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## Tessier: excellent speaker

Mr. Bill Benedetto  
Gulf States Utilities  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bill,

Once again, I'm writing to thank you for the privilege of having Shivaun Tessier give her lecture and demonstrations on nuclear energy to my classes. It was the highlight of our energy unit. Our subsequent tour of the River Bend nuclear facility conducted by Lyddie Broussard and Kerry Frazier was excellent for reinforcing the lessons of the unit.

As a classroom science teacher, I wish to express my appreciation to you for providing this lecture/presentation service to the schools. I feel this is an outstanding educational resource. Miss Tessier is an excellent speaker. She has always managed to hold these fourth graders' attention for the entire presentation. (This is her third year to visit us.)

Sincerely,  
Maureen Lobrano  
Fourth-grade science teacher  
Central Private Schools, Inc.

## Helpful employees cited

Mr. Ron McKenzie  
Gulf States Utilities  
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Ron,

Thank you for your assistance with our recent easement dilemma. Without the prompt and courteous action of your employees, we could not have satisfactorily resolved our problem and our buyer would have been very unhappy. Floyd Fortenberry, Linda Judice, Pam Webb and Mike Judice were all very helpful, along with several others who were "behind the scenes."

It is so seldom that we remember to thank our public utilities. I hope that this letter will serve as a long overdue thank you.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
H.T. Nordstrom  
Owner/Broker  
Nordstrom & Associates Inc.

## Drops installed

Mr. Alvin Dragg  
Gulf States Utilities  
Gonzales, Louisiana

Dear Bully,

Thank you for your cooperation and support in working with the Ascension Parish Junior Livestock Show. Your willingness to assist in community projects such as this is greatly appreciated.

Without the help and assistance of the bucket truck, it would be impossible to put up and take down the electrical drops that we use during the livestock show.

Again, thanks for your cooperation and support during the livestock show.

Sincerely,  
Bill Davis  
County Agent  
Ascension Parish

**Editor's Note:** Johnny Prejean, serviceman-1st class, installed and removed the electrical drops.

## Employees generous

Mr. James Moss  
Gulf States Utilities  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Jim,

On behalf of my women's Sunday school class at Broadmoor Baptist Church, I want to thank all of those in the Gas Service Department who so generously gave of their time and ability to

help one of our less-fortunate Baton Rouge families. More specifically, we understood that Harold Crisler personally responded to the need by donating the gas stove which this family so desperately needed. To him we are especially grateful.

It will interest you to know that this past Sunday afternoon, I dropped by unexpectedly to visit the family which received the stove. The mother wanted to show me the washing machine someone else had donated and repaired, which was already in use in the kitchen. When I went in, I saw the teenage daughter cleaning the stove. Just the care which was being given showed me the appreciation and pride this family feels.

It is a marvelous community which responds to needs. You at Gulf States have once again exemplified this community spirit by showing how much you care.

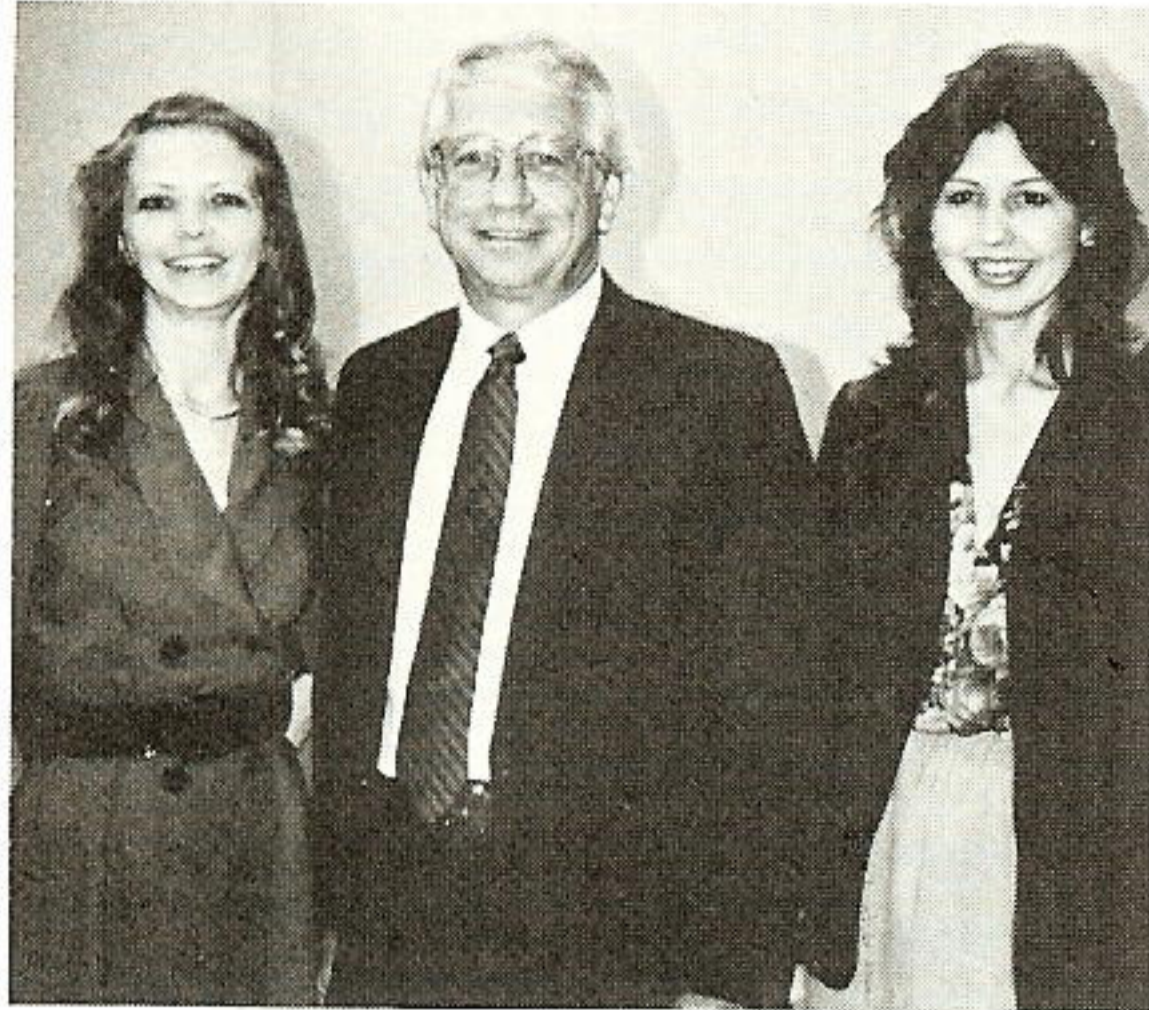
Jim, please share my class's thoughts and prayers of thanks to all who so graciously assisted with this effort which has given this family a sense of caring and a glimmer of hope!

Most sincerely,  
Bobbie Scull

## THE COVER

Thirty-one familiar words will unite Americans across the nation as they simultaneously recite the pledge to the flag on June 14 at 6 p.m. CDT. Patriotic ceremonies of many kinds will mark the day designated as Flag Day but "Pause for the Pledge" is one way any American can join in the celebration.

Read more about Flag Day and the "Pause for the Pledge" campaign on page 19.



*From left, Barbara Penry, Bill Heaner and Lynn Dore.*

## Heaner serves on legal panel

Bill Heaner Jr., GSU general attorney, was part of a three-person panel for the Mar. 18 meeting of the Southeast Texas Legal Assistants. The panel discussed the role of legal assistants in the corporate environment.

Two GSU employees, Barbara Penry and Lynn Dore, both legal assistants, are members of the organization.

Other panel members were O.J. Weber, partner in the law firm Mehaffy Weber Keith and Gonsoulin, and Chester Young, former judge in Jefferson County.

## Investments given for Thrift Plan

Investments made by the Thrift Plan during April 1985 covering employee deductions and company contributions through March 1985 included the purchase of 85,945 shares of common stock at a total cost of \$1,246,202.50. The average cost per share was \$14.50.

The trustee deposited \$338,206.69 in savings with First City National Bank of Beaumont and \$28,747.75 in guaranteed fixed income fund.

## Braziel completes utility course

Horace Braziel, equipment operator at Lewis Creek Station, completed the Principles of Public Utilities operations and management course recently. Braziel, a five-year veteran at GSU, received his certificate from Floyd T. Langlois, Lewis Creek plant superintendent.

The course covers the economics, organization, management and regulation of public utilities.



*Horace Braziel, left, receives congratulations from Floyd Langlois.*

## GSU receives safety awards

Employees of Gulf States received eight safety achievement awards presented at the recent Southwest Electric Safety Exchange Conference held in Longview, Texas.

One of the awards, an award of honor, was given to the employees of River Bend Station for over 2,000,000 manhours worked without a lost-time accident.

The other seven awards were awards of merit, which represent over 1,000,000 manhours worked without a lost-time accident. These awards were earned by the following: Baton Rouge Division, Lake Charles Division, Beaumont Division, Sabine

Station, Neches Station, Willow Glen Station and Gulf States Utilities as a company.

Gulf States was the leading recipient of safety awards among the 20 utilities represented at the SWESE conference.

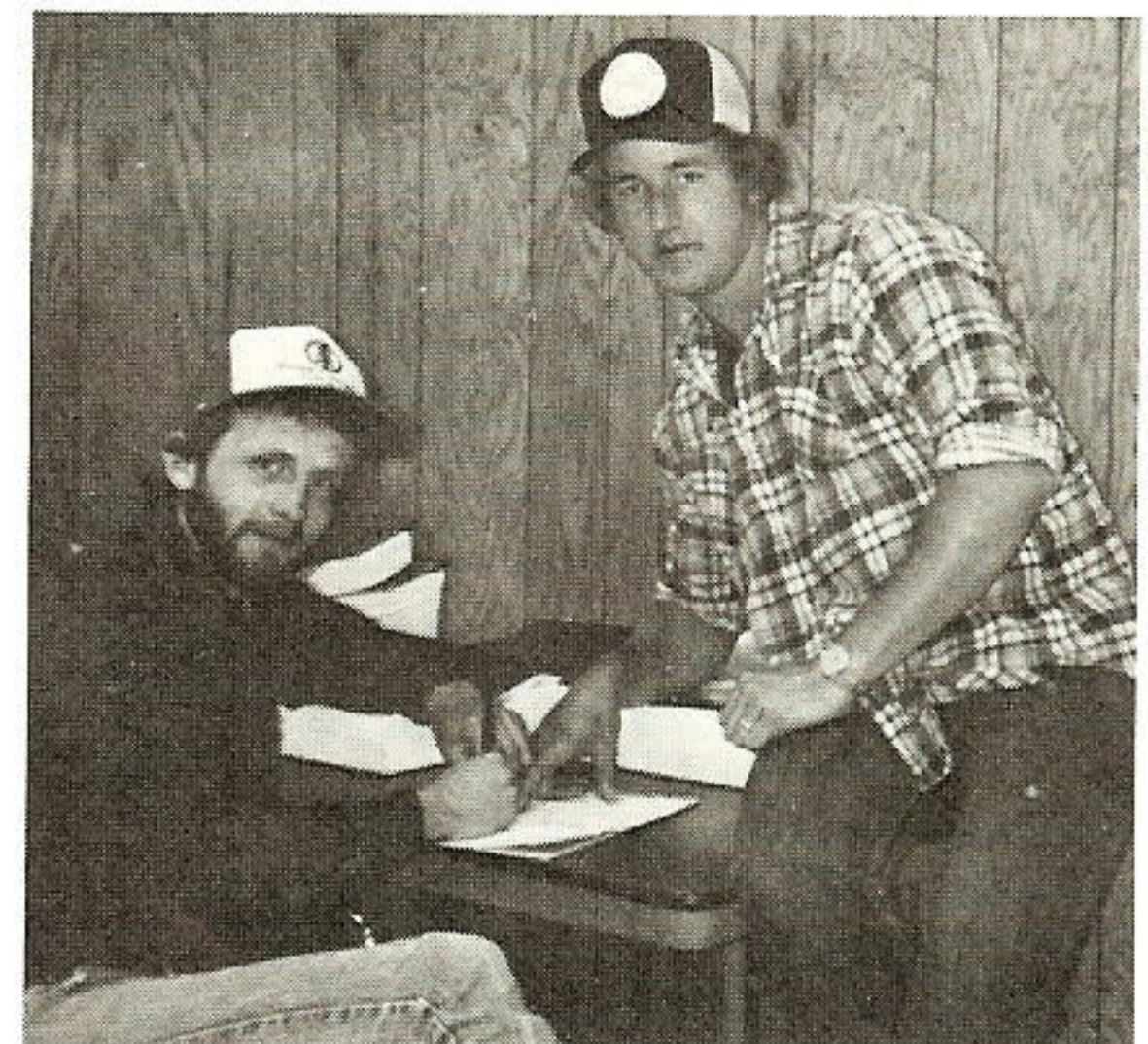
According to Ray Thompson, safety coordinator, "Congratulations are in order to all employees for achieving these awards. The awards represent the safety awareness that exists among all employees of our company."

## Drive increases employee participation

Kevin Gauthreaux, Ottie Walker and Eugene Wallace spearheaded a drive at Nelson Coal for employee participation in Project CARE and enrolled nearly 80 percent of the plant's employees. Their efforts resulted in increased participation at the plant of nearly 30 percent over 1984.

The three men who headed up the Nelson Coal drive also work at the plant. Gauthreaux is a test technician-1st class; Walker is an electrician-1st class; and Wallace is a control operator.

Bob Mayo, Lake Charles Marketing and Consumer Services, kicked off the annual drive Mar. 19. GSU employees may contribute to Project CARE through a payroll deduction plan.



