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**System Garage**

**... Saving time and money**



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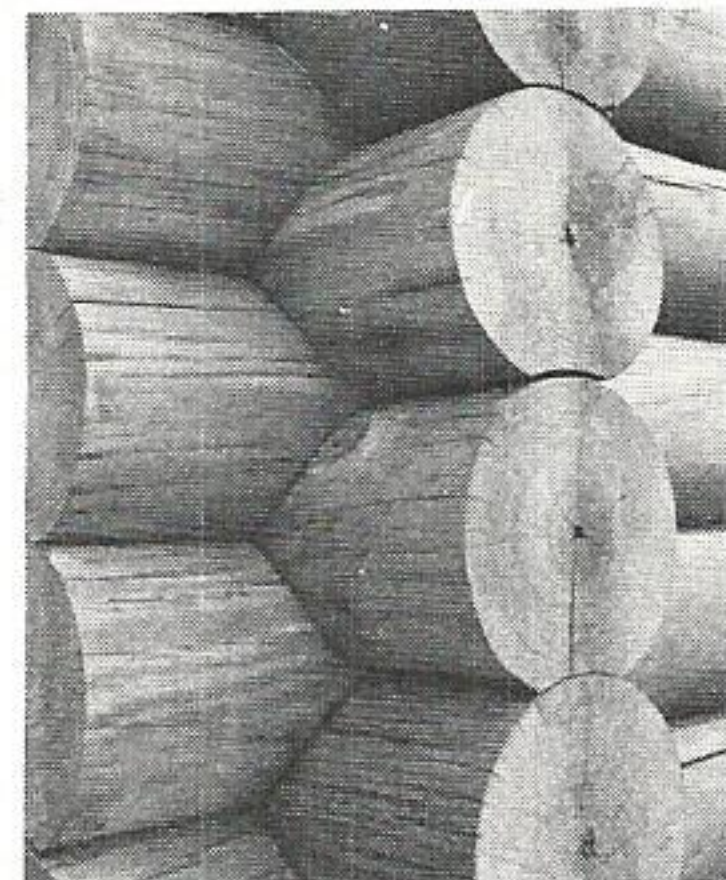
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 **Houston**



**Much of Ivy Gore's time is spent behind the welder's mask. Sub-frame work and special modifications make welding a necessity for the job.**





# System Garage Doing Turn Key Job

**“An innovative replacement process  
decreases down time and saves money”**

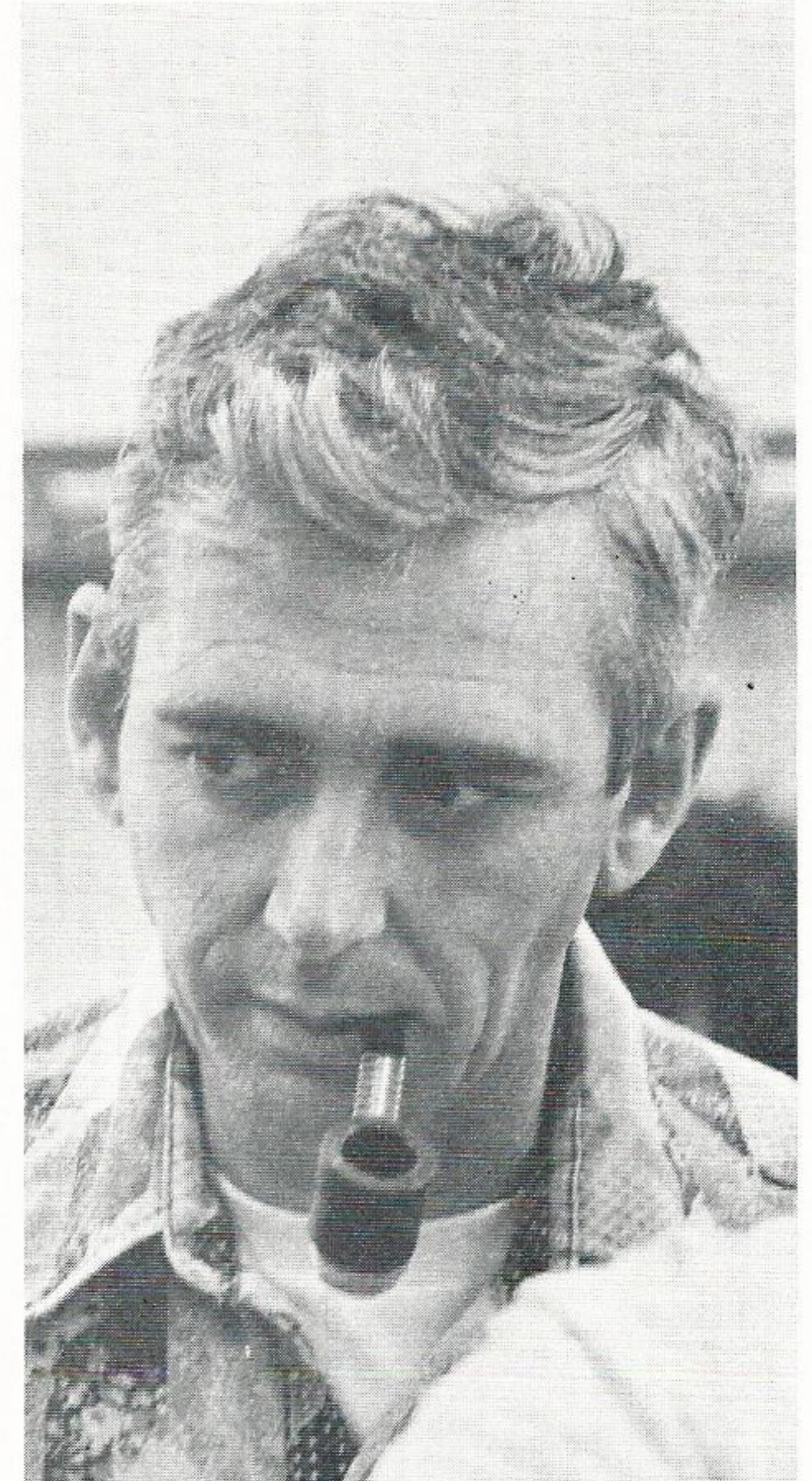
It could be that no one in the System Garage in Lake Charles can quote you words of Plato, but the wise old Greek's philosophy is alive and well in the work that is being turned out there . . . “Necessity is the mother of invention.” And in this case it's saving Gulf States something on the order of four to six thousand dollars every five and a half weeks. That is how long it takes to turn an old line truck into a shining new work vehicle for use in the field.

It used to be that when one division had gotten all it could from a line truck, usually five to eight years worth of service, the truck would be turned in and replaced by another. Only in some cases that replacement didn't come for six or eight months, and even as long as a year. Since division service is heavily dependent on these vehicles, and since the divisions don't have that many to begin with, loss of a line truck for a lengthy period of time is a critical situation.

To solve that problem the Lake Charles Division began experimenting on their own by trying to overhaul their trucks and equipment in-shop. Instead of sending the truck out to a contractor, company mechanics overhauled all hydraulics, took line bodies off old cabs and chassis, and remounted them on new cabs and chassis. It didn't take very long to realize that this was saving them considerable money. The idea was formulated to do this on a system basis, with each division scheduling times to turn in trucks for overhaul.

On June 1, 1977, the System Garage formally opened its doors and success has been almost immediate.

“Since we've been open,” said Pat Moore, shop foreman, “we have turned out nine units. And if you figure that each unit we do saves the company between four and six thousand dollars, say five on the average, that's \$45,000 saved in nine months. And that's not bad.”



**Pat Moore, a native of Jennings, is a 17 year veteran of the company. He was promoted to shop foreman of the System Garage in September, 1977.**



Painting a large line truck with its hydraulics can be a big job. Line trucks used to be repainted every three or four years, but now, with a new DuPont polyurethane mixture the trucks need painting only once every eight years. Chad Dean, helper, puts the finishing touch on a division truck.

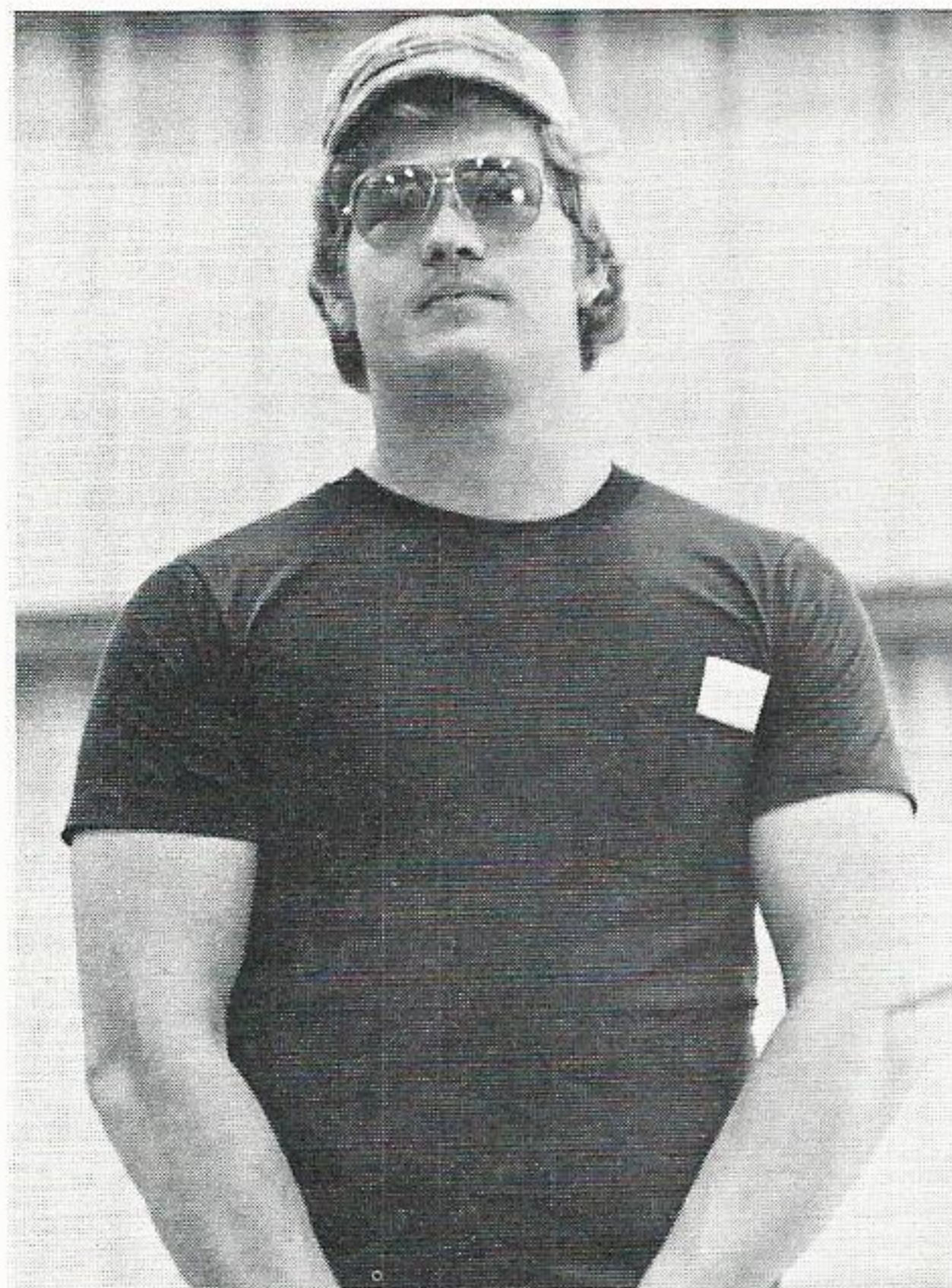








## System Garage . . .



Kent Guy is the newest member of the System Garage team.

Pete Carney, transportation superintendent, verifies those estimates. The system garage is one of his chief sources of pride. "There is no question that this service, on a system level, is more than paying for itself in terms of money saved, time in the field saved, and in better service to our customers as a result."

A line truck, explained Moore, has a average life of about eight years. "In the past," he said, "a truck would come in to a division garage somewhere and be sent off to sell or trade by the contractor. Eventually a new truck would come in as a replacement. But that sometimes took up to a year . . . six months on the aver-

age. A division just can't go that long a truck short, and certainly not two trucks short."

Under the new system as explained by Moore, a truck in for overhaul is first stripped of all hydraulics, line bodies and accessories until just the cab and chassis remain. The cab and chassis then are sent off for sale or trade against a new cab and chassis. The refurbished equipment is then replaced on the new cab and chassis. But at this point comes a major difference.

Since all trucks in the system are now scheduled, Moore and his crew of Larry Guillory (Mechanic First Class), Ivy Gore (Mechanic Third Class), and Kent Guy (Helper), know when the trucks are due and have already obtained the cab and chassis. A unique sub-frame, designed and manufactured in the garage, is placed on the frame of the chassis and bolted into place. It makes a frame on a frame. Onto this sub-frame is welded the line bodies and hydraulics which have all been thoroughly cleaned and inspected. All parts not meeting company specs are replaced. The result is virtually a new line truck, but with overhauled equipment which has been made as good as new, and in some cases better than new with modifications. The newly equipped and painted truck is then sent into the Lake Charles Division where it is tested on the

job for two weeks. After that time it is brought back and bugs, if any, are ironed out. The truck is then sent back to the division from whence it came.

"By overhauling and transferring the hydraulics ourselves we can do the job faster and with a minimum of down time. It has worked extremely well so far and we've had few, if any, complaints." Another feature of this unique service is added safety.

Moore explained that the sub-frame has been designed to meet criteria deemed necessary by line crews of GSU who use the trucks. Their suggestions, based on field work, has led to many modifications not available on factory vehicles. "In fact," said Moore, "we have been visited by manufacturing representatives to see and inspect our sub-frame so that they can go back and produce these same frames as regular equipment from now on. That's about the highest praise you can get."

To date the System Garage has been producing units on the average of one every five to six weeks. With added help Moore anticipates that the garage will now be able to turn out a unit every two and a half weeks. "We have some 27 trucks now scheduled for our garage through May of 1979. We are trying to schedule it so that no one division has more than one truck at a time in here. The hardest part of all this



is keeping ahead of needed parts. We are trying to inventory enough parts to take care of nine trucks. That is nine trucks ahead. This is necessary because of the lead time you need to get the parts from the manufacturers.”

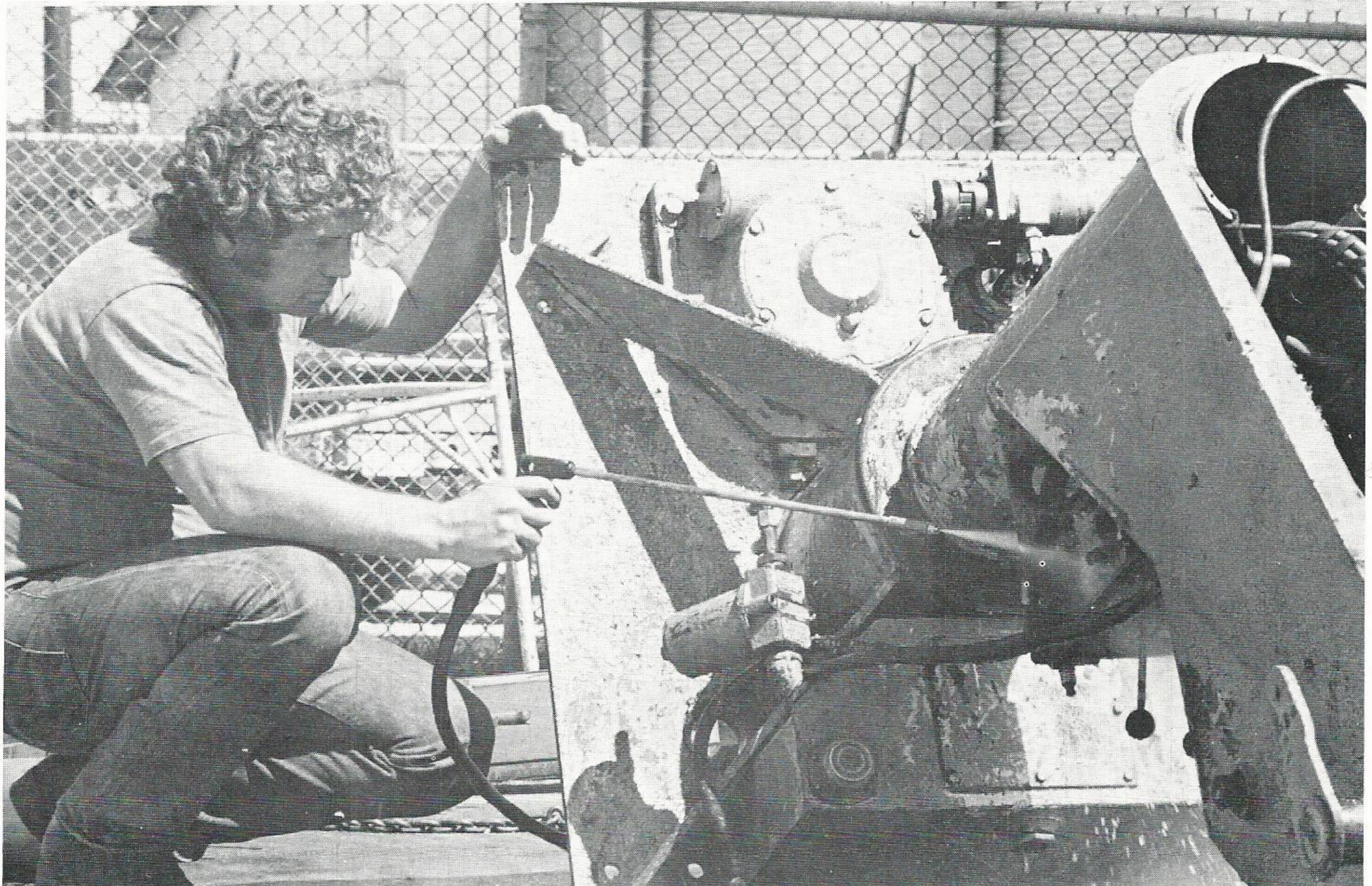
In addition to overhaul and transfer, painting is also done at this time. A new non-porous DuPont polyurethane paint is used. It costs a little more but the result is worth it. “The paint keeps its shine and is much more weather resistant. Now when we

do a paint job, it lasts for about eight years instead of three years. That’s a pretty good savings too when you realize that painting a truck costs approximately \$700-\$800,” Moore said.

Eighteen trucks from throughout the divisions will be sent to the Lake Charles System Garage during 1978. When work is completed and the trucks are driven back to the field, T&D can be assured the vehicles can do the job. “We know they are depending on us out there to give them the

best we’ve got. That’s what we intend to do.”

Larry Guillory, garage mechanic first class, administers a high pressure hot water scrubbing to some recently removed hydraulic equipment. “This is one of the first jobs we do after removing the hydraulics from trucks to be replaced.”









**Dateline:**

# **SOUR LAKE**

**In its heyday the town was described as a city with five churches and 75 saloons**

During 1977 TEXACO began a series of national advertising spots that not only helped to tell the story of one of America's largest oil companies, but also focused attention on a small town in southeast Texas where the Texas Company brought in its first producing oil well. Bob Hope, standing on an oil rig in the Gulf, tells the national audience that this great company began with a gusher in Sour Lake, Texas. TEXACO is still there in Sour Lake, and so are five people who represent Gulf States Utilities.

"Of course none of us were around in 1903 when the Texas Company brought in that first well, but TEXACO is still very much a part of our lives, and is the largest customer GSU has in this area," said Charles McManus, district superintendent of Sour Lake-Hull. "There is still plenty of drilling activity in the Sour Lake field, and they are still finding oil there and re-servicing old wells."

The Sour Lake of 1978 is a far cry from the Sour Lake of the early 1900's. Back then, when oil fever was at its height, the population of the community grew to over 75,000. Most of the folks were there to get rich quick. As one historian of the town said, "It was a city of five churches and 75 saloons."

