

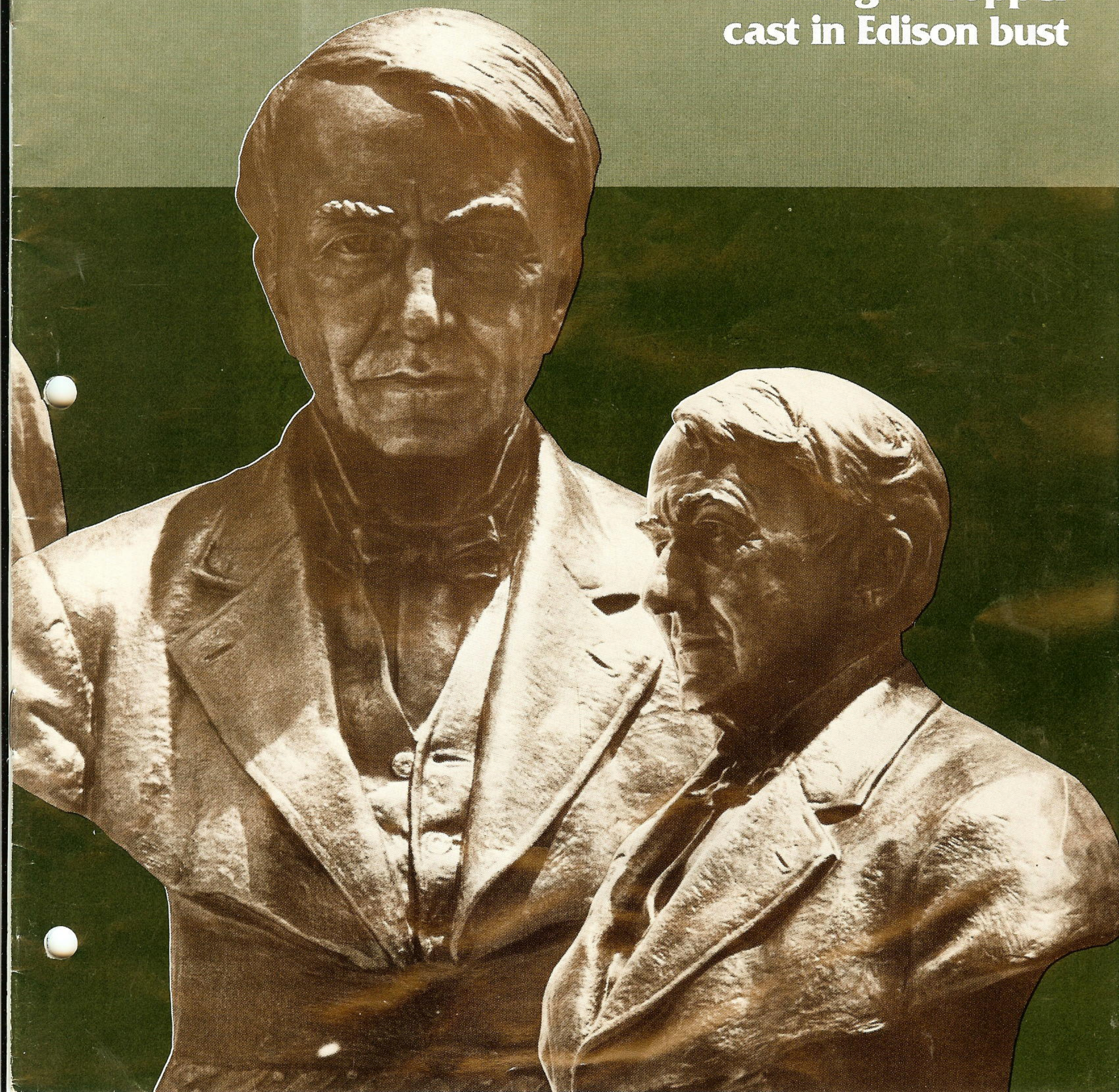
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500-kv line stretches fuel diversity

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**Salvaged copper
cast in Edison bust**



MAIL BOX

THE COVER

Three views of Thomas Edison depict the many facets of his creative genius. Dana Norman combined light, shadows and photographic know-how to produce these views of the new bust at Edison Museum. A related story and photograph appears on page 7.

Summa Stelly
GSU/Baton Rouge

Dear Mr. Stelly,

I would like to take a moment of your time to commend you and your organization for the "beyond the call to duty" effort you put forth in our recent emergency when our entire plant was shut down due to our transformer having burned out.

The attitude and desire of everyone from your company concerned with putting us back in business was certainly heart-warming and reassuring to us that depend on Gulf States Utilities Company.

No matter the fact that the effort lasted around the clock, there was never a moment of let-up. When changing crews, there was not a moment lost in the transition. It was truly an exhibition of what a well-trained, experienced organization can do.

We at Kean's and Red Stick want to gratefully thank you. Should there ever be an occasion to arise when you need us, rest assured we will be waiting.

Sincerely,
John S. Kean
KEAN'S

P. S. There are many hospitals from Lake Charles to New Orleans that had not the slightest break in their clean linen service during the above emergency, due, principally, to the splendid effort of Gulf States Utilities Company.

Sheila Sorrell
GSU/Baton Rouge

Dear Ms. Sorrell,

I would like to thank you again for your courteous attention to our problem with getting gas service to our new home in Pine Park subdivision. As you know, we were in quite a bind since our hot water heaters are gas operated and we were unable to take warm baths or showers and bathe our children. My wife and I were quite impressed with your handling of the matter and are most appreciative to you and Gulf States for seeing the problem corrected. Again, I want to thank you and say that Gulf States is very fortunate to have someone of your abilities and personality to deal with such problems. Thank you again for your help in this matter. If I can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,
Stanley E. Peters Jr., M.D.

Customer Service Supervisor
GSU/Conroe

Upon receiving my May billing and noticing a dramatic increase, I proceeded to call Gulf States in a rather emotional and heated manner. I was fortunate enough to be connected with Norma Steele in your Customer Service department.

In a very professional manner, Norma answered all of my questions, "cooled my anger" and did an outstanding job for Gulf States. In today's business environment, I sincerely believe people who are sensitive to the public's attitude should be commended, not only by private individuals, but also by the company for which they work. Thank you, Norma, for the kind and professional treatment.
J.S. Langford

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Flying ER visits power plants

Life Flight IV, Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas' flying emergency room, toured several locations in the Beaumont Division recently. GSU employees were able to see the twin-engine helicopter up close and talk with its flight crew.

With the help of Houston's Hermann Hospital, where Life Flight I, II and III are based, Baptist Hospital will now offer a new type of quick-response emergency medical service to southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana. The helicopter will make it possible to deliver the services of a hospital emergency room, a physician and a registered nurse to the scene of an accident or for a transport flight.



Photo by Les Jones

Life Flight IV, an airborne emergency room, lands at the Beaumont Service Center. The copter can safely land in a 100-foot-by-100-foot area.

Students hear energy scientists

Science students and their teachers met in Austin for the 23rd Texas Energy Science Symposium for High Schools in early summer. Gulf States is one of ten investor-owned utilities which compose the foundation that sponsors the annual event, along with the University of Texas at Austin.

The foundation was created in 1957 to advance the knowledge of energy, particularly nuclear, through scientific and educational activities. Featured speakers this year were: Dr. Edward Teller, considered to be the "father of the hydrogen bomb," Dr. Hubert Alyea, professor emeritus of chemistry at Princeton University, and Dr. E. Linn Draper, Gulf States senior vice president-external affairs.

The event attracted more than 400 participants who, in addition to hearing scientists and engineers discuss energy-related topics, toured the science laboratories on the UT campus where experiments in controlling nuclear fusion are conducted.



Jack Worthy, vice president-general services, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Susan Murphree.



Dr. E. Linn Draper, senior vice president-external affairs, is surrounded by students following his talk to the 23rd Texas Energy Science Symposium for High Schools in Austin.

Gift provides training for adults

Platemaking equipment no longer in use by Gulf States has been donated to the Programs for Human Services, Inc. This group provides a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) eleven-week graphic arts program in printing for unemployed adults from the Beaumont and Orange areas.

J. F. Worthy, vice president-general services, made the presentation to Susan Murphree, the coordinator of graphic arts training for the non-profit Programs for Human Services.

In attendance at the presentation were Bert Rogers, director-administrative support services, Carolyn White, section head-microfilm, whose operations had used the equipment, and James Mahlmann, supervisor-reproduction and supply, and also a member of the advisory board of the graphic arts training program for the Programs for Human Services.

NEWS BRIEFS

Church learns to "beat the heat"

Michael Linden, consumer services representative in Beaumont, conducted a program at the Fellowship Baptist Church as part of the Church Energy Awareness program.

The cost of electricity receives increased attention during summer months when people are cooling, running fans and trying to "beat the heat." Rev. Albert Haynes was concerned about his church members getting the most out of their utility dollar.

Linden provided the congregation with low and no-cost ideas that make "leak plugging and belt-tightening" possible for those on low and fixed incomes.

Program helps prepare the way for retirement

A group of GSU employees and their spouses participated in the Aug. 17-19 session of the Pre-Retirement Orientation Program at The Woodlands, reports Molly Field, coordinator-employee benefits

The program, offered periodically to all GSU employees eligible for retirement, features discussion about retirement benefits. It also focuses on the psychological adjustment to retirement, travel opportunities, health requirements, taxes and wills.

In addition to hearing GSU speakers, the group heard area Social Security representatives, a public health instructor and a travel agent.

Closing speaker was J. H. Hutchinson, professor emeritus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, who spoke on the topic, "Ten Keys to Successful Retirement."

FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Michael Linden (left), consumer services representative, and Rev. Albert Haynes, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Beaumont.

Investments given for Thrift Plan

Investments made by the Thrift Plan trustee during July 1983 covering employee deductions and company contributions through June 1983 included the purchase of 67,656 shares of common stock at a total cost of \$955,641.06. The average cost per share was \$14.125.

The trustee deposited \$330,852.63 in savings with First City National Bank of Beaumont and \$39,477.49 in guaranteed fixed income fund.

Group tours PA office

On July 25, about 25 students of the Val Verde Baptist Day Care Center toured the GSU main office and service center in Port Arthur. The students, in grades 1-6, learned that safety of employees is stressed at Gulf States. They examined line equipment, including a line truck, and viewed a safety film.



Joe Jennings, assistant general line supervisor, demonstrates lineman equipment for a tour group from the Val Verde Baptist Day Care Center in Port Arthur.



This group attended the June 8-10 pre-retirement orientation.



Video report takes you there

by T. J. Reyes

Fly to an offshore oil rig, sit in on a Nuclear Regulatory Commission hearing and experience Cajun cooking at its mouthwatering best. All this and more are yours to see in the second edition of *The Energy People*, GSU's video report, available for viewing this Fall. The newest edition continues to highlight people and events at GSU.

One feature focuses on GSU's wholly-owned subsidiary, Prudential Drilling Company. Prudential was acquired in 1981 as part of the company's plans to diversify into areas that are not under the jurisdiction of utility regulatory agencies. *The Energy People* takes you atop an oil rig on White Lake in the Lake Charles Division for a closer

look at what Prudential is and what it does.

Another area of diversity that is of interest to all of us at Gulf States is fuel diversity. *The Energy People* sits in at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission hearing in Baton Rouge where the lengthy licensing proceedings required for River Bend operation have reached the public hearing stage.

The Energy People takes a look at the damaging storm that recently left parts of the Western, Port Arthur and Beaumont divisions without power. How Gulf States' hardworking linemen worked to restore service and a look into lineman training are parts of this feature.

There are many good cooks at

Gulf States, but there is only one cookin' Cajun lobbyist — Earl Broussard. Visit with Broussard and feast your eyes on his culinary artistry.

The Energy People catches Life Flight IV in action when the airborne emergency room from Beaumont's Baptist Hospital visits some of the GSU power plants. The helicopter will provide Beaumont Division with quick-response rescue service and GSU employees get an up-close look at the copter.

Be in the know, see the new edition of *The Energy People*.

New statue graces museum

by Toni Reyes

Even the casual passer-by will notice the new addition to the Edison Museum. Just to the right of the museum's front entrance sits a magnificent sculpture of Thomas Edison, the famous inventor who was a founding father of the electric industry.

The bronze bust was a gift from the Houston firm of Morris/Aubrey Architects. It was cast from a mold on loan from the Charles Edison Fund. The original casting was commissioned to commemorate the National Historic Site of Edison's home and laboratory. Bronze for the bust contains copper salvaged from the renovation of the building housing the collection. Use of that building, a part of which is still used by Gulf States as a substation facility, is

provided by the company for the separately chartered, non-profit educational museum.

The attractive bust sits atop a concrete block, donated by H. B. Neild & Sons, Inc., Beaumont, which gives the likeness of Edison an opportunity to see the many visitors to the museum. Official opening of the museum is not scheduled until October, but curator Joe DeJean estimates about 2,200 people have already toured the collection. Among those who have viewed the Edison memorabilia are students and their teachers,

numerous youth organizations, such as Boy Scouts and summer camp groups, and employees and annuitants of GSU. The museum's calendar for the 1983-84 school year is already being filled by groups who wish to take advantage of this educational resource.

Not only does the museum offer numerous Edison artifacts, from the light bulb to the phonograph, for close inspection; but it stands as an inspiration to its visitors. Thomas Edison, who in his lifetime obtained 1,093 patents for his creations, provides a challenge through his work and words:

"Curiosity is the key. Do not be discouraged by failure...Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration."



Photo by Dana Norman

Just part of the family



Gloria Hebert

by Susan Gilley

When Gloria Hebert won a cash award for her work group during the March of Dimes Walk-America fundraiser this spring, the Lake Charles senior clerk used the money to throw a swimming party for her fellow weary walkers.

The action was typical of Gloria, who has been treating Gulf States like family for all of the 20 years she has worked here. That is hardly surprising, considering that Gloria, her husband John (a relayman-1st class) and their daughter Myra Castello (a laboratory assistant) have a combined total of 47 years of GSU service.

Friends and neighbors in Moss Bluff readily identify the family

with the utility, frequently calling the Hebert home rather than the lights-out number when they have problems. Gloria is not ruffled by the intrusions. "I try to be nice and helpful if I can," she says.

Gloria bases her work philosophy upon her personal code of ethics, citing good attendance as one hallmark of a good employee. "I feel that I should come to work every day that I'm able and give it a good eight hours. It's part of being honest. I owe that much to the company," she insists.

Nevertheless, Gloria refrains from describing herself as a "workaholic," explaining, "I've reached that stage of my life where I'm catering to my

whims." As a young mother, she filled her spare time with PTA, sports, sewing and other child-focused activities. Now she spends hours motorcycling with her husband, swimming in the family pool, water-skiing, entertaining and playing with her baby granddaughter, Kelly Rene' Castello.

On the job, Gloria has served as a union steward for the past three years. For the first 17 years of her GSU career, she worked in Credit and Collections, where she admits, it was tough not to become emotionally involved with some customers' situations. "I can really feel for some people. They weren't necessarily always the habitually bad-paying customers. Some were just out of work," she points out.

Gloria has held her present position for about three years, and it involves "dealing with customers who have not received a bill for one reason or another." She also fills in as a relief service application clerk and helps train new customer accounting employees.

