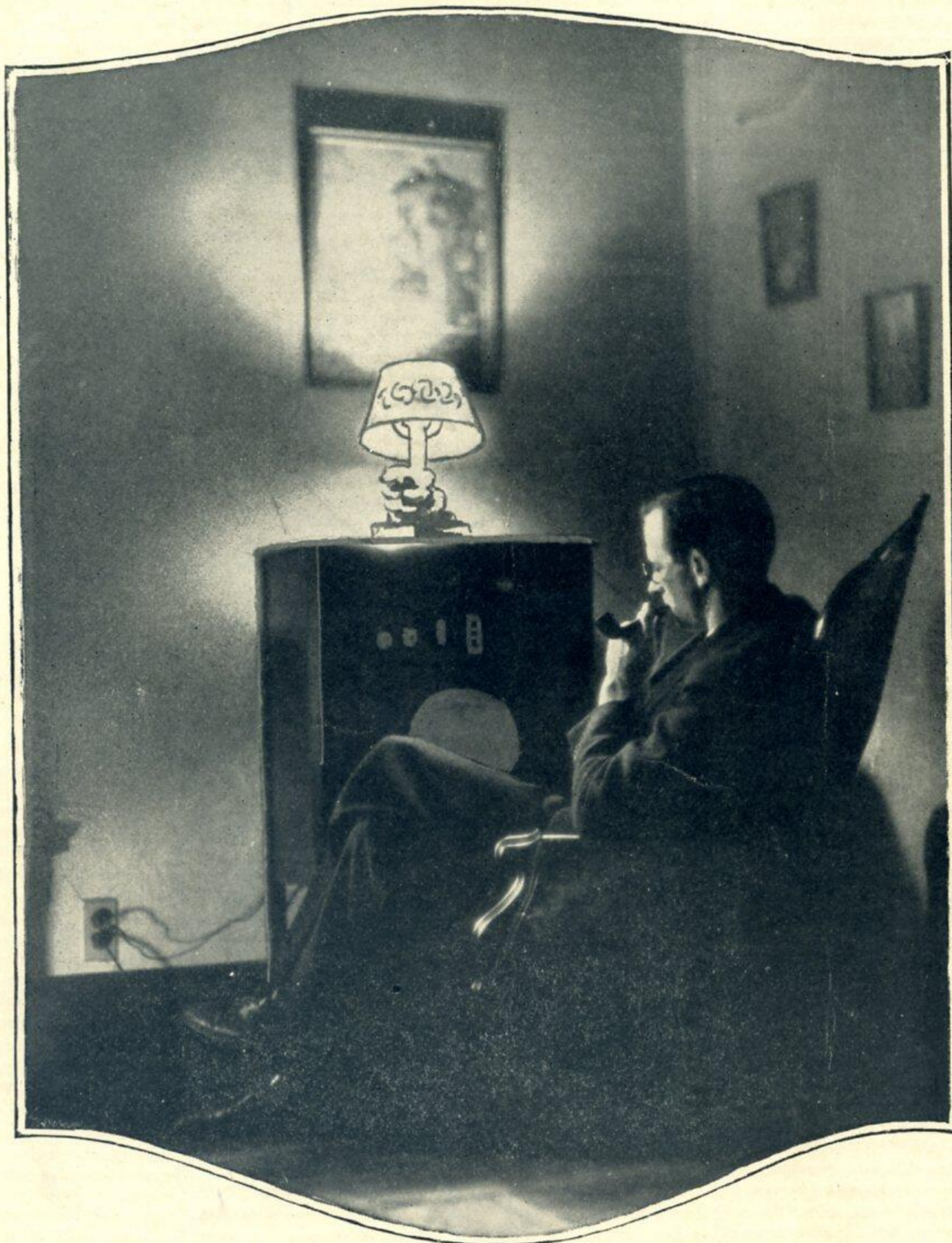


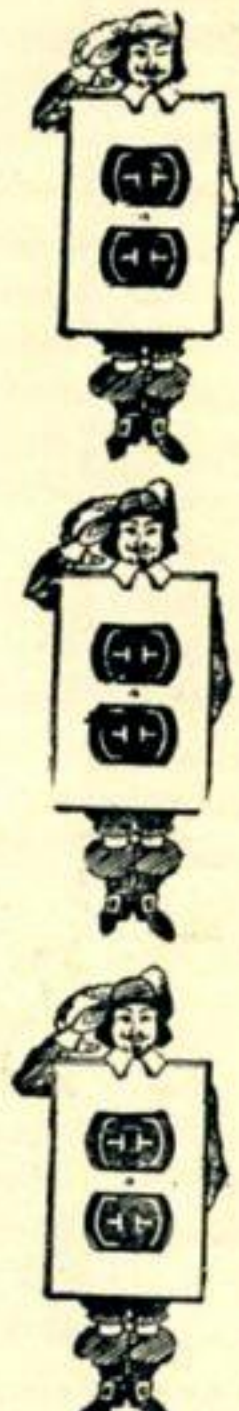
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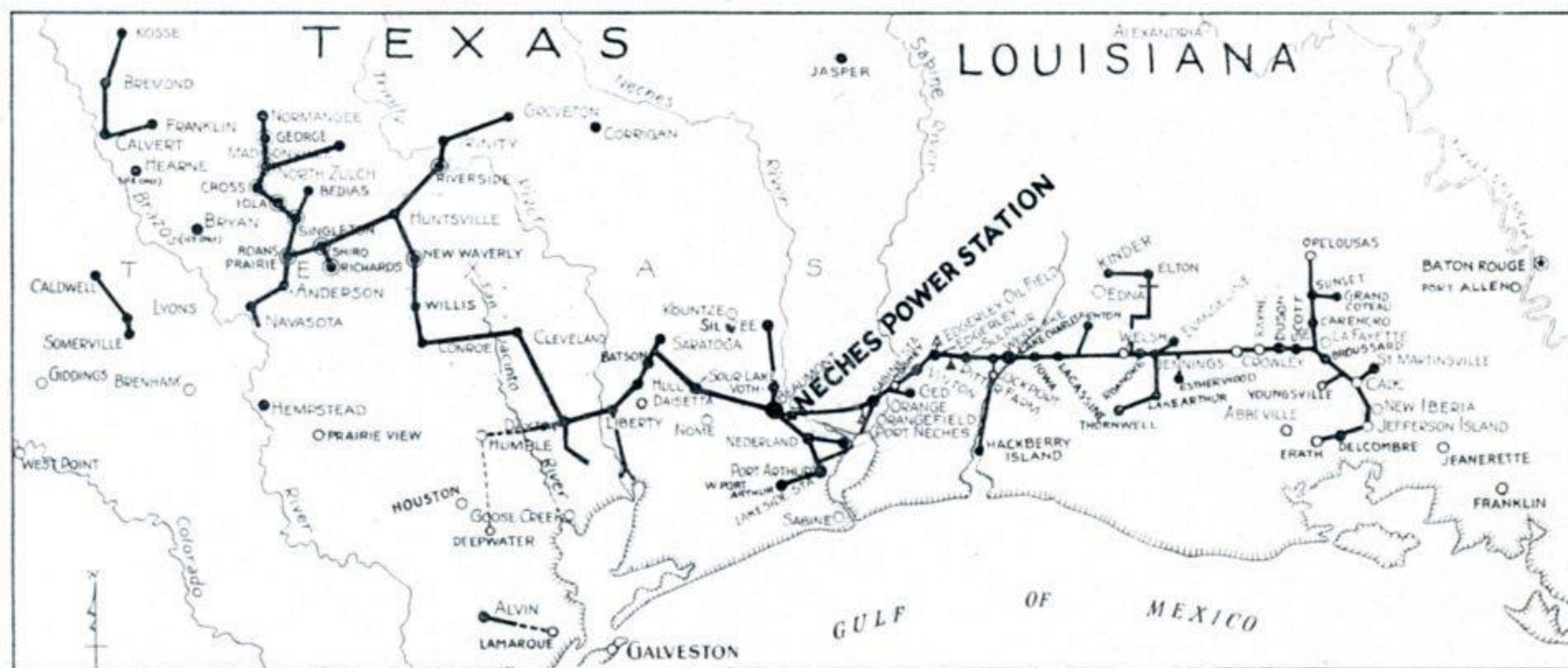
THE MODERN **MUSKETEERS**
MAKE THEIR BOW

Those dojiggers that one connects one's floor lamps, appliances, etc., to, have a name at last! From now on they're to be known not as convenience outlets, floor plugs or what-have-you, but as Electric Taps. We introduced the new designation in the October campaign to sell Taps on convenient terms. And as the feature of the campaign is the three-Taps offer, we called them the Modern Musketeers — Service, Convenience and Comfort

**ELECTRIC
TAPS**

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Hitting HIGHSPOTS on the HIGHLINE



THEY say that a picture can tell more than hundreds of words, so we're giving you the story of the highlines in picture form.

Some employes, no doubt, have never seen before a map showing the extent of our transmission system. Even to those familiar with the operation of this phase of our business, it is hard to visualize the extent of the territory covered. The map makes it easy.

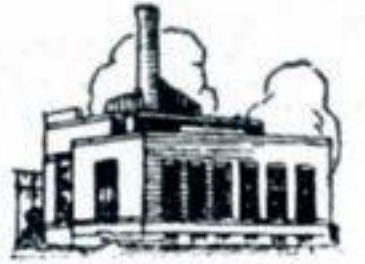
Virtually all of the lines shown in the map have been built during the past few years. That portion extending northwest from Dayton was on this year's program and was completed only a month or so ago.

It is not so hard to realize what the building of the transmission lines has meant, particularly to the smaller communities. It has meant that old, inadequate local plants, many of them provided only part time service, have

been abandoned. Residents enjoy 24-hour service of a high type with power aplenty for all needs. It has meant that those businesses requiring power have been able to replace old methods with modern motors. It has meant that the small community can invite new industries, offering the same advantages of ample, economical power as their larger sisters.

MR. HOLTZCLAW TO HEAD COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE

That our own J. G. Holtzclaw will head the drive to raise funds for 1928 for the Community Chest of Beaumont was announced by the Chest directorate recently. In selecting him to lead the campaign, the organization has signally honored Mr. Holtzclaw. The honor is one that is not lightly conferred, for it calls for great ability and tireless energy.



TRAINMEN ESTABLISH FINE
RECORD FOR SAFE
OPERATION

Not content with the showing they made in August, operators went after a better record in September, and got it!

Both Beaumont and Port Arthur trainmen were on their toes. They asked for the co-operation of the public in their effort to reduce the number of accidents and the public responded. As a result the month was the best from the standpoint of safe operation of our street cars, interurbans and buses in several years.

The Records:

Beaumont Buses	3
Beaumont Cars	35
Interurban	6
Buses (J. G. H.)	2
Port Arthur Buses	7
Port Arthur Cars	9

Of the total of 46 accidents for Beaumont and operation of the Interurban and Beaumont-Port Arthur bus, the operators secured voluntary signed statements clearing them of all responsibility for the accidents. Only six of the total were classified as chargeable to us.

Of the Port Arthur total of 16, seven were cleared from the operators' records by signed statements. Only two of the total were classified as chargeable.

BACK FROM CONVENTION

Superintendent L. C. Singleton and Master Mechanic Henry C. Presslar, of Eastern Texas Electric Company, on their return from the annual convention of the American Electric Railway Association in Cleveland, reported that the meeting was most instructive.

It's Better to be
SAFE!
—than Sorry

FIRE FIGHTING
DEMONSTRATED

A fire may be just a fire to some folks, but the folks of our family know differently now!

During Fire Prevention Week, October 8 to 13, Safety Director Jack Reidy and Jack Himel, who looks after such things as insurance and insurance rates for the organization, demonstrated very graphically that there are many different kinds of fire and that many of them require particular treatment if the fire fighter is to subdue them and escape uninjured.

With the co-operation of Gus Flasdick, representative of the Foamite company, they staged demonstrations in Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange, schooling employes in the matter of the importance of the right extinguisher for the right fire.

For instance the danger of using an extinguisher containing any great percentage of water on high voltage insulation was pointed out. Water is a conductor of electricity and will carry the current from the wire to the person using the extinguisher. Other points were similarly brought out, some by actual demonstration with fires and extinguishers.