Gulf States first acquired an office there back in 1917, near the end of the boom days. GSU, as a company, wasn't around then, but Western Public Service Company was, and it later was incorporated into the Gulf States family in 1925.

Gulf States today in Sour Lake is manned by McManus, who is actually in charge of two offices, the other one being located at Hull. With McManus in Sour Lake is Helen Cunningham, clerk, David Lee, serviceman first class, Bobby LeBurke, serviceman first class, and Richard "Dickey" Studensky, meter reader.

"I moved here with my father in 1942, and joined GSU in 1943," Cunningham said. "When I started here I think the company had about 700 customers on the books. Now we have about 2000, and we have new subdivisions going up just down the road that will add more people."

Studensky is one man who can quickly tell you the area is growing. "When you read meters for a living," he said, "you find out fast how quickly an area is growing. Just reading the Pine-wood development takes a full day." But Studensky isn't complaining too much. He calls Sour Lake home and is proud of it.

The Sour Lake office covers a fairly large area, and Lee and

Electricity has played a big role in the history of Sour Lake. The local office is manned by these five GSUers. Standing, left to right, Charles McManus, superintendent, Dickey Studensky and Helen Cunningham. Bottom, left to right, David Lee and Bobby LeBurke.



# Sour Lake . . .

LeBurke spend a lot of time on the road with service calls of one kind or another. "It's almost like being a doctor," said Lee, "I'm on call day or night." But both Lee and LeBurke admit it's not really that bad a deal. It's like being part of a large family where you know everybody and everybody knows you. It doesn't take very long in talking with them over a cup of coffee at the Rebel Inn to learn that they enjoy their town and their work.

About the only thing the Sour Lake gang would change if they had a choice would be their office building. It's actually an old frame house they moved into temporarily, 22 years ago along Highway 105. "The company is aware of our situation," said McManus, "and they have told us new office space is coming. It's just a question of finances. Right now money is tight all over. We just have to wait our turn."

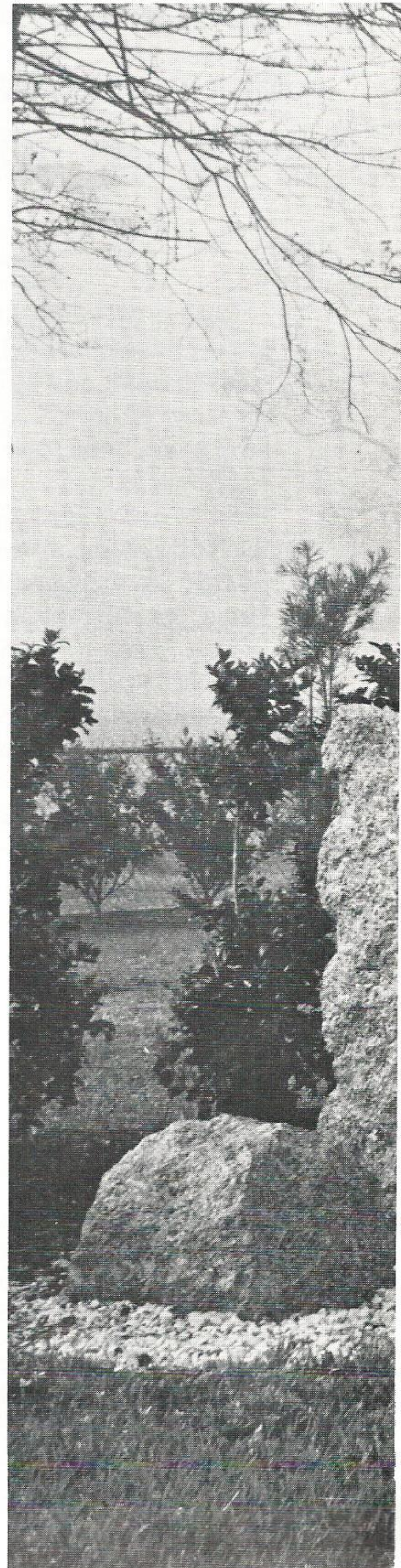
One of the frequent questions asked by people not familiar with Sour Lake is how, or why, would anybody name a town such an uncomplimentary name.

"Well it really isn't uncomplimentary at all," said McManus. "The name comes from a series of natural water springs that

were in the area. The Indians, way back when, discovered the seven springs and found them to be sour in taste, but very good for the health when bathed in. As time passed the springs were commercialized much like Hot Springs, Ark. Famous and wealthy people came from all over to bathe in the waters. And interestingly enough, each spring allegedly was a different degree of sourness. Hence, Sour Lake, Texas."

There is little evidence today that remains of Sour Lake the health spa. Its glory days came in the middle and late 1800's before the oil discoveries of Spindletop and Sour Lake made all else far less important. And though time has all but erased the memory of the springs, Sour Lake itself is assured a place in the history of the petroleum industry. A lot has happened since the Texas Company's No. 3 well struck black gold just over 1000 feet down on that cold January day back in 1903. And its 5000 barrels a day production was just the beginning.

"I was born and raised here," said Lee, "and I'm mighty glad to be back here." That seems to be the opinion of most everybody who lives there.





Almost as famous as Spindletop, this monument is in honor of the very first 'successful' well completed by the Texas Company (TEXACO). The well was brought in at 5000 barrels a day in January of 1903. Helen Cunningham, clerk, says "TEXACO" is still finding oil out here."





## Crawford Named Man of the Year

W. Donham Crawford, chairman of the board-elect and chief executive officer of the company, has been named the Electric Industry Man of the Year by readers of the Electric Light & Power Magazine. Crawford received his award, at a ceremonial dinner held in Chicago, from EL&P Editor-In-Chief Robert A. Lincicome.

Crawford becomes only the third person to win this award. The other two were Donald Cook, former chairman of AEP in 1976, and Thomas Ayers, chairman of Commonwealth Edison.

The new CEO of GSU was cited for his high caliber leadership of the Edison Electric Institute during the past nine years. EL&P, in its April, 1978 issue, said, "During those years (that Crawford headed EEI) the electric power industry sailed through some of its stormiest waters and Don Crawford helped make the passage a lot smoother than it might have been otherwise. He showed foresight in efforts to centralize the investor-owned electric utility industry's national communications program."

The magazine went on to point out that Crawford intends to remain in the thick of the debate on energy issues, especially those pertaining to electric utilities.

The magazine also carries a two page interview with Crawford wherein the man talks of accomplishments made by EEI, but more important, the goals still to be attained by the industry and by separate investor-owned companies such as our own.

"Of course the president of EEI is the national spokesman for the industry. Everybody understands that," said Crawford. "But I hope to do the same kinds of things down here and to always be available. Gulf States has nothing to hide, just like EEI had nothing to hide.

"I want to be able to communicate, on a very open basis, all the things that affect this company so we can get on with the job of providing all the electric power that this region needs."

One of the most crying needs that face this country and the industry is a strong energy policy. In the interview Crawford strikes out at the lack of positive action on the part of Washington to formulate such a plan. "There is almost a universal recognition of the need to move strongly toward the use of coal and nuclear with the Congress, administration and industry recognizing that need. But both the legislative and executive branches of government support legislation and regulations which make it impossible to move in that direction. At a time when the administration is calling for us to use more coal, it supports the surface mining act and the latest turn of the screw on the Clean Air Act which, while these things are difficult to quantify, will surely have the effect of making it more difficult to use more coal."

And Crawford goes on to say that the President has recognized the need for light water reactors and has called for improvement in licensing procedures which now require 12 years of lead time to get a plant on line. But nothing has reached the Congress as yet to speed these things along.

He thinks that some of Carter's appointees, those with anti-nuclear backgrounds, apparently are influential enough to prevent the proper course from being taken.

"I hope disaster doesn't have to come knocking on our door before the nation's ready to act. I hope the guy in the street doesn't wait until he sees that his electric power supply is going to be inadequate or so high priced that he can't afford it before he gives his elected officials a clear message to give the power industry some help."







**Jack Worthy**  
VP-Public Affairs

## Jack Worthy To Head Public Affairs Dept.

Jack Worthy, formerly vice president, Baton Rouge Division, has been named vice president of Public Affairs. The appointment became effective April 1. Worthy will also continue to serve as vice president, Baton Rouge Division, until his successor there is named.

As vice president of Public Affairs, Worthy will be in charge of public relations activities, including employee and public information programs and advertising, as well as coordinating liaison with local, state and federal governmental bodies for the two-state corporate system.

In making the announcement W. Donham Crawford, chief executive officer said, "The newly-created corpor-

ate office will consolidate these related functions under a single corporate officer and enable us to communicate more effectively with the many segments of the public concerned with our activities."

Worthy's principal office for the new position will be in Baton Rouge.

A native of St. Joseph, La., Worthy joined the company in 1956 in Beaumont and was transferred to Baton Rouge later that same year. He served as assistant director of advertising and director of community relations until 1968 when he was promoted to assistant to the vice president and manager of the company's natural gas operations.

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## Leasure's Idea Pays Off

A temporary emergency warning system has been developed by a mechanic first class in Beaumont that is successfully giving motorists a needed extra caution signal that work is being carried on below the streets.

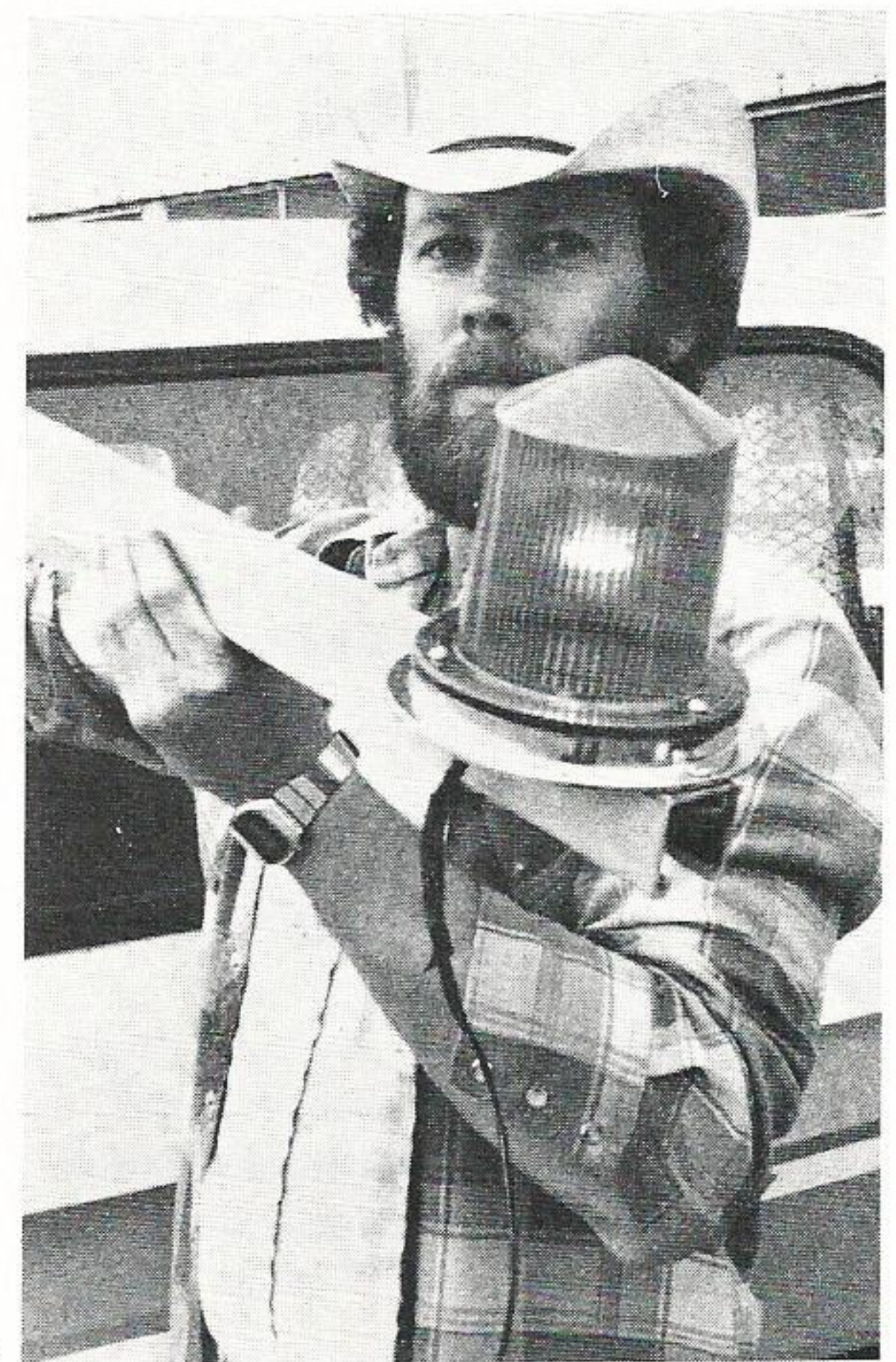
"Even though barricades are placed around all manholes that we are working in," said Dave Leasure, the man who invented the warning system, "these extra lights reduce the possibility that a motorist might not see the normal barricades and signals we have. It's an extra measure of safety that might keep someone from driving his car through our barricades and injuring one of us."

The device developed by Leasure consists of two flashing lights, mounted on a

six foot bar that is placed over the cab of a car or truck. It is similar to the light system of police cars. The bar has magnets welded on each end which hold it to the metal of the cab, and the electricity for running the lights comes from the cigarette lighter receptacle.

"This is not intended to be a substitute or replace existing warning systems we use, but in addition to our other signals. We can't see them from inside a manhole, but maybe they can see us a little better now."

The Safety Department agrees and has recommended this device on all company vehicles engaged in this kind of job. For his idea, Leasure was awarded 5,000 safety certificate points.



**David Leasure**



# Log Cabin Living Ain't What It Used To Be

Old Abe Lincoln would have thought it a mansion, and judging by the visitors that stop by almost daily, the Debbie and Emmitt McAdams home being constructed just outside Baton Rouge is drawing similar responses from folk today in this 20th century world.

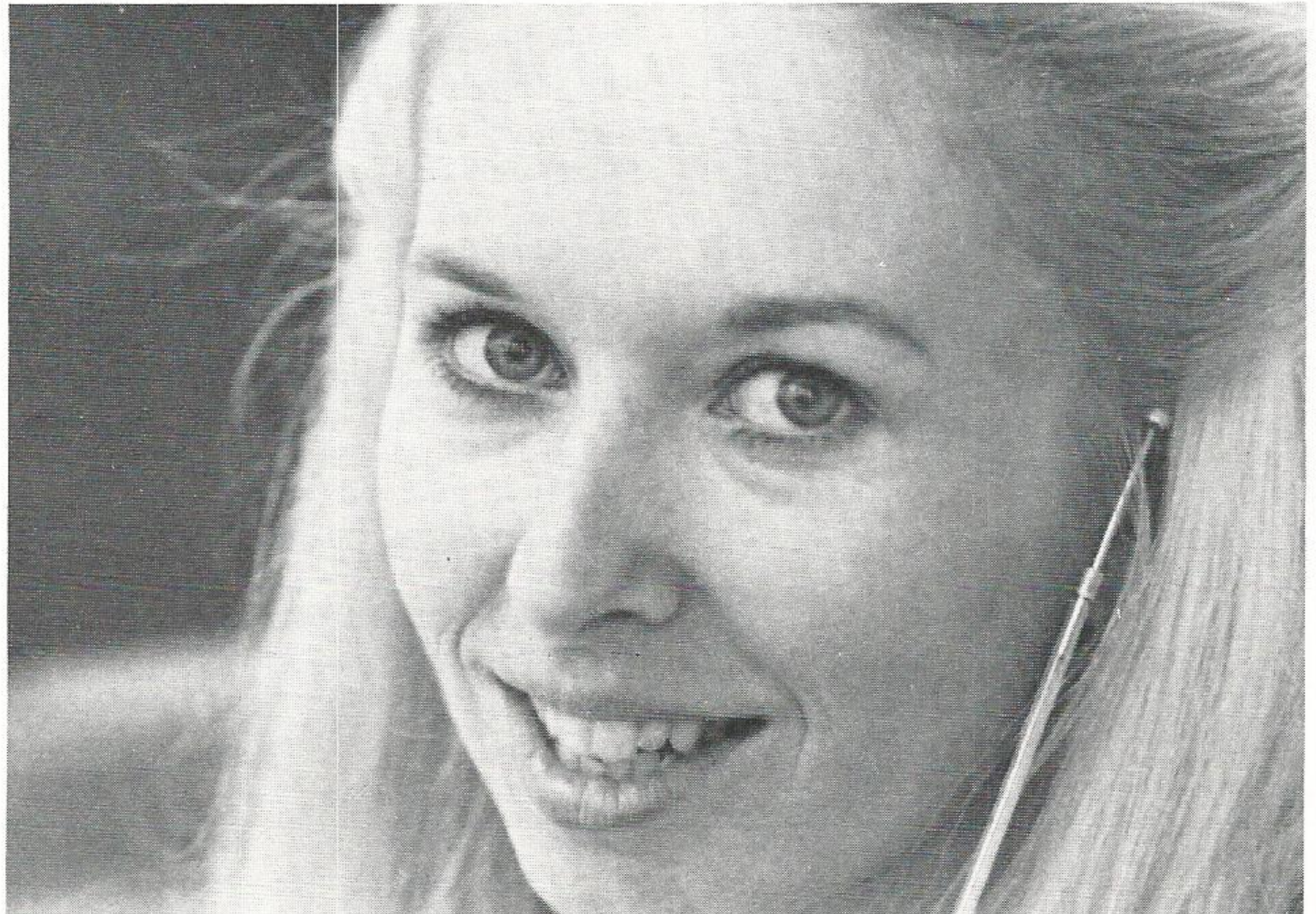
The McAdams' home became a showplace from almost the moment it was started. It created excitement initially when McAdams received the first building permit for a log cabin ever issued by the City-Parish government of East Baton Rouge. But the real excitement comes when talking with the McAdams about their "dream home."

"We wanted something different," said Debbie, clerk in the Accounting Department in Baton Rouge, "and I think we've got it."

Though rustic in nature there is nothing "backwoods" about the home. When completed it will have 3000 square feet of living area, three bedrooms, a wet bar, central air and heat, two baths, playroom, kitchen, dining room and den. A towering cathedral ceiling will hover over the 21x43 foot living room. At one end of the large room is a huge stone fireplace made of Ozark rock hauled by the McAdams themselves from Arkansas. An exposed staircase leads to the second level where an exposed bannister has been constructed the length of the house overlooking the living room. The house features a front porch and a back porch, and is being roofed with authentic wood shingles.

"We've also planned to use 100-year old cypress planks for the interior walls, the floors will be of oak," said Debbie. She is also proud of a big 12 foot porcelain bathtub, an antique in its own right. "We also will have a 100 gallon aquarium," she said smiling.

Emmitt, a contractor and constructor of tennis courts (M&S Construction Company), is building the house himself with able help from Debbie and their four children, Freeman, Wesley, Todd and Telly.



**Debbie McAdams**

Why a log house? "For one thing," said Emmitt, "logs are 60 percent more efficient to heat and cool than another building material. Plus, we looked around a lot and found that to build this same house, say of brick, would cost us approximately \$70,000. I should be able to complete this one for about \$21,000. Another reason is that I didn't want this house to look like just another house. And it won't."