*Randy Welch, left, signs up to contribute to Project CARE while Kevin Gauthreaux watches.*

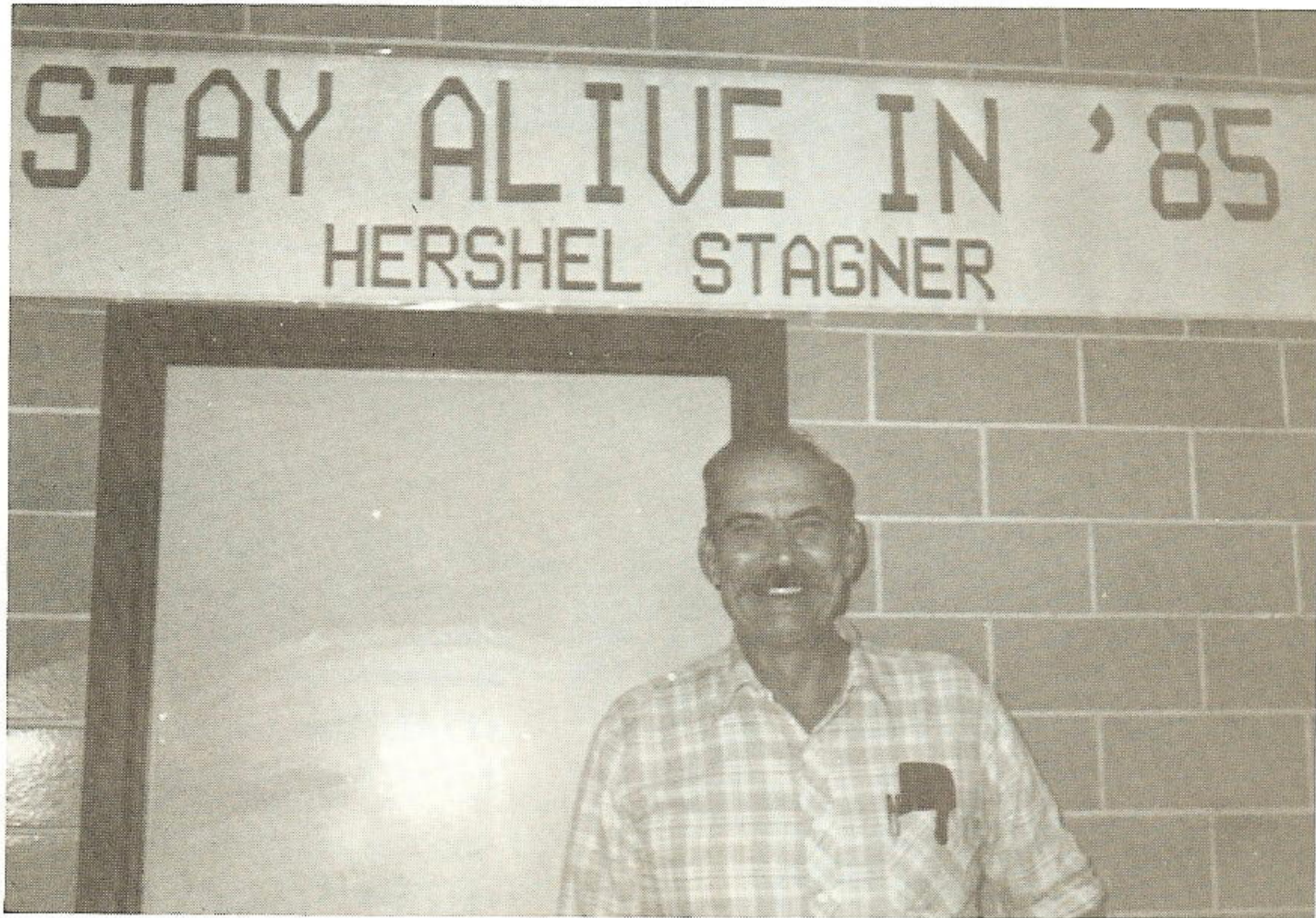
## Safety slogans:

# Contests show awareness

by Mike Rodgers

Most Gulf States divisions are holding safety slogan contests in 1985, some on a monthly basis, others choosing one slogan for the entire year. Contests are either held on the district or division level, with prizes ranging from a free dinner for two, the parking place of the employee's choice for a month, to \$50 worth of safety points.

Although the arrangements and rewards may differ, there are two common threads throughout GSU — the competition is keen and Gulf States employees are a very creative group of people. *Plain Talks* correspondents sent photos of some recent winners.



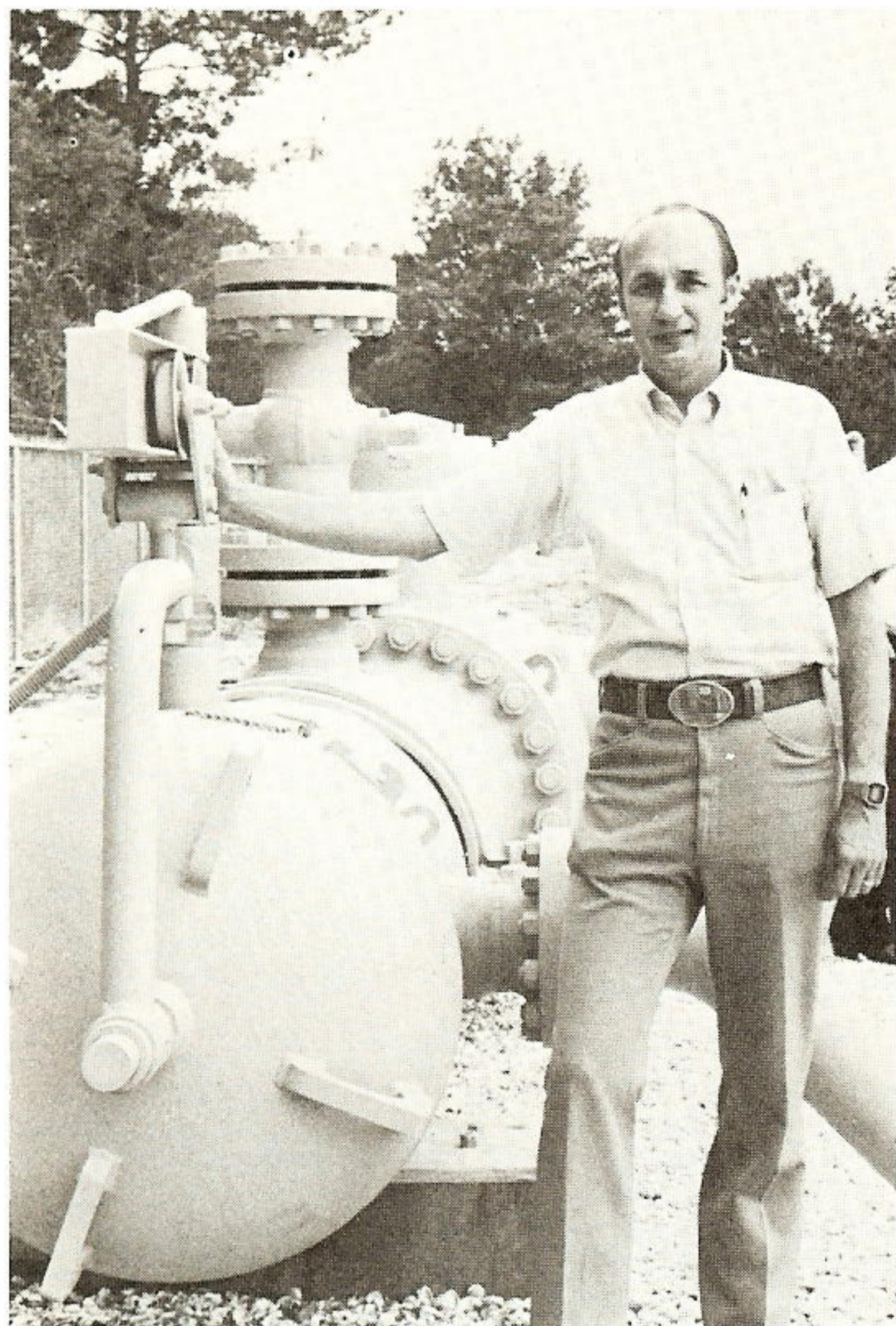
*Hershel Stagner, assistant line supervisor in Orange, stands proudly in front of his March safety slogan on display in the office.*



*Pam Nunez stands by the reserved parking space which was hers for one month after her safety slogan was selected the winner at Sabine Station. Nunez, a departmental clerk, submitted the slogan "Safety doesn't hurt anyone."*



*Delbert Zimmerly, (right) operating superintendent in Lake Charles, congratulates Emmanuel Thomas, engineering assistant-T&D, for his winning safety slogan "Do you realize that your safety is largely in your own hands?" Thomas was awarded a reserved parking space and dinner for two.*



**Above:** As a unit supervisor at Sabine, O.V. McNeil enters commands onto this terminal to activate the fiber optics control signal. As a result, valves are opened and closed from as far away as nine miles.

**At left:** Tom Crowe stands at the northernmost end of Sabine Station's new nine-mile pipeline.

## Sabine signals with fiber optics

by Susan Gilley

Recent pipeline construction at Sabine Station has increased the flexibility of the plant's gas supply system — but with a significant difference from other GSU power plants.

At Sabine, fiber optics — or the use of transparent fibers to control signals using pulses of light — enables remote control of the gas valves at six of the eight supplier stations now serving the plant, explains Tom Crowe, director-electrical/I&C engineering. The other two supplier stations are controlled by normal wiring.

Remote control of the valves is important because, although the pipeline stretches for nine miles, if an employee were to manually turn on the valves, that person would have to follow a meandering road route that covers about 18 miles. In a layman's terms, fiber optics enable a plant operator to enter a command on a computer display terminal, which in turn sends an impulse through the fiber optics cable to

the supplier station, where the valve is turned on.

"The nine-mile pipeline at Sabine was built alongside the existing transmission line right-of-way. That made construction work easier, but it created a problem in carrying a control signal," Crowe notes.

A phenomena known as electromagnetic interference (EMI) makes the high-voltage transmission lines cause interference in copper signal lines. Since EMI does not affect glass, GSU selected the fiber optics option.

GSU prepared for the end of the long-term Exxon contract on Jan. 1 by building multiple pipelines for different gas systems at several plants — a move that allows the company to choose from among several potential suppliers of natural gas. Since the pipelines at the other plants did not run alongside transmission lines, those plants did not have to deal with the EMI problem.

The actual pipelines were installed by contractors, but GSU

employees handled the installation of the overhead fiber optic cable at Sabine. Crowe explains, "We're not in the business of laying pipeline, but we are in the business of stringing wire."

Line crews from Beaumont and Port Arthur divisions began stringing the cable from opposite ends of the pipeline. They did this by suspending a steel messenger cable from brackets mounted on the 230-kv towers, then lashing the fiber optics cable to the messenger cable, Crowe continues. At each gas supplier metering station, the fiber optics cable was brought down from the towers in PVC conduit, which was run underground to the local microprocessor.

A specialty firm from Boston, Mass., performed the intricate task of fusing the cables together at 12 splice points along the way.

"The main thing that is unique about this system," says Crowe, "is the distance involved. Most computerized power plant controls cover 500 to 1,000 feet. At Sabine, they may control a station as far away as 50,000 feet."

# GSU investments figure in retirement plans

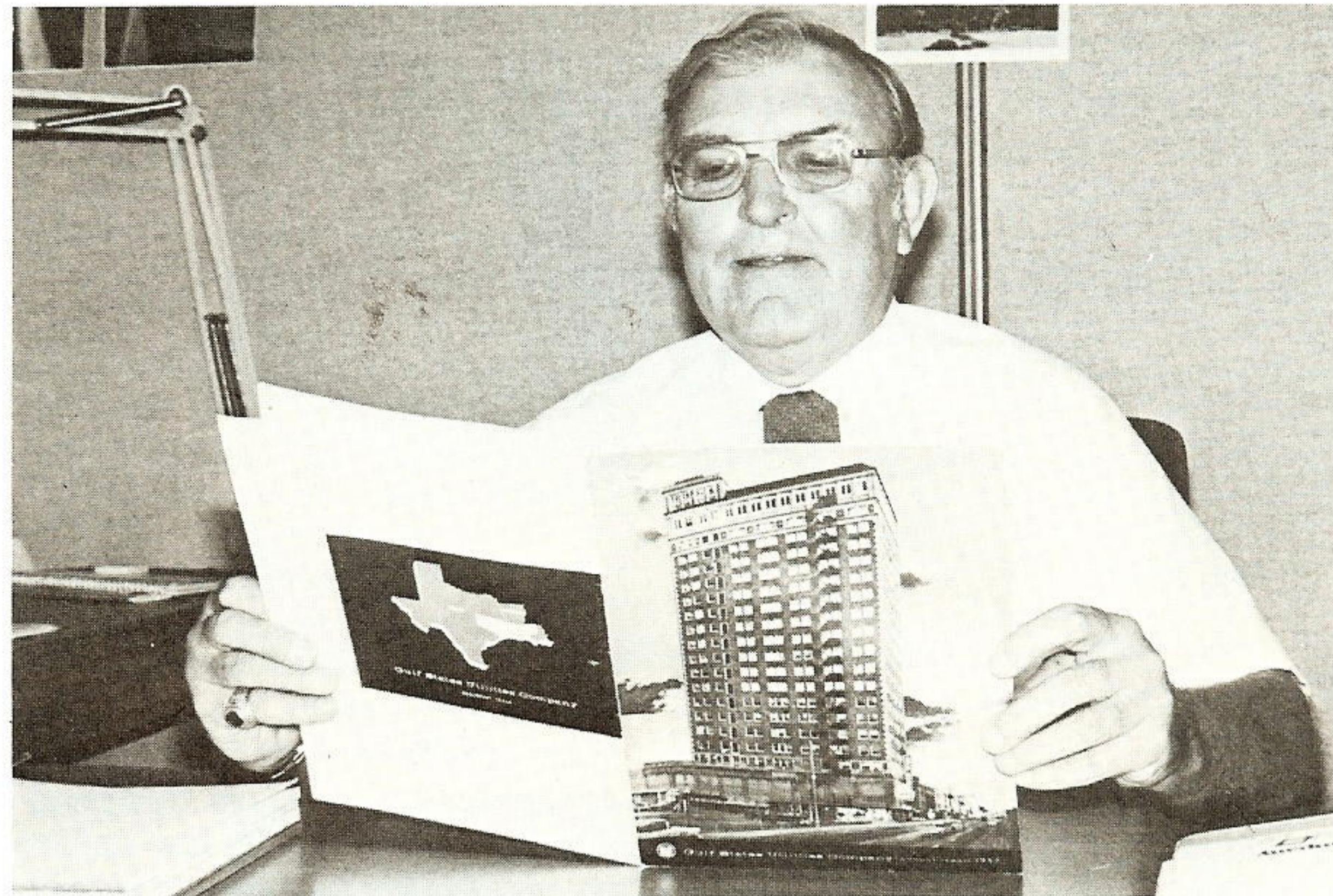
by Mike Rodgers

Every year, GSU's annual meeting draws hundreds of interested shareholders. This year's meeting, held May 2 in Edison Plaza, was no different, as shareholders voted on business matters and heard Board Chairman Dr. Paul Murrill speak on the year ahead for the company.

Many Gulf Staters own company stock and, for two long-time employees, investing in GSU is a tradition. Muriel Smiley, senior engineering assistant, started working for Gulf States in 1952 and joined the Thrift Plan in 1957, when it was first offered. "I'm not a very good saver," she says, "so if it's invested before I have it, I don't miss it."

