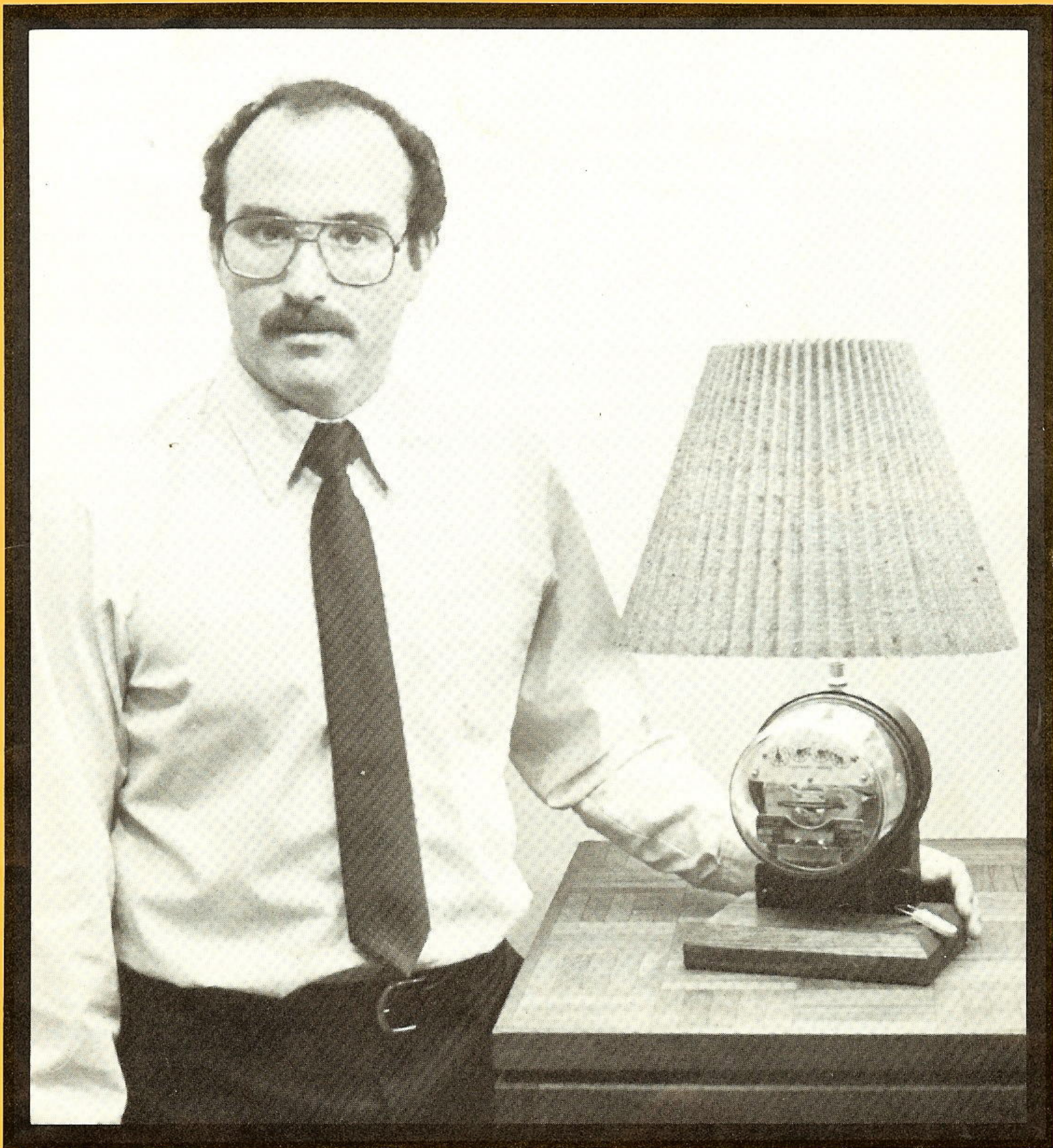


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THE COVER

Teenagers who run their own company manufacture cookbooks and meter lamps, such as the one on the front cover.

And Bill Alt, the Beaumont design engineer displaying the lamp, is one of many GSUers from across the system who serve as advisers to the officers of such Junior Achievement companies.

In Beaumont, a company dubbed Self-Actualizing Youth (SAY) produces the cookbooks and lamps. A Port Arthur company named Future Enterprises also produces meter lamps. In Baton Rouge, a company called Cool Breeze Enterprises manufactures wind chimes.

Read more about these enterprising young people and their GSU advisers in a story beginning on page 5.

Renee Stone
Gulf States Utilities
Conroe, Texas

Dear Renee:

I would like to thank you for arranging the Low-Income Energy Audit Training Session for our group on Thursday.

The training was very helpful to all of us, but particularly useful for the Prairie View students who are assigned to the Energy Assistance Program as interns for six months.

As a non-profit agency serving low-income people, we can seldom afford training for our staff, so we are very appreciative of this opportunity to receive professional training from Gulf States.

Many thanks again.

Sincerely,
Sharon W. Barnard
Director
Energy Assistance Program
Bryan, Texas

John R. Bordelon
Gulf States Utilities
Beaumont, Texas

Dear John:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter as well as the list of people who attended the meeting with the Texas Industrial Commission.

It was a pleasure for me to attend. I am glad the Southeast Texas Economic Development Coalition has been founded and look forward to working with its members.

I appreciate your nice letter and want you to feel free to call on me anytime I can be of service.

Sincerely,
Roy Blake
Texas State Senator

Editor's Note: GSU helped community leaders form the coalition, which is made up of Chambers of Commerce in 13 communities located throughout the company's Texas service area. The coalition is dedicated to the creation of jobs in those communities, explained Bordelon, who is GSU's coordinator-economic development.

R. C. LeJeune Jr.
Gulf States Utilities
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Randy:

I wanted to write a line to tell you how much I appreciated your prompt attention and courteousness regarding my recent problem with our natural gas service. It seems every time we speak I have a problem to discuss with you, so I thought this letter to be past due.

In times where the utilities are coming under increasing consumer scrutiny, it is refreshing to know people of your caliber are there to help. You certainly represent an asset to your organization.

Very truly yours,
J. Robert Beck
Beck Building Corp.
Baton Rouge, La.

