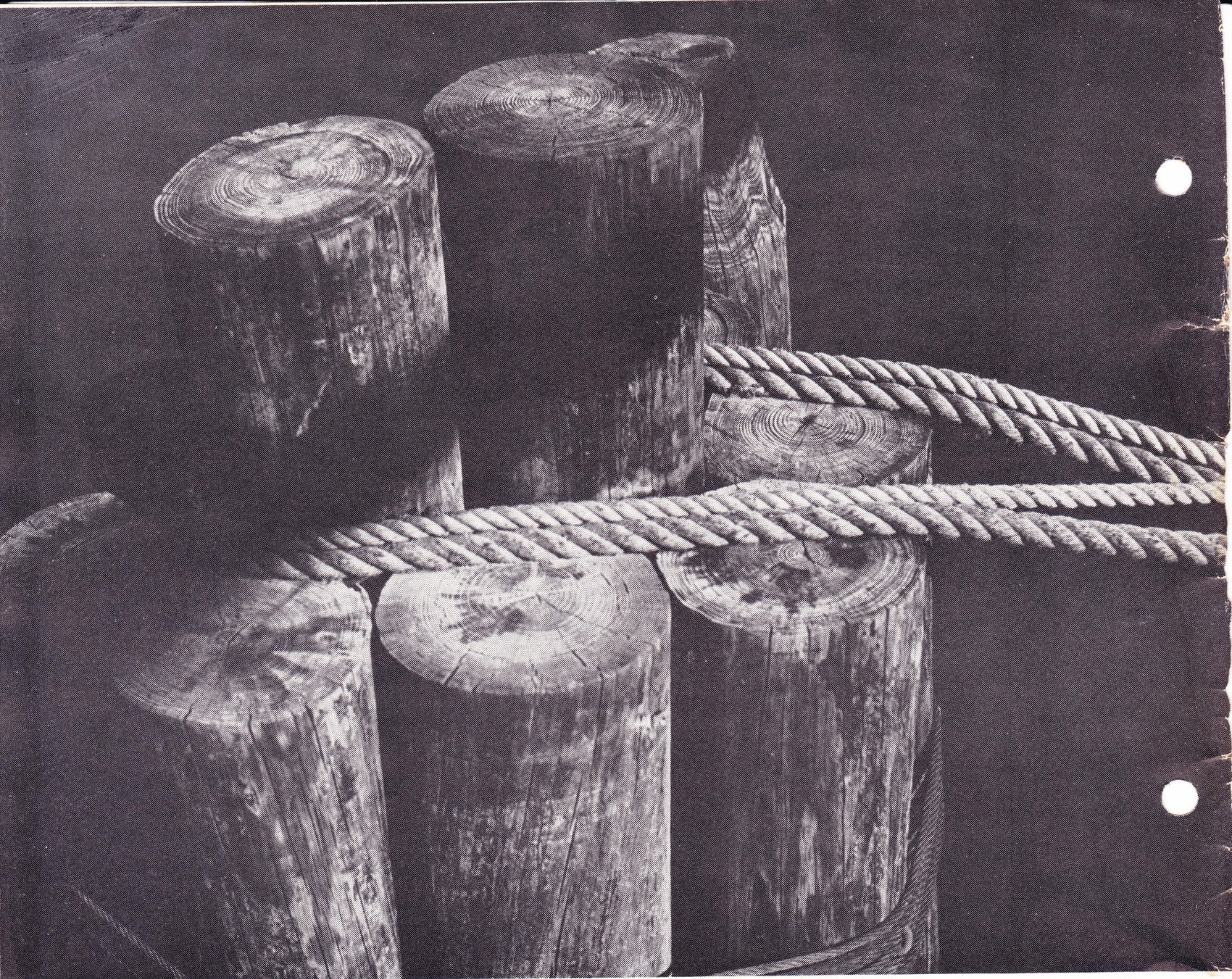


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DR. I. K. MOORHOUSE

THE YEAR 1952, riding high and empty, soon will cast off from its moorings and yield its place to a new arrival, then sail across the horizon into history. What joy and sorrow, profit and loss, progress and setback the newcomer has stowed away in its holds, none can say, for we weren't consulted when it was loaded. This chances are that its cargo won't be nearly as bad as the alarmists and pessimists fear — nor quite as wonderful as the optimists predict. But one thing is pretty certain. After 12 months it, too, will depart, and in its place another vessel will come and be tied against the same sturdy, weathered pilings — of which Faith and Hope are two of the strongest and deepest — where men have moored all the others.

...to All Gulf Staters and Their Families

I AM GLAD of this means of sending a Christmas message to all members of our Gulf States organization. I take this opportunity also to compliment the "Plain Talks" editor and staff on the high standards they maintain in their publication.

Through the continued improvement of "Plain Talks," and by every other possible means, I hope that during 1953 we may develop more effective means of exchanging information and strengthening the bonds of mutual interest which are so important a part of our organization.

Let each of us place high on his list a New Year's Resolution to study and practice safety and cooperation more earnestly than ever before.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Gulf Staters and their families.

Roy Nelson

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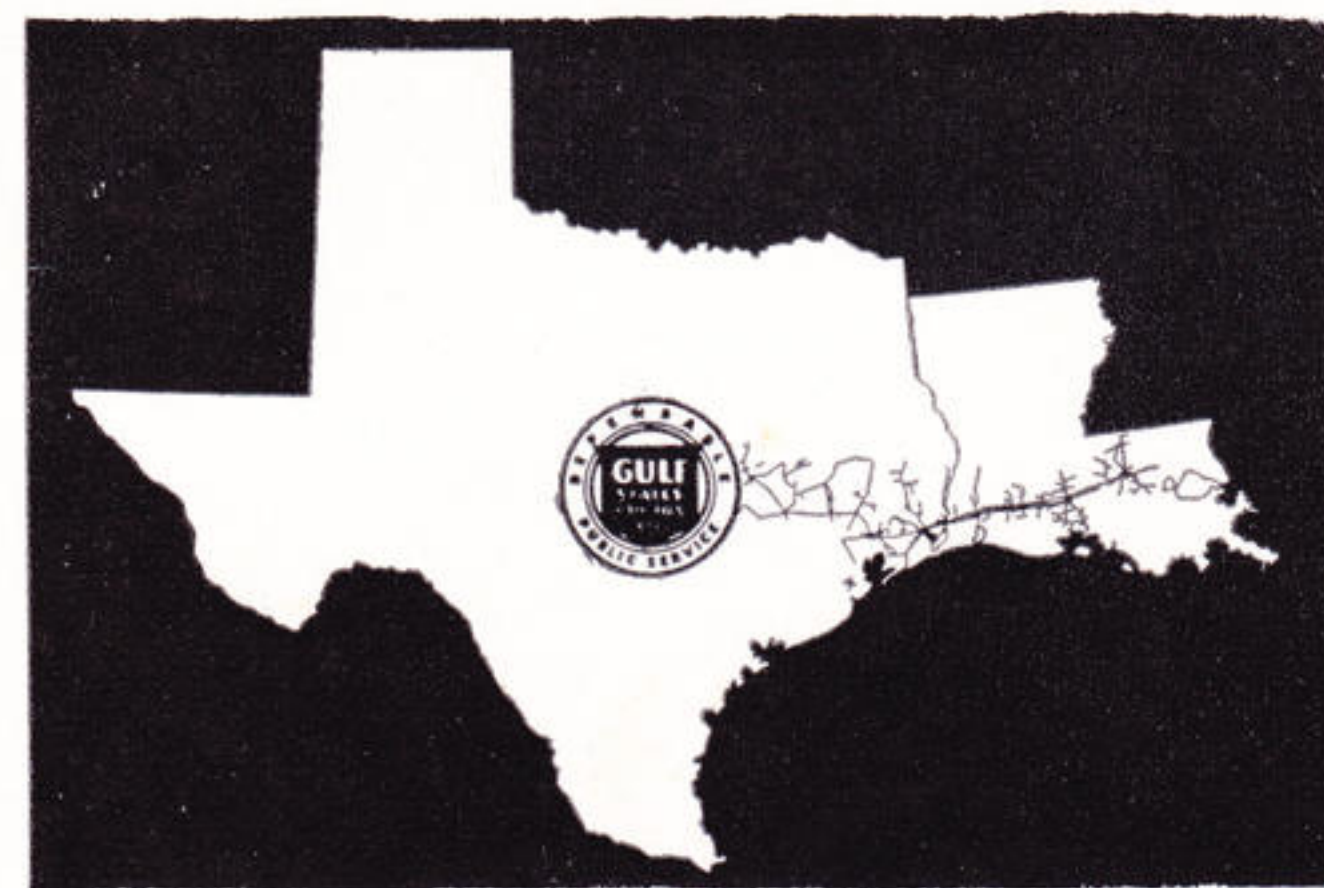
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FROM THE STAFF . . .

CANDLE, BIBLE and evergreen bough — accurate symbols of the Christmas season and a fitting keynote for the December issue of PLAIN TALKS. As the staff closes out Volume 30 with this issue, your Company magazine enters its 31st year of publication in January with "Vol. 31, No. 1."

Appropos of this occasion your PLAIN TALKS STAFF takes this space and opportunity to wish every Gulf Stater a Merry Christmas in the most meaningful and traditional spirit. Aware of the closely following beginning of another year we also add our sincere wishes for a HAPPY 1953 and hope that it brings to each of your families the fulfillment of your most cherished desires.





ANOTHER CHRISTMAS is almost here, and the warm, magical spirit of this timeless Christian holiday is felt all over the land. Lighted trees can be seen glowing inside millions of homes and colorful decorations are strung across streets and storefronts everywhere, while centuries-old carols are transmitted thousands of miles by modern-day electronics. Perhaps in your community on Christmas Eve, the children will again go from home to home, singing the same historical, melodious airs that have brought cheer and comfort to generations past.

For this is the holiday season. It has been so in much of the world since the early chapters of human history, even before the birth of Christ nearly 20 centuries ago.

"Light of the World"

In Northern Europe, where the ancient peoples worshipped the sun, the middle of December was a time of great anxiety. The winter days became shorter and shorter and the sun was weak and far away. Pagan tribes built bonfires to give the sun strength and revive him, and feasts were held during the same period we now observe Christmas. Then, as the days became longer and brighter, it was a time of celebration.

When the Christian faith spread across the continent, the natives came to understand the return of light in other terms: It signified hope for

humanity through the birth of Christ, "the light of the world."

In pre-Christian England, there was another important festival at the same time, called "Mothers' Night" because of their prominent part in the observance. The advent of Christianity in the British Isles introduced the story of the Nativity and the figure of Mary, giving the old pagan rite a new and inspiring meaning.

It was several hundred years (generally recorded as 340 A. D.) before scholars and churchmen satisfactorily established the date of Christ's birth and began celebrating the holiday each year on the 25th, and even after many years had passed, Christmas as we observe it today still had not evolved. It was the 13th Century before the Christmas carol began to gain universal acceptance, and scores of other customs, foods, decorations and incidentals arose from a variety of national, religious and seasonal practices. And there still are a number of Christmas traditions which are local in nature.

But this concerns only the trimmings; the central theme of Christ's birth is recognized around the globe as a great religious occasion each year, and the "mass of Christ" is a time for prayer and rejoicing. Prayers for "peace on the earth, good will to men" are offered in all free nations — and, secretly perhaps, even in nations where governments have outlawed Christ.

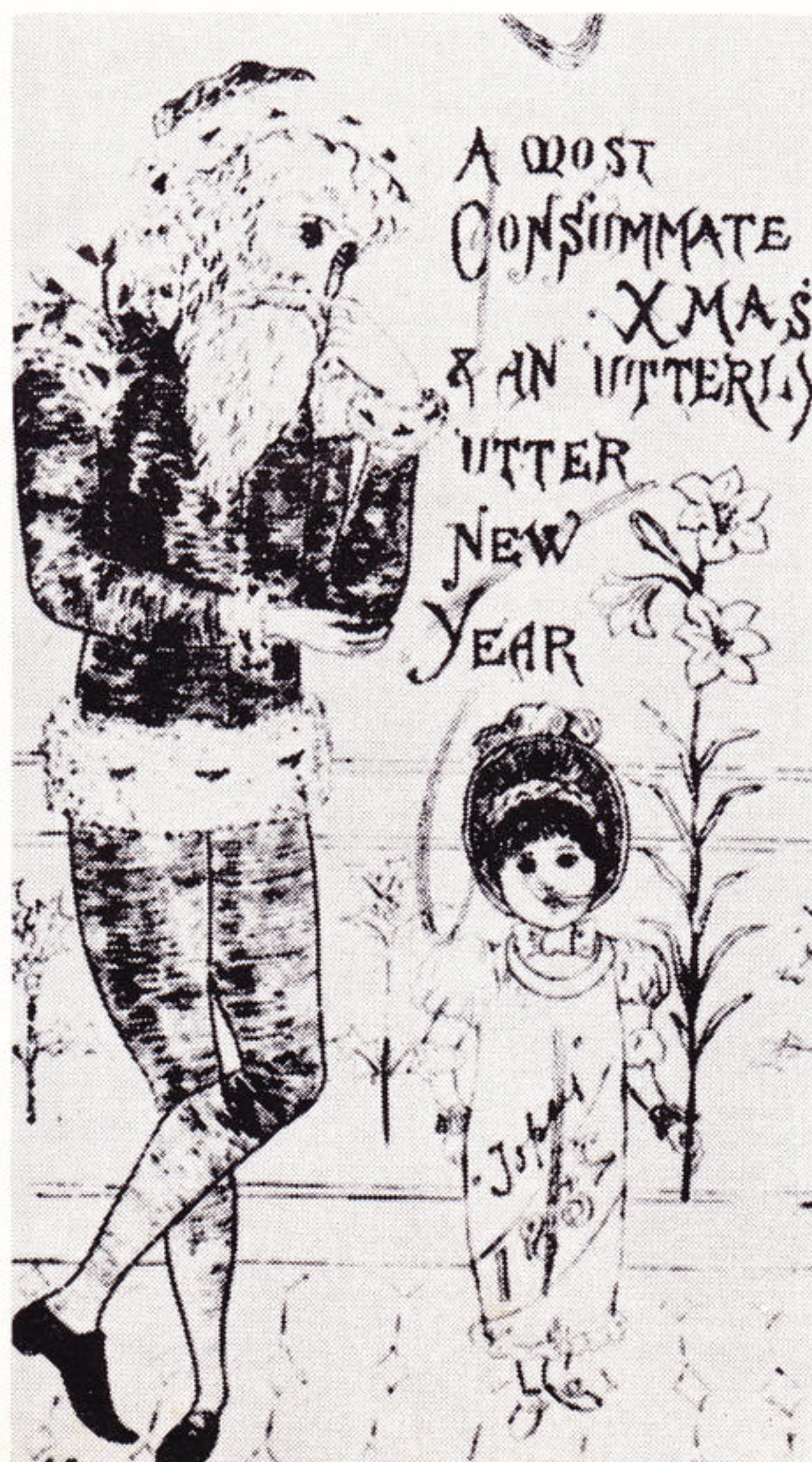
THE OLD PAGAN feasts of the Winter Solstice have stamped Christmas with an element of gaiety as well as one of prayerful thanksgiving. Special Yuletide foods, most of them highly seasoned, are an integral part of the holiday. The cinnamon, powdered cloves, ginger, nutmeg, anise, allspice, aromatic bitters and other spices used on the occasion symbolize the costly gifts of the Wise Men to the Christ Child. A hundred years ago, as this old woodcut indicates, "bringing in the pudding" was the climax of the Christmas feast — it was a tradition that dated back to the Saxons in Britain. For centuries, English housewives were reminded to start making their plum pudding by the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England. The prayer for the last Sunday before Advent begins, "Stir up . . ."





THE ORIGINAL "Santa Claus" was the good St. Nicholas, a Fourth Century churchman who was known for, among other things, unexpected gifts and a fondness for children. The old woodcut reproduced above shows him in his clerical robes and barefoot.

FIFTEEN CENTURIES had elapsed by the time a cartoonist whipped out the Santa Claus on the right, and he still was a tall, lean individual. But other cartoonists at this time (1882) depicted Santa as an elf-like man and often had three or four visiting a home at the same time.



Santa C has put WEIGH

WHEN CLEMENT MOORE wrote his classic, "The Night Before Christmas," in 1828, he described Santa Claus almost exactly as Americans think of him today. He portrayed the legendary old gentleman as roly-poly, broad-faced with merry dimples, twinkling eyes and cheeks like roses. St. Nick, wrote Moore, was chubby and plump, merry, lively and quick, "a right jolly old elf."

But reading of a Santa described in these terms must have been puzzling to both parents and children of the 1820's. For the Santa of that era — and of many eras before then — was a tall, angular fellow whose only physical similarity to Moore's image was his white beard. Moore was almost a century ahead of his time.

