

Our English visitors (l. to r.): Peter Billam, director of plant engineering; Robert S. A. Beauchamp, head, Biology Section; Dr. Peter Howard, head, Electrical Engineering Division; Donald Clark, O.B.E., member of the CEG Board; Dr. Dennis B. Leason, head of Environmental and General Section; and William Stones, director of operations planning, Northeast Region.

English Officials Visit Amos Plant



Plant operations are discussed by A. J. Trawick, Amos Plant operations supervisor.

A delegation of six officials of the Central Electricity Generating Board of England last month visited the American Electric Power System for two weeks in a continuing "exchange program" between the two electric utility systems.

Week No. 1 was spent in a series of technical discussions with engineering personnel of the AEP Service Corporation in New York. And Week No. 2 witnessed visits to Appalachian Power Company's John E. Amos Plant and Ohio Power Company's Cardinal and Mitchell Plants and Muskingum Mine.

The fourth such international exchange in the past 10 years, this year's conference zeroed in on the subject of safeguarding the environment.

Underground System In Downtown Lynchburg Increased To 34,500 Volts

The first step in converting Appalachian's entire Main Street underground system in Lynchburg from 4000 to 34,500 volts is under way. The project will cost \$100,000.

The present underground distribution on Main Street in the downtown section is fed by 4 kv feeders from the Blackwater Station some distance away. A new 34,500-volt feeder circuit will be extended from the station to Ninth and Main Streets. This

will be an overhead circuit to the dead end of Fifth Street. It will then be routed underground, through existing duct, from Fifth Street, by way of Main Street, to a new manhole to be constructed at Ninth Street. The 34,500-volt circuit will be extended from the manhole to the transformer vault in the new total-electric Fidelity National Bank building.

The 19-story Fidelity building, tallest skyscraper in downtown Lynchburg, is an all glass structure with two terrace levels and four parking levels. The building contains 163,000 square feet, with 65,000 square feet to be used by the bank and the remaining to be rented as office space.

The C&I Section of the Commercial Department and the T&D Engineering Department worked together in selling the total electric concept for the building and in designing our facilities for the downtown section to serve this new load.

Kentucky Plans Sale Of Bonds

Kentucky Power Company plans to sell \$40 million of first mortgage bonds, subject to necessary regulatory approvals.

It is anticipated that the company will seek competitive bids on August 29. Proceeds will be used to retire bank loans.

APCO Gives \$1,500 For Disaster Relief, Will Match Employee Gifts

At the time of the Buffalo Creek disaster in Logan County, W. Va., Appalachian employees worked doggedly to restore electric service vitally needed by survivors and rescue workers.

Now the ordeal is over, and there has been time to evaluate further the needs of the people. Appalachian is making an additional contribution of \$1,500 to the Logan County United Fund, designated for disaster relief. Because many employees have expressed a desire to help, the company will also match employee contributions on a dollar for dollar basis.

Announcement has already been made in each location as to how and where employees may make their contributions. The collection effort is to end June 30.

According to Floyd Taylor, manager of the Logan-Williamson Division, "response of relief agencies and individuals toward meeting the many needs of the victims has been magnificent. The Logan County United Fund through two of its member agencies has been one of the leaders in this endeavor. Almost immediately after the flood both the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army were on the scene providing clothing, food and shelter to the families affected."

"The American Red Cross estimates their total expenditure will be \$750,000, and the Salvation Army expects to spend \$80,000. Regular funds allocated to these agencies through the United Fund campaign have been far from adequate. Operating funds for these agencies would have been totally depleted if it were not for the support of their respective national organizations and direct contributions made by

concerned individuals."

In view of this, the company decided to make the \$1,500 contribution to the Logan County United Fund for distribution to those agencies that have incurred financial problems as a result of their relief work.

250,000th Visitor Tours Center

The Smith Mountain Visitors Information Center achieved a major milestone April 30 when the 250,000th visitor registered in the guest book.

The important visitor was identified as C. R. Deatherage of Eden, North Carolina, who came with his wife Melanie and three children, Elisa, Gregory and Jason. Greeted at the center by D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke Division manager, Deatherage's first reaction was, "you're putting me on". Kennedy presented them with an AC-DC portable transistorized radio as a memento of the occasion and took them on a tour of the facility.

The Information Center began operation June 1, 1967, and is open year-round from 10 AM to 6 PM daily. The Center is staffed by H. A. Dooley and J. D. Towler, visitor center attendants, and J. D. Towler, custodian.



O. C. Hall, executive assistant (right), listens as J. M. Wood, Pikeville Division manager (center), welcomes visitors to the new Prestonsburg office building. Mayor George Archer (second from right) cut the ribbon signifying the opening.

Prestonsburg Office Is Opened

The new office at Prestonsburg, Kentucky, was officially opened to the public May 15.

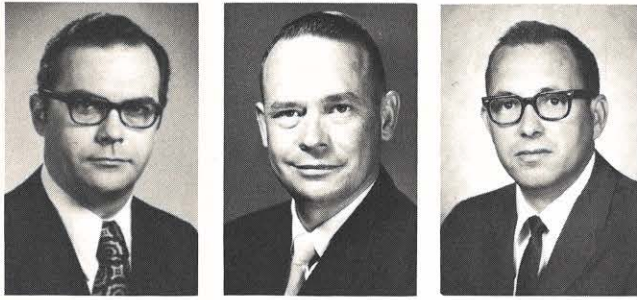
O. C. Hall, Kentucky Power executive assistant, and Dr. George Archer, Mayor of Prestonsburg, addressed the crowd of civic leaders who attended the opening ceremonies. After Mayor Archer cut the ribbon signifying

the opening, light refreshments and Reddy Kilowatt favors were distributed to the guests. Tours of the new facility were conducted throughout the day, and more than 200 persons visited.

The new building is on the corner of North Lake Drive and Dingess Street at the junction of the Mountain Parkway and U. S. Highways 23 and 460, two blocks

from the center of town. Built at an approximate cost of \$100,000, the new building consists of a demonstration kitchen, garage, storage room and an accounting office with drive-in window.

Linda M. Howard, cashier clerk senior, and Clarence Martin, serviceman, are stationed at the new office.



Rhodes

Blackwell

Simmons

Three Take New Personnel Posts

Three Appalachian men have been promoted to new personnel posts. J. Emmett Blackwell, training supervisor in the General Office Personnel Department, Roanoke, has been named employee relations supervisor. He succeeds J. A. Mundy, who retired February 1. C. A. Simmons of Kanawha River Plant has been promoted to the newly-created position of labor relations supervisor in the General Office Personnel Department, effective July 1. Succeeding Simmons as personnel supervisor at Kanawha River Plant is H. E. Rhodes, Jr., of Huntington.

A Roanoke native, Blackwell holds a bachelor's degree from Roanoke College and a master's from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He joined Appalachian in 1958 as a business administration trainee in the General Office Accounting Department. In 1960 he was promoted to market analyst in the General Office Area Development Department and became administrative assistant to the executive vice president in 1965. He was

named training supervisor for the company in 1968. Blackwell is married and has three sons.

A native of Powellton, West Virginia, Simmons holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He was employed as an electrical engineer at Point Pleasant in 1956 and became area superintendent at St. Albans in 1963. The following year he moved to Logan as division engineer and was engineering supervisor there before transferring to Kanawha River Plant in August 1969 as plant engineer. He became personnel supervisor later that year. Simmons is married and has three children.

Rhodes holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from the University of Cincinnati. He came to work as an electrical engineer at Charleston in 1962 and was a commercial sales engineer there before transferring to Huntington in 1964. He was promoted to power sales engineer in 1968. A native of Wyco, West Virginia, Rhodes is married and has three children.

Buy Bonds Now, Pay Cash Later

Did you know that, if an employee at the age of 50 would start deducting \$37.50 or a \$50.00 bond per month from his check, he could purchase an \$8,300 motor home for cash at the age of 63?

Bill Currey used this graphic example to promote the sale of savings bonds in the Charleston Division recently. Currey, administrative assistant, was coordinator of the 1972 U. S. Savings Bond drive in West Virginia as well as the personal solicitor in the Charleston Division.

Currey says, "About the most sought-after luxury our employees talk about is a motor home. I decided to develop a mini display featuring a top line motor home and take it to the various locations where our people were stationed. We used the formula provided by the U. S. Treasury to compute the time required to buy the home for cash."

During the one day the vehicle was on display approximately 100 employees passed through its door. On entering, each employee was directed through the vehicle and told how he could someday purchase a similar one through the systematic savings of bonds. Application cards were made available as well as forms for those who wished to increase the amount of payroll savings already being withheld.



NAIHCO, the Junior Achievement company sponsored by Appalachian in Roanoke, received a third place company-of-the-year award from the Roanoke Junior Achievement organization. Mitzi Bergeron, president of NAIHCO (left), presents the award to J. R. Whitehurst, administrative assistant, as M. O. Wilson, Jr., heating and builder sales representative, looks on. Whitehurst was a director of the Roanoke JA organization and Wilson was an Appalachian advisor for NAIHCO. Manufacturing a skill game called Aggravav, the Achievers had a sales volume of \$948.35 and paid \$85.14 in taxes before liquidation.

APCO General Office Accounting Personnel Assume New Duties



Willis

Taylor

Walters

Law

Buckingham Ends 44-Year Career



Buckingham

A trip out west to Montana, Wyoming, Yellowstone Park and on to Canada is in store for Donald Lyman Buckingham and his wife Phyllis. "Buck" retired June 1 as transmission station foreman in the General Office T&D Station section, Roanoke.

A native of South Bend, Indiana, Buck began his career as a wireman helper for Indiana & Michigan Electric Company there in 1927. Six years later he went to work for Appalachian in Charleston as an electrician. He was an assistant switchboard engineer and engineer senior B before being promoted to system foreman in 1946. He moved to Roanoke in 1949 and became transmission station foreman in 1968.

Active in the Huntington Court United Methodist Church, Buck is a member of the administrative board, chairman of the work area committee, member of the council of ministries and choir. He also sings in the Roanoke Valley Chorus. Buck and his wife have one son and two grandchildren. During his leisure time now, he plans to do some bowling, golfing and fishing.

Four persons have assumed new responsibilities in Appalachian's General Office Accounting Department in Roanoke. David D. Taylor, customer accounting supervisor, has been named tax accounting supervisor. J. D. Walters, customer accounting administrator, will assume additional supervisory responsibilities over the customer accounting division. V. D. Willis has been reassigned to the administrative staff to assist on special general accounting problems. Succeeding Willis as accounts payable supervisor is R. C. Law.

A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, Taylor is a graduate of West Virginia Business College. He joined the company in 1948 as a clerk intermediate at Bluefield and transferred to Welch in the same position in February 1949. He became junior petty cash clerk in April 1949 and went to Princeton later that year as a junior contract clerk. In 1950 he went to Wytheville as a general clerk and became local office supervisor there the following year. In 1961 he transferred to Pulaski as local office supervisor and was assistant district office supervisor and division accounting supervisor before moving to the Roanoke General Office in 1970 as customer accounting supervisor. Taylor is married and has two sons.

Walters is a native of Davis, West Virginia, and holds a bachelor's degree from Berea College. He went to work for Kentucky Power in 1941 as a clerk junior at Ashland and became assistant local office manager in 1948. Two years later he transferred to Appalachian's Charleston district in the same position. In 1961 he was made assistant district office supervisor and the following year became district office supervisor. In 1964 he was named accounting supervisor and moved to Roanoke General Office as assistant customer accounting administra-

tor. He was promoted to customer accounting administrator in 1969. He is married and has four children.

