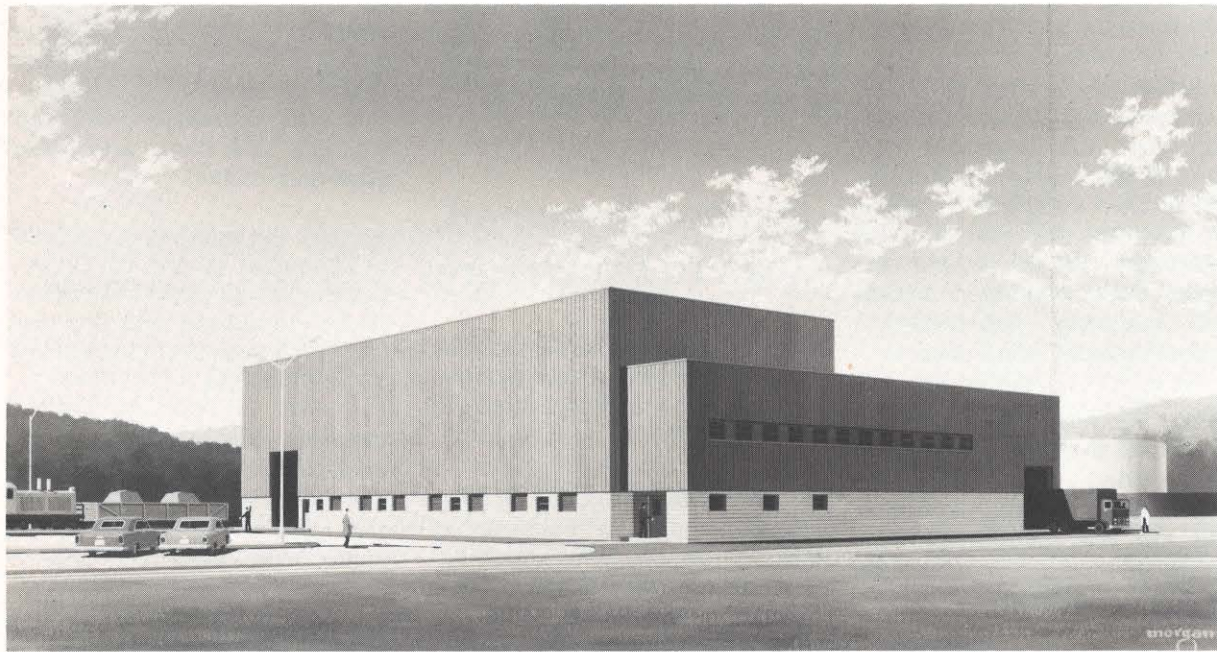


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This is how the new Central Machine Shop at John E. Amos Plant will look when completed.

## Central Machine Shop At John E. Amos Will Serve All AEP System Plants

Greater "in-house" maintenance and repair work on System generating equipment will be provided by the Amos Central Machine Shop now under construction at Appalachian Power Company's John E. Amos Plant.

The new facility will serve all System plants and will provide an immediate response during emergency situations, and effective alternate to the repair and maintenance services provided outside.

Work has already started on the Shop. The building will measure 172 feet by 120 feet. Two 60-foot bays will handle machine

shop repair and fabrication and motor rewind and repair, respectively. Offices, lockers and lunch rooms will make up the remainder. The two bays will be served by railroad tracks for delivery of large equipment for servicing. When the building is completed by early spring, the staff will number approximately 50. The nucleus of the Shop is already at work in the Amos Plant shop area, where 35 men are assigned exclusively to System work.

For an outfit just getting started, the Shop has already turned in two money-saving jobs. A piece of equipment from Big Sandy Plant needed to have its seal area

re-machined. No machine in the Ohio or Kanawha River Valleys could undertake the work, but the Amos Shop could... and did. Again, a 10-ton shaft from the Winfield Hydro Plant, which formerly had to be sent to a shipyard in Norfolk, Virginia, for major repair, was brought to the Shop with obvious and significant savings.

The Shop crew also handles house calls, providing portable tools or personnel to perform work in other plants.

The Shop's capability, in addition to machine work, will include turbine rotor repairs, pump and valve rebuilding and balancing, motor rewinding, machine tool rebuilding and non-destructive testing. It will thus provide a great degree of flexibility, versatility and quality assurance for the System at large.

violence and vandalism.

E. H. Gloss, plant manager, explained that the company had made the request for the election because 92 members of UWUA Local 426 had returned to work "apparently repudiating the strike" and the company has a "good faith doubt" that UWUA Local 426 represents a majority of the employees at the plant. In addition to the 92 employees who have returned to work, the company said it had employed 68 persons, at the time the petition was filed, to replace the employees who had gone on strike.

Gloss said, "This action in no way is an attempt by the company to break the union. It is our belief that many employees who are members of UWUA are not satisfied with the union leadership which they have been getting in this situation. We firmly believe that the employees have a right to express their preference for representation in an NLRB supervised election."

## Central Operating Petitions NLRB For Election Among Sporn Employees

Central Operating Company, which operates the Philip Sporn electric generating plant, has filed petitions with the National Labor Relations Board seeking an election among the employees at the plant.

A company official said the action had been taken so that employees could cast their ballots for representation by the Utility Workers Union of America AFL-CIO or any other union they desire.

Members of UWUA Local 426 went on strike at the plant on July 1, following a breakdown in negotiations for a new contract. The strike has been under way ever since with sporadic cases of

## Dividend Declared

The AEP Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of 47½ cents per share of common stock, payable December 10 to stockowners of record November 9.

## Cook

### Amendment Outlawing Surface Mining Would Cripple Nation's Electric Power

Crippled electric power service in the nation would be the result, AEP Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Donald C. Cook has warned, if a Senate-adopted amendment eliminating surface mining of Western low sulfur coal on property where mineral rights are owned by the Federal Government is enacted into law.

Dire implications for the future were expressed in a six-page letter from Cook to John A. Love, Director of the Energy Policy Office in the White House. The letter, copies of which were also sent to Governors and Public Service Commissions in the seven states served by AEP, pointed out that "This amendment would, as a practical matter, make unavailable hundreds of millions of tons of coal urgently and immediately required to meet the electric power needs of the country".

Cook was referring to an amendment introduced by Senator Mike Mansfield (D-Montana) to Senate Bill 425 which would outlaw surface coal mining in all cases where mineral rights are owned by the Federal Government and surface land is privately owned. Utility sources indicate that as much as 15 billion tons of low sulfur coal would thus be shut off from use.

Western states, to which the amendment largely refers, have immense quantities of low sulfur coal which is in short supply in the East.

Cook said that "unreasonable"

regulations established by the Environmental Protection Agency concerning the emission of sulfur dioxide gases from power plant stacks; the virtual exhaustion of oil and gas supplies, the absence of an effective sulfur dioxide removal system; and the interminable licensing delays for hydro-electric and nuclear plants, have all combined to make the electric utility industry dependent on low-sulfur Western coal.

In the letter to Love, Cook urged that the Mansfield amendment "or any similar provision" be eliminated from any surface mining legislation. And if not, that the President be urged to veto the legislation "on the basis that it would be the last straw in destroying an adequate and reliable power supply for millions of our citizens in many areas of the country."

In addition, Cook said, if "this last devastating blow" becomes effective, AEP sees no way "to comply with existing sulfur dioxide emission standards short of shutting down many of our plants for which conforming fuel cannot be obtained." The AEP System, which operates 18 fossil-fueled electric power generating stations, serves nearly two million customers in parts of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia.

Finally, Cook offered to form a group of utility representatives from all parts of the country to take their case directly to the President.

## Final Decision On APCo's Proposed 765-Kv Line Expected In Early 1974

Hearings before the Virginia State Corporation Commission on Appalachian Power Company's request to build a 765,000-volt line from Cloverdale to a substation near Lynchburg ended October 26.

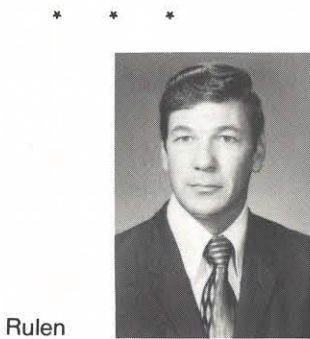
In the closing moments of the hearing, the Commission was told by a lawyer representing Bedford County citizens and environmentalists that his clients "will not oppose but will passively support" a southern route through Bedford County which would end at a substation near Joshua Creek, east of Lynchburg.

The lawyer also recommended that the Commission issue an interim order allowing Appalachian to start building its 765,000-volt line from Clover-

dale to a point about 15 miles east, where the line then would follow one of two proposed routes still under consideration through southern Bedford County.

Commissioner Preston C. Shannon said an interim order would be issued in early November. That order will determine whether Appalachian may begin building part of the line and will direct additional public notices be given to the three routes still being considered.

Residents will have 30 days from the date of the order to file with the SCC any comments or objections on any or all of the routes. If there are no objections, the case will be closed and the SCC will decide on a route and issue a final order.



Rulen

Harold L. Rulen, Amos Plant maintenance supervisor, last month was promoted to manager-Amos Central Machine Shop.

A native of Mason County, West Virginia, Rulen is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School and studied mechanical engineering through International Correspondence Schools. A former engineer for General Electric, he also worked at Kyger Creek and Breed Plants.

Rulen is married and has four children.



Miller

### Miller Wins Educational Award

Gregory Miller, son of W. R. Miller, engineering superintendent in the General Office Transmission and Distribution Department of Kentucky Power Company, has won a \$1500 AEP educational award.

James Sampson, the previously-announced winner of the AEP award, received an appointment to the U. S. Air Force Academy, making him ineligible for the award.

A 1973 graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland, Greg was a member of the History Club, Science Club and the concert, marching and pep bands.

Greg is studying for a degree at Ashland Community College.

## Only Two Groups Oppose Blue Ridge Project, APCo Brief Points Out

Opposition to Appalachian Power Company's proposed Blue Ridge Project has been reduced to two groups, with other intervenors either now favoring the project or having ceased any opposition to it.

This point and others were made in the company's reply brief on Blue Ridge filed last month with the Federal Power Commission, in which the company replies to briefs on remand which had been filed in mid-September by other parties in the proceeding.

In its brief, the company noted that the FPC Staff and the State of Virginia support the project, West Virginia no longer opposes it with the elimination of water quality control storage, environmental intervenors "have apparently ceased opposition," and the Department of the Interior and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency do not oppose Blue Ridge. The company goes on to point out that rural electric cooperatives ceased opposition years ago, and two industries and the City of Danville no longer oppose it.

In fact, the company said, "opposition has been reduced to two groups." One is the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, which seeks federal development, and the other is a group which "consists basically of

some of the local residents whose relocation will be necessitated by the project."

However, the company stated, "without in any way attempting to deprecate the legitimate concerns of such persons," the company's own investment coupled with the development that will inevitably occur around the project reservoirs "cannot help but basically improve the economic base" of the area.

"More important," the company continued, the overall benefits to be provided by Blue Ridge — power, flood control, recreation, and low flow augmentation — outweigh "certain limited and transitory local effects."

In its brief, Appalachian also reiterated its willingness to operate the project so that draw-downs in the upper reservoir would never exceed 10 feet, and said that elimination of additional flood control storage, which had been called for by FPC Staff, had satisfied most parties. The effect of the elimination of the storage will be a reduction in the size of the lower dam.

The brief went on to comment on, and suggest changes in, several licensing conditions for the project which had been suggested by the FPC Staff. Included is the suggested addition of words which reflect the possibility of shoreline control through local zoning in lieu of Appalachian's acquisition of such control, an action which Appalachian favors.

### Letter Of Intent Signed To Buy Coal

Western coal is coming east.

Donald C. Cook, chairman of American Electric Power Company and president of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, and C. V. Wood, Jr., president of McCulloch Oil Corporation, have signed a letter of intent whereby Braztah Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of McCulloch Oil, and I&M will enter into a long-term coal supply agreement.