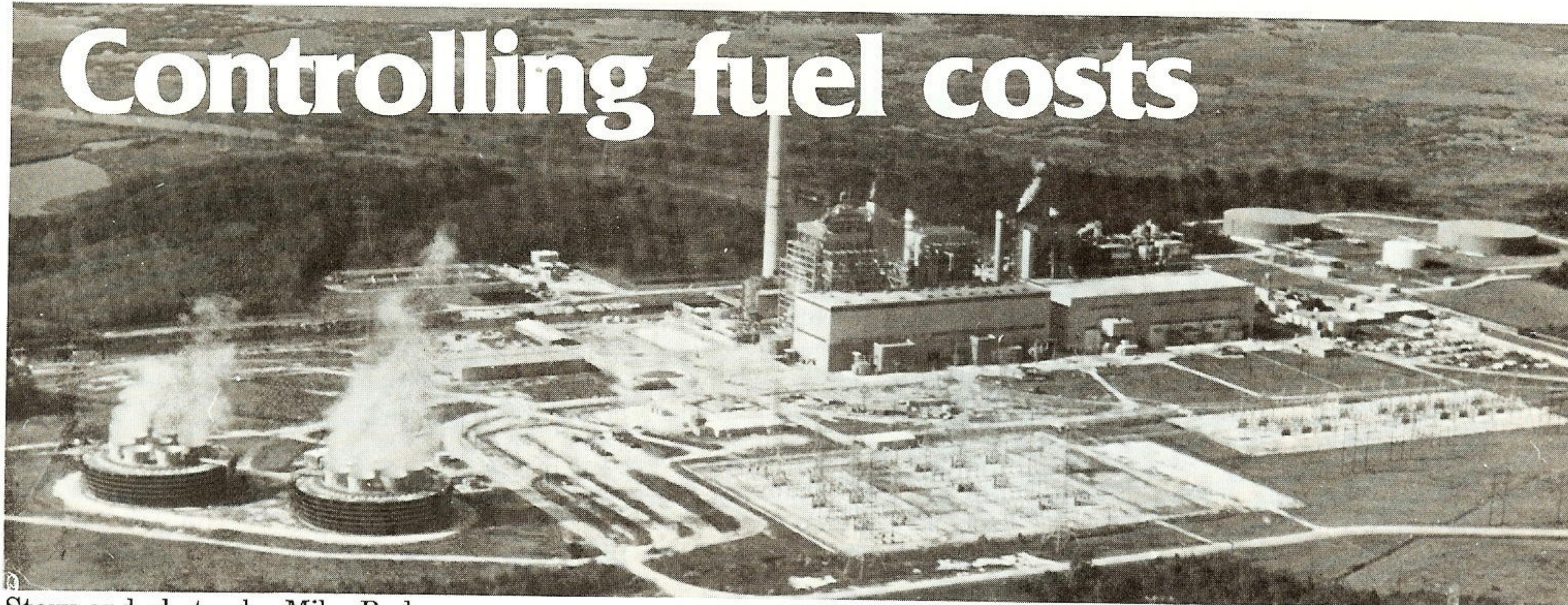
Thus far, she reveals, "I don't find that I have any problems with customers. Generally, if I use the right approach, they will respond."

Co-workers and supervisors describe Gloria as a "people person," and she bolsters that theory with her tale of a recent census-taking assignment with St. Theodore's Catholic Church. "I enjoyed going door-to-door, meeting parishioners," she says.

A recent work experience helped reinforce Gloria's equally good feelings about her job. "A gentleman who spoke only Spanish was having his service disconnected and the clerk could not communicate with him. I don't know what I did — I don't speak Spanish either — but somehow the man was able to understand me," she recalls.

Perhaps that was because Gloria speaks the universal language of caring.

Controlling fuel costs



Story and photos by Mike Rodgers

Some say that the best spot for catching redfish in southeast Texas is where the Sabine and Neches rivers meet. Here, near Bridge City, you'll also find Sabine Station.

Sabine Station's first unit went on line in 1962; and the last, Unit 5, began supplying power in 1979. The station is capable of burning natural gas or oil.

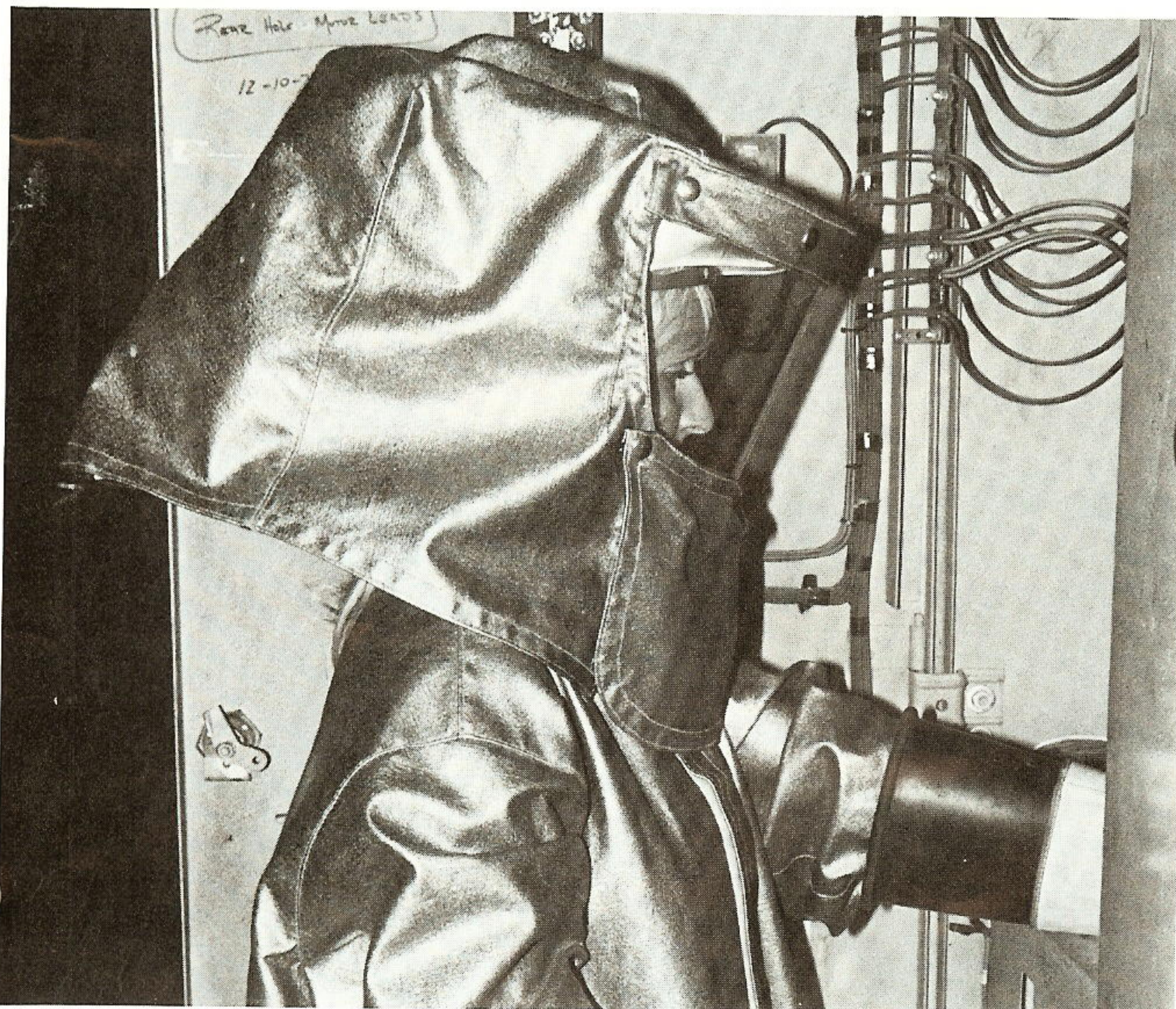
"Power plant success lies in performance," says plant superintendent Joe Domino. The

performance numbers for Sabine are impressive. At 1,946 mw total capacity, it is the largest plant in the GSU system and the one that takes a lion's share of the Exxon natural gas contract.

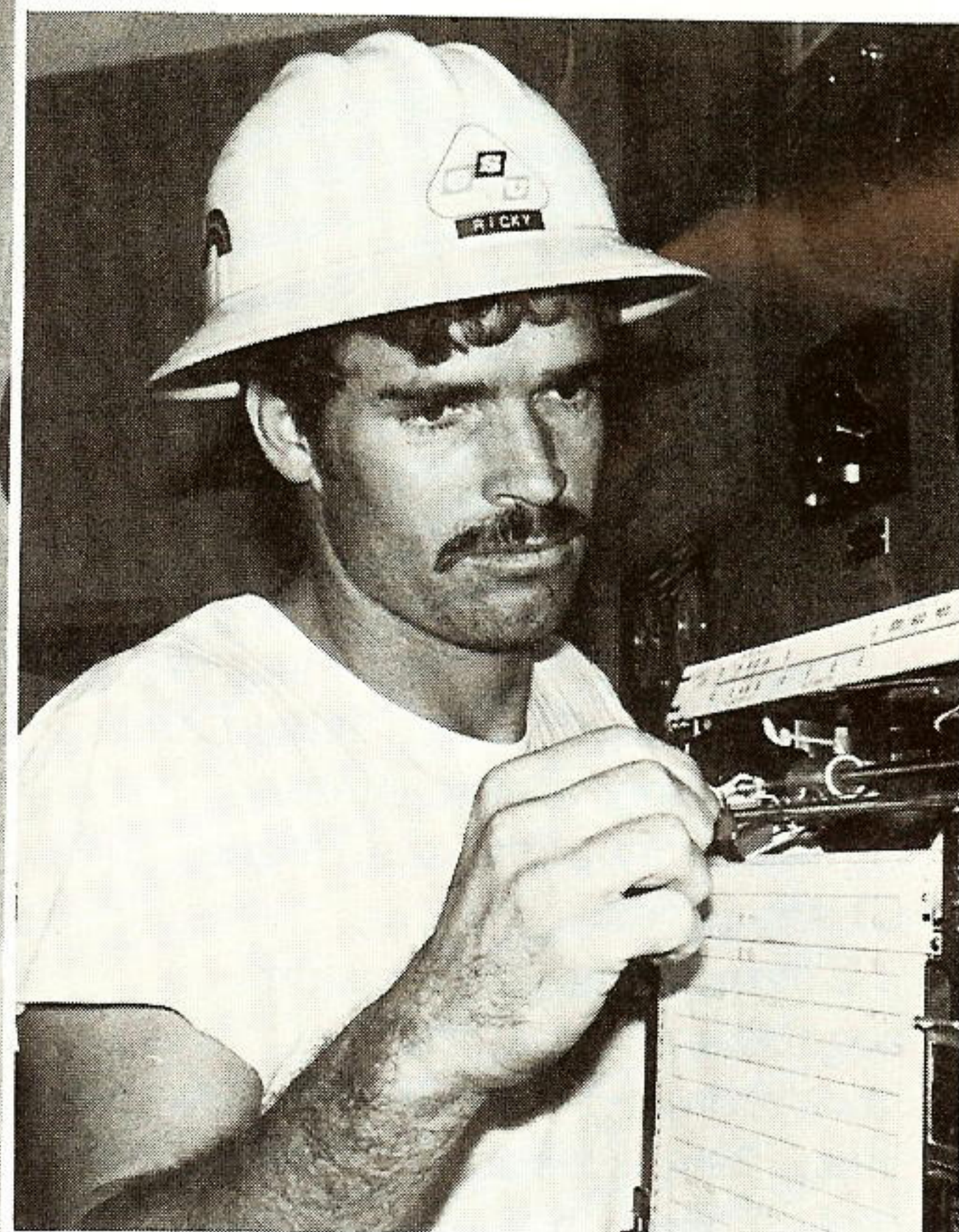
"The most significant impact of Sabine is controlling customer fuel costs," Domino adds. The gas Exxon supplied to GSU's Texas plants is the company's least expensive fuel at a fraction of today's gas cost. In 1982 Sabine supplied 39.5 percent of

the company's total generation. With such a large output at a low fuel price, the savings to customers is obvious. According to Domino, Sabine Station is our second most efficient plant. Lewis Creek takes the top spot.

"Availability" is another measure of the plant's performance. On June 22 of this year, for instance, Sabine Station's units were 96.8% available, a figure representing a steady increase over the last few years. "There are at least 225 reasons for the performance of Sabine Station," says Domino, referring to the number of Sabine employees.



Dee Sandifer, equipment operator



Ricky Zirlott, electrician-2nd class

500-kv tie-line

Text & photos by Susan Gilley

On target for fuel diversity

Now that all the right of way has been acquired for Gulf States' high voltage transmission line through eastern Louisiana to the Mississippi state line, Mother Nature poses the only real hindrance to the stepped-up construction schedule.

"High water has hampered the project some, but I still feel that we'll have the 500-kilovolt line in service by the second quarter of 1984," asserts Bill Barksdale, vice president of technical services.

Once the tie is completed, 380 transmission towers will carry wire over a 72.5 mile stretch, connecting GSU with the Southern Company. "The company is attempting to diversify its fuel mix and this gives us an opportunity to bring in coal-generated power," said Barksdale. "We will have considerably more flexibility than we now enjoy," he states.

As needed, the line can provide as much as 1,500 megawatts additional electricity to the GSU system.

Overall, clearing of the right of way is about 95 percent complete, but clearing in the high-water areas is only about 50 percent complete. Heavy rains caused water to rise along parts of the route and stay, explains Mike LaBorde, new superintendent of construction for the tie-line. Contractors for the project managed to hand-clear most of the Pearl River Basin Island and will probably do the same to right of way along the Bogue Chitto River.

Engineering, supervision, acquisition and storage of materials and overall responsibility for inspection of the project rest in the hands of GSU employees, but contract crews provide the manpower for clearing, building and on-site inspections.

At the outset, company officials announced that the project would go in service within three years — a year shorter than a normal schedule for this size project at GSU. That was in 1981, and in the intervening months draftsmen, surveyors and real estate employees met continuing deadlines which kept the project on schedule.

At the end of June 1983, a contract was signed on 61 miles of the 500 kv line. Construction began in about six or seven different places, with construction materials stored at five "marshaling" sites along the line's route, making them readily accessible to work crews. Fur-