Willis began his career in 1949 as a clerk junior and held the positions of junior and senior classification clerk and head, accounts payable section before being promoted to accounts payable supervisor in 1965. Willis was born in Preston, Virginia, and attended National Business College and Roanoke College. He is married.

Law was employed in 1962 as an invoice receipts clerk. He was an invoice and order clerk and classification clerk senior before being promoted to classification accountant in 1968. A native of Penhook, Virginia, Law attended National Business College. He is married and has two children.



J. R. DAVENPORT, Fieldale area manager in the Roanoke Division, raises the American flag as W. O. Stone, a vice president of Fieldcrest Mills, looks on. When Fieldale employees received a Minuteman flag for participation in the U. S. Savings Bonds campaign, it suddenly called attention to the fact there was no flag pole. Davenport happened to mention this predicament in the presence of some industrial friends. A few weeks later he received a call from Stone saying Fieldcrest had a flag pole ready as a gift to the company. Appalachian line crews set the pole in concrete and an American flag was then purchased to fly along with the Minuteman flag.

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NAVAL AWARD — Edward Kemper, Ashland lineman B and electrician mate first class in the U. S. Naval Reserve, was recently presented the "Sailor of the Year" award for his unit, Surface Division 5-13 (S), Huntington, West Virginia. Kemper (right) received the award from Lieutenant Commander Jerry A. Hall.

Friday Thompson Will Tour Mexico, California In His Merry Oldsmobile

The day after Friday Thompson graduated from St. Albans High School, a line foreman asked him if he wanted a job and told him to be in Beckley in two days. He recalls, "I told my mother I was going to Beckley for about two weeks, but 45 years later I'm still with the company." Friday retired June 1 as Charleston stores supervisor A.

During high school days Friday was an avid sports fan and football player. "We played high school football when there were no eligibility regulations or rules of any kind. Once at a game with Charleston High, I found out the star player had a nearly full grown son leading the cheers up in the stands. Regardless, we always had fun playing ball in

those days, and I guess that's why I still love to see live games so much." He also completed two years at Morris Harvey College.

A bachelor, Friday schedules at least one ballgame each Saturday and sometimes works his schedule around so he can see two or three a week during the regular playing season. His favorite teams are Marshall University and West Virginia University. He says, "I've gotten to see an awful lot of the country following these ball clubs. I love to see West Virginia, and the trip from here to Morgantown gives me the opportunity to stay up on all the various changes which are occurring in the state."

Friday's career was interrupted during World War II when he served as a supply sergeant in the 14th Armored Division of the Third Army, led by Generals Patton and Hodges. His division was in the primary European and African invasions.

Now Friday would like to return to Europe for "a visit for fun instead of work and fighting". A great lover of traveling, he has slated trips to California, Mexico and possibly a fishing expedition to Canada. His method of transportation will continue to be his old Oldsmobile that presently has 138,000 miles on it. Friday proudly notes, "It's still in better condition than anything I've seen now on the market."



Thompson

From Singeing Chickens To Baking Pies, Gretis Raines Provided Help

Seldom seen by customers but often referred to as the voice of Appalachian in Charleston. That's Gretis Raines, who retired June 1 after 30 years' service as a PBX operator.

Gretis joined Appalachian in 1942 after working over seven years for the C&P Telephone Company. Since that time she has manned the Charleston office phones with an air of authority, efficiency and always a courteous remark.

She recalls, "When I first started with the company, the PBX operator was the kingpin for all incoming and most outgoing calls. We were by necessity involved in every phase of company activity from business contacts to emergencies." Since that time the switchboard has been replaced by a small desk top console which operates the Centrex System. In past years direct-dialed incoming calls amounted to as many as 1100 a day but now these have been reduced to around 200. Gretis relates, "I feel like we who operate the communications system for the company have gone through as much of a transition as those engineers who have seen electricity evolve from an expensive luxury to the inexpensive necessity of today."

Responding to a call with the words, "Appalachian Power Company, may we help you?", Gretis has found herself expected to answer every type of question imaginable. "Female customers calling the company often think I am the source of all information available about electricity. Once a lady called about electric cooking. Before I could switch her to a home economist, she described her problems with trying to singe

the fine hairs from a broiling chicken with an electric range. The lady was most insistent that because I had answered her call with 'may I help you' that I should be able to answer her question. After repeating several times that I would connect her with the home economist, the lady continued to press me for an answer so I told her to use a country match to burn the hairs off. Of course I've had many inquiries from female customers asking about certain recipes. Recently a lady asked what recipe we have available for custard pie. I asked her to wait and I would connect her with the home economist. The lady retorted, 'Why can't you give it to me? You are the information operator, aren't you?'"

Gretis has many projects planned during retirement, including more time to devote to her part-time cosmetic dealership, sewing and traveling. She still owns her rural homeplace at Union, West Virginia, and plans to spend as much time as possible at this mountaintop retreat.



Miss Raines



Shelton

Shelton Plans More Fishing

"Going fishing" is just one of the things Wayne Shelton plans to do with all his free time. Wayne retired June 1 as a stationman B in Ashland after more than 26 years' service with Kentucky Power.

A native of Hunnewell, Kentucky, Wayne began his career in 1945 as a groundman. He recalls how he helped build distribution lines "up almost every hollow in Boyd County to provide electricity for the homes located there and to replace kerosene lamps". He says, "In order to set poles in those days, we had to dig the holes by hand and string wire by hand, too. Sometimes we would dig nine holes a day and each hole was about eight feet deep. A post hole digger would have looked mighty good in those days."

Wayne owns a 47-acre farm and adds, "I plan to piddle around out home and have a little time for myself. I will probably spend most of my time playing with the grandchildren, which I really do more than work on the farm." He and his wife Daisy have two children and seven grandchildren.

Wayne is also a master mason of the Greenhill Masonic Lodge.

Smith Answers Service Need

Once again Clifford E. Smith, Roanoke Division service coordinator has gotten to the heart of service needs there. Several months ago he found that all too often he heard of customers with malfunctioning electric appliances. A survey of major appliance dealers in the Roanoke area revealed a shortage of 18 qualified servicemen.

Having had a successful experience with establishing an air conditioning and refrigeration course at Virginia Western Community College, Clifford approached the school again. Working with H. B. Phelps, chairman of engineering technology at the college, the idea soon became a reality.

Today an accredited college course on appliance repair is offered at night. Students spend three hours a week for a total of 90 hours in the class.

Two trained men from major manufacturers and one from the college serve as instructors. Used appliances from dealers and appliances borrowed from Appalachian's school loan program provide the equipment to work on.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

R. P. CUSSINS to Line Foreman NE. F. A. HICKS to Lineman B.

John E. Amos Plant

M. E. BAILES to Maintenance Man B. E. L. CHAPMAN to Maintenance Man B. B. C. LIVELY to Maintenance Man B. A. L. MARTIN to Maintenance Man B. C. F. HANDLEY to Maintenance Man B. J. T. BONE to Maintenance Man A. A. R. ESTES to Maintenance Man A. S. F. CRADDOCK to Maintenance Man A. C. P. LEWIS to Maintenance Man A. R. T. JONES to Maintenance Man A. D. M. ABBOTT to Maintenance Man A. H. D. SAUNDERS to Maintenance Man A. E. L. MANNING to Maintenance Man B. G. A. BIRD to Coal Handler. NANCY R. SMITH from Clerk Stenographer, Kanawha Valley Power, to Time Clerk, Amos. M. J. STOVER to Maintenance Man B. O. G. BLAIN, JR., to Maintenance Man B. R. K. BRAGG to Maintenance Man B. W. E. WARNER to Maintenance Man B. C. T. McDERMITT to Maintenance Man B. M. V. GARDNER from Construction Stores Assistant, Amos, to Cook Nuclear. J. W. WILSON from Mechanical Construction Assistant, Amos, to Gavin Plant.

Bluefield Division

GARLAND MORRISON to Head Custodian. A. E. MARTIN to Stationman C. R. W. BRUFFEY to Lineman C. J. E. ROWAN, JR., to Lineman B. T. R. BREWSTER to T&D Clerk. C. W. BREESE, JR., to T&D Clerk Senior.

Clinch River Plant

GLENN MARSHALL to Master Maintenance Man. C. H. PRUITT to Maintenance Man. A. M. TURNER to Junior Maintenance Man. J. C. SINGLETON to Helper.

Big Sandy Plant

E. J. BEVINS to Utility Operator. P. P. MOORE to Maintenance Helper. R. J. TURNBULL to Maintenance Helper. L. D. SALMONS to Maintenance Helper. J. M. DERIFIELD to Maintenance Helper.

Kentucky Power Company

RONALD ELLIOTT to Utility Coal Handler. RALPH CAMPBELL to Utility Coal Handler. HAROLD FLUTY to Yard Helper. PHILLIP WOLF to Yard Helper. H. R. OSBORN to Utility Operator.

Kingsport Power Company

D. W. MULLINS to Lineman C. C. E. KILGORE to Planner.



Williams

Moss

Lively

Three Promoted At Cabin Creek

Three promotions have been announced at Cabin Creek Plant. A. R. Lively was named operations supervisor, succeeding D. E. Johnson who took early retirement. Succeeding Lively as shift operating engineer is K. L. Williams. W. N. Moss was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer.

Lively was employed in 1942 as a laborer and worked as a turbine auxiliary equipment operator B and A, turbine operator B and A, assistant shift supervisor and shift supervisor before becoming shift operating engineer in 1969. He is plant coordinator

for the Operations Improvement Program. Lively is married and has two sons.

Williams began his career as a laborer in 1936 and was a boiler room man and boiler operator C, B and A before being promoted to assistant shift operating engineer in 1967. He is married and has one son and three daughters.

A native of Crown Hill, West Virginia, Moss joined the company in 1941 as a pump man and laborer. During his 30-years' service he has worked as a boiler operator D, C, and A. He and his wife have one son.

General Office

E. L. WESTMORELAND to Station Operator C. E. Q. QUARLES to Master Maintenance Man. LINDA J. ARNOLD to Stenographer. KATHY W. WOOD to Clerk-Stenographer. MORRIS BARBOUR to Master Maintenance Man. JULIA A. ELMORE to Personnel Clerk. KAREN A. ADAMS, Clerk Stenographer, from GO Accounting to GO Executive. RUTH MANNING to Head Key Punch Operator. FRANC THOMAS to Stores Accounting Clerk. JONNY WORLEY to Reproduction Machine Operator C. E. L. DALTON to Hydro Engineer Senior.

Glen Lyn Plant

C. D. THOMPSON to Equipment Operator. J. W. GOINS to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. R. C. ATWOOD to Utility Operator.

Huntington Division

M. L. RUNYON to Lineman C.

Lynchburg Division

KITTY MASON to Stenographer. R. H. MARTIN, JR., to Engineer B. A. M. WHORLEY to Commercial Sales Engineer.

Pulaski Division

F. W. MYERS to Customer Accounts Representative A. B. D. PHILLIPS to Lineman B. B. H. SAYLES to Lineman B. J. C. HASH to Lineman B. EMMA TALYOR to Stenographer. HAZEL WALKER to Customer Representative C.

Roanoke Division

MARY TYLER to Customer Accounts Representative B. B. G. BROWN to Draftsman Senior.

Philip Sporn Plant

G. K. WILLFORD to Utility Man A.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PULASKI



Toni Lyn

Toni Lyn Bopp, part-time employee, was elected queen of the annual spring festival at Pulaski High School. The queen is elected by popular vote of the student body and her identity remained secret until the evening of the festivities. This was Toni's fourth year on the court.