In the years between then and now, Santa has known almost as many characterizations as there have been artists to draw him. In return he has been tall and thin, short and wispy, gaunt and ragged and, most recently, the portly strapping old fellow conceived by such men as artist Norman Rockwell.

The Children's Friend

The "thin man" who was Santa in the early days in this country was a copy of the European St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, an ancient city in Asia Minor. He lived in the Fourth Century, and he was a tall, upright man, usually pictured in his bishop's robes. By legend he was the "children's friend," and it was with him that the practice of gift-bearing to children on Christmas originated.

laus on T!

The story of St. Nicholas was brought to America by the Dutch and gradually became merged with the myriads of Christmas customs of many other nationalities who emigrated here. But as St. Nicholas, even in Clement Moore's day, he was still the tall and stately man known in Europe. Even the name, "Santa Claus," was rare.

Moore's poem was originally titled, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," and the name "Santa Claus" apparently arose from the efforts of children to pronounce in English the Dutch name "Sant Nicholaas."

Nast Used Imagination

St. Nicholas remained tall and thin in the public prints until the 1860's, when a famous cartoonist of the period, Thomas Nast, began drawing Santa Claus on magazine covers and as book illustrations. Nast's conception was more closely allied to Moore's written description, but still a long way from today's versions.

Nast's Santa was a short, pixie-like figure, round and jolly looking but still hardly able to carry the huge bag of toys he is generally pictured with today. Nevertheless, Nast's drawings established a popular notion of Santa that eventually led to the present day conception.

Nast popularized not only the figure of Santa Claus, but also many of the other practices with which he is associated at Christmas: building the toys in his North Pole workshop, keeping the records of good and bad children, receiving and answering their

letters, and driving his reindeer. Nast is also credited with establishing Santa's red coat, the result of a cartoon during the Civil War in which he patriotically showed Santa in a red, white and blue suit.

Rockwell's Version Famous

Not until the early 1900's did Santa begin to achieve the plumpness and height of figure we know today. As late as 1881 artists were still picturing a Santa that resembled Jack Sprat more than he did Moore's Santa. Possibly the painters thought they had to make him literally thin enough to get down the chimney.

Today, on Christmas cards, in magazines, on billboards and on all forms of Christmas products, Santa is very nearly uniform in appearance. Norman Rockwell, the Vermont artist whose cover illustrations have gained him fame, has one of the most popular conceptions of Santa.

Will Santa's appearance change in the years to come? Any changes probably will be only in minor details, even over a long period of time, according to the Hallmark greeting card people, who maintain the most extensive file of old Santa Claus prints in the world. The festival of Christmas and Santa's part in it, they report, is almost universally understood today and communications between people and nations are so easy that confusion isn't likely.



A CARTOONIST named Thomas Nast probably did more than any other artist to popularize the large, portly Santa Claus, but it took a while for the idea to catch on. He also gave Santa many present-day attributes, such as his workshop and place of residence at the North Pole.

NORMAN ROCKWELL has pretty well consolidated artists' and writers' thinking on Santa with the hefty, benign fellow shown below. Experts believe he'll stay pretty much as Rockwell has painted him in recent years, and they predict the future Santa won't be much different from today's.

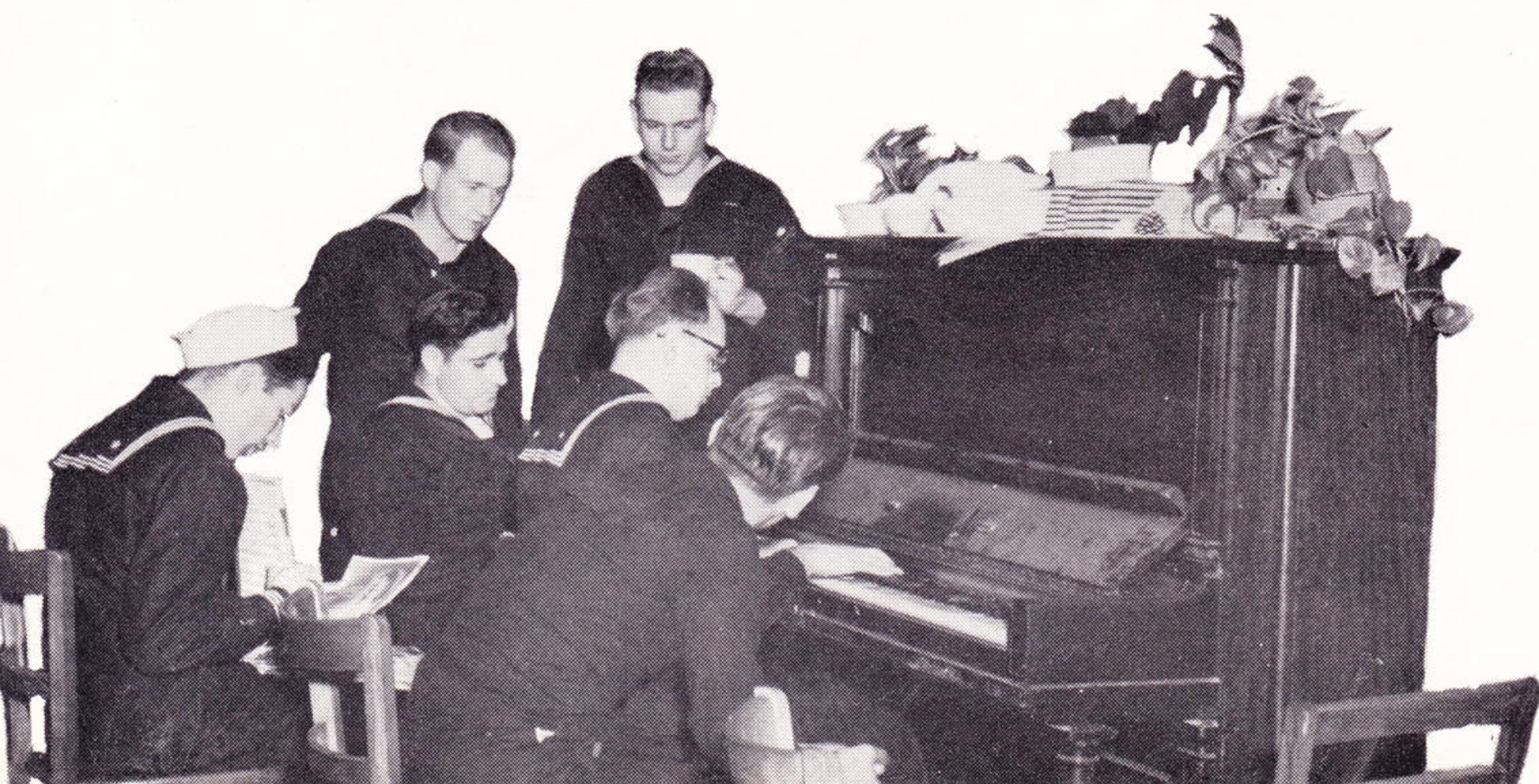




"OPERATION ZIPPER" has most of the ships at Orange in a state of deactivation, but they could be back in service in only a short time, thanks to the Navy's preservative methods. Right of picture is Texas; Louisiana is to left.

The NAVY *Takes Care of* Its OWN

MUSIC HATH ITS CHARMS, and sailors in the Red Cross lounge listen to one of their buddies bang out a melody on the sturdy upright piano. Coffee, cakes and other refreshments are made possible by civilian volunteers of the Red Cross.



The Ships Are Important, But the Men Count, Too

AS A BUSY, expanding Gulf States district, Orange already is widely recognized for its petrochemical plants, marine construction, oil production, steel fabrication and other industries. But let's go aboard still another of the district's many installations — the U. S. Naval Station — for a visit with hardworking bluejackets on duty there.

The naval station at Orange is the only one in the Gulf Coast area between Corpus Christi and New Orleans, and it's snugly laid out along a strip of frontage on the Sabine River adjoining the city. Its primary purpose is to provide a berthing area for vessels of the Reserve Fleet and perform necessary services for them. Captain E. E. Garcia is in command of the naval station, with Commander L. T. Cleaves serving as executive officer. Captain W. S. Campbell is in command of the ships and men of Texas Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, which are based at Orange.

Many of the vessels are in "mothballs" and special preservative methods have been used to prevent rust, corrosion and other damage during the period they aren't in active service. Actually, the term "mothballs" is something of a misnomer, because plenty of maintenance work must be carried out at intervals so that the ships can be reactivated quickly whenever needed.

Big Orange "Industry"

These ships and the work that must be done on them form the nucleus of an operation that means about \$6 million in payrolls to Orange business life every year, not counting purchases of base supplies. Naturally, good Gulf States electric power is one of the commodities the Navy buys locally. It takes approximately 1,200 naval and civilian personnel to operate the station.

In the Sabine River at Orange there are auxiliary ships, repair vessels, minesweeps, barracks ships (many fleet personnel live afloat), supply barges and other types of vessels. Keeping them shipshape is the first duty of

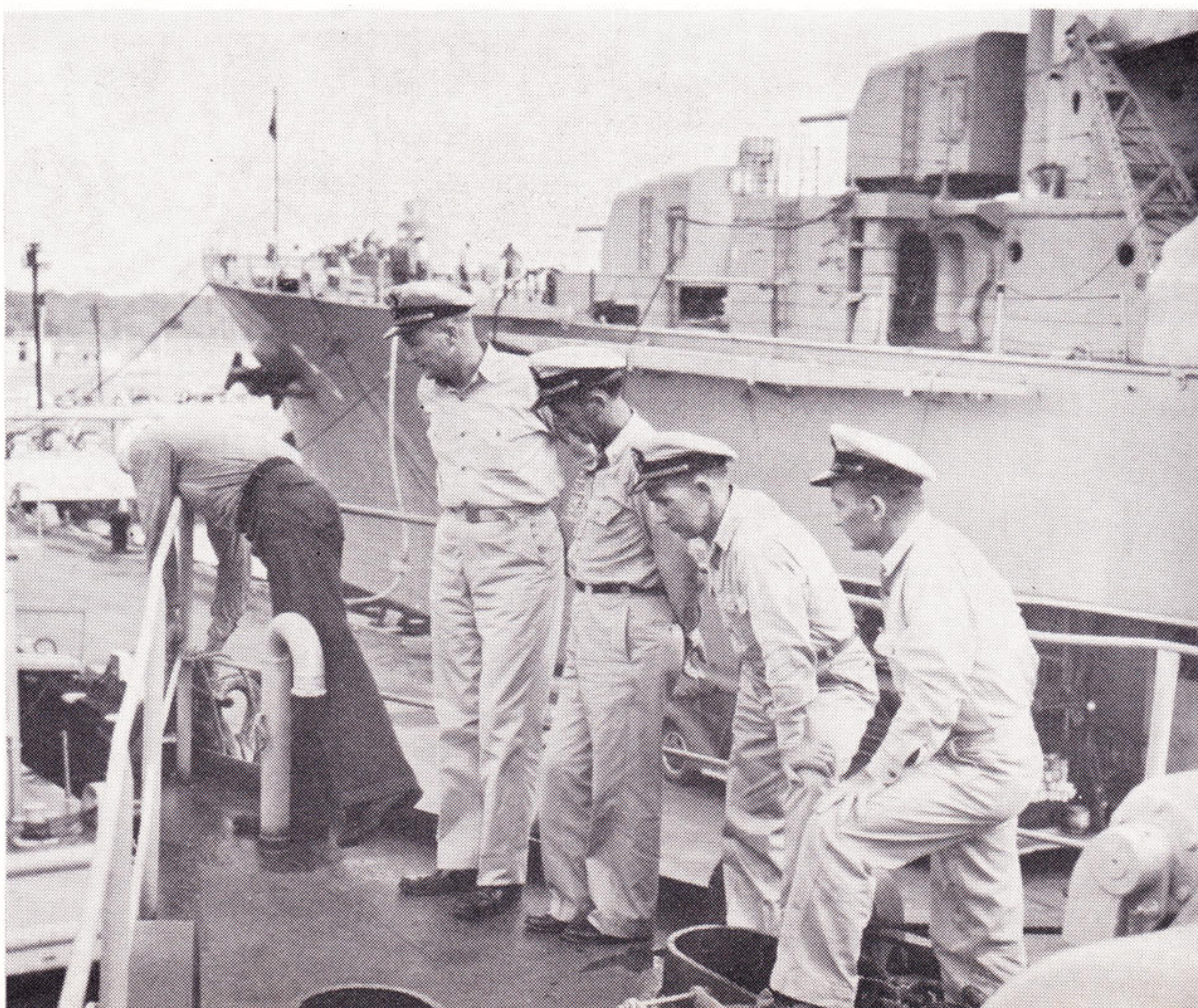


SKIPPER of the naval station is Captain Garcia (seated), and Commander Cleaves (standing) serves as executive officer.

MEDICAL care is furnished by the Navy not only to sailors, but to their dependents and to other servicemen in the area.



RESERVE training is conducted at Orange, in addition to other station activities; here several officers study gear on bow of ship.





Orange Is Proud of "Its" Navy

CHRISTMAS comes to the naval station, too — a bluejacket helps civilian workers at lounge decorate a tree for homelike atmosphere on Yuletide.



LIBRARY AND SNACK BAR are two popular features with sailors with a few minutes or a couple of hours to spare. Miss Marguerite McHenry, librarian, reports Navy reading tastes cover wide range of materials; sometimes servicemen and their families check out combined total of books running into the hundreds over a year's time.

the Navy, but since the Orange station was established in November, 1945, a whole host of allied services and facilities have been undertaken. This includes training programs for naval reservists; processing personnel for separation from the Navy; assistance with military funerals for Korean War dead, and many others.

Briefly, here's how the station is organized:

A Ships Department provides tug, barge and derrick service for the naval station and fleet. Supply and Fiscal Department sees to it that the Navy is fed and clothed, and that necessary parts for activation and inactivation of vessels are obtained, checked and stored. A Navy Exchange Department, functioning like a member store in a large retail chain, provides consumer goods, haircuts, chocolate malts and thousands of other items and services.

Public Works Dept. Busy

Then there's the Public Works Department, which has employees ranging all the way from gardeners to Diesel engine mechanics. Their work includes such jobs as maintaining utilities, making blueprints and photostats, collecting trash, supervising construction projects and many other tasks. Station Military Personnel Office and Separation Activity constitutes another phase of the organization, distributing information from the Navy Department and other sources, keeping personnel records, helping with civil readjustment and veterans benefit work, and so on.

The Medical Department looks after not only the station's military personnel, but also serves an estimated 6,000 dependents, retired servicemen of all branches and other members of the Armed Forces assigned to the Orange vicinity. Hospital care is made available at Orange City Hospital (for dependents) or at the U. S. Military Hospital, Corpus Christi (for servicemen).

Finally there's the Security Department, which provides internal security for all government property at the station. Guards and firemen, both under civil service, protect costly equipment and supplies against fire, theft and sabotage.

But in addition to the "functional" departments which enable the Navy to do its assigned work, the station has a wealth of other facilities aimed at satisfying the "human factors" of efficient operation. A handsome, well-equipped chapel serves as a center of spiritual activities on the station. Then there's an extensive library with an abundance of both fiction and non-fiction.

tion volumes and full racks of periodicals.

Always Something to Do

A sailor has little trouble finding something to do after he has discharged his duties for the day. He can relax in the Red Cross lounge or the "white-hats" club; attend a movie or dance; play shuffleboard, watch television, or get in a little exercise on the basketball court, softball diamond or tennis court. Not long ago the Navy's swimming pool at Orange was completed, so it will be ready for use as soon as the weather permits. Anyone with a hobby is urged to make use of the station hobby shop, and activities there vary from ship model building to automobile repairs.

On top of all this, the station offers "liberty" connections on a par with those at almost any Navy installation in the country. Besides Orange itself, sailors find that Port Arthur, Lake Charles, Beaumont, Galveston, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Houston and many other towns are within visiting distance, with only the length of their leaves governing their travels.

But with a goodly percentage of naval personnel at Orange under 21



SHORE PATROL PERSONNEL at Orange play an important part in the naval station's operations. Here are (front row) Lieutenant J. I. Padgett, E. H. Pretts, W. A. Berthelot, J. W. Paul, A. L. Purvis, W. P. Fraser and V. Gauenda; (rear) N. A. Geer, N G. Rawls, S. C. Kosh, H. B. Scarrow and J. B. Mays.

years of age, the Navy is making especially sure no one is forced to range over the countryside in search of recreation when it can be made available conveniently and at low cost right on the station. Older and more settled personnel with families to look after also find the Navy sympathetic; Navy

Park Housing Project, a 500-family development maintained by the Public Works Department, enables married men to combine a service career with wholesome home life.

So whether it's concerned with ships or men, the Navy says, "Let's take care of them — they're valuable."