The agreement will provide for the production, from Braztah's Utah properties, of coal with a heating value of not less than 12,000 Btu's, and a sulfur content of not more than 0.5%, and delivery of the coal to a site on the Mississippi River.

Initial deliveries are scheduled to begin in 1974 and to reach an annual level of 6.5-million tons by 1979. The agreement will call for the delivery of at least 130-million tons of coal over a period of approximately 20 years. Total deliveries could well exceed 250-million tons over a longer period on the basis of reserves expected to be available.



Jamison

### Jamison Promoted, Goes To Lynchburg

Stephen L. Jamison of Roanoke has been promoted to administrative assistant in the Lynchburg Division, effective November 1.

A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Jamison holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He joined Appalachian Power in 1969 as a business trainee in Roanoke and was promoted to personnel assistant senior earlier this year.

A first lieutenant in the Army Reserves, Jamison is married.

### I&M Plans Major Financing

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company has announced plans for a two-part, \$70-million financing in December.

I&M proposes to sell \$40-million of first-mortgage bonds and 300,000 shares of \$100 par-value preferred stock at competitive bidding on December 13. The two sales are subject to necessary regulatory approvals.

Proceeds from the two financings will be used to retire short-term debt and for construction and other corporate purposes.

### Rate Cases Still Pending

Hearings were resumed last month on Appalachian Power Company's application for a rate increase in West Virginia. West Virginia Public Service Commission Staff witnesses presented testimony and there was some cross-examination.

The next hearings are scheduled for December 10 and 11. Cross-examination of Staff witnesses will be completed and any additional Appalachian testimony will be submitted.

Appalachian filed for the rate increase in February 1971 and has been collecting the increased rates, subject to refund, since August of that year.

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Hearings were also held last month before the Federal Power Commission on Appalachian's request for an increase in rates to its wholesale customers. The application, filed in September 1972, requested an increase of approximately \$1,920,000.

Testifying for the company were John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president; Bruce Barber, assistant vice president-finance, AEP; Paul Zuercher, assistant vice president-rate division, AEP; and Herman Roseman, Economic Research Associates. Testimony was also presented by FPC Staff witnesses and intervenors. The Virginia cities of Danville, Martinsville, Salem, Bedford, Radford and Richlands as well as Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the private utility companies operated by the Musser interests in West Virginia have intervened in protest of the rate increase.

The Administrative Law Judge set a briefing schedule at the conclusion of the hearings. A decision in the case is not expected before early 1974.



Ninety-nine employees have pledged \$2,245 for 1973-74 through the Pulaski Employees Benevolent Association. Serving as officers of the Association are (first row, l. to r.) W. T. Collins, secretary;

Adelene W. Newman, chairperson; and Dan L. Adams, treasurer. Directors are (back row, l. to r.) Patra E. Armbrister, Frank W. Young and Glenda W. Wohlford. Not pictured is Director Harry M. Jennings.

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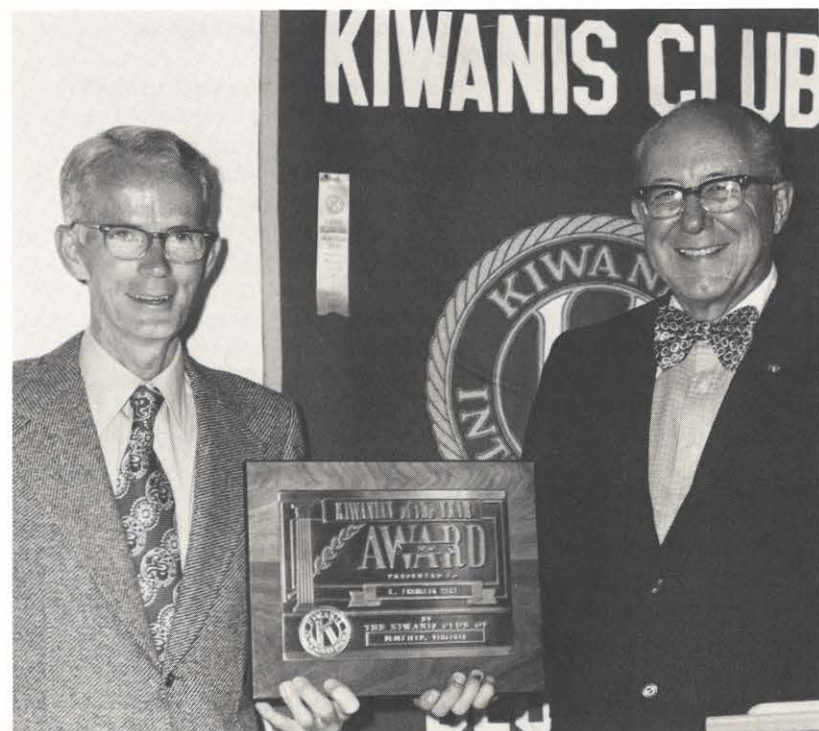
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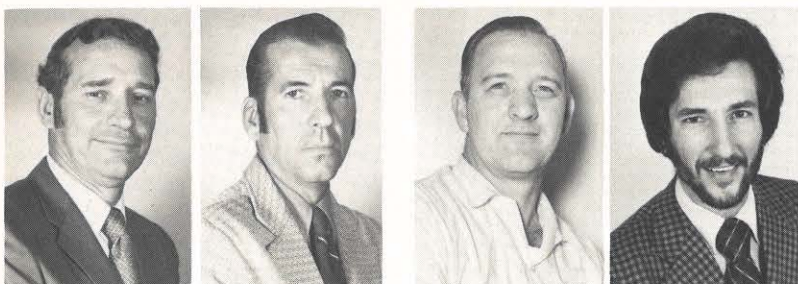
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Joe S. Stinson, Bluefield heating sales engineer (left), is presented the Kiwanian of the Year Award by Dr. Charles Harman, retired president of Bluefield College. A past president of the Bluefield, Virginia, Kiwanis Club, Stinson is presently a director and

chairman of the Youth Services Committee. He is very active in youth work in the Bluefield area and is doing an outstanding job of heading up the Graham High School football program through the Kiwanis Club.



Wentz

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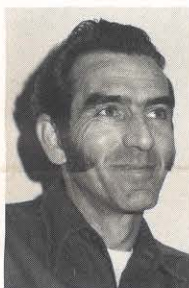
Camden

## Amos Plant Operations Department Names Four New Supervisors

Four men were promoted last month in the Operations Department at John E. Amos Plant. Ronald E. Wentz was named to the newly-created position of production supervisor-operations. Succeeding Wentz as shift operating engineer is Dayton H. Spencer. Bob Slack succeeded Spencer as assistant shift operating engineer and William R. Camden replaced Slack as unit foreman.

Wentz, a native of Putney, West Virginia, graduated from DuPont High School and served four years in the U. S. Army. He joined

## Webb Takes Foreman Post



Webb

Roy Webb was promoted last month to maintenance foreman at Big Sandy Plant. He succeeds Gary Miller, who transferred to Gavin Plant in the same capacity.

A native of Lawrence County, Kentucky, Webb was employed in 1968 as a utility man B and worked as a junior maintenance man and maintenance man before being promoted to master maintenance man in 1972.

Webb is married and has a son and a daughter.

Kyger Creek Plant in 1953 as a guard and worked there as maintenance helper, auxiliary equipment operator and assistant control operator before transferring to Clinch River Plant in 1958 as a unit foreman. He went to Cardinal Plant in 1966 as shift operating engineer and transferred to Amos Plant in that capacity in 1970. He is married and has two children.

A native of Ohio, Spencer began his career in 1955 as a guard at Kyger Creek Plant and later became an auxiliary equipment operator. He went to Breed Plant in 1959 as an equipment operator and worked there as an operator A and unit foreman. In 1970 he transferred to Amos Plant as an assistant shift operating engineer. He is married and has two children.

An Air Force veteran, Slack was employed in 1955 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant and later worked as an auxiliary equipment operator. He transferred to Clinch River in 1961 and was an equipment operator before being promoted to unit foreman in 1966. He transferred to Amos Plant in the same capacity in 1970. He is married and has four children.

Camden, also an Air Force veteran, went to work as a laborer at Glen Lyn Plant in 1966. He was a utility man, utility operator and coal sampler before transferring to Amos Plant in 1970 as a utility operator A. He was promoted to equipment operator the following year. A native West Virginian, Camden is married.

## Rate Increase Approved In Ohio

The AEP System operating companies are now well past the half-way mark in receiving regulatory approvals in a series of requested rate increases.

The latest came October 26, when the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approved 100 percent of the rate increase request of \$24,054,785 per year filed by Ohio Power Company in May 1971. It is the first rate hike in that company's history and applies to virtually all of its residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Joe P. Gills, Ohio Power executive vice president, said that the company hopes to be able to place the increase in effect in December.

## Grateful Customer Thanks Employees

In response to an emergency phone call, three Charleston employees responded immediately to restore electric service to the home of a customer where an artificial kidney machine was in operation. The grateful father sent this letter to Fred Helm, praising the employees' actions:

"As you know, our 17-year-old son John as the result of kidney failure is treated by an artificial kidney machine three times a week for six hours each time. Yesterday afternoon while we were treating him with the machine, the voltage at our home became substantially reduced causing the pumps in the machine to falter, lights to dim, motors to slow down, etc.

We immediately turned off the machine and started operating the blood pump by hand. Of course, during this operation there is no effective treatment since the cleansing solution cannot be pumped over the artificial kidney coil. After several minutes awaiting the return of the power to normal, Alice called Appalachian Power Company and informed the party on the phone of our situation.

Within a very few minutes a Mr. Barker arrived and began analyzing the situation. Without delay he found a burned line at a transformer nearby our house, and he and Mr. Harper and Mr. Merial proceeded to repair the same.

I wish to commend your company and especially Messrs. Harper, Barker and Merial for their cooperative attitude and quick reaction to an emergency situation which, as you can see, is of a very serious nature to us."

The three employees are Charles C. Harper, meter serviceman A; William H. Barker, general serviceman; and Gary A. Merial, lineman B.



Harrah

## Harrah Elects Early Retirement

Hobart Houston Harrah, maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement November 1, ending a career of more than 29 years.

A native West Virginian, "Hobe" first worked with the construction company that built the plant's present units 8 and 9. He joined Appalachian Power in 1943 as a carpenter and was a boiler maintenance man A before being promoted to maintenance man in 1968.

Retirement plans include spending fall hunting seasons at his lodge in Pendleton County, W. Va., and enjoying warm weather at his summer home in Summersville, W. Va. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, TV repair, spectator sports, antiques and old cars.



Armstrong

Handley

Warner

Bone

## Four Named Unit Foremen At John E. Amos Plant

Four men were promoted last month to maintenance foremen at John E. Amos Plant. They are Lawrence K. Armstrong, James T. Bone, Carl F. Handley and Wayne E. Warner, all maintenance men A.

Armstrong, a native of Nellis, West Virginia, attended West Virginia State College and served four years with the U. S. Navy. He was employed in May 1971 as a maintenance man B at Amos and was promoted to maintenance man A later that year.

He is married and has two daughters and one son.

A native of Pine Knob, West Virginia, Bone joined Amos Plant in 1971 as a maintenance man B and was promoted to maintenance man A the following year.

## SEC Will Review Law Judge Decision On C&SO Acquisition

The Securities and Exchange Commission last month agreed to review the initial decision of Administrative Law Judge Irving Schiller against the proposed acquisition of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company by American Electric Power Company.

The move thus held open the hope that C&SO might yet become a part of the AEP System.

Schiller's ruling, made July 18, was extensively criticized by several parties in the proceeding, in addition to AEP: Ohio Governor John J. Gilligan; Ohio Attorney General William J. Brown; Columbus and Southern Ohio; the state's 80-odd municipal electric systems, and its 28 rural electric cooperatives.