J. B. Brillheart, Jr., heating and builder sales representative, and **D. B. Smith**, surveyor, were presented 25-year service pins by the Henry Clay Masonic Lodge No. 280, Dublin. During these years, both men have been worshipful master, and Smith has served three times as Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Diana Love, daughter of R. H. Love, engineering, was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society at East Carolina University.

Dorothy Whitaker, Personnel, received blue ribbons on local and district levels of the Woman's Club for an essay on happiness.

Stephen Miller, son of W. E. Miller, line inspector, was named to the winter quarter honor roll at Hiwassee College.

Carolyn S. Robinson, widow of C. N. Robinson, was elected second vice president of the Wytheville Senior Woman's Club.

Charlotte Shrewsbury, wife of David Shrewsbury, engineer, was elected treasurer of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Cathy Ellen Jarrells, Pulaski High School VOT student and clerk-trainee at Pulaski, was mistress of ceremonies at the annual banquet for employers. She is president of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Paul P. Askew, hydro plant foreman at Byllesby, was elected president of the Vaughan School PTA. He was also elected to the administrative board of Fries United Methodist Church. **Mrs. Askew** was named to the pastor-parish relations committee along with **Mrs. Buford Sharp**, wife of the master maintenance man at Byllesby.

Several employees and members of their families were elected to offices in the First United Methodist Church, Pulaski. **Mrs. R. H. Love**, wife of the supervising engineer, was named to the board of trustees. Elected to the administrative board were **H. B. Newland**, Personnel; **Paul T. Gress**, Commercial; **R. H. Love**, T&D; **R. C. Nickols**, retired; **G. K. Smythers**, Commercial; **Dorothy Whitaker**, Personnel; **C. K. Kirkland**, Managerial; and **C. R. Settle**, T&D. **Mrs. Settle** is chairman of commission and work area on ecumenical affairs. **J. R. Boul** is chairman of commission and

work area on stewardship and finance.

Nine women employees in Pulaski were honored by their bosses during National Secretaries Week. The ladies were presented corsages and entertained with a luncheon at a local restaurant.

BIG SANDY

Claudette McComas, wife of Richard McComas, office supervisor, received a trophy for the most improved bowler in the Westmoreland Woman's Club Bowling League for the 1972 season. She improved her average by 13 pins.

Harold Jenks, unit foreman; **Everett Lycan**, unit foreman; and **Wayne Maynard**, utility foreman, are coaches in the Louisa-Fort Gay Little League.

Fred Kitchen, unit operator, bowled a 701 series in the Olympic Bowling League during April.

JOHN E. AMOS



Donna

Donna Rulén, daughter of Harold Rulén, maintenance supervisor, was selected student of the month at West Virginia Career College. She recently graduated from the school with an executive secretarial diploma.

For the fifth consecutive year, **Jane Ellen Morrison** has received the most valuable player award in basketball at the Baptist Temple in Charleston. She is the daughter of Marvin F. Morrison, personnel supervisor.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON



Kathy

Kathy Lynn Windle, daughter of Ruth Boothe, Williamson Accounting, reigned as princess of the spring festival commission at Radford College. A sophomore majoring in history and political science, Kathy has served on the house council and interdorm court.

Frieda Broughton, wife of Bill Broughton, Logan Records Section, was installed as second vice president of Theta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority.

New employees are **Robert Q. Leftwich**, meter reader; **James E. Cole**, custodian; and **Vanessa Wright**, cashier.

Delores Kay Gattuso, daugh-

ter of C. Jack Maynard, Williamson Accounting, graduated cum laude from Marshall University.

Joyce Browning, home sales representative, spoke to 100 Man Junior High School students at the first career day in the school's history.

Two employees' children participated in fund-raising projects to finance a trip to Disney World for Girl Scout Troop 496, of which they are members. They are **Cindy Foglesong**, daughter of Howard L. Foglesong, records supervisor, and **Penny Nease**, daughter of G. S. Nease, Jr., supervising engineer.

GENERAL OFFICE



Lamb

Ronald L. Lamb, personnel assistant, was elected president of the Roanoke Jaycees. **Raymond Bright**, construction contract clerk senior, was elected a vice president. **James D. Harris**, GO Accounting, was elected to a one-year term on the board of directors.

Anna Leigh Jones, daughter of James E. Jones, area development director, is one of 16 United Methodist youths from Virginia selected to participate in a work-study-travel seminar in Mexico for four weeks this summer. She is a junior at Patrick Henry High School and a member of South Roanoke United Methodist Church.

James E. Jones was appointed to a two-year term as chairman of the industrial development committee of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He was named Roanoke Valley's 1972 crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society and attended the national volunteers meeting for education and crusade in New Orleans. While there, Jimmy met the national chairman of Celebrities Against Cancer, Mike Connors—better known to TV viewers as private investigator Joe Manix.

Paul E. Theis and his wife were chairmen of the western square dance festival held at William Fleming High School. He is an administrative assistant in GO Accounting.

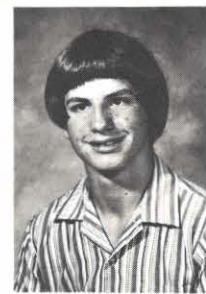
Wayne A. Jacobs, property records accountant senior, was elected treasurer of the Mount Vernon School PTA.

James O. Carson, payroll records supervisor, was elected to the board of deacons of Green Ridge Presbyterian Church, Roanoke.

John Staten, mail clerk, is a new employee in Roanoke.

Willis S. White, III, has been elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary fraternity at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. The son of W. S. White, Jr., Appalachian executive vice president, he is also a member of Psi Kappa Psi, national honorary fraternity. He has been a dean's list student all four years and will graduate this month with a degree in civil engineering. Following graduation he will go to Naval Reserve Officers Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island.

HUNTINGTON



Bill

Bill Rowley, Jr., was elected president of the Ceredo-Kenova High School student body for 1972-1973. The son of W. C. Rowley, Sr., chemist at the AEP Huntington General Laboratory, Bill was student body vice president this year. Other school activities include president, Future Teachers of America and Interclub Council; vice president, Environmental Association, and membership in the Thespians, National Honor Society, Senior band, dixieland band and all-area band.

Jimmy Hicks, 15-year-old son of James F. Hicks, engineer, was awarded three trophies in the Prep Mixed Championship bowling tournament. Jimmy had high average of 132 for his league, high game of 202, and high series of 527.

BLUEFIELD



Andrew



Ann

Thomas Andrew Hicks has been named recipient of a \$1,000 National Merit Scholarship award. The son of Emmett D. Hicks, engineer B, Andrew is also a 1972 AEP Educational award winner. He was treasurer of the Princeton High School Honor Society this year.

Ann Jackson has been selected "Miss Junior Civitan" and will enter the state competition at Charleston. The daughter of Kenneth A. Jackson, customer accounting supervisor, Ann is a junior at Bluefield High School.

Sybil Hardy, wife of Alonza Hardy, Jr., general serviceman, was installed as Ruth in the Florence Ann Chapter No. 133, Order of the Eastern Star.

Gene Lineberry, son of Gene T. Lineberry, meter serviceman A was inducted into the National Honor Society at Bluefield High School.

Allen Rhudy, son of Cecil A. Rhudy, area serviceman, was a livestock judge in the annual Southwest District 4-H contest at Abingdon. Allen received special recognition as first high individual in the livestock judging team.

Jack Lloyd, division manager, and his wife **Lucille** were models in the Mercer County Easter Seal Society's Artists and Models Show of 1972.

Two employees' children took part in a two-act dramatization of Grimm's fairy tale, "Twelve Dancing Princesses", presented by Troupe 1180 of the International Thespian Society at Graham High School. **Betty Nash**, daughter of Wade L. Nash, meterman B, portrayed Princess Chris-

tina. **Mary Kay Fanning**, daughter of E. E. Fanning, building supervisor, played the role of Princess Monica and was co-manager of properties.

Janice Buston went on a five-day tour of three states as a member of the Bluefield High School touring choir. She is the daughter of Harry Buston, III, meterman B.

Serving as committee chairmen in the Bluefield Civic League for the 1972-73 club year will be **Jane Meadows**, wife of Howard S. Meadows, electrical Engineer senior, Chairman of Creative Expression and BCL Chatterline Newsletter; and **Ruth Nunnery**, wife of O. Raymond Nunnery, meterman A, chairman of International Affairs.

Jack Lloyd, division manager, is co-chairman of the Salvation Army's building fund drive and a member of its advisory board. He is also the 1972 entertainment chairman for the University Club.

James and Michael Sims, members of the Mercer County Junior Deputies, completed a four-hour gun safety course taught by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. They are the sons of Jacqueline Houston, Princeton customer accounts representative. C.

Kelly Crowder, daughter of Robert E. Crowder, Princeton area serviceman, has been inducted into the Lilly Chapter of the Princeton Junior High School's National Junior Honor Society.

Lucille Lloyd played the part of Madame Marchbank in the Bluefield Lions show, "The Inn Crowd". **A. H. White** played the part of a chef, and **T. B. Henly, Jr.**, portrayed a guest at the inn.

PHILIP SPORN

James F. Williams, utility operator, has returned to work after two and one-half years' service with the U. S. Army.

Robert S. Goodnite and **Wesley M. Whitlatch**, utility men B, are new employees.

ASHLAND



Scaggs



Sizemore

Paul A. Scaggs, collector, was one of 75 persons in the United States receiving special recognition recently. He was presented the Annuals of Distinction award by the Southern Baptist Convention for his efforts as a clerk in editing the 1971 annual for the Greater Huntington Baptist Association, Huntington, West Virginia. The only West Virginian receiving the award, Scaggs received a Rand McNally globe as a special gift from the Southern Baptist Convention.

Robert C. Sizemore was elected president of the Beta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, an international premedical honor society at the University of Kentucky. Robert is the son of Dewey Sizemore, electric plant and stores accounting supervisor, General Office Accounting.

CHARLESTON



Tonya

Tonya Sayre, six-and-a-half-month-old daughter of Roy Sayre, meterman C, was a winner in the baby beauty contest sponsored by an area photo studio.

Jody L. Jividen, son of L. R. Jividen, dealer sales representative, was named to the National Honor Society at Dunbar Junior High School.

Donald Griffith, son of R. R. Griffith, line supervisor, participated in the state scholastic chess tournament. Donald, who plays number 1 board for the George Washington High School chess team, led his teammates with a 5-1 record. George Washington won the state meet.

CABIN CREEK



Mary

Mary Lucinda Vealey won first place in the typing contest at the Future Business Leaders of America leadership conference at Concord College. She competed with high school students from all over West Virginia. The daughter of Sherman Vealey, chief chemist, Mary will graduate fourth in her class at East Bank Senior High School.

New employees are **D. G. Howerton**, **W. J. Johnson** and **T. E. Smith**, utility men A; **T. T. Holstein** and **F. T. Hannigan**, utility men B; and **F. G. Phillips**, master maintenance man.

ABINGDON



Coleman

Prince Coleman, stationman, was elected to the Glade Spring town council. Entering the race at the insistence of a number of town citizens, Coleman received the highest number of votes cast.

Fillmore McPherson, division manager, has been appointed by Governor Linwood Holton to a four-year term on the Virginia Advisory Hospital Council.

Sandra Morefield, daughter of John Morefield, Engineering, made the all A's and B's honor roll at Patrick Henry High School.

Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of John Leonard, made the honor roll at Marion High School.

Anna Crabtree, home sales representative, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Southwest Vir-

ginia District Junior Woman's Club. She is serving as state vice chairman of the Home Life Department, Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, and will represent the Marion Junior Woman's Club at the annual convention in Roanoke.