LET'S FEED 'EM — THEY'RE HUNGRY. One worry the G. I. doesn't have if he eats on the station is a big grocery bill, and this sailor is taking advantage of it. Food is served both on shipboard and ashore, but half the Orange station's personnel eat at home with their families.



THE NAVY MAY NOT TRAVEL on its stomach, as an old saying has the Army doing, but mess call at Orange produces a crowd in a hurry. Cooks are seen here sampling gravy simmering in a steam kettle at noontime. They feed about 600 men in a total of three messes.



THEY WERE THERE when the trouble occurred — part of the "B" shift at Louisiana Station in Baton Rouge. From left above, they are Ben Gray, burner cleaner; Harvey Smith, turbine operator; D. V. "Pluggy" Garon, head fireman; H. L. Harrison, operator's helper; R. R. Floyd, water plant operator; J. G. Price, auxiliary turbine operator; E. A. Andre, operator's helper; T. C. "Alaska" Macon, fireman; Floyd Cochran, turbine engineer; Howard Webb, fireman; J. E. Hill, fireman; D. W. Slocum, Jr., operator's helper; C. E. Lawless, switchboard operator, and D. D. Gunn, auxiliary turbine operator. Not shown is A. B. Cross, head fireman. Bus driver Marshall Walls, who also was on duty the night of November 5, is at extreme left; he was changing clothes when the picture above was made.

Cool Heads, Quick Action Pay Off

Service promptly restored after first major interruption at B. R. plant

THE RHYTHM OF RAIN, the first in many dry weeks, made happy music for Baton Rougeans on the night of November 5. At 8:00 folks had finished the evening meal and were relaxing in their armchairs, perhaps listening to the radio and thinking how pleasant it was going to be to sleep to the tune of the cool drizzle.

Gulf Staters at the Capitol City's big Louisiana Station also had caught the evening's mood. The hum of turbines, the drone of boilers and the roar of burning gas and of steam under high pressure made good music, too. These were the solid, working sounds the men were used to — some for practically a lifetime — and they liked them. The noise of the big plant meant light and power . . . and production.

But suddenly, at exactly 8:02, the blast of boiler safety valves sounded above the customary noises of the station and the lights in the giant turbine room switched over to emergency lighting, signalling that for the first time in its 22-year history that the station had suffered a major interruption.

The result was temporary loss of electric service to a part of North Baton Rouge and to the Standard Oil

refinery, and it was necessary to close off motor-operated valves of the process steam lines to both Standard and Ethyl. The plant was never shut down, but it was never closer to being so than it was that night.

Recovery operations by "C" shift operators, on duty at the time, were swift and orderly, and electric service was available for Standard within 20 minutes. Almost immediately, from all parts of Baton Rouge, off-duty men converged on the station, and it wasn't too long until practically the entire plant organization was working at high speed to restore the station to full operation.

Station service was restored within eight minutes. No. 7 unit and No. 10 boiler were back in operation in 12 minutes. Steam pressure was back in Standard Oil headers by 11 P. M. and was gradually built back to normal for Ethyl at their request. Meanwhile, unit No. 8 and boiler No. 11, at the 900-pound end of the station, continued to operate, and with assistance from the 138 kv and 69 kv transmission lines from Lake Charles and Beaumont, kept most of the city from knowing there had been any trouble. Unit No. 7 and boiler No. 10 were restored

promptly, making 130,000 kw available from Louisiana Station at all times during the emergency.

Ironically, it was freak result of the long hoped-for rain that caused the station's first major interruption. A combination of circumstances which couldn't be foreseen — and which may never happen again — was set in motion by a flashover on feeder No. 7, from which point the trouble surprisingly backed up to the plant. Station personnel are making tests, at this writing, to determine the internal reason for the faulty relay operation which brought on the interruption.

There was no element of human failure at any stage of the interruption.

The teamwork and spirit of Louisiana Station Gulf Staters who restored service was "the most magnificent I have ever seen," said Vice-President H. C. Leonard, who was at the station most of the night. "I was utterly amazed at the coolness, the efficiency and the downright skill of these men. No other group of technicians anywhere could have restored this type of generating station to normal operations as quickly as did these Gulf Staters, of that I am sure."

Robertson Offers Praise

R. J. Robertson, superintendent of production, and R. K. "Chief" Wilkerson, chief engineer, were equally high in their praise of the group. "The men wasted no time and took first things first. When you consider that there has been no previous interruption of this nature and that it is certainly not the type of trouble for which you can hold dress rehearsals, then it becomes apparent that the training and 'know-how' of these men enables them to know exactly what to do to get their plant back into operation when trouble comes."

But for the men of "C" shift, the night was a hard one to take.

"It was like nothing I ever experienced," said A. R. "Moon" Roussel, station engineer. "We're so used to the shrill sound of the high pressure steam and gas rushing through the pipe lines and the normal hum of the turbo-generators, that we could almost 'feel' the silence."

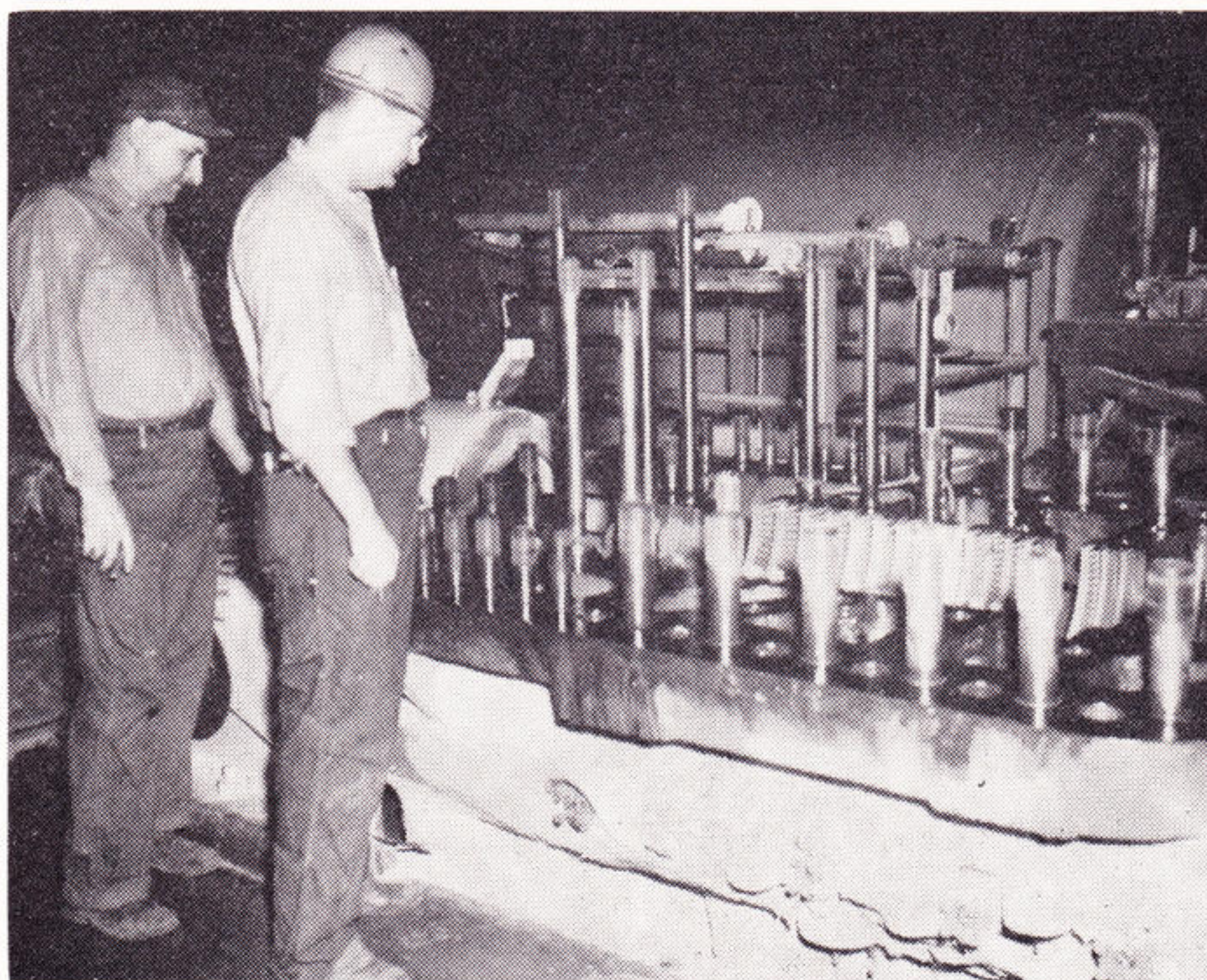
F. A. Cochran, turbine engineer, added, "It was like a graveyard at midnight."

Those at the station that night were impressed by the arrival of so many off-duty Gulf Staters as soon as they learned of the trouble. Vice-President Leonard described the turnout as heart-warming, and commented, "They certainly proved themselves in fine style."

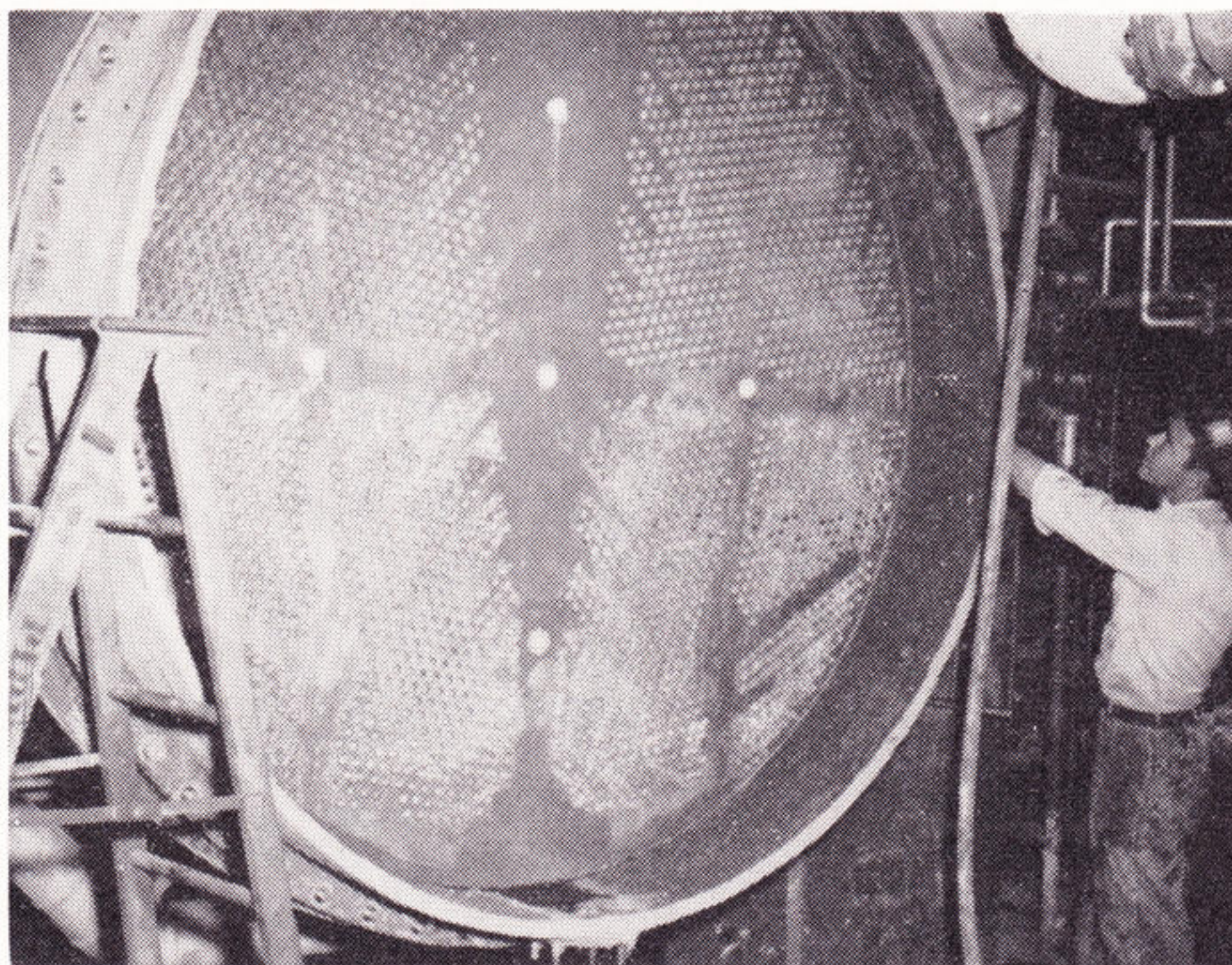
IN FRONT of one of their big turbines are J. D. Wallace, auxiliary turbine operator; J. D. Fleming, operating engineer, and A. R. "Moon" Roussel, station engineer.



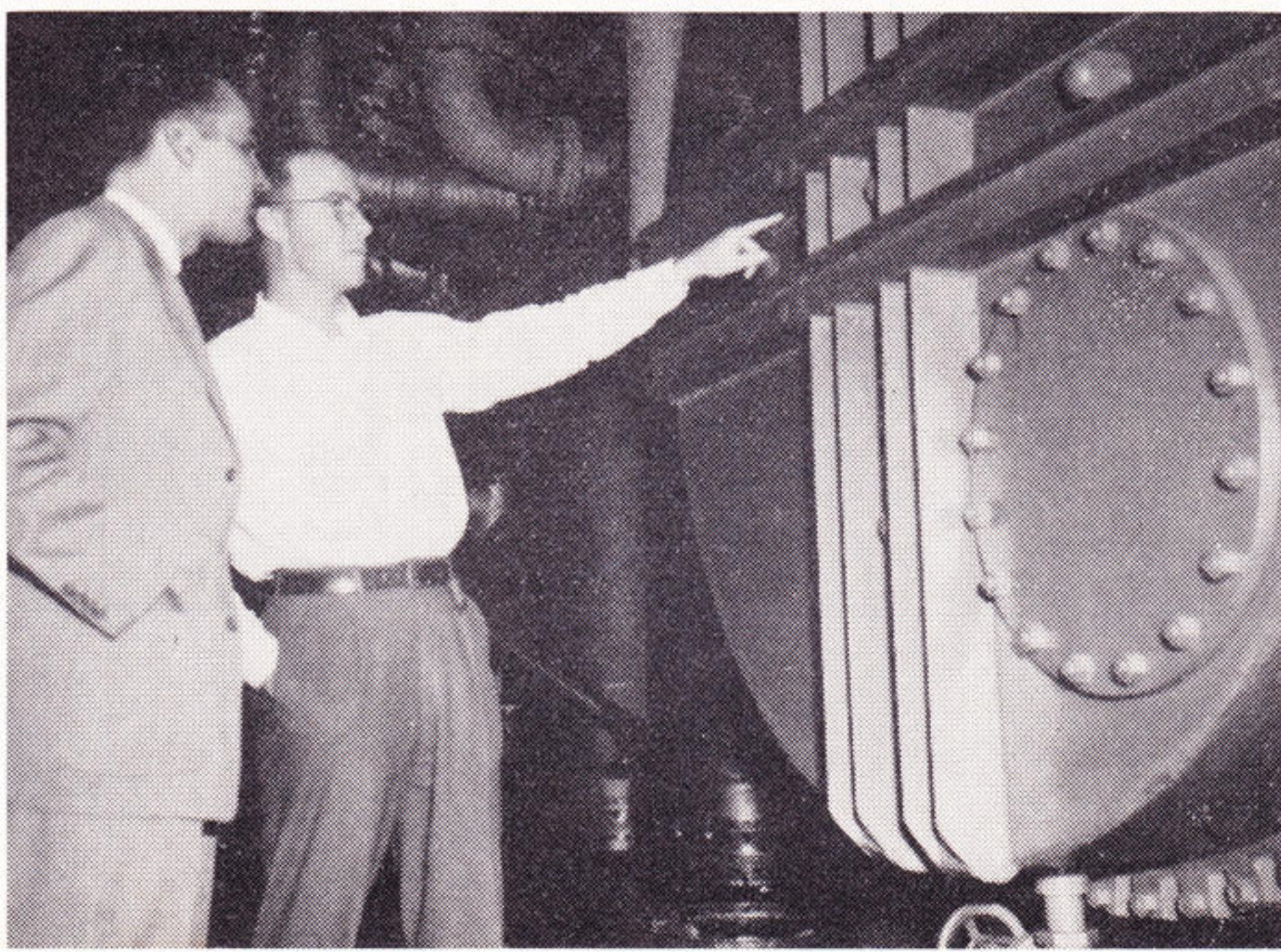
STILL OFF the line at this writing is No. 2 turbine, where Mr. Fleming and Mr. Roussel examine bed of turbine shaft. The shaft was bent and had to be returned to Westinghouse for realignment.



