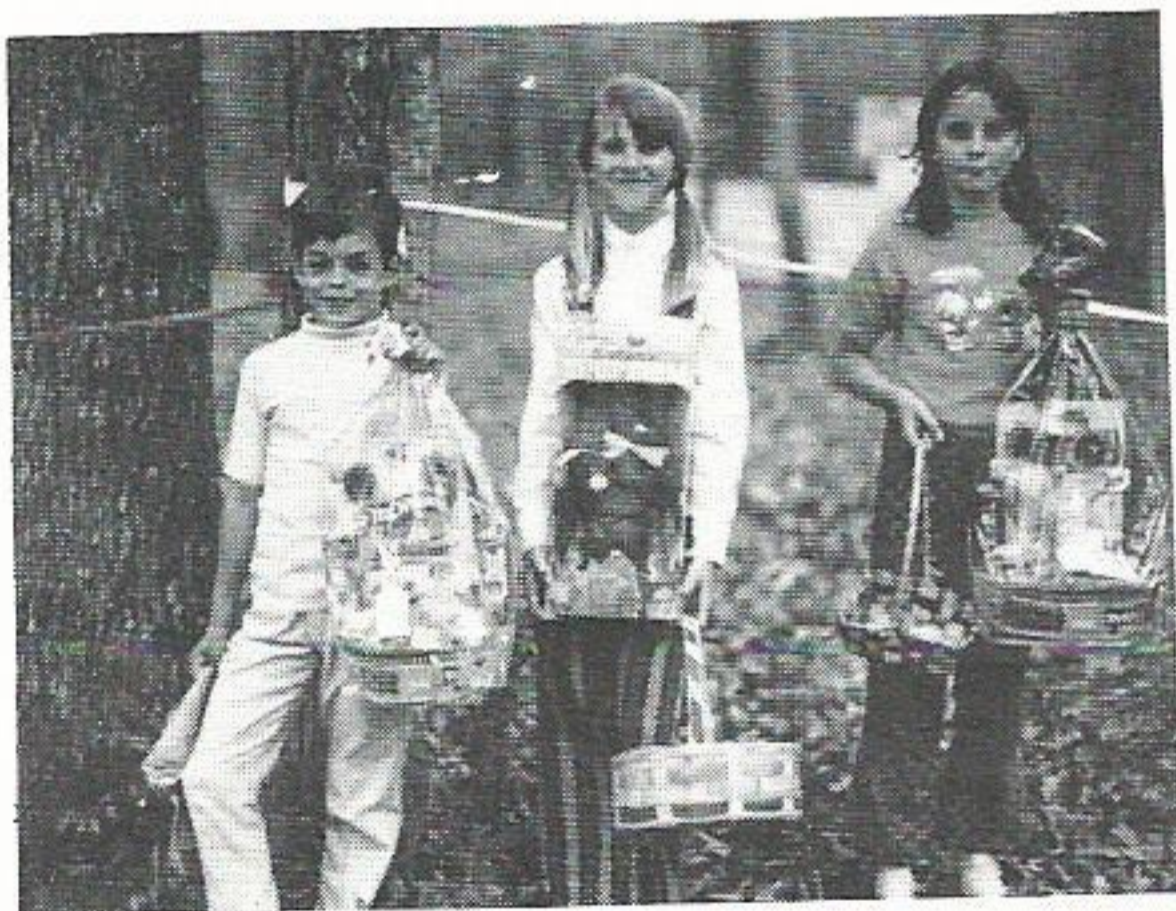
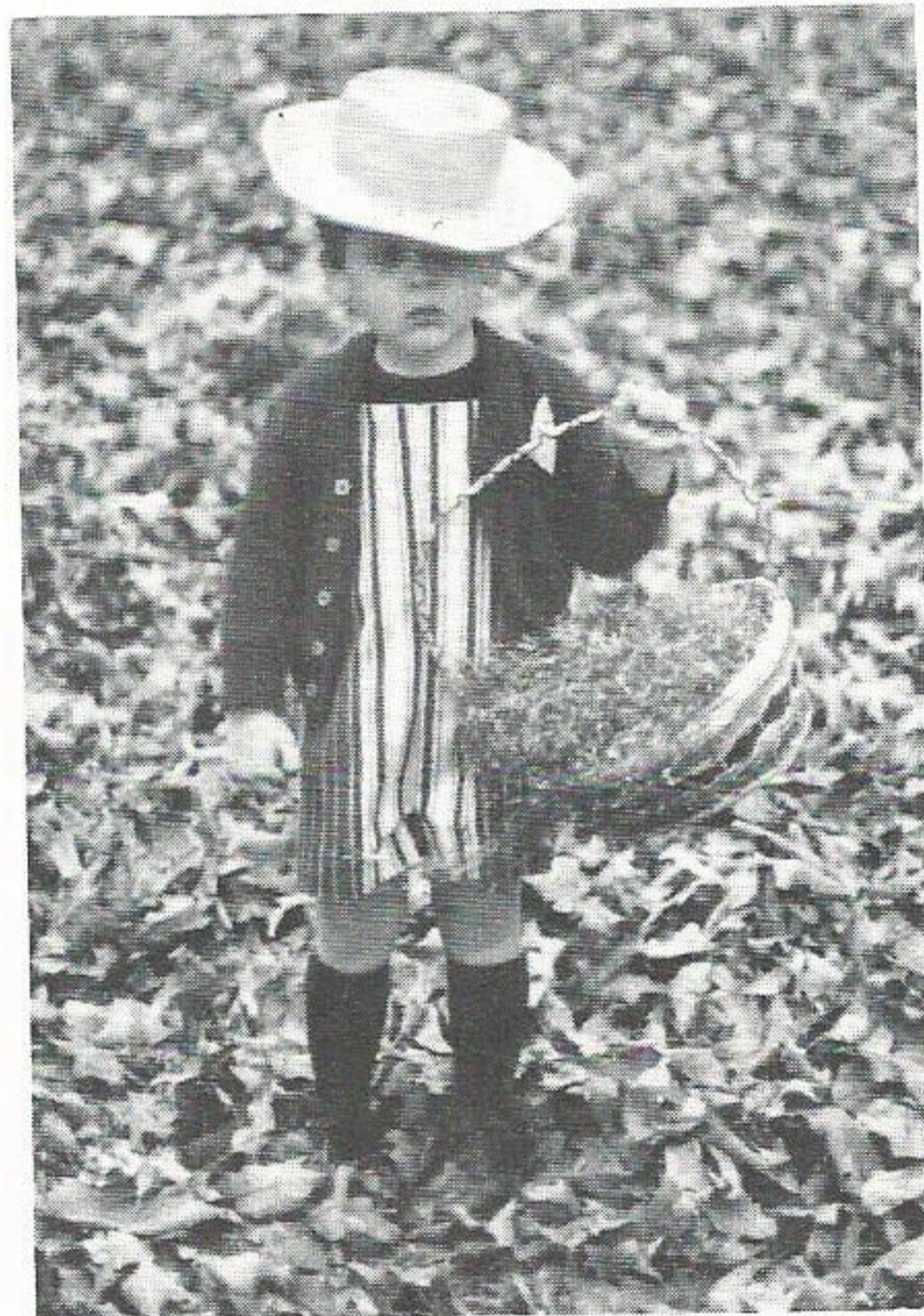


"Fowl" Weather Can't Stop Hunt



Overcast skies didn't cloud the excitement at the Beaumont Live Wires Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt held Sunday, March 28, at the club's property close to Silsbee.

Following is a pictorial review of what happened when the whistle blew and 82 kids unleashed their energy on over 400 well-hidden Easter eggs.



There just HAS to be eggs here somewhere!



What's in a name?

Looking through the inter-office directory can turn up some interesting names. Running through it here we see that, from EAST to WEST, employee names can mean more than a family label.

In the field of CRAFT'S we have SHEPPARDS, BAKERS, BARBERS, BUTLERS, CARPENTERS, COOKS, DRAPERS, DYERS, FISHERS, GARDNERS, HUNTERS, MERCHANTS, MILLERS, MINTERS, PORTERS, RIDERS, SANDERS, SKINNERS, SMITHS, STEWARDS, TAILORS, VALETS and WEAVERS. These names probably came from the trades of their ancestors.

Looking into the VITALS, such as food, we have HAMM, RICE, COFFEY or FRANKS. If you don't care for RAIN WATER, maybe you're LUCKY and you might find yourself in a MOORE appropriate locale where you can be served the BEST CHAMPAGNE.

If your CARR won't CRANK on a cold morning, don't be a WALKER or a CRYER, just take the old heap down to a lot and buy a new one. Maybe a FORD, or a DODGE, or even a CRISLER (pardon the pun). If you're in a financial PINTSCH you might consider an AUSTIN. Whatever you buy, don't DRAGG. That could lead to a DENT or even a MAJOR or MINOR accident. If that happens you will have to pay the PRICE DUE. RUSHING isn't WRIGHT and a KOPP could make a CASE of it. In that case your BOND might be quite a LOTT, and you could even find yourself in the judge's CHAMBERS.

If you're DOUGHTY, STOUT of HART, no COWERT, and JOLLY, you'll pay a DOLLAR at a DANCE HALL for a GLASS of whatever and SING to the YOUNG VALENTINE WORTHY of your choice. Of course it would be on a DAY in one of the SUMMERS, a HOLIDAY in MAY or at KNIGHT with the lights low. Speaking of KNIGHTS, how about a VICTORIAN QUEEN, a KING, NOBLE, or a BARRON. Going back a long time it could be a PHARO.

Where ever you go you will probably pass WOODS, PARKS, GROVES, FIELDS, BROOKS, HILLS of CLAY, and LANES. You might even spy a secluded place where you can rest and

contemplate peering into a deep BLACKWELL. You may even WADE a CRICK or see a POOL with a FOUNTAIN fed by some WELLS. Your route could take you through AUSTIN, TYLER, CALVERT, GARRISON, JEFFERSON, HEMPHILL, HENDERSON, PARIS, HOUSTON, JACKSON, TEMPLE, MARSHALL, JENNINGS, LAFAYETTE, MACON, MONTGOMERY, GONZALES, or THIBODEAUX. If you went PHARR away you might visit ENGLAND, HOLLAND, JORDAN, or ROME.

If you were getting tired you could TURNERround and walk and stroll through the FOREST where you would see a BRANCH of ASH with MOSS or IVY growing on it. Possibly a BERRY on a BUSH or a REED. You'd see FLOWERS, maybe even a ROSE as it WITHERS and WILTZ. Looking up you see a BYRD. There are many different kinds such as ROBINS, PEACOCKS, MARTINS, a FINCH or a FALCON.

It could be that you want to HUNT. You bring your GUNN and see all sorts of game. You might see a TEAL, CROW, or even a WOLFE, or a COON, a FOX, a HARE, a STAGG, maybe even some LYONS if you were to use your imagination. If you're a FISHER, you could CASTETE BLACK BASS or a BUNCH of WHITE perch for your CREEL.

If you are not the outdoors type, you visit a museum and study the history of our LAND. You'll learn about NAPOLEAN, WASHINGTON, ADAMS, LEE and GRANT. LINCOLN, DAVIS, KENNEDY, JOHNSON, WALLACE, HUMPHREY, NIXON, KING, LONG, and YARBOROUGH are others. You will learn about the MASON-DIXON line. Other points of interest include a NEWCHURCH, or TEMPLE where memories of MOSES and ABRAHAM abound. There you could PACE by statues of St. JULIEN, St. DIZIER, St. PIERRE or an ANGELLE. You'd likely see a PRIEST, a BISHOP or some PARSONS. You would think about the CHRISTIANS of old, how they PRAYed, and how some died on the CROSS.

We could go on and on with this little game, but we are sure you get the idea. Names can be fun, and with that, this story is DUNN, there is no MEAUX room on this PAGE.

GSU NEWS

Power Commissioner Praises Electric Research & Development

Federal Power Commissioner Lawrence J. O'Conner, Jr. called for "far more creative approaches" to assure an abundant supply of energy for the nation both now and in the future.

Speaking before a meeting of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, Mr. O'Conner cited the electric utilities industry as an indication of "what can be done, and what must be done in the immediate future." In doing so he pointed out that a project to produce electric power by nuclear "fusion" instead of the conventional "fission" is currently being undertaken in research by a group of 10 Texas electric utilities at the University of Texas campus. Our company is one of the members that make up the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and President Smith is a member of the board of directors.

