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Gills



Munday

Munday, Gills promoted in management expansion

E. L. Munday, Jr., last month was elected a vice president of Appalachian Power Company. He had been executive assistant in the company's Roanoke General Office.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Munday was employed by Appalachian in 1936 as a groundman. He held managerial posts in Roanoke, Fieldale and Charleston before being promoted to Huntington Division manager in 1967. He was appointed commercial manager for Appalachian in 1968 and became executive assistant in 1973.

Joe P. Gills, former head of Appalachian Power and a veteran of nearly 40 years' service with the American Electric Power System, was promoted to new responsibilities within the System. Gills, for the past four years executive vice president of Ohio Power Company, was elected a vice president of the AEP Service Corporation and promoted to assistant to the president. In this capacity, he will carry out assignments throughout the AEP System and will continue, for the time being, to maintain headquarters in Canton, Ohio.

These are two in a series of executive promotions and realignments with the AEP Service Corporation and four AEP System operating companies, designed to expand and strengthen further their respective managements. All became effective February 1.

In the AEP Service Corporation, John E. Dolan was elected executive vice president-engineering and construction. He was elevated from senior vice president-engineering.

The Service Corporation also elected four new senior vice presidents, promoted from vice president. They are: Richard E.

Disbrow, controller; John G. Howard, head of the Rate Department; Gerald P. Maloney, head of the Finance Department, and Paul D. Martinka, head of the Fuel Supply Department.

Frank N. Bien was elected executive vice president of Ohio Power and named its operating head, succeeding Gills. He had been that company's accounting manager and an assistant secretary and assistant treasurer.

Ohio Power also promoted E. E. Fournace, vice president, with his election as senior vice president.

In addition to Appalachian Power, two other of the System's largest operating companies elected new vice presidents. In Ohio Power, Charles A. Heller, Jr., executive assistant in the Canton General Office, and William A. Black, manager of the Zanesville Division, were elected to that office. In Black's case, he will move to Canton.

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's new vice president is Jack F. Stark, who had been executive assistant in the Fort Wayne General Office.

Succeeding Bien as accounting manager of Ohio Power is Louis R. Marino, who was elected assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of that company. He had been an assistant treasurer of the Service Corporation and manager of its Special Audits Division, with offices in Canton.

John R. Struyk, chief civil engineer of the Service Corporation, was elected an assistant vice president.

And Donald A. Dick, executive assistant, was elected an assistant secretary of Wheeling Electric Company.

APCo will build 1300-mw unit on Ohio River near New Haven

Appalachian Power Company will build a 1.3-million-kilowatt, coal-burning generating plant on the Ohio River near New Haven, W. Va.

Announcement of the new facility — the 20th major power plant on the AEP System upon its completion in 1977 — was made at a joint news conference last month by West Virginia Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr. and Donald C. Cook, chairman of AEP and president of Appalachian Power.

The \$420-million plant will provide not only added electric energy for this part of the country but also millions of dollars in added economic benefits to the immediate area, especially Mason County.

Governor Moore hailed the project as a welcome addition to the state's electric power supply and one which would operate in a manner compatible with the requirements of protecting the environment. He took particular satisfaction, he said, in the fact that the new plant would burn an estimated 3.8-million tons of West Virginia coal annually.

Cook noted that the location of the new facility in West Virginia was still another exemplification of the AEP System's continuing dedication to coal as its basic energy source, which he termed "the nation's most abundant, most available fuel."

Benefits

Governor Moore cited "the tremendous economic benefits" that would be realized from the project including:

- Construction employment for

three-and-a-half years, with a peak of 2,600 workers and with the bulk of them made up of residents of the site's area.

- A construction payroll estimated at more than \$135-million over the three-and-a-half years, a major part of which would be spent or invested in the area.

- Permanent employment for 150 operating personnel after completion of the plant.

- A permanent payroll estimated at \$1.35-million per year to start (based on present pay scales).

- Local taxes of many millions of

Educational award winners named

As *The Illuminator* went to press, winners in the AEP Educational Awards contest were revealed. Winners in our companies are:

Michael A. Fotos, III, son of M. A. Fotos, Jr., Huntington line supervisor.

Karen Johnson, daughter of Edsel E. Johnson, power dispatching supervisor in GO Operations, Roanoke.

Mary E. Lambert, daughter of J. C. Lambert, Jr., Abingdon meterman A.

Tara L. Lanier, daughter of Charles R. Lanier, control technician senior at John E. Amos Plant.

Robin L. Marshall, daughter of Barbara Marshall, Pulaski T&D clerk senior.

Mary K. McGinnis, daughter of J. R. McGinnis, Beckley Division superintendent.

Dana L. Miller, son of D. C. Miller, Huntington lineman A.

Joyce Taylor, daughter of F. H. Taylor, Logan-Williamson Division manager.

Terry Elliott, son of Robert Elliott, Big Sandy Plant maintenance foreman.

Greta Combs, daughter of Adrian Combs, Hazard engineering supervisor.

Pictures and stories on the individual winners will appear in the March issue.

dollars each year, and local purchases of goods and services of additional millions of dollars.

The Governor pointed out that the above benefits did not include those which could be attributed to the new plant's use of West Virginia coal and its transportation, nor to the indirect benefits that would flow from the new or expanded services that would be needed to serve the construction and operating personnel.

Mine Expansion

He said that the new plant's required annual coal tonnage represented the need for the development or expansion of mines involving an estimated capital cost of \$80-million. This in turn, he added, would represent employment of an estimated 1,500 mining personnel with an annual payroll (at present pay scales) of about \$18-million; expenditures of additional millions of dollars per year for materials and supplies, many of them purchased locally, and still other major expenditures involved in the transportation of coal from mine to plant, with its own employment, payroll, local purchases and taxes.

Environmental Compliance

"This new plant near New Haven," Cook emphasized, "will comply in every way with the environmental requirements of the state of West Virginia." The environmental features of the generating station will include a giant cooling tower to safeguard the quality of water in the Ohio River and very large electrostatic precipitators (designed to remove 99.7% of the plant's fly ash emissions) and a chimney at least 1,000 feet high to protect the quality of the ambient air.

Construction is expected to start in the spring. The site for the plant comprises approximately 600 acres between the river and U. S. Route 33 upstream from New Haven.

The site was selected for the AEP System's newest expansion, Cook explained, because of its location on the river, its proximity to West Virginia coal, its accessibility to the principal high-voltage transmission network of the seven-state utility system, and because of the area's "cooperative labor climate." He noted that a project agreement had been worked out with a number of building trade unions in the area to help assure completion of the project without costly and disruptive labor disputes.

Levy again recommends licensing Blue Ridge Project

Issuance of a 50-year license to Appalachian Power Company for its proposed Blue Ridge Project has again been recommended by Federal Power Commission Administrative Law Judge William C. Levy.

Judge Levy's initial decision on the project, rendered January 23, marked the third time he has recommended licensing the project. Two previous times — October 1, 1969, and June 21, 1971 — the decisions were followed by re-openings of the hearings.

Judge Levy's decision is subject to Federal Power Commission review. Parties to the proceedings have 30 days in which to file exceptions to the decision, and the Commission has another ten days after that to initiate review on its own motion. In the event no exceptions are filed and no Commission review is initiated, the decision will become final at the end of this 40-day period.

However, in his decision, Levy said that the process of administrative and judicial review will delay the beginning of construction until after 1975, affording adequate time for legislative intervention, if that is what Congress intends.

The day before the decision was rendered, the U. S. Senate voted 51-33 to not reinstate an amendment to a bill which would have provided for a study of the New River, with a moratorium on construction of hydros during the study. The amendment, however, did not provide money for the study and was considered a method of blocking Blue Ridge.

The Senate's decision came despite the pleadings of Senators Ervin and Helms of North Carolina.

A similar amendment from Representative Mizell of North Carolina passed the House of Representatives earlier, and a conference committee of the two houses will now wrestle with the

differences in the two bills.

Rep. Mizell has also introduced into the House a bill calling for a study of the New River for possible inclusion in the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers, another attempt to block Blue Ridge.

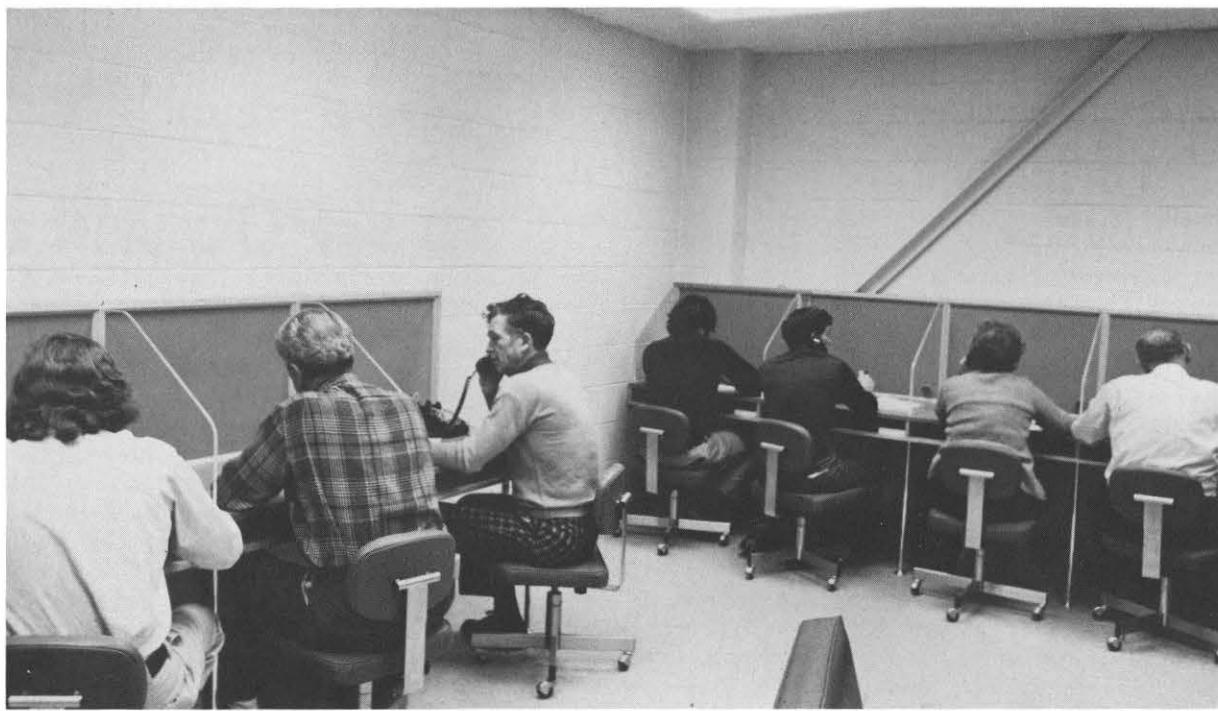
In his decision, Judge Levy concluded that in the present national energy emergency, "in the scales of the national interest, licensing of the proposed Blue Ridge Project will provide long-term public benefits that outweigh its adverse social, environmental and short-term economic effects."