Roddy Crabtree, husband of Anna Crabtree, has been elected president of the Marion Lions Club.

Margaret Rowland, wife of Kelly Rowland, Marion customer accounting supervisor, was a guest speaker at the Marion Pilot Club. She spoke on the activities of the Smyth County Health Department and the Virginia State Department of Health.

Recent visitors to the Abingdon office were **Marion Miller**, retired Line employee, and **H. R. Miller**, retired General Office Accounting employee.

Kay Hefner, daughter of Charlie Hefner, participated in a Washington County Technical School show featuring garments the students made during the school year. The show was presented at each high school in Washington County.

Jane Craig, daughter of Gordon Craig, agricultural engineer, was a student marshal for commencement exercises at Brevard College. A 1971 AEP educational award winner, Jane works five hours a week in the Math Department and tutors Algebra students. She was recently tapped into Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, and serves as program chairman for the local chapter. She is also a member of the college concert band.

BECKLEY



Genelle

Genelle Smith, daughter of James A. Smith, Rainelle collector, was chosen queen of Crichton Grade School. She is a first grader.

Phyllis Pallares, wife of T. C. Pallares, heating and builder sales representative, graduated from Morris Marvey College with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Margaret McGraw, daughter of W. G. McGraw, heating and builder sales representative, graduated from Marshall University with a bachelor's degree in art education.

Mary Higgins, wife of J. D. Higgins, sales manager, received a 100-hour pin for voluntary work with the Appalachian Regional Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

Archie Riner, T&D records supervisor, has completed the cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructor's training course sponsored by the West Virginia Heart Association and the Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is first aid chairman for Raleigh County and a volunteer first aid instructor.

PIKEVILLE

J. M. Wood, division manager, was elected secretary of the Pikeville College board of trustees.

CLINCH RIVER



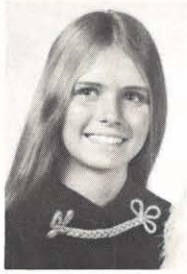
Rusty

Russell A. "Rusty" Ferguson won first-place honors in the biology division of the annual Russell County High School science fair. The son of Russell G. Ferguson, master maintenance man, Rusty's display depicted the development of a frog from egg through tadpole into a frog.

T. W. Abolin, plant manager, was elected first vice president of the Lebanon Lions Club and **Fred Lawson** was re-elected secretary. Both men will continue to serve on the board of directors.

Steve Terry was elected secretary of the Lebanon Jaycees. **Jimmy Cox**, a member of the St. Paul-Castlewood Jaycees, was named a state director.

KANAWHA RIVER



Jean Ann

Jean Ann Fultz, a member of Assembly 7 of the Belle Rainbow Girls, was crowned Demolay sweetheart. The granddaughter of R. W. Gwinn, unit foreman, Jean competed against assemblies from Nitro, St. Albans, Dunbar, South Charleston, Chelyan, Charleston and Clendenin. This month she will vie for the state title.

W. A. Sutton, **E. W. Phares**, **M. J. Rogier** and **J. P. Harrison**, utility men B, are new employees.

ROANOKE



Sherry

Dreama

Dreama Mae Plybon was presented \$50 and a certificate of merit by Virginia Lieutenant Governor Henry E. Howell, Jr., as a winner in the wildlife essay contest. More than 11,000 students entered the contest, sponsored by the Virginia Game Commission and the Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League of America. The daughter of Silas F. Plybon, Rocky Mount meter serviceman A, Dreama is in the 11th grade at Franklin County High School.

Sherry Bell, daughter of John B. Bell, Stuart groundman, received two recent 4-H honors. Her community beautification demonstration and 4-H record book were winners in West Central District competition. She will enter her record book in competition at the 4-H Club Congress at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University later this month. Sherry is vice president of the Hilltop 4-H Club.

New employees are **Bruce E. Basham, Jr.**, clerk trainee; **Donald M. Casey**, auto repairman helper; and **Andrea L. Robertson**, clerk stenographer.

Retirees **J. L. White** and **Jimmy Crouch**, were recent visitors.

Betty Baker, Roanoke Managerial, and **Faye Amos**, General Office Personnel, assisted in selecting the corporate secretary of the year for Roanoke Junior Achievement.

Several employees received Jaycee honors recently. **Stuart G. Boblett, III**, T&D senior draftsman, was elected vice president. **Wayne Pugh**, commercial sales representative, was winner of the "speak-up" competition and was elected a state director from the Cave Spring Chapter. **Bill Loope**, stationman B, was elected a state director from the Botetourt Jaycees. **Martin Ratcliff**, heating and builder sales representative, as outgoing president of the Roanoke Jaycees becomes chairman of the board for one year.

Shirley Craft, daughter of D. K. Craft, customer accounts representative, was elected vice president of the student government at Virginia Western Community College.

J. E. Allie, Jr., meter reader, was elected president of the Appalachian Bowling League.

Gary Martin, son of Roy Martin, Stuart meter serviceman A, was selected as a member of the Patrick County High School golf team.

J. B. Bell, Stuart groundman, was elected treasurer of the Stuart Lions Club. His wife **Flo** made the dean's list at Patrick Henry Community College.

Bill Craig, husband of Annise Craig, had two winning beagles in a recent club championship trial. **Del-Hart Peggy** won first place in the 13-inch class for the second consecutive year. **Little Luck** won fourth place on his first entry in the championship.

LYNCHBURG

R. O. Cash has returned to work as a meter serviceman after a military leave of absence.

R. L. Williams, meter reader, is a new employee. **R. M. Wills** and **E. D. Stewart**, office messengers, are new part-time employees.

James B. White, division manager, was appointed team captain for the Junior Achievement Fund Drive for 1972-73. He was also named to the renewal and development committee for Central Lynchburg, Inc.

KINGSPORT

Jerry L. Hagood is a new employee in the Station Department.

Twenty-eight members of Boy Scout Troop 89 sold candy to earn money for a trip to Six Flags over Georgia. Accompanying the Scouts were Scoutmaster **J. L. Kesterson**, Commercial Department; committeeman **E. J. Fugate**, engineering supervisor; and **David** and **Michael Fugate**.

Nancy Bennett Is Co-Valedictorian



Nancy

Nancy Lee Bennett, daughter of J. A. Bennett, assistant Kanawha River Plant manager, was named co-valedictorian at East Bank High School. She made straight A's all three years.

Nancy's activities at East Bank include vice president, National Honor Society; business manager of the yearbook; junior class secretary; delegate on the model U. N. Security Council; and a member of the class senate, History Club and tennis team.

She will attend Concord College to work toward a degree in medical technology and hopes to do graduate work and research in this field.

Langhorne Takes Supervisory Job



Langhorne

Nicholas K. Langhorne, head material clerk, has been promoted to Lynchburg Division stores and garage supervisor. He will succeed **George D. Capito**, who elected early retirement July 1.

A native of Campbell County, Virginia, Langhorne attended Phillips Business College. He was employed in 1948 as a material clerk senior and moved up to head material clerk in 1963. An Army veteran, Langhorne is married and has one daughter.

L. E. Ferguson Taken By Death



Ferguson

Lawrence Edward Ferguson, Sr., 63, General Office accounting staff assistant in Roanoke, died May 3 after an extended illness.

Ferguson began his career in 1924 as a bill boy for the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company, a predecessor of Appalachian. During his 47-year career he worked as a clerk, assistant chief clerk, clerk special, assistant billing supervisor, assistant consumers billing supervisor, consumers billing supervisor, local office coordinator, area office accounting coordinator and accounting staff assistant — customer accounting. He took LTD leave in March 1971.

Survivors include his wife, one son and two grandchildren.

Seven Couples Exchange Wedding Vows Recently



Mrs. Smith



Mrs. McBrayer



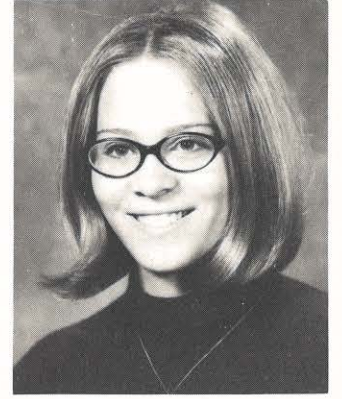
Mrs. Gattuso



Mrs. Bishop



Mrs. Jones



Mrs. Hancock

Dalton-Smith

The marriage of Lois Dalton and R. Calvin Smith was solemnized May 20 in the First Church of the Brethren, Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Smith is a customer accounts representative, Roanoke.

Medert-Hancock

Melissa Ann Medert and Thomas J. Hancock, II, were married April 14 at the Church of God, Pearisburg, Virginia. Mr. Hancock is a coal handler, John E. Amos Plant.

Longworth-Gore

Sharon Longworth and Robert M. Gore were united in marriage May 27 at the West End Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Gore was a key punch operator in General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

Bartholomew-Jones

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church was the setting for the May 6 wedding of Katherine Ann Bartholomew and Jack Thomas Jones. Mrs. Jones is the daughter of John B. Bartholomew, Huntington general serviceman.

Cantees-McBrayer

Karyn Cantees became the bride of William Michael McBrayer April 8 at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Williamson, West Virginia. Mrs. McBrayer is the daughter of Naomi Cantees, Williamson customer service representative, Logan-Williamson Division.

Maynard-Gattuso

Wedding vows were exchanged by Delores Kay Maynard and James Gattuso March 1 at Clintwood, Virginia. Mrs. Gattuso is the daughter of C. Jack Maynard, Williamson credit representative, Logan-Williamson Division.

Necessary-Bishop

A double ring ceremony April 22 at the Fincastle Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, Virginia, united Dianna R. Necessary and Thomas G. Bishop. Mrs. Bishop is an office messenger, Bluefield Division.

All-Electric Bird Houses Bring Martins To Ashland Early This Year



Walter Venters prepares to inspect his all-electric bird houses.

An all-electric home is for the birds—too. Just ask Walter Venters, Ashland Division serviceman and one of the best known builders of Martin bird houses in Eastern Kentucky. Venters has constructed many bird houses for his own yard as well as for other bird enthusiasts in the region.

Venters says the Martin is an intelligent member of the Swallow family. Each spring two scouts are sent ahead to see if the weather is agreeable and ample accommodations available before the entire family makes the trip from their southern quarters. In the past, Venters has seen seven scouts frozen to death from a sudden late cold spell.

This won't happen again in his bird houses because Venters has gone all-electric. By using thermostat controlled electric heating tapes, the central Martin house is ready for the birds whenever they arrive.

As if by some extra-sensory perception, the two scouts this year came early, March 21. Venters declares they must have sent

a message back to the rest of the clan that "all's ready in Ashland—we're all-electric now" because by April 1 there were 13 Martins in the new home.

ENGAGEMENTS

CATHY ANN BIAS to Robert M. Wagner. Miss Bias is the daughter of E. K. Bias, Madison heating and builder sales representative, Logan-Williamson Division.

LAURA LEE KIRK to Thomas Leslie Zimmerman. Mr. Zimmerman is the son of W. R. Zimmerman, Roanoke air conditioning engineer.

NANCY PENNINGTON to David H. Williams. Mr. Williams is the son of D. H. Williams, Beckley service representative.

CYNTHIA LEE HORNER to Randall Leigh Umberger. Mr. Umberger is employed in the General Office General Services Department, Roanoke.

BONNIE LUTITIA THROCKMORTON to Frank Carroll Campbell. Mr. Campbell is employed in the General Office General Services Department, Roanoke.

BABY PARADE

John E. Amos Plant

MR. AND MRS. W. R. FRAZIER, a daughter, Kelli Marlene, May 8. Frazier is a maintenance man C.