Mr. O'Conner declared that the channeling of funds and efforts into the improvement of technology in exploiting our energy resources is of highest priority. He went on to point out that fusion has already been harnessed for the hydrogen bomb, but that peaceful, non-violent use of this reaction has yet to be achieved and the "benefits promised from this achievement are breathtaking."

In speaking about the abundant supply of energy both now and in the future, Mr. O'Conner said, "I believe, however, that future supplies of energy will require far more creative approaches in order to be

successful. This, in turn, demands an expanded and intensified effort in research and development (R&D) by the industries."

This is the very purpose for which the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation was founded and supported by our company and other electric utilities companies.

Citing the TAERF, Mr. O'Conner stated, "... some months ago I was given a tour of the research facility at the University of Texas Austin campus. A similar project is being conducted at Princeton University. To me they exemplify the types of degrees of R&D effort necessary to produce abundant electric power."

Going further, Mr. O'Conner continued, "The novelty of this Texas arrangement warrants going into the history of the pooled-research effort by these regional power companies. The 10 firms set up a Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation in 1957, and the Foundation began in that year a research program in partnership with the General Atomic Division of the corporation then known as General Dynamics Corporation, now known as Gulf General Atomic. The research was initiated at the San Diego labs of the partner firm, but in 1967, operations were transferred to the Austin campus. Because the power firms were located in an area rich in fossil fuel, they felt no compulsion to pursue a short-term goal such as the harnessing of fissionable nuclear fuel, and they chose rather to look farther down the road toward har-

nessing the ultimate nuclear fuel by the fusion process. At the time of this decision in 1957, no other privately financed research program was devoted to fusion, and there is even yet, apparently, no such program of comparable scope and size."

What is the difference between fusion and fission? Fusion is the formation of a heavier nucleus from two lighter ones with the attendant release of energy. The sun and stars are powered this way. Fission is the process whereby the nucleus of an appropriate type, after capturing a neutron, splits into (generally) two nuclei of lighter elements, with the release of substantial amounts of energy and two or more neutrons. The most important fissionable materials are uranium-235, plutonium-239 and uranium-233. This is the principal behind the atomic bomb.

Peaceful, non-violent harnessing of nuclear fission has been accomplished, but as yet, nuclear fusion has not. This is what the TAERF is researching and trying to develop.

"The prime beauty of the fusion route to tapping nuclear energy," says Mr. O'Conner, "is that the fuel is so plentiful. Fission of the atomic nucleus, as stated, can be accomplished only upon certain heavy atoms like uranium. Fusion, on the other hand, involves certain very light atoms essentially much more plentiful on our planet. The specific light atom with richest promise for practicable fusion is deuterium, the heavy isotope of hydro-

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Tom Clark, residential sales supervisor, presents pretty Becky Knowles a portable outdoor barbecue grill at Port Arthur during our company's second annual Bridal Boutique. The grill was just one of many prizes won by people who visited the affair.

Bridal Boutique Draws Enthusiastic Crowd

180 Brides-To-Be Respond Turn out for the second annual event hosted by our Home Service Advisers and area merchants



Sue Williams, right, watches as a couple registers at the Port Arthur Bridal Boutique for one of the many prizes offered by our company and others at the second annual affair.



Many of the brides-to-be who visited the Port Arthur service center where the annual Bridal Boutique was held came away with prizes. The girls were just a few of many who came to the successful second annual event sponsored by the home service department of our company.

Port Arthur's second annual Bridal Boutique March 21 and 22 was a success according to Port Arthur home service adviser Sue Williams. The event, held at the Service Center Auditorium, attracted more than 180 brides-to-be and their mothers.

Top prizes were a wedding cake and a color wedding portrait. Twelve Port Arthur merchants co-sponsored the displays and program. In addition to prizes, souvenirs, music, refreshments and a fashion show, the program featured Port Arthur home service advisers Sue Williams, Kathleen Peters and Kathy Schierholz. Homemaking tips and shopping hints for the young homemaker were included.

Visitors had plenty of time to browse through displays from a caterer, bakery, bridal shop, florist, printer, travel bureau, bank, insurance company, photographer, tuxedo rental, beauty salon and jewelry store.



Becky Monroe models one of the many wedding dresses seen in the Bridal Boutique while Aline Denbo (in background) describes the outfit to the prospective brides-to-be.

O'Conner Praises

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gen. Hydrogen is, of course, a component of everyday water, and the heavy isotope occurs frequently enough to provide about one gram in every eight gallons of water. This one gram of deuterium, fed into a fusion power plant, would generate about 28,000 kwh of electricity, enough to power an average American home for four years."

If deuterium is so plentiful, why so many problems in harnessing it you ask? The problem, according to Mr. O'Conner, lies in the fact that "fusion is a reaction which can only occur at a temperature of millions of degrees centigrade, to name just one. At temperatures of this level the fusion material becomes ionized, or transformed into a state labeled a plasma, and since it melts the walls of any material container it cannot by ordinary methods be constrained to a density which would give rise to fusion."

This basically is the problem facing the TAERF and engineers around the world. Once the problem is solved, through creative engineering research and development, the abundant supply of energy needed by this nation and the world will be at hand.

Environmentalists Wrong, Claims Congressman Hosmer

Representative Craig Hosmer (R-Calif.), speaking before the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers at Oak Ridge last month, lashed out at environmentalists who mistakenly believe that nuclear power plants are, and will be, major factors in pollution.



Sonja Burkett

Mrs. Ronald J. Burkett, a member of the Advertising-Public Relations Department in Beaumont, was elected Province-President East of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority at the state convention of the organization last month.

Mrs. Burkett (Sonja) will have the responsibility of working with the various chapters located at Lamar Tech University, the University of Houston, Stephen F. Austin State University and Sam Houston State University.

Sonja has been with our company for seven months and is a graduate of Iowa State University. It was at Iowa State that Sonja first became a member of the sorority.

Rep. Hosmer's speech was entitled, "The Atom Versus the Environment." At one point in his talk the Congressman stated:

"... You know and I know and most reasonable people will agree—if they stop to think about it—that electricity in general and nuclear generated electricity in particular is among the least of our environmental worries. In fact, it is man's brightest hope for reducing and eliminating the whole spectrum of pollutants.

Let's set the record straight:

First, it is nonsense to talk about cleaning up the environment by cutting back on electricity. Pollution control requires more electricity—not less, and here I'm talking about such areas as recycling waste products, sewage treatment, water pollution control, stack emission controls and any potential alternative to the internal combustion engine. In addition, since almost two-thirds of all power generated goes to business and industry, power reductions would mean loss of jobs, loss of productivity and general economic chaos.

Second, given the alternative ways of generating power, nuclear plants are the cleanest. This is not to say they are perfect and have no environmental impact, but they are less objectionable than burning fossil fuels and there are hardly any rivers left to dam.

Third, after 13 year's experience in the design, construction, operation and regulation of central station commercial power reactors, the record shows that they are safe, reliable and that (relatively) their power is getting cheaper and cheaper."

Deaths



James P. Pevoto

Our company was saddened to learn of the death of James P. Pevoto, 62, retired accounting supervisor in the Port Arthur Division.

Mr. Pevoto passed away March 15, in Orange Memorial Hospital.

A native of Port Arthur, Mr. Pevoto spent nearly 44 years with the company before retiring June 1, 1968. He is survived by his wife, Carrie, two sons, James of Lake Jackson, and John of Houston, and two daughters, Mrs. Gale Broom of Lake Charles and Mrs. Virginia Sandefer of Bridge City.

"We really used to have some great times," recalled Mr. Pevoto when he retired referring to his life with the company.

Mr. Pevoto had been quite active in civic work throughout the Golden Triangle area for many years. His years of retirement were spent managing his rent property and fishing, a sport he dearly loved.

Lake Charles

Hosts Company Tournament



Working on the Baton Rouge Golf Tournament plans are, front row left to right, Mickey Knobloch, Walter E. Benjamin, Glen Stokes and Chairman Ralph Shirey. Second row left to right are Bob Davis, Ronnie Hunt and Skip Bremer. Greenwood Park was the site of the event in the Capitol City.

HIGH GAMES SEEN FOR TOURNEY PLAY

Not to be outdone by the scheduled golf tournaments, company bowlers got the jump on the duffers by holding their annual meet at the Bowlarena Lanes in Lake Charles this month.

As with the golf, results and pictures of the bowlers in action will be seen in the following issue.

Literally hundreds of bowlers were expected to participate in the tournament, with competition set for singles, doubles and team events. All scores were based of 75 percent of 200. For example, a 168 average bowler would subtract 168 from 200 to get 32. Then 75 percent of 32 is 24. Twenty-four then becomes his handicap total. If he bowls a 170 game, 24 is added and his handicap and his score then reads 194.

The tournament was sanctioned by the ABC and Women's International Bowling Congress.

A buffet followed the tournament and many of the competitors were on hand to watch as the awards were passed out. Many a sad tale about what happened was heard, as well as just how a particular team of individual managed to collect the gold.



Heading up the Beaumont Memorial Day Golf Tournament for employees is Luther Risher, seated center, along with his team of committeemen. Standing, left to right, are Joe Fontana, Dennis Dugas, Jim Minner, Roy Franques, Bill Barksdale and Joe Snider, seated. Bayou Din Country Club will be the site of the tourney.

Omnibus Makes Rare Visitation

General Electric's \$50,000 Omnibus toured our company's service area from one end to the other last month testing and updating our voltage regulator trouble shooters.

The van, crammed with various pieces of equipment that go with a voltage regulator, tours the nation with the sole purpose of visiting utility companies which use GE equipment.

Leslie Rosenau, sales engineer trainee from Pittsfield, Mass., piloted the van through our service area holding classroom instruction in the mornings and using the afternoons for practical application with the models installed in the van.

All the equipment in the van was rigged with some fault. It was the job of our trouble shooters to inspect the equipment and to find the trouble spot causing the malfunction.



Don Ware, left, substation foreman at Conroe, and Scott Reed, sales representative for GE, look over a bypass mechanism in the Omnibus during a stop the bus made in the Western Division.

Thrift Plan

Purchases of Gulf States Utilities Company stock made by the Trustee during March, 1971, covering employee deductions and Company contributions through February, 1971, were as follows:

3,445 shares of common stock at a total cost of \$76,545.21, or an average cost per share of \$22.2192.

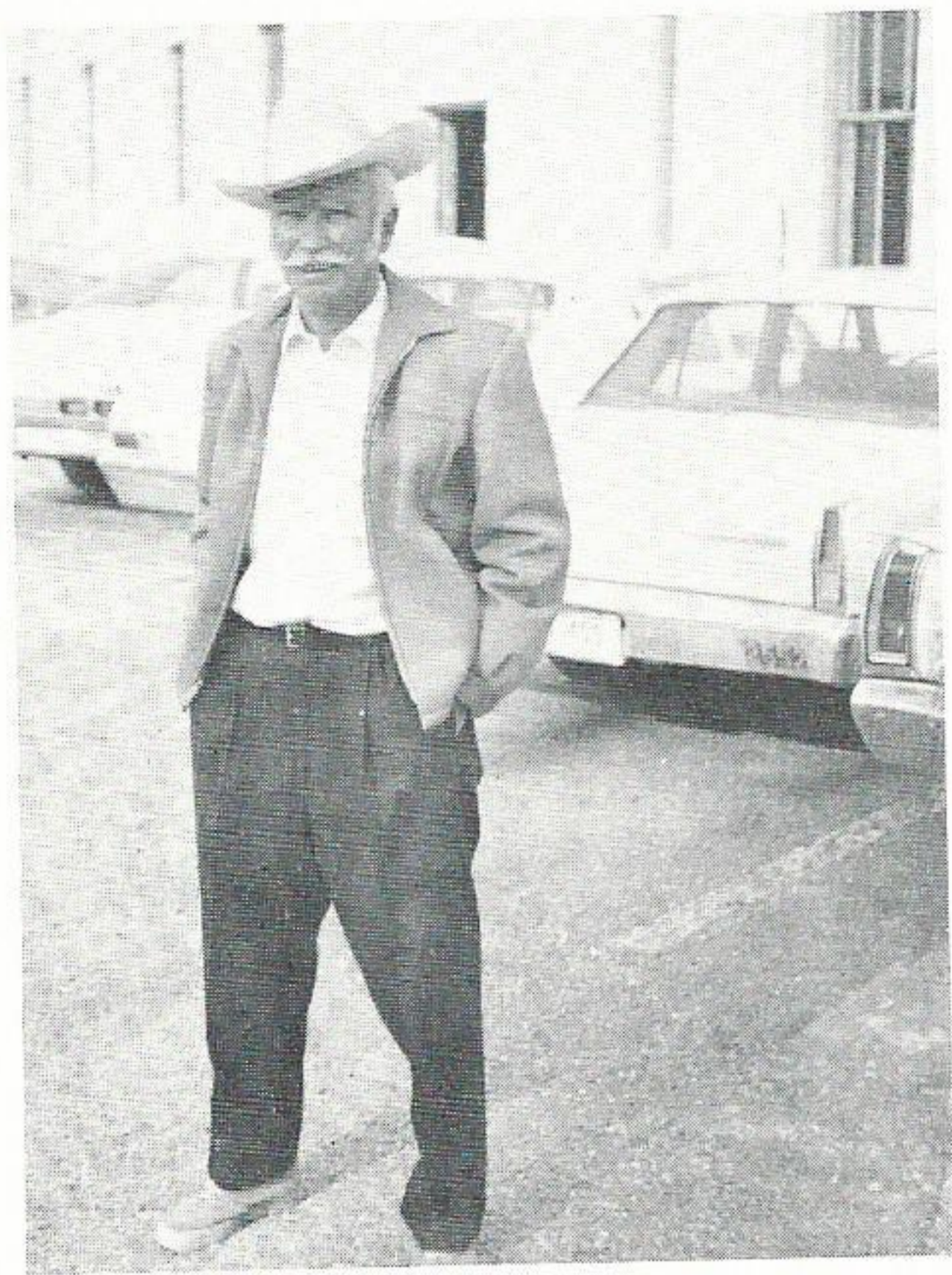
162 shares of \$4.40 preferred stock at a cost of \$10,146.95, or an average cost per share of \$62.6355.