Many of the adverse social and environmental costs and effects of the project have lessened, the judge said, since reopening of the proceedings: water quality control storage has been eliminated, permitting a reduction in the size of the reservoirs; the upper reservoir drawdown will be limited to a maximum of ten feet at all times; and low flow augmentation storage for the downstream benefit of Virginia and West Virginia has been added.

New recreational resources will be created by the project, Levy said, without over-all damage to the fishery and water quality, and air pollution will be less than would otherwise be possible in meeting the need for electric energy through feasible alternatives.

He pointed out that the reduction in the size of the lower reservoir means 2,000 fewer acres will be required, saving the homes of about 115 people and an estimated \$1,710,000 in construction costs.

Blue Ridge is now nearing its 12th year of study and proceedings. Appalachian applied for a temporary permit to study the feasibility of the project in 1962 and filed for a license in 1965. Hearings began in May of 1967. The final two days of hearings were held in July of 1973.



The new Roanoke service center includes this room which was designed for use in the event of a major outage. Planners and two Records Section employees can hook their telephones into the jacks in this room, enabling them to take trouble calls without disrupting the regular office business. From left, K. P. Wright, L. G. Gregory, Rudy Leftwich, Ed-die Glover, Richard Downey, Diana Bohon and J. K. Hutcherson.

Roanoke service center completed

Some 200 Roanoke Division employees moved into Appalachian's newly-completed service center last month.

Located in the Roanoke Industrial Center, the new facility houses these sections, which were formerly located in five buildings under the Walnut Avenue Bridge: engineering, line, station, meter, transportation, stores and heat pump repair. In addition, the building contains the regional dispatch center now serving the Roanoke, Lynchburg and Pulaski Divisions and the General Office Communications section.

The 80,598 square foot building of masonry and brick construction is total electric. There is a parking lot for employees, visitors and company vehicles; a pole storage yard which replaces the one in the Norwich section of Roanoke; and a railroad spur track for delivery of heavy material.



The Meter Section is one of those housed in the new Roanoke service center. From left, W. M. Mills, Bill Eller, John Spraker, Sherman Payne and Bill Sheaff.

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Company trucks and cars will be serviced at this garage in the new Roanoke service center.

AEP needs time for total compliance with emission limitations, Dowd says

In hearings before the Environmental Protection Agency last month, two AEP System operating companies supported the request of Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., for extensions of emission-compliance deadlines for five of their West Virginia plants.

The deadlines apply to particulate emissions at three Appalachian Power Company plants (Cabin Creek, Kanawha River and John E. Amos) and to particulate and sulfur-dioxide emissions at two Ohio Power Company plants (Mitchell and Kammer). All these plants burn West Virginia coal.

EPA called the hearings at the request of Governor Moore, who last year had asked postponements from mid-1975 to mid-1976.

A. Joseph Dowd, vice president

Savings bonds are better than ever

The interest rate on U. S. Savings Bonds has been increased from 5½% to 6%, effective December 1, 1973. At the same time, maturity of E Bonds was shortened to five years.

This increase will also mean an improvement on all outstanding Bonds. They will now earn an extra ½% for each semiannual interest period beginning on or after that date until their next maturity.

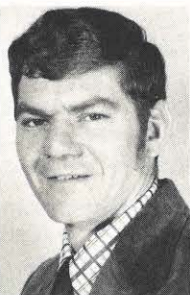
Abshire, Shank, Hickok take foreman posts at John E. Amos Plant



Abshire



Shank



Hickok

Three men were promoted last month to instrument maintenance foremen at John E. Amos Plant. They are George W. Abshire, Herschel H. Shank and William R. Hickok.

Abshire was employed as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant in 1952 and later was a junior maintenance man. In 1960 he was promoted to maintenance man at Clinch River and became a master maintenance man in February 1970. Later that year he transferred to Amos as a control technician senior. A native of Peytona, West Virginia, Abshire took courses from National Electric Trade School. He is married and has four children.

A native of Apple Grove, West

and general counsel of the Service Corporation, testified that the System is committed to total compliance with emission limitations at its West Virginia plants.

This compliance, he said, will come in the face of the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission's highly stringent particulate standards. These standards are at least twice as stiff as those of EPA or of neighboring states.

Despite such standards, Dowd said, the issue is "the time frame within which such compliance can be achieved."

Much has already been done about particulate emissions. In the past five years, nine electrostatic precipitators have gone into operation at AEP's West Virginia plants, at a total cost exceeding \$50 million. Added to this are earlier expenditures of about \$4.7 million for dust-collecting equipment.

Proposed particulate compliance programs call for backfitting four of the five plants with "highly efficient electrostatic precipitators," Dowd said. This equipment, combined with that to be installed at the Philip Sporn Plant under a previously approved program, will cost an estimated \$216 million.

At the fifth plant, Cabin Creek, space limitations and the plant's age make retrofitting infeasible. Therefore, to comply, the plant will be shut down by July 1, 1977.

Virginia, Shank has taken correspondence courses in industrial instrumentation and electrical engineering. He joined Kyger Creek Plant in 1954 as a guard and worked there as a maintenance helper, results helper, instrument maintenance man C and instrument maintenance man B. He transferred to Amos Plant in 1970 as a control technician senior. He is married and has one daughter.

Hickok, a native of Mullens, West Virginia, attended technical and vocational school as well as West Virginia University. He was employed by West Penn Power Company before joining Amos Plant in 1970 as a control technician senior. He is married and has one daughter.

"While there may be financing difficulties and the technology will be tight, the major problem relates to the installation schedule," Dowd said. Lead time on such jobs is now about 34 months. This work involves 14 precipitator jobs in West Virginia and "simply cannot be completed by June 1, 1975." Concurrently, AEP has seven more such jobs planned elsewhere on the System and another seven nearing completion. The total cost of AEP's System-wide backfitting is projected at over \$400 million.

Another burdensome factor is the APCC prohibition of stack-gas conditioning to improve precipitator performance. Without this unique ban, the Kanawha River Plant could meet particulate-emission limits with existing control equipment.

With regard to SO₂ emissions, only Kammer and Mitchell Plants are involved — the others are now complying by burning low-sulfur coal. In fact, 67% of AEP's West Virginia capacity is presently in compliance.

The Mitchell compliance program involves developing new low-sulfur West Virginia coal deposits. This program, Dowd said, includes "a massive fuel change" and "construction of new coal unloading and delivery facilities." So the program cannot "be accomplished overnight."

Kammer presents a more difficult problem. Its boilers might be seriously damaged by burning eastern low-sulfur coals. However, all reasonable possibilities for adapting this coal to this plant will be explored, Dowd said. If these tests are not successful, "we will have no alternative — short of shutting down the plant — but to import and burn Western coal." While such coal would probably be available by 1975, coal-handling facilities and boiler modifications could not be completed by then.

Dowd further said that many environmental measures have been, and are being, taken to "reduce emissions during the period of the requested postponement to the maximum extent feasible."

Therefore, he added, "If the name of the game is compliance, then we are playing the game more successfully than many if not all other similarly situated."

Others presenting testimony on behalf of American Electric Power were: P. D. Martinka, vice president-fuel supply and director, Service Corporation; R. W. Reeves, head-environmental engineering division, Service Corporation; J. F. Barton, head-power plant scheduling section, Service Corporation; H. M. Hall, assistant head-bulk power supply planning division, Service Corporation; and M. E. Smith, president, Smith-Singer meteorologists.



John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president (standing), presented awards to three Illuminator associate editors last month. (L. to r.) W. D. Crews, Lynchburg personnel supervisor; Betty Lou Carter, Illuminator editor; W. C. Groseclose, Bluefield administrative assistant; and W. A. Joseph, Huntington photographer and reproduction man.

Groseclose named top associate editor; Lynchburg wins quota award

Three associate editors of *The Illuminator* were recognized for their contributions to the employee publication during 1973 at a staff luncheon in Roanoke last month.

W. C. Groseclose, Bluefield administrative assistant, was named outstanding associate editor. His selection was based on preparation and adherence to advance outline, variety and originality of material submitted, completeness of information, promptness and quality of photography.

W. D. Crews, Lynchburg personnel supervisor, received the quota award for that division, which had the highest percentage of news in *The Illuminator*.

Elaine Polk, former Huntington personnel clerk, was recognized for contributing the best story in 1973. Her article on a professional check writer (March issue) was the winning story.

Presley becomes line foreman



Presley

Elbert H. Presley has been promoted to line foreman exempt in Kingsport.

A native of Burnsville, North Carolina, Presley was employed in 1948 as a groundman and rose through the ranks until he was promoted to lineman A in 1955.

Presley is married and has one daughter.

W. A. Joseph, Huntington photographer and reproduction man, was the recipient of the best photo award. His winning photo of a mother and her three football player sons appeared in the January issue.

Rights offering of AEP common

American Electric Power Company last month announced plans to sell 7,000,000 shares of common stock in a rights offering to shareowners this spring.

The additional shares of authorized but unissued stock (\$6.50 par value) will first be offered for subscription to holders of AEP's 66-million outstanding shares on a 1-for-10 basis. In addition holders would have the opportunity to subscribe for additional shares, subject to allotment, if necessary. Any unsubscribed shares would be purchased, under stand-by arrangements, in competitive bidding by underwriters and security dealers.

Subscription price of the stock and the date of the offering will be determined later by the AEP Board of Directors. It is expected however, that the record date for determining shareowners entitled to receive rights will be March 28 and that such rights would expire April 19.