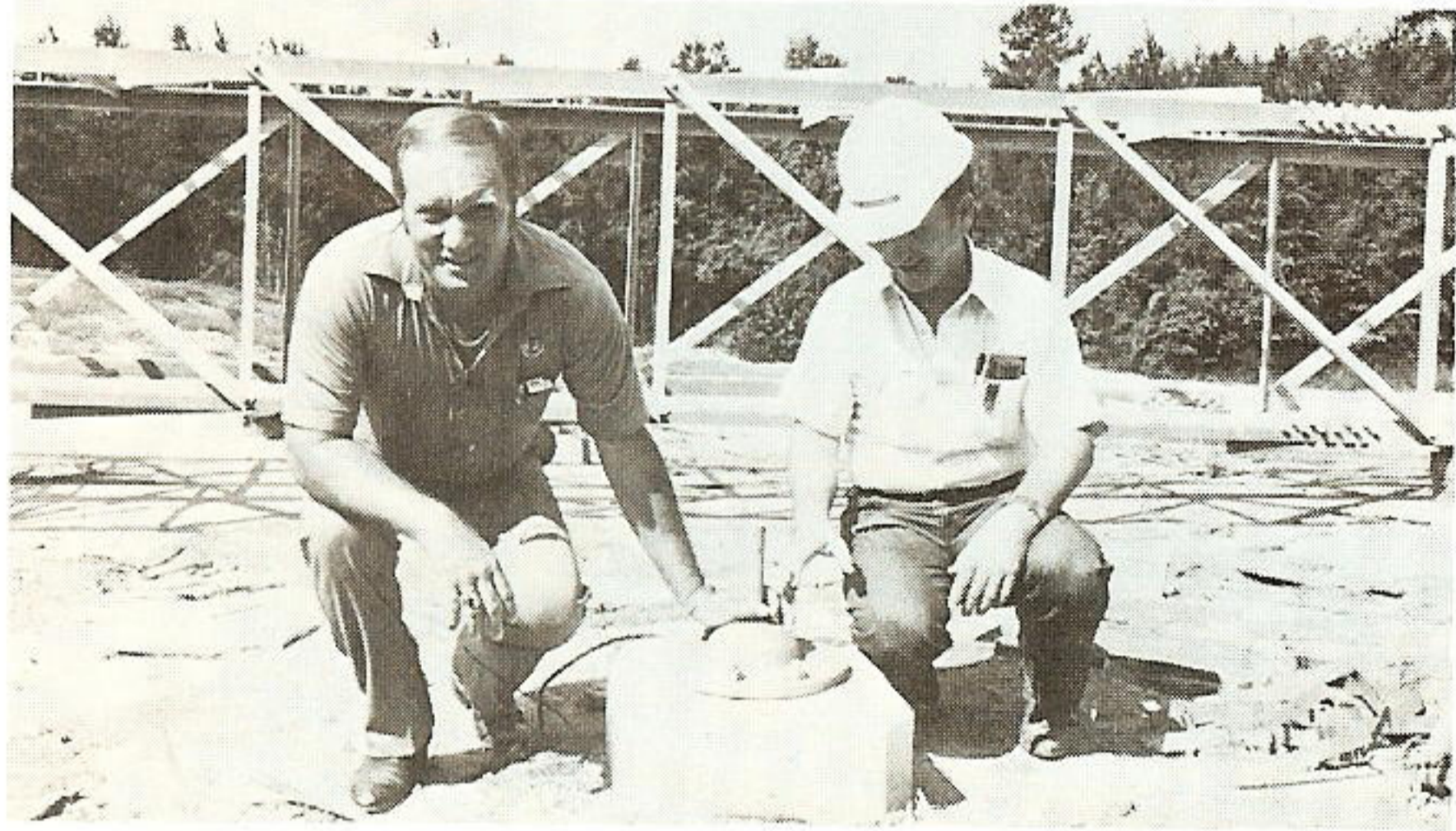
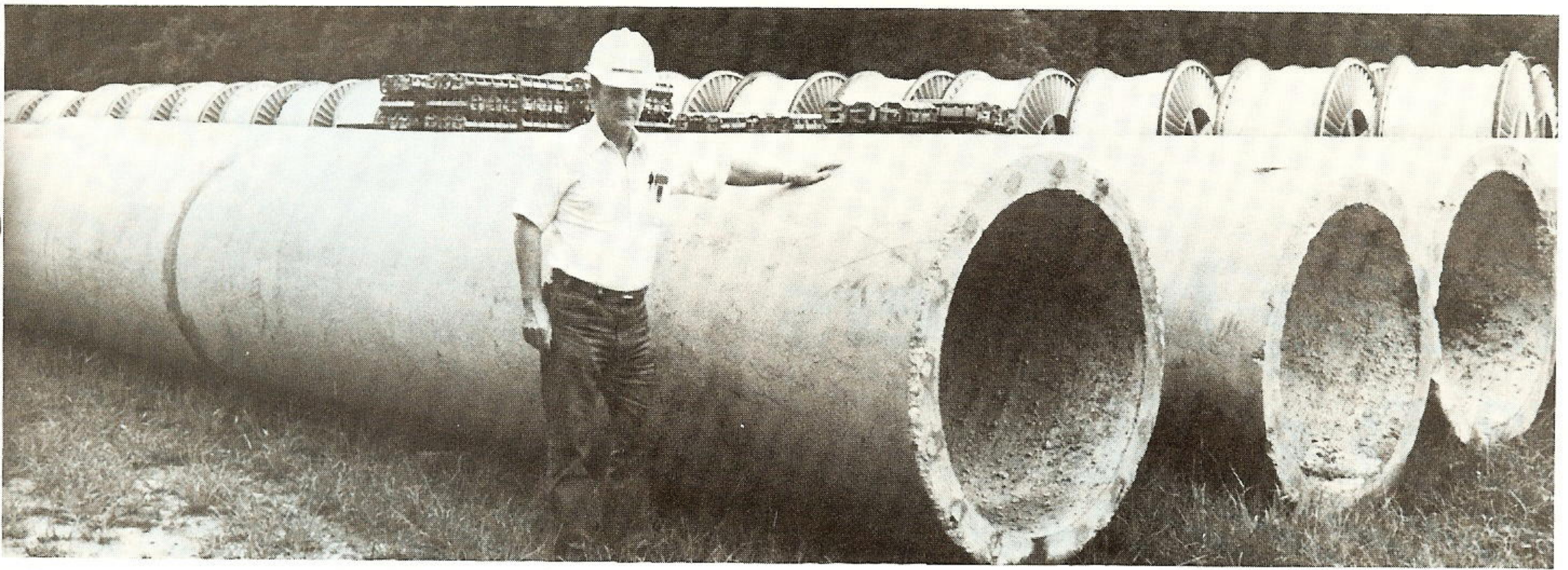
ther, nuts, bolts and other hardware are stored in an old feed mill along the route.

At times, a specially-leased barge is used to ferry men and materials to some of the more remote areas along the way.

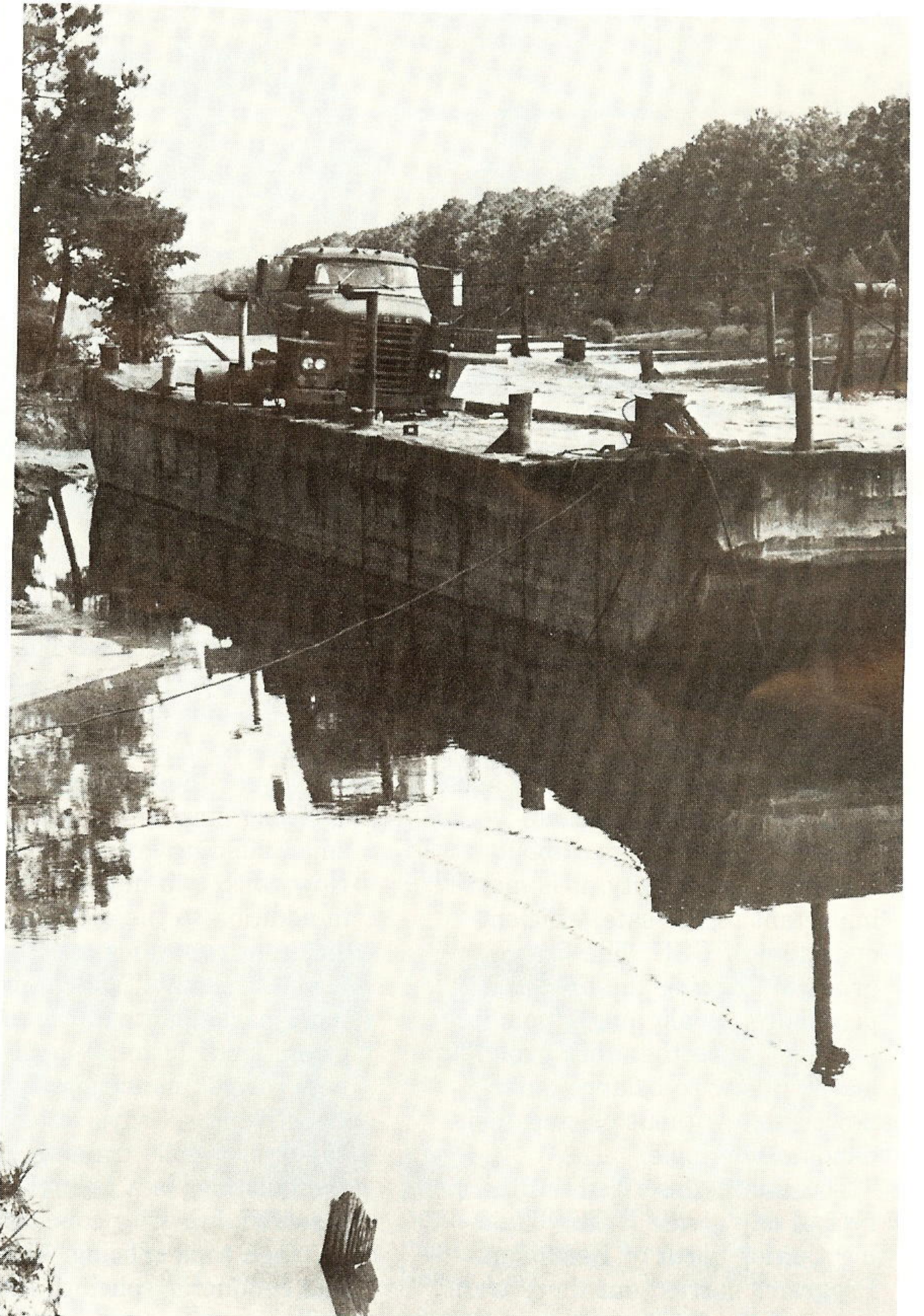
"Clearing should be complete by mid-September on the 11.5-mile section in the Bogue Chitto and Pearl River swamp," says LaBorde. By then, a second contract will have been let, allowing both sections to be worked simultaneously.

"If this next deadline is met, then all indicators suggest that the entire project will be completed on time," LaBorde asserts.



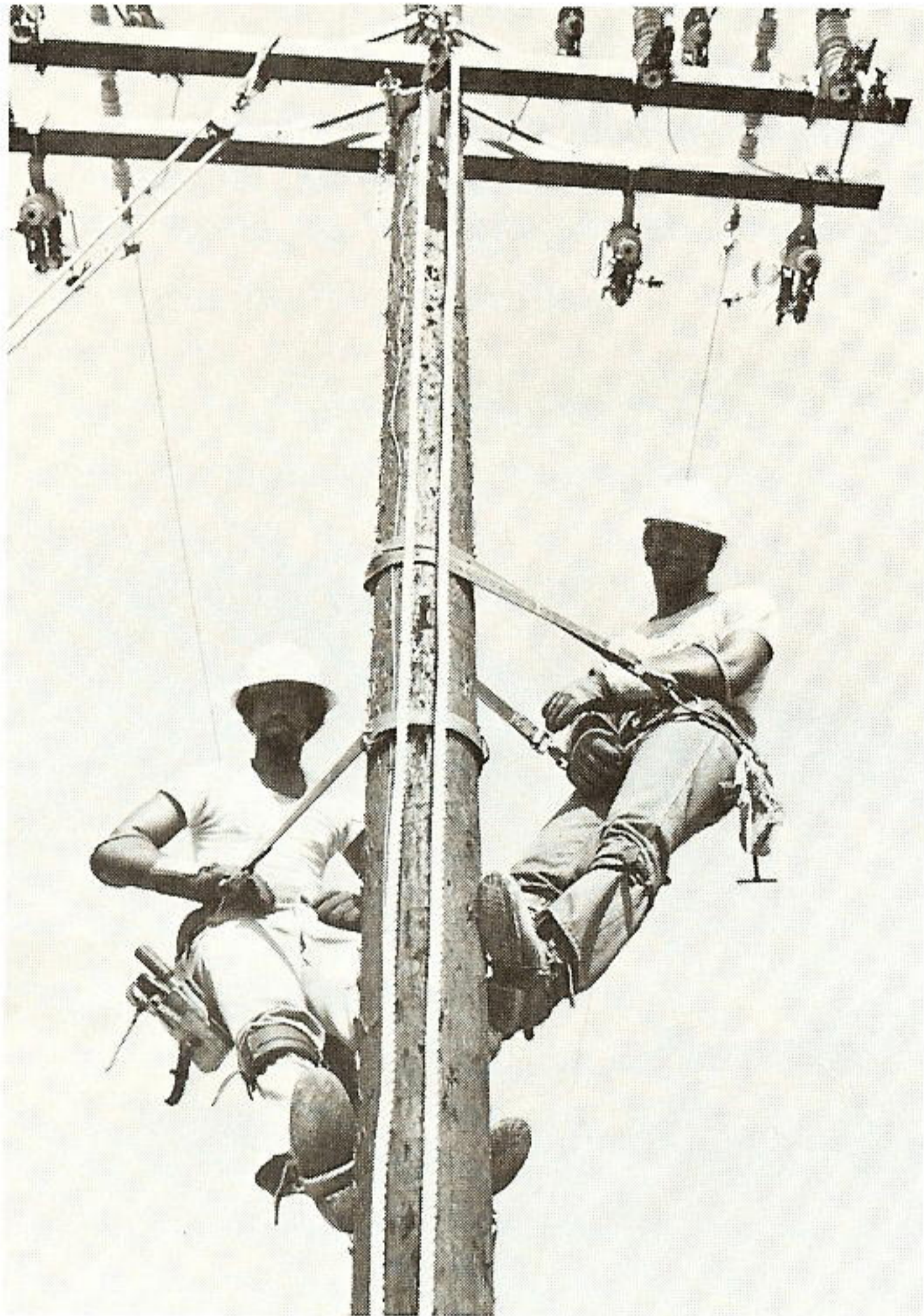
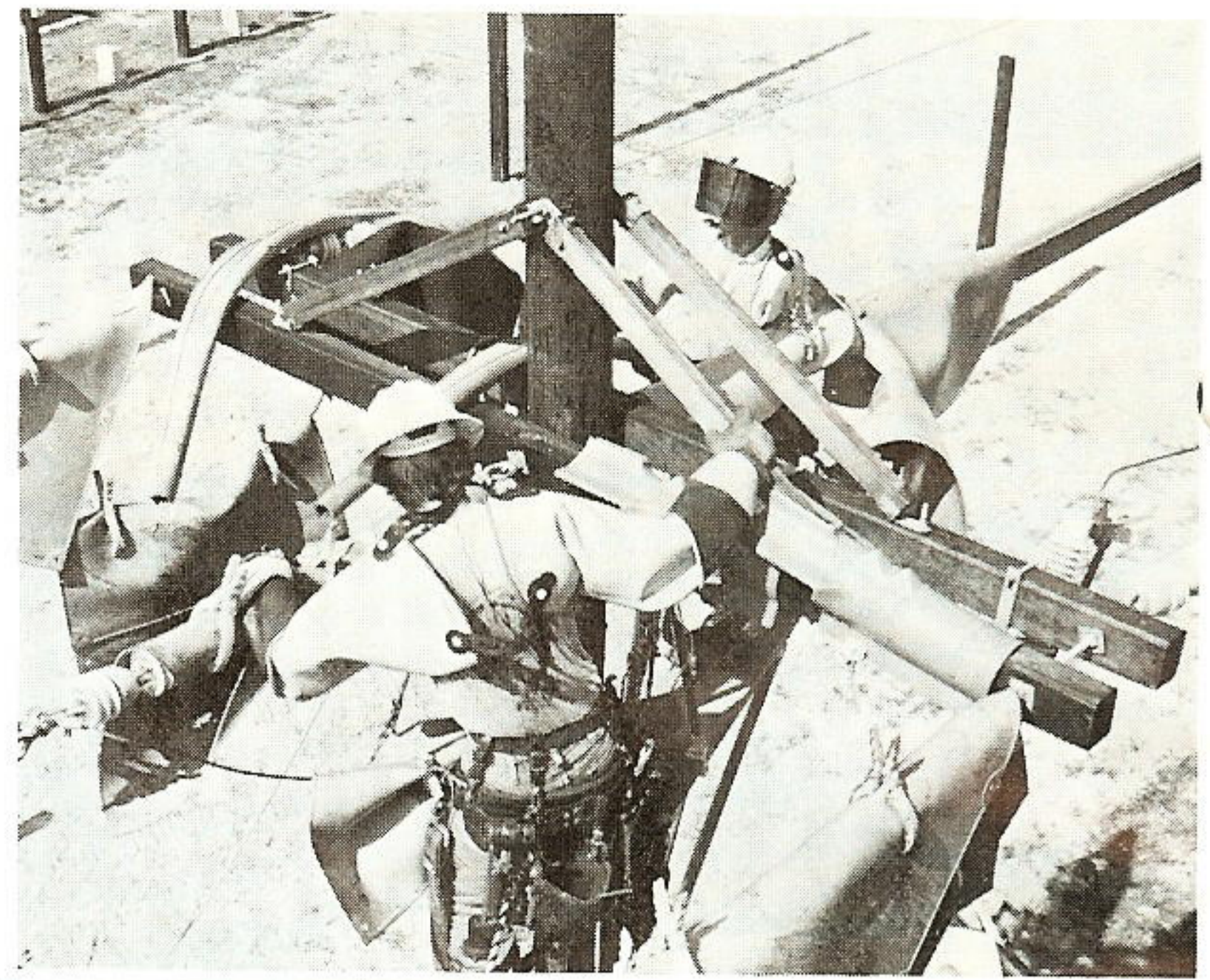


Kelton Whitehead and Robert Stephenson, both of Baton Rouge Materials Management, check supplies at marshaling points, view a fully-assembled tower for the 500-kilvolt tie-line and visit the barge in the Pearl River Canal.