The Trustee deposited \$37,834.90 with the Savings Department of the First Security National Bank of Beaumont, Texas.

Neill Carpenters Take Advantage Of Retirement With Mexico Trips

By Johnnie Harris
Lake Charles T&D

One retiree who is making the most of his time is Neill Carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter returned from a trip to Mexico in December and have just returned from a second trip south of the border.



Neill Carpenter

Taking part in an Airstream Travel Caravan along with 181 other trailers, the Carpenters travelled some 2800 miles on the first trip going as far south as Acapulco. According to Mr. Carpenter, every afternoon was spent napping in a hammock on the beach.

Mr. Carpenter considers Guadalajara the bright spot of the trip. The city was beautiful, the weather was fine and many new friends were made. The group spent five days in Mexico City. During that stay Mr. Carpenter climbed to the top of the Pyramid of the Sun.

Average 100 miles

The caravan traveled from place to place with an average of 100 miles traveled between stops; the longest distance traveled without stopping was 254 miles. They stayed from one to five days at each stop visiting points of interest in the area. Free shuttlebuses were furnished to bring them from the campsite to markets or other places.

The Recreational Director arranged for entertainment each night they were camped. The entertainment consisted of bands, singing groups, mayors or different

speakers. A service man was with the group and he carried spare parts for the trailers. Two Mexicans, called "Green Angels", were furnished by the Tourist Bureau of Mexico and traveled with the Caravan to take care of car breakdowns. A Mexican Insurance Adjuster and a Mexican Representative of the Gasoline Industry also traveled with the group.

Wedding Bells

One event of interest on the trip was a wedding. Tex Pierson, one of the "Free-Wheelers", (a person traveling alone), met a girl who was traveling with another group and they were married on the trip. Mr. Pierson is an ex-mayor of West Orange, Texas.

Mr. Carpenter retired as Lake Charles supervisor of industrial sales in March of 1969. He purchased his Airstream Trailer in March of 1970, and has used it on six trips. His most current trip (as this story goes to press) has taken he and his wife to Yucatan, Mexico. There seems no end in sight for this traveling pair.

The Carpenters called this Yucatan Caravan the "Livin Inn," and indeed it seems to be "The Living End."

Deweyville Students Take Top Honors

Four Deweyville youngsters competed in the District 9 4-H Club electrical team competition May 1 at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

The youths comprise the senior and junior division electrical teams that captured first place recently in Newton County 4-H competition.

Donna Levine and Cynthia Hickman, a senior division team members, will show their display illustrating safety factors in

the use of electricity in the home. Parents of the girls are Mr. and Mrs. Vanny Levine and Mr. and Mrs. George Hickman. Mr. Hickman, a senior engineering assistant for our company, also is team adviser.

In the junior division, Ron Callahan and Paul Smith will display a wooden model of an electronic burglar alarm which they built to illustrate the various uses of an electronic eye. The boys' par-

ents are Mr. and Mrs. William B. Callahan and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith. Mr. Callahan, real estate representative for our company, and Mr. Hickman serve as advisers to the junior team.

Winners of senior division competition at Nacogdoches will be eligible for the state-wide 4-H contest to be held at Austin.

Retirements



Walter House



C. P. Shirey



Marie Benjamin



R. C. Perdue



Lillian Fabre

Walter House

Walter R. House, sales supervisor at Orange, retires May 1 after 42 years of service.

Mr. House began his career with our company back in 1929 as a meter clerk, and advanced steadily through various positions entering sales in 1941 as an agricultural sales representative. Power engineer, power sales representative and senior commercial sales representative were other positions he held until promoted to sales supervisor in 1954.

Mr. House and his wife Catherine (Hebert), are natives of Lake Charles, and have three children, Alice Clare Taussig, Helen M. Boyer, and Walter, Jr.

An extremely active man in civic and social organizations, Mr. House has worked and been a member of the Orange Rotary Club, United Fund, YMCA, Orange County Welfare Board, Greater Orange Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Little League, Salvation Army, Orange County Teenage League, Community Service Council

Mr. House has been awarded numerous honors for his activities, and has been an officer of many of the organizations. Some of the honors include a Service to Boyhood scouting award, Rotary Service Award, and the Texas United Fund Campaign Award.

Retirement will not bring an end to his activities as he plans to remain busy in business affairs and continue work in his various clubs.

C. P. Shirey

C. P. "Jack" Shirey, who spent 30 of his 44 years with the company in the field of industrial safety, has retired as training and safety manager.

Mr. Shirey was accorded numerous honors for achievements in safety during his career. Among others, he holds the distinguished safety awards from both the Texas Safety Association and the Southwest Electric Safety Exchange, a group which he helped to organize. He also was the originator of safety head wear in electrical line work.

A native of Marshall County, Alabama, he graduated from high school at Tallasee and attended the University of Alabama. He also completed the Public Utility Executive Program at Georgia Tech.

Employed by the company in 1927, Mr. Shirey began as a helper at Beaumont, then became a substation electrician at Navasota in 1930. He progressed through various posts until being named safety man at Lake Charles in 1941, the same year that he originated the use of safety helmets for linemen. He was named safety engineer in 1942, was promoted to safety director in 1946 and moved up to training and safety manager in 1955.

Mr. Shirey and his wife, Marjorie, have two sons. They are Stewart Shirey of Houston and John Shirey of Austin. The Shireys attend Woodland Baptist Church where he is an ordained deacon.

Marie L. Benjamin

Marie L. Benjamin, T&D (Building and Grounds) Department in Beaumont's Service Center, retired from the company May 1.

Her retirement will end 20 years of service with the company. She has been working in Beaumont since 1951, attended Charlton-Pollard High School in Beaumont, and plans now just to relax.

R. C. Perdue

R. C. Perdue, chief system operator, ended a 46-year electric utility career when he retired this month.

Mr. Perdue joined the company at Port Arthur in 1925, the same year the company was organized under laws of the State of Texas. Starting out as an oiler, he progressed through various jobs at Port Arthur until 1933, when he was transferred to Beaumont as a turbine operator at Neches Station.

Mr. Perdue advanced to head fireman at Neches, and in 1947 he was promoted to system operator. He had served as chief system operator since 1969.

A native of Gladewater, Tex., Mr. Perdue graduated from high school in Port Arthur. He also completed job-related electrical courses.

Married to the former Verma Duhon of Sour Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Perdue have two married daughters. They are Mrs. Joyce Leftwich of Beaumont and Mrs. Carol Dupree of Fishkill, N.Y.

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People On The Move

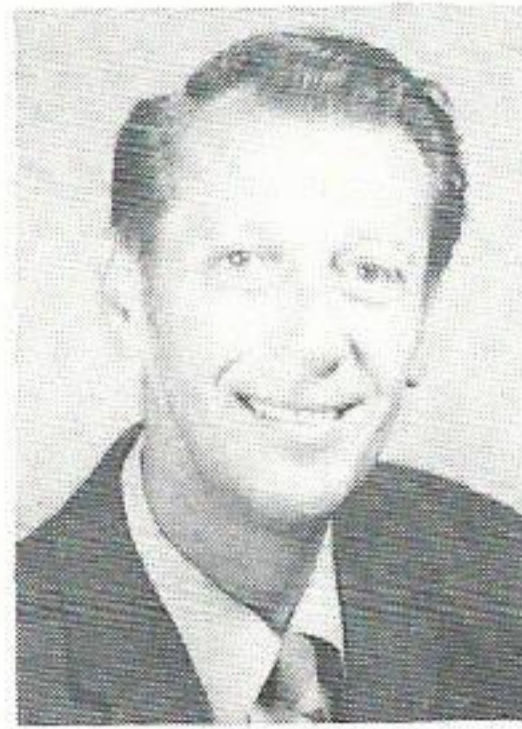
GEORGE HAYES

George E. Hayes has moved up to administrative assistant in System Engineering Planning-estimating & budgeting. He had been senior engineering assistant in that department.

Mr. Hayes joined the company in System Engineering at Beaumont in 1953. He was senior draftsman until moving into estimating & budgeting as senior engineering assistant in 1961.

Born in Port Arthur, Mr. Hayes is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and also attended Lamar Tech. A World War II veteran, he served in both the Army and Air Force.

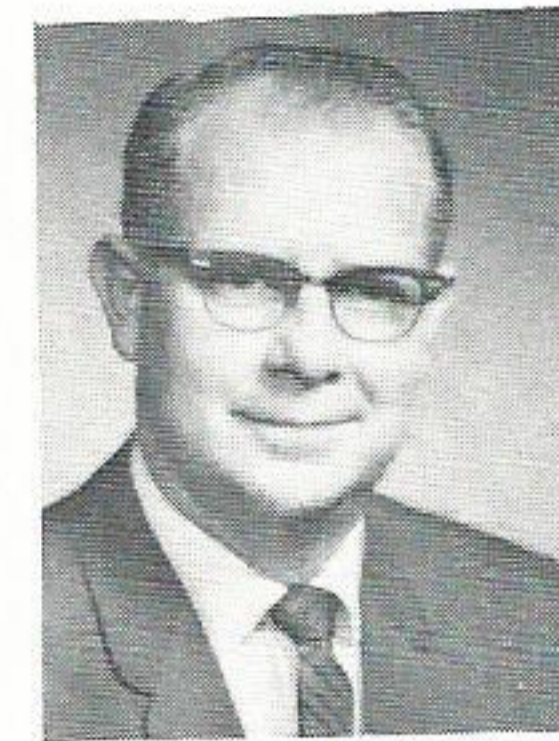
Mr. Hayes has held officer's posts in the Livewires Club and in the American Legion. He formerly was active in March of Dimes work.



Jack M. Duperier



George Hayes



W. J. Schumacher

W. J. SCHUMACHER

W. J. Schumacher, system operator at Beaumont since 1962, has been promoted to chief system operator.

Employed by the company in 1946, Mr. Schumacher started out as engineering helper at Beaumont T&D. He progressed through various classifications as engineering assistant, working in T&D, the Rate Department and System Engineering.

Mr. Schumacher is a Beaumont native and a graduate of Beaumont High School. He also attended Texas A&M University.

Mr. Schumacher is a member of the American Power Dispatchers Association, and he is a three-year veteran of the Air Force.

Married to the former Bertha Sonnier of Oberlin, La., Mr. and Mrs. Schumacher have three children. They are Deborah, 19, Donna, 15, and Terry Lynn, 11.

RETIREMENTS (Continued)

Lillian Fabre

Mrs. Lillian A. Fabre, customer accounting in Baton Rouge, retires May 1 after 28 years with the company.

Mrs. Fabre and her husband Clement, plan to relax in their new home in the country at Indian Mound, La. "There is a lot to do in the house and also in the yard," says Mrs. Fabre, "I will do some fishing and sewing, too." Other plans include rejoining a home demonstration club.