MR. AND MRS. L. H. LUSHER, a daughter, Anisa Leigh, March 26. Lusher is a utility man B.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. SPRADLING, III, a daughter, Jennifer Hope, April 27. Spradling is a performance engineer.

Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. R. D. HARRISON, a daughter, Tracie Graham, April 25. Harrison is a customer accounts representative B.

Bluefield Division

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT YOST, II, a daughter, Lisa Kelly, April 13. Yost is a draftsman.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID MEADOWS, a daughter, Holly Ann, April 14. Meadows is an electrical engineer in General Office Station.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. SIMMONS, a son, Michael Lee, April 22. Simmons is an engineer B.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. J. C. PLUNK, a daughter, Julie Christine, May 6. Plunk is hydro supervising engineer.

Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. GARY BAILEY, a daughter, Melissa Dawn, April 14. Bailey is a clerk.

Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. L. E. HANCOCK, a daughter, Christie Renee, May 3. Hancock is a utility operator.

Kingsport Division

MR. AND MRS. G. R. CHASE, a son, Travis Gale, May 13. Chase is a meter reader.

Logan-Williamson Division

MR. AND MRS. C. D. HITCHCOCK, a daughter, Marcy Lynn, April 24. Hitchcock is a lineman C.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. WEBB, a son, Christopher Erick, April 27. Webb is a stationman B.

Lynchburg Division

MR. AND MRS. J. D. WHITE, a son, John Scott, May 2. Mrs. White was a stenographer before taking maternity leave.

Pikeville Division

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT STORY, a daughter, Robin Renee, April 23. Mrs. Story is a cashier.

Roanoke Division

MR. AND MRS. R. L. WRAY, a daughter, Robin Michelle, April 20. Wray is a material clerk at Fieldale.

MR. AND MRS. B. A. DAVIS, a daughter, Christina Elizabeth, April 7. Davis is a meter serviceman C.

MR. AND MRS. T. C. GARMAN, a daughter, Mitzi Lynn, April 18. Mrs. Garman was a stenographer before taking maternity leave.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. W. E. HUNT, JR., a daughter, Marjorie Constance, May 4. Hunt is a utility man A.

Lois Ann Dudash Is Valedictorian



Lois Ann

Lois Ann Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, Bluefield station supervisor, has been named valedictorian of the senior class at Bramwell High School.

Lois Ann's activities at Bramwell include head majorette; vice president, National Honor Society; secretary, FHA; all-county band; chorus; pep squad; youth reporter; and co-editor of the yearbook and paper staff. Selected as the Outstanding Sophomore in 1970, she has been the recipient of general science, biology and French awards. She took part in the 1971 honors program in biology at West Virginia University and is listed in "Who's Who In American High School Students".

A member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church of Pocahontas, Virginia, Lois Ann will attend Marshall University.

Figg Qualifies As Brigadier General



Figg

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., Lynchburg heating sales engineer and a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia National Guard, has completed all requirements up to and including the rank of brigadier general.

Figg recently completed the Command and General Staff Officers Course at the U. S. Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. This course climaxed a five-year night school program he attended at Virginia Military Institute.

While at the General Staff College, Figg made the commandant's list which constitutes the upper 20 percent of his class of 82 members. This school is excelled only by the War College in its rating by the U. S. Army.

AEP Elects Woman Officer

Cornelia C. Marino last month was elected an assistant treasurer of the American Electric Power Service Corporation — the first woman officer in that company's history.

She assumed her officership and became head of the Accounting Division on June 1, succeeding M. P. McGlone, who plans to retire later this year.

For Miss Marino these are busy but happy times: she was scheduled to receive her bachelor of business administration degree, majoring in finance, from Pace College on June 4. She had attended Pace evenings and summertime for the past eight years.

Miss Marino joined the Service Corporation and Accounting in 1945 and attended the AEP System Management Program at the University of Michigan in 1967.



Big Brother Jerry Whitehurst explains construction of the broom sedge kite to John Hoover.

Homemade Broom Sedge Kite Wins Roanoke Contest For "Brothers"

After his own children had grown and left home, Jerry R. Whitehurst, Roanoke Division administrative assistant, decided to become a Big Brother. After being interviewed and checked by this United Fund Agency, Whitehurst was introduced to his little brother, John Hoover. John has a twin sister "five minutes older" and a mother, but no father in his home. He is 10 years old and attends Highland Park School in Roanoke.

The two "brothers" recently entered a city-wide kite flying contest in the "most original" category. As a youngster, Jerry's father had taught him how to make a three-tailed broom sedge kite, and this was their entry.

According to Jerry, the kite is unbelievably simple. All that is needed is one sheet of ordinary notebook paper, three straws of broom sedge with opened seed heads, and a light string. Make a hole in each corner of the paper about one inch from the edge and also in the center top and bottom. Thread the straws through the holes, leaving the long ends for a tail, and tie the line to the point where all straws cross. The result is a kite which weighs a fraction of an ounce but flies.

John won first place for his unusual kite and received prizes of a soccer ball, football and basketball. Needless to say, Jerry and John were two happy brothers.

Dillard Gravely Finds Bicycling Is Good Exercise, Easy On Wallet



Dillard Gravely pushes his bike up the last steep hill toward home.

Dillard Gravely, engineer B at Fieldale in the Roanoke Division, has joined the growing number of biking enthusiasts in the United States. His interest began when Mrs. Gravely gave him a bicycle for his birthday with the gentle suggestion that he was "getting heavy".

Gravely, who lives atop a mountain in Collinsville some two miles from his job, decided to give it a try. Going to work was no trouble—almost all down hill. But going home was another

story. On his first try, there were three hills where he had to walk and push the bike. Now he has progressed to only one push spot and his goal is to ride all the way.

Gravely found the exercise is indeed good for him. He feels fine from the ride in the fresh air with the beauty of nature all around and has developed such a terrific appetite that all food tastes good. Another benefit he's discovered is that bicycling to work is a lot cheaper.

Rescue Workers Shown Hazards Of Live Wires

With the aid of a federal grant, a new program has been established to provide emergency ambulance and rescue service to Huntington citizens. Officers will be dispatched to all accident scenes where personal injury is involved, including those where power lines are down.

Recently Mike Fotos, Huntington line supervisor, conducted a training session for ten of these community service officers. His presentation included showing of the movie "Electricity and Common Sense", a demonstration of hot sticks and Appalachian's glove and blanket testing equipment. He told of the hazards involved in rescue work near power lines which are broken or knocked down and stressed the prompt notification of the power company.



Byron Hunt works at his hobby of resin casting.

Resin Casting Kept Hunt Occupied While Recovering From Illness

Byron W. Hunt, Jr., Huntington customer accounts supervisor, is a man with many hobbies. Many years ago he built a model train and railroad which won first place in a model show. The walls of his home are adorned with pictures he has painted through the years, some in oils, some on velvet.

But it was his latest hobby of resin casting, begun less than a year ago, which proved to be a "life saver" during recent months. Last October Hunt suffered a heart attack while at work. After hospital treatment, he was sent home with instructions to do absolutely nothing. Having been an active person until this time, Hunt knew he had a lot of adjusting to do. When he was able, he turned to his hobby of resin casting to help pass time. On a visit to the office one day, Hunt remarked, "I'd go nuts if I didn't have my hobby."

The liquid used in resin casting is a form of plastic, and the molds are either plastic or rubber. The process is simple but time-consuming. The resin is measured according to the requirements of the mold being

used, then color is added and poured into the mold. The required number of drops of hardener comes next. After setting for the right amount of time, the mold is removed and another item is ready to hang or place on a shelf. The variety of items which can be made depends on the imagination. Some are in layers of different colors and some clear with crystals in them.

Hunt's selections include flowers, ash trays, owl figurines, a sea horse, a madonna, praying hands, spoon rests, and fish—to name a few. He even made a picture out of some items, making his own frames. Once people heard about Hunt's hobby, the orders for some of his work started coming in.

Hunt's wife Idona was kept busy as a chauffeur, picking up supplies as needed. His two daughters helped bring in business. Recently they ordered two kitten figurines, one red and one pink, for some friends.

Now that Hunt has returned to the office full time, he works on his hobby only when he feels like it—which is the way a hobby should be.

Loope



Loope Donates Third Gallon

Bill Loope, Roanoke Division stationman B, has reached an important milestone in community service. He recently donated his 24th pint of blood through the Appalachian Regional Blood Bank.

Bill began donating blood after joining Appalachian in 1965. After attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for one year, he came to work as a stationman helper. Married and the father of two children, Bill is a past president of the Bon-sack Ruritan Club, secretary of the Botetourt County Jaycees, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Abingdon Dealers Take Heat Pump Service Course

A 60-hour, 20-week course on heat pump service is under way at Virginia Highlands Community College in Abingdon. Cooperating with Appalachian in sponsorship of the course is the Westinghouse Corporation and its local distributor, Whitten Electric Company.

All heat pump dealer and servicing personnel in the Abingdon Division were invited to attend the school, taught by Kenneth Shoun, vocational air conditioning and refrigeration instructor at the College.

Enrollment was limited to 25 students, with the quota being filled the first week. Abingdon employees taking the course are Jim Hill, draftsman; John Kahle, heating and air conditioning engineer; Jack Osborne and Jim Prater, heating and builder sales representatives. Requests have already been received for enrollment in a similar school during the fall and winter quarters.



Clyde Davis displays his rock collection in front of his camper. At right are rock pieces that have been selected for machine polishing. At left are finished rocks for his collection. In the front center of the table is a tie pin made with a rock from Pike's Peak National Forest.

Rocks From Each State Remind Glen Lyn Retiree Of His Travels

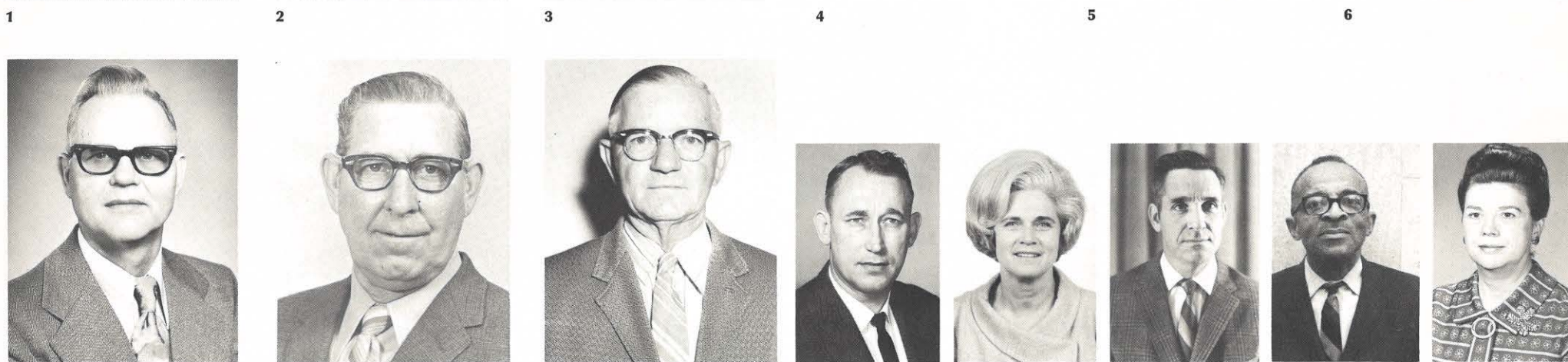
A tour through 13 states last year resulted in a new hobby for Glen Lyn retiree Clyde S. Davis. He began collecting rocks in each state and now has 550 "finished" ones for his collection. With more traveling planned in the future, Davis hopes eventually to expand his rock collection to samples from each state.

