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Long, Hard Journey Ends As Lynchburg POW Returns Home

"I love you, Mom. How is everybody?" These were the first words spoken by Army S. Sgt. David N. Harker in a telephone call to his parents after being released as a prisoner of war in South Vietnam. David, the oldest son of Lynchburg Electrical Engineer Jack Harker, returned home last month after more than five years' captivity.

David, a junior at Virginia Polytechnic Institute when he dropped out of school, was drafted in June of 1967. He was sent to Vietnam in November and stationed at the military base near Chu Lai.

The following month David was hit in the head by a piece of shrapnel from an exploding booby trap and spent two weeks in a military hospital recovering from that injury. A short time after going back into the field, on January 8, his unit, which was operating out of Tamky Fire Support Base, was ambushed while on a search and destroy mission.

David, who was a member of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, received three bayonet wounds and was last seen by other members of his unit in a rice paddy. The other members of his unit

could not go to him since they were under cover.

Tried To Escape

David said he tried to escape a few minutes after he was captured by the Viet Cong. "I got a gun from one of the enemy guards. When I pointed the gun to the guard's head and attempted to fire, I found it was not loaded. It was then that I received a bayonet wound in my side. I looked around and saw that I was surrounded by the enemy. I knew that escape was impossible."

He was punished for his attempted escape. "That night they bound my arms so tight with wire that they began to swell. I was their prisoner and they never let me forget it."

David noted that the worst part of his captivity was the "constant fear of dying". For the first three years after his capture, he was moved from one prison camp to another in South Vietnam. On February 5, 1971, David and other prisoners were forced to start walking to Hanoi. They arrived in Hanoi on April 1 and remained there until his release March 5, 1973. David said medical care and feeding improved in the north, and he attributed this to the impending peace agreement when all the prisoners would have to be surrendered in reasonably good health.

The Harker family had had no word of their son except from two ex-prisoners who were released from the same camp in 1969. David said that during his captivity he received no mail.

Thirteen members of his family were on hand at Valley Forge Military Hospital in Pennsylvania to greet him when he arrived there from Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. "There were lots of tears of joy," said his



S. Sgt. David Harker grasps door-knob of his Lynchburg home. With him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Jack Harker. Photo courtesy The News and The Daily Advance.

father describing the reunion. "My feelings were indescribable. You would have to have had that experience to know how I felt — it was nothing that you generally experience."

When David arrived in Lynchburg March 18, a crowd of some 10,000 area residents jammed the Municipal Airport to greet him. Only his father had remained behind to accompany him on his return flight home. David stepped off the plane to the sounds of applause and cheers by the crowd and music by the band from Brookville High School which he once attended. After several minutes of greeting family and friends, Lynchburg Mayor Leighton B. Dodd read a resolution passed by City Council commending David. A framed copy of the resolution was then presented to him and he was officially welcomed home by the mayor.

Gifts

Mayor Dodd then introduced members of Lynchburg's Operation Homecoming group, which presented David with the keys to a 1973 Corvette and a check for \$1,100. The car and the

money came from the sale of "Welcome Home David" bumper stickers.

In response, David said, I don't know what to say. The reception so far has been tremendous. It is great — it really is — to be back. It is the end of a long, hard journey. There were many times when we thought we would never be back. We just wish we could have done a little more. The 27-year-old former POW also paid tribute to all those who have served in Vietnam, especially those who had lost their lives or received permanent injuries.

At a press conference shortly before his discharge from the Valley Forge Hospital, David told newsmen, "I don't have any doubts that it was worth it. I believe that our effort there was justified." He said his only regret is that America became "so divided" over the war.

David will stay in Lynchburg with his family until April 30. During his five-week leave, he says he intends to contact the admissions office at Virginia Tech about possibly returning to school this fall.

McMahan Moves To Point Pleasant; Jones Becomes Beckley Manager



McMahan

James E. Jones has been named Beckley manager of Appalachian Power Company, succeeding W. C. McMahan. McMahan became manager of the company's Point Pleasant area, effective March 15.

Jones has been area development director of Appalachian since 1969. He joined the company in Roanoke in 1941 and has also served in Fieldale, Virginia, as area manager.

Jones served six years on the



Jones

Roanoke City Council and was chairman of the Council's Industrial Committee. He established and chaired the Roanoke Industrial Development Authority and served as trustee of Roanoke Downtown Development Foundation. He is secretary of Downtown Roanoke, Inc., and chairman of the Industrial Development Committee of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the 1970 Virginia Industrial Development Mission to West Germany. Jones chaired the March of Dimes in Roanoke and the 1972 campaign of the American Cancer Society in Roanoke. Active in Boy Scout and church work, he is married and has two children.

McMahan joined Appalachian in Beckley in 1948, following graduation from the University of Tennessee with an electrical engineering degree. He was assistant district manager in Charleston before returning to Beckley as manager in 1960.

McMahan, former president of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and served as the first president of the United Fund of Raleigh County. He is a past member of the advisory board of the Appalachian Regional Hospital in Beckley and past president of the Big 8 Development Association and Beckley Rotary Club. McMahan is married and has four sons.

AEP Common Offered At \$24

American Electric Power Company's Board of Directors has set a subscription price of \$24.00 on the 6,500,000 additional shares of its common stock to be sold in a rights offering to existing stockholders.

The authorized but unissued common stock (\$6.50 par value) is being offered for subscription, on a 1-for-10 basis, to shareowners of record at the close of business Wednesday, March 28. The subscription period will terminate at the close of business April 17.



Army S. Sgt. David N. Harker waves to crowd of approximately 10,000 Lynchburg area residents who came to Lynchburg Municipal Airport to

welcome him home. The sports car was purchased for him by former classmates who sold "Welcome

Home David" bumper stickers to raise funds. Photo courtesy The News and The Daily Advance.



Appalachian Power Company's General Office Accounting and Cabin Creek Plant took top honors in the 1972 AEP System Annual Safety Competition. Shown at the presentation ceremony in New York are

(l. to r.) John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president; George E. Briers, Cabin Creek Plant manager; J. B. Berg, accounting manager; and Donald C. Cook, AEP chairman and chief executive officer.

Appalachian Power Asks Continuance In Virginia Rate Proceedings

Appalachian Power Company last month asked the Virginia State Corporation Commission for a continuance in the proceedings on the company's request for an increase in its rates to consumers.

The company said that recent developments involving both facilities and financing are the basis for asking the continuance. A hearing on Appalachian's request for rate increases of 13.9%,

totaling \$12.6-million in additional revenue from its Virginia customers, was concluded in mid-January, but no order has been issued by the SCC.

The company cited such major changes as the purchase by Appalachian from Ohio Power Company of a major generating unit at the John E. Amos Plant during 1973-75, and construction of major facilities, including new dust collectors at Glen Lyn and Clinch River Plants in Virginia. These new air pollution control facilities to cost \$40-million will be completed in mid-1974.

The company's motion also cited rising interest costs in recent weeks, possible changes in its capital structure, and increased cost of materials and services that have taken place since the company filed its rate case.

The company said these major developments make the test year used in the rate proceedings—June 30, 1971 to June 30, 1972—inappropriate because these effects are not reflected.

Since rates are made for the future, the company said, it would be appropriate and in the public interest to delay the establishment of such rates to a time when the determination may properly take into account those conditions which will pertain in the period during which the rates will be applicable.



For his participation in civic activities, Joe W. Pigg, Ashland residential sales representative, has been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Wendell H. Ford. Pigg is president of the Lawrence County 4-H Council; vice president, area 4-H council; delegate, state 4-H council; member of the Lawrence County Farm Bureau; and a past president of the Rotary Club.

Back To School For 55 Managers

Two women and 53 men have been selected to attend the annual American Electric Power System Basic Management Training Program at the University of Michigan. The program this year will extend from April 24 to May 18.

Attending from Kentucky Power are E. L. Berginnis, accounting supervisor, Ashland; Ron S. Wright, personnel supervisor, Ashland; and A. N. Jessie, plant performance supervisor, Big Sandy.

Emory J. Fugate, engineering supervisor, will be attending from Kingsport Power.

The attendees from Appalachian Power include Paul R. Baker, power sales engineer, Huntington; W. T. Collins, accounting supervisor, Pulaski; T. E. Crewey, operations supervisor, Glen Lyn Plant; G. L. Hensler, operations supervisor, Philip Sporn Plant; J. D. Higgins, sales manager, Beckley; J. B. Horn, stores assistant, GO Purchasing, Roanoke; and M. O. Julien, personnel supervisor, Huntington.

Also, Grady L. Parker, sales supervisor, Roanoke; Paul E. Pauley, sales supervisor, Bluefield; M. L. Pollard, supervising station engineer, GO T&D, Roanoke; E. J. Shaver, Jr., accounting supervisor, Charleston; Patricia A. Stowers, general records accountant, GO Accounting, Roanoke; and M. A. White, line and station supervisor, Logan.

Reynolds Heads Area Development



Reynolds

Glenn H. Reynolds, area development consultant for the Pulaski and Abingdon Divisions, has been promoted to area development director of Appalachian Power Company and will move to the Roanoke headquarters office. He succeeds James E. Jones, who earlier was named Beckley Division manager.

A native of Marlinton, West Virginia, Reynolds holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He was in the Marines from 1948 to 1952, and in the Air Force from 1954 to 1956. He currently holds a command pilot rating and the rank of major in the Air Force Reserves.

Reynolds joined the company in 1958 as an electrical engineer at Bluefield and was commercial sales engineer before being promoted to area development consultant in 1969. He is married and has four children.



Wilson

Wilson Named Sales Manager

Charles R. Wilson, Jr., power sales engineer, has been promoted to sales manager of the Logan-Williamson Division. He succeeds James A. Dunham who earlier was named commercial and industrial sales supervisor in Appalachian Power's General Office Commercial Department.

A native of Stone, Kentucky, Wilson holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kentucky and is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia. He was employed in Williamson and became district engineer in 1954. He was made power sales engineer in 1960 and transferred to Logan in that capacity in 1966.

Wilson is married and has two daughters.

Cook Denies Immediate Plans For Plant At Geneva, Kentucky

Since the American Electric Power System began acquiring a 5,800-acre tract of land on the Ohio River in northwestern Kentucky, speculation on its plans for use of the land has been widespread in that area, including particularly the cities of Henderson, Kentucky, and Evansville, Indiana.

At the time of the acquisition, AEP said that the land was purchased "as a site for future possible development," including the possibility of its use as the location of an electric power generating plant, one of a number of such sites throughout the AEP System. This has been the System's position to this day.

In an effort to set the record straight and to reassure residents of the site area, Chairman Donald C. Cook last month reiterated, in a letter to the **Henderson Gleaner - Journal**, that "AEP has no immediate plans to build a generating plant at our Geneva (Ky.) site."

Pointing out that the System's generation needs were "well in hand" for the remainder of this decade, with plants under construction or in the planning stage at locations in five states other than Kentucky, Cook said, "Even if Henderson were next on the list—which it is not—plans for a plant here could not be made ready before 1977 at the very earliest; and, assuming that timetable, the plant could not conceivably be in operation before 1981."

He also denied rumors that coal for any projected power plant

APCo Seeks Interest In Amos Unit 3

Application was made last month to the Securities and Exchange Commission for permission for Appalachian Power Company to acquire a one-third interest in the 1.3-million-kilowatt Unit 3 at the John E. Amos Plant near Charleston, West Virginia. Similar applications were made to the appropriate state regulatory bodies.

The unit, first in a series of its size now under construction, is planned on the American Electric Power System, is presently owned by Ohio Power Company. The two 800,000-kw units at Amos are owned by Appalachian Power.

The application to the SEC noted that "subsequent transfer of additional interests in the unit in later years," which would require further regulatory approvals, were contemplated. It noted, too, that the transfer was required in order to provide Appalachian with the generating capacity it will need to meet its growing demands, particularly in light of the continued delays in its proposal to build the 1.8-million-kw Blue Ridge pumped-storage project.