Since those early days, Smiley has participated in ESOP, TRASOP and PAYSOP and now owns over 2,000 shares of GSU stock. "It was really something when the program was started in the '50s. Many people like me started out with savings and later moved over to buying stock," Smiley remembers. She began by setting aside 2 percent of her earnings and eventually worked her way up to the 6 percent maximum. "It will help me toward a more productive retirement," she adds.

Hal Tierney, who came on board Gulf States 31 years ago, shares a similar philosophy of saving. Tierney, supervisor of administration in the Financial Services Department, has taken part in every employee benefit



Hal Tierney, a GSU investor, reviews a 1957 annual report.

program offered by the company. Like Smiley, he is very interested in the annual meeting and tracks the course of GSU stock on the market. He notes, "This is all geared toward the time when I retire. I want to have a comfortable retirement and these investments are definitely worthwhile."

Today, Tierney has purchased over 1,000 shares of company stock, emphasizing that "the rainy days are going to come, and this is a good way for me to force myself to save." Thinking about these and other reasons for setting money aside, Tierney recalls, "My father taught me that it's not how much money you make, but how you manage money. You must make it work for you."



Muriel Smiley says her GSU investments will bring her a "more productive retirement."



GSU Secretary Ann Cobb (seated left) and President Norman Lee listen as Board Chairman Paul Murrill addresses the shareholders meeting.

# Fingerprinting drive draws GSU volunteers

by Susan Gilley

A desire to "feel like I'm helping" prompted several GSU employees to join in a child fingerprinting effort in southeast Texas in late April and early May.

The effort was co-sponsored by Port Arthur's Channel 4 Television, area Safeway grocery stores and Pepsi-Cola Co. It was part of a fingerprinting trend throughout the nation designed to make it easier for law enforcement officials to recover missing children.

Pauline Phillips, records associate, and Rachel Tomberlin, clerk, were two Beaumont employees who helped out in a north Beaumont Safeway store on Sunday, April 28.

Phillips, the mother of two teenagers, comments, "It's sad to think that parents are reduced to fingerprinting their children, but I think it's wonderful that

there is a system for locating lost children. When I was growing up, we associated fingerprinting with criminals who were going to jail."

Children who were fingerprinted the day the two women helped ranged in age from 2 weeks to older teens. Each was measured, weighed, fingerprinted and photographed.

Since palm prints are made of children age 3 and younger, they should be fingerprinted yearly for the most accurate records. Older children, whose hands are still changing, should be fingerprinted every two or three years, Phillips explains.

Tomberlin, who has a 3-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter, volunteered to help because she felt that it would be "a rewarding experience." Her daughter has been fingerprinted and she intends to have her son fingerprinted soon.



Pauline Phillips (right) greets 3-year-old Katherine Campbell.



A Jefferson County sheriff's deputy fingerprints Katherine's sister, 6-year-old Victoria Christina Campbell.



Rachel Tomberlin uses a special handcleaning compound to remove the ink from Katherine's palms and fingers.

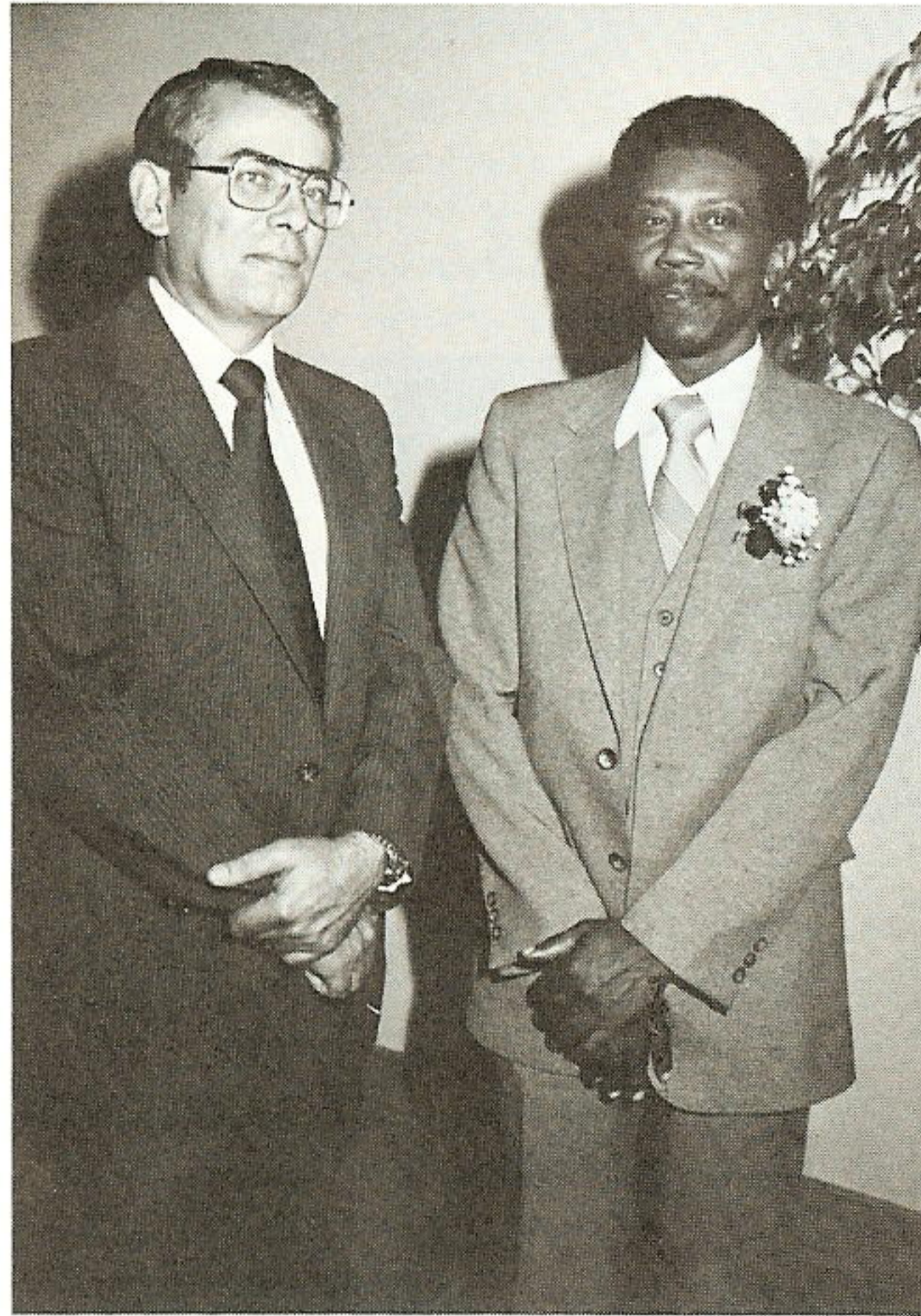


# Lake Charles Division

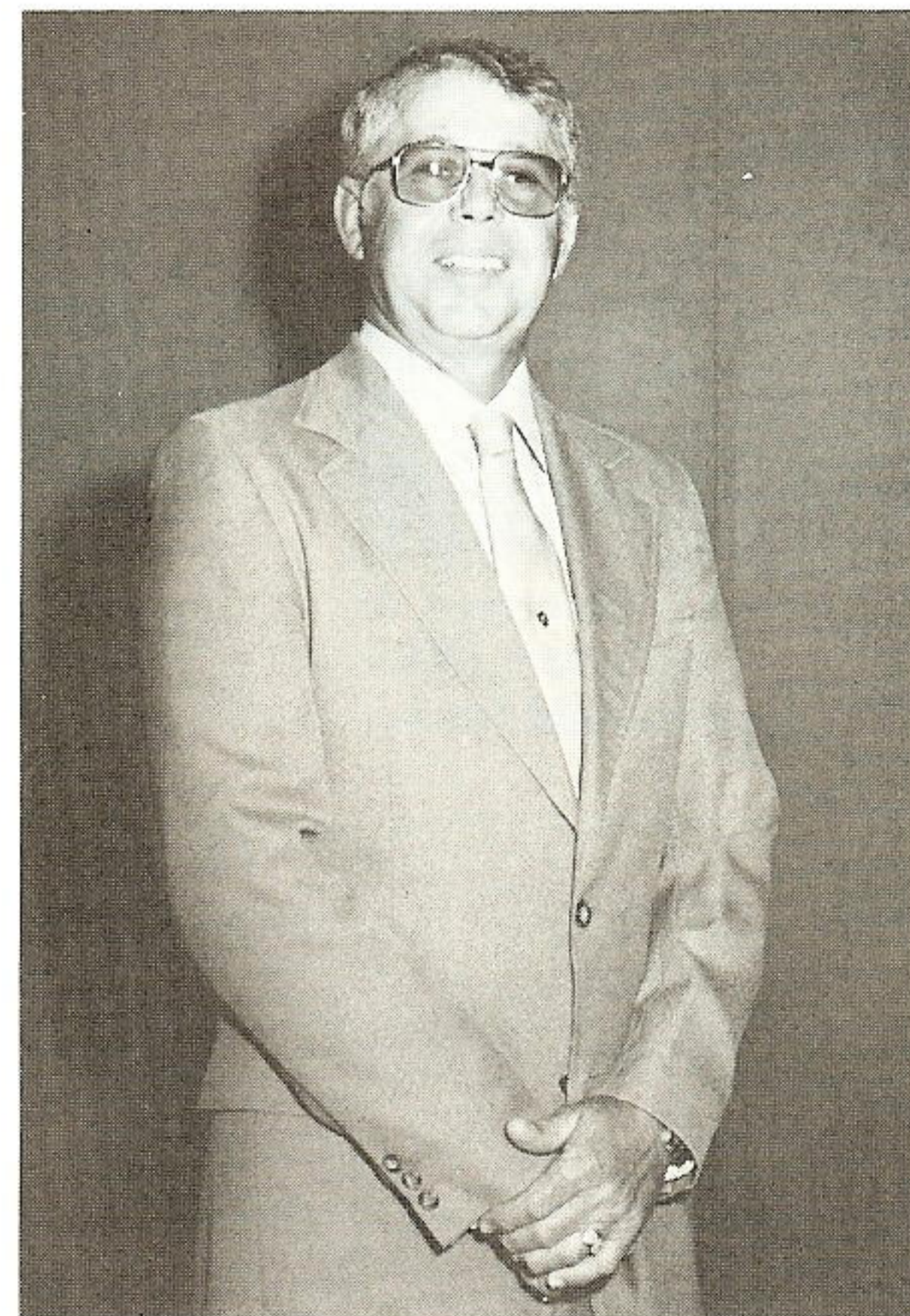
# Port Arthur Division



30 years: (from left) Gene B. Mullin, Harry Henry and Ray J. Cormier.



20 years: Port Arthur Division Vice President Ronald M. McKenzie and John H.C. Joseph.



20 years: Douglas J. Taylor.

# 1985 Service Awards Banquets



10 years: Barbara Broussard, McKenzie and Beulah Bond.



10 years: (from left) Billy R. Locke, Ruth Moreau and Kerney Briscoe.

# 1985 Service Awards Banquets

## System



**40 years:** Leonora O'Neal Masterson, Mildred Tribble and GSU President Norman Lee. Mrs. Masterson, a former GSU employee, was responsible for Tribble's being employed by GSU 40 years ago.



**30 years:** (left to right) Executive Vice President-Operations Edward M. Loggins, John Scott, Frances Engelbrecht, Richard Smith, Hal Tierney, Executive Vice President-Administrative and Technical Services Joseph E. Bondurant and Executive Vice President-Finance Joseph L. Donnelly.

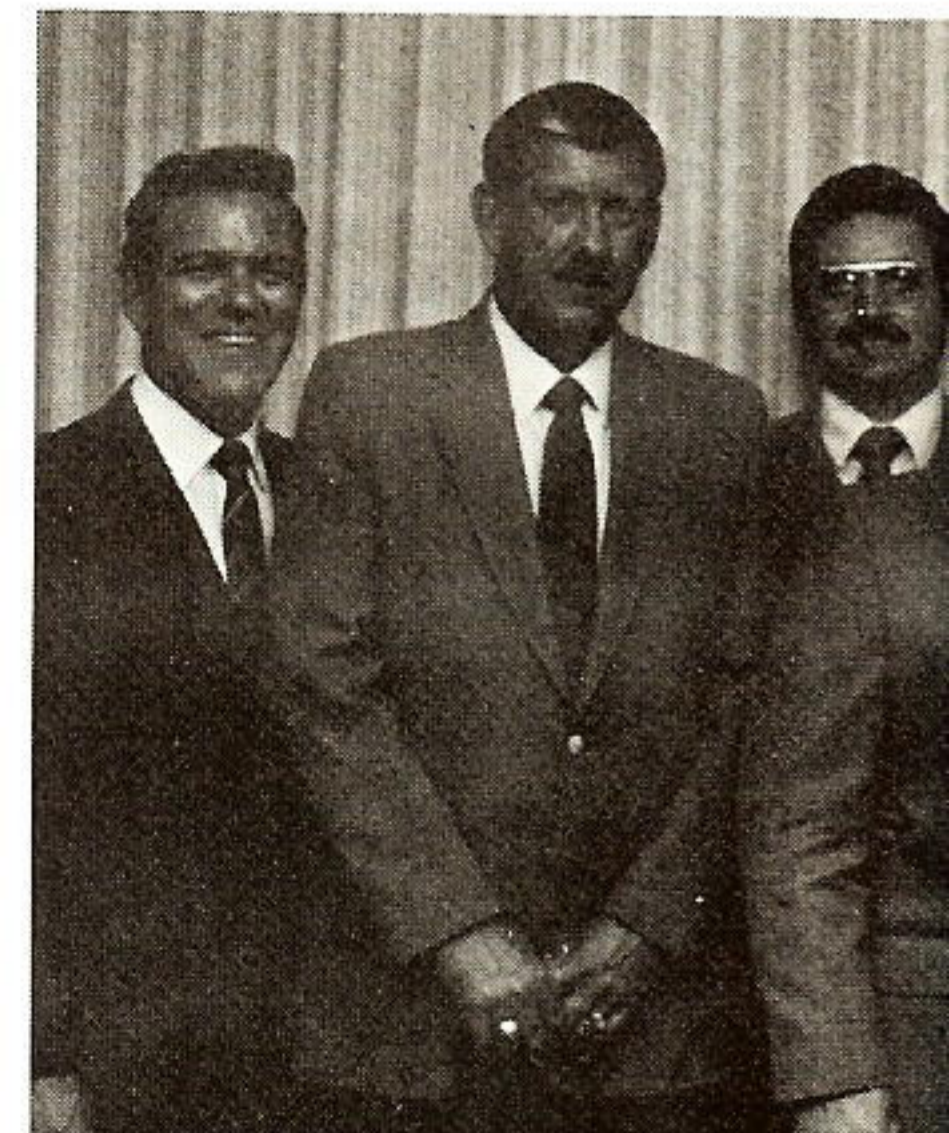


**20 years:** (left to right) Donnelly, Loggins, JoAnn Smith, Tom Crowe, Rob Phelps and Bondurant.

## Western Division



**30 years:** (left to right) Western Division Vice President John Conley, Melvin Feagin, Charles W. Jones, Bobby Stout, Clarence Griffin, Larry Hard, Gene Brown, John Petitjean and GSU President Norman Lee.