The rocks, weighing from five

to seven pounds, are first broken into pieces. Then a select piece is placed in a machine and polished continuously for 40 days and nights. The polishing process requires the use of four grinding compounds with a grinding operation of ten days each.

Recently Davis began making tie pins and necklaces using rocks from his collection.

Employees Awarded For Service With Our Companies



45

35 YEARS

- 1 O. C. Glover
Line Inspector
Bluefield
- 2 I. K. Stoots
Line Inspector
Pulaski

- 3 J. S. Dunn
Area Serviceman
Pulaski
- 4 Clarence Copley
Material Clerk
Huntington
- 5 J. A. Kovich
Electrical Engineer Senior
Huntington
- 6 G. C. Golladay, Jr.
Area Serviceman
Lynchburg
- 7 H. H. Perdue
Stationman
Huntington
- 8 J. R. Watkins
General Serviceman
Roanoke

- 9 M. T. Howard
Collector
Lynchburg
- ### 30 YEARS
- 10 F. B. McDaniel
Shift Operating Engineer
Kanawha River
 - 11 Blanche Thompson
Meter Clerk Senior
Kingsport
 - 12 D. R. Clemons
Unit Foreman
Glen Lyn
 - 13 W. H. Hoard
Custodian
Kingsport

- 14 Sylvia McClure
Customer Accounts Rep. A
Charleston
 - 15 C. B. Smith
Area Serviceman
Charleston
 - 16 Jane Plunkett
Records Supervisor
Lynchburg
- ### 25 YEARS
- 17 J. K. Reid
Electrical Engineer
Lynchburg
 - 18 J. A. Cook
Lineman A
Charleston

- 19 W. L. Watson
T&D Clerk
Ashland
- 20 C. E. Owens
Lineman A
Abingdon
- 21 J. C. Weatherly
Unit Foreman
Glen Lyn
- 22 A. R. Vaught
Line Foreman NE
Roanoke
- 23 Russel Compton
C&P Sales Representative
Hazard
- 24 E. J. Pigman
Stationman B
Hazard

25 **K. C. Brashear, Jr.**
C&P Sales Representative
Hazard

26 **R. M. Cooper**
Head Material Clerk
Bluefield

27 **Paul Neely**
Unit Foreman
Glen Lyn

28 **K. W. Rowe**
R/w Inspector
Huntington

29 **W. D. Foster**
Lineman A
Beckley

30 **R. E. Lester**
Htg. & Bldr. Sales Rep.
Pulaski

31 **Nicholas Hodock**
Transmission Man B
GO—Bluefield

32 **J. R. Loving, Jr.**
Electrical Engineer
GO—Roanoke

33 **R. D. Tillis**
Credit Representative
Huntington

34 **W. L. Nichols, Jr.**
Meter Serviceman A
Roanoke

35 **B. T. Hartwell**
Line Foreman NE
Roanoke

36 **M. E. Reed**
Building Engineer
GO—Roanoke

37 **G. A. Volk, Jr.**
General Serviceman
Lynchburg

20 YEARS

38 **J. R. Kidd**
Line Foreman NE
Pulaski

39 **C. M. Brown**
Custodian
Lynchburg

40 **R. D. Holbert**
Civil Con. Assistant
GO—Blue Ridge

41 **E. K. Harrell**
Survey Party Chief
GO—Roanoke

42 **G. E. Michael**
Chemist Assistant
Philip Sporn

43 **I. D. Miller**
Maintenance Man
Philip Sporn

44 **W. H. Gilmore**
Unit Foreman
Clinch River

45 **L. M. Keeney**
Master Maintenance Man
Clinch River

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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ABINGDON DIVISION—10 YEARS: NANCY GOODWIN, Customer Accounts representative C.

BECKLEY DIVISION—15 YEARS: W. C. WHITE, Truck Driver Groundman.

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—15 YEARS: C. B. LAMPERT, General Serviceman. 5 YEARS: J. G. WILLIAMS, Lineman A.

CHARLESTON DIVISION—20 YEARS: W. H. JACKSON, Planner Senior. 10 YEARS: BARBARA MARKHAM, Credit Representative Senior. 5 YEARS: R.-D. WOODRUM, Commercial Sales Representative. R. L. ARMSTRONG, Meter Serviceman C. L. E. LAWRENCE, Lineman B.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—15 YEARS: HOWARD LASLEY, Utility Foreman. J. H. PUCKETT, Equipment Operator. J. S. SKEEN, Coal Equipment Operator. J. L. BLANKENSHIP, Material Clerk. 5 YEARS: A. B. STINSON, Maintenance Man.

GENERAL OFFICE—30 YEARS: W. R. MASSIE, Transmission Man A. 25 YEARS: MILDRED DOWDY, Private Secretary Senior. 20 YEARS: G. L. SMITH, Station Maintenance Man A. 15 YEARS: M. G. OVERSTREET, Data Processing Operator A. J. R. LOWTHER, Meter Engineer Senior. C. G. CALDWELL, Stores Auditor. 10 YEARS: J. F. MITCHELL, Transmission Man A. P. D. BLOUNT, Engineering Aide. 5 YEARS: DIANNE SHANK, Stenographer. L. C. SEARLS, Transmission Man A. R. T. CARBAUGH, JR., Transmission Man C.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION—5 YEARS: E. E. SALMONS, Lineman. D. C. WATTS, Lineman. D. F. MACHIR, Lineman. T. E. NORRIS, Lineman.

KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—5 YEARS: C. R. BROWN, Junior Maintenance Man.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—15 YEARS: C. E. FRYE, Administrative Assistant. 5 YEARS: J. E. WALLS, Stationman B.

PULASKI DIVISION—5 YEARS: LOIS COLLINS, Customer Accounts Representative.

RADFORD PLANT—5 YEARS: L. C. BURNETT, Maintenance Mechanic. G. W. COOK, Boiler Operator C.

ROANOKE DIVISION—5 YEARS: F. B. GROGAN, Lineman A. SHERWOOD ROBERTSON, JR., Garage Attendant.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—20 YEARS: L. R. M. ROUSH, Maintenance Man. J. E. ORD, Master Maintenance Man. H. R. FRY, JR., Maintenance Man.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—5 YEARS: RALPH SMITH, Engineer B. N. M. VIARS, Engineer B.

BIG SANDY PLANT—10 YEARS: H. C. FERGUSON, Performance Technician Senior. RUFFUS PRATER, Coal Equipment Operator. 5 YEARS: H. B. WHITE, Maintenance Helper.

PIKEVILLE DIVISION—25 YEARS: GLEN POTTER, Serviceman.

Kingsport Power Company

5 YEARS: E. E. FIELDS, Draftsman Senior.

Four Contribute Operating Ideas



Arnold

Alley

Lovegrove

Blackwell

One Kentucky and three Appalachian men had their operation improvement ideas featured in recent issues of "AEP Operating Ideas".

A method to calibrate centrifugal switches such as a Roto-Guard underspeed interlock used on coal conveyors was described

by William E. Arnold, Jr., performance engineer senior at Big Sandy Plant.

Owen C. Alley, maintenance mechanic at Radford Army Ammunition Steam Plant, described a dolly made for handling heavy sheet metal through narrow walkways.

In his article entitled "Make Your Pictures Speak a Thousand Words", C. Richard Lovegrove, supervisor of public information, gave practical hints on how to plan pictures to illustrate operation improvement ideas. He stresses how important the proper picture is in making ideas clearer and more easily grasped.

Use of a new type of programmed audio-visual instruction to train welders in power plants was outlined by J. Emmett Blackwell, employee relations supervisor. This new method enabled beginners to become qualified in as little as three weeks. He explained in detail how the training program works and suggested that this method could be applicable to teaching other job skills.



TIMOTHY BELL, 14-year-old son of John Bell, groundman at Stuart, Roanoke Division, recently received his God and Country Award. The award was presented by Judge John D. Hooker (left) as his parents looked on. A member of Troop 65 sponsored by the Stuart Baptist Church, Timmy has earned 25 merit badges and the rank of Life Scout.

Transformer Recloser Expert Retires To Bedford County Farm

Eugene Victor Proehl has time on his hands to do some of the things he's always wanted. "Genie" retired early June 1 as a stationman A in the Lynchburg Division after more than 41 years' service.

He was known as Lynchburg's transformer recloser expert. One employee remarked, "Ask Genie about a certain transformer in the division and he will give you the exact information and recite any problem we've had with it. He can also tell you whether a certain transformer is in service or in stock."

Genie came to work in 1930 as a groundman and worked as a transformer maintenance man, electrical helper, maintenance man helper, substation man B and stationman B before being promoted to stationman A in 1966. When he first started work in the transformer shop, Genie recalls, "There were less than 1000 transformers in the division. Now we have 14,054 either in service or in stock."

Genie remembers he used to work nine hours a day, five and a half days a week. One particular assignment that stands out in his mind is when he traveled 75 miles to Scottsville to do a job



E. V. Proehl looks over an old 1-kw-1040/2080-volt transformer he worked on when he first joined the company.

over narrow, muddy roads. He arrived at the job site around 3 PM and, by the time the job was done and he returned home, it was 4 AM the next morning. "The working conditions have really changed and much improvement made," he says.

Genie and his wife Larmie will be at home "down on the farm" in Bedford County. They have a temporary mobile home there but are planning to build a new home immediately. He will raise a few cattle and do some gardening. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

Nine Veterans Have 315 Years Of Service With Appalachian

Nine veterans were recognized during May for 35-year service with Appalachian. They were O. C. Glover, Bluefield; J. A. Kovich, H. H. Perdue, and Clarence Copley, Huntington; G. C. Golladay, Jr., and M. T. Howard, Lynchburg; I. K. Stoots and J. S. Dunn, Pulaski; and J. R. Watkins, Roanoke.

Okey C. Glover, Bluefield line inspector, had three years of broken service before joining the company permanently in 1940 as a laborer in Pearisburg. He worked as a groundman, lineman B and A, and serviceman A before being promoted to line inspector in 1970.

Joe A. Kovich, Huntington electrical engineer senior, was first employed in Logan as a draftsman. Except for three years military leave, he worked in the Engineering Section there until transferring to Huntington in March 1962 as a senior civil engineer. He moved to Roanoke later that year as a senior appraisal engineer and returned to Huntington in 1966. He is a graduate of West Virginia University.

Harry H. Perdue of Huntington began his career as a laborer and worked as an electrician's helper and maintenance man before being promoted to stationman in 1953.

Clarence Copley, Huntington material clerk, had three years' broken service before going to work as a coal handler at Kenova Plant in 1939. He worked in the boiler room until the plant closed and transferred to Huntington as a truck driver groundman. He became material clerk in 1969.

George C. Golladay, Jr., Scottsville area serviceman in Lynchburg Division, was hired as a groundman. He transferred to Scottsville in 1942 as a troubleman and was promoted to his present position in 1953.

Massie T. Howard, Lynchburg collector, was employed as an appliance serviceman. He was a

meter reader before being promoted to collector in 1971.

Ivan K. Stoots, Pulaski line inspector, began his career as a groundman. He worked as a field clerk, lineman, serviceman and T&D clerk before being promoted to his present position in 1967.

Jack S. Dunn of Pulaski joined the company as a laborer. He worked as a groundman and lineman C, B and A before being promoted to Bland area serviceman.

J. R. Watkins, Roanoke general serviceman, came to work as a groundman. He was a lineman third, second and first class, lineman A, troubleman B and A, general serviceman and working foreman before being promoted to his present position in 1960.

Bostian Takes New Meter Post



Bostian

John A. Bostian has been promoted to assistant superintendent of Appalachian's General Office T&D Meter Section in Roanoke. He rises to the post from that of meter supervising engineer.