Her most memorable moment with the company? Mrs. Fabre recalls the war years in the 40s. "I was employed during World War II on Government Street in the Meter history. Soon after that the department was transferred to the main office in Baton Rouge and I too was transferred. All of this has been very interesting and pleasant."

Mrs. Fabre is a native of Pride, while her husband was reared in New Roads.

JACK M. DUPERIER

Jack M. Duperier, formerly senior engineering assistant in System Engineering Design, has been transferred to System Engineering Planning - Scheduling and promoted to material scheduler.

An employee for 18 years, Mr. Duperier came to work for the company in 1953. He has worked in System Engineering at Beaumont throughout his years of service.

A native of Beaumont, Mr. Duperier graduated from Beaumont High. He is a Navy veteran, having served from 1946 to 1948.

Mr. Duperier is married to the former Clara Ryan of Beaumont. The couple has a daughter, Lynne, 13. The family attends St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

SERVICE AWARDS



John Lee Barrett
Distribution
Madisonville

FORTY YEARS

One-hundred seventy-one employees, who have logged a combined total of 3,520 years of service with the company, will be honored at a series of Service Awards Breakfasts in May. Fourteen of the honorees will be observing their 40th year of service.

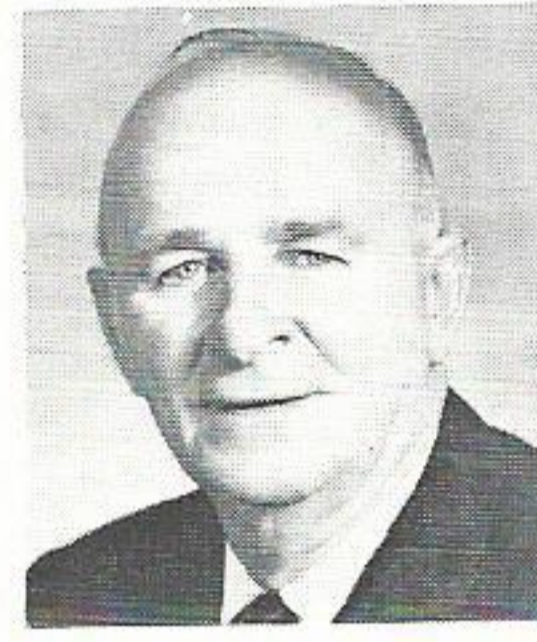
Two breakfasts are scheduled at Beaumont's Ramada Inn, 1295 N. 11th, on May 21 for system and Neches Station personnel, and on May 24 for the remaining Beaumont Division employees. Other sites and dates are: Baton Rouge, Prince Murat Inn, May 25; Lake Charles, Chateau Charles, May 26; Western Division (Conroe), Hotel Conroe, May 27; Port Arthur, Driftwood Motor Hotel, May 28. Wives of the honorees are invited.

Nineteen seventy-one marks the 31st year in which the company has recognized employees for their years of service.

THIRTY YEARS



Earl Garner
Production
Bridge City



Huttson H. Reed
Production
Jennings

TEN YEARS

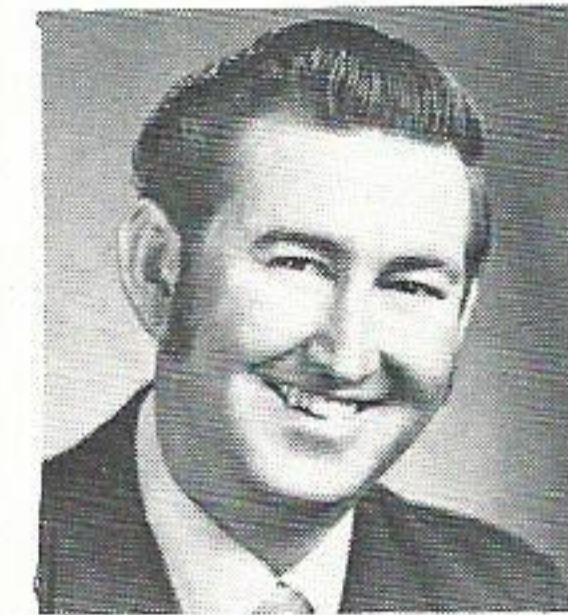


Joe Brown
Production
Bridge City

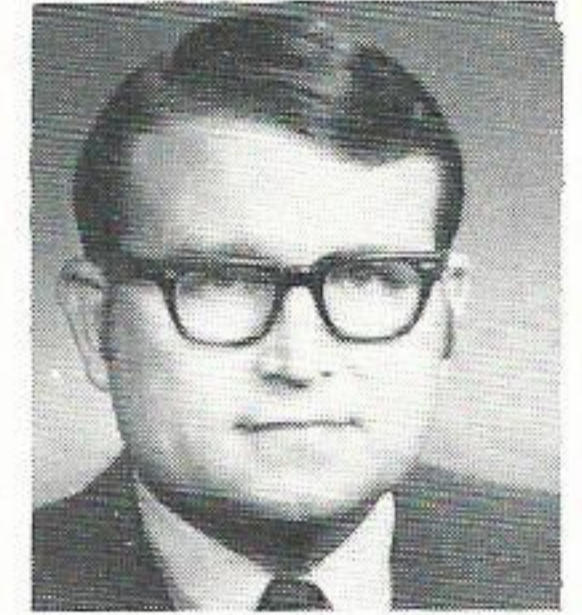


Frank J. Hazmark
System Engineering
Beaumont

TWENTY YEARS



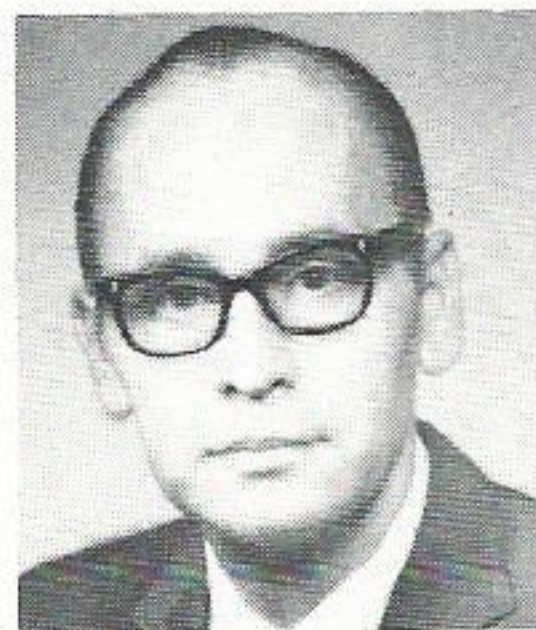
Curtis LeBlanc
Treasury
Port Arthur



Arden Loughmiller
Personnel
Beaumont



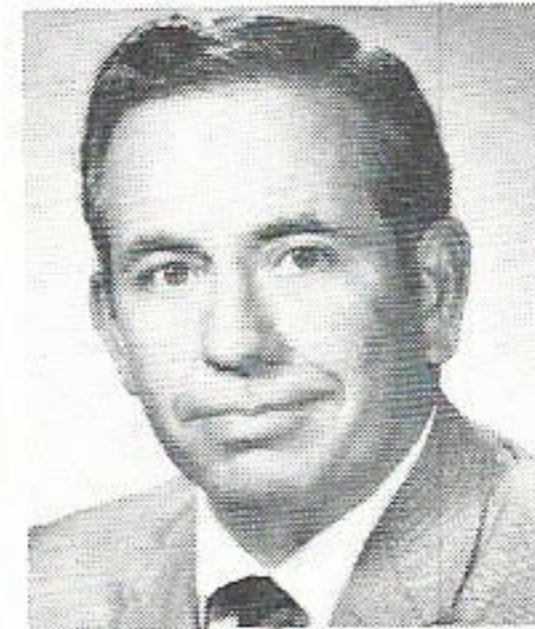
Sam Joseph
Production
Beaumont



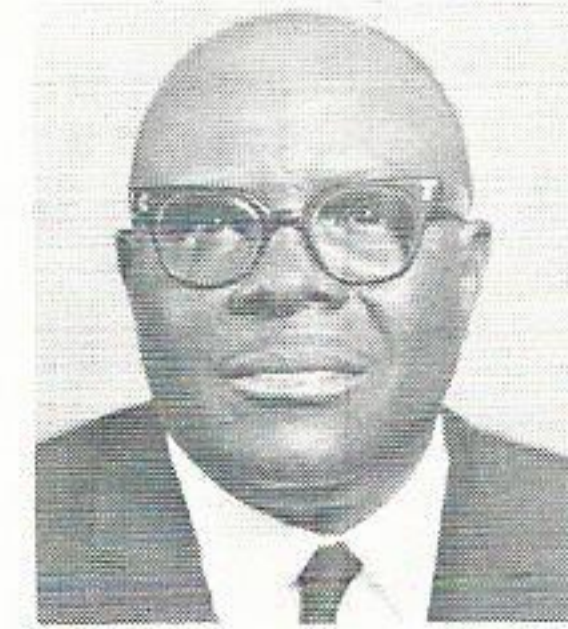
Bennie F. Lott
I.D.S.
Beaumont



Leonard Sterling
Production
Beaumont



James S. Turner
System Sales
Beaumont



Thomas D. Williams
Distribution
Jennings

LETTERS

From employees, customers and friends of GSU

AUSTIN

Dear Mr. (Malcolm) Williams:

I want to personally thank you and your company for participating with the Texas Industrial Commission in the special Texas section of the March 13th issue of **Business Week** magazine.

This joint effort by 21 section advertisers makes this section the largest of its kind in the history of **Business Week**.

Creation of new jobs for an expanding population is basic to making Texas a better place to work and live. This section can be significant in maintaining Texas' leadership position in industrial development and assuring a high quality of life for future Texans.

I truly appreciate your cooperation in making this project a tremendous success.

Sincerely,
Preston Smith
Governor of Texas

BATON ROUGE

To Whomever this letter should be directed:

Let's give credit where credit is due. So little of that is done today—and you certainly deserve it.

A transformer blew out behind several of our houses here on Pierce Ave. (Baton Rouge).

Within 15 minutes after calling in, a Gulf States truck with a Mr. (Leonard) Jacobs at the control drove up and restored our electricity.

That's what I call first class service!

Nobody minds paying for such service as that. My thanks.

Mrs. Willis C. Byrd

BATON ROUGE

Dear Walt: (Wright)

You certainly lifted the morale of our City-Parish ladies. They enjoyed your cooking class so much and have had nothing but compliments for you and your staff.

I sincerely appreciate your doing this for our employees. You Gulf States people are "all right" in my books.

Sincerely,
W. W. "Woody" Dumas
Mayor
Baton Rouge

PORT ARTHUR

Dear Randy: (McAlpine)

The Mayor, City Council and I want to thank you for participating in The Port Arthur News edition on the City Hall dedication. This was an excellent presentation and will be preserved in the Heritage Room at City Hall. We appreciate your continuing interest in our new building and the City of Port Arthur.

Sincerely yours,
George Dibrell,
City Manager

Dear Mr. (James) Stelly:

Thank you for joining with us in our City Hall Dedication Ceremony Friday afternoon.

We greatly appreciate your giving of your time and lending your prestige for this auspicious occasion. Your presence and participation added greatly to the excellent reception of the overall program. We feel this was indeed a memorable occasion for the entire Southeast Texas area.

Sincerely,
Bernis W. Sadler
Mayor Port Arthur

CONROE

Dear Gentlemen (Conroe Office):

I would like to thank you for the book covers you have sent to me. Not just me but all of us in room 33 would like to thank you.

Mike Mortensen

Dear Gentlemen, (Conroe Office)

I have enjoyed my book covers very much. They have protected my books good.

Yours truly,
Dalua Keener

AUSTIN

Dear Mr. (Floyd) Smith:

I want to take a moment to thank you for your cooperation in making a success of the special Texas section in the March 13th issue of **Business Week**.

Since **Business Week** is bought and read by over 700,000 top-level decision-makers in American business and industry, with a national readership three times the number of subscribers, all the section advertisers stand to gain much exposure from this impressive section.

I think the impact of having all of our ads combined in this special section will be many times greater than the effect of running such ads randomly throughout the magazine.

This nineteen-page section is the largest ever for **Business Week** magazine and I am proud, as I hope you are, to be a part of this successful venture.

Thanks again for your help in sponsoring this section. You might be interested in knowing that the Texas Industrial Commission sent personal copies to 750 presidents of the top corporations in the nation.