**20 years:** (from left) Conley, R. Les Odom, Larry Madden, L.



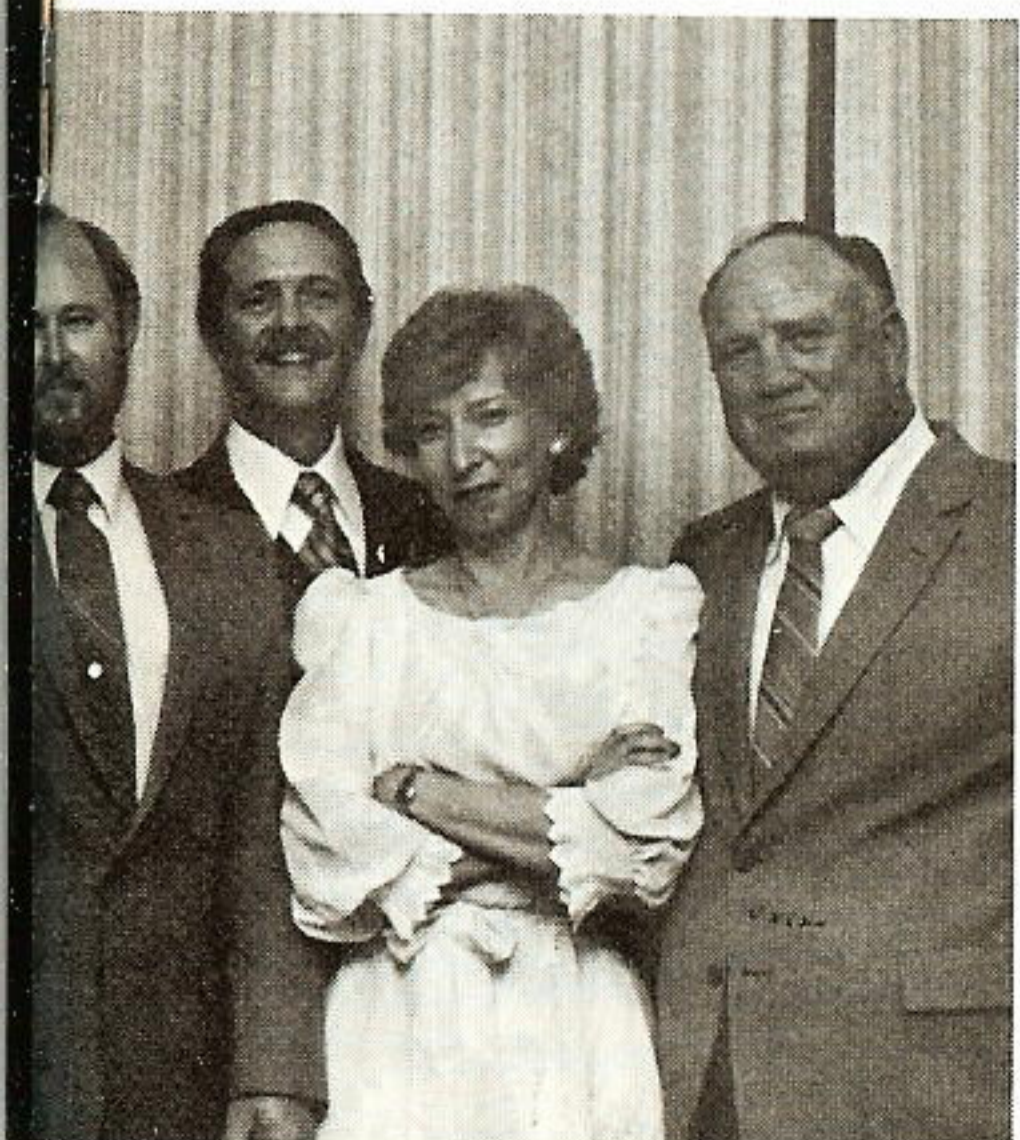
**10 years:** (front row, from left) Emma August, Bettie Bibb, Horace Brown, Minion Bean, Pam Dattalo and Bondurant. Back row, from left, Ron Ciesiel, Donnelly, Loggins, James Cook and John Damond.



**10 years:** (left to right) Lesley England, Rebecca England, Donnelly, Randy Harless, Carl Heubach, Loggins, Gloria Johnson, Guy Manning, Opel Meyers, and Bondurant.



**10 years:** (left to right) Patty Renfro, Donnelly, David Smith, Loggins, Stella Smith, Joyce Viltz, Franz Von Netzer, Nolan Walker, Harrell Wise and Bondurant.



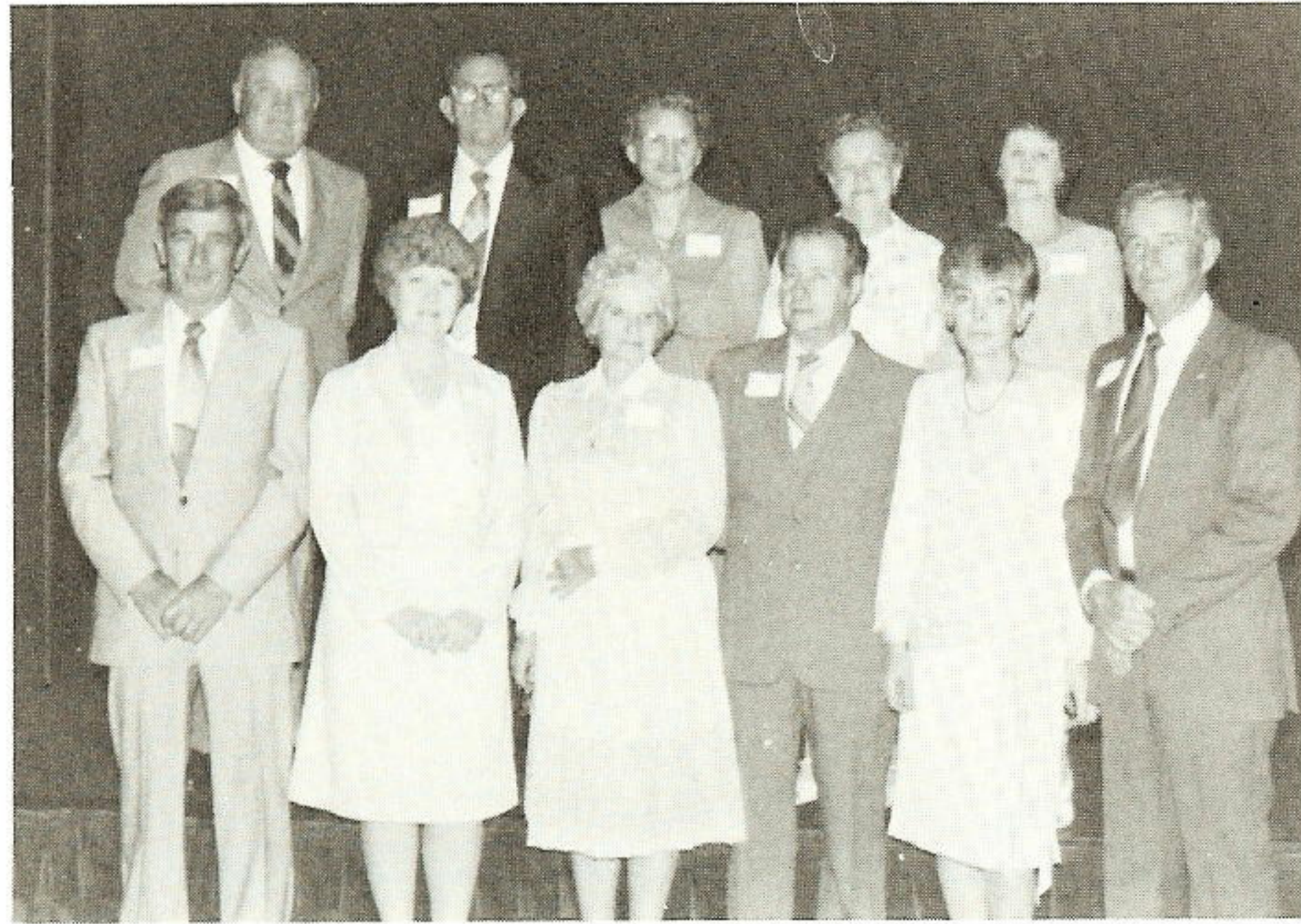
mond Snow, Barney Neal, Jones and Lee.



**10 years:** (left to right) Conley, Carroll Davis, Doris Harts and Lee.

# 1985 Service Awards Banquets

## Baton Rouge Division



**40 years:** (front row, from left) Sonny and Emily Braud, Libby and Don Voyles, Carolyn and Ernest Kelly. Back row, from left, GSU President Norman Lee, Steve and Dorothy Oliphint, Agnes Clayton and Virginia Harrison.



**30 years:** (front row, from left) Lee, Murphy Gautreau, Robert Didier, John Eaphrom and Van Hereford. Back row, from left, Leroy Collins, Felton Kelly, Ike Jefferson and Bateman Rabalais.



**30 years:** (front row, from left) Lee, Earl Broussard, James Stewart, John Aime and John Conn. Back row, from left, Clarence Patin, C.C. Kador, Donald Gascon, Nolan Daigle and Tom Clayton.

## Beaumont Division



**40 years:** Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Cowart and Beaumont Division Vice President Arden D. Loughmiller.



**30 years:** (left to right) Emmitt C. Van Eman, Bervick A. Stagg, Viva B. Parkhurst, Basil B. Jackson, Joyce O. Smith, Edward L. Hegwood Jr., James L. Davis, Joel B. Thompson and Loughmiller.



**20 years:** (from left) Lee, Gerald Favaron and Bill Boyd.



**10 years:** (from left) Lee, Maxie Fair, Tam James, Katie McNabb, Mary Smith and Carolyn Sumrall. Back row, from left, Wayne Dozier, James Washington, Bobby McCarley and Mike Fountain.



**20 years:** (left to right) Glenn A. Tarver, Edward R. Barton, Myrle S. Johnson and Loughmiller.



**10 years:** (front row, from left) Lee, Albert Dotch, Vincent Donellan, Dennis Bates and John Ball. Back row, from left, Jesse Marchesseault, Malcolm Gauthier, Bill Johnson and Barry Hills.



**10 years:** (left to right) Howard J. Trahan Jr., George Tolliver, Fred R. Rodgers, Walter L. Roberts Jr., Audrey B. McDonald, Steven D. Recla, Shirley F. Kennedy, Glen J. Hayes, Michael L. Leach, Johnny L. Langton, Johnny L. Page and Loughmiller.

# RETIREE UPDATE



*Albert Baird grew this odd-shaped sweet potato.*

## Retiree visits service center

When retiree Albert Baird visited his friends at the Beaumont Service Center, he brought an unusual specimen from his garden — a sweet potato that looks remarkably like a swimming duck.

Baird and his wife, Merle, now live in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Retired since 1979, Baird says that retirement provides plenty of time to tend his vegetable garden and fruit orchard.



*Mike Case, Mrs. Harold Doyle, Harold Doyle and Dale Karaff at Doyle's retirement party.*

## Doyle retires after 36 years

Harold Doyle, who retired Feb. 1 from Neches Station, was given a retirement party honoring his 36 years with Gulf States.

Doyle, an insulator-1st class prior to his retirement, was presented with a plaque and other gifts at the party.

## Zahns celebrate 50th anniversary

Myrtle Lauder married Henry Zahn in Dallas, on May 19, 1935. Fifty years later, their family and friends celebrated at an afternoon reception held at the Winnie-Stowell Community Building. Hosts for the party were the Zahns' children, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Adams, and grandchildren, Ross, Madilene and Wyatt Adams, all of Grand Prairie.