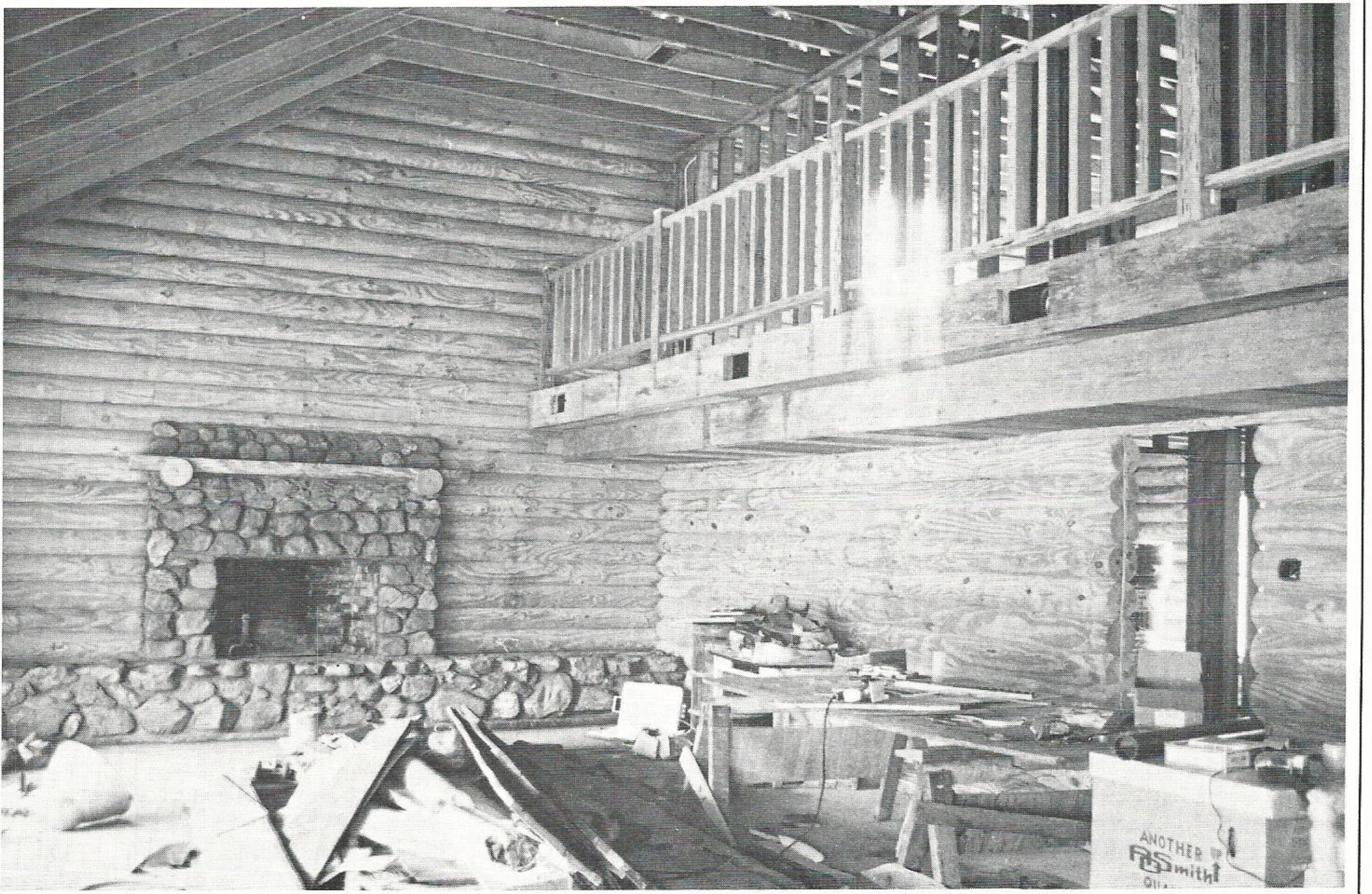
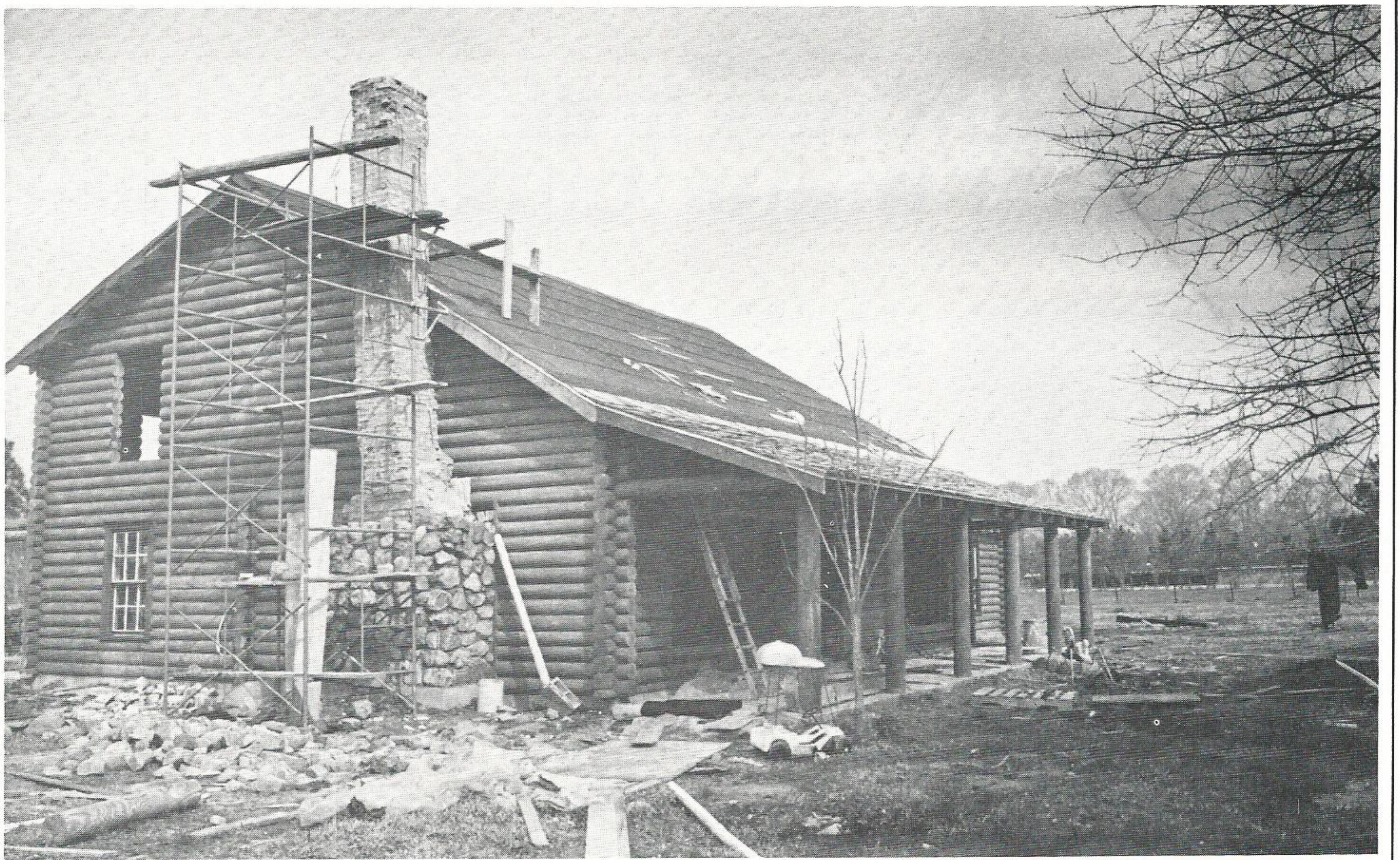
The log house dream began while reading a magazine said Debbie. They were pondering just what they did want when they saw an article on building modern log cabins with pre-cut logs. A little checking sent the McAdams to Jim Hood, Holden, La. Emmitt already had plans for the house drawn, and told Hood what size to cut the logs. The total price for the logs came to \$7,800. Now all Emmitt had to do was put them together. "You could say it was similar to a king sized lincoln log set," said Debbie.

McAdams poured his slab, did the plumbing, ran the wiring and individu-

ally placed each log in its place. "I've never attempted to build a house before," said McAdams to a local newsmen, "but a man can do anything if he wants to bad enough." The McAdams family hoped to be in the house by Christmas, 1977, but it hasn't turned out that way. Running his business takes him around the state and doesn't leave much time except for weekends to spend with his house. But now that the exterior of the house is basically finished, the rest will fall in place.

"You should have seen him and his friends trying to muscle those logs into place," Debbie said. "Some of those logs weighed 175 pounds each, and they had to be lifted upwards of 25 feet at several points." But it was a labor of love and the soreness of muscles the next day had to be offset by the satisfaction of knowing that, by golly, it won't be long now. By next Christmas, you can safely bet that the McAdams family will be fully settled on their six acres of land near the Comite River in a home style that has defied the sands of time.







# Meter Reader Comes to the Rescue; Saves Life of Woman Attacked by Youths



Shirley Kennedy, Norman Lee

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He has served as vice president of the Baton Rouge Division since 1971.

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Worthy has completed the Edison Electric Institute Graduate Management Course and the Public Utility Executive Program, University of Michigan.

Active in community affairs, Worthy was recently elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Baton Rouge General Hospital.

He is a member of the board of directors of City National Bank. He has served as president of the Greater Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce, president of Inter-Civic Club Council, president of City Club of Baton Rouge, president of the Baton Rouge Advertising Club and treasurer of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

He is also a member of the Louisiana State University Foundation, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, the Baton Rouge General Hospital Foundation and has served in various capacities for United Appeals, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army and Junior Achievement over the past twenty-two years.

Bobby Willis, Accounting Services-Beaumont, has reason to remember Shirley Kennedy (Meter Reader-Beaumont) for the rest of his life. Shirley came to the rescue of a lady following an attack by three teenagers. The lady was Bobby's wife.

In his own words, Bobby tells what happened:

On Thursday, March 9, 1978, Shirley Kennedy's work day started as usual - driving to an area of Vidor to read meters. On her way to the route she saw a lady and a small boy leaving their car with fishing equipment and walking down a trail through the woods. She had never met or talked with the lady, but she knew where they going, and what they were doing because she had seen them going down that trail on several previous occasions. In addition, Shirley and her children had done the same thing before.

## A Crying Child

A short time before noon that day Shirley started returning to the Vidor office. When she approached the previously mentioned trail she saw the little boy standing beside the road crying. A truck was parked there and two men were talking with the boy. One of the men told Shirley the boy was saying something about his babysitter. Shirley asked the little boy what was wrong and he told her his babysitter was hurt and needed help.

She immediately started running down the trail. After running about one hundred yards she could hear someone calling for help. Although out of breath she continued running another hundred or so yards until she found a very cold, hurt, scared lady neck deep in water clinging to a small branch.

Shirley entered the water and, after three or four attempts, was able to pull the lady up the four or five foot steep bank to level ground.

Shirley later learned that the lady and little boy had been fishing for a couple

of hours when three teenage boys walked up and started talking with them. After visiting a few minutes the boys appeared to walk away and the lady turned back to the lake to resume fishing. The next thing she knew she had been pushed and was on her way into the lake in water over her head. As she was pushed, her leg hit a tree and the lower leg bone was broken up into the knee. Unable to swim very much because of the injury, the very cold water, and the extra clothing she had on, the woman did manage to swim to a limb that she could grasp.

## Boys Ran Away

Instead of responding to her calls for help, the three boys ran. The lady sent the little boy to the road with instructions to stand beside the road and try to get someone to stop and help. The two men in the pickup stopped but were apparently unable to understand the very scared, excited five year old boy. That is when Shirley entered the picture - about thirty to forty-five minutes after the woman entered the water.

The woman was taken by ambulance to a hospital where she was treated for exposure. A few days later she underwent surgery to repair the broken bone and have torn cartilage removed from her knee.

## Happy Homecoming

Hopefully, my wife will be able to return home in a few days and will completely recover from the leg injury within a few months. My children and I are able to anticipate this homecoming and recovery only because of the actions of Shirley Kennedy. Had she not arrived when she did and had she not had the courage to risk her own life to get my wife out of the water, there is no doubt in my mind what the results would have been.

Will you please take the action necessary to have Shirley Kennedy receive the President's Life Saving Award.

—B. J. Willis



## George Hayes Blisters Course

# Charlie White Takes Live Wires Tourney

Charlie White, Beaumont, came out of the pack to fire a 78 and take low gross honors at the 16th annual Live Wires Golf Tournament held at Chambers County Country Club in April.

Fifty eight Gulf Staters participated, and witnessed an amazing performance by George Hayes who blistered the rolling course in 132 strokes for a net 66 and a share of fifth flight honors. Only the flip of a coin kept Hayes from taking home the first place trophy.

Jim Hudson took first flight honors with a low net 71 to edge out White. Bill Heaner was third and Luish Winn finished fourth. In second flight action, Summa Stelly shot a nice 81 net 68 to

capture first place, while James Hancock was second with net 71. Jim Lusk and Tom Amerine finished third and fourth respectively.

Andy Poulson came out of retirement to record a net 67 for the third flight championship. Gene Russell, Lynn Leatherwood and Clifford Kuritz finished in that order.

Bob Summers was tops in the fourth flight with a net 68, edging out Ronnie Carlin with 69. B. W. Sweeney and Dan Syphrett finished third and fourth.

Butch Bertin overcame Hayes with the coin toss in the fifth flight. Chip Knowles was third with a net 70 and Laurence Smith was fourth, also with a

net 70.

Chairman of the tourney, Joe Russian, and his co-chairman Paul Grimes, said the turn out was one of the best ever for a Live Wires meet. They were aided by Phyllis Liddle, Clara Leymeister and Florence Strawther, and with assistance by Joe Fontana and Glenn Broussard.

There were no hole-in-ones recorded, but Arden Loughmiller came out of Port Arthur to put his tee shot eight feet, 11½ inches from the hole on #2, and Heaner won #11 with his tee shot that ended up just five feet seven inches from the hole.

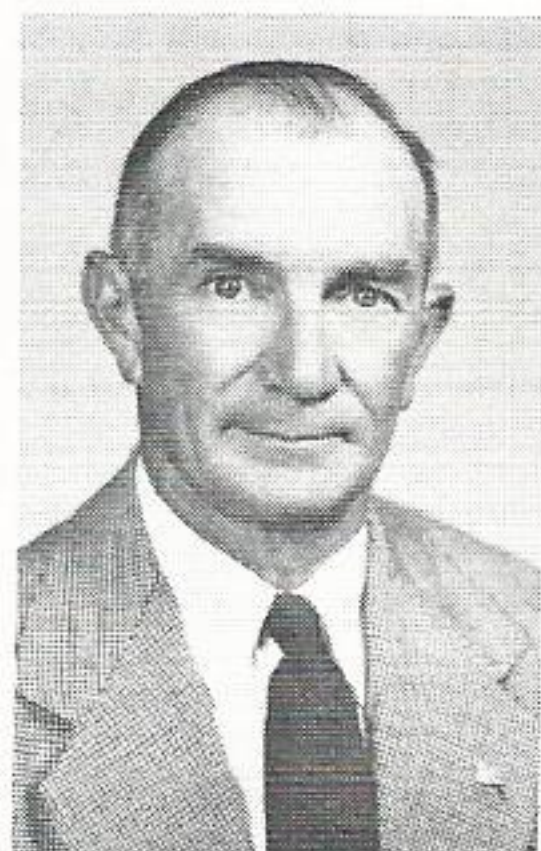
## Deaths



**Thomas W. Carr**, retired senior engineering assistant in Baton Rouge, died March 16, at his residence. He was 70 years old and had been an annuitant of the company since 1973.

Carr was employed in 1936 as a clerk in the Baton Rouge T&D Department. He was promoted to senior engineering assistant in 1949.

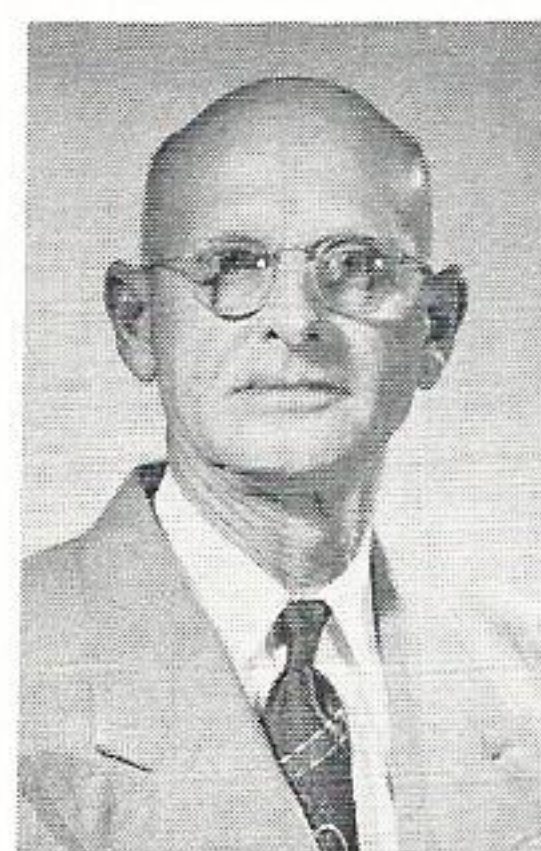
Carr, a native of Lutchter, La., is survived by his wife, Eva. Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Robert Crawford, and a brother, Henry B. Carr. He had one granddaughter, Tracey.



**George A. Geiger, Jr.**, retired utility man in Beaumont T&D, died March 11. He was 64 years old.

Geiger, a native of Beaumont, was employed in 1941 as a helper in Beaumont T&D. He became a truck driver in 1946, and was promoted to utility man in 1972.

He was a veteran of the Army with service in Southeast Asia, and is survived by his wife, Elvira, and three children, Colbert, Cristy and Jennifer.



**James O. Lively**, retired primary and special tester in Navasota, died on March 15. He had been retired since Dec. 1, 1965.

Lively is survived by his wife, Pearl, and three children, Dr. James Otis, John Robert and Susanne.

Lively began his 39 year career with the company in 1926 as a helper in Port Arthur. He served in various meterman positions in Port Arthur and in Navasota before becoming a primary and special tester.

He was a native of Palestine, Tex.





## State Member **FHA Honors Carol Lamb**

Carol Lamb, Consumer Service advisor in Beaumont Division, has been honored by the Future Homemakers of America with an honorary lifetime membership in the organization. The honor was bestowed at the FHA's state convention in Dallas. The honor, highest given by the organization, is in recognition of Lamb's many contributions to FHA on the local, state and national level. Lamb was nominated for her honor by the New Waverly Chapter of FHA.

## **Truckdriver's Idea Earns Safety Award**

Dale Hare, truckdriver in the Silsbee District, suggested recently that an inclusion be made in the Accident Control Manual stipulating that any hydraulic oil being used in the insulating portions of trucks, tools, etc. be on the "approved for use" list of the company.

Hare's suggestion that this become a written rule in the manual has earned him 2000 bonus safety certificate points by the Safety Department.

Such a rule had been agreed on a number of years ago but it was never officially recorded, or became common knowledge. As a result, a potential accident was averted only because a routine oil di-electric test detected some bad oil in an aerial basket unit located in an outlying district. Investigation revealed that hydraulic oil had been purchased locally and did not have the di-electric qualities.

From now on a list of "approved hydraulic oils" will be available for all districts to check.

## Phase I **Nelson Station Grads**



Nelson Station recently graduated its first class from Phase I of the Power Plant Technology course. The course is a 14 week affair given in four phases over a two year period. Completion of phase one required 200 hours of classroom study. Kneeling, left to right, Howard Hazelton, Charlie Woods, Lee Cannon, Craig LeJeune and Dan Richard. Standing, Rene DeBlanc, Nelson Superintendent, Kent Chipman, Glenn Dixon, Melton Thibodeaux, Scott Burleigh, Lester Duhon, Gerard Fontenot, Ferrol Nezey and Hugh Sanders.



# Spafford Ends Long Career



Ralph Spafford, left, System Marketing Coordinator-Beaumont, was honored recently with an appreciation plaque presented by Fount Smothers, head of the LSU Architectural Department. Spafford, who retired May 1, was cited for his work with the Louisiana Energy Information Center's Advisory Board which he co-chaired along with Smothers.

Ralph B. Spafford, System Marketing coordinator-Beaumont, has retired after 39 years of service. His career began in 1938 as district representative.

Spafford is a native of Alexandria, but was raised in Beaumont. He attended Texas Christian University where he majored in drama.

He is married to the former Theresa Logan of Beaumont, and the couple has

two daughters, Katherine (Amerine) and Deborah. Katherine is a GSUer (IDS-EDP), as is her husband Tom (Nuclear Records).

Spafford retires after very active participation in professional organizations on a local, state and national level. In the past seven years most of these efforts have dealt with energy efficiency, and products and techniques to

obtain energy efficiency in the home or commercial building.

