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McPherson Munday



Lloyd Robinson

Ex-POW describes year of freedom as happiest in his life

David N. Harker describes the past 12 months as "the happiest year in my life".

The son of Lynchburg Electrical Engineer Jack D. Harker, David was reunited with his family last March after being held as a prisoner of war in Southeast Asia for more than five years. Approximately 10,000 Lynchburg area residents jammed Lynchburg Municipal Airport to greet him on his return to the city. He received several honors and was presented a sports car and a check for \$1,100 by four of his former classmates who had sold "Welcome Home David" bumper stickers to raise the money.

David recalls, "Those first few months after I came home were hectic. There was so much to do and catch up on, and time passed so quickly. Much of those first happy months was spent with my family and friends."

He also had to attend several governmental affairs and filled many invitations to speak to clubs and organizations and to receive honors and awards. After a physical checkup at the end of his convalescent leave, he was discharged from the Army and began to decline speaking invitations in an effort to become an average citizen again.

"I just wanted to return to a normal, everyday routine," he said. "I enjoyed the reception that I received when I returned home, but there was finally a point when I wanted to just be me and not a returning POW."

He spent last summer traveling throughout the United States with his younger brother. "Al-

though I did visit two men who had been in service with me, I spent most of the trip being a typical tourist."

David decided soon after his release that he would return to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He had dropped out of school during his junior year because of bad grades and was immediately drafted. In December 1967 he was sent to Vietnam and stationed at a military base near Chu Lai. He was wounded on December 8 when he was hit in the head by a piece of shrapnel from an exploding booby trap and was in the military hospital for almost two weeks recovering from his head injury.

A short time after going back into the field on January 8, 1968, David's unit, which operated out of Tamky Fire Support Base, was ambushed while on a mission. He received three bayonet wounds and was last seen in a rice paddy.

Although he had no opportunity to complete his education while a POW, David had a lot of time to think about the value of an education. "I realized my inadequacies while a POW. Just talking to Dr. Kushner (Maj. Floyd H. Kushner of Danville who was a POW with him) and sharing some of his knowledge made me realize the value of an education. If it hadn't been for Kushner and his medical knowledge, some of us would never have made it home.

Shortly after his return home, David was accepted at VPI for

the 1973-74 school year and purchased a townhouse near the campus.

David says, "The school has changed quite a bit. There are a lot more women students and many new buildings, and the rules of the college are more

AEP Common Offered at \$23.25

A subscription price of \$23.25 per share has been set for the issue of 7-million shares of American Electric Power Company common stock now being offered to shareowners in a rights offering.

The price was established by the Board of Directors on March 27. Closing price on the New York Stock Exchange that day was \$25.125.

The shares are being offered for subscription to present holders of AEP's 66-million outstanding shares on a 1-for-10 basis. Holders also have the opportunity to subscribe for additional shares, subject to allotment if necessary.

Shareowners of record at the close of business March 28 are eligible to participate in the offering. These rights will expire at the close of business on April 19.

A prospectus covering the offering has been mailed to all eligible shareowners.

relaxed. Nevertheless, it seemed as if it were only yesterday when I left school."

"One of the things I enjoy most about being at VPI is that no one knows who I am or what I was," said David, who now sports a mustache and has slightly longer hair than last year. "I am just another student and that's the way I like it."

His biggest problem since returning to college has been being able to study. "I find it very hard to sit still and concentrate on my work. I want to be outside and active all the time," he confessed.

This past year has been a year of many "firsts" for David.

"I celebrated my first Thanksgiving since my release at home. All the family was there, and we had a big dinner. It was quite different from those Thanksgivings in Southeast Asia. This past Thanksgiving meant more to me than any other — I was alive and with my family. We often take those things for granted until it is too late. I think about the years over there, and I realize how fortunate I really am."

David celebrated his 28th birthday in December with some friends who made him a cake. "It was the first birthday cake that I had had in a long time."

Another "first" for the VPI student was Christmas — his first (continued on page 2)

Eight named to AEP board

Eight new directors have been elected to the board of the American Electric Power Service Corporation, four from Appalachian Power Company and four from Ohio Power Company.

They replace a like number of directors, following the practice of the two companies of rotating directorships among their management personnel.