A subscription warrant, together with a prospectus in which the subscription price per share and the details of the offering will be given, will be mailed to shareowners in late March.

It is anticipated that the subscription price will be less than the market price of the stock at the time the former is determined by the Board, and thus the rights will have value. Unless the rights are exercised or sold prior to the expiration date, however, they would expire and become worthless.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HUNTINGTON



Romans Fotos

Alice Yvonne Romans, daughter of Clerk Typist Haney Romans, has received her PhD from Duke University and is doing a year of post-doctorate work at Georgia Tech under a National Science Foundation grant.

Michael Fotos, III, was selected as one of two West Virginia students to represent the state at the 1974 United States Youth Program in Washington, D. C. The selection carries a \$1,000 college scholarship, made possible through grants from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, to study American government and related subjects. Michael is the son of Michael Fotos, Jr., line supervisor.

Phyllis Black, daughter of Residential Representative Virginia Black, was elected president of her sorority at West Virginia University.

Wayne Pugh, heating and air conditioning consultant, was appointed to the board of directors of the Huntington Jaycees.

Robert Burgess, equipment service engineer, was elected president of the Huntington Engineers Club.

CHARLESTON

Electrical Engineer **W. S. Walker**, representing the Kanawha Valley Astronomical Society, was interviewed on WTIP Radio concerning how and when to view the comet.

ROANOKE

Prince E. Thornton, administrative assistant, was elected to a one-year term as corporation secretary of the Roanoke Goodwill Industries.

Annie and Bill Craig are serving a three-year term on the administrative board of the Huntington Court United Methodist Church. She is private secretary to the division manager.

Betty J. Baker, Managerial, presented a program entitled "The Professional Secretary" to the members of the Lynchburg chapter, National Secretaries Association.

D. B. Stoner, credit supervisor, was elected to a one-year term on the board of directors of the Roanoke Association of Credit Men.

D. C. Kennedy, division manager, was appointed to a committee composed of community leaders to interview and recommend a new fire chief for the City of Roanoke.

J. R. Davenport, Fieldale manager, was appointed by the Roanoke River Basin Association to serve on the Dan River Basin Flood Control Commission.

PULASKI

K. L. Buckland, Engineering, was elected vice-chairman of the Pulaski County Committee, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

L. L. Bucklen, Customer Service, was elected recording secretary of the Wytheville-Wythe County Chamber of Commerce. He is also program chairman of the Intermediate PTA at Wytheville.

J. B. Brillheart, Jr., administrative assistant, was elected divisional vice president of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

W. E. Miller, line inspector, was re-elected secretary of Pythagoras Lodge No. 239 A.F. & A.M., Pulaski.

F. H. Anderson, lineman, has been officially installed as captain of Company #1, Galax Volunteer Fire Department.

R. D. Byrd, meter reader, was elected to the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Christiansburg.

BLUEFIELD

Mike Pauley has been nominated for the U. S. Air Force Academy by Senator Robert C. Byrd. The son of Sales Supervisor Paul Pauley, Mike is the only local nominee for the Academy and the first one from Princeton High School.

Betty Nash, daughter of Meterman Wade Nash, was named to the dean's list for the fall quarter at the University of Tennessee.

Second lieutenant **William M. Heldreth** recently received a master's degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He entered the U. S. Army last May and graduated from Southeastern Signal School,

Ft. Gordon, Georgia. He was an honor graduate of the automatic data processing school at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and is now stationed in Okinawa in the office of the directorate for data systems. Lt. Heldreth is the son of Dealer Sales Representative Ray Heldreth.

Kelly Crowder, daughter of Area Serviceman Bob Crowder, was named to the A honor roll at Princeton High School.

Ethel Adams, wife of Sales Manager Oscar Adams, was installed as treasurer of the Bland Street Methodist Church Women.

Earl Sprinkle, retired head meter clerk, was re-elected secretary of the Bluefield Old Guard for the fifth consecutive year.

Division Manager **Jack Lloyd** was elected vice president and campaign chairman of the Greater Bluefield United Fund for 1974.

Mrs. Glen Ferrell, wife of the line inspector, was appointed cultural arts chairman of the Cumberland Heights Homemakers Club.

Lois Ann Dudash, daughter of Station Supervisor Steve Dudash, was named to the dean's list for the fall quarter at Marshall University.

Raymond Nunnery, meterman A, was installed as a deacon at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield.

Ray Heldreth, dealer sales representative, was elected treasurer of the Mercer County Republican Club.

BECKLEY



Hunt Leach

Kimberly Leach was crowned queen of the second annual Little Miss Christmas Queen pageant sponsored by the Ebony Women's Savings Club of Beckley. She is the three-year-old daughter of Lineman Walter Leach.

Michael Hunt, draftsman, was named one of the "top ten men of the year" in the Crab Orchard-MacArthur area. Active in the Crab Orchard Baptist Church, he is a choir member, counselor for the Junior High Baptist Youth, president of his Sunday School class, member of the men's fellowship and on the board of trustees. His wife Margaret is a stenographer in the GO Right of Way Section, Beckley.

Division Manager **James E. Jones** was named a director of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce.

CLINCH RIVER



Thompson

Ricky Thompson, son of Shift Operating Engineer Ben L. Thompson, has been named to *Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities*. He is majoring in social welfare at Clinch Valley College, where he represents the junior class on the student council and is editor of the yearbook. Ricky also helps direct the intramural sports program at the college.

LYNCHBURG

Retiree **R. Conner Foster** was selected by Donald G. Pendleton, delegate from the Ninth Congressional District, to serve as his legislative assistant for the 1974 term.

Meter Reader **William L. Hensley** was elected second lieutenant in the Big Island Emergency Life Saving Crew.

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., heating and air conditioning consultant, was elected vice president of the Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science. **A. C. Channaiah**, electrical engineer, was elected to the board of directors. Electrical Engineer **James K. Reid**, serving a three-year term as director, was appointed to represent the Lynchburg Society during National Engineers Week.

Charlene L. Thompson, secretarial-stenographer, was interviewed by **Gayle Oliver**, a teacher from Rustburg High School, as part of a slide program being prepared to present to students on what is expected in the business world. Mrs. Oliver is the wife of Thomas W. Oliver, engineer B.

KANAWHA RIVER

Debbie Adkins, daughter of Maintenance Supervisor Earl Adkins, made the A honor roll at East Bank High School where she is a sophomore.

ASHLAND

Brad Muncy, son of Working Line Foreman Robert Muncy, was named to the Russell Invitational All-Tournament Team. Brad had 17 points in the championship game.

Madelon Venters, wife of Serviceman Walter Venters, was appointed institutional representative of Boy Scout Troop 148 sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Ashland. No stranger to Scouting, Madelon is registered in the women's re-

serves with the Tri-State Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. It is believed this is the first time a woman has become IR for a troop within the Tri-State geographical area.

O. C. Hall, executive assistant, was master of ceremonies at an Eagle court of honor for Troop 148.

Ed Kemper, departmental assistant, was master of ceremonies at an Eagle court of honor for Troop 162.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Harry E. Ruloff, Jr., supervising engineer, was recently selected "Jaycee of the month" by the Logan Jaycees. He earned the award for his work organizing the Jaycees' annual shopping tour for underprivileged children. Assisting Ruloff was Electrical Engineer **Paul Owens**, who also received an award.

Ruby Henritze, wife of Retiree T. L. Henritze, was chairman of the Salvation Army's annual Christmas doll exhibit and tea, sponsored by the Logan Woman's Club.

Sheila Trammell, daughter of Logan Meter Serviceman Richard Trammell, played in a trumpet duet during the Logan Central Junior High Christmas festival.

MARMET



See

Sheri Lynn See, daughter of Mine Development Engineer John Phillip See, was chosen "Little Miss Snowflake" by the Women's Club of Montgomery.

GENERAL OFFICE

Donald B. Sult is the recipient of a scholarship awarded by the Pittston Company to an outstanding student in mining engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. The son of Purchasing Assistant R. C. Sult, Donald completed his first year of pre-engineering at Virginia Western Community College and is a sophomore at VPI.

Charles R. Saul, GO area development consultant, was appointed a member of the board of directors of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce.

Tony Bailey, son of GO Residential Supervisor E. L. Bailey, made the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Richmond.

We Remember



Weaver

John E. Weaver, 54, retired Bluefield auto repairman B, died December 17,

A native of Fort Morgan, Colorado, Weaver was employed in 1947 as an auto mechanic B and became auto repairman B in 1953. He took early retirement due to disability in 1960.

Weaver is survived by his widow, one daughter, one son and one sister.



Mullins

Hubert S. Mullins, 66, retired janitor at Cabin Creek Plant, died January 5.

A native of Winifrede, West Virginia, Mullins was employed in 1941. He had 26 years' service when he took early retirement January 31, 1967.

Mullins is survived by his mother, four sons and six grandchildren.



Brewer

Virgil L. Brewer, 66, retired Ashland draftsman senior, died January 15.

A native of Ashland, Kentucky, Brewer was employed in 1926 as a clerk in the Engineering Department. He had more than 43 years' service when he retired in 1970.

Brewer is survived by his widow and one son.



Tucker

Gilman E. Tucker, 62, retired truck driver-groundman at

Mt. Hope, Beckley Division, died December 30.

A native of Price Hill, West Virginia, Tucker was employed in 1936 as a groundman. He had 22 years' service when he retired in 1958 due to disability.

Tucker is survived by his widow, one son and two grandchildren.



Ferguson

Alton B. Ferguson, Sr., 68, retired Huntington customer service representative, died January 3.

A native of Guyandotte, West Virginia, Ferguson joined Appalachian in 1925 as a meter reader. He worked as a collector, clerk senior and head meter reader before being promoted to customer service representative in 1951. He retired in 1970 with 44 years' service.

Ferguson is survived by his widow, two daughters and two sons.

LaGrow joins Appalachian Power



LaGrow

Clifford M. LaGrow has joined Appalachian Power's General Office Accounting Department as accounting staff assistant — special. After his initial training period, LaGrow will perform general administrative duties assigned by the accounting manager, working closely with the various GOAD sections, other GO departments and the field organizations.

LaGrow joined the company after 18 years' experience in utility accounting. He previously worked for General Electric Company, Connecticut Light & Power, Northeast Utilities and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation. He holds a BS degree in commerce and economics from the University of Vermont and attained the rank of first lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve.