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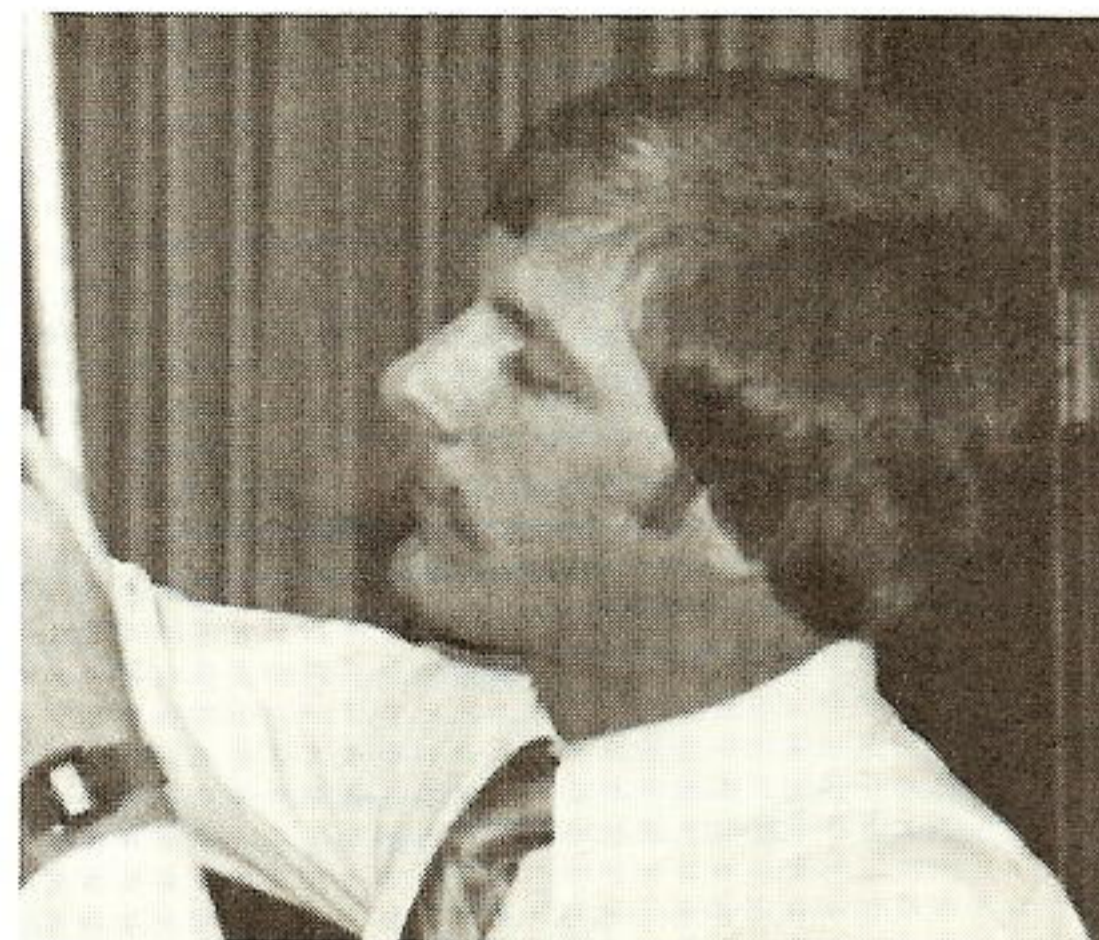
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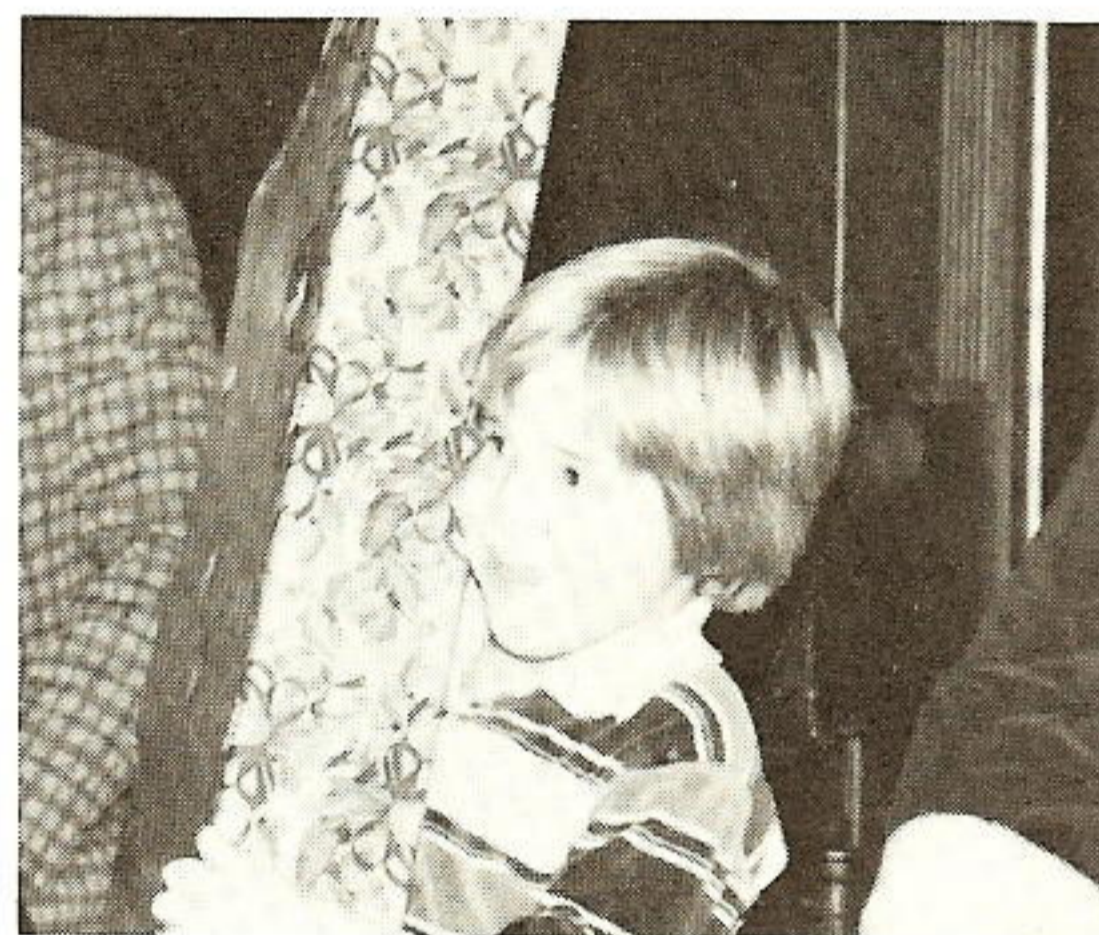
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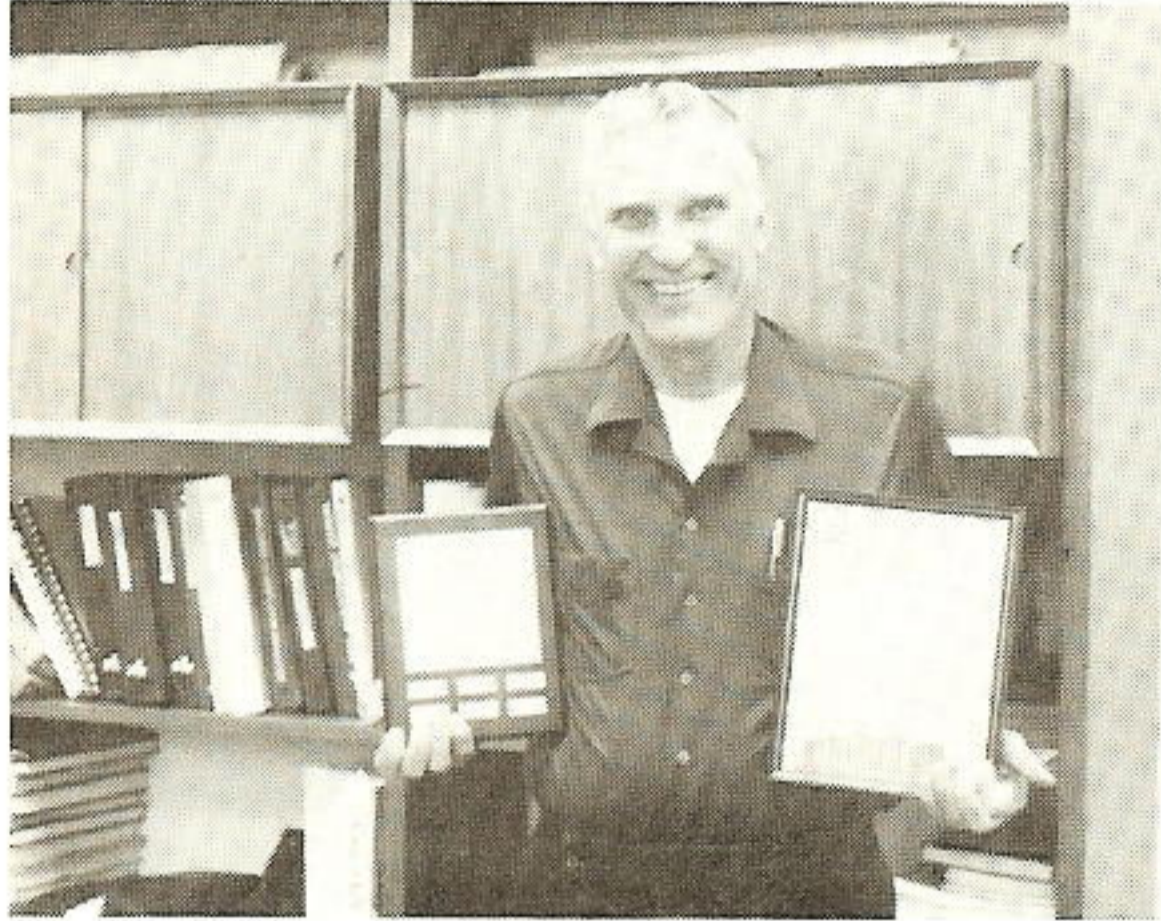
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NEWS BRIEFS

Blood bank given recognition



Our Lady of the Lake Hospital gave awards of appreciation to the Baton Rouge Division employee blood bank and its chairman. Initiated in 1980 as a service to the community, the group blood program now has about 400 members. Board of directors members include Seigle E. Hunstock, Ralph M. Shirley, Ronnie R. Blackburn and Floyd J. Gonzales, chairman.

Gonzales was recognized for outstanding service as chairman. As part of his duties, Gonzales organizes the annual blood drive and keeps records for the group. He is assistant general line supervisor in the Baton Rouge T&D department.

Gonzales is shown holding the plaque presented to the group and the certificate given to him by the hospital.

B&PW honors GSU's Trahan

Beverly Trahan was chosen as the Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Baton Rouge chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club. Selection, voted upon by members, is based on consistent performance and outstanding contributions for the good of the club.

Trahan, a member of the club for four years, received a plaque and a pin at a luncheon given in her honor. She has held several offices in the club and is

president-elect. Trahan was also featured in an article in *Baton Rouge Magazine* earlier this year.

Trahan is an industrial engineer for Consumer Services in Baton Rouge and has been with Gulf States since June 1975.

Suggestions result in safety awards

Baton Rouge employees received bonus safety points for their participation in the Employee Suggestion Program. Presentation of the awards was made by J. E. Moss, Baton Rouge Division vice president.



Bruce Nolen (left) receives his award from Jim Moss.



Mike Valentine (left) is shown accepting his certificate.

Bruce Nolen, supervisor of energy audits, was awarded 3,000 safety points for a proposal he made. Nolen suggested ways to make the curbs in the North Boulevard parking lot safer.

Mike Valentine, merit roll craftsman, received 4,000 safety points for his suggestion about a device used to add insulators to

bus work in substations. The device, designed and built by Valentine, makes installation faster and safer.



Making the presentation to Ray Brent (left) is Jim Moss. Not pictured is Gary Lee.

A suggestion made by two employees resulted in safety achievement certificates of 5,000 points for each.

Ray Brent, utility foreman, and Gary Lee, first class lineman, designed a device which makes it easier for linemen to climb large-diameter steel poles. The device fits into the step slot with a safety bolt for added security.

Red Cross cites three volunteers

Three Baton Rouge employees were recognized by the American Red Cross for their volunteer services following a train derailment which resulted in a chemical spill. Right-of-way representative Calvin A. Comeaux, merit roll craftsman Seigle E. Hunstock, and party chief Sam M. Dipenza were praised by the capital area chapter of the Red Cross for their work in feeding clean-up crews, law enforcement officers and other volunteers working at the accident site near Livingston, La.

Red Cross director of volunteers Leila M. Smith said the men's volunteer efforts "were a real contribution during this time of need."

A Program for Success



Advisers of the Beaumont Self-Actualizing Youth (SAY) and some company members show off awards they won at a trade fair. Standing 3rd from the left is Bill Alt; 6th from the left is Marianne Deka; Dennis Dawsey, second from right; and Charles Boynton, far right.

In addition to tending to their job responsibilities at Gulf States, several GSU employees serve as advisers to the officers of three fledgling companies.

Eighteen GSUers, based in Baton Rouge, Port Arthur or Beaumont, work with Junior Achievement companies sponsored by the utility. Baton Rouge Division Vice President Jim Moss explains why Gulf States commits both people and money to the program year after year. "We think Junior Achievement is an important educational factor in high school students understanding the free enterprise system. It helps them become successful adults who contribute (to the system) and receive rewards," Moss says.

Junior Achievement Inc. is the non-profit corporation, head-

quartered in Stamford, Conn., that is the "umbrella" for about 250 Junior Achievement operating areas in all 50 states. The purpose of Junior Achievement is "to provide practical and realistic education and experience in the private enterprise economic system."

Although the 8,000 JA companies formed each year are not corporations in the strictly legal sense, they still are very real companies. They have stockholders and a board of directors, pay "corporation taxes" on profits — and about 70 percent of all JA companies reportedly show a profit — distribute wages and salaries, manufacture a product or offer a service and create marketing and distribution systems.



Don Hamilton, superintendent of Louisiana Station, was guest speaker at the first board meeting of the Baton Rouge company, Cool Breeze Enterprises.



Baton Rouge advisers Beth Burnham (left) and Ronnie Cole examine wind chimes at their group's booth in the GSU Christmas bazaar.

In Baton Rouge, the teen-age employees and officers of Cool Breeze Enterprises receive guidance from Beth Burnham, accountant; Ronnie Cole, industrial engineer; Cynthia DuBose, accountant; Eric Green, T&D engineer; and Roger Gillespie, T&D engineer.

The company, which is made up of 23 youngsters representing about 10 schools in the Greater Baton Rouge area, manufactures wind chimes from plexiglass and thin-wall conduit.