In filing its petition for review by the full Commission, AEP had cited some 56 exceptions to the Schiller decision and summarized that it was "clearly contrary" to the evidence developed during nearly six years of proceedings.

The Commission set a total of 140 days for parties to file briefs and reply briefs. After such filings, the SEC will hear oral arguments, and subsequently hand down its decision.



Some 774 Roanoke Division and General Office employees have pledged \$24,793 for the 1973-74 year through the Appalachian Employees Benevolent Association in Roanoke. Heading up the Association are (seated, l. to r.) Vickie Rutledge, vice chairman; R. D. Carson,

treasurer; Carolyn Gordon, secretary; Steve Jamison, chairman; and Jean Bousman, representative. Standing, l. to r., are Paul Kinney, representative; Larry Stevens, assistant treasurer; and Jim Zimmerman, representative.

Also a Navy veteran, he is married and has two sons.

An eight-year Army veteran, Handley was employed by Union Carbide for 20 years before joining Amos Plant in 1971 as a maintenance man B. He moved up to maintenance man A in 1972.

Married and the father of one son, Handley attended West Virginia State.

Warner, a native of Nitro, West Virginia, was hired in 1971 as a maintenance man C. He rose through the ranks to maintenance man A in March of this year.

An Army veteran, he is married and has one son.

# PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## JOHN E. AMOS



Vought

**David Q. Vought**, performance engineer, was named Jaycee of the Quarter by the Ravenswood Jaycees. He serves the local chapter as secretary and editor of its newsletter. He was chairman of the Ohio River Festival project, planned the teenage Halloween dance and served as Lumininia chairman.

New employees are **Richard E. Craig**, performance technician junior; **James R. Dunn**, engineer B; **Freddie J. Elswick, II**, **Bruce E. Casto**, **Ronnie G. Sergeant**, **Michael L. Hall**, **John S. White**, **Timothy N. Frazier**, **Gregory G. Adkins**, **George W. Shamblin** and **Dempsey D. Casto**, utility men B.

## ROANOKE

**Jerry Beatty**, son of Stores Supervisor A. M. Beatty, received a MFA—Drama degree from the Catholic University of America. He is presently drama director at the T. C. Williams High School, Alexandria, Va.

**B. Kilgore**, station supervisor, was appointed chairman of the Exploring Service Team, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America. **S. R. Pritchard**, retired executive assistant to the vice president, is chairman of the professional careers sub-group.

**Jim French**, daughter of K. E. French, engineer B, was selected as one of the Breckenridge Junior High School band majorettes.

**Voland N. Turner**, son of General Foreman Ralph Turner, was appointed physical director of Roanoke Central Young Men's Christian Association.

**Mrs. Silas Plybon**, wife of the Rocky Mount meter serviceman, was appointed assistant registrar of Franklin County.

**Wanda Gay Wright** presented her senior organ recital last month at Guilford Park Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N. C. The daughter of Heating and Builder Sales Coordinator J. W. Wright, Jr., Wanda expects to receive a degree in music education from Greensboro College next month.

**erry C. Walrond**, lineman

helper, and **Douglas A. Bryant**, clerk trainee, are new employees.

**C. A. Fudge**, Fieldale area T&D clerk, is on LTD leave.

**J. W. Nester**, Fieldale stationman C, is on educational leave of absence.

Four employees' cats were winners in the CFA Cat Show held recently in Roanoke. Sugarfoot, a calico cat owned by Accounting Employee **Jack Cummings**, won these ribbons in the Household Pet Division: one, Best Household Pet; one, Fifth Best Household Pet; two, Best Shorthair Household Pet; four, Best Of Color; and four, First Of Class. She won three silver plaques — two, Best Shorthair Household Pet and one, Best Household Pet. Sugarfoot also won the Happy Household Pet awards for the most playful and happiest cat in the Shorthair Division. At the end of the two-day show, she was awarded the Morris Trophy, donated by the Nine Lives Cat Food Company in honor of Morris, the TV commercial cat. This was the top award in the Household Pet Division.

Champion Big Lick Krishna of Z-Kat, owned by **Pete** and **Wanda Norcross**, won four First Of Class ribbons and four Best Of Color ribbons. Their other cat, Z-Kat's Chang-Lee-Ho-Ta, won four First Of Class ribbons; one, Best Of Color; three, Second Best Of Color and one, Fifth Best Kitten. Pete is employed in GO Accounting and Wanda in Division Commercial.

Sandy, an unregistered male lynx point Siamese cat owned by **Ann Quinn**, head, mailing section in GO General Services, won four First Of Class ribbons; four, Best Of Color ribbons; and one, Fifth Best Shorthair Household Pet ribbons.

## ASHLAND

**Sherylene Killin**, General Office Personnel, and **Pat Skaggs**, General Office Public Affairs, were members of the winning team in the ladies' handicap summer bowling league sponsored by Snyder's Potato Chips. Their team held the first place position throughout the 12-week season.

**Bo** and **Ed Humphrey** won low gross (38) in Ponderosa Bonanza golf group play recently. Ed is distribution engineer senior.

Three employees' wives were elected officers of the Xi Rho Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. They are: **Jetta Wright**, wife of Personnel Supervisor R. S. Wright, president; **Elmo Charles**, wife of Purchasing and Stores Director H. F. Charles, first vice

president; and **Elizabeth La Fon**, wife of Kentucky Power Executive Vice President Waldo La Fon, treasurer.

**Bill Schweitzer**, residential sales advisor, was elected vice president of the Boyd County Extension District Board.

**Ralph Evick** and **Marshall Julien** will serve as chairmen of the 1973 Boyd County Community Chest campaign. Ralph, Ashland Division administrative assistant, is chairman of public service and Marshall, public affairs director of Kentucky Power, is publicity chairman.

**Christopher Carey Miller**, 14-month-old son of Distribution Engineer Chris Miller, received a first year Sunday School perfect attendance pin from South Ashland United Methodist Church. He is the youngest Sunday School member of the church to ever receive such an award.

## Big Sandy

**Billy Joe Brumfield** and **Jack A. Stevens**, utility men B, are new employees.

## Kingsport



McAlpine

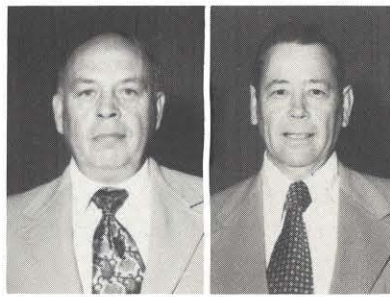
**Bill McAlpine**, son of Home Sales Representative Bennett McAlpine, received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. A Merit Scholar and an AEP Educational Award winner in 1961, Bill attended Davidson College and graduated cum laude from Amherst College in 1965. That fall he was granted a National Defense fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was enrolled in the International Relations Graduate Group. Bill presented a paper before the International Political Science Association Congress in Munich, Germany, in 1970. While working toward his degree, Bill was employed as a consultant in business and scientific computing. He is presently teaching American Government in the Social Science Department, International Relations field, at Georgia Tech.

**R. Paul Miller**, meter reader, is a new employee.

**Kay Britt**, Accounting, is serving as a Cub Scout den leader.

**Capt. Ben E. Smith**, chief of endodontics, was transferred to Ft. Dietrich, Md., as dental advisor to a study group under the Surgeon General's office to determine a method of putting the military dental program on computers. He is the son of W. Q. Smith, accounting supervisor.

## PULASKI



Collins

Buckner

**W. T. Collins**, accounting supervisor, was elected president of the Pulaski Kiwanis Club.

**Cecil Buckner**, Pulaski Accounting, was elected president of the Pulaski High School Band Boosters' Club.

New officers of the Wytheville Kiwanis Club include **Carl G. Powers**, area T&D clerk, historian; and Retiree **Hugh P. Grubb**, director.

**W. T. Childress**, draftsman, was named chairman of the Pulaski Flower Fund.

**Tim Gress**, son of Commercial Sales Representative Paul T. Gress, was elected a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at East Tennessee State University.

**Fred W. Myers**, customer accounts representative A, and **J. A. Lane, Jr.**, T&D clerk, were named to the honor roll for the summer quarter at New River Community College.

## LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

**Mrs. Raymond Gay**, wife of the Logan engineer B, was appointed to the membership committee of the Junior Woman's Club of Logan.

**Mrs. Floyd Taylor, Jr.**, wife of the division manager, was elected corresponding secretary of the Logan Country Club Women's Association. She was also runner-up in the second flight of the ladies' golf tournament.

**Justine Foglesong**, wife of Records Supervisor Howard Foglesong, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Holden Woman's Club. Mrs. Foglesong, director of field service for the Mountain Laurel Council of Girl Scouts, spoke about the International Wilderness Encampment in Monongalia Forest.

**Hazel Kinser**, wife of Logan Stationman Dallas Kinser, was elected secretary of the Logan High School Band Boosters Club.

Retiree **Alda Jones** was appointed to the visual and performing arts and community improvement committees of the Triadelphia Woman's Club.

Appointed as chairmen in Logan County's 1974 United Fund campaign were Retiree **W. H. Honaker**, Health and Welfare Section, and Administrative Assistant **C. E. Frye**, Utilities

Section. **Howard** and **Justine Foglesong** were appointed sectional workers.

Elected to the Logan County United Fund board of directors for 1974 were Retirees **Merrill Atkinson** and **W. H. Honaker**; **Howard J. Collins**, Personnel; **J. B. Donevant**, Accounting; and **F. H. Taylor, Jr.**, Managerial.

## BECKLEY

**Steve Carpenter**, engineering supervisor, was elected secretary of the Piney View Elementary School PTA.

**Ann Vest**, wife of Credit Representative Jerry Vest, received a BA degree in elementary education from Morris Harvey College and has accepted a teaching position at Hollywood Elementary School.

**John R. Green**, meter reader, is a new employee.

**Ray Vest**, administrative assistant, was elected president of the Shady Spring Elementary School PTA.

**Kathy** and **Stephanie Kirby**, daughters of James Kirby, were selected members of the homecoming court at Stratton Junior High School. Kathy was the ninth grader and first attendant and Stephanie was the eighth grade attendant.

## CHARLESTON

**Connie Gilmore**, daughter of Area Development Stenographer Yvonne Gilmore, was among the finalists in the Upper Kanawha Little League Majorette and Cheerleader Festival.

**Lt. William Markham**, husband of Credit Representative Barbara Markham, was elected vice president of the West Virginia Law Enforcement Information Association.

## LYNCHBURG

Serving as advisors for the 1973 Junior Achievement program in Lynchburg Division are **James Collins**, heating and builder sales representative; **J. R. Dorman**, engineer B; and **L. W. Ring**, cashier.

## PIKEVILLE

New employees include **Jane Stephenson**, junior clerk; **Jack S. Sowards**, meter reader; **Dale Hamilton**, **Payne Olinger** and **Ted Justice**, linemen D.

## KANAWHA RIVER

New employees are **Dave A. Coleman**, **Michael N. McMorrow** and **J. L. Craig**, utility men B; and **Robert J. Perdew**, custodian.

## HUNTINGTON

**Clayton W. Dunlap**, retired meter supervisor, was elected to a two-year term as director of the Huntington Kiwanis Club.

**Rosetta Hayes**, daughter of Office Messenger Catherine Hayes, received a master's degree in education administration from Bowling Green State University.

**Michael Fotos**, son of Line Supervisor M. A. Fotos, was one of 16 Huntington area students selected as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.

**Gary Holbrook**, auto repairman, is a new employee.

**P. R. Baker**, sales supervisor, was appointed district general area chairman of the 1974 sustaining membership enrollment for the Tri State Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## BLUEFIELD



Jackson

**Ann Jackson**, daughter of Accounting Supervisor Kenneth Jackson, was installed as Worthy Advisor of Bluefield Assembly 48 Order of Rainbow for Girls. A reception was held in her honor and she was presented a white Bible.