LaGrow is married and has three children.

Thousands of customers respond to Appalachian Power mailing



No wonder English born Sandra Collier, General Office Customer Services, Roanoke, looks befuddled as she starts to sort, by divisions, reply cards from such unlikely locations as Arbuckle, Canebrake, Hiawatha, Uneeda, White Top and hundreds of other post offices within Appalachian Power Company's service area. To confuse her even more, there were a few cards from English, West Virginia.

They come from Amigo, Basin, Bim, Bozoo, Bud, Cucumer, Creamery, Jolo, Pie, Pinch, Quick, Romance, Rock, Six, Sod, Twilight and War, West Virginia, to be joined by others from Bandy, Bee, Check, Horse Pen, Pounding Mill, Raven, Slate, Snow Flake, Tiny and Yards, Virginia. These are only a sampling of the 80,000 replies received at press time to a mailer sent to all Appalachian Power residential customers. Some 552,500 mailers were sent out early in January.

The mailer, entitled "An Important Message From Appalachian Power", informed our customers that the company anticipated no problems in meeting their needs for electricity during this winter

and pointed out some of the reasons for the nation's energy crisis. Customers were urged to use electricity wisely and offered a copy of the booklet "How To Save On Your Electric Bill".

One section of the mailer informed customers what to do in case of temporary loss of power in their homes. Another requested customers to furnish the company information on electric appliances or heat they have added in the past six months so that we can properly plan for their electrical needs.

Some customer replies to the mailer have been critical but many were highly complimentary of the company and its employees.



Abingdon employees were treated to a one unlawful act play entitled "Is Your Driving Permit Soluble In Alcohol?" or "How To Lose Your Permit Without Really Trying" at a recent safety meeting. The author, producer, props man and star of the show was John Morefield, Engineering Department. Making up the remainder of his "Martyr Theatre of Virginia" company were employees Jim Hill, Eleanor Honaker and Perry Johnston. In this scene from the play, Tough Cop John Hill (right) arrests John Morefield for drunk driving. At the conclusion of the program, employees were reminded of the importance of their drivers' licenses, and literature from the Alcohol Safety Action Project and the Driver's Manual of Virginia was distributed.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

John E. Amos

George M. Nowlin, Utility Man I
Jerry W. Saunders, Stores Attendant. **Joseph A. Holstein**, Utility Man B (Yard). **Michael S. Crine**, Utility Man B. **Jerry L. McKneely**, Utility Man B (Yard). **West N. Womack, Jr.**, Utility Man B. **Ca. E. Weigand**, Maintenance Man C. **James I. Sovine**, Maintenance Man C. **William J. Johnson**, Maintenance Man C. **Billy J. Javins**, Utility Man B. **Frank L. Taylor**, Utility Man B (Yard). **Danny C. Searls**, Utility Man B (Yard). **Donald G. Warner**, Control Technician Junior. **Michael R. Nester**, Maintenance Man C.

Bluefield

Charles Ray Wirt, Custodian.

Cabin Creek

Barbara J. Miller, Clerk Typist
David L. Petry, Utility Man B
Frederick J. Hale, Utility Man B
George W. Pauley, Utility Man B
John K. Bradley, Utility Man B
John W. Allison, Utility Man B.

Charleston

Clarence G. Day, Custodian.
Steven M. Garnett, Custodian.

General Office

Randall L. Minnix, Clerk Trainee.
Clifford M. LaGrow, Accounting Staff Assistant-Special.

Kingsport

Jay G. Stephenson, Clerk Trainee.

Marmet

Joseph Barber, Jr., Personnel Assistant. **Benson Alfred Johnson**, Rodman. **Ronald Lee Lewis**, Co-op Student Engineer. **Jack Reyes Booda**, Co-op Student Engineer. **Dennis Allen Carper**, Accounting Coordinator. **Marsha Gwen Bell**, Junior Clerk-Receptionist. **William Norman Bailey**, Maintenance Foreman.

New Haven

Douglas E. Hill, Rodman. **James A. Sission**, Intermediate Clerk. **David L. Critchfield**, Mining Engineer.

Pikeville

Lois Ann Kellog, Junior Clerk.

Pulaski

Charles Edward Burnett, Meter Reader. **Stephen R. Collins**, Meter Reader. **Rudolph A. Bryan, Jr.**, Lineman Helper.

Roanoke

Diana L. Via, Clerk Trainee. **Jerry L. Joyce**, Clerk Trainee. **Harold Steven Hubbard**, Draftsman. **Frank E. Stone**, Stationman Helper A. **Benjamin J. Michael**, Lineman Helper. **Sonja Faye Mackenhimer**, Clerk Trainee.

Philip Sporn

C. R. Payne, Maintenance Man.
R. O. Hatcher, Maintenance Man.

Couples exchange wedding vows in winter ceremonies



Stair

Patchell

Moore

Gordon

Herzog

Selbe

Waller



Perry

Bunting

Wysong

DeMoss

Moos-Wysong

Wedding vows were exchanged December 27 by Janet Leslie Moos and William Thomas Wysong in the First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, West Virginia. Mr. Wysong is the son of James Wysong, commercial representative, Huntington.

Trimble-Patchell

Wedding vows were exchanged December 15 in Chelyan Methodist Church by Sally Jean Trimble and Joseph F. Patchell. Mr. Patchell is a junior maintenance man, Cabin Creek Plant.

Hale-Owen

November 30 was the wedding day of Marilyn Wingo Hale and John Thomas Owen, who were married in Belmont Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Owen is an engineer B, Roanoke.

Black-Maynard

The marriage of Kitty Elaine Black and Lucian E. Maynard, Jr., was solemnized January 1 in Westmoreland United Methodist Church, Huntington, West Virginia. Mr. Maynard is the son of Lucian E. Maynard, Sr., collector, Huntington.

Oresta-Gordon

A double ring ceremony performed December 21 in the home of the bride's parents united Karen Sue Oresta and Thomas Campbell Gordon. Mrs. Gordon is the daughter of Franklin Oresta, auto repairman A, Bluefield.

Farri-Hayes

Chester United Methodist Church, Chester, Ohio, was the setting for the December 21st wedding of Cynthia Farri and J. G. Hayes. Mr. Hayes is a junior maintenance man, Philip Sporn Plant.

Wright-Waller

First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, was the setting for the December 28th wedding of Wanda Gay Wright and William Kennedy Waller, Jr. Mrs. Waller is the daughter of J. W. Wright, Jr., residential services coordinator, Roanoke.

Hammack-Selbe

Carole Sue Hammack and Dennis E. Selbe were married December 22 in Cross Lanes Bible Church. Mr. Selbe is a lineman A, Charleston.

Baker-Boggs

A double ring ceremony performed December 22 in Clintwood Bible Church, Clintwood, Virginia, united Ginger Kay Baker and Joseph E. Boggs. Mr. Boggs is a meter reader at Clintwood, Abingdon Division.

ENGAGEMENTS

Poling-Hunting

The marriage of Linda Mae Poling and Frederick Michael Bunting was solemnized December 30 in Huntington, West Virginia. Mr. Bunting is the son of C. F. Bunting, regional dispatcher at the Tri State Regional Dispatch Office, Huntington.

DEBBY A. HUNT to Charles Stephen Tygett. Miss Hunt is a plant clerk, Philip Sporn Plant.

JOANN BAILEY to Roy T. Hedrick, Jr. Miss Bailey is a stenographer in General Office T&D Distribution, Roanoke.

LINDY GAYE ELDER to Norman Jeffrey Harris. Miss Elder is the daughter of George E. Elder, station foreman NE, Lynchburg.

SALLY ANN PORTER to Donald Edward Elder. Mr. Elder is the son of George E. Elder, station foreman NE, Lynchburg.

BONITA KAY MARSHALL to Alvin F. Woods. Miss Marshall is a clerk-stenographer, General Office Personnel, Roanoke.

Harrison-Warner

January 18 was the wedding day of Linda Lou Harrison and Michael A. Warner, who were married in Pearisburg, Virginia. Mr. Warner is a utility man A.

Briles-Perry

Terri Suzanne Briles was married to Donald E. Perry, Jr., December 26 in the Methodist Church, Pearisburg, Virginia. Mr. Perry is a utility man A, Cabin Creek Plant.

Hicks-DeMoss

Vicki Lynn Hicks became the bride of Ricky Wayne DeMoss December 21 in Birch River, West Virginia. Mr. DeMoss is a rodman, Marmet.

Lieving-Herzog

Karen Sue Lieving and Earl T. Herzog, Jr., were united in marriage November 17 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Herzog is the daughter of L. H. Lieving, resident engineer, John E. Amos Plant.

Naff-Johnson

Alice Martin Naff became the bride of Richard J. Johnson January 12 in Bethany Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Johnson is a cashier senior, Roanoke.

Merriman-Robey

The Virginia Home at Fieldale, Virginia, was the setting for the December 27th wedding of Frances Fair Merriman to William Denman Robey. Mrs. Robey is the daughter of D. G. Merriman, station foreman NE at Fieldale, Roanoke Division.

Hickman-Stair

Deborah Jan Hickman and Kent Taylor Stair were married December 30 in the chapel of First Broad Street United Methodist Church, Kingsport, Tennessee. Mr. Stair is the son of A. W. Stair, residential services coordinator, Kingsport.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Tiffany Dawn, daughter of C. D. PRESTON, Marion lineman, November 23.

Christopher Bryan, son of L. A. LAWSON, area T&D clerk, January 1.

Tara Leigh, daughter of L. C. SEARLS, transmission man A, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Kenova, December 3.

Tracy Lynn, daughter of G. E. WEBB, transmission man B, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Kenova, December 21.

Beckley

Leigh Ann, daughter of TERRY FLESHMAN, Rainelle meter reader, January 8.

Glen Lyn

Kimberly Anna, daughter of JACKIE R. THORNTON, maintenance helper, December 18.

Bluefield

Jonathan Daniel, son of B. J. PARSONS, stationman C, January 5.

Hazard

Hershel Stevens, son of HERSHEL ADAMS, retired lineman, January 11.

Charleston

Jonathan Michael, son of R. L. WHITE, T&D clerk senior, January 3.

