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The Changing Face of Sabine Station

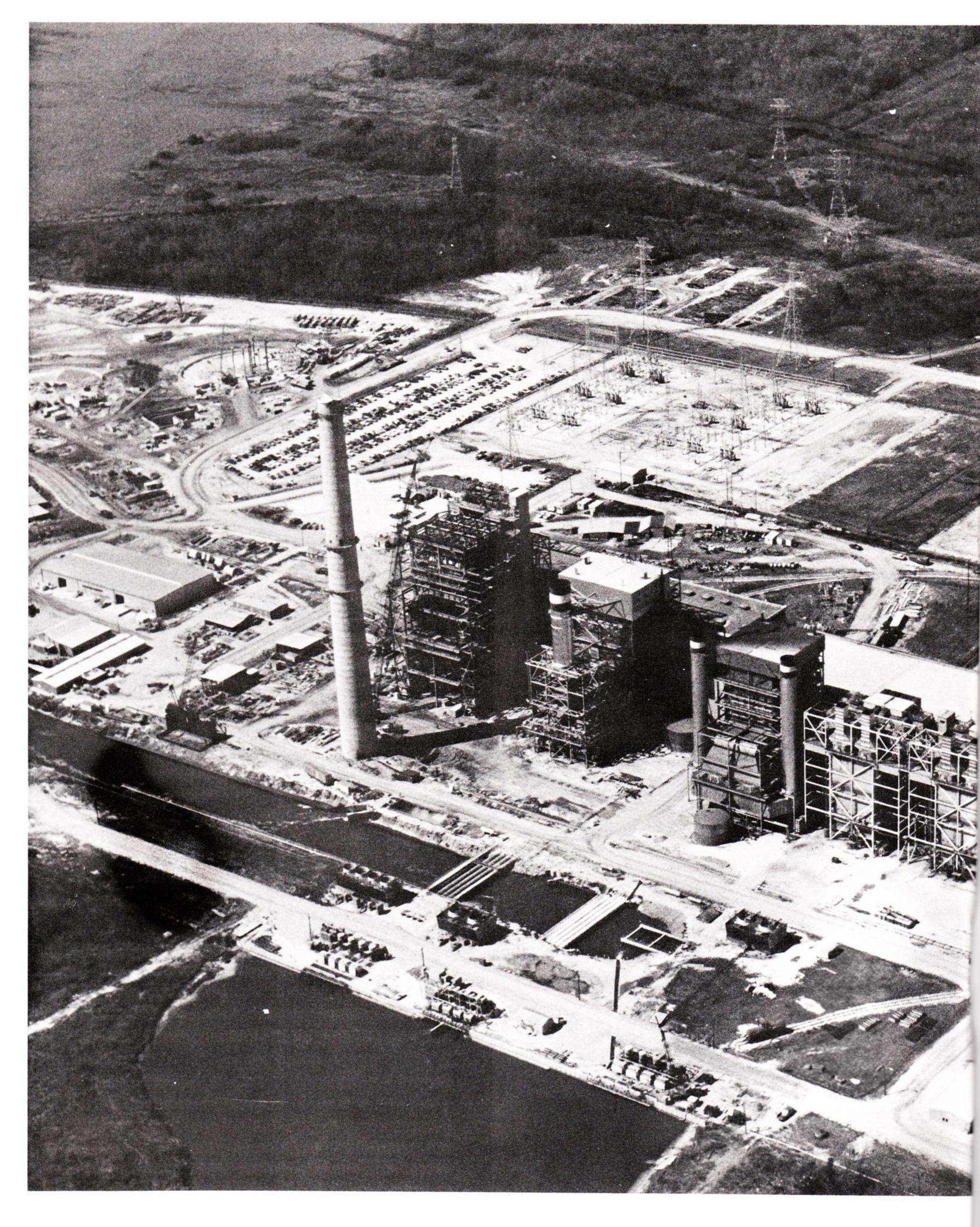
A "Super Stack" and mini-astrodomes highlight construction efforts of company's unique #5 generating facility designed for emergency "cycling."

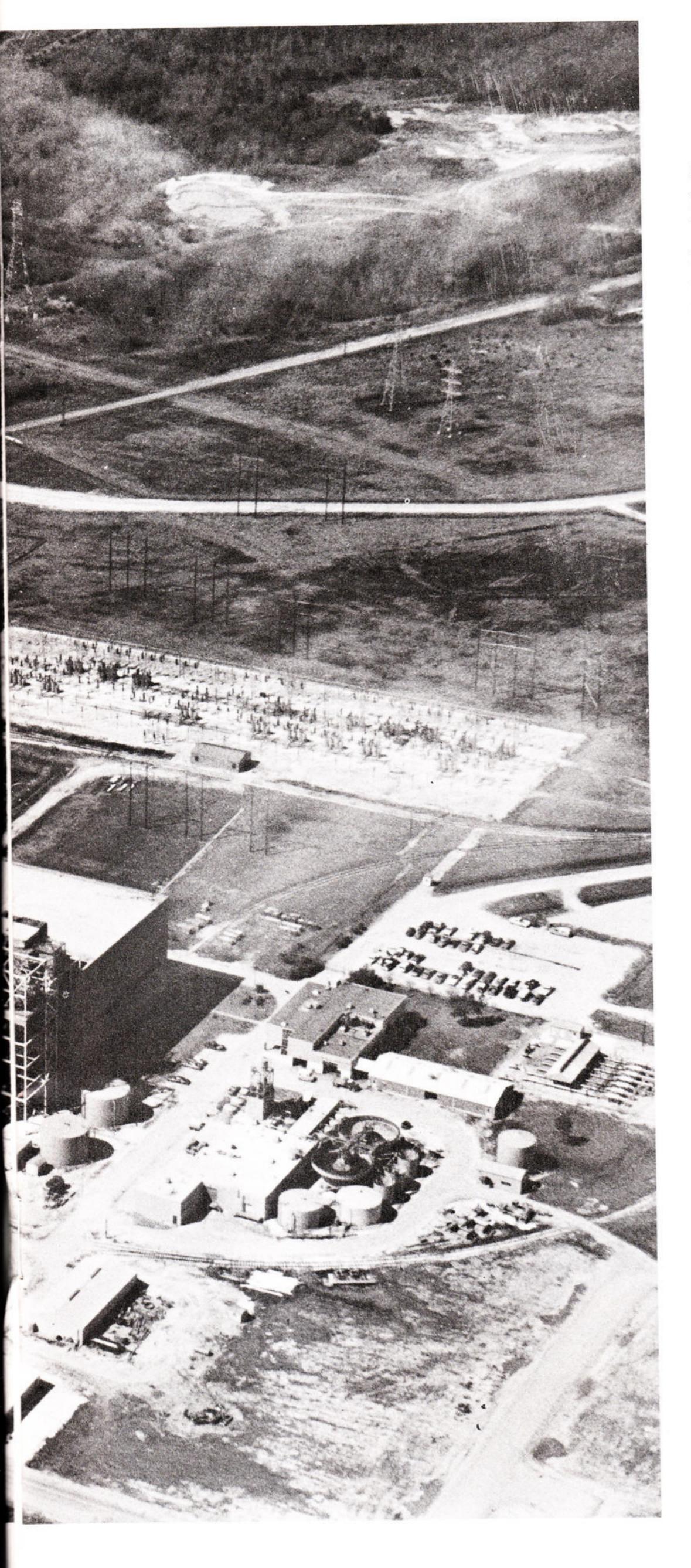
For some years the people who have "gone crabbing" along the waterways that flank Highway 87 between Port Arthur and Bridge City-Orange have done so literally beneath the shadow of the "tallest bridge in the South."

Seamen on ocean-going tankers, freighters and barges have used the bridge as a landmark to locate the entrance of the Neches River on trips to, or from, the port of Beaumont and the industries that line the banks.

On a clear day secretaries in the office buildings of Beaumont, some 20 miles away, can look out their windows and see the outline of the great bridge.

Today, a new structure dominates the scene. A structure that stands as tall as a 40-story high rise, and one that will undoubtedly become the new "landmark" for sailors. The stack is part of the construction necessary for Sabine Station No. 5, the company's first, and probably last, generating unit designed to utilize oil as the primary boiler fuel.





A good perspective as to the size of the stack can be realized when you consider that the Rainbow Bridge, the main span, is 177 feet above the Neches River. The stack is 399.6 feet, or 401 feet, depending on who you ask. It's part of the requirements demanded for use with an oil burning generating unit, and its height is designed so that the remaining flue gas particulates can be dispersed efficiently by the prevailing winds.

Another unique feature of the new facility is that No. 5 has been designed as a "Cycling" or "Peaking" unit. "All other plants in the system," explained Morris Sandefer, electrical inspector, "are base load units designed to come on line and operate 24 hours a day. This unit will not be used that way. We will use it when needed, as the demand on the system warrants."

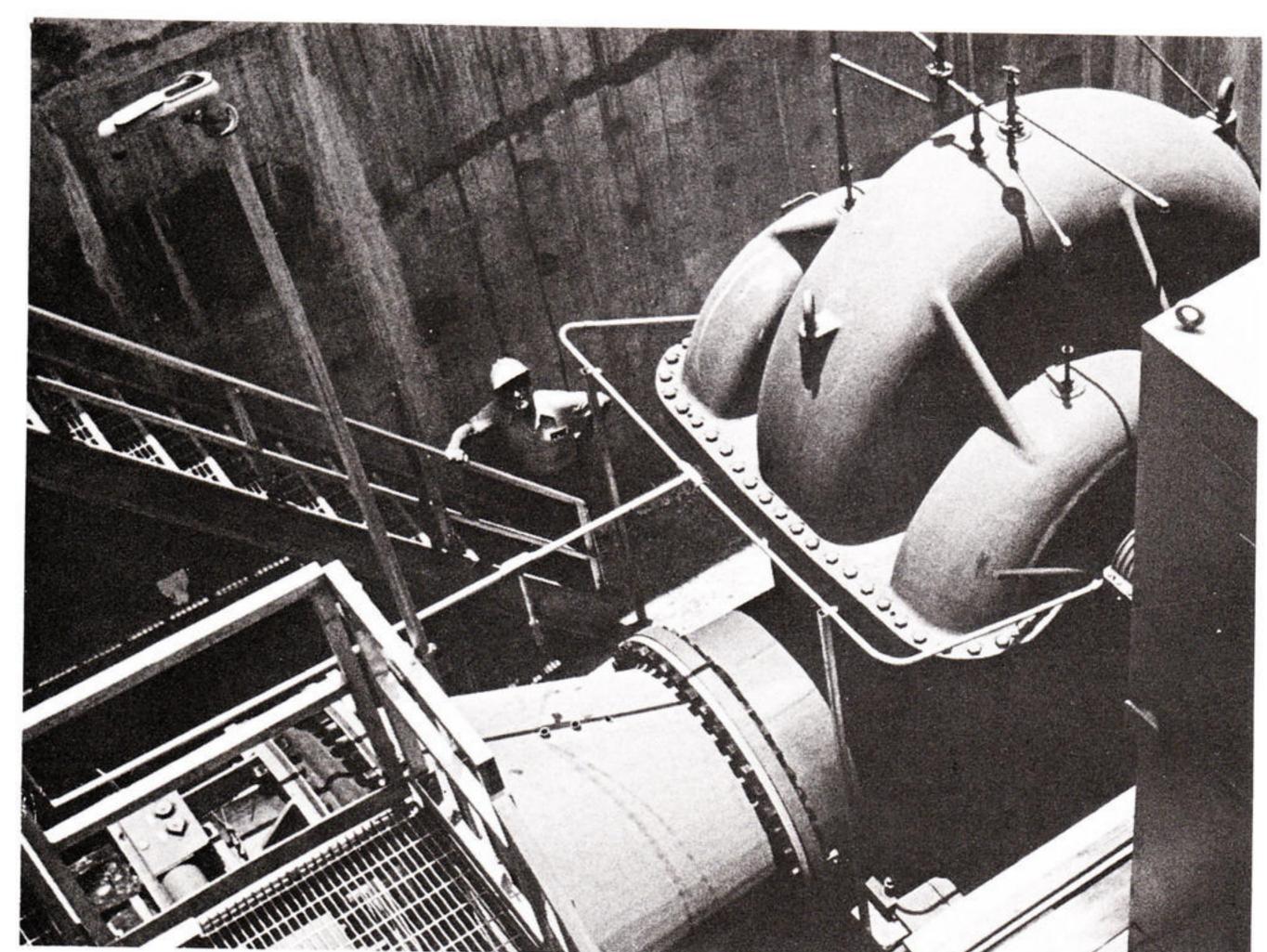
Sabine No. 5 could well be called a "standby" unit. The 480,000 kilowatt unit will be used to generate as much electricity as is needed should peak demand on the system get too high. When the demand is low the unit will be brought down, perhaps shut down entirely until its power is needed again.

#5 has been designed to generate the electricity needed during peak demand, then turned off until needed again.

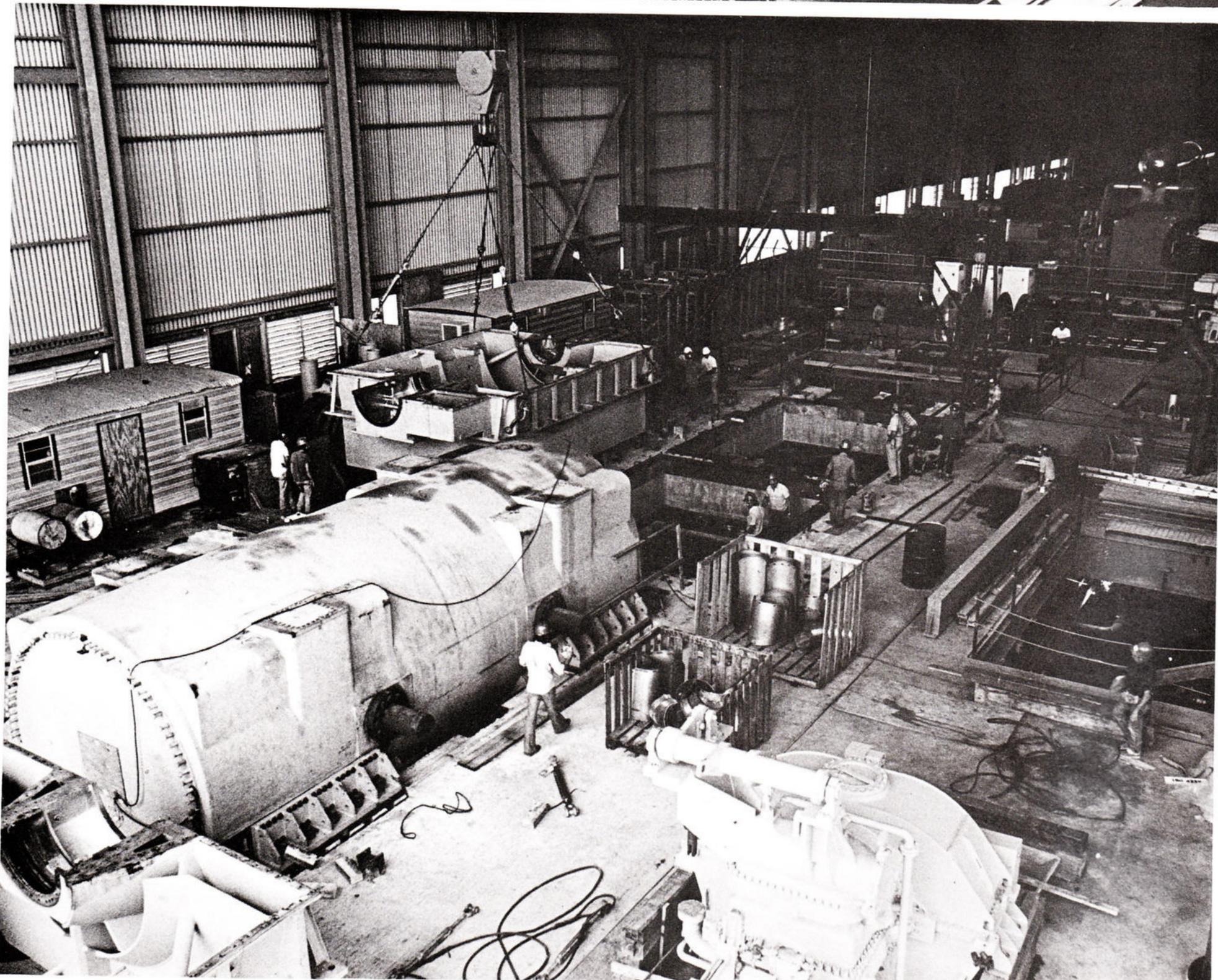
The important thing is that the unit is there as backup for use in emergency situations, and until such time as Nelson No. 6 (coal burning unit) and River Bend (nuclear) go on the line in the 1980's.

Still another first for Sabine No. 5 is the design and construction of cooling towers for the facility. The towers are concrete, not wood as are all others in the system. Each looks like a small astrodome stadium; in fact employees at Sabine are already calling them the "Stadiums."

Officially, the towers are called Marley Class 700 Cross Flow Cooling Towers. Each structure is 200 feet in diameter and approximately 60 feet in height. Charley Lopez, project engineer, said the new towers will need far less maintenance than the wooden towers now in use. He also said the threat of fire was all but eliminated and the design characteristics allow for greater plume dispersement and greater efficiency in overall operation.