Unit 3 at Amos, under construction since 1970, is scheduled for completion this Fall.

would be obtained by strip mining. "At no time have we projected—nor do we intend to project—a strip mine in the Geneva area to serve any plant," he said. Such talk, he added, was a figment of imagination.

Cook's letter agreed that open discussion of important issues as requested by several area residents, obviously would be valuable in shaping public opinion. He added, however, "It ought to be equally obvious that both the discussion and the opinions formed may be worth very little where not based on fact but rather, on unsupported supposition and imagination."



Pulaski Division was the recipient of the Executive Vice President's Award for the best safety performance by division in 1972. As of December 31, division employees had worked 481,830 consecutive man hours without a disabling injury. Claud K. Kirkland, Pulaski Division manager, adds this latest award to the office wall reserved for safety achievements.

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Walter Harris, Huntington Division line foreman and dean of the lineman helpers' training school (right), points out various pole assemblies to General Office Accounting employees.

Field Training For Office Employees On Compatible Unit Work Orders

Employees of General Office Accounting Electric Plant and Stores Sections and Roanoke Division Plant Records Section were official observers at the lineman helpers' training school held in Roanoke last month.

C. R. Wooten, manpower development coordinator, and Walter Harris, Huntington Division foreman, who was dean of the school, were instructors for the indoctrination of how a compatible unit work order appears under field conditions.

The lineman helpers had constructed a ten pole line by a compatible unit work order, utilizing different assembly units on various poles. Each employee was given a copy of the com-

patible unit work order, the sketch, the charge records and transformer authorizations. Harris and Wooten explained the units on each pole and related them to the compatible unit pole sheets. The employees also observed linemen performing different types of line work under simulated conditions.

By having observed the various material components that comprise the various compatible unit assemblies, these employees should be able to better understand these items in the daily processing of the related documents. The one-day field trip will be evaluated to determine if this type training would be beneficial to other division plant records sections.

Sanders Will Continue Preaching, Ministering To Sick And Shut-In

Elbert Josh Sanders, Abingdon Division meter reader, elected early retirement due to disability after 29 years' service.

Josh joined Kingsport Power Company in 1943 as a meter reader. He recalls the "going" rate for a meter reader at that time was 50 cents per hour. Josh transferred to Gate City as a meter reader when the Abingdon District was formed in 1948. He was made serviceman C the following year and became senior meter reader in 1951, the position he held when going on LTD leave in 1969.

Josh loves the public and en-



Joseph Sanders's favorite pastime is reading his Bible.

joyed reading meters. "Not everyone is cut out for this type of job," he says. He remembers well the time he was attacked by a turkey and on another occasion by a goose while reading meters. He recalls he knocked the turkey out with his meter book and had to live down all the kidding about "being the only Appalachian meter reader getting goosed on the job".

As far as Josh is concerned, he couldn't have been treated better by any company and would pick Appalachian to work for if he had it all to do over again. Josh was the first Abingdon Division employee to be placed on LTD and recently he was able to include his incapacitated son under the company medical plan. According to Josh, these are two examples of how a company cares for its employees.

Josh is known throughout the area as "Preacher". He was ordained in 1945 and has preached all over Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia. He is pastor of the Ida Baptist Church and plans to continue preaching on a limited scale as health permits and ministering to the sick and shut-in.

Josh and his wife Mary Ruth have three children and three grandchildren.

Employees' Ideas Are Published

One Kentucky Power and seven Appalachian employees had their operation improvement suggestions published in the March/April issue of "Operating Ideas."

B. D. Williams, maintenance foreman at Big Sandy Plant, wrote "Lifting Device for F-W Grinding Rolls". R. W. Adkins and Jerry L. Perry, performance engineers at John E. Amos Plant, collaborated on "Programable Calculator Saves Time". R. H. Eason, formerly operations supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant and now performance supervisor at Ohio Power's Gavin Plant, penned "Fiberglas Saves in Piping Fly Ash to Pond". "Designs Voltage Balancing Circuit" was developed by J. L. Fariss, electrical engineer-hydro, and E. L. Dalton, hydro engineer senior, General Office Hydro, along with W. J. Moseley, Jr., senior engineer for the AEP Service Corporation.

Also, Robert D. Carson, Jr., civil engineer in General Office T&D Civil Engineering Section, authored "Saves on 765-kv Conductor Crossings". F. P. Wilburn, transmission supervising inspector in General Office T&D Transmission Line, wrote "Better Way to Inspect EHV Construction".



Cabin Creek Plant was the recipient of the Executive Vice President's Award for the best safety performance by a plant in 1972. As of December 31, Cabin Creek employees had worked 396,014 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury. The award was presented to Plant Manager George Briers (right) by John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president (left), during a box luncheon for employees. Retired employees who helped achieve this record were also invited. In the background are other safety awards won by employees.

Lynchburg Chamber Is Accredited

James B. White, Lynchburg Division manager and chairman of the Accreditation Committee for the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, was successful in obtaining national accreditation for the chamber.

This is the fourth chamber in Virginia and one of 226 across the country to be named an accredited organization by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The Lynchburg Chamber was cited by national officials as "an organization meeting standards of performance in planning and programming and conducting a well-balanced and productive program of work".



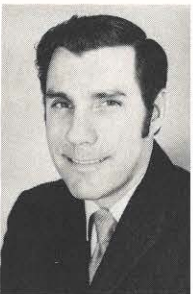
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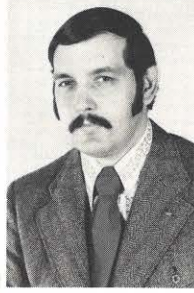
Haggerty



Stanley



Shires



Barton



Crump



Doak

Eight Promoted At Amos Plant As Unit 3 Nears Completion

Eight men have been promoted at John E. Amos Plant in preparation for the start-up of Unit 3. Named assistant shift operating engineers were James E. Haggerty, Albert W. Rookstool, Kenneth G. Winter and Max W. Stanley. Promoted to unit foremen were William F. Crump, George W. Doak, Buddy H. Shires and James D. Barton.

Haggerty attended Ohio University before joining Philip Sporn Plant as a laborer in 1952. He worked there as coal handler, helper, junior maintenance man, maintenance man, auxiliary equipment operator and equipment operator before being transferred to Amos Plant in 1970 as unit foreman. Haggerty is married and has five children.

Rookstool was employed at Cabin Creek Plant as a laborer, following his graduation from Anstead High School in 1955. He transferred to Clinch River Plant in 1958 as an auxiliary equipment operator and was an equipment operator before being promoted to unit foreman in March 1970. Later that year he transferred to Amos Plant in the same capacity. Rookstool is married and has one son.

Winter, an Army veteran, went to work at Kanawha River Plant in 1956 as a laborer. He advanced through the ranks as auxiliary equipment operator and equipment operator before transferring to Amos Plant in 1970 as a unit foreman. Winter is married and has five children.

Stanley was hired as a laborer at Kanawha River Plant in 1958, after serving four years with the U. S. Navy. He was a utility operator, auxiliary equipment operator and equipment operator before transferring to Amos Plant in 1970 as a unit foreman. Stanley is married and has one daughter.

Crump began his service in 1957 as a laborer at Kyger Creek Plant. He later worked as coal handler, utility man, and auxiliary equipment operator before transferring to Amos Plant as equipment operator in 1970. Crump is married and has three daughters. Doak, a native of Virginia, joined Clinch River Plant in 1961 as a laborer. He was a utility operator, utility operator B and equipment

operator before transferring to Amos Plant in 1970. He is married and has one son and one daughter.

Shires attended Concord College and was employed at the Glen Lyn Plant in 1966. He held the positions of utility operator, coal sampler and brakeman before transferring to Amos Plant in 1970 as an equipment operator. He and his wife have one child.

An Air Force veteran, Barton went to work at Clinch River Plant in 1966 as a laborer. He became a utility operator B the following year and went to Amos Plant in 1970 as an equipment operator. He and his wife have two sons and one daughter.

Two Promoted At Cabin Creek



Pyles



Hall

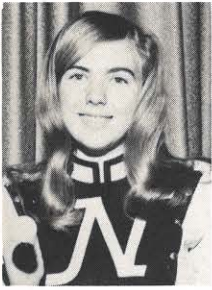
E. H. Hall has been promoted to shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, succeeding K. L. Williams who elected early retirement. Succeeding Hall as assistant shift operating engineer was J. E. Pyles, who rose to the position from that of turbine operator A.

A native of Cabin Creek, West Virginia, Hall was employed at the plant in 1938 as a laborer and pumpman and advanced through several positions before being promoted to assistant shift operating engineer in 1969. He is married and has two daughters.

Pyles, a native of Charleston, West Virginia, earned a degree in business administration from Morris Harvey College under the company's educational assistance program. He was hired in 1943 as a laborer and boiler room man and worked in several capacities before being promoted to turbine operator A in 1966. He is married and has three daughters.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

GLEN LYN



Jessee

Donna Jessee, daughter of J. F. Jessee, maintenance man, won first place in the Narrows Lions Club Bland Music Contest with a piano performance of "Variations, Op. 40" by Kabalevsky. An 11th-grader at Narrows High School, Donna is accompanist for the school chorus, a major-ette, and plays first flute. She was all-state flutist in 1972. Donna also plays piano for a newly-organized jazz stage band at the school and is organist at the First Baptist Church in Narrows. She also teaches a beginners piano class and has 15 students.

Harry Johnson, utility man B, is a new employee.

KINGSPORT

Wayne Mullins, Line and Service, and **Bob Stewart**, Meter, are charter members of the newly-formed Kingsport Bass Club.

Chuck Greene, four-year-old son of R. G. Greene, power sales engineer, was invited to appear as a guest on "Romper Room", a Bristol TV program.

Bill Kesterson, son of J. L. Kesterson, heating and builder sales representative, was lighting director for Kingsport Theatre Guild's production of "Night Must Fall".

ASHLAND



Charles, L. Keeton

Charles Randy Keeton, son of Walter Keeton, general serviceman, tied for first in his class for the semester at the University of Kentucky College of Law, with a 3.86 grade average. He has been named a candidate for publication in the Kentucky Law Journal pending completion of a research article. The Journal is staffed by the highest ranking students in each of the three classes at the school.

Lisa Anne Charles, Ashland Area's Junior Miss 1973, was one of ten finalists in the Kentucky Junior Miss Pageant. She won the poise and appearance preliminary and placed second in the Breck hairstyling competition. The daughter of H. F.

Charles, purchase and stores director, Lisa received \$150 in scholarships and a case of Breck products.

Two employees' wives had roles in the Three Arts Club's presentation of "The Story of Ruth". **Mrs. John H. Via, Jr.**, wife of the accounting manager, portrayed Naomi. **Mrs. Earl Hawkins**, wife of the commercial-industrial sales supervisor, portrayed Ruth.

Melinda Ackerman, secretarial-stenographer, is a member of the Civic Forum basketball team which won the Portsmouth "Y" basketball league for the second consecutive year. Undefeated in two seasons of play, the team has a 19-0 record this year after pulling out a 34-31 double overtime victory over the Sure Shots.

Elmo Charles, wife of H. F. Charles, was crowned sweetheart of the Beta Sigma Phi 25th anniversary Valentine Ball. **Jetta Wright**, wife of R. S. Wright, division personnel supervisor, was crowned princess. They are both members of the Xi Rho Chapter.



Charles, E. Wright

PIKEVILLE

Alice Burdsal, daughter of J. R. Burdsal, division superintendent, made her solo flight and earned her wings at the age of 17. She is the second in her family to solo since her father earned his wings last year and now holds a private pilot license.

J. M. Wood, division manager, was elected president of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce.

R. L. Huffman, R/w agent, was appointed to head the Pike County Red Cross Drive for 1973. He is also aiding in the drive for eastern Kentucky counties.

GENERAL OFFICE

Tony Bailey, son of E. L. Bailey, GO residential sales supervisor, was inducted into the National Biological Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta, at the University of Richmond. He was also elected to the Inter-Fraternity Council, representing Lambda Chi Alpha.