According to Mrs. Burnham, Cool Breeze formed at the beginning of the 1982-83 school term

and has already received special recognition from Junior Achievement of Greater Baton Rouge for having a good sales record.

The GSU sponsors hosted the JA company on a tour of River Bend and during the GSU crafts bazaar in November, the youths had a booth featuring the wind chimes, adds Mrs. Burnham.

Baton Rouge also participates in another aspect of JA. According to Moss, for both the fall and spring semesters, GSU released one employee to teach one hour per week in a designated school. During the fall semester, Kyle Todd, division engineer, taught a

class entitled "Project Business" to eighth-graders at Park Forest Middle School. Beverly Trahan, an industrial services engineer, will be teaching a similar class during the spring, but at presstime she had not yet been assigned to a specific school.

"During the course of activities, we went over several subjects — different economic systems, principles of supply and demand, competition, money and financial institutions and career exploration," recalls Todd. Further, says Todd, "The kids were all assigned a stock and they followed their stock reports every week. The school received very favorable comments from the parents concerning the program and the principal would really like to continue it there."

Todd says the volunteer work was equally beneficial to him. "In my preparation, I brushed up on a lot of economics that I had forgotten from my past studies. It also enabled me to interact with the students about my business and how they should be preparing in their high school and college years for the kinds of careers they may want to enter that are similar to mine," he concludes.



Junior Achievement members learn safety in production is an important part of business.



Adviser Ronnie Hale looks on as company members collate pages of cookbooks.

In Port Arthur, a company dubbed Future Enterprises has been building meter lamps from old, discarded 120-volt electric meters. The Beaumont Self-Actualizing Youth (SAY) Company also manufactures the meter lamps, as well as cookbooks.

Don Perio, supervisor-credit and collections, has served as a JA advisor for two years, but he says the meter lamps are far more successful than the miniature cowboy hats manufactured by the 1981-82 company.

"Those cowboy hats were so delicate to handle. This year, we just have a better product," he says. Others advising the group, which is made up of students from Port Neches-Groves High School, are Donnell Ramsey, storeroom supervisor; Floyd Fortenberry, engineering section head; and Ray Mason, T&D engineer.

In Beaumont, Division Vice President Arden Loughmiller insists that the nine employees working with the JA company, SAY, "go beyond the call of duty. They spend a lot of personal time advising kids, and the youngsters really get some valuable training."

Students from West Brook, French and South Park high schools make up the company. Serving as advisors are John Tarver, marketing agent-solar project; Dennis Dawsey, industrial engineer; Gene Tillery, industrial representative for the Beaumont Division; Karl Jackson, director-regulatory reporting and subsidiary accounting; Charles Boynton, engineer; Marianne Deka, stenographer-senior; Bill Alt, design engineer; Ronnie Hale, supervisor-consumer services; and James Perry, staff accountant.



Port Arthur Division employees who serve as JA advisors are (from left) Don Perio, Floyd Fortenberry, Ray Mason and Don Ramsey.

At a trade fair in Parkdale Mall in November, the company won first place in the category for the amount of dollar sales, second place for the number of units sold and fourth place in overall performance. The company was also a finalist for the title of "Outstanding Company of the Quarter," for which the selection is based on salesmanship, booth appearance, dollars and units sold. SAY was also named "Blue Chip Company of the Quarter," an honor based on attendance, sales and report-writing ability.

At SAY, the youngsters collate a cookbook made up of "oldies but goodies" from the days when GSU employed home economists.

The group also sells meter lamps. According to Tillery, the success of SAY can be attributed to enthusiastic youngsters who have selected easy-to-sell products which do not present many production difficulties. The experience is similar to decisions they must make when they graduate from high school or college and enter the real business world, says Tillery.

In addition to sponsoring JA companies, GSU makes a corporate donation to JA each year to help offset administrative costs. And, when a student-run company is successful enough, the JA company will at year's end contribute money to a scholarship fund.

An Honorary Texan



Jon Trevelise and Laura Rhodio glance at an article on a southeast Texas attraction.

Laura Rhodio believes that when one is in Texas, one should do as the Texans do — so the Rome, Italy, resident sampled barbecue, nachos and local slang during a two-month visit to the Lone Star state.

Miss Rhodio, 20, lived with the Jon and Karen Trevelise family in Beaumont Sept. 10 through Dec. 18 as a participant in a cultural exchange program. The young woman, a student of English, French and German at the University of Rome, earned college credit as a result of her stay in the Golden Triangle with the GSU officer and his family.

Miss Rhodio's visit evolved from Mrs. Trevelise's similar experience several years ago. An aunt and uncle of Mrs. Trevelise opened their home to their niece while they were living in Germany. The same aunt and uncle, who now live in Rome, visited the Trevelises in Beaumont for Thanksgiving 1981. During the Thanksgiving meal, Mrs. Trevelise reminisced about her overseas stay and mentioned

her desire to pay it back somehow. Consequently, the relatives from Rome mentioned Miss Rhodio, who was then working part-time in the aunt's real estate business.

According to Mrs. Trevelise, Miss Rhodio's visit also served as a learning experience for her family, including the couple's two sons, 11-year-old Peter and 8-year-old Christopher. "The experience made me more conscious of my speaking voice and grammar," Mrs. Trevelise revealed.

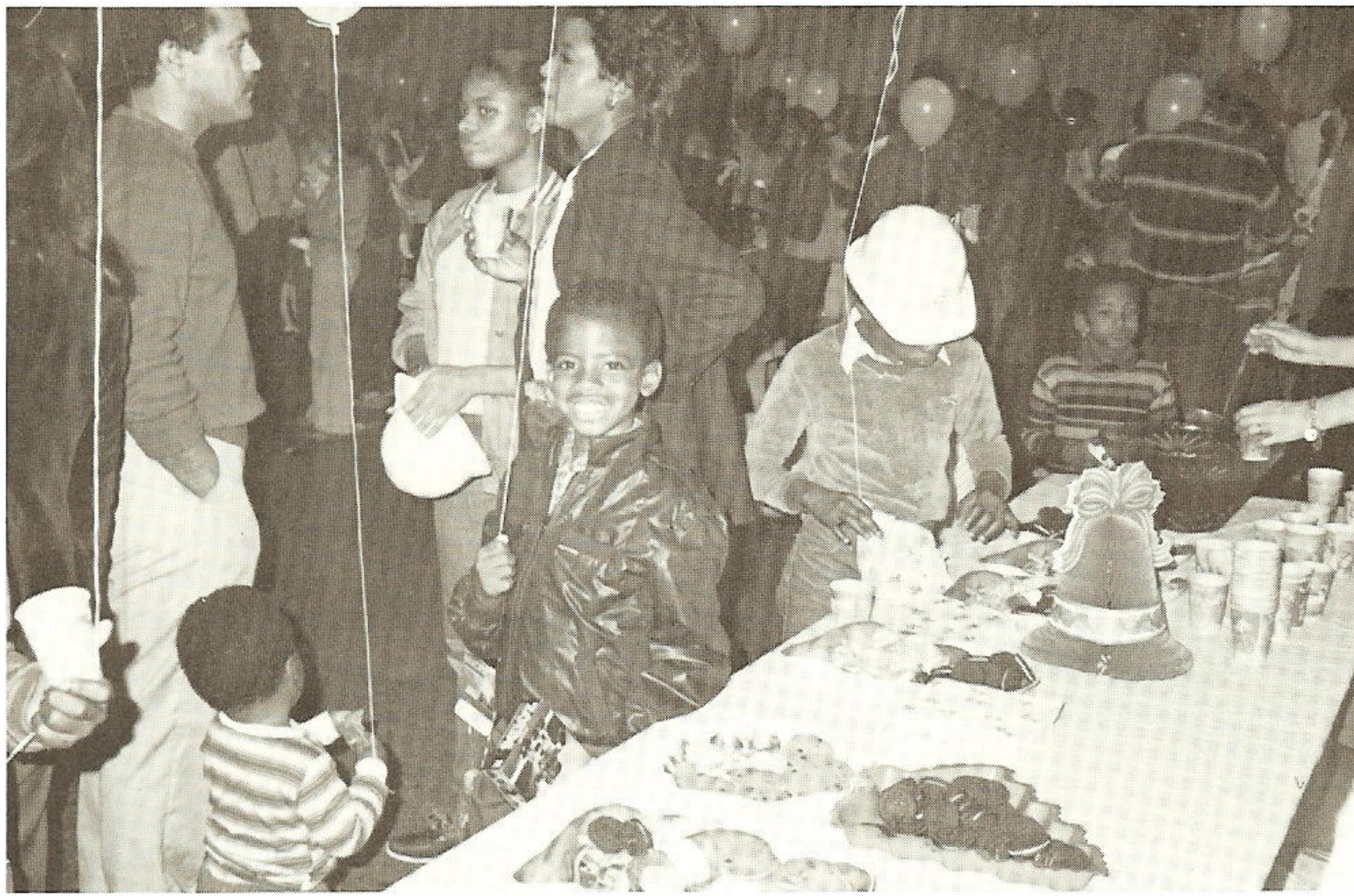
Although Miss Rhodio has studied textbook English for nine years, beginning as an 11-year-old middle school student, she conceded that the spoken word sometimes bears little resemblance to the written word. She said she never expected to find the regional differences in accents that she found in this country. Since Mrs. Trevelise hails from New Jersey, Miss Rhodio was exposed to an East Coast accent as well as to the Texas sound.

Two of the most surprising aspects of American culture, as far as Miss Rhodio was concerned, were the slang and the food.

"Slang can be difficult to understand unless you are sure of the context," Miss Rhodio explained. For instance, she was initially confused by the use of the word "baby" as an affectionate term since she knew a baby is an infant. She admitted that she couldn't wait to try out some American slang back home, including such phrases as "really," "that's cute," and "weird."

Her father flew over to the United States with Laura since he had business in the states, but the two were hesitant to order anything to eat besides frankfurters and french fries. Farther into her visit, Miss Rhodio would laugh about the limited fare. She confessed that she never expected American cuisine to embrace such a wide variety of foods, including pizza, fried chicken, corn on the cob and many foods of diverse ethnic origins. "Back home," she noted, "Italian food is pasta. To eat any other kind of food, we must go to a restaurant that specializes in Chinese or some other kind of food." One of her first introductions to Texas food was at a barbecue sponsored by GSU's Live Wires Club.

The Trevelises showed Miss Rhodio some of the Texas sights, including NASA, San Antonio and the San Jacinto Monument, but their guest also spent some time in a more conventional classroom. The talkative young visitor, who hopes to someday use her multiple language skills in a job with an international import-export firm, spent two days a week at Beaumont's Amelia Elementary School. She discussed her city and country and how they differ from the United States.