Additionally, we will be mailing our reprints of the section to several thousand other top manufacturing companies in the United States.

Sincerely yours,
James H. Harwell
Executive Director

LETTERS

From employees, customers and friends of GSU

LAKE CHARLES

G.S.U. Staff:

As of March 12th, I will terminate my employment with Honeycutt Furniture Co. of Sulphur. I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to each of you for your encouragement to my appliance sales. I am confident that you will extend this same sincere encouragement to my replacement, and I am sure that my replacement will express appreciation to you by selling as many electrical appliances as possible, as I have enjoyed doing. Again I thank you.

Sincerely,
Bill Morgan
Lake Charles

BATON ROUGE

Gentlemen:

We wish to express to you our appreciation for the use of the film, "Homemade Hazzards", on February 17. We enjoyed this film, and there were many favorable comments made about it.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for the civic service you are doing for the community through the use of your film library. We realize that there is expense to you through the use of your capable personnel, through postage in distribution and through the procuring of the film.

Again, a hearty "thank you" for the use of the film.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lindy B. Jacoby
Program Chairman
Naomi Society
Trinity Lutheran Church

BEAUMONT

Dear Ralph: (Spafford)

Please express the appreciation of Lamar Tech to all of the Gulf States employees that worked so hard in providing temporary service to Brooks-Shivers Dormitory. They worked during extreme inclement weather and were able to have service back on to the dormitory at approximately 5:30 p.m.

It is assuring to us to know we can call on your company when in need and your response is immediate.

Thank you again for your service.

Yours very truly,
O. K. Baxley
Business Manager

BEAUMONT

Dear Mr. (J. B.) Bishop:

Please accept the thanks of the entire congregation of Saint Matthew's Church for the use of the large grill for our fifth annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Our suppers seem to be growing in attendance each year and we just couldn't function without the grill.

The men who delivered the grill and those who wired it in were so helpful and we would like them to know that we appreciate their cooperation also.

Faithfully yours,
Mrs. Max Trenck
Secretary

BEAUMONT

Dear Mr. (N. E.) Morrison:

Many thanks for letting us use the Gulf States Service Center Auditorium for the 1971 4-H Food Show. We enjoy working with you and the folks at Gulf States because of the friendly and cooperative attitude.

Kindly extend a special thanks to Mr. Simon and Mr. Joseph for their assistance. They were very considerate and thoughtful persons.

Sincerely,

Marilyn J. Smith, Asst.
County Home Dem. Agent

Mrs. Ramona E. Fails, Asst.
County Home Dem. Agent

LAKE CHARLES

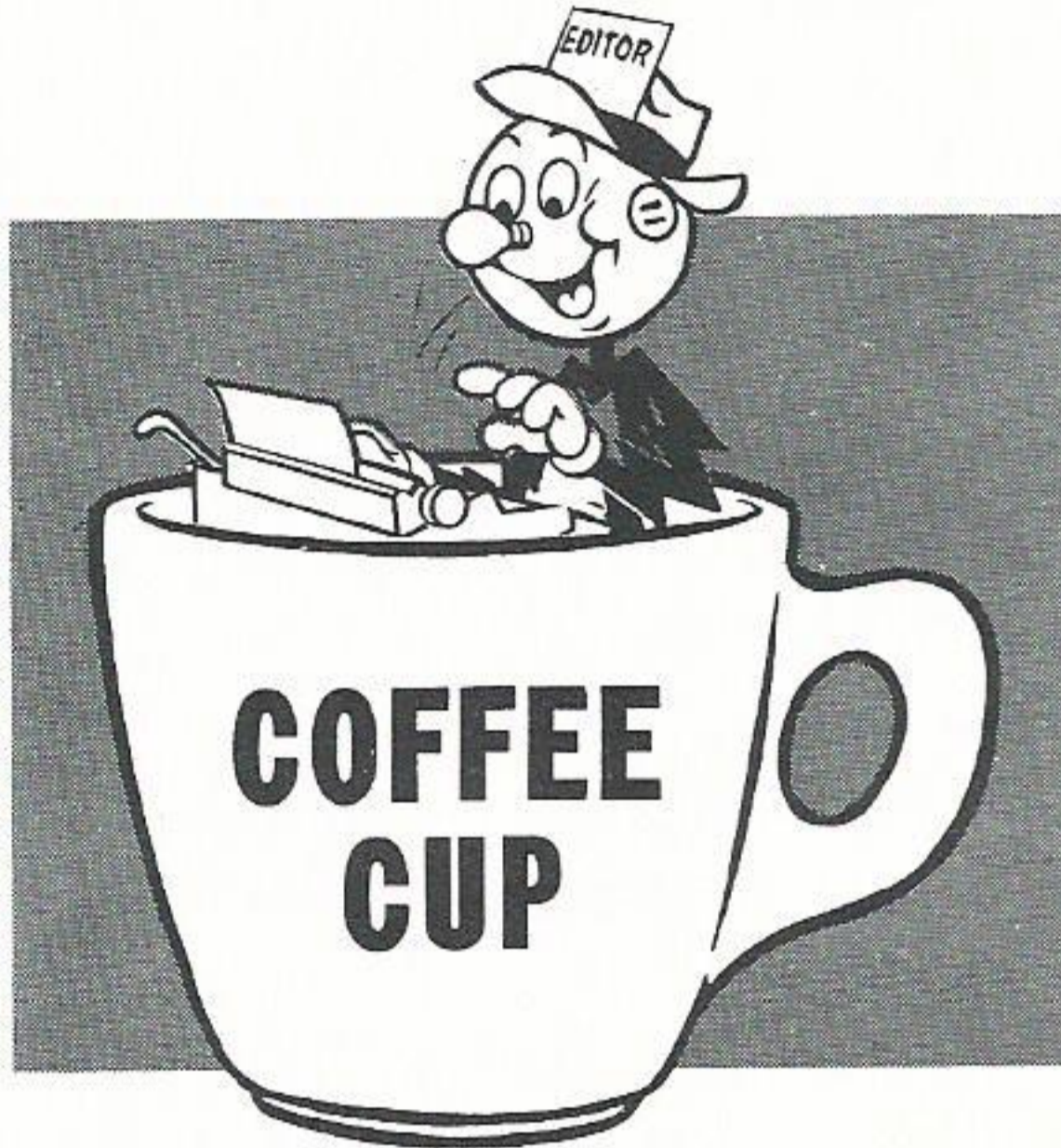
Dear Mr. (Columbus) Hanks:

We want to express our appreciation to you and to Gulf States for the contribution of the two electric roasters for our use at our School Carnival on March 20th. Will you be kind enough to express our thanks to those responsible at Gulf States for their interest and support.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Bertha Webb
Principal

BATON ROUGE



REPORTERS

If you have any news for "Plain Talks," simply send the information to one of the following local reporters. They will be happy to assist you in getting the material to the Editor.

BATON ROUGE: Henry Joyner, Opel Temple (Acct.), Margie Force (T&D), Sandra Mouch (T&D), Beverly Hayden (Gas Dept.), Mel Nezat (Sales).

BEAUMONT: Linda McSwain (S.C.), Bill Toups (S.C.), Barbara Lindsey, Ann Ogden, Edy. Waltmon, Linda Marks.

CALVERT: Janis E. Wilganowski.

CLEVELAND: Pat Jones.

CONROE: Frances Elliot, Dorothy Stoky.

GONZALES: Billy Fortenberry.

HUNTSVILLE: Gail Reeves, Priscilla Chandler.

JENNINGS: Earl Mayfield.

LAFAYETTE: Bobbie Denais.

LAKE CHARLES: Johnnie Harris (T&D), Fay Denney (O).

LA. STATION: Leslie Lemoine.

MADISONVILLE: Wanda H. Tinsley.

NAVASOTA: Betty Dickschat, Nina Ruth Bay.

NECHES STATION: Betty Neville.

NELSON STATION: Martha Caldwell

ORANGE: Davie Carpenter

PORT ALLEN: Adele Vavasseur.

PORT ARTHUR: Sue Williams, Lorraine Dunham (S.C.)

SABINE STATION: Kathleen Fuller.

SILSBEE: Maxie Bell.

SULPHUR: Pearl Darbonne.

WILLOW GLEN: Dora Landaiche.

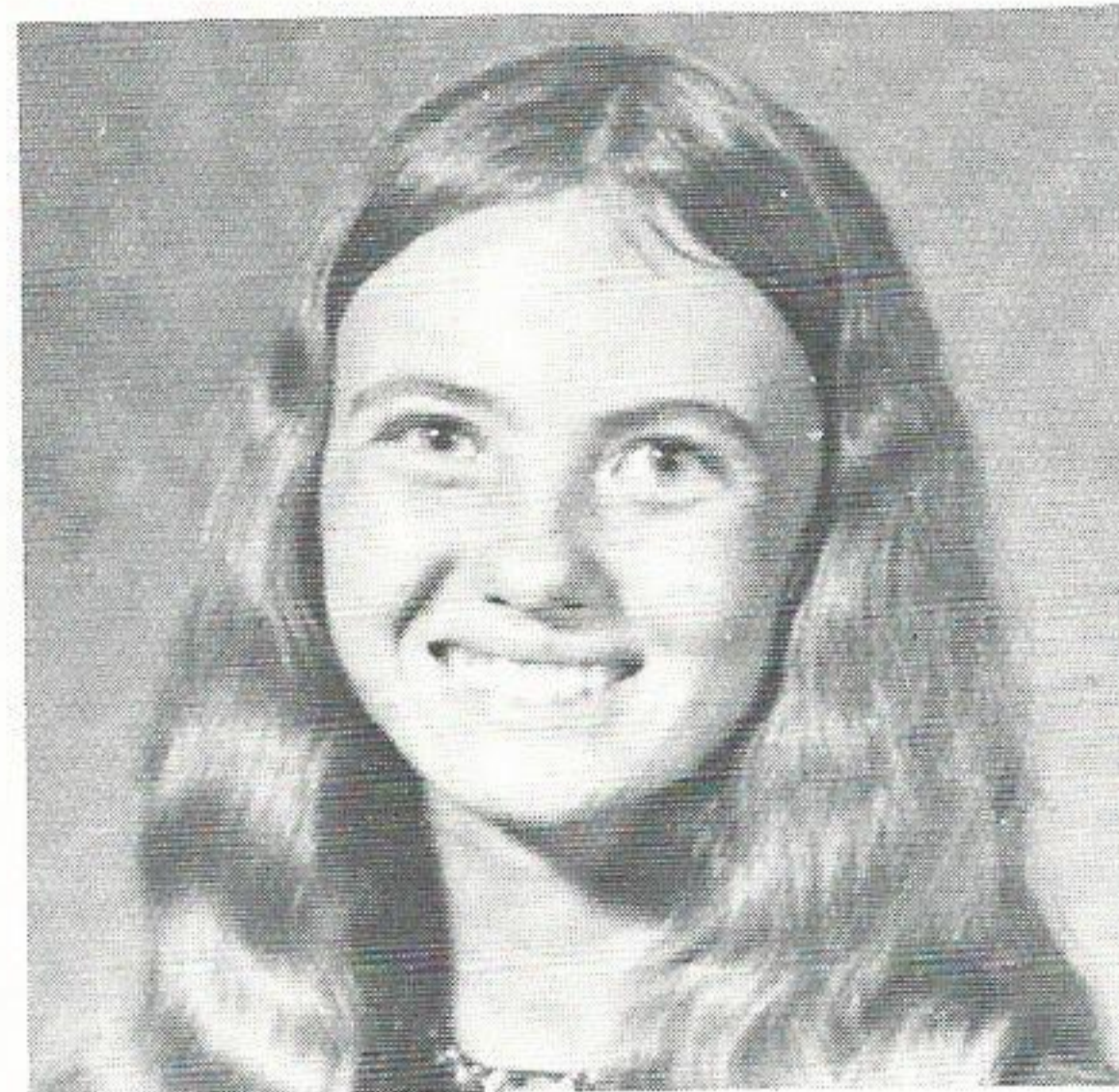
WOODVILLE: Alene Waggoner.

ZACHARY: Janette Lane.

(Editor's Note: If any of the above reporters are no longer reporting or with the company, we would appreciate knowing about it. This holds true also if any reporter's name has been omitted.)