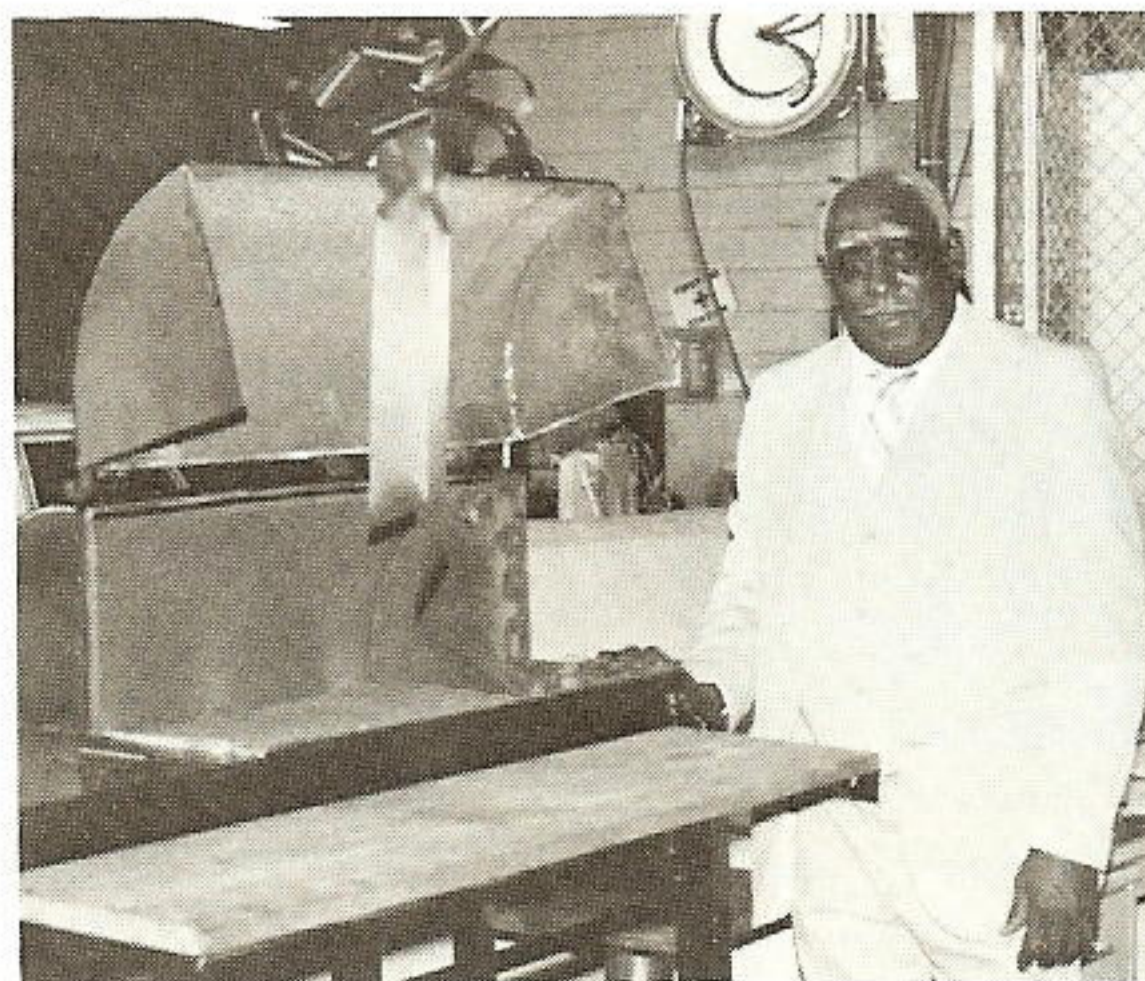


*Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Zahn*

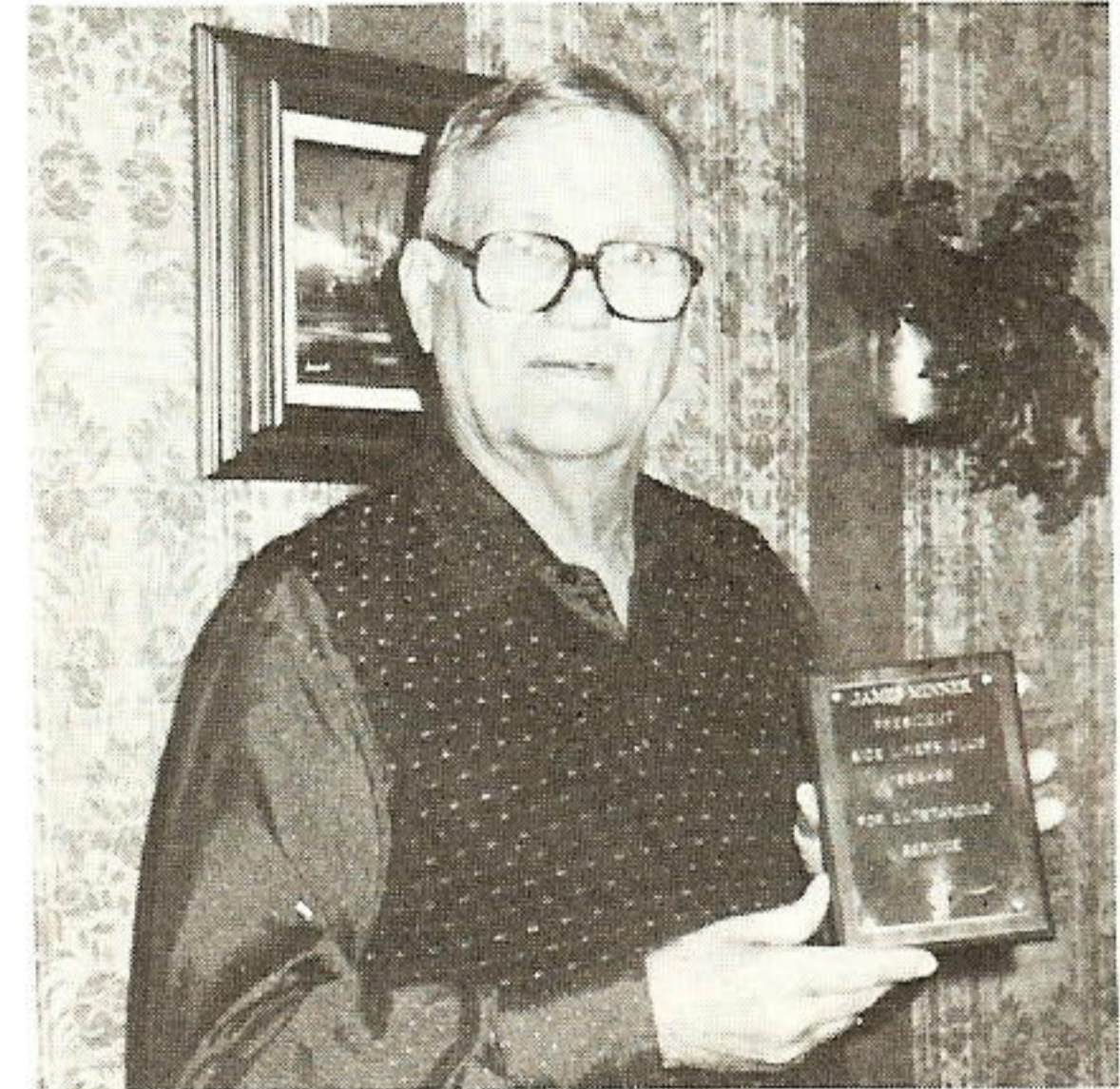
## Friends mark Mason's retirement

Clarence Mason's friends wanted to give him a retirement gift that "would keep him busy." Knowing he liked to barbecue, they presented him with a barbecue pit when he retired last December.

Mason worked for GSU nearly 36 years before retiring.



*Clarence O. Mason and his new barbecue pit.*



*Jim Minner displays his plaque.*

## Minner receives special plaque

Jim Minner, president of the Port Arthur Sideliners, received a plaque for his contributions to the group. Myrtle Boutte, a past president of the group, made the presentation at the January meeting. Minner is serving his second year as club president.



*Nick Parrino*

## Parrino retires with 33 years

Nick Parrino's family and friends gathered at the Louisiana Station assembly hall on Mar. 28 to celebrate his retirement. Parrino, who started his 33-year career with GSU as a meter reader at the North Boulevard office, retired May 1. Prior to his retirement, he was a laboratory assistant.

## Golf tourney held at Wildwood

The team of E.L. LeFloor, Selete LeFloor, Ray Pace and Dale Pace turned in an 8-under-par score of 64 to take first place in an employee golf tournament held April 13. According to tournament organizer Kenneth Simmons, the winning team received gift certificates.

Others placing in the Florida scramble competition were:

— Second place: Cal Landry, Wayne Darcey, Robert Callaway and Dean Miller.

— Third place: Rick Heider, Alan Spencer, Charles Collier and Matt Raven.

— Fourth place: Mark Van Zandt, Kenneth Simmons and Buddy Landry.

— Fifth place: George McCollough, John Tarver, J.R. Wheeler and Linda Wheeler.

— Closest to hole: G. Bailey and Ken Sandberg.

— Women's long-distance drive: Lynette Spafford.

Simmons notes GSUers Mary Jane Fournier, Sheila Johnson and Leah McBride were on hand to serve barbecue after the tournament.

## Perkins moves to River Bend

Jacque Perkins, who recently transferred to River Bend Station, was honored by her friends at a luncheon.

Perkins, who was a secretary in Beaumont's Materials Management, also received a gold chain from her former co-workers.



From left, Jacque Perkins, George McCollough and Carliss Jones.



Christi Greenwood

## Contest spells success for student

Christi Greenwood correctly spelled "indomitable" and "ineludible" to win the *Beaumont Enterprise* Junior Spelling Bee for third, fourth and fifth grade students. The Orangefield Jr. High fifth-grade student received a Commodore 64 home computer for winning the April 22 competition.

Her mother, Debbie Stagg, is an associate system analyst in Beaumont Computer Applications. She says Christi has studied word lists containing a total of 765 words since November to prepare for the contest.



ShaRhonda Nicole Smith

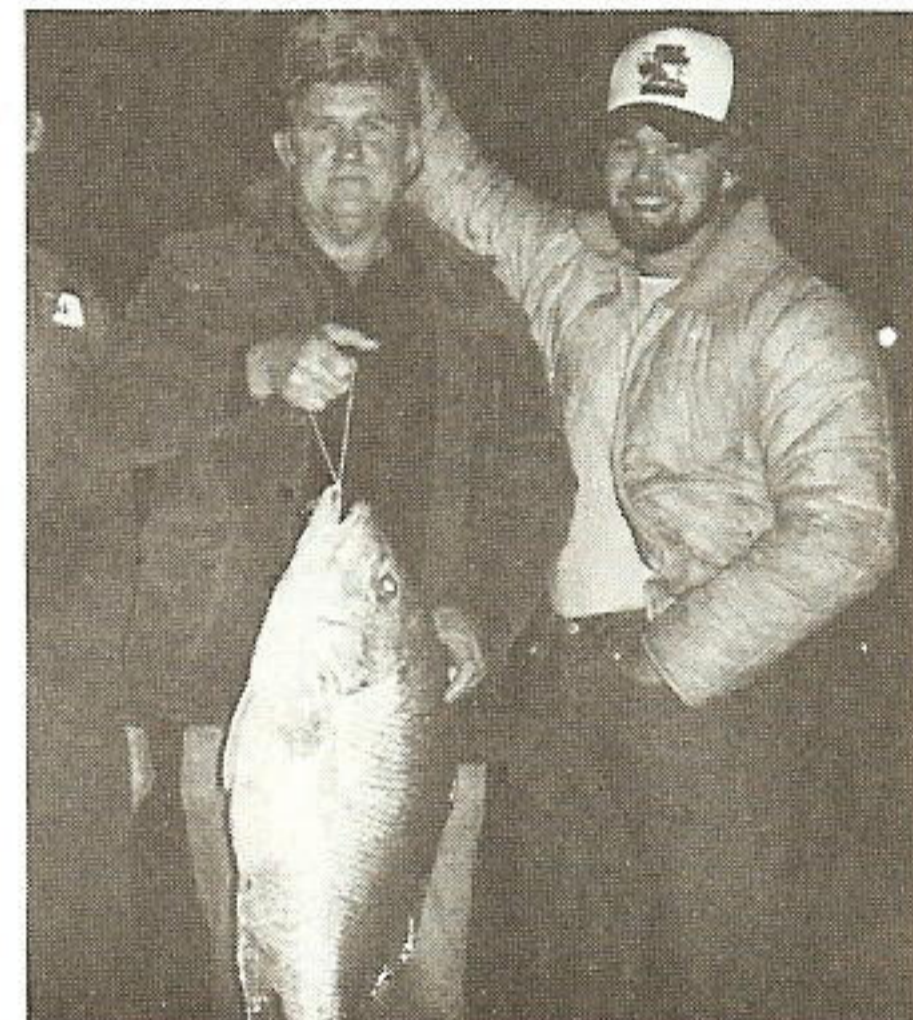
## Daughter joins Smith family

Phillip Smith is the proud new father of ShaRhonda Nicole, born Mar. 12. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces at birth.

The baby's father is a T&D helper in Lake Charles.

## Thompson wins bragging rights

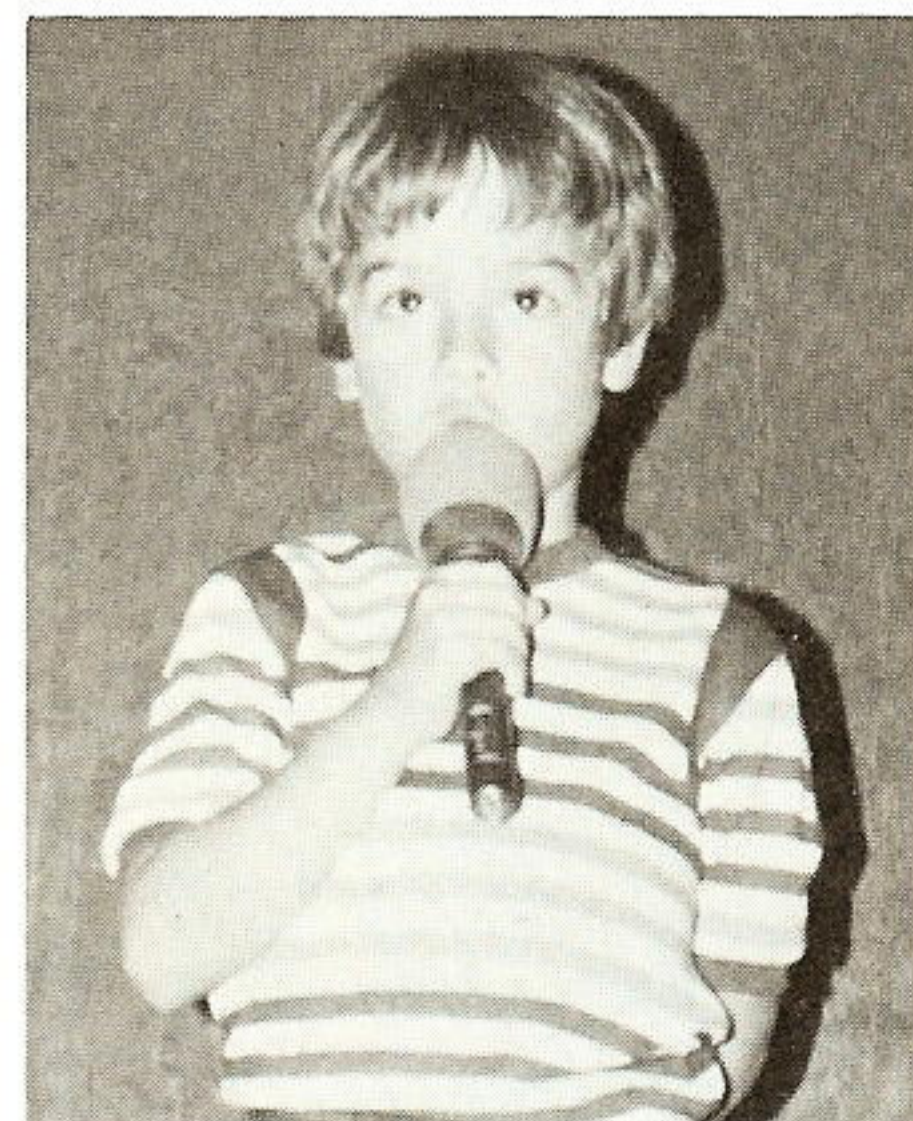
A GSUer came away with the big one at a deep-sea fishing expedition with about 30 Beaumont Division substation employees and friends. Ray Thompson, system safety coordinator, snagged a 25-pound red snapper and took the honors for both the largest fish and the largest red snapper. Other than one or two cases of seasickness, Thompson says everyone had a good time.