PART of the trouble at Louisiana Station involved a burst condenser head, and Gulf Stater George Naquin is seen here looking at the damaged equipment before repairs had been completed.



STRUCTURAL features of the new condenser head water box on No. 6 unit are shown PLAIN TALKS associate editor Hubert Collins by G. J. "Red" Lange, departmental clerk, after it had been repaired.



Holiday food, decoration ideas

PUT THE YOUNGSTERS right in the Christmas swing during their pre-Christmas vacations from school, and let them help you make these extras for decorating your home.

Here's an idea for a frilly Christmas tree good for a buffet attraction or a table centerpiece.

You'll need:

$\frac{2}{3}$ yds. tarlton material (use colors to fit your own scheme)

Pinking shears

One $7\frac{1}{2}$ -inch candle to match material

A low, flat candle holder for tree base

Pencil and string or compass

Small gold or silver metallic stars

Using pinking shears, cut 16 circles of this material in decreasing sizes, beginning with one seven inches across—an easy way is to make your own "compass" out of pencil and string with a radius of $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches to begin with. Make each of the 16 circles one-quarter inch smaller than the other, being sure to mark the centers. You should end up with a circle $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide to go at the top of the tree. Dot the edges of each circle with the gummed stars. Now fit the circles over the candle, using decreasing sizes. You'll have to cut the centers, but be sure not to get the hole too large. Trial-and-error method might prove best. Cut diagonal lines crossing in the center of the circle. Be conservative and make them larger if you need to.

Let this be a family project. While Mother had better do the cutting, the rest of the family should enjoy pasting on stars and assembling the tree.

WREATH

Here's another the whole family will enjoy seeing grow into an inexpensive, individualized door ornament.

You'll need:

Evergreen branches (the real thing or the store variety)

Coat hanger

One bundle florist's wires

Clippers

Christmas ornaments

First bend hanger into circle. Attach sprigs (four to six inches long) securely with florist's wires. You can use fir, cedar, pine, or spruce. Add more sprigs until wreath looks full and round. Finally, add colorful decorations.

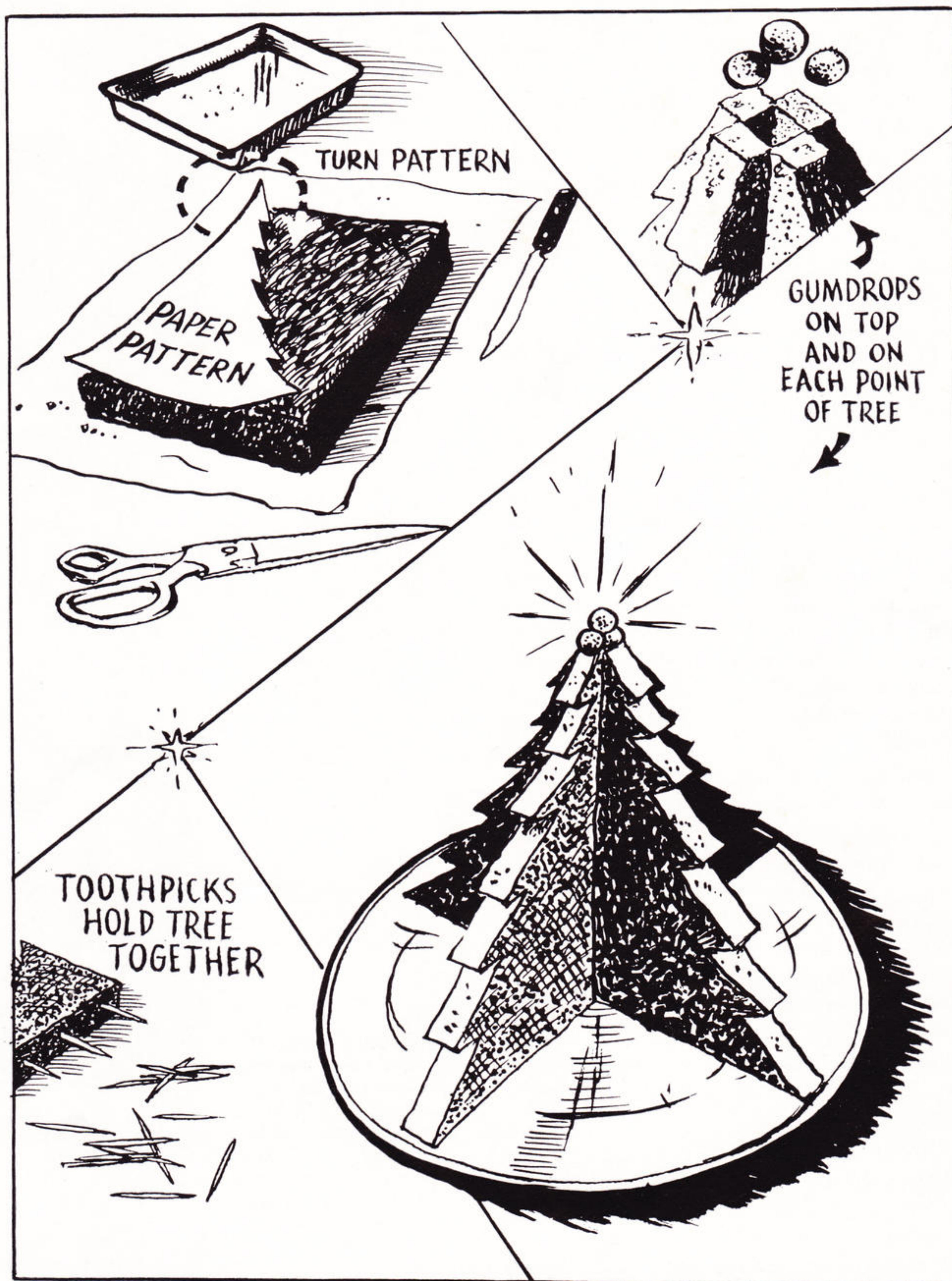
Be as conservative or as ornate as you please in the selection of your ornaments. Your friends are sure to

receive your "Merry Christmas" message when they are greeted at the door with this traditional, yet unique, wreath.

ANOTHER TREE...

Now here's a tree that's both good to look at and good to eat. And, it has the added advantage in being easy, actually fun to make. Use two packages of your favorite gingerbread mix, decreasing the amount of liquid by one-half cup for each package.

Bake the cake in two 10 by 6-inch pans lined with waxed paper at 375 degrees for 35 minutes. When cool, cut each cake into triangular halves. Make paper pattern of tree. Trim halves to fit the pattern along cut edges. Take two halves of the same cake. Press two rows of tooth picks at short intervals half way into uncut long edge of one half. Take a half in each hand and press them together. Place toothpicks down uncut long edge of both remaining halves. Stand first part of tree on a board. Hold upright with one hand;



press on the third, then the fourth half at right angles to complete the tree. Now you are ready to make the frosting.

3 egg whites
1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
3 tbsps. water
Salt
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp. almond extract
Green coloring

In top of double boiler mix egg whites, sugar, corn syrup, three tablespoons water, salt and cream of tartar; cook over boiling water, beating constantly until frosting forms peaks. Remove from heat; add almond extract. Continue beating until thick. Add a few drops of green food coloring for a fresh shade of green. Spread on Christmas tree. Decorate the tree with gum drops or candied fruit.

Don't be too hard on the youngsters if they eat the gum drops off. They're easy to replace. Better still, place the tree in a large, flat candy dish and surround with gumdrops if you decide not to use it with the gingerbread house as described above.

SOME FOOD "EXTRAS"

Along with the preservice of the beauty and tradition linked with the birthday of the Christ Child, mothers are concerned with celebrating His birth with special food treats and gala decorations.

Your basic Christmas menu, whether it be turkey, ham, or a dozen other popular treats, is probably a long established custom in your family, so here are a few of the nice little "extras" to enhance the flavor of your meal and to keep the between-meal refreshment stock full. Decorating your Christmas tree, too, is something the whole family already knows how to do, but why not try them on the unique decoration ideas we've described for you?

Along with King Turkey, the cranberry takes its place in the royal court of complimentary flavors. Here are some new ways to use Queen Cranberry:

Christmas Cranberry Salad

1 qt. cranberries
1 cup water
2 cups sugar
1 pkg. strawberry Jello
16 marshmallows
1 cup celery, finely diced
2 cups apples, finely diced
1 cup pecans, chopped

Cook cranberries, sugar and water until all berries are open. Add jello and marshmallows while hot. Stir until dissolved. Pour into mold and chill until syrupy. Stir in remaining ingredients and chill for several hours, or until firm. Unmold on lettuce leaves. Serves 10-12.

Cranberry Jelly

1 qt. cranberries
2 cups sugar
1 pt. boiling water



DELIGHTED YOUNGSTERS take a look at Liberty Home Service Advisor Dorris McClain's Christmas scene made of gingerbread, candy and cake icing. For her basic pattern, she used McCall's pattern number 1590, plus her own innovations. Eager to sample the sweet house are, left to right, Craig Shannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shannon, Liberty engineer; David Denby, son of Lineman and Mrs. George Denby; Clarice Foreman, daughter of Lineman and Mrs. Joe Foreman; Janie Denby, David's sister, and Dudley McManus, son of Lineman and Mrs. Charley McManus.

Boil berries in the water about 15 minutes. Strain. Add as much sugar as juice and boil 10 minutes. Pour in molds. Grated orange rind may be added to sugar if so desired.

Cranberry Punch

1 can jellied cranberry sauce
2¼ cups water
½ cup sugar
½ cup lemon juice
¾ cup orange juice
1 tsp. almond extract
1½ cups gingerale
Mint, clove-studded lemon slices

Crush jellied cranberry sauce in can with fork. Empty into sauce pan. Beat with rotary beater, add water, heat until jellied sauce is melted. Add sugar. Cool. Stir in other juices, almond extract, and 1 cup gingerale. Just before serving dilute with remaining ½ cup gingerale. Serve well iced in frosted glasses. Garnish with mint and clove-studded lemon circles. Serves 12 punch cups. If frosted glasses are used omit sugar in punch.

...AND BUFFET DISHES

Get ready for those Yuletide guests now so you can keep your buffet dishes filled with these tasty sweets;

MARSHMALLOW FUDGE

1 can Pet milk (large can)
4½ cups sugar
½ cup butter (or margarine)
3 pkgs. chocolate bits
1 jar marshmallow cream (8 oz.)
1 tsp. vanilla

Nuts if desired (1½ cup or 2 cups)
Cook milk, sugar and butter together for 10 to 12 minutes, after cooking temperature is reached, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in bits, marshmallow cream and nuts. Pour into large greased pan and store in refrigerator. Makes five pounds.

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plain & fancy talk

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CREOLE PECAN PRALINES

3 cups brown sugar firmly packed
¼ cup butter
1½ cups chopped pecans
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup thick cream

Combine sugar, butter, and cream. Blend thoroughly. Place over low heat. Stir until sugar is dissolved and mixture is boiling moderately. Switch to third heat, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes or to soft-ball stage. Remove from heat. Add pecans and cinnamon. Beat immediately until thick and creamy. Form pralines by dropping two tablespoons at a time, widely separated, on waxed paper. Let stand until firm. Makes 2 dozen.

TURKEY-PIE

Worried about how to turn a turkey carcass with plenty of meat on it into an attractive day-after dish? Here's a mouth-watering turkey pie.

2 cups coarsely chopped, cooked turkey
½ cup mushrooms
1 cup chopped, cooked celery
2 cups medium white sauce*
Salt and pepper to taste
Biscuits

Combine ingredients and pour into greased 1½-quart casserole. Arrange uncooked biscuits on top.

*Medium White Sauce

2 Tbsps. fat
2 tbsps. flour
1 tsp. salt
1 cup milk

Melt fat in saucepan, add flour and combine. Add salt and milk and cook until it thickens slightly.

NUT COVERED SWEET POTATO BALLS

This is a new vegetable recipe you can use either with your Christmas dinner, or as a prepared-beforehand Christmas Week dish. Make it now, then freeze and heat when ready to serve.

2½ cups mashed sweet potatoes, cooked or canned
1 tsp. salt
1 cup chopped salted peanuts
1 cup dark corn syrup
3 Tbsps. butter or margarine
Dash of pepper

Season mashed sweet potatoes with salt and pepper. Shape in 2 inch balls. Roll in chopped salted peanuts. Put dark corn syrup and butter in large skillet on third heat. When syrup is hot, add potato balls. To glaze, turn them over and over in hot syrup for 7 to 10 minutes. Makes 10 servings, or can be frozen in the food freezer for future use. Place on metal rimmed paper pie plate, wrap, and freeze. To serve leave in pie plate without thawing. Reheat at 350 degrees 45 minutes.

Lake Charles t & d Holds Party



GATHERED TOGETHER for a "Coke Fund Party" in Lake Charles were members of the transportation and distribution department and their families. Approximately 200 persons enjoyed the occasion November 15 at the Lake Charles garage. Barbecued chicken and baked beans with cold drinks served as the main part of the menu, and during the evening the group played bingo. Large baskets of groceries, a 12-pound turkey and a flash camera were presented as prizes. George West was in charge of the party.

GSU Sells Bonds Worth \$10 Million To Underwriters

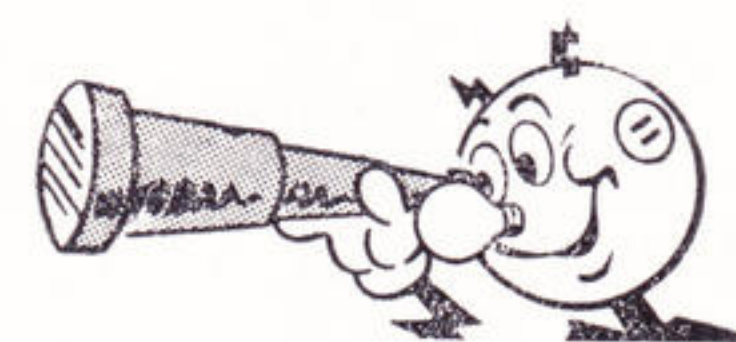
Ten million dollars worth of Gulf States bonds, issued to provide the Company with additional funds to continue its expansion program, have been sold to a group of underwriters in New York.

The group was headed by Salomon Brothers and Hutzler and the Union Securities Corporation, and their bid was accepted over those of six other leading New York financial institutions.

Gulf States has issued more than \$115,000,000 worth of securities, including the new issue, since 1946.

The cost of this money to the company was very reasonable, being 3.116 percent, and once again demonstrates the favorable light in which Gulf States securities are held.

A PEEK AT THE T2A9



1922

I wish to announce that the employees' Christmas and New Year's party will be held December 29, on the roof of Hotel Beaumont.

Two parties will be arranged so that all employees will have an opportunity to attend. The afternoon party will be between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., and the evening party will be from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

— A. F. Townsend

1927

On Sunday, October 30, there arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brader a 9-pound W. H., Jr.

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"Jimmie" Linnehan, Chief Clerk of the Gulf States Utilities Company since March 1, 1926, has been made Traveling Auditor for the Eastern Texas Electric Company, Gulf States Utilities Company, and Western Public Service Company.

The V. B. Herefords are the proud parents of a 10 pound son, born Oct. 18.

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Jack Jordan of Nederland has been transferred to Navasota.

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L. R. Eddins, Chief Engineer at Navasota, was transferred to Beaumont, October 25.

E. E. Figari, formerly of Port Arthur, has taken over Mr. Eddin's duties.

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Transfers: B. F. Exner, Baton Rouge Electric to Maringouin service . . . W. M. Goff, Baton Rouge, sales to power . . . David Shelton, service, Lake Charles to Jennings.

Safety Director Jack Shirey asked us to pass on the word that he has moved his headquarters from Lake Charles and is now located in the general office in Beaumont.

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1947

E. E. Figari of Neches Station in Beaumont is proudly announcing that he now has a young lady in his family. It was a 7 pound baby girl born November 3. Her name is Mary Eugenia.

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The stork dropped in on the Ed Vogels October 24, and left a seven pound boy. The young man has been named Joe Kriss. Papa works in the system engineering department at Beaumont.