At right, Morris Sandefer stands next to one of two giant water pumps to be used with operation of #5 unit. Each pump is capable of moving 125,000 gallons of water per minute. Below, workmen prepare to set the 105,000 pound lower turbine cover.



The towers will utilize two halfsize circulating water pumps, each capable of moving 125,000 gallons of water per minute. The make up water for the towers will come from a holding pond being constructed, and not from the existing intake canal that feeds the other four units. Nor will there be any discharge from this unit into the existing outflow canal.

The \$99 million facility is being constructed by Mid-Valley, Inc. and is approximately 51 percent complete. Commercial operation is expected to begin in June, 1979.

There are eight GSU people stationed at the site during the construction phase. Mike Petry is the construction supervisor, and with him, in addition to Sandefer, are Andy Anderson, mechanical inspector, Tom Jester, engineer, Bob Sellers, construction coordinator, Mike Bakewell, resident engineer, Kent Dubose, construction accountant and Bill Reynolds, purchasing agent. Cindy Rach is secretary to the group, but is employed by Mid-Valley. "These guys represent several departments within the company, but all work as one to help oversee the project," said Petry.

When the 480,000 kilowatt addition goes on line in June, 1979, it will boost the generating capacity of Sabine Station to 1,938,000 kilowatts tying it with the company's Willow Glen Station as largest in the system.

The generating unit is being outfitted with a General Electric turbine generator. Combustion Engineering fabricated the boiler, and Peabody Continental-Hiene erected the mammoth stack.

In addition to the holding pond, the cooling towers, the stack and the precipitator, one other major addition was added for use with the No. 5 unit. Two, 200,000 barrel capacity oil storage tanks have been erected. This represents a 30 day supply of oil based on 70 percent of the generation capability. If the unit was to operate at 100 percent capacity for 24 hours, which is unlikely, it would consume 553 gallons of oil per minute.

When the unit goes into commercial operation, it will boost the total generating capability of the Bridge City plant to 1,938,000 kilowatts, tying Sabine Station with Willow Glen Station in Baton Rouge as the largest power plants in the system.

"And," added Sandefer, "we still have room here for two more units."

GSU News

Helped Shape Nuclear Program

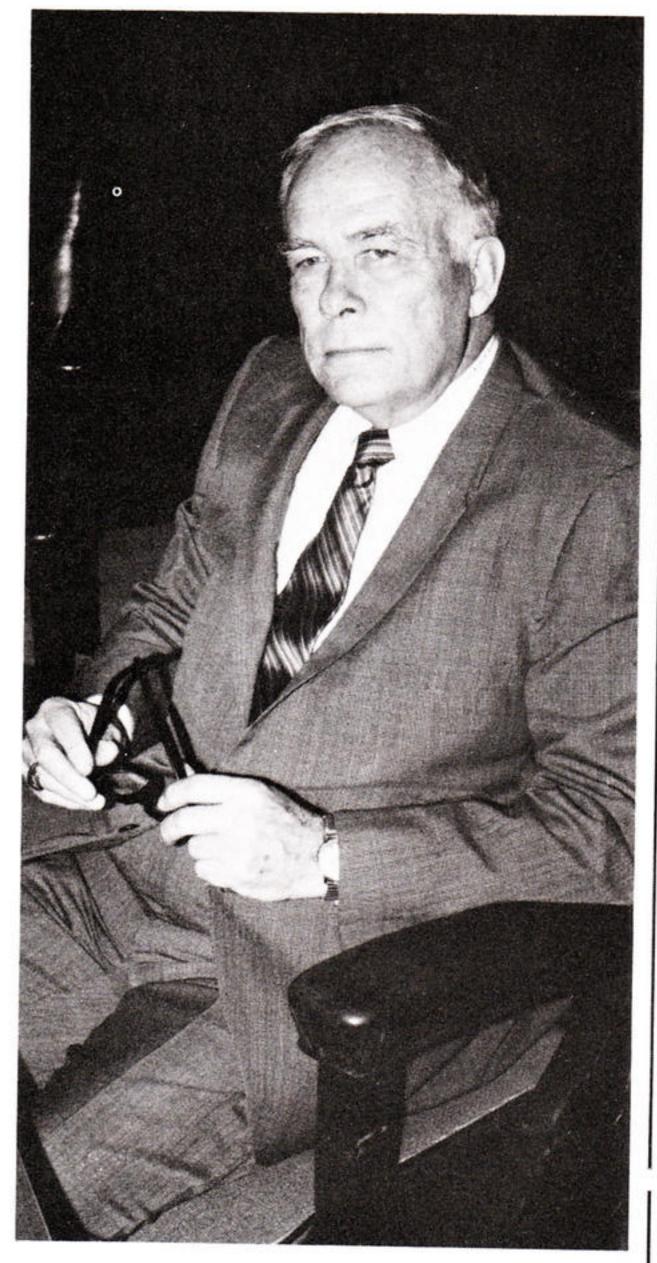
Samuel L. Adams Ends Long Career

From steam clerk and roustabout in the oil fields of Texas to issuing multimillion decisions from the executive suite of a large electric utility company is something a young man of 22 in 1935 would probably only dream about. Most young men that is but S. L. Adams.

Samuel Leon Adams, senior vice president-Consultant, retired June 1, after 40 years of service. For seven of his last eight years with the company Adams was a guiding force behind the company's plans for nuclear generation of electricity as senior vice president-Power Plant Engineering & Construction.

Following his graduation from South Park High School in Beaumont, and after two years at Lamar Junior College, Adams signed on with Magnolia Petroleum Company as a steam clerk. From there he went to Stanolind Oil & Gas. These were temporary jobs to help him earn his way through Texas A&M where he graduated in 1937 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Adams joined GSU in 1938 as a helper in the Line Department in Beaumont. He progressed through various classifications with assignments in Beaumont, Navasota and Liberty before being promoted to engineer in 1943 in Beaumont. He was transferred to Lake Charles in 1947, and in 1953 was moved to Baton Rouge as electrical maintenance supervisor at Louisiana Station. Following a promotion to general maintenance supervisor he was named operating superintendent-Electric T&D in 1963. Two years later



S. L. Adams

he was brought back to Beaumont and promoted to director-Information Services in System Engineering.

In 1967 Adams was again promoted, this time to general manager-Engineering and Production. He was elevated to vice president-Engineering and Production in 1968 and elected a member of the board of directors following his promotion to senior vice president-Power Plant Engineering and Construction in 1970.

During his busy career Adams continued his professional education graduating from the Public Utility Executive Program, University of Michigan in 1962. He also successfully completed the Harvard University Advanced Management Program in 1963, and Executive Computer Concepts course administered by International Business Machines.

Adams is married to the former Ruth Wilson of Livingston, Tex., and the couple has two married daughters, Diane and Karen.

Thrift Plan

Investments made by the Trustee during June, 1978 covering employee deductions and company contributions through May, 1978 were as follows:

Purchase of Common Stock:

Number of Shares

Total Cost

Average Cost Per Share

8,632

\$111,137.05

\$12.875

The Trustee also made the following deposit: First Security National Bank of Beaumont, \$100,064.78 — Savings.

R. Earl White Begins Retirement

R. Earl White, vice president and assistant to the chairman of the board, retired from the company August 1, after 37 years of service.

White, a native of Henderson, Texas, received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Texas A&M in 1934. He joined GSU in 1941 in Beaumont following seven years of geophysical work with Humble Oil & Refining Company (now EXXON). White worked in a variety of engineering capacities while in Beaumont. In 1955, he was made engineering supervisor and transferred to Baton Rouge. A year later, he was promoted to operating superintendent in Port Arthur. In 1963, White was elevated to operations manager for the company in Beaumont, Texas.

White was selected as assistant to Floyd R. Smith, then president and principal executive officer, in 1971. He was named vice president-assistant to the chairman of the board in 1973.

White has been actively involved in a number of civic organizations, including United Appeals, YMCA, TAB, the chambers of commerce in Beaumont and Port Arthur. He served as a charter member on the Sabine-Neches Chamber of Commerce Council.

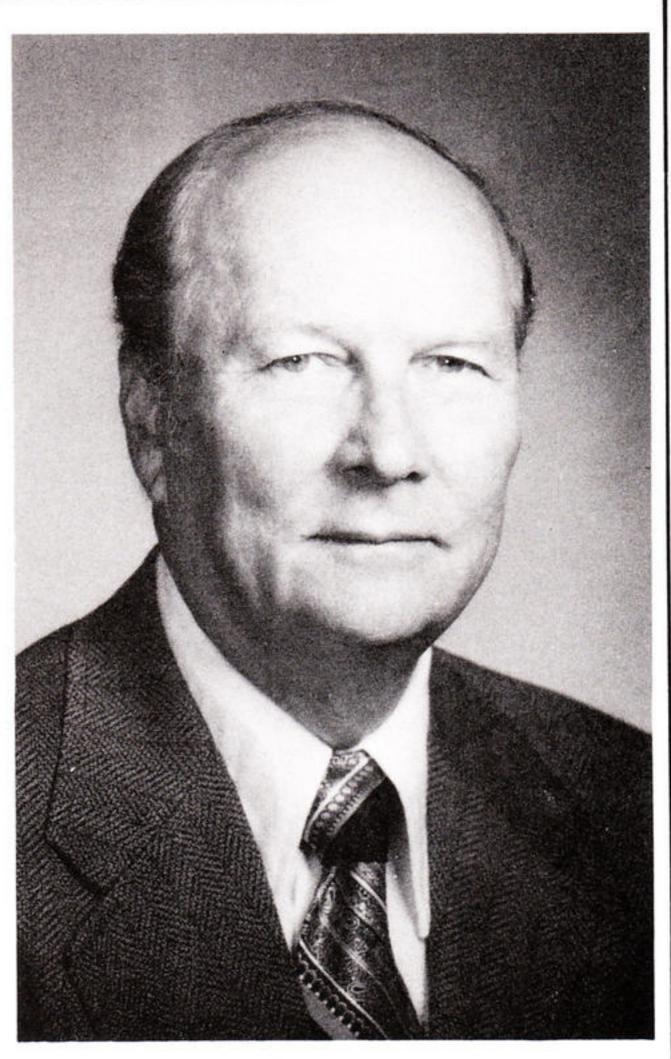
He spearheaded the 1969-70 National Alliance of Businessmen Program for Jefferson and Orange counties, serving as metropolitan area director. White served as director of the Golden Triangle for the United States Savings Bonds Campaigns in 1976 and 1977, and was cited by the Treasury Department for his efforts.

White was Director and Treasurer for YMCA Metropolitan Board in 1976-77, President of the Beaumont Club in 1976-77, Chairman of the Texas Association of Business' Golden Triangle Chapter in 1976-77.

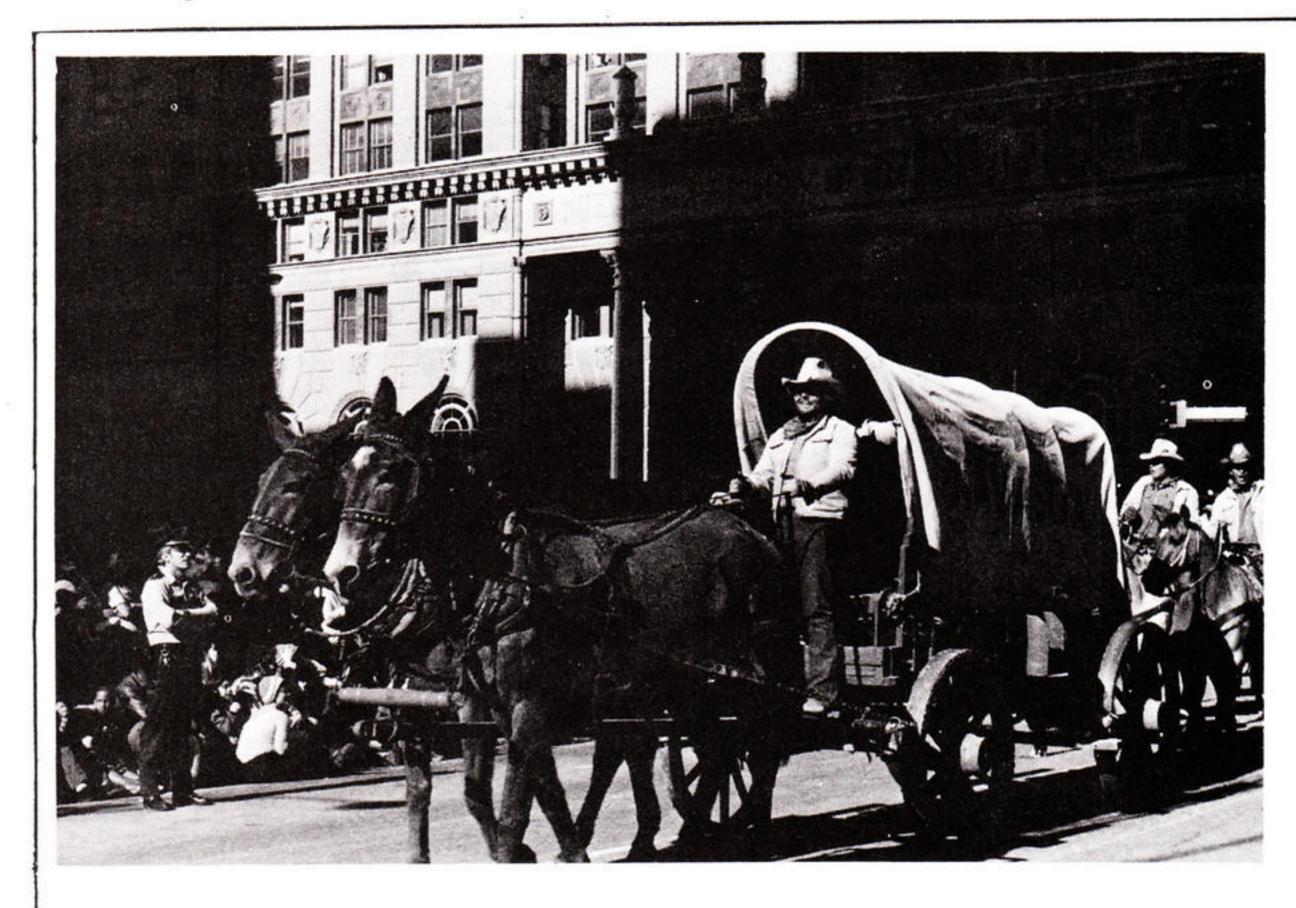
He has been active in various professional groups including the Edison Electric Institute, Southeastern Electric Exchange, National Association of Electric Companies, Southwest Atomic Energy Associates, Texas Power Distribution Conference, Center of Energy Studies at the University of Texas, Electric Power Research at Texas A&M University.

He is a licensed professional engineer in Texas and Louisiana. He attended the Public Utilities Executive Program at Georgia Tech in 1958 and the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University in 1962.

White and his wife, the former Dorothy Rossen of Beaumont, have two children, Dr. Robert E. White, Jr. of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. James F. Pierson, Jr. of Baton Rouge. They have nine grandchildren.



R. E. White



Rayburn L. Gerke, serviceman in Navasota, drives his two mule hitch through the downtown streets of Houston as part of the festivities for the Houston Fat Stock and Rodeo. Gerke is a member of the Navasota Salt Grass Trail Riders organization which made the trek to the Astrodome along with other trail groups from throughout Texas. The Navasota group won a trophy for the best appearance group . . . the second consecutive year they have won. (from Betty Dickschat)

UFOs - .fact or fiction?

Hollywood and television have rekindled interest in the possibility of UFOs from other worlds. Do employees believe? Read on . . .



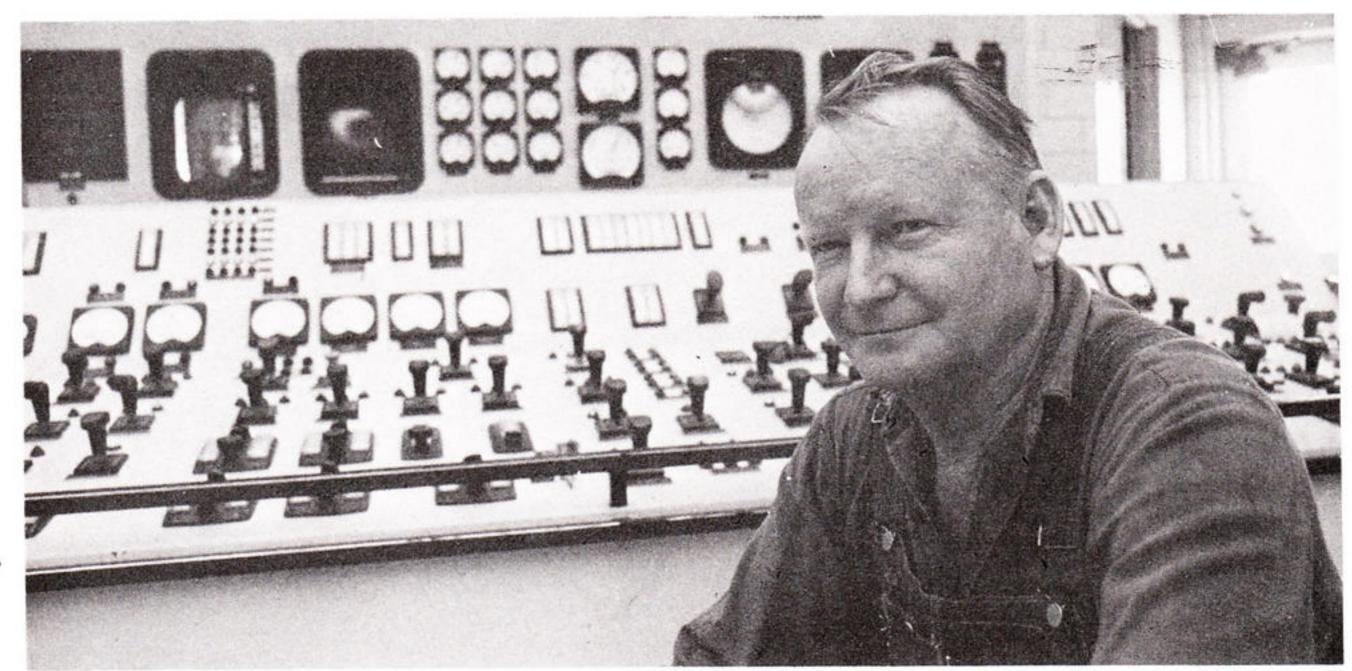
Claude Patin . . . does not believe

It was the cattle that first gave any indication that something was wrong. They began to bellow and shift about with increasing intensity.