Golf in a snowstorm in September? Mr. Holtzclaw reports that he had such an experience in Cleveland, O., where he paused briefly, returning from Boston recently.



TAP FOR SERVICE, CONVENIENCE, COMFORT

Here are two of the attractive displays used in windows of the Beaumont store to tell passersby the story of the convenience, comfort, service and low installation cost of Electric Taps.

**“MIKE” MERRIAM NO
LONGER A BACHELOR**

C. V. “Mike” Merriam, district superintendent at Huntsville, has joined the ranks of the happily married. The bride, before becoming Mrs. Merriam, was Miss Dorothy Dennie, of Houston. The wedding took place in Houston on September 28. Mr. Merriam’s many Beaumont friends had an opportunity to meet Mrs. Merriam and congratulate “Mike” when Mr. and Mrs. McChesney held open house for the couple at their home on North Street, the bride and groom stopping in Beaumont for a brief stay on the return trip from a honeymoon in New Orleans.

Politician—“The farmer gets his living from the soil.”

Voice—“And so does the washerwoman.”

**JANE SCHERER AND
“EDDIE” ADAMS WED**

Quietly—so quietly, in fact, that few of their friends were aware of what was transpiring—Jane Scherer and Edmund C. (Eddie) Adams were married the morning of October 6. They left immediately after the ceremony on a honeymoon trip to Houston and Galveston.

In case it has not been your good fortune to know them, Mr. Adams is Electrical Engineer and Miss Scherer, in addition to seeing that Mr. Holtzelaw’s correspondence is handled with accuracy and dispatch, is state chairman of the Women’s Committee.

A Scottish minister was on his usual rounds when he encountered one of his old friends.

“And how is the world treating you, Jock?” asked the minister.

“Very seldom!” replied Jock sadly.



"SIXTY" Sale a SUCCESS

Stepping out in front during the closing weeks of the sale, the Highliners came under the wire almost a thousand lamps in the lead in the annual sale of sixty watt Mazda lamps.

They had a total of 10,410 "sixties" to their credit, with the Exporters trailing in second place with 9,474. The Port Arthur Refiners were in third place with 5,382 and the Eastern Texas Electric Company Pilots drew up in the rear of the procession with 5,172 Mazdas to their credit.

Although the grand total for the month fell short of the bogie, the sale of "sixties" in cartons of six on the no-down-payment plan can well be declared a success.

The employes who got out and hustled cashed in heavily again this year on the generous commission offered.

District Representative Honsberger nosed out District Representative Duperier by only two cartons in a hotly fought contest as "high man" in the big contest. However, as district representatives were not eligible for prizes, their being leaders in no way penalized employes other than those of the commercial department.

The two grand prizes of \$25.00, donated by the Edison Lamp Works and the Westinghouse Lamp company, went to J. T. Breeze of the Ice Delivery Department, Huntsville, and G. J. Glidden of the engineering department, Port Arthur, respectively. Breeze is a three-time winner of first place in the Western Public Service company territory.

Prize winners were as follows:

HIGHLINERS

Winners	Cartons	Prize
J. T. Breeze, ice, Huntsville....	94	\$15.00
Albert Cauthen, ice, Huntsville	81	10.00
Virginia Brogdon, accounting, Sour Lake	77	5.00

EXPORTERS

Winners	Cartons	Prize
Louis Fertitta, accounting, Beaumont	63	\$15.00
Ray Ridley, accounting, Beaumont	46	10.00
A. T. Denton, cashier.....	24	5.00

REFINERS

Winners	Cartons	Prize
G. J. Glidden, Engineering....	293	\$15.00
F. M. Peveto, Line.....	62	10.00
Hebert Mann, Distribution....	37	5.00

PILOTS

Winners	Cartons	Prize
I. B. Johnson, Beaumont.....	207	\$15.00
W. W. Thompson, Beaumont..	59	10.00
D. M. Montgomery, Port Arthur	54	5.00

Of course, the prize winners received, in addition to their prize money, a commission of 26 cents a carton, the same as other employes, scores of whom earned extra money by their efforts to sell cartons of "Sixties."

Comptroller P. R. Williams plans to leave for Boston the latter part of the month.

H. R. Whiton and family have returned from the east. Following the convention of illuminating engineers in Toronto, Canada, recently, Mr. Whiton joined Mrs. Whiton and their son, and spent his vacation with them and relatives near Boston.

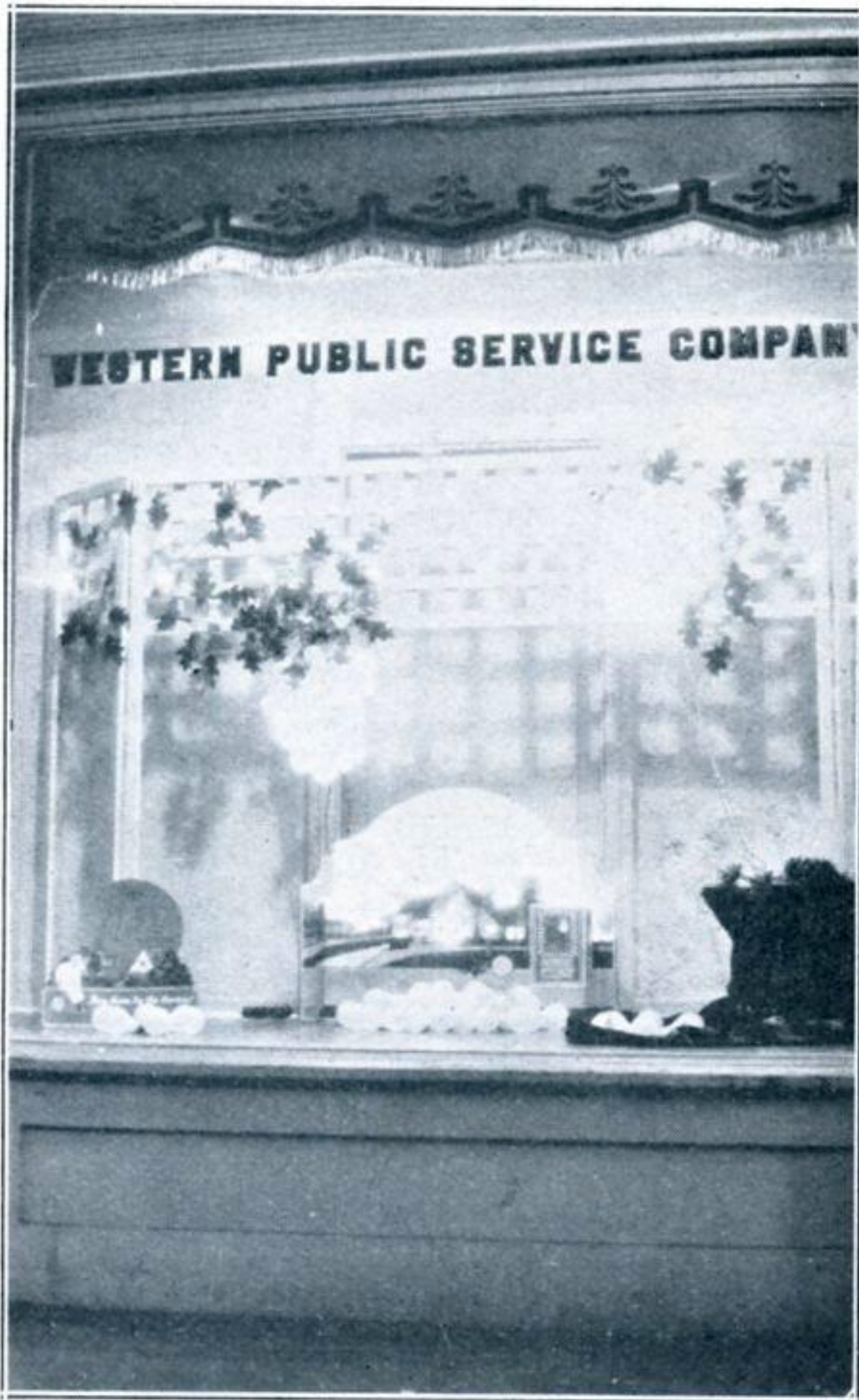
Remember that the closing date for "copy" for Plain Talks is the fifteenth of each month. Pictures, if possible, should be sent in a few days in advance of this date as some time is required to have cuts made.

According to a report recently received from the McJunkin Advertising Company, advertising of Gulf States Utilities Company was awarded second place in the Advertising Contest of Stone and Webster properties for July.

SHARP BUSINESS

"May I introduce this new little razor gadget of ours, sir? It is creating a revolution in shaving."

"Thanks, I have tried it; but I'm afraid it wasn't a bloodless revolution."



MISS PETERSON SCORES
WINDOW HIT

Whether it's in Navasota or some other place you'll have to look long and painstakingly before you find a more attractive window trim than this. It was designed by Miss Julia Peterson, who is endowed with great artistic ability, and attracted wide attention in Navasota. The Navasota Examiner thought enough of it to run a story on it, praising Miss Peterson highly on her success in making luscious clusters of grapes out of 60-watt Mazda lamps. Windows like this help sell the merchandise, too.

A Scotchman was discovered wandering around Detroit with a pair of rumpled trousers over his arm.

"Can I help you in any way?" asked a kindly citizen.

"Man," replied the Scot, who was evidently a newcomer, "I'm looking for the Detroit Free Press."

LITTLE LESSONS in WRITING for PLAIN TALKS

There is no "Royal Road" to writing. Some persons, it is true, have more "knack" for it and "catch on" more quickly than others. The same thing is true of any craft or profession.

But we are not setting out to develop "writers." We merely want to offer a few suggestions to those engineers and accountants and salesmen and others whose privilege it is to contribute to Plain Talks—suggestions which we feel will be helpful to them in their once-a-month writing. The suggestions, if followed, will help us with the editing of the magazine and what is more important, result in a more interesting magazine each month.

The first lesson is merely this:

Use a typewriter if you possibly can. **DOUBLE-SPACE OR TRIPLE-SPACE ALL MANUSCRIPT.** Write on one side of the paper only.

These seem like little things but really they are very important. It is difficult for the editor, and for the linotype operator who puts your story in type, to read longhand. It is also difficult for the editor to make corrections in wording or spelling in single-spaced typewritten copy, and hard for the linotype operator to follow original copy or changes. All publications ask for, or insist on, double-spaced or triple-spaced copy. "Copy," by the way, is merely a short synonym for "manuscript."