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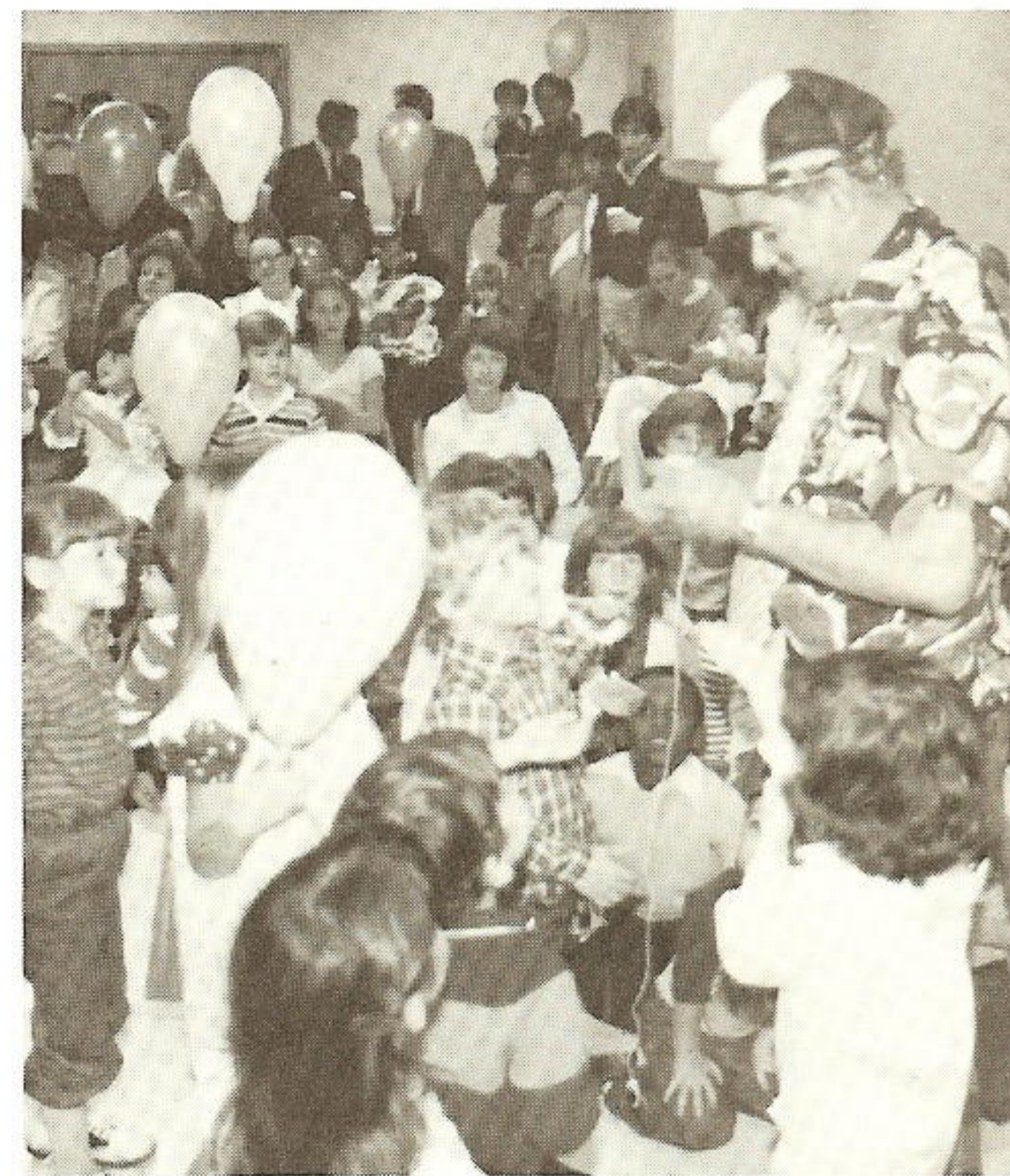
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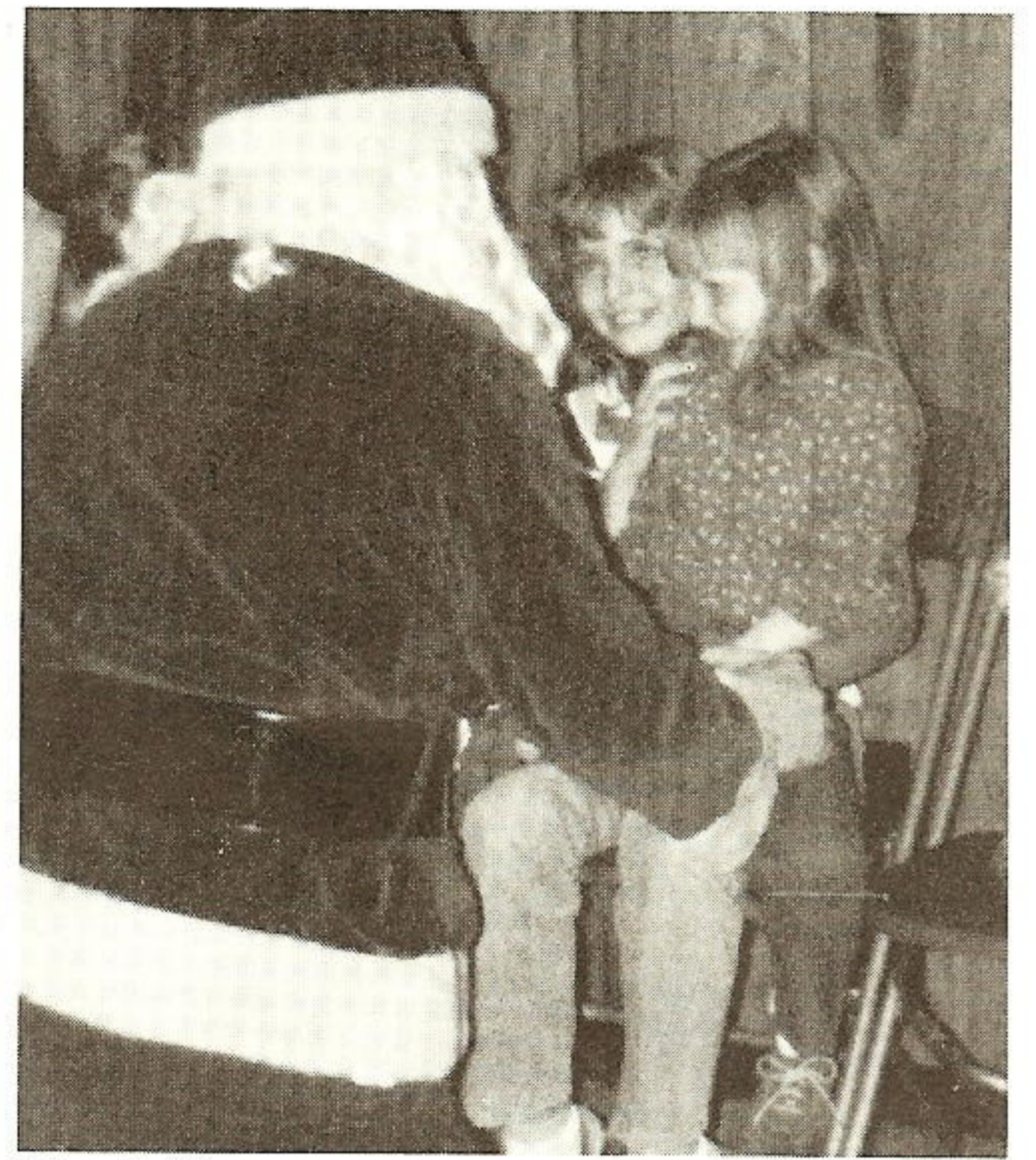
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A New Citizen



Charles Bui

Cha Tho Bui was born in a northern province of Vietnam in 1942, and when the Communists gained control of North Vietnam in 1954, his family moved to the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam).

"I was born in war and I grew up in war," Bui says matter-of-factly.

But Bui is now a new citizen in a peaceful land. When he was naturalized as a United States citizen on Dec. 3, 1982, Bui also legally changed his name to Charles Bui.

"I felt that I wanted to fit in better. People have a hard time with my name sometimes," explains Charles, who hired on with GSU in August 1979 as an area planning engineer in Transmission Planning.

Charles' wife was naturalized the same day, and she also changed her name, becoming Teresa Bui rather than Thanh Hai Bui. The couple has a 5-year-old, American-born daughter, Jane.

The Beaumont resident served as a first lieutenant in the Army

of the Republic of Vietnam before enrolling in the University of Missouri at Rolla. At the university, where he met his wife, Charles struggled more with conversational English than with the tough mathematics and science courses required as part of his electrical engineering curriculum. "I listened to the radio and used a cassette recorder" in an effort to improve language skills, Charles recalls. After earning a bachelor's degree, Charles began work on a master's degree. With the arrival of a child, however, the couple decided to delay his post-graduate studies.

Teresa is presently a senior in chemical engineering at Lamar University, where Charles figures he will someday resume his studies on a part-time basis.

Charles' parents and six of his sisters remain in Vietnam. Although Bui had originally planned to return to his homeland, the April 1975 surrender of South Vietnam to the North Vietnamese and Vietcong forces changed his plans.