Melissa Paitsel, daughter of Marion P. Paitsel, right of way agent, was named to the dean's list at Lynchburg College. She is an AEP Educational Award winner.

James G. Tapley, Jr., son of J. G. Tapley, assistant station superintendent, was named to the dean's list at Wake Forest University for the fall semester.

W. M. Meade, regional dispatch-

er at the Clinch River Dispatch Office, was officially recognized as den leader for Webelos Den I at the Blue and Gold Banquet held at Abingdon Elementary School recently.

BLUEFIELD



Martin

Don Martin, son of Jack D. Martin, Pineville area supervisor, was named to "Who's Who In American High School Students" for the second year.

Keith Morrison, son of Garland Morrison, head custodian, was a member of the Tazewell High basketball team which won the Tazewell County championship. Keith, an eighth-grader, averaged seven points a game and was named to the all-tournament team.

Frank B. Barns, Welch area superintendent, was elected to the board of directors of Welch Rotary Club.

New officers of the Bluefield Shrine Club include: **John W. Vermillion**, meter supervisor, first vice president; **James Loyd**, Princeton district office supervisor, assistant treasurer; and **Albert Vinciguerra**, husband of Pauline Vinciguerra, customer accounts representative A, director and president of the Shrine Patrol.

Kathie McCall, daughter of Armina McCall, clerk-typist, made the A-B honor roll at Fairview Junior High School.

Cindy Mash, daughter of Mary Lou Mash, customer accounts representative C, was crowned Valentine queen of the Junior Deb Club of Fairview Junior High School. She is president of the Junior Deb Club.

Karen McCall, daughter of Armina McCall, clerk-typist, won the Betty Crocker "Homemaker of Tomorrow" award at Bluefield High School. She is an honor student and member of the Art Club, Keyettes and Home Ec Club.



Mash McCall

MARMET

New employees are **Ricky Wayne DeMoss** and **George Russell O'Dell**, rodmen; and **Basil Paul White**, general preparation foreman.

NEW HAVEN

Ray J. Mann, section foreman, is a new employee.

PULASKI

S. L. Sisson, Hillsville heating and builder sales representative, was elected to a three-year term on the initial board of directors of the Carroll County Public Service Authority.

Scott Bucklen, son of L. L. Bucklen, Commercial, was selected a junior 4-H winner in the 4-H electric demonstration contest in Wythe County.

Evelyn Crabtree, wife of D. H. Crabtree, heating and builder sales representative, was nominated by New River Community College to "Who's Who In American Junior Colleges".

Karen Boulton, daughter of J. R. Boulton, Commercial, took one of five places in the Beginners Free Exercise Division of the Western Sectional Girls Gymnastics Meet at Dublin High School.

Robert A. Lemons, a former summer employee and son of A. E. Lemons, Commercial, has completed four years' service with the U. S. Air Force and is now employed with Oscar Mayer in Houston, Texas.

J. B. Brillheart, administrative assistant, was appointed chairman of the Educational Program Committee, Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity he will be responsible for the Industries Trade Day held annually at the Pulaski, Dublin and Ft. Chiswell High Schools.

ROANOKE



Jenkins Stone

Leonard W. Jenkins, heating and builder sales engineer at Fieldale, was elected president of the South Central Indoor Comfort Bureau.

James P. Stone presented a paper entitled "The Effect of Phase Coherence on Level Populations: A Generalized Master Equation Approach" before the American Physical Society meeting, Coherent Optics Section, in New York. The son of B. T. Stone, senior staff engineer in General Office T&D, James is a former summer employee in the Roanoke Division. He is working toward a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University.

J. R. Davenport, Fieldale area manager, was appointed a class agent by Roanoke College to assist in fund drives to assist the school's scholarship program.

W. I. Whitfield, retired Roanoke Division manager, visited the office recently.

Dillard Gravely, engineer B at Fieldale, is attending a 10-week course on industrial communication and motivation. The course is being promoted by the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

Carolyn C. Gordon, clerk-stenographer, is a new employee in T&D.

Paige David Martindale, son of Miriam Martindale, home sales representative, was a featured soloist with the Madison College Chorale which toured New Jersey.

ABINGDON



Fletcher

Vickie Fletcher, daughter of Patsie Fletcher, Accounting, was elected a delegate from Holston High School to the Virginia Model General Assembly at Richmond. She also appeared as guest flute soloist at Virginia Highlands Community College. Vickie received a trophy as fourth place winner in the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the VFW.

Mark Landreth, member of Cub Scout Pack 30, was presented the Arrow of Light award, the highest award in Cub Scouting. He is the son of Don Landreth, engineer B.

Larry Brown, T&D Department, was elected a Sunday School teacher at Denton's Valley Baptist Church.

Sandy Morefield, daughter of John Morefield, engineer B, won first place for her two vocal numbers in a talent contest held at Patrick Henry High School.

Katy Kahle, daughter of John Kahle, placed first in an essay contest at Abingdon Elementary School, making her eligible to compete on a county-wide level.

Roy Gregory, line inspector, was elected a deacon at Abingdon Bible Church.

CHARLESTON

New employees are **Eugene Aller Smith**, engineer B, and **Michae Dewayne King**, lineman helper

Jack Shaver, accounting supervisor, was elected president of the Charleston German Club.

Eva Martin, wife of Ben Martin right of way agent, was featured along with several other C&F Telephone Company employees in a company newspaper article about the medical alert identification program. Mrs. Martin was cited for her outstanding job in increasing the number of people who wear the medic alert warning emblems by over 50 percent in the State of West Virginia.

Douglas Pearson has received a full grant-in-aid scholarship to play football at William & Mary College. He also was named All New River District guard and linebacker and All Southwestern Area guard for 1972. Douglas is the brother of Frances White Montgomery customer accounts representative C.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON



Taylor Varney

Floyd H. Taylor, Jr., division manager, was elected president of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce and will also serve as a member of the board.

Fred E. Varney, Williamson line and station supervisor, was elected president of the Tug Valley Country Club.

Cecil L. Miller, Williamson planner senior, was presented a certificate of merit and distinction by the Mingo County Chapter, American Red Cross, for 25 years of service in first aid instruction.

Mrs. John Varney, wife of the T&D employee, and **Mrs. Michael Weddington**, wife of the Engineering employee, served as attendants to the 1973 Sweetheart Queen of the Williamson chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. **Mrs. Bob Hatfield**, wife of the T&D employee and 1972 queen of the Chi Chapter, crowned the new queen.

George O. Parsons, tracer, is a new employee in Logan engineering.

KANAWHA RIVER



O'Daniels

Cheryl O'Daniels was installed as Worthy Advisor of Oak Hill Assembly No. 55 Order of Rainbow for Girls. The installing officer was her brother, **Dallas**, and the installing chaplain was her father, **C. W. O'Daniels**, yard foreman. **Mrs. O'Daniels** was installed as Mother Advisor, her third term in this office.

Joey Caruthers, grandson of J. B. Caruthers, master maintenance man, was the Kanawha Valley Conference scoring champion for 1973. He pumped in 395 points in 16 conference games to post a 24.7 average.

BECKLEY

Margot Bower, wife of Bob Bower, meter reader, was captain of the 1973 Mother's March of Dimes in Raleigh County.

Eloise Pierce, head T&D clerk, represented the Beckley Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary at the 21st annual meeting of the Woman's Forum on National Security in Washington, D. C. She attended a luncheon honoring the Senate cabinet wives, at which Mrs. Richard M. Nixon received the 21st "Molly Pitcher" award.

J. R. McGinnis, division superintendent, was appointed chair-

man of the entertainment committee for the 41st annual Lions Club style show to be held in Beckley April 10. **J. D. Higgins**, sales manager, is a committee member.

Alan Dickenson, son of T. A. Dickenson, Beckley line foreman, won second prize in Lincoln Elementary School's science fair with his project, "The Transformer".

JOHN E. AMOS

New employees in Construction are **David Gray**, **Steve Hardman**, **Gary E. Clark, Jr.**, and **Theodore J. Lewis**, time clerks; **Robert K. Taylor**, mechanical construction assistant, **J. H. Hayslette**, construction stores assistant; **R. J. Richards**, construction time clerk; and **J. A. Parker**, electrical construction assistant.

New employees in Performance are **Oscar E. Gaylor**, utility man B; and **Jerry C. Stone** and **Richard D. Hundley**, co-op student engineers.

Anna Dawn Kidd, daughter of Narry Kidd, assistant yard supervisor, participated in the Upper Kanawha Valley Majorette Festival. A fourth grader at Belle Elementary School, she is a Little League majorette for the Marmet Mustangs.

HUNTINGTON

Margo Fotos, daughter of M. A. Fotos, Jr., was selected an "Outstanding Teenager of America for 1973". The selection was based on excellence in academic achievement and community service, and Margo will vie for the "Outstanding Teenager of the Year trophy" to be presented by Governor Moore.

Carrie Vincent McDowell, home sales representative, has returned to work from an educational leave of absence.

Walter L. Lewis, Jr., custodian, is a new employee.

W. C. Gilmour, Point Pleasant administrative assistant, instructed 100 Huntington employees in a six-hour American Red Cross first aid refresher course.

LYNCHBURG

R. L. Hatch, station and hydro supervisor, was named a member of the Nomination Committee for the Lions Club of Lynchburg.

Loyd T. Smith, retired administrative assistant, was honored on "Past Exalted Ruler's Night" by the Lynchburg Elks Lodge No. 321. He was exalted ruler in 1938-39.

J. T. Davis, Jr., son of Joseph T. Davis, retired street light attendant, received a diploma from the Realtors Institution of the University of Virginia.

W. A. Robertson, stationman A, was appointed district deputy grand master of the 25th Masonic District of Virginia.

Twelve T&D employees completed the new Multi-Media Standard First Aid Course taught by **W. C. Farmer**, T&D clerk, and **W. D. Crews**, personnel supervisor.

In Memoriam



Young

Ellis P. Young, 68, retired boiler maintenance mechanic A at Cabin Creek Plant, died March 14.

A native of Okey, West Virginia, Young was employed in 1923 as an ash handler and later worked as a fireman, boiler room man A, turbine room man, maintenance man and boiler maintenance mechanic A. He had 39 years' service when he retired early due to disability in 1962.

Young is survived by his widow and one son.



McClellan

Omer E. McClellan, 68, retired groundman for Kingsport Power Company, died February 25.

A native of Scott County, Virginia, he had worked in the T&D Line Department for 26 years before his retirement in 1969. Prior to joining Kingsport Power, he was a farmer and a barber.

McClellan is survived by three brothers and one sister. One brother, Cecil McClellan, is a service clerk and a nephew, Carl McClellan, is a line foreman for Kingsport Power.



Zimmerman

Wyatt Russell Zimmerman, 4, Roanoke Division air conditioning engineer, died March 16 a heart attack.

A native of Roanoke County Virginia, Zimmerman attended Danville Technical School and served in the U. S. Air Force. He was employed in 1950 as a pliance serviceman A and later worked as a service representative.

Survivors include his widow, two sons, two daughters, his parent three brothers and six sisters



Spradling

Chester Spradling, 58, Charleston Division commercial sales representative, died February 24 after an extended illness.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Spradling was employed in 1949 as a sales trainee and was a power sales engineer before being promoted to commercial sales representative in 1951.

Spradling is survived by one daughter.



Corell

Alfred B. "Jack" Corell, 72, retired meter reader at Christiansburg, Pulaski Division, died February 17.

A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Corell was employed in 1936. During his nearly 30 years' service, he was also a senior general clerk and senior meter clerk. He retired in January 1966.

Corell is survived by his widow, one son, one daughter and four grandchildren.



Leonard

John G. Leonard, 50, Abingdon Division area serviceman, died March 13.

Leonard was employed in 194 as a groundman in the Pulaski District and transferred to Abingdon Division in 1964 as a meter serviceman A. He was an area serviceman in the Smyth County area when he went on LTI leave in July 1972.