Kanawha River

Robert Scott, son of ROBERT J. SCHILLING, auxiliary equipment operator, December 25.

James V., Jr., son of JAMES V. GOODALL, St. Albans lineman C, November 15.

Kingsport

Jesse Wayne, son of CLEO CRAWFORD, lineman A, December 15.

Tina Lynn, daughter of THOMAS JERRY HOLT, surveyor, October 29.

General Office

Matthew Sharron, son of W. M. MEADE, regional dispatcher, Clinch River Regional Dispatch Office, GO Operations, December 25.

Marmet

Brian Allen, son of GARY DALE TINNEL, mining engineer, December 30.

Brian Pearson, son of LARRY P. HASTON, invoice clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, December 27.

Pulaski

Stephanie Kay, daughter of S. K. ALBERT, lineman A, January 13. Christopher Carl and Jason Michael, twin sons of CARL M. VIARS, Galax meter reader, December 29.

Robert Gilmer, son of R. D. CARSON, civil engineer senior, GO T&D Civil Engineering Section, Roanoke, November 26.



Members of the Floyd Taylor family model clothes which were made by Gerry Taylor (seated). Mrs. Taylor is wearing a polyester pants suit. From left: Jeffrey, wearing a double knit blazer; Joyce, wearing an evening gown of crisp organdy with ruffles edged in lace at the wrists, collar, bodice and hem line; Floyd, wearing a cardigan style heavy orlon knit sweater; Joe, wearing a crushed velvet blazer of college prep styling with belted back; and Janice, wearing a coordinated jacket and skirt.

Their clothes are Taylor-made

Some call it "versatility"; others call it "jack-of-all-trades". But the Floyd Taylor family (he's Logan-Williamson Division manager) simply describes Mother Gerry Taylor as "handy".

Whatever the occasion, be it prom, party or picnic, chances are that Gerry Taylor has created attire for it. And in a household that includes not only a busy husband but two college students, one high school senior and a seventh grader, there's always plenty of occasions. When it's time to give the sewing machine a rest, Gerry knits a bright cardigan sweater for the head of the household.

"My only formal training along these lines was high school economics," says Gerry. "I got my first sewing machine when our first child was born. What started out as a hobby has become almost a full-time job." While sewing is predominant among her interests, it sometimes takes a back seat to her other activities.

"I do some crocheting, also. As for novelty items, I have made golf club covers, knitted bells to be worn as lapel pins during the Christmas holidays, and mittens, hats and slippers. Just since coming to Logan I have taken up golf and bridge," she confesses.

While Gerry normally confines her talents to family projects, she may have recently opened the door to requests for her time from friends and neighbors. The reason: a three-tiered wedding cake she makes which isn't meant to be eaten but to serve as a centerpiece.

Constructed of bathroom tissue, hand soap, bathtowels, wash cloths, ribbons, stick pins, flowers and the traditional miniature bride and groom, the finished product resembles an actual wedding cake. "I learned to make these 'cakes' while we still lived in Charleston. I hadn't done much of this recently until a friend asked if I would make one for her daughter's wedding."

Gerry also finds time to teach in the elementary department of the Nighbert Memorial United Methodist Church and is president of the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

JAPLACO named company of month

JAPLACO, the Junior Achievement company in Lynchburg sponsored by Appalachian Power, has earned the Junior Achievement Company of the Month award. The award is given to the JA company that obtains the highest points in the general categories of cleanliness, sales, attendance at meetings, advertising and completion of reports on time. Eighteen JA companies were competing for the award.

JAPLACO's product is bronze coated praying hands mounted on a plaque.

Company advisors are James Collins, heating and builder sales representative; Larry Ring, cashier; and James Dorman, engineer B.



Gertrude Ramey, founder of the Children's Home, accepts a check from Charlie Pope.

Pope's coffee breaks raise \$1046 for Children's Home, Boys' Farm

"This is the greatest ever" said Charlie Pope when the final count for his annual Ramey Children's Home and Boys' Farm benefit netted \$1,046.25.

Each December, Charlie, assistant plant accounting supervisor in Kentucky Power's General Office Accounting Department, Ashland, heads the coffee and doughnut breaks held by Division, GO and Big Sandy Plant employees. The money collected is distributed between the two charities. In Ashland the breaks have been expanded to include employees and friends from other offices in the 15th Street area.

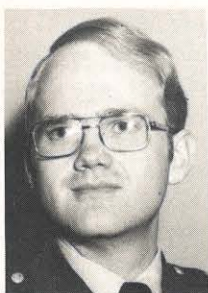
The coffee and doughnut breaks, Charlie's brainchild, began in 1963. For the first five years, the contributions averaged \$300 annually and the entire amount was contributed to the Ramey Home. (The Gertrude Ramey Children's Home was founded in his hometown of Catlettsburg.) In 1969

the contributions increased to the point where they could be divided between the Home and the Boys' Farm. In the past 10 years \$3,549.15 has been given to the Home. Some \$1,178 has been donated to the Boys' Farm in four years.

Another source of income is from Charlie's carpentry hobby. He is so proficient at carpentry that there is always a demand for him to make things for his friends. Rather than accept payment for his work, he put a large wooden bowl in his workshop and, when a job is completed for someone, he asks that they donate whatever amount they wish in the bowl. At the end of the year he takes the money collected and gives it to the Ramey Home.

Because of the kindness in this man's heart, the smiles on the faces of the children at the Home and the Boys' Farm are a little brighter each year.

Army promotes Steve Jamison



Jamison

Stephen L. Jamison, Lynchburg administrative assistant, has been promoted to captain in the U. S. Army Reserves. He rises to the rank from that of first lieutenant.

Jamison is information officer of the 2174th U. S. Army Garrison. He entered the Army in 1970 as a first lieutenant and completed his tour of active duty the following year.



Roanoke Division Administrative Assistant Jerry Whitehurst was particularly interested in an account of the terrestrial research biology program in the Antarctic which appeared in a recent issue of Newsweek Magazine. His son, Jeffrey Whitehurst is a graduate student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a member of the research team. (See December 1972 and October 1973 issues of *The Illuminator*.) This granite rock was cut by Jeffrey while he was in the Dry Valleys section of Antarctica and brought back to his father.



February is the month for valentines and a time for remembering those you love. Huntington Residential Representative Evermonte Huffman's favorite valentine is his grandmother, Mrs. Willie Wright. Mrs. Wright is 103 years young.

Pethtel promoted in Army Reserves



Pethtel

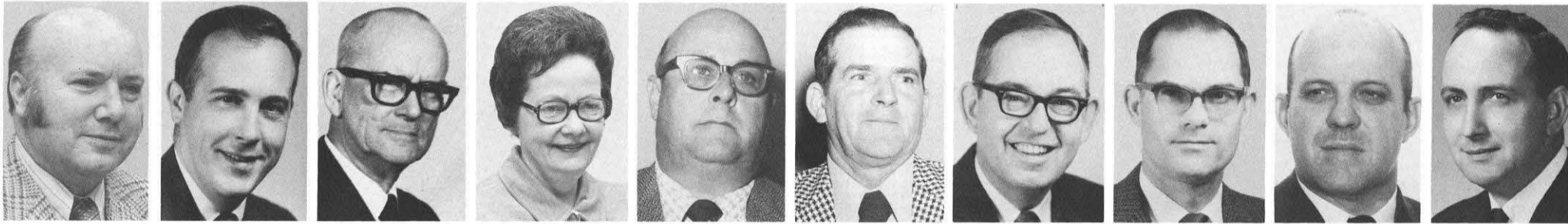
William R. Pethtel, construction office manager at John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserves.

Pethtel entered the Army in 1951 as a private and has been in the Reserves and National Guard since his discharge in 1954. He has served in the states of Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia, New Jersey and Ohio.

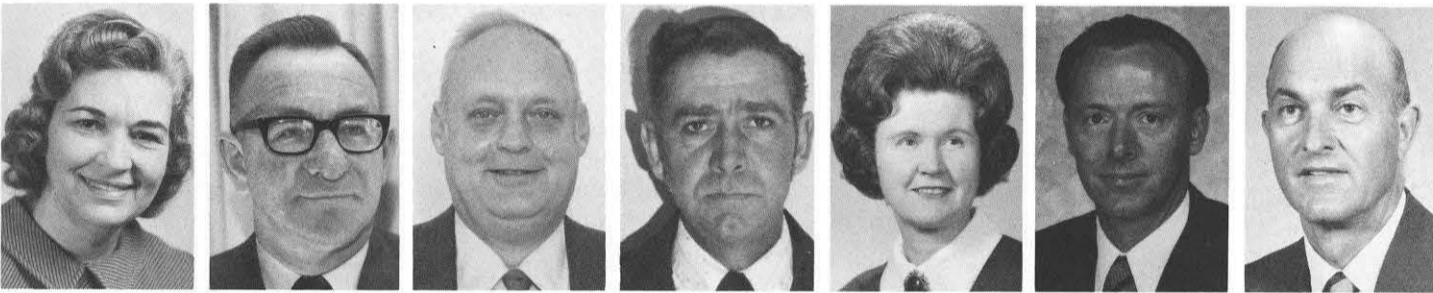
Veteran employees receive service pin awards



Taylor Nuckolls Smith Sears Lacy Elliott Hudson Winebrenner Larew McClung



Martin Webster Kratz Livesay Smith McReynolds Willis Meador Roush White



Kidd Farmer Cooper Gregory Nester Wooten Adkins

45 Years	Classification	Location
Taylor, R. G.	Statistical Accountant	GO-Roanoke
40 Years		
Nuckolls, B. M.	Area Supervisor A	Bluefield
35 Years		
Smith, T. C.	Residential Representative	Roanoke
Sears, Ammon	Area Supervisor A	Roanoke
30 Years		
Lacy, R. W.	Auto Repairman B	Charleston
25 Years		
Elliott, P. C.	Lineman A	Beckley
Hudson, L. E.	Meterman B	Charleston
Winebrenner, W. J.	Collector	Charleston
Larew, J. R.	Personnel Director	GO-Roanoke
McClung, W. A.	Public Affairs Director	GO-Roanoke
Martin, S. H.	Cust. Accts. Asst.	Roanoke
Webster, R. D.	Customer Services Manager	GO-Roanoke
Kratz, G. B.	Shift Operating Engr.	Kanawha River
Livesay, Jean	Secretarial-Stenographer	Roanoke
Smith, G. R., Jr.	Planner Senior	Pulaski
McReynolds, J. T.	Truck Driver-Groundman	Pikeville
Willis, V. D.	Staff Accountant	GO-Roanoke
Meador, J. F.	Engineer B	GO-Roanoke
Roush, M. J.	Asst. Shift Op. Engr.	Philip Sporn
White, M. A.	Line & Sta. Supv.	Logan-Williamson
Kidd, Jeannette	Private Secretary	GO-Roanoke