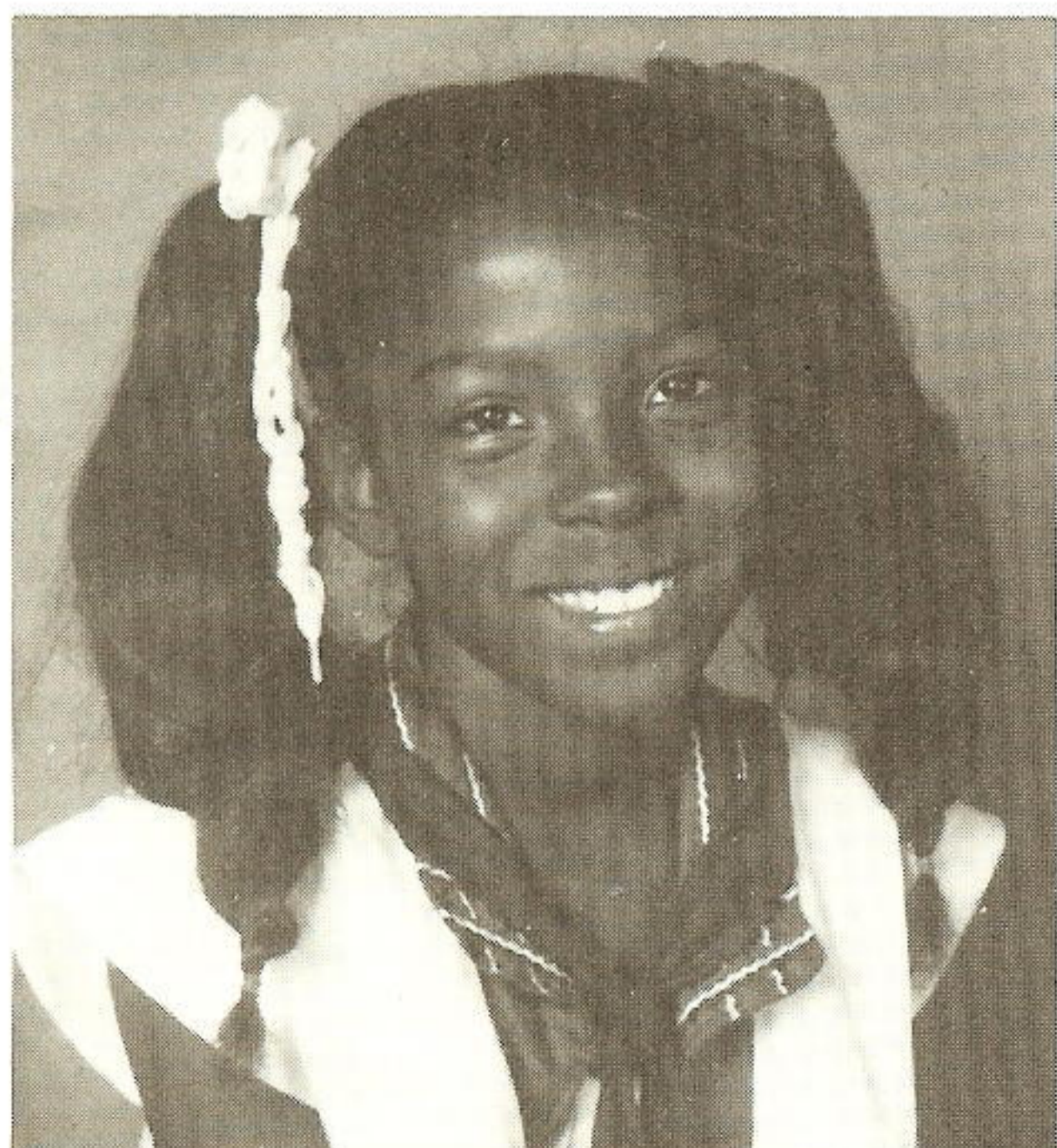
Two of Charles' brothers live in Houston and a younger sister lives in Canada.



Phillips family adds daughter

Benny and Deborah Ann Phillips became the parents of 7-pound, 1-ounce Bente Roydeah on Nov. 27, 1982. The baby, who is called "Sunshine" by her family, measured 19¾ inches at birth.

Bente Roydeah has one sister, Rezephyr Monique. Their father is an equipment operator at Sabine Station. He has been with Gulf States since February 1976.



McCrae sews up contest

Shaunna McCrae won third place in the 1982 Jefferson Davis Parish 4-H Sew-with-Cotton contest. Shaunna, the 10-year-old daughter of Wanda McCrae, was one of 26 entrants ranging in age from 9 to 17. Her mother is a clerk in the Jennings office.

Girl becomes twirler coach

Rhonda West, a sophomore at Groveton High School in Groveton, Texas, was certified Nov. 8 as a teacher/coach in the U. S. Twirling Association.

The young woman is the daughter of Jim and Ada West. Her father is a district serviceman based in Groveton.

In addition to attending the teacher/coach workshop in Houston in November, she also attended a summer camp at the University of Houston in July.



Chess tournament for children

The GSU Chess Club will sponsor a tournament for the children of employees on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The tournament will be four-round play in each of three entry categories. A prize will be awarded to the winner in each of these groups: grades four and below, grades five through eight and grade nine through twelve.

No entry fee is required but all contestants must know how to play chess. More information is available from Terry Escamilla at 733-4902.

Another chess club event is on the calendar. The GSU Chess Championship will be held March 26-27. Entry fee is \$10 for the five-round event. Cash prizes will be given to all contestants scoring more than two points.



Dennis Ray joins Dumesnil family

Little Dennis Ray Dumesnil joined the Randy and Stephanie Dumesnil family at 11:05 a.m. March 5.

Dumesnil, a draftsman in Beaumont, reports that his son weighed 18 pounds and was 30 inches long at 7 months of age. He weighed 8 pounds, 5½ ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

The child is shown modeling a hat acquired during a recent vacation.



Photo supports fish story

Beaumont senior engineering assistant George H. Hickman and Sour Lake serviceman David Lee hit the jackpot on bass last March. While fishing near Sour Lake, the two Gulf States employees caught 10 bass.

Shown with the catch is Hickman's wife, Francis.



Beatys have twin sons

Twin sons were born to Kenny and Paige Beaty July 9 in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Beaumont.

According to Beaty, a network operator in Computer Applications, Beaumont, Joe Kenneth weighed 4 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, while John Ryan weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces and measured the same length.

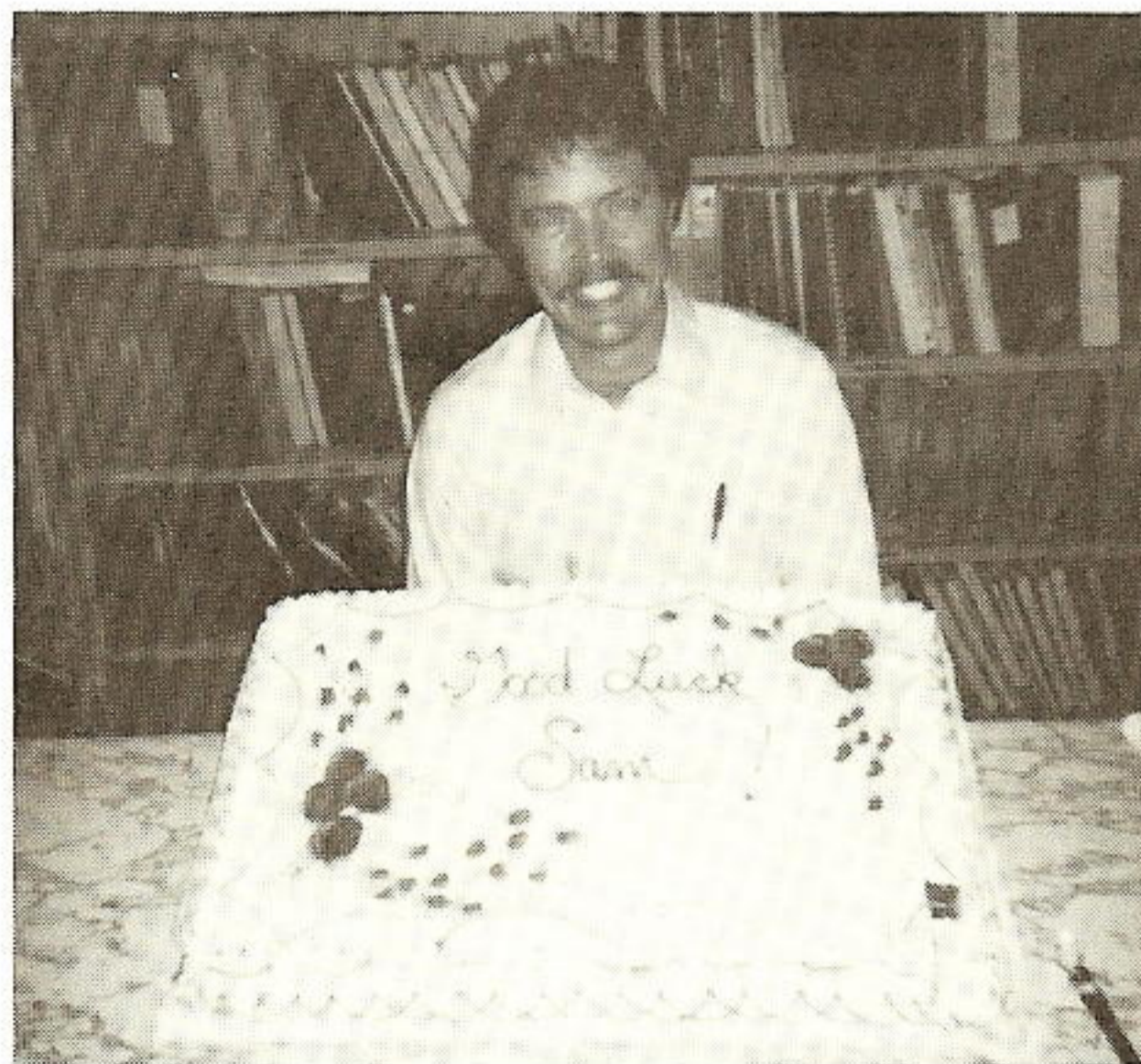
Fruge becomes grandfather

Rita and Sheldon P. Fruge became grandparents for the first time on Oct. 13, 1982. De'Edre and Mark Fruge of Spring, Texas, became the parents of a son, Wesley Paul. Not to be outdone by his brother, Vincent Fruge announced that he and his wife Carol would be presenting Rita and Sheldon with twins soon. The proud grandpa, Sheldon Fruge, is general maintenance supervisor at Nelson Station.