The McCartney farm near Jackson, La., was about to be visited by a UFO . . . an unidentified flying object. And it was to be the first of many visits to take place some 10 years ago. It could have been the imagination of Vicki Adams and her friend, Becky McCartney. But their imagination didn't frighten the livestock to the point that the cattle stampeded through a fence to escape. And it wasn't their imagination that brought scientists from LSU to the scene to investigate a perfectly circled burn area on the pastureland.

It was, in fact, a legitimate UFO sighting. One of those sightings that has not been explained.

About a month ago PLAIN TALKS began to wonder just what employees did think of UFO's. Did employees believe, or did they not? It seemed an appropriate story in light of the recent successes of movies such as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Star Wars," and the television series "Project UFO."



Ken Farrell
experienced a "close
encounter of the first
kind" at Nelson Station.
"At first I thought it
was a joke . . ."

PLAIN TALKS found that of the employees asked, most do believe in UFO's or at least in the possibility of them.

The Jackson sighting did take place about 10 years ago, and though Adams, an employee of Stone & Webster at River Bend, doesn't really remember all the details of the sightings, or remember any publicity following the LSU investigation, she vividly recalls that first time she saw . . . whatever it was.

"It came down over the McCartney cattle . . . it was bright and shining like a star. It seemed to be shaped like a football." Adams recalled the object didn't appear to be very large, probably the size of a car or smaller. "The strange part of it all," she said, "it didn't make any noise at all."

Stranger still, the UFO came back on other occasions, on a fairly regular basis for about a month. Many other people saw it. They would come to the farm between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m., and they would see it also.

"Then, it just stopped coming. And after one visit we discovered the circle. Whatever it was had made an impression on the pastureland. It was a large

circular imprint. The grass inside the circle was pressed down as if some weight had been on it, and the outside of the circle was burned. I remember some LSU professors coming out to investigate, but if anything was ever released about their findings I never saw it."

Adams was only in the seventh grade at the time of this incident. But she remembers and today is a definite believer in UFO's. "Whatever it was, it sure scared those cows."

It was October 17, a security guard near the gate of the coal plant site looked up and was frightened to the point where he dropped his gun to the ground and ran for help. He was not the kind of man who scares easily. His calls alerted several GSU employees who went to the top of the #4 unit to see what they could see. What they saw was a UFO.

The Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's office was alerted but had no reports. The same was true with the air traffic con-

"I've seen coon, possum, and pussycats, but no UFOs. It's the living I'm scared of." Patin

For every believer there is one who isn't. Claude Patin, shop foreman in Lafayette, put it this way, "I spend a lot of time in the swamp. I've seen coon, possum and pussycats, but no UFO's. It's the living people I'm scared of."

One of the more, maybe the only, publicized sighting of a UFO by company employees came in 1973 at Nelson Station. Five employees there saw something one evening that they have never been able to explain.

trollers at the Lake Charles airport . . . but something WAS there.

As one man, who prefers to remain unnamed said, "I saw what I saw."

Another man there at the time was Ken Farrell, and he remembers that night all too well. "It was there all right. I don't drink and I don't hallucinate. At first I thought it was a joke, but it wasn't. When I saw it I would estimate it was about 100 feet off the ground, about a city block

away. It didn't make a sound, but it did seem to pulsate with a strange glow . . . or light. I would guess it was about five feet in diameter. I can't say what it was, I don't know. But it was there and it was strange."

Debbie McAdams, accounting clerk in the Baton Rouge office, emphatically stated she did not believe in UFO's. "No, I can't find anything in the Bible to back up the existence of visits from space. Even if I saw a flying saucer I don't think I'd believe in them."

A little less sure about her beliefs was Gaynell Hall, also an accounting clerk in Baton Rouge. "I do and I don't." Then after some thought she continued, "I believe there is probably life out there in space we don't know about, but I don't believe they have ever visited the earth in a saucer-like craft."

Debbie Hicks, PBX operator in Beaumont, reluctantly admitted she probably did believe in UFO's. "If it wasn't for my grandmother I probably wouldn't believe in them, but she saw something and she isn't the kind of person who would make something up like that."

What Debbie's grandmother saw would be enough to make believers of most of us. Driving down the highway between Silsbee and Fred, a small town up the road, she saw something hovering above the highway. Several other cars had already stopped, the drivers staring intently at whatever it was.

The lady described the UFO this way, "It was oval in shape, very large, and looked like an upside down saucer with something else on top of it. It wasn't moving . . . then suddenly it just disappeared."

Debbie concluded her statement saying, "I know my grandmother. And I know she saw what she saw. I just don't know what it was that she saw. She did see an undentified flying object. But there has to be an earthly explanation. Before I'd believe that what she saw was from outer space I'd have to see it land and little green people get off. UFO's yes. But from outer space, no."

Still another employee explains the possibility of UFO's this way, "I just don't think we've done enough really to find out the true story of UFO's. There really isn't any reason not to believe in the existence of an advanced

civilization out there somewhere, and I also believe there is a lot of scientific evidence that supports the existence of other life and the existence of UFO's."

Loletta Thompson, accounting clerk in Conroe has never had an encounter herself, but her husband (while employed by Houston Lighting & Power) was brought near such a sighting when a farmer near Katy came to him and asked several strange questions.

"It seems this rancher was driving along one day and noticed a strange glow hovering over a HL&P high line that went through his property. It just seemed to be sitting there, bathed in a light of some sort as if coming from the high line itself. The cattle were badly spooked and the light just disappeared eventually. The rancher wanted to know if something about electricity and the high line could cause such a thing. My husband told him no. Then what was it? Yes sir, I believe in them, and I'd really like to see one. I don't think I'd be afraid."

public in its investigations of UFO's (Project Blue Book)."

Parton, on the other hand, says "Yes, I believe in them. I don't think anything is impossible."

Harrison Simms, storeroom assistant in Beaumont doesn't believe in UFO's. He thinks what people have seen has been something made here on earth, but he doesn't know what. "I personally believe it's all imagination."

Wilson Broussard, building and grounds, Beaumont, thinks UFO's are a lot like ghosts. "You know a lot of people claim to have seen spirits, but it's the kind of thing you have to see yourself before you believe. That's me and UFO's."

Then there are still some people who just haven't thought much about UFO's one way or the other. Margaret McPhearson, meter service in Conroe, relates UFO's to the Bermuda Triangle. 'A lot has gone on out there that isn't explained, perhaps it's the same with UFO's. I just don't believe

"Who's to say that God didn't create others . . . we don't have a monopoly on living . . ." Mark Jordan

Willie Williams, a lineman in Port Arthur, said no, at first, when asked about UFO beliefs. But then he hesitated. "I wouldn't want to say that definitely, but it's just hard for me to believe that if there are people out there . . . that they could get here. I think somebody could be playing games."

A lineman apprentice in Port Arthur, Mark Jordan, was more definite. "Yes, I don't believe that we are the only inhabited planet around. I really don't know much about the subject, and I've never seen one. But whatever your religion, who's to say God didn't create others. After all, we don't have a monopoly on living."

Tammy Aucoin, clerk in Baton Rouge, summed up her feelings quickly . . . I don't want to believe in them."

Lester Gauthier and George Parton of Lafayette would make a good Point-Counter Point team. Gauthier, senior engineering assistant admits to being very skeptical about the whole thing. "I don't deny people have seen something, but not something from outer space, and I don't believe the Air Force has withheld anything from the

there is anyone like us out there, maybe plants or something, but no intelligent life. I don't really know. I never thought much about them one way or the other. But maybe I will from now on."

Bernadette Hano, Stone & Webster/River Bend, says, "I don't disbelieve in them. There are just too many instances where people have seen something. I'm not scared of the idea though . . . I mean, why be scared?"

Regardless of what you believe, UFO's have been a part of life for a long time. Most sightings have been explained . . . but what about those that have not? In just this unscientific story, amazing similarities in description can be gleaned. Three different sightings all have brought forth descriptions of a small, glowing object . . . one without sound . . . and which seems to disappear when the pulsating glow goes out. Cattle have been spooked in several cases.

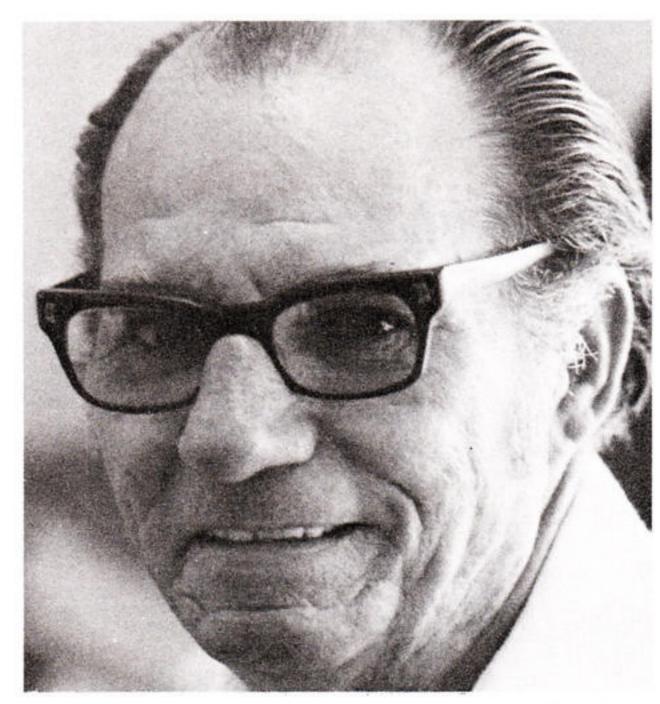
Who can really say what has been seen. One thing is certain, a number of people have seen a UFO, an unidentified flying object. Something WAS there.



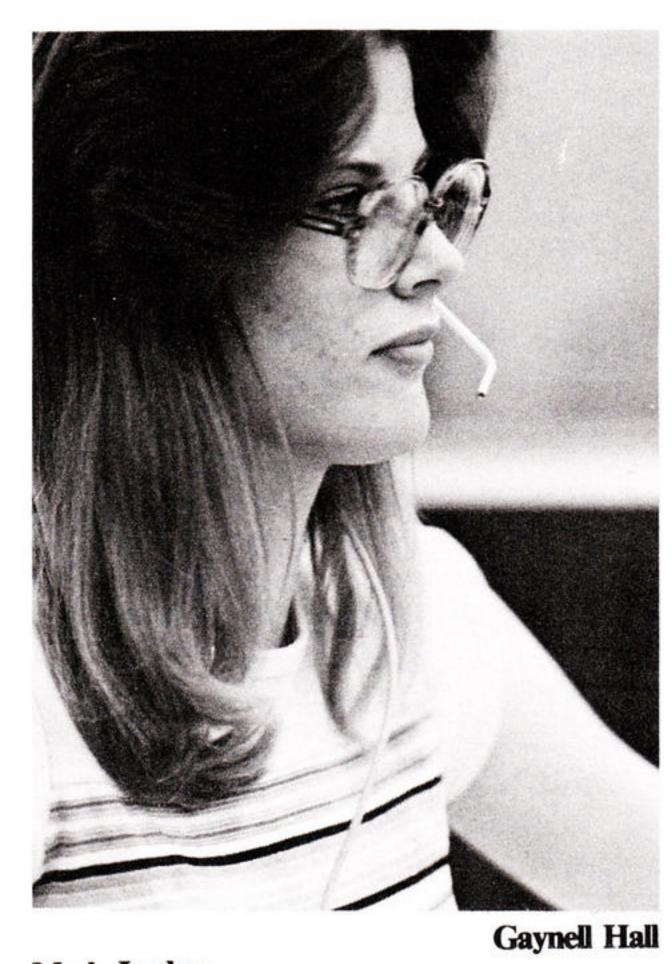
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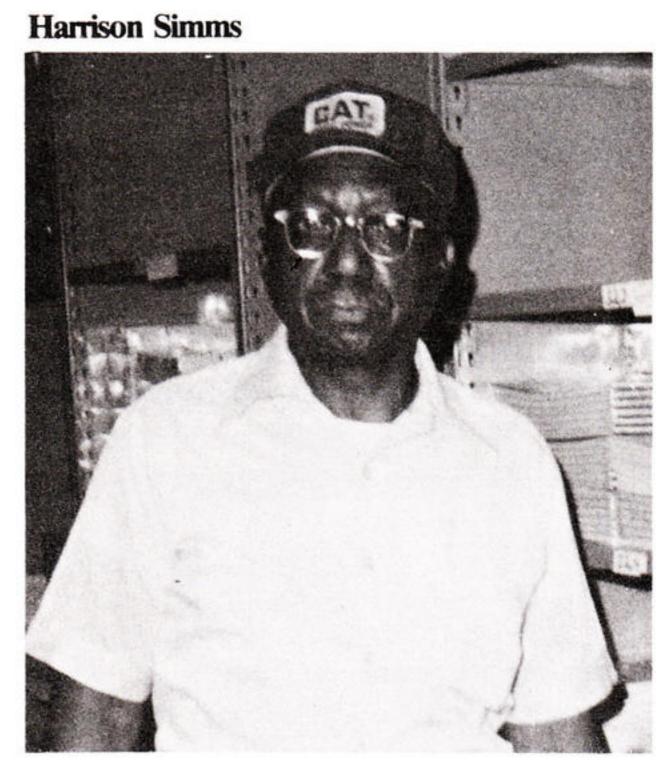


Lester Gauthier



Mark Jordan





Debbie Hicks





Texas Community Improvement

Gause Wraps Up Title

Gause . . . that's the stuff bandages are made from, right?

Actually, bandages are made from gauze with a "z". Gause with an "s" is made from some 600 people, all working hard to improve their community. That work of the past year paid off and was recognized recently at the Texas Community Improvement Program (TCIP) Awards Luncheon in Austin.

"This is a real pleasure," said Mrs.
J. R. Browder, chairperson of the Gause
Community Improvement program,
after she received a Texas-shaped award
plaque and a handshake from
Governor Dolph Briscoe. "It feels
great because everyone in the community worked for it," she added.

Watching the happy residents of Gause who accompanied Mrs. Browder to Austin, one could see that her second statement was an accurate one.

TCIP, a joint effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and investor-owned electric utility companies serving Texas, recognized winners in four regions this year. All towns participating in the program must have fewer than 1,000 residents to be eligible for the competition.

Gause, the Region II winner, was sponsored by Gulf States Utilities Company. The town is located on Highway 190, in Milam County, northwest of College Station.

Other winners were Wildorado, located west of Amarillo, Region I; Dike, which is in northeast Texas between Dallas and Texarkana, Region III; and Mirando City, located approximately 35 miles east of Laredo, Region IV.

This year's awards presentation marked the first time since the TCIP began in 1947 that one state winner was not chosen. "We felt it was better to spread the awards and glory around," noted Tim Shaunty, community improvement specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Shaunty logged thousands of miles working with communities all over the state who participated in the program.

"This is an excellent idea and we're glad to be a part of it," added GSU Consumer Services Representative Charles Boring, who attended the presentation with the Gause residents.

For those residents, the work behind their award began back in 1977. They began doing various projects and, like all participants in the program, they had to keep a comprehensive record book documenting improvements made during the contest year.

The judges later carefully reviewed this book, which detailed many types of work done in the community. Redecorating and repainting town churches, erecting a new sign on an old historical marker site, improving pasture land, building new businesses, repairing and repainting the town water tower and tank . . . these and many, many more improvements were all completed and then written down for the record.

The big test came in May of this year, when several TCIP judges visited Gause to see firsthand just what had been done. The townspeople put on a skit, slide show and home tour to show the judges exactly what the work had accomplished for Gause.

The occasion was capped by a large family-style picnic, complete with fried chicken, sausage and barbecue. It was a good, "down-home" way to end the day's events. Then, the people of Gause sat back to await the results. As it turned out, those results were worth waiting for.



Some of Gause residents who attended the TCIP awards luncheon in Austin are shown here. Governor Dolph Briscoe and his wife Jane are on the far right, while Mrs. J. R. Browder, Gause Community Improvement Program chairperson, holds up the community's award. Standing between Mrs. Browder and Mrs. Briscoe is Charles Boring, consumer service representative for Gulf States Utilities Company, who sponsored Gause in the competition.