**Dianna Bishop**, clerk typist, is a counselor for the MYF at Bland Street United Methodist Church in Bluefield.

**Duke Wright**, administrative assistant, won second low gross in the Richwood Frost-bite handicapped golf tourney.

New employees are **Thomas Keith Jarrett**, Princeton custodian, and **William Cecil Goode**, Pineville lineman helper.

**Mrs. W. J. Gillespie**, widow of the former division manager, was elected president of the McGuffey Book Club.

**Mary Helen Cornett**, wife of Engineering Supervisor McKinley Cornett, was elected secretary of the Bramwell PTA. She is also the fund raising chairman in the Bramwell area for the United Fund campaign.

Elected to the board of directors of the Bluefield Area Chapter, American Red Cross, were **C. L. Shockey**, personnel supervisor, and **Mrs. M. R. Callaway**, wife of the retired employee.

**Frank B. Barns**, Welch area superintendent, was named chairman of the McDowell County United Appeal for 1973-74.

**Randy Robinette**, son of Power Sales Engineer L. W. Robinette, will be featured in the 1972-73 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Randy was voted an outstanding senior at Avondale High School, Avondale Estates, Georgia. He is vice president of the student council, secretary of the Key Club, corresponding secretary of PTSA and head of a planning committee for the youth advisory board of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce. He plans to attend Shorter College, followed by seminary, in preparation for the ministry.



Barns



Robinette

## HAZARD

New employees are **Barney Baker, Jr.**, and **David Lee Berryman**, meter readers; and **Wade D. Hill**, lineman D.

## NEW HAVEN

New employees are **Arnold Bartley**, section foreman, and **Myra**



Abingdon Division Manager Fillmore McPherson, Jr., (left) congratulates Right of Way Agent Perry Johnston upon receiving a bachelor of laws degree from LaSalle Extension University. Johnston completed

requirements for the degree during a three-year period and at the same time met requirements that will permit him to take his Virginia state bar examination in December.

**L. Roush**, junior clerk-receptionist.

## MARMET

New employees are **Michael Bianchi White, Jr.**, and **Howard Ray Murphy**, rodmen; and **Lovell A. Mace**, master mechanic.

## GENERAL OFFICE

**Mildred H. Bishop**, stenographer in GO T&D, Bluefield, was reelected chairman of the Joan Carter Circle at First Baptist Church.

**Johnny Walters** was one of 68 bicycle riders who completed a 100-mile, one-day tour which included two mountains. The son of J. D. Walters, GO customer accounting supervisor, Roanoke, Johnny rolled across the finish line just 15 minutes after the first man to return.

**Wendy Smith**, daughter of Patsy Smith, stenographer in GO Purchasing, Roanoke, won two second place ribbons in the 10th annual Roanoke Valley Youth Horse Show. The two classes were "Go As You Please-Pony" and "Championship Hunter Pony Under Saddle".

**R. D. Webster**, commercial manager, was elected to a two-year term as deacon in the Colonial Presbyterian Church, Roanoke.

New employees are **Leon A. Epperly, Jr.**, utility helper; **James L. Bevins**, work order accounting clerk; **Larry J. Jones** and **Wilmer D. Musick**, construction stores assistants II; and **John B. Brown**, rodman.

**Roby Thomas**, son of J. W. Thomas, GO right of way agent, Roanoke, has been accepted under the "Early Decision Program" for the 1974 fall entering class at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. A senior at Hampden-Sydney College, Roby is a dean's list student, a member of Chi Beta Phi, honorary science fraternity, and was last year's recipient of the Overcash prize.

**J. Emmett Blackwell**, employee relations supervisor, and **J. B. Spurlock, Jr.**, employment coordinator, were named to *Personalities Of The South* for 1973-74. Blackwell was also named vice chairman of the 1974 United Fund campaign in Roanoke Valley. Spurlock was recently honored by The Roanoke Valley Business League for his contributions in the field of education.

**Nancy Spurlock**, wife of J. B. Spurlock, Jr., was chosen Central Council representative of Forest Park Elementary School, Roanoke.

**Scott Blackwell**, son of J. Emmett Blackwell, was chosen student government representative for his homeroom at Woodrow Wilson Junior High and historian for the Red Cross Student Association. Another son, **Todd**, was named co-captain of the Heights Club football team.

## We Remember



Goode

**Mayo A. Goode**, 60, area serviceman at Montgomery in the Charleston Division, died September 27.

Goode was employed as a laborer at Beckley in 1935 and was a groundman when he entered military service in 1941. He returned to work in 1945 as a lineman C in Charleston and worked as a lineman B and A and district troubleman before being made an area serviceman in 1953. He went on LTD leave in August of this year.

Goode is survived by his widow and one son.

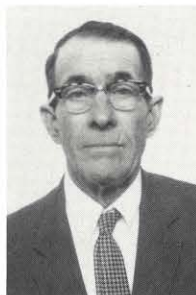


Roach

**Greever Clarence Roach**, 60, Bluefield truck driver-groundman, died of a heart attack October 5.

A native of Tazewell, Virginia, Roach was employed in June 1941 as a laborer and was promoted to truck driver-groundman later that year.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, two sisters, one half brother, two half sisters and one grandchild.



Ayers

**Lester J. Ayers**, 60, maintenance man at Byllesby Hydro Plant (Pulaski Division), died October 13.

A native of Carroll County, Virginia, Ayers was employed in 1941 as a laborer at Byllesby and later worked as a hydro maintenance helper B and A and assistant hydro operator B. He had been on LTD leave since April of last year.

Ayers is survived by his widow, two sons and three daughters.

**Edwin Lee Stein**, 81, retired Kenova Plant supervisor (Huntington Division), died September 28.

Stein was employed in 1921 as a master mechanic at Kenova Plant, where he spent his entire career. He was assistant plant superintendent before being promoted to plant supervisor in 1950, a position he held until retirement on December 1, 1956.

Stein is survived by his widow and six children. One son, Raymond Stein, is employed at Big Sandy Plant, and another son, Edwin Lee Stein, Jr., is employed by AEP in Canton.

## Willard Gourley Enters Retirement



Gourley

"Widely known and well liked" is the way fellow employees describe Willard G. Gourley, who retired November 1 as Fieldale area superintendent A in Roanoke Division.

A native of Danville, Virginia, "Tobe" attended Shenandoah Junior College and was employed by Marshall Fields Company (predecessor to Fieldcrest Mills) before joining Appalachian Power. He was hired as a groundman at Bluefield in 1930 and transferred to Roanoke two years later as a meter reader and troubleman. After several advancements he was promoted to general foreman at Fieldale in 1949 and worked as district superintendent and area superintendent B before becoming area superintendent A in 1968.

A golf enthusiast, "Tobe" enjoys all kinds of spectator sports and reading. His retirement will include working around the house because, as he puts it, "I'm a handyman at home, a real Mr. Fixit. I really enjoy working with my hands."

Active in his community, "Tobe" is a member of the Fieldale Rotary Club; board of deacons, Fieldale Baptist Church; Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce; Masonic A. S. A. M. Piedmont Lodge #152; and board of directors, Fieldale Sanitary Board. He and his wife have two married daughters.

# Wedding Bells Ring For 15 Couples Around System



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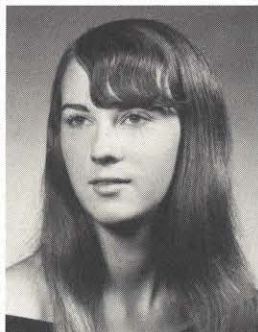
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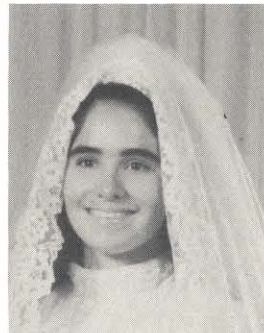
Dalton



Linkous



O'Bryant



Spraker

## Martin-O'Bryant

The Rocky Mount United Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, Va., was the setting for the September 22nd wedding of Margaret St. Clair Martin and John Frederick O'Bryant. Mrs. O'Bryant is the daughter of A. R. Martin, area supervisor A at Rocky Mount, Roanoke Division.

## Rowland-Linkous

Wedding vows were exchanged September 1 in St. John's Catholic Church, Marion, Va., by Mary Margaret Rowland and Gordon Woods Linkous. Mrs. Linkous is the daughter of C. K. Rowland, Marion customer accounting supervisor, Abingdon Division.

## Richmond-Hervey

The marriage of Mary Ann Richmond and Theodore Ernst Hervey, Jr., was solemnized August 18 in Nighbert Memorial United Methodist Church, Logan, W. Va. Mrs. Hervey is the daughter of James L. Richmond, Logan-Williamson Division superintendent.

## Webster-Conklin

Kathleen Webster and Charles E. Conklin were united in marriage June 21 in Colonial Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Va. Mrs. Conklin is the daughter of R. D. Webster, commercial manager, General Office Commercial, Roanoke.

## ENGAGEMENTS

REBECCA LYNN HUTCHINSON to Jerry C. Walrond. Mr. Walrond is a lineman helper, Roanoke.

CATHY LEIGH MILSTEAD to Dennis D. Love. Mr. Love is the son of Robert H. Love, supervising engineer, Pulaski.

## Wade-Childress

September 8 was the wedding day of Helen H. Wade and John T. Childress, who were married in Airlee Court Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va. Mr. Childress is a station maintenance man A in General Office T&D Station Section, Roanoke.

## Bennett-Trumbo

A double ring ceremony performed October 27 in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, united Jennifer Louise Bennett and Wilson Z. Trumbo, Jr. Mr. Trumbo is the son of W. Z. Trumbo, personnel director, Kingsport.

## Cassidy-Jones

Alva Mary Cassidy became the bride of Robert Alvin Jones September 1 in Bluefield Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bluefield, W. Va. Mr. Jones is the son of Robert R. Jones, GO line construction foreman, Bluefield.

## Myers-Byus

Sandra Myers and William A. Byus, III, were united in marriage September 29 in Madison Methodist Church. Mrs. Byus is a home sales representative senior at St. Albans, Charleston Division.

## Wilkinson-White

A double ring ceremony performed September 13 in Pond Gap, W. Va., united Dorothy E. Wilkinson and Timothy F. White. Mr. White is a material clerk, Kanawha River Plant.

## Hudson-Spraker

Bonnie Lynn Hudson and John Charles Spraker were married October 13 in the bride's home, Roanoke, Va. Mr. Spraker is a meterman helper, Roanoke.

## Norville-Likens

Debbie Ann Norville was married to Vernon Samuel Likens, Jr., August 14 in Belmont Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va. Mr. Likens is the son of V. S. Likens, station clerk senior in General Office T&D Station Section, Roanoke.

## Ashley-Young

The marriage of Becky Jane Ashley and Robert Harrison Young was solemnized August 17 in Tyler Mountain Church of Christ. Mr. Young is a station maintenance man helper in General Office T&D Station Section, Charleston.

## Pullen-Worstell

A double ring ceremony performed September 8 in First Baptist Church, South Charleston, W. Va., united Vera Virginia Pullen and Thomas W. Worstell. Mr. Worstell is a performance engineer, John E. Amos Plant.

## Brown-Dalton

Deborah Lynn Brown and Gary Dalton were united in marriage September 22 in Glasgow, W. Va. Mrs. Dalton is the daughter of Samuel A. Brown, conveyor operator, Kanawha River Plant.

## Williams-Carney

Sandra Kaye Williams and Edward Lee Carney were married August 10 in the bride's home, Nitro, W. Va. Mr. Carney is a utility man A, John E. Amos Plant.

## Smith Mountain Folder Updated

A new brochure describing Appalachian Power Company's Smith Mountain Project has been prepared by the General Office Public Affairs Department and made available for distribution.

