

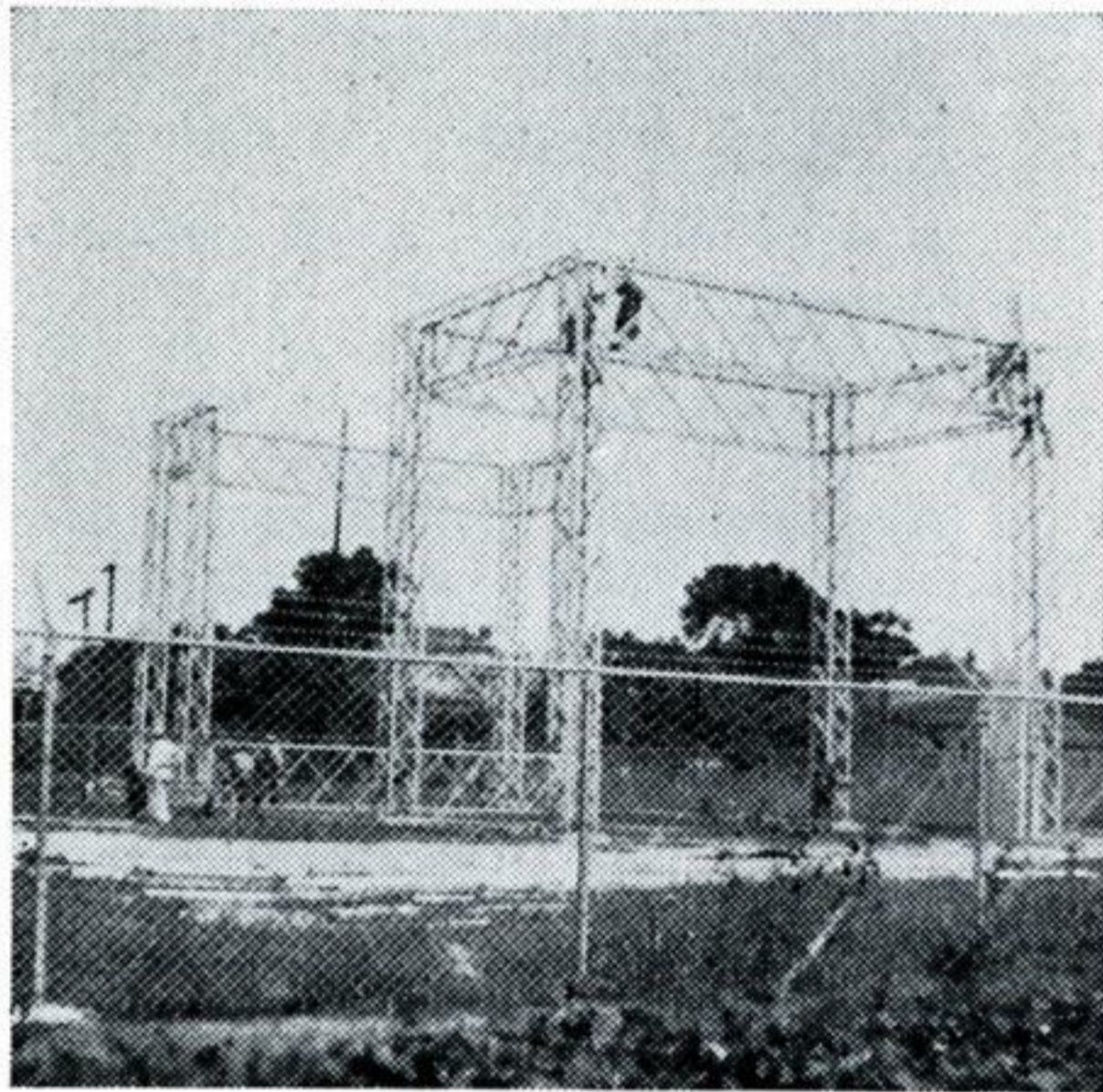
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PLAIN TALKS

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new "sub" goes up in Beaumont's north end



By R. F. Reid

NORTH END SUBSTATION

The foresight of our engineers back in 1928 is being evidenced in the construction of a 33 K.V. substation in the north end of Beaumont, at the corner of Renaud and Glasshouse streets. In 1928 it was realized that with the continued development of the city and the growth of the electric load it would be necessary to build outlying substations to feed the outlying areas, rather than to attempt to serve these loads from Tevis Street station. In the plans formulated at that time it was a proposed north end substation.

In 1928 a 33 K.V. line was built from Tevis Street to Helbig and a substation constructed at Helbig to serve the Texas Public Service Co. The line was routed to pass the site chosen for the proposed future Northend substation, the line being made suspension type

from Tevis street to this point and pin type from there to Helbig.

In 1930 a 33 K.V. line was constructed from Helbig to Voth, and the 13 K.V. line from Voth to Silsbee converted to 33 K.V. The 13 K.V. line having formerly been served by a 2300 volt line out of Tevis street stepped up at Voth to 13 K. V.