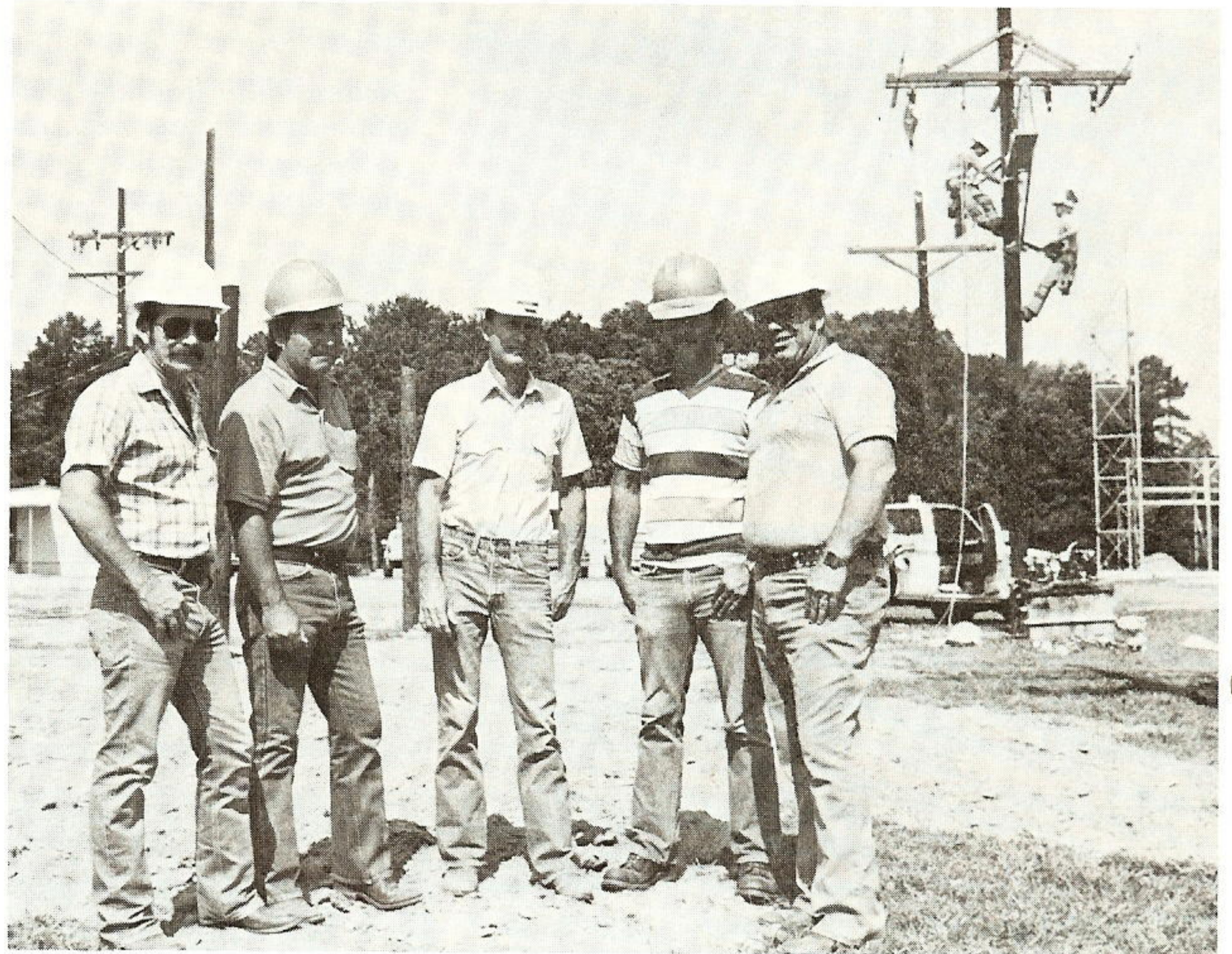


Helbig bolsters T&D skills

Story by Mike Rodgers Photos by Susan Gilley



Ivy Bell (left) and Edward Davis.



Helbig instructors oversee hands-on training.

One group of people maneuvers a pole into a hole in the ground while nearby a second group climbs a cluster of power poles and tosses a basketball back and forth. Although the casual observer might wonder about this flurry of activity, it is most important to the safe, efficient operation of GSU. The first group is learning the proper procedure for aligning a pole in position, while the other group is learning how to balance on a power pole without placing their hands on the pole.

The events described outline a typical day at the Helbig Training Center north of Beaumont. Programs carried out there train many of the T&D employees that

work for Gulf States. The center recently completed an expansion project which will greatly increase its ability to assist employees to improve their skills.

Helbig started out with one small building holding 10 people. Now, with two new classrooms in addition to the original, three different programs can be run simultaneously. "We can have more participants in the program, from 16 to 20 in the new rooms, increasing cost effectiveness," says Butch Coon, supervisor-skills training. One of the buildings is a field classroom, a roofed slab with concrete tables to teach rope splicing, knot tying and conductor splicing. "Such skills are too messy to do

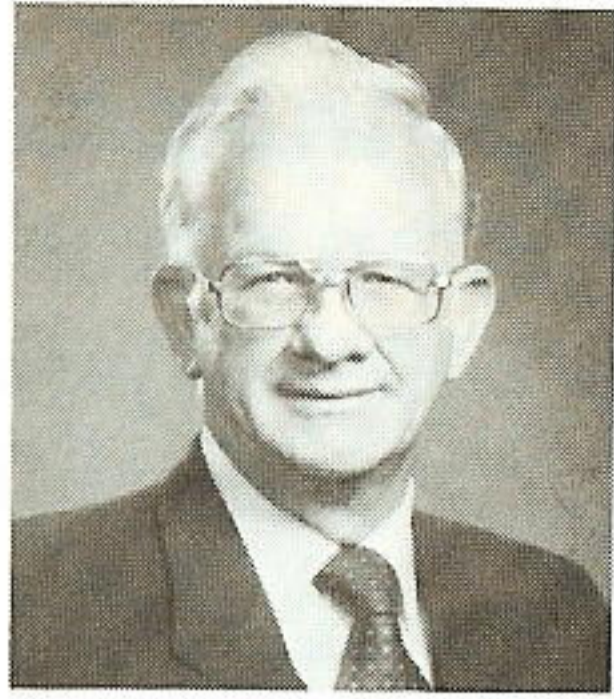
indoors," adds Coon.

A substation will be built on site to teach substation mechanics to test and set up equipment, and for illustrating the proper techniques for switching and tagging equipment. With the underground fault location area, participants are taught the methods of underground maintenance. Before the year is out, Helbig should offer a completed transmission line and tower so linemen can simulate hands-on experience working with energized lines.

The expanded center offered its first program for linemen — 3rd and 4th class this summer when 12 employees completed a two-week course.

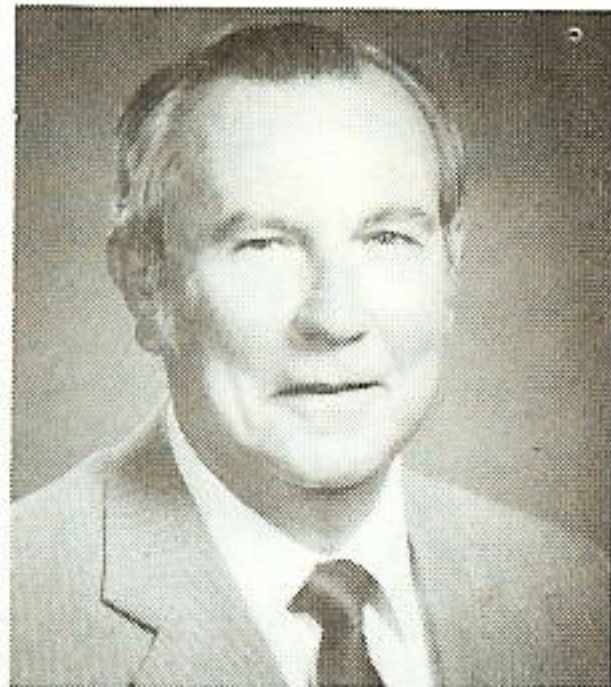
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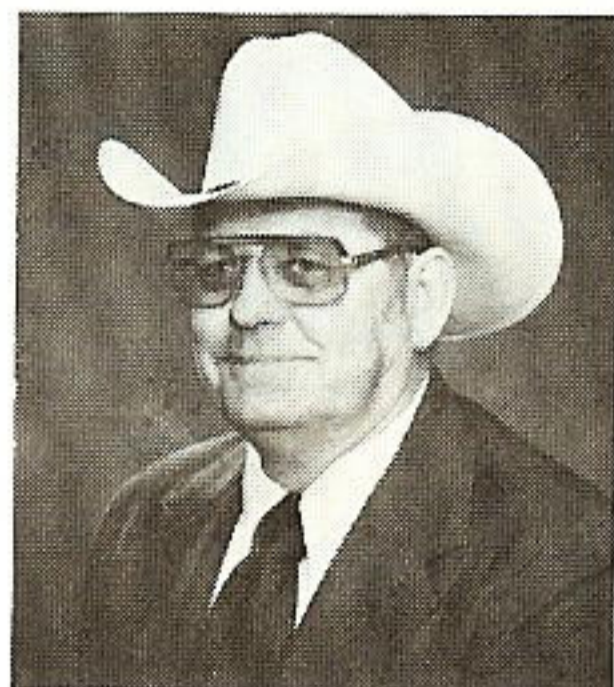


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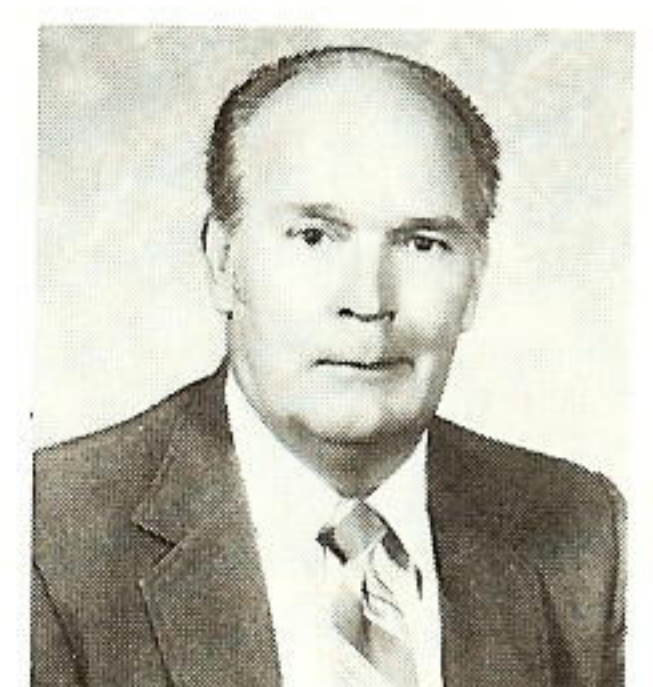
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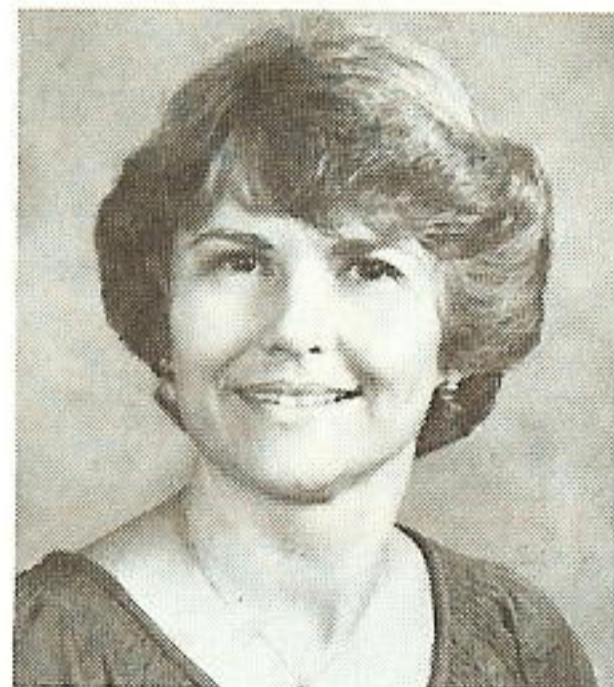


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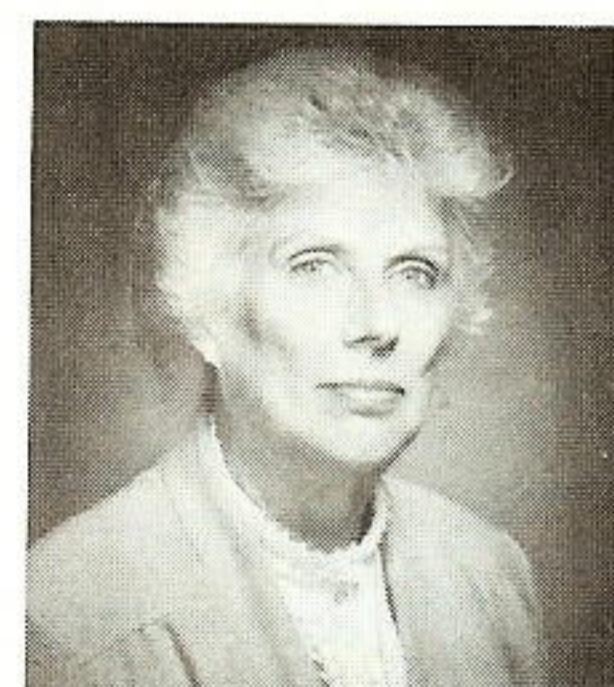
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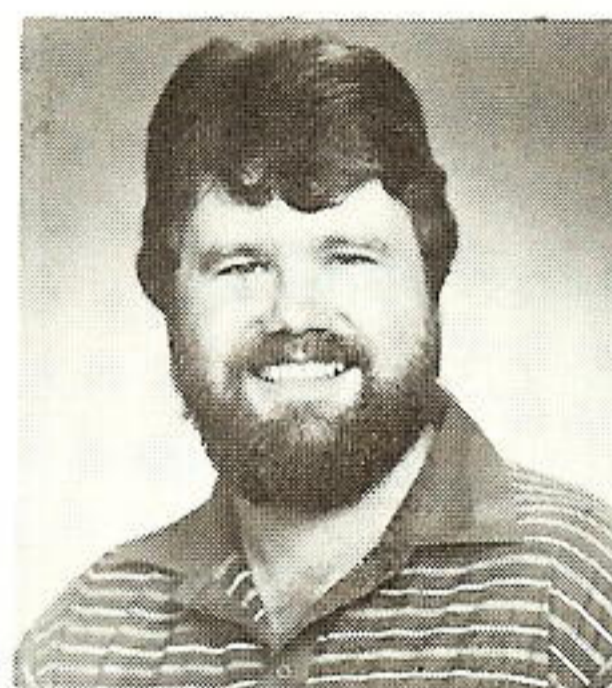