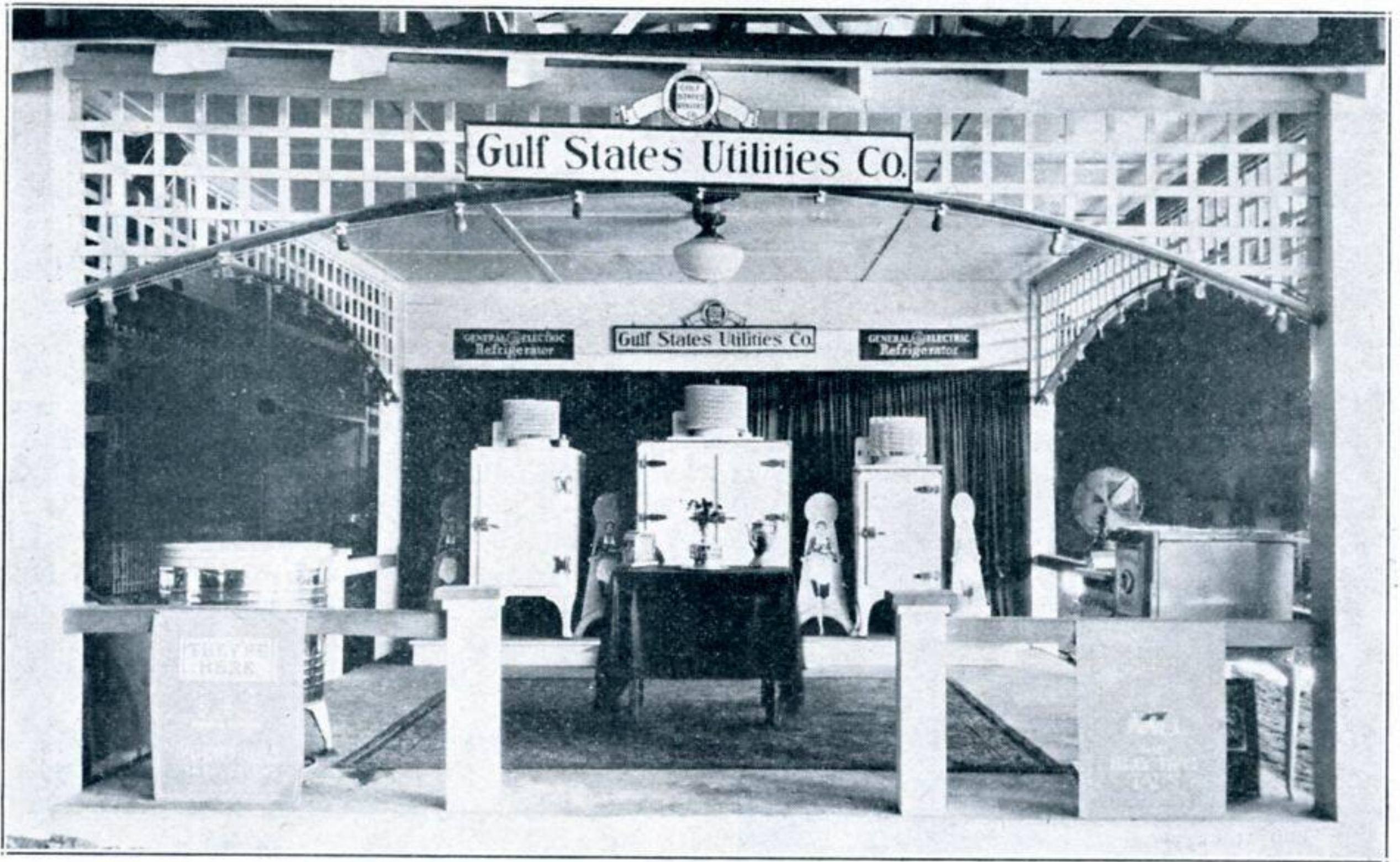
One more thing and then we are through with the first lesson. Please do not try "trick" punctuation and paragraphing and spacing. Such things, as a rule, are mere wasters of your time and ours.

MORE CARS APPEAR IN DAZZLING COLORS

The painters at the car barn have been unusually busy lately judging from the Sabine-Magnolia cars which are appearing one by one in new and brighter colors. Fine work, men!

Him—"And why do you call me Pilgrim?"

Her—"Well, every time you call you make a little progress."



Pardon the pun, but this is Fair weather. Up and down and across the land, community, county, sectional and state fairs are underway. We participate, of course, in making those in our territory a success. Here, for instance, is our contribution to the Jasper county fair, held recently. It was the most attractive exhibit, we were told, in a very successful exposition.

TRANSFERRED

Marshall Kunitz and Robert Hopkins were transferred from the line department to the distribution department on October 1. Mr. Kunitz and Mr. Hopkins came to work for the company directly from A. and M. College, from which they were graduated in June, 1928.

JOE COOPER MARRIED

Joe Cooper, of the engineering department, and Miss Marjory Hyman were married on October 3. Service building employes tendered Mr. Cooper a miscellaneous shower of what-nots such as paper plates, pins and needles, Octagon soap, rattles and bed time story books on the eve of the ceremony.

“Pop, what’s a monologue?”

“A monologue is a conversation between husband and wife.”

“I thought that was a dialogue?”

“No, a dialogue is where two persons are speaking.”

BABY BORN TO CARLISLES

Friends of Reid and June Carlisle rejoiced recently when word was received of the safe arrival of I. Reid Carlisle III. Mother and son, according to reports, are doing nicely. Mr. Carlisle, it will be recalled, was at one time assistant to Mr. McChesney and editor of Plain Talks, later becoming assistant to Mr. Holtzclaw and Mr. Fitz. He was transferred about a year and a half ago to the district office at Houston, where he is assistant to Mr. Burke.

Doctor—“What did you operate on Jones for?”

Surgeon—“Five hundred dollars.”

Doctor—“No, I mean what did he have?”

Surgeon—“Five hundred dollars.”



COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

There have been a number of changes in the Merchandise Sales Department during the past month.

Alec D. Barrow, District Representative of District No. 7, Beaumont, has been transferred to Sour Lake to succeed A. E. Hatley as Superintendent there. We are all glad to see Mr. Barrow get this well-deserved promotion.

Cecil Keith, District Representative at Orange, has been transferred to the Beaumont office, and at present is filling the position of Assistant to Mr. Luce.

J. W. Waltrip has been transferred from the Port Arthur office to Orange, and fills the vacancy left by Mr. Keith.

Vernon Trenck is now District Representative for District No. 7, having left the sales floor to fill this position.

Judson Smith is on the sales floor now, and is making a name for himself, especially with the ladies.

D. A. Shine and R. A. Minnetree have resigned.

Frank Quaidy has been transferred from the Repair Department to the position of student.

A. W. Causey has been employed in the Repair Room.

A. B. Hays, transferred from Port Arthur Engineering Department, is now serving as assistant to Mr. Anderson in District No. 10.

Gordon Anderson, Sonny Duperier, and Rod Honsberger toured the U. S. in "Elsie, the Ford"; gas was 24 cents a gallon and they came home when the money played out!

Ray Blanchette filled Duperier's position in a fashion all his own! Ogden Charlton filled Anderson's and Porter Johnson filled Honsberger's.

A. T. Holley spent his vacation with his home folks, doing lots of squirrel hunting.

We are glad to welcome Miss Reed Garrison into the Commercial Department. This was another well deserved promotion, and we wish to extend all good wishes.

The R. I. Morrisons are building a home in Calder Highlands, and it will be completed within the next month.

E. P. Johnson and Geo. Lomax are new members of the Port Arthur Commercial Department.

Mr. McChesney—"No, Betty Jean, daddy thinks it best that you do not attend the circus. You will just get hot, sleepy and tired in the crowd."

Betty Jean—"But, daddy, if I was your mother and you were my little boy, you would want me to take you to see the animals and clowns."

Yes, Betty Jean saw the circus!

GRANDMA'S MISTAKE

"So you are my grandma, are you?"
"Yes, Johnnie, I'm your grandma on your father's side."
"Well, you're on the wrong side; you'll soon find that out."



HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

BY DR. W. F. THOMSON

SPEAKING OF CALORIES

The over-weight, we sigh for these,
Who never count their calories.
The state of health is seldom good
When forms are filled with foolish food.

Another way to cut the grocery bill is
by the cash and calory system.

A good many of us live half as long as
we could because we eat twice as much as
we should.

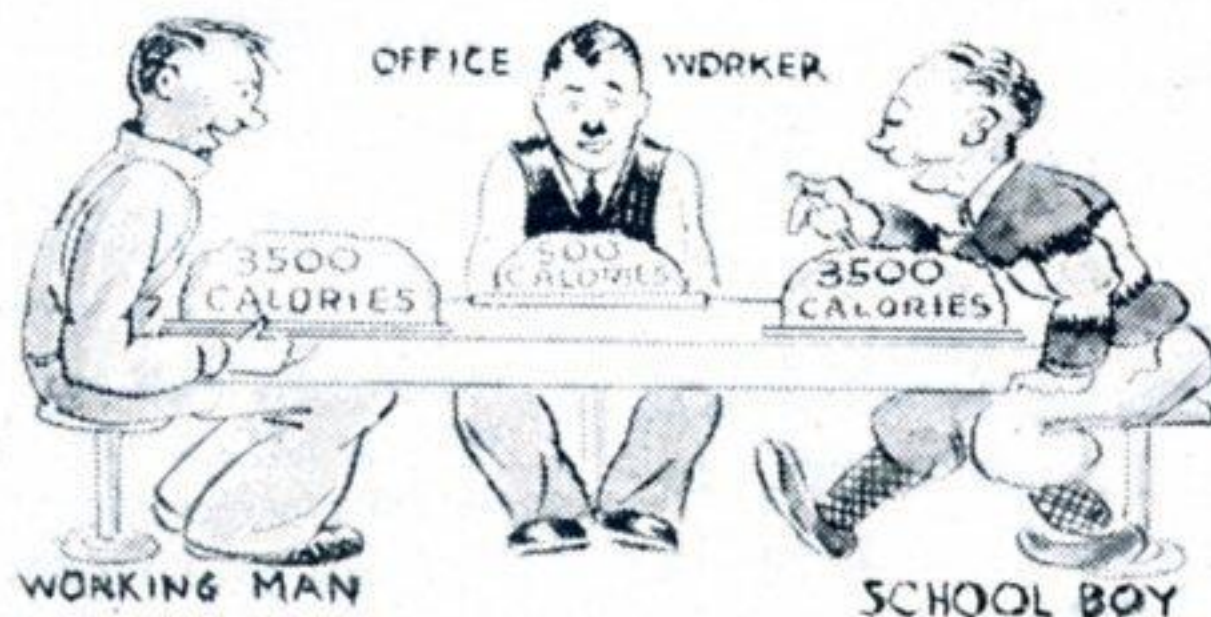
Fortunately there are many of us who
have to keep the stomach empty in order
to keep the gasoline tank full.

Just as the combustion of fuel in the
fire box produces heat and mechanical
energy, combustion of fuel in the human
body produces heat and muscular energy.

Just as we determine the fuel value of
coal, coke, oil and gas, to be used in the
generation of steam, so do we determine
the fuel value of the various foods which
we burn for the purpose of running the
human machine.

The unit of fuel value of food is the
calory, and a calory is approximately that
amount of heat required to raise the tem-
perature of one pound of water four de-
grees F, or, what amounts to the same
thing, four pounds of water one degree F.

Experimentally, the caloric value of food
is determined by
complete combustion
in an atmosphere of
pure oxygen, and
measuring the amount
of heat thus liberat-
ed. The instrument
used for making
this determination is
known as the bomb
calorimeter.



If, in our daily dietaries, we substitute
leafy vegetables, of low caloric value, for
fats and carbohydrates, of high caloric
value, we must increase our fuel carrying
capacity.

The caloric equivalent of a pound of
butter, for instance, is 32 pounds of cab-
bage, 40 pounds of lettuce or 9 pounds of
potatoes. To work and maintain his
weight, a hundred and sixty pound line-
man would have to eat his weight in let-
tuce every four days.

Our Fuel Requirement

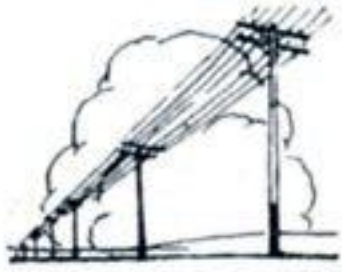
The fuel requirement of a locomotive de-
pends upon the size, speed and load. The
fuel requirement of a healthy human be-
ing also depends upon the weight, speed
and load.

The healthy young man, for example,
will require:

- 65 calories per hour while asleep.
- 100 calories per hour sitting at rest.
- 170 calories per hour at light muscular exercise.
- 290 calories per hour at active muscular exercise.
- 450 calories per hour at severe muscular exercise.
- 600 calories per hour while running.

Youth Will Be Served

Then there's the question of age. A
school boy of 10 years, when at complete
rest, requires 54 calories of food per hour
for each square yard of skin surface; his
father of 35 years, 40 calories per hour
for each square yard
of skin surface; his
grand-father of 60,
36 calories per hour
for each square yard.
The 10 year old
school boy requires
nearly twice as much
food, per pound of
body weight, as his 60
year old grand-dad.



ORANGE

Edward Stobart, Jr., formerly of the meter department, is attending A. and M. College.

W. W. Waltrip, formerly of Port Arthur, has assumed the duties of District Representative, replacing C. S. Keith, who has been transferred to Beaumont.

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WILKERSON GOES TO
LAKESIDE

On October 1, R. K. Wilkerson, formerly assistant plant superintendent of the Neches Power Station, assumed duties of plant superintendent of our Lakeside Power Station, Port Arthur.