In 1929 the growth of load diminished, but in 1936 and the early part of 1937 the electric load increased to such an extent that it became necessary to go ahead with the construction of the Northend substation. It is expected that it will be completed by the middle of October and distribution circuits rerouted to feed out of the new substation before the South Texas State Fair begins. This new substation will relieve Tevis street station of approximately 1,000 K.V.A.

If the growth of load in the Beaumont area continues, other plans which were formulated back in 1928 may have to be carried out, such as the installation of a Westend substation.





Bob Guidry
Editor

production news

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

Operators wrote another page into the long history of Tevis Street Power Plant September 1, when buses of National City Lines replaced street cars. Operator Baxley shut down one machine and wrote it up in the log book "Rest in Peace". After that famous last run and all street cars had been properly spotted at the barn, operator Zabriskie calmly pulled the switch which ended service to street cars in Beaumont.

look out fish!

Fisherman Earl Griffith takes a back seat now when his wife goes fishing with him. A recent trip to Bolivar with the Mrs. along netted them more than sixty speckled. From now on Earl rows the boat while the wife does the fishing.

Robt. Haynes attempted to teach James Keith how to handle an outboard motor boat, but gave it up as a bad job. Jimmy just couldn't keep the boat from turning opposite to the way he wanted it to turn.

Lonnie Pace believes in seeing the world in fourteen days. His vacation was what we call a marathon driving contest. He covered slightly more than 5,500 miles, traveling through 15 states and two countries. Gasoline prices ranged from 16 to 26c a gallon. Pace did stop long enough to visit one of the largest Hydro plants in the world, the 500,000 Kw. Queenstown plant in Ontario, Canada.

bull?

J. C. Tucker spent a week in Mexico stopping at Monterrey and Mexico City. Best of all were the bull fights and the way Tucker describes them you would think he was taking lessons to become a matador.

chest drive

President Walker will be chairman of Beaumont's Community Chest Drive this fall. Mr. Walker has been an active leader in the chest's work for many years, serving in various important capacities.

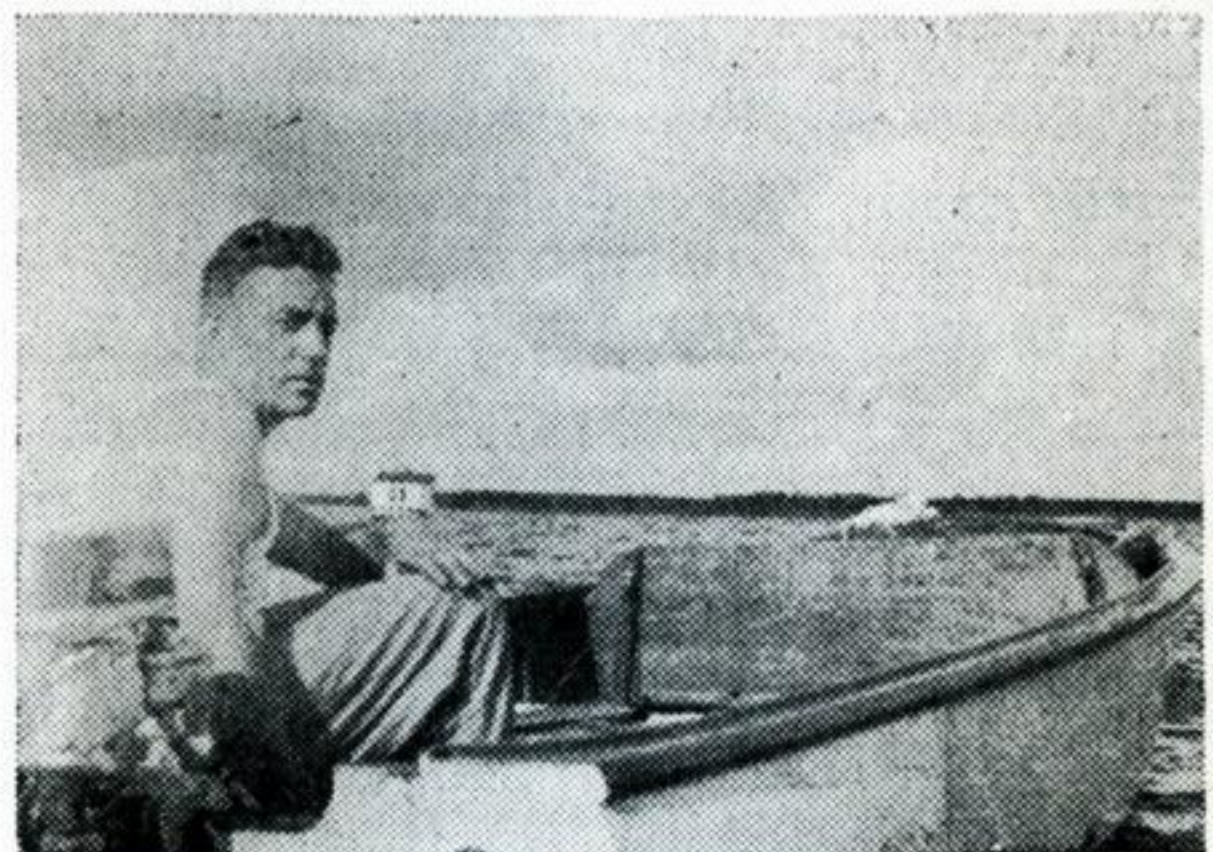
Members of our organization in Beaumont, and in other cities where the chest plan functions, have an enviable record in this important civic work and can be counted upon to come through again this year with their share of contributions and "manpower" needed to put over the drives in their respective communities.