Leonard is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

High School Sophomore Teaches Tuba To Three Students

John Dearnell is already off to a good start on his plans to pursue a musical career. The son of Thomas D. Dearnell, general river tipple foreman, Marmet Docks, John took up tuba playing while in the eighth grade at Marmet Junior High School. He has since taught himself to play the electric bass guitar through much practice at home.

During the ninth grade, John was chosen a member of the "All County Band" and played the electric bass guitar in the stage band. At East Bank High School where he is a sophomore, John was again chosen for "All County Band" and will play bass guitar for that school's stage band during 1974.

He auditioned for "All State Band" in January and needed only one point to be chosen. Even this was quite an honor for a student with only three years' experience. Nearly all others competing had at least six years' experience.

John began staying after school

to help the band director with seventh grade students who needed help and now has three tuba students of his own. But he still manages to practice his own instruments three or four hours a day.

John plans to major either in music or tuba in college.



John Dearnell (right) with one of his tuba students.

Check Your ID

If your employee identification card has become unsealed or is otherwise in need of repair, send the card to Prince Thornton, Roanoke Office. He will repair it and return it to you promptly.

Wedding Bells Ring For Eight Couples Across System



Dryden



McLemore



Baker



Ison



Looney



Garrett



Bogle

Keeton-Dryden

Marilyn Jill Keeton and Ernest Dee Dryden were united in marriage January 13 in the First Church of the Nazarene, Ashland, Kentucky. Mrs. Dryden is the daughter of Walter Keeton, general serviceman, Ashland.

Slone-McLemore

Ruth Ann Slone and Daniel Scott McLemore exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony performed January 6 in Christ United Methodist Church. Mrs. McLemore is the daughter of Wilbur G. Slone, engineer B, Ashland.

Snodgrass-Baker

A double ring ceremony performed March 10 at Arbuckle Church, Arbuckle, West Virginia, united Betty Lou Snodgrass and Kenneth Lee Baker. Mr. Baker is a utility man B, John E. Amos Plant.

Hayes-Ison

Sharon Lynn Hayes became the bride of Ricky Alvin Ison February 16 at New Buckley Road Freewill Baptist Church. Mrs. Ison is a clerk-stenographer in General Office Purchasing, Ashland.

Smith-Garrett

Denise Lynn Smith and Gary Michael Garrett were married February 17 in Lebanon, Virginia. Mrs. Garrett is the daughter of C. L. Smith, assistant regional chief dispatcher, Clinch River Dispatch Office, GO Operating.

Veterans Home Patients Benefit From Genevieve Dorton's Art



Genevieve Dorton prepares Easter egg trees, cards and tray favors for

veteran patients.

Genevieve Dorton makes each holiday a special occasion for patients at the Veterans Administration Center at Mountain Home, Tennessee. For Easter this year she made 500 cards for the veterans to mail and 600 tray favors. She is the widow of the late Thomas C. Dorton, Kingsport line foreman.

wrote Merry Christmas across the center. After that first visit when I saw all those lonely patients, I just wanted to do more."

She started making cards, stationary illustrated with cartoons, tray favors and place mats to distribute throughout the year.

The Easter tray favors — made from construction paper — include bunnies with cotton tails, colorful tulips, eggs with bunnies or flowers on them, and chicks. These are attached with scotch tape to a toothpick and stuck in a piece of candy.

For the place mats, Card & Label Company of Rogersville, Tennessee, cuts and donates the paper. Another local plant gives her paper for cards. "I buy all my own felt tip pens and construction paper, and club members help with some glue work on the tray favors."

"I love helping and doing things for other people. It makes my day brighter when I visit the hospital and take the cards and other things. Just seeing the happy faces and how the patients appreciate anything you do for them makes it worth all the time you spend. I do spend many, many hours and get a blessing from doing it."

Wyatt-Looney

The marriage of Drema Kay Wyatt and George Dean Looney was solemnized January 19 at Mountain Mission School, Grundy, Virginia. Mrs. Looney is the daughter of Cummings P. Wyatt, Jr., truck driver-groundman in Grundy, Bluefield Division.

Williams-Bogle

Providence United Methodist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, was the setting for the February 11th wedding of Rachael Ann Williams and William Wendell Bogle. Mr. Bogle is a meter reader, Lynchburg.

Hardman-Weddington

March 9 was the wedding day of Alice Marie Hardman and David Weddington, who were married in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Mrs. Weddington is the daughter of Tom Hardman, groundman, Charleston.

Dorothy Whitaker, Active Lay Woman



Whitaker

Dorothy Whitaker, Pulaski personnel assistant, has been elected a member of the Board of Global Ministries of the Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church. She is serving as secretary of a special committee of the Board dealing with the work of mission cultivation. She recently attended seminars on the work of The Global Ministries Board in New York City and at Hiwassee College in Madisonville, Tennessee.

In her local church, the First United Methodist Church of Pulaski, Mrs. Whitaker is a lay delegate to the annual meeting of the Holston Conference. She is also secretary of the administrative board, a member of the Commission and Work Area on Education and has taught seventh grade youth in the church school for 17 years.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. T. L. RUFF, a son, Thomas Scott, March 13. Ruff is a lineman B.

John E. Amos

MR. AND MRS. ROGER ARTHUR, a daughter, Jennifer Leigh, February 19. Mrs. Arthur (Nancy), plant clerk, is on maternity leave.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID M. ALLPORT, a son, David Michael, Jr., March 5. Allport is a construction accountant.

Beckley

MR. AND MRS. GARY O'DELL, a son, Garrett William, II, February 3. O'Dell is a lineman C at Rupert.

Bluefield

MR. AND MRS. J. P. MONTAGUE, a daughter, Whitney Kathleen, February 28. Montague is an electrical engineer senior.

Charleston

MR. AND MRS. JAMES UTT, a son, Wesley David, February 26. Utt is a lineman.

Clinch River

MR. AND MRS. ROGER D. MULLINS, a daughter, Shelly Lavon, March 3. Mullins is a maintenance man.

General Office

MR. AND MRS. JOHN B. FLOYD, JR., a son, John B., III, February 25. Floyd is a GO T&D Transmission employee, Bluefield.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL D. BLOUNT, a son, Douglas Mark, February 23. Blount is an engineering aide, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

MR. AND MRS. JAMES W. GOINS, a son, James Walter, Jr., January 15. Goins is an auxiliary equipment operator.

Huntington

MR. AND MRS. J. A. BUSH, JR., a daughter, Osa Lenore, February 26. Bush is a lineman in Point Pleasant.

Marmet

MR. AND MRS. ALLEN D. POLLASTRINI, a daughter, Andrea Dawn, February 19. Mrs. Pollastrini was a senior clerk and stenographer.

Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. JERRY W. HARVILLE, a daughter, Lisa Gray, March 11. Mrs. Harville (Frances), customer accounts representative at Fieldale, is on maternity leave.

Philip Sporn

MR. AND MRS. LARRY C. LIEVING, a son, Charles Edward, December 7. Lieving is an equipment operator.

Employee's Wife Helps Form ABWA Chapter



Waggoner

Driving to and from Roanoke to attend monthly meetings of the Roanoke Valley Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association got to be too much for Marie Waggoner. So she got busy and formed a chapter in Lynchburg.

Marie, wife of Robert B. Waggoner, Lynchburg accounting supervisor, had been active in the Roanoke organization. Realizing there was good potential for an ABWA Chapter in Lynchburg, she began contacting other area business women. She sent out more than a hundred invitations to prospective members to meet and organize a local chapter. A number of meetings were held before any measurable success was obtained. Finally enough members were recruited and the Roanoke Valley Chapter served as sponsor for the new group.

Marie was elected president of the Lynchburg chapter.

ENGAGEMENTS

KAREN HAHN FRITTS to Jack D. Bates. Mr. Bates is a distribution engineer, Hazard.

WANDA JANE FLINT to Eugene Bevins. Mr. Bevins is the son of Ernest L. Bevins, accounting supervisor, Logan-Williamson Division.

MARTHA BENTLEY THOMPSON to William Donald Gesling, Jr. Miss Thompson is the daughter of Roger G. Thompson, Kentucky Power area development director. Mr. Gesling is the son of William D. Gesling, distribution engineer senior, Ashland.

Virginia Blankenship's Articles Appear In National Publications



Blankenship

Virginia Blankenship discovered writing in high school and within the last few years has turned it into a paying hobby. The wife of Jack Blankenship, Hazard personnel supervisor, Virginia is employed full-time as a library journalist at the Perry County Public Library.

Virginia's only training in writing resulted from a correspondence course with the Famous Writer's School. Ideas for her articles come from her work or interest in various subjects.

Before moving to Hazard, Virginia had a column in the **Lebanon (Va.) News** called "Around the Corner and Back", consisting of household hints for women. Other published works are: three book reviews in the **Church and**

Synagogue Library Association; library publications for the Department of Libraries; "Try Film Activities with your Children's Hour"; and "Jefferson Library", which appeared in various library publications and on the library page of the **Hazard Herald**.

Virginia has sold three feature articles to different publications. The first, entitled "Eighteenth Century Day Lilies at Williamsburg", appeared in the **House and Garden Magazine** in 1970 and the article is set aside in the archives at Williamsburg, Virginia.

A second article, "When Wasps Sting", was published in **Southern Living Magazine** in 1971.

Her article entitled "Looking For A Writing Opportunity? Try The Library", appeared in the December 1972 issue of **Writer's Digest**.

Virginia is also an active leader in the Hazard community. She teaches Sunday School at Bowman Memorial United Methodist Church, is director of the youth group and active in the church's circle. She is in the Little Theater group and the Hazard Chapter of the American Cancer Society.



Mr. and Mrs. Harmon C. Rasnick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family celebration at the home of a daughter. The Rasnicks, who were married January 25, 1923, have five children. Two of their sons are Abingdon Division employees. Harry Rasnick is a line inspector and John Rasnick is a stationman A.

Wehrung Still Enjoys Painting

Craig Wehrung, son of Harlan Wehrung, Philip Sporn Plant unit foreman, can't get away from his easel and brush—and doesn't want to.

When Craig was in high school some years ago, he had a natural talent for turning out fine paintings. After graduation, he took technical training and is now a nuclear therapist, involved in administration of Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Painting is still part of his life, and recently he painted a mural for a barbershop. His work attracted the attention of a patron of the shop, who commissioned Craig to do murals for a suite of eight offices. He may have to take a leave of absence from his hospital work in order to do the job.



Mr. and Mrs. Javen T. Harrold have observed their 60th wedding anniversary. The Harrolds, who were married March 5, 1913, at Borderland, West Virginia, have seven children, 25 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. Harrold is a retired Williamson area employee, Logan-Williamson Division. One grandson, Jerry Akers, is Matewan area serviceman, Logan-Williamson Division.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harold Brown of Kellysville, West Virginia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 10, 1972. He retired from Glen Lyn Plant in 1967 as chief plant dispatcher. The Browns have five daughters, three sons, 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. One son, Dale Brown, is an instrument maintenance mechanic B at Glen Lyn.

Jetta Wright Gets National Honor



Wright

Jetta Wright, wife of R. S. Wright, Ashland Division personnel supervisor, was selected to appear in the 1972 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America".

Mrs. Wright is serving her second term as regional director and member of the board of directors of Kentucky's Junior Miss Pageant. As regional director, she is advisor to local pageants in Ashland, Salyersville, West Liberty, Mt. Sterling, Lexington and Morehead. During the last four years she has been judging and directing several Junior Miss contests.

Other activities for Mrs. Wright include being chairman of Ashland Junior Women's Club student music contest; area chairman for the United Cerebral Palsy Drive; and co-chairman of the house-to-house drive for Gieger Easter Seals for five towns.



Paul and Margaret Parsons were quite surprised to see this sign on their way to work one day recently. Their three daughters had made arrangements with Holiday Inn to erect the sign to honor the Parsons on their 36th wedding anniversary. Paul is a personnel assistant senior, Charleston.

Shirley Miller Plans Service To Others During Retirement

Shirley Rossmore Miller, customer accounts representative B in Marion, Abingdon Division, enjoyed her association with people during her nearly 42 years' service. After her retirement April 1, Shirley is considering becoming a pink lady at the hospital or working in some way with handicapped children.