In the first step of the competition, Gause was named as one of 14 district winners, each representing a state agricultural extension district. Then, after an even closer look at the communities' accomplishments, the judges named the four regional winners. Gause was Number One in Region II, and several of the townspeople would be going to Austin.

Of course, the presentation of awards by Governor Briscoe was the highlight of the Austin luncheon, but the real stars were the people of the four winning communities.

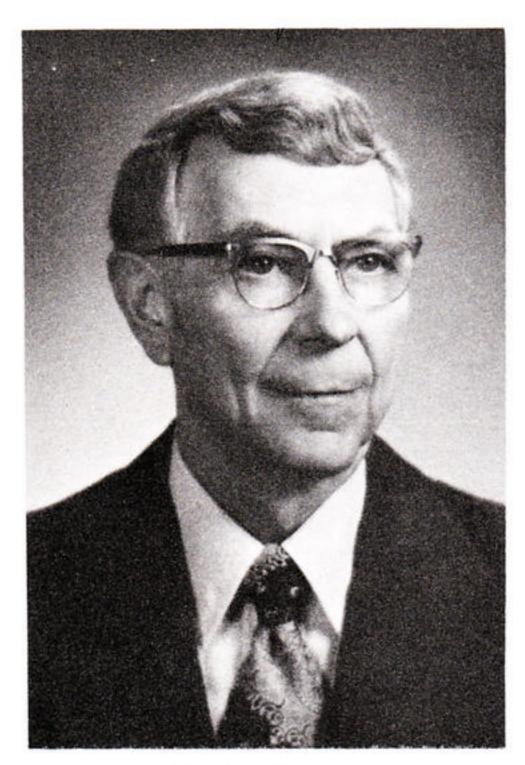
When Mrs. Browder got up to receive the award for Gause, her smile was indication enough that all the work had been worth it. All the townspeople who had come to the luncheon then filed past the Governor, shaking his hand.

The handshakes and awards were meaningful, but the words of an earlier speaker, Dr. Denzil Clegg, the associate director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, also had some meaning.

Dr. Clegg, discussing the goals and objectives of TCIP, used the program's slogans to explain its two most vital areas. The first is individual development as shown by the statement, "To brighten the corner where you are."

The second statement, explaining community and group development is, "Working to make Texas even better." Through their busy, thorough improvement program, the people of Gause helped make that last statement more than just a slogan. They made it a very pleasant fact!

RETIREMENTS



Ray S. Pace

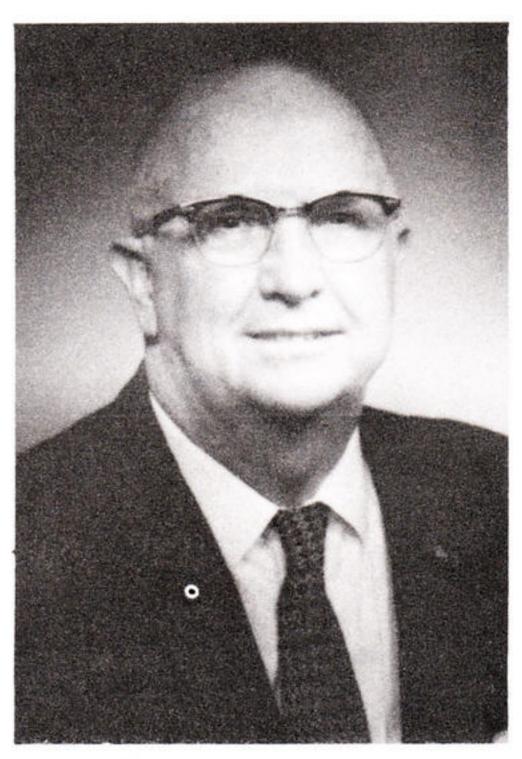
Ray S. Pace, manager-Contract Services in Beaumont, retires Aug. 1, after 42 years of service.

Pace is a native of Anson, Tex. He attended Lamar University and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Hardin-Simmons University.

Pace held various accounting and purchasing positions in Beaumont and Baton Rouge before returning to Beaumont as director of Purchasing in 1962. He was promoted to manager-Contract Services in 1975.

Pace has been active in several professional organizations such as the Sabine District Transportation Club and the Sabine-Neches Association of Purchasing Agents. He is a member of the Beaumont Club, Beaumont Chamber of Commerce and an active participant at the First Baptist Church of Beaumont.

He is married to the former Edith Turner of Beaumont.



Thomas W. Stiteler

Thomas W. Stiteler, utility man in T&D Line Department in Beaumont, retired July 1, after more than 37 years of service.

Stiteler, a native of Beaumont, was employed in 1941 as a grunt in the Line Department. The Army Air Force veteran of World War II is married to the former Cleo Myers of Lake Charles. The couple has two children, Thomas and Major James Burnett, USAF.

Stiteler is an active member of the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Service Awards

40 Years



Alfred P. Lusk
Division Production
Baton Rouge

30 Years



Annie C. Castilaw
Division Accounting
Beaumont



John J. Deshotel
Electric T&D
Jennings



Harold W. LaFosse Financial Services Beaumont



John Elridge Landry Electric T&D Lafayette

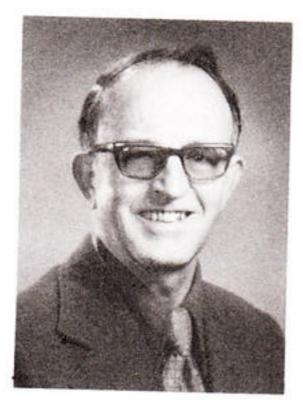


Floyd L. Marston
Gas Department
Baton Rouge



Martin McDaniel, Jr.
Division Production
Conroe

20 Years



James O. Calcote, Jr.
System Eng. Design
Beaumont



James E. Cryer
Material Services
Beaumont



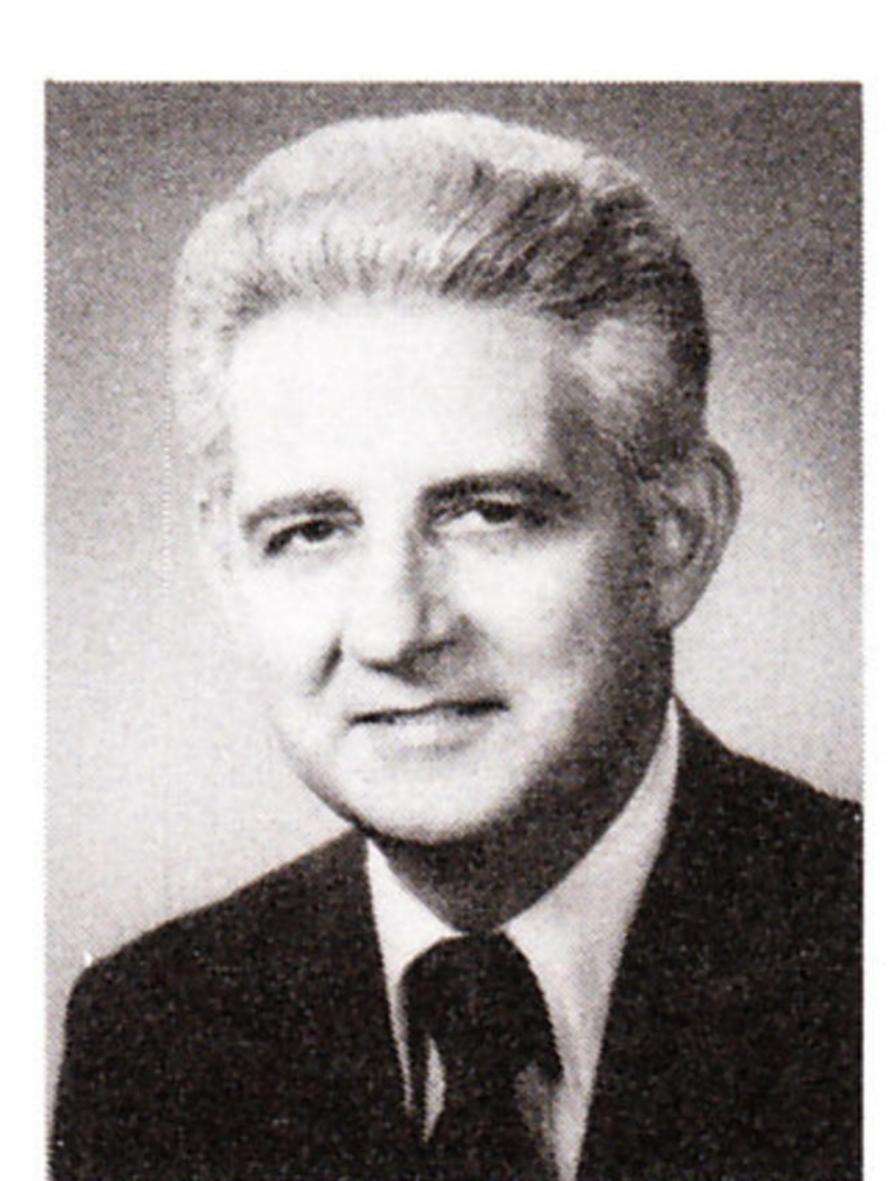
Kenneth Gerstenberg
Electric T&D
Beaumont



William Haack
Sys. Eng. Design
Beaumont



Andrew C. Doucett Electric T&D Lake Charles



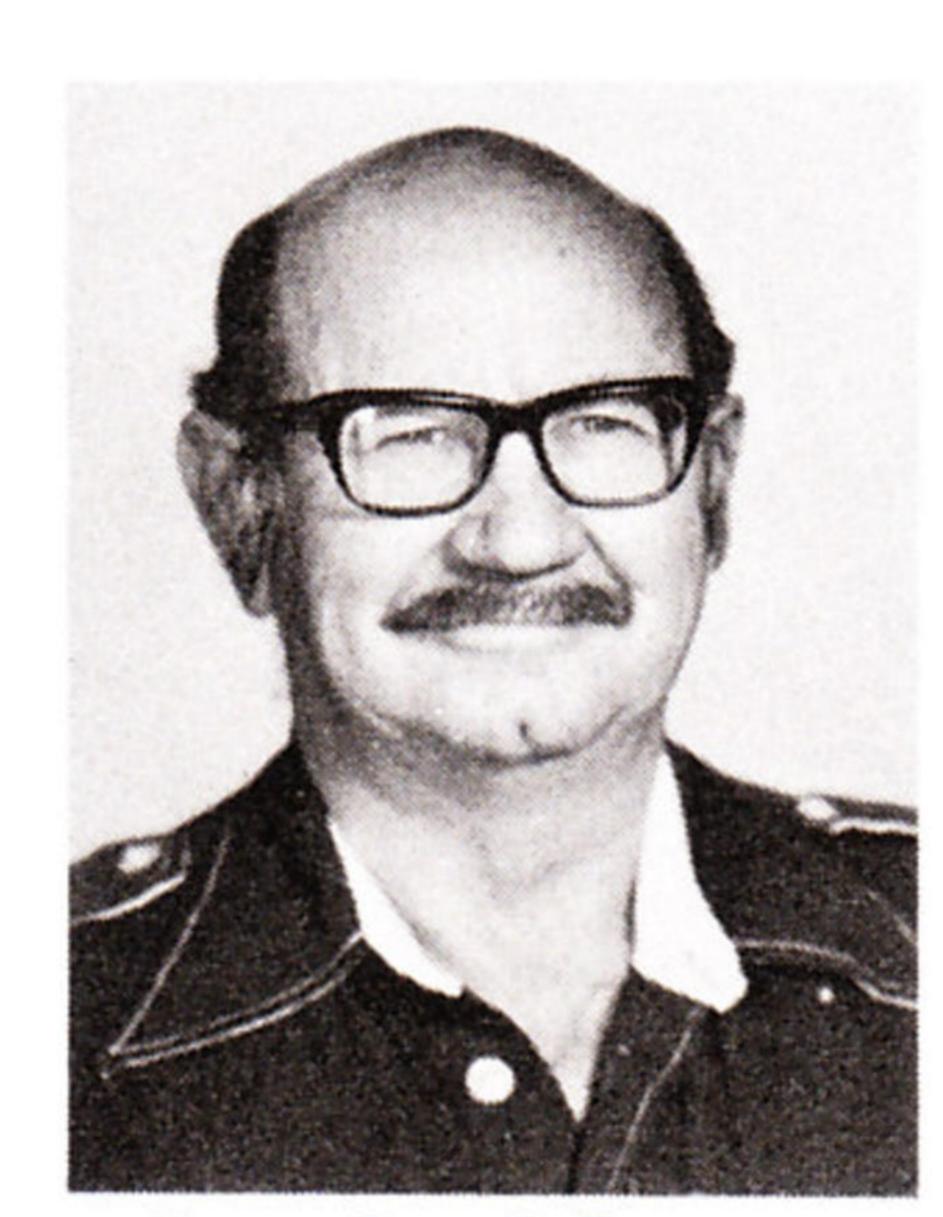
E. R. Eichelberger System Prod-Results Beaumont



