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## APCo Proposes To Build World's First EHV Substation Using Gas

Plans for the world's first extra-high-voltage electric substation using gas as an insulating medium were announced last month by Appalachian Power Company.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of Appalachian, said the company proposes to build the new type of substation in the Lynchburg, Virginia, area. To be known as the Ivy Creek Station, it would serve as a key terminal at the eastern end of the AEP System's six-state, 765,000-volt transmission network and as a major, new electric energy source for the growing Lynchburg area.

The proposed station and the proposed 765,000-volt line that would serve it are subject to approval of the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

### Advantages

First of its kind anywhere, the installation would introduce the concept of the "mini-substation" to the 765,000-volt level, the highest voltage used for power transmission in the United States today. Its chief advantage is that the amount of land required for the total substation is reduced from that used by conventional design by a factor of 10 to 1.

Use of SF<sub>6</sub> at Ivy Creek not only would permit a far more compact station than previously designed, Vaughan explained, but also would allow a far lower silhouette. As a result, the station's over-all appearance would be improved and its impact on the surrounding area greatly reduced. More of the existing, natural site features would be preserved and provide greater screening, by means of existing and new tree cover, than would otherwise be possible.

Bulk power would feed into Ivy Creek from AEP's present 765,000-volt network via a proposed line at that voltage from Appalachian's Cloverdale Substation near Roanoke, Virginia. From

Ivy Creek, the power would be distributed throughout the Lynchburg-Bedford area via 138,000-volt lines.

### Winning Bidder

Vaughan announced that the winning bidder on the substation equipment for installation at Ivy Creek was Cogenel, Inc., the U. S. subsidiary of Delle-Alsthon, a French manufacturer of extra-high-voltage electrical equipment. It would supply a 765,000-volt circuit-breaker, five 138,000-volt circuit-breakers, disconnect switches and the necessary buswork.

Vaughan explained that the substation would utilize sulfur hexafluoride gas (SF<sub>6</sub>), instead of air, as its insulating medium. Because SF<sub>6</sub>, under pressure, has approximately three times the dielectric strength of nitrogen (the most abundant element in air) and thus is better able to maintain an electrical voltage without breakdown, its use as insulation greatly reduces the electrical clearances required in substation design work.

Conventional stations, since Edison's first in 1882, have used air to insulate the current-carrying conductors from each other and from ground. The higher

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## Six Winners In Sweepstakes

Names of the lucky winners in Appalachian Power's 1972 Operations Improvement Sweepstakes were drawn last month at a staff meeting in Roanoke.

The winners and their prizes are:

L. H. Vaught, General Office T&D, Roanoke—a 19" Zenith color television;

J. W. Hagerman, General Office T&D, Bluefield—a 19" Zenith black and white television;

C. A. Shepherd, Pulaski—Craig cassette tape recorder;

J. A. Perry and R. W. Adkins, John E. Amos Plant—choice of a Sunbeam electric lawn mower or Waring blender. (Because they submitted a joint proposal, the equivalent cash value of this prize will be shared by Perry and Adkins.)

H. G. Gillespie, Glen Lyn Plant—choice of GE hair dryer or Black & Decker electric drill.

To enter the Sweepstakes, an employee must contribute an Operations Improvement proposal reflecting a minimum of \$100 savings. Names of contributors are placed in a container, and the drawing held at the end of the year.

One chance is given for \$100-\$499 savings; two chances for \$500-\$999; and three chances for \$1,000 or more.



Bell



Abolin



Hervey



Kennedy

## Managers Elected To Service Board

Seven new directors were elected last month by the American Electric Power Service Corporation. Four of the new board members are from Appalachian Power Company; three from Ohio Power Company.

Newly named from Appalachian are: T. W. Abolin, manager of the Clinch River Plant; William G. Bell, executive assistant to the executive vice president; George E. Hervey, Huntington Division manager, and Duncan C. Kennedy, Roanoke Division manager.

The new Ohio Power representatives are: C. O. Carlini, Portsmouth Division manager; George J. Huber, executive assistant to the executive vice president, and Cecil E. Shay, manager of the Mitchell and Kammer Plants.

Stepping down from the board, in line with the two operating companies' practice of rotating its representation on the Service Corporation board, were: Claud K. Kirkland, Pulaski Division manager; J. A. Moore, manager of the John E. Amos Plant, and Floyd H. Taylor, Logan-Williamson Division manager, all of Appalachian; and Robert I. Bull, Newark Division manager; W. J. Hardman, Muskingum River Plant manager, and Charles A. Heller, Jr., executive assistant to the executive vice president, all of Ohio Power. The seventh vacancy on the board had been created by an early retirement.

## Residential Usage Up In Kingsport

The average residential customer of Kingsport Power Company used 16,134 kilowatt-hours of electricity during the 12-month period ending January 1973. This is a five percent increase over the previous year and twice the national average.

Electric home heating has been a major factor in the growth in recent years. In 1972 alone, 1210 new electric home heating customers were added to Kingsport lines. This raised the total to 13,559.

## \$1,500 Each

## 31 Students Win Educational Awards

Thirty-one awards of \$1,500 each were presented to sons and daughters of System employees in the 19th Annual American Electric Power Educational Awards competition.

The ten winners in our three companies are:

Margo J. Fotos, daughter of M. A. Fotos, Jr., Huntington line supervisor;

Donald W. Griffith, son of R. R. Griffith, Charleston line supervisor;

Sandra Jean Lowther, daughter of James R. Lowther, meter engineer in General Office T&D Meter, Charleston;

Morris E. McCrary, III, son of M. E. McCrary, assistant accounting manager, GO Accounting, Roanoke;

Gwendolyn J. Selfe, daughter of Arthur Selfe, Abingdon meter serviceman A;

Mary Jo Sisson, daughter of Sebert L. Sission, Pulaski head and builder sales representative;

Helen Smythers, daughter of H. M. Smythers, Roanoke power sales engineer;

Christy A. Bartley, daughter of Jerry Bartley, Pikeville service foreman;

James S. Sampson, son of William Sampson, Big Sandy Plant mechanical engineer;

Jeffrey S. Simpson, son of M. Simpson, Jr., Kingsport commercial manager.

The awards were based on grades, test scores, interviews and other information furnished by the applicants.

See stories and pictures on individual winners, page 3.

## Four Illuminator Associate Editors Recognized For 1972 Contributions

Four associate editors of **The Illuminator** received awards at a staff luncheon in Roanoke for their contributions to the employee publication during 1972.

Elaine Polk, Huntington personnel clerk, was named outstanding associate editor. Her selection was based on preparation of and adherence to advance outline, variety and originality of material submitted, completeness of information, promptness and quality of photography.

Prince Thornton, Roanoke administrative assistant, received the quota award for that division, which had the highest percent-

age of news in **The Illuminator**

Chris White, personnel clerk John E. Amos Plant, was recognized for contributing the best story in 1972. Her account of craftsmanship training class at Amos (August issue) was the winning story.

Charlie Frye, Logan administrative assistant, was the recipient of the Best Photo award. His photo depicting customer service (used on the May cover) was the prize winner. Floyd Taylor, Logan-Williamson division manager, accepted the award for Frye, who was ill and could not attend the luncheon.



Four **Illuminator** associate editors were presented awards by John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president, for their contributions during 1972. From left are Betty Lou Carter, **Illuminator** editor; Elaine Polk, Huntington personnel clerk;

Prince Thornton, Roanoke administrative assistant; and Chris White, Amos personnel clerk. Not pictured is Charlie Frye, Logan administrative assistant, who could not attend because of illness.

## Clinch River Top Performer

Three Appalachian Power plants led the American Electric Power System in availability last year. Clinch River Plant's generating unit availability of 94.3 percent was highest; Kanawha River was second with 94.1 percent, and John E. Amos was third with 91.2 percent.

This marked the second consecutive year that the availability of Clinch River units exceeded 94 percent. Donald C. Cook, chairman of the board, and chief executive officer of AEP, commended Clinch River personnel for "this good operating performance, which contributed significantly to the ability of our company to continue to supply low-cost electric power to its customers."



## Amos Unit 3 On Schedule

All intermediate pre-operating dates for Unit 3 construction at John E. Amos Plant are being met, according to Lawrence H. Leiving, resident engineer.

Duct work from the air preheater to the precipitator and from precipitator to the stack liner were to have been erected by the end of February. Workers are now guniting (putting a layer of concrete from 1½ to 2-inches thick) on the inside surface of the duct work. Fill material is being installed in the cooling tower, the shell of which was completed in July 1972.

Precipitator air pressure testing was to start March 1. At the same time, the basin area of the cooling tower will be filled for testing. Installation of pumps, piping, electrical equipment and the erection of structural steel for river water make-up pump house is in progress.

Erection of the main steam generator is approximately 80 percent complete. Engineers will soon begin conducting preliminary hydrostatic tests. Various condensers and piping systems are being flushed and tested. The auxiliary boiler has been fired for boil out and acid cleaning. Both main turbines and boiler feed pump turbines are on schedule. Flushing has begun on lubricating oil piping.

Ten pulverizers are in various stages of completion, and two

more, which were left out for access, will be set soon. Three shifts are working on the installation and welding of piping. Boil out is scheduled for May 1. Coal conveyors are installed and work is continuing on training the belts.

Various systems and equipment in the control room continue to be released to the Operating Department. Two of four ASEA main transformers have arrived in the U.S. from Sweden and will soon be on the job site.

Aside from Unit 3, cleanup items, painting and revisions are being made on Units 1 and 2. A new coal handling station and breaker is being installed and additional installations are progressing in the 138 and 345 kv switchyards.

In the simulator building, which will be used for training operators for 1300 mw units, all control panels and components have been installed and test engineers and operations personnel are programming the equipment. The visitors center is nearly complete except for furniture.

Leiving says that late deliveries of piping and cable is the biggest problem. There is still approximately 1,250,000 feet of power and control cable to pull and terminate. (This is equivalent to 236 miles.) If cable and piping can be obtained, the June 1 date for the turbine roll should be on schedule.



Unit 3 (left) at John E. Amos Plant is nearing completion.

### Medical Claims Due March 31

March 31 is the deadline for active and retired employees to submit claims for medical expenses incurred during 1972.

Retired employees especially are urged not to overlook filing a claim if expenses for prescribed drugs and/or doctor bills exceed \$100 for the calendar year. Doctor bills are limited to the \$50 Medical Expense Deductible under Medicare each calendar year.

In some cases, where no claim was filed in 1971, the expenses incurred during the last three months of 1971 may be considered part of your 1972 claim.

Copies of the necessary forms and information on procedures are available from your local personnel office.

### Substation

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a line's voltage, the greater the separation distance required. Thus, a conventional 765,000-volt substation normally would require far more land than a 138,000-volt facility. On the other hand, a gas-insulated 765,000-volt station would use even less land than an air-insulated 138,000-volt facility.

#### New Technology

Lower-voltage applications of this new technology were first made in Europe and Japan in the late 1960's, a practice adopted there because of the need to install substations on comparatively small plots of ground in and around major cities. The technology was extended to the United States in 1971. Approximately 10 such substations are currently in operation in this country at 138,000-volts or below. Several 345,000-volt projects are understood to be in the planning stage.

"Ivy Creek would be the first station anywhere to utilize SF<sub>6</sub> insulation at 765,000 volts," Vaughan said. "Thus, Ivy Creek would be a pioneer in advanced electric power technology, maintaining the AEP System's long tradition in this field. The greatest resulting consequence is the fact that this is a further step of the utmost importance toward assuring the delivery of a reliable and adequate electric power supply in an environmentally attractive manner."

Vaughan said that the AEP System's first SF<sub>6</sub> substation will be a 138,000-volt facility to be installed later this year in Indiana. Since that station was ordered in 1971, he added, the engineers of the AEP Service Corporation have been working with manufacturers, both domestic and foreign, to develop the technology for its extension to 765,000 volts. Technical studies were completed and bidding carried out in January of this year.



Mr. and Mrs. W. S. White, Jr. (left) were honored by Appalachian Power's management group at a dinner party last month in Roanoke. The Whites will be leaving soon for New York, where he will be senior

executive vice president of the AEP Service Corporation. In this photo John W. Vaughan (right), who succeeded White as Appalachian executive vice president, admires the gift which the Whites received.

### Appalachian Ordered To Study Alternate Routes For 765 Kv Line

Nine days of hearings on Appalachian Power Company's proposed 765,000-volt line from Roanoke to Lynchburg ended February 16, but the case did not

hearing the case, will consider two alternate routings of the line plus a new plan for supplying the Lynchburg area with needed electricity.

The hearings will resume May 21 when the Virginia State Corporation Commission, which is

The order for Appalachian "examine the feasibility" of the alternate routes and plan are present them to the SCC carry after company witnesses argue for the need and safety of the line and for its proposed routing and after intervenor witnesses argued against it.



Palmer

### Palmer Moves To Ohio Power

Jack L. Palmer, public affairs director of Kentucky Power Company, has been promoted to public affairs director of Ohio Power Company.

In Canton, he will succeed Robert F. St. John, who has been promoted to the staff of Joe P. Gills, Ohio Power executive vice president, as administrative assistant-communications.

Both appointments will be effective April 1.

With his move to Canton, Palmer will have worked for four AEP System companies. He joined Appalachian Power in 1950 following graduation from Washington & Lee University. He was editor of *The Illuminator*, 1955-57; a member of the Public Affairs Department in the AEP Service Corporation, New York, 1957-59; and has headed public affairs in Kentucky Power for the past 14 years.

St. John, public affairs director of Ohio Power for 21 of his 24 years with that company, joined the company in 1949 as the founding editor of its monthly publication, *Ohio Power Review*.

The hearing, believed to be among the first of its kind in the nation, is the result of a bill passed by the Virginia Legislature last year, which requires hearings before the SCC on a power lines above 200,000 volt.

The 38-mile line as proposed by Appalachian would run from Cloverdale substation near Roanoke to a new Ivy Creek substation in Bedford County, near Lynchburg, and would provide additional electricity for the Cities of Bedford and Lynchburg and all or parts of Campbell, Bedford, Amherst, and Nelson Counties. Appalachian has maintained that the line is needed in the immediate future to meet growing demands for power in Central Virginia, and later as a vital link in the strengthening of electric service to the entire eastern portion of Appalachian's service area.

Opponents of the line have variously said that it is not needed, a line this large is not required, the line would be unsafe, and it would have adverse effect on the environment and residential developments in the area.

The two alternates Appalachian is ordered to study would be routes generally north and south of the present proposed location both originating at Cloverdale and terminating at Ivy Creek. The alternate plan would include construction of a line from the Wythe County area to the Martinsville-Danville area, on to Lynchburg and then possibly tapping into a 500,000 volt line which runs from Cloverdale to interconnect with Virginia Electric & Power Company north of Roanoke.

Such facets as costs, operational aspects, effect on interconnecting systems, and environmental information are to be provided in APCo's feasibility studies.

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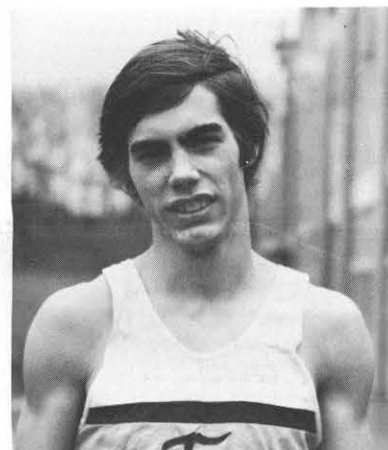
# Meet Our Scholarship Winners



**Gwendolyn J. Selfe**

Gwendolyn Selfe plans to enter Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and is considering a major in accounting.

She has been a 4-H member for nine years and is currently president after serving in several other positions of responsibility. She has also been president of two of her school classes, vice president of the Junior National Honor Society, Student Council member for three years, and a member of the Folk Dance Club. She was a delegate from Clintwood High School to Girls' State in 1972.



**Jeffrey S. Simpson**

Jeffrey Simpson's primary interest is corporate law. He has been accepted at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and later plans to attend law school.

He has been a vice president of manufacturing of a Junior Achievement company, and a member of the Boy Scouts, Audio-Visual Club, golf team and student council. Other activities at Doby-Bennett High School include membership in the Key Club, cross country team and track team. Jeff is also an usher, Methodist youth group member and an alternate delegate to Boys' State.



**Mary Jo Sisson**

Mary Jo Sisson, a senior at Carroll County High School, hopes

to study psychology, sociology or humanities at Wake Forest University.

Among her many activities, she is a member of the National Honor Society, 4-H Club, Child of the American Revolution, Student Council and Varsity Club. She is a cheerleader, was at Girls' State last year, and is the recipient of Key Awards in World History and Algebra II. Mary Jo is also quite active in her church.



**Sandra J. Lowther**

Sandra J. Lowther wants to attend a small liberal arts college and plans to study early childhood education.

During her years at Nitro High School, she has been a member of the Future Teachers of America, yearbook staff, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Junior and Senior Choir, school newspaper staff, Spanish Club and Pep Club. She is president of her church youth group and has worked in Vacation Bible School. Sandra enjoys making her own clothes. She is listed among "Who's Who Among American High School Students".



**Donald W. Griffith**

A senior at George Washington High School in Charleston, Donald plans to study mathematics or physical sciences in college with a goal of becoming a teacher on the college level.

Donald is president of the Charleston Chess Club and its tournament director, president of his school's Chess Club, and a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Youth Fellowship. He is also a mathematics tutor for neighborhood students.



**Margo J. Fotos**

Margo Fotos plans to study biological science in college. She is interested in medicine and wants to enter a health-related field.

At Huntington East High School, Margo is a majorette, vice president of the National Honor Society and a member of the a cappella choir, Keyettes and Latin Club. She is president of her church youth group, member of church choir and "Lads and Lassies" singing group. She makes many of her own clothes.



**Christy Ann Bartley**

Christy Ann Bartley plans to study medical technology with the idea of opening her own laboratory some day.

At Virgie High School, she belonged to the "Teens Who Care" organization, the Young Democrats, and played flute in the band. She also enjoys bowling.



**Morris E. McCrary, III**

In preparation for becoming an orthodontist, Morris McCrary, III, will enter the University of Virginia in its pre-dental program and later attend the Medical College in Richmond.

For the present, Morris is work-

ing toward the Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts. He has already won the God and Country Award.

His extra-curricular activities at Cave Spring High School in Roanoke include membership in the Latin Club, wrestling team, Symphonic Band, and Stage Band. An officer in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Morris has held a part-time job at Moore's Building Supply.



**Helen Smythers**

Helen Smythers wants to attend William and Mary and obtain a master's degree in mathematics in order to teach math on the college level.

At Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke, she has been a member of the PH Players, Pep Club, Home Economics Club, Modern Foreign Language Club and home room president. She is also a member of the House of Burgesses at the school and has won a Commendation National Merit Scholarship Award. She has held several offices in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Helen's interests include sewing, cooking, writing poetry, reading, ice skating, swimming and tennis. She also has a job of caring for three children each afternoon.



**James Scott Sampson**

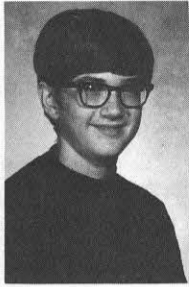
James Scott Sampson has a 3.833 average, putting him in the upper ten percent of his class at Boyd County High School.

He is secretary of the senior class, and a member of the Spanish Club and Beta Club. He was a delegate to Boys' State and on the NEDT Commendation Student Council. Among his other honors were the Boyd County Elks Club leadership award, three letters in track, and two varsity letters in football. Jim won All-State honorable mention in football.



# PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## ASHLAND



Saltz

**James Bryan Saltz**, son of J. G. Saltz, personnel director, received a trophy as a first place winner in an essay contest sponsored by the Boyd County Soil Conservation District. At Coles Junior High, Bryan maintains a 4.0 scholastic average and is a member of the Honor Society, Math Club, French Club and on the yearbook staff.

**Cedar Miller**, wife of W. R. Miller, engineering superintendent in General Office T&D, was elected recording secretary of the Xi Rho Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

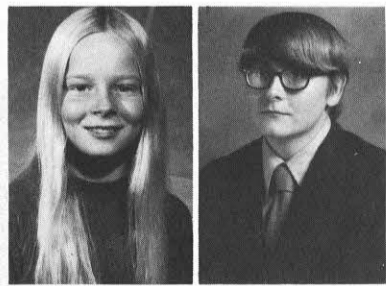
**Libby Stayton**, widow of C. L. Stayton, was elected parliamentarian of the Xi Rho Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

**Lisa Charles**, daughter of H. F. Charles, purchasing and stores director, was honored with a "best wishes party" by Gamma Zeta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She was Ashland's representative in the Kentucky Junior Miss Pageant.

**Mimi Shope**, secretarial-stenographer in General Office Commercial, was re-elected to a three-year term as secretary of the board of directors of the Ashland YWCA.

**John H. Via, Jr.**, accounting manager, was elected treasurer of the 1973 Heart Fund.

## BLUEFIELD



Crabtree

Lineberry

**Ruth Ann Crabtree**, daughter of Estel Crabtree, area serviceman, was first place winner in the "Keep McDowell County Green" poster contest. A fifth grader at Coalwood Grade School, she received \$25 in cash and a certificate.

**G. T. Lineberry, II**, son of Gene Lineberry, meter serviceman A, was selected as one of Bluefield High School's candidates for "Outstanding High School Seniors in America". Third in his senior class, G. T. made the all A honor roll and was voted Most Dependable.

**Johnny C. Anderson**, stepson of

W. A. Perdue, customer service representative, was a first semester honor student in the School of Social Work at West Virginia University.

**Andy Hicks**, son of Emmett Hicks, engineer B, was named to the dean's list for the first semester at Duke University.

**Lois Ann Dudash**, daughter of Steve Dudash, station supervisor, made the dean's list for the first semester at Marshall University.

**Midshipman 1/C Donald H. White**, son of Hobart White, Welch line foreman, was named one of 36 company commanders at the U. S. Naval Academy. As one of the top ranking midshipmen in the Brigade, he will command approximately 100 men.

**Nora Wright**, daughter of D. C. Wright, administrative assistant, made the first semester dean's list at Concord College.

**Steven Dalton**, son of Paul Dalton, auto repairman A, made the B honor roll at Bluefield High School.

**Mrs. C. R. Ryan, Jr.**, wife of the service coordinator, is a new director on the Young Woman's Christian Association board and serves as membership chairman.

**Patty Barns**, daughter of Joe Barns, retired line inspector, was installed as drill leader of Welch Assembly No. 18, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

**Cheryl Walters**, wife of John Walters, Welch lineman C, was elected Mother Advisor of Northfork Assembly No. 33, Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is past Worthy Advisor of the Assembly and is currently Ruth of the Northfork Chapter No. 99 OES.

**Dottie Lawless**, secretarial-stenographer, was appointed to a three-year term as Grand Representative of South Dakota in West Virginia. She is Worthy Matron of Northfork Chapter No. 99, Order of Eastern Star.

**B. M. "Cub" Nuckolls**, Grundy area supervisor, was elected a director of the Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce.

**Duke Wright**, administrative assistant, was elected to a three-year term on the vestry at Christ Episcopal Church, Bluefield.

**Michael Houston**, son of Jackie Houston, Princeton customer accounts representative C, was chosen from Central Junior High School for the all-county band.

**Garry Herald**, son of Bert Herald, Princeton line foreman, received special recognition at a Bluefield State College art exhibit.

**Bill Fisher**, tracer, was elected a director of the Tri-Angle Sportsman's Club.

New employees in the division are **Mike Thompson**, custodian;

**James Hylton**, electrical engineer; and **Michael Reed**, meter reader.

**Kenneth Roberts**, electrical engineer, appeared on the Bluefield TV show "Resume" during National Jaycee Week. He is chairman of the "Miss Mercer County" pageant to be held in April. **Lewis Mann**, electrical engineer, will serve as advertising chairman for the pageant, and **Ron Devor**, business trainee, will be judge chairman.

**Ray Heldreth**, dealer sales representative, was named to the board of directors of the Bluefield Country Club.

**Cindy Mash**, daughter of Mary Lou Mash, customer accounts representative C, made the AB honor roll at Fairview Junior High. She was selected by the students as being the best all-around and best dressed ninth grade student.

**Evelyn Martin**, wife of Jack Martin, Pineville area supervisor, was honored as Valentine Queen by the Xi Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority at their annual dance. A charter member and past president of the Gamma Xi Chapter, she was the group's first Queen in 1961, prior to advancing to the Exemplar Chapter. She is presently serving as civil defense officer, program chairman and member of the service committee.

**Sherree Crotty**, daughter of Arnold Crotty, planner senior, played the guitar and sang before a number of groups during December. She performed at the Methodist Home, Grace Methodist Church, Trinity Methodist Church, Edgemont Baptist Church, Memorial Baptist Church, Brushfork Methodist Church, Bluefield Supply Company Christmas party, Mountain Mission School, Correctional Farm at Bland, and the Baptist and Lutheran Orphanages and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Roanoke.

**Marty Crotty**, son of Arnold Crotty, recently participated in a style show and the Bluefield State "Messiah" concert.

## JOHN E. AMOS

New employees are **Linda Lou Smith**, clerk-typist; **Ronald G. Dixon**, **Beecher Robinson, Jr.**, and **Noland L. Anderson**, maintenance men C; and **Johnny E. Thomas** and **Harold E. Covert**, utility men B.

New employees in the Construction Department are **Leon L. Ballew** and **Thomas G. Boner**, construction stores assistants; **James R. Dean**, **David E. Walker**, **Gary R. Brawley** and **Michael F. VanNatter**, time clerks; and **Larry W. Castle**, civil construction assistant.

## CABIN CREEK

**Mary Margaret McDaniel**, daughter of W. R. McDaniel, office and stores supervisor, was named to the dean's list at West Virginia University. Mary was a 1972 AEP Educational Award Winner.

**John C. Johnson, Jr.**, engineer B, is a new employee in the Performance Department.

## GENERAL OFFICE



Thornton

Wright

**A. G. Thornton, Jr.**, staff engineer in GO Communications, was elected president of the Cosmopolitan Club of Roanoke. He is also chairman of education of the Council of Ministers at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church and assistant scoutmaster of Troop No. 2.

For the second consecutive year, **William R. Wright** was selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Independence High School, William will study veterinary medicine at Auburn University. He is the son of J. K. Wright, Jr., civil construction assistant, Blue Ridge Development.

**Bari Webster**, daughter of R. D. Webster, commercial manager, played First Chair, clarinet section, in the Roanoke All-County Intermediate Band Concert.

**Raymond D. Bright**, construction contract clerk senior in GO Accounting, received a plaque as first runner-up in the Speak-up contest for the regional Speak-up competition of Region 12, Virginia Jaycees. He was also selected a member of the administrative board of the Central United Methodist Church, Salem.

**Donita Goins**, wife of I. R. Goins, regional dispatcher for GO Operating, Roanoke, was elected second vice president of the Hardy Road Elementary School PTA.

## ROANOKE



Craft

**Shirley Craft**, 19-year-old daughter of D. K. Craft, customer accounts representative A, was crowned "Miss Virginia Western" at Virginia Western Community College's Christmas dance. She is president of the Baptist Student Union, secretary of the Biology Club, and a member of the choir and student life committee. After receiving a degree from Virginia Western, she plans to take pre-med at Brigham Young University.

**Don Hall**, auto mechanic B, has been approved by Virginia State Police to give Virginia auto inspections and issue certificates.

**Mitzie Naff**, daughter of Ralph Naff, right of way agent, presented the "hymn of the month" to the Thursday Morning Music Club at their February meeting.

**Faye N. Delong**, clerk trainee,

and **George W. Cullinan**, lineman helper, are new employees.

**Bobby Brown**, senior draftsman, was selected chairman of "Apple Butter Week", a Roanoke Jaycees major fund drive.

**K. E. French**, engineer B, was re-elected president of Roanoke Valley Bassmasters.

**Andy Good**, who retired in 1967, visited the Walnut Avenue office recently.

**J. C. Musgrave**, heating and builder sales coordinator, was elected a director of the Roanoke Valley Home Builders Association.

**R. E. Slaydon**, heating and builder sales representative, was appointed Grand Purserivant by the Grand Lodge of Virginia AF & AM Masons.

**Jerry Brown**, son of Melvin W. Brown, Fieldale customer accounting supervisor, was placed on the president's list for academic achievement at Rowan Technical Institute.

**Henry A. Whitehurst**, son of J. R. Whitehurst, line supervisor, has passed the Virginia Bar Examination and joined a law firm at Blacksburg, Virginia.

**Vickie Aileen Doss**, daughter of Jasper Doss, line foreman, made the dean's list at Longwood College.

**Michael Parker**, son of Grady L. Parker, sales supervisor, was named to the honor roll at Cave Spring Intermediate School.

**Grady Parker** was named chairman of the Christian education committee of the Colonial Presbyterian Church.

## CHARLESTON

**D. H. Crosier** is a new Scoutmaster in the Charleston area.

**Don Loy** and **William Currey** were parade captains in the inauguration parade for Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr. Others helping with the parade were **Larry Swanigan**, **Ben Shew**, **Rodger Woodrum**, **Jim Webb**, **Jim Kelly**, **Tom White**, **Jim Elswick**, **Charles Ross**, **Jim Poe**, **Pat Taylor** and **Eddie Stone**.

**Karen Kallmerten**, daughter of Oscar Kallmerten, made the dean's list at West Virginia University.

**Tom Hull**, son of John Hull, made the dean's list with a 4.0 average at West Virginia University.

**Billy West**, son of Wilbur West, meterman A, was elected to the "Society of Outstanding American High School Students".

**Milton W. Scott**, heating and builder sales representative, was installed as president of the Kanawha Valley Communications Club, Inc.

**Helen Wilson** and **William Braxton** were featured recently in City National Bank ads in the Charleston papers. Mrs. Wilson is the wife of Ronnie Wilson, meter reader, and Mr. Braxton is the husband of Elaine Braxton, customer accounts representative C.



**ABINGDON**

**Shirley Landreth** received the Scouter's Key award in recognition of her work with Cub Pack No. 20. The wife of Donald C. Landreth, engineer B, she also has received the district leadership training award.

Retirees **Andy Skeen, R. E. Crusenberry, L. C. Peck** and **Fred Poe** visited the Abingdon office recently.

**Edward Leon** and **Michael Len McFall**, sons of William McFall, line foreman NE, made the fall term honor roll at East Carolina University.

**Mary Rowland**, daughter of Kelly Rowland, Marion customer accounting supervisor, made the fall term honor roll at Radford College.

**John Sheffey**, son of R. A. Sheffey, Jr., placed third in the regional wrestling tournament (132 lb. class). His record for the season was 13 wins, 3 losses and one draw. He will compete in the Virginia state finals.

**Fillmore McPherson, Jr.**, division manager, was named chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. **James Hughes**, administrative assistant, will serve on the committee.

**Joel Howard** has returned to work in the T&D Department after two years' service with the U. S. Navy.

**Robert Trent** and **Hunter Thayer** were elected to the board of directors of the Abingdon Little League Baseball.

**BECKLEY**

**J. R. McGinnis**, area superintendent, is the incoming vice president of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce and will also serve as head of the Chamber's Economic Development Division. **J. D. Higgins**, sales manager, will serve as coordinator of the Chamber's Business and Government Relations Division.

**Eileen Worley**, clerk junior, was elected public affairs chairman of the Junior Department, Woman's Club of Beckley.

**Mrs. Jack Groseclose**, wife of the lineman A, worked on the annual sweetheart ball as a representative of Xi Alpha Delta Sorority.

**Margaret Hunt**, clerk stenographer, is chairman of the Mission Society of Crab Orchard Baptist Church.

**LOGAN-WILLIAMSON**

**James A. Dunham**, sales manager, was elected first vice president of the Southeast Chapter, West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. Other new officers are **M. M. Weddington**, electrical engineer senior, secretary-treasurer; **Stephen S. Summers**, electrical engineer, director; and **Gifford S. Nease, Jr.**, state director. **Charles R. Wilson, Jr.**, power sales engineer, presided over the installation of new officers as outgoing president.

**Henry D. Hatfield**, Williamson stores/garage supervisor, was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**Janice Taylor**, daughter of Floyd Taylor, division manager, made the dean's list at Morris Harvey College, where she is a freshman nursing student.

**Albert Browning**, meterman A, and **Hubert Lester**, lineman A, made the dean's list at Southern West Virginia Community College. They expect to receive their associate degrees in May.

**Howard J. Collins**, personnel supervisor, was re-elected secretary of the Logan County United Fund.

**LYNCHBURG**

**George R. Gillette**, meter reader, was elected quartermaster of the local VFW Chapter.

**Mrs. James B. White**, wife of the division manager, was one of a group of new members of the Woman's Club of Lynchburg who were presented at the annual New Year's reception.

**G. L. Detraz**, stationman helper A, is a new employee.

**PULASKI**

**Glenna A. Hall** was presented the annual "Good Citizenship" award by the Count Pulaski Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a V.O.T. student in the Pulaski office and a senior at Pulaski High School. Glenna is a member of the Pep Club, Girl's Athletic Association, Future Business Leaders of America and Future Homemakers of America. At First Baptist Church, she is a member of the Youth Group and Youth Council and secretary of her Sunday School class.

**J. C. "Joey" Buckner, Jr.**, was named to the dean's list for the fall quarter at Bridgewater College. He is the son of Cecil Buckner, Pulaski Accounting.

George Penn's wife **Kate** and their new daughter **Melanie Noel** were featured on the **Southwest Times** baby page during January. Penn is a material clerk.

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**MARMET**

Elected to the board of directors of the Kanawha Valley Mining Institute, Inc., were **J. O. Mcardle**, general superintendent; **H. E. Kinder, Jr.**, superintendent, Bull Creek Project; **W. G. Casto**, engineer; and **R. A. Tucker**, mine development engineer.

**David William Bocook**, maintenance engineer, and **Leonard Ray Snodgrass**, mine foreman, were certified by the U. S. Bureau of Mines as electrical instructors.

**Rajendra P. Aggarwal**, rodman, and **James Everett Wiley**, co-op student engineer, are new employees.

**MORRIS CREEK**

**W. M. Plymale, Jr.**, superintendent, was elected to the board of directors of the Kanawha Valley Mining Institute, Inc.

**Estel Raymond Bartlett**, mine foreman, and **Lawrence B. Higginbotham**, intermediate clerk, are new employees.

**HUNTINGTON**

New employees are **Robert P. Spriggs** and **Barry L. Long**, electrical engineers, and **Roger P. Carrico**, custodian.

**KANAWHA RIVER**

**Nancy L. Bennett**, daughter of J. A. Bennett, assistant plant manager, made the dean's list for the first semester at Concord College.

**PIKEVILLE**

**J. M. Wood**, division manager, was re-elected a national council representative to the Boy Scouts of America.

**BIG SANDY**

**Ronald L. Brown** and **Neil J. Wilson**, performance engineers, and **Andrew S. Freese**, utility man B, are new employees.

**PHILIP SPORN**

**Virgil Morris Weaver** and **James Edward Jones**, utility men B, are new employees.

**Death Takes Arthur Shell**

Arthur Shell, 68, retired Charleston Division janitor, died January 24 in Columbia, Georgia.

A native of South Carolina, Shell was employed in 1948 and had 20 years' service when he took early retirement due to disability in 1968.

Shell is survived by one sister.



Glenn Marshall's bandaged hand is proof that a groundhog doesn't always appreciate being disturbed on Groundhog Day, February 2. Marshall's pet groundhog, Chucky, has been living in his yard for three years, but this was the first time he ever bit his owner. The wound required three stitches.

**PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS****Appalachian Power****Abingdon**

C. T. HICKS, JR., to Lineman C. E. F. SUTHERLAND to Draftsman Senior.

**Bluefield**

JERRY A. KEENE to Lineman C. DEBORAH R. CROUSE to Cashier. HARRY T. STREET to Auto Repairman B. GLENN B. NASH to General Serviceman. WELDON F. HOLLIDAY to Lineman C.

**Cabin Creek**

DONALD RAINES to Turbine Operator A. JERRY L. SMITH to Turbine Auxiliary Equipment Operator A.

**Charleston**

MILTON W. SCOTT to Heating and Builder Sales Representative. JOHN G. BURNSIDE to Head T&D Clerk. ANNETTA A. BROWN to T&D Clerk.

**Clinch River**

LESTER W. SUMMERS to Maintenance Helper. SCOTT E. CAMPBELL to Utility Man A. FRANK H. KINCAID to Utility Man A.

**General Office**

RAYMOND D. BRIGHT to General Bookkeeper. VALORIE S. HARVEY to Customer Accounting Clerk B. SANDRA H. COAKLEY to Accounting Machine Operator Clerk. BENNIE M. GRAVES to Junior Maintenance Man. JOHN W. THOMAS to Junior Maintenance Man. RHONDA T. CARTER, Clerk-Stenographer, from Accounting to Personnel. GERALD W. COOK from Boiler Operator C, Radford Plant, to Junior Maintenance Man, GO Hydro. KAY TOTTY to Personnel Clerk Senior. WILLIAM E. BROWN to Transmission Man B. DANNY S. THOMAS to T&D Clerk. HOWARD C. WEBB to Transmission Man Helper. NORWOOD O. MORRISON, Personnel Assistant Senior, from Roanoke Division to GO Personnel. L. A. LINKOUS from Personnel Supervisor, Radford Plant, to Safety Coordinator, GO Personnel.

**Glen Lyn**

EARL C. THORNTON to Equipment Operator. GEORGE H. HIGGINBOTHAM to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. JAMES A. SKEENS to Utility Operator.

**Huntington**

C. E. GILKERSON to Meter Serviceman C. E. L. HORNBUCKLE to Lineman Helper. R. V. HENSLEY to Stationman C. WILMA MELROSE to T&D Clerk Senior. W. L. JOHNSON to T&D Clerk Senior.

**Kanawha River**

WILLIAM ROBERT KONICEK to Junior Maintenance Man. WOODROW HERMAN SAGRAVES to Junior Maintenance Man. EUGENE ELVIN WEBB, II, to Junior Maintenance Man. GARRY ALLEN SMITH to Junior Maintenance Man. FREDERICK WAYNE BROWN to Junior Maintenance Man. WOODROW McCLUNG to Maintenance Man. CARL HAYES PETRY to Maintenance Man.

**Pulaski**

A. L. McCLAUGHERTY from Maintenance Mechanic, Radford Plant, to Pulaski. DOROTHY N. WHITAKER to Personnel Assistant. JOSEPH L. CONRAD to Lineman B. BERNARD B. SMITH, JR., from Turbine and Switchboard Operator, Radford Plant, to Pulaski. SHELIA S. BRUGH

from Clerk Junior, GO Accountant Roanoke, to Clerk-Trainee, Pulaski.

**Roanoke**

ANN BROWNING from Home Sale Representative Senior, Roanoke, to Dealer Sales Representative, Field. S. L. JAMISON to Personnel Assistant Senior. G. W. NEASE, JF Engineering Supervisor, from Logan to Roanoke. R. V. ENGLISH to Lineman A. R. V. DILLON to Lineman A. C. E. ROBISON to Lineman A. R. E. MORGAN to Lineman B. R. N. KIDD to Lineman B. G. A. SHEPPARD to Lineman B. M. R. PRILLAMAN to Stationman C. D. J. HILL to Stationman C. BARBARA S. SLOAN to Clerk Typist. SYBIL D. TAYLOR to Customer Accounts Representative B.

**Philip Sporn**

WESLEY WHITLATCH to Utility Man A.

**Central Appalachian Coal****Morris Creek**

LAWRENCE E. BROWN, Mine Foreman, from Marmet Division to Morris Creek.

**Central Coal****New Haven**

GEORGE K. ROACH to Purchasing and Stores Supervisor.

**Kentucky Power****Ashland**

CAROLYN P. TRAUGOTT, Junior Clerk, from GO Commercial to Division Accounting. SHERYLEN KILLEN to Stenographer. SHAROL SLUSHER to General Accounting Clerk Junior.

**Big Sandy**

JOE B. CRAFT to Utility Man A. CLYDE A. PACK to Utility Man A. HERBERT B. WHITE to Material Clerk. RONALD R. ELLIOTT to Maintenance Helper. WILLIS F. ROBERTS to Utility Coal Handler. DANIEL L. ENDICOTT to Utility Man A. LON C. MAYNARD to Utility Man A. MILLARD JACKSON to Yard Helper.

**Hazard**

HAROLD D. OGELVIE to Lineman A. SIMON E. LUNCE to Lineman B.

**Pikeville**

JACKWAYNE CHANEY to PB. Operator. NANCY WILLIAMSON to General Records Clerk Senior - Commercial. DON BLACKBURN to Commercial Sales Engineer. BILL C. MEADE to Lineman B. WILLIAM ENGLAND, JR., to Lineman E. GARY A. LITTLE to Lineman E. DANNY W. BURCHETT to Lineman B.

**Kingsport Power**

JACK E. HUNT to Lineman B.

**Southern Appalachian Coal****Marmet**

WILBUR FISHER DEARIEN, General Mine Foreman, from Morris Creel Mines to Marmet Division. CHARLES T. R. BERRY to Master Mechanic. EDWARD DUKE WRIGHT from Electrical Engineer, Bluefield, to Mining Engineer, Marmet.



# Couples Exchange Wedding Vows In Winter Ceremonies



Deaton



Herald



J. L. Crabtree



T. W. Crabtree



Horn



Crouse



Williams



Fulks

## Lawrence-Griggs

Colonial Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, was the setting for the December 8th wedding of Kerry Clay Lawrence and Harvey M. Griggs. Mr. Griggs is the son of Marshall C. Griggs, R/e & R/w accounting coordinator, GO R/e & R/w, Roanoke.

## Taylor-Crabtree

Elizabeth Taylor and Jamie Lenn Crabtree were married December 16 in a double ring ceremony at Madam Russell United Methodist Church, Saltville, Virginia. Mr. Crabtree is the son of Thomas F. Crabtree, meter serviceman A, Abingdon.

## Rector-Crabtree

Mahanaim United Methodist Church, Meadowview, Virginia, was the setting for the December 23rd wedding of Gloria Jean Rector and Thomas Wayne Crabtree. Mr. Crabtree is the son of Thomas F. Crabtree, meter serviceman A, Abingdon.

## Ashworth-Horn

Donna Marie Ashworth became the bride of William Bruce Horn February 17 in Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. Mrs. Horn is the daughter of J. L. Ashworth, dealer sales representative, Lynchburg.

## Keglor-Allinder

January 20 was the wedding day of Paula Keglor and Thomas Allinder, who were married in the Old Kanawha Baptist Church parsonage. Mr. Allinder is the son of C. E. Allinder, office and stores supervisor, Kanawha River Plant.

## Ratliff-Crouse

The marriage of Deborah Elaine Ratliff and Gerald Lee Crouse was solemnized December 10 at Keen Mountain United Methodist Church. Mrs. Crouse is a clerk trainee, Bluefield. Mr. Crouse is the son of Walter L. Crouse, Bluefield general serviceman.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Thomas of Peterstown, West Virginia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary December 22, 1972. They have six children and 13 grandchildren. Carl retired from Glen Lyn Plant in 1958 as a maintenance helper.

## Fulcher-Williams

Linda Lou Fulcher was married to Michael Leonard Williams February 9 at Ridgeway, Virginia. Mr. Williams is the son of Elaine Wilkinson, T&D clerk at Fieldale, Roanoke Division.

## Coulter-Herald

Mary Lou Coulter became the bride of Terry F. Herald January 12 in the Mt. Juliet United Methodist Church. Mrs. Herald is the daughter of Lanty Ray Coulter, control operator, Cabin Creek Plant.

## Drumheller-Deaton

Amherst Baptist Church, Amherst, Virginia, was the setting January 13 for the wedding of Judy Carol Drumheller and Aubrey Templeton Deaton, Jr. Mrs. Deaton is the daughter of S. L. Drumheller, line foreman NE, Lynchburg.

## Newberry-Harkins

A double ring ceremony performed January 13 in Lothair Presbyterian Church united Barbara Sue Newberry and Patrick Harkins. Mrs. Harkins is a clerk-typist, Hazard.

## Hallford-Fulks

Rhonda Hallford and Don Stephen Fulks were united in marriage January 26. Mrs. Fulks is the daughter of Elaine Polk, personnel clerk senior, Huntington.

## Helvey-Branham

Carolyn Kay Helvey was married to Michael Branham on December 23. Mrs. Branham is the daughter of Homer Helvey, lineman A, Pikeville.



## Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. D. K. BROWN, a daughter, Monique Kellyn, January 18. Brown is a lineman B, Lebanon.

## John E. Amos

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND JACKSON GILL, a son, Warren Todd, February 1. Gill is a maintenance man A.

## Big Sandy

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES E. HENSELEY, a daughter, Kimberly Lynn, February 6. Hensley is a unit operator.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM E. ELLIOTT, III, a son, William E. Elliott, IV, December 27. Elliott is a performance engineer.

MR. AND MRS. JERRY E. MCKENZIE, a son, Jerry Eugene, Jr., February 13. Mrs. McKenzie was a clerk typist before taking maternity leave.

MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK K. LONG, a son, Brian Frederick, January 16. Long is assistant personnel director.

## Cabin Creek

MR. AND MRS. GREGORY O. TOLLIVER, a daughter, Tonya Denise, December 15. Tolliver is a utility man A.

## Clinch River

MR. AND MRS. JEVENE G. BOWLING, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, January 8. Bowling is a performance engineer.

MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY S. SKEEN, a son, Bryant Shane, January 9. Skeen is a coal equipment operator.

## General Office

MR. AND MRS. JERRY E. JAMISON, a son, Jared Bernard, January 19. Jamison is a relay engineer senior, GO T&D Station Section, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. J. N. WIMMER, a daughter, Lisa Faye, December 28. Wimmer is a station maintenance man A, GO T&D Station Section, Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. OVERSTREET, a son, John Edward, January 19. Overstreet is a regional dispatcher at Roanoke Regional Dispatch Office, GO Operating.

## Glen Lyn

MR. AND MRS. FLOYD LEON FERGUSON, a son, John Russell, Janu-

ary 20. Ferguson is a maintenance helper.

## Hazard

MR. AND MRS. LEROY THOMPSON, a daughter, Tonya Renee, January 14. Mrs. Thompson is a petty cash clerk.

## Huntington

MR. AND MRS. ROGER CARRICO, a son, Zachary Phillip, February 8. Carrico is a custodian.

## Kanawha River

MR. AND MRS. WOODROW SAGRAVES, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, January 2. Sagraves is a junior maintenance man.

## Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. DANNY W. STATZGER, a daughter, Amy Rebecca, January 23. Statzger is a lineman B.

## Logan-Williamson

MR. AND MRS. ROY S. MILLS, a daughter, Misty Milyn, January 16. Mills is a lineman B, Logan.

## Lynchburg

MR. AND MRS. M. A. WILLIAMS, JR., a son, Bradley Hunter, January 15. Williams is a material clerk.

## Marmet

MR. AND MRS. H. STEPHEN HUEY, a daughter, Michelle Lynn, January 26. Huey is a resident engineer.

## Morris Creek

MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. BURNETT, a son, Matthew Jon, January 30. Burnett is a safety representative.

MR. AND MRS. JACKIE L. WRISTON, a son, Jonathan Travis, February 4. Wriston is an environmental technician assistant.

## Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. LANE, JR., a son, Diron Stuart, February 8. Lane is a meter reader.

## Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. R. R. KELLEY, a daughter, Dana Marie, June 11. Kelley is an auto repairman A.

## Philip Sporn

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH ELIAS, a son, Jason Michael, January 30. Elias is a maintenance man.



Mr. and Mrs. W. Laybon Booth, Sr. have observed their 70th wedding anniversary. They eloped to North Carolina and were married January 28, 1903. The Booths have seven children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Two sons are employed in the Lynchburg Division — W. L. Booth, Jr., electrical engineer senior, and David Booth, station man A at Reusens.

## ENGAGEMENTS

KATHY WEBSTER to Charles Conklin. Miss Webster is the daughter of R. D. Webster, General Office commercial manager, Roanoke.

MARGIE HENSON to Thomas Miller. Miss Henson is a junior clerk Hazard.

SHARON KAYE CORNETT to Michael R. Combs. Miss Cornett is the daughter of Chalmer B. Cornett, residential sales advisor, Hazard.

DREAMA MAE PLYBON to Kenne Clark Dudley. Miss Plybon is the daughter of Silas F. Plybon, serviceman A at Rocky Mount, Roanoke Division.

RUTH ANN HARWELL to William Heldreth. Mr. Heldreth is the son of Ray C. Heldreth, dealer sales representative, Bluefield.

DONNA SUE FERRELL to Joseph Franklin Skeens. Miss Ferrell is the daughter of W. E. Ferrell, region chief dispatcher at Turner, General Office Operating.

DEBRA L. WOOD to William F. Blaw. Miss Wood is a clerk stenographer, General Office Operating.

BECKY BLAKE to Allen Park Cartwright. Miss Blake is the daughter of Bill Blake, meter reader, Charleston.

SUSAN BROWN to Michael DeVoe. Miss Brown is the daughter of Fred Brown, power sales engineer senior, Charleston.

MARY DAHMER to Larry Stovall. Miss Dahmer is the daughter of Eugene Dahmer, meterman Charleston.

BARBARA DAHMER to Quin Walker. Miss Dahmer is the daughter of Eugene Dahmer, meterman Charleston.



## Philpott Named "Outstanding Member" By Vinton First Aid Crew



Tom Philpott, left, receives the "outstanding member of the year" trophy from R. R. Altice, captain of the Vinton First Aid Crew.

Tom Philpott, planner in General Office Hydro, Roanoke, was selected by his fellow members in the Vinton First Aid Crew as "outstanding member of the year" for 1972.

When Tom joined the Vinton crew in November 1971, he held standard, advanced and instructor's cards in American Red Cross first aid training. The training, which he received in company-sponsored first aid courses, created in Tom a desire to learn more and do more to help others.

Since Tom's association with the Vinton crew, he has attended

classes in basic and light-duty rescue and has become a qualified instructor in defensive driving and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. He regularly teaches classes to the Vinton and neighboring crews and the public. During 1972 he participated in 265 calls and held the office of crew secretary. Tom's wife Jackie is secretary of the crew's Ladies Auxiliary.

Aside from his crew work, Tom teaches first aid to his co-workers in GO Hydro and is a voluntary dispatcher for fire, police and other service organizations in Vinton.



Hedrick

## Hedrick Promoted, Goes To Ohio

Lenzie J. Hedrick has been promoted to superintendent of Ohio Power Company's Steubenville Division. He rises to the post from that of superintendent of the Point Pleasant area of Appalachian Power's Huntington Division.

A Navy veteran, Hedrick holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Chicago Tech College. He has also attended a Public Utilities Management Program at the University of Michigan.

Hedrick was employed by Appalachian in 1956 as an electrical engineer in Charleston. He was assistant district engineer and area superintendent at St. Albans before being promoted to Point Pleasant district superintendent in 1963. He was named superintendent of the Point Pleasant area in 1968.

## Bayes Named Utility Foreman



Bayes

Richard G. Bayes, maintenance man A at John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to utility foreman.

A native of Salisbury, Ohio, Bayes served in the U. S. Navy. He was employed by the FMC Corporation in South Charleston, West Virginia, before joining Amos Plant in 1970.

Bayes is married and has three sons.



Hill

## Mason Hill Ends 30-Year Career

Arnold Mason Hill retired March 1 with plans to "take it easy and maybe do a little farming". He was an equipment operator at Glen Lyn Plant.

A native of Willowton, West Virginia, Mason joined Glen Lyn as a laborer in 1942. During his 30-year career he worked as a utility operator, utility operator A, boiler operator C and B, and auxiliary equipment operator.

Well liked by his co-workers, Mason has always been cooperative and seems to look on the good side of things.

Mason attends Princeton Memorial Baptist Church and enjoys hunting and gardening in his spare time. The Hills have seven children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## Proffitt Elects Early Retirement



Earl Proffitt with his dog "Peanuts".

Earl Allen Proffitt, Bluefield auto repairman A, elected early retirement January 1 for health reasons.

A native of Tazewell, Virginia, Earl graduated from Tazewell High School and attended West Virginia Business School and Ford Auto School in Cincinnati. He was employed in 1953 as an auto repairman B and moved up to auto repairman A in 1961.

Earl's retirement activities will be somewhat limited because of his disability but "lots of fishing and doing odd jobs around the house" are high on his list of priorities. He and his wife Elsie are including some travel in their plans, also. Earl enjoys watching all kinds of sports and playing with his dog "Peanuts". The Proffitts are members of the First Church of God.

## Pulaskians Find Square Dancing Is Good, Wholesome Fun

"For good, wholesome fun, try western square dancing," suggests R. D. Blevins, Pulaski electrical engineer.

Richard and his wife Ella Rose joined a western square dance club in Logan, West Virginia, in the 1950's. When they moved to Pulaski in 1969, they couldn't locate such a group at first but finally found a home with the Radford Turn-N-Q's Square Dance Club. Richard has just been elected president of the club, to which 45 couples belong.

To become a dancer, Richard explains, you must attend classes that are taught by a caller. Dances or maneuvers are done from "sets" or "squares" of four couples. When lessons are finished, the dancers then join a club.

Richard and Ella Rose enjoy square dancing for the dance it-



Ella Rose and Richard Blevins

self and because it has given them an opportunity to "meet many wonderful people". Richard says, "Square dancers come from all walks of life with one thought in mind — to have fun

## Kingsport Sales Good In 1972

Kingsport Power Company achieved over 100 percent of every sales category except one during 1972.

It was the biggest year ever in home heating, with 762 new electric heating jobs and 540 conversions added to Kingsport lines. Some 215 total electric mobile homes were sold.

In the water heater category, Kingsport attained 100.3% of goal and 131% of dusk to dawn quota. Commercial and industrial sales totaled 5,731 kilowatts or 81% of quota. Thirty-two total electric accounts were completed during the year.



Lynch

## Lynch Retires At Kingsport

Monroe Lynch, Kingsport Power custodian, has taken early retirement due to disability.

A native of Hawkins County, Tennessee, Monroe joined Kingsport Power in 1948 as a groundman. He became a boiler operator at the Kingsport Steam Plant in 1951 and again worked as groundman before being made a custodian in 1960. He took LTD leave in January 1969.

Monroe says, "Since my heart attack in 1968, I have not been able to do anything requiring physical exertion so I decided to finish my high school education. I go two nights a week at night school during the day. I should be completing the tenth grade soon. This I am enjoying very much."

Monroe also has 11 acres of land that he oversees and has someone work his tobacco allotment. His wife Julie helps with the work in their garden. Monroe is on the board of trustee and sings in the choir at Lyon Chapel Methodist Church. He also is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Elks Club. Another of his interests is politics, and he enjoys reading a lot about various offices and their requirements.

## Kilgore Becomes Certified Engineer

R. B. Kilgore, Roanoke Division administrative assistant, has been certified a professional engineer by the State of Virginia.

Certification was awarded by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Registration on the basis of educational background, professional experience, recommendation by other professional engineers and the successful completion of a written examination administered by the Department.

A native of St. Paul, Virginia, Kilgore holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He joined Appalachian in 1959 as an electrical engineer in Roanoke and was station supervisor and line supervisor before being named to his present position.



Kilgore

## Williams Retires To Missouri



Williams

Kenneth Layton Williams, shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement March 1.

A native of Hershaw, West Virginia, Ken worked intermittently for the company before being employed in 1936 as a laborer. During his more than 36-year career, he worked as a boiler room man, turbine room man, boiler operator C, B and A, and assistant shift engineer.

Ken and his wife Nellie will move to Missouri soon, to be near their three daughters, who live in Independence. A son lives in Marmet, West Virginia. They also have ten grandsons and four granddaughters.

Both Ken and Nellie are avid bowling fans and participated in the company league. He is also an accomplished auto repair mechanic.

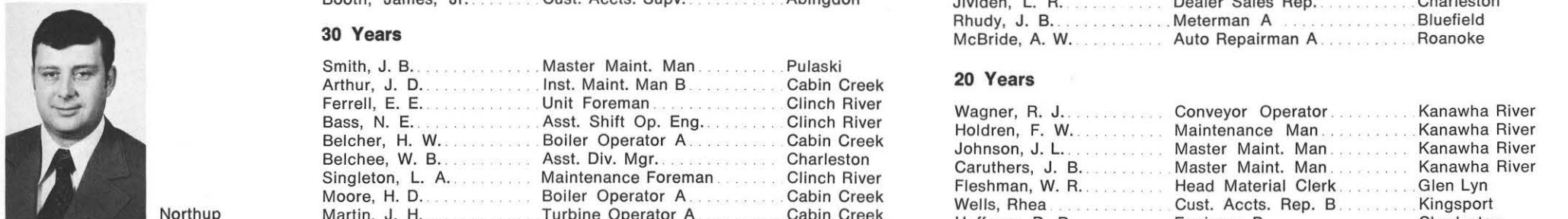
Fellow employees presented Ken with a watch at a retirement celebration during the noon hour on February 28.



# Veteran Employees Receive Service Pin Awards



## Northup Promoted At Sporn Plant



Northup

Richard E. Northup, chemist at Philip Sporn Plant, has been promoted to performance engineer senior.

A native of Gallia County, Ohio, Northup served in the U. S. Air Force. He joined Sporn Plant in 1969 after receiving a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Rio Grande College.

Northup is married and has two sons.

Years	Occupation	Location
<b>35 Years</b>		
Myers, L. H.	Area Supervisor	Bluefield
Roberts, T. M.	Civil Supv. Engr.	GO—Roanoke
Crawford, C. J.	Garage Foreman	Charleston
Booth, James, Jr.	Cust. Accts. Supv.	Abingdon
<b>30 Years</b>		
Smith, J. B.	Master Maint. Man	Pulaski
Arthur, J. D.	Inst. Maint. Man B	Cabin Creek
Ferrell, E. E.	Unit Foreman	Clinch River
Bass, N. E.	Asst. Shift Op. Eng.	Clinch River
Belcher, H. W.	Boiler Operator A	Cabin Creek
Belchee, W. B.	Asst. Div. Mgr.	Charleston
Singleton, L. A.	Maintenance Foreman	Clinch River
Moore, H. D.	Boiler Operator A	Cabin Creek
Martin, J. H.	Turbine Operator A	Cabin Creek
Miller, R. A.	Boiler Operator A	Cabin Creek
<b>25 Years</b>		
Turner, Norwood	Tax Accountant	GO—Roanoke
Smith, Pauline	Cust. Accounts Rep.	Huntington
Kahle, W. H.	Area Serviceman	Roanoke
Whitenack, J. W.	Sys. & Proc. Analyst	GO—Roanoke
Murphy, G. L.	Head Custodian	GO—Roanoke
Barbour, G. R.	Reg. Chief Dispatcher	GO—Roanoke
Marshall, C. A.	Engineer B	GO—Roanoke
Shelton, B. E.	Meter Serv. Hlpr. B	Roanoke
Smith, C. L.	Asst. Reg. Chief Disp.	GO—Clinch River
Chapman, F. W.	Head Custodian	Huntington
Honeycutt, H. L.	Master Maint. Man	GO—Roanoke
Bruce, F. G.	Station Supervisor	Huntington
Grisso, B. M.	Customer Serv. Rep.	Roanoke
<b>20 Years</b>		
Wagner, R. J.	Conveyor Operator	Kanawha River
Holdren, F. W.	Maintenance Man	Kanawha River
Johnson, J. L.	Master Maint. Man	Kanawha River
Caruthers, J. B.	Master Maint. Man	Kanawha River
Fleshman, W. R.	Head Material Clerk	Glen Lyn
Wells, Rhea	Cust. Accts. Rep. B	Kingsport
Huffman, D. R.	Engineer B	Charleston
Cook, G. J.	R/w Maint. Insp.	Charleston
Crist, E. E.	Master Maint. Man	Clinch River
Wood, J. B.	Meter Reader	Roanoke
Edelman, H. C.	Guard	Kanawha River
Hayzlett, M. L., Jr.	Trans. Sta. Foreman	GO—Charleston
Wilton, H. A., Jr.	Planner Senior	Charleston
Martin, W. D.	Electrical Engineer	GO—Roanoke
Gravely, D. F.	Engineer B	Roanoke
Humphrey, E. N.	Chemist Assistant	Philip Sporn
<b>15 Years</b>		
Stanley, M. W.	Unit Foreman	John E. Amos
Sheets, B. E.	Commercial Sales Rep.	Charleston
Pennington, S. K.	Maintenance Supv.	Glen Lyn
Lineberry, W. H.	Meterman A	Pulaski



10 Years	Occupation	Location
Perry, Charlotte	Credit Rep.	Charleston
Kincaid, T. W.	Stationman B	Huntington
Hamblin, R. H.	Meter Serviceman C	Roanoke
Bellomy, B. J.	Master Maint. Man	Big Sandy
Stein, R. R.	Master Maint. Man	Big Sandy
Henigin, Betty	Stenographer	Big Sandy
Bradley, Harry	Custodian	Pikeville
<b>5 Years</b>		
Taylor, A. M.	Lineman B	Abingdon
Bocock, R. L.	Office Supervisor	John E. Amos
Mash, Mary	Cust. Accts. Rep. C	Bluefield
Honaker, J. D.	Stationman A	Bluefield
Barbour, O. G.	Station Operator B	GO—Clinch River
Ferrell, R. E.	Station Operator B	GO—Clinch River
Spurlock, J. B., Jr.	Employment Coord.	GO—Roanoke
Westmoreland, E. L.	Station Operator C	GO—Roanoke
Whitehead, J. F.	Regional Dispatcher	GO—Roanoke
Hall, J. A.	Aux. Equip. Op.	Kanawha River
Abshire, A. M.	Lineman B	Logan
Martin, W. T., II	Lineman B	Lynchburg
Childs, Sheila	Stenographer	Ashland
Hensley, C. E.	Unit Operator	Big Sandy
Lycan, E. B.	Unit Operator	Big Sandy
Beck, K. V.	Unit Operator	Big Sandy
Ford, A. D.	Lineman A	Kingsport

## Roanoke Division's Super Salesman, Hugh Howbert, Joins Retirees

Hugh Howbert, one of the most colorful individuals in the Roanoke Division, retired March 1 after nearly 38 years of service. He was a heating and builder sales representative.

A few days before, fellow employees honored him with a gift and dinner party.

A native of Roanoke, Hugh graduated from Blackstone Military Academy and received a BS degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University after only two years and nine months of study. He later completed Dale Carnegie, heating and air conditioning and selling courses.

Before joining Appalachian in 1935 as a meterman, he was an assistant manager of a S. H. Kress store for three years. Hugh advanced through the ranks as meter reader, collector, clerk, rural representative, rural sales representative, and dealer sales representative before being promoted to heating and builder sales representative in 1961.

Some folks refer to Hugh as a "super salesman" because he has averaged over 150% of his heating sales quota for the past five years. Last year his record



Howbert

of 266% of quota was second in Appalachian.

A hard worker, ever on the go, Hugh has an endless repertoire of stories to entertain his customers and co-workers.

Hugh and his wife have two married daughters, one in Richmond, Virginia, and the other in Paris, France. They also have six grandchildren. The Howberts' plans for the future are open and uncommitted except for visits to see their family. But one thing is certain—a "super salesman" never retires, he just opens the doors to a new adventure.

## Three Take Foreman Posts At Amos



Alkire



Saunders



Williamson

Three men have been named maintenance foremen at John E. Amos Plant. They are Charles Ray Alkire, Harold D. Saunders and Harry L. Williamson, who were formerly maintenance men A.

A native of Harrisonville, Ohio, Alkire served in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. He was employed by OVEC from 1956 to 1968 and came to work at Amos Plant in 1970. He is

married and has one daughter.

Saunders attended Nitro High School and served six years in the U. S. Army. He joined Amos Plant in 1971. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, he is married.

Williamson graduated from Sherman High School in Seth, West Virginia, and served in the U. S. Army. Employed at Amos in 1970, he is married and has one son.



Silas F. Plybon, meter serviceman A at Rocky Mount in Roanoke Division, can attest to the truth in the Turtle Club slogan, "shell on head, we're not dead". Because he was wearing a safety hard hat, Plybon was saved from serious injury when he was involved in an accident. A co-worker

on a pole lost his grip on a line tool and it fell some 25 feet. Plybon was standing ten feet from the pole, when the tool struck his hard hat and gave a glancing blow to his shoulder. Plybon (left) shows D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke division manager, the puncture mark in his old safety hard hat.

## \$3-Million Project Strengthens Electric Service In Hillsville Area

A \$3-million year-and-a-half construction program was completed recently, providing a major new source of electricity for the Hillsville area of Pulaski Division.

Involved in the project was a new line into Hillsville which gives the community three sources of power "to provide additional protection of continuity of service", according to

C. K. Kirkland, Pulaski Division manager. The new source of power joins service from the Byllesby substation, with backup from the Stuart and Floyd areas, all of which will be retained.

Kirkland described the new work this way: "A 138,000-volt transmission line was built 22 miles from our Wythe substation to a point near Galax, where the Jubal Early substation was constructed. From this point, a 138,000-volt line was built to the new Pipers Gap substation near Hillsville, a distance of 13 miles. From there, a 34,500-volt line was constructed one mile to our existing Hillsville station."

Kirkland also said that a 69,000-volt line is being built from Jubal Early to the Galax substation, a distance of two miles, to reinforce that area. Completion is still some three to four months away.

Kirkland added that the project, along with other work completed by the company recently, has the effect of strengthening electric service in all three counties involved — Carroll, Grayson and Wythe — by tying facilities in the area together.

## Dunham Returns To Roanoke



Dunham

James A. Dunham has been named commercial and industrial sales supervisor in Appalachian Power's General Office Commercial Department, Roanoke. He rises to the post from that of sales manager of Logan-Williamson. His promotion is effective April 1.

A native of Greenbush, Virginia, Dunham holds a BS degree in agricultural engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has attended Management and Advanced Training courses at the University of Michigan.

Dunham was employed in 1951 as an engineer trainee at Roanoke and moved to Fieldale the following year as area sales representative. He returned to Roanoke in 1964 as commercial sales representative and advanced through several positions in the Roanoke Division Commercial Department before being named sales manager of Logan-Williamson Division in 1969.

He is married and the father of two children.

## Currey Takes NAB Post

William R. Currey, Charleston Division administrative assistant, has been named youth director of the Charleston office, National Alliance of Businessmen.

As youth director, Currey will initiate a promotional sales effort in a five-county region served by the Charleston NAB office to provide summer jobs for 300 disadvantaged youth.

Currey was previously affiliated with the NAB program as account executive. That job involved obtaining pledges from members of the Charleston business community to hire disadvantaged adults.

## Brown Retires From Cabin Creek



Mrs. Raymah Brown watches as husband Leonard (left) receives wishes upon his retirement. Plant Manager George Briers.

Leonard Brown, turbine operator A at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement February 1.

A native of Diamond, West Virginia, Leonard was employed in 1934 as a maintenance helper and moved up to turbine operator A in 1944. His career spanned nearly 39 years.

Leonard's last day on the job was full of surprises. Fellow employees gave him a party, complete with cake and trimmings and invited his wife and daughter to attend. Leonard was presented a watch and a plaque bearing signatures of his coworkers in the Operations Department.

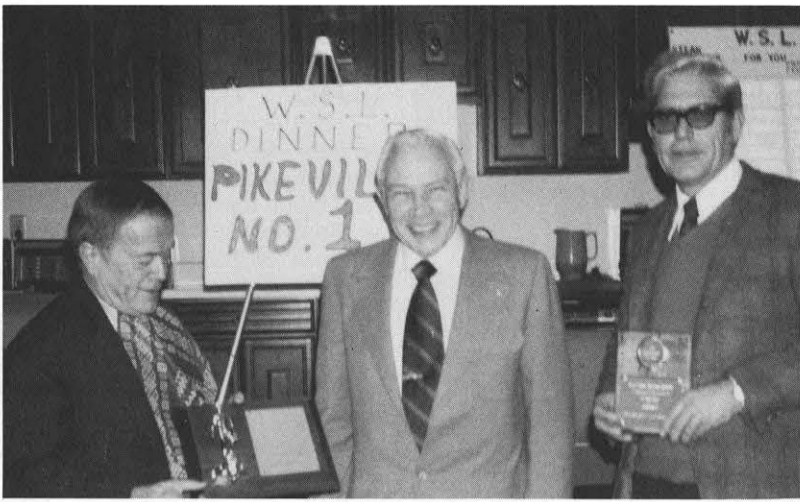
The Browns also have one daughter who is a minister in the United Methodist Church, and a grandson. They plan to travel during retirement.



New officers of the Roanoke Chapter, Appalachian Retired Employees Association, are: Lucy Hill, president; J. L. White, vice president; Mary Fawcett, secretary; and C. E. Mills,

treasurer. In this photo, Outgoing Retiree President C. O. Roberson (right) talks with White and Fawcett.





J. M. Wood, Pikeville Division manager (left), holds the top division trophy which was presented by Waldo S. La Fon, executive vice president (center). Charles Campbell (right) received a plaque for having the most heating installs.

## La Fon Steak Or Beans Contest Produces 363 Heating Installations

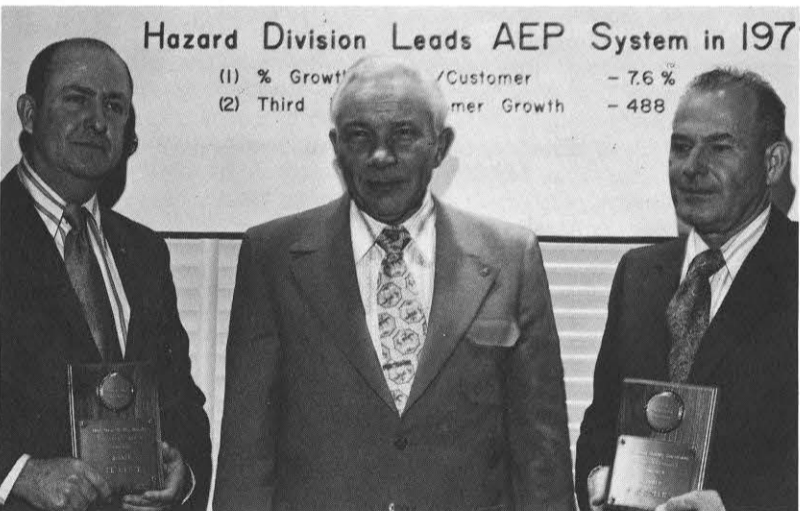
Employees who participated in the "Waldo La Fon Steak or Beans" contest helped Kentucky Power sell more residential heating installations during 1972 than ever before.

Pikeville won top division honors and received a trophy for the greatest number of prospects leading to heating installation. Throughout the company, 556 home heating prospects were reported by non-commercial employees, resulting in 363 heating installations.

Teams were established in each division, and the team turning in the most home heating prospects that resulted in installs was treated to a steak dinner, while the losers ate beans. Each

team member had to submit at least three electric heat prospects to be eligible for the awards dinner. Special recognition awards were presented to the employee in each division having the greatest number of installs and the employee in each division with the greatest number of conversion installs.

Individual award winners were: Ashland — Chuck Blair, most conversion installs and Charlie Howard, most heating installs. Hazard — N. W. Collier, most conversion installs and Creal Lusk, most heating installs. Pikeville — Theda Childers — most conversion installs and Charles Campbell, most heating installs.



Award winners in the Hazard Division were (l. to r.) Creal Lusk, general serviceman, most heating installs; Waldo S. La Fon, executive vice president; and N. W. Collier, area supervisor, most conversion installs.

## Safety Contest Winners Revealed

Taking top honors in the 1972 AEP System Annual Safety Competition were Cabin Creek Plant and Appalachian Power's General Office Accounting.

In Group A of the AEP competition, Kingsport Power placed fourth; Pulaski Division, fifth; Roanoke Division, ninth; and Pikeville Division, tenth.

Among the top plants in Group B were Glen Lyn Plant, fourth; Kanawha River, sixth; and Clinch River, eighth.

General Office of Kentucky Power came in third in Group C of the competition. Appalachian Power's General Office Operations was fourth.



Representatives of Westmoreland Coal Company and Appalachian Power were on hand to participate in a switch-throwing ceremony at Fullmer Station which energized the first 69 kv customer in Logan-Williamson Division. The first such customer

## \$731-Million Slated For Construction

For the first time in its history, the American Electric Power System is projecting a construction budget of over \$700-million.

The unprecedented figure of \$731-million, up 22 percent from 1972's estimated expenditures, reflects the System's continuing need to expand its facilities and its further growing commitment to environmental protection. More than \$54-million of the 1973 budget is slated for environmental facilities.

In commenting on the System's continuing expansion, AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook pointed out, "This sum will be appropriated to provide electric service required by our customers to meet their needs and wants for power. This is our obligation, and we will continue to exert every effort to meet it. The growth of power demand from our customers is not within our own control, but we hope we will continue to be allowed to meet such demands."

The major items in the 1973 program are the continued construction of the 2.2-million-kilowatt Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Michigan, the 1.3-million-kw Unit 3 at the John E. Amos Plant in West Virginia, and the 2.6-million-kw General James M. Gavin Plant in Ohio, and the transmission necessary to bring that power to our load centers. Also included are funds for the further development of coal mining facilities to help meet the System's future fuel requirements.

A breakdown of the budget shows the following anticipated expenditures by broad categories:

	In Millions
Production	\$402
Environmental protection	54
Transmission, including substations	115
Distribution, including substations	89
All other projects, including coal	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$731</b>



Jopp

## Jopp Ends 35-Year Career

August H. Jopp saw service in all three divisions of Kentucky Power Company during his more than 35 years of service. He retired March 1 from his job of power sales engineer in Pikeville.

A native of New York City, Gus received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Cornell University. He went to work as a distribution engineer at Ashland in 1937 and was a cost engineer before being named plant records supervisor at Lothair Plant in 1941. Following military service, he returned to work as a senior power engineer in Hazard and in 1946 became Hazard Division commercial manager. He went to Pikeville as division commercial manager in 1948 and remained in that position until ill health caused him to take the position of power sales engineer.

Because of his health, Gus has made few retirement plans but will continue his amateur radio and photography hobbies. He and his wife Elizabeth attend First Presbyterian Church, where he has served on the board of trustees and as an ordained elder. Gus has also been president of the Lions Club and vice president of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

## Residential Use Tops 8,000 Kwh

The average residential customer of Appalachian Power used 8,077 kilowatt-hours of electricity in 1972. This is an increase of 4.5 percent over 1971.

Electric home heating, electric water heating and manufactured homes have been a major factor in growth in recent years. Appalachian Power added 10,816 new electric home heating customers to its lines last year, bringing the total to 68,576. Included in this figure were 2,988 total electric manufactured homes and 2,417 all-electric apartment units. A new high of 23,146 electric water heaters were installed during 1972.

If the 1972 rate of growth continues each year, Appalachian will reach 197,000 electrically heated dwellings by 1980. And our average customer will be using 11,427 kwh per year to Live Better Electrically.

## APCo Exceeds All Sales Goals

Assigned sales goals were exceeded in every category last year, making 1972 a great marketing year for Appalachian Power.

Residential heating installations totaled 10,816, a new high for any AEP company. (Appalachian serves approximately 35 percent of the AEP System's residential customers.)

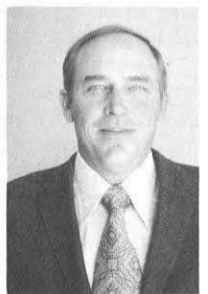
The magnitude of the company's sales achievement is revealed in the fact that, of the total AEP sales, Appalachian had 41 percent of heating installations, 55 percent of electric mobile homes, 39 percent of residential conversion heating installations, and 47 percent of the electric water heating installations. A new high of 23,146 water heaters was achieved by Appalachian.

Only two heating builder representatives did not achieve a minimum of 100 heating installations during 1972. Fifteen exceeded 200 sales, four over 300 sales, and six over 400 sales.

Combined residential and commercial and industrial dusk to dawn light sales for the year amounted to 6,783 or 134 percent of quota.

Commercial and industrial sales kept pace with residential. Goals were exceeded in both commercial and industrial load sold. This amounted to a total of 186,790 kilowatts of new load for the year.

Top divisions in the various sales categories were: total resistance heating — residential, Logan-Williamson Division; residential conversion heating installations, Beckley Division; water heaters, Logan-Williamson Division; dusk to dawn lights, Abingdon Division; and commercial and industrial, Beckley Division.



Kidd

## Kidd Named Area Supervisor

Johnny R. Kidd has been promoted to area supervisor at Galax in the Pulaski Division. He rises to the post from that of line foreman NE at Hillsville.

A native of Pulaski, Virginia, Kidd graduated from Pulaski High School and served with the U. S. Marine Corps. He was employed in 1952 as a meter reader and worked as a groundman, truck driver-groundman, and line-man C, B and A before being promoted to line foreman NE in 1968.

The son of Okie B. Kidd, retired Pulaski area supervisor, Kidd is married and has a son and a daughter.

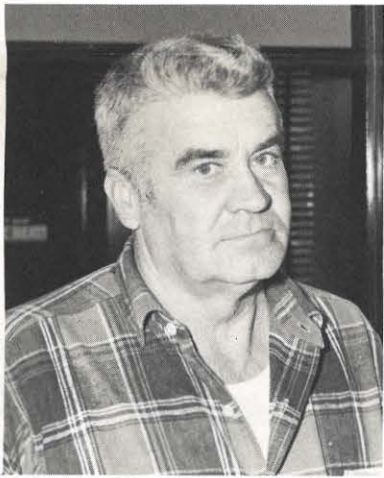


## Who Knows Win First-Half Title

The first half of the Megawatt League bowling season ended in a three-way tie for first place between the Outlaws, the Dreamers and the Who Knows. The Who Knows emerged the winning team by a narrow margin of nine pins.

Who Knows team members are Ed Sheets, Charleston Division, captain; Ken Judy, Charleston Division; Jack Harris, Kanawha Valley Power; Von Caudle, Cabin Creek Plant; Nolan Perry, Kanawha River Plant; and Jeanne Sheets, Kanawha River Plant.

Terry Chapman of Kanawha River was high for the men with a 246 single game and 288 with handicap. Tom Linger of Cabin Creek rolled high series of 630. Roy Rader, Cabin Creek retiree, had high series with handicap of 705. Kanawha River's Jeanne Sheets had high single of 204 and Reba Mooney, wife of Carl Mooney, Kanawha River, had high single with handicap of 256. Kathy Williamson, wife of George Williamson, Kanawha River, had high series of 549 and high series with handicap of 705. Larry Mack, Central Appalachian Coal, had high individual average of 189 for the men. Airy Blair, wife of John Blair, Kanawha River, and Jeanne Sheets led the women with high individual averages of 153.



Hamilton

## Hamilton Plans More Fishing

The company's attractive early retirement program enticed Oscar Hamilton to end his 35-year career with Kentucky Power. He retired March 1 as a Pikeville Division line foreman.

A native of Pike County, Kentucky, "Ham" was employed in 1937 as a groundman and moved up through the ranks as lineman and lineman A. He can sit for hours and recite stories of earlier days with the company.

"Ham" has a flair for drawing cartoons and some of them have been on company bulletin boards over the years. An excellent fiddle player, he has provided music at parties in the division.

He and his wife Wannie are ardent fishermen and have built a fishing camp on Kerr Lake. They have three children and four grandchildren, whom they plan to visit more often during retirement. They attend the Church of Christ.



C. H. McVey prepares a meter base for installation in the Tazewell area.

## McVey Retires After 30 Years

Declaring, "I just want to get out of the rat race", Clarence Howard McVey elected early retirement February 1. He was a general serviceman in Bluefield Division.

From now on, Howard will spend much of his leisure time fishing and hunting. He plans to do some traveling but feels he'll find enough to do to keep busy with his garden and yard.

A native of Glade Spring, Virginia, Howard was employed in 1943 as a groundman in Pocahontas, Virginia. He worked as serviceman B, lineman B, serviceman A, lineman A, working foreman and area serviceman before moving to Tazewell as general serviceman in 1971. He recalls that "During World War II we had quite a job getting materials and equipment to do patch-up work."

Howard belongs to the Fincastle Baptist Church and Tazewell Sportsman's Club. He and his wife Eula have three children and six grandchildren.



There's a new champion in the home of Wanda and Pete Norcross of Roanoke. Big Lick Krishna, their lilac point Siamese cat, achieved her championship at the Old Dominion Cat Show at Richmond, Virginia, in January. She won six ribbons there, bringing her total to 22. Krishna will now retire from the limelight because, as champion, she will no longer be entered in competition. Wanda is a stenographer in Roanoke Division Commercial, and Pete is a work order cost clerk in General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

## Kentucky Reveals Construction Plans

Kentucky Power Company will spend over \$12-million for construction in 1973, according to Waldo S. LaFon, executive vice president.

Major items in the budget of the company, which serves over 110,000 customers in eastern Kentucky, include: distribution lines and stations, about \$7½-million; transmission lines and stations, over \$2½-million; improvements at Big Sandy Plant, over \$1-million; and materials and supplies, including transportation equipment, about \$1-million.

La Fon said this year will see virtual completion of converting both the Ashland and Pikeville downtown areas from 4,000-volt to 12,000-volt distribution, providing additional capacity and increased reliability of service in both areas.

Over \$1-million has already been spent on converting the Ashland distribution system, with \$200,000 slated for this year, leading to completion of the program in 1974. The Pikeville conversion, under way for several years, is expected to be completed this year at a total cost of \$200,000. (Conversion of the Hazard downtown distribution to 12,000 volts was completed last year at a total cost of \$200,000).

Included in the expected expenditures at Big Sandy Plant is the addition of equipment to improve electrostatic precipitator efficiency and handling ash storage.

In connection with highway construction in eastern Kentucky, the estimated cost of relocation of electric facilities is \$500,000.

## 8,000 New Jobs Created Last Year

A total of 114 new and expanding industries announced building plans in 1972 in Appalachian Power Company's western Virginia-southern West Virginia service territory, creating over 8,000 new jobs.

James E. Jones, area development director for Appalachian, said that 57 new companies located plants in the company's 52-county area last year. They represented employment for 5,673 people with an annual payroll exceeding \$36,775,000. Among the new industries were ones with such diverse products as ribbon and carbon paper, molded rubber products, outdoor lighting and refuse collection containers.

"In addition," Jones added, "57 industries already located in our service area expanded operations during 1972, providing employment for 2,575 with an annual payroll of over \$16,275,000." Biggest expansions during the year were by Goodyear Tire & Rubber at Danville, Virginia; Fred Whitaker at Roanoke, Virginia; Atkins Plywood at Atkins, Virginia; and H. K. Porter at Huntington, West Virginia.



New officers of the Rod and Reel Club in Roanoke are (l. to r.) Billy Altice, Roanoke planner senior, secretary-treasurer; Robert Jones, Roanoke stores clerk, president; and Jerry Fernatt, GO instrument man, vice president. (The catches were made last year by Jones' brother). Membership is open to all active and retired employees in the Roanoke area, with annual dues of \$1.00. Each

year a contest is held and prize awarded in seven classes of fish: large mouth bass, small mouth bass, catfish, crappie, trout, pike and muskie. The fish must be caught from public waters and all catches certified. The contest period runs April 1 through December 31, 1973. Entrants must be Rod and Reel Club members before April 1.

## Guy Cromer Takes New Post



Cromer

Guy F. Cromer has been promoted to property representative B in the General Office Land Management Department, Roanoke. He rises to the post from that of lead draftsman in the General Office Real Estate and Right of Way Department.

Cromer attended Virginia Southern College and was employed in 1948 as a tracer in R/e & R/w. He was a draftsman junior and senior before being promoted to lead draftsman in 1969.

An Army veteran, Cromer is married and has one son and one daughter.

## Ryan Named Sporn Foreman



Ryan

Edward A. Ryan, master maintenance man at Philip Sporn Plant, has been promoted to maintenance foreman.

A native of Mason County, West Virginia, Ryan is an Army veteran. He was employed in 1950 as a laborer at Sporn. He went to the Maintenance Department as a helper the following year and advanced through the ranks until he rose to the position of master maintenance man in 1968.

Ryan is married and has three sons and one daughter.



David Blankenship, 17-year-old son of Jack Blankenship, Hazard personnel supervisor, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout. At Hazard High School, where he is a junior, Dave is vice president of the Key Club and a member of the football and rifle teams. He is also a member of the Bowman Methodist Church and the Order of the Arrow.



James M. Loyd, district office supervisor at Princeton, Bluefield Division, was selected by the Bluefield Shrine Club as local "Shriner of the Year". A member of the Bluefield Shrine since 1949, he also belongs to Bluefield Masonic Lodge No. 85, Bluefield Commandery and Princeton Rotary Club. Loyd is a very active member in the Shrine's annual Blue Gray Horse Show.



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**Why General Office  
Accounting People  
Drank A Toast**

(See back cover)



# Brenda Legge, Professional Check Writer

In any business, there is a certain amount of money known as the "petty cash fund" which is used to pay small, reoccurring expenses which go with the business operation.

Petty cash is a vital part of an electric utility operation. However, the sum of money isn't so petty and there isn't any cash. It's a matter of writing checks.

Brenda Legge, customer accounts representative, is charged with this responsibility in the Huntington Division office. Her job might better be described as a "professional check writer" because in the course of a month, she writes approximately 500 checks.

She writes checks for the payment of utility bills for all the offices in the division, freight bills, bank charges, notary fees,

refunds to customers for deposits, approved employee expense accounts, airplane tickets, property damages, reimbursement to banks for a bad check from a customer deposited by us, and many others. She will also write a check to the United States Post Office for several hundred dollars to cover the cost of local postage.

The supply of money in the petty cash account does not run out as it does in our personal checking accounts. There are restrictions as to what can be paid out, and these restrictions and procedures are spelled out in a policy manual which Brenda keeps nearby.

Brenda is also responsible for making sure all the funds are accounted for, which requires a high degree of skill. She must review and make sure every receipt or document supporting a check is complete, accurate and has the necessary approval. At the end of the day or when her petty cash account needs to be replenished, she forwards all of her papers to the Roanoke General Office Accounting Department. In return she receives a check to be deposited to her petty cash bank account.

About half of Brenda's work day is spent writing checks, and the other half handling routine accounting department procedures such as billing for other accounts receivable. She is one of only three people in the division who is authorized to sign her name

on a company check. This privilege is extended to two fellow workers who act as back-up in her absence.

Brenda adds that her job is very interesting but can get hectic at times. It is an important one in the big family called Appalachian Power Company.

## The Cover

Three million safe man-hours put this big smile on the face of J. B. Berg, Appalachian accounting manager (center). At 9 AM February 12, the 164 employees of General Office Accounting became the first group in Appalachian to reach this safety milestone. The employees celebrated with a coffee and doughnut break in the Roanoke office auditorium. Talking with Berg are (l. to r.) Clara Armstrong, payroll accounting assistant; John W. Vaughan Appalachian executive vice president; and Larry Fulp, special reports supervisor. Donald C. Cook, chairman and chief executive officer of AEP, sent a telegram, which read in part: "This is truly a significant milestone for any group to achieve. Keep up the good work."



This 75,000 kva, 138,000-volt transformer weighing over 90 tons is to be used at Kingsport Power Company's new Fort Robinson Station. The new transformer, largest in the Kingsport area, is part of a substation designed to reinforce the sub-transmission

lines in Kingsport and adjoining areas. Kingsport Power plans to invest over \$1,800,000 in distribution and transmission facilities during 1973. (Photo courtesy Kingsport Times-News).

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