Raney takes safety job

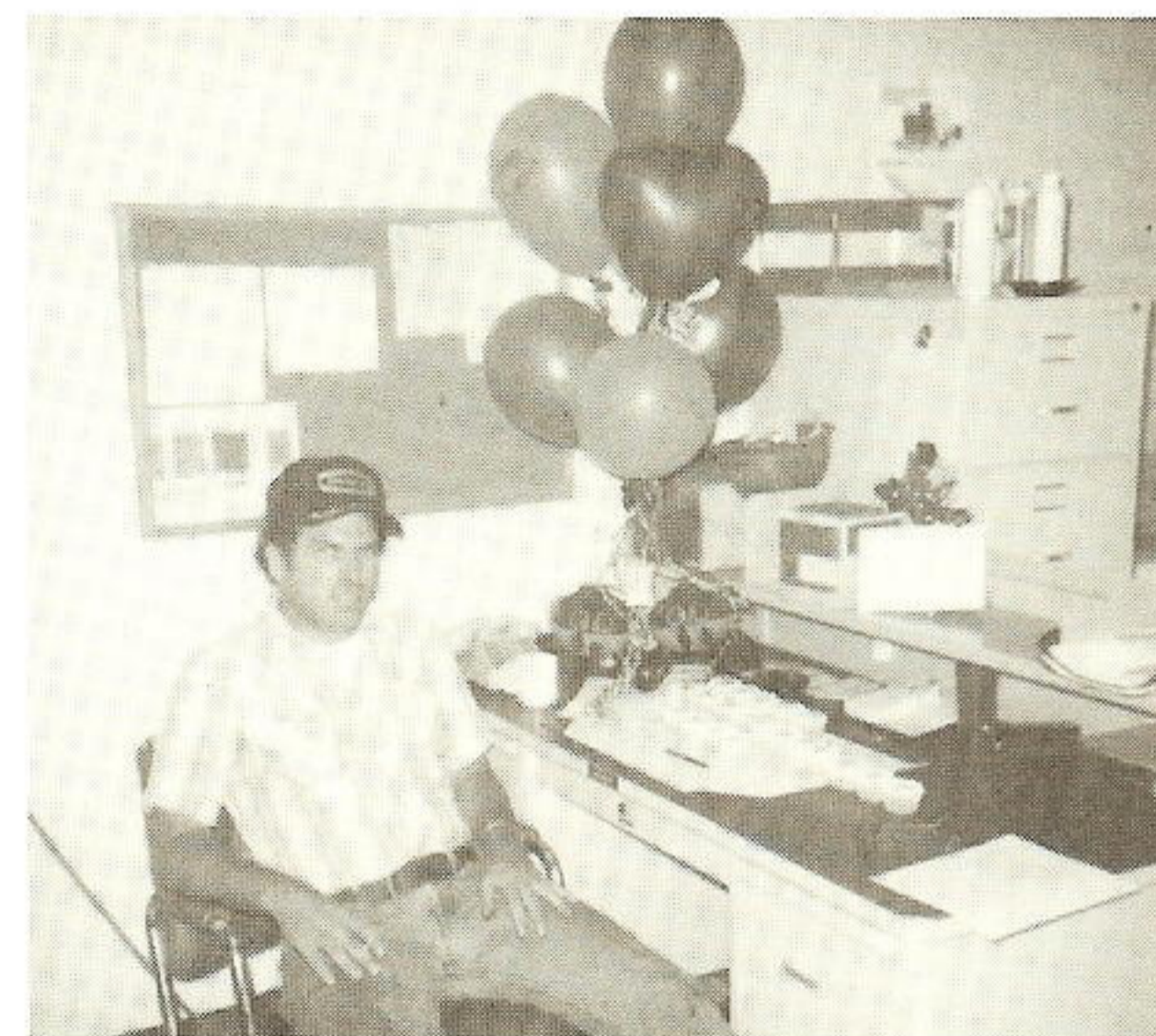
Test foreman Sam Raney recently accepted the position of production safety representative in the Baton Rouge Division. His former co-workers at Willow Glen wished him luck in his new job by presenting him with a cake and a hard hat.



New babies are cousins

Ernest and Sandra Hardy proudly announce the arrival of a daughter, Stephanie Denise, born Aug. 31. The new father was so excited that the following day he came to work in his house slippers, according to correspondent Connie Herford. Ernest works at Nelson Station as a second class repairman.

Although he didn't show up at work in house slippers, Doug Williams was just as excited when his wife, Kathy, presented him with a daughter, Kourtney Renee' on Dec. 5. Kathy Williams and Sandra Hardy are sisters. Doug is a third class repairman at Nelson Station.



Guillot surprised on anniversary

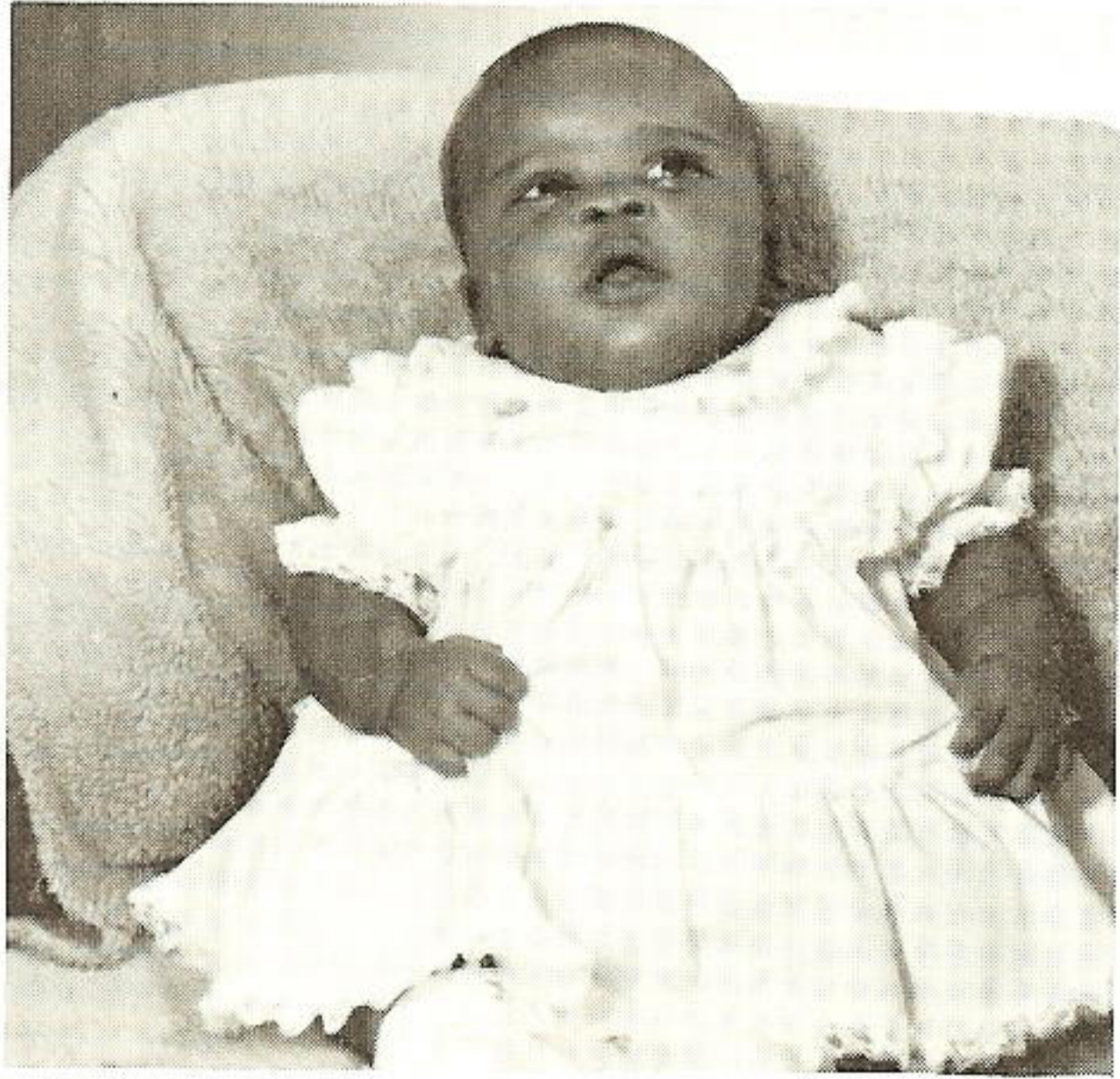
Roy Guillot, maintenance shift foreman at Nelson Coal, recently received an anniversary gift from his wife. Myra Castello, *Plain Talks* correspondent, reports that cupcakes and a balloon bouquet were delivered to Roy at the job site.

Groves have new daughter

Johnny and Becky Grove have a new daughter, Erica Lynn.

The little girl was born Aug. 29. Her mother is a communications serviceman in Lake Charles T&D.





Conroe clerk has daughter

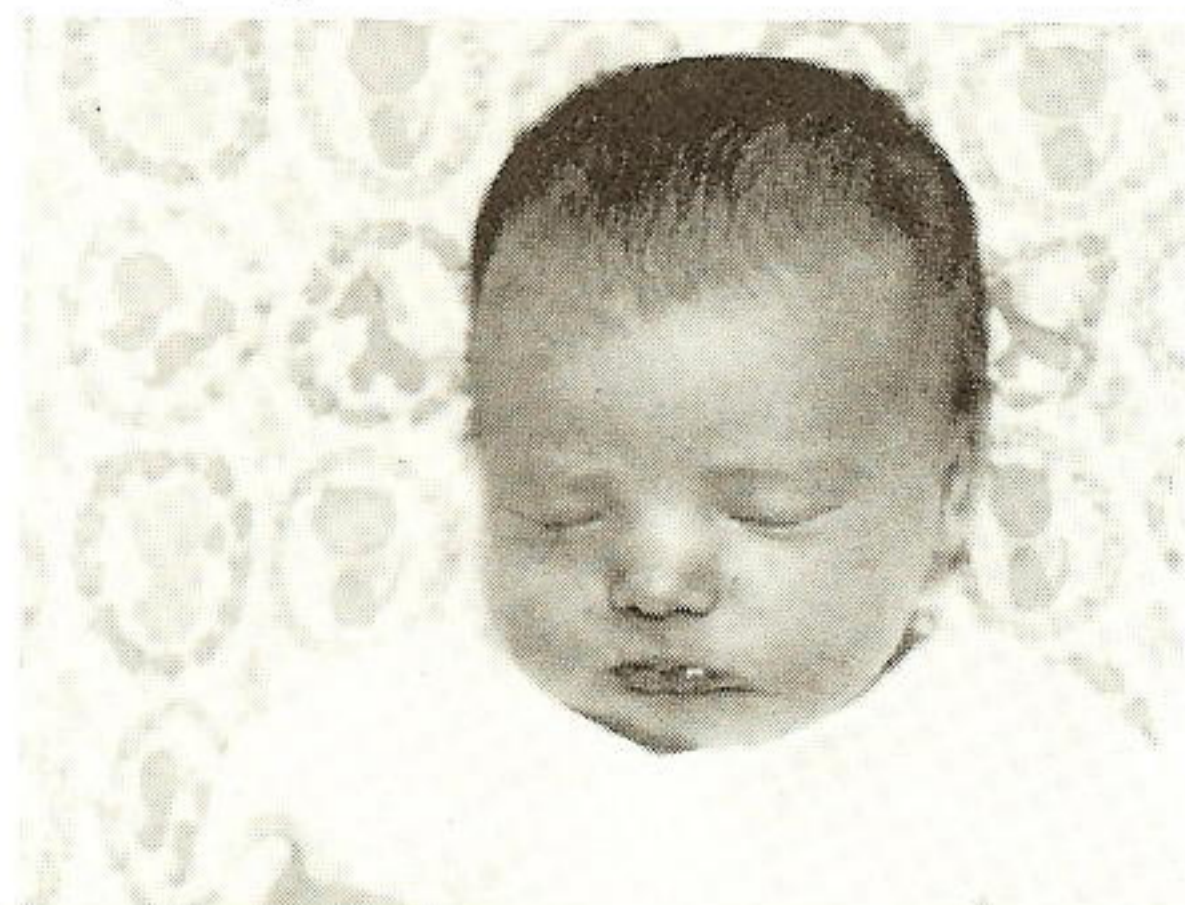
Georgia Harris, accounting clerk in the Customer Service Department of the Conroe office, gave birth to a 7-pound, 14½-ounce daughter on Jan. 3, 1982. Laura T'Raysi Harris, who weighed 16 pounds 3 ounces last May, has two sisters, Andrea Michelle Bailey, 12, and Rhea Nicholette Bailey, 7.