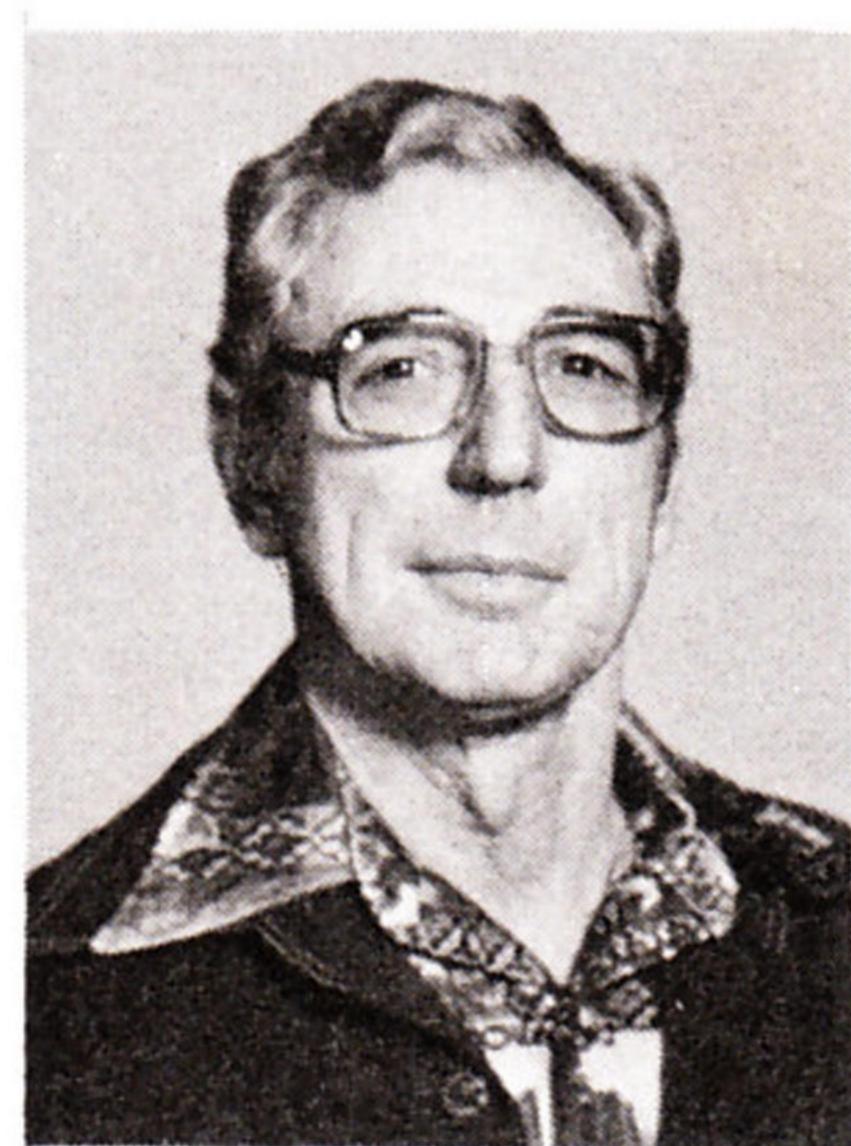
Harold J. Guidry Electric T&D Beaumont



John E. Hill Division Production Baton Rouge



Stanford Istre Electric T&D Jennings



Harry J. Jeanise Electric T&D Jennings



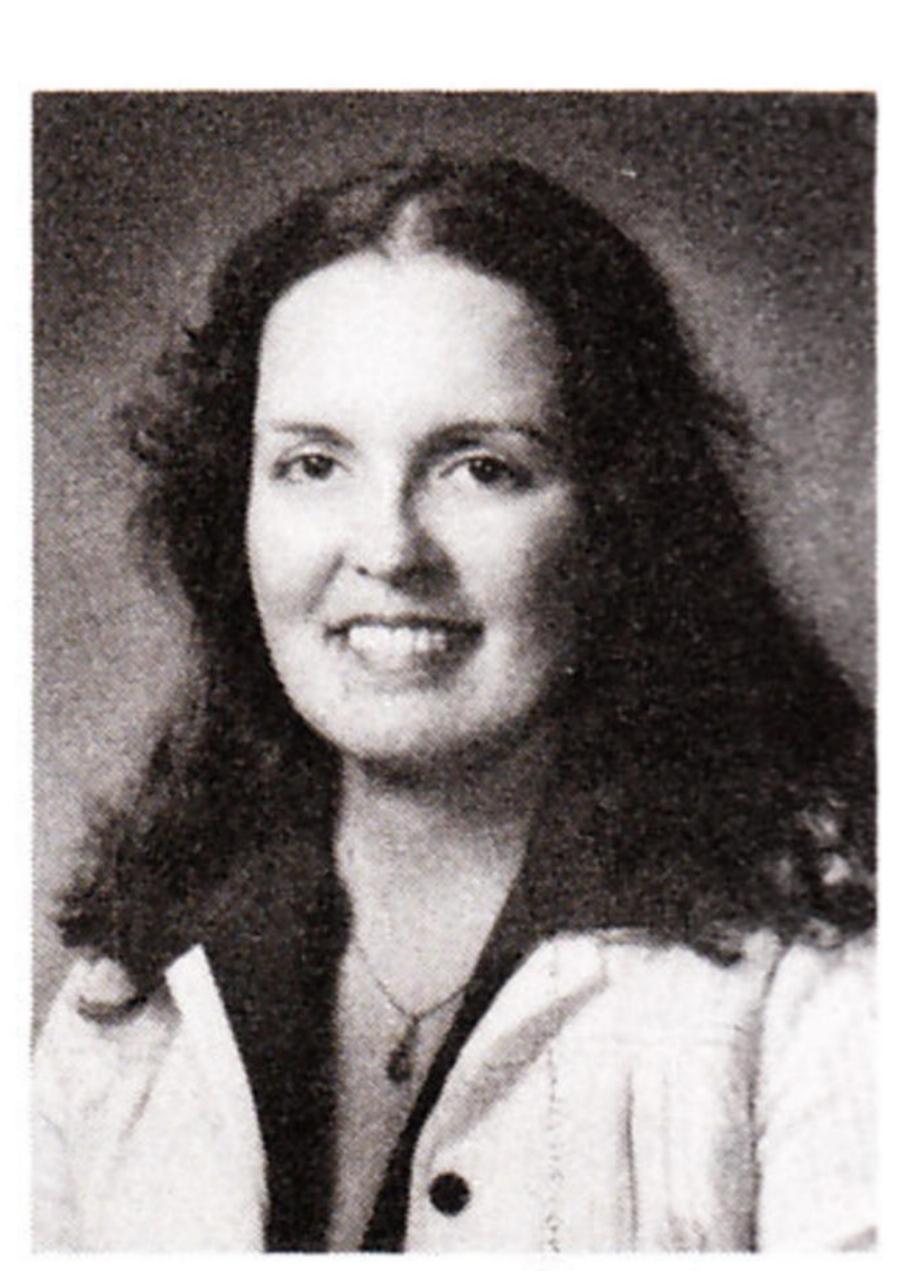
Louis E. Stough Division Production Port Arthur



Doris M. Thomas Material Servs. Dept. Beaumont



Erwin L. Venghaus Electric T&D Port Arthur



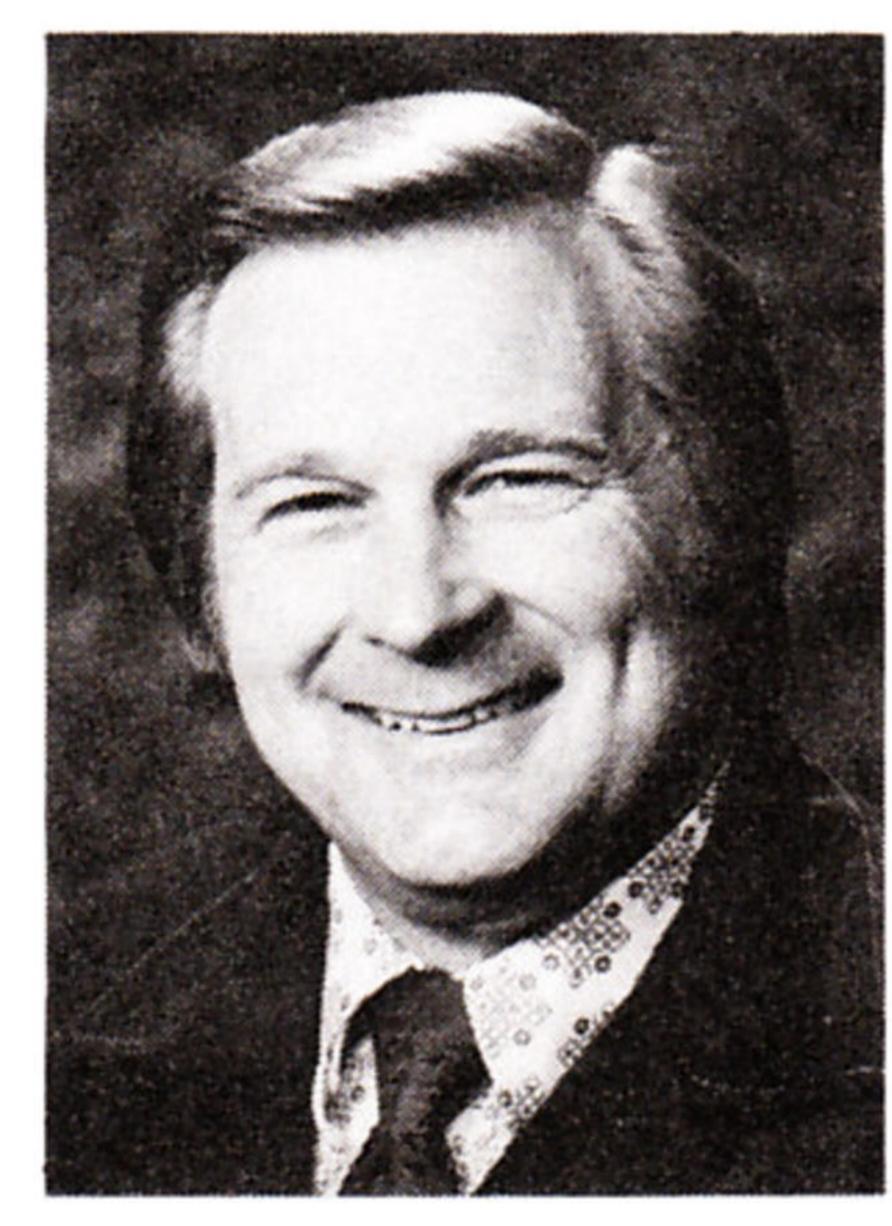
Billie J. Hamilton Risk Management Beaumont



Herman L. Hammack John L. Hollier System Production Beaumont



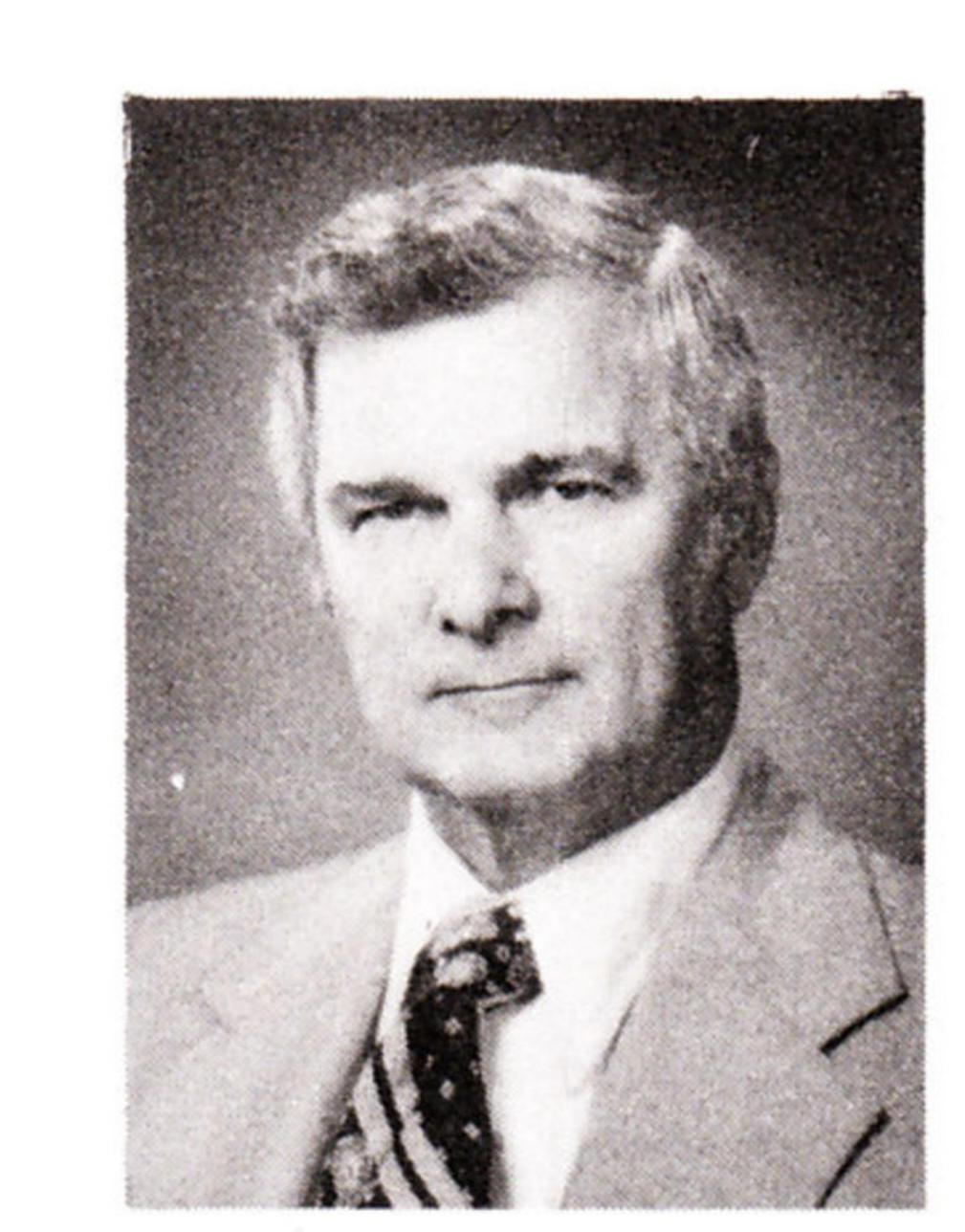
Electric T&D Lafayette



Eugene W. Koci, Jr. Divn. Marketing Dept. Orange



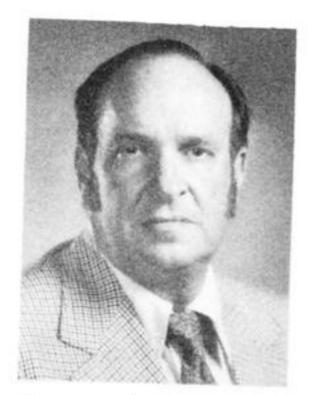
Bobby L. Kyson Electric T&D Lake Charles



Edward M. Loggins Executive Department Beaumont

Service Awards

20 Years



James A. Meitzen
System Production
Beaumont



Judy Moses
System Marketing
Beaumont



James E. Moss
Division Production
Port Arthur



Alfred E. Naylor Technical Services Beaumont

10 Years



Camilla P. Adams
Accounting Services
Beaumont



Walter D. Brewer
Electric T&D Dept.
Baton Rouge



Leonard P. Bourne
System Eng. Trans.
Planning
Beaumont



Billy W. Burge
Division Production
Lake Charles



Jackie G. Hughes
Division Accounting
Beaumont



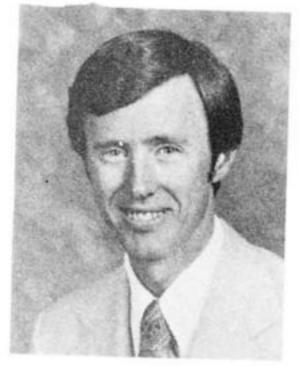
Hilton Jones, Jr.

Division Production

Beaumont



Philbert A. LaLonde Electric T&D Dept. Port Arthur



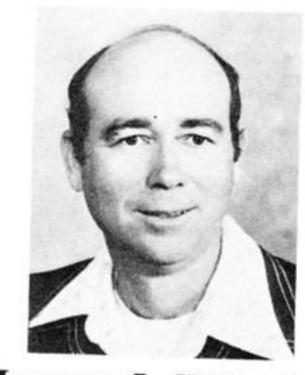
Randall G. Thompson
System Eng. Design
Beaumont



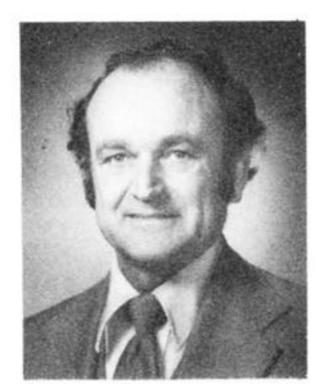
Joe H. Toole
Electric T&D Dept.
Conroe



Michael P. Vicknair Electric T&D Dept. Baton Rouge



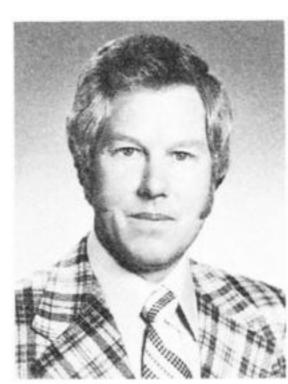
Lemoyne L. Whitesides
Electric T&D Dept.
Conroe



Richard J. Peterman System Marketing Beaumont



Barney M. Savell Electric T&D Lake Charles



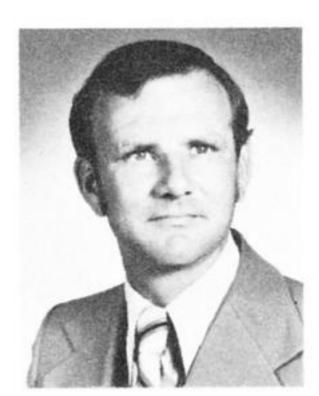
Robert R. Sheets Electric T&D Baton Rouge



Wanda H. Tinsley Div. Accounting Dept. Madisonville



Roy J. West Quality Assurance Beaumont



Darrell D. Dufour Electric T&D Dept. Baton Rouge



Rayburn L. Gerke Electric T&D Navasota



Wayne Goff Electric T&D Dept. Silsbee



Dora W. Hebert Accounting Services Beaumont



Joseph P. McFarlain Electric T&D Lafayette



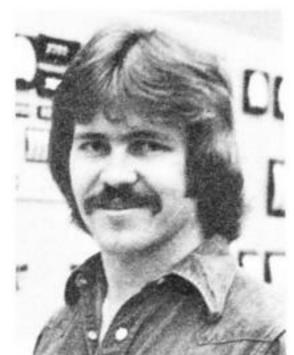
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Abston G. Perkins Port Arthur



Alex Pero Division Production Baton Rouge



Robert M. Robinson Divsion Production Baton Rouge-WG



Robert A. Smith Electric T&D Baton Rouge

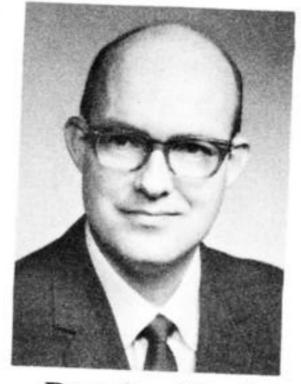
People on the Move



Ronald Hale



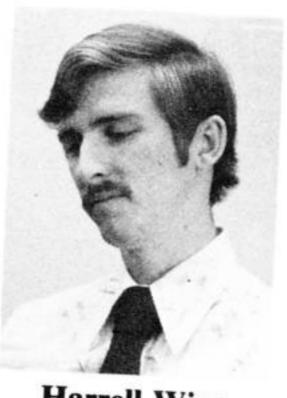
James McGrew



Prentice Ward



Deborah Null



Harrell Wise



Carl Jones

Three Western Division personnel changes have been announced involving Ronald D. Hale, James C. McGrew and Ronald J. Howell.

Hale, safety and claims representative, Division Operations Department, has been changed to claims representative; McGrew, utility foreman, T&D Line Department, Conroe, has been transferred to Division Operations and promoted to safety representative; and Howell, lineman 1st class, has been promoted to utility foreman, T&D Line Department, Conroe.

A native of Sulphur Springs, Tex., Hale was hired in 1968 as a helper in Beaumont T&D and moved up through a number of T&D assignments until 1976 when he was promoted to safety and claims representative.

Hale graduated from Sam Houston State in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is married to the former Charlotte Belt of Colmesneil, Tex. and the couple has one child.

An Army veteran, Hale attends the First Baptist Church in Conroe.

McGrew came to the company in 1961 as a helper in Beaumont T&D. A native of Beaumont, he is married to the former Judi Beard, also of Beaumont. The couple has three children, Donna, James Jr. and Joe Ray.

Howell, a native of Chelsea, Mass., was hired as a T&D helper in 1969. A four-year Air Force veteran, Howell and his wife, the former Jan Hogan of Conroe, have two children, Robin and Amy.

Four promotions have been announced by the Tax Services Department in Beaumont.

Prentice W. Ward, senior valuation analyst, has been promoted to supervisor-Depreciation Studies and Accruals; Harrell G. Wise, senior tax accountant, has been promoted to supervisor-Income Tax; Carl D. Jones, valuation analyst, has been promoted to depreciation systems analyst; and Deborah P. Null, tax accountant, has been promoted to senior tax accountant.

