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Abstract: **Lawrence Alaminsky**

Lawrence Alaminsky moved from Burton, Texas, to Sugar Land in 1946. He worked 27 years mainly as a carpenter for the Sugarland Industries, improving and maintaining company houses. He humorously recalls encounters with renters' requests ranging from emergency repairs to specially made cabinetry, from bullet holes to smelly diapers stashed under a bathtub. His job included but was not limited to maintaining the water level of Oyster Creek and tracking loose cattle. He fondly remembers fashioning a 15-foot fishing boat from beautiful cypress wood salvaged from the Imperial Inn after it burned in 1947—a boat he used later to eradicate water lilies in Oyster Creek. Among other memorable accounts, he talks about fishing in the well-stocked ponds, lakes, and streams on the Sugarland Industries' vast acreage surrounding the sleepy, little company town of Sugar Land, Texas.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Aaron Morton (fisherman)
 Anthony Scanlin (Western Auto store and fishing partner)
 Bill Little (Sugarland Industries)
 Charlie Vavrecka (Fort Bend Utilities plumber)
 Chuzzy Jenkins (married George Moses' daughter)
 Curtis Hall (law enforcement)
 Eileen Alaminsky (wife)
 George Moses (farm manager)
 Jess Pirtle (manager of Sugarland Industries)
 Joe Mladinka (neighbor and highway patrolman)
 Mr. Bartlett (dog owner)
 Mr. Colbern (cattle manager)
 Mr. Eldridge (recycled everything)
 Mr. Enquist (manager of the Sugar Company)
 Mr. Findley (police chief)
 Mr. Guenther (built on Brooks Street)
 Mr. Kelly (pistol bullet in roof)

Mr. Steck (farm manager)
 Mr. Tarver (manager of Alcorn Farm)
 Ms Kelly (build spice rack)
 Ms. Ulrich (water leak at Teacherage)
 Russell Alaminsky (son)
 Sam Willeey (fishing club)
 Tilman Lewis (dog catcher)
 Tom James (President of Sugarland Industries)

Places / Businesses

Brazos River pumpin' station
 Foster Farms
 Gulf Coast Savings and Loan
 Oyster Creek
 South Belknap Street, Richmond
 Teas Nursery
 Wessendorff Lumber

Events

Remove bullet in roof
 Remove diapers under the bathtub
 Spray water lilies in the creeks