Katie joins McClusky family

Kathryn Audrey "Katie" McClusky joined the Buck McClusky family at 7:48 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18.

The 7-pound, 15½-ounce infant, who measured 21 inches at birth, was born in Beaumont's St. Elizabeth Hospital. Now she's back home in Warren with her mother, Linda, her 2-year-old brother, Will, and her dad, who's a senior engineering assistant in Edison Plaza.

McClusky has been with the company since November 1978.



Adams announces baby daughter

Robert Adams announced the birth of his first child, Leslie Nicole Adams, on July 20 at 12:43 p.m.

The little girl, who weighed 6 pounds, 11½ ounces and measured 18½ inches at birth, weighed 16 pounds in mid-December. Adams, a training support specialist who joined the company in February 1982, makes his home in Beaumont with his wife, Lena, and their new daughter.



Picnic features cake contest

Mrs. D. W. Smith, Wendi Grubbs and Jan Smith were the winning contestants in a cake-baking contest held Sept. 11 in conjunction with the Port Arthur Division's annual safety fair. More than 300 attended the event.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Donald W. Smith, substation operator, was recognized for originality; Wendi, daughter of R. L. Grubbs, safety representative, had the tastiest cake; and Jan Smith, Sabine Station purchasing agent, had the best-looking cake. The winners were given food processors.

Dana Sue Delk wins pageant

Dana Sue Delk, daughter of apprentice lineman Dennis L. Delk of Beaumont and granddaughter of district serviceman James C. West Jr. of Groveton, won the Tiny Princess division of the Fantaci World Beauty Pageant in Beaumont May 29.

The tiny beauty pageant winner competes again in September.



ON THE MOVE

Albert, Maurice A., Oak Ridge, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Alexander, Nelson Jr., Louisiana Station, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Antoine, Freddie Jr., Beaumont, to substation mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D Dept.

Ashley, Thomas W. Jr., Willow Glen, to insulator-3rd class, Plant Production.

Baker, John C. II, Conroe, relayman-2nd class, Relay Dept.

Barnett, Michael W., Neches Station, to repairman-3rd class, Plant Production.

Batiste, Stanley, Lafayette, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D Dept.

Bean, Karen L., Beaumont, to engineering assistant, Engineering Design.

Beavers, Brenda M., Baton Rouge, lineman-4th class, Electric T&D Dept.

Becker, Ronald T., Lewis Creek, to electrician-1st class, Plant Production.

Bell, Lehmon D., Sabine Station, to test technician-3rd class, Plant Production.

Bellair, Jesse M., Port Arthur, to general line supervisor, Electric T&D.

Benefield, Walter E. Jr., Baton Rouge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Bernard, Wayne D., Louisiana Station, to auxiliary operator, Plant Production.

Bossom, Joseph A., Baton Rouge, to meter supervisor, Electric T&D.

Boullion, Dallas J., Conroe, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Boutte, Sherman, Port Arthur, to utility foreman, Electric T&D.

Boyce, Richard B., Baton Rouge, lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Boyd, David M., Louisiana Station, test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Breaux, Dwayne M., Baton Rouge, serviceman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Brisendine, Everette L., Nelson Coal, to electrical maintenance foreman, Plant Production.

Brooks, James G., Beaumont, to senior financial analyst, Treasury.

Brown, Jeffrey R., Beaumont, to systems analyst, Computer Applications.

Brown, Jerry L., formerly of Daisetta, to utility foreman, Electric T&D, Winnie.

Buhler, Vickie T., Louisiana Station, to senior departmental clerk, Plant Production.

Bullard, Mack B., Beaumont, to senior systems analyst, Computer Applications.

Burdette, Bobby J. Jr., Zachary, lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Bush, Clarence E. Jr., Louisiana Station, to turbine engineer, Plant Production.

Bush, Edwin L., Port Arthur, to line foreman, Electric T&D.

Bushnell, Raymus D., Nelson Station, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Camp, Stephen M., Conroe, to relayman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Causey, Alton R., Willow Glen, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Chapman, Stephen W., Denham Springs, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Childress, Ronald D., Nelson Coal, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Clark, Christopher J., Lake Charles, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Como, Cleveland C. Jr., Beaumont, to senior draftsman, Engineering Design.

Compton, Jack S., Nelson Coal, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Cormier, Michael W., Baton Rouge, to corrosion technician-1st class, Gas Dept.

Cote, Timothy A., Oak Ridge, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Credeur, Jeffry, Lafayette, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Creekbaum, Wade J., Louisiana Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Crile, Larry R., Vidor, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Davis, Donny G., Denham Springs, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Loftin, Lawrence J. II, Beaumont, to senior draftsman, Engineering Design.

Luquette, Lori A., Beaumont, to stenographer-senior, Public Affairs.

Malveaux, Randy P., Lake Charles, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Mayeux, Ricky J., St. Francisville, to turbine engineer, Plant Production.

Meadows, James M., Baton Rouge, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Melancon, Nancy H., Baton Rouge, to assistant to transportation supervisor, T&D Garage.

Miller, Willie E., Jennings, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Minton, Roger D., Baton Rouge, to communications serviceman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Mitchell, Daniel R., Woodville, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Moore, Larry G., Jennings, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Moore, Larry J., Nelson Station, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Moore, Quentin L., Lafayette, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Morgan, Walter E., Willow Glen, to control operations foreman, Plant Production.

Morris, Terry L., Lewis Creek, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Moseley, Harry R., Nelson Coal, to equipment operator, Plant Production.

Moss, Kent O., Nelson Coal, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Mott, Roger D., Sabine Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Mouton, Dane J., Lake Charles, to communications serviceman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Myrick, Donald G., New Caney, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Nesbitt, Nancy A., Beaumont, to supervisor-purchasing services, Materials Management.

Oliver, Eddie, Nelson Station, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Padgett, Charles T., Nelson Coal, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Patino, Alan A., Port Arthur, to utility foreman, Electric T&D.

Pelichet, Torris J. Jr., Baton Rouge, to substation mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Perkins, Kelvin A., Willow Glen, to repairman-3rd class, Plant Production.

Placker, Dennis R., Dayton, to serviceman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Pool, Elizabeth A., Beaumont, to tabulating machine operator, Computer Applications.

Randall, Claiborne L., Baton Rouge, to substation mechanic-4th class, Electric T&D.

Randall, Darrell W., Port Allen, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Raney, Sammie P., Baton Rouge, to safety representative, Human Resources.

Reed, Ross, formerly of Conroe, to assistant line supervisor, Electric T&D, New Caney.

Rhodus, Jerry L., Willow Glen, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.

Rideau, Raymond, Lake Charles, to garage mechanic-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Ringo, John, Baton Rouge, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Russell, Michael W., Sabine Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Ryals, David W., Baton Rouge, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Schoolfield, John C., Sabine Station, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Schuster, Richard K., Baton Rouge, to garage mechanic helper, Electric T&D.

Seals, Kerry M., Sabine Station, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Sexton, Richard H., Nelson Station, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Signorino, Paul H., Baton Rouge, to communications serviceman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Simon, Anthony W., Lake Charles, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Simpson, Frances S., Beaumont, to section head, Accounting Services.

Dearman, Grady E. Jr., Sabine Station, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Devall, Gregory M., Lake Charles, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Duncan, Mark D., Nelson Coal, to electrician-3rd class, Plant Production.

Dunkelberg, John R., River Bend Site, to senior construction engineer, River Bend Nuclear Group.

Durmon, Karen C., Vidor, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

Edmond, Darrell C., Conroe, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Foster, Craig P., Baton Rouge, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Foster, James R. Jr., Baton Rouge, to substation mechanic-1st class, Electric T&D.

Freeman, James C. II, Willow Glen, to electrician-1st class, Plant Production.

Garon, Gerald W., Baton Rouge, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Gauthier, Daniel M., Willow Glen, to technical foreman, Plant Production.

George, Ronald G., Baton Rouge, to serviceman-Merit Roll, Electric T&D.

Goodwin, Gerald D., Sabine Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Gray, Daniel B., Beaumont, to director-fuel transportation, Fuel Services.

Hargrove, John E., Beaumont, to communications engineer, System Engineering.

Harrington, Ralph E. Jr., Beaumont, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Hayden, Stephen D., Baton Rouge, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Head, Melvin K., Sabine Station, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Hebert, Randall, Port Arthur, to relayman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Hidalgo, Robert A., Beaumont, to supervisor-Information Center, Computer Applications.

Hill, Gene R., Nelson Coal, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Holmes, John E., Beaumont, to senior financial analyst, Corporate Services.

Hood, Donald R., Baton Rouge, to supervisor-consumer services, Division Consumer Services.

Hopper, William G., Beaumont, to senior engineering assistant, Real Estate.

Horelica, Bill D., Beaumont, to senior systems analyst, Computer Applications.

Hoy, Thomas J., Neches Station, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.

Hughes, Charles F., Beaumont, to engineering assistant, Engineering Design.

Hunt, Peter L., Beaumont, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Isaacs, Walter D., Beaumont, to lead environmental analyst, Power Plant Engineering & Design.

Jackson, Karl W., Beaumont, to director-regulatory reporting & subsidiary accounting, Accounting Services.

Jackson, William R., Beaumont, to controls engineer, System Production.

Jennings, Joseph G., Port Arthur, to assistant general line supervisor, Electric T&D.

Jones, Karen S., Beaumont, to senior systems analyst, Computer Applications.