The eight new directors are Jack Lloyd, Bluefield Division manager; L. F. McPherson, Abingdon Division manager; E. L. Munday, Jr., vice president; and W. M. Robinson, Jr., Glen Lyn Plant manager, all from Appalachian. From Ohio Power: Frank Bien, executive vice president; William A. Black, vice president; G. W. Clever, manager, Philo Plant; and C. H. Wright, Steubenville Division manager.

APCo reaffirms critical need for Blue Ridge Hydroelectric Project

Appalachian Power Company, in its latest brief, has reaffirmed that the proposed Blue Ridge Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project on New River in Virginia is "critically needed" to insure a dependable power supply.

The company's brief, filed in mid-March, came after briefs on exceptions were filed earlier by other parties in the proceedings. In its brief, Appalachian said that the "inordinate delays" in the case, now approaching ten years, and the energy crisis make clear the need for the project. The company said that project benefits "clearly outweigh" any adverse effects it might have on the Grayson-Ashe-Alleghany county areas in which it will lie.

Appalachian also reiterated the fact that opposition to the project

has been reduced to two groups: those pressing for federal development and a group composed of local residents who would have to relocate. It said that practically all major controversies have been resolved in the January 23 decision of the Federal Power Commission administrative law judge. Controversial items eliminated were water quality storage, drawdown limitation to ten feet, provision of low flow augmentation for Virginia and West Virginia, and reduction in the size of the lower dam and reservoir.

In its brief, Appalachian also opposed another session of oral argument, requested by North Carolina and the New River Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, saying that it would cause further delays at a time of (continued on page 2)



David Harker (right), a junior majoring in accounting at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is presented a Purple Heart during a retreat ceremony on the Tech campus by (from left) Sgt. Maj. Don A. Edwards, U. S. Army ROTC detachment, and Col. Earl C. Acuff, Tech professor of military science. The Purple Heart award was for wounds he received while trying to escape his captors when first

taken prisoner and for malnutrition he suffered during his period of captivity, January 8, 1968, to March 5, 1973. When captured in Quangnam Province near Danang, Harker was serving with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division. Photo courtesy Virginia Tech News Services.

Blue Ridge Project (continued from page 1)

rising costs and an energy crisis.

The main points made by other parties briefing exceptions and Appalachian's objections to some of them were:

Virginia — again expressed approval calling for prompt licensing of the project but expressed concern over certain license terms, including approval of trans-

mission lines siting and lack of specificity on water needs at Radford. Appalachian said there is substantial question whether Virginia is legally required to approve such lines which are a part of the project but "as a matter of comity" the company will continue its past practices of seeking state approvals without conceding the legal necessity of doing so.

North Carolina — repeated that it was "totally and unequivocally" opposed to Blue Ridge and said the gas shortage would reduce or cancel the project's recreation aspects. Appalachian replied that recreation will clearly be improved even if the gas shortage should continue at present levels into the 1980's.

Grayson County — asked for a study to reduce the size of the upper reservoir commensurate with the decrease in water storage. The company replied that most of the water quality storage had been planned for the lower reservoir, which was reduced, and that storage in the upper will be needed for power production.

Representative Mizell of North Carolina, Ashe and Alleghany counties, and the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League — again called for a re-evaluation of environmental impact, declaring insufficient what has been done. In its answer, the company pointed to the strength of the record in the proceedings on these issues, deplored the lack of evidentiary record to support the allegations and said that "one fact in the record is worth a brief full of vituperations, sarcasms and innuendos".

FPC Staff — again called for shoreline control by Appalachian rather than local zoning. Appalachian has again declared its support of the local zoning concept for shoreline control.

The Federal Power Commission must now consider the requests for oral arguments as the next step in the Blue Ridge proceedings.

Morrison goes to I&M Electric



Morrison

Norwood O. Morrison of Roanoke has been named to the newly created position of personnel supervisor of the River Transportation Division of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, with offices at Cedar Grove, West Virginia, near Charleston.

The Division provides tug and barge transportation of coal to generating plants of the American Electric Power System located on the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers and the Green River in Kentucky. In his new position, Morrison is responsible for administering the personnel program of the division, including labor relations, employment, safety and employee relations.

A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, and a graduate of Washington and Lee University, Morrison has completed several courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University toward a master's degree. He joined Appalachian in 1970 as a business trainee at Roanoke and became personnel assistant in 1971. He moved to GO Personnel as personnel assistant senior in 1973. He is married and has one daughter.