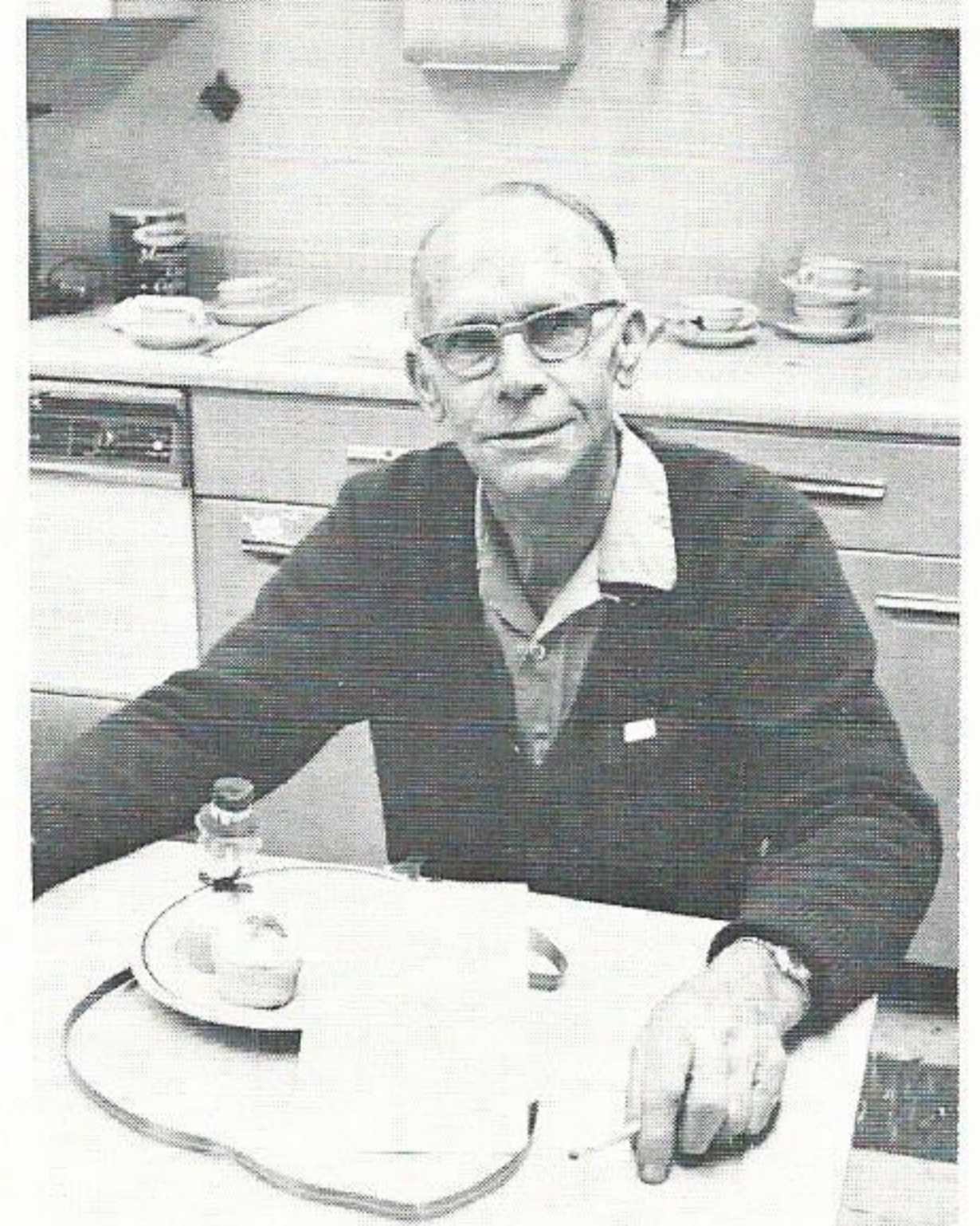


Dolph McKowen, commercial salesman and budding local radio personality, was interviewed recently by WJBO radio newsman Steve Ruppe. The interview was aired on the station's Topic program in connection with work Gulf States is undertaking as part of the downtown beautification program in Baton Rouge.



Lisa Gay Knoles, 14-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Knoles of Livingston, placed third in the subject of Algebra I while competing with approximately 60 other students in the District Literary Rally at SLU in Hammond. An honor student with a straight A average at Doyle High School, Lisa is active in many of the school's activities. Mr. Knoles is a line-man in the Denham Springs Service Center.

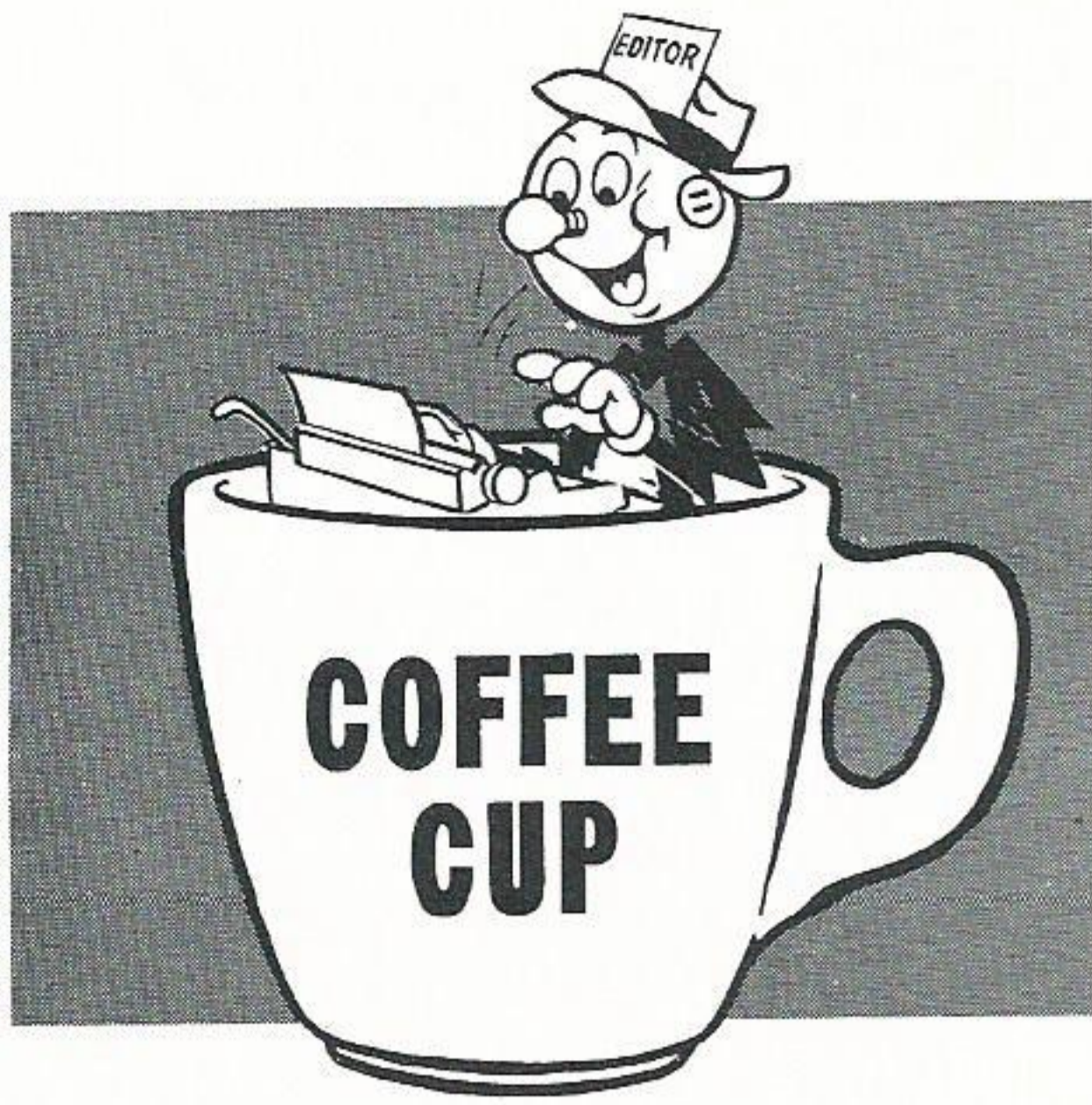
BEAUMONT DIVISION



Cornelius O'Brien, Planning Supervisor at Neches Station, was the guest of honor at a party held by the Neches office coffee gang on March 17. Shamrock cup cakes were served in honor of St. Patrick and the O'Brien Clan. "O'Bie" failed to wear his green tie, for the first time in many years, but was given a green shamrock to wear by his Superintendent, G. G. Hall.



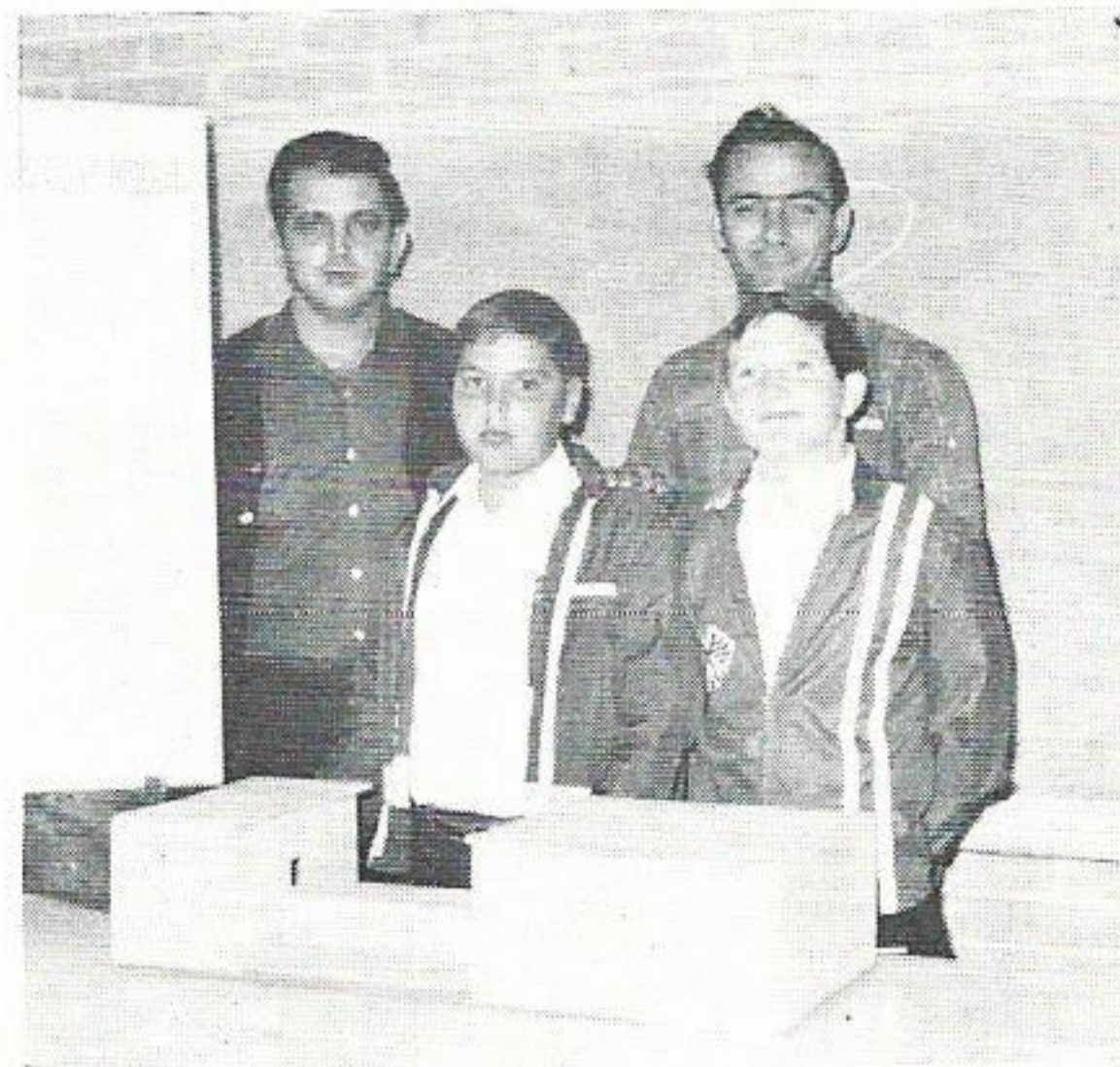
Jack Shirey, center background, his wife Majorie, and their son Jackie, left, were on hand recently to greet friends and well wishers who gathered in the Beaumont office to honor Mr. Shirey on his retirement. This was just one of several retirement parties held for the popular veteran who has worked with the company for 44 years.