Mr. Wilkerson succeeded Mr. F. W. Bridler, who has been transferred to the position of plant superintendent of the Navasota Plant of the Western Public Service Company.

Mr. Wilkerson will have charge of ice production in Port Arthur, under the supervision of Mr. Sharpless in the same manner as handled by Mr. Bridler.

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HONOR ROLL

Trainmen who have not had a chargeable accident for a period of twelve months or longer through September: 79 months, T. A. Cospers; 77 months, H. E. Davis; 75 months, W. Hughes; 64 months, H. H. Goza; 59 months, A. Christopher; 42 months, S. Arceneaux; 41 months, C. A. McBride, E. Samford; 37 months, D. E. Cospers; 34 months, L. P. Bodin; 33 months, E. Frost, G. W. Stevenson; 30 months, R. M. Beasley; 29 months, L. Tucker; 25 months, G. A. Smith; 23 months, I. Lacouture; 22 months, W. H. Ahrendt, R. L. Kendrick; 20 months, R. L. Claiborne; 18 months, I. H. Ferguson, J. D. Lloyd; 17 months, I. B. Johnson; 15 months, W. O. Fedd; 14 months, A. W. Cox, S. W. Van Norman; 12 months, L. Hudler, C. A. McMillan.

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“And do you mean to tell me you laughed in the face of death?”
“Laugh? I thought I’d die.”

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Friends of Fred Davis, well known chief clerk of Gulf States Utilities Company, will be interested to know that he has traded in “Old Ironsides” and is now navigating in a new boat. We understand that before parting with “Old Ironsides,” Mr. Davis offered it to Mr. Ford with the suggestion that it be placed in his museum of transportation to represent the mode of travel of days gone by. Mr. Ford said it was not quite antiquated enough.

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Leo Singleton and his boy went to the wrestling match with C. B. Melton. They agreed to give him a dime for every winner he picked. And the little five-year-old fellow sent them home poorer but wiser.

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A negro was whitewashing a fence. A passerby watched him for a while and asked, “Sam, why don’t you get a brush with more bristles in it?”

“Wha’ for?” replied the aged worker. “Why, if you had a good brush you could do twice as much work.”

“Yassah, but Ah ain’t got twict as much wu’k to do!”



The HOME

SIBYL DUKE, Editor

VANABEL ROBINSON

STELLA CURTIS

YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT U. S. A. FROM THEM

The vacation season is over and the girls are home again. There were few sections of the country they didn't see this summer. Look at this list of vacationers and the states they "covered":

Alabama—Emmie Cockrill, Lorraine Flinn.

Arizona—Mamie Voyles.

California—Mamie Voyles.

Colorado—Mamie Voyles, Agnes Goode, Stella Curtis, Dorothy Seale, Reubena DeBouy.

Florida—Theresa Kaper, Lorraine Flinn, Ray Ridley.

Georgia—Theresa Kaper.

Idaho—Dorothy Seale.

Kansas—Florence Wimberly, Dorothy Seale.

Louisiana—Docia Moore, Emma Grier, Alma Huffman, Alice Lyons, Eloise Guidry, Reed Garrison, Vanabel Robinson, Maude Hildebrandt.

Mexico—Alma Huffman.

Mississippi—Lorraine Flinn.

Missouri—Florence Wimberly.

Montana—Dorothy Seale.

Nevada—Mamie Voyles.

New Mexico—Mamie Voyles, Dorothy Seale, Reubena DeBouy.

New York—Jane Adams, Sibyl Duke.

Oklahoma—Bess Stout, Mary Carter, Dorothy Seale.

Pennsylvania—Jane Adams.

Tennessee—Emmie Cockrill.

Texas—Thelma South, Joy Schomer, Agnes Fite, Gladys Blackman, Elsie Murray, Nell Brewer, Opal Lee Richardson, Juanita Hogan, Mabel Johnson, Willie Ben King, Ethel Douglas, Mary Carter.

Utah—Dorothy Seale.

HOW MRS. P. R. WILLIAMS COOKS CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

Prepare one chicken as for roasting.

Put in kettle with three cups of olive oil and keep turning until brown.

Then add one small onion, three cloves of garlic and one large can of tomatoes with all liquor drained off.

Let cook very slowly for three hours.

About a half an hour before serving, add half bunch of finely chopped parsley, one tablespoonful of salt and a can of mushrooms.

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Cook two packages of spaghetti in boiling, salted water for fifteen minutes. (Do not break up spaghetti.)

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To serve, place spaghetti in platter and sprinkle with grated Roman cheese. Then pour sauce chicken has cooked in over spaghetti; carve chicken and place on platter; completing with another generous sprinkling of cheese.

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This Italian supper is delicious, as many of Mrs. Williams' friends can testify, and is made more appetizing by serving with pickled sweet red peppers (pickled in olive oil, thyme, garlic, salt and vinegar), head lettuce with French dressing, French or Italian bread and (alas!) red wine.

Wyoming—Mamie Voyles, Dorothy Seale.

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Hello everybody in home and we glad to meet you like us. We are as well as entertained here each month too, because we Committee new us, or have any we would certainly from you.

GIRLS ARE

The standing Electric Tap Co conducted by the tee, was announced October 16, at a heart party Reubena DeBouy team is in taps, and Miss is close behind, credit.

Mrs. Mary Gabel Robinson, and Miss Alice hostesses for the decorations were the house, with mos and Jack-o each room.

Refreshments salad, cheese sandwiches, bonbons and punch the close of the and ice cubes frozen in the refrigerators at the cube was frozen.

The prizes were cream and sugar powder for low won high bridge Arthur girls, and low. Miss Agnes score for the Beers, and Miss Stella Ethel Sparks won heart game, and low. Miss Reed lation.

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RUTH WILBANKS

CARRIE ALLEN

LUCIEL DECKER, Reporters

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT SWEET PEAS

(By One of Our Girls' Husbands)

Sweet pea beds should be, preferably, of black, sandy soil and should run east and west, to protect them from the heat of the sun. After fertilizing the ground, loosen all dirt and dig a trench about 8 or 9 inches deep, in a v-shape. Drop sweet pea seeds one about ever four or five inches, cover with an inch or so of dirt and dampen.

When the young sweet pea bush is about two inches tall, again apply loose dirt until the top of the vine barely sticks out of the ground. Continue this operation until you have a mound of dirt around the vines. (This is done so that the sweet pea bush may have a long root, as the plant itself is not strong enough to force itself through any great amount of dirt.) At this period, build a trellis about five feet high, for the vines to grow on.

Sweet peas require a good deal of water and the ground around them should never be allowed to become very dry.

Planted in this manner, they should bloom for a considerable period, as their roots are stronger than they become by less careful planting.

The Women's Committee wishes to take this means of extending their sympathy to Nell Brewer and Maude Hildebrandt, whose fathers died recently.

A WORTHWHILE MEETING

Too bad all of you couldn't have been present at the last Women's Committee meeting, held September 26, at the Distribution Building.

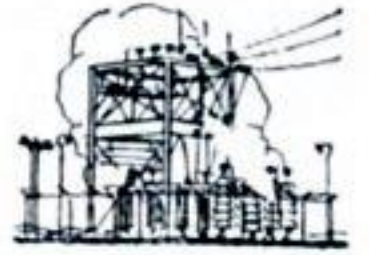
Three good reasons why we say "too bad" were: "Sonny" and "Buddie" Brown, and "Hubie" Braunig, Jr. They staged a burlesque on the Tunney-Dempsey squabble, the Browns taking part in the match, while "Hubie" refereed it. It was good!

Lest you think prize-fighting occupied the major portion of the hour, we hasten to assure you that A. R. Watson, W. G. Clarke and Jane Adams made interesting and instructive talks.

Mr. Watson spoke on "How to Sell Electricity," and managed three good jokes at the same time.

Mr. Clarke told of the coming campaign to sell electric taps, and Jane Adams (who was only "plain Jane" Scherer at that time) told of her meeting with the other State Chairmen of the Women's Committee at New Orleans during September.

Mary Lilyerstrom's family visited her for two weeks during September—her mother, Mrs. P. A. Lilyerstrom, and her sister, Mrs. Albert Carlson. Knowing Mary as we do, we would expect her family to be mighty nice—and they were! We are sorry they didn't stay longer, so everyone could enjoy knowing them.



NAVASOTA DIVISION

Cotton is still king in this section. Late ginnings have increased the anticipated output to such an extent that the season as a whole is better than that of last year. In addition to the increased output, there has been a rise in price which has benefited the growers.

Electric gins, competing with steam and oil engine plants have shown such results that a number of prospects are in the field for energy next season.

The sale of 200-watt store lighting fixtures has been carried on successfully in nearly every town, tending to increase the load and indicating progress from a revenue standpoint for the winter months. In many instances these units have replaced 60-watt globes. The 60-watt globe campaign, while not as successful as hoped for, has succeeded in securing saturation in several places.

Every town in this division is showing some building activity, both in business houses and residences, while wholesale and retail business is satisfactory, many merchants feeling the good effects of increased cotton production and higher priced cotton.

State highways under construction in various counties are making towns more accessible for the farmer and are promoting inter-city visits. Important developments in various towns, show an optimistic spirit in general.

Alvin

Dairy barns and farm houses in the Fairview section are being connected to the new line which we have just completed there. The results being obtained are even better than anticipated.

During September the Alvin cotton gin turned out 297 bales, which is a greater amount than ever ginned during a whole season heretofore.

Plans for a \$10,000 two-story stucco city hall and fire station have been approved.

Alvin high school opened with an enrollment far in excess of all previous years.

Heavy rains affected the fig crop so that temporarily the two fig canning plants operated on only half time.

Bryan

Our ice plant in this city was slightly damaged by fire which destroyed a large stock of cotton stored in a sheet iron warehouse adjoining it. The cotton loss together with the building housing it was in excess of \$200,000.

Taxpayers of Bryan, by a vote of 425 to 5, carried the \$90,000 bond issue for schools. It is planned to use this money for the erection of one new school building and the construction of additions to others.

The city has sold its city hall to Morris Schuman for \$40,000 and plans to erect a new city hall. Mr. Schuman will expend \$25,000 on the old building to renovate it for use as a theatre.

Bryan-College Interurban Company has placed a 21 passenger bus in service on the Bryan-A. and M. College run.

Caldwell

Through efforts of the local Chamber of Commerce, a reduction of 82½ cents a bale has been granted on the cotton freight rate between Caldwell and Houston.

R. J. Struwe is building a new brick residence, which he will equip electrically.

The peak load now is requiring all of our capacity to supply stores and residences with lighting at night.

Calvert

One new rent house was built here during the month and several more are needed.

The Sowma-Brantner gin which has operated by electric power this season reports the cost of such operation at 67c a bale, which is entirely satisfactory.

Cleveland

It is estimated that the local cotton gin will bale 1200 bales this season.

C. E. Woodson and L. C. Tanner are erecting new residences here and Lee Pressley is arranging to erect one in the near future. In each of these instances, Superintendent W. S. Dixon has persuaded



contractors to install several convenience outlets, none having been provided for in the original plans.

The Atlantic Oil Company has finished its line through here and has moved its crew to New Waverly.

Conroe

Following cooking schools held in Conroe and Montgomery, seven electric ranges were sold.

Paul Pressure Pumps were displayed in our booth at the Montgomery County Fair, resulting in the sale of one pump to a resident of Willis and the obtaining of several good prospects.

Billie Ray Pennington, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pennington, arrived at their home late in September and has already been adopted by the Western Public Service Company gang.

The Conroe Hotel has installed an attractive electric sign.

The J. S. Hunt Lumber Company is installing a 150-h.p. boiler and a dry kiln at its plant in Willis.

Franklin

A new brick building is being erected for the Whippet Automobile Agency.

Considerable excitement was caused by a jail break made by several prisoners who were later captured and returned to their cells.

The Franklin State Bank will move into its new brick building early this month.

Heavy rains interfered with cotton picking which delayed the ginning season some.

Groveton

Crews are at work surfacing the Trinity-Groveton highway and are already within the city limits of Groveton with their labor.

Output of the electric gin is already 900 bales in excess of the same period last year.