A 21-year GSU veteran, Ward started his career with the company in 1957 as a senior accounting clerk and seven months later he was promoted to junior accountant. He became a plant accountant in 1962 and progressed through a number of other accounting assignments to become an administrative accountant in 1967. Ward had been senior valuation analyst since 1976.

Ward is a 1956 graduate of the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He completed studies in the fundamentals of service life forecasting at Western Michigan University in 1977. The Air Force veteran is married to the former Imogenne Poindexter of Colmesneil, Tex. The couple has a son, John (10).

Ward is active in several professional and civic organizations including Edison Electric Institute, the American Gas Association, Little League baseball and scouting. He is currently project

committee chairman of the EEI-AGA Depreciation Committee. The family attends Woodlands Baptist Church where Ward serves as deacon.

Wise is a 1974 graduate of Lamar with a bachelor's degree in accounting and joined the company immediately following graduation as an administrative accountant. He was promoted to senior tax accountant in 1977.

As supervisor-Income Tax, Wise is responsible for the company's compliance with federal and state income tax laws in addition to the preparation of estimates and returns for both GSU and Varibus. He is a native of Beaumont.

A native of Groesbeck, Tex., Jones is a 1954 graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

A former Army officer, he was hired by GSU in 1956 as a rate analyst.

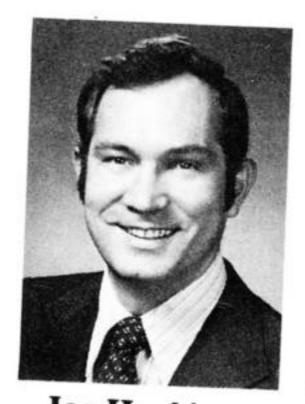
He is married to the former Peggy Weeks of Silsbee, Tex., and the couple has three children, Trudy, Judy and David. Jones is a past president of the Silsbee Jaycees and is a former member of the Edison Electric Institute's Depreciation Accounting Committee.

Null, a native of Fort Ord, Calif., is a 1973 graduate of Lamar with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is married to Wendell Null of Liberty. Tex.

Null is a former Junior Achievement advisor.



Ray Thompson



Joe Hopkins



Dick Smith



Steve Moore



Jim Wilder



Jeff Ewers







Robert Yates



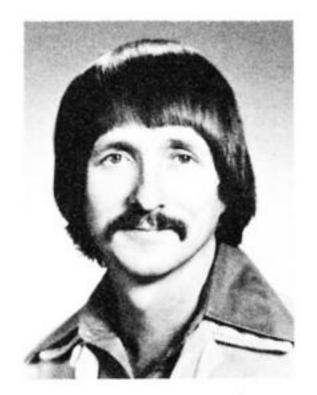
Joe Nettles



Tommy Cassell



Walter Sikes



Rayford Davis

Two promotions have been announced in the T&D Department, Huntsville involving Robert A. Yates and Joe K. Nettles.

Yates, line foreman, has been promoted to assistant general line foreman and Nettles, utility foreman, has been promoted to line foreman.

After serving in the Marine Corps for four years, Yates was hired by GSU in 1952 as a helper in Huntsville, T&D. He had been line foreman since 1969.

The Huntsville native is married to the former Mary Fletcher of Sparta, Tenn. The couple has three children, Debbie Yates Tyler, Robert E. and Steve.

Yates is a member of several social organizations including Forrest Lodge 19 and VFW Post #5871. The family attends the Second Baptist Church in Huntsville.

Nettles, a native of Texarkana, Tex., was first employed by the company in 1964 as a helper in Huntsville T&D. The Navy veteran is married to the former Bobbie Hunter of Electra, Tex., and the couple has two sons, Robert and Mike.

Nettles is active in the 4-H Horse Club and attends the First Christian Church.

Robert H. Smith, lineman 1st class, has been promoted to utility foreman, T&D Line Department, Orange.

A native of Pitkin, La., Smith joined the company in 1967 as a district operator and in 1973 was promoted to first class lineman. The army veteran is married to the former Cherrice Hill of Beaumont. They have two children, Robynn Challon (9) and Robert Anthony (4).

Walter L. Sikes, utility foreman, Beaumont T&D Line Department, has been transferred to Division Operations and promoted to safety representative.

Sikes was employed by GSU in 1957 as a helper in Beaumont T&D. He completed studies in power line design and construction from International Correspondence School in 1966.

A native of Paris, Tex., he and his wife, the former Jo Ann Ramos of Nacogdoches have a daughter, Laura. Sikes is a member of Lumberton Masonic Lodge #1430.

David P. "Pat" Dewey, budget analyst, Financial Services, has been promoted to corporate research analyst.

An Air Force veteran, Dewey is a 1971 graduate of USL with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He received his master's degree in business administration from the University of North Dakota in 1977.

Both Dewey and his wife, the former Riki Fontenot, are natives of New Roads, La. They have two children, Laurie and Aimee. Tommy L. Cassell, senior engineering assistant, T&D Engineering, Lake Charles has been transferred to Material Services, Nelson Station, and promoted to inventory control supervisor.

A native of Lake Charles, he is a 1976 graduate of McNeese with a bachelor's degree in business management. Hired by GSU in 1966 as a survey crew helper, Cassell was promoted to senior engineering assistant in 1972.

The Army veteran is married to another Lake Charles native, the former Linda Cormier. The couple has a son, Kurt.

Rayford W. Davis, garage mechanic 1st class, T&D Department, Baton Rouge, has been transferred to the Gas Department and promoted to foreman.

A six-year veteran of the National Guard, Davis was first employed by Gulf States in 1968 as a mechanic's helper. The Independence, La., native is married to the former Gerry Dean Needham of Baker, La. They have three children, Candy Lynn (10), Patrick Wayne (8) and Jason Ryan (2). An addition to the family is expected in the near future.

Ray P. Thompson, safety representative, Personnel Services Department, has been promoted to safety coordinator.

A native of Beaumont, Thompson began his career with GSU in 1950 as a



Richard James



Mike Hillhouse



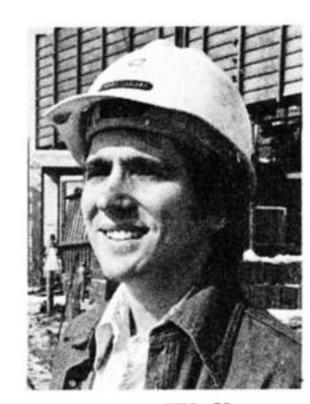
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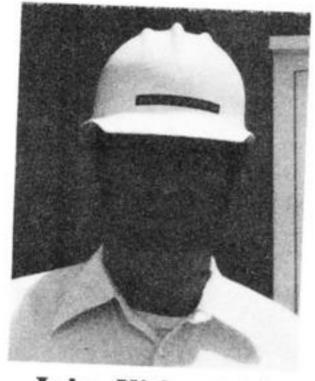


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People on the Move



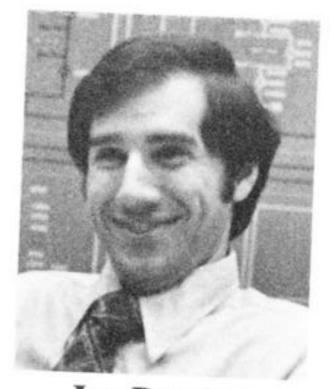
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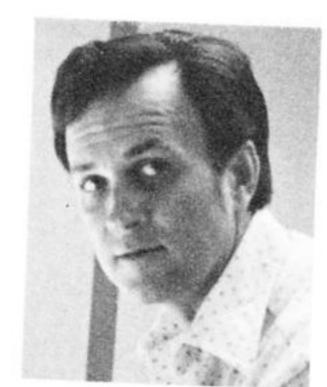
Hal Ridley



Joe Domino



Ed Foster



James Mahlmann

helper in the Line Department. He was promoted to safety representative in 1967.

He has completed numerous safety seminars conducted by the EEI, the National Safety Council and the Texas Safety Association, in addition to a number of in house courses.

A veteran of five years with the Marine Corps, including 2 years of combat duty during the Korean conflict, Thompson is married to the former Twalah Barnes of Beaumont. The couple has two daughters;, Mrs. Darline Perozzo and Miss Terri Hebert and a son, Mark.

Thompson is a member of the Texas Safety Association and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Four promotions have been announced by the Information and Data Services Department in Beaumont.

Joe A. Hopkins, coordinator-EDP Systems Development, has been promoted to director-EDP Implementation Services. Hopkins is replaced as coordinator-EDP Systems Development by Stephen R. Moore, senior systems analyst.

In other moves, Richard E. Smith, supervisor-EDP Technical Development, has been promoted to director-EDP Engineering Services, and James E. Wilder, supervisor-Data Systems Operations, has been promoted to Director of EDP Operations Services.

Hopkins, a native of Taylor, Tex., has been with GSU since 1963 when he

was hired as an engineering helper in Beaumont. He is married to the former Nina Brown, and the couple has two daughters, Nina Ruth and Carla.

Hopkins is active in the First Baptist Church of Loeb, the Foster Parents program of Buckner Benevolences and the Volunteers in Probation. He is also a manager in Guide International, a data processing organization.

Moore was employed in 1977 as a systems analyst. He and his wife, the former Lynda L. Dougherty, both of Warsaw, Ind., have three children, Michele, Heather and Jennifer. They attend the First Baptist Church of Beaumont.

Smith, a former officer in the Army Corps of Engineers and a native of Marshalltown, Iowa, began his career with Gulf States in 1954 after graduation from Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He was first employed as an engineer in Beaumont T&D. Smith had been supervisor of EDP Technical Development since 1972.

He and his wife, the former Patsy Pate of Bryan, Tex., have two children, Sharon Kay and Charles David.

Wilder is a native of Silsbee, Tex., and was employed in 1960 as a junior accountant. A veteran of the Army Medical Corps, Wilder was graduated from Lamar in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He is married to the former Beverly Toups of Beaumont, and the couple has two daughters, Cheryl and Dina. Wilder is active in the YMCA and Northwood Christian Church where he serves as deacon and treasurer.

Jeffery L. Ewers, budget analyst, Financial Services, has been transferred to System Production as administrative accountant.

Ewers, a graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in economics, was hired as budget analyst in 1977. The Coldwater, Mich., native is married to the former Melissa Frances Pierson of Gatesville, Tex. The couple has one child, one-year-old Aeryn Jessica.

Ewers is a member of the Southwest Baseball Umpires Association and Texas A&M University Former Students Association.

Michael J. Yennie, director of EDP Implementation Services, Information and Data Services has been transferred to Accounting Services and promoted to chief accountant of the Nelson Coal Project.

A Navy veteran, Yennie graduated from McNeese in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He joined the company in 1964 as a junior accountant.

Yennie is married to the former Patsy Verret of Hayes, La., and the couple has two children, Michele and Alison. The Lake Charles native is operations consultant for St. Anthony's Home and School and is



Gerald Bailey



Richard Joffrion



Malcolm Percle



Alvin Dragg



Raymond Audilet



John Scott





Horace Taylor

Elbert Heard

secretary of the downtown YMCA. He is also a member of the Southwest Football Officials Association.

Michael M. Hillhouse, construction quality assurance supervisor, Quality Assurance, River Bend Station, has been transferred to Power Plant Engineering and Design, Beaumont and promoted to Supervisor-Instrument & Controls Engineering.

Hillhouse was first employed as an engineer in System Production following his graduation from Texas A&M in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He earned an Associate of Arts Degree in 1968 from Blinn Junior College and recently completed graduate work at LSU.

The Tulsa, Okla., native is married to the former Diana Lynn Dooley of Iola, Tex. The couple has one child, William Jeffrey.

Richard E. James, administrative accountant, Payroll Accounting Services, has been transferred to Employee Benefits, Personnel Services and promoted to employee benefits representative.

James, an Army veteran with three years active duty (one year in South Vietnam), started with GSU in 1975 as an administrative accountant in Customer Accounting. he was transferred to payroll in 1976.

A native of Biloxi, Miss., James was graduated from Mississippi State in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He received his master's





Lee Terro

Frank Groves

ALSO

Russian Joseph L, Bmt., promoted, Sr. Draftsman - Eng Des/DEC-drftg. Jones Xanthia A, Bmt., promoted, Stenographer - Fuel Servs. Henderson Lennard Jr., Bmt., promoted Storeroom Asst - Gen Svs/Off SvsSta Suppl Smith Ronald J, Bmt., promoted, Oper Helper (Auxil Oper) - Neches Sta-Operns Freeman Michael T, Bmt., promoted, Oper Helper (Auxil Oper) - Neches Sta-Operns Dahl Donald D Jr, Bmt., promoted, Oper Helper - Neches Sta-Oprns Berlin Bonnie D, Bmt., promoted, Mechanic Helper - Neches Sta-Mechl Magee J. Michael, Bmt., promoted, Relayman 2/C - T&D/Relay Spence John W, Bmt., promoted, Comm Ser 'ceman 2/C - T&D/Comm Hillin Nester M, Bmt, promoted, Apprentice-T&D/Line West Joe, Bmt., promoted, Utility Man - T&D/Garage Lambert Benny, B Rouge, promoted, Turbine Engr - La Sta-Operns Donellan Vincent M, B Rouge, promoted, Turbine Water Plant Oper - La Sta-Operns Berthelot Thomas D, B Rouge, promoted, Auxil Oper - La Sta-Operns Tanner Cecil W, B Rouge, promoted, Electrician 2/C - La Sta-Electl Conlee J D Jr, B Rouge, promoted, Master Test Tech - La Sta-Test Kennedy Ronald J, B Rouge, promoted, Repairman 2/C - W/Glen-Mechl Freeman James C II, B Rouge, Promoted, Mechanic Helper - W/Glen-Electl Edmonston Gary O, B Rouge, promoted, Mechanic Helper - W/Glen-Test

Miller John T, B Rouge, promoted,

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Gauthier Malcolm A, B Rouge, pro-

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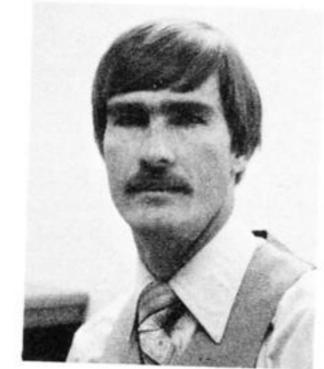
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People on the Move





Gary Kramer

Charlie White

degree in business administration in 1971.

He is married to another Mississippian, the former Fay Rehage of Ocean Springs. The couple has three children, Richard III, Anthony and Catherine.

John E. Matejick, civil engineer in Beaumont, has assumed responsibility for directing the Civil Engineering Section of Design Engineering-Construction.

Matejick joined the company in 1975 upon graduation from Georgia Tech with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Matejick is married to the former Theresa Diane Ward of Atlanta.

Perry J. Walker, construction supervisor, Power Plant Construction, Willow Glen Station, has been transferred to Beaumont and promoted to general construction supervisor.

As general construction supervisor, Walker will be responsible for construction at existing fossil plants.

First employed in 1966 as a summer employee, Walker earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lamar in 1970. He had been construction supervisor at Willow Glen since June, 1977.

A native of Beaumont, Walker is married to the former Judy Bonvillion of Crowley, La. The couple has two children, Craig Darren (2 years), and Kevin Scott (2 months).

Walker is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

John T. Jasper, senior administrative accountant, Accounting Services, Beaumont, has been transferred to Division Production, Willow Glen Station, and promoted to supervisor-Accounting and Administration.

Jasper, who served with the Army Combat Engineers in Vietnam, is a native of Fort Smith, Ark. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas. He joined Gulf States in 1970 as an administrative accountant. Jasper had been senior administrative accountant in Accounting Services since 1975.

Jasper and his wife, the former Judy Shoffiett of Beaumont, have one child, Megan.

John R. Kirkpatrick, storekeeper, Baton Rouge Division Accounting, has been transferred to Material Services, River Bend Station, and promoted to warehouse supervisor.

A native of Paris, Ark., Kirkpatrick began his career with GSU in 1959 as a storeroom assistant in Baton Rouge. He is a veteran of the Army and is married to the former Ada Marie Prevost of Baton Rouge. The couple has three children, Kyle Wade (17), Kimmie Lea (16) and Kris Wayne (6).

James E. Mahlmann, section head, Office Services, General Services Department, has been promoted to reproduction and supplies supervisor.

Mahlmann, who joined GSU in 1957 as an engineering helper, is married to the former Paulette Tinsley. The couple has three daughters, Rene, Melanie and Nicole.

Several promotions have been announced involving transfers to System Production.

Roy J. Dowden, control operations foreman, Nelson Station, has been transferred to System Production, Louisiana Generation, and promoted to coordinator-Nelson Coal Unit and Hal J. Ridley, operation supervisor, Sabine Station, has been transferred to System Production, Energy Operations and Results, Beaumont, as operations analyst.

A native of Lake Charles, Dowden was hired by the company in 1967 as an equipment operator at Nelson Station. The army veteran and his wife,

the former Wanda Palmer have a daughter, Tina Lynette.

A graduate of Beaumont High, Ridley began his career with Gulf States in 1947 as an operator's helper at Neches Station. He served in the Army Infantry from 1948-51 when he was reinstated by GSU as an auxiliary helper. Ridley climbed through a number of division production assignments until 1963 when he was made control operations foreman at Sabine Station. He was promoted to operation supervisor in 1976.

The Sour Lake native is married to the former Laverne Pollack of Beaumont, and the couple has seven children, Hal Jr., Raymond, Walter, Kirby Ann, Robert, Eric and Laura.