He was recently honored for these efforts by the co-chairman of the Louisiana Energy Information Centers Advisory Board, and by Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards via a personal telegram upon his retirement.

## Kilgore Earns Certification



Gary Kilgore, CCE

Gary Kilgore, construction scheduler-Power Plant Construction Department in Beaumont, has qualified as a "Certified Cost Engineer (CCE)" by the American Association of Cost Engineers. Kilgore's certification notification was issued earlier this year.

As a CCE, Kilgore becomes one of approximately 600 certified cost engineers internationally.

It also means that he has successfully met a variety of criteria including an oral examination. The certification program is designed to recognize only those who have demonstrated a high level of competence in all phases of the practice of cost engineering.

The certification is valid for three years, at which time recertification will be required.

## EEI Names New President

William McCollam, Jr., former president of New Orleans Public Service Company, has been elected president of the Edison Electric Institute replacing W. Donham Crawford. Crawford resigned to become chief executive officer and chairman of the board-elect of GSU.

H. A. Barker, chairman of the National Association of Electric Companies, said, "We are fortunate that so qualified a leader as Bill McCollam has been acquired to succeed Don Crawford."



## Saves Baby's Life

# CPR Classes Pay Off For Student

Someone somewhere once said something to the effect that the measure of success is measured by correctly doing what you were taught. It's easier to measure that success when a life is saved because you did learn. Travis Bridwell teaches Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and recently a life was saved because a student correctly did what she was taught.

Bridwell, Engineering Design-Beaumont, is a resident of Wildwood and vice president of Wildwood 2200, an emergency unit composed of residents in the community. In

February, Bridwell and two other Wildwood residents taught CPR to 22 high school students of the community. One of them, Gina Brandon, used that knowledge to save the life of a 16 month old baby who began to choke on her food.

"She was baby sitting at the time," said Bridwell, "when the emergency took place. The baby began to choke and Gina, at first tried to get help from neighbors. But the neighbors were not at home and Gina took things into her own hands. She bent the baby over and was able to dislodge the food particle. We are all

very proud of her."

Bridwell learned CPR in courses sponsored by the Beaumont Junior League and the American Red Cross. It was planned for him to then teach others CPR techniques. "I am now doing this at Wildwood with the help of Mrs. Irma Lange, a nurse at Hardin County Hospital and David Haslip, president of Wildwood 2200. This is an emergency unit we formed complete with emergency telephone network and first aid equipment. Our goal is to train everyone in Wildwood, but we never thought it would pay off so soon."



First it was "Charlie's Angels" in 1977 when the gang all showed up in sweatshirts based on the series. Today it's "Anchors Aweigh" as they all showed up in sailor outfits. Charles Bordeman, Customer Accounting-Beaumont, never knows what his staff will do next. From top to bottom are, Sandra Yowman, Charmayne Smith, Charlotte Bass, Loyce Colbert, Sandra Prevost, Charlotte Theobald, Darlene Patterson, Sara Briggs, Karen Jumel and Starr Woodall.



# People on the Move

**Nickson Gwendolyn A.**, Bmt, Promoted, Stenographer-Sr - Pwr Plant Eng & Des/Licensg  
**Tindall William P III**, Bmt, Promoted Sr Engr Asst - Sys Eng Des/Rel Des  
**Hayes Muriel A**, Bmt, Promoted Sr Engr Asst - Eng Svcs/Reports  
**McCord Elizabeth O**, Bmt, Promoted General Clerk - Acctg Svcs/Sys Billing  
**Wilcox Terry L** Bmt, Promoted Repairman 1/C - Neches Sta-Mechl  
**Adams William J**, Bmt, Promoted Test Tech 2/C - Neches Sta-Test  
**Adams Thomas** Bmt, Promoted S/Sta Mech 2/C - T&D/Substa  
**Sells Earllester C**, Bmt, Promoted Lineman 3/C - T&D/Line  
**Buck Gregory B**, Bmt, Promoted Lineman 3/C - T&D/Line  
**Roberts Walter L Jr**, Bmt, Promoted Lineman 3/C - T&D/Line  
**Collier James E**, Wdvl, Promoted Lineman 1/C - T&D/Line  
**Walton Carrol W**, Silsbee, Promoted Collector - Div Actg/Cred & Coll  
**Kenyon Robert E**, Pt Arth, Promoted Helper - T&D/Lab Crws  
**Buckner Donald R**, Pt Arth, Promoted Helper - T&D/Lab Crws  
**Miller David L**, Conroe, Promoted Apprentice-T&D/Line  
**Mack Edwin L**, Conroe, Promoted S/Sta Mech 2/C - T&D/Substa  
**Phifer Wanda C** Conroe, Promoted Engr Helper - T&D/Engrg  
**Smiles Raymond Jr**, B Rouge, Promoted Auxil Oper - La Sta-Operns  
**Soileau Danny J**, B Rouge, Promoted Test Tech 2/C - W/Glen-Test  
**Keahey James B III**, B Rouge, Promoted Test Tech 2/C - W/Glen-Test  
**Ball John M**, B Rouge, Promoted Turbine-Water Plant Oper - La Sta-Operns  
**Alexander Nelson Jr**, B Rouge, Promoted Special Laborer - La Sta-Lab Crws  
**Knighten Hawthorne N**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper-Prov - Gas Dept/Service  
**Young Sevear**, B Rouge, Promoted Apprentice-Gas Dept/Meter  
**Fontenot Winston L**, B Rouge, Promoted Comm Serviceman 2/C-T&D/Comm  
**Broussard Deryl M**, B Rouge, Promoted Sr Engr Asst - T&D/Engrg  
**Tomes Ronald F**, B Rouge, Promoted Meterman 1/C - T&D/Meter  
**Bryer Alton R**, B Rouge, Promoted Serviceman 1/C - T&D/Service  
**Musso Donald J**, B Rouge, Promoted Garage Mech 1/C - T&D/Garage

**Hamilton Esquardo H**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper-T&D/Lab Crws  
**Marshall Richard A**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper-T&D/Lab Crws  
**Arnold Jerry L**, B Rouge, Promoted Storeroom Asst - Div Actg/Stores  
**Hyatt Mark C**, B Rouge, Promoted Storeroom Asst - Div Actg/Stores  
**Smith Jerry L**, B Rouge, Promoted Storekeeper - Div Actg/Stores  
**Cannon Lee O**, L Chas, Promoted Mech Helper-Nelson Sta-Electl  
**Guillory Alex Jr**, L Chas, Promoted Mech Helper-Nelson Sta-Mechl  
**Johnson Randy C**, L Chas, Promoted Helper - T&D/Lab Crws  
**Bourque Paul R**, L Chas, Promoted Meterman 1/C - T&D/Meter  
**Henry Alfred**, L Chas, Promoted Apprentice - T&D/Line  
**Hernandez Allen J**, Lafay, Promoted Meterman 1/C - T&D/Meter  
**Sharpe Regina N**, Bmt, Promoted General Clerk - Accts Servs-General Acctg  
**Richard Louetta H**, Bmt, Promoted Senior Clerk - Acctg Servs-Payroll  
**Smith Aubrey D**, Bmt, Promoted Repairman 2/C - Neches Sta-Mech  
**Von Netzer Franz C**, Bmt, Promoted Repairman 2/C - Neches Sta-Mech  
**Joseph Norman L**, Bmt, Promoted Repairman 2/C - Neches Sta-Mech  
**Gibbins Carl D Jr**, Bmt, Promoted Electrician 2/C - Neches Sta-Electl  
**Dubuisson Harold A**, Bmt, Promoted Head Fireman - Neches Sta-Oprns  
**Jackson John**, Bmt, Promoted Master Repairman - Neches Sta-Mechl  
**Rowe Robert J**, Bmt, Promoted Mechanic Helper - Neches Sta-Electl  
**McGowan Michael E**, Bmt, Promoted Mechanic Helper - Neches Sta-Mechl  
**Louviere Robert G**, Bmt, Promoted Equipment Oper - Neches Sta-Operns  
**Barnett Rodney J**, Bmt, Promoted Oper Helper (Auxil Oper)-Neches Sta-Operns  
**Guillory Donald R**, Bmt, Promoted Oper Helper (Auxil Oper)-Neches Sta-Operns  
**Rodgers Fred R**, Bmt, Promoted Turbine Oper - Neches Sta-Oprns  
**Richards James A**, Bmt, Promoted Mechanic Helper - Neches Sta-Mechl  
**Jones Michael L**, Bmt, Promoted Lineman 3/C - T&D/Line  
**Smith Elvin C**, Bmt, Promoted Lineman 1/C T&D/Line  
**Hurley James L Jr**, Bmt, Promoted Car Washer - T&D/Garage

**Marks Peter Jr**, Bmt, Promoted Car Washer - T&D/Garage  
**Sonnier Rixby J**, Pt Arth, Promoted Relayman 2/C - T&D/Relay  
**Sport Harry C**, Pt Arth, Promoted Apprentice - T&D/Line  
**Shelton Billy E**, Conroe, Promoted Lineman 4/C - T&D/Line  
**Hill Robert L**, Conroe, Promoted Meterman 2/C - T&D/Meter  
**Staton John A**, Conroe, Promoted Helper T&D/Lab Crws  
**Grant Howard L**, Conroe, Promoted Helper T&D/Lab Crws  
**Granger Darrell W**, N Caney, Promoted Lineman 3/C - T&D/Line  
**DePoy Marvin E**, B Rouge, Promoted Auxiliary Oper - La Sta-Operns  
**Wallace Marlin E**, B Rouge, Promoted Auxiliary Oper - La Sta-Operns  
**Duplechin Gerald J**, B Rouge, Promoted Repairman 1/C - La Sta-Mechl  
**Clark Ben L**, B Rouge, Promoted Auxiliary Oper - La Sta-Operns  
**Brandon Randy J**, B Rouge, Promoted Auxiliary Oper - La Sta-Operns  
**Whitfield Larry W**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper - T&D/Lab Crws  
**Davis Donald R**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper T&D/Lab Crws  
**Beckes Randy L**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper T&D/Lab Crws  
**Musso Vincent A Jr**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper - T&D/Lab Crws  
**Phillips Dennis D**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper - T&D/Lab Crws  
**Goodman Tony C**, B Rouge, Promoted Helper - T&D/Lab Crws  
**Addison Van A**, B Rouge, Promoted Lineman 4/C - T&D/Line  
**Gibson Clinon**, B Rouge, Promoted Apprentice - T&D/Line  
**McNabb John L**, B Rouge, Promoted Apprentice - T&D/Line  
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# People on the Move

**Leslie G. "Les" Calder**, director-Engineering Services in Beaumont, has been transferred to the Nelson Station coal project section of Energy Development and promoted to director-Project Administration.

Calder, a native of Jacksonville, Tex., has been an employee of the company since 1958 when he began as an engineer in Beaumont T&D. He has held numerous engineering assignments in Beaumont and Port Arthur. He was promoted to director-Engineering Services in 1976.

The Army veteran is active in the reserve program and holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is a 1958 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and earned his master's degree in 1972 from Lamar University. He is also an honor graduate of the US Army Command & General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He is married to the former Arvella H. Constien of Hinton, Okla., and the couple has three children, Lendol, Lori and LeAnn. Calder is a professional engineer in Texas, and an active member of the Reserve Officers Association.

**Richard A. "Dick" Landry**, industrial engineer in Division Marketing in Conroe, has been promoted to industrial engineer and supervisor-Consumer Information Services.

Landry, a native of Orange, joined the company in 1945 in the Water

Department in Orange. Shortly thereafter he joined the Navy where he served for a year, then entered LSU and earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1949. He rejoined the company after graduation.

As supervisor Landry will be involved in industrial customer service, industrial development and URD subdivision contracts, and energy management information programs.

Landry is married to the former Barbara Alice Houser of Houston, and the couple has two children, Dianna Faith, and Kyle Mitchell.

Active in civic and professional affairs, Landry is vice president and director of the Montgomery County American Cancer Society, past director of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, an active member of IEE, and a Sunday school teacher at the First Methodist Church of Conroe.

**Jacque K. Perkins**, senior stenographer in System Marketing-Beaumont, has been transferred to Material Services-Beaumont, and promoted to stenographer-executive.

Born in Beaumont, raised in Silsbee, Perkins has been an employee of the company since 1971 when employed as stenographer. She will be working for Bob Lanier, manager of Material Services.

Perkins is a 1971 graduate of Lamar University with a bachelor's degree in English.

Three promotions have been announced involving personnel from the Engineering Design Department in Beaumont.

**Thomas R. Sterling**, supervisor-Estimating and Budgeting, is promoted to supervisor-Engineering Services; **Harry Shepherd**, section head, Scheduling, is promoted to supervisor-Scheduling; and **George Hayes**, section head, is promoted to supervisor-Estimating and Budgeting.

Sterling, a resident of Vidor, and a 14 year veteran of the company, is a 1977 graduate of Lamar University with a bachelor's degree in business. He has held various positions in both T&D and System Engineering departments, and was promoted to his former position in 1977.

A three year veteran of the Navy, Sterling is married to the former Carolyn Mooney of Houston, and the couple has two children, Mark and Scott.

Though seven years of night school in pursuit of his college degree has limited outside activity, Sterling has managed to stay active in Little League baseball and Pony League ball.

Shepherd was employed in 1964 as an engineering helper in survey. He was promoted to his former position in 1973.

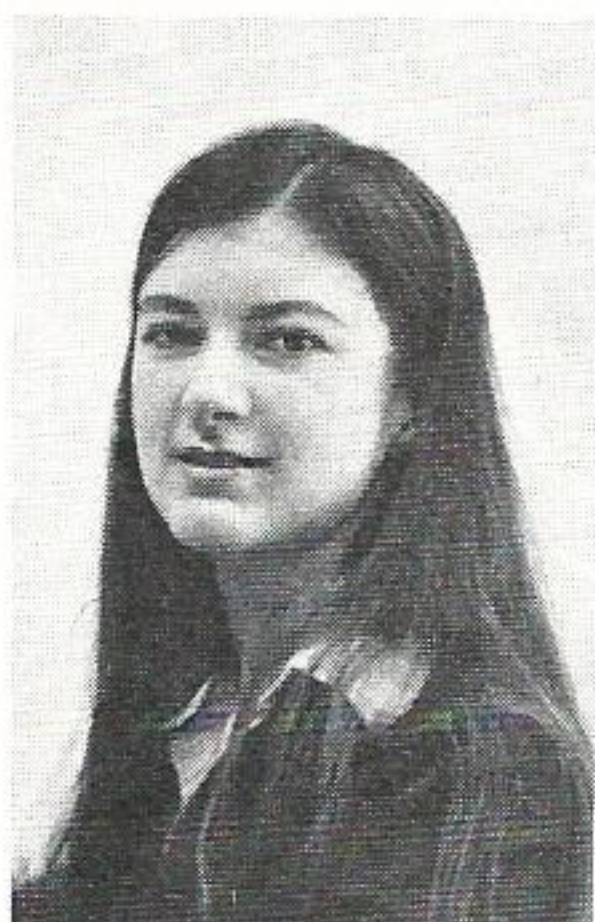
The Army veteran is married to the former Kathleen Mudd of Nederland. He is an avid fisherman and is a member of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, Bromeliad Society, the Golden



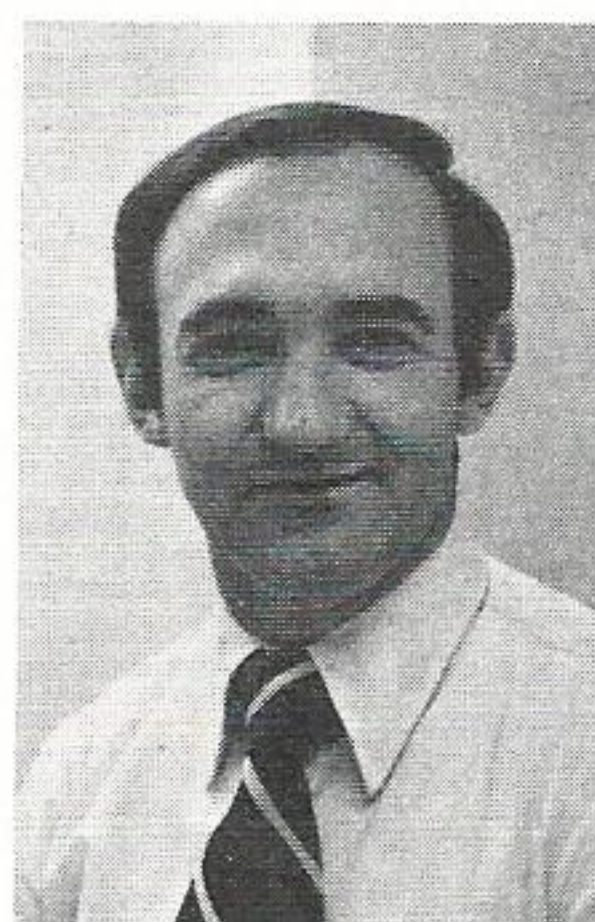
Les Calder



Dick Landry



Jacque Perkins



Tom Sterling



Harry Shepherd



George Hayes



Triangle Bromeliad Society, the YMCA and the Nederland Dance Club.

Hayes joined GSU in 1953 as an engineering helper. He became a section head in 1977. He is a veteran of the Air Force and is a retired master sergeant with service during WW II. He is married to the former Betty Jo Scott of Beaumont, and is active in the American Legion.

**James L. "Larry" Smith**, construction accountant-River Bend Station, has been transferred to the Accounting Services Department and promoted to supervisor-Site Accounting, River Bend Project Station.

Smith, a native of Church Point, will monitor and control site accounting activities at the nuclear plant site near St. Francisville.

He was employed in 1968 as an administrative accountant in Beaumont. He is a four year veteran of the Navy, and is married to the former Betty Guidry of Church Point. The couple has three children, Sharon, Kirk and Stephanie.

Smith is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is a member of the National Accountants Society, the Park Forest Swim Club and coaches junior athletics at Park Forest.

**Morris E. Sandefer**, electrical maintenance foreman at Sabine Station, has been transferred to the Power Plant Construction Department and promoted

to electrical inspector. He will continue to be located at Sabine Station.

A native of Pitkin, La., Sandefer is now responsible for inspections and following the progress of installation and completion of equipment and control systems of new generating units.

Sandefer is married to the former Virginia Peveto of Port Neches, and the couple has three children, Morris, Jr., Cynthia Claybar and Cathy Hutton.

Sandefer has two years of undergraduate study at Baylor, and is a member of the Lions Club of Bridge City.

**Chris Menzel**, environmental analyst, has been transferred from System Production to Licensing and Environmental, Power Plant Engineering and Design.

Menzel, employed in 1972, is a native of Port Arthur. He is a veteran of the Army and is married to the former Kathy Lounsberry of Baytown, Tex. The couple has one child, Kristin.

In his new position, Menzel will be directly involved with licensing and environmental affairs pertaining to new and existing facilities.

He is a 1971 graduate of Lamar University with a bachelor of science degree in Environmental Science.

**Myrle S. "Buddy" Johnson**, former industrial representative in Lake Charles, and **Earl J. Broussard**, former area development representative in Lafayette, have received promotions with the Lake Charles Division Marketing

Department.

Johnson has been promoted to supervisor-Consumer Information Services, and Broussard has been promoted to coordinator-Area Development. Each will remain in their respective cities.

Johnson, employed in 1964 as a residential sales representative, is a native of New Orleans. He is married to the former Judy Toups of Sulphur, and the couple has two children, Paige and Kirk. He is a 1960 graduate of McNeese State University with a bachelor's degree in Agri-Business.

Active in civic and professional organizations, Johnson is past president of the West Calcasieu Optimist Club; member of the board of directors of the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association; Greater Lake Charles Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Commission.

Broussard, a native of Breaux Bridge, has been employed since 1954. He is married to the former Marcelle Mondet of Breaux Bridge, and the couple has seven children, Virginia, Suzanne, Paulette, Elizabeth, Earl, Jr., Paul and Melanie.