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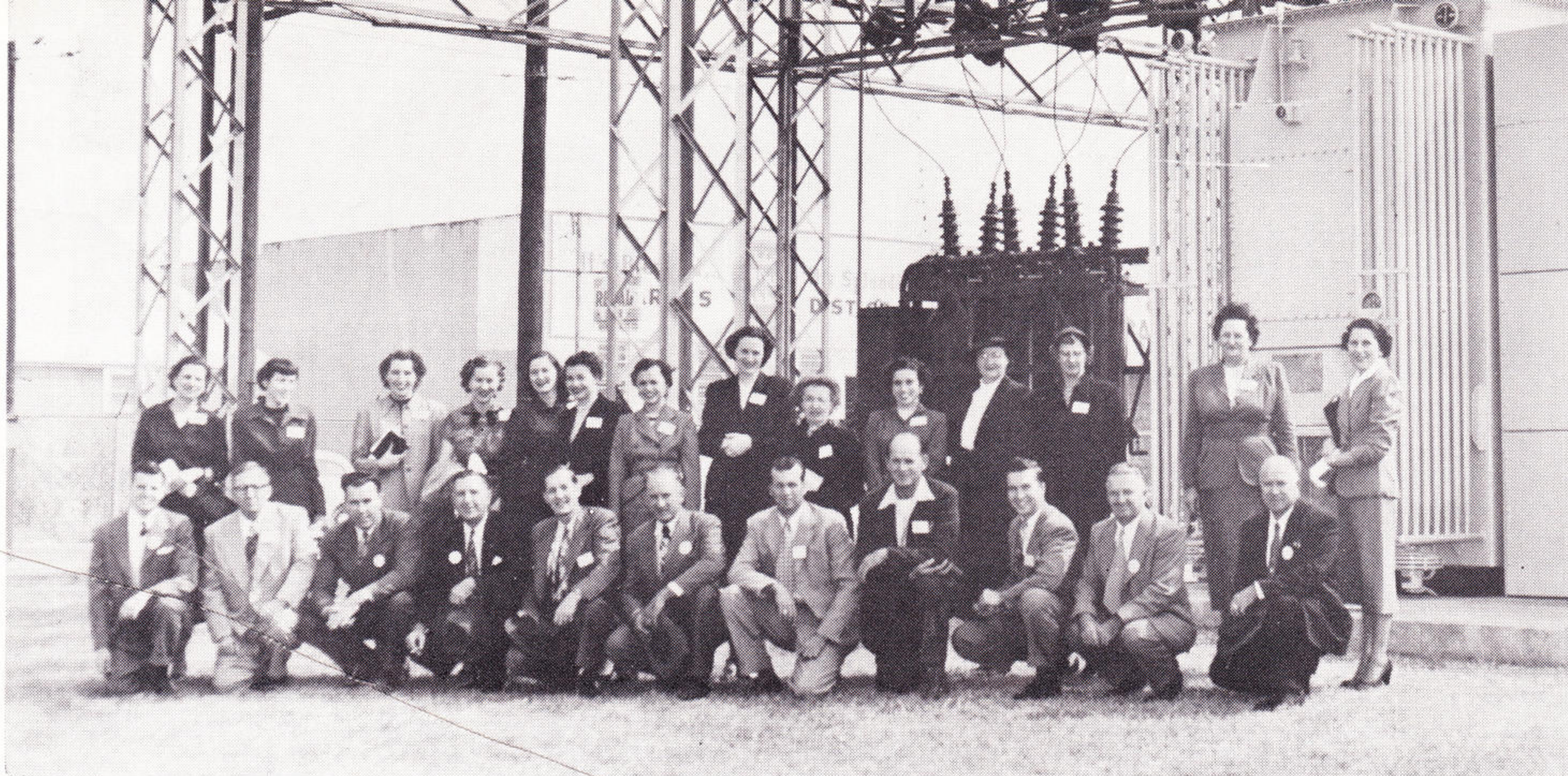
Reid W. Tevis, Neches Station, had a hard time buttoning his vest the other day. Reid, who has two girls, is the father of a brand new baby boy since December 14. The youngster weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces at birth and has been named Ronald Reid.

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A fond farewell for W. R. Bell was given by many of his former co-workers in Baton Rouge at an informal get together on October 31; Mr. Bell was transferred to Beaumont where he assumes the position of vice president in charge of company operations in Texas.



A STAG AFFAIR for system engineers was a highlight of this fall's activities of a social nature held at Neches Station's popular assembly hall. Plain Talks snapped these two pictures which shows that a good time was had by all. The musicians shown below are from system engineering, too.



NINETEEN TEACHERS from Port Arthur public schools toured Gulf States facilities in the second observance of Business-Education Day in that city October 29. More than 500 took part, visiting a total of 36 firms altogether. Group was at Fort Worth substation when picture above was taken. Panel below shows R. W. "Red" Dunham taking teachers through office, where they see Remington-Rand system of customer history in use; G. L. Hagler demonstrates meter checking and repair methods; luncheon brings Gulf Staters and teachers together in Goodhue Hotel, where division sales superintendent J. Kirby Jones described the Company's vast growth in the last two decades. At lower right, fascinated teachers watch A. D. McMillian show how linemen use "hot sticks."

"B-E Days" Observed at Port Arthur and Beauwont





PRESIDENT Roy Nelson talked to Beaumont teachers on economic facts peculiar to the electric industry . . .



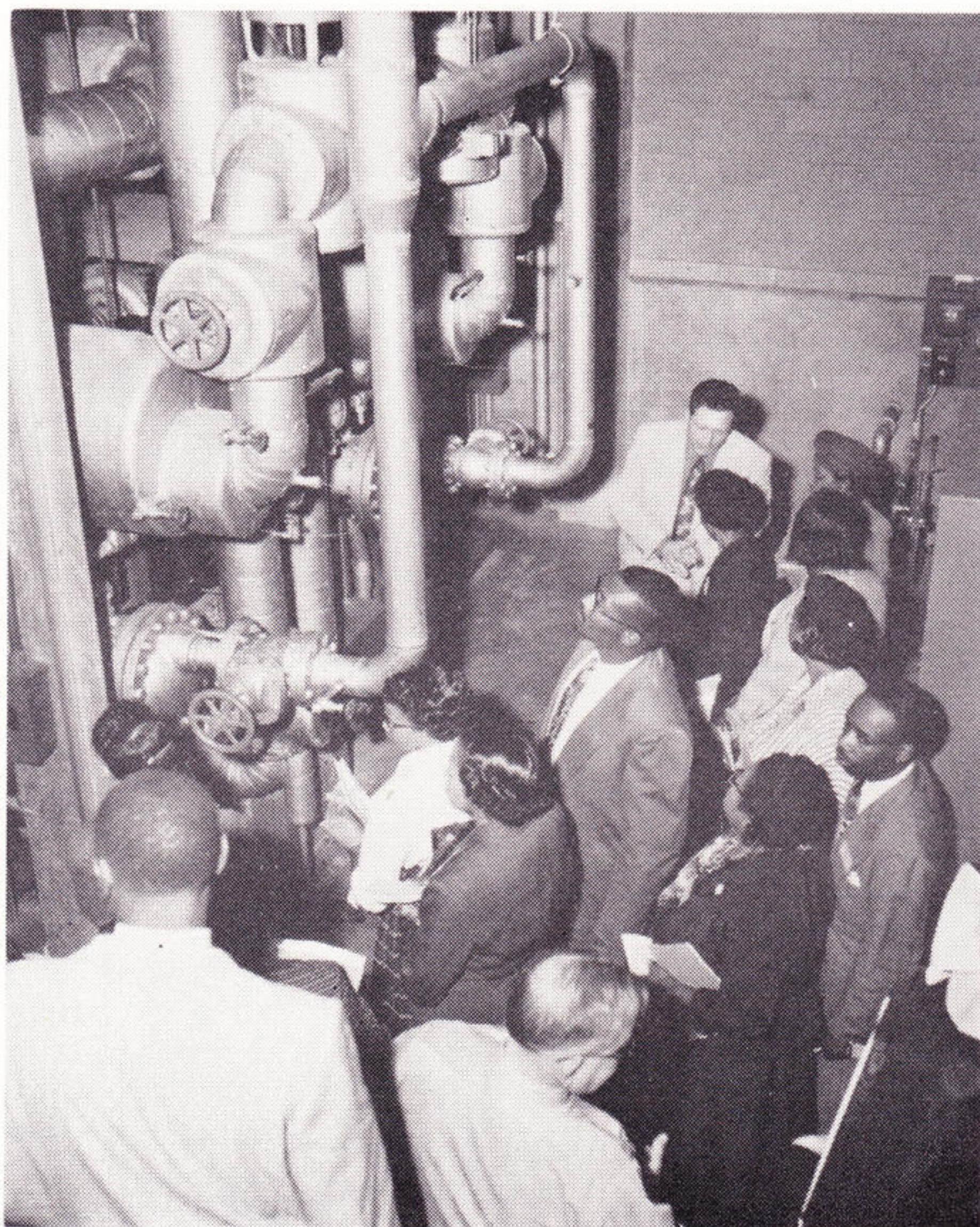
SALES aspects of the electric business furnished a topic for Vice-President L. F. Riegel in his talk to teachers . . .

AT BEAUMONT, about 75 white teachers and 15 teachers in schools for colored were guests of Gulf States November 14 and 17 for Business-Education Day here. The intricacies of GSU meters are explained in the top picture by J. W. Hebert at the service center; below, the group goes through substation department as A. J. Hamilton explains transformer element display to them.



WHILE Treasurer H. V. Faber drew the assignment of acting as master of ceremonies and explaining the day's activities . . .

WHAT MAKES a heat pump work? Teachers of Beaumont colored schools have a chance to learn something about it at the service center, with Cecil Crawley, building superintendent, helping guides explain the remarkable new heating and cooling device.



AND the story of Gulf States' spectacular growth afforded Beaumont Division Manager E. L. Robinson material for discussion.



Health and Safety section

This is the second and final installment of a talk titled "A Lineman Looks at Safety," delivered at the Southern Safety Conference this year by lineman Sam C. Harelson, Jr., Carolina Power and Light Co. The first installment ended during a discussion of the topic, "What I expect of the people on the crew who work with me."

A Lineman Says What He Thinks

M. Think in terms of others' safety — this applies to individual workers as well as supervisors. Supervisors can line up a job and cooperate in the program of Safety but it takes **teamwork** to put the job of safety across for everyone. All of us realize that wisdom dictates, as well as nature, the law of self-preservation, but the only return in anyone's power for consideration received from the other fellow or from our Creator is to return favors to others. No person can actually give you safety; they can only give **safer opportunity**. Safety is a result of favors extended to others and self. You can't help the other fellow in safety promotion without helping yourself — "Smile and the World will Smile back at you . . ." Invest a dollar wisely and you'll get a fair return — put in your efforts for safety and they will pay you and others.

N. Safety is an answer — one which you will get from sound questions asked properly and on time. There is no need in sticking your neck out — **ask**. Remember this business of asking questions isn't new. Two thousand years ago The Master Teacher taught us to ask. There is a lot of safety waiting to be asked for — sought after. Whether it is to ask management for a high priced safety gadget or a groundman to pull the right hand line — be sure to ask — this too, I expect of my fellow workers.

anybody can listen

O. Another tool in this "art of making safe and secure" is listening. Someone has said that since God gave us two ears and only one tongue he intended for us to do just **half** as much talking as listening. Then, too, another individual has stated, "Information reaches the brain by the ear route not the tongue". Let's take advantage of our listening abilities to be certain we know the job, the attitudes of management and their interest in our welfare.

IV. What I personally expect to get out of the Safety Program.

A. I expect to learn how other companies perform their work safely.

B. I expect to put into practice everything I learn from this program that has been proven safe by our neighboring companies.

C. Safety tools aren't always things or something you can put your hands on — confidence in ability — confidence in management — and confidence in your fellow worker is a tool that is beyond the purchasing power of a dollar, but a vital tool in this job of safety. I hope to develop greater confidence in all the phases of my work from this and other such programs.

be enthusiastic

D. I expect to get out of the Safety Program the elimination of unsafe acts and unsafe conditions. We are told that unsafe acts account for 80 per cent of all our accidents, and unsafe conditions account for 20 per cent of all our accidents. If we eliminate all of the unsafe acts and conditions, then our accident report will be practically done away with because there are few of us hurt or injured by acts of God, such as lightning.

To get out of this program safety, in its fullest sense, will require more education of the man on each job and a full realization of the part that every person is contributing to safety, regardless of position. I spoke to encourage enthusiasm, however; since it is so much a part of the necessary operation of any good program, I would like to re-state the word with its description as defined by Webster. He says — it is ardent zeal or interest. He says that it is Divine inspiration or possession. I do not believe that he has over-stated the meaning of enthusiasm. A poet once described enthusiasm (and I had to copy this out of a book) as the light that shines from a personality. Our supervisors and men must all have that light. We must eliminate unsafe acts as well as unsafe conditions — enthusiastically.

In one company, 30 conferences were held on the subject of Safety by Supervisors. Conference leaders were able to get all of the supervisors to describe unsafe conditions; however, unsafe acts were formerly omitted from this Safety Program. I hope to personally learn to help others to help themselves, to be more frank about this business of unsafe acts and practices; to do more to work on the cause of 80 per cent of the accidents. We willingly work on the cause of 80 per cent of the accidents. We willingly work on the conditions, however, unless we eliminate unsafe acts through an honest appraisal we short change safety. We must observe the errors of others and self or we will not be receiving the full value of the Safety Program.

mind, hand, heart

E. An analysis of education from the standpoint of the whole individual necessarily includes mind and heart, hand and will, according to any teacher's reference handbook. It is impossible to inject safety as we would a serum, however; we can through proper process, develop the mind to hope and think, and plan and aim for safety. We can train our bodies in proper motion and movement such as learning to climb. We can even go so far as developing a little **heart** interest for Safety, however; unless there is a **will** to do — the mind and hand and heart will fall short of the goal in the Safety Program. It is my belief that this opportunity, which has been afforded me, will be of considerable advantage to me and my co-workers, because I expect I have given more thought to Safety in the preparation of this paper than I have ever before. It has been a task, nevertheless, to me a pleasant one. I know I will get a lot out of it and I trust that your time has not been entirely wasted.

Three More SAFETY Meetings

AS THE YEAR ENDS, the safety department winds up another series of annual safety meetings around the system. Here are three of the last to be held:

AT TOP are most of the 100 or so Port Arthur Gulf Staters who attended that division's meet; with "Blackie" DeCuir's shrimp the hit of the menu, visitors from Orange, Beaumont, Baton Rouge and Lafayette "happened" to show up. Division Manager J. B. Hodge was master of ceremonies.

TWO PICTURES to the right are of Beaumont production department meeting, attended by about 60, with Richard Lawton as "emcee" and Andy Poulson, Texas division safety representative, in charge of the program. J. A. Reich, system production manager, made a brief talk (top). In the lower photo Neches Station guard G. C. Hamner, retiring after almost 10 years of service, has been presented with a wallet, \$100 bill, pistol and holster by C. O'Brien in behalf of friends at Neches.

BOTTOM PANEL shows Gulf Staters at Orange, plus out-of-town guests, enjoying a safety meeting there. District Superintendent C. H. Meeks welcomed the group, and Beaumont Division Manager E. L. Robinson presented the program. Blackie DeCuir was "imported" to help with the chow. System Safety Director Jack Shirey made a well-received appeal for safety planning and effort for the coming year.



Thirty Year Club



A. V. Browning
Distribution
Baton Rouge



J. E. Cowart
Gas
Baton Rouge



Mamie B. Voyles
Sales
Port Arthur



R. L. Henry
Distribution
Lake Charles

Marriages

Anna Marie Gooch, Jennings cashier, became the bride of Don Duhon October 4.

Jackie King, department clerk in the service department of the transmission and distribution department, Baton Rouge division, became the bride of Ray Villar November 8, in a double ring ceremony performed at Gonzales, Louisiana. Mr. Villar is employed at the Louisiana Plumbing and Electric Company.

The former Miss Jo Ann Stoneham, departmental clerk in the Navasota division office, and Ray Myers, member of the Navasota substation crew, were united in marriage on Sunday, November 23.

Audrey White, accountant clerk, and E. A. "Dick" Krouse, agricultural engineer, Baton Rouge division, were married in a double ring ceremony at the Istrouma Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day. The matron of honor, Mrs. Eleanor Spurlock, incidentally, celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary at the lovely event. Eleanor is stenographer-secretary in the sales department. Mrs. Norma Browning, executive secretary, acted as tea girl. The couple will make their home at 2949 Jefferson Avenue in Baton Rouge.