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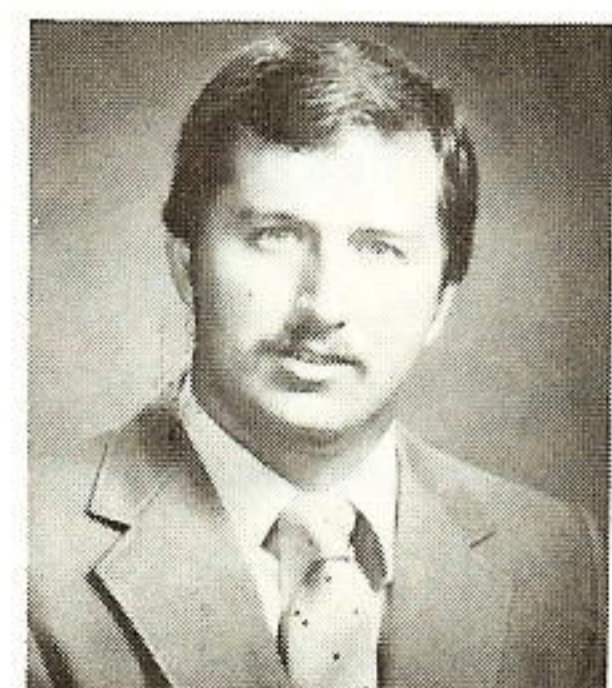
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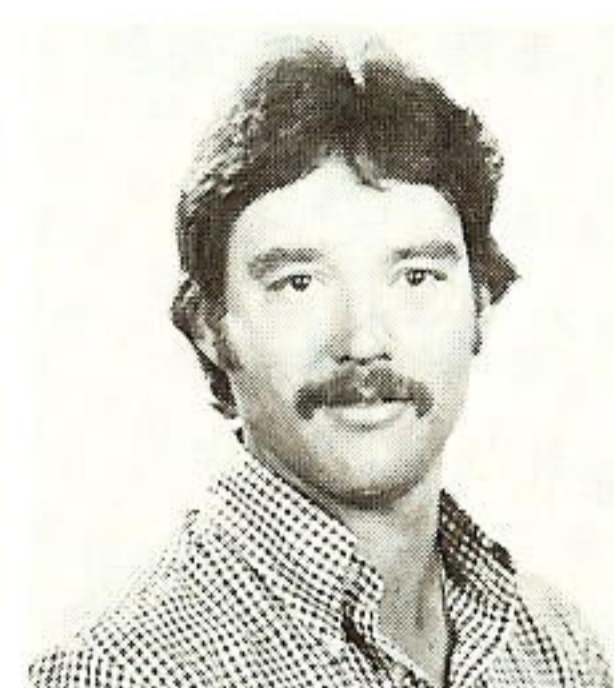
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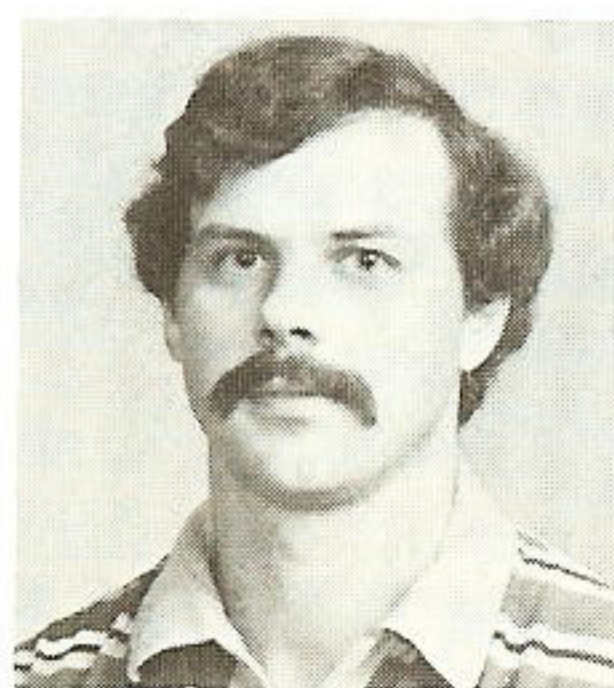
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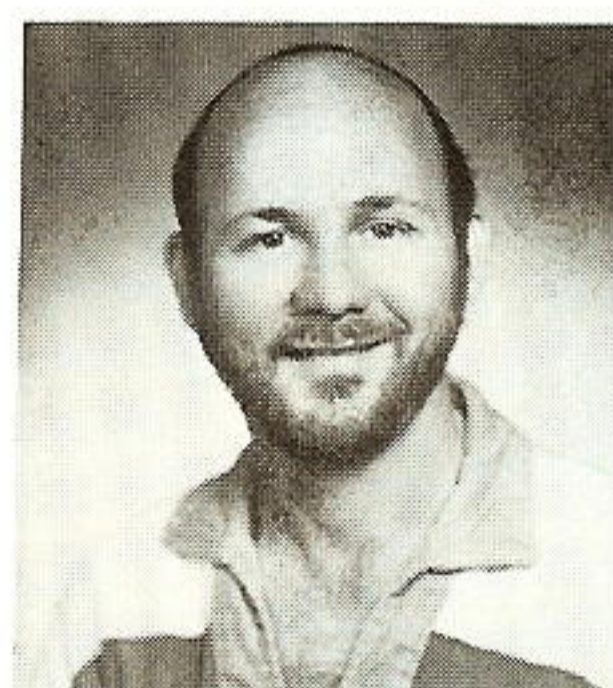
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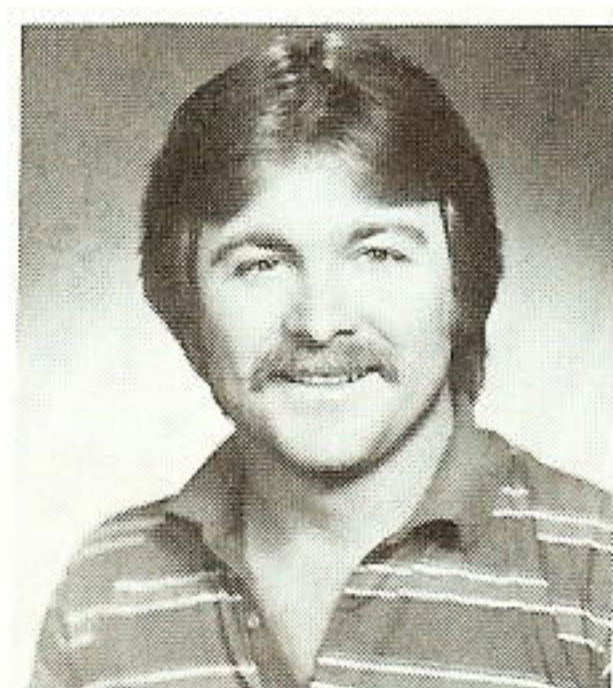
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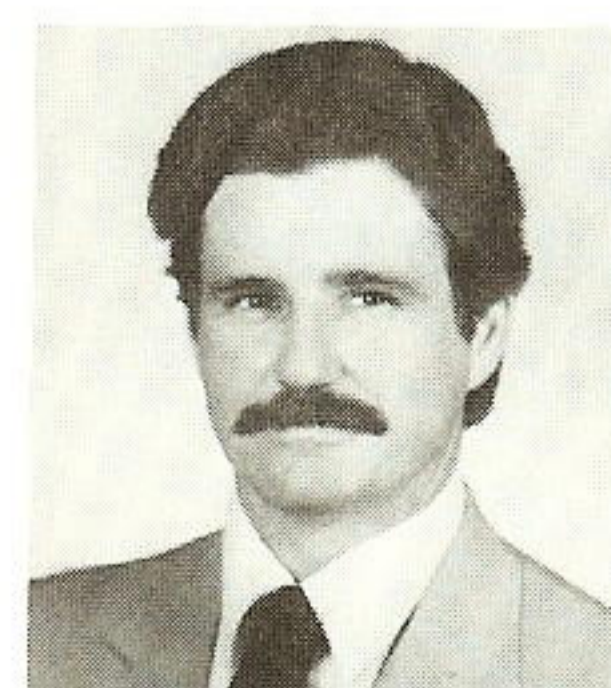
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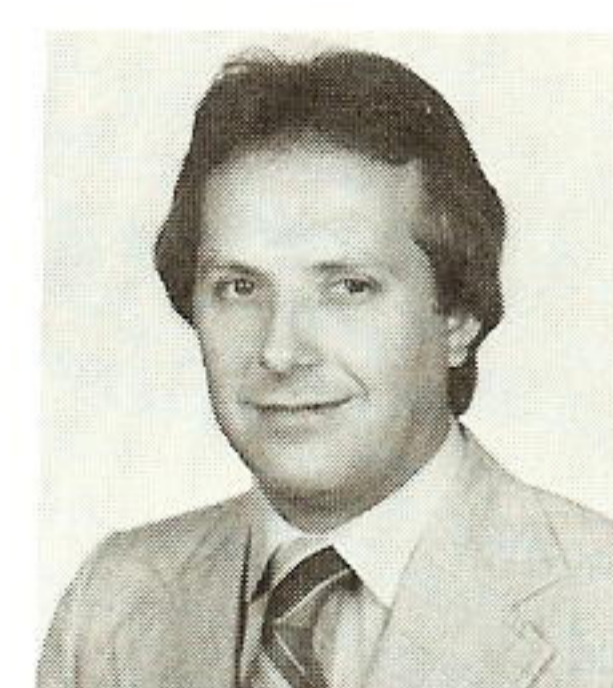
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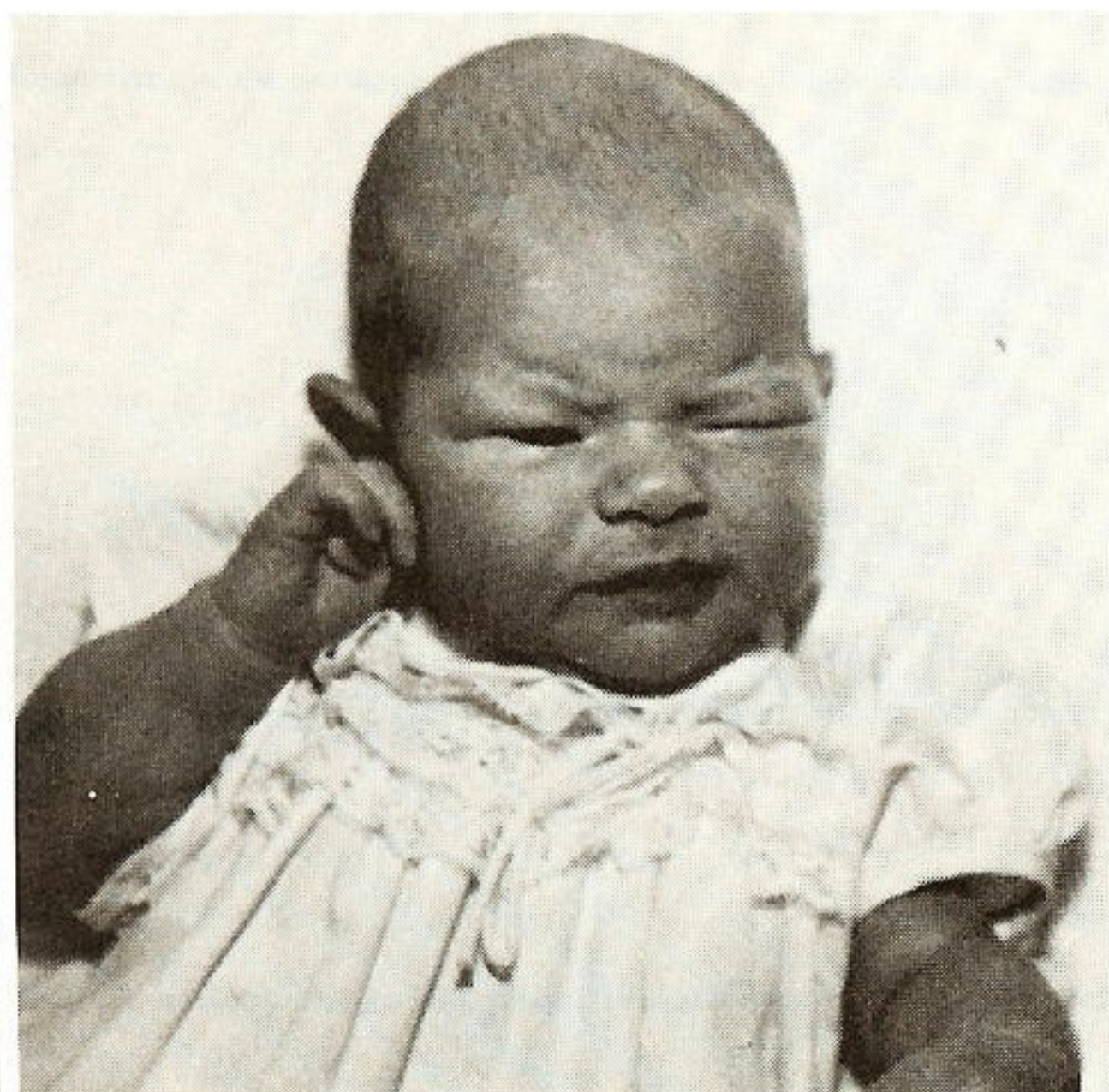
Joseph M. Veillon
Electric T&D
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Linder receives music awards

Angela Linder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Linder, was nominated for membership in the "Who's Who in Music" honors program for the year 1982-83, and will be recognized in the 1983 edition of *Who's Who in Music*.

Angela plays the clarinet in the Baker, La., High School band. She won first place in the "All-Parish Band" meet for 1982-83, and also received an honor certificate from the "Women Band Directors of America."

Her father is a test technician-1st class at Louisiana Station.



Couple announces birth of daughter

Erin Margaret made her first appearance in the Laurie and Steele Netterville family May 1.

She was born at Women's and Children's unit of Baptist Hospital, Beaumont, and weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Steele is an apprentice in T&D.

Lafayette's annual crawfish boil

Lafayette held its Annual Crawfish Boil May 14. As shown here, the cooks were kept busy with 1300 pounds of crawfish while employees enjoyed the end result.



Crawfish cooking in Lafayette

Couple expresses gratitude

Melton and Floy-Mae Byrd expressed thanks to all their friends in the Lake Charles Division who contributed time and money after they lost their home to fire.

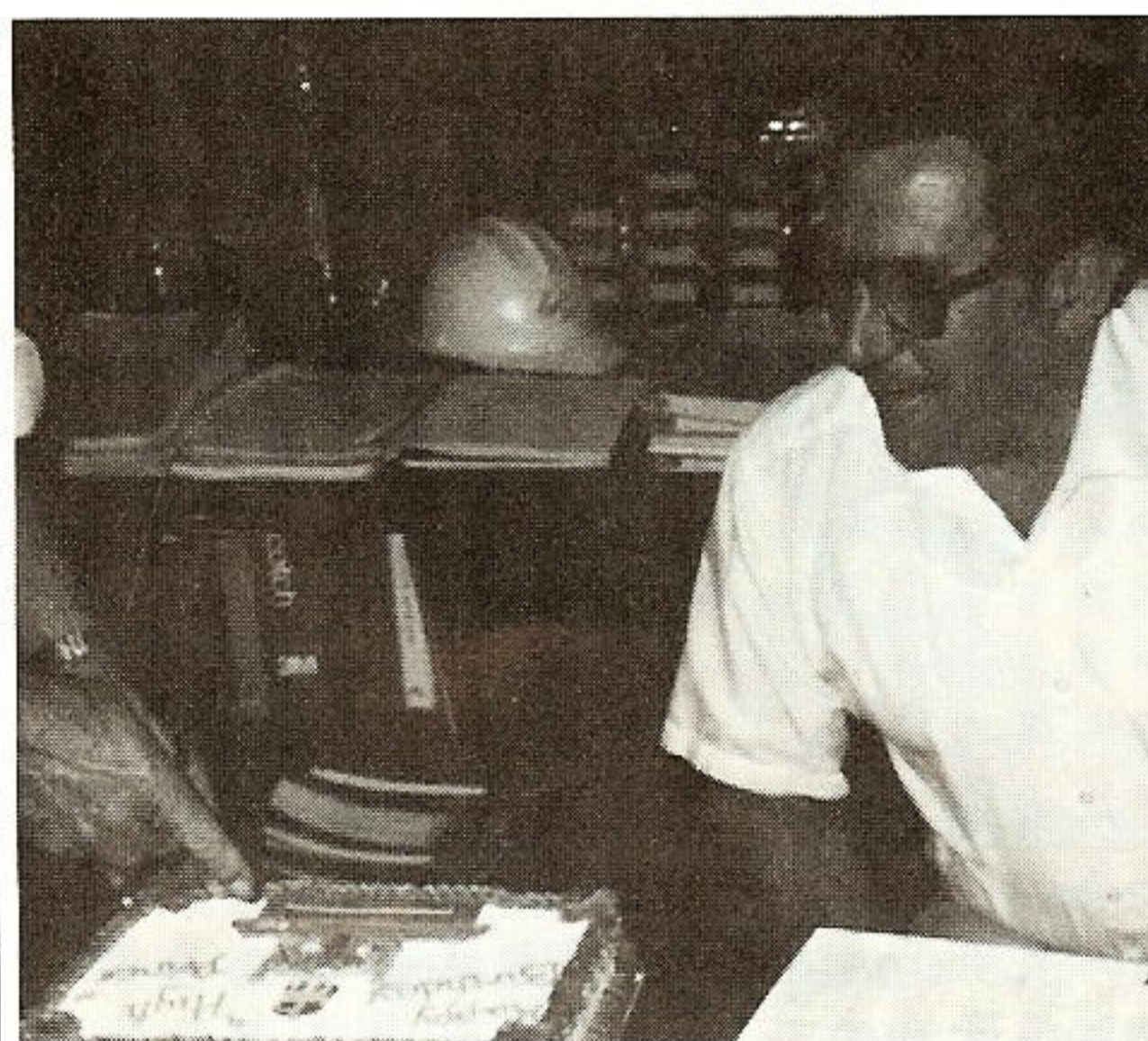
According to *Plain Talks* correspondent Edith Patterson, when the Byrds' house burned April 29, many helped clear rubble and donated funds and moral support.

Byrd is assistant line supervisor in Lake Charles T&D.

Clarke honored on birthday

Lewis Dudley Clarke, general line supervisor, Lake Charles, was honored by fellow employees with a cake on his birthday.

Clarke is nicknamed the "High Prince."



Schluters welcome Ryan Owen

Ryan Owen Schluter weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 18½ inches when he joined the Samuel and Bonnie Schluter family on May 18. Ryan was born in the Women's Hospital in Baton Rouge. He is the first child for the couple. His father works at Louisiana Station as an auxiliary operator.