Broussard is a veteran of 21 years service with the Louisiana National Guard and is a 1949 graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He is active in civic and professional organizations and serves as chairman of the Lake Martin Commission; a member of the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club; St. Martin Parish School Board.



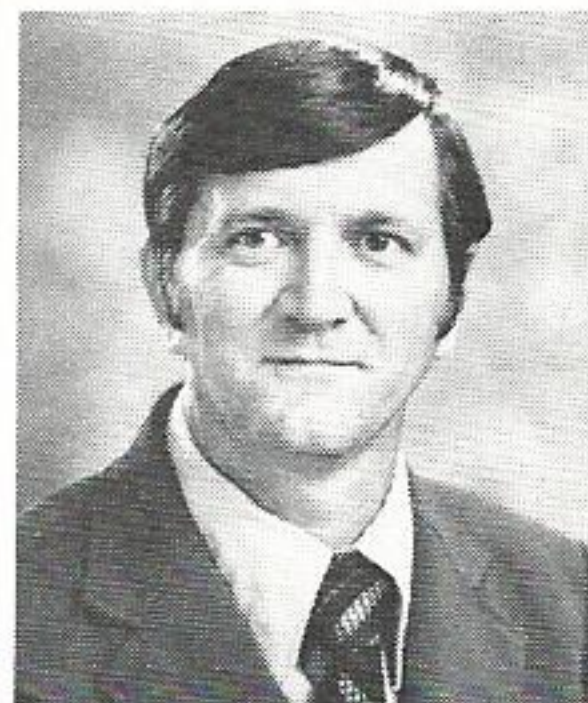
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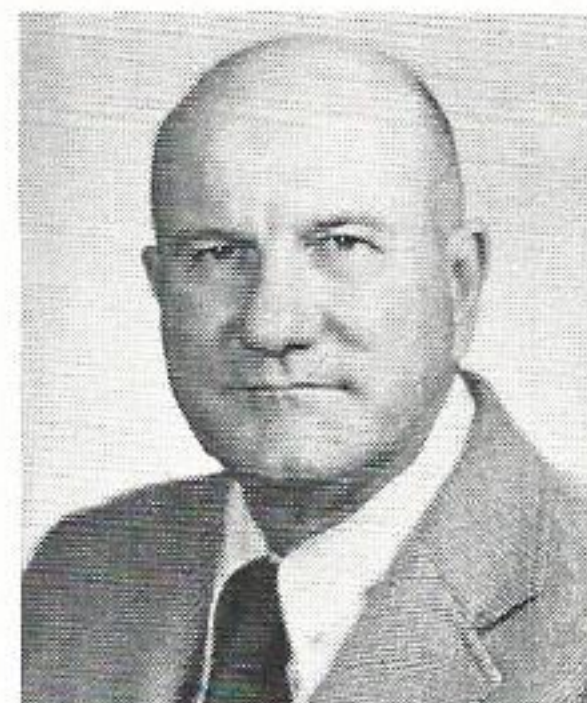
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Earl Broussard



# People on the Move

**James E. Booker**, director-Power Plant Licensing, has been promoted to manager-Licensing and Environmental within the Power Plant Engineer & Design Department of Beaumont. As manager, Booker will have responsibility for coordinating and obtaining licenses and permits for both nuclear and fossil generating projects, and to assist the production operating group and the T&D Department in obtaining necessary licenses and permits.

A native of Hemphill, Booker was employed in 1956 as an engineer in the System Engineering Department. He has served in his former position since 1977.

He is a 1955 graduate of Lamar University with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, and in 1956 received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Booker and his wife, the former Merle Merritt of Beaumont, have three children, Sherrie, Cynthia and Bryan. Active in civic and professional organizations, Booker is a member of the American Nuclear Society, American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He is on the steering committee of the Atomic Industrial Forum on Reactor Licensing and Safety, and a member of the board of directors of the West End YMCA. He is a lifetime member and ex-president of the Lamar Ex-Students Association.

**Iris S. Stanfield** and **Ann B. O'Neill** have received promotions within the Personnel Services Department in Beaumont.

Stanfield, former Personnel Department clerk, has been promoted to stenographer-executive, and O'Neill, former stenographer-senior, has been promoted to Personnel Department clerk.

Stanfield, a native of Galveston, has been employed since 1969. She is married to Chester "Pat" Stanfield, and the couple has one child, Matthew. She is a graduate of South Park High School, and recently completed a course in shorthand.

O'Neill will handle all secretarial work related to recruitment of professional personnel. She was employed in 1965 in Credit and Collections Department.

O'Neill is married to Michael J. O'Neill, and the couple has two children, Jody and Erin. She is a 1961 graduate of South Park High School with a major in secretarial science. She is active in the Beaumont Tennis Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the North End Senior League.

**Wilfrid B. Martin**, electrician first class at Neches Station, has been transferred to Sabine Station and promoted to electrical maintenance foreman.

Martin was employed in 1952 after serving four years in the Navy. He and his wife, Vel, have two children, Sheila and Brett.

He is an active member of the Young Men's Business League and the Beaumont Art Museum.

Four promotions have been announced in the System Production Department involving **Cedric H. Watler**, **Lonnie J. Cobb**, **James A. Meitzen** and **Donald E. Hamilton**.

Watler, director-Production Operations, has been promoted to general superintendent-Louisiana Generation; Cobb, director-production maintenance, to general superintendent-Texas Generation; Meitzen, director-Results, to director-Technical Services and Hamilton, director-Production Planning, to director-Energy Operation and Results.

Watler, a native of the British West Indies and a graduate of Queens College, Nassau, Bahamas, was employed in 1936 as an oiler at the old Lakeside Station in Port Arthur. He rose through various division production assignments and was promoted to superintendent of Nelson Station near Lake Charles in 1970. In 1976 he transferred to Beaumont and was promoted to director of Production Operations.

Watler is married to the former Anita B. Dixon of Beaumont, and the couple has four children, Mrs. (Dr.) G. G. Guillet, Mrs. Scott Jacobsen, Mrs. George Phair and Cedric. There are eight grandchildren.

Cobb, an employee since 1960, is a native of Bastrop, La. He had served in his former position since Feb., 1977. As general superintendent he will be responsible for the three generating stations located in Texas, Lewis Creek, Sabine Station and Neches Station.



**Jim Booker**



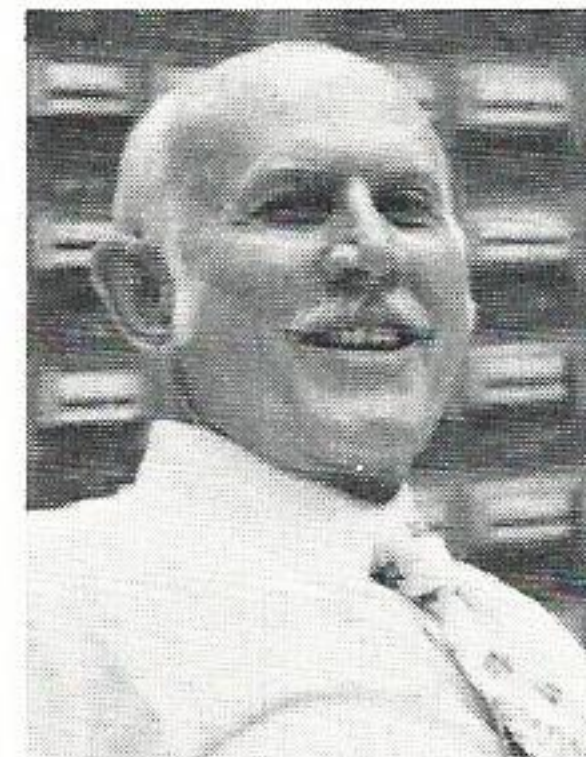
**Iris Stanfield**



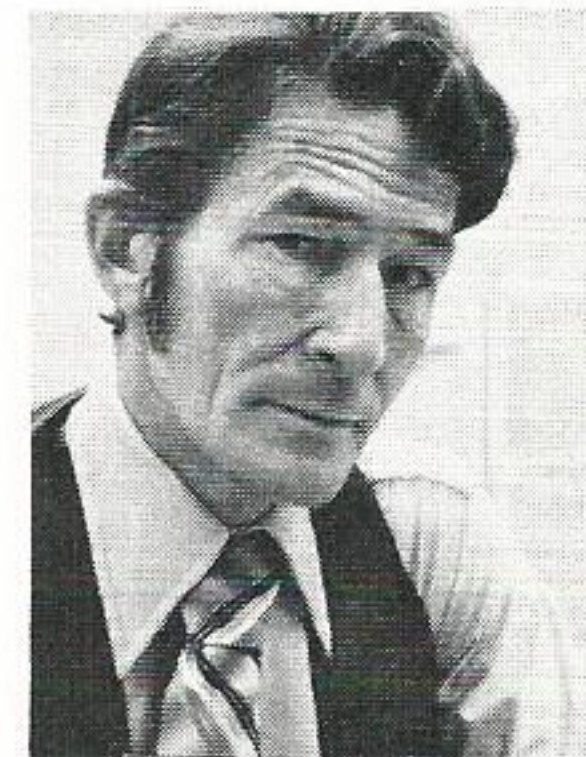
**Ann O'Neill**



**Wilfrid Martin**



**Cedric Watler**



**Lonnie Cobb**



Cobb is married to the former Shirley Lorenz of Houston, and the couple has four children, Harold, Cathy, Lisa and Ronnie.

A 1960 graduate of Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Cobb is active in the ASME and is a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas. He is an eight year veteran of the Naval Reserve.

Meitzen, a 20 year employee of the company, is a 1958 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He has held various assignments in Division and System Production, including superintendent of Lewis Creek Station from 1969-1971.

The Marlin, Tex., native is a Korean veteran of the US Army, and is married to the former Ann Jacob of Acta Loma, Tex. The couple has three children, Karen, Lisa and Jimmie.

He is a member of the American Nuclear Society.

Hamilton was employed in 1963 as an engineering helper. After several assignments in System Production in Beaumont he was transferred to Sabine Station in 1972 and promoted to general maintenance supervisor. He was promoted to his former position in 1977.

Hamilton is a native of Texarkana, Ark., and is a 1969 graduate of Lamar University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is married to the former Mary Jane Thomas of Texarkana, and the couple has five children, Donna, Pamela, Jody, Angelia, and Chris.

**Edward J. Retherford**, substation mechanic first class in Port Arthur T&D, has been promoted to utility foreman.

Retherford, a native of Bonifay, Fla., was originally employed with the company in 1966 as a helper in Port Arthur T&D. He is married to the former Ella Marie Whitton of Beaumont and the couple has two children, Deborah Ann and Edward Roland.

Retherford is a graduate of an electronics correspondence course from the Devry Institute of Technology, Chicago.

He is an active member of the Groves Masonic Lodge.

**Ray Fisher**, head fireman at Louisiana Station, has been promoted to shift supervisor.

The 17 year veteran of the company was employed in 1951 as an operator's helper at Louisiana Station. He was promoted to his former position in 1973.

Fisher is a four year veteran of the Air Force and is married to the former Helen Saucier of Roza, La. The couple has four children, Sharon Ann, William Alan, George Wayne and Tina Louise.

He is a graduate of various Air Force technical schools including flight engineers school.

**Joseph W. Flanigan**, administrative assistant in System Operations in Beaumont, has been promoted to System Meter Coordinator. As such he will co-

ordinate metering activities on a system basis.

Flanigan was employed in 1946 as a helper in the Line Department in Beaumont. He joined the company shortly after completing his military service as a bomber pilot in the Western Pacific during WWII.

He is married to the former Mary M. Miller of Beaumont, and the couple has six children, Diane, Sharyn, Janet, Joseph, Susan and Danny. Flanigan is a 1968 graduate of Lamar University with a bachelor's degree in business.

He is active in the Southwest Meterman's Association and the Edison Electric Institute as a member of the Meter and Service Committee.

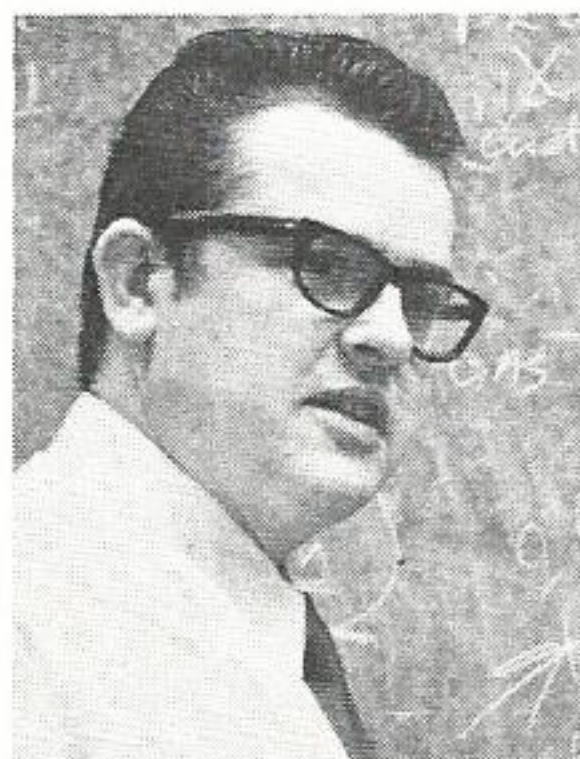
**Carolyn C. White**, departmental clerk in General Services in Beaumont, has been promoted to section head.

White was employed in 1968 as a departmental clerk in Records Management. She is married to Bobby White, and the couple has four children, Bobby, Jr., Debbie, Paula and Larry.

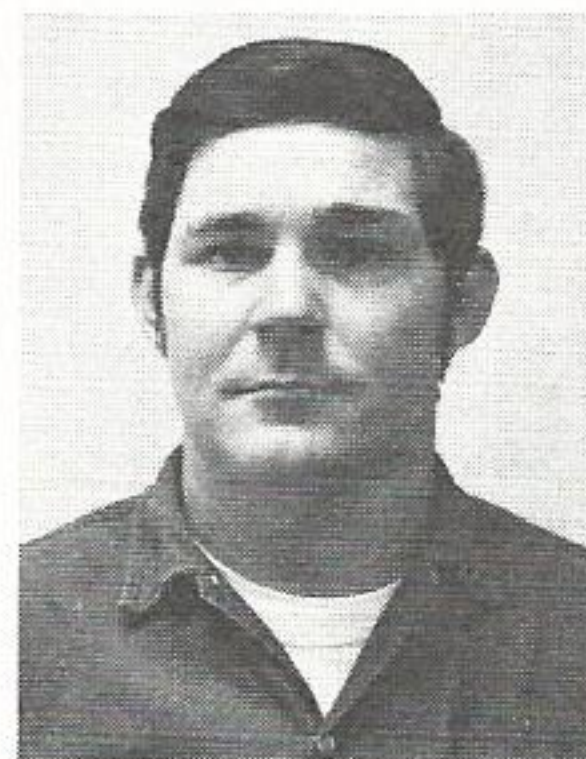
In her new position she will continue to provide microfilm services for the company.



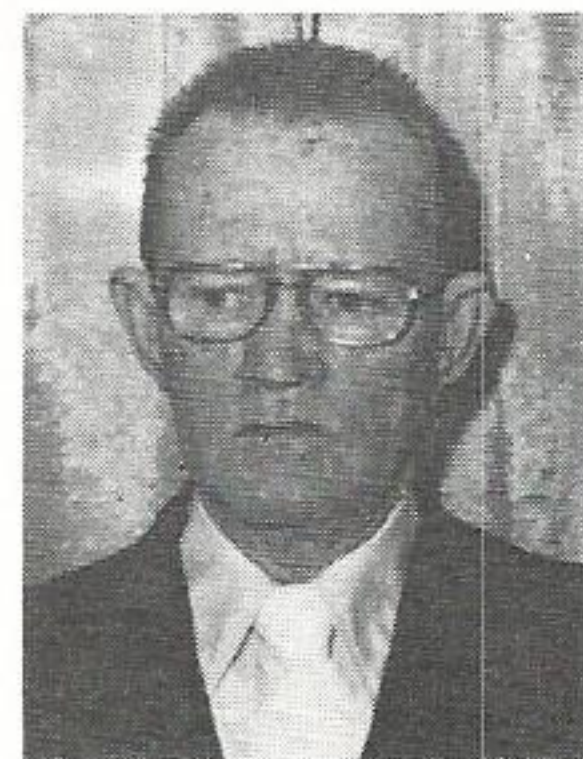
**James Meitzen**



**Don Hamilton**



**Ed Retherford**



**Ray Fisher**



**Joe Flanigan**



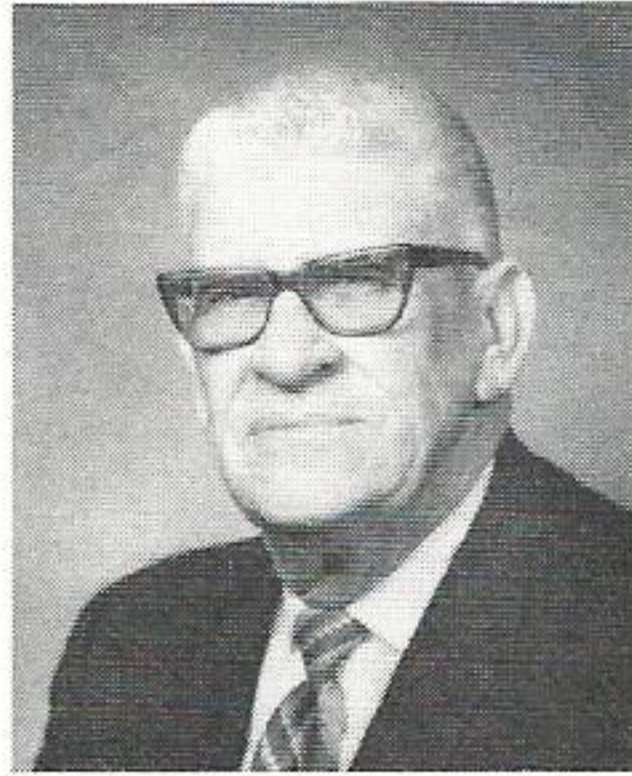
**Carolyn White**



# Service Awards

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## 40 Years



**Jack S. Hemphill**  
Division Production  
Toledo Bend

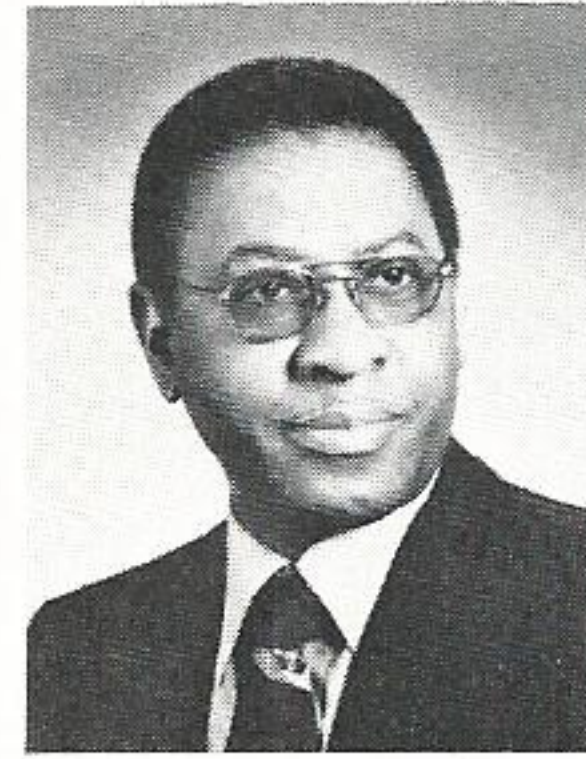
## 30 Years



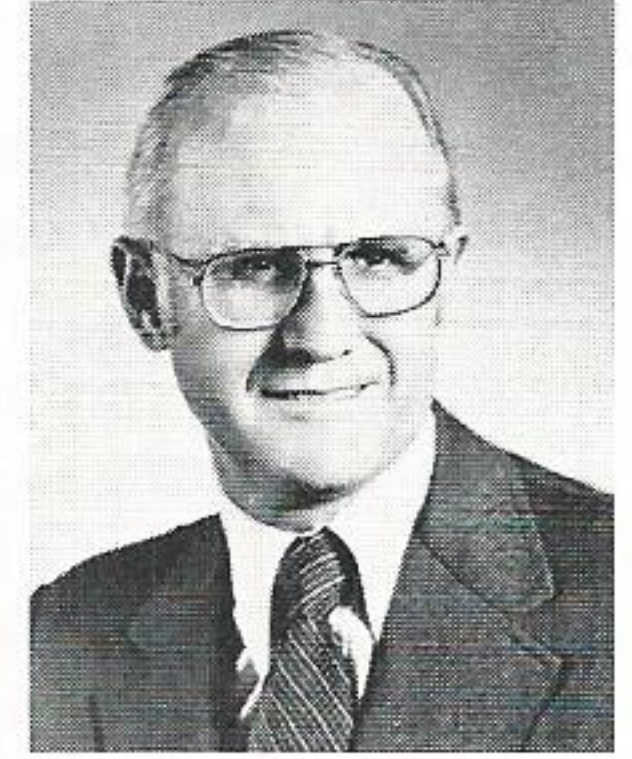
**Marion D. Austin**  
Gas  
Baton Rouge