A. J. Reed vacationed at home. Monte Street went west, stopping at El Paso and Carlsbad Cavern. J. O. Keelan vacationed in Navasota with relatives and came back in time to register for spare time studying at Lamar College. Maxie Montagne spent a week in Louisiana visiting relatives, the other week he painted his house. He sure had lots of fun keeping those mean ole bugs off the fresh paint. Bob Guidry vacationed in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Biloxi.

builder

The picture shows W. A. Whitten vacationing at his private camp at Moss Lake. Camp Georbert (named after his two boys) was built by Whitten on weekends over a three months period. He also built his own boat, he didn't have a string of fish for the picture but he claims there are plenty of them in the lake and that he gets his share.

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Navasota division network of broadcasting

NAVASOTA

Guest announcer Jack Shirey pinch hitting for Winchell Johnson:

Now if I could get someone to pinch hit for me you would probably get some news—Anyway here goes:

Sporting News

At the present time the favorite past time of the Navasota employees is hunting doves—mostly hunting and not shooting.

Navasota High School football team took Bedias High to the tune of 58 to 0 in the initial game of the year.

The Navasota Softball season is over with the Old Washington "Beerheads" as winners, and the Jaycees runner-ups.

Classified Section

For Sale—One bird dog, price \$500.00 (See O. S. Wyatt).

Wanted—To buy or rent (or borrow) one set of golf clubs—See Jack Shirey.

For Sale Cheap—One milk cow—L. T. Haney.

For Sale—One 20 gauge shotgun, Remington Automatic—See Anders Poulson.

For Sale—One 44 caliber lever action rifle. excellent for deer hunting—Pat Griffith.

For Sale—One secondhand car radio—See Red Boswell.

For Sale—One '33 model Chevrolet car—See Lester Boles.

Please get in touch with the men listed in this section for the above bargains.

Labor Day Activities

John Brady and "Mom" to Fort Worth and Dallas. . . The Haddox's and Griffiths through East Texas swamps, stopping over a few hours at Caddo Lake. . . The Geo. H. Johnson's to Nederland and the Gulf Coast for a bit of fishing. . . Anders Poulson playing Tarzan at Mirror Lake while Muriel and Miss Lilyerstrom looked on. . . Jack Shirey barbecuing ribs in his backyard. . . Mr. and Mrs. Diddy Welch fishing in Louisiana.

Vacations

The Ed Ward's to the Louisiana Bayou in search of the finny tribe. . . M. W. Taylor talking over the good ole days with his twin brother from Gawgia. . . Dutch Foerster tinkering

around the house and helping with little John Bolton. . . The Tommy Tompkins' to Houston and Southeast Texas. . . Jeanette Sangster to Dallas and Wichita Falls. . . Mrs. Ann Grove to Beaumont, Port Arthur, and to the "Crescent City" for a spot of French cooking. . . The Bennie Stagg's to Helena, Arkansas. It seems he had a scratching good time on account of mixing up with poison ivy.

Station A-L-V-I-N

Ethelind Uzzell took a rough bus ride to spend Labor Day with friends in Louisiana. . . High School is getting ready to use Alvin's new illuminated field for football since the baseball season closed. . . Mr. Walker, our serviceman, is taking a late vacation starting September 24th.

Station C-A-L-D-W-E-L-L



Louise Stokes and Emily Woodson

Louise Stokes is now a full-fledged G. S. U. employee and we are glad to have her with us. . . Emily Woodson is leaving us to enter the University of Texas. Good luck, Emily. . . Marvin Seigler, our new serviceman, is beginning to talk some of this strange language, but he can't get these jaw-breaking names yet. . . W. T. is talk-

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ing Georgia and Alabama and trying to tell everybody how to go up the tall red hills over there and play golf. . . Hubert Ward, our Ice Platform Man, has been transferred to Beaumont to the Storeroom and Supply Department.

Station C-L-E-V-E-L-A-N-D

Mrs. Clyde Campbell and sons spent several days in Hempstead recently. . . Mrs. A. B. Wilson and son Arthur Dean are visiting Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean of Navasota.

Station C-O-N-R-O-E

H. J. Sisco, Serviceman for several years at Conroe, has been transferred to the substation crew, headquarters at Navasota. We'll miss Howard but wish him success in his new work. . . J. S. Sloan, was transferred to Conroe to replace H. J. Sisco, as Serviceman. We are glad to have him with us.