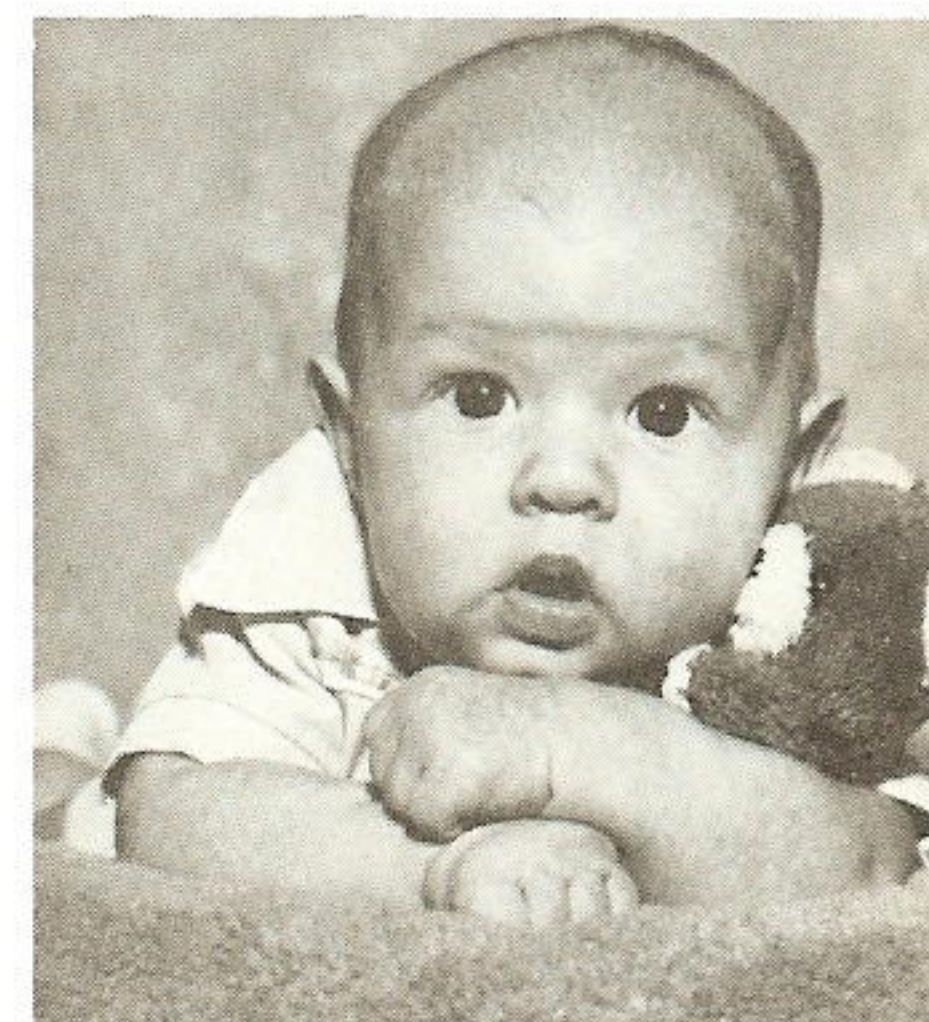
Ray Thompson, left, and son Mark, were among the GSU employees who went deep-sea fishing when the elder Thompson caught this 25-pound red snapper.

## Youth makes musical debut

Michael Nelson, a member of the Canaan Heirs Gospel group, performed his first concert in Houston, Texas recently. The 6-year-old youth is the son of Jo and Clint Lilley of Cleveland. His father is a meter reader for GSU.



Michael Nelson



Matthew Philip Dudley Moore

## Moore's add baby son

When Matthew Philip Dudley was born Jan. 25, he weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 21 3/4 inches.

His proud new parents are Maribeth and Larry Moore. The baby's mother is a storeroom foreman in Conroe.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reina of Conroe.

## Couple weds in Conroe

Cynthia Mendez and Richard W. Reina chose Mar. 30 as their wedding date. The couple was married at the First Christian Church in Conroe.

Cindy, a GSU employee for three years, is a PBX operator in the Conroe office.



Aaron Ross Holder

## Holder announces first child

When Aaron Ross Holder was born Feb. 15, he weighed in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20 3/4 inches. The new-born is the son of Jommy and Karen Holder of Beaumont.

The baby's father, who is coordinator-employee benefits in Human Resources, says that Aaron was six weeks old when this picture was taken.



Frances Engelbrecht adjusts Cynthia Mudd's graduation robe.

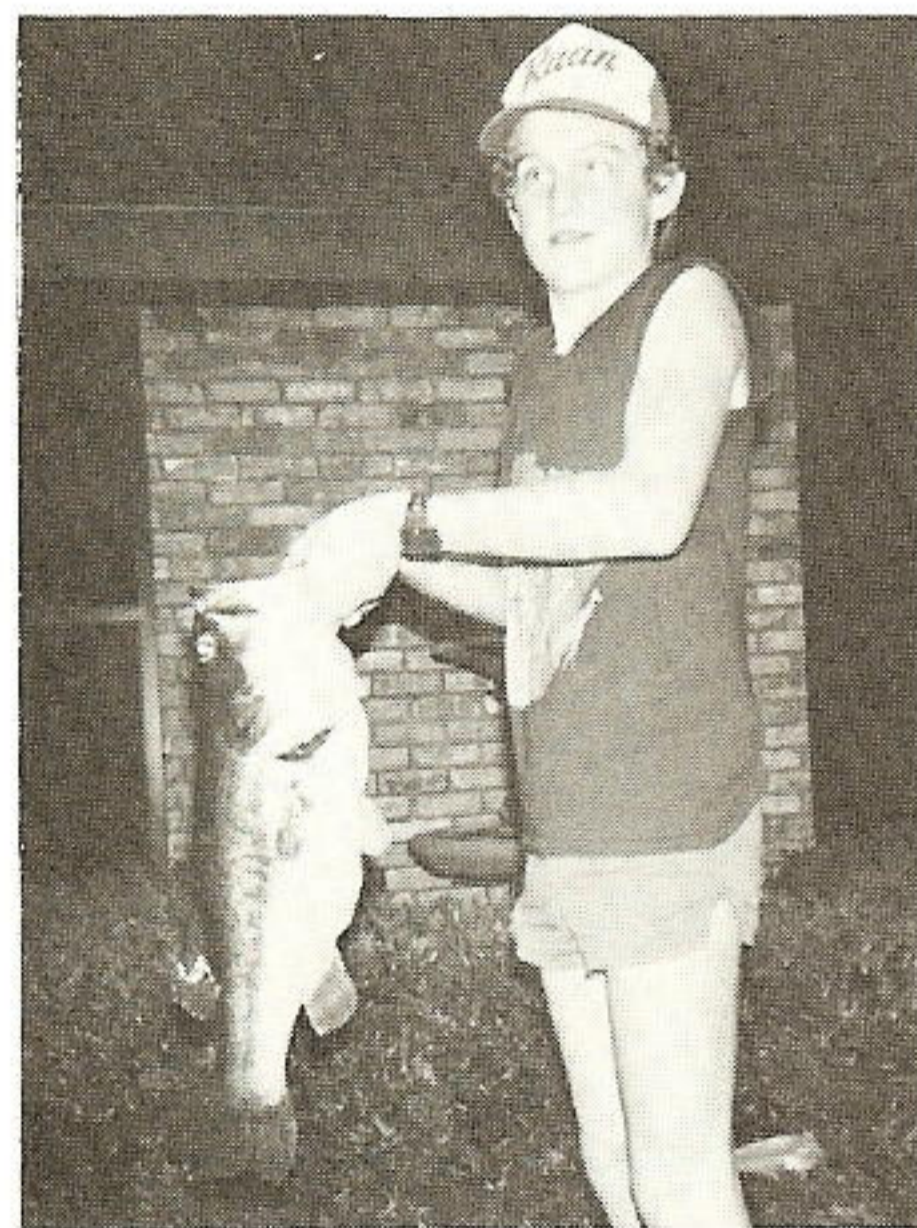
## Mudd earns master's degree

When Cynthia Mudd completed work on her master's degree in industrial psychology, her co-workers wanted to celebrate the occasion. Friends produced a graduation cap and gown for her to wear during a surprise party given for the event.

Mudd is an affirmative action specialist in Human Resources.

## Boy learns persistence pays

Ladell Paris of Moss Bluff finally caught the one that always got away. The son of Lake Charles T&D employee Roger Paris had spotted the elusive bass in the clear water of an old rice field near his home. But it wasn't until several days later that the 15-year-old student found just the right lure to reel in his eight-pound, one-ounce prize.



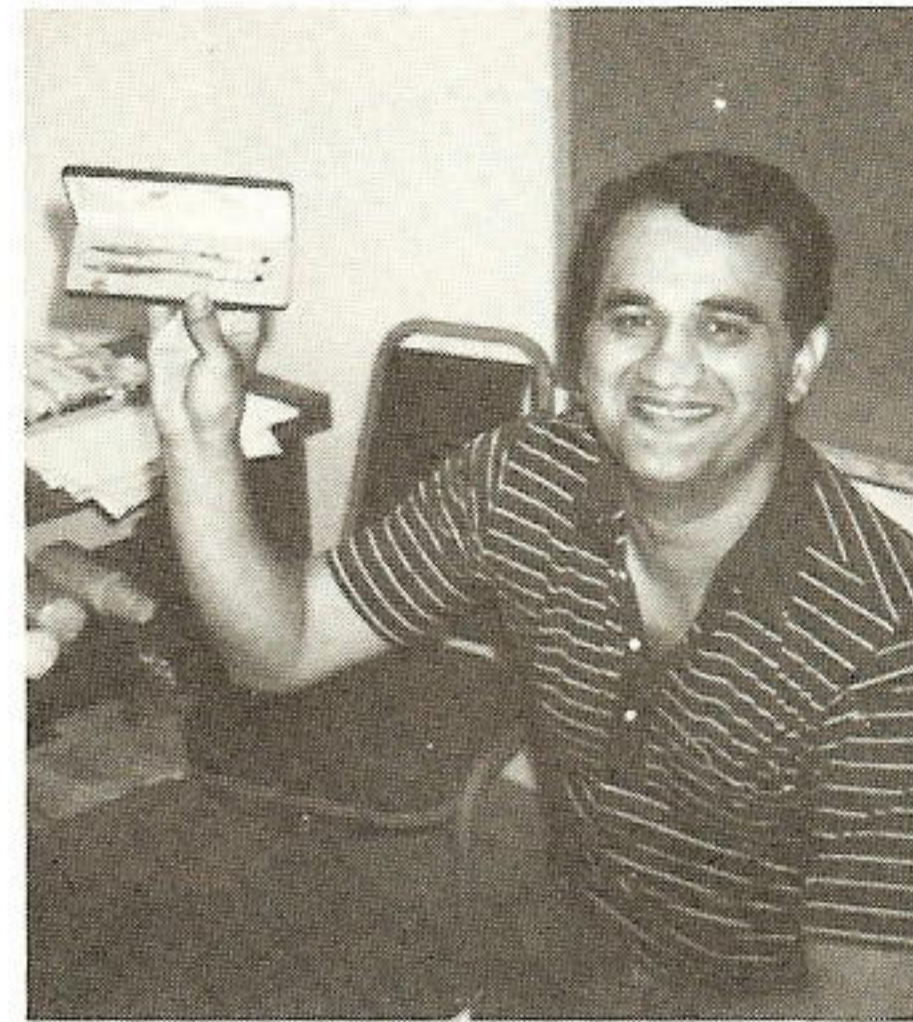
Ladell Paris displays his eight-pound, one-ounce bass.

## Employee receives special thanks

Kami D. Wright, an accounting clerk in Orange, was pleasantly surprised when she received a long-stem, red rose from a satisfied customer. The customer wanted to show her appreciation for the clerk's patience and help in solving a problem.



Kami D. Wright



Khosrow H. Moniri displays his gift from friends at the Choctaw Service Center.

## Engineer transfers to Sabine Station

Co-workers of Khosrow H. Moniri at the Choctaw Service Center gathered to bid him farewell when he transferred to Sabine Station.

According to *Plain Talks* correspondent Robby Zeringue, Moniri received a pen and pencil set from his former co-workers.



Ryan Edward Carr

## Carrs add Ryan Edward

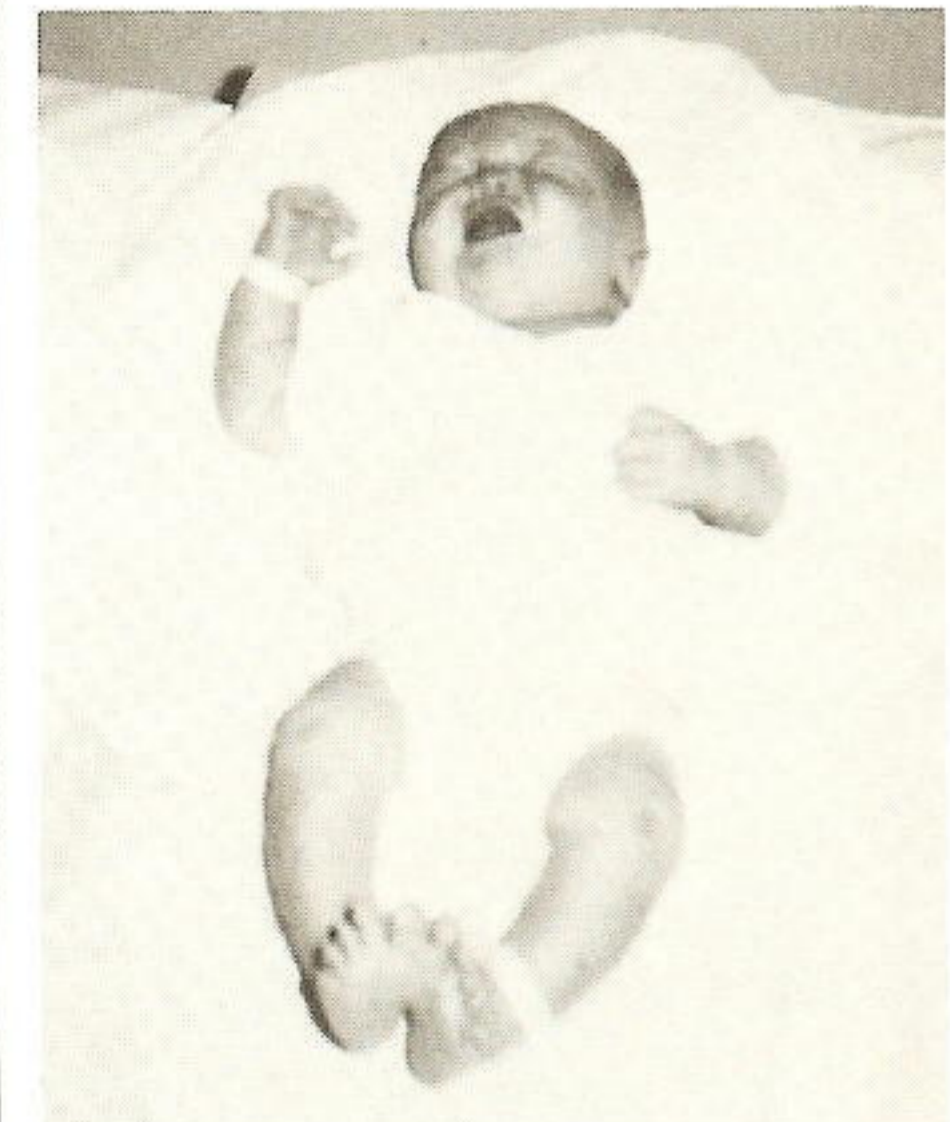
Daryl and Marcy Carr of Orangefield are the proud new parents of Ryan Edward Carr, born Dec. 8, 1984. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

His mother is a repairman-2nd class at Sabine Station.