Ridley is a past president and director of the Optimist Club of Bridge City and has also been active in the Bridge City Youth Recreation Association.

Three promotions have been announced involving transfers to Sabine Station.

Joseph F. Domino, Neches Station, has been transferred to Sabine Station and promoted to maintenance engineer; Edward L. Foster, engineer, Neches Station, has been transferred to Sabine Station and promoted to planning engineer; and Horace A. Taylor, control operations foreman, Lewis Creek Station, has been transferred to Sabine and promoted to operation supervisor.

Domino, a 1970 graduate of LSU with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, received his master's degree in engineering science from Lamar in 1975. Although he was born in New Orleans, Domino grew up in Franklin, La., and there met his wife, the former Linda Lombardo. The couple has a son, Frank.

Domino is active in the Lion's Club, of which he is a past president, the Louisiana Engineering Society and is registered as a professional engineer in Louisiana and Texas.

A native of Leavenworth, Kan., Foster was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is married to the former Patricia Houghton of Gallatin, Mo., and is a member of several professional organizations including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Taylor, a graduate of Vidor High School, attended Lamar and has completed the ICS power plant engineering course. He and his wife, the former Brenda Beth Windle, have three children, Cheryl, Delia Gail and Robert Christopher.

Elbert F. Heard, Utility foreman, T&D Line Department, is transferred to the Division Operations Department and promoted to safety representative.

Heard, a native of Carthage, Tex., joined the company in 1950 as a helper in Lake Charles T&D. He was promoted to utility foreman in 1969.

A World War II Marine Corps veteran, Heard has attended Louisiana College and McNeese. He is married to the former Dorothy Corley of Pineville, La. The couple has two children, Marshall and Polly.

He is active in Masonic Lodge #165.

Two promotions have been announced in the Lake Charles Division involving Gerald Bailey and Richard A. Joffrion.

Bailey, utility foreman, T&D Line Department, has been transferred to the Division Operations Department and promoted to safety representative and Joffrion, serviceman 1st class has been transferred to the T&D Line Department and promoted to utility foreman.

A native of Port Arthur, Bailey was hired as a helper in the Port Arthur T&D Line Department in 1967, following five years service in the Navy. He advanced through various T&D line and service assignments and was promoted to lineman 1st class in 1976. Several months later he was made utility foreman.

He is married to the former Emilie Koontz of Bloomington, Ind.

Also born in Port Arthur, Joffrion joined GSU in 1964 as a meter reader and was promoted to serviceman 1st class in 1974. He and his wife, the former Carolyn Ann Moore of Groves, Tex., have a daughter, Kelly Ann.

Three changes have been announced in the Baton Rouge Division T&D Line Department.

Malcolm P. Percle, assistant supervisor-contract crews, Baton Rouge, is promoted to assistant general line foreman; Charles C. Ford, line foreman, Gonzales, is transferred too Baton Rouge and promoted to assis-

Alvin L. Dragg, utility foreman, Gonzales, is promoted to line foreman.

A 32-year GSU employee, Percle began his career with the company in 1946 as a helper in the Baton Rouge T&D Line Department. The Baton Rouge native held a number of positions in the Baton Rouge T&D Line and Service Departments while rising through the ranks and in 1966 he was promoted to utility foreman. He became line foreman in 1971 and five years later was promoted to assistant supervisor-Contract Crews.

The Navy veteran is married to the former Effie Castilaw of Beaumont, and the couple has two sons Gary and Greg.

Ford, a native of Liberty, Miss., began his 27-year career with Gulf States in 1951 as a helper in the Baton Rouge T&D Line Department. A Navy veteran, he is married to the former Elsie Broussard of Gonzales, La. The couple has three children, Charles III, Lynne and Dale.

Ford has been active in the Gonzales
Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Prairieville, La., Dragg was hired by GSU in 1955 as a Line Department helper. He and his wife, the former Mary Porta of Union, La., have a daughter, Candace.

A veteran of four years in the Navy, Dragg is active in the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement.

Raymond L. Audilet, planning analyst, Project Services, Energy Development, has been transferred to the senior vice president's staff, Energy Development, and promoted to director-Projects Planning and Measurement.

The Beaumont native joined the company in 1957 as a survey crew engineering helper. He was promoted to planning analyst in 1977.

An Army veteran, Audilet is married to the former Jo Theresa Angelo of Beaumont. The couple has two sons, Steven James and Ronald Wayne.

He is active in the Northwest Beaumont Lions Club.

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People on the Move

John J. Scott, cost analyst, Project Services, Energy Development, has also been transferred to the senior vice president's staff, Energy Development, and promoted to executive assistant.

A native of County Mayo, Ireland, Scott attended Trinity College in Dublin for two years before joining GSU in 1954 as an accounting clerk. He also attended School of Accountancy in Glasgow, Scotland and studied at Blennerhassets Institute of Accountancy by correspondence.

He is married to the former Mary Brennan, also a native of County Mayo, Ireland. They have two sons, John (22) and Martin (17).

Scott is an active member of the Young Men's Business League and the Knights of Columbus.

Lee C. Terro, utility foreman, T&D Substation Department, Port Arthur, has been promoted to substation foreman.

A 1974 graduate of Lamar with an associates degree in electronics, Terro started his career with GSU in 1959 as a helper in Port Arthur T&D. Prior to joining the company, the Morse, La., native served for four years in the Air Force.

He is married to the former Mae Stapler of Hamlin, Tex., and the couple has three children, Dana, Karen and Jodie.

Frank O. Groves, coordinator-Purchasing, Material Services Department, has been promoted to director-Purchasing.

A native of Newgulf, Tex., Groves was graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He and his wife, the former Carol Tassin of Alexandria, La., have two daughters, Ruth Marie (13) and Regina Lynn (11).

An active member of the Sabine Neches Association of Purchasing Management, Groves is a certified purchasing manager.

Several changes have been announced in the Accounting Services Department involving Gary N. Kramer and Charles E. White.

Kramer, senior administrative accountant, has been transferred from Plant Accounting to Nelson Coal Project and promoted to supervisor-Project Accounting and White, administrative accountant, has been transferred from Business Systems to Plant Accounting and promoted to senior administrative accountant.

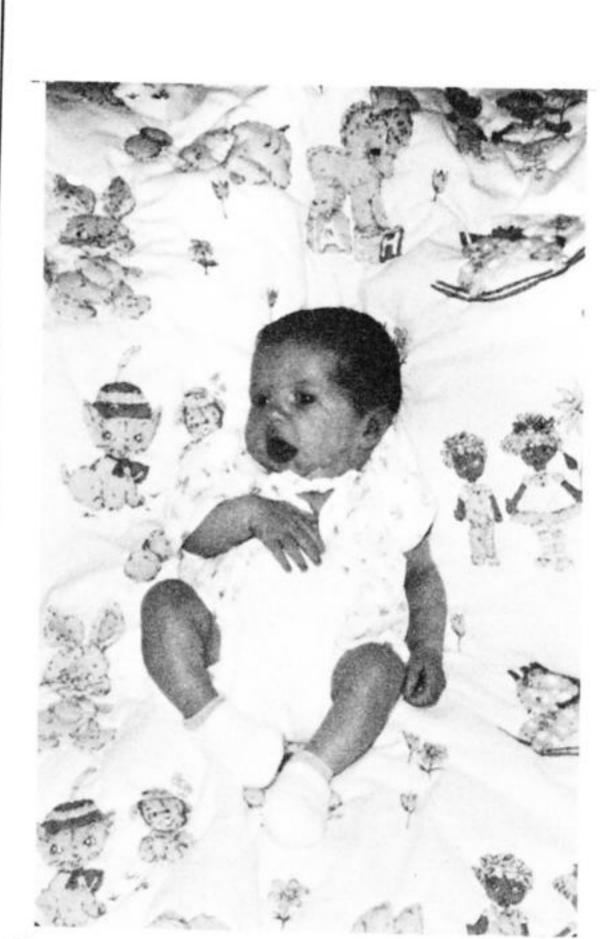
An Army veteran, Kramer joined Gulf States in 1973 as an administrative accountant in System Billing following his graduation from Lamar with a bachelor's degree in accounting. After assignments in Accounting, he was transferred back to System Billing in 1976 as senior administrative accountant. Kramer had been senior administrative accountant in Plant Accounting since February.

A native of Citronelle, Ala., Kramer is married to the former Janet Key of Hamshire, Tex. The couple has two children, Kevin and Amy.

A 1975 graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in accounting, White had been an administrative accountant in Business Systems since August of 1977.

He and his wife, the former Karen Taylor, both of Bryan, Tex., have a daughter, Leah Michelle (9 months).

Coffee Cup



Karen Morley, office clerk in Huntsville, has found life a lot more fulfilling since the birth of her daughter, Shawna. Shawna was born March 15, and weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces. She was 19½ inches long. She was three weeks old at the time of this picture. Daddy's name is Jim.

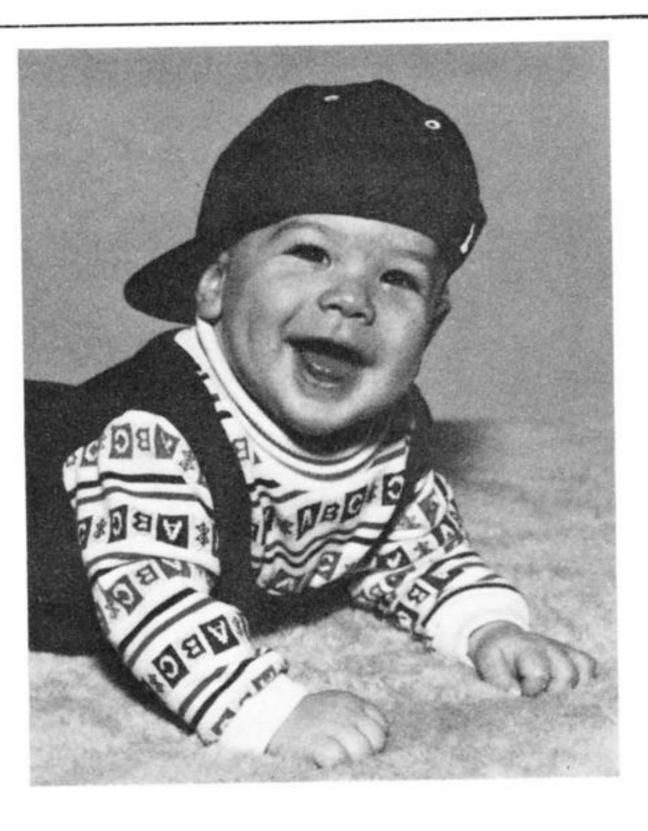


Pretty Sherri Weathers, daughter of Guerry Weathers (Senior Engineering Assistant in Beaumont T&D), was elected student body vice-president at C. O. Wilson in Nederland. Sherri is an honor role student and is a member of the choir. (from Carolyn Motl)



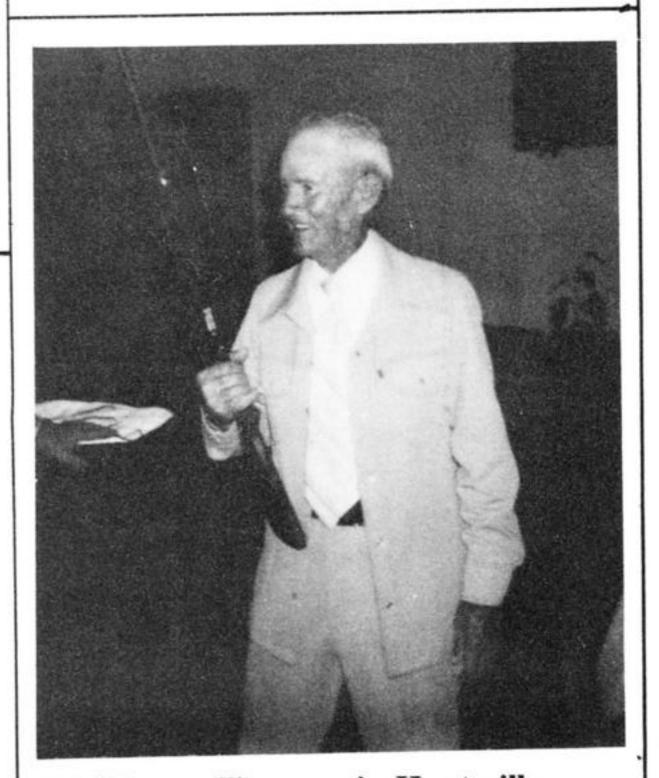
You've heard of "snake in the grass," how about "snake in a barn?" Servicemen never know how a job will turn out, but one who went to remove a meter from a barn in Westlake had a special surprise in store. PLAIN TALKS doesn't know what kind of snake it is, but when they are that size, WHO CARES? T. R. Fox and George Hayes were the servicemen involved in this snake tale. Looking on from (far) behind are Ed Barnes and Robert Tyler. Working in the Sulphur District certainly has its ups and downs. (from O'Neil Breaux)

Christopher Troy Miller, born July 16, takes his turn at the bat . . . but he's willing right now. Chris is the son of Gloria Miller, customer clerk in the Lafayette Accounting Department. He already weighs 18 pounds, and by the look on his face he can hardly wait for the sound of "batter up." (from Mona Burris)





Brent Coon, 17 year old son of Butch Coon, lineman in Beaumont T&D, graduated as Salutatorian of his class at Vidor High School. Brent attained the second highest scholastic average in a class of 386. His overall average was 3.765. He was a four year member of the science-math club, the junior Engineering and Technical Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and a winner of the American Legion Award. Brent will continue his education at Lamar University where he plans to major in business. (from Billy Toups)



Ed Allen, utility man in Huntsville, retired recently and was presented with a nice automatic rifle by his friends and co-workers. Ed now plans to spend his days on the farm. Some 125 friends showed up to wish him well. (from Karen Morely)

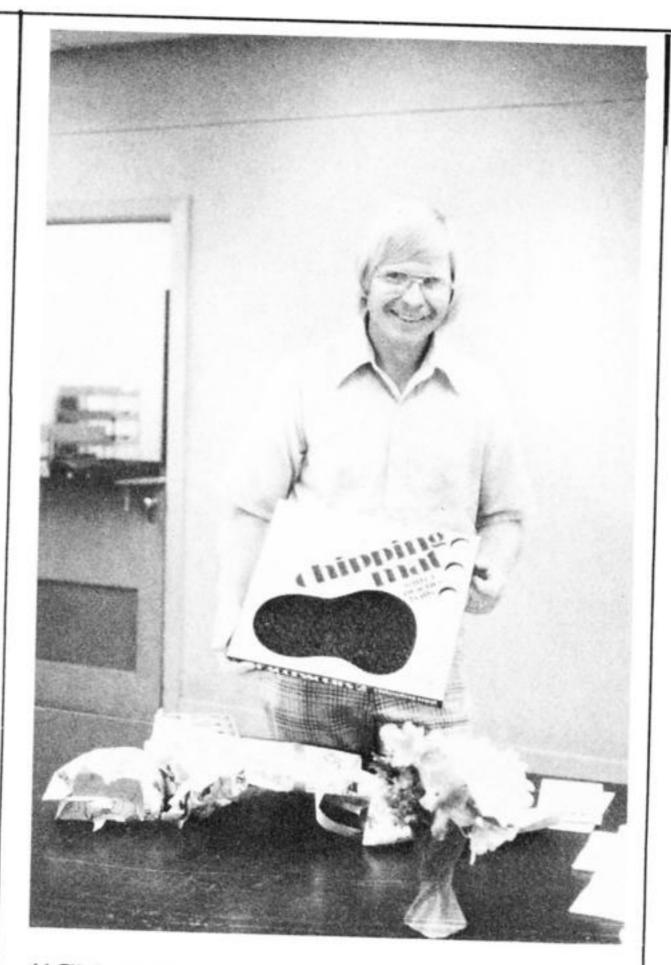
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Sandra Rogers, left, and Jan Schneider relax following a going away party for Sandra. Sandra, executive secretary in Financial Services, Beaumont, was transferred to Accounting Services as executive secretary. Sandra holds a pair of bookends she was presented.