AT LAST IT HAPPENED—W. E. Earthman was married to Miss Inez Love, September 4, at the home of his mother. The writer witnessed the ceremony so this is not a false alarm.

Station G-R-O-V-E-T-O-N

If anyone in the Navasota Division can answer the following questions, it will be appreciated:

We are wondering—Why R. T. Wright visited the Groveton office on Saturday, election day in Huntsville? . . . What Jelly Gilmore's wife had to say when he took home the fine hound dog he purchased in Corrigan? . . . Why Wiley Sadler (while his wife was out of town) played his radio full blast until the wee small hours of the morning? . . . Why M. G. Thompson shaved off his handsome mustache before leaving for Navasota for the weekend? . . . Why C. B. Brooks continues to remain in Texas when Georgia offers so many, many interesting things? . . . How Charlie Waller managed to return home from a vacation with fifty cents?

Station H-U-N-T-S-V-I-L-L-E

We hate to brag, but of the fifteen families represented among our permanent employees, six have electric ranges, refrigerators, and water heaters; thirteen have ranges and refrigerators, and the other two have G. E. refrigerators.

Otto Wood, who was recently transferred to Huntsville as assistant to Mr. Cates, electrician, really helps out,—he bought the water heater that completed our bogey.

Mr. Wright is out of town on a short vacation.

Fred Walters has just returned from a trip to Arkansas, Chicago, and Milwaukee, and reports a most interesting vacation.

W. E. Dinkins, formerly in the Huntsville office, minus tonsils, dropped by to see us while convalescing.

We are enjoying J. E. Raynor's trip immensely, due to his pictorial description by the post card method.

There was considerable excitement recently when a wood rat found its way into the Huntsville office and sent ladies scurrying for desks and chairs. Marcus Andrews and Joe Stallcup displayed unusual bravery in making the kill and protecting the ladies.

Station M-A-D-I-S-O-N-V-I-L-L-E

A. R. Wilson and family are back from vacationing in Ft. Worth, Cleveland and Barbers Hill. He is up two pounds in weight from eating "kin-folk's" chickens and ice cream.

Station N-A-V-A-S-O-T-A

Navasota Local Office Oracle:

The falling leaves foretell it; the cool nights foretell it; the weekend far-away-looks foretell it—Folks, it's football time again and all up and down the highways, byways, and city streets, the grown-ups and the youngsters eagerly scan all newspapers, and stadiums waiting for the inevitable opening of the greatest game played by schools and colleges. Figari and Diddy Welch have put on their armour and are just wanting someone to say something and Rod Honsberger eagerly awaits their first move so the bets can fly thick and fast.

Football, college, schools, and high lines took a back seat on August 20, when Johnny made his appearance at Dutch Foerster's home for a nice long visit. It seems that the once youngest member of Dutch's family pinned the "Johnny" on the newcomer. Jelly Gilmore is relieving while Dutch is off celebrating the new arrival. We are always glad to have Jelly with us and hope that he won't be so disgusted with us that he won't want to come back again.

Someone should write a resolution of thanks for Agnes Jameson for the swell way she handled the August Plain Talks. If she can do that well, it might be a good idea for a certain blond(e)

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TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Vacations

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and daughter, Marion Katherine went to New Mexico.

The P. G. Simons visited San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth and Corpus Christi.

Pat Himmel spent Labor Day weekend in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Messrs. and Mesdames R. E. Cargill, J. B. Coltharp, R. B. Cruise, and J. K. Jones spent Labor Day weekend at the beach.

Miscellaneous

During the past month a new circuit in Daisetta to provide service for the football field was made available.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Vacations

The A. G. Mashburns vacationed in Alabama and Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Oglesbee and family went to the Pan American Exposition and Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Gager and family stayed in Beaumont and moved into their new home on Ironton street.

METER DEPARTMENT

Miscellaneous

C. W. Ingraham attended a Metermen's Convention in Dallas, September 13 and 14, to discuss the possibilities of a Metermen's School at Texas A. & M. College in February.

Louis Roberts is building a new home. Louis reports that he sealed a horned toad in the cornerstone.

Vacations

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jones saw the sights at Fort Worth and Dallas.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Vacations

Bernice Blanchette saw most of Texas, taking in Houston, Galveston, Dallas and San Antonio. Lots of territory, in one short week, Bernie!

Margaret Stripling is a permanent employee of the Engineering Department.

speaking of operations



R. F. Reid
Editor

Miscellaneous

Dick ("Whistling Pete") Ganchan, left us for further study at Rice Institute, Bob Atha taking over the vacancy he left.

R. B. Cruise, returned from the Exchange Club Convention in San Antonio, was elected State Chapter secretary. Congratulations, Bob!

Our nonchalant blue-print man, Dean Richardson, has returned to Rice Institute for another session, leaving this department badly in need of a good employee (a good man is hard to find.) Ed Vogel has stepped into the job with excellent results.