W. T. Thagard, local superintendent, was

recently elected vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Hearne

The Pacific Fruit Express is planning on re-icing transcontinental shipments at this point, beginning early in 1929. Arrangements have not been completed but bids have been asked for this service.

Hempstead

Rent houses and furnished rooms are at a premium in this town at present, due to activities in the Raccoon Bend oil field seven miles from here in Austin County. The Humble Company is extending its activities in this new field where there is already a good supply of natural gas and where there are several flowing wells.

Development of this field has caused the lighting load in Hempstead to reach the peak of capacity several times of late.

The new negro school is now connected on our lines and a good load is expected from this source.

Huntsville

C. V. Merriam, district superintendent, and Miss Dorothy Dennie were married at Houston on September 28. They made a short honeymoon trip to New Orleans via automobile.

The Walker County Fair, under the general chairmanship of C. V. Merriam, held a successful four day exhibition in the armory.

Additional light and power load from the Texas State Prison was obtained during the month.

State Highway No. 32 from Huntsville to the Madison County line has been connected and opened to traffic. Highway No. 45 from Huntsville to the Grimes County line is to be concreted and opened by next spring. The contract has already been let and when this job is completed Walker County will have 50 miles of hard-surfaced roads.

Two new tire sales and filling stations have been opened in the downtown district.



The Humble Oil and Refining Company is constructing a storage yard.

Contract for the new library building for Sam Houston State Teachers' College has been let. This is to be a three story brick and concrete structure. Work is to begin at once.

The Goree State Prison Farm has purchased A. C. motor equipment for the purpose of obtaining electric energy from our lines. This farm formerly had D. C. equipment.

Thirteen building permits for buildings to cost approximately \$15,000 were issued during September.

Kosse

L. T. Guenzel, local superintendent, has assumed the duties of district representative and the plan is working successfully, sales have shown an increase and a number of lighting units have been placed in stores.

Madisonville

Madison County will hold its annual fair here during October.

Cotton ginning throughout this section is considerably in excess of last season.

The new distribution system at North Zulch was completed early in September and seventeen commercial and sixteen residential customers had been connected to our lines during the month.

At Midway an interesting development in ginning was demonstrated by the Midway Gin Company. This company operates two gins, one electrical, built this year, and the other operated by oil engine, built two years ago. The oil gin had a start of 265 bales of cotton when the electric gin began operations. At the end of September the electric gin had turned out 1900 bales, while the one operated by the oil engine had ginned only 1600 bales.

As soon as the distribution system here has been completed we expect to get forty customers on our lines.

Navasota

Renewal of portions of the distribution system has been carried on here during



NOW YOU TELL ONE

IT looks like someone had just told a funny story. Anyway, Superintendent Hollinshead of Navasota seems to be indulging in a hearty laugh. The gentleman with him (right) is Mr. Gillette, not of razor but of Tel-Electric fame.

the past month, larger poles and wire being substituted for the old system.

Fred Bridler has moved here from Port Arthur, succeeding J. H. Hill as chief operator at the local plant.

The Agricultural Department of the Southern Pacific system held a soil building and crop relation meeting in Navasota on September 24.

James A. Hall and G. V. Doyle of Houston have bought the Navasota Motor Company, agents for the Chevrolet.

Navasota has been made a terminal for Missouri Pacific freight trains.

Mrs. A. G. Lyles has built a new residence and has arranged to install an electric range therein.

Navasota Kiwanians celebrated the birthday of their local club, made a visit to the Houston Club, twenty strong, and produced a play, "Marrying Marian," during the month. A bathing girl revue for small children was given during the play. Messrs. G. G. Hollinshead and L. H. Hatter were judges.

Clarence Moore, one of the largest cotton growers in this section, has been



urging farmers to plant sweet potatoes. He planted some of his acreage in this crop and realized \$100 per acre from the crop.

John Martin, who during the summer was ice platform man, has been elected president of the freshman class at Sam Houston State Teachers' College in Huntsville.

State Highway No. 6 has been concreted to the Navasota River and is now open to traffic.

Somerville

The Santa Fe tie plant is at present operating on full capacity with a payroll of \$9,000 per week. Other Santa Fe activities produce a payroll of \$4,500 per week additional, which is a sizeable amount for a town of this size.

During September a carnival company came to town and helped to boost our electric output.

The Somerville gin is 100 bales ahead of last season's total output.

Trinity

The Texas Company has completed its new service station on the main street, while the Humble Company has installed a new series of tanks and we have built an extension to serve their power and lighting requirements.

Construction of the new Methodist church has been resumed and it is expected that the work will be completed within 60 days.

PERCOLATOR SALE ANNOUNCED

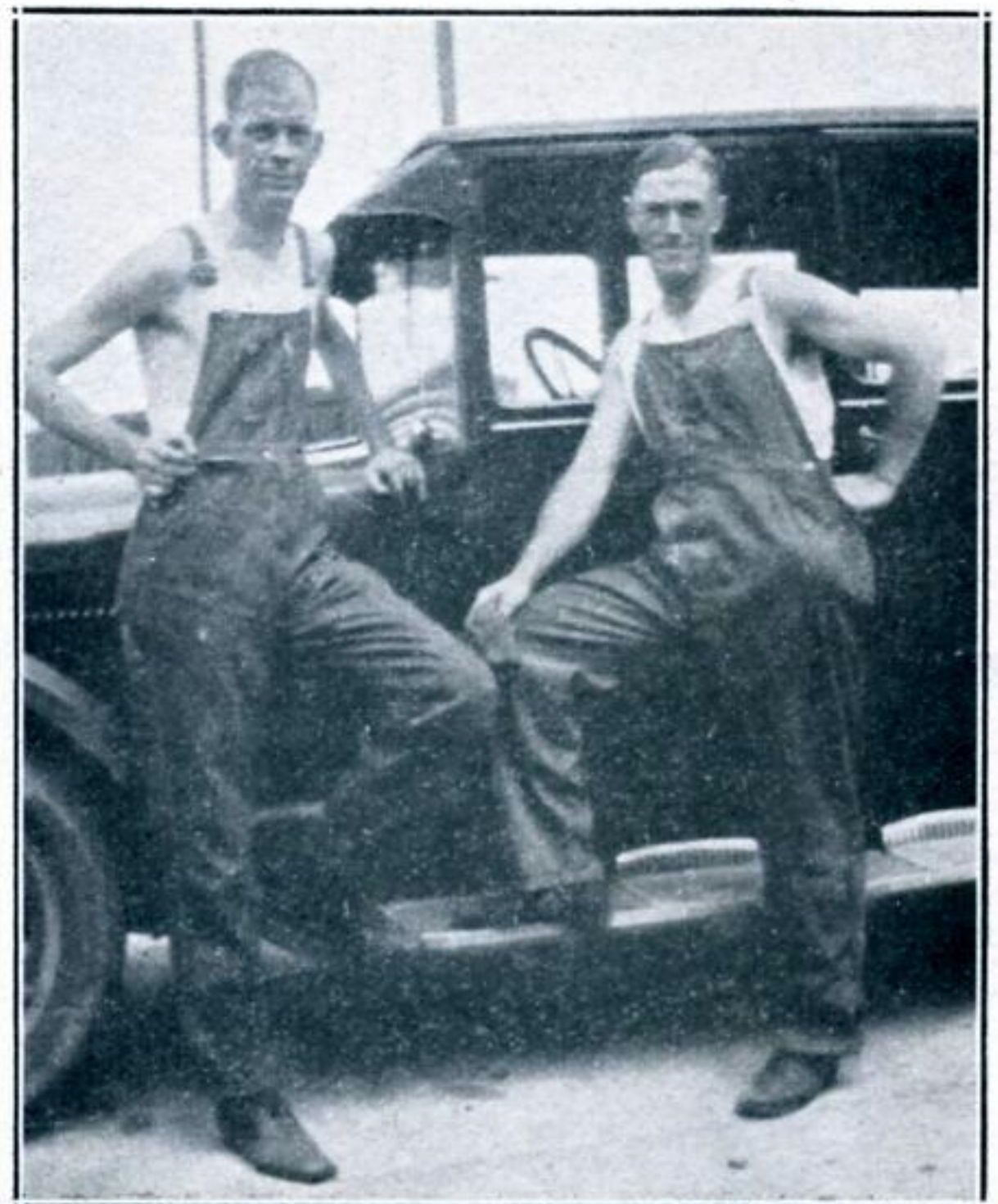
November will be percolator month, according to F. Parker Allen, superintendent of merchandise sales. We will campaign a Manning-Bowman 8-cup percolator, regular \$7.50 value, for only \$4.95. Special terms of 45c down, \$1.50 monthly will be given. Your friends will appreciate knowing about this sale.

Sunday School Teacher—"And why did Noah take two of each kind of animal into the ark?"

Bright Child—"Because he didn't believe the story about the stork."

PORT ARTHUR GIRLS HAVE LUNCHEON

Reubena DeBouy and Docia Moore, Chairman and Secretary of the Women's Committee respectively, had lunch with the Port Arthur girls recently, at the Plaza Hotel. Messrs. Bishop and Granau each gave peppy talks on Electric Taps, and Miss Moore told how she had sold 21 taps in Beaumont. Mr. Morgan was supposed to be present also, but alas, he had his tooth pulled before lunch instead of afterwards. We wonder why. There was plenty of fried chicken and everything good to eat that goes with it. Mrs. Mamie Voyles planned the menu, and we would say she knows how. Miss Juanita Bean played the piano after lunch, which gave Messrs. Granau and Bishop an opportunity to show what a wicked foot they could shake.



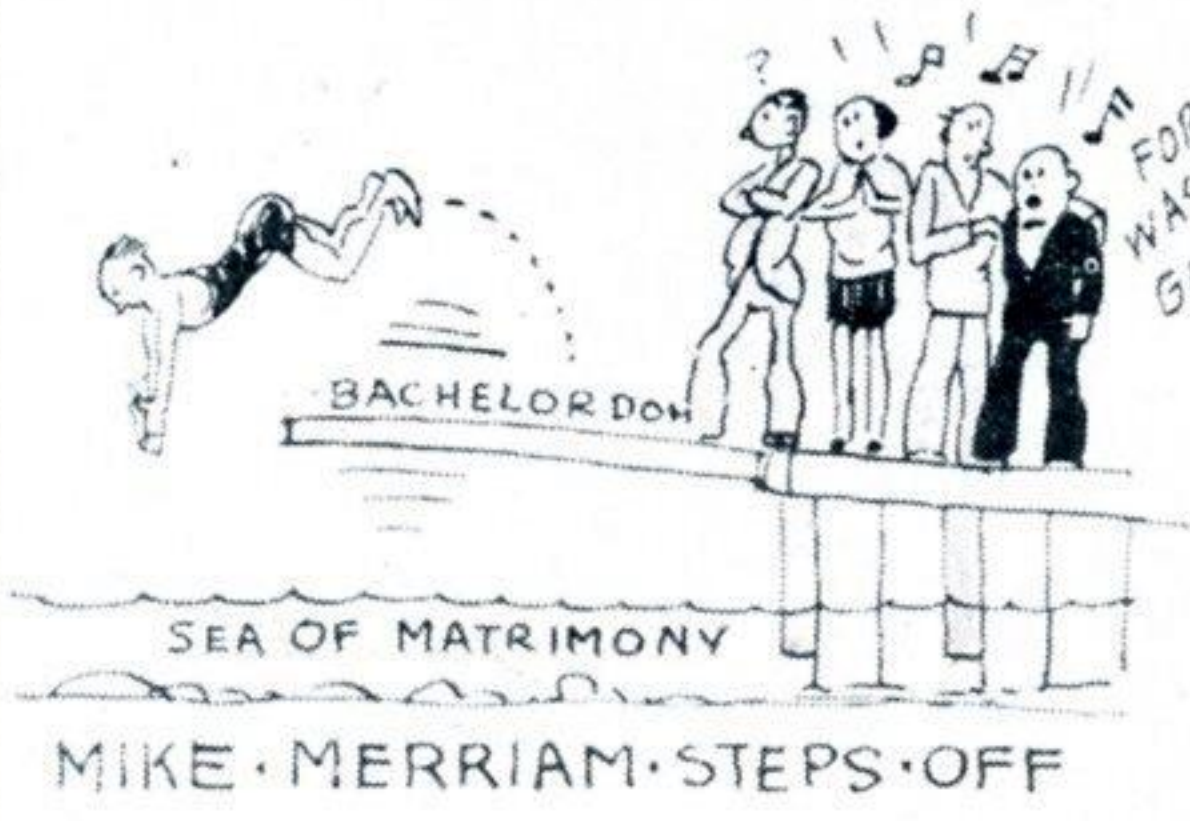
IN WORKING CLOTHES

"So you recognize them in their working clothes?" Yes, they are Superintendent of Production Harry Sharpless and J. C. Tucker. Every now and then when there is some particular job to be done they don their overalls and learn about trouble by correcting it themselves.