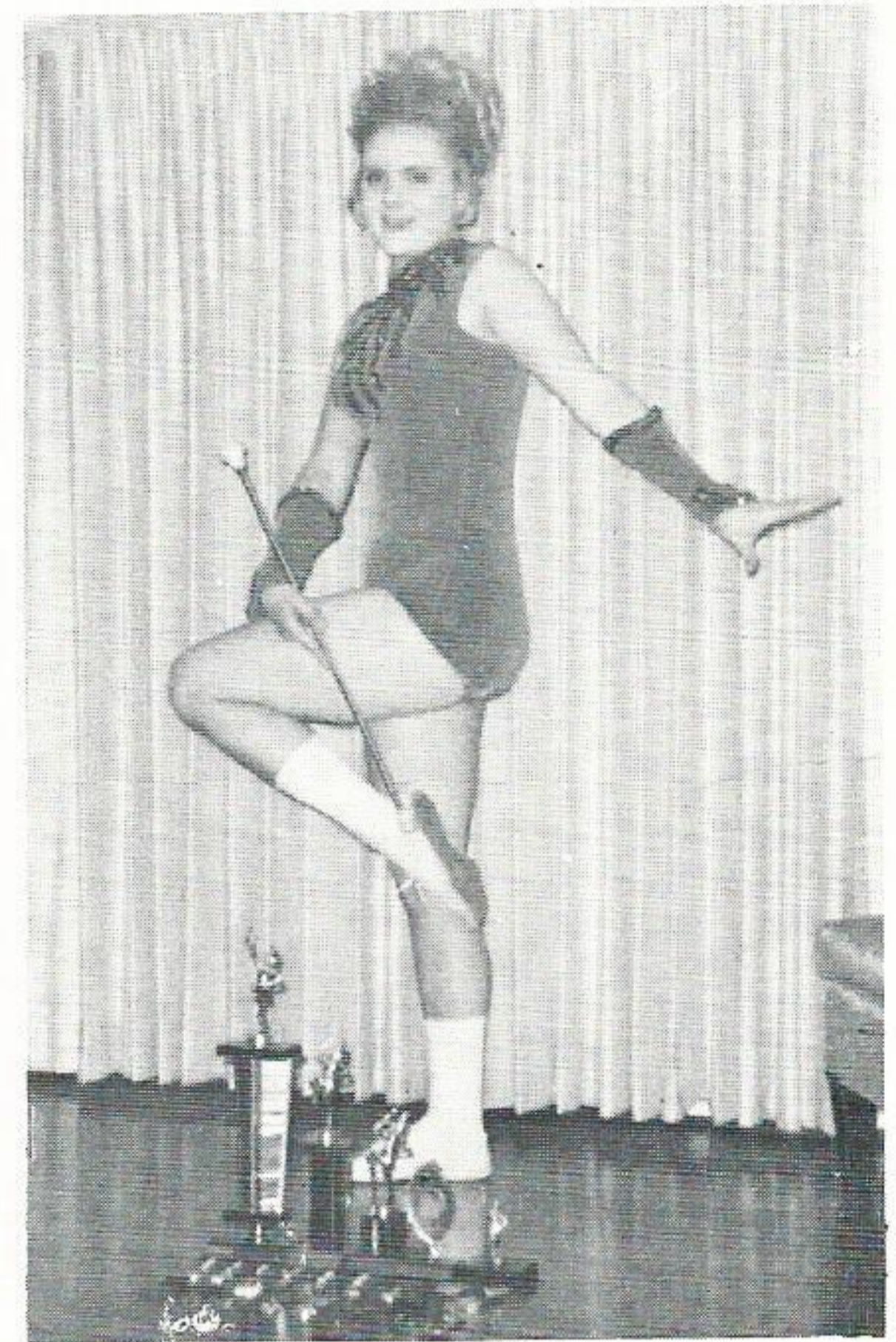
Donna Levine, left, and Cynthia Mickman pose with their advisor George Mickman after winning first place in the Senior Division in the Newton County 4-H Science Fair. Details in news section.



Pretty Carolyn DeRouen gets a friendly helping hand from her boss, Ray Clausen, during a surprise party held for her by her friends in the engineering department in Beaumont. The party was held in honor of her wedding to an area coach, James Thaggard. The newlyweds plan to set up house in Port Neches. Mrs. Thaggard was presented an electric frypan, (she admits she can't cook) and Mr. Clausen generously pointed out the top from the bottom to give her a helping hand.



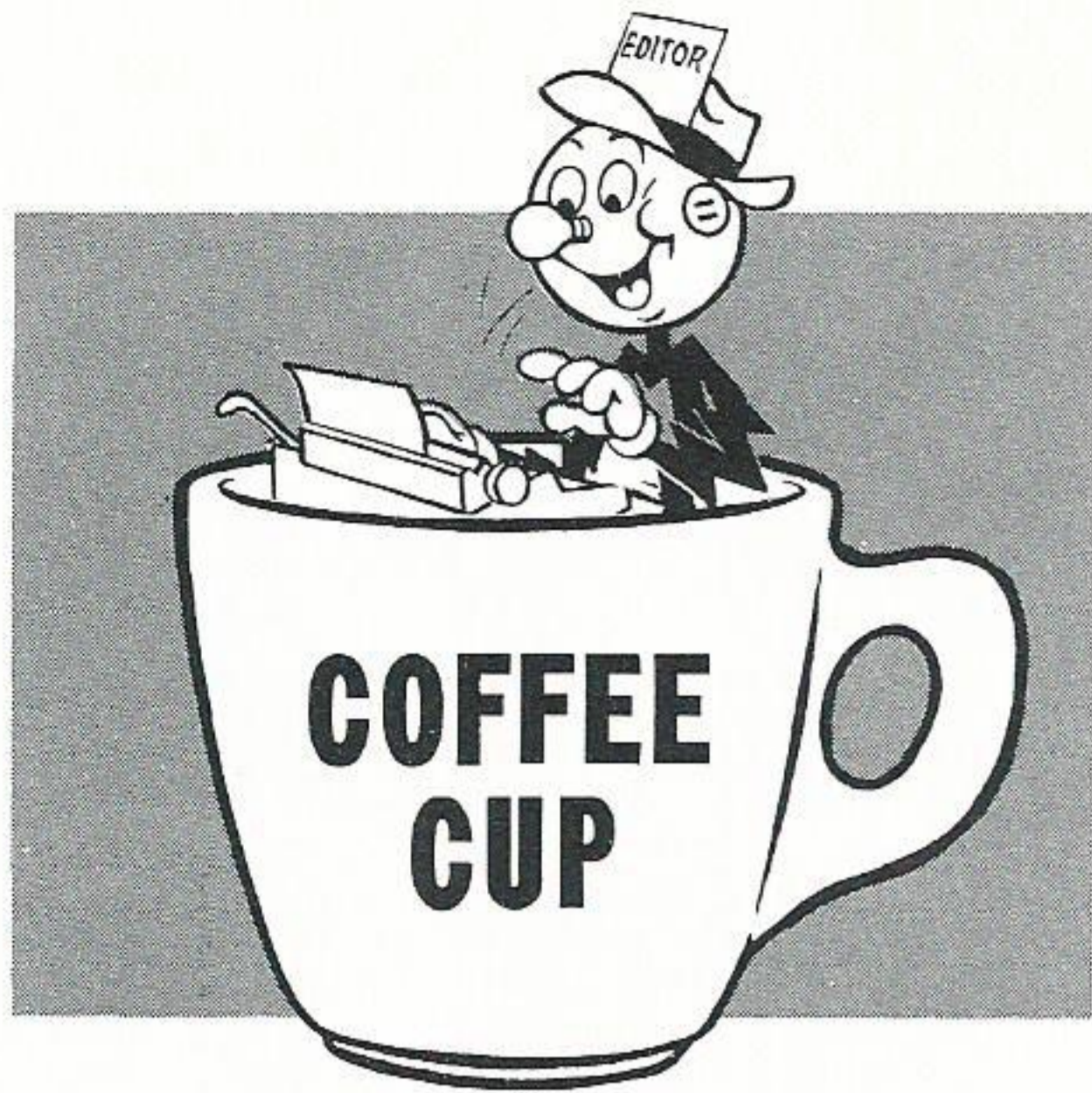
Ron Callihan, left and Paul Smith won first place in the Junior Division of the Newton County Science Fair with their electric eye burglar alarm. They pose with advisors George Mickman, left, and William B. Callihan. Details in news section.



March has been a busy month for Pat Lasyon, age 16, daughter of J. V. Lasyon, shift supervisor, Neches Station. Pat was named Grand Champion solo twirler at the YWCA twirling contest held in Port Arthur. She was also hostess for the new modern high-rise city hall opening in Port Arthur on March 13. She is a student at Bishop Byrne and a member of the Colleen Band. She was recently selected as head twirler by the Colleen Majorettes at Bishop Bryne.

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PORT ARTHUR DIVISION

WESTERN DIVISION



R. C. Perdue, center, and his wife Verma, were the guests of honor this past month at a retirement party held for Mr. Perdue in the Beaumont office. Ray Clausen, left, acting in behalf of the engineering department and friends of the honoree, presented Mr. Perdue a cashier's check as a highlight to this particular party.



Charles W. Bordeman is all set to enjoy a piece of cake during a going away party given to him by the office staff. Mr. Bordeman, formerly in accounting, Operations Department, was moved to General Accounting. On hand to make sure all went well were, left to right, Becky Young, Delores Frenzel, Sandra Conn, Edaleen Bean, Linda Jeffcoat and Marti Gowdy.



A farewell surprise party was given in Paril for Sandra Graves Kyle in the auditorium in Conroe. The honoree was recently married and had to leave the company when her husband was transferred. Sandra, a Home Service Advisor, received her gift, a gourmet frypan, from Vic Norvell, superintendent of sales in Conroe on behalf of all her friends.



Sons Billy, Daniel and wife Edna hold up a fine string of bass caught by Albert Singleton at the Lewis Creek Station recently. Albert, engineering assistant in Conroe, is keeping his fishing spot secret. When asked where he caught the fish he just says, "in the corner of the mouth." Judging by the string, it might just pay to have him followed one day.



Division sales personnel arranged for an impressive area development display, outlining the company's efforts to attract new industry, to be placed at the First National Bank of Port Neches during Texas Industrial Appreciation Week. Standing beside the exhibit are, from left, Gayle Stoute, division industrial engineer; Malcolm Williams, system area development director; R. A. McAlpine, division manager, and Jim Stelly, division sales superintendent. Mr. Williams was keynote speaker at a Port Neches Chamber of Commerce coffee for area industrial and civic leaders.

WEST INDIES



Word from Aruba and Curacao in the Dutch West Indies finds retired employee Clarence B. Barron having a great time relaxing in the sun and surf. C. B. ended his journey with a long jet flight home back to Texas Easter weekend.



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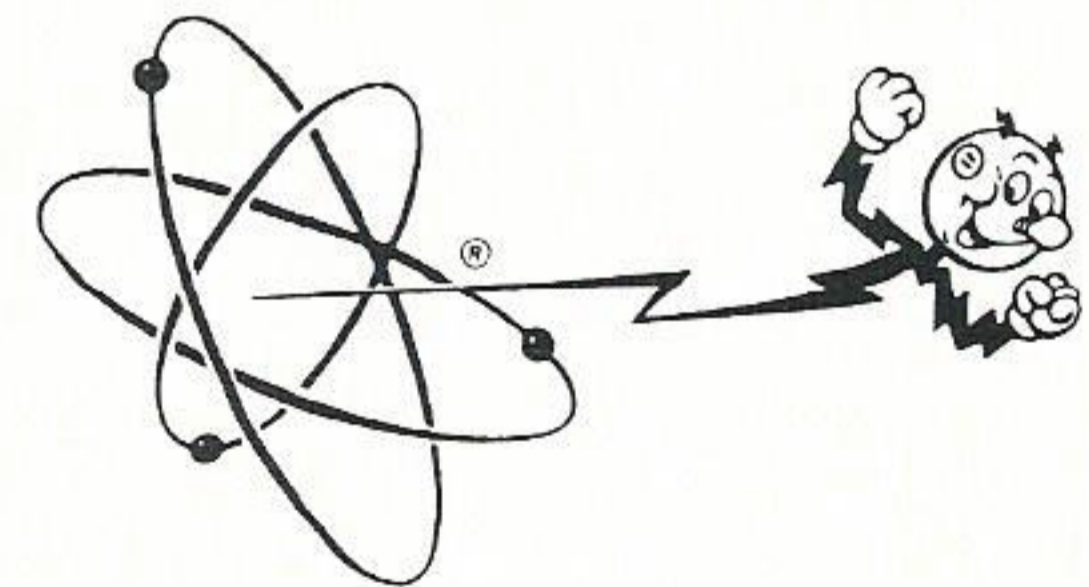
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DID YOU KNOW?