Bill Wendt is enjoying a traveling vacation with Shreveport, Fort Worth and Brenham on the route.

Thoughts

School has started in earnest for several Engineering Department families—grammar school for some, and dancing school for several others. Home won't be the same with the kids in school.

Winter approaches—we shiver in anticipation.

Special

Bennie and Lucy Fanette started housekeeping with a lamp to guide them on the path, a fine gift from the Engineering Department. Our best wishes to both.

LIBERTY

We're trying to become reconciled to the absence of Tennie (Mrs. DeVore) who is enjoying her vacation at her usual speed, having already made a trip to Tennessee, enjoyed several quiet days at home, and kept in close touch with all "points of interest" near home.

We are enjoying I. C. Moore's presence and splendid assistance during Mrs. Devore's vacation,—and as sur-

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treasury department news

Carra Williams
Editor

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

George Johnson's idea of a guest writer worked so nicely that I decided to try it this month in order to give you folks a bit of variety. So, Nellie Rae McManus and Imogene Davis of the Stenographic Department, together with Assistant Editor Charlyne Wheeler, give you the Treasury Department News for September. Thank you Nellie and Imogene.

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Happenings on Second Floor

Reports are that certain young ladies—namely, Louise Lauderdale, Annette Tillery, and Ida Mueller—sojourned to Dallas over Labor Day and met some very interesting young men, whose names we couldn't obtain on account of several good reasons. . .

The wide space in Purchasing and Merchandise Stores department has a double purpose. Spencer Leclere is often observed glancing around with a happy smile when Rose files orders.

Evelyn Hoag is now with the Merchandise Stores Department, replacing Scottie Cockrill, now in the Bookkeeping Department, first floor.

Stenographic Department

Rosa Dieu Block is a new member in the Stenographic Department. Mr. Robichau's usual request for a "blonde" for dictation can be granted again.

Ruth Markley visited Pan American exhibition recently.

Ralph Ellis and his winning ways (Studebaker) will be missed in the department since he is being transferred.

Billing Department

Gober Lindow resigned to attend Lamar College; Jack Watson replaces him.

Agnes Sumrall is recuperating at home from an infection.

Mildred Dees and Ruby Wilson are additions to the Billing Department.

Bernice Burch resigned, effective October 1.

Helene Heller vacationed in Alexandria, Louisiana. We understand there's romance in the air.

Bookkeeping and Collection Departments

Special! Special! Ben Mulford tours Texas, via San Antonio, Laredo and Corpus Christi, playing golf in San Antonio. Questioned as to his score, he said "2 down."

George Rice, Birdie McMurrian, and Mrs. Helene Hartel are new faces, first floor.

Lucy Evans, one of the fairest among us (as Dennie Taylor says), married Bennie Fannette September 18. Annette Tillery is acting as Cashier now.

How would you figure this—Paul Masterson takes a certain girl home one night, and the next two nights she takes him home.

We shall miss Tommie Hoffman, who leaves us on September 25.

Everyone knows Ogden McLaughlin was gone for a week in September, vacationing, but is now back on the job, laughing more than ever.

Third Floor and Accounting

Muriel Lamkin, Statistics stenographer resigned to accept a position in Houston. Dorothy Powell of the Stenographic Department has replaced her.

In Sympathy: Roy Peckham has a pet stomach now which causes no end of trouble, and which he feeds like a pet rabbit, but he still has enough energy to say "Whee-ee" when a comely applicant interviews Mr. Jackson. We have, incidentally, a cheering squad which would have you believe that brains alone is not enough.

Joe Willard married, September 4, in Dallas, the pretty little blonde with whom he's been walking down the street holding hands for some time. Congratulations and the best of luck, Joe.

Vacations: Thelma Davis on her annual visit to her home in Indiana even

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Port Arthur division news



Mrs. Trotti
Editor

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

Hy Eden Says:

The Port Arthur gang has been doing a pretty nice job of the Mazda Lamp Campaign, with all of the boys fighting for first place. Approximately 175,000 watts and 75 kitchen units were sold up to September 23, Sam Umphrey leading in Lamps with 40,000 watts and A. Joe Prejean leading in Units with 15.

Boss Johnnie Knapp and wife left September 19 for a vacation out Kerrville way.

Blackie DeCuir didn't like apartment life, so has moved into a house in Procter Terrace, where there is room, if he had a dog, for his dogs and children to play, if he had children.

Rufus Manley is still in a daze as a result of a de-lovely vacation in Pensacola.

Shorty McClelland wins the fur-lined bathtub! The other afternoon a little cotton-headed boy came in the office and walked up to where Shorty was "working" on the salesfloor, and Shorty saw the child in a rather absent-minded way, and was quite surprised when the child finally walked up to him and said "Daddy." Was his face red!

H. J. "Big" Hebert took his little Annie, and left on a vacation Sept. 20.

Distribution Department

A. L. David says:

Up Nederland way a new floodlight installation at the High school football field has just been completed, giving them as fine a lighting layout as will be found in these parts. Frog Handley is pretty proud of it.