**Johnnie A. Babin**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles

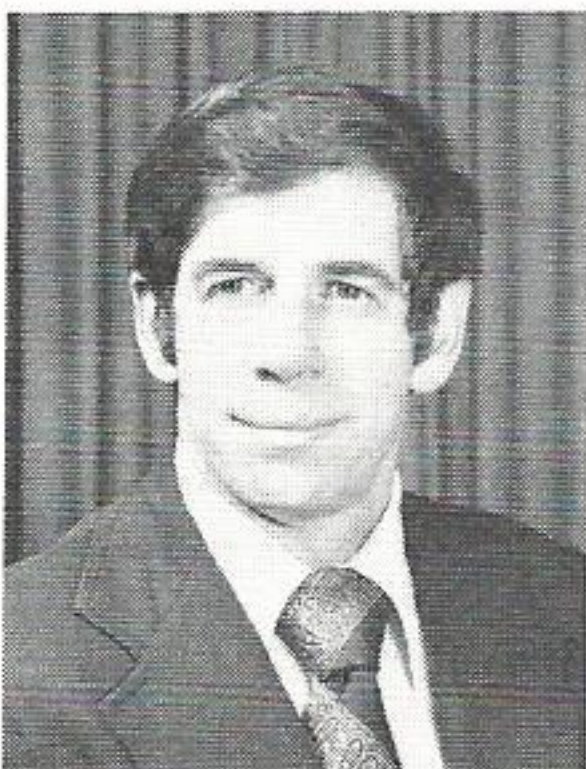


**Wickliffe Battley**  
Division Accounting  
Baton Rouge

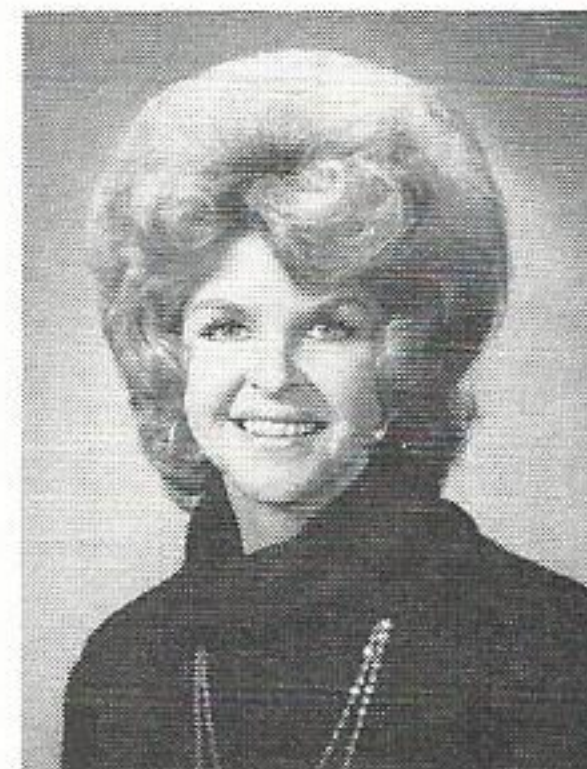


**George S. Cannon**  
Division Operations  
Baton Rouge

## 20 Years



**Thomas E. Allen**  
Division Marketing  
Baton Rouge

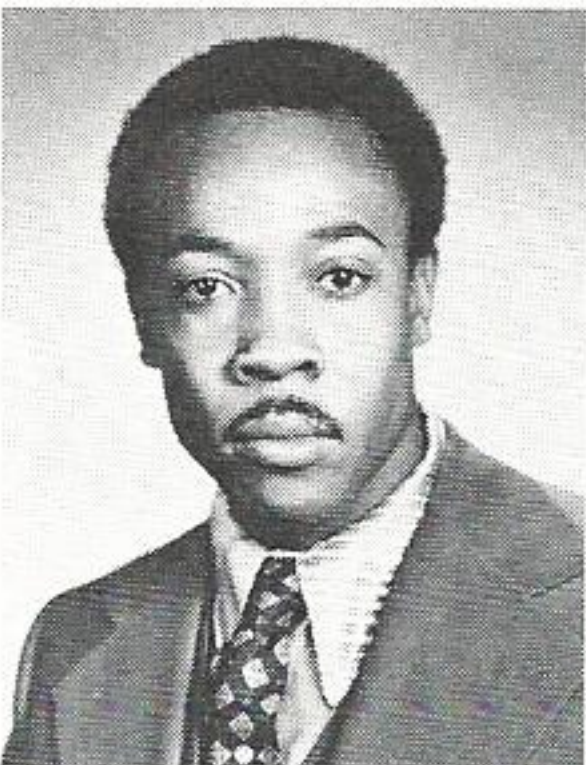


**Twalah B. Thompson**  
System Production  
Beaumont

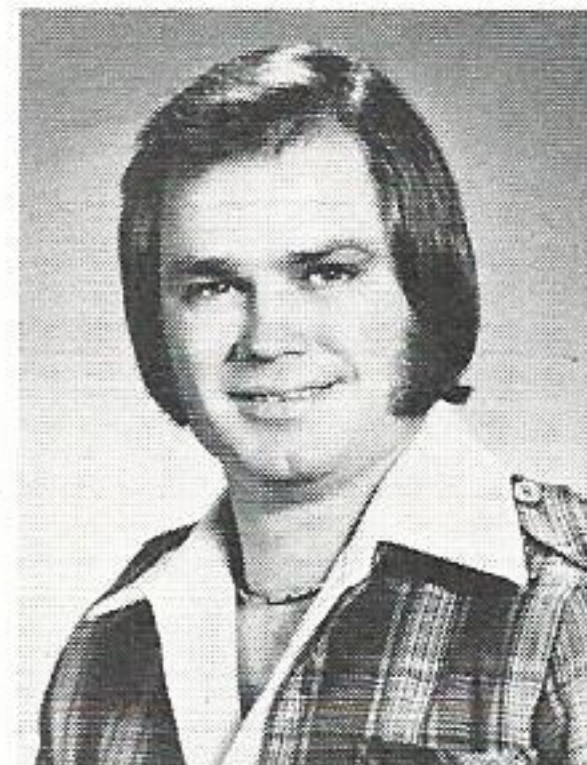


**Hubert D. Williams**  
Electric T&D  
Conroe

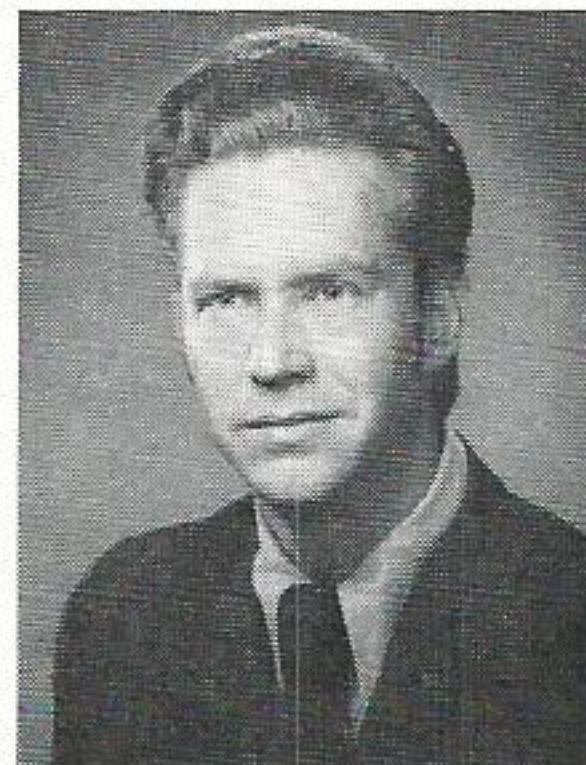
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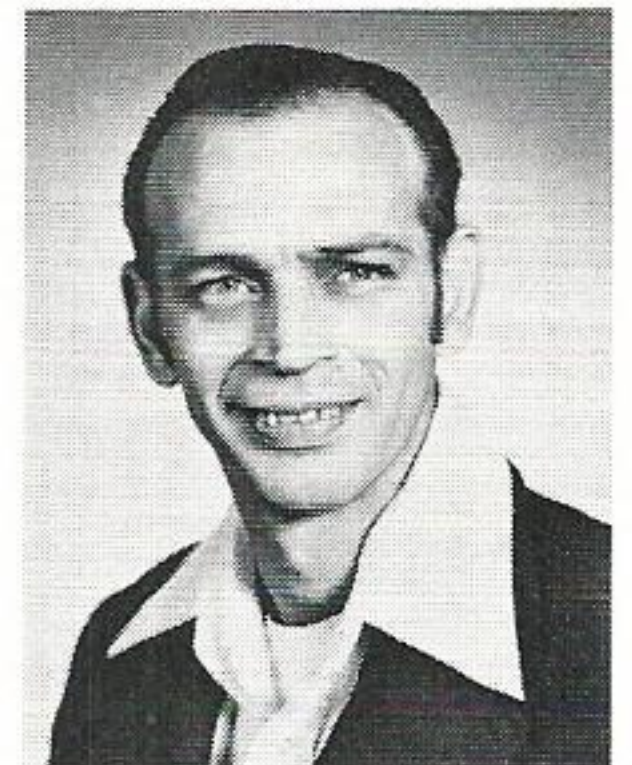
**Albert Badie**  
Gas  
Baton Rouge



**Ronald A. Causey**  
Electric T&D  
Denham Springs



**Jerry C. Davis**  
System Engineering  
Transmission Planning  
Beaumont



**Kenneth D. Hite**  
Division Production  
Baton Rouge





**Robert C. Dawson**  
Gas  
Baton Rouge



**Hubert J. Desselles**  
Division Production  
Baton Rouge



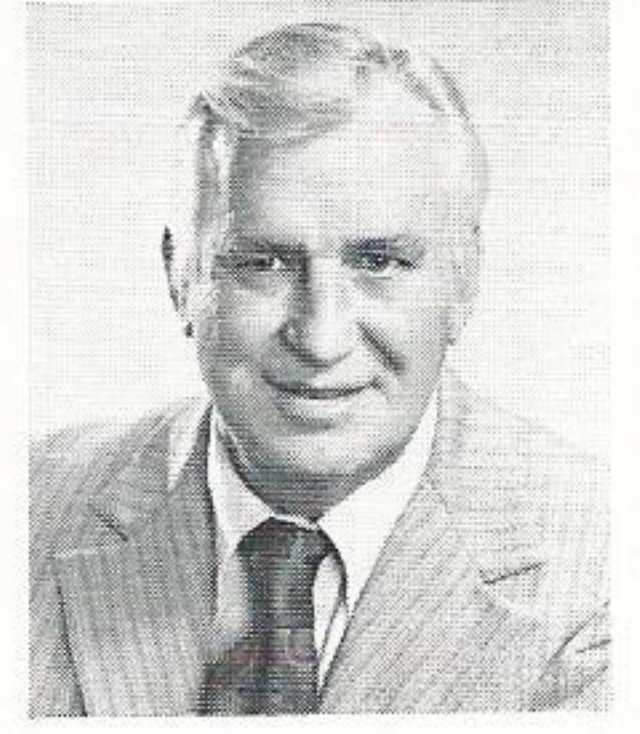
**James C. Doucett**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles



**John E. Prejean**  
Division Accounting  
Lake Charles



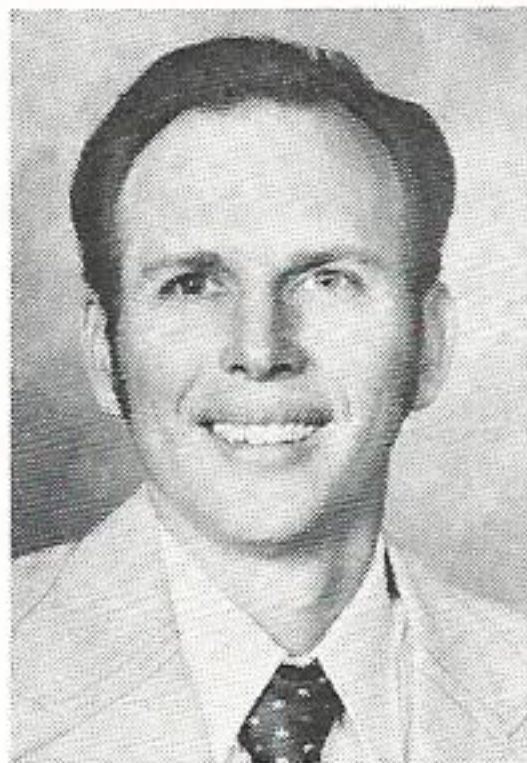
**Eleanor J. Triplett**  
Accounting Services  
Beaumont



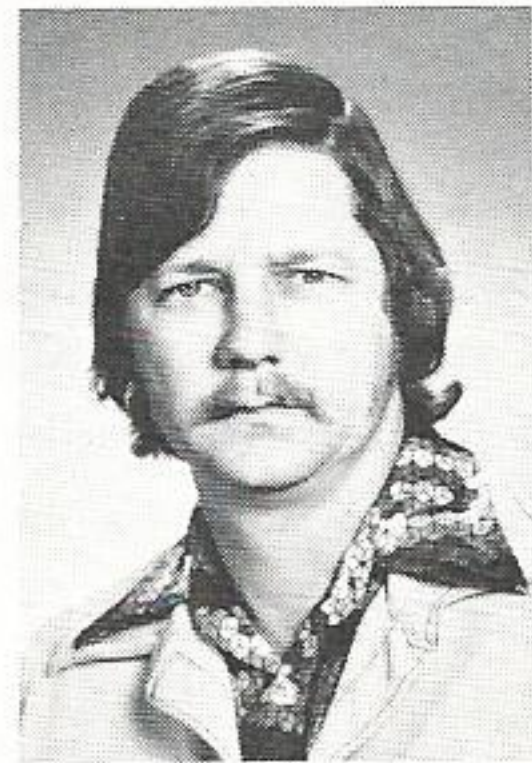
**August V. Wisrodt, Jr.**  
Division Production  
Beaumont



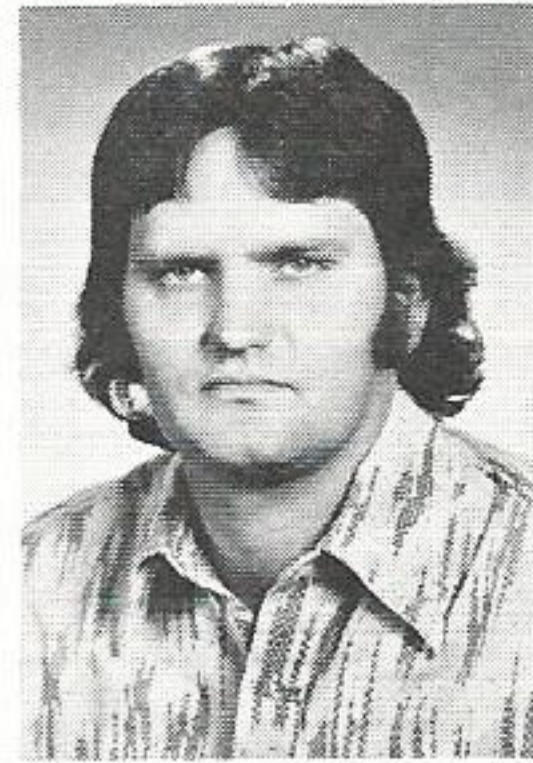
**Billy J. Kemp**  
System Operations  
Transm Construction  
Beaumont



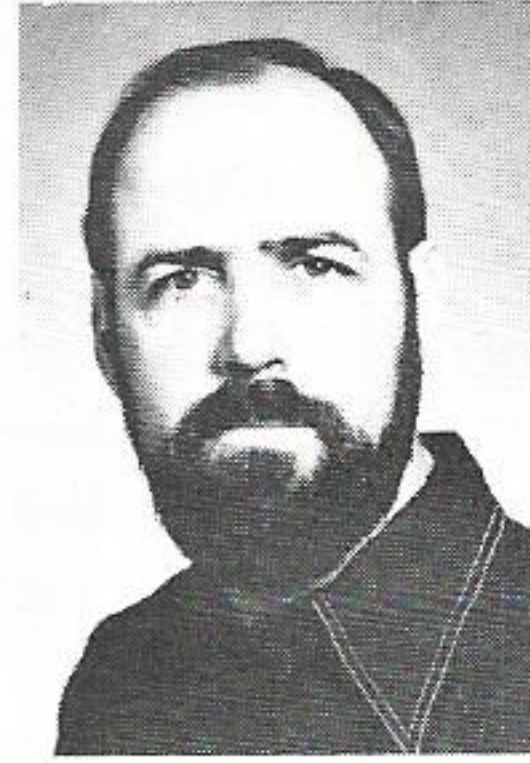
**Garry A. Lange**  
Electric T&D  
Conroe



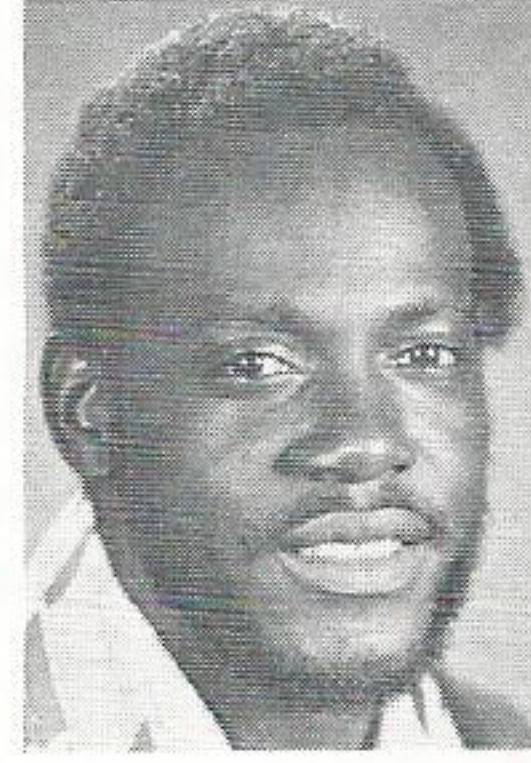
**Stephen L. Morgan**  
Electric T&D  
Port Allen