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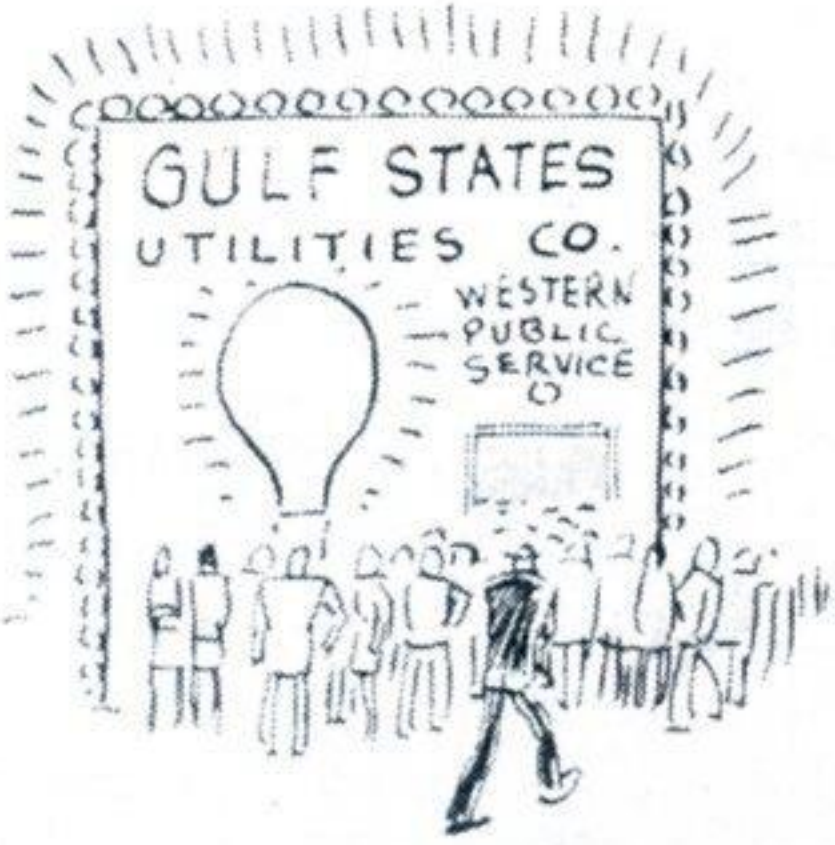
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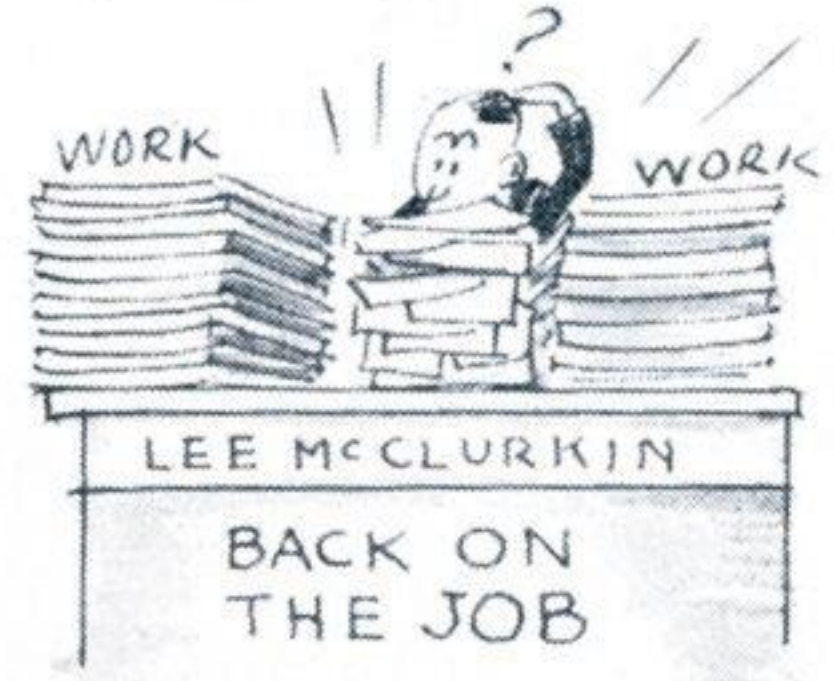
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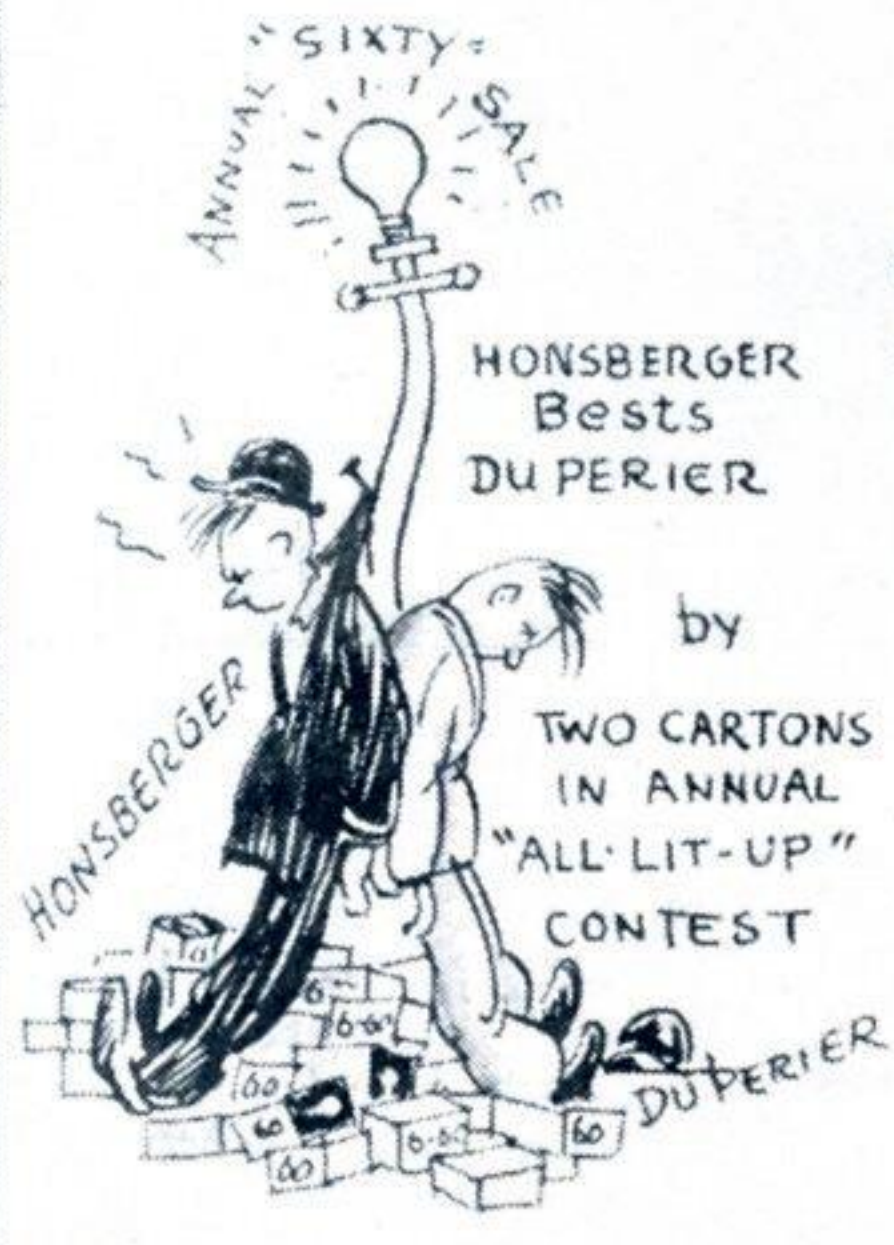
SOME PRETTY DISPLAYS AT THE FAIRS THIS MONTH



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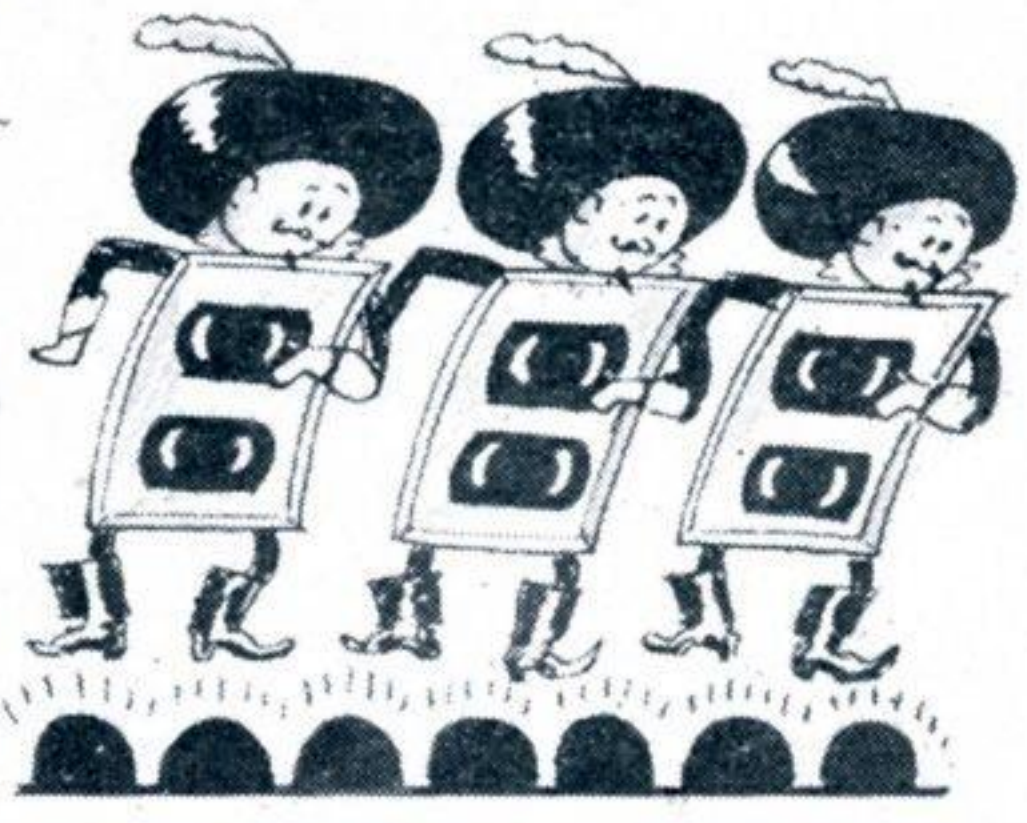


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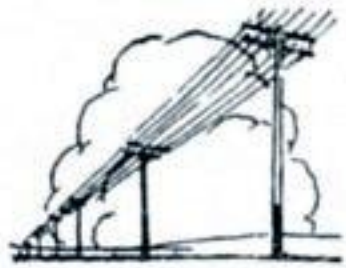
TWO CARTONS IN ANNUAL "ALL-LIT-UP" CONTEST



TRAINMEN BREAK SAFETY RECORDS



ELECTRIC TAPS "The Modern Musketeers" MAKE THEIR BOW



ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT NEWS

A. C. Martinson of the local Auditing Department was married on September 23, to Miss Ruby Munsen of Jasper.

W. A. Cockrill, Voucher Clerk of the Gulf States Utilities Company, was transferred to the Production Department on October 1. Mr. William Buckley has assumed the duties formerly performed by Mr. Cockrill.