Entitled "Smith Mountain — Where A River Runs Uphill", the brochure includes a history of the dam sites, color photos of the visitors center, recreational areas, dams and lakes, and an updated map of roads leading to the lakes.



## John E. Amos

Micha Wayne, son of BRUCE CASTO, utility man B, September 3.

Brandi Ellen, daughter of ROGER L. GAUTIER, unit foreman, September 27.

Jason David, son of DAVID LEE BALL, maintenance man B, October 12.

Angela Nicole, daughter of HARRY J. STOVER, utility man B, October 15.

## Beckley

Jeremy Wayne, son of WAYNE FARLEY, assistant planner, September 20.

## Big Sandy

Joy Kathlena, daughter of ROBERT GARNER, coal equipment operator, August 30.

Michael Travis, son of DONALD E. ROSS, maintenance man, October 4.



Mrs. E. J. Stalker's recipe for pineapple layer bars was a winner in the "Other Desserts" category in the annual Roanoke Times and World-News Recipe contest. She is the wife of E. J. Stalker, Glen Lyn Plant stores supervisor. After screening 1500 recipe entries, 27 finalists were invited to a cook-off in Appalachian Power's Roanoke auditorium. Margie Cahill, Roanoke Division home sales representative, served as a judge.

## Bluefield

Teressa Catherine, daughter of CLAYBOURNE L. DAVIS, rodman, September 5.

Pamela Denise, daughter of PAUL E. BAKER, stationman A, September 24.

## General Office

Alexander Jamil, son of W. A. HADDAD, regional dispatcher, GO Operating, Roanoke Dispatch Office, October 4.

Aaron Scott, son of D. E. ROBINS, payroll clerk B, GO Payroll, Roanoke, September 27.

Kristie Lyn, daughter of BETTY MARTIN, forms and office supply clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke, October 12.

Douglas Wayne, son of RAYMOND D. BRIGHT, general bookkeeper, GO Accounting, Roanoke, October 15.

Jeffrey Allen, son of SUSAN CAYWOOD, customer accounting clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, September 13.

Christa Lynn, daughter of DAVID G. AKERS, engineer B, GO T&D Communications Section, Bluefield, September 15.

Rebecca Diane, daughter of JAMES F. PAUL, transmission man B, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, St. Albans, September 16.

## Kanawha River

Michelle Lynn, daughter of ROY G. O'NEAL, utility man A, October 3.

## Logan-Williamson

Selena Shawntel, daughter of SAM HALSTEAD, lineman A, September 27.

## Lynchburg

Shelor Renee, daughter of RUSSELL M. ELLIOTT, meterman B, September 24.

## Pulaski

Monica Jean, daughter of BRUCE H. SAYLES, Wytheville lineman B, October 5.

## Roanoke

Mikki Lynnette, daughter of NELLIE L. JOHNSON, Fieldale clerk-typist, September 4.

## Anna Surber's Transportation Career Recorded In Poem For Posterity

Anna Surber, Charleston Division transportation clerk, retired recently after 31 years' service. Her career has been recorded for posterity in a poem that only a good friend would dare to write. Author Ralph Myers of the Engineering Department begins his poem, "Ann of the Grease Pits," this way:

*"About the time that Edison  
Invented the electric light,  
A young lass named Ann Cham-  
bers  
Was a rare and beautiful sight.*

*As a farm girl from Jackson  
County  
From a hollow named Mud Run,  
She flirted with all the boys  
And I hear she had some fun."*

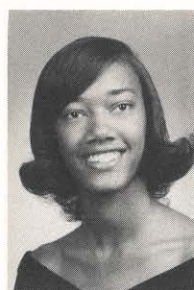


Surber

Anna actually began her Appalachian career in 1942, which indicates the author has taken considerable freedom in his writing. The poem continues:

*"She walked into the power com-  
pany  
Evidently a little frantic,  
Told 'em she could shoe a horse  
And was a good wagon  
mechanic.*

## Hayes Completes Journalism School



Hayes

Charlotte Hayes, daughter of Huntington Office Messenger Catherine Hayes, was one of 15 persons in the United States to complete an 11-week summer program in newspaper journalism at Columbia University Graduate School. She is employed by the *Huntington Herald-Dispatch*.

Miss Hayes was chosen from 200 entrants on the basis of her application, completion of two writing assignments and a personal interview in New York by directors of the program.

*They put her to work in the  
garage  
And found she wasn't braggin,  
For all the men for miles around  
Said she really fixed their  
wagon."*

Although Anna has never been a practicing mechanic, her ability to diagnose problems in the company's vehicles has always amazed her co-workers.

One of her co-workers' favorite jokes has to do with her careful scrutiny of the department's spending as well as her own thrifty habits.

*"Thru the Spanish-American and  
World War I  
She worked and hoarded money,  
She married a Mr. Surber  
He really got a honey."*

Anna comments: "I've raised a lot of boys in this department through the years, which means you get used to a lot of kidding — especially when you're the only woman in the place."

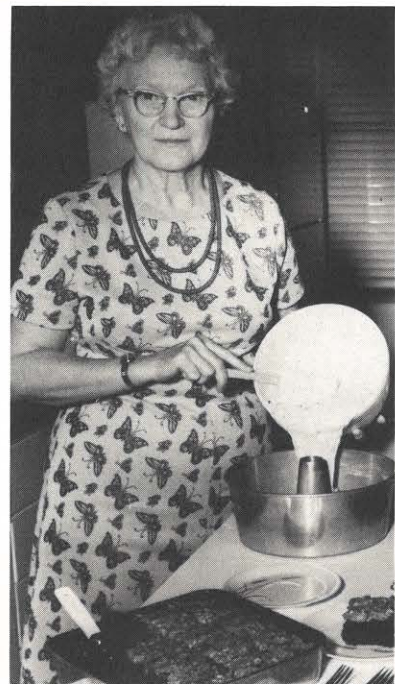
The years ahead, she says, will include visiting friends and relations, caring for her father and visiting her country farm in Boone County.

## Sylbia Hinchman Carves Reputation As Authority In Home Economics

During the 45 years in which she was associated with the electric utility industry, Sylbia Hinchman carved a reputation of being an authority in the field of home economics. Sylbia retired recently as home sales representative senior in Charleston.

Her first love is cooking. "With nine brothers and sisters at home, a girl just had to cook," says Sylbia. "And I really liked baking breads and cakes, so I got a lot of experience at an early age."

The job of home sales representative didn't just happen for Sylbia but is one she helped bring



Hinchman



Sally Marrow, secretarial-stenographer in the Huntington T&D Department, treats fellow employees to

some homemade walnut cookies before her retirement.

## Sally Marrow's Walnut Cookies Became Fringe Benefit For Co-Workers

Something's missing these days in the Huntington T&D Department — the soft, southern drawl of Secretarial-Stenographer Sally Marrow and her delicious homemade walnut-flavored cookies. Sally retired November 1 after 27 years' service.

Born and raised in North Carolina, Sally never lost her tarheel accent which seemed to cool irate

customers when she answered the phone in times of trouble. She attended Marshall University and Huntington Business College before joining Appalachian Power in 1946 as a stenographer in the Right Of Way Section.

Several years ago Sally brought some homemade cookies to the engineers in her department and was so showered by compliments that she repeated the favor. Soon her co-workers began to look upon the cookies as a fringe benefit and held her accountable if she failed to deliver.

Normally a quiet person, Sally becomes the center of controversy in the office on the day the first snow falls. That is when she makes her "fearless prognostication" as to how many snows to expect for the winter. She has proved to be accurate about 90 percent of the time.

about. Starting as an Accounting Department contract clerk in 1926, her job was principally answering customer complaints and questions. Many of the problems related to the use of electric stoves and, specifically, how to cook with them successfully. Sylbia found herself cast more and more in the role of a cooking advisor, and she recommended to her boss that the only way to settle some of the complaints about electric cooking was to go to the customer's home and demonstrate.

In 1934, recognizing the need for a full-time home economist, Sylbia was promoted to that position. "All this time the sales program for electric ranges was in full swing," she recalls. "I demonstrated either by cooking a favorite dish or a whole meal on nearly every one of the first 1,200 ranges sold in Huntington.

We soon expanded the program by providing demonstrations to women's groups, schools and in home party situations. Since there had never been a program like ours, we more or less trained ourselves on the job."

The demonstrations which Sylbia has directed include every conceivable food and electric appliance. She annually is asked to be a judge for the West Virginia State Fair FHA competition and for ten consecutive years has taught at the local 4-H Camp and FHA conventions.

## Combs Dances In Denmark



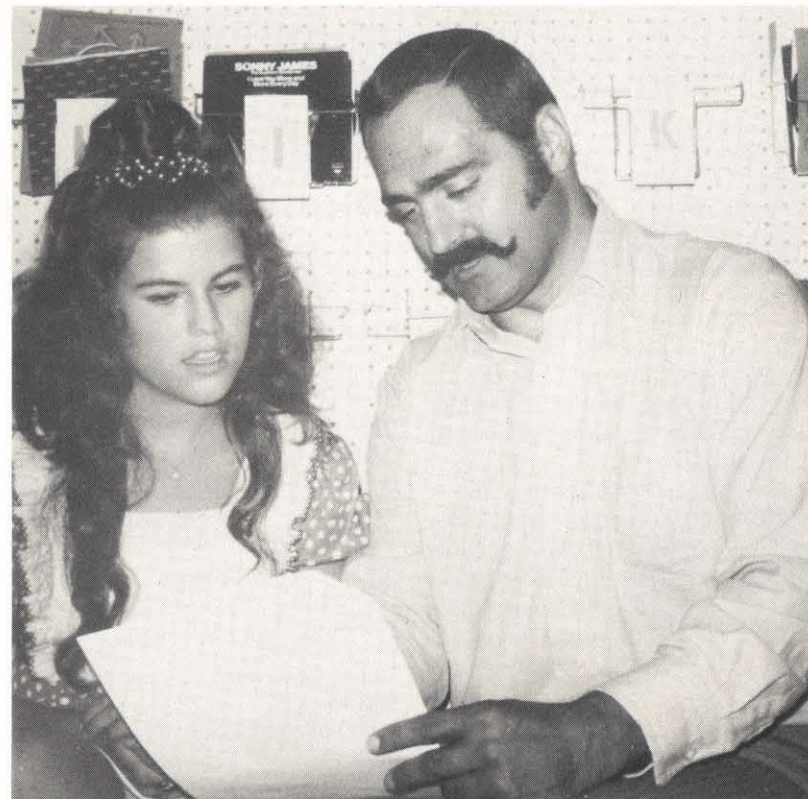
Combs

Greta Combs, daughter of Hazard Engineering Supervisor Adrian Combs, was chosen from her local group of folk dancers at Homeplace, Kentucky, to represent them in Denmark as part of an exchange program with the Danish Gymnastic and Youth Association.

The 12 teenagers from Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina and Washington, D. C., spent three weeks in all parts of Denmark, sightseeing, dancing and visiting with the people. Four days were spent in Copenhagen and a week at a Danish Gymnastic and Youth Association center in East Jutland. The youth spent the first half of the week observing and the second half participating in gymnastics classes. In addition to dancing with the Danes at night, the Americans gave two performances of their own dances.

The group stayed several days at a semi-private folk school at Haubro and gave a performance on the last night along with a group of Danish folkdancers in traditional costumes.