New Service Club Members

Twenty Year Club



W. P. Gautreaux
Gas
Baton Rouge



Valdemar Westh
Production
Baton Rouge

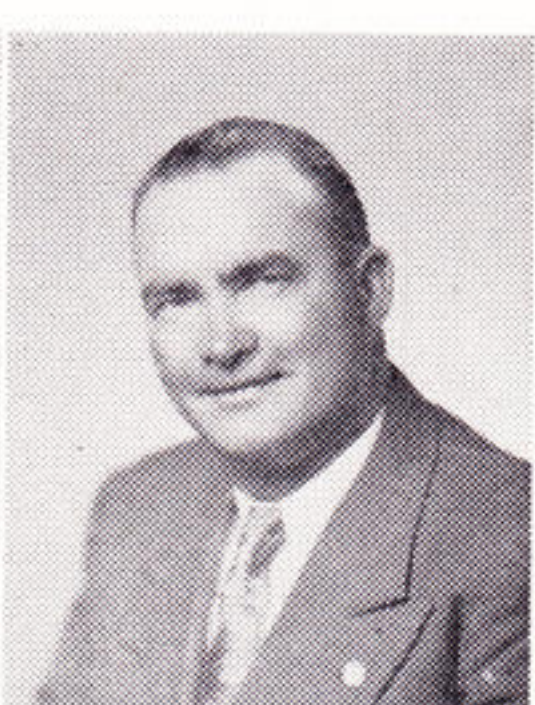
Ten Year Club



Emma Dru McMickin
Engineering
Beaumont



Regina L. Milazzo
Accounting
Baton Rouge



Morris M. Miller
Distribution
Opelousas



Anna V. Weatherford
Distribution
Navasota

Baton Rouge Enjoys Yuletide Party on 1st

The Baton Rouge main office held its annual Christmas party on the night of December 1 at Mike & Tony's "Cypress Room." Leonce Boudreaux, building, superintendent, ramrodded the affair, which is paid for by profits shown by the Coffee Shop.

Highlight of the event was the delicious chicken dinner, prepared as only Mike & Tony's can prepare it. Dancing followed the feast and everyone enjoyed the occasion. Music was provided by Howard Chambers and His Stardusters.

SYMPATHY

To district serviceman P. C. Faulk and family of Elton, Louisiana, PLAIN TALKS extends sincerest sympathy upon the death of Mrs. Eloise Faulk on November 13.

Colored Division Thirty Year Club



E. R. Nelson
Production
Beaumont



Jim Robinson
Accounting
Orange



ENJOYING THE MEAL served at the sales meeting in Port Allen are, insentative. Serious eaters in the picture at right are George Guins, the picture to the left, (clockwise) D. G. Clement, Denham Springs; KenClinton; Phil Marquette, Walter Benjamin, Norman Heinie and George Coleman, commercial sales; Marcus Andrews, superintendent of residen-Covington, residential sales representatives; Irwin Fazende, Clinton, and tial sales; John Sheets, Jr., Charles Glover and J. L. Clement, Gonzales;Walter McMorris, Jackson. They were kept busy with big feed dished V. J. Braud, New Roads, and Lester Landry, commercial sales repre-up in fine Port Allen hospitality to Gulf Starters serving a growing area.

Port Allen Rolls out Welcome Mat

BATON ROUGE DIVISION'S annual sales meeting was held November 21 in Port Allen with Bill Efferson, Western district supervisor, acting as official host and caterer. The meeting, which brings together the residential and commercial sales groups and rural servicemen, was a gala event, highlighted by fried catfish and chicken and boiled shrimp served by Mr. Effer-son, a past master at any type of cooking.

Awards were made at the meeting with the Northern district winning the prize for the largest increase in kilo-watt hours per residential customer. Marcus Andrews, superintendent of residential sales, made the presentation

to Tully Brady, Northern district super-visor. In acknowledging the award, Mr. Brady gave full credit to his ser-vicemen and the residential sales repre-sentative for his area.

The "most appliances sold" award again went to Cecil Tyler and the Eastern district. This made the third consecutive quarter during which East-ern led in sales.

Rural superintendent A. B. Wilson congratulated those present on the wholesome increase being registered by all districts.

C. F. Contois, division sales manager, pointed out that the rural territories have been growing by leaps and bounds and cannot be considered "iso-lated territories" by the Company. He

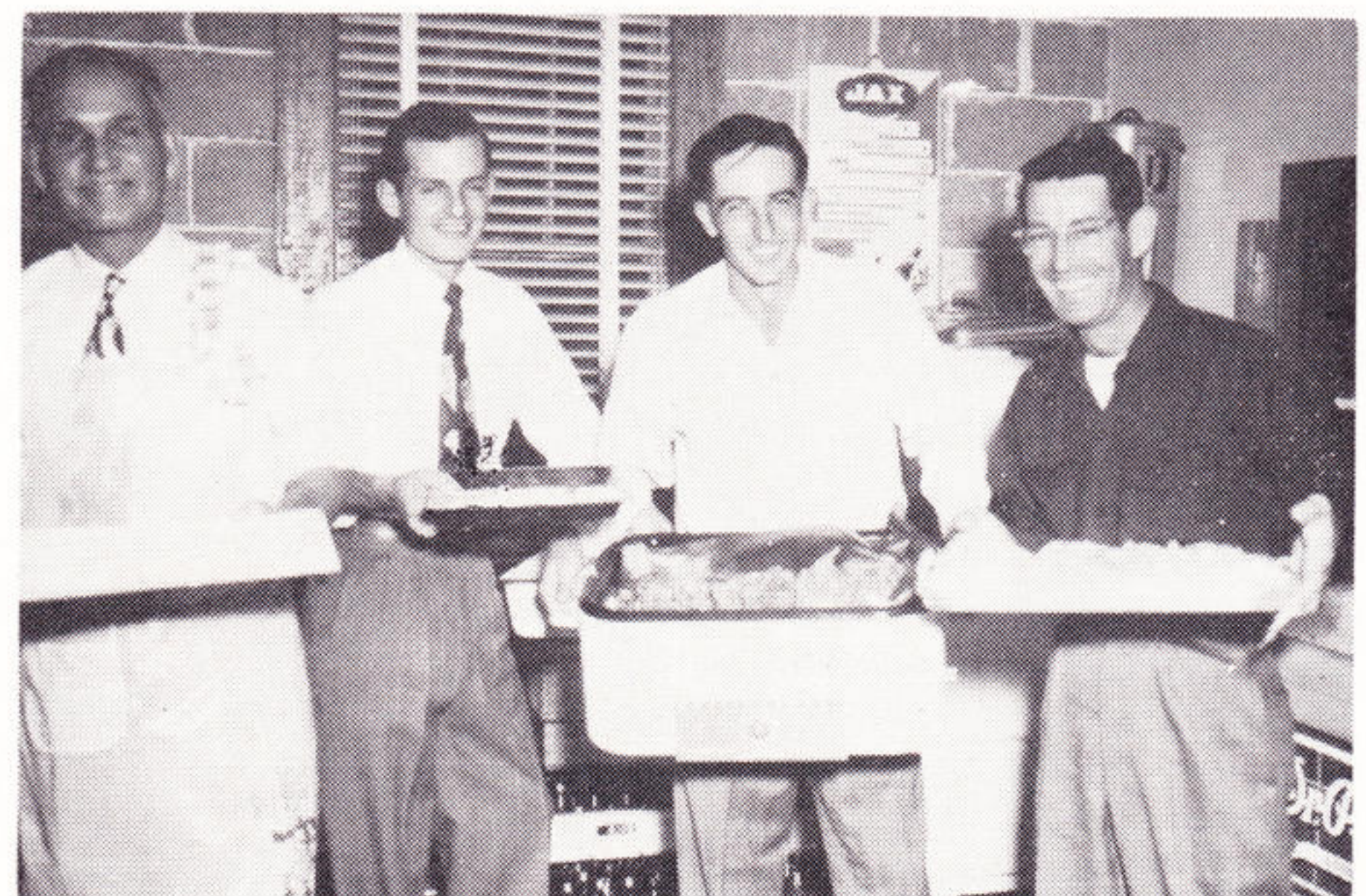
added that the cooperation being given sales representatives by district ser-vicemen is paying off in greatly in-creased sales.

Bill Goff, residential sales super-visor, made a big hit with servicemen by his hat trick and C. V. Merriam, division manager, complimented the group on its spirit.

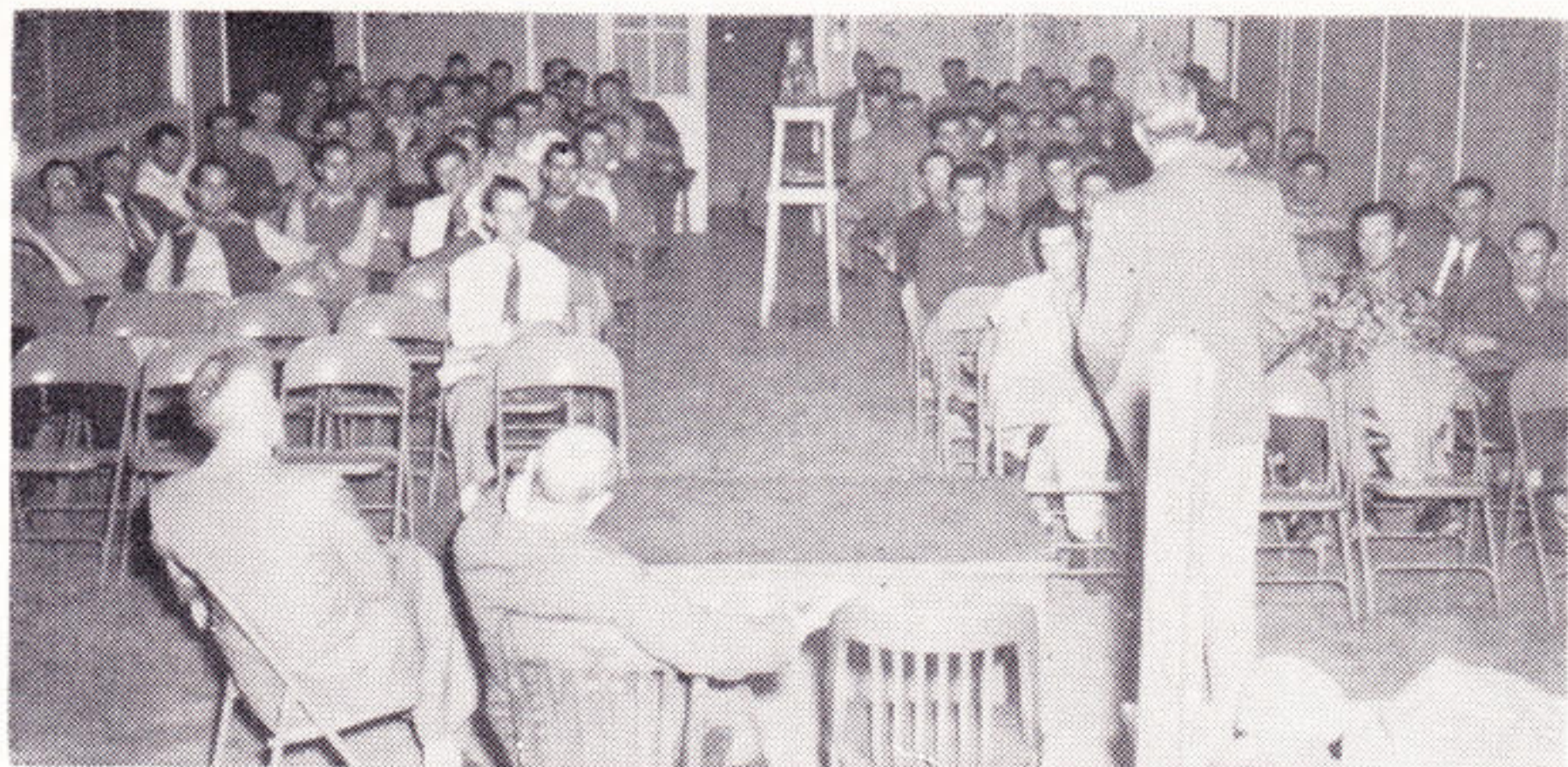
Sales personnel present included Philip Marquette, George Covington, Norman Heine, Walter Benjamin and James Gleason. Commercial sales was represented by commercial sales super-intendent Louis Christian; Lester Lan-dry and Kenneth Coleman, sales repre-sentatives, and James Stelly, lighting engineer.



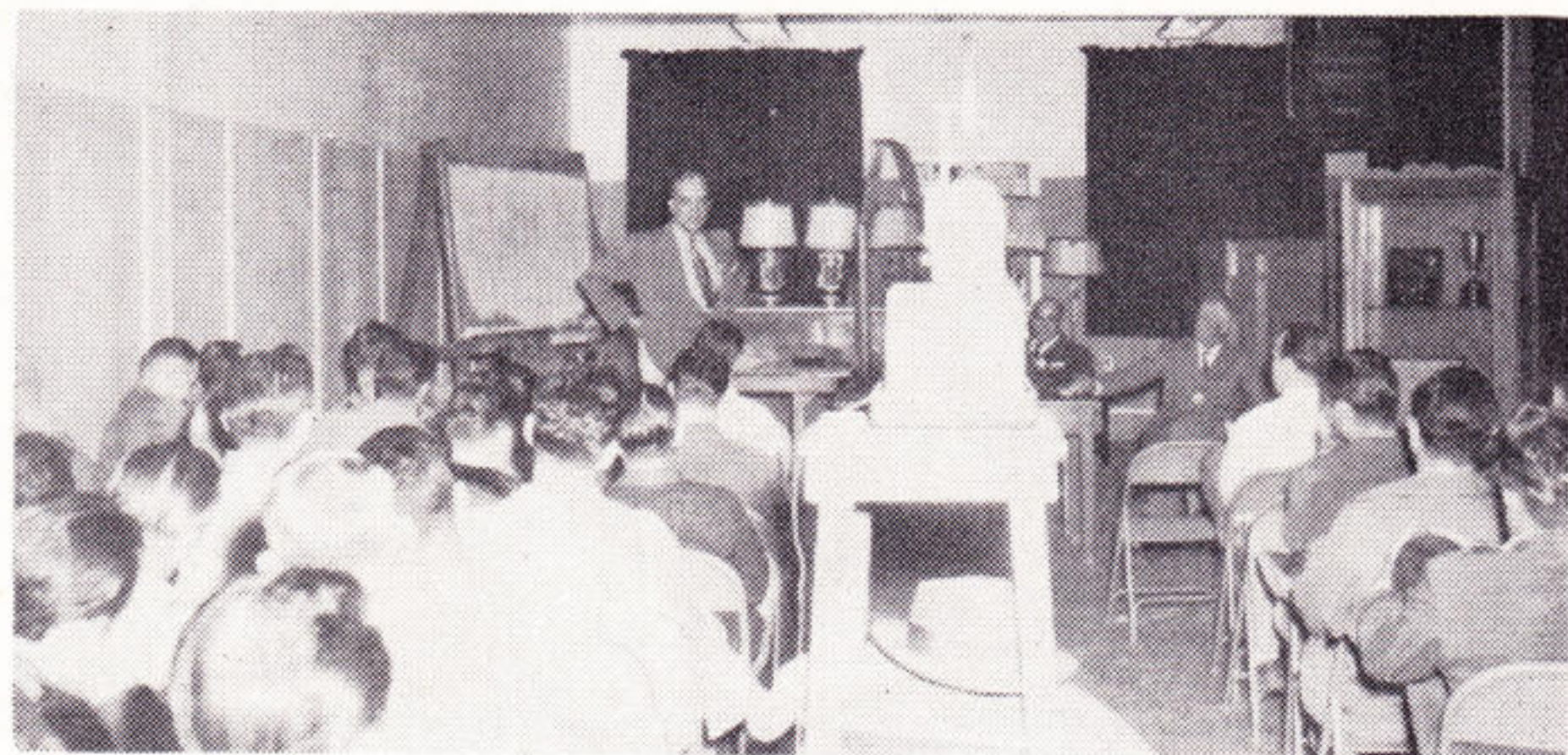
BILL GOFF, residential sales supervisor, handled the entertainment by passing out ladies' hats to the servicemen and initiating them to the "hat trick." Bill is just out of the picture to the left; those shown are Irwin Fazende, Charles Schlatre, Walter McMorris, Shirley Knighten, George Guins and Lloyd Ourso.



HOST TO THE sales meeting was the Port Allen district, and district supervisor Bill Efferson again showed his skill with the deep fryer, serving a delicious array of fried chicken, catfish and shrimp. He was ably assisted by Port Allen servicemen Charles Schlatre, Shirley Knighten and Lloyd Ourso.



NOT AVAILABLE in time for last month's PLAIN TALKS roundup on the United Givers drive in Baton Rouge, these two pictures show Fred Grace, local businessman and volunteer worker for the "United" drive,



speaking to assembled Gulf Staters in the safety meeting room at Louisiana station. The B. R. power plant employees were almost unanimous in their support of the 1952 drive and helped it "go over."

B. R. Minister Praises GSU Employees' Civic Record

Gulf States' more than 600 employees in the greater Baton Rouge area, perennial leaders in civic fund-raising campaigns, once again have turned in one of the city's finest records of giving to local health, welfare and character-building agencies by contributing \$6,107.50 to the inaugural United Givers Fund Campaign this year.

This sum represents an increase of \$1,800 over the combined 1951 gifts by employees to the Community Chest and Red Cross. Figures on employee participation in the local Heart and

Cancer drives last year are not available.

Recognizing the Company's splendid record, Dr. John Melton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and general chairman for the "United" drive, wrote an open letter to Gulf Staters in Baton Rouge, complimenting them as a group for their outstanding contribution to the city over a long period of years.