FIRE! FIRE! Out at the Gulf Refinery the other day, a tank of casing-head gas overflowed into drainage lines, ignited and in a few minutes the poles and lines for a radius of several hundred feet were blazing. Quick work and the use of some \$25,000 worth of Foamite were all that prevented the fire from spreading. The Port Arthur Line Crew was called out to help clear the wreckage, of which there was plenty. At one place where the pole was too badly burned to climb, a ladder was placed against the pole and A. J. Bonner went up to cut the wires. While doing this, the fire broke out

again and everyone took out for safer grounds. When Bonner discovered the cause of the migration, he started down the ladder and caught his foot between the rungs. An eye witness says that Bonner's actions from there out were just a blurr—too fast for the eye to follow. Those who were there firmly believe that a new record for the hundred yard dash was established when Bonner did get solid ground under his feet. But, I ask you, who would walk?

And now comes Mary Lois Singleton—known as Sammy—from Port Neches, to replace Leonora O'Neal, resigned to attend State University ('member we told you about it last month?) Sammy has the situation well in hand. She has already demonstrated her ability to fight and fuss with David, just as well as her predecessor.

Incidentally, if the cake that Leonora baked for the gang down here is any indication of her general culinary ability, she is just wasting her time going to school to learn to cook—or is she?

VACATIONS: F. M. Peveto will probably spend his nursing his hay fever. . . Bully Rauchenberg returns from two weeks trying to make fish bite funny looking bits of feather, hair, etc. Would any self-respecting, half-way intelligent fish be expected to go for something that even a bugologist couldn't classify.

F. W. Merrill and family are back from an enjoyable trip to his old stomping grounds in Massachusetts.

That "Back to the farm" bug got Fillingame. After long years in the service, Line Foreman P. G. Fillingame will leave with his wife for Mississippi on October 1 to take over the old homestead. The gang hates to see Fill leave, but wish him the best of luck. A farewell party is scheduled for Monday night, September 27.

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Mrs. Spell
Editor

Pappy Sandifer, before leaving on vacation, took an order for a 'perforator'. Could he have meant a Hydrator?

Mary Lena Nall, after a session at a local hospital ambalanced it home the other day, and will be back on the job soon, which is good news to all of us.

Mrs. Brooks is doing a swell job of pinch-hitting in Miss Nall's absence.

Bill Hammond hasn't issued any domino challenges lately. Is it possible that Connie and Slim have tamed him down?

Gwen Youse spent her vacation moving into new living quarters. What a heck of a way to spend a vacation!

Ott Holley says that the light rates for High Island should include a 'mosquito tax', the proceeds to purchase ointment and other soothing lotions with which to lave the itching body of the meter reader.

strike!

Mr. Bishop informs us of a strike in his hen-yard, resulting in a drastic shortage in the old hen-fruit. We suggest a series of pep talks be conducted, with all members concerned being present, or perhaps, a snappy new lighting unit would help.

Day Seastrunk is really going to town this month and is keeping the trucks 'hot' delivering those G(ood) E(lectric) refrigerators.

Connie Winborn, back from vacation, is in harness again and is really hitting the ball.

Jack Connaughton was working on a customer's refrigerator when his britches failed in their weakest spot. Would we be wrong in saying he 'tore his pants on that job'? Winter is coming, Jack, watch out for colds and stay out of drafts.

Jimmy Crabbe is convalescing after a strenuous month of tallying up wattage.

Lloyd Brannan is whetting his appetite for the steak supper which he won from Mr. Allen in a recent contest.

Bill Hilsman is industriously plodding up and down those dirt roads in District One while Pappy Sandifer vacations.

Everett Bishop has been nagging every filling station in town for road maps. Possibly his forthcoming trip is the explanation for his sudden interest in the condition of the roads throughout the country.

calling Dick Tracy!

Fred Johnson has uncovered the mystery of the missing tennis balls. It seems that Fred was holding them as a prize for the winner of the singles matches and they showed up missing right after a representative team from the Beaumont office went to Jasper and got such a shellacking from those Jasperites. I don't know who got the balls but Day Seastrunk was doing some tall explaining.

Walt Richardson, the iron man of the D. R. room, has been buzzing in and out and around the office with firm determination. The bogie board shows the results of this industry and unless Walt slows up he will have his year's bogie made before the first cold spell hits us.

Luther Mosier, the man of little talk and great accomplishments, is another one of the boys who has been making good headway. Luther is doing a good job and slowly pushing his way into the upper bracket.

near accident!

After Bus Winfrey had given up trying to get his house repapered, his landlord relented and got the job started. Bus says the place looked so different that he went home the first day after the job was done and darn near sold his wife a new range and refrig-

Pelican state news



John Mattingly
Editor

LOUISIANA DIVISION

Friends of W. A. Sherman are sorry to learn that he is leaving the company, effective October 1st. The new venture will take Mr. and Mrs. Sherman to Washington, D. C., and we all wish them the best of luck.