Party honors Lafayette retiree

Gilbert Broussard Jr. retired on June 1 after 33 years with Gulf States. Co-workers presented Broussard with fishing equipment — a pole, tackle box and chair, plus cigars to enjoy while fishing.

Broussard is shown demonstrating his new fishing chair to his wife, Della, and his former supervisor, Burt Duhon.

Davis selected as Pageant finalist



Peggy Davis, daughter of Alfred Matthews and Jamie Davis, meter reader for Customer Accounting, was selected a state finalist in the Miss United Teenager Pageant.

The pageant recognizes and honors outstanding teenagers for beauty, poise, appearance, personality, scholastics and civic affairs. The pageant was held in Dallas.

Peggy is a junior at Westbrook Sr. High School. She was a varsity cheerleader and a member of Future Teachers of America and Health Occupation Students of America. She is also listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.



Harris announce birth of son

Phil and Katy Harris have a new baby son, Anthony Stephen, who was born March 19.

His father is supervisor of energy audits, Beaumont Division, and his mother was a clerk for the Customer Accounting Department, Beaumont Division.

Little Anthony weighed 8 pounds, 13½ ounces at birth.

Couple receives special gift

Mickey Waller, a dispatcher in the Baton Rouge Division, and his wife, Myra, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary June 15.

Their daughter, Yvette, created a card featuring her original poetry. Yvette is 14 years old.



Wheeler family grows to four

Kristina Rae, shown with her 3-year-old sister, Denise, is the most recent arrival to the James and Debbie Wheeler family.

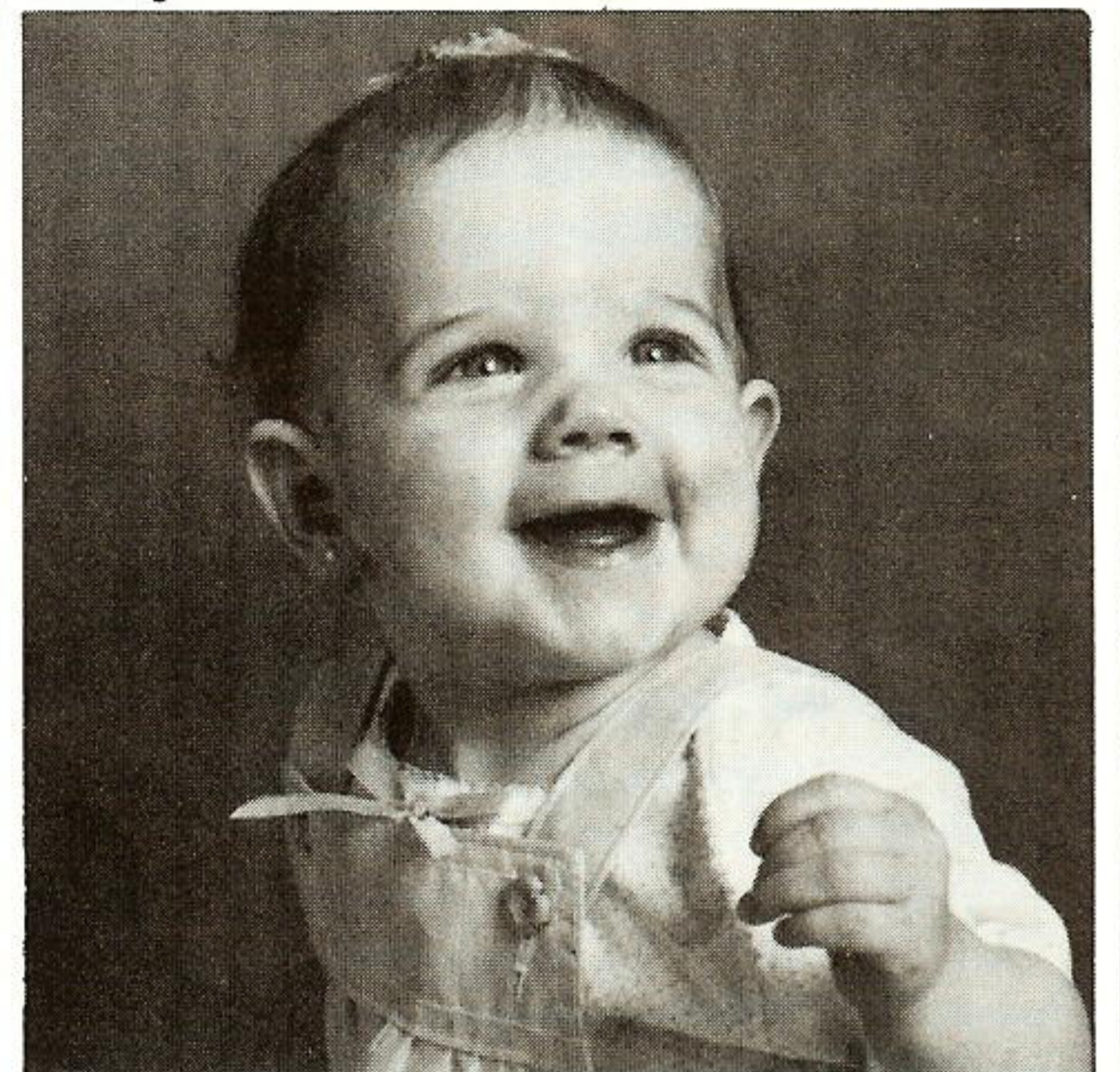
Kristina weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18½ inches when she was born Nov. 28, 1982.

Debbie Wheeler is an executive secretary in Beaumont.

Four generations celebrate birthday

Four generations of family members helped little Danielle Bourque celebrate her first birthday April 24 with a barbecue party at home with family and friends.

She is the daughter of Michael and Vickie Bourque of Bridge City.



Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Pellerin Sr. of Groves. Milton Pellerin Sr. is a foreman in the Port Arthur Line Dept.

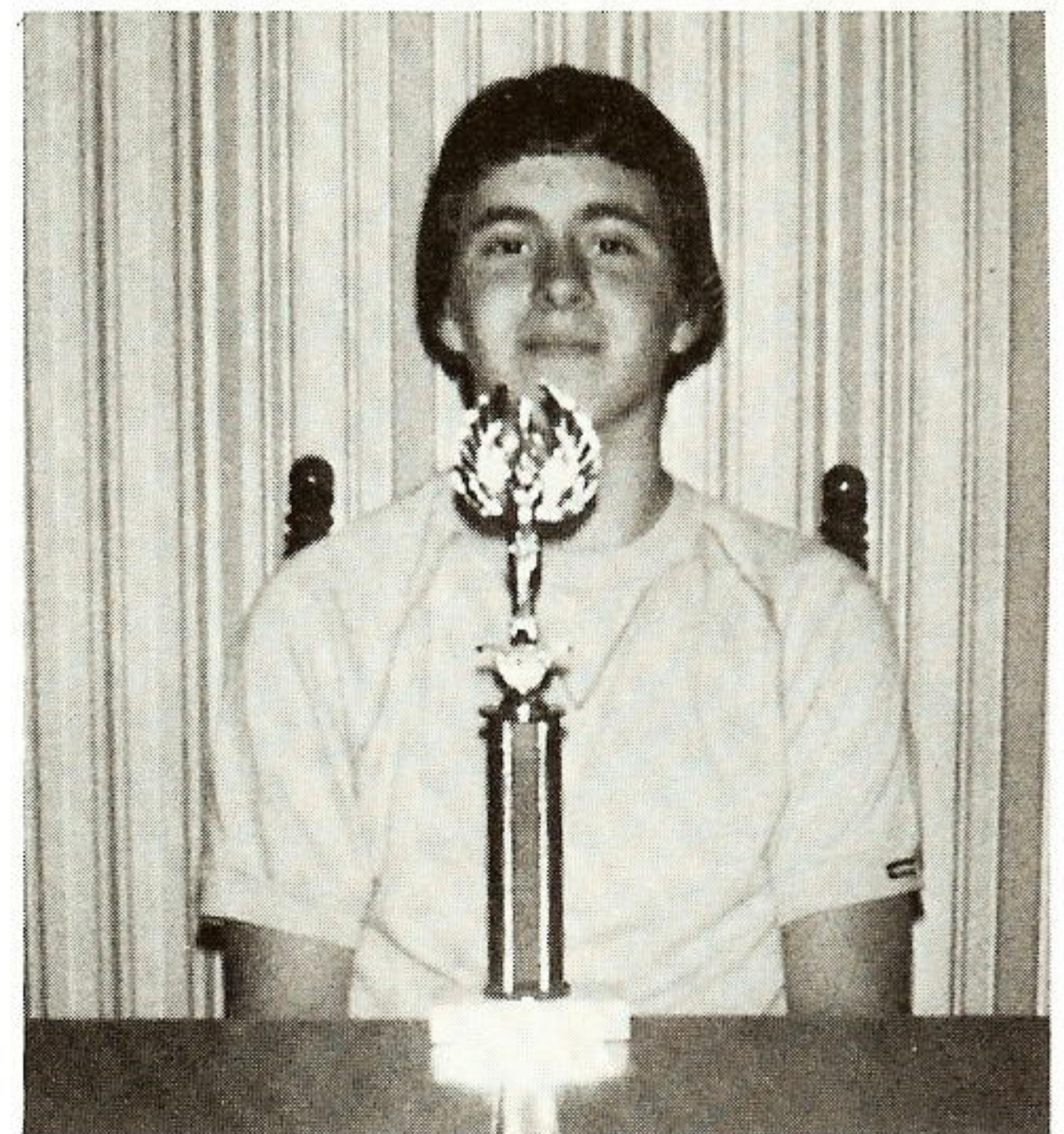
Her great-great-grandfather is Johnny Elkins of Church Point, La.

Scrivener wins math competition

Bill Scrivener, son of Lee Scrivener, right-of-way representative, Conroe, displays the first place trophy he won in an individual math competition.

Bill, an eighth grade student at Montgomery Junior High, competed against students from 13 area schools.

The following week he placed seventh at a similar competition in the Woodlands.





Brown reports new grandbaby

Norma Brown, local office clerk in Huntsville, is justifiably proud of her new granddaughter, Marci Ruth Hudson, born March 10.

Marci is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Hudson, who have one other daughter, Michelle, 4. Marci weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces at birth.



Co-workers celebrate birthday

Friends of Tom Wier, section head-relay communications, celebrated his birthday by giving him a cake and party. The cake was specially decorated with an original design drawn by a co-worker. Wier has been employed at Gulf States for 22 years.

Drumfish biting at Rollover Pass

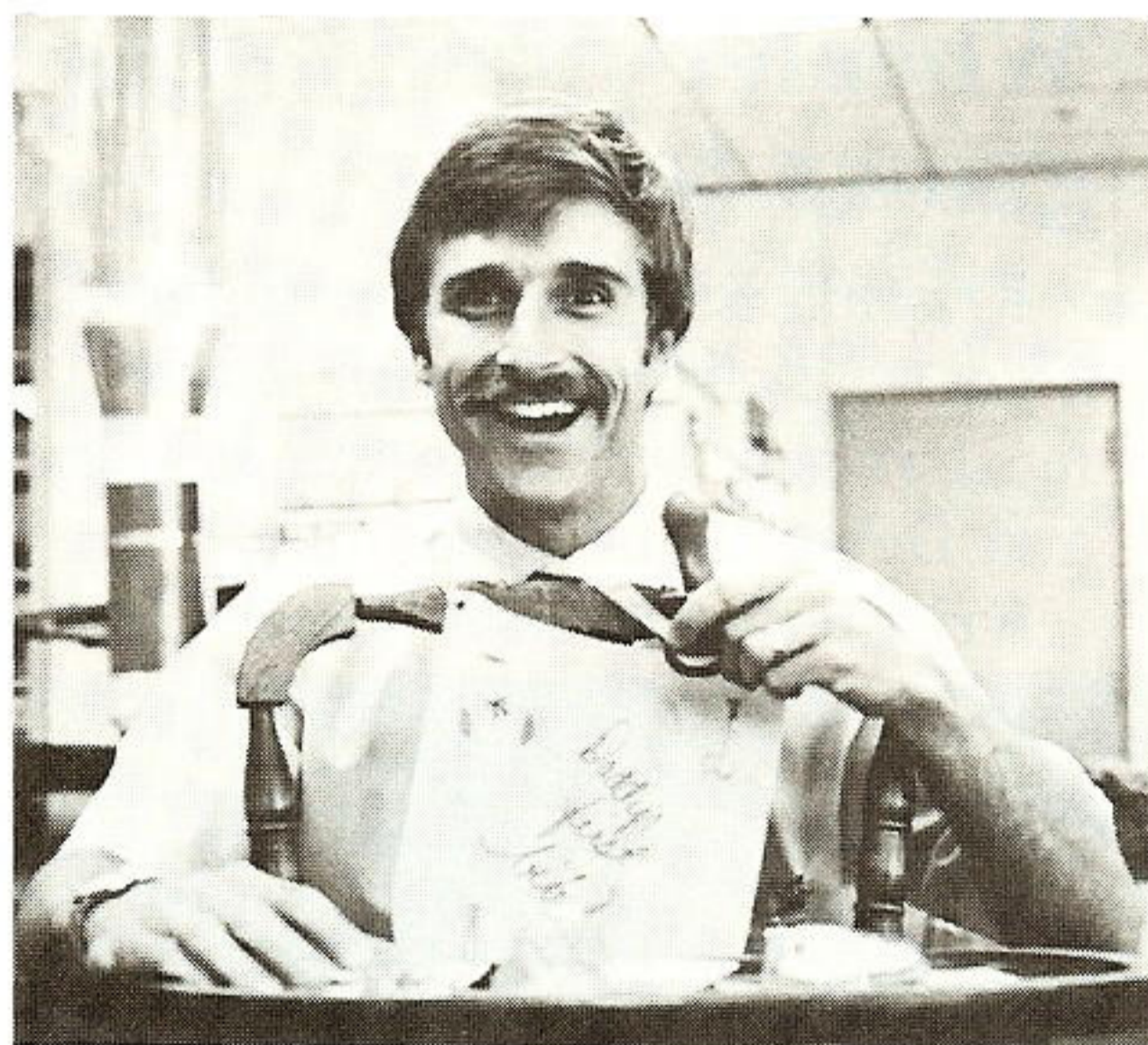
Chuck Martin, relay foreman in Beaumont, shows the drumfish he caught near Rollover Pass on June 18. It weighed 35 pounds and measured 36 inches.

His daughter, Rene Westbrook, who works in Beaumont's Computer Applications, claims Martin "is the best fisherman and the best Dad in the whole world." He has been a Gulf States employee for 26 years.



Baby shower given to father-to-be

B. D. Strait, section head-reproduction in Beaumont, was given a baby shower by co-workers. Strait, shown here with some of the gifts, and his wife were expecting their first child in early summer.