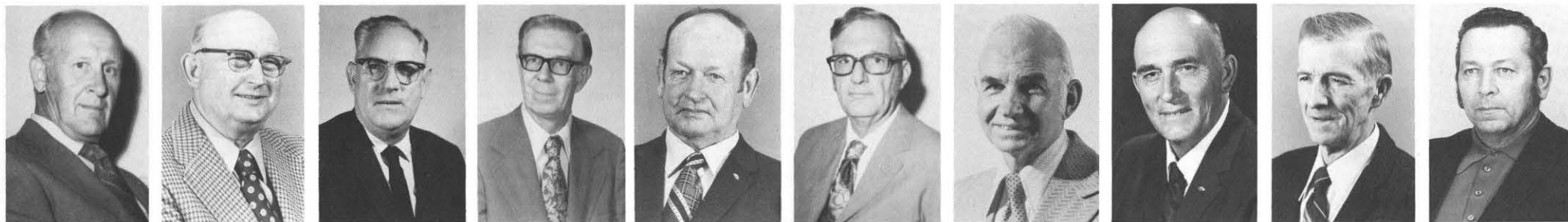
This trip by the Americans was the first part of an exchange program hopefully to be carried on from year to year. The next phase is planned for early July 1974 when 12 Danes will come to America.



Sheree Crotty (left) and talent agent Joey Jay check over her contract to appear on an upcoming show with Singer Pam Miller. The two girls appeared together recently in Charleston, W. Va., on a Capitol City Jamboree. The daughter of Arnold Crotty, Bluefield planner senior,

Sheree plays the drums, guitar and organ. She will soon be appearing with stars such as Stringbean of Hee Haw fame, the Osborne Brothers, Billy Ed Wheeler of Nashville and Johnny Rucker. Rucker is an employee of Kanawha River Plant and a regular on the Wheeling Jamboree.

# Employees Receive Awards For 1355 Years Of Service



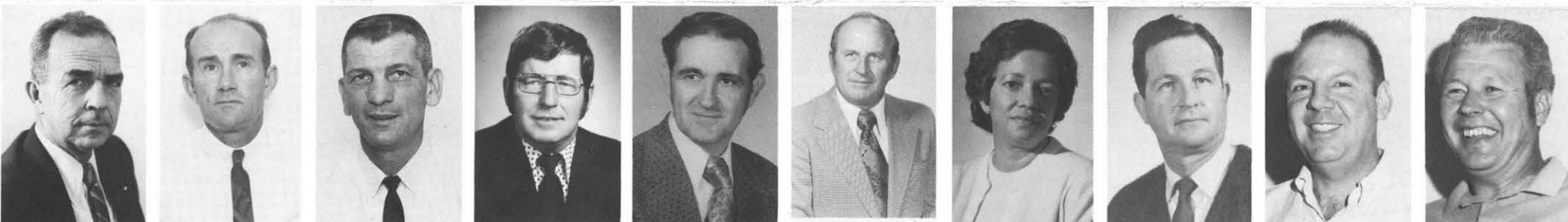
Bruce Reynolds Green, C. E. Burks West Hale Arnold Slater Fisher Sink



Garrett Bowling Fulp Waid Dooley Daniels Young, C. H. Blevins Taylor Drenan



Likens Mooney Wilburn Hager Whittington Howell Green, J. C. Back Fields Trail



Harper Wallace Spraker Ritchie Young, Norman Pomykata Deal Wissler Elliott Sampson



Angelo Wentz



Sparr

## CPA Firms Merge

Niles & Niles, certified public accountants for American Electric Power Company, Inc., since 1911 have merged with the CPA firm of Haskins & Sells. The practice of the merged firms will be carried on under the name of Haskins & Sells.

35 Years	Occupation	Location
Bruce, G. S.	Line Inspector	Pulaski
Reynolds, W. C.	Meterman A.	Roanoke
Green, C. E.	Electrical Engineer	Kingsport
Burks, P. W.	Service Coordinator	Charleston
West, C. E., Jr.	Stationman A.	Roanoke

30 Years	Occupation	Location
Hale, J. L.	Meter Reader	Pulaski
Arnold, C. A.	Stationman A.	Kingsport
Slater, E. R.	Truck Driver-Groundman	Logan-Williamson
Fisher, S. W.	Auto Repairman A.	Roanoke

25 Years	Occupation	Location
Sink, D. N.	Meter Serviceman A.	Roanoke
Garrett, H. E.	Meterman A.	Logan-Williamson
Bowling, J. O., Jr.	Stationman A.	Roanoke
Fulp, C. L.	Special Reports Supv.	GO-Roanoke
Waid, M. V.	Sta. Maintenance Man B.	GO-New Haven
Dooley, J. F.	Area Serviceman	Charleston
Daniels, J. K.	Regional Dispatcher	GO-Charleston
Young, C. H.	Meter Reader	Charleston
Blevins, R. D.	Electrical Engineer	Pulaski
Taylor, Genevieve	Secretarial-Stenographer	Huntington
Drenan, J. R.	Line Foreman	Huntington
Likens, V. S.	Station Clerk Senior	GO-Roanoke
Mooney, C. H.	Unit Foreman	Kanawha River
Wilburn, C. H.	Meter Reader	Ashland
Hager, C. H.	Transmission Man A.	GO-Bluefield
Whittington, C. R.	Regional Dispatcher	GO-Charleston
Howell, C. E.	General Serviceman	Bluefield
Green, J. C.	Htg. & Bldr. Sales Rep.	Bluefield
Back, H. L.	Line Foreman	Huntington
Fields, C. E.	Line Foreman NE.	Abingdon
Trail, J. R.	Maintenance Foreman	Clinch River
Harper, C. C.	Meter Serviceman A.	Charleston
Wallace, L. H.	Area Serviceman	Bluefield

25 Years	Occupation	Location
Spraker, C. E.	Messenger	GO-Grundy
Britt, J. B., Jr.	Master Maintenance Man	Clinch River

20 Years	Occupation	Location
Ritchie, D. W.	Stationman	Huntington
Young, N. R.	Regional Dispatcher	GO-Roanoke
Pomykata, Lloyd	Sales Manager	Charleston
Deal, Millie	Clerk Junior	Kingsport
Wissler, D. O.	Trans. Station Fmn.	GO-Roanoke
Elliott, R. G.	Maintenance Foreman	Big Sandy
Sampson, W. F.	Operation Supervisor	Big Sandy
Angelo, B. M.	Regional Dispatcher	GO-Charleston
Wentz, R. E.	Production Supv.-Op.	Amos
Sparr, E. E.	Meter Serviceman A.	Charleston

15 Years	Occupation	Location
Reynolds, J. E.	Station Foreman NE.	Bluefield
Hylton, S. W., Jr.	Engineer B.	Bluefield
Hammon, O. E., Jr.	Planner Senior	Charleston
Reynolds, G. H.	Area Development Dir.	GO-Roanoke
Shank, Marion	Payroll Acctg. Asst.	GO-Roanoke
Gregory, J. T.	Asst. Power Disp. Supv.	GO-Roanoke
Jessee, N. J., Jr.	Custodian	Glen Lyn

10 Years	Occupation	Location
Board, J. E.	Custodian	GO-Roanoke
Caywood, Susan	Cust. Acctg. Clerk B.	GO-Roanoke
Hudson, G. H.	Property Maint. Man.	GO-Roanoke
Blevins, Edith	Cashier-Clerk Senior	Pikeville

5 Years	Occupation	Location
Shahan, K. E.	Material Clerk	Charleston
Elswick, J. E.	Electrical Engineer	Charleston



## More Community Work, Traveling In Store For Retiree Richard Ruff

Richard Harrison Ruff, power sales engineer senior at Welch in the Bluefield Division, retired November 1 after more than 35 years' service.

A native of Scarbro, West Virginia, Dick holds a BS degree in civil engineering from Washington & Lee University. He recalls starting to work in the Records Department which was in the basement of the company building on Wyoming Street in Welch. "We never knew what the weather was like outside. As the department grew, we were moved to the basement of the old bank building now occupied by Superior Printing Company. At that time, Welch had enough male employees to have four softball teams in a league of its own. I also remember my first company picnic which was held at a park where Vansant Elementary School now stands."

During his career, Dick worked as a clerk, rural solicitor, engineer senior B, civil engineer, distribution engineer, electrical engineer, and power sales engineer senior.

Dick has been quite active in a variety of civic affairs. He reorganized Welch Cub Pack No. 36 and served as Cubmaster for six years. He was instrumental in organizing Little League baseball in Welch and served as president for ten years. He is still active in Little League baseball and football and has been official timer and scorer for all Welch High School home football and basketball games.

Dick also served as chairman of the McDowell County United Appeal and in an executive capacity for the March of Dimes, Cancer and Heart Fund drives. He is a member of American Legion Post #8, Welch, and served as chairman for the Welch Veterans' Day Parade for ten years. He represents McDowell County on the Mountaineer Travel Council of Southern West Virginia.

A member of the Welch Lions Club since 1947 with 100% attendance, Dick has served as secretary, vice president, president and chairman of the Special Events Committee. In the West Virginia Lions he served as zone chairman, deputy district governor and district governor. He is also a trustee of the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and has been liaison officer for West Virginia Lions since 1961.

Dick serves the St. Luke's Episcopal Church as a member of the vestry, trustee and treasurer. He plans to continue working with area youth and the Lions Club in Welch, West Virginia and Internationally during retirement. Traveling, too, is in store for the Ruffs. "After retirement, Virginia and I have several trips planned. Next summer we will visit the West Coast from San Francisco to Portland, Oregon, and come home by the northern route. We later plan to visit New England and Hawaii.

## AEP Director Is Honored

Dr. Richard G. Folsom, president emeritus of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a director of American Electric Power Company, was doubly honored last month at RPI's Troy, N. Y., campus.

In ceremonies October 13 that marked the 150th year of the institute, ground was broken for its \$6-million Folsom Library. Due for completion in 1975, the new facility will double the capacity of the present library to 500,000 volumes.

Dr. Folsom received an honorary doctor of laws degree during the ceremonies.



Richard Ruff addresses a Lions Club conference.

5 Years	Occupation	Location
Clemons, Wanda	Gen. Acctg. Clerk Sr.	GO-Roanoke
McDonald, Scott	Civil Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Mills, J. L.	Rodman	Roanoke
Meadows, R. S.	Brakeman	Glen Lyn
Mullins, M. C.	Auxiliary Equipment Op.	Glen Lyn
Hayes, Catherine	Office Messenger	Huntington
Bush, J. A., Jr.	Lineman	Huntington
Bowen, R. L., Jr.	Performance Engineer	Kanawha River
Davis, W. E.	Crane Operator	Kanawha River
Ferrell, Ronnie	Area T&D Clerk	Logan-Williamson
Dawson, Kenith	Meter Serviceman	Pulaski
Bussey, J. A.	Meter Reader	Roanoke
Kennedy, J. L.	Lineman C	Roanoke
Glover, J. E., Jr.	T&D Clerk Senior	Roanoke
Mills, J. D.	Custodian	Kingsport
Allen, G. M.	Performance Technician	Big Sandy



Greene

## Greene Elects Early Retirement

Hubert Columbus Greene, Kingsport Power service clerk, elected early retirement November 1 due to disability.

A native of Hawkins County, Tennessee, Hubert began his career as an auto mechanic and during his 26 years' service worked as a plant maintenance man, groundman, T&D clerk and auto repairman helper. He was placed on LTD leave in November of last year.

Two events particularly stand out in his utility career: the time he worked for 44 hours without sleep while repairing storm damage to company facilities in 1952 and when a car hit the back of the line truck in which he was riding, overturning the vehicle and injuring four men.

Hubert is a member of Double Springs Baptist Church and likes to fish in his spare time. He and his wife Kate have three children and eight grandchildren.

## Miller Transfers To Gavin Plant



Miller

Gary Miller, maintenance foreman at Big Sandy Plant, was transferred last month to Ohio Electric Company's Gavin Plant in the same capacity.

A native of New Haven, West Virginia, Miller was employed in 1955 as a laborer at Kyger Creek Plant. He worked there as a maintenance helper and junior maintenance man before transferring to Big Sandy in 1962 as a maintenance man. He was promoted to maintenance foreman in 1970.

Miller is married and has a son and a daughter.