## O'Neills add Joe Frank

When Joe Frank O'Neill was added to the Sidney and Janice O'Neill family on Mar. 4, he joined a GSU family. In addition to his dad, who is a lineman-3rd class in Conroe, the baby's grandfather had worked for GSU, too. The late Joe Maxie O'Neill was a labor foreman who worked at Gulf States for 33 years.

The baby's grandmother is Pearl O'Neill and his maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelley of Dolen.



Joe Frank O'Neill

## Daughter elected Belle officer

Toni Duncan has been elected as a drill team officer for the 1985-1986 French High School Belles. She is the daughter of Charles Duncan, storeroom foreman at the Beaumont Service Center.



Toni Duncan



# ON THE MOVE

## A

**Allbritton, Harold W.**, Orange, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

**Arnim, Susan S.**, Beaumont, to senior engineering assistant, Engineering Services.

**Avant, Max C. Jr.** Baton Rouge, to substation mechanic-1st class, Electric T&D.

## B

**Ballmer, Dallas J.**, River Bend Station, to instrument/control technician-1st class/nuclear, Plant Production.

**Buescher, Donnell W.**, Beaumont, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

**Burnett, Troy D. Jr.**, River Bend Station, to nuclear chemistry technician-1st class, Plant Production.

## C

**Canatella, Sam Jr.**, Navasota, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Charles, Donald**, Nelson Gas & Oil, to storekeeper, Plant Production.

**Coleman, Kim**, Nelson Coal & Gas, to insulator-1st class, Plant Production.

## D

**Daniel, Allen K.**, Orange, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

**Dougherty, Alan L.**, Nelson Coal, to senior engineering assistant, Plant Production.

**Dumond, Clayton J.**, Lafayette, to meterman-1st class, Electric T&D.

## G

**Gallet, Kim A.**, Lafayette, to serviceman-1st class, Electric T&D.

**Gerstner, Clifford W.**, Orange, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

## H

**Havard, Kirk G.**, River Bend Station, to repairman-3rd class/nuclear, Plant Production.

**Hayden, George A.**, Cleveland, to consumer service representative, Division Marketing and Consumer Services.

**Hennesy, Ricky E.**, Baton Rouge, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

**Herro, Mark P.**, Beaumont, to communications serviceman-2nd class, Engineering Services.

**Hilbun, Theresa A.**, Baton Rouge, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

**Hobbs, Dorthy G.**, Daisetta, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

## J

**James, Gary R.**, Lake Charles, to garage mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Johnson, Sheila G.**, Lake Charles, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

## L

**Lefort, Penelope S.**, River Bend Station, to radiation protection technician-2nd class, Plant Production.

**LeJeune, Leslie H.**, Baton Rouge, to pipeman welder-3rd class, Gas Department.

**Loftin, Robert S.**, Nelson Gas & Oil, to utility worker II, Plant Production.

**Lovett, Olaf A.**, Conroe, to utility man, Electric T&D.

## M

**Marks, Carl J.**, Lafayette, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**McCurry, Roger D.**, Vidor, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

**McFadden, Alex Jr.**, Baton Rouge, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Meche, Bryan J.**, Lafayette, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

**Miller, Ronald C.**, Baton Rouge, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

**Miller, Suzanne**, Beaumont, to storeroom assistant, Electric T&D.

**Mills, Michael H.**, River Bend Station, to electrician-1st class/nuclear, Plant Production.

## N

**Netterville, Wilton S. Jr.**, Beaumont, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

**Nettles, Daron W.**, Port Arthur, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

**Newman, Cecilia F.**, Lake Charles, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

## O

**Olivier, Darrell J.**, Baton Rouge, to relayman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Ortego, Keith W.**, Nelson Gas & Oil, to test technician-2nd class, Electric T&D.

## P

**Patin, Debra R.**, Baton Rouge, to senior energy auditor, Division Marketing and Consumer Services.

**Peters, Dennis J.**, Baton Rouge, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

## R

**Reddin, Mark A.**, Beaumont, to substation mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Renfro, Joyce T.**, Baton Rouge, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

**Roshto, Arthur D.**, Willow Glen Station, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.

## S

**Scott, Annette L.**, Baton Rouge, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.

**Scott, Michael J.**, Conroe, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Smith, Kenneth W.**, Willow Glen Station, to repairman-1st class, Electric T&D.

## T

**Trove, Boyd T.**, Port Arthur, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

**Tullier, Loyce T.**, Baton Rouge, to pipeman welder-1st class, Gas Department.

## V

**Veillon, Debra W.**, Beaumont, to stenographer-senior, Rates and Regulatory Affairs.

## W

**Webb, Joseph A.**, Beaumont, to utility man, Division Operations.

**Williams, Earnest E.**, Beaumont, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

**Wiltz, Larry J.**, Beaumont, to serviceman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

## Y

**Young, Wilbert J. Jr.**, Mid-County, to senior district service representative, Division Marketing and Consumer Services.

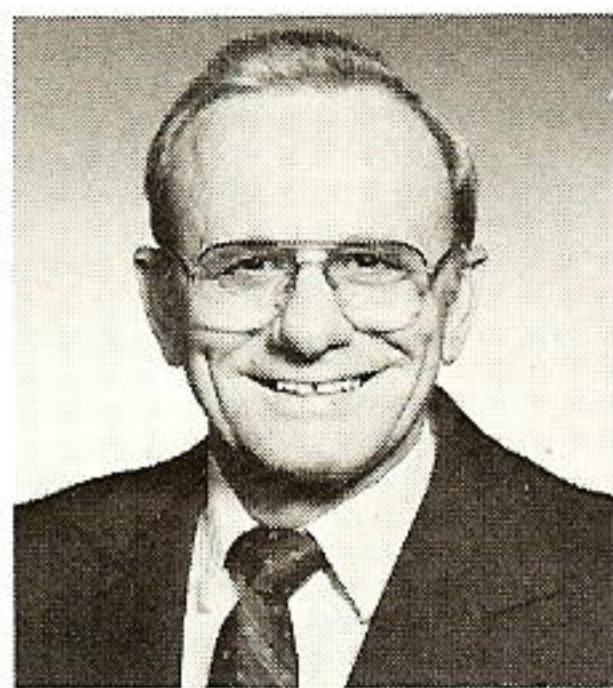
**Yowman, Sandra H.**, Beaumont, to general clerk, Accounting Services.

# SERVICE AWARDS

## 40 years



**Anderson Andrus**  
Electric T&D  
Lake Charles

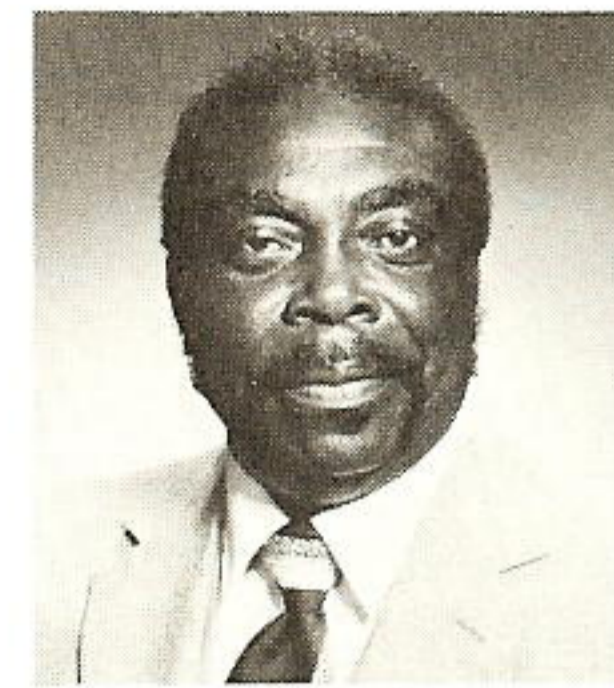


**Clarence M. Bailey**  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge



**Roland J. Jarreau Jr.**  
Electric T&D  
Baton Rouge

## 30 years



**George Barber**  
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Baton Rouge



**Hubert Broussard**  
Plant Production  
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**Walter K. Cooley**  
Div. Operations  
Anahuac



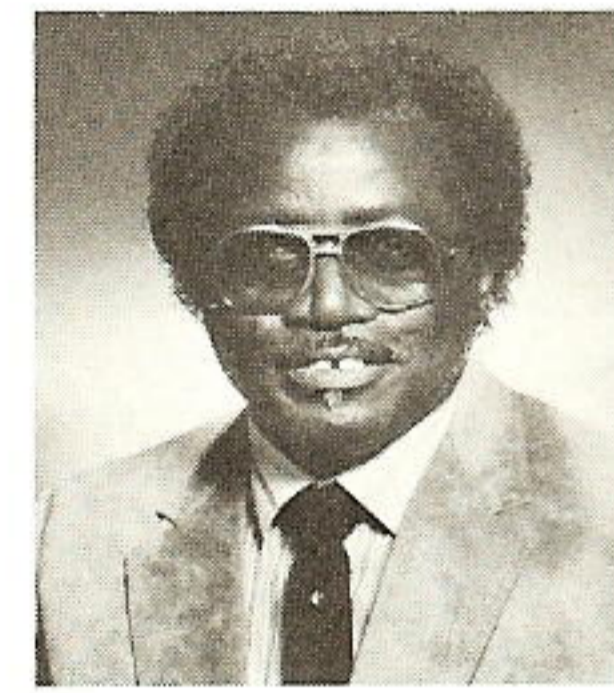
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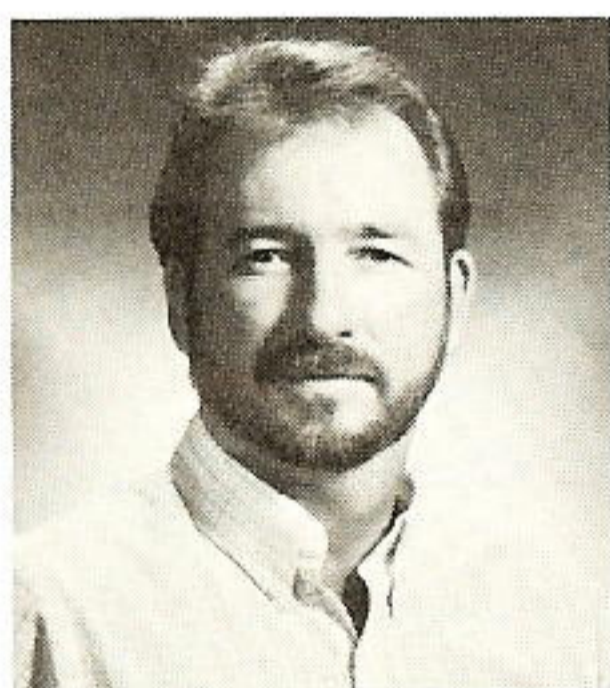


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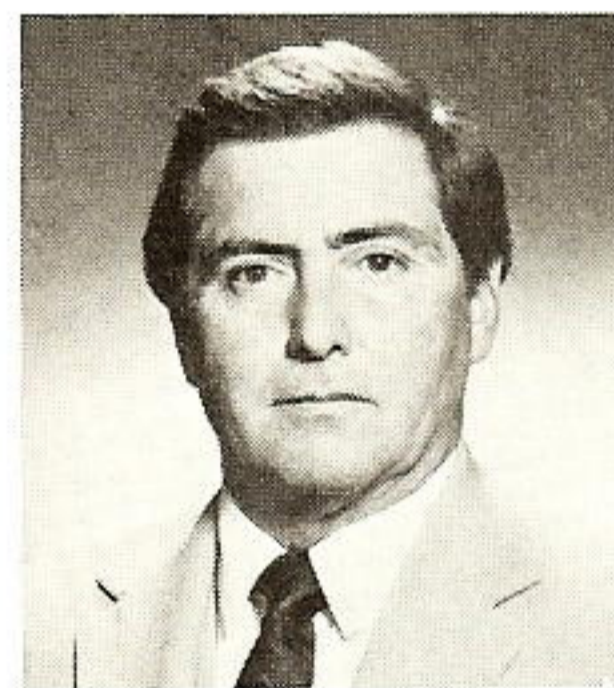
## 20 years



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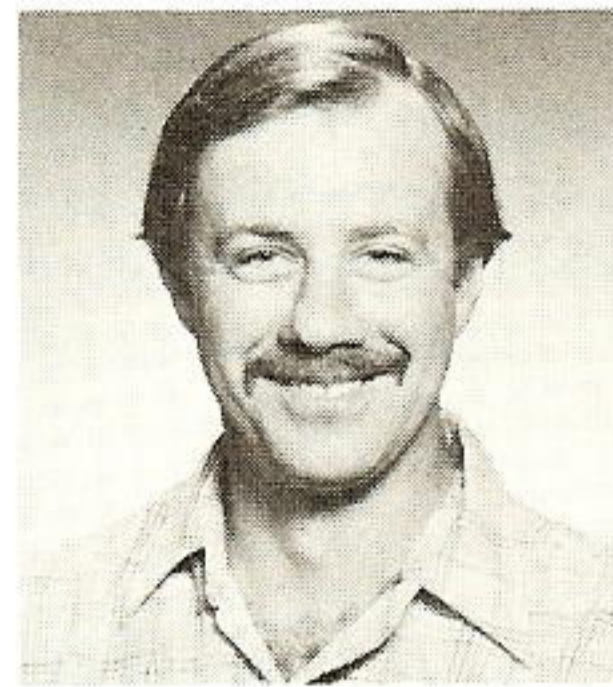