For the third consecutive year, Appalachian Power's General Office Accounting Department took top honor in Group C of the AEP System Annual Safety Competition. Through December 31, 1973, Accounting employees had worked approximately 2,800,000 manhours without a disabling injury since entering the competition in January 1966. The award was presented to Accounting Manager J. B. Berg by Donald C. Cook, AEP chairman, at the February board meeting. From left, Cook, Berg and John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president.

Employees help in emergencies

In two separate incidents last month, company employees were able to render assistance to individuals in need.

John Rasnick and Prince Coleman, Abingdon Station employees, had just completed checking the Abingdon 138 kv

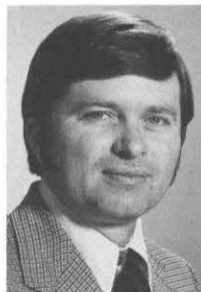
station when they noticed a man in trouble. The man had been driving north on U. S. 19 near the new Abingdon service building when he experienced a severe pain in his chest and suddenly blacked out. The two company men administered first aid and called the Washington County Life Saving Crew via company radio. The man had suffered a mild heart attack, and hospital personnel credited the employees' fast action with preventing a more serious one.

Rasnick notified the man's family of his illness and saw to it that the car was delivered to them in Lebanon, Virginia. He later checked with both the hospital and family and found that the man is well on his way to recovery.

While reading meters on a country route where houses are scattered, Lynchburg Meter Reader Wendell Bogle traveled down a very rough side road which had been made even worse by the rain. When he finally reached the house and started around it to find the meter, he found instead a man in his 80's, who had slipped in the wet mud and couldn't pick himself up from the ground. Bogle helped him to his feet; and, since he appeared to be hurt, offered to get help from the neighbors since the man lived alone. Gradually the man pulled himself together but refused further help. Bogle read the meter and left. That night was very cold and it snowed the next day. Bogle couldn't help but wonder what would have happened to the man had he not driven down the rough road to read the meter.

Perhaps Bogle summed up the feeling of all three employees when he said, "I just happened to be there at the right time, and I'm glad I was."

Wooten named safety assistant



Wooten

C. Rudy Wooten became assistant safety director of Appalachian Power Company on April 1. He rose to the position from that of manpower development coordinator in the General Office Personnel Department, Roanoke.

Wooten joined Appalachian in 1957 as a clerk-stenographer in Lynchburg. From 1962 until 1966 he was on educational leave of absence, earning a degree in economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He was a line inspector in Lynchburg before becoming safety coordinator in Roanoke in 1967. He was training coordinator prior to becoming manpower development coordinator in 1972.

A native of Wilson County, North Carolina, Wooten attended the AEP Advanced Management School at the University of Michigan. He is married and has two children.

Freedom

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real one in six years. He said, "Christmas has always been a very special time for my family because we are Christians and we believe in the birth of Christ. It is always a happy, joyous time for the Harker family."

"The Viet Cong allowed us to celebrate the holiday and gave us a special meal of pork fat and extra rice at Christmas. Although that meal was a real treat, it didn't compare with my mother's Christmas dinner."

David, who has not decided what he will do after graduation from VPI next year, will receive a yearly medical examination at Brook Medical Center in Texas during his spring break from college. He noted that Dr. Kushner is now stationed there and added that he is looking forward to seeing him.

"I wish I could erase all those years from my memory, but I can't so I will have to learn to live with it. People won't allow you to forget — the subject always comes up. They always ask what being a POW was really like. I guess they just want to know what happened and feel they will get the truth from someone who experienced it. I can't forget."

Vipperman named Sloan Fellow



Vipperman

A former Appalachian Power employee, Joseph H. Vipperman, has been named a Sloan Fellow. He will move to Boston in June to begin a year of study at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The program, open to a selected group of young middle managers, leads to a master's degree in industrial management from MIT's Alfred P. Sloan School of Management.

Vipperman's career started in 1962 when he joined Appalachian in Roanoke as an electrical engineer following graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Shortly after, he left for a three-year tour of duty with the Strategic Air Command. Returning, he worked as a senior distribution engineer until 1970, when he was transferred to the AEP Service Corporation as senior operations engineer in T&D Operations. He was promoted to administrative assistant to W. S. White, Jr., the Service Corporation's senior executive vice president — operations, in 1972.

Vipperman also attended the AEP Management Development Program at the University of Michigan.

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Muncy

Muncy ends 36-year career

Russell Muncy, Hazard Division distribution engineer senior, retired April 1 after a career spanning more than 36 years.