## Parsons Returns Home To Virginia, Wants To Stay Unpacked For Awhile

Don Parsons has retired. Don Parsons, who watched over the construction of more electric generation capacity than probably anybody. Don Parsons, who traveled who knows how many miles in good weather and bad, from plant site to plant site. Don Parsons, who . . .

Don Parsons, with his general configuration and a thatch of white hair at the top, bears a general resemblance to a cooling tower, and, like the tower, he is useful, not ornamental. But retirement, as it does inevitably, came to Parsons last month, and one of the System's ubiquitous figures has returned to Virginia to live.

Officially, he was head of the AEP Construction Division, and had been since December 1950. He started out in 1936 as a surveyor in Appalachian Power Company's Pulaski District,



Parsons

working on rural distribution lines. He took that job at \$150 a month as against an offer from the U. S. Department of Interior to go to Richmond at \$175. He had been a construction engineer for the Department and helped to build, among other things, the Cape Henry Seashore State Park. But mountain boys always return to the mountains, and Parsons elected to go back to Roanoke, his hometown.

Things moved quickly thereafter. In December 1941 he moved to operations — he was packing on the famous afternoon of December 7 — and helped install stokers on the older units at Glen Lyn Plant. He stayed on as civil engineer for the construction of Unit 5; in 1943 he went to Ohio Power Company's Tidd Plant as civil engineer; in 1947, he was named resident engineer at Sporn Plant, and in 1950 took on simultaneously the same job at Kanawha River Plant. Finally, he was called to the Service Corporation in December of that year to head the Construction Division.

Everyone knows by now the construction saga since then: the steady expansion program, the ever-increasing size of units and plants, the major Smith Mountain pumped storage project, the nuclear units, and all the rest. The general responsibility rested with Parsons, and he kept up with it on a schedule that could fell someone else. For 23 years, he

divided his time by alternately spending a week visiting construction sites and a week in the office; week out, week in. He went through an endless sequence of vehicles, got to know every motel and truck stop in seven states, listened to the worries of his resident engineers, and to be honest, as he says, "gave them some new ones," and through it all, remained more or less cheerful.

It was a hard life, but, in his words, "that's part of the challenge and satisfaction of the construction business. You like it, or you get out of it. You work all hours and all weather; and when you have to, you haul and tug and get wet and cold. And the satisfaction comes when this huge, beautiful instrument rises out of a cornfield and starts to work."

Parsons obviously didn't do it alone. He is most proud of the group of people he has assembled to carry on the work. "Don't mention any names," he says, "because we don't have room to mention them all. Anyway, they know who they are."

So now it's back to Roanoke, whence he came. His wife and daughter live there, and it's not far from his alma mater, Virginia Polytechnic Institute. There's a golf course not far away, and yard chores to do. But travel? "Not yet, not yet," he says. "I want to stay unpacked for more than a week."

## Two Promoted In GO Purchasing



Perfater

White

Glenn A. Perfater and James G. White have been promoted to material expeditors-stock controllers in the General Office Purchasing Department, Roanoke.

Perfater, a native of Roanoke, Virginia, is presently attending Virginia Western Community College. He was employed in 1969 as a purchasing clerk and was promoted to purchasing clerk senior in 1972. He is married and has one son.

A native of Logan, West Virginia, White is also attending Virginia Western Community College. He joined Appalachian as a clerk typist at Logan in 1967 and worked there as a stores clerk and head material clerk before transferring to Roanoke as a purchasing clerk senior in 1970. He is married and has a son and a daughter.

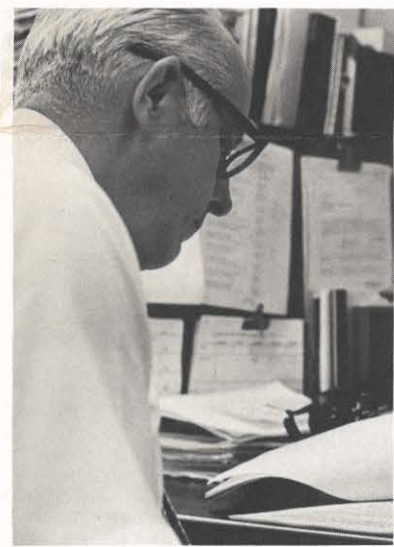
# Lab Work Means More Than Test Tubes, White Coats

In the common image, a laboratory employee wears a white coat and spends his days supervising test tubes. But this image stops short of describing the diverse pursuits of employees in AEP's Environmental Engineering Laboratory in Huntington.

Take John Fisher, for instance. While his job description reads "chemist," he sometimes looks more like a Ringling Brothers acrobat as he collects air samples from high, hard-to-reach places around System power plants.

Or take Gary Crawford. A biologist by trade, he often resembles a sportsman enjoying the good life as he wades deep into streams to collect water samples.

The white coats and test tubes still survive, of course. However, an increasing emphasis on environmental concerns frequently sends lab employees to facilities throughout the System to collect samples and help with on-site testing.



Clyde Johnson reads volumes of literature to keep up with new technological developments.

"In 1971, when the General Laboratory became the Environmental Engineering Laboratory, we allotted about 28 percent of our time to environmental work," said Clyde Johnson, laboratory director. "This year, we'll probably spend about 50 percent of our time on it."

Johnson was quick to point out that the increasing environmental emphasis hasn't eliminated the lab's more traditional work. In one recent week, for example, 73 analyses of transformer and turbine oils were in progress. Lab employees also determine properties of coal samples and participate in many special research and development projects.

With all this, the environmental work continues to expand. Some of those involved in environmental activities explain their work here.

**John Fisher, air quality** The first step in monitoring air quality, Fisher said, is to establish a

reference point for future comparisons.

"We've completed this initial phase for all System plants by conducting flue gas surveys and by measuring sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides," he said. "At the same time, we discovered that electronic instruments are easier than standard wet chemical analysis in flue gas testing for power plants." And the results correlate with standard wet methods.

Besides having assisted in the ambient air monitoring program, Fisher conducts on-site tests when plants request them. Such requests might come, for example, when a plant is test-burning Western coal. The plants run their own particulate surveys.

Fisher also handles stack tests as part of another air quality project, a project directed toward increasing the efficiency of precipitators by injecting minute amounts of sulfur trioxide into flue gas.

**Bill Harbour, coatings** When it comes to testing coatings, the list of variables — viscosity, hardness, water resistance, drying time, opacity, to name a few — goes on and on. And test procedures can take time. Some coatings on the lab's weather exposure racks, for example, date back to 1958.

Test findings provide data for System-wide purchasing decisions. They may also lead to environmental improvements for employees around the System and for the public as well.

Paint tests, for instance, can identify materials that give painters a safer working environment. "We're looking for acceptable water-base and no-lead paints to substitute for coatings we now use," Harbour said. He also tests paints for fire-retardant properties.

Another project focuses on finding a workable alternative to sandblasting (already outlawed in some areas) to prepare surfaces for coating. "We're now testing



Bill Rowley isolates trace metals on the atomic absorption spectrophotometer.

liquid rust converters," he said, "but results aren't in yet."



Bill Harbour brushes on a rust converter to study its performance.

Paints in nature's colors cover some System facilities so they will blend better with their surroundings. Some transmission towers, for instance, have been painted two-tone green. Lab tests study which exterior color paints hold up best. "These paints can improve eye appeal," Harbour said, "and they can affect employee morale, too."

**Gary Crawford, water quality** "As a biologist," Crawford said, "I can judge the aquatic environment around a plant by finding out what's capable of living there 24 hours a day."

To do this, lab people (or consultants they supervise) collect benthic organisms — plants and animals that live at the bottom of rivers and streams. The numbers and kinds of organisms in the benthic population tell the condition of the water. "If we find only sludge worms," he said, "we know the water has experienced some stress."

"Benthic organisms respond to the total picture," he said. That makes them more accurate water-quality indicators than chemical samples alone.

Water quality tests include studies of benthic organisms,

chemical composition, temperature and flow.

One test examined the effect of chlorine in water released near the Clinch River Plant. "There," he said, "we trapped fish in net cages to see the effect of effluent flowing over them."

Other tests check the quality of water near new plants before they begin operating. Then comparisons are made after the plants start generating power. Such tests can determine any adverse impact our operations may have on aquatic life. "It's important to know the water conditions above and below the plant," Crawford added. "Sometimes the water upstream may have been harmed before it even gets to us."

**Bill Rowley, water quality** Since scientists are studying the effects of specific concentrations of certain metals on biolife, trace metal tests of water samples can contribute toward learning about these elements.



For Gary Crawford, wading is work, not sport.

As a chemist, Rowley's job is to determine what amounts of each of 20 metals exist in rivers and streams near System plants. With the aid of a highly sophisticated machine, called an atomic absorption spectrophotometer, he can isolate metals in a matter of seconds — in such minute amounts as .01 parts per billion. The equipment cost \$20,000 and "paid for itself in five days," he said.

"Without this equipment," he continued, "isolating some metals would be nearly impossible. Conventional labs using other methods would need days to perform the tests we do in minutes." Another asset of the machine is its ability "to spot problems fast."

He and two technicians perform about 1,000 analyses a year — covering each of the 20 metals.



Hill Julian

## Hill, Julian Take New Positions

Arthur H. Hill last month was named maintenance supervisor at John E. Amos Plant. He succeeds Harold L. Rulen who was promoted to manager - Amos Central Machine Shop. Succeeding Hill as production supervisor-maintenance is Charles L. Julian.

A native West Virginian, Hill graduated from Ripley High School and has taken maintenance courses at the U. S. Government Trade School. He was employed in 1951 as a laborer at Philip Sporn Plant and worked there as a junior maintenance man and maintenance man before transferring to Big Sandy Plant in 1962 as master maintenance man. He moved up to maintenance foreman in 1967 and transferred to Amos Plant in the same capacity in 1970. He was promoted to production supervisor-maintenance two years later. An Army veteran, Hill is married and has two sons.

Julian, a native of Indiana, attended Indiana State. He began his career in 1960 as a maintenance helper at Breed Plant and worked there as a junior maintenance man and maintenance man before transferring to Cardinal Plant in 1966 as a maintenance man A. He moved to Tidd Plant in June 1970 and four months later was transferred to Amos Plant as a maintenance foreman. An Air Force veteran, Julian is married and has a son and a daughter.

## Janosko Licensed As Land Surveyor



Janosko

A. D. Janosko, senior civil engineer in the General Office Civil Engineering Section, has become a licensed land surveyor for the State of West Virginia. He had previously been licensed in the State of Virginia.

In order to become certified, Janosko fulfilled requirements of evidence of education and experience and submitted records to verify and substantiate competence as a land surveyor.



Twenty-eight employees and guests participated in the Beckley Division annual fall golf tournament at Pipestem Resort, Pipestem, West Virginia. Each player's gross score from the spring tournament was posted and divided into four flights. Winners included (l. to r.) Eugene O'Neal, 2nd Flight; Paul Hancock, runner-up Championship Flight; Jack Howard, Championship Flight; and Ray Vest, 1st Flight. George Hall and Jack Miles (not pictured) tied for 3rd Flight.



The Huntington Golf League has ended its season play. Seven four-man teams played a total of 21 games, with 40 employees participating. The last round resulted in a tie which was broken by a playoff at Glenbrier Country Club. Members of the winning team were (l. to r.) Fred Schwartz, T. J. McComas, Joe Kovich and Don Watts.



Big Sandy Plant employees concluded another golfing season with 22 participating for the championship at Twin Valley Golf Course. Presented trophies at the recent awards dinner were Russell Coburn and Jim See, winning team; Fred Long and Harold Ferguson, runner-up team; and Fred Long, low net. Tom Jenks accumulated the greatest number of points during the season to be named winner of individual play. He also had a 36 for nine holes to capture the low actual trophy. L. to r. Russell Coburn, Jim See, Tom Jenks and Harold Ferguson.

# PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

## Appalachian Power

### Abingdon

B. R. Mullins to Lineman C.

### John E. Amos

R. W. Palmer, Electrical Construction Chief, from Amos Construction to Cardinal Construction, P. L. Chatting to Performance Technician. B. W. Hedrick to Performance Technician. H. L. Dilley to Performance Technician. R. E. Grubb to Control Technician Senior. D. L. Nunley to Control Technician Senior. Rex R. Hill to Utility Operator B. E. L. Raynes to Utility Operator B. K. L. Baker to Utility Operator B. C. W. Ragland to Utility Operator B. R. E. Welker to Utility Operator B. C. A. Asbury to Utility Man A. J. E. Thomas to Utility Man A. P. J. Carter to Coal Handler. R. L. Eggleton to Coal Handler. B. D. Adkins to Utility Operator B. Leo Nazarewycz to Utility Operator A. W. W. Morrison to Utility Operator B. R. L. Blankenship to Equipment Operator. J. H. Coulter to Equipment Operator. P. W. Hall to Equipment Operator. E. B. Allen to Equipment Operator. D. R. Edwards to Utility Operator A. L. H. Lusher to Utility Operator A. W. H. Griffith to Utility Operator A. D. S. Barnett to Utility Operator A. T. B. Hill to Utility Operator A. Karen Hutton to Clerk Stenographer. H. E. Covert to Utility Man A. D. A. Eads, Maintenance Man A, from Amos To Gavin Plant. C. R. Lanier, Control Technician Senior, from Amos to Gavin Plant. H. M. Ohlinger, Control Technician Senior, from Amos to Gavin Plant. E. E. Hoffman, Performance Technician, from Amos to Gavin Plant. P. G. Milstead, Performance Technician, from Amos to Gavin Plant.

### Beckley

Tyrone D. Amar to Meter Serviceman C.

### Big Sandy

Morris W. Adkins to Utility Operator. Donald G. Caldwell to Utility Operator.

### Bluefield

Mildred Carter Lewis to Clerk Typist. Sharon Shrewsbury to Clerk Trainee I. A. E. Martin to Stationman B. C. E. Vanhozier to Area T&D Clerk. R. L. Davis to Lineman A. J. E. King, Jr., to Lineman C. R. W. Bruffey to Lineman B. H. L. Dawson to Lineman B.

### General Office

Ann Quinn to Head-Mailing Section. J. F. Paul to Transmission Man A. R. W. Looney to Station Maintenance Man A. E. J. Haga, Head Material Clerk, from Roanoke Division to GO T&D Administrative. R. S. Hannah, Material Clerk, from Roanoke Division to GO T&D administrative. F. R. Frango, Jr., Material Clerk, from Roanoke Division to GO T&D Administrative. G. W. Lewis, Material Clerk, from Roanoke Division to GO T&D Administrative. J. C. Kirby to Transmission Man B. Warren Miller to Station Maintenance Man A. C. D. Legg to Station Maintenance Man B. R. D. Carson,

Jr., to Civil Engineer Senior. H. K. Wood to Senior Engineering Technologist. Joyce Terry to Stenographer. James L. Bevins, work order accounting clerk, from Fort Wayne to GO Accounting, Roanoke.

### Huntington

D. O. Meadows to Line Foreman NE. T. E. Wells to Stationman A. M. L. Stratton to Stationman Helper A.

### Roanoke

Helen Young to Senior Engineering Technologist. W. J. Bowling to Lineman C. A. R. Casey to Meter Service Helper A.

### Central Appalachian Coal

Gary E. Roop to Section Foreman. D. W. Williams to Section Foreman.

### Kentucky Power

#### Ashland

Brenda Crutcher to Cashier.

#### Hazard

Gabriele M. R. Napier to Clerk Typist.

#### Pikeville

Dan Washington to Lineman C. Theodore Cierazynski to Lineman C. Jackie D. Adkins, Lineman C, from Pikeville Division to General Office T&D.

### Southern Appalachian Coal

R. A. Boyd to Transitman. J. S. Gould to Maintenance Technician. E. E. Campbell to Master Mechanic. W. H. Keller to Preparation Plant Foreman.

## Nester Retires, Will Raise Cattle



Nester

After 33 years in the electric utility business, Roy Clinton Nester now plans to raise a few cattle on his farm. He retired November 1 as a line foreman NE at Galax in Pulaski Division.

He was employed in 1941 as a lineman and rose through the ranks as lineman B and A and working foreman before being promoted to line foreman NE in 1965. In the early days, Roy recalls, his territory ran all the way from Rugby, Virginia, to the Meadows of Dan. This was before a local office was opened in Hillsville.

Roy and his wife Minnie have four children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A member of Hillsville Presbyterian Church, Roy's interests are gardening, baseball and football.

## Roanoke League Awards Trophies

The Appalachian Golf League in Roanoke held its awards dinner last month.

First half winners and playoff champions were G. S. Fisher, S. D. Gibson, R. N. Kidd and W. L. Whillite. Winners of the second half were G. O. Givens, R. E. Leftwich, C. R. Mills and J. T. Owens.

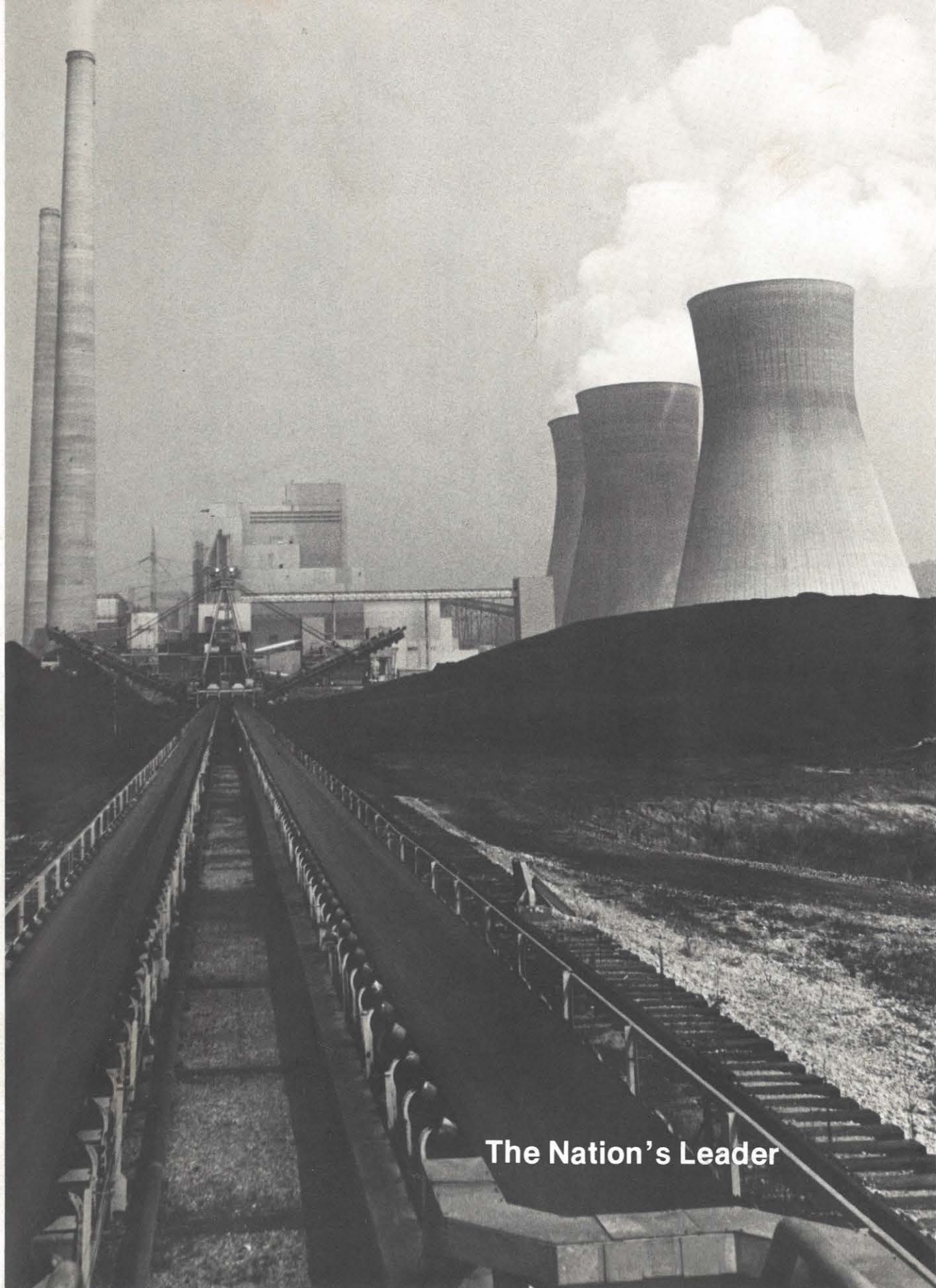


The Appalachian Power Company golf team in Bluefield Division won the Industrial League title for 1973. Harold Cutlip, draftsman senior and team captain (left front) presents the trophy which the team won to Division manager Jack Lloyd. Other members of the team were (l. to r.) Herman St. Clair, electrical engineer senior; J. J. Harmon, Jr., electrical staff engineer; D. C. Wright, admin-

istrative assistant; Retiree O. L. Robinson; and Ron Devor, Welch customer accounting supervisor. The Appalachian team won the Monday night first-half title and beat the Communication Workers of America, winners of the second half. Then the Appalachian team beat the Southern Office Supply team, winners of the Thursday night league, to capture the championship.

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# World Traveler Annie Francis Praises Vacation Plan

Name a country in the world and, more than likely, Annie Francis has either been there or it's on her list of places to visit. She knows first-hand about such places as Casa Blanca and Timbuktu and has done such things as visited a Wiseman's tomb in Ethiopia and ridden a camel in Tangier.

Annie, customer accounts representative at Marion in the Abingdon Division, and her uncle, Dr. D. L. Edwards, took their first trip abroad in 1963, touring southern Europe, Spain, Italy, France, Greece and Egypt. Every year since then they have taken trips, including two around-the-world, which have led them to visit each of the six continents.

"We always plan our trips through a travel agent," Annie

says. "We tell the agent when we want to leave, how long we can stay and pick out the highlights that we want to see. The travel agent makes out a suggested itinerary for us, which we approve before our tickets are purchased."

This year's trip included three of the smallest countries of Europe — Andorra, Lichenstein and Luxembourg. They also re-visited Gibraltar and Paris as well as touring Venice and Florence, Italy. After a cruise through some of the Greek islands, the trip ended with a visit to Wales, the ancestral home of their family.



Annie Francis finds it harder every year to find new places to visit.

Annie says, "After ten years it gets harder to find places you want to go. Of all the places we've been, I really liked the Middle East the most, probably because it was the first trip and the most exciting."

Annie continues, "I can't think of very many places where I could work that I would get as much vacation as I do, usually when I want it." (She has worked 30 years making her eligible for five weeks' vacation). "I figure I had better travel while I have the opportunity to go with someone congenial. Sometimes when you wait until retirement, things just don't work out that way."

"I have not been in all of the 50 states, but my uncle has. I figure I might get around to doing that when I don't feel like traveling abroad."

## Amos Unit 3 Goes Commercial

The 1.3-million kilowatt unit 3 at Appalachian Power Company's John E. Amos Plant was declared in commercial operation October 22.

At 2.9-million kw, the Amos Plant is the nation's largest steam generating power station.



Bill Fritz, AEP fire protection specialist (back to camera), instructed 96 Clinch River Plant employees in fire protection training recently. The employees received

instruction in basic fire fighting, use of self-contained oxygen units, operation of automatic equipment and life-saving techniques.

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## Windsor Closed

Old Windsor Plant has generated its last kilowatt. Smoke, once indicative of prosperity but today a symbol of environmental concern, no longer rises from its stacks. October 1 was the official closing date, but the plant generated its last power on June 22, the date that union-eligible employees began a strike that continues today.