H. C. Leonard, vice president and one of the organizers of the "One Drive, One Gift, One Goal" campaign, added his praise to that of Dr. Melton.

His letter, addressed to Baton Rouge Employees, read as follows:

"I was greatly pleased to receive a letter from John W. Melton, Campaign Chairman of the 1952 United Giver's Fund, complimenting Gulf States' employees on the fine support given the Campaign in the first year of its organization. I would like to add my compliments to those of Dr. Melton.

"Those of us who have worked with our fellow employees on so many worthwhile projects over an extended period have long known that Gulf Staters are leading citizens. Like so many of you who have given generously of time and money, I feel very good about our part in making this inaugural United Givers' Fund Campaign the resounding success that it is."



A. C. Smythe, Jr., whose wife gave birth to a six-pound, eight-ounce daughter, named Janice Fae, November 10. Mr. Smythe is employed in the distribution engineering office at Beaumont, and the baby's grandfather is A. C. Smythe, Sr., who is employed in the garage at Beaumont.

L. J. Biessenberger of Jennings, whose wife gave birth to a daughter, Miss Terrilyn Buttons Biessenberger, on November 24.

Ray Harris of Beaumont. Mrs. Harris gave birth to a baby girl, named Margaret Elizabeth, November 17, and she weighed seven pounds, seven ounces at birth. Ray is in system engineering.

Philip Marquette, Baton Rouge division residential sales representative, whose wife gave birth to a daughter November 15. Named Karen Elizabeth, the new Marquette weighed seven pounds, 1½ ounces.

Joe Pizzuto, Baton Rouge appliance repair, upon the birth of his fifth child and second son, Barry John. Barry weighed in at six pounds, 15 ounces, when he made his appearance September 16.

Wilson L. Cazes, who adopted a five-month-old-son, Wilson Gerard, in November.

M. B. Clark, Neches Station, whose wife gave birth to a daughter, named Kathryn Ann, weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces, November 23.

K. R. Bridgers, who became the father of a six-pound, nine-ounce son,

named Kenneth Redrick Bridgers, Jr., on November 28. Mr. Bridgers is another Neches Station employee.

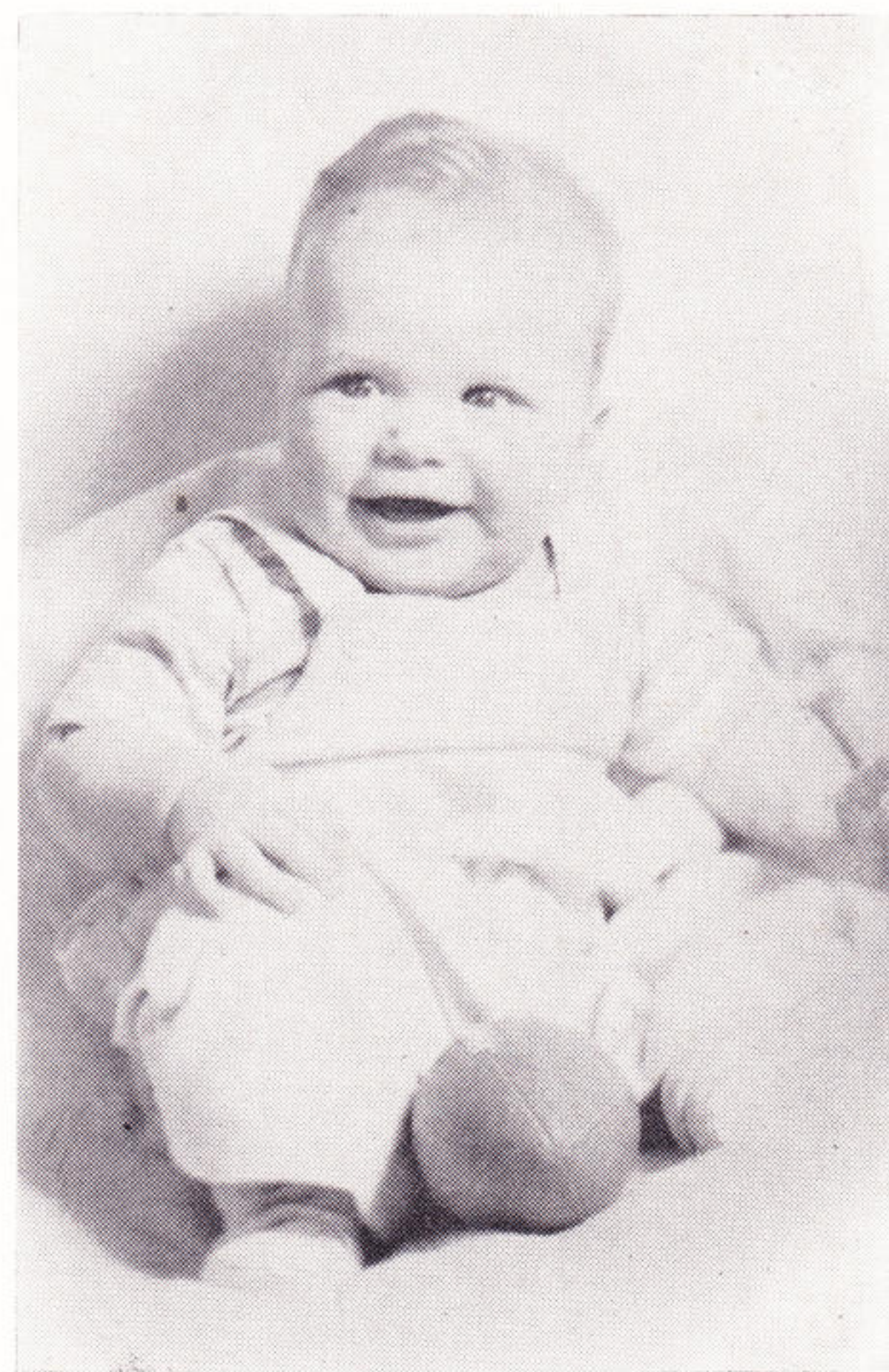
SYMPATHY

To H. C. Davidson of Beaumont, accountant in the budget department, PLAIN TALKS offers deepest sympathy upon the death of his father, C. B. Davidson, who died December 4 in Milam, Texas, at the age of 83. In addition to the Beaumont Gulf Stater, Mr. Davidson is survived by two other sons and three daughters.

SYMPATHY

PLAIN TALKS joins the many friends of Percy Fore, Baton Rouge accounting department, in expressing sympathy for the loss of his father, Daniel Thomas Fore, who passed away November 21 in Baton Rouge after a lingering illness. Mr. Fore, 87, was a native of Livingston Parish and a member of Amite River Baptist Church for 70 years. He was buried in the church cemetery November 22, following services in Baton Rouge.

GROWING with GULF STATERS



GSU YOUNGSTERS—Top left, 10-year-old Cynthia Marshall, in regalia she wore as queen of French Elementary School Fall Festival, is daughter of "queen mother" Mrs. Gulah Marshall, Beaumont switchboard; fine-looking twins at top of page are Miss Rita Arlene Wingard, left, and Miss Nita Marlene Wingard, daughters of O. C. "Buck" Wingard of Orange; junior footballer all set to heave a forward pass at left is Frank Robinson, Jr., son of Frank, Sr., Cleveland sales; young misses in Western hats are Nany Pearl, aged 2½ years, and Alice Marie, aged five, daughters of John B. Wiggins, watchman at Louisiana Station; the cheerful lad to the right of them is James Autry Richardson, Jr., now eight months old and the son of Lafayette farm representative Jim Richardson.

Eight Well-Loved Christmas Carols

We Three Kings Of Orient Are

1. We three kings of O-ri-ent are; Bearing gifts we traverse a-far,
2. Born a King on Bethle-hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him a-gain,
3. Frankin-cense to of-fer have I; In-cense owns a De-i-ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mind: its bit-ter per-fume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
5. Glorious now be-hold Him a-rise, King and God and Sac-ri-fice;

Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yon-der star.
King for ev-er, ceas-ing nev-er O-ver us all to reign.
Prayer and praising all men rais-ing, Worship Him, God on high.
Sorrowing sigh-ing, bleed-ing, dy-ing, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Sounds thru' the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with roy-al beau-ty bright,
Westward leading, still pro-ceed-ing, Guide us to Thy per-fect light.

The First Noel

1. The first No-el, the angel did say Was to certain poor
2. They look-ed up and saw a star shining in the
3. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er Beth-le-

shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their

East, be-yond them far, And to the earth it gave great hem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and

sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
light, And so it con-tinued both day and night.
stay Right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.

No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el, — Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

Adeste Fideles

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-umphant, O come ye, O
2. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, O sing, all ye
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Je-sus, to

come ye to Beth-le-hem! Come and be-hold Him, born the King of an-gels!
cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove! Glo-ry to God, all glo-ry in the high-est!
Thee be all glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh, ap-pear-ing!

Refrain

O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, O
come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord! A-men.

Joy To The World !

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re-
2. Joy to the world! the Sav-iour reigns: Let men their
3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-

ceive her King; Let ev-ery heart pre-pare Him room,
songs em-ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
fest the ground; He comes to make His bless-ings flow

And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and na-ture
Re-peat the sounding joy, Re-peat the sounding
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na-ture sing.
joy, Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

1. O lit-tle town of Bethle-hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma-ry, And gathered all a-bove,

A-bove thy deep and dreamless sleep The si-lent stars go by;
While mortals sleep, the an-gels keep Their watch of wondering love.

Yet in thy dark streets shin-eth The ev-er-last-ing Light;
O morning stars, to-geth-er Pro-claim the ho-ly birth,

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais-es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!

Away in a Manger

1. A-way in a manger; no crib for a bed, The lit-tle Lord
2. The cat-tle are lowing, the Ba-by a-wakes, But little Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je-sus, I ask Thee to stay close by me for

Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
Je-sus no cry-ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je-sus, look
ev-er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in

down where He lay, The little Lord Je-sus, a-sleep on the hay
down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Thy ten-der care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Silent Night

1. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, All is calm, all is bright;
2. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, Darkness flies, all is light;
3. Si-lent night, ho-ly night, Won-drous Star, lend thy light;

Round yon Vir-gin Moth-er and Child! Ho-ly In-fant, so ten-der
and mild!

Shep-herds hear the an-gels sing, "Al-le-lu-ia! hail the King!
With the an-gels let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia to our King;

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
Christ the Sav-iour is born, Christ the Sav-iour is born."
Christ the Sav-iour is born, Christ the Sav-iour is born.—A-men.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
2. Still thru' the clo-ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un-furled,

From an-gels bend-ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold;
And still their heavenly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world:

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all-gra-cious King."

A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-ering wing,

The world in solemn still-ness lay, To hear the an-gels sing.
And ev-er o'er its Ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.

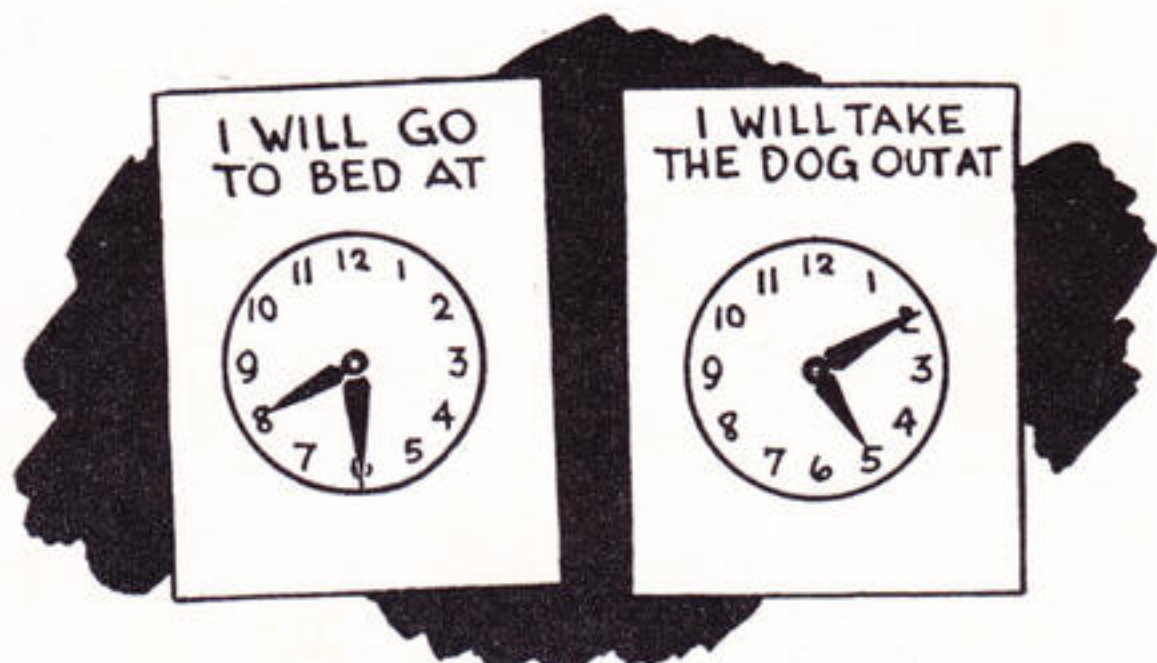
MEMORY CLOCKS

By CAPPY DICK

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Memory clocks are very businesslike to hang up in your bedroom—especially as the time approaches for Santa Claus to pay his annual visit. The clocks help you keep up with your chores around the house by reminding you when you are going to do certain things.

One clock will state, "I will go to bed at—" and the movable hands reveal the

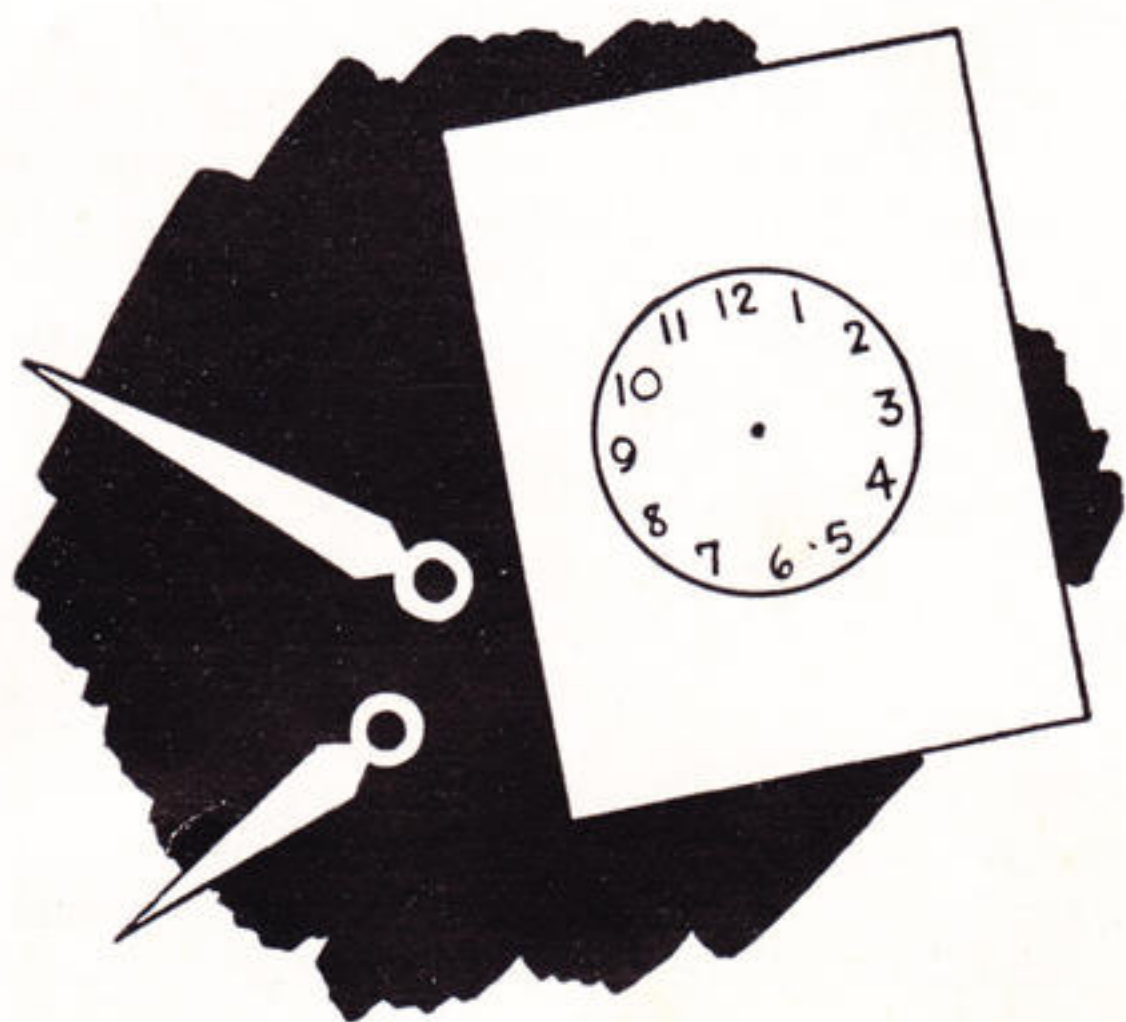


hour. Another can say, "I will take the dog out at—" and then give the hour. The hours indicated by the movable hands can be changed any time you wish.