Denise Mullenix, left, consumer service advisor, Port Arthur, looks over gifts she received prior to leaving the company for Houston to join her husband in Houston. Looking on are, left to right, Jack Saxon, Sue Williams, Jean Andrews and Pam Dattalo. (from Sue Williams)



"Chip" Knowles, former engineer in Beaumont T&D, was given a promotion and going away party at the same time. Before leaving the Service Center his friends and co-workers gave him a chipping (no pun intended) mat with which to practice his golf. He could use the practice!!! Chip is now industrial engineer in Division Marketing. (from Carolyn Motl)



Steven M. Donellan, born Dec. 7, 1977, is the son of Vincent and Paulette Donellan. Vincent is turbine engineer at Louisiana Station and Paulette used to work at Choctaw in Baton Rouge as a steno. Young Steve has blue eyes, blond hair and weighs in at a healthy 16 pounds at 4½ months of age. (from Marilyn Nicholson)



Greg Mier, 18 year old son of Rufus Mier (Superintendem Consumer Services, Port Arthur) captured the state title in the pole vault in competition held before the close of school. Greg not only won the AA pole vault championship, he set a new state record in the process at 14 feet. Greg, a senior at St. Louis High, followed in the footsteps of his older brother who won the pole vault title 10 years earlier with a vault of 13 feet 3 inches. (from Janet Falloway)

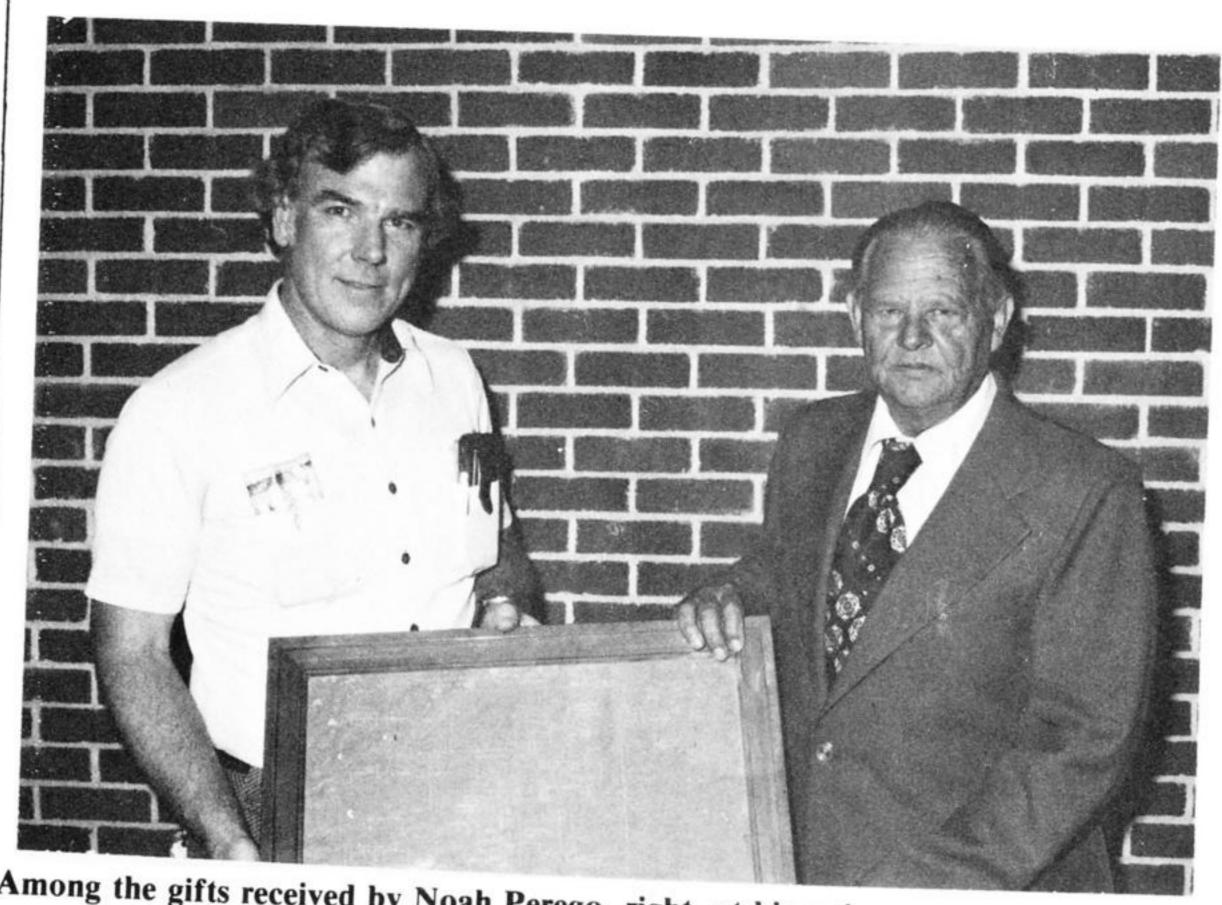


E. S. "Jiggs" Wall was honored at a retirement party thrown by his friends and co-workers in Woodville. He and his wife, Vera, received gifts and plenty of well wishes for a happy retirement. Wall has been at Woodville for the past 28 years. (from Alene Cole)

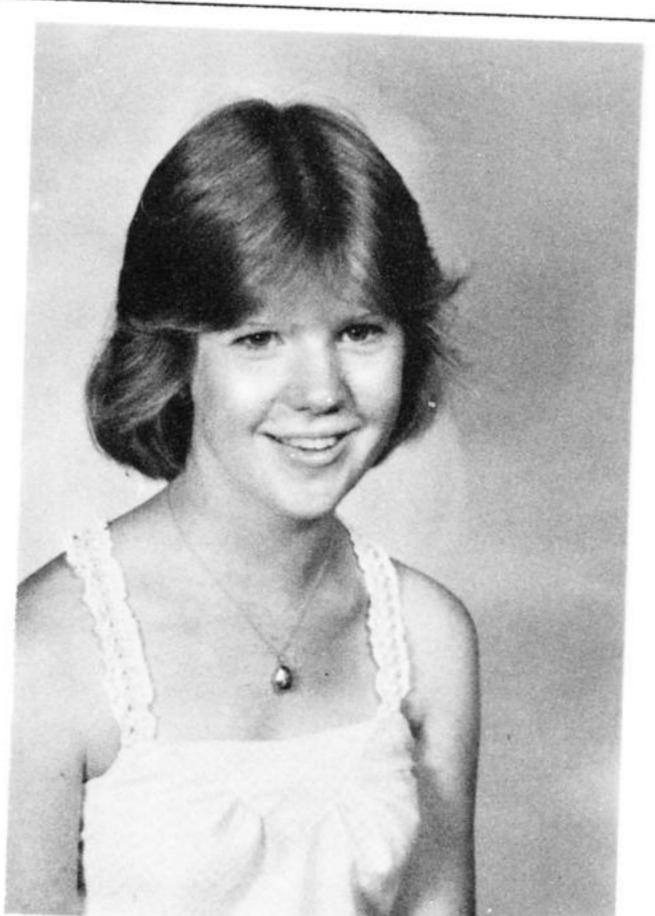


Karen Woods, six year old grand-daughter of C. A. Estes, Meter & Service foreman in Conroe, doesn't look too happy with her first fish. She caught the bass at Lewis Creek Reservoir, but she didn't count on the fish smell. But she'll get used to it. (from Marilyn Key)

Coffee Cup



Among the gifts received by Noah Perego, right, at his retirement party recently was "one cherished item" he really appreciated. The item was an ancient steam-flow diagram of the old power plant at the foot of Houston Avenue and Lakeshore Drive in Port Arthur. Since Perego spent many enjoyable hours scanning the old print back in the 1950's, Lloyd Craig, left, just knew Perego wouldn't leave without it. (from Loraine Dunham)

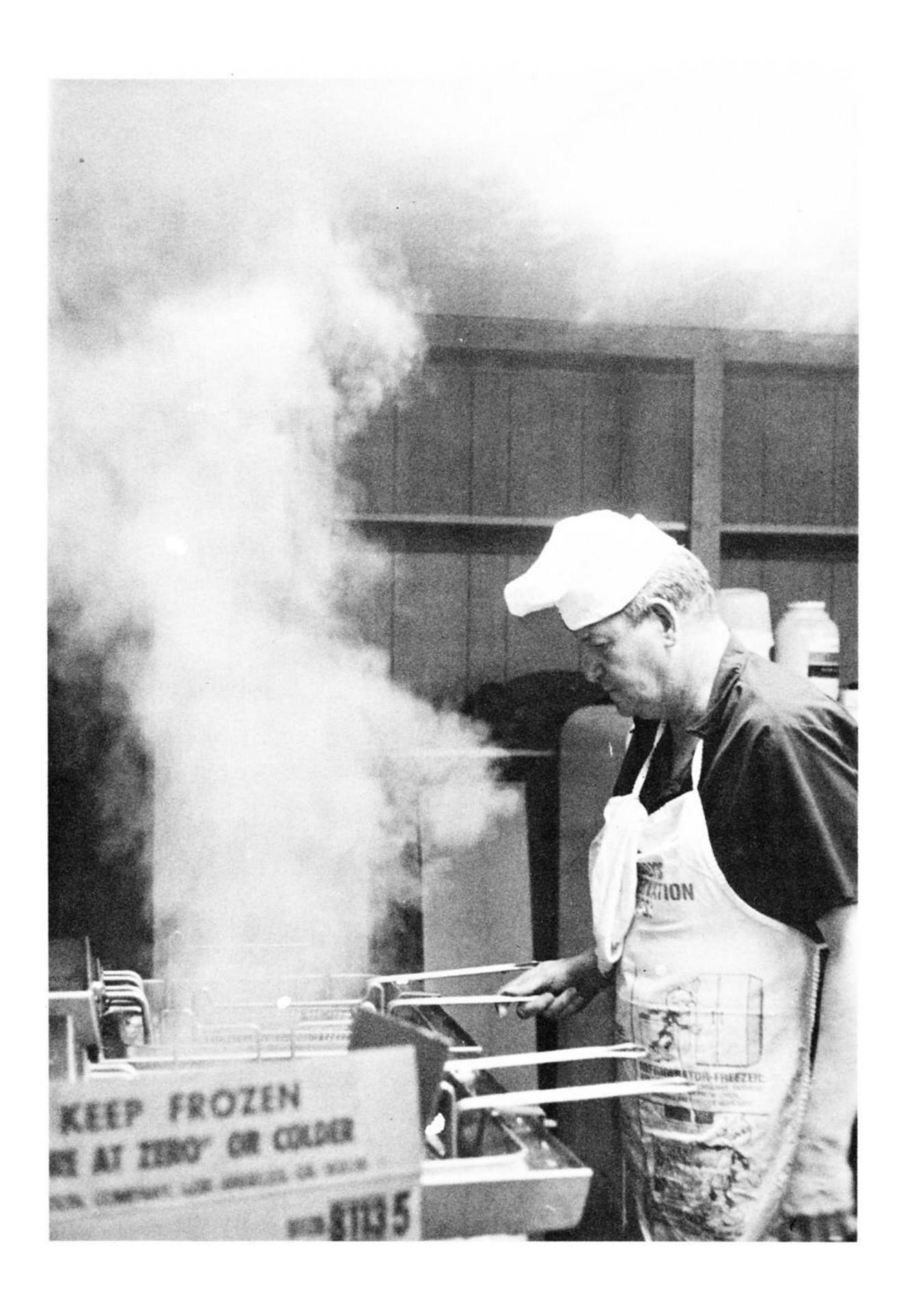


Terri Lynn Strickland, daughter of Donald Strickland, test technician first class at Willow Glen Station, was recently an honor graduate of Glen Oaks High School. She will enter LSU in the fall and major in accounting.

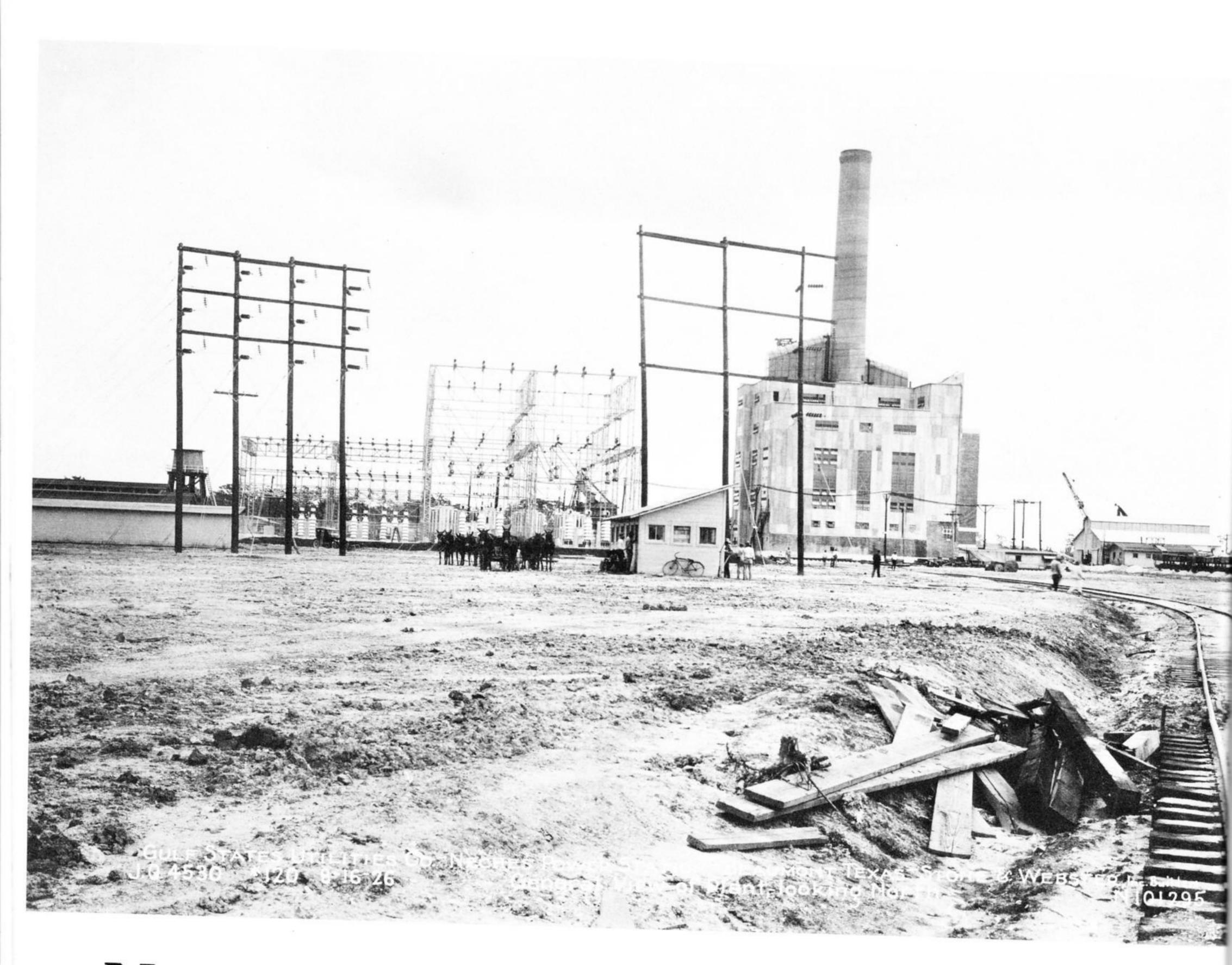
Sue Richardson, 17 year old daughter of Jim Richardson (Marketing Superintendent-Lake Charles), has been elected student council president at Lake Charles High School. She is a senior. (from Janet Falloway)

MASTER CHEF:

Brooks Bishop, market research assistant in System Marketing, Beaumont, is caught doing what he enjoys most in his off time, cooking. Brooks is one of the reasons why the annual Live Wires Club shrimp boil is so popular.



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Neches Station . . . 1926



CROWD PLEASERS

TACO STYLE CHICKEN

1½ cups flour Two 1¼ oz. pkgs. taco seasoning mix 32 pieces chicken (approximately four 2 lb. fryers)
1 cup butter or margarine
2 cups crushed corn chips

Combine flour and seasoning mix in paper or plastic bag. Add 2 or 3 chicken pieces at a time and shake to coat. Melt butter in two 15½ x 10½ x 1 inch baking dishes. Place chicken in dishes, turning once to butter surface, then roll in corn chips and return to baking dishes. Bake at 375 degrees 1 hour. Serves 25.

POTATO SALAD

10 lbs. potatoes
1 stalk celery, chopped
12 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
2 bunches green onions, finely chopped

1 quart pickle relish
1 quart mayonnaise
1/4 cup mustard

Salt and pepper to taste

Cook potatoes until tender and jackets are easily removed; chop. Add celery, eggs, onions, relish, mayonnaise and mustard. Mix well. Add salt and pepper. Garnish with radish roses and parsley. Serves 50.

BREAD STICKS

1 cup butter or margarine

1 tsp. garlic juice (or garlic powder) or one pod of garlic, pressed

1 loaf bread

Mix butter and garlic together. Remove crust from bread. Spread with softened butter mixture. Slice each piece of bread into 4 or 5 strips. Bake at 250 degrees 2 hours. Bread sticks keep well in airtight container. Serves 25.

PARTY PUNCH

One 6 oz. pkg. gelatin (any flavor)
1 quart boiling water
1½ cups sugar
2 cups cold water

One 8 oz. bottle lemon juice One 46 oz. can pineapple juice 1 quart ginger ale Crushed ice

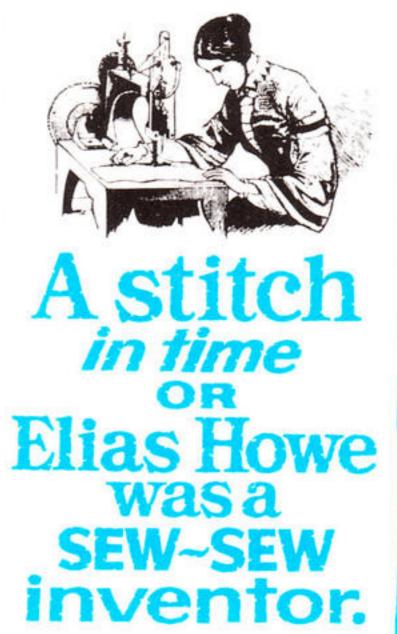
Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add cold water, lemon and pineapple juice. (Do not let stand in refrigerator as it will thicken.) Pour into punch bowl. Add ginger ale and crushed ice just before serving. Serves 25.



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When Howe invented the sewing machine in 1846, he really got needled.

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