A native of Roanoke, Bostian holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He joined the company in 1955 as an electrical engineer and was a senior meter engineer before being promoted to meter supervising engineer in 1967.

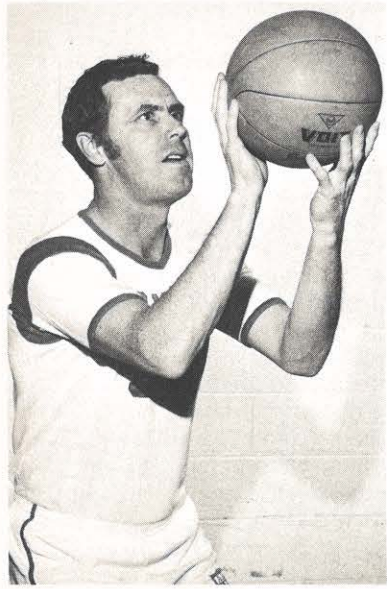
Bostian is married and the father of one child.

Red Holmes' Method For Keeping Fit At Age 40: Playing Basketball

Basketball is generally considered a young man's game, but Ralph Holmes, Charleston Division lineman A, is living proof it doesn't have to be.

"Red", who celebrated his 40th birthday last month, is still an active ballplayer who participates in as many as four games a week in the St. Albans YMCA League and the Elkview Independent League.

"It's good exercise, and I like to play," Red points out. "I feel



Red Holmes prepares to shoot. Photo courtesy Charleston Gazette.

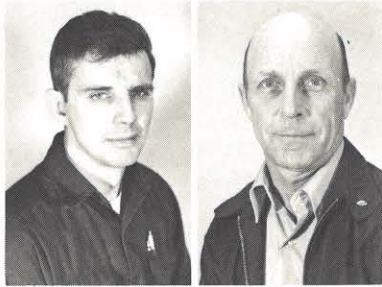
good now, and I hope to keep on playing as long as I can keep up with the young kids. So far I've had no trouble running with them." Red weighed 165 pounds in high school and has gained only 20 pounds since then. "I still feel I'm as quick as I ever was."

Charleston basketball fans remember Red as a fine player for Stonewall High School (1948-1950) and West Virginia University (1952-1954). He was seventh in the nation in assists (6.2) per game as a sophomore for WVU in 1952 and served as captain of the 1954 club.

Red enjoys playing now because he gets to shoot. "When I played at Sonewall Jackson and West Virginia University, I was a feeder, not a scorer. Now I can take all the shots I want to."

Red recently proved this when he dumped in 28 points to lead the Bill Miller Sporting Goods team to an 89-72 victory in the championship game of the Elkview League. During the game he consistently hit on 20-foot jumpers from outside as well as assisted in a number of points by passing off to many of his teammates.

His team won the recent AAU Basketball Tournament in West Virginia and competed in the Eastern Regional in Hillside, New Jersey.



Wright

Reitmire



Painter

McDaniel

Four Named Amos Foremen

Four men have been promoted to maintenance foremen at John E. Amos Plant. They are John T. Reitmire, George L. Wright, Gary Lee Painter and Robert W. McDaniel.

A native of New Haven, West Virginia, Reitmire was employed as a laborer at Philip Sporn Plant in 1950. He worked there as a helper and maintenance man before being promoted to master maintenance man in 1957. He left the company in 1968 for two years and joined the Amos Plant as a maintenance man A in 1970. A World War II veteran, Reitmire is married and has one child.

Wright started his career as a coal handler at Philip Sporn Plant in 1950. He worked there as a helper, maintenance man and master maintenance man before leaving the company in 1968. He returned to work as a maintenance man A at Amos in 1970. Born in Salisbury, Ohio, he graduated from Pomeroy High School and took ICS courses in mechanical engineering. Wright is married and has three children.

Painter is a graduate of Poca High School and completed one year at Highlands University in New Mexico. He was employed at Amos as a maintenance man B in May 1971 and became a maintenance man A in December of that year. A native of Plymouth, West Virginia, Painter is married and has two sons and a daughter.

McDaniel started to work at Amos as a maintenance man B in 1970 and was promoted to maintenance man A the following year. A native of Putnam County, West Virginia, he graduated from Nitro High School and served three years with the U. S. Army. He is married and the father of two sons.

French Says Electric Thermometer Secret For Successful Bass Fishing

K. E. French, Roanoke Division engineer B, is president of the Roanoke Valley Bassmasters, a newly-formed chapter of the National Bass Anglers Sportsman Society. Recently he was recognized by the **Roanoke Times** for his outstanding success in catching fish, especially bass.

According to French, one of his secrets for success is a special fishing thermometer. Bass prefer water at a temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit. If the water is colder than 70 degrees, the bass will gather at the warmest available spot. Or, if it is warmer, they choose the coolest spot available. French uses a special electric thermometer with dial and as much as 50 feet of sensor wire. When the best temperature is found, he fishes only at that depth—and catches them.

In Smith Mountain Lake, where French fishes, there are many factors to take into consideration, including current flow. Where the most water moves, there are shad eating plankton and bass eating shad. The dissolved oxygen in the water is also an influence.

French's best catch was 6 lb. 4 oz., far short of the lake record of 11 lb. 1 oz., but still a respectable catch. The newspaper article credited French with

catching seven bass, three of which were above five pounds.



K. E. French's secret for successful bass fishing is an electric thermometer.

C. B. Comer, Roanoke Records Supervisor, Retires After 37 Years



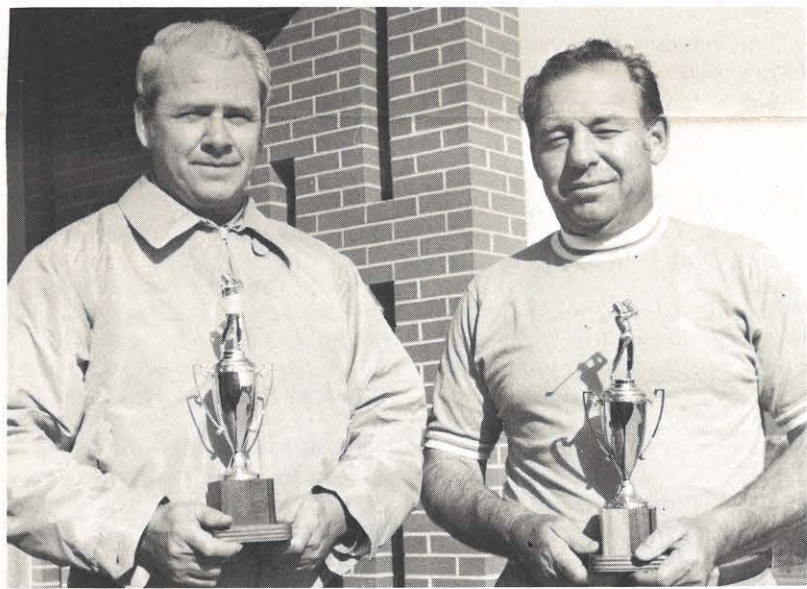
Comer

"I hate to be 65, but it's going to be great to slow down. I'll miss being around the fine bunch of fellows I've worked with so long," remarked Charlie B. Comer. He retired June 1 as Roanoke Division records supervisor after more than 37 years' service.

A native of Vinton, Virginia, Charlie attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Uni-

versity and worked with the U. S. Geological Survey for three years. He joined Appalachian in 1935 doing field work for the rural electrification survey. The following year he was promoted to appliance serviceman and later worked in Danville, Virginia, as a timekeeper and materials clerk, checking on contractors who were building the 138-kv Danville Substation. He became an assistant electrical engineer in 1941 and worked as a clerk, engineer junior and senior, and distribution engineer before being promoted to records supervisor in 1953.

Charlie is a member of the Elks Club in Roanoke and served two terms as chairman of the house committee. He belonged to the Vinton Lions Club for 25 years and is a member of the Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church. Plans for retirement include pursuing his hobbies of fishing, bowling and reading plus raising a flower garden. His wife, who works as a bookkeeper for the Roanoke YWCA, will also retire soon and then they may do some traveling.

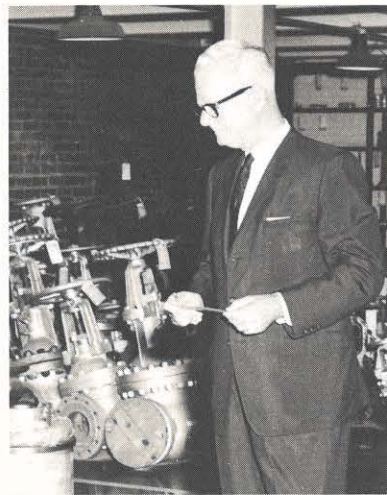


FIFTEEN LYNCHBURG DIVISION employees participated in the annual golf tournament held at the Blue Hills Golf Club in Roanoke. James K. Reid (left), electrical engineer, won a trophy for low net score of 73. James A. Martin (right), truck driver-groundman, won a trophy for low gross score of 85.

Bowen Took Pride In His Work

Howard A. Bowen, office and stores supervisor at Cabin Creek plant, elected early retirement June 1 after 42 years' service.

Howard was first employed in 1928 as a laborer at Williamson for the Kentucky and West Vir-



Howard Bowen checks equipment in the storeroom.

ginia Power Company and later became storekeeper. He transferred to Cabin Creek Plant in 1943 and was district stores supervisor before being promoted to office and stores supervisor in 1964.

During his career at Cabin Creek, Howard was noted for his uncanny ability to find the "missing piece" which expedited many maintenance jobs. He says, "I have always taken a lot of pride in my work. Nothing has given me more pleasure or satisfaction than to know what I did contributed to the success of our over-all operation. I have enjoyed my work with the company and my association with its employees. I shall miss them both because they have been an integral part of my life."

Howard and his wife Edith will continue to reside at Cabin Creek. Included in their retirement plans are visits with their children.



With the weatherman cooperating all the way, Bluefield employees held their annual golf tournament April 29 at the Fincastle Country Club, with 21 employees and nine guests participating. The gross score for all golfers was posted and divided into three flights. Tournament winners were (front row, l. to r.) Jack Lloyd, first in flight 1; Harold Cutlip, Jr., first in flight 2; E. W. Linkous, first in flight 3. Second row, l. to r., were D. C. Wright, second in flight 1; J. J. Harmon, Jr., third in flight 2; R. M. Cooper, second in flight 3; Ron Devor, longest drive (employee) on no. 1; Harold Cutlip, Sr., closest to pin on no. 4 (guest). Third row, l. to r. were Danny Sayers, third in flight 1; O. W. Adams, second in flight 2 and closest to pin on no. 8; Bob Terry, longest drive off no. 1 (guest).



Ivy Layman, president of the Waidsober Ruritan Club, looks over the progress of the new ball field the club is sponsoring.

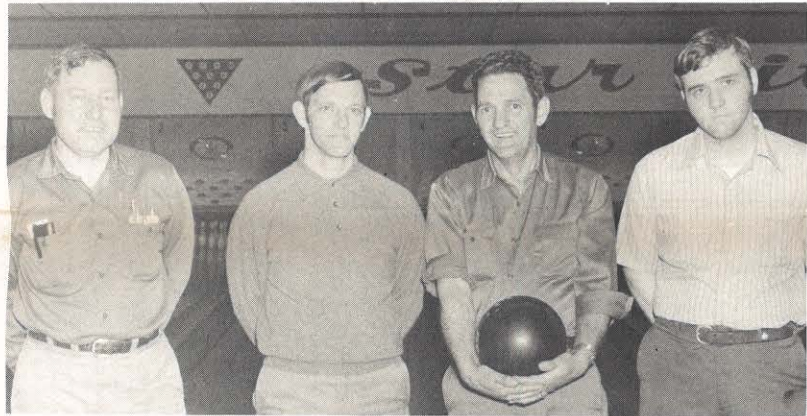
Rocky Mount Meter Readers Instrumental In Building Ball Field

Ivy Layman, Jr., and John Bussey, meter readers at Rocky Mount in the Roanoke Division, are both civic minded and concerned with youth. When the Waidsober Ruritan Club was formed in their area, they were charter members. Layman was elected president and Bussey, treasurer.