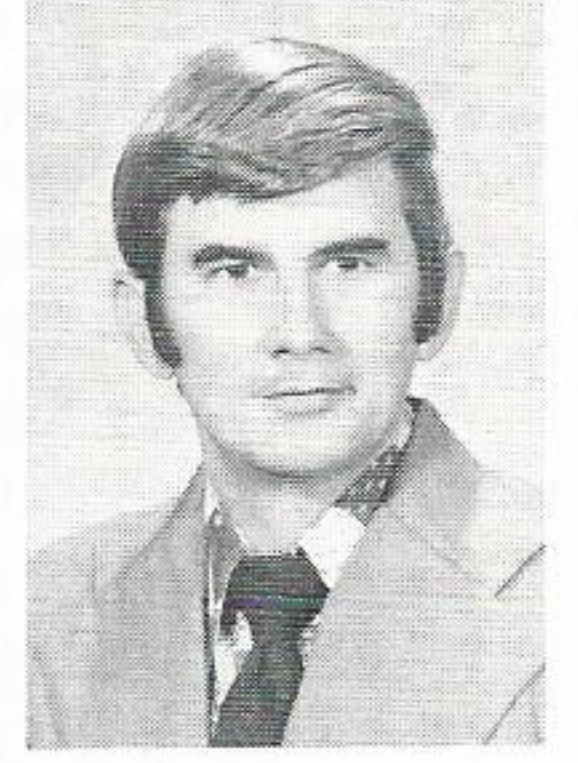
**David C. Netherland**  
Division Production  
Baton Rouge



**Henry U. Newchurch**  
Electric T&D  
Port Allen



**Dean J. Reddix**  
Electric T&D  
Orange



**Thomas H. Weir**  
Division Production  
Port Arthur

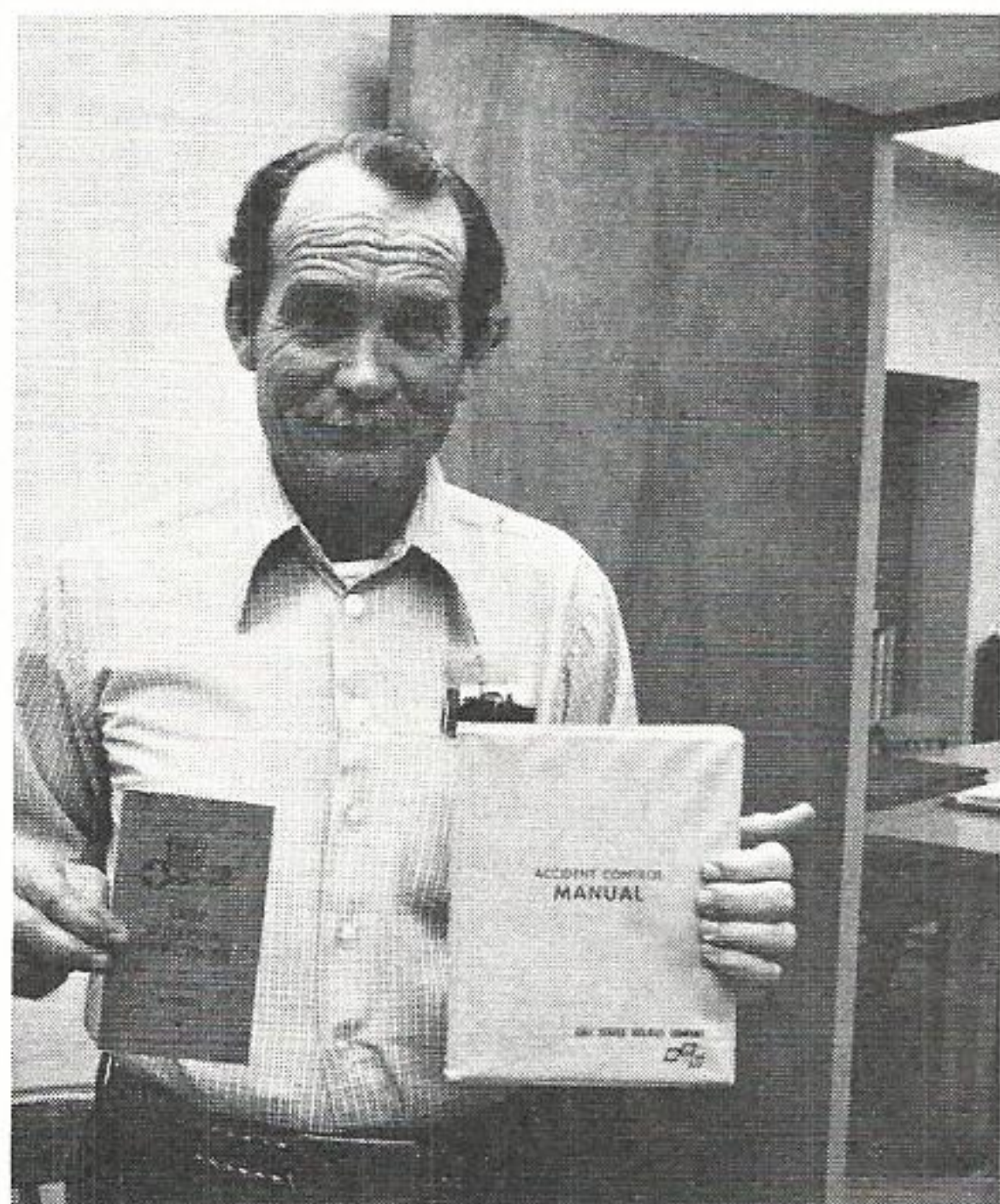


# Coffee Cup



## Champs

A team of Beaumont Main Office employees recently swept through the Beaumont City Basketball League Open B Division with a 10-1 record. Members of the team, first row left to right, Jeff Ewers, John Startz, Curtis Johnson, and Leonard King. Back row, Phil Smith, Tommy Goth, Rick Heider, David Smythia, Greg Copeland and Gary Eskew. Other members of the team, not pictured, are Lennard Henderson, Gene Melton and Wes Smith.



“No job is so urgent or service so important that it cannot be done safely.” So states a 32 year old rule found in GSU’s Safe Working Practices Book found recently by Ray Pharo, engineering assistant in Port Arthur. Our safety manual printed in January, 1946 and revised in April, 1947, consisted of six pages of 36 safety rules with the above rule being #36. Last but not least. (from Loraine Dunham)

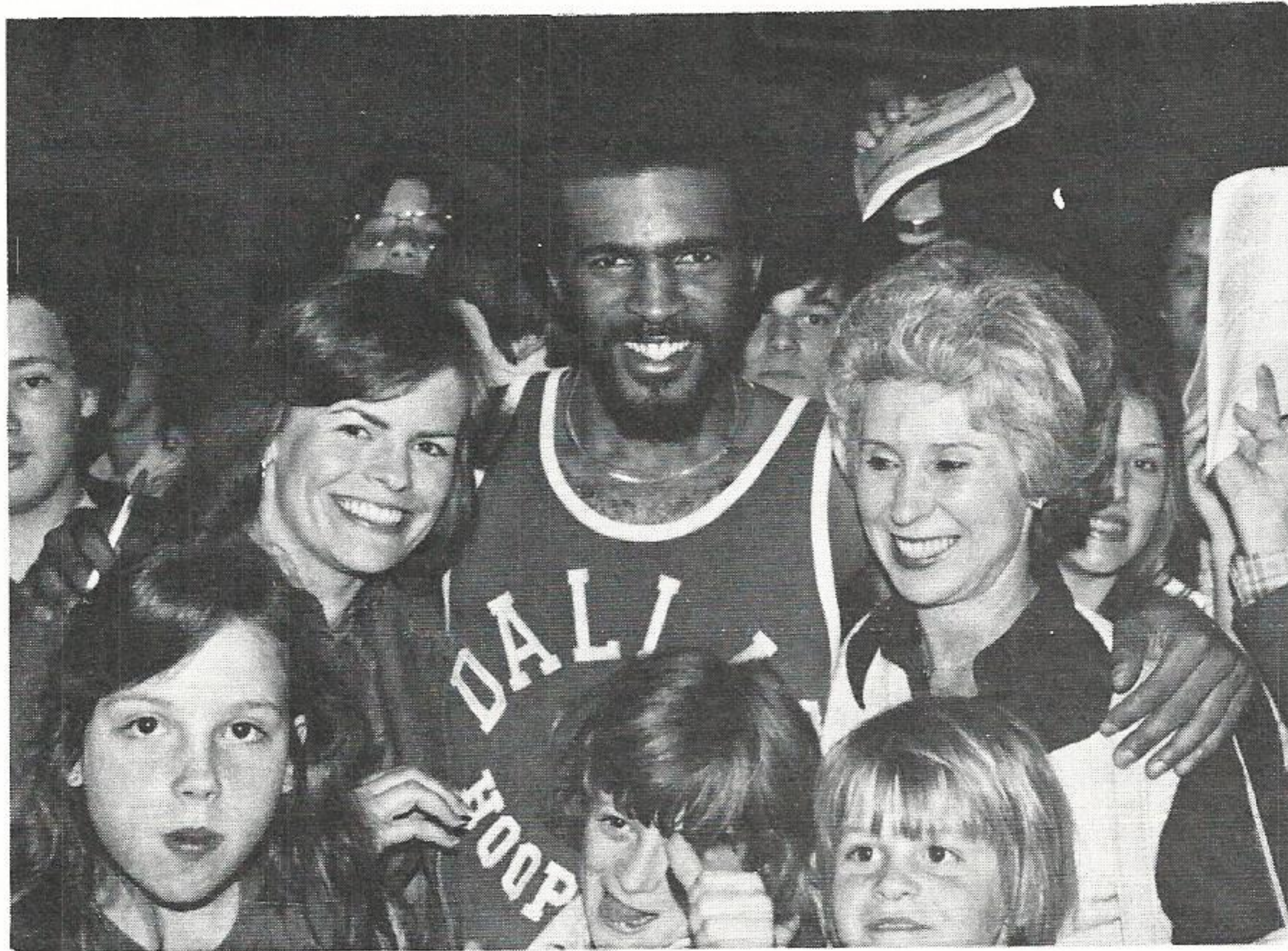
## “A Loving Farewell”



**GOOD BYE ROSEMARY**—Rosemary Vaught, executive secretary for the Port Arthur Division, got a red carpet sendoff by Summa Stelly, Division Manager, and all her friends and co-workers. On her last working day Stelly presented her with a cake inscribed “Ole Guinea,” a loving nickname, and a sweatshirt. Pam Dattalo and Jean Andrews were two of many well wishers on hand to send this lady off to a happy retirement. (from Sue Williams)



## “Superstar”



**SUPERSTAR**—Jeanne Sandifer, helper in Orange T&D, and Audrey McDonald, Orange PBX operator, flank Dallas Cowboy superstar Drew Pearson. Pearson, along with other members of the World Champion Cowboys, were in Little Cypress-Mauriceville recently to play a benefit basketball game against the high school coaches. Marianne McDonald, lower left, seems unconcerned about the whole affair. Dallas won the game and the hearts of all who were there.



**50TH ANNIVERSARY**—Earl C. Parker and his wife, Myrtie, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 7, with an open house at the First Baptist Church in Madisonville. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend. The party is being given by their children and their families. Earl retired in 1964 after 36 years of service. (from Jean Tinsley)



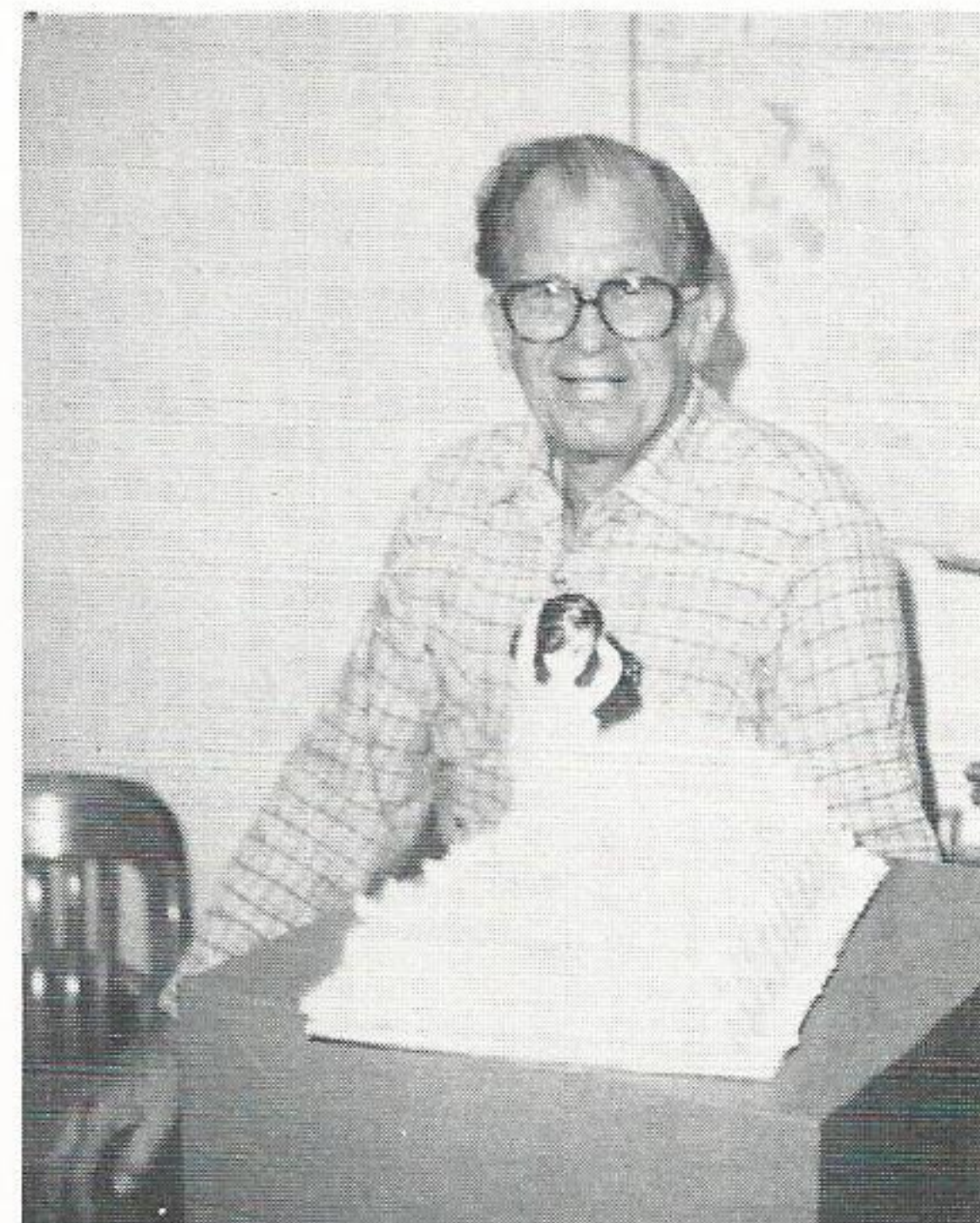
**BACK TO SCHOOL**—Patti Williams, clerk in Port Arthur, is leaving the company to continue her education. Before she left, her friends and co-workers gave her a going away party. Joining in on the fun are, left to right, Gail Harris, Penny Bolyard, Jean Andrews and Sissy Cooper. (from Sue Williams)



# Coffee Cup



**MR. TINY TOT**—Two 3-year olds were recently named Mr. and Miss Tiny Tot in the Nederland Heritage Festival Tiny Tot Pageant. Mr. Tiny Tot is Derron Rogers, son of Bert Rogers, Director-General Services Department, and Sandra Rogers, Executive Secretary-Financial Services Department. Miss Tiny Tot is Stacy Adaway (cousin of Sandra Conn, General Services Department). Also sharing the spotlight were Allison Olive, Miss Congeniality, and Will Breaux, Mr. Personality (Will is the nephew of Al Tarver, formerly of GSU).



**CAKE WITH A MESSAGE**—L. J. "Doc" LeSage, line foreman in Baton Rouge T&D, was surprised with his "Sexy Susie" birthday cake recently. His friends and co-workers thought the cake would do him some good on his 64th . . . Oops, 39th birthday. (from Margie Force)

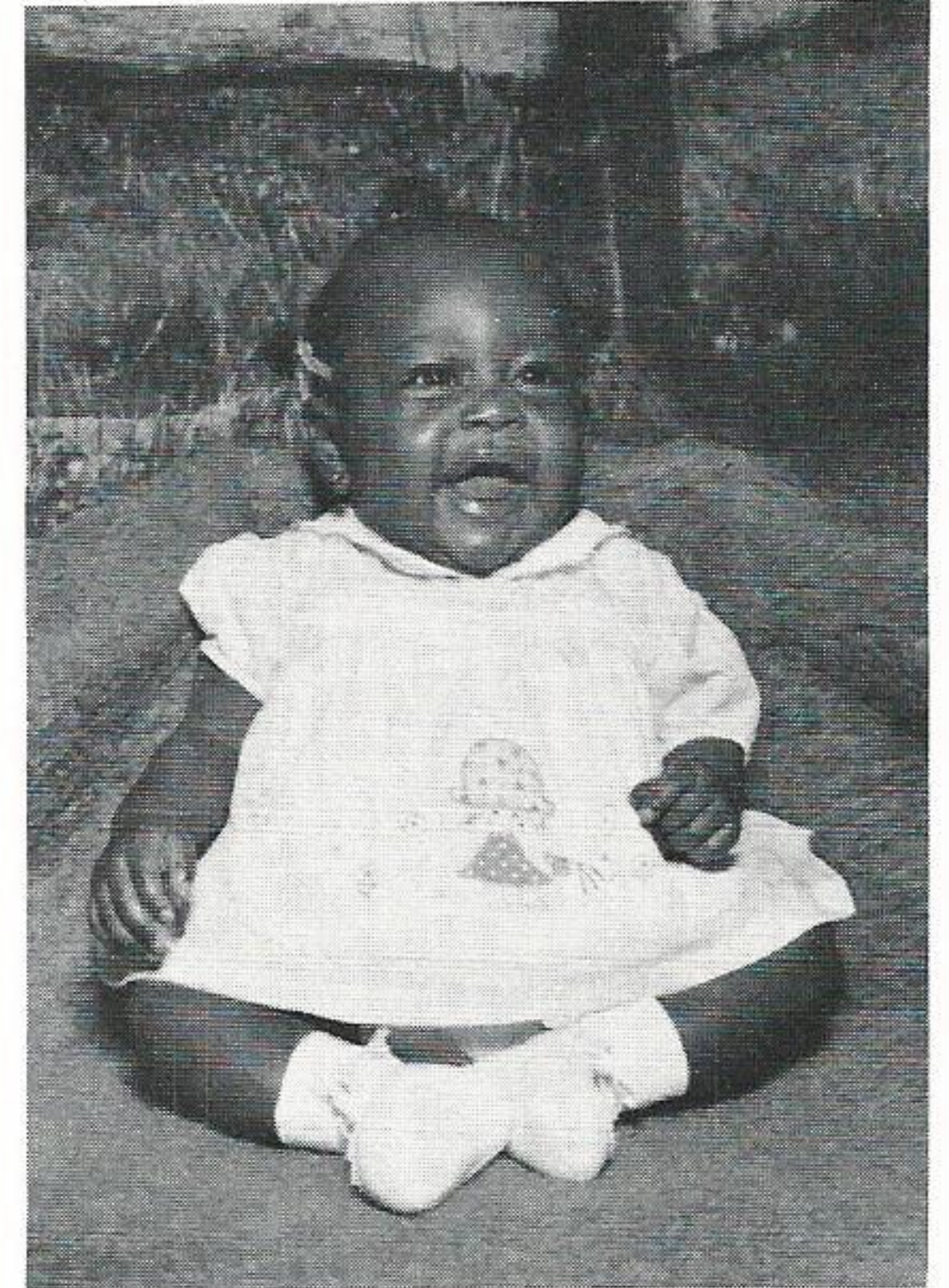


**PROMOTED**—Robert J. Guillory, seated, gets a royal sendoff from his friends and co-workers in Power Plant Construction. Guillory is being transferred to Nelson Station as construction supervisor. (photo by Marshall Hawkes)