Renix Broussard is recuperating from an appendectomy.

Coy Weems is confined to his home on account of illness.

While Mrs. Grosse was on her vacation, W. A. Grosse entertained the Lafayette employees at his home with a real Dutch-style weiner-sauerkraut party. "Games" (which we understand were none too tame) followed.

Ellis Baker, Wilmer Guillory, Earl Broussard and Gertrude Haney recently joined the Lake Charles accounting department.

Eli Mixon is "batching" while Mrs. Mixon is out of town.

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Out of the ordinary was the vacation enjoyed by L. A. Swann, who with Harry Davis and Frank Rothwell, made a boat trip down the Calcasieu River. They started at the Whiskey Chita-Calcasieu River fork at Kinder, and traveled one hundred and twenty-five miles, taking eight days. They caught lots of fish, and a good time was had by all.

VACATIONS

Little bank roll 'ere we part
Let me hug you to my heart;
All the year I've clung to you—

erator before he remembered where he was.

We nominate Slim Larkin as the cruelest man in the world. After Day Seastrunk worked his head off selling a kitchen unit to a customer Slim gently advised him that this particular customer was in his (Slim's) district.

The writer is pinch-hitting for Gladys Spell who got away on her vacation after much persuasion from the boys in the D. R. room. We hope she enjoys every minute of said vacation. (This column is written with full consent from Gladys and anyone insulted herein will apply to her for the necessary apologies.)

I've been faithful, you've been true!
Little bank roll, in a day,
You and I will start away,
To a good vacation spot,
I'll come back, but you will not.

Wiley Bowden to Huntsville, Texas.
. . . Bob Savoie to Mississippi. . . Ruth Landry to Rochester, Minnesota. . . Frank Smith to Port Arthur. . . E. A. Comeaux to Port Arthur. . . J. Harrop, J. Sudduth, L. Risher and Vic Favor on a short trip to Dallas and Fort Worth. . . L. Ferguson to Dallas. . . M. E. Dennis to Temple, Texas. . . Bill Montgomery, Phil Allen, Henry Corbello, Henry LeVois, Yvonne Fournet, Mrs. Roth and J. Mattingly just around here and there.

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Wedding Bells:—Homer Kirkwood and Edith Landry were married on Monday evening, September 20, with Rev. G. B. Hines of the Presbyterian Church performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood left immediately for a wedding trip to points in Texas. Their many friends extend heartiest congratulations, and wish them much happiness.

What We Wonder Is:

What Jim Stokes did when the whistle blew. . . How Roy Schuman could gather splinters from a Gulf States pole. . . When Elmer Sudduth and Dude Compton will be able to snap at each other. . . Why Dave Shelton swallowed his tobacco. . . If Ivy Dupin and Mickey Condon know anything about a circus. . . What kind of a time WaWa Hebert and Curley Farlow had finding "Bush" Boudreaux while out hunting recently. . . Why Guy Setoon keeps betting on the nag "Bravo" Caruso. . . If Goodie and Bob were fishing for mermaids at Bender's Beach until ten P. M. . . If JoJo Dugas has noticed any difference in his "bazing" suit business, since the cooler weather has arrived.

Port Arthur news

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PLANT NEWS

C. H. Watler says:

A. Boutte vacationed to Carlsbad Caverns, then back to Louisiana to see the folks. . . Arisco must have found the job of "A.D.C." to Mr. Gideon quite enervating, as it took him two weeks at Hot Springs to recuperate. . . Johnston spending lots of time at the Jetties.

That guy Swinney still runs over to Beaumont every evening. And even Johnny Uehlinger is seen on Calder Avenue on Sunday afternoons.

Congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Gideon on their Silver Anniversary, September 25. Hope we'll be around to wish them happiness on their Golden one!

We say "What a brother". Anderson says his brother loaned him the car he's been coming to work in lately.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Elizabeth Hagy says—or was it Lorraine Spence:

You'll find Arsey Borne during the next two weeks, on a scaffold painting his newly acquired home. We'll bet Carolyn is up there helping him too.

Our former bill deliverer, S. F. Timmerman, has left the company to study at Simmons University for the ministry. We are sorry to lose "Tim" but wish him lots of luck. He is being succeeded by Forest Downing—a product of Port Arthur College.

Fred Davis returned from his vacation in Louisiana as brown as a berry, and boasts of a gain of five pounds. Fishing, swimming and resting.

Mrs. E. K. Jones sojourned to Dallas over Labor Day week-end.

GENERAL

Promiscuous kissing was certainly in order at the Port Arthur office on September 8—when our little Annie came back to see us. Mrs. Ann Grove visited in Port Arthur and gave the gang a great big treat by coming down to see them. Mrs. Grove was honoree at a party September 7, when a group of her friends were entertained by Mrs. Frances Trotti and at a luncheon at the Sabine Hotel on Thursday, September 8, where a number of her Port Arthur friends enjoyed seeing her again.