To make a memory clock you need a piece of cardboard five inches wide and seven inches long. Draw a circle on it four inches wide. In this print the 12 hours as on the face of a real clock. Make a small hole at the center.

Out of cardboard cut the hour hand and a bigger minute hand. Color them black. Make a hole in the hub end of each hand.

Fasten the hands to the face of the clock with a brad-type paper clip, the



kind that has a round, flat head and two prongs which can be spread apart. This type of clip, slipped through the hole in the clock, will hold the hands to the clock face, yet allow them to be moved.

Above the face of the clock print the words that tell its purpose. It is then finished and ready to hang on the wall of your room.

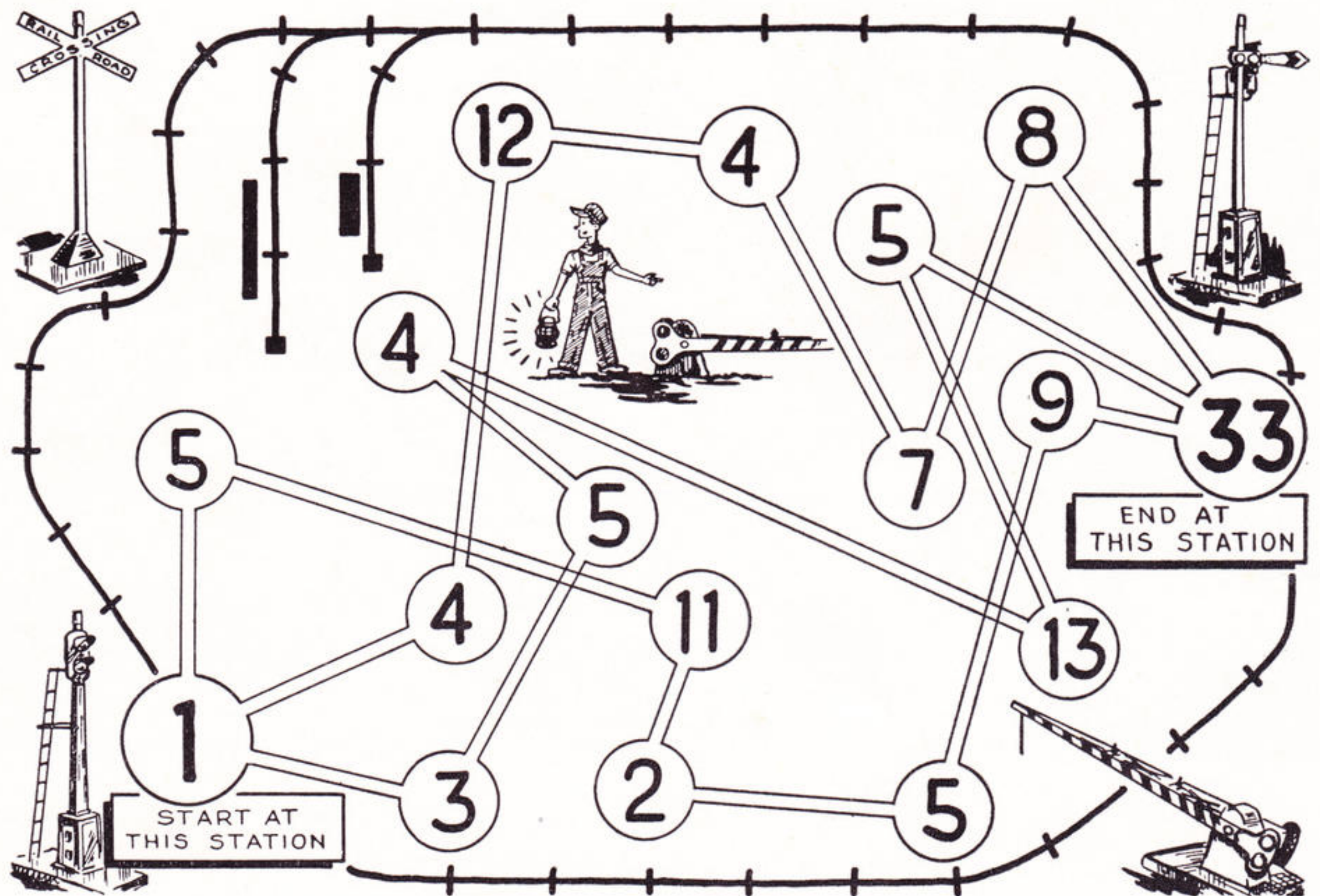
Make a separate clock for each chore you do around the house day by day.

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SANTA CLAUS' CHRISTMAS RAILROAD PUZZLE



Santa has laid out this toy train puzzle. The numbers in the circles represent miles between stations. The problem is this: Starting at Station No. 1, what route (including "1") should you have the train follow to add up to 33, the mileage at the last station? The correct answer is printed on this page.

A HOMEMADE MARBLE GAME

The name of this game is "Hole-in-One." You can make the outfit in a few minutes, using things easily found around the house.

You will need a 12-inch square of stout paper, a marble and some glue.

From the paper make a cone-shaped mound (Figure 2) with a hole in the top big enough for the marble to enter easily.

Figure 1 shows how to prepare the paper. Slit it to the center and cut a hole three inches in diameter. Trim the four corners of the paper round, then overlap the edges formed by the slit and glue them. Trim the bottom of the cone with scissors until it will stand flat on the floor.

Mark a taw-line on the floor six feet

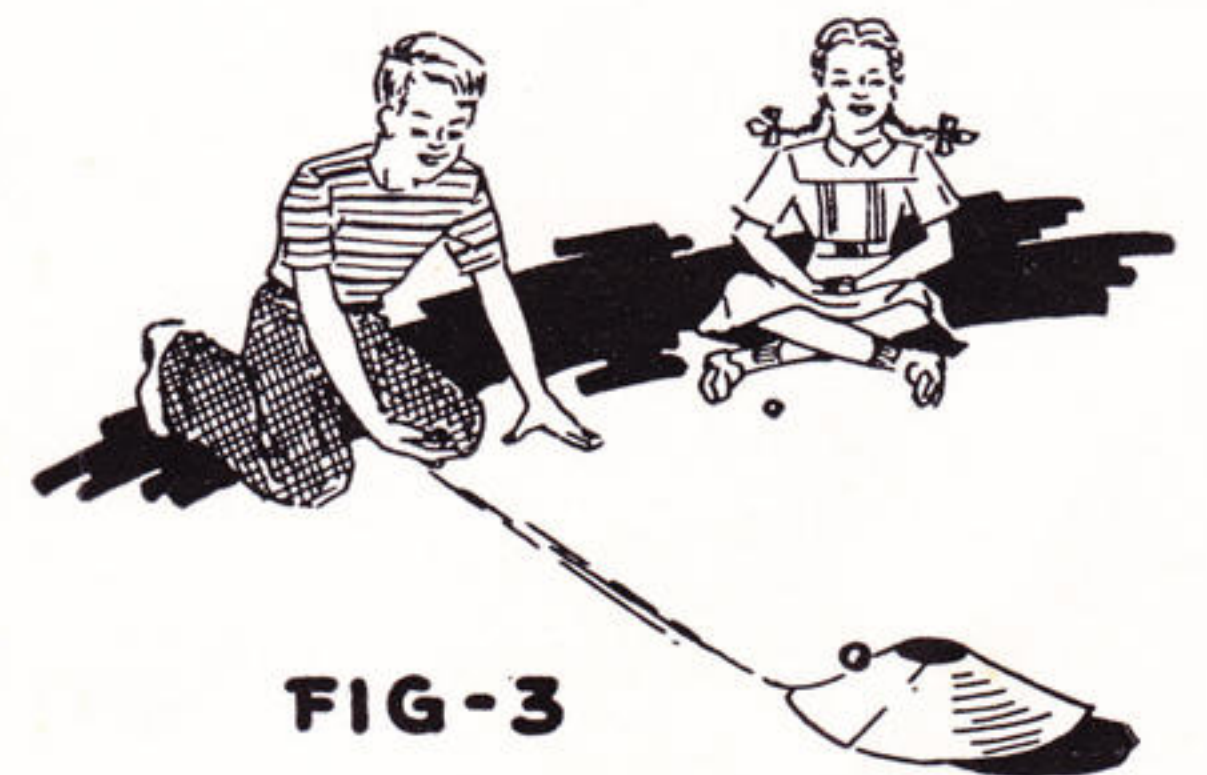
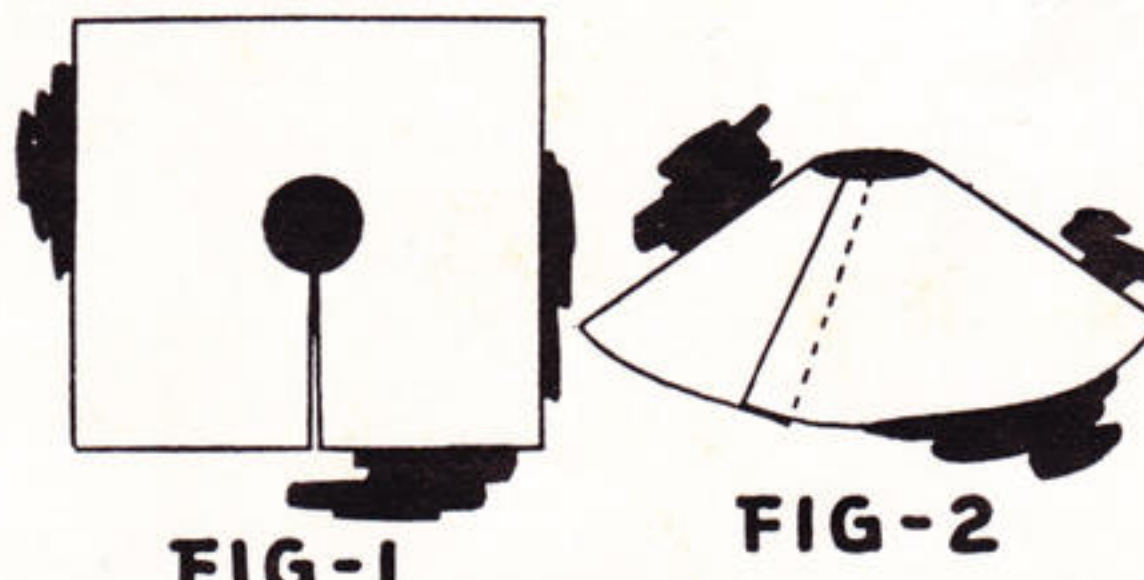


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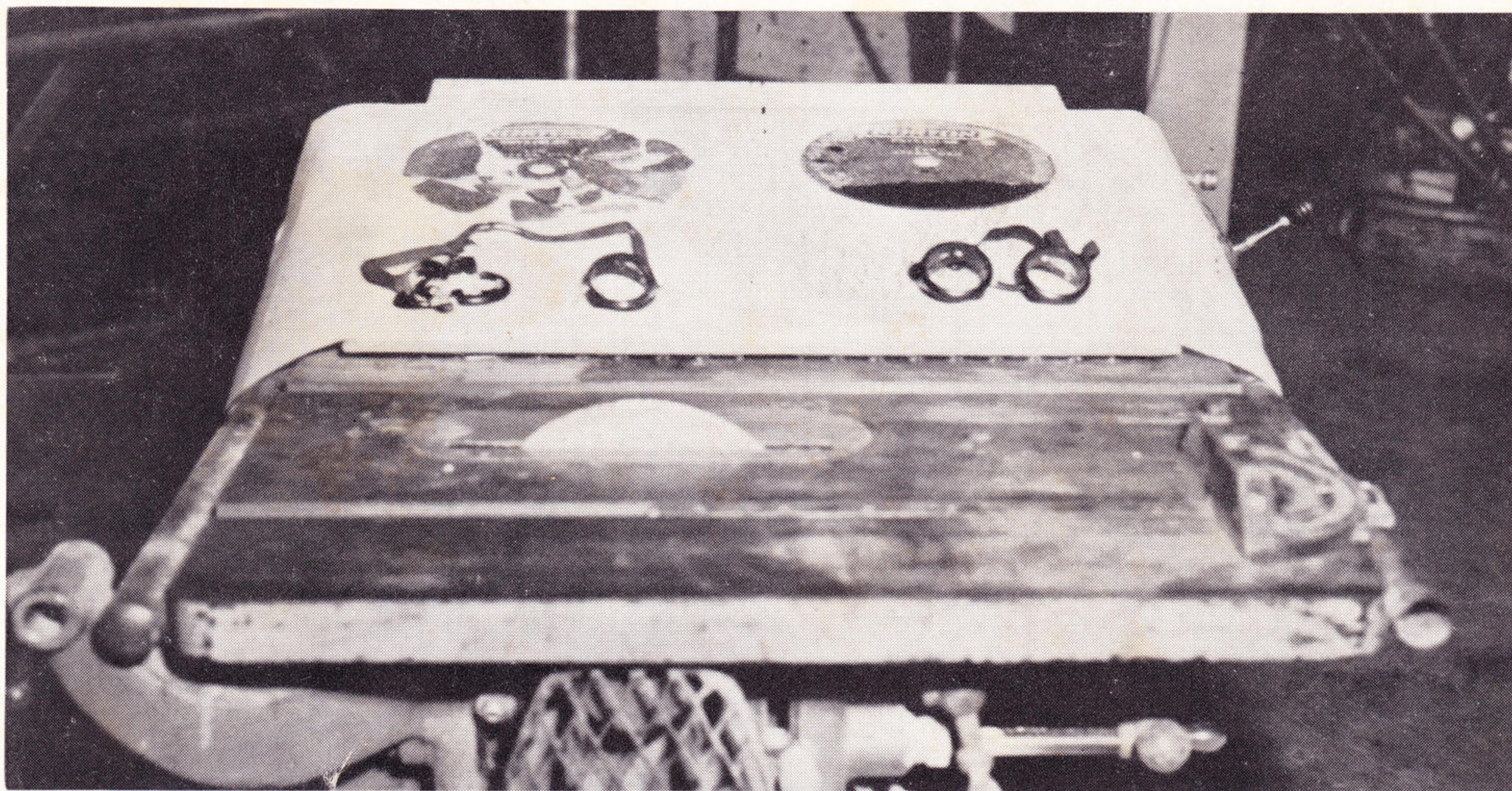
from the cone (a piece of string laid on the floor will do if you are playing on a carpeted floor or where Mother would object to having the floor marked).

Each player shoots from this taw-line, trying to send the marble up the side of the cone (Figure 3) and into the hole to score a hole-in-one. It takes careful aiming to accomplish this and the marble must be shot with just the right power to avoid overshooting the cone.

The player who scores the most holes-in-one in 10 shots is the winner of the game.

Puzzle Answer: Go from No. 1 to 5, 11, 2, 5 and 9, totaling 33.

Goggles Save Gulf Stater's Eye



... in the "Case of the Disintegrating Disc"



A PAIR OF GOGGLES kept this from being a very serious accident. The contributing factors are reproduced in the top picture. In the upper left are the remaining pieces of a carborundum disc one-eighth inch thick and seven inches in diameter, after it disintegrated. Below the pieces of the disc is shown a pair of goggles after a piece of disc struck them.

Frederick McMurray (bottom, left), radio communication serviceman in Baton Rouge, was using the disc on a table saw shaft to cut some 3/16 inch transite board. The disc disintegrated and part of it hit him above the right eye, striking his goggles. Fortunately, the goggles absorbed most of the blow over their wide area, and the disc fragment didn't come in direct contact with his eye.

Mr. McMurray received severe lacerations above the eye, requiring about five stitches, but if it hadn't been for the goggles, the least he could have received was the loss of an eye.

There is nothing wrong with using this cutting disc on a bench saw of this type. The substation department uses it quite frequently in cutting transite duct for underground work, but the trouble was that Mr. McMurray was using it improperly and didn't realize it at the time.

Proper use of this equipment calls for letting the disc protrude above the table top somewhat less than the thickness of the material being cut, and then, if necessary, turn the material over, score the other side, and break it into two parts with a sharp blow. You'll notice that in the picture at the top of the page, a similar disc is shown protruding about two inches from the table top. Mr. McMurray, using it in this manner, caused the disc to fly to pieces by applying pressure.

The Safety Department hopes that in giving this accident publicity it may keep someone else from making a similar error in using this type of cutting tool.