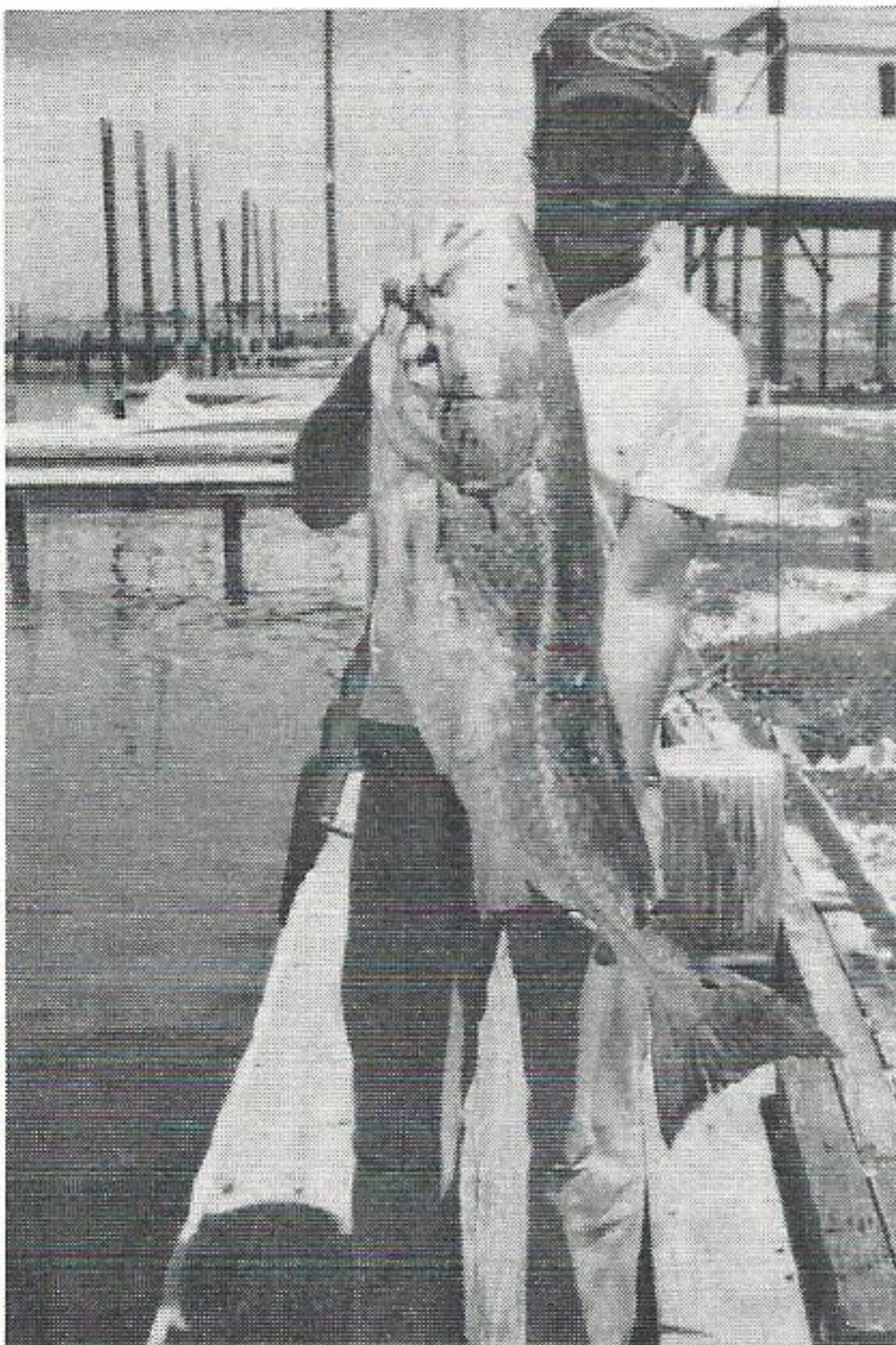




**MERRY ENGLAND**—Raymond DeLaune, (District Serviceman-Maringouin) and his wife Margaret spent the past Christmas holidays in Bedfordshire, England. Margaret is a native of England, and the DeLaunes returned there to visit relatives. This picture was taken in Wales at Conway Castle.

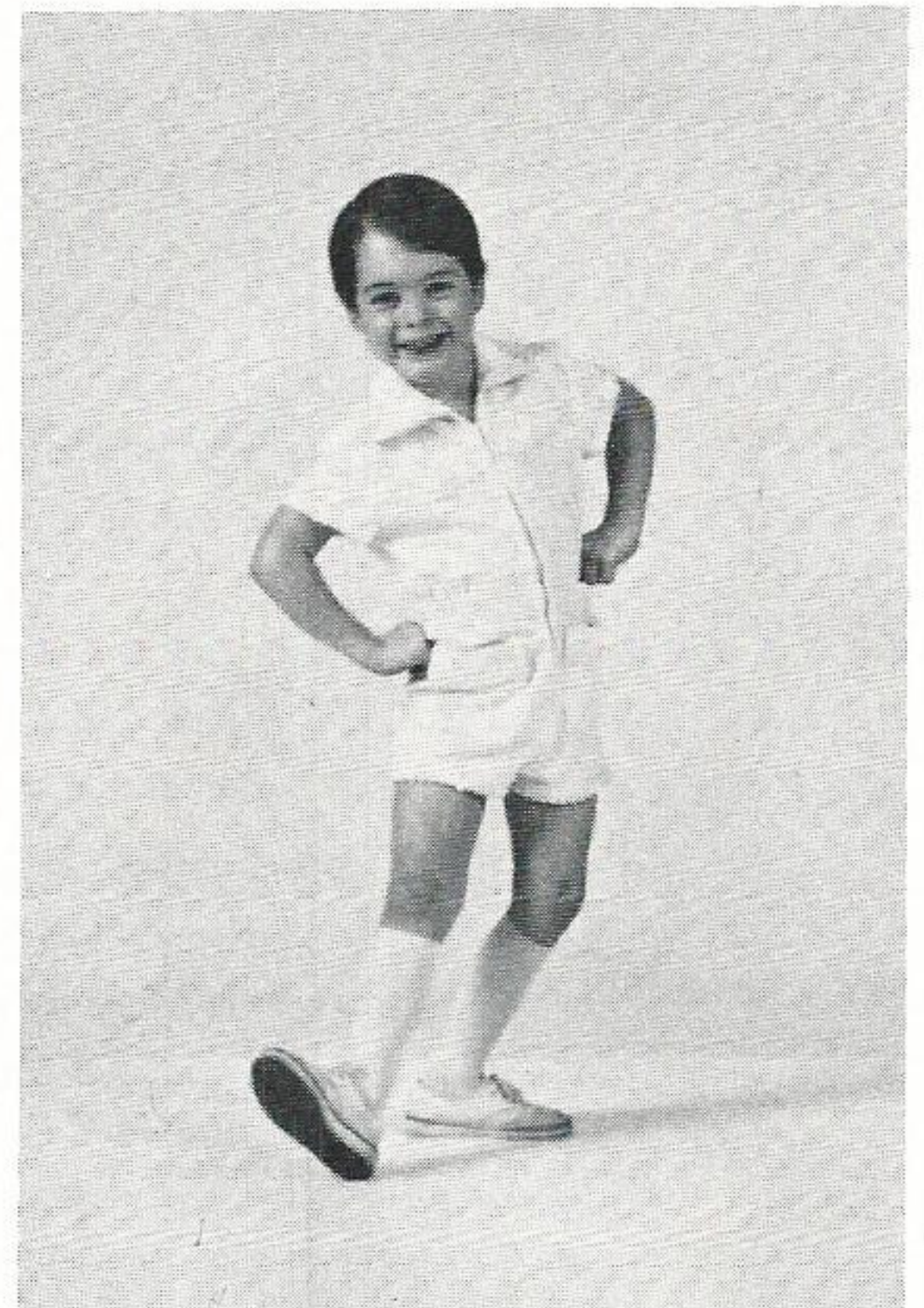


**HAPPY GIRL**—Some fathers just get a card, Leo Johnson received the ultimate gift when his wife, Cheryl (Department Clerk-Baton Rouge) presented him with a five pound, 11½ ounce bundle of baby girl named Asa Longet. That's some gift. (from Rhonda Cheek)



**YOUNG STEPPER**—Michael Derick Glach, five year old son of Robert Glach, Beaumont Relay Department, has taken tap and acrobatic lessons for two years and will be featured in a duet in an upcoming recital in Beaumont. Michael is the student of Cathy Brimm School of Dance. The recital is scheduled for the old Jefferson Theater in June. (from Carolyn Motl)

**NICE CATCH**—Lanny Harris, repairman first class at Willow Glen Station, found the fishing at Grand Isle to be good. Harris landed this 30 pound redfish on April 2. (from Dora Landaiche)





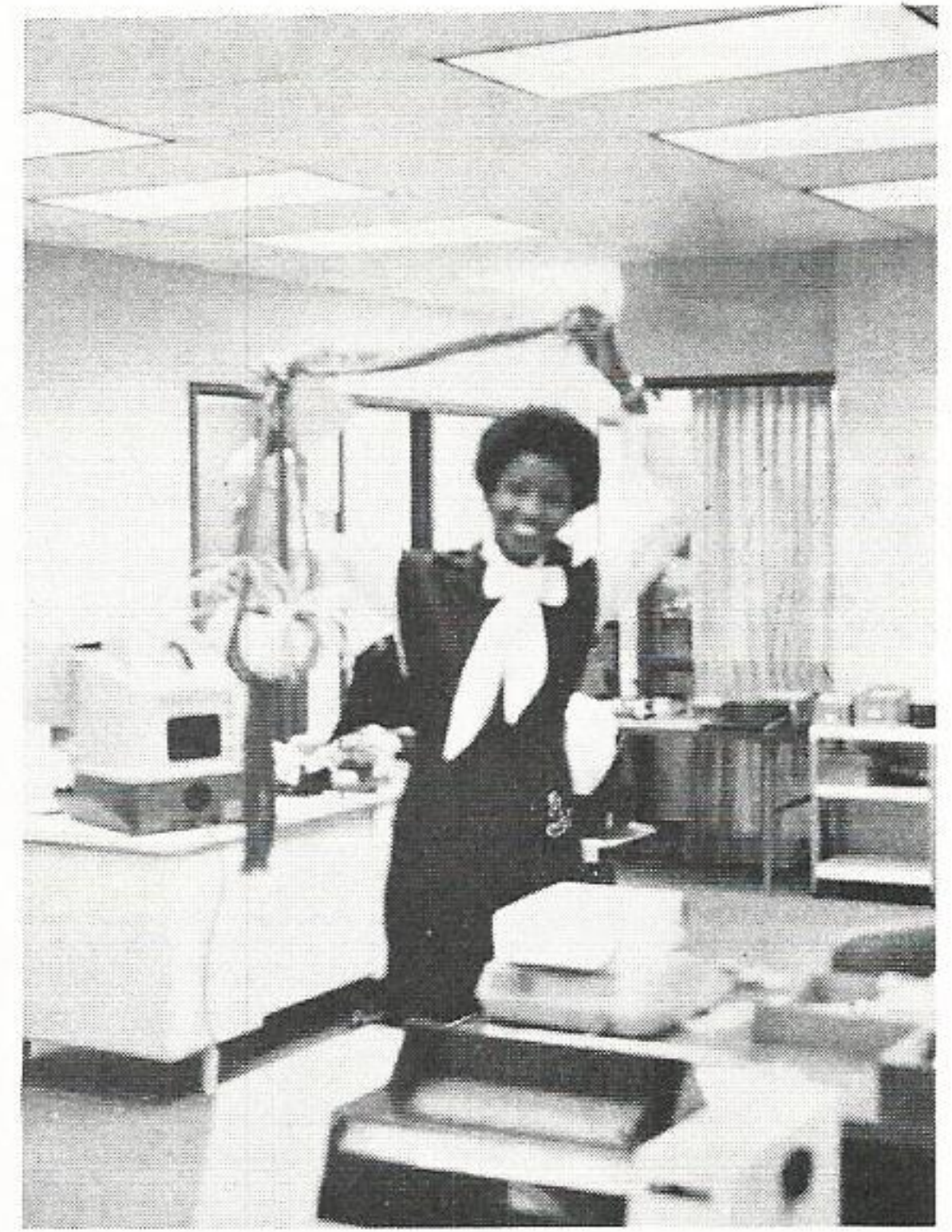
# Coffee Cup



**RETIREMENT PARTY**—F. E. “Boobie” Mathis, left, was the guest of honor at a recent retirement party. Friends and co-workers came from throughout the System to wish him well and partake of the food and festivities. The highlight of the party came when he was presented a fishing rod with a bag of money attached to the line. With Boobie is his daughter, Ann, and his brother, Carl.



**TWINS???**—Nedia LaBorde, Choctaw Gas Department, has taken a leave of absence to become a mother. Her friends and co-workers got together for a little party to give her a play-pen and a cake decorated with TWINS. (from Margie Force)



**BEFORE THE CRASH**—Linda Clay, accounting clerk in Port Arthur, received a going away gift prior to her being transferred to Beaumont. A macrame hanger with an airplane plant was the gift, but before she could carry it away it slipped loose and crashed to the floor. (from Sue Williams)

**TO BE A MOTHER**—Rhonda Cheek, steno at the Government St. T&D, is taking a maternity leave from her job and as PLAIN TALKS reporter. Before she left her friends and co-workers gave her a shower and an auto-swing, umbrella stroller, and just to cover all bets, playthings for little boys and little girls. (from Linda Nelson)





# Welcome Aboard

## Gas Department

Copponex Mary C, B Rouge, Dept Clerk - Gas Dept/Meter

## Distribution

Musso Vincent A Jr, B Rouge, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Bourgeois Christopher L, B Rouge, Relayman 3/C-T&D/Relay  
Beckes Randy L, B Rouge, Laborer I-T&D/Lab Crws  
Norred James R Jr, B Rouge, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Wolfe Kenneth W, B Rouge, Relayman 3/C-T&D/Relay  
Aucoin Carolyn D, B Rouge, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Fraser Dennis J, B Rouge, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Kayser Robert N, B Rouge, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Canella Frank J, B Rouge, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Sturgeon Claude R, B Rouge, Garage Mech 3/C-T&D/Garage  
Griffith Donald F, B Rouge, Laborer I - T&D/Garage  
Burt Lena M, B Rouge, Stenographer - T&D/Engrg  
Braud Kenneth P, Gonzales, Helper-T&D/Lab Crws

## Division Accounting

Street Jill B, B Rouge, Clerk - Cred & Coll  
Gill Joycie H, Zachary, Local Off Clerk - Overall  
Manry Jesse D, B Rouge, Laborer I - Cred & Coll  
Stevens Beverly T, B Rouge, Clerk - Credit & Coll  
Myers Larry J Jr, B Rouge, Laborer I - Stores  
Marino Bunnie R, B Rouge, Stenographer - Overall

## LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

### Division Production

Guillory Danny G, L Chas, Laborer I - Nelson Sta/Lab Crws  
Cloyd David R, L Chas, Equip Operator-Nelson Sta/Operns

### Distribution

Hudson C L, L Chas, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Devall Gregory M, L Chas, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Adam Frank, L Chas, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Guillory Ivan J Jr, L Chas, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Elter Terrell G, L Chas, Laborer I - T&D/Lab Crws  
Lebaron Frank, L Chas, Garage Mech 2/C-T&D/Garage  
Daigle Michael K, Lafayette, Helper-T&D/Lab Crws

## Division Marketing

Spencer Karen B, L Chas, Consumer Service Adv-Consum Serv

## Division Accounting

Kroll Melvina F, L Chas, Clerk - Cust Accts  
Foster Deborah J, Lafayette, Clerk - Cust Accts  
Reeves Annette M, Sulphur, Local Office Clerk - Overall  
Pete Maureen A, Jennings, Local Office Clerk - Overall

## MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Fernandez Alejandro R, Bmt, Staff Analyst-Pwr Plant Eng & Des  
Ramakka Steven T, Bmt, Eng/Pwr Plant Eng & Des  
Sale Michael A, Bmt, Eng/Sys Prod-Prod Maintenance  
Kilgore Gary E, Bmt, Constr Sch/Pwr Plant Constr  
Brouillette Stephen L, Bmt, Admin Acct/Actg Servs/Gen Acctg  
Sharp Bobby J Jr, Bmt, Admin Acct/Actg Servs Plant Acctg  
Sobczak Gary J, Bmt, Admin Acct/Actg Servs/Sys Billing  
Bordelon Kim M, Bmt, Admin Acct/Actg Servs/Classifications  
Massey John H, Bmt, Admin Acct/Tax Servs  
Greensfelder Mark R, Bmt, Sys Analyst/IDS-Implementation Svs  
Hillebrandt Joellen G, Bmt, Sys Analyst/IDS-Implementation  
Jones Karen S, Bmt, Sys Analyst/IDS-Implementation Svs  
Prihoda Joseph F, Bmt, Sys Analyst/IDS-Planning Svs  
Hopkins Stanley R, Bmt, Fuels Cooprinator/Fuel Servs  
Connolly Bruce J, Bmt, Budget Analyst/Fin Servs/Budget  
Dewey David P, Bmt, Budget Analyst/Fin Servs/Budget  
Williams Tracy W, Bmt, Internal Auditor/Internal Audits  
Cooper Malcolm E, Bmt, Internal Auditor/Internal Audits  
Pulido Hiram, Bmt, Engineer/T&D/Engrg  
Bowden Harvey L, Pt Arth, Engineer - T&D/Engrg  
Cash Robert G, Conroe, Engineer - T&D/Engrg  
Bell Gary C, St. Francvl, Material Analyst/Mat Servs/R Bend  
Fontenot Robert J, B Rouge, Engineer - T&D/Engrg  
Burbank Janis L, B Rouge, Mathematician-Div Acctg/Con Accts  
Jones Craig S, Bmt, Fin Analyst/Fin Svs/Long Term Finance  
Conway David E, Bmt, Sys Analyst-IDS/Planning Servs  
Ward James E, Bmt, Coordinator/Adm Svs/Methods & Proc  
Singletary Dennis E, Bmt, Sr Adm Acct/Actg Svs/Sys Billing  
Landrum James R, Bmt, Adm Acct/Actg Svs/Gen Acctg  
Baker Alfred C, Bmt, Director-Project Adm-R Bend  
Gibson Richard L, Bmt, Supt - Start Up & Test - R Bend  
Rinks Patricia M, Bmt, Cost Analyst - Power Plant Constr  
Sikes Gerald M, Bmt, Purchasing Agent - Mat Servs  
Normand Vance J, B Rouge, Const Supv Pwr Plt/R Bend  
Paxton Donald L, B Rouge, Purchasing Agt-Mat Servs



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# How To Make

## CAKES

### BANANA PUDDING CAKE

1 or 2 small, ripe bananas	4 eggs
One 18½ oz. pkg. yellow cake mix	1 cup water
One 3¾ oz. pkg. vanilla or banana instant pudding and pie filling	1 cup cooking oil
	¼ cup finely chopped nuts
	Confectioner's sugar (optional)

Slice bananas into large mixing bowl; beat until well mashed. Add remaining ingredients. Blend; then beat at medium speed of electric mixer 2 minutes. Pour into a greased and floured 10 inch tube or Bundt pan. Bake at 350 degrees 60 to 70 minutes. Cool in pan at least 15 minutes. Remove from pan; finish cooling on rack. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar, if desired.

Note: Cake can be baked in a 13x9 inch pan 50 to 55 minutes.

### BUTTERMILK POUND CAKE

1 cup butter or margarine	¼ tsp. soda
2¾ cups sugar	1 Tbsp. grated lemon rind or
4 eggs	1 tsp. vanilla or both
3 cups sifted flour	1 cup buttermilk

Cream butter and sugar until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well on high speed of the mixer until light and fluffy. Sift flour and soda together. Combine lemon rind or vanilla and buttermilk. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk to creamed mixture. (Add flour in 3 portions and milk in 2.) Mix only until all flour is moistened. Pour in greased 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees 60 to 70 minutes.

### FRESH APPLE CAKE

3 cups sifted flour	2 tsps. vanilla
1 tsp. salt	3 eggs
1 tsp. soda	2 cups sugar
2 tsps. cinnamon	1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup cooking oil	3 cups finely chopped apples (approximately 3 large apples)

Sift flour, salt, soda and cinnamon together into a mixing bowl. Add the oil and vanilla. Beat until smooth. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs until thick and foamy. Gradually add sugar until well blended. Add egg mixture to flour mixture and beat well. Add pecans and apples and mix well. Pour into a greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees 1 hour. Cool in pan 15 minutes.

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