Port Arthur hosts dinner/dance

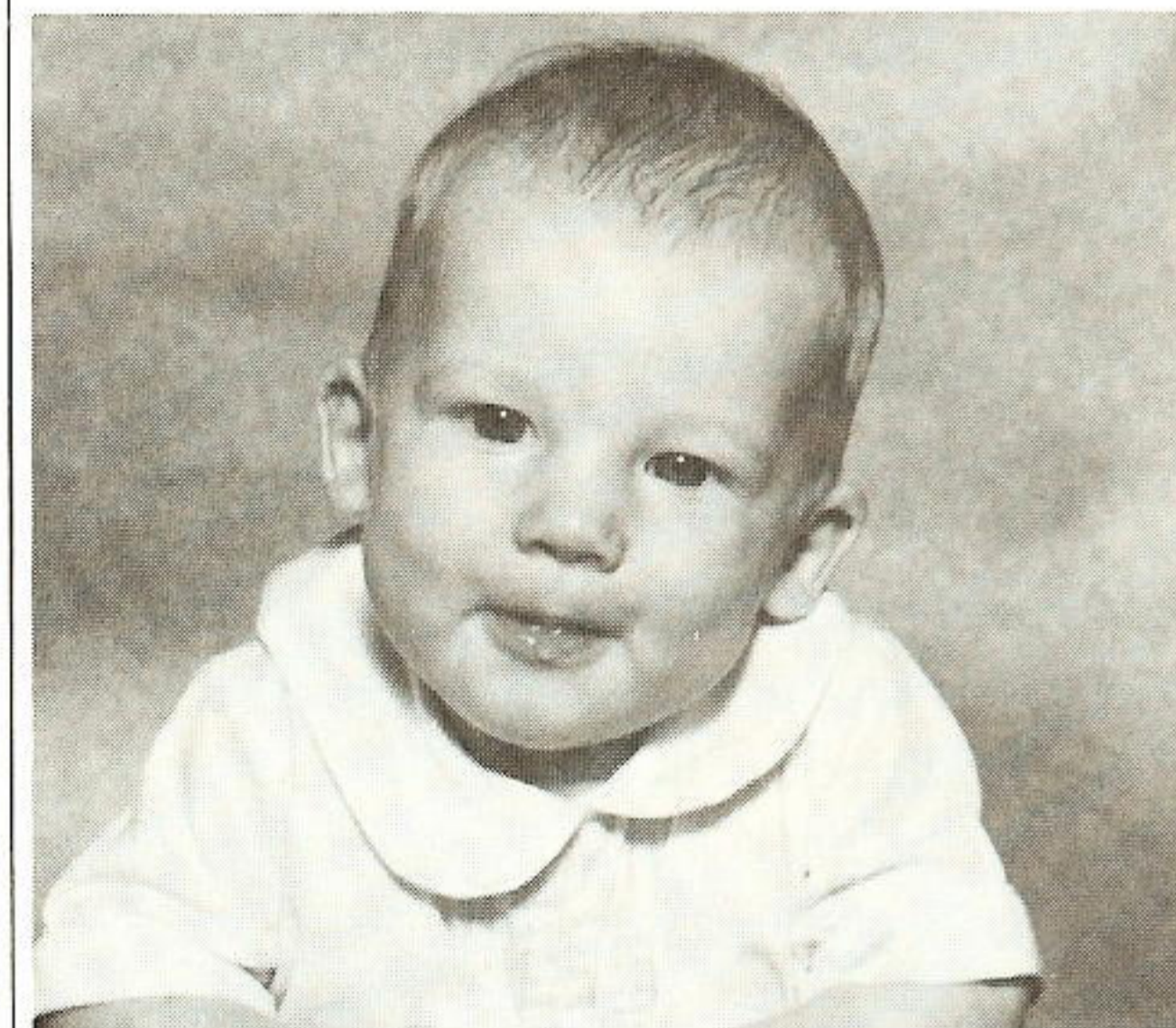
Port Arthur Division employees were honored at a dinner/dance March 4, for winning the 1982 President's Safety Award. About 290 persons attended the event in the Nederland Knights of



Columbus Hall, where they were entertained by a barbershop quartet.

Marquarts add son to family

Derek James Marquart was born Feb. 26 to Gary and Karen Marquart. Derek James weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 21 inches. His father is an engineer in the Western Division office at Conroe.



Allen dies in Beaumont

Francis Parker Allen, 87, of Beaumont died Aug. 9 in Baptist Hospital, Beaumont.

A native of South Weymouth, Mass., Allen's GSU career spanned 44 years. He was manager of residential sales when he retired May 1, 1961.

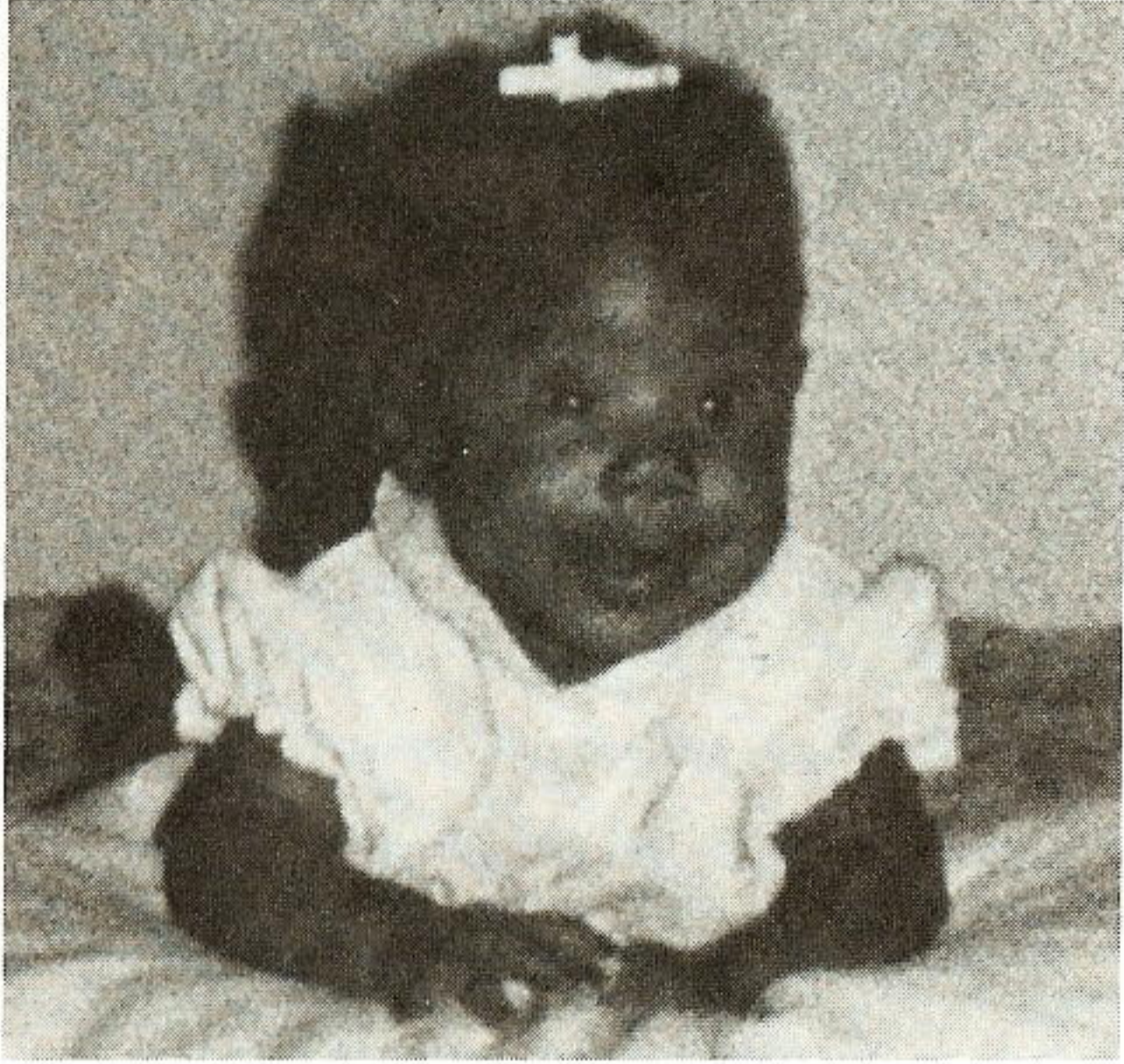
Survivors include a son, Clark Allen of Houston, and two grandchildren.

Scotts announce first child

Little Shawna Devon joined the Dennis and Annette L. Scott family Feb. 28.

The little girl's mother is a clerk in Customer Accounting, Baton Rouge.

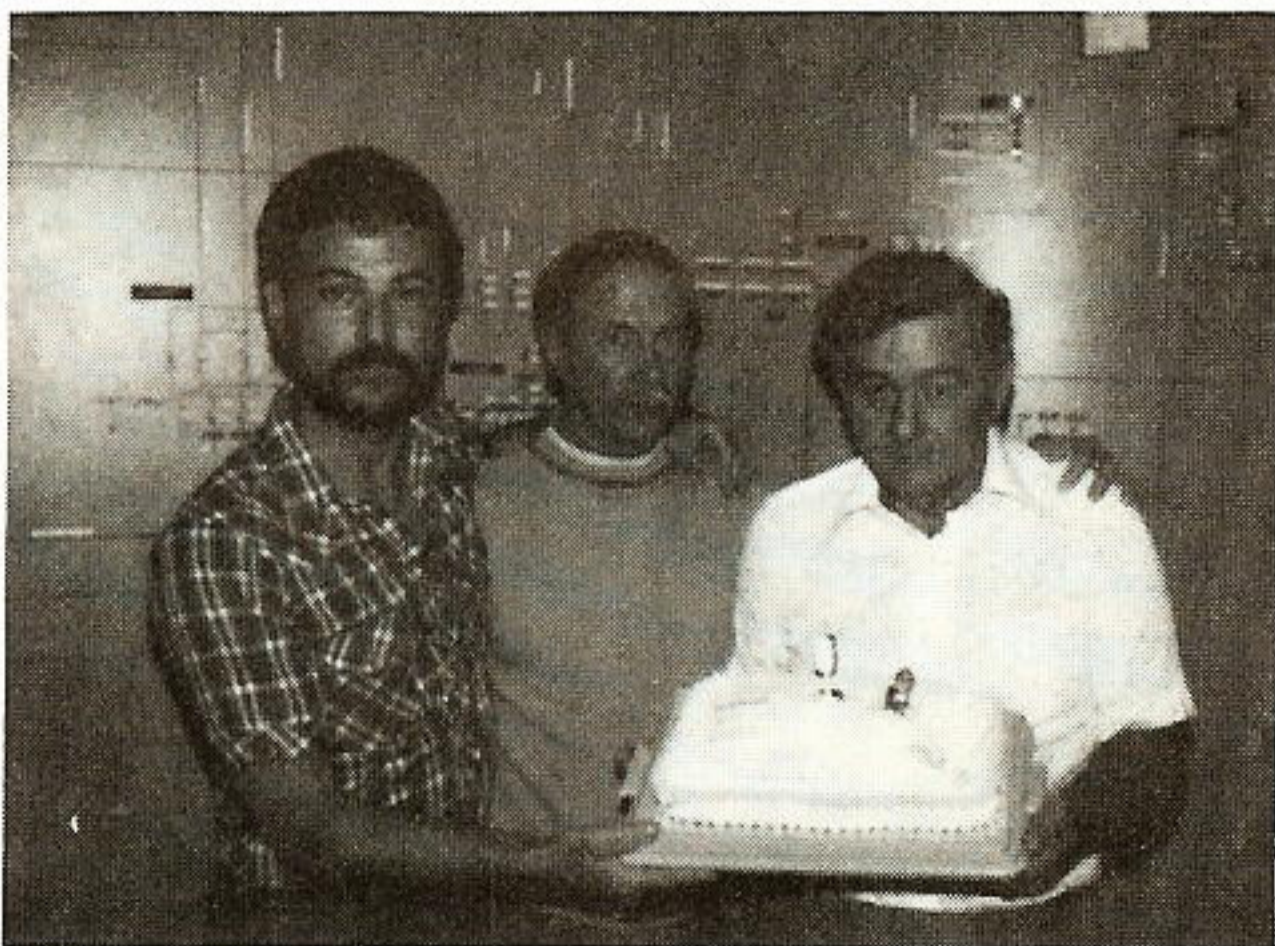
Shawna, who weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, is the first child for the couple.



David retires in Baton Rouge

Dallas David, a division sub-station operator in Baton Rouge, retired August 1. He was honored by his fellow dispatchers with a party. David has been an employee of GSU for 38 years.

Pictured displaying the cake for the party are, from left to right: Gary Green, Brooks Gully and Dallas David.



LC retirees meet for barbecue

The Lake Charles Division retired employees met for a barbecue dinner at Prien Lake

Park. Sabre "Pop" Guidry, retiree from Lafayette, entertained with his French harmonica and stories from the past.



Chavis crowned debutante queen

Angela Antoinette Chavis, 16-year-old senior at Jennings High School, was recently crowned the Mildred Shay Jones Grambling Alumni Chapter Debutante queen.

Angela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chavis Jr. Her father has been employed at GSU for 18 years in the T&D department.

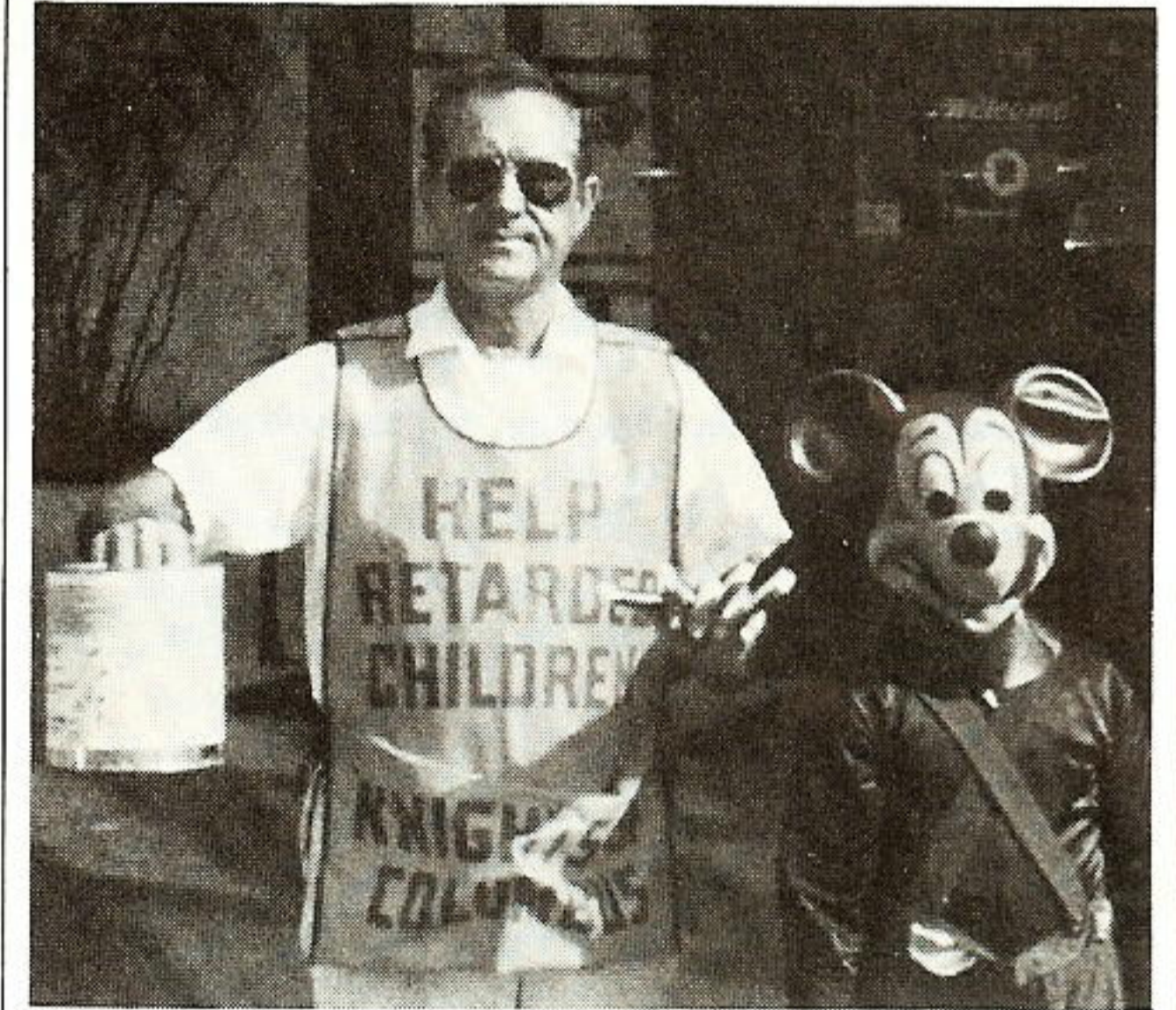


Daigle tops in KC drive

Fabian Daigle ranked first in the Knights of Columbus state competition for collecting donations for retarded children. Daigle, who is past Grand Knight of Council 2807, used the idea of offering a piece of candy for every donation. With the help

of fellow Knights and friends, Daigle collected \$11,432.60 while the combined efforts of nine metropolitan councils netted a grand total of \$26,432.09. The money was distributed among retarded citizens in Baton Rouge.