Last year both men were coaches for a Little League ball team, which won the county championship. One of the problems encountered was a critical

shortage of practice ball fields. Under their leadership, the new Ruritan Club decided to sponsor a community recreation center and ball field. Located in the heart of the Waidsober community about halfway between Ferrum and Rocky Mount, the original ball field will cost \$7,500. Over half of this sum has already been raised.

This year Layman will coach a team in the Babe Ruth League because his son will be in it. Bussey will continue to coach a Little League Team.



THE AMPS TEAM won the second half of the Kentucky Power Bowling League with a 40-16 record. Team average was 692 pins per game. The Amps finished in the number two spot at the end of the first half. Team members are (l. to r.) John Turnley, general serviceman; Denton Biliter; Bernard Little, general serviceman; and Billy Meade, lineman C. A roll-off between the first and second half winners will be held to determine the champion. Trophies will be awarded at the annual banquet and new officers elected.

Service Beats Accounting To Win Roanoke Bowling Championship



Members of the Service team which won the Roanoke Employees Bowling League championship are (l. to r.) Walter Shanks, Ray Mullen, Roy Howard, Tommy Abshire and Billy Altice. Not pictured is Dave Crickenberger, substitute.

In the roll off April 10, Service edged out Accounting by 82 pins to win the championship of the Roanoke Employees Bowling League. Accounting had won the first half with a 26-16 record, and Service was second half winner with 27 wins and 12 losses. There were ten teams in the league.

Making up the Service team was Billy Altice, captain; Tom Abshire; Walter "Pop" Shanks; Ray Mullen; Roy Howard; and Dave Crickenberger, substitute. "Pop" Shanks, who retired in 1963, is

74 years old and boasts a season record of 12,531 pins, his team's best score.

Awards were presented at the annual banquet held at Yearly Haven. Winners were: high individual average, Orville Napier; high individual scratch game, Danny Sink; high individual scratch set, Larry Hubbard; and high team handicap set, Accounting. All expenses for the season, including trophies and the banquet, were paid by the bowlers.

White Water Racing Is Exciting

Seven Charleston Division employees recently embarked on a rugged but exciting new hobby—running the rapids of the Greenbrier River in canoes. The hardy souls are Tom White, engineer B; Bob Christenson, engineer B; Bob Bradshaw, electrical engineer; Jim Kelly, electrical engineer; Herb Miller, draftsman senior; A. C. Altizer, planner; and Jim Dress.

The sport, commonly known as white water racing, has gained much popularity in West Virginia due to the abundance of streams which offer fast-flowing water and rugged channels.

White says, "I guess we're a little crazy, but all of us like the outdoors and it is a challenge." The degree of challenge, as measured by other more professional white water sportsmen, may not classify the Greenbrier River as the most dangerous river to navigate with canoes, but it is exciting enough to kindle these men's interest.

A typical white water weekend begins with a four hour trip to Dunmore in Pocahontas County, during which the men make plans for the following days. Christenson says, "We usually stay at Bradshaw's camp, which is located about six miles downriver from the best starting point.



Preparing to shoot the rapids in the Greenbrier River are (l. to r.) Bob Christenson, A. C. Altizer, Jim Dress and Bob Bradshaw.

As high water provides the wildest rides and the Greenbrier is at its highest crest during February and March, the trips are usually during the winter." Sometimes it's so cold the men have to break ice near shore in order to put the canoes in water without wading.

The group has several alternate routes and trips they like to take. The most common covers about a six and one-half mile stretch

of water and takes about two and a half hours to navigate. The other route covers 18 miles and requires a full day.

Bradshaw notes, "By any of the routes, the river winds around and through some of the most beautiful and inaccessible country in West Virginia. It is really exciting to see; but, of course, the real excitement is in trying to stay bodily out of the river and keep the canoe under you."

34 Teams Compete In Tourney

Nine women's and 25 men's teams rolled in the Friendship Tournament hosted by the Megawatt League recently. Locations represented were John E. Amos, Kanawha River, Cabin Creek and Philip Sporn Plants; Central Appalachian Coal; Kanawha Valley Power; and Charleston, Huntington and Beckley Divisions.

The Sportsmen team from the Megawatt League emerged the victor in the men's division, with the Chargers from Charleston as runner-up. The Pin Shockers from Huntington won in the women's division.

Individual trophies in the men's division went to Larry Moore of the Megawatt League for high series (603) and high series with handicap (663); Larry Mack of the Megawatt League, high single (245); and Carl Mooney of the Megawatt League for high single with handicap (261).

Trophy winners in the wom-

en's division were Dorcas Russell of Huntington for high single (200) and high series (521); Peggy Carr of the Megawatt League,

high series with handicap (552); and Reba Mooney of the Megawatt League; high single with handicap (215).



Members of the Sportsmen team which won the men's division of the Friendship Tournament are (l. to r.) Carl Mooney, Larry Hancock, Terry Chapman, Bill Payne and Arvie Frye.



The Pin Shockers from Huntington won the women's division of the Friendship Tournament. Team members are (l. to r.) Edna Wolfe, wife of F. E. Wolfe, Commercial; Margaret McComas, wife of T. J. McComas, T&D; Dorcas Russell, Accounting; Recie Erwin, wife of L. F. Erwin, Accounting; and Jean Harbour, Accounting.

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The Many Faces Of Percy D. Giles

When Percy Giles was born during the 30's, his parents decided to name him after the era. Consequently, his middle name is Depression. But the talents, enthusiasm and interests of this maintenance man at John E. Amos Plant present a picture of anything but.

Percy is well known in Charleston night spots for his singing act, which features old favorites as well as contemporary sound, mixed with his own style of warm, humorous patter. Formerly star vocalist with Ned Guthrie's Rondells, he has played at supper clubs in many large cities in the eastern United States and some in Canada.

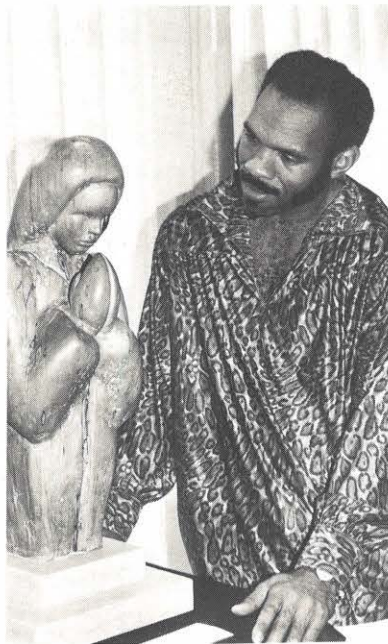
He has appeared on a one-hour live TV show of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and on Dick Clark's American Bandstand as well as the local Dick Reed TV show. Some of the stars with whom he has worked include Frankie Avalon, Fabian and a two-week guest spot with Roy Hamilton. He has also entertained extensively at military NCO clubs.

Percy recently received considerable attention as a sculptor when he exhibited his works in a two-man show at the West Virginia State fine arts building in March, along with his instructor. Afterward the exhibit was displayed in the lobby of Appalachian's Charleston office during the month of April.

Percy has worked with wood, terra cotta, plexiglass, stone and bronze, and says his next piece will be done in marble. His interest in art began as a child,

when he first picked up a 2 x 4 and carved a relief on it. Ordinary broom sticks turned into virtual portable totem poles after Percy whittled heads, scrolls and other forms out of them.

As a student at West Virginia State and Youngstown University, Percy won scholarships for his sports ability. His 6' 6½" height was a natural advantage in basketball, where he played center. As a football end, he was also a top defensive player. Still active in sports, he has coached the YMCA Bidy League in Basketball and football for eight years. Percy was named an outstanding coach by the "Y" and represented Charleston as a coach in the recent annual tournament held



Percy, the sculptor.

in Huntington.

Following their father's example, Percy's two young sons, Derrick and Zane, have received awards for outstanding performance and physical fitness by the Charleston YMCA and the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation Association.

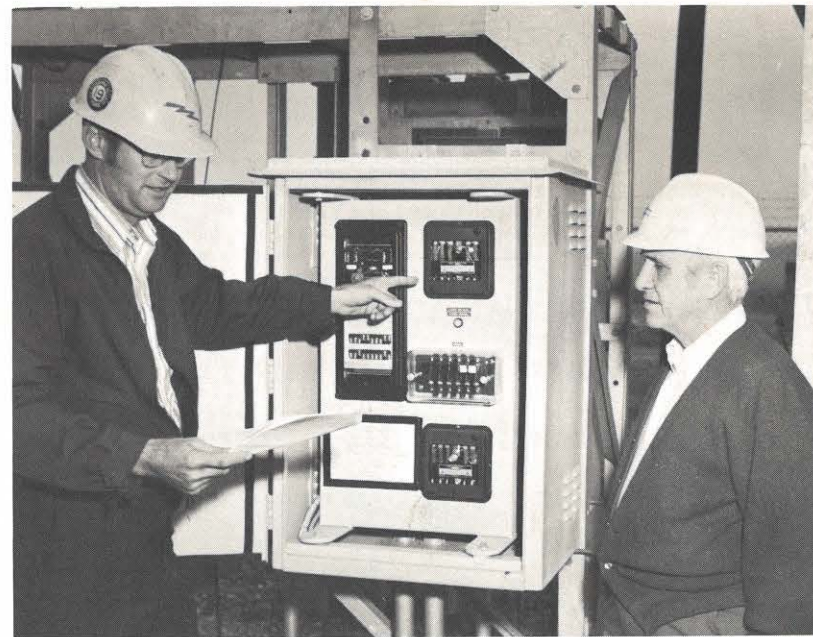
Describing himself as "fanatical" about hunting and fishing, a six-pound smallmouth bass pulled out of Indian Creek in 1959 was just one pound short of the state record.

With all these interests, Percy still finds time to take his family to his 119-acre farm on New River in Summers County and tend his garden. As could be expected from one who does everything in a big way, he raised beets last year that weighed four and a half pounds.

The farm also provides an opportunity to develop his interest in snakes. While he was in college, Percy sometimes had 15 or 20 reptiles loose in his dormitory room. At the foot of his bed was a tree limb where the snakes slept, but it was nothing unusual for a few to crawl in bed beside him. His four children, taught which ones to handle and which to leave alone, have no fear of snakes and will pick them up.

Three more semesters will give Percy his degree in elementary education, with a minor in art.

With a great deal of optimism for a guy named Depression, Percy intends to keep plugging away and hopes for a break some day in one of the creative fields so close to his heart.



FIRST ON SYSTEM — Ronnie L. Tucker, electrical engineer (left), and Robert L. Hatch, station and hydro supervisor, put into operation an underfrequency relay at the Babcock & Wilcox Substation in Lynchburg. First of its kind to be used on the Appalachian System, the relay was installed on the Tyreanna-Sherwill feeder. The underfrequency relay provides a means of automatic selective load shedding and restoration should a condition of declining system frequency occur. The underfrequency relay is mounted in the upper lefthand side of the cabinet.

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