A native of Clay County, Kentucky, Russell was employed in 1937 as an engineer. Since that time he has seen the division's distribution facilities grow from 300 miles of line to over 2,500 miles.

Russell recalls having to walk about a mile and a half to work since there were few automobiles in Hazard at that time. He also remembers that the company had only three cars and three line trucks. When it was necessary to travel out of town to a job, the survey crews rode a train to the area and returned by train in the evening.

An active member of the Kiwanis Club, Russell has held a number of offices, including president. He is also a member and past president of the Kentucky River Chapter, Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. During retirement Russell plans to do some hunting, fishing, golfing, traveling and maybe some land surveying.

He and his wife will spend some time at their cabin at Possum Bend on Buckhorn Lake. They have three children — Bob of Hazard; Annette of Logan, West Virginia; and Josh of Arlington, Texas. They also have nine grandchildren.

SCC will tour alternate route of APCo's proposed 765-kv line

An on-site inspection tour of the southern alternate route of Appalachian's proposed Bedford County 765,000-volt line will be made April 5 by the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

The decision to make the inspection came out of a one-day hearing March 11 on the southern alternate, which Appalachian had been ordered by the Commission to study.

Opponents of the southern route appeared at the hearing to object to it on the grounds of environmental impact and cost. They said it would affect more people than Appalachian's original route, which runs from Cloverdale substation near Roanoke, north of the City of Bedford to a substation west of Lynchburg. The southern route goes south of Bedford to a substation east of Lynchburg.

Opponents also objected to the immediate additional cost of the

southern route of about \$5-million. The northern route is 38 miles, the southern 56 miles. Appalachian has said that ultimately it will need substations on both sides of Lynchburg.

Hearings on the Bedford line have now lasted more than two years, but commissioners said they will render a decision on the line routing after their inspection.

Last year they approved the need for the line and the routing of the first 10.4 miles, on which preliminary work is now taking place.

AEP common increase proposed

At the 67th annual meeting of American Electric Power Company, to be held April 24 at The Plaza Hotel, New York, shareholders will vote on a proposal to increase the number of shares of common stock the company is authorized to issue.

The number of shares now authorized is 80-million; shareholders will vote on a proposal to increase such authorization to 100-million. Shares now outstanding total 66-million.

Dean, Holman take new posts



Holman

Dean

Two men have been promoted in the Operations Department at Philip Sporn Plant. William R. Dean was named assistant shift operating engineer. George E. Holman, equipment operator, was promoted to unit foreman.

A native of Chillicothe, Ohio, Dean graduated from Union High School and served in the U. S. Army. He was employed at Sporn in 1951 as a coal handler and was an auxiliary equipment operator, assistant control operator and equipment operator before being promoted to unit foreman in 1960. Dean is married and has two daughters.

Holman, a native of Meigs County, Ohio, graduated from Racine Sutton High School. He began his career at Sporn in 1952 as a laborer and was a utility operator and auxiliary equipment operator before being promoted to equipment operator in 1966. He is married and has two sons and a daughter.



A bit of history was recorded in the *Logan Banner* recently when a front page picture showed four Appalachian employees surveying a line relocation in preparation for construction of a new Logan County Vocational School. Rather routine except for the fact that two of the employees are women, the first ever to perform in this capacity in Logan County. From left, Ray Gay, engineer B; George Mathis, draftsman senior; Emmajane Bird, draftsman; and Barbara Webster, tracer. This was the first venture outside of the drafting room for Emmajane and Barbara. Photo courtesy *Logan Banner*.

More briefs due on C&SO case

Opponents of American Electric Power Company's proposed acquisition of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company are scheduled to file briefs this month with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Deadline for this filing is April 9, postponed from February.

Proponents of the proposal are then scheduled to prepare and file reply briefs on April 29. The SEC will then schedule oral argument on the matter. Barring unforeseen developments in the case, which now dates back to January 1968, this would be the final step before a decision by the Commission.

The acquisition, in addition to AEP and C&SO, is supported by Ohio Governor John J. Gilligan;

Attorney General William J. Brown, on behalf of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Public Utilities Commission; the City of Columbus; the Ohio Municipal Electric Association, on behalf of the state's more than 80 municipal electric systems, and Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., on behalf of the state's 28 electric co-ops.

Opposed to the merger are the SEC's Division of Corporate Regulation, the U. S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, and two Ohio utilities, The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and The Dayton Power and Light Company, as well as the SEC's administrative law judge, who handed down an initial decision last July denying the proposal.