That a total of about one million kilowatts of atomic power capacity has been placed in operation, with one million more in an advanced stage of construction, and two and a half million more being designed?

When You Arrive
At the Scene of an Accident

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SAVE A LIFE?

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This is the fourth, and final, article of a series prepared by the American National Red Cross to give you some basic information about what to do when you arrive at the scene of an accident. We urge everyone to read these articles with care. As a result of the proper use of this information, you may save a life. These articles are not intended to replace first aid training. A first aid course will prepare you for the unusual and unexpected care you may have to give.

The preceding three articles have discussed the *immediate* steps which must be taken when one arrives at the scene of an accident on the highways if lives are to be saved or injuries minimized. The first of these was *protection* of the injured.

The second and third articles dealt with the two major life-threatening emergencies — massive bleeding and stoppage of breathing. When injuries involve either of these two emergencies, what is done within the first few minutes may determine whether a victim lives or dies.

This article will discuss:

- Protective transfer and rescue of the injured
- Care for burns
- Care for broken bones

It has been emphasized that first aid can and should be given to a victim inside a wrecked vehicle if he can be kept lying down in a comfortable position. If necessary, the air passage can be opened. Serious bleeding can be controlled. Fractures can be splinted.

However, there are some conditions which make removing the subject from the vehicle vitally necessary:

When there is moving traffic that cannot be stopped, when there is danger of fire, or when lifesaving first aid care cannot be provided, it is obvious that a seriously injured person must be moved to prevent additional injury.

In a critical emergency when you, alone, must drag a victim to safety, he should be pulled in the direction of the long axis of the body, not sideways. In cases where he must be lifted to safety, and assistance is available, several persons should help. Make every effort to support and immobilize the victim's arms and legs, head and back, in a straight line. *Never* jackknife his body by lifting him at the shoulders and knees. When possible a stretcher, backboard, or other rigid support should be used.

CARE FOR BURNS

Fires can break out after a crash from a ruptured gasoline tank or from other causes and a victim may suffer minor or extensive burns. To care for serious burns, cover the burned area *immediately* with a large, dry

cloth or dressing. It is better if the cloth is sterile to prevent further contamination. Add more layers of material (4 to 6) on top of the first one to cut off the air. This procedure will help to reduce the pain.

If the victim's face is burned, do not block his mouth or nose with the protective dressing. In the case of burns over a large body area, wrap the victim in towels, sheets, or blankets. Do not try to remove clothing that may be stuck to the burn, but be sure there is no smoldering cloth remaining in contact with the victim's body.

In some cases, the victim may have inhaled very hot air and his air passage and lungs may be damaged. He also may have stopped breathing. Open his air passage as was described in the third article, and use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, if necessary.

As in all cases of serious injury, keep the victim lying down, and prevent a large loss of body heat.

BROKEN BONES

A fracture, or broken bone, should be suspected when an area of the victim's body is painful, swollen, discolored or is not its normal shape. Broken bones in the neck or back (vertebrae) are extremely serious. Suspect such fractures if the victim complains of pains in these areas, or has a loss of feeling, or tingling, in the arms or legs. *Do not move this victim at all* unless it is necessary to do so to prevent additional serious injury from causes mentioned previously in this article. Moving him can cause damage to his spinal cord and result in paralysis, or even death.

Fractures can be closed (no wound opening between the skin and the bone) or open (with a bone protruding, or a wound between the skin and the fracture).

Prevent Movement

Keep broken bones immobilized. If an arm or leg has been fractured, keep the broken bone ends and the joints above and below the break from moving. Movement of jagged bone ends can cause additional damage to blood vessels, nerves, and muscle and skin tissues. Apply splints only if you intend to transport the victim. Otherwise, protect him by placing blankets, pillows, or clothing

materials along the side of the limb, or body, to prevent movement until the ambulance arrives. If a leg fracture is suspected, it can be immobilized by placing a tightly rolled blanket or pad between the legs and tying the legs together above and below the break. If an arm is broken, bind the arm to the chest in the position most comfortable for the injured person. Keep the victim lying down and care for shock.

And remember—if a victim *must* be moved to prevent additional serious injury, support the injured part so that *it does not bend or twist*.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE HOSPITAL

Ideally, transportation of an accident victim to the hospital should be done by ambulance. Seriously injured persons *should not* be transported in a sitting up position. Constant attention must be given to keeping an open air passage, bleeding wounds must be watched, and injured parts must be kept immobilized. Keep the victim lying down, and keep him covered to prevent a large loss of body heat. These first aid procedures are difficult to carry out in most passenger vehicles.

If it is necessary to transport a victim, an appropriate vehicle and a stretcher, cot or mattress should be used so that the victim can receive the continuing care mentioned and be protected from the aggravation of existing injuries. With rare exceptions, the drive to the hospital should be at a moderate speed, with gentle stops and starts, observing all traffic rules.

TO SUMMARIZE

- Do not move a seriously injured person unless absolutely necessary.
- In an emergency a victim may be transferred a short distance by pulling him in the direction of the long axis of the body.
- Cover burns to exclude air and prevent further contamination.
- Immobilize broken bones before moving the victim.
- Keep the seriously injured lying down and guard against a large loss of body heat.
- Always transport, when possible, by ambulance.

Helen Corbitt Recipes



The greatest discovery in kitchen aids since the self-cleaning oven or the trash compactor was in Beaumont in April. Helen Corbitt, noted food authority, cookbook author, and presently Neiman-Marcus food consultant, was guest demonstrator for the Food Fair sponsored by the Beaumont Women's Symphony League and Gulf States Utilities.

In a first-rate effort to support the Beaumont Symphony financially, the Women's League has organized a fabulous fair. For the audience's taste approval Miss Corbitt prepared many of her favorite published and unpublished recipes.

Specially autographed cookbooks were on sale at one of the many fair booths. Other booths showed well-known manufacturers' products, some not yet marketed in this area. There were representatives from Adams Extract, Corning Ware, Westinghouse, Hamilton Beach, Petite Marmite Gourmet Shop, and Antone's Imports of Houston. Reynolds Metal Company, makers of Reynolds Wrap, demonstrated a new, easy, and neat way to roast meat using their product.

PATE BEAU MONDE

Two, 3 oz. packages cream cheese
4 Tbsps cream
2 1/2 tsp. Beau Monde seasoning*
1/4 tsp. thyme, dried
1/4 tsp. marjoram, dried
1/4 tsp. summer savory, dried
2 Tbsps. parsley, finely chopped

Mix several hours before using, and serve with crackers or melba toast.

*Beau Monde seasoning is a Spice Islands product.

SPANISH GREEN BEANS

2 strips bacon, chopped
1/4 cup onion, chopped
2 Tbsps. green pepper, chopped
Fry in heavy skillet until bacon is crisp and onion and pepper are brown.
Add: 1 Tbsp. flour
Stir and Add:
2 cups canned tomatoes, drained
1 cup canned green beans, drained
Salt and Pepper to taste

Place in a casserole and bake electrically at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 4.

MORNAY SAUCE

1/4 lb. butter
1 Cup flour
4 Cups milk
2 lbs. Velveeta cheese
1 Can beer
Yields: 1 1/2 Quarts

CHICKEN TETRAZZINI

2 cups Mornay Sauce
1 1/2 quarts cooked spaghetti, washed and drained
1/2 cup fresh mushrooms
2 cups medium cream sauce
4 cups chicken
1/4 cup dry sherry
Mix together and pour into a well-buttered shallow casserole. Cover generously with Parmesan cheese, sprinkle lightly with paprika, and bake electrically at 350 degrees until brown and bubbly. Vary it by using toasted almonds in place of mushrooms. Serves 8.

MEDIUM CREAM SAUCE

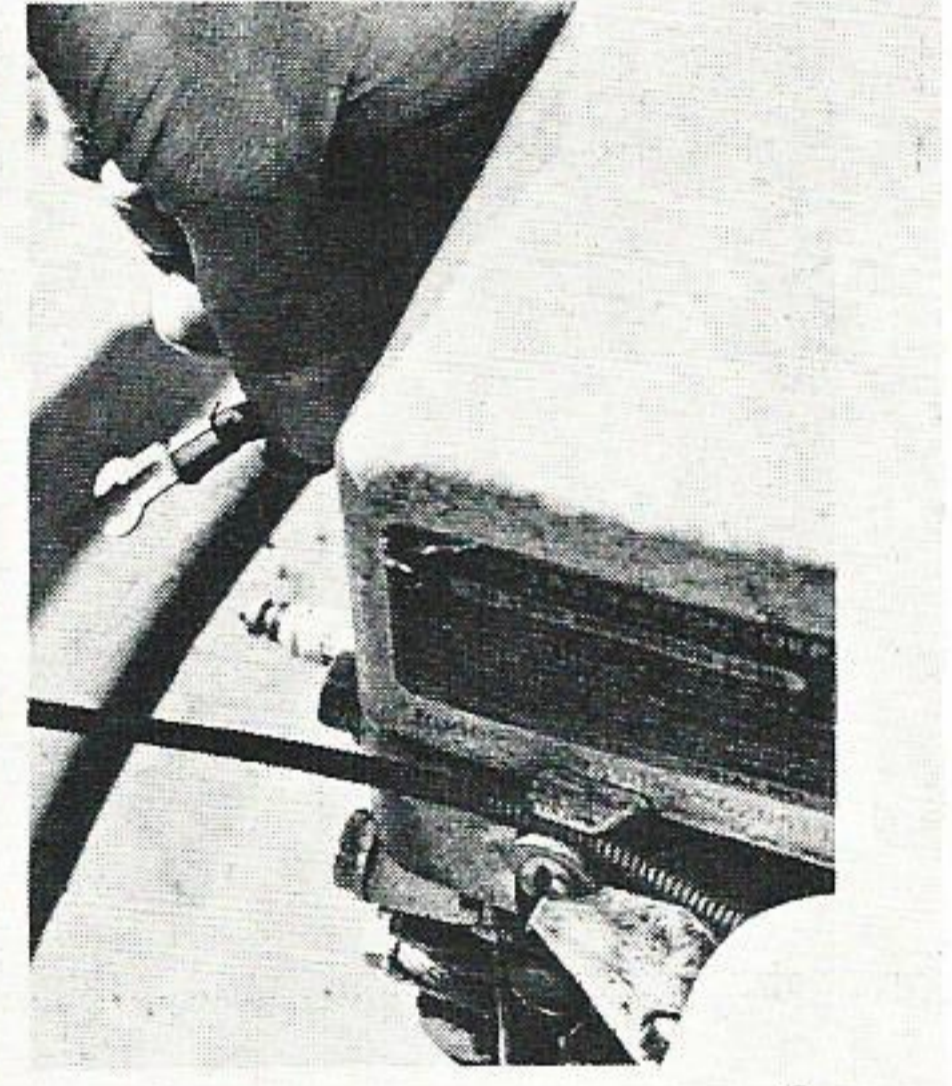
2 Tbsps. butter
2 Tbsps. flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup milk
Melt butter in saucepan on medium heat, add flour and salt and cook until bubbly. Slowly add milk and stir briskly. Cook until thick and smooth, stirring occasionally.

LEMON ANGEL PIE

4 egg whites
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
3/4 cup sugar
Beat egg whites until frothy. Add cream of tartar. Continue beating, gradually adding the sugar until the mixture is stiff. Spread in a 9 inch pie pan ungreased and bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour.
Mix: 6 egg yolks
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
Add: 3 Tbsps. orange juice
3 Tbsps. lemon juice
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
Cook over hot water until thick. Cool and spread over top of the baked meringue. Cover with whipped cream and toasted slivered almonds.

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That Time Of Year



- 1) Before starting the engine of your power lawn mower, be sure you know the controls -- and make certain that self-propelled mowers are not in gear.
- 2) Stop the engine and always disconnect the spark plug wire before cleaning or making adjustments. It's also a good idea to leave the wire disconnected during storage to help prevent accidental starts by inquisitive youngsters.
- 3) Refueling a power lawn mower while it is running or even while the engine is hot can cause fire or explosion. Wait for the engine and muffler to cool, then always refill out of doors where gasoline vapors can escape harmlessly.

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