20 Years	Classification	Location
Farmer, S. J., Jr.	Acctg. Staff Asst.	GO-Roanoke
Cooper, E. D.	Area T&D Clerk	Bluefield
Gregory, E. B.	Lineman A	Bluefield
Nester, Lorene	Residential Advisor	Abingdon
Wooten, E. J.	Sta. Maint. Man A	GO-Charleston
Adkins, Ray	Lineman A	Ashland

15 Years	Classification	Location
Snead, Betty	Secretarial-Stenographer	Clinch River
Marshall, Glenn	Master Maint. Man	Clinch River
McCrary, M. E.	Asst. Accounting Mgr.	GO-Roanoke
Sayre, P. A.	Head Material Clerk	Huntington
Rhodes, H. E., Jr.	Personnel Supervisor	Kanawha River
Ratliff, Joyce	Contract Clerk Senior	Pikeville

10 Years	Classification	Location
Johnson, C. R.	Lineman B	Abingdon
Ray, B. R.	Boiler Operator A	Cabin Creek
Scragg, O. W.	Automotive Parts Clerk	Charleston
Linkous, D. E.	Sr. Eng. Technologist	GO-Abingdon
Sublett, Mary Agnes	Administrative Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Tate, W. O.	Custodian	Huntington
Jennings, Linda	Stenographer	Pulaski
Sebo, J. J.	Prod. Supv.-Operations	Philip Sporn
Hankins, Henrietta	Stenographer	GO-Ashland
5 Years		
Hicks, F. A.	Lineman B	Abingdon
Hicks, C. T.	Lineman C	Abingdon
Ballard, Linda	Stenographer	Bluefield
Ingram, J. G.	Lineman B	Charleston
Hall, J. E., II	Lineman B	Charleston
Thompson, D. B.	Planner	Charleston
Hudson, K. H.	Auto Repairman A	Charleston
Drewry, G. W., Jr.	Right Of Way Agent	GO-Roanoke
Norcross, R. T.	Stores Acct Clk.	GO-Roanoke
Shafer, W. M.	Classification Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Thacker, C. M.	Civil Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Wolford, J. W.	Maintenance Man	GO-Roanoke
Wells, T. E.	Stationman	Huntington
Fuller, D. S.	T&D Clerk	Huntington
Roeser, W. P.	Asst. Planner	Huntington
Gordon, T. J.	Lineman	Huntington
Allie, J. E., Jr.	Meter Reader	Roanoke
Aird, J. B., III	Engineer B	Roanoke
Miles, L. D.	Rodman	Roanoke
Riggs, R. L.	Equipment Operator	Philip Sporn
Riffe, C. F.	Messenger	Ashland
Ison, Sharon	Clerk Stenographer	Ashland
Chandler, Beverly	Clerk Stenographer	Kingsport

Employees' ideas are published

Seven Appalachian Power employees had their operation improvement suggestions published in the January/February issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

R. D. Blevins, Pulaski electrical engineer, and W. E. Hart, GO distribution staff engineer, collaborated on "Low-Cost Locator For Underground Cables". F. G. Bruce, Huntington station super-

visor, and D. W. Ritchie, Huntington stationman A, co-authored "Installs Relief Valve On Used Transformers". "Station Simulator Panels Aid In Teaching" was written by C. W. Bacchus, regional dispatcher; J. T. Gregory, assistant power dispatching supervisor; and E. E. Johnson, power dispatching supervisor, all of the GO Operations Department, Roanoke.

Wagenhals ends 40-year career



Wagenhals

Wanting to enjoy life while good years remain, Howard F. Wagenhals elected early retirement February 1. He was an assistant shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn Plant.

Howard and his wife Elise left after Christmas for a month in California and planned to be in Pasadena for the Parade of Roses.

A native of Logan, Ohio, Howard joined Ohio Power at Canton in 1933 as a meter reader. He worked there as an electrical helper, turbine room helper, turbine room man and shift operator before transferring to Ballsville in 1948. He went to Sporn the following year as assistant control operator and later worked as a unit operator and second assistant shift operating engineer. He was promoted to the position he held at retirement in 1960.

Howard is the kind of person who pursues a problem until it is solved. As a fellow employee puts it, "Howard is a go-getter". Around home he is a do-it-yourselfer.

A member of Hartford Baptist Church, Howard has one stepdaughter and two grandsons.



"I never won anything in my life before," said Linda McCall when she received a telephone call notifying her she was the winner of the Mr. Pibb Wild Wagon Sweepstakes. The wife of Willie H. McCall, Jr., engineer B in the General Office T&D Station Section, Roanoke, Linda thought someone was pulling a prank on her. She even called the company back to see if the person who notified her really worked there. Only when it was verified that he did, did she accept the fact that she was a winner. At first Linda didn't remember entering the contest. Finally, she recalled filling out an entry blank in a grocery store but at the time hadn't paid any attention to what the winner would receive. Her prize, a Volkswagon customized to look like a Rolls-Royce, was delivered the day after her birthday.

AEP joins in nuclear program with goal of standard design

A joint program to develop a standardized nuclear plant design that would lead to the construction of a series of high-temperature, gas-cooled reactor (HTGR) power plants was disclosed last month by the American Electric Power System and General Atomic Company. It is anticipated the generating units would have a capacity in the range of 1,500,000 kilowatts.

AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook said the program would lead to commercial operation of the first such standardized plant by mid-1983 "or earlier if practicable."

General Atomic, developer and manufacturer of the HTGR, is a San Diego-based partnership company jointly owned by two oil firms, Gulf Oil Corporation and the Royal Dutch / Shell group.

While continuing to advocate the view that the near-term electric power requirements of the United States can only be met by a rapid increase in the utilization of the nation's extensive coal reserves, Cook said, "It is our belief that both coal-fired and nuclear-fueled plants will have to be fully utilized if we are to meet the country's energy requirements of the future."

"The value to the electric utility industry of standardization in the construction of nuclear power plants cannot be over-emphasized," he said. "Standardization promises significant reductions in the time required for plant siting, licensing and construction procedures, and also will bring savings in both construction and operating costs. We hope this joint standardization program will be of direct benefit to others in the utility industry in meeting their responsibility to supply economic and reliable power."

General Atomic will have the responsibility for design of the

reactor and associated equipment, and AEP for design of the balance of the plant. General Atomic and the AEP-led East-Central Nuclear Group have been involved in development work on the gas-cooled breeder reactor for a number of years.

B. R. Dorsey, Gulf Oil chairman, said that standardization was "of immense consequence" in the effort to provide a safe, environmentally acceptable and economic energy supply at the earliest possible date.

C. A. Rolander, General Atomic president, said the joint standardization program would make a major contribution to the application of the HTGR to advanced gas-cooled nuclear systems. These systems, he pointed out, "include direct-cycle plants that eliminate the need for water for condenser cooling; process-heat plants capable of producing clean fossil fuels, among other things; and gas-cooled breeder reactors that will generate more fuel than they consume."

Standardization has been a goal of the nuclear and electric utility industries for many years. The Atomic Energy Commission has estimated the time now required for "custom" nuclear plant design (nine to 10 years) could be cut to five to six years by the use of standardized designs and techniques.

The HTGR power system has an operating efficiency of nearly 40 percent, which results in a decrease of about 25 percent in both thermal discharge to the environment and the need for cooling water. As a result of this, plus its unique fuel cycle, the HTGR also reduces by 40 percent the need for uranium ore when compared with other current commercial reactor concepts.

AEP companies seek review by Supreme Court

Four AEP System operating companies filed a petition January 2 for Supreme Court review of a case challenging the Environmental Protection Agency.

The case questions the legality of standards of performance for new and modified stationary emission sources. The operating companies claim that the record contains no basis for EPA's conclusion that emission limits are "achievable" or that emission-control equipment is "adequately demonstrated." The companies also object to EPA's failure to file environmental impact statements covering its standards.

The Supreme Court can now review the case or let stand the decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. This court upheld "the basic lawfulness" of EPA's standards and supported EPA's failure to file impact statements under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Operating companies involved in the case are Appalachian Power Company, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, Kentucky Power Company and Ohio Power Company.

The Edison Electric Institute plans to file an amicus curiae brief this month on behalf of the operating companies.

Lineman elects early retirement



Whitaker

Neldon Whitaker, Hazard Division lineman A, elected early retirement January 1 at the age of 62.

Neldon began his career in 1948 as a groundman A and rose through the ranks until being promoted to lineman A in 1966.

He and his wife Tina have plans to visit relatives in Ohio, Colorado and New Mexico. Later, Neldon will work around his place, some 150 acres in Letcher County, Kentucky.



Timmy Pangburn (left) admires the trophy presented his Big Brother, Roscoe Thomas, for Thomas' loyalty and service to the Big Brother program in Roanoke.

Roanoke's Roscoe Thomas receives national recognition as Big Brother

Roscoe Thomas, Jr., Roanoke Customer Services Department, was one of 12 Roanokers honored recently by the national Big Brothers organization for loyalty and continuous service to the local program. He has been a Big Brother ever since the movement came to the area five years ago.

Roscoe is a Big Brother to 16-year-old Timmy Pangburn, a sophomore at Jefferson High School.

Roscoe and Timmy spend many hours together doing a variety of things. Both enjoy water sports so they have done a lot of boating, fishing and even some hunting at Roscoe's place on Smith Mountain Lake. An accepted member of the Thomas household, Timmy and Roscoe's young son, Tommy, have become good friends.

Perhaps the best testimonials to Roscoe's efforts come from Timmy and his mother. Timmy says, "I surely would recommend Big Brothers to any boy who is living in a broken home." Mrs. Pangburn adds, "I think Big

Brothers is just the finest thing there is. I just don't know how would have gotten along without this program." (Her 11-year-old son is also a member of the Big Brother program.)