Docia Moore won't talk! We know that she left here on September 4 and

production news

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STONE & WEBSTER TOPICS

On September 3 in Houston, Ike Judice pledged himself to love, honor and "obey" Miss Billie Nell Jones of this city. Their honeymoon trip took them to Dallas and Fort Worth. Plain Talks wishes Mr. and Mrs. Judice a prosperous and happy marriage.

Mrs. Jenny Forsythe is the new owner of the Stone & Webster restaurant.

The smokestack for the new extension is well under way. Most of the boiler room equipment is in place and bricklayers are rapidly going up with outside walls.

treasury dept. news

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if she isn't a full-blooded "Yankee" any more . . . Mr. Campbell, we understand, at home to paint the bathroom. . . . F. R. Weller in Dallas and Fort Worth. . . Jack Chatelain in Lake Charles. . . We didn't find out where or if E. V. Folsom or Elmer Engman went, but we do know they're not here. . . . Herbert Welsh returned from two weeks in Lake Charles and New Orleans, and took a short boat trip. . . Eliza Bryan from California, reported a wonderful time. . . "Humps" Hansen, Jake Haxthausen and Joe Austin did get back all in one piece each from Florida, although I can't say that sunshine and salt air did anything for the dark circles under their eyes (working too hard, no doubt). I gave Merchant a wonderful trip last issue with his choice of Lake Louise, Canada or Monterrey, Mexico, but he let me down and only went to San Antonio. It is his suggestion that I send George Dunlap to Halifax since they promised him a trip up there this summer. George really did go to Savannah, Georgia, or else I've been misinformed again. . . If I haven't given everybody a good vacation, at least I've tried, which should be worth something, and I promise bigger and better ones next year.

visited the General Electric factory and the Westinghouse factory in Mansfield and Cleveland—but you'll have to ask her the details.

The Port Arthur Division extends deepest sympathy to J. C. Sidall in the recent death of his father.

victory celebration

Celebrating Navasota division's victory in the July-August drive for range and water heater business, Superintendent C. V. Merriam planned to hold a sales meeting at the Conroe country club on October 1. Mr. Walker and Mr. Riegel and other campaign leaders will be special guests on the occasion and Mr. Riegel will crown Mr. Merriam as Grand Wizer of Kiloland.

Navasota news

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young man (not to mention names) to let Miss Jameson handle the Plain Talks.

Flete Elkins and his new wife went vacationing to West Texas during September and report a very fine time.

Rod Honsberger and Pete Allphin have both been sick with colds and we're glad they are able to work again.

Heard in the Office

Wilburn Routt getting the "excavation crew" started to work at one o'clock. . . Andy Poulson muttering threats for silence so a certain letter can be finished. . . Pete Allphin outdoing Tommie Keiller in a sneeze. . . Diddy Welch and Rod Honsberger reviewing collections. . . C. W. Choate mumbling about meter books. . . Will Allen's comments while rolling cigarettes from Pete's favorite brand.

Station S-O-M-E-R-V-I-L-L-E

V. P. Gayle, wife and son vacationed seeing the zoos and bright lights of Chicago, the lakes and rivers around Madison, Wisconsin, and the zoo and other scenic spots in St. Louis.

Somerville will soon be joined with Caldwell by a new highway. The grading and bridge work is about finished and we hope the paving will follow in a short while.

Merchandise sales continue good and we can point with pride to a percentage figure of 461.5 as of September 18, 1937.

Gaines goes

John G. Gaines, General Electric representative in this district for several years, told "the best friends a fellow ever had" good bye a few days ago when he visited various of our properties. He has resigned from General Electric to join Frigidaire range division on October 1. He will have five mid-western states and make his home in Chicago.

Liberty news

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prising as it may seem, he seems to be quite well pleased with this town where mosquitoes are insects and floor polish is floor polish.

The sound of this, day in and day out, is what is slowly turning our hair to silver: "Well, now, I'll just tell you . . ." "I never make a mistake . ." "Tennie, what are—'s initials?" "And don't slam the door!!!!" "I haven't very much to do tomorrow, except...." "What happened?" "How's that?" "No, no, I think you are wrong...." And so, far into the day until 5:00 o'clock.

We wish to advise the Metering Department in Beaumont that it will probably be receiving a request from one of its competent young employees for a transfer to Liberty Division within a very short while. We recommend that this be done if at all possible, as it is a generally accepted and proven fact that one works best where his heart is, and we've no doubt but that this young man would go forward by leaps and bounds, such being the case, if his request were granted.

Tom Ridley, Ice Department, has a new shirt with white pearl buttons.

Tullie Brady and family are back from a vacation in Mississippi.

Charley Ott, who took Tullie's place in Anahuac while Tullie was on vacation, reports a wonderful crop of mosquitoes there this year.

Little "Jim" Huddleston, daughter of Mrs. Fred Smith Huddleston, has fully recovered from a tonsil operation, after a very serious setback.