Work is progressing on the new Abingdon Service Center, with some 75 percent of the building now completed. Construction of the \$2½-million facility was begun in February 1973 and it is scheduled for completion by late summer. Division operations to be located in the building include engineering, records, substation, meter, garage, T&D, stores and others. General Office Operations in the new facility will include a regional dispatch center, relay and communications.



The Pulaski Division was the recipient of the Executive Vice President's Accident Prevention Award as the division with the best safety record in Appalachian Power for 1973. This was the second consecutive year Pulaski won the award. Appalachian Safety Director Sam Kitchen (left) presents the award to Pulaski Division Manager Claud K. Kirkland.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Jessie Burchett, wife of William-son Line Foreman Charles F. Burchett, was crowned queen of Chi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. **Brenda Weddington**, wife of Senior Electrical Engineer Mike Weddington, was an attendant to Mrs. Burchett.

Ben Donevant, Logan Accounting, was named chairman of the 1974 Logan County Easter Seal campaign.

Ruby Henritze, wife of Logan Retiree Thomas L. Henritze, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Logan County Heart Association.

Lorrayne Corea, Williamson Managerial, was appointed to the board of directors of the Tug Valley Arts Association.

LYNCHBURG



Maddox Gillette

Vicky Maddox, daughter of Nowlin O. Maddox, meter serviceman B, was named "Miss Teen" in a contest held at the Lynchburg Central YWCA and sponsored by the International Talent Pageant. She will participate in state competition at Bristol in June.

Lynchburg Collector **George R. Gillette** was named by the national adjutant general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to serve as the organization's National Aide-de-Camp. In this post he will assist the commander in membership cultivation. Gillette is secretary-treasurer of Lynchburg Post No. 8184, VFW.

R. L. Hatch, station-hydro supervisor, is a member of the nominating committee for the Lions Club of Lynchburg.

A. R. Hodges, Jr., residential representative, was re-appointed to a three-year term on the electrical board of examiners for the City of Lynchburg.

Marsha St. John Clements, daughter of Charlotte St. John, customer accounts representative B, was named to the fall term dean's list at Sweet Briar College.

Virginia Putney Tibbs, daughter of Commercial Engineer R. A.

Tibbs, was inducted into the E. C. Glass Chapter, National Honor Society.

PHILIP SPORN



Warner

Ralph E. Warner, assistant plant manager, was elected president of the Point Pleasant (W. Va.) Rotary Club.

Barge Attendant **R. G. Lake**, with the help of several Coal Handling employees, pulled a deer out of the Ohio River recently. Lake did most of the manhandling himself and managed to pull the deer out of the mud along the bank and onto solid ground. The deer was unable to manage alone because of a previously broken leg. The game warden came for the injured animal.

John David Morgan, son of E. J. Morgan, Jr., assistant shift operating engineer, was accepted for the fall term in the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

H. L. Adams, helper in the Maintenance Department, has returned from military leave following service with the U. S. Army.

KINGSPORT

Scott Williams, son of Residential Representative M. D. Williams, has been on tour with the symphony and chamber orchestras at Appalachian State University. A senior, Williams is a cellist with the orchestras.

Bennett McAlpine, Customer Services, was elected first vice president and program chairman of the Southwest Virginia — East Tennessee Home Economics Association.

PULASKI

Evelyn E. Buckland, Records Section stenographer, was re-elected secretary of the Pulaski County Republican Woman's Club. She was also re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Belspring Presbyterian Church School.

Michael D. Byrd was elected to the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is the husband of Catherine H.

Byrd, Christiansburg Accounting, and the son of R. D. Byrd, meter reader.

Mary Jo Sisson was named to the dean's list for the first semester at Wake Forest College. The daughter of S. L. Sisson, Hillsville residential representative, she was an AEP Educational Award winner in 1973.

Doris Ann Jennings, wife of the Pulaski right of way agent, was named "valentine girl" of the Xi Pi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

ABINGDON

Paul Kelsey, **George Wood**, **Clark Peck** and **James Hughes** participated in the annual Rotary Frolics held at the Barter Theatre last month.

Gary Coleman, son of Prince Coleman, Station Department, won second chair honor in the All-Regional Band Concert held at Abingdon High School.