Huffman ends 45-year career



Huffman

Frank Huffman, Jr., Ashland Division serviceman, retired February 1 after 45 years' service.

A native of Ashland, Kentucky, Frank was employed in 1929 as a meter reader and was promoted to serviceman in 1939. He recalls having to ride street car back and forth to his meter reading assignments when he first went to work.

Frank completed a Coyne electrical course by correspondence and working with electronics his favorite pastime.

A Kentucky Colonel, Frank is member of the First Presbyterian Church, Master Mason Lodge No. 325, BPOE Elks Lodge, Federal Order of Police and Kentucky Peace Officers Association.

He and his wife Roma have three children and four grandchildren. They will continue to reside in Ashland.

I&M signs contract for western coal

A second major agreement for a long-term supply of low-sulfur Western coal was announced last month by the American Electric Power System.

The newest contract, covering the delivery of 5-million tons of Wyoming coal annually for 30 years, has been signed by Carter Oil Company, an Exxon affiliate responsible for coal development, and Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

Carter plans to begin work late this year or early in 1975 on a new surface mine approximately eight miles north of Gillette, Wyoming. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in mid-1976.

Basham takes foreman post

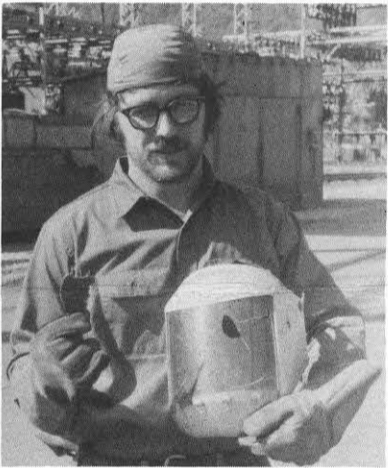


Basham

W. B. Basham has been promoted to transmission foreman in the General Office T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield. He succeeds E. J. Hager, who retired December 1.

Basham attended Mercer County Vocational School and studied surveying through International Correspondence Schools. He was employed in 1960 as a transmission man helper and was a transmission man A before taking his new position.

Basham is married and has two sons and two daughters.



W. B. Nugent, maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant, escaped serious eye injury in October because he was wearing the proper safety equipment when an accident occurred. This makes him a candidate for the Wise Owl Club. Nugent was grinding 1/16" metal parts when the grinding wheel disintegrated. Parts of the wheel hit his face shield, cracking the shield and knocking a hole in it.

Hampton named line foreman



Hampton

Rex W. Hampton has been promoted to line foreman non-exempt at Galax, Pulaski Division.

Hampton, a native of Galax, Virginia, began his career in 1952 as a meter reader. He transferred to the T&D Department as a groundman in 1953 and was a lineman C and B before being promoted to lineman A in 1964.

Hampton is married and has two sons and a daughter.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

C. D. Preston to Lineman C.

John E. Amos

C. W. Ragland, Utility Operator B, from Amos to Gavin Plant. E. L. Carney to Utility Operator B. T. D. Racer to Utility Operator B. Andrew Gilmore, Maintenance Man A, from Amos to Gavin Plant. R. R. McKinney, Maintenance Man A, from Amos to Gavin Plant. J. C. Runyon, Maintenance Man A, from Amos to Gavin Plant. G. L. Handley to Maintenance Man C. Linda L. Smith to Work Order Clerk. W. W. Morrison, Utility Operator B, from Amos to Gavin Plant. H. J. Stover, Utility Man B, from Amos to Gavin Plant. R. D. Whitt, Construction Stores Assistant, from Amos to Cardinal Plant. L. W. Butler, Construction Stores Attendant, from Amos to Cardinal Plant. D. E. Walker, Time Clerk, from Amos to Cardinal Plant. T. J. Lewis from Time Clerk, Amos Plant, to Construction Timekeeper, Southern Ohio Coal Company, Martinka Mine Construction Department.

Bluefield

S. L. Oxford to Auto Repairman A. A. H. Young to Rodman. L. D. Hall to Lineman C. J. M. Coleman, II, to Lineman C. Dianna N. Bishop to Customer Accounts Representative C. Martha W. Buford to Customer Accounts Representative C.

Cabin Creek

H. I. Summers from Maintenance Man, Cabin Creek, to Master Maintenance Man, Gavin Plant. S. I. Searls from Utility Man A, Cabin Creek, to Operations Man B, Gavin Plant. G. W. Stanley to Utility Man A. M. J. Smith to Utility Man A. R. W. Pennington to Utility Man A. J. E. Jeffries to Utility Man A. C. H. Stone to Boiler Operator C. T. E. Smith to Boiler Operator D.

Charleston

K. H. Hudson to Auto Repairman A. C. G. Dunlap, Jr., to Stationman B. R. L. Childress to Stationman B. Carolyn Sue Pryce to Personnel Clerk Senior. W. L. Salmons to Lead Draftsman. Mary J. Quickle to Customer Accounts Representative A. G. D. Begler to Lineman B. D. R. Snuffer from Customer Accounts Representative A, St. Albans, to AEP Service Corporation.

Clinch River

J. E. Cooke to Utility Man A. J. L. Dingus to Utility Man A. C. W. Edmonds to Utility Operator B.

General Office

Carol J. Mowry to Key Punch Operator B. Charlotte M. Collins to Clerk Typist. P. E. Theis to Accounting Staff Assistant Senior. R. D. Gardner to Transmission Man B. D. R. Torman to Transmission Man B. G. L. McCall to T&D Clerk Senior. Joyce H. Lambert to Transmission Clerk. S. F. Keaton to Station Maintenance Man A. R. L. Minnix to Mail Clerk. G. A. McClung, II, to Transmission Man B. T. R. Banks to Transmission Man C. A. A. Siers,

Jr., to Transmission Man A. D. R. Barnes to Transmission Man C.

Glen Lyn

D. G. Smith to Utility Man A.

Kanawha River

D. S. Watkins to Clerk-Stenographer.

Lynchburg

T. A. McConaghy to Rodman. C. W. Wynn to Lineman A.

Pulaski

J. W. Moore to Lineman C.

Roanoke

J. C. Spraker to Meterman C.

Philip Sporn

M. G. Roush to Maintenance Man. W. E. Hunt to Utility Operator.

Central Coal

Charlotte Ann Roush to General Accounting Clerk Senior.

Kanawha Valley Power

C. W. Campbell to Utility Man.

Kentucky Power

Ashland

F. E. Salisbury to Engineer B.

General Office

Karen Grosse to Clerk Stenographer.

Kingsport Power

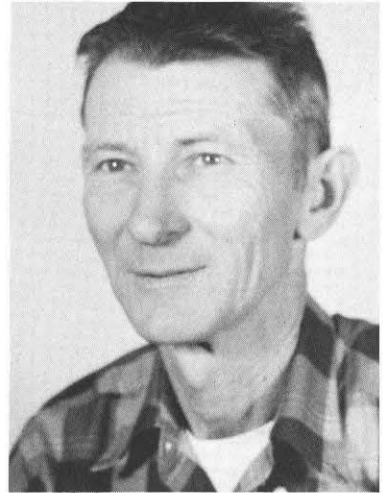
J. E. McCarroll to Service Clerk.

Southern Appalachian Coal

B. E. Holcomb to Mine Foreman. P. R. Richardson to Administration Supervisor. Sandy Kay Smith to General Accounting Clerk Senior. Betty Murry Washington, Junior Clerk-Receptionist, from Southern Appalachian Coal to Central Appalachian Coal.

Kingsport meterman retires, plans summer trip to California

William Lewis Beeler, Kingsport meterman B, elected early retirement February 1 at the age of 60.



Beeler

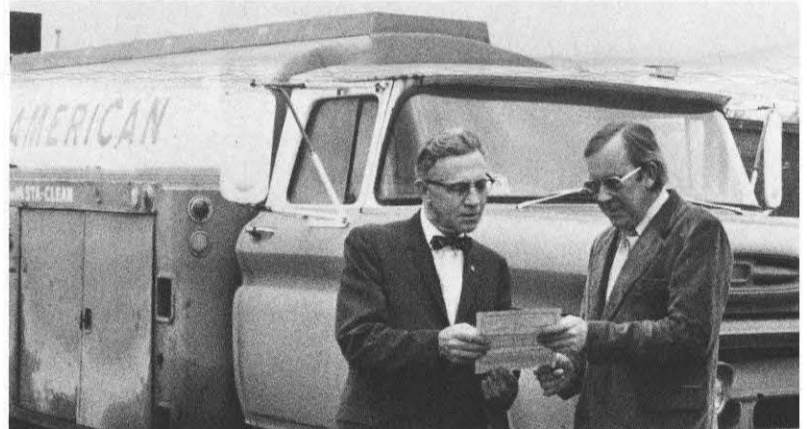
A native of Union County, Tennessee, Beeler was employed in 1941 as an operator at Kingsport Steam Plant. Following service in the Army Medical Corps during World War II, he returned to work as a meter reader and moved up to meterman C in 1963. He was promoted to meterman B the following year.

Beeler says he has read meters in snow, sleet and rain — and even when the temperature was 15° below zero. He recalls there were only three days in 19 years that he didn't read meters as scheduled and that was because of a big snow. He also recalls the time in 1950 when he was reading meters in a rural area and was coming down a driveway "as steep as a hog's face" when the brakes on his truck failed. He "rode the bushes plumb down to a ditch on the main road and had to be pulled out by a line truck".

For the past 18 months he has been building a house near Speedwell, Tennessee, at the foot of Mt. Cumberland. He plans

to raise vegetables and flower and "maybe do a little moon shining". Beeler enjoys hunting grouse, rabbits, squirrels and deer and can "shoot crows out of my bedroom window".

The Beelers are currently making terrariums with moss, wildflowers and ferns from the mountains. Mrs. Beeler was a Sullivan County elementary school teacher for 30 years before retiring last year in December. They plan to visit their daughter Phyllis in San Jose, California this summer.