Miller

A native of Smyth County, Virginia, Shirley is an accounting graduate of National Business College. She went to Bluefield to visit her brother and worked for the telephone company there about a month. She recalls, "They put me on stenographic work, which I didn't like, and the accounting work they had planned for me didn't come through. So I went to Appalachian and applied for a job. A Mr. Branscom told me they needed somebody in Wytheville, so I went down and was interviewed by M. O. Wilson. I went to work as an assistant cashier and worked part-time for nearly a year. This was during the Depression. They sent me to Marion in January 1933 and paid me \$85 a month. There were supposed to be two people in the office, but I was the only one and had to work day and night for a while to keep the work caught up."

During her career, Shirley has also worked as cashier, clerk,

clerk senior, local office supervisor and utility clerk senior.

Shirley is a charter member of the Pilot Club and has been active in the Eastern Star, a church guild and bridge club. She enjoys reading, preferably mysteries; watching television and traveling. Some of her most memorable trips were to Bermuda, Hawaii and Nova Scotia.

She says, "For the time being I will maintain my home in Marion. I'm not going to tie myself down because I want to go some more trips. I've always wanted to go to Spain, and might get there one of the days."

Construction Employee's Group Booked For State Park Shows



Appearing at West Virginia State parks this summer will be The Harmonettes with Hobie Lowe and the Lowedowners. L. to r. are Bob

Deitz, guitarist; Rita White; Steve Hardman, drummer; Jana White; and Hobie Lowe, guitarist.

The Harmonettes with Hobie Lowe and the Lowedowners have signed a contract with the Department of Natural Resources to make eight appearances at West Virginia State Parks during July and August.

Hobie Lowe, organizer and guitarist in the group, is a civil construction assistant in the John E. Amos Plant Construction Department. Steve Hardman, construction timekeeper, is drummer.

When the group first organized in October 1972, there were only three members, Lowe and Jana and Rita White. In January of this year, Bob Deitz and Hardman began working with them.

Lowe says, "We were organized through the encouragement of Danny White, Jana and Rita's

father. He obtains and coordinates all our bookings. Some of the appearances we've had in the area include the Capitol C Jamboree, Charleston; Mountaineer Music Hall, Nitro; Tyl Mountain Music House, Cro Lanes; and Nitro High School Nitro."

Their performances this summer at the state parks will be on weekends, with two shows at North Bend, Blackwater Falls and Watoga and one each at Bluestone and Tygart Lake.

Lowe adds, "Although I haven't played continually in an organized group, music has always been interesting and challenging for me. The many hours that go into making up a show isn't worth it's fun and enjoyment."

TO SET THE RECORD

Our Plans For Compliance Of The West Virginia Air Pollution

The West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission has adopted exceptionally stringent air-quality regulations. While we think these regulations are unrealistic and unreasonable and should be reconsidered, we have filed plans to comply with them. Further, we will comply with whatever lawfully adopted regulations are ultimately issued. In doing so, we will use the best alternatives available to us with the least possible adverse effects on the economy of West Virginia.

Regulations Are Rigorous

The Commission's regulations and timetables relating to fly ash and removal of sulfur from stack gases are rigorous. In many ways, they are more drastic than is required by the Federal law and more stringent than those of neighboring states. We believe they are more drastic than is necessary in both the rigidity of their requirements and the timetable prescribed. They involve a moving target to be applied retroactively to existing plants on which large amounts were spent within the last few years to meet previously prescribed regulations. Unless and until a reliable technology for removal of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) is developed, they will preclude the use of most northern West Virginia coal and will require the importation of huge quantities of coal into West Virginia. They call for expenditures in the hundreds of millions of dollars which ultimately must be paid for by our customers, including those in West Virginia and which, in our

judgment, are out of all proportion to the benefits to be obtained by these stringent and inflexible regulations. And compliance with these requirements will inevitably have other major adverse effects on the economy of the state.

Available Means Of Meeting Regulations

Every alternative presently available to meet the existing regulations has been, and will continue to be, studied carefully.

Oil and natural gas are in short supply and are simply not available in the quantities needed to operate our plants.

It is our considered judgment that there is no reliable full-scale, production-type, sulfur-dioxide-removal system available today or which could be installed to meet the existing regulations under the prescribed timetable. Those systems talked about are experimental units which have not yet been able to demonstrate their reliability.

Having in mind our commitment to comply with the West Virginia regulations as they now exist and in the time schedule prescribed, we have submitted to the Commission plans for compliance by all of our seven power plants in the state. This program involves four basic steps. They are:

1. Expenditure of at least \$100,000,000 for installation of additional fly ash-collecting equipment. This is in

addition to \$34,000,000 spent in the last five years to meet the previously prescribed fly ash-collecting regulations and \$17,000,000 currently being spent on the John E. Amos Plant Unit 3.

2. The closing of one plant (Cabin Creek) because space requirements make it physically impossible to install additional dust-control equipment at the location, and because we have not so far been able to find any other means acceptable to the Commission that would enable this plant to comply with the Commission's directive. The closing of another plant (Windsor) because the huge cost involved in meeting the regulations could not possibly be justified at this 55-year-old facility.
3. Maximum use of the available West Virginia low sulfur coal which it is possible to burn in the boilers of our plants.
4. Since we have not, to date, been able to obtain sufficient amounts of suitable low-sulfur coal in West Virginia and since in one of our plants (Kammer) we have not been able to find a way in which any low sulfur West Virginia coal could be burned, the importation of low-sulfur coal from Western states will be required in the quantities necessary to fill the gap.

Impact Of This Compliance Program On West Virginia

The closing of the Cabin Creek Plant and the importation of Western coal are steps which will have materially adverse effects in West Virginia. These will include the loss of jobs in West Virginia mines and

Program For Compliance

JOHN E. AMOS PLANT - Winfield, W. Va.

Sulfur-Dioxide Control: Units 1 and 2 are now in compliance by burning low-sulfur West Virginia coal - with a sulfur content of about 1%. However, an effort is being made by the Commission to apply a more stringent, plant-wide, SO₂-emission limitation when Unit 3 goes into service in a few months. This is the only plant in the state that this limitation affects, and such limitation will require the burning of coal with a sulfur content of only .7%. The limitation is not required by the Environmental Protection Agency and is not imposed in any of the other states in which we render service. With all three units operating, Amos Plant will consume 7,500,000 tons of coal annually. Coal for this plant in this quantity with a sulfur content as low as .7% is not available in West Virginia and, unless this regulation is modified, most of the plant's coal supply will have to be imported from out of state.

Dust Control: Units 1 and 2 are equipped with electrostatic precipitators installed in 1970-72 at a cost of \$14,000,000. Additional dust-control equipment will be installed on these units at a cost of \$24,000,000 to meet present state particulate-emission regulations; scheduled compliance date - December 1, 1977. Dust-control equipment is being installed on Unit 3 at a cost of \$17,000,000, which will enable it to comply with the particulate emission regulations.

CABIN CREEK PLANT - Cabin Creek, W. Va.

Sulfur-Dioxide Control: Cabin Creek Plant will comply with West Virginia's SO₂-emission regulations by June of this year through the burning of low-sulfur West Virginia coal.

Dust Control: New electrostatic precipitators were installed in 1970 at a cost of \$2,500,000 to meet regulations at that time. Compliance with new state regulations requires additional equipment. Because of space limitations, the installation of additional dust-control equipment at the plant is impossible. Therefore, unless we can find some other means of compliance which is acceptable to the Commission, we will be forced to shut down this plant.

KAMMER PLANT - Moundsville, W. Va.

Sulfur-Dioxide Control: The Kammer Plant burns 1,500,000 tons of coal annually. Practically all of this coal comes from an adjacent West Virginia mine and has a sulfur content of 3.5% to 4%. In the absence of a reliable SO₂-removal system, West Virginia's SO₂-emission limitations applicable to this plant require the burning of coal with a sulfur content of not more than 1.6% by mid-1975 and not more than 1.0% by mid-1978. Even if low-sulfur West Virginia coal were available, it could not be burned in the Kammer boilers because such coal has a high ash-fusion-temperature characteristic which makes its use at this plant technically impossible. Low-sulfur Western coal has a low ash-fusion characteristic. Test burning of it will soon be under way and

Editor's Note: This advertisement, explaining the company's position in regard to regulations of the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission, appeared in some 50 newspapers in West Virginia last month. The cost of the advertising was borne by the American Electric Power Company.

It is being reprinted here so that all employees will know the position of the company in regard to the regulations.

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WORD STRAIGHT

Compliance With The Regulations

Pollution Control Commission

the Cabin Creek Plant, the loss of tax revenues and increased costs to the consumer for electric service. We certainly would not adopt these alternatives if there were any better way to comply with the regulations of the Commission. Given more time or reasonable regulations, while still fully protecting the health and safety of the people in the state, these steps would become unnecessary.

Is There A Better Way?

Yes, in our opinion, there is a better way. It has three elements: more realistic regulations, modification of the timetable and an opportunity to develop the SO₂-removal technology. If the Commission would simply postpone the rigid compliance dates now established, to give industry time to develop a good, workable method of SO₂ removal, we believe a major part of the problem could be solved — and that, through such a solution, the best interests of the people of West Virginia would be served. Such technology will surely come. And, when it does, we will apply it wherever it provides the best method for compliance.

Is there an urgency in imposing the most rigid regulations for SO₂ emissions? We certainly agree that anything which needs to be done to protect against a real threat to health and safety ought to be done immediately. But we believe — and there is overwhelming evidence to support our belief — that the only possible threat could come from undue concen-

trations of SO₂ at ground levels. This is not our case. We began, long ago, and we believe successfully, to use very tall stacks (up to 1,200 feet high) to protect against any such ground-level concentrations. We are continuing and improving this technique, which can provide full protection during any interim period.

In such interim period, we, and other utilities, will be pursuing a number of different programs designed to achieve a workable and dependable system for sulfur removal.

To aid us in our search for a reliable, full-scale, production-type, sulfur-removal system, we have commissioned Battelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio, to undertake a completely independent survey of the state of the technology for SO₂ removal and its possible commercial applications. Also, we are asking all interested suppliers of technology and equipment to submit proposals for a commercial SO₂-removal process, with appropriate warranties, which if available would be installed at the Kammer Plant.

And we are carrying on a continuing effort to obtain more low-sulfur coal in West Virginia and will purchase all such coal we can burn in our plants.

Given time, these programs — or some other solution — will provide the answer to the so-called sulfur problem and permit the continued use of West Virginia coal.

We are vitally concerned with the West Virginia economy. We have over 2,500 employees and are the

largest taxpayer in the Mountain State. The adverse effects of the compliance program that we have had to adopt to meet the existing regulations will be very costly to the state and its people. But this program represents the only alternative we have to meet the stringent regulations within the time period prescribed by the Commission.

In view of the importance of these matters and the widespread consequences for the economy and welfare of West Virginia and its people, we have thought it appropriate to bring these facts to the attention of both the Governor of West Virginia and the Air Pollution Control Commission. We believe that these facts are now being considered carefully by both the Governor and the Commission. The Governor has publicly stated that he wants a result that is in the best interests of the people of West Virginia. That is the result we are striving for also. We are very hopeful that the Commission will find a better way.

We Will Abide By West Virginia's Decision

It is for West Virginia to weigh its regulations, what it takes to meet them and the consequences to its economy and the well-being of its people. Then it must decide what is best for all the people of West Virginia. Whatever that decision may be, we will comply with any lawfully enacted regulations to the very best of our ability.

Compliance For Each Plant

successful, such coal will have to be used because it presently is the only possible way of meeting the requirements of the Commission.

Dust Control: Dust-control equipment will be installed at a cost of \$14,000,000; scheduled completion - July 1, 1975.

KANAWHA RIVER PLANT - Glasgow, W. Va.

Sulfur-Dioxide Control: The plant is operating essentially in compliance through the burning of low-sulfur West Virginia coal.