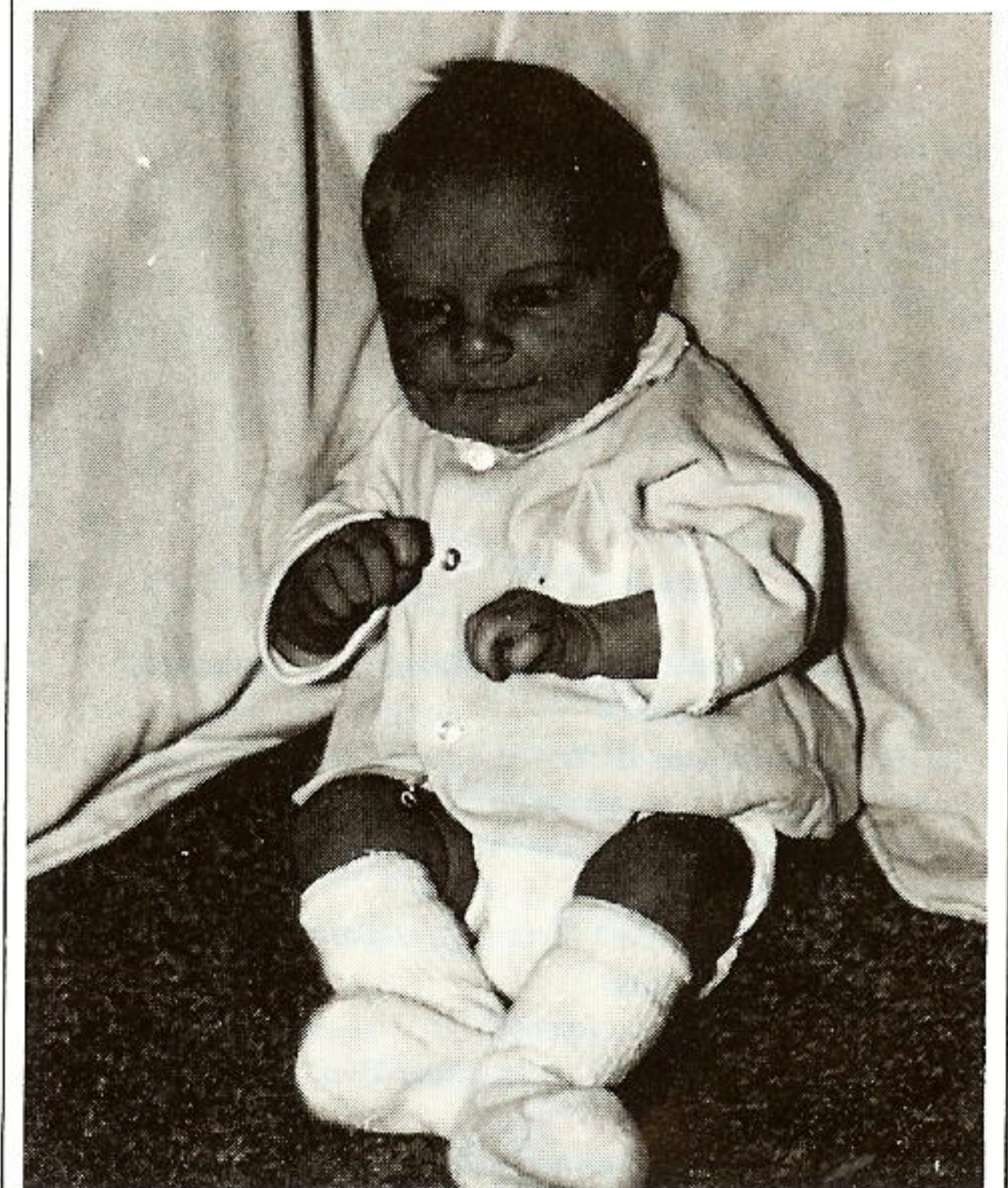
Daigle, who is an inspector of contract crews in the Baton Rouge T&D department, has been employed at GSU for 37 years.



Todds announce birth of son

Terry and Kyle Todd proudly announce the birth of their first child, Travis Charles, born March 18. Travis weighed in at 8 pounds.

His father is a division engineer in the Baton Rouge T&D department and has been with GSU for five years.



ON THE MOVE

A

Alexander, Lori R., Beaumont, to stenographer-senior, System Production.
Allen, Michael J., Baton Rouge, to consumer service representative-senior, Division Consumer Services.
Anderson, Calvin W., Beaumont, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.
Arbour, Dale L., formerly of Willow Glen, to electrician-1st class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.
Arceneaux, William F. Jr., Lake Charles, to relayman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Armand, Percy J., Baton Rouge, to apprentice, Electric T&D.
Aytes, James D., Orange, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

B

Barnes, John W., Willow Glen, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.
Beckes, Randy L., Baton Rouge, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Beckstrom, Gregory J., Willow Glen, to senior engineering assistant, Plant Production.
Bernard, Steve R., Denham Springs, to apprentice, Electric T&D.
Biennu, Morris J., Lafayette, to serviceman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Blanchard, Vernon, Louisiana Station, to operation supervisor, Plant Production.
Bossell, Stephen W., formerly of Willow Glen, to instrument control technician-2nd class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.
Bourque, Blain A., Lake Charles, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.
Boyd, David M., formerly of Louisiana Station, to instrument control technician-1st class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.
Brady, Don T., formerly of Beaumont, to operating superintendent, Port Arthur T&D Operations.
Brantley, Sandra H., Beaumont, to senior clerk, Materials Management.
Braud, Randy M., Louisiana Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.
Brown, Ella W., Port Allen, to customer contact clerk, Division Accounting.
Bullard, Mack B., Beaumont, to supervisor-project systems, Beaumont Computer Applications.
Burke, Samuel G. IV, formerly of Nelson Coal, to test technician-2nd class, River Bend Site, Plant Production.
Burzynski, Richard J., Conroe, to garage mechanic-1st class, Electric T&D.
Buser, Ted M., Baton Rouge, to communications serviceman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

C

Cain, James L. Jr., Port Arthur, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.
Callaway, Robert A., Port Arthur, to storekeeper, Electric T&D.
Campbell, Daniel H., Willow Glen, to electrician-1st class, Plant Production.
Campbell, Nelson R. Jr., Beaumont, to building & grounds maintenance man, Building Services.
Campo, Ronnie D., Willow Glen, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.
Cart, Donald J., Port Arthur, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.
Causey, Douglas H., formerly of Louisiana Station, to electrician-2nd class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.
Causey, Tony M., Baton Rouge, to engineering assistant, Gas Department.
Clarke, Kevin M., Nelson Station, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Cortez, Peter, Beaumont, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.
Cortez, Richard, Beaumont, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.
Cropper, Steven J., Port Arthur, to test technician-1st class, Plant Production.
Curtis, David W., Dayton, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

D

Daniel, Kevin R., Lake Charles, to apprentice, Electric T&D.
Davis, Edward L., Lake Charles, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Davis, Kenneth E., formerly of Sabine Station, to production engineer, Beaumont System Production.
Degraw, Gary D., Louisiana Station, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.
Delk, Dennis L., Beaumont, to serviceman-4th class, Electric T&D.
Deskin, Donald B., Nelson Station, to electrician-1st class, Plant Production.
Desselle, George W., formerly of Louisiana Station, to repairman-1st class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.
Dickerson, Linda K., Conroe, to test technician-3rd class, Plant Production.
Dischler, Gregory M., formerly of River Bend Site, to nuclear fuels engineer, Beaumont River Bend Nuclear Group.
Dodd, Wallace E. Jr., Conroe, to senior engineering assistant, Plant Production.
Donohue, Thomas E., Nelson Coal, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.
Douglass, David A., Dayton, to serviceman-1st class, Electric T&D.
Duncan, Mark D., Nelson Coal, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.
Duncan, Thomas W., Baton Rouge, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

E

Easterling, Don A., Zachary, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Elzie, George L., Lake Charles, to garage mechanic helper, Electric T&D.
English, Allen L., Port Arthur, to substation mechanic-1st class, Electric T&D.
English, Mitchell P., Port Arthur, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

F

Faires, Ethel W., Sabine Station, to test foreman, Plant Production.
Farris, Gary S., Baton Rouge, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Fontenot, Julius L., Nelson Coal, to electrician-3rd class, Plant Production.
Fontenot, Winston L., Baton Rouge, to communications foreman, T&D Communications.
Force, Margaret K., Baton Rouge, to legal stenographer, Division Operations.
Ford, Lynn R., Willow Glen, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.
Foreman, Horence E., Sabine Station, to test foreman, Plant Production.
Forston, Dennis L., Beaumont, to building technician, Electric T&D.
Freeman, Marvin B. Jr., Port Arthur, to insulator-2nd class, Plant Production.
Fruge, Clifton J., Lake Charles, to garage mechanic-3rd class, Electric T&D.

G

Galloway, James Jr., formerly of Nelson Coal, to instrument/control technician-2nd class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.
Garrene, Marvin R. III, Baton Rouge, to apprentice, Electric T&D.
Gaugh, Susan D., Nelson Coal, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.
Gauthier, Carol J., Lafayette, to substation mechanic-4th class, Electric T&D.
Gilbreath, Stephen R., Port Arthur, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.
Golson, Craig S., Beaumont, to apprentice, Electric T&D.
Goodwin, Donald G., Nelson Coal, to repairman-3rd class, Plant Production.
Green, Debra H., Louisiana Station, to turbine-water plant operator, Plant Production.
Grimes, Roy E., Louisiana Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.
Gutierrez, Gustavo, Navasota, to serviceman-1st class, Electric T&D.
Guzzardo, John C., Louisiana Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

H

Hall, Timothy J., Beaumont, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.
Hamborg, Brian D., Beaumont, to planning analyst, Corporate Planning.
Hamm, Gene A., New Caney, to apprentice, Electric T&D.
Hannen, James W., Nelson Coal, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.
Harris, Thomas, formerly of Choctaw, to storekeeper, River Bend Site, Plant Production.
Hartley, Sandra K., Beaumont, to stenographer-senior, Division Consumer Services.
Hartner, Patrick N., Baton Rouge, to pipeman welder-3rd class, Gas Department.
Hebert, Clofa C., Nelson Station, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.
Henderson, George W., Denham Springs, to line foreman, Denham Springs T&D Line.
Henderson, Lennard Jr., Beaumont, to storekeeper, Office Services.
Hernandez, Richard, Beaumont, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.
Heubach, Carl E., Beaumont, to supervisor-control center services, Beaumont Power Supply.
Hill, Keith M., Louisiana Station, to auxiliary operator, Plant Production.
Hoffpauir, Patrick K., Beaumont, to senior engineering assistant, Engineering Design.
Hurst, Jimmy D., Denham Springs, to utility foreman, Denham Springs T&D Line.

I

Istre, Allen J. Jr., Jennings, senior district service representative, Division Consumer Services.

J

Johnson, Clifford A., Gonzales, to apprentice, Electric T&D.
Johnson, Kenneth D., Willow Glen, to repairman-3rd class, Plant Production.
Johnson, Randy C., Sulphur, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.
Johnson, William Jr., Calvert, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

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Jones, Jesse R. Jr., Louisiana Station, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.

Jones, Roy K., Baton Rouge, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Jones, Terry L., Baton Rouge, to garage mechanic-2nd class, Electric T&D.

K

Kelly, Joe D., Port Arthur, to meterman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Kerst, Paul M., Baton Rouge, to meterman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Ketcherside, Benjamin W., Beaumont, switchboard operator, Plant Production.

Kimmell, Glenn R., River Bend Site, to quality control supervisor, River Bend Site Nuclear Group.

Klosterman, Leo R., Nelson Coal, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

L

Laborde, Michael J., Beaumont, to superintendent-transmission construction, Beaumont Transmission Construction.

Lanthier, Gregory J., Lake Charles, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Lavergne, Vaughn G., Port Barry, to district serviceman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Ledoux, Ernest R., Port Arthur, repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Lee, Walter E., Oak Ridge, to district serviceman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Little, Casey C., Baton Rouge, relayman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Living, Van G., Conroe, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Louvier, Louis K., Port Arthur, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Lovett, Elizabeth G., Beaumont, to senior clerk, Accounting Services.

Loyd, Mark E., Baton Rouge, to substation mechanic-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Lyons, Robert E., Baton Rouge, to pipeman-2nd class, Gas Department.

M

Marcell, Kenneth E. Jr., Willow Glen, to master test technician, Plant Production.

Martin, James R., Orange, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

McNeal, Aaron, Lake Charles, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Meche, Rufus M., Nelson Station, to staff accountant I, Plant Production.

Melton, William E., Willow Glen, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Miller, Louis J., Vidor, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Montalbano, June A., Nelson Coal, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.

Moore, Larry, Willow Glen, to repairmen-2nd class, Plant Production.

Moosman, Stewart K., Sabine Station, to electrical maintenance foreman, Plant Production.

Morgan, Thomas G. Jr., Beaumont, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Morrison, Bryan J., Louisiana Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Moss, Arthur C. Jr., Winnie, to meter reader, Division Accounting.

N

Nolen, Thomas E., Lake Charles, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

P

Pair, Stephen J., Nelson Station, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Parrish, Deanna P., Beaumont, operator's helper-auxiliary, Plant Production.

Parsley, Thomas E., formerly of Beaumont, to supervisor-project systems, River Bend Site, Computer Applications.

Paul, James M., Baton Rouge, to meterman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Penn, Bobby J., Baton Rouge, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Philio, Billy R., Trinity, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Phillips, Pauline R., formerly of Accounting Services, to records associate, Beaumont Human Resources.

Powell, Sherman R. Jr., Beaumont, to operator's helper (auxiliary), Plant Production.

Prudhomme, Daniel J., Beaumont, to staff accountant I, Beaumont Accounting Services.

R

Rathcke, Terry A., Louisiana Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Renfroe, Suzanne H., Lake Charles, to helper, T&D Helper Crews.

Roberts, Alvin E. Jr., Beaumont, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Rochon, Joseph D., Nelson Coal, to mechanic helper, Plant Production.

Rose, Donna S., Beaumont, to equipment operator, Plant Production.

Rozas, Christopher R., Beaumont, to operator's helper (auxiliary), Plant Production.

S

Sam, Joseph S., Lafayette, to collector, Division Accounting.

Sanders, Kevin A., Conroe, to test technician-2nd class, Plant Production.

Sarver, Eugene F., Lafayette, senior engineering assistant, Electric T&D.

Schram, Mary L., Beaumont, to garage worker, Electric T&D.

Shaw, Stephen L., Conroe, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Simon, Phyllis I., Port Arthur, to energy auditor, Division Consumer Services.

Smith, Dennis J., Baton Rouge, to consumer information coordinator, Division Marketing & Consumer Services.

Smith, Mary P., Baton Rouge, to secretary, Baton Rouge T&D Operations.

Smith, Stevie Q., Baton Rouge, to garage mechanic helper, Electric T&D.

Smyth, Donald P., formerly of Willow Glen, to repairman-1st class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.

Speeg, Albert D., formerly of Willow Glen, to instrument/control technician-1st class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.

Statler, Charles R., Orange, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Stidham, Shane A., Nelson Coal, to master repairman, Plant Production.

Sullivan, Daniel D., Louisiana Station, to second fireman, Plant Production.

Swope, Michael, Orange, to substation mechanic-1st class, Electric T&D.

T

Taylor, Douglas J., Lafayette, to substation mechanic-1st class, Electric T&D.

Thomas, Mack H., Lake Charles, to garage mechanic helper, Electric T&D.

Thompson, Mark P., Beaumont, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Thompson, Theresa S., Conroe, to engineering assistant, Electric T&D.

Toniette, James B. Jr., Lake Charles, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Toohy, James E., Port Arthur, to electrician-2nd class, Plant Production.

V

Valastro, Lori L., Beaumont, to stenographer-senior, Corporate Services.

Verret, Clint A., Port Arthur, to lineman-2nd class, Electric T&D.

Virva, Frank W., Sabine Station, to production engineer, Plant Production.

W

Walker, Calvin G., Beaumont, to lineman-3rd class, Electric T&D.

Weiland, John B., Louisiana Station, to repairman-1st class, Plant Production.

Wheat, Patrick M., Denham Springs, to lineman-1st class, Electric T&D.

Whitley, Larry, Louisiana Station, to auxiliary operator, Plant Production.

Wilhams, Jerald W., Baton Rouge, serviceman-1st class, Gas Department.

Will, David E., Beaumont, to repairman-2nd class, Plant Production.

Williams, Jimmie, Beaumont, to utility worker II, Building Services.

Williams, Kenneth, Conroe, to apprentice, Electric T&D.

Williams, Larry R., Baton Rouge, to apprentice, Gas Department.

Williams, Sidney A., Beaumont, to lineman-4th class, Electric T&D.

Willie, Henry H., formerly of Willow Glen, to electrician-1st class/nuclear, River Bend Site, Plant Production.

Y

Yarbrough, John O., Baton Rouge, to consumer information coordinator, Baton Rouge Division Marketing & Consumer Services.

Young, Carol D., Beaumont, to staff accountant I, Beaumont Accounting Services.

Z

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