Marion employees helping with midget league basketball include Lineman **Darrell Lee**, a coach of the Hornets; Meter Reader **Bill Clapp**, a coach of the Squires; and **Paul Sauls**, referee.

Retiree **Fred Poe** was named an honorary member of the Smyth County Historical Society.

Several employees' children made the honor roll for the third six weeks at Abingdon High School. All A's — **Lynda Fleenor**, **Mary Lambert** and **Stasia Jackson**. All A's and B's — **Charles Sheffey**, **Vickie Carr**, **Jeff Hawley**, **Mary R. Hughes**, **Lynn Snyder**, **Beth Hughes** and **Leah Fleenor**.

GENERAL OFFICE

Glenn H. Reynolds, GO area development director, was elected a member of the board of directors of the Greater Roanoke Valley Development Foundation.

Hubert K. Shabdue, GO area development consultant, Charleston, was elected to a one-year term on the South Charleston Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He was also appointed to serve as chairman of the industrial committee of the Chamber.

Garland Berry, husband of Pat Berry, secretarial-stenographer in GO Purchasing, coached his junior varsity basketball team at Cave Spring High School to the 3A Junior Varsity championship. Cave Spring has won two of the three JV championship playoffs that have been held. Berry's overall record for JV basketball is 96 wins and 26 losses.

David Perfater, son of Glenn A. Perfater, material expeditor-stock controller in GO Purchasing, was selected for membership in the National Junior Beta Club at James Madison Junior High School.

ASHLAND



Marshall

Ronald Marshall, administrative assistant to the executive vice president of Kentucky Power, was selected to appear in the 1974 edition of "Who's Who In Kentucky". To be considered for listing in this publication, one must have distinguished himself in business, government or civic awareness within his own community. Marshall is active in the Masonic Bodies, including Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine; a member of Tau Beta Phi engineering fraternity; and, while residing in Brilliant and Beverly, Ohio, was a member of the village council. He is a Kentucky Colonel and attends the Methodist Church.

Bill Schweitzer, residential representative senior, was elected chairman of the 1974 Boyd County Easter Seal Society.

BLUEFIELD



Brown Chaffins

A team of two second-year students in the School of Law at Washington and Lee University won the regional competition in a "client counseling competition" sponsored by the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. One member of the winning team was **Charles J. Brown, III**, son of Charles J. Brown, Jr., meter serviceman A in Grundy. The team competed at American University against teams from six law schools; and, in the final round, defeated the University of North Carolina to capture first place. They will compete in the national finals of the competition at the University of Notre Dame this month. Brown is captain of the Washington & Lee Law School's Moot Court team.

Tom Chaffins, son of T&D Clerk W. A. Chaffins, was selected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". A physical education major at Bluefield State, he is assistant coach at Bluefield College.

Penny Welch, daughter of Head T&D Clerk Clyde Welch, Jr., was first runner-up for sweetheart of the Bluestone DeMolay Club. The sweetheart was crowned by Building Supervisor **Buck Fanning**, who is chapter advisor of the Bluestone DeMolay.

David Cornett, son of Engineering Supervisor McKinley Cornett, was a member of the Bramwell basketball team which won the B Division championship. Each team member received a trophy.

E. Walton Meador, retired GO Communications employee, was elected a director of the Tri-Angle Sportsman's Club.

Judi Lefler, residential advisor, was elected secretary-treasurer of Home Economists In Action, a group of 22 professional home economists in Mercer County. **Mary Kirby**, Princeton residential representative, was named resource chairman for the group. **Marilyn W. Lackey**, a teacher at Concord College and daughter of Retired Residential Sales Supervisor Earle Wood, was elected president.

GLEN LYN



Knight Spangler

O. S. Knight, shift operating engineer, was elected president of the Peterstown Rotary Club.

Cindy Spangler, daughter of Personnel Supervisor C. L. Spangler, was selected to represent the piano solo division of Region VII — West Virginia State Solo and Ensemble Competition Festival. She was chosen over contestants from six W. Va. counties. Further competition will include performance in concert at the West Virginia Music Educator's Conference later this year. Cindy also won first place in the Lion's Club of Virginia Bland Memorial Scholarship Program held at Narrows and participated in zone competition at Radford last month.

W. M. Robinson, plant manager, was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees of Giles Memorial Hospital.

Patti Witt, daughter of James H. Witt, Jr., engineer B, was named Peterstown High School's 1973-74 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow.

Donna Lynn Jessee, daughter of Maintenance Man