Dust Control: A new stack and electrostatic precipitators were installed in 1970-71 at a cost of \$4,000,000 to meet the then-applicable particulate regulations. Additional dust-control equipment will be installed at a cost of \$10,000,000 to meet the new particulate-emission requirements. Scheduled completion - mid-1977.

MITCHELL PLANT - Moundsville, W. Va.

Sulfur-Dioxide Control: Mitchell Plant burns 4-million tons of coal annually. This coal comes from a nearby West Virginia mine developed to supply this plant and has a sulfur content of 3.5% to 4%. The new emission regulations prohibit use of the present coal supply. Commitments for low-sulfur coal are being explored with the expectation that the 1978 regulations can be met and with the hope that the 1975 regulations also can be met.

Dust Control: In June 1971 electrostatic precipitators were put in service at this plant at a cost of \$14,000,000. Additional dust-control

equipment will be installed at a cost of yet another \$24,000,000 in order to meet the current particulate-emission regulations. Scheduled completion date - mid-1977.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT - New Haven, W. Va.

Sulfur-Dioxide Control: Through the burning of low-sulfur West Virginia coal, this plant will be in compliance with the applicable SO₂-emission regulations.

Dust Control: Dust-control equipment will be installed at a cost of at least \$28,000,000 to achieve compliance with the particulate emission regulations. The Commission has directed completion by July 1, 1975. Every effort will be made to meet this date, but we are not certain it will be physically possible to meet it. (The Commission has approved this program subject to the July 1, 1975 completion date.)

WINDSOR PLANT - Wheeling, W. Va.

Sulfur-Dioxide and Dust Control: This plant is 55 years old. Installation of equipment to comply with sulfur and particulate-emission regulations at a cost of tens of millions of dollars cannot be justified. Therefore, this plant will be closed by October of this year. (The Commission has approved this program.)

POWER SYSTEM

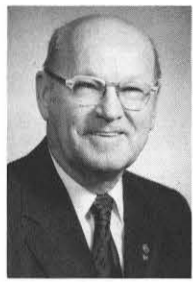
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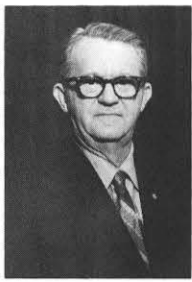
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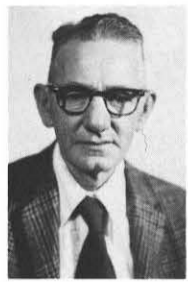
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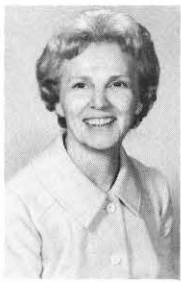
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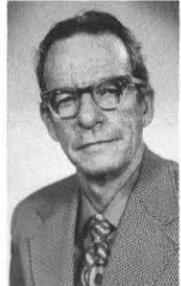
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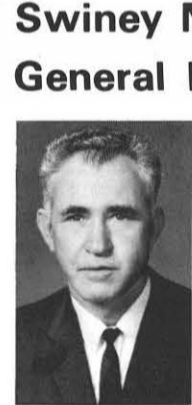
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Swiney

Swiney Named General Foreman

Hursten Swiney, line foreman in the Logan-Williamson Division has been promoted to general foreman.

A native of Lincoln County, West Virginia, Swiney was employed in 1935 as a laborer and advanced through several job classifications in the T&D Department before being promoted to line foreman in 1953.

Swiney is married and the father of three daughters.



William M. Gordon, general serviceman at Princeton in the Bluefield Division, holds an electric light bulb which still burns after 51 years. The bulb was given to Gordon by his mother, who has had it in her house since August 1921.

45 Years	Occupation	Location
Burger, V. M.	Shift Op. Engineer	Cabin Creek

35 Years	Occupation	Location
Ruff, R. H.	Power Sales Eng.	Bluefield

30 Years	Occupation	Location
Machir, W. F.	Records Supervisor	Huntington
Fulcher, C. A.	Maintenance Helper	Glen Lyn
Zontini, Hilda	Cust. Acct. Rep. B	Charleston
Stone, C. R.	Maintenance Man	Phillip Sporn
Raines, D. E.	Turbine Op. A	Cabin Creek
Bowen, C. N.	Asst. Stores Supv.	Cabin Creek
Stone, E. A.	Transportation Coord.	Charleston
Frye, Arvie	Unit Foreman	Kanawha River
Gilbert, B. G.	Street Light Attend.	Lynchburg
Comer, R. B.	Maintenance Foreman	Glen Lyn
Bishop, Mildred	Stenographer	GO—Bluefield

25 Years	Occupation	Location
Johnson, M. J.	Line Foreman NE	Huntington
Kinzer, C. D.	Area Supervisor	Bluefield
Sisson, S. L.	Htg. & Bldr. Sales Rep.	Pulaski
Meador, R. R.	Trans. Off. Supv.	GO—Bluefield
Cassady, Holmes	Meter Reader	Logan
Barker, J. C.	Personnel Supv.	Beckley
Murray, D. E.	Line Foreman NE	Beckley
Crews, W. D.	Personnel Supv.	Lynchburg
Willis, C. C.	Area Supervisor	Beckley
Payne, J. S.	Meterman A	Roanoke
Adams, A. G.	Street Light Attend.	Roanoke
Bolner, D. G.	Working Serv. Fmn.	Ashland
Shrader, W. H.	Regional Dispatcher	GO—Cinch River

20 Years	Occupation	Location
McCoy, B. J.	Meter Reader	Pulaski
Jones, H. D., Jr.	T&D Clerk Senior	Bluefield
Newsom, Ruth	Pre-audit Clerk	Pikeville
Johnson, H. P.	Unit Foreman	Kanawha River
Gilliland, F. L.	Maintenance Man	Kanawha River
Fowler, C. E., Jr.	Area Serviceman	Huntington
Boyd, Luther	Maintenance Man	Kanawha River
Fridley, K.	Const. Stores Asst.	GO—Glen Lyn

McComas, R. G.	Chief Chemist	Clinch River
Wellman, J. F.	Advertising Supv.	GO—Roanoke
Murrill, C. C.	Maintenance Man	Kanawha River
Hartman, G. R.	Unit Foreman	Kanawha River
Armstrong, J. B.	Master Maint. Man	Kanawha River
Ferguson, K. D.	Sta. Maint. Man A	GO—Roanoke
Hardy, R. T.	Engineer B	Kanawha River
Collins, James	Htg. & Bldr. Sales Rep.	Lynchburg
Hart, A. H.	Flt. Plt. Op. & Samp.	Phillip Sporn

15 Years	Occupation	Location
Bradshaw, R. W.	Electrical Engineer Sr.	Charleston
Thompson, R. A.	Instrument Maint. Fmn.	Clinch River
Lowe, C. L.	Inst. Maint. Man A	Clinch River
Garrett, H. O.	Master Maint. Man	Clinch River
Altice, Marjorie	Secretarial-Steno.	GO—Roanoke
King, C. B., Jr.	Payroll Records Supv.	GO—Roanoke
Stoots, W. D.	Trans. Man A	GO—Bluefield

10 Years	Occupation	Location
Taylor, O. P.	Credit & Cont. Supv.	Charleston
Newton, James, Jr.	Stationman B	Ashland

5 Years	Occupation	Location
Moore, L. R.	Lineman B	Abingdon
Bocock, R. L.	Office Supervisor	John E. Amos
Lawson, M. T.	Mech. Constr. Asst.	John E. Amos
Shields, T. R.	Lineman C	Beckley
Bailey, W. P.	Lineman C	Beckley
Davis, R. L.	Lineman B	Bluefield
Lewis, O. E., Jr.	Lineman A	Charleston
Workman, T.	Auto Repairman A	Charleston
Chester, W. S., Jr.	Lineman B	Charleston
Drake, R. L.	Lineman B	Charleston
Motus, J. A.	Engineer B	Charleston
Carter, D. W.	Transmission Man B	GO—Abingdon
Eden, J. A., Jr.	Draftsman Senior	GO—Roanoke
Parker, G. R.	Station Maint. Man B	GO—Roanoke
Thomas, A. C.	Payroll Clerk A	GO—Roanoke
Walkup, L. T., Jr.	Aux. Equipment Op.	Glen Lyn
Mayfield, J. T.	Engineer B	Huntington
Blake, Sylvia	Cust. Rep. C	Huntington
Frango, F. R., Jr.	Material Clerk	Roanoke
English, W. T.	Jr. Maint. Man	Phillip Sporn
May, J. K.	Assistant Planner	Lynchburg

Nease Returns To Roanoke



Nease

G. S. Nease, Jr., engineering supervisor for the Logan-Williamson Division, has been transferred to Roanoke Division in the same capacity.

An electrical engineering graduate of West Virginia University, Nease served in the Air Force from 1950 to 1954. He joined Appalachian in 1959 as an electrical engineer at Huntington and moved to Roanoke in 1961. He became distribution engineer in 1967 and two years later was promoted to Logan-Williamson Division engineering supervisor.

A registered professional engineer in West Virginia, Nease is married and has five children.



Smith

Smith Takes New Dispatch Post

W. D. Smith, station operator A at the Turner Regional Dispatch Office, General Office Operating, has been promoted to regional dispatcher.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Smith graduated from Virginia Southern Business College. He began his career in 1963 as a utility operator at the Switchback Regional Dispatch office and transferred to Turner the following year as a system station operator C. He advanced through the ranks and became station operator A in 1968.

Smith is married and has one son.

Laboratory Head Retires To Florida

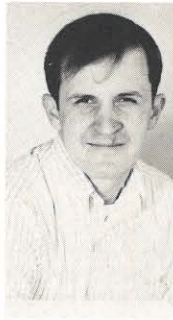
Dan N. Conners, head of the American Electric Power System Civil Engineering Laboratory, and a System employee for nearly 23 years, retired February 28, and moved on to the sun of Florida.

Conners, one of the System's concrete experts, started out with AEP as a concrete engineer during the construction of the Philip Sporn Plant. When that assignment was finished, he stayed on with his special knowledge of concrete characteristics.

And, as the system embarked on a steady construction program, he put that knowledge to use. With Henry Hatch, whom he succeeded as laboratory head in May 1972, he built the laboratory up from a two-man testing operation into the sophisticated instrument it is today, the last word in soil analysis, foundations, tensile strengths, and concrete maintenance for all of AEP's plants. He traveled literally hundreds of thousands of miles in his more than two decades of service, and plant construction men knew him like a brother.

A native of Missouri, Conners served in the Air Force during the Second World War. He attended Marshall University, and before he pulled up stakes and moved to Florida, he lived in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Matthews, Kidd Take New Posts



Matthews



Kidd

Ralph L. Matthews, assistant yard supervisor at John E. Amos Plant, has been transferred to Ohio Power Company's General James M. Gavin Plant in the same capacity. Succeeding Matthews at Amos Plant is Narry W. Kidd, Jr., formerly coal equipment operator.

A native of Wheeling, West Virginia, Matthews was employed in 1957 at Ohio Power's Tidd Plant. He worked there as a janitor, laborer, utility man A and auxiliary equipment operator before being transferred to Cardinal Plant in 1966. He advanced through the ranks as coal handler and coal equipment operator and moved to Amos Plant in 1970 as assistant yard supervisor. Matthews is married and has two sons and one daughter.