Kelly, James D., Sabine Station, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Kennison, Marshall R., Baton Rouge, to relayman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

King, Ricky D., Beaumont, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Krebs, Michael G., to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Lambert, Jeffrey W., Willow Glen, test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

Lantz, Randal P., Lake Charles, apprentice-Electric T&D.

Lee, Mark B., Denham Springs, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

Lemelle, Henry A. Jr., Lafayette, to apprentice-Electric T&D.

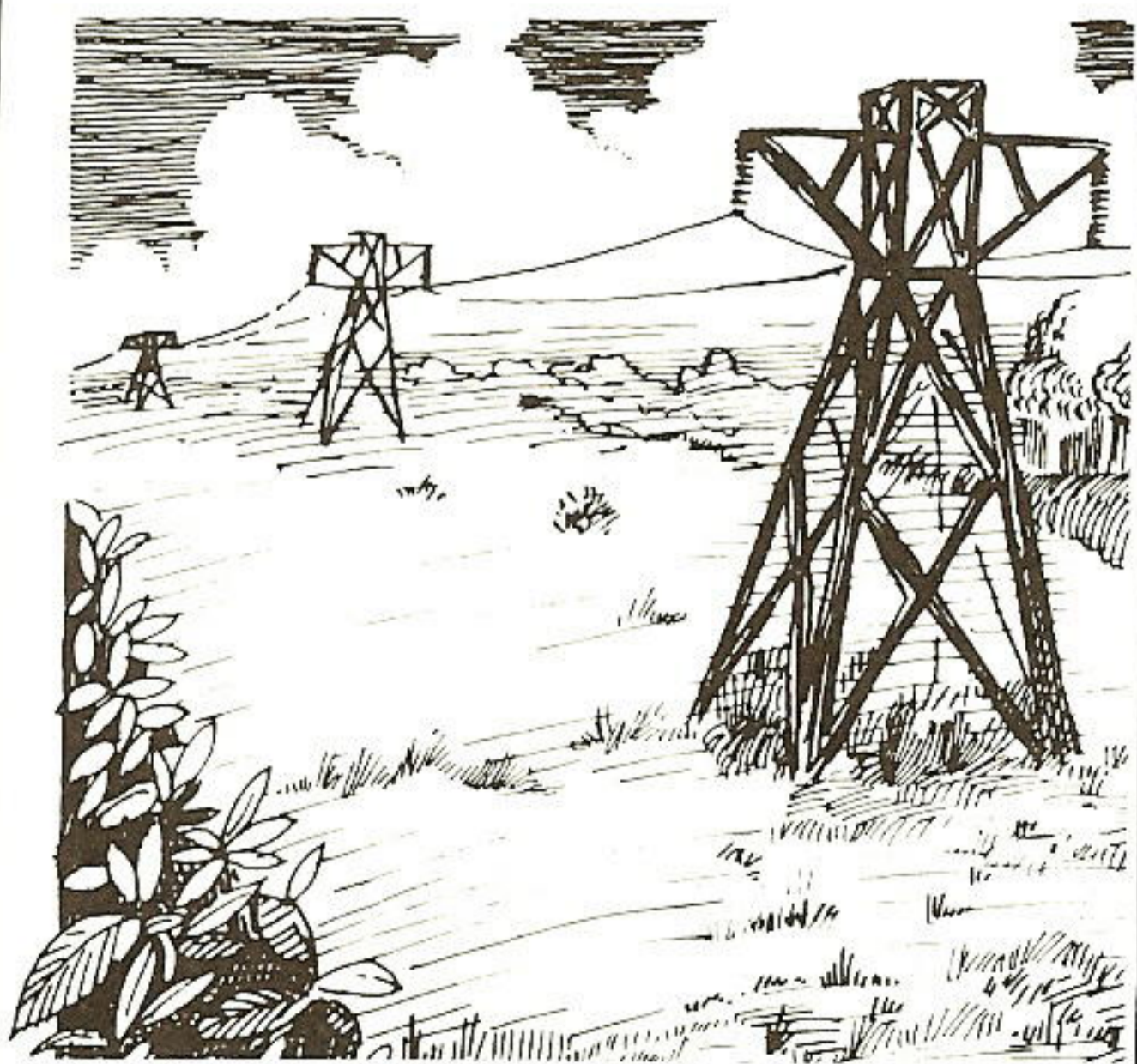
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SWEPCO to move GSU line

About five miles of a high voltage transmission line interconnecting Gulf States Utilities and Southwestern Electric Power Co. in Walker County, northwest of Huntsville, are being relocated about one mile to the west to accommodate a cooling pond for a planned Central and Southwest Service Corp. lignite-fired power plant. Central and Southwest, a holding company, owns SWEPCO, based in Shreveport, La., Central Power & Light in Corpus Christi and other utilities in Texas and Oklahoma.

GSU owns the portion of the interconnection that will be moved but SWEPCO, and not Gulf States, customers will pay the relocation expenses, including right-of-way purchases.

Preliminary engineering and survey work has been completed for the lignite plant in Walker County which has an in-service date sometime in the early to mid 1990s. But, in the meantime, Central and Southwest plans to build a direct current transmission line linking its northeast Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma operations with two south Texas utilities — Houston Lighting and Power, which it does not own, and CP&L.



A loop tying into the GSU transmission line in Walker County will run to a planned SWEPCO substation where the alternating current will be converted to a location in Matagorda County where HL&P and CP&L interconnect.

Central and Southwest is project manager for the power plant near Huntsville and CP&L is the project manager for the DC transmission line.

The Walker County-Matagorda County DC facility is one of only two being built in Texas. The other is in the Wichita Falls area. Operators are able to electronically control the power moving through a DC line, a control they do not have on the usual AC transmission lines.

Software to aid in line design

The Electric Power Research Institute has begun a four-year, \$2.67 million project to develop computer programs to help engineers design and build advanced transmission towers and lines at lower cost.

When completed, the software package will be used to help electric utilities upgrade existing lines and build new lines at costs lower than now possible.

John Dunlap, project manager of EPRI's electrical systems division, says the project is of great importance to the electric utilities industry which will spend almost \$30 billion over the next 20 years to install more than 100,000 miles of new high-voltage transmission lines.

"Utilities will also benefit because they will be able to design and upgrade their existing equipment at minimum cost while improving reliability to their customers at the same time," says Dunlap.

Work will be aimed at developing new techniques for designing middle voltage — 115kV through 500kV — three-phase single and double circuit transmission lines. The computer software program would be used to determine the best methods for achieving electrical and structural design with respect to the initial cost, total lifetime cost, electric field intensities and right-of-way requirements.

"The biggest challenge of the transmission line engineer's job is determining the most economical design. So many complex factors must be considered that mental evaluation of all known combinations is virtually impossible," reports Dunlap.

"However, given the right information, the computer can evaluate all possible design combinations and point to the lowest cost designs. Today, this is only a concept, but tomorrow the industry will have an important tool at its disposal."

The project will be carried out in three phases.

In the first phase, a working methodology, program and data base will be established, using computer programs and engineering methods now in use. This information can be used by electric utilities to design and upgrade existing transmission towers and lines.

In the second phase, a review will be conducted of current research into electrical and structural designs to determine what new information can be added to the software package. This can be used to aid utilities in the design of new equipment.

In the third phase, a review will be conducted at EPRI's Transmission Line Mechanical Research Facility in Haslet, Texas, and the information gathered from the experiments will be passed along to interested utilities.

COMMENTS

Division Offers Care Certificates

The company's Lake Charles Division offers gift certificates that recipients can use to help pay their electric bills. Proponents tout the certificates as suitable gifts for people from all income levels on many occasions, including Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays and Christmas.

The "Care Certificates" became available just 10 days before Christmas, but they'll be offered year-round, reports Doris Hay, consumer affairs coordinator for the division.

As of Jan. 3, the division had sold a total of 32 certificates, valued at \$1,539,25. The Lake Charles office accounted for 14 certificates valued at \$794.25; the Jennings district office sold 11 certificates valued at \$370; and the Sulphur district sold seven certificates for \$375. The Lafayette district office also offers the certificates, but had not sold any at that time.

Mrs. Hay theorizes that residents of smaller communities are more attuned to practical gift-giving ideas. Part of the reason the larger Lake Charles office sold such a large amount was because Lake Charles district employees conducted a drive to purchase a \$500 Care Certificate for the widow of a slain Lake Charles policeman. Employees from Sulphur and the Nelson power plants near Westlake also contributed to the fund. Patrolman David Hampton was killed in action in late November, becoming the first officer killed in the 115-year history of the Lake Charles Police Department. The Care Certificate was presented to his widow, Nancy, and their infant son, David Jr.



Nancy Hampton (center) accepts a \$500 Care Certificate from Kathleen Chelette (right), who represented GSUers buying the certificate for the young widow of a slain Lake Charles policeman. Also shown is Police Chief Sam Ivy.

Mrs. Hay also believes that holiday season certificate sales would have been better if the program had started sooner, but adds that it was implemented less than a month after it was suggested.

The idea originated on Nov. 22 when Jo Ann Dimmick, a member of the Calcasieu Consumer Advisory Panel, submitted it during a panel meeting. The panel is made up of electric bill-paying customers and ordinary citizens who represent the interests of all Lake Charles Division customers. Mrs. Dimmick represents both homemakers and the fine arts segment of the community, since she helps promote area little theater activity.

Characterizing Mrs. Dimmick as "a real special person," Mrs. Hay says the panel member was sincerely interested in devising ways to help GSU customers. After planning was underway,

panel members learned that other utilities have undertaken similar programs.

Noting that Care Certificates could be especially nice for those on low or fixed incomes, Mrs. Hay points out that they would also be welcomed by almost anyone who receives a monthly utility bill.

Individuals or organizations may purchase the certificates for any amount to be presented to GSU customers living in the Lake Charles Division service area. The recipients simply mail or bring the certificate to the Sulphur, Jennings, Lake Charles or Lafayette office to have the amount credited to their account.

Division Vice President Ted Meinscher praised the advisory panel for proposing the idea. "These certificates are certainly a way to be innovative in your gift-giving, for any special occasion," Meinscher said.

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Have there been new warnings about burning wood?

Cancer is the latest risk to be pinpointed. As part of a study sponsored by the Electric Power Research Institute, researchers monitored 10 homes and two office buildings in the Boston area. They found that wood burned in fireplaces or stoves could create concentrations of benzo-a-pyrene (BaP), an organic particulate identified as a carcinogen, up to 20 times as high as the outdoor levels. The EPRI report cautions that "BaP exposure in wood-burning homes may be significant to public health."