Two years ago Roanoke Division Administrative Assistant Prince Thornton and several other residents of the Burnt Chimney section of Roanoke County formed a volunteer fire department (See April 1973 issue of *The Illuminator*). Mostly through the efforts of Thornton, they raised money to build a fire house and purchase a custom built fire truck which carries 800 gallons of water. When it was found that another truck was needed to carry water only Thornton was appointed chairman of a committee to locate one. His efforts paid off in December when Hugh Jackson, area representative for the Amoco Oil Company, presented Thornton (left) the title to this used Chevrolet tank truck. After a few repairs, the tank truck will be ready for use by the volunteer fire department.



Logan-Williamson Division has earned a certificate of excellence from Employers Insurance of Wausau following a safety audit conducted last summer. Division Manager Floyd Taylor (left) accepted the plaque from Appalachian Safety Director Sam Kitchen. Observing the presentation were (l. to r.) C. R. Wilson, Jr., Customer Service; E. L. Bevins, Accounting; E. E. King, Williamson area manager; J. L. Richmond, division superintendent; and H. J. Collins personnel supervisor.



New officers of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club were installed at a luncheon meeting in December. They are (l. to r.) Sue Hankins, GO clerk-stenographer, secretary; Marilyn Barr, customer accounts representative C, outgoing president and installing officer; Judi Lefler, residential advisor, president; Diana Bishop, customer accounts representative C, vice president; and Lois Rounion, secretarial-stenographer, treasurer. Santa Claus distributed gifts at the luncheon, and Sheree Crotty, daughter of Planner Arnold Crotty, played the guitar and sang a medley of country and western songs. Mrs. Jane Meadows, wife of Electrical Engineer Howard Meadows, led the group in singing Christmas carols.

Ten starters on Lebanon High's football team are kin to employees



Thompson

Richards

Jonas

Ten of the starters on Lebanon High School's Class A football team, which went to the semifinals of the state championship, are relatives of employees at Clinch River Plant.

Three of them were named to the Clinch Valley All-Stars. They are Curtis Richards, son of Carl E. Richards, shift operating engineer, who was named to the first team as offensive lineman; Greg Thompson, son of Ben L. Thompson, shift operating engi-

neer, second team defensive linebacker; and Harry Jonas, son of Don Jonas, chemist, second team defensive cornerback.

Other starters on Lebanon's team include: Keith Herbert, son of C. Fred Herbert, unit foreman; David Lowe, son of Charles L. Lowe, instrument maintenance man; Joe Jessee, son of J. Harold Jessee, unit foreman; Paul Campbell, son of D. Earl Campbell, unit foreman; Robert Kiser, son of Paul C. Kiser, coal equipment operator; Rick Jennings, brother of Jan B. Jennings, time clerk; and Gary Caldwell, son of Bob Caldwell, dispatcher.

Tax bite bigger in 1974

The Social Security tax rate remains the same in 1974, but it could cost the taxpayer more before the end of the year.

The ever-mounting tax this year will be levied on the first \$13,200 of wages, as compared with the first \$10,800 last year. The rate remains at 5.85 percent.

Those whose earnings exceed the 1974 taxable base will contribute \$140 more this year than they did last year. The maximum tax to be withheld is \$772. Our companies match every employee's contribution.

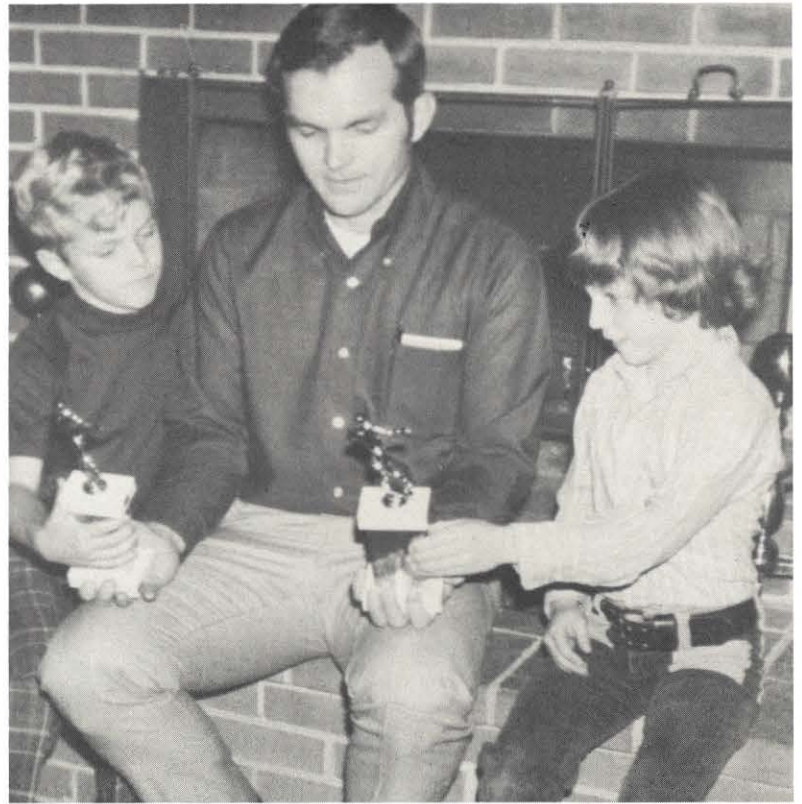
West Virginia film wins national award

"Wild, Wonderful West Virginia", a film produced by Appalachian Power and Wheeling Electric in co-operation with the West Virginia Commerce Department, was awarded the bronze Chris Plaque at the 21st annual Columbus National Film Festival held recently in Ohio. The film placed second among all travel films in the country.

Over 2000 films were entered in various categories in the Festival, considered one of the most prestigious held annually in the United States.

The film provides documentary coverage of what's happening in West Virginia in terms of industry, education, cultural and recreational activities. The photography by Ellis Dungan of Wheeling captures the beauty found in all four corners of the state.

Since its presentation to the Governor of West Virginia in 1971, the film has been viewed by three million people in the United States and has been shown over British Broadcasting Corporation stations. It is still being widely used throughout West Virginia.



Bobby Ragland, Roanoke Division lead draftsman, coached the North Roanoke Chargers to the number four spot in the Pee Wee Football League. Four trophies were awarded to players on his team, two of which were sons of Appalachian employees. Ragland's eight-year-old son, Dale, was named "best sportsman" and Jerry Richmond, seven-year-old son of Jack Richmond, GO Accounting, was selected as "most improved". L. to r., Dale Ragland, Bob Ragland and Jerry Richmond.

Appalachian, Kentucky hunters are successful in bagging game

Several employees were successful in bagging game during the recent hunting season.

Ray Adkins, lineman A; Jesse Ross, lineman A; and Ted Lowe, stationman C, all of Ashland Division, bagged five Ring Neck pheasants in one day's hunt in Springfield, Ohio.

Casey Jones, General Office line construction foreman at Bluefield, killed two turkeys.

Tom Cahill, Bluefield assistant planner; Bernard French, Bluefield stationman A on LTD leave; and Ken Jackson, Bluefield accounting supervisor, bagged six-point bucks.

Ted White, Bluefield electrical engineer, killed a spike buck, and Howard Meadows, Bluefield electrical engineer senior, killed a spike buck and a turkey.

Both Dave Mann, Bluefield area serviceman, and Larry Blankenship, Bluefield engineer B, shot eight-point bucks.

During bow season, Steve Boothe, Bluefield engineer B, killed a doe and Don Shillingburg, Bluefield electrical engineer, a spike buck.

Roy E. Martin, General Office right of way supervisor in Roanoke, shot a four-pointer.

Larry Hancock, Kanawha River Plant auxiliary equipment operator, bagged a deer with a bow and arrow. Hancock and two friends had gone hunting together, and he decided to go back to the car when it began raining. The deer came close to the car and all Hancock had to do was step out and take aim. His two friends weren't so lucky.

Roanoke Division Meter Reader Leon Woods bagged a seven-point, 115-pound deer. He plans to use the skin to have a coat made for his mother.



Ray Adkins (left) and Jesse Ross.



Greg Huffman was selected offensive center on the 1973 West Virginia AAA All-State Football Team. He is the son of Ed Huffman, master maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant.



This 12-point buck, weighing 225 pounds, was bagged with an arrow by Julian E. Hall of Ashland. He is the husband of Greta Hall, secretarial stenographer in Kentucky's General Office Purchasing. The kill was made near Richmond, Ky.



Larry Blankenship and his son Lance.



The Cave Spring Vikings sandlot basketball team coached by Roanoke Customer Services Supervisor Grady Parker won first place in competition with 11 others in the Christmas Tournament. Parker also helps coach the intermediate Optimists team which won first place in its tournament. Looking over the official tournament score book are Parker (left) and his son, Michael, who plays on the Optimists team.



Pulaski retiree rebuilds Model A Ford

A. D. "Red" Clark, former Pulaski Division T&D superintendent, has had no problem keeping busy since his retirement. In addition to building an A-frame cabin almost single-handed on Claytor Lake, he has rebuilt a Model A Ford.

Red looked for quite some time before finding a 1928 Model A Ford in Chilhowie. The car was in

very bad condition, but Red decided he could fix it up enough to tow it in. He enlisted the help of Posey Payne, transportation supervisor, and Bob Love, supervising engineer, to bring the car back to Pulaski. Red recalls, "We had five flats on the way to Pulaski and had to stop in Marion and borrow two wheels". When they finally arrived at Red's

house, "the car was all to pieces".

Red stripped the car down to the frame and wheels and started to reassemble it piece by piece. He ordered parts to replace those that were no good and replaced all of the woodwork and upholstery. After two years of hard work, he was ready to roll in his Model A Ford.

Red's car had 55,000 miles on it, and he has added some 300 to 400 just riding around town since he rebuilt it. One day Red was chugging up the street in a snowstorm when a new car slid in front of him. "I couldn't stop and hit the car and then bounced into another car that was fairly new. You know, I couldn't find a mark on that Model A, but it sure tore up those new cars. They just don't build them like they used to."



Pulaski Retiree Red Clark rebuilt this 1928 Model A Ford.



A new aerial bucket truck driven by Randy Hensley, meter service helped the utilities section of a recent parade in Huntington. The parade, one of the largest held in the Huntington area for several years, was sponsored by WGNT Radio to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

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Announcement of a new 1.3-million kilowatt, coal-burning generating plant to be built by Appalachian Power Company was announced last month in a joint news conference by West Virginia Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., and AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook. Story on page one.

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