Kidd, a Navy veteran, is also a West Virginian. He joined Appalachian Power in 1966 as a laborer at Kanawha River Plant. He was a coal handler and barge attendant before moving to Amos in 1970 as a coal equipment operator. Kidd is married and has two sons and two daughters.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

R. D. Gill to Material Clerk.

John E. Amos

Marshall R. See to Maintenance Man B. O. Judson Cottrell to Maintenance Man B. Kenny D. Smith to Maintenance Man B. Clifford H. Garland to Maintenance Man B. Michael D. Toler to Maintenance Man B. Olin G. Blain, Jr., to Maintenance Man A. R. Kent Bragg to Maintenance Man A. Wayne E. Warner to Maintenance Man A. Claude T. McDermitt to Maintenance Man A. Maxwell E. Bailes to Maintenance Man A. Boyd C. Lively to Maintenance Man A. Percy D. Giles to Maintenance Man B. Robert P. Cook to Maintenance Man B. Charles L. Powell to Maintenance Man B. Allen E. Saunders to Maintenance Man B. Bruce W. Kayser to Utility Operator A. Raymond E. Clark to Utility Operator A. Daniel D. Harrison to Utility Operator A. Frederick J. Stalker to Utility Operator B. James E. Mooney to Utility Operator B. Melvin E. Miller, Jr., to Barge Handler. Andrew Gilmore to Maintenance Man A. Richard D. Tyree to Maintenance Man A. Clarence E. Broyles to Maintenance Man A. Roger P. McKinney to Maintenance Man A. Thermon E. Taylor to Maintenance Man B. James G. McConihay to Maintenance Man B. Robert D. Price to Maintenance Man B. James William Johnson to Utility Operator B. Robert Lee Clark to Utility Operator B. Albert M. Utterback to Coal Equipment Operator. Lester Thomas Steward to Coal Equipment Operator. Robert A. Ringel to Barge Handler. Roger Lee Armstrong to Control Technician. Jeffrey F. Hodges to Control Technician. Orus W. Dearman, Jr., to Control Technician. David L. Boling to Utility Operator A. Gregory A. Martin to Utility Operator B. Donnie L. Waugh to Equipment Operator. Alva L. Kuhl to Equipment Operator. Herbert W. Roush to Equipment Operator. E. Roger Smith to Equipment Operator. Ernest B. Allen, Jr., to Utility Operator A.

Beckley

Charles F. Palmer to Stationman Helper A.

Bluefield

Dwight S. Penn to Lineman Helper. Rickey R. Mitchell to Lineman B. Antonio R. Rasi to Stationman B. Virgil W. Lucado, Jr., to Lineman C. Robert W. Yost, II to Draftsman Senior. Dianna Bishop to Clerk Typist. Michael E. Johnson to Draftsman. William M. Fisher to Draftsman. Robert W. Edwards, Jr., to Draftsman. Harold L. Bone, Jr., to Draftsman. Paul E. Baker to Stationman A. Trubie Paul Dalton to Garage Foreman NE. Mary H. Kirby to Heating and Builder Sales Representative. Gail D. Shaffer to Customer Accounts Representative A.

Cabin Creek

William W. Woods to Maintenance Man. Thomas A. Graham to Master Maintenance Man. Thomas D. Whittington to Head Material Clerk.

Clinch River

Billy W. Cornett to Utility Operator B. Robert E. Adams to Utility Operator B. Charles W. Edmonds to Utility Man A.

General Office

W. O. Vaughan to Right of Way Agent. W. H. Weeks, Jr., to Right Way Agent. Brenda T. Campbell Stores Accounting Clerk. Mildred H. Smith to Customer Account Clerk A. Ray M. Mullen to Data Processing Operator A. Dianna Kesler to Key punch Operator. Randall L. Umberger to Transportation Clerk. Judy M. Absher to Stenographer. Helen B. Sabo to Stenographer. Ellen T. Clements, Key punch Operator B, from GO Accounting to GO T&D Distribution.

Huntington

C. C. Chambers, Jr., to Stationman Helper A.

Kanawha River

Audra E. Pauley to Stenographer. Walter A. Sutton to Utility Operator. Bobby E. Rogers to Utility Man. Beachy Gilbert to Utility Man. William D. Vaughan to Utility Man A. Larry M. Green to Utility Man. Terrence R. Chapman to Convey Operator. George Williamson, III, Barge Attendant. John A. Rocker Coal Handler.

Logan-Williamson

Robert L. Bell to Line Foreman N. Marion Davis to Line Foreman N. Hubert Lester to Meter Serviceman. A. David Viars to Assistant Planning. Geraldine Layne to Customer Accounts Representative B.

Lynchburg

Ami Scott Watson to Customer Accounts Representative C.

Pulaski

Carl M. Viars to Area T&D Clerk. D. L. Eversole from Boiler Operator C, Radford Plant, to Stationman Helper A, Pulaski.

Roanoke

J. W. Wright, Jr., to Heating and Builder Sales Representative. Loretta S. Jordan to Stenographer. W. D. Fisher to Meter Serviceman. B. G. W. Lewis to Material Clerk. Loraine E. Sadler from Boiler Operator C, Radford Plant, to Material Clerk, Roanoke.

Philip Sporn

Robert L. Bragg to Instrument Maintenance Man C.

Central Coal

New Haven

Luther L. Adkins to Master Mechanic

Kentucky Power

Ashland

Robert E. Muncy to Working Lineman. James H. Hutchinson, Jr. to Serviceman. Dennis W. William to Lineman A. Edward L. Kemp to Lineman A. John T. Cornette to Serviceman. Samuel G. Wilson to Lineman B. Linda S. Patton to Contract Clerk Senior.

Hazard

Charles E. Davis to Lineman B.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Marmet

Virgil G. Cooper to Section Foreman

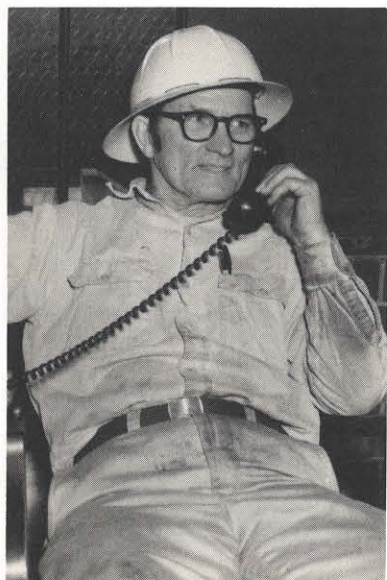
Home, Church Work, Fishing Will Occupy Ed Jarrett's Time

"Virginia has enough work planned to keep me busy for years," jokes Ed Jarrett, who retired March 30 as yard foreman at Cabin Creek Plant. "For one thing, she wants a recreation room built on our house and I've got some work to do on our boat dock."

Building won't be anything new for Ed. "I added two rooms and a bath on our first house. Since we bought our present house 13 years ago, I have remodeled a bedroom and built a garage."

Then there's the 60' x 121' parking lot he's building for his church, the Church of Nazarene at Belle, West Virginia. "A cousin let me borrow his grader. I'd never used one before and had to trace the wires to get it started. The grading is almost finished and then I'll start to fill in." Ed also serves as a trustee, assistant Sunday School superintendent and a member of the church board.

Ed was born at Elkview, West Virginia, into a family of 17 boys



Jarrett

and six girls. "I started to work when I was nine years old and worked in timber and mining, which I didn't like. I came to Cabin Creek Plant in 1927. The depression hit and I got cut off but continued working at the plant although I was employed by Kelly's Creek Coal Company. Appalachian later took it over." During his nearly 45-year career, Ed worked as a coal handler, coal and ash equipment operator, labor-janitor foreman, utility foreman and yard foreman.

"Appalachian is a good company to work for. It has been fair to me, and I would hire on again. As long as you do your job, you have steady employment. We definitely have a good benefit program."

Ed has been bowling in the Megawatt League since 1956. He also is a fishing and hunting enthusiast and enjoys traveling.

"We spent over a month in Alaska with our daughter, son-in-law and grandson. My son-in-law is stationed at Fairbanks with the Air Force. We saw more Alaska on that trip than people who had been living there 10-15 years. We traveled 2300 miles in a three-quarter ton pickup and 18-foot trailer in 16 days. We went as far west as you can go in the United States by land and also panned gold out of the Yukon River. I never saw the like of fish and game. It was the most wonderful vacation we have ever had. We caught one fish that lasted three days."

The Jarretts have been to Canada 15 times on fishing trips. "Virginia likes it about as well as I do. We're going to Arkansas on a fishing trip in May."

Ed and Virginia have three daughters, six grandsons and one granddaughter.

ROTC Lieutenant Colonel Becomes National Guard Pfc

It's a big come-down from Lieutenant Colonel to Pfc., but Bruce Bolner did it by choice. The son of Donald G. Bolner, Ashland working service foreman, Bruce recently joined the Kentucky National Guard's 201st Engineer Battalion.

At Paul Blazer High School, Bruce is a cadet Lieutenant Colonel in the ROTC and serves as battalion commander, the highest attainable student rank. As a three-year ROTC student, he entered the National Guard as a Pfc.



Col. Robert L. Dezarn (right) congratulates Bruce Bolner upon joining the Kentucky National Guard.

Bruce is pleased with his enlistment. "Since the draft will probably be ending soon, I will be able to go ahead and finish high school, knowing that my obligation to America will be fulfilled in the National Guard and Army Reserve." High school students are granted a deferment from active duty training in the National Guard until they complete high school work.

Bruce, who was nominated for admission to West Point, has applied for an Army ROTC scholarship to the University of Kentucky. During college he will attend National Guard meetings one weekend a month. Two weeks annual field training is required each summer. With the enlistment benefits he receives from the National Guard, Bruce will earn nearly \$50 for each monthly weekend drill. Including summer training, he will gross approximately \$750 the first year and pay increases with higher rank.

Bruce will have two years military service left when he receives his commission at the end of college. He will spend that time with the Army Reserve as an officer.

Chickens Live Better Electrically In Environmentally-Controlled House

Chickens are living better electrically these days at the Hinton Hatchery, Inc., at Ashland. A new environmentally-controlled brooder house, providing room for 5000 breeder hens and 400 roosters, has just been completed at the hatchery.

The aluminum building has a concrete floor with a 36-inch deep pit, 12 feet x 200 feet, and

covered with 1-inch x 2-inch welded wire. The ceiling and side walls have 4 inches of fiberglass insulation. The building is totally enclosed except for an 8-inch opening for air intake. Three 36-inch thermostatically controlled fans and one 18-inch continuously running fan move 40,000 cubic feet of air per minute through the house. A mechanical feeder, capable of moving 36,000 pounds of feed per month, operates eight to ten hours a day.

Electricity powers the fans, feeder, lights, water system and heating and cooling of the egg cooler and workroom.

During a 12-month period, this 5000 breeder flock will produce 11 million eggs.

Croy Becomes Certified Engineer



Croy

A. Q. Croy, distribution engineer senior in the General Office T&D Distribution Section, Roanoke, 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.

Croy holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He joined Appalachian in 1956 as an electrical engineer in Pulaski and transferred to the Fieldale area of the Roanoke Division in 1959. He moved to the General Office T&D Distribution Section in 1967.



The Burger King Hawks ended the basketball season as number two in the Roanoke County Pee-Wee League. Their over-all record for the year, including two tournaments, was 12 wins and four losses. Bobby Ragland (center), Roanoke lead



Dalton

Dalton Becomes Garage Foreman

T. Paul Dalton, Bluefield auto repairman A, has been promoted to garage foreman.

Dalton, a Navy veteran, attended Auto Diesel College in Nashville, Tennessee, and has taken a correspondence course in machine and hydraulics prints. He was employed in 1959 as an auto repairman helper and was an auto repairman B before being promoted to auto repairman A in 1967.

Dalton is the father of two sons and one daughter.



Bradley

Area Development Promotes Bradley

Edward C. Bradley, administrative assistant to the area development director of Appalachian Power Company, has been named area development consultant for the Pulaski and Abingdon Divisions. He succeeds Glenn H. Reynolds, who has been promoted to area development director.

Bradley, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, received a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a major in marketing from Xavier University. He joined Appalachian in 1968. Bradley is married and has two sons.

Charleston Division Transportation Coordinator Ends 35-Year Career

"For a young man who wanted to become an accountant, I changed my course somewhat drastically," commented Earl Stone. He retired April 1 as Charleston Division transportation coordinator.

"I really never had a great desire to become so involved with the automobile industry, but it seems that early in my career I became involved in the repair and parts for autos and I've never been separated from it."