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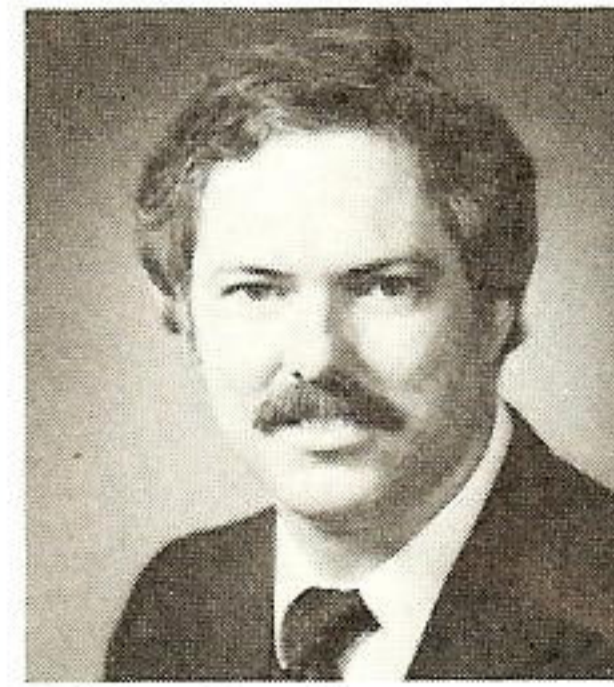
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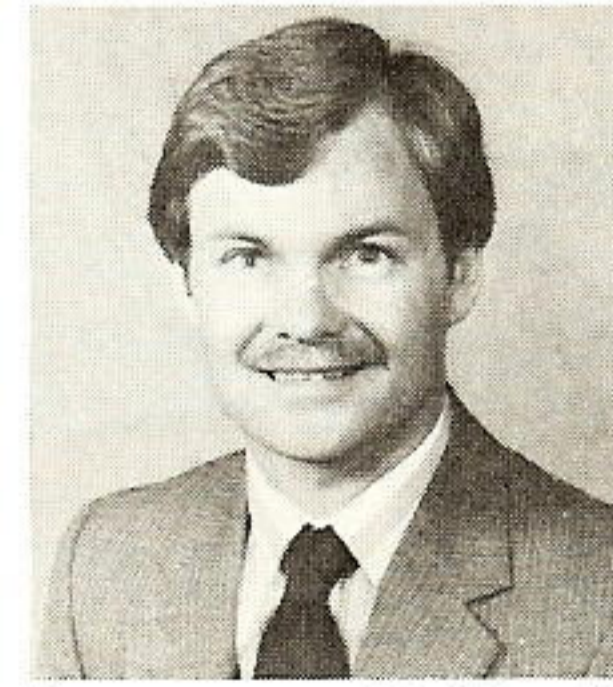
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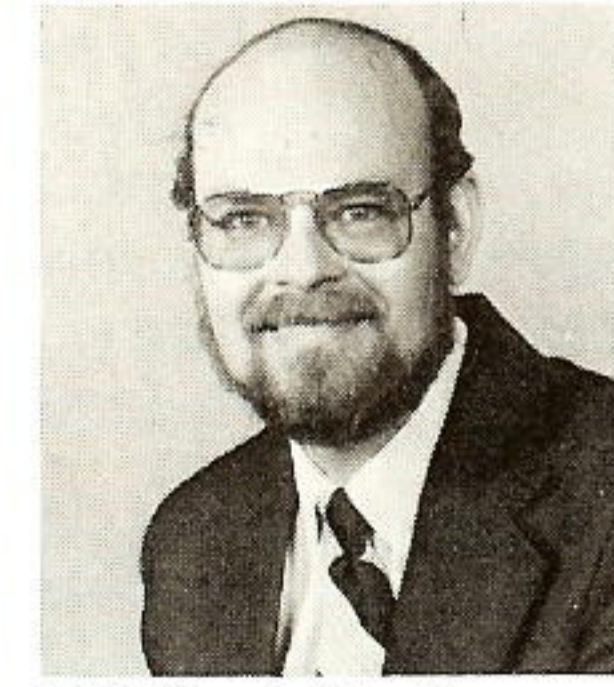
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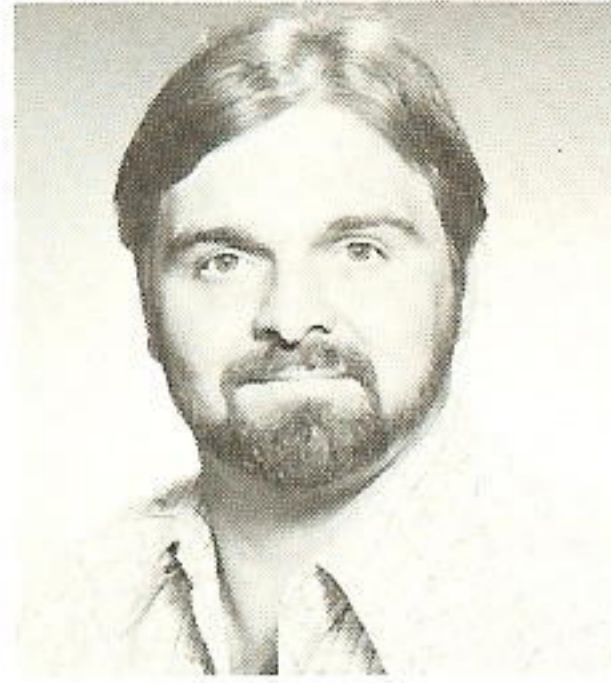
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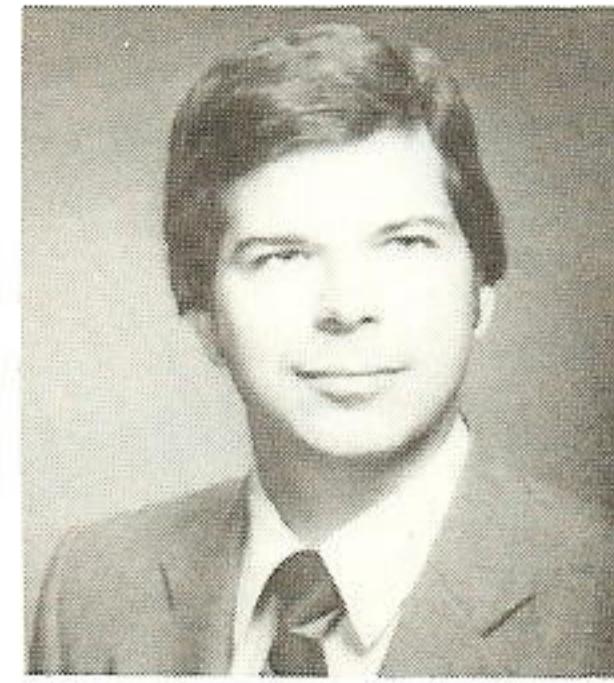
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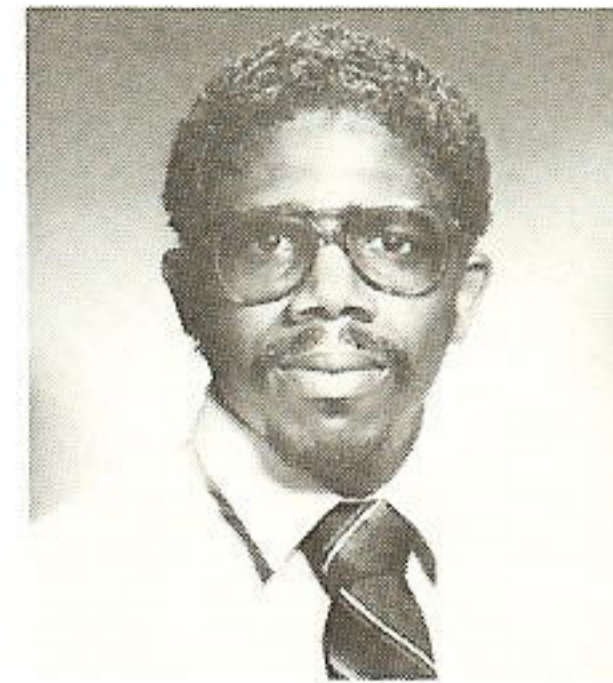
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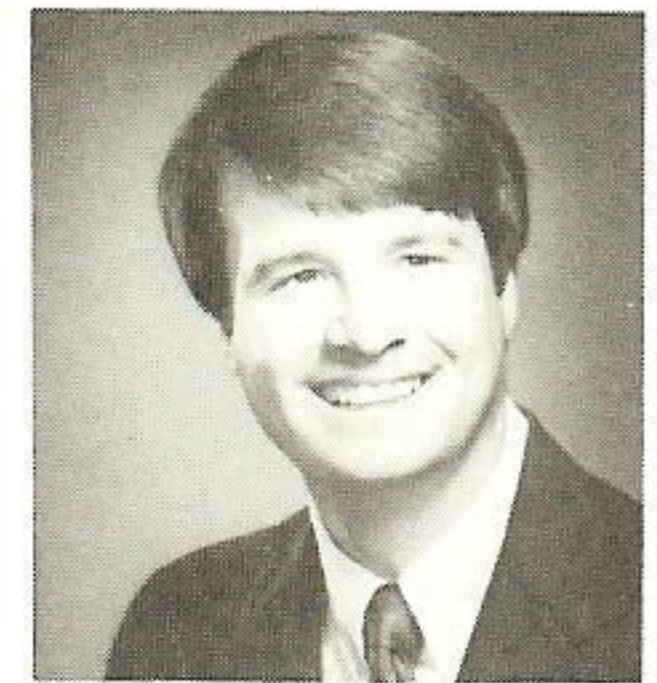
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# Americans pause for the pledge

by T.J. Reyes

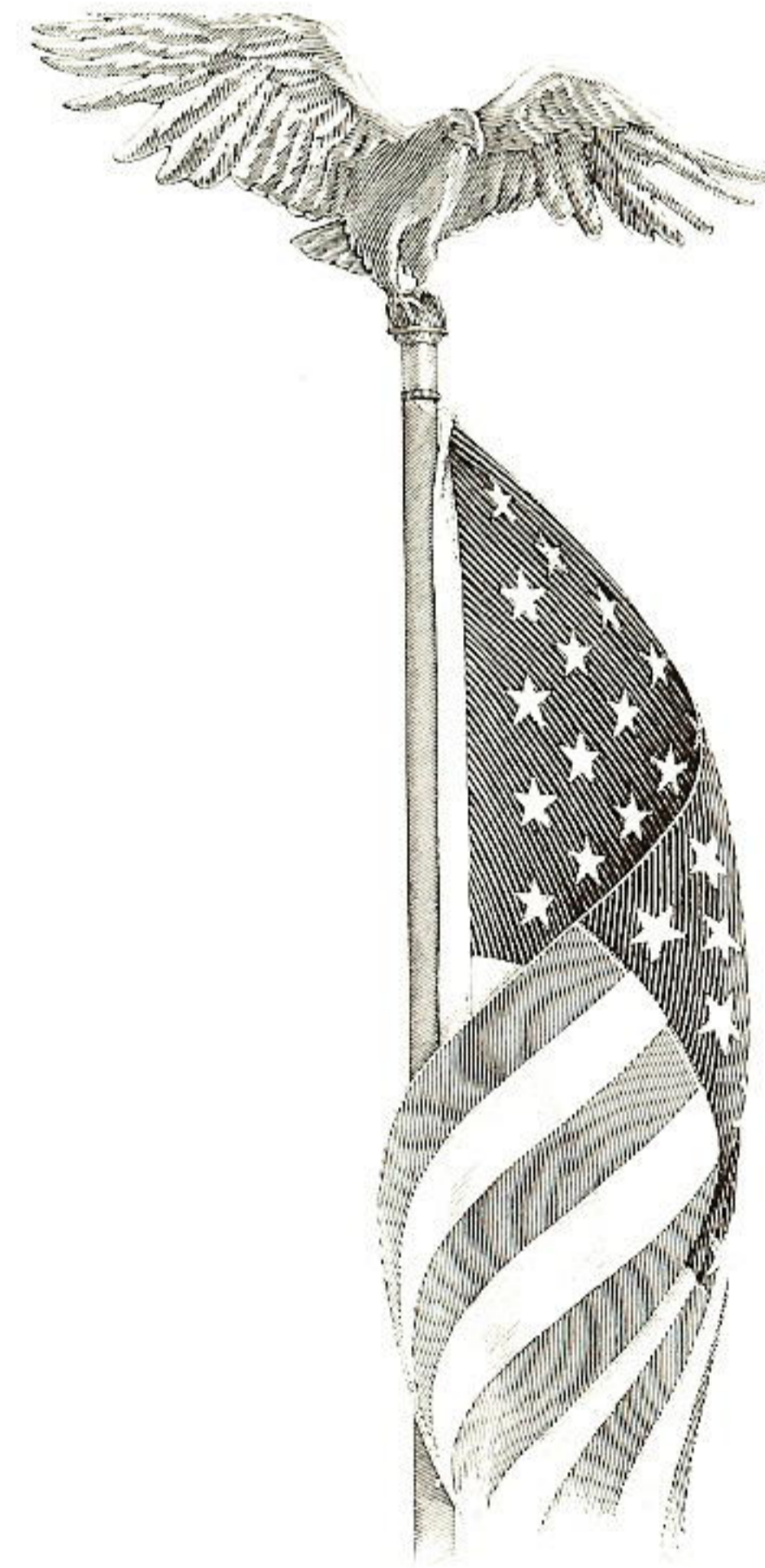
Patriotic Americans who observe Flag Day commemorate the adoption of our national flag by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. A contemporary addition to Flag Day celebrations, "Pause for the Pledge" of allegiance, originated at the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore, Maryland. The Flag House was the home of Mary Pickersgill who created the Star-Spangled Banner which flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 and inspired Frances Scott Key to write our national anthem.

Since its introduction in 1980, the "Pause for the Pledge" campaign has encouraged patriotism and promoted Flag Day. According to National Flag Day Committee member Vernon F. Stricklin, the ultimate goal of the campaign is to have every American recite the pledge of allegiance simultaneously on Flag Day.

Although most Americans can easily recite the pledge to the flag, few know the author. After its original publication in the *Youth's Companion*, the debate over who wrote it began a 47-year controversy. Finally, in 1939, the United States Flag Association appointed a committee of two historians and a political scientist to determine the author. They concluded it was written by Francis Bellamy, a former Baptist minister who worked on the magazine's staff when the pledge was printed.

Bellamy's salute to the flag was originally written to promote a Columbus Day celebration among public schools. More than 12 million school children repeated the pledge during those celebrations in 1892. Since then, pledge has undergone few revisions, growing from an original length of 22 words to 31 at present.

Those 31 words will be repeated once again during the national Flag Day ceremony at Fort McHenry on June 14. At 6 p.m. CDT, the



"Pause for the Pledge" campaign hopes to transcend age, race, national origin and geographic differences with this salute:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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