A. A. Westbrook of the Gulf States Utilities Company was transferred to the position of Automobile Clerk for all companies, and H. R. Weaver, formerly Automobile Clerk, was made Assistant Voucher Clerk for the Gulf States Utilities Company on October 4.

W. D. Ricks, formerly Assistant Pay Roll Clerk, was made Pay Roll Clerk, with Dan G. Greene as assistant.

Miss Mae Ricks of the Western Public Service Company, who was recently married to E. R. Meleton, has been transferred to the Billing Department of the Gulf States Utilities Company.

Miss Thelma Caughlin, formerly Pay Roll Clerk of the Eastern Texas Electric Company, was transferred to the Port Arthur office on September 19. Mr. Tim Will, formerly Railway Clerk, filled the vacancy made by Miss Caughlin's transfer.

Mr. John DeLacie, formerly with the Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company, is now employed on the Railway Desk of the Eastern Texas Electric Company.

Louis Fertitta has assumed the duties of office boy for the Accounting Department.

J. P. Pevito, formerly Utility Clerk of the Eastern Texas Electric Company, has been transferred to the Western Public Service Company as Utility Clerk.

Imogene Gray, we are sorry to tell you, has been in the hospital for several days, undergoing an operation, but is now doing nicely and has been removed to her home, 1640 Avenue G.

PORT ARTHUR

The girls of the Port Arthur Division have all signed up for an educational class, under Mr. Johnson, our new personnel man. We have had one meeting, and will meet hereafter each Monday afternoon from 3:30 till 5:00. Miss Decker is the chairman for the first meeting, and Mr. Johnson has suggested that meetings be carried on according to parliamentary law. As Miss Decker can't find the law book, she is going to make up her own.

J. B. Bishop attended the American Legion Convention in San Antonio. He reports that the convention was a howling success, literally speaking.

F. W. Bridler, who has been transferred to Navasota, came to work for this company in October, 1916, and held practically every position in the power plant, and at the time of his departure for Navasota, he was the only white employe in this division who was with the old light and power company when it was taken over by the present management.

G. A. Jernigan, Vernon Marie, and Earnest Austin were visitors from Lake Charles during the month.

Mrs. A. H. Pressler and Miss Jeanne Decker assisted in the office during the "six-sixty" campaign. Jeanne is Lucy Decker's sister, and before she returned to Houston, Mrs. Pressler had a bridge party for the office force. Jeanne and "Diddy" Welch won the high score prizes.

J. B. Bishop, Mrs. Bishop, and J. B. Junior, spent a few days in Kansas City.

J. W. Waltrip, Assistant Superintendent of Sales, Port Arthur Division, has been transferred to Orange.

R. Green, formerly of the Beaumont Meter Department, has been transferred to the Port Arthur Meter Department. He came to Port Arthur October 1.

H. J. Hebert who has been in the Port Arthur Meter Department for the past fourteen months was transferred to the Commercial Department October 1. He is working with Mr. DeCuir in the Repair Department.



ON THE ROAD TO NECHES STATION

This attractive sign was recently erected at the junction of our private road to the Neches Power Station and the old Mansfield Ferry road. It serves as a guide to visitors.

MARY LILYERSTROM HOSTESS AT NECHES STATION

Through the courtesy of E. S. Fitz and H. R. Sharpless, the Beaumont Business and Professional Women's Club were permitted to hold their meeting of October 9, at the Neches Power Station.

Luncheon was served in one of the rooms of the new addition, Miss Mary Lilyerstrom acting as hostess. After a short business session presided over by Miss Pearl Brock, president, J. C. Tucker escorted the girls over the entire plant, explaining points of interest.

DUARD McLEMORE PROUD PAPA!

It was with great pleasure we learned that Duard McLemore, Stationery Department, became the father of a seven pound baby boy on Friday, October 12. The young fellow has been named Samuel Dale.

A FISH STORY

Bootlegger (to man fishing)—“Have any luck?”

Man—“No.”

Bootlegger—“Try some of this on your bait.”

Man pours something from bottle over the worm on the hook and lowers it into the water. Soon a great splashing about is heard and the line is jerked up. The worm had a stranglehold on a catfish and was punching him in the eye with his tail.

EMPLOYEES' DANCE

Company employes enjoyed a dance at the new Terpsichorean Club, Beaumont, on October 4. The dance was sponsored by Tim Will and Denny Clubb. Music was furnished by Frank Mutz and his orchestra. We were particularly pleased to see the employes from Lake Charles, who came to the dance via bus.

CHANGE IN BUS ROUTE

The Laurel Street bus route has been changed as follows: Outbound Laurel buses operate on Laurel to Fourth Street, Fourth to South Street, South to Seventh Street, Seventh to Pecos Boulevard, Pecos to Eighth Street, Eighth to Laurel Street, Laurel to Tenth Street, Tenth to Hazel Street, returning over the same route.

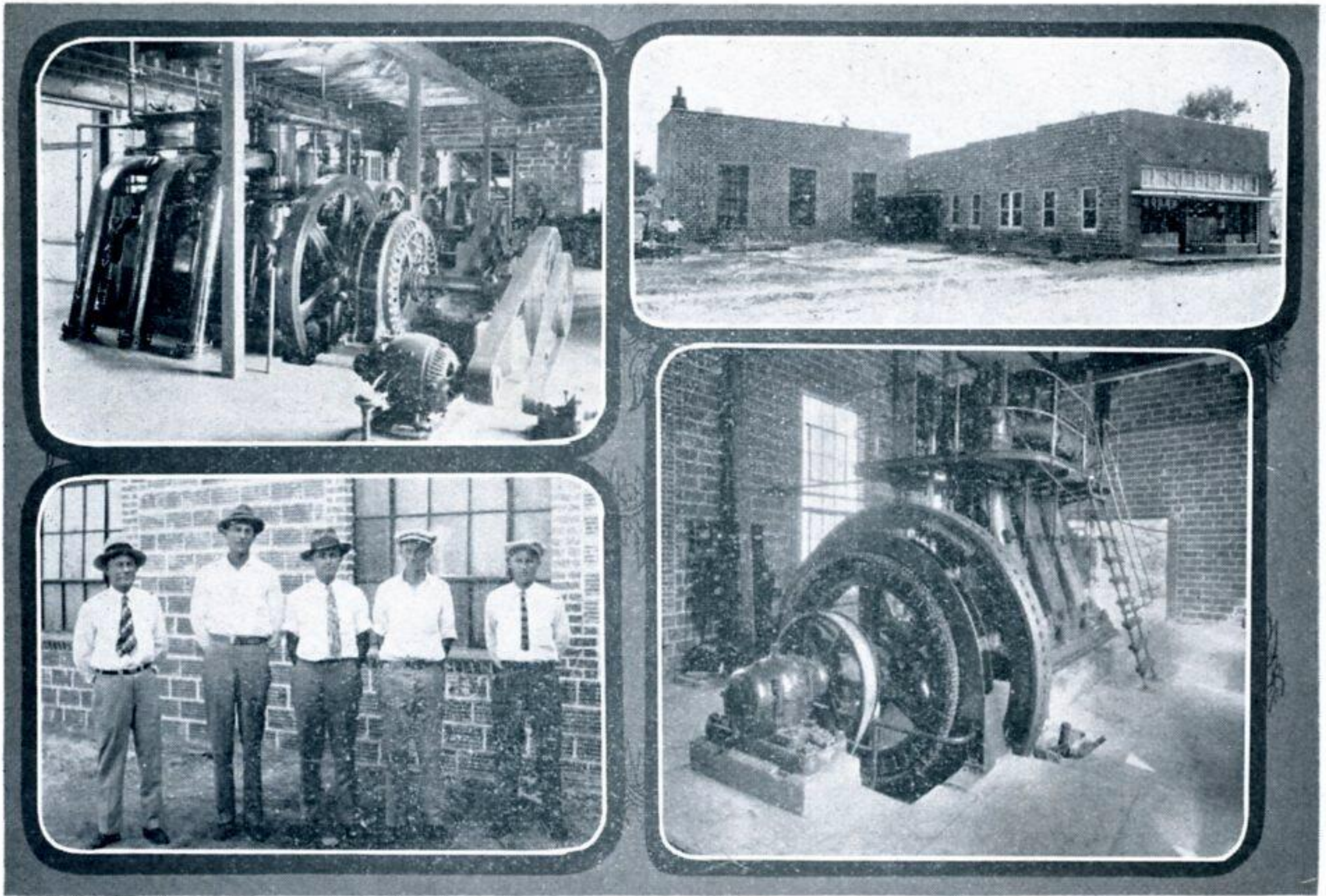
Inquisitive Old Lady—“Where did those large rocks come from?”

Tired Guide—“The glaciers brought them down.”

“But where are the glaciers?”

“They have gone back after more rocks.”

A young married couple started out with the aby to buy a baby carriage. They purchased one, put the baby in it and were wheeling it along the street when they became conscious of the smiles of the passersby and wondered thereat until they got home, when they noticed that the clerk had omitted to remove the sign from the carriage. It read “Our Own Make.”



IMPROVEMENTS AT JASPER

That "bigger and better than ever" ballyhoo the circus uses can be applied to the Jasper Plant now without stretching the truth. The upper left picture shows the three old units of the plant. The exterior, upper right, shows the wing that was added to take care of the new unit. Lower left, Superintendent Murph and his co-workers in Jasper. Lower right, the new unit, recently installed under the supervision of R. K. Wilkerson, which virtually doubled the generating capacity of the plant.

SAFETY CONTEST WINNERS ENTERTAINED

Forty men, operators of Eastern Texas Electric Company and guests, were entertained Tuesday October 23, at the wrestling match at the Kyle Theatre, afterward going to Fuller's Cafe for an oyster supper.

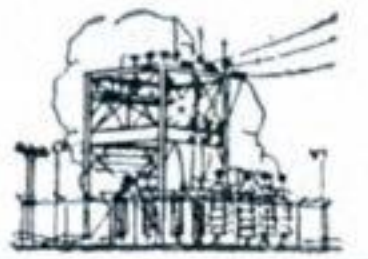
The entertainment was the reward to the men who came through the month of September with the least number of accidents charged against them. During September the number of accidents was reduced 40 per cent over the same month last year. Less accidents were recorded than for any month since April, 1924.

Beaumont operators attending were: L. P. Bodin, R. L. Claiborne, W. L. Coggins, A. W. Cox, P. D. Gandy, W. Hughes, R. L.

Kendrick, J. A. Kotulan, L. Lacouture, J. W. Mayton, W. E. Philpott, E. Stamford, G. A. Smith, W. G. Turner, B. Waters, V. M. Stephenson, T. A. Cosper, and Leo Tucker. Port Arthur was represented by W. Thompson, W. Graves, F. Hargrove, W. Huff, H. L. Lusted, C. Mills, and D. M. Montgomery.

Others attending were: J. D. Southwell, C. R. Goodman, L. C. Singleton, J. T. Reidy, O. W. Gaines, J. H. Ward, F. S. Sheffield, J. W. Christopher, C. A. Boyd, E. E. Thomas, L. T. Raley, J. M. DeBouy, C. B. Melton, D. H. Poulson, and Bradley McMaster.

The party was in the form of a surprise, the operators being bundled aboard a special car and taken to the Interurban Building where plans for the evening were announced.



T H E L A U G H P A G E

A Youthful Fan

Teacher (in geography class)—“Can anyone tell me where Pittsburgh is?”

Small voice (in rear)—“Please, ma’am, they’re playing in New York.”

Wrap It Up

A bleary-eyed man entered a savings bank and hurried to the teller’s window. “Lemme have two cases right away,” he said, pushing two fifty-dollar bills through the grating.

“What do you mean? Two cases of what?” replied the teller.

“Hanged if I know what name you give it, but I saw a sign outside that said ‘four per cent’ and I’ll drink whatever it is.”

Your Choice

“Will you marry me, dearest?”

“Certainly. Companionate, trial or fight-to-a-finish?”

Terrible

In something of a hurry a suburbanite dashed into an apothecary shop.

“Give me a lawn mower, please,” he demanded.

“Why, we don’t handle lawn mowers,” the clerk said. “This is a drug store.”

“Oh, is that so? Well, all I’ve got to say is, this is a hell of a drug store!”

Well Known

First Farmer—“I’ve got a freak on my farm. It’s a two-legged calf.”

Second Farmer—“I know it. He was over to call on my daughter last night.”

A Poor Investment

“Hear about the Scotchman who just went insane?”

“No. What was the matter?”

“He bought a score card at the game and neither team scored.”

Well Chosen

“Pastus, I understand that you have become the father of twins. Have you named them yet?”

“Yessuh, ah done call the fust one Adagio Allegro, and Ah’m go’n’ t’ call the second one Encore.”

“Musical names, all right. But why do you call the second one Encore?”

“Well, suh, you see, he wasn’t on the program at all.”

A Clue

They were standing on the front step. He kissed her long, tenderly, and lingeringly. “Adios,” he whispered. “May your ancestors smile upon your dreams.”

Sherlock Holmes smiled.

“A marine,” he muttered. “Served in France, on the Mexican border and in China. Quite easy, Watson.”

Watson nodded approvingly.

“I knew he was a traveling man,” he said.

He “Ducked” the Bridge

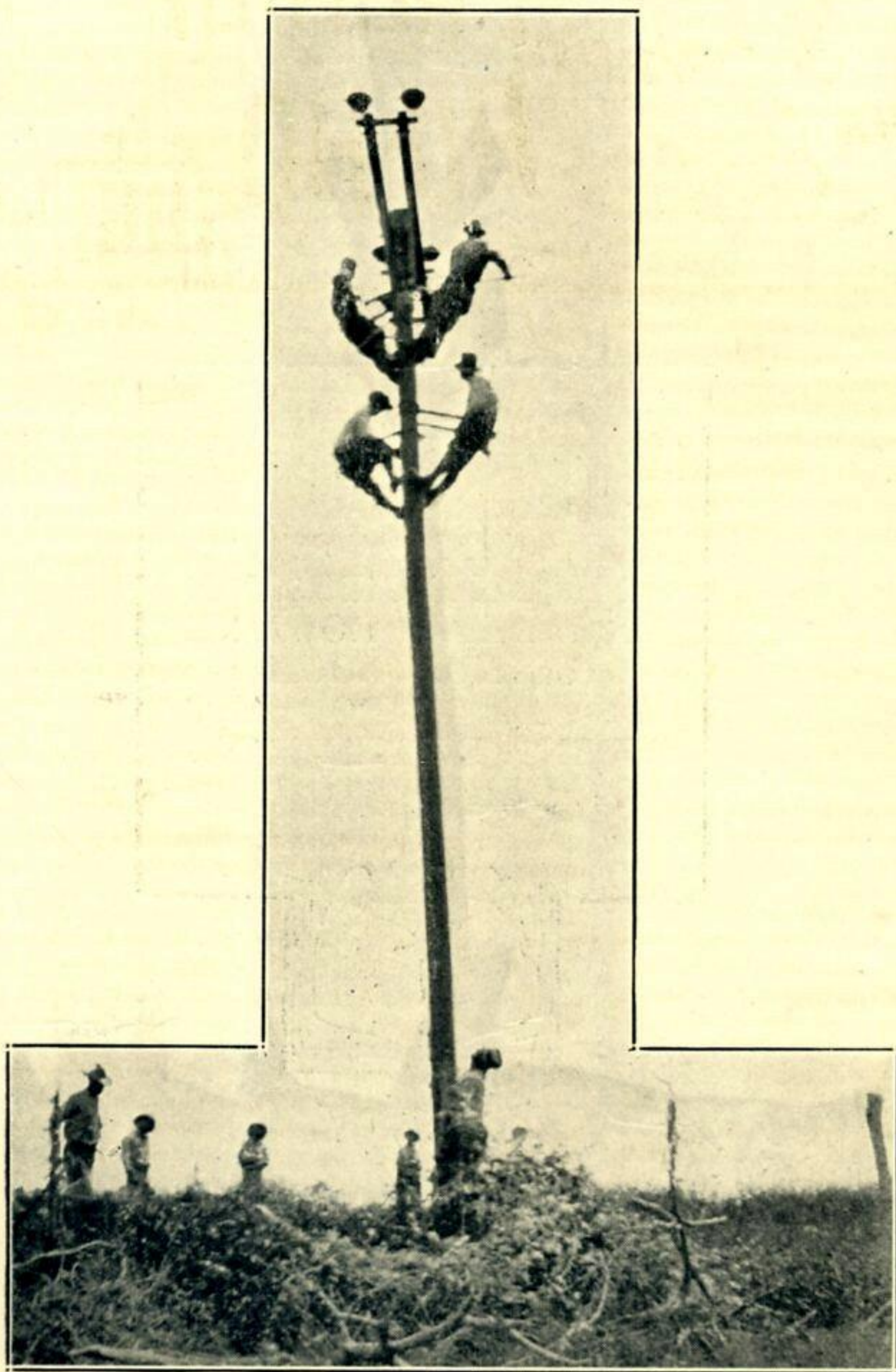
Bill Buffalo, a young Indian, suddenly oil-rich, bought a \$5,000 automobile and drove away. The next day the young Indian was back at the sales agency, foot-sore and walking with a limp, and his head bandaged. This was his explanation:

“Drive out big car; buy gallon moonshine; take big drink; step on gas. Trees and fences heap fast. Pretty soon see big bridge coming down road. Turn out to let bridge go by. Bang! Car gone. Gimme ‘nother one!”

Well Mixed

Small boy—“What is college bred, pop?”

Pop (with son in college)—“They make college bred, my boy, from the flour of youth and the dough of old age.”



A TICKLISH JOB. Changing insulators with "hot sticks" on the 33,000 volt line between Huntsville and Shiro. Such work requires great skill and the exercise of great care for service is not interrupted while the change is being made.

IN HANDLING COM-
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The HOME PAGE

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YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT U. S. A. FROM THEM

The vacation season is over and the girls are home again. There were few sections of the country they didn't see this summer. Look at this list of vacationers and the states they "covered":

Alabama—Emmie Cockrill, Lorraine Flinn.

Arizona—Mamie Voyles.

California—Mamie Voyles.

Colorado—Mamie Voyles, Agnes Goode, Stella Curtis, Dorothy Seale, Reubena DeBouy.

Florida—Theresa Kaper, Lorraine Flinn, Ray Ridley.

Georgia—Theresa Kaper.

Idaho—Dorothy Seale.

Kansas—Florence Wimberly, Dorothy Seale.

Louisiana—Docia Moore, Emma Grier, Alma Huffman, Alice Lyons, Eloise Guidry, Reed Garrison, Vanabel Robinson, Maude Hildebrandt.

Mexico—Alma Huffman.

Mississippi—Lorraine Flinn.

Missouri—Florence Wimberly.

Montana—Dorothy Seale.

Nevada—Mamie Voyles.

New Mexico—Mamie Voyles, Dorothy Seale, Reubena DeBouy.

New York—Jane Adams, Sibyl Duke.

Oklahoma—Bess Stout, Mary Carter, Dorothy Seale.

Pennsylvania—Jane Adams.

Tennessee—Emmie Cockrill.

Texas—Thelma South, Joy Schomer, Agnes Fite, Gladys Blackman, Elsie Murray, Nell Brewer, Opal Lee Richardson, Juanita Hogan, Mabel Johnson, Willie Ben King, Ethel Douglas, Mary Carter.

Utah—Dorothy Seale.

HOW MRS. P. R. WILLIAMS COOKS CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

Prepare one chicken as for roasting.

Put in kettle with three cups of olive oil and keep turning until brown.

Then add one small onion, three cloves of garlic and one large can of tomatoes with all liquor drained off.

Let cook very slowly for three hours.

About a half an hour before serving, add half bunch of finely chopped parsley, one tablespoonful of salt and a can of mushrooms.

Cook two packages of spaghetti in boiling, salted water for fifteen minutes. (Do not break up spaghetti.)

To serve, place spaghetti in platter and sprinkle with grated Roman cheese. Then pour sauce chicken has cooked in over spaghetti; carve chicken and place on platter; completing with another generous sprinkling of cheese.

This Italian supper is delicious, as many of Mrs. Williams' friends can testify, and is made more appetizing by serving with pickled sweet red peppers (pickled in olive oil, thyme, garlic, salt and vinegar), head lettuce with French dressing, French or Italian bread and (alas!) red wine.

Wyoming—Mamie Voyles, Dorothy Seale.

HOWDY!

Hello everybody who is interested in home and women, we are mighty glad to meet you, and hope you will like us. We are here to serve you, as well as entertain you. We will be here each month from now on too, because we are the Women's Committee new protegee. If you like us, or have any suggestions to offer, we would certainly appreciate hearing from you.

GIRLS ARE ENTERTAINED

The standing of the teams in the Electric Tap Contest, which is being conducted by the Women's Committee, was announced Tuesday evening, October 16, at a ten table bridge and heart party at the home of Mrs. Reubena DeBouy. Miss Alice McMaster's team is in the lead, having sold 47 taps, and Miss Mary Haynes' team is close behind, with 45 taps to their credit.

Mrs. Mary Ganchan, Mrs. Vanabel Robinson, Miss Mary Haynes and Miss Alice McMaster were the hostesses for this party. Halloween decorations were used throughout the house, with bowls of yellow cosmos and Jack-o'-lanterns decorating each room.

Refreshments of frozen pineapple salad, cheese snaps, orange colored bonbons and punch were served at the close of the games. The salad and ice cubes for the punch were frozen in the General Electric Refrigerators at the office. Each ice cube was frozen around a red cherry.

The prizes were boudoir lamps, a cream and sugar set, and talcum powder for low. Miss Nell Amthor won high bridge score for the Port Arthur girls, and Miss Juanita Bean low. Miss Agnes Goode won high score for the Beaumont bridge players, and Miss Stella Curtis low. Mrs. Ethel Sparks won high score in the heart game, and Mrs. Sibyl Duke low. Miss Reed Garrison cut consolation.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT SWEET PEAS

(By One of Our Girls' Husbands)

Sweet pea beds should be, preferably, of black, sandy soil and should run east and west, to protect them from the heat of the sun. After fertilizing the ground, loosen all dirt and dig a trench about 8 or 9 inches deep, in a v-shape. Drop sweet pea seeds one about ever four or five inches, cover with an inch or so of dirt and dampen.

When the young sweet pea bush is about two inches tall, again apply loose dirt until the top of the vine barely sticks out of the ground. Continue this operation until you have a mound of dirt around the vines. (This is done so that the sweet pea bush may have a long root, as the plant itself is not strong enough to force itself through any great amount of dirt.) At this period, build a trellis about five feet high, for the vines to grow on.

Sweet peas require a good deal of water and the ground around them should never be allowed to become very dry.

Planted in this manner, they should bloom for a considerable period, as their roots are stronger than they become by less careful planting.

The Women's Committee wishes to take this means of extending their sympathy to Nell Brewer and Maude Hildebrandt, whose fathers died recently.

A WORTHWHILE MEETING

Too bad all of you couldn't have been present at the last Women's Committee meeting, held September 26, at the Distribution Building.

Three good reasons why we say "too bad" were: "Sonny" and "Buddie" Brown, and "Hubie" Braunig, Jr. They staged a burlesque on the Tunney-Dempsey squabble, the Browns taking part in the match, while "Hubie" refereed it. It was good!

Lest you think prize-fighting occupied the major portion of the hour, we hasten to assure you that A. R. Watson, W. G. Clarke and Jane Adams made interesting and instructive talks.

Mr. Watson spoke on "How to Sell Electricity," and managed three good jokes at the same time.

Mr. Clarke told of the coming campaign to sell electric taps, and Jane Adams (who was only "plain Jane" Scherer at that time) told of her meeting with the other State Chairmen of the Women's Committee at New Orleans during September.

Mary Lilyerstrom's family visited her for two weeks during September—her mother, Mrs. P. A. Lilyerstrom, and her sister, Mrs. Albert Carlson. Knowing Mary as we do, we would expect her family to be mighty nice—and they were! We are sorry they didn't stay longer, so everyone could enjoy knowing them.