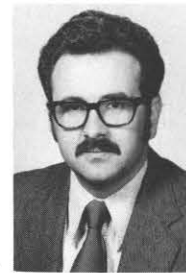
Before joining Appalachian in 1938, Earl attended Morris Harvey College and worked in various phases of the automotive parts and repair industry. He was Beckley garage foreman for over six years and became Charleston garage foreman in 1949. In 1963 he was promoted to transportation coordinator in charge of the company's largest fleet of vehicles. Earl notes, "We handle repairs and support activities not only for Charleston Division cars and trucks but for our coal operations, some General Office vehicles as well as some work for the plants in our area."

Earl says, "I can't remember names very well, but I can name most of the vehicle numbers for our fleet as well as parts numbers for all major replacement pieces on the vehicles."

He adds, "The hydraulic lift-equipped vehicles brought about the most changes in parts and repair procedures. This type of equipment meant that we had to retrain all our mechanics and establish a new parts section."

Earl's plans for retirement include visits to see his daughter, Mary Lou, in Atlanta and daughter, Laura, in Texas. Mary Lou's husband is Ed Rabel, CBS news commentator who just returned from a two-year tour of duty in Vietnam. Laura's husband is president of an instrument company which sells its products on the international market, princi-

Ruloff Takes Supervisory Post



Ruloff

Harry E. Ruloff, Jr., electrical engineer senior, has been promoted to engineering supervisor of the Logan-Williamson Division. He succeeds G. S. Nease, Jr., who earlier was transferred to the Roanoke Division.

A native of Montgomery, West Virginia, Ruloff holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He joined Appalachian in 1965 as an electrical engineer and was promoted to electrical engineer senior in 1972.

Ruloff is married and the father of two children.



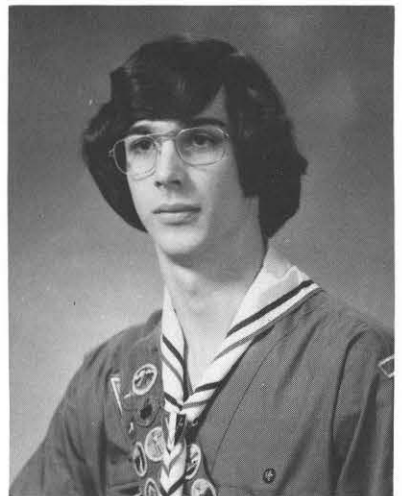
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pally western European countries.

Earl also plans to continue with his woodworking hobby and, above all, church work.



Tommy Smith, Jr., son of T. C. Smith, Roanoke Division dealer sales representative, is a chip off the old block. Tommy, Jr., won the first place award in the sales demonstration contest conducted by District VII of the Distributive Education Club of America at its Leadership Conference in Roanoke. Over 100 students from Roanoke Valley high schools participated. Tommy, Jr., an 11th grader at William Fleming High School, sold a set of "mag" wheels to win the award. He will represent his school in the state competition. Tommy, Sr., won six competitive awards when he took the Dale Carnegie Course, including the championship sales talk.



Randy Cole, son of James M. Cole, senior performance engineer at Clinch River Plant, has been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. A member of Troop 222, sponsored by the Abingdon United Methodist Church, Randy has held every major office and is also a member of the Order of the Arrow. In 1970, he represented the Pellissippi District, Sequoyah Council, BSA, at the 13th World Jamboree in Japan. Randy, a junior at Abingdon High School, is a member of the varsity basketball team and senior band and is a letterman in varsity track.



Members of Roanoke's Alley Kats, winning girls' team, are (l. to r.) Linda Cawley, Kathleen O'Beirne, Sandra Bower, Sharon Bacchus and Ruth Manning.

Invitational Bowling Tourney Draws 40 Appalachian, Kingsport Teams

Forty teams from all Appalachian Power divisions and plants and Kingsport Power participated in the 1973 Appalachian Employees' Invitational Bowling Tournament held last month at Roanoke's Viking Lanes.

Active and retired employees made up the 32 men's teams, while the eight women's teams were composed of active and retired employees and employees' wives.

Top prize for the winning men's team was \$100 plus additional trophies and prizes. The ladies' top prize was \$25 and individual trophies. The entry fee of \$3.25 per person covered all tournament expenses. The tournament was arranged by George

Fechter and Mike O'Beirne, assisted by Gus Croft, all General Office employees in Roanoke.

The Kilowatts of Bluefield was the winning men's team, with a score of 3028. The Alley Kats of Roanoke won for the ladies, with a score of 2657.

Individual honors went to Ernie Linkous, Kilowatts of Bluefield, with high scratch set (632); Dan Bird, Fubars of Roanoke, with high scratch game (226) and high handicap set (705); and John Worley, Red Eyes of Roanoke, with high handicap game (245). Margaret Brammer, White Lightning of Roanoke, took high game honors for the ladies with a score of 200.



Bluefield's Kilowatts was the winning men's team. (L. to r.) Garlin Hill, Jimmy Loyd, Ernie Linkous, Heber Stafford and Mike Clayton.

Parker Coaches Vikings Team To First Place Tie In Little League



Coach Grady Parker gives his Vikings team some pointers.

The Vikings team, coached by Roanoke Division Sales Supervisor Grady Parker, tied for first place in the Roanoke County Recreation Department's Little League basketball program. The team ended the season with a 10-2 record.

The Vikings held two practice sessions weekly during the sea-

son and played one game each Saturday in the Cave Spring Junior High gym.

Competing in the Heights Tournament last month with teams from all over Roanoke County and City, the Vikings bowed to Roanoke Catholic with a score of 30-28.

Larry Bevins Gets Early Start On Sportscasting Career

"Since I was in the fifth grade, I've wanted to be in broadcasting," says Larry 'Speedy' Bevins. "When I was in junior high school, I used to sit in the bleachers, watch the game and pretend to be calling the play-by-play. My friends would tell me I should be a sportscaster, and I can't think of anything I'd rather do."

Larry, the son of E. L. Bevins, Logan-Williamson Division accounting supervisor, is in his senior year at Logan High School. Shortly after school began last fall, Larry was given the opportunity to work with professionals at Radio WVOW. He observed the broadcasting business first hand and was taped time and again. Soon he was issued a one-year third class operators license and shortly afterwards was "on the air".

In January of this year he called the complete play-by-play of the Logan High/Scott High basketball game for WVOW Radio. Since then he has called the remainder of his school's games as well as area junior high and buddy league games.

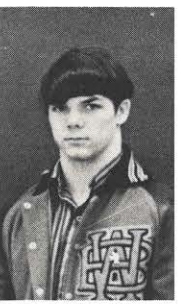
"On Sundays, I get to work the control board, do a little disc jockeying and the news headlines and stocks. But my first love is sportscasting; and, after college, I hope to get into professional team sports announcing. I'm going to Marshall University and plan to major in

broadcasting. Marshall has an excellent program geared to WMUL, a public broadcasting station operated by the university." Larry adds, "I like music and sports and broadcasting is a good way to get next to them. I've also been privileged to make many new friends around the state since many of the games take us to other towns."



Bevins

Hogan



Hogan Earns Wrestling Honors

Mark Hogan, 17-year-old son of L. F. Hogan, Roanoke line foreman NE, has quite a record as a wrestler at William Byrd High School. In two years of participation in the sport, he has ten wins and no losses in his 155-lb class.

William Byrd recently earned the title of No. 1 in the state wrestling tournament. Mark rated No. 1 in the Blue Ridge District (composed of seven valley high schools) and No. 2 in the Regional (composed of 20 high schools). He earned honorable mention for his class in the tournament.

Exhibit "Convinces" Roanoke Employees

The necessity of wearing seat belts was demonstrated to all Roanoke-based division employees through a recent exhibit from the Virginia Highway Safety Division.

The educational exhibit, called the Convincer, allows a rider to experience a simulated auto collision and walk away unharmed.

The rider, sitting in a car seat, travels down a nine-foot ramp. He reaches a speed of approximately four miles per hour before impact—an impact intended to leave a lasting impression in rider's mind, but not enough to cause personal injury.

Riders are asked to imagine the force of impact they would have felt had they been traveling at the average impact speed of 40 miles an hour, thus demonstrating the necessity of wearing seat belts.

Bobby Brown, draftsman senior and chairman of the Safety Committee, was instrumental in obtaining the Convincer exhibit. Assisting in the program were Steve Jamison, personnel assistant; Cecil Hill, planner senior; and Bob Mickey, head T&D clerk.

Employees also viewed two films showing actual car crashes. The first, staged by General Motors at its proving grounds, showed crashes of autos traveling up to 30 miles per hour. The other unedited film of actual highway crashes was made by the Ohio Highway Patrol.



The Comics won the first half of the APCo Kilowatt Bowling League in Huntington. Team members are (l. to r.) Dallas Fuller, Dorcas Mon-

cer, Paul Baker, Jean Harbour and Monte Huffman. There are ten teams in the league.



The new officers of the Apelcoes Club, Lynchburg Division, are already at work. From left, Thomas W. Oliver, engineer B, president; Kitty Mason, stenographer, secre-

tary; Grady R. Blake, Jr., materials clerk, assistant treasurer; and Ronald E. DeShong, engineer B, treasurer.



The Tip's Gang trimmed the Kilowatts 6 points to 2 to win the first half of the Bluefield Industrial Bowling League. The teams, both from Appalachian Power, were tied for first place before the last night's play. Members of the winning team

are (l. to r.) W. C. Cox, surveyor; T. W. Wolfe, T&D clerk senior; Clyde Welch, head T&D clerk; Doug Leffler, engineer B; and A. G. Ferrell, line inspector. Ferrell, captain of Tip's Gang, has the high average of 18 per game.



Welcome Home David

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Fire Department Dream Comes True For Thornton

Residents of the Burnt Chimney section of Franklin County, Virginia, rest a little easier now that there is a fire department nearby. The fire department started as a dream in the mind of Prince Thornton, Roanoke Division administrative assistant, when he and his wife moved to the country in 1960.

The Thorntons and their neighbors were well aware of the fact that there was no fire protection closer than Boones Mill (ten miles away over a rough road) or Mt. Pleasant (two big mountains and ten miles away).

The dream of a fire department kept running through Prince's mind. Finally, in May 1971 at a meeting of the Burnt Chimney

Ruritan Club, Prince suggested the club sponsor a volunteer fire department. Prince was appointed chairman of a committee to look into the matter, but the other members expressed little interest.

Prince invited Robert Morter, a certified fire instructor, to present a program to the Ruritans on how a fire department could be formed. Then he followed up with numerous visits in the community to discuss the project. When a public meeting was finally held in January of 1972, Prince had convinced area residents the fire department was needed.

Land for the fire department was donated by William and Elsie

Turner, brother and sister, and ground was broken March 11. The neighborhood men assisted with construction of the building and 40 of them, including Prince, completed a 30-hour course in fire fighting.

Prince organized a highway canvass which netted \$1743 for the project. The volunteer firemen themselves donated \$1500 and their door-to-door canvass yielded \$12,440.

The building has been completed and a new fire truck, modern in every detail, including the yellow color, was delivered in February. Many individuals and organizations have donated boots, gloves, coats and equipment to the department. Prince's son, Ed Thornton, was elected fire chief when the department was organized.



Checking the equipment on the new fire truck for the Burnt Chimney Community are Prince E. Thorn-

ton, Sr., (left) and P. E. "Ed" Thornton, Jr., fire chief.

The Cover

Army S. Sgt. David N. Harker greets members of his 1964 graduating class at Brookville High School who came to the Lynchburg Municipal Airport to welcome him home. David, son of Lynchburg Electrical Engineer Jack Harker, was released last month after more than five years as a prisoner of war in South Vietnam. Photo courtesy **The News** and **The Daily Advance**.



Fred E. Galbraith, Bluefield Division collector, has completed Division I of Electrical Engineering from International Correspondence Schools. Galbraith's diploma was presented to him at the monthly safety and operating conference by Division Manager Jack Lloyd (left). Galbraith, who

plans to take additional engineering studies, said he worked as long as two weeks on one problem in the course. He added, "I have forgotten most of the things I learned at school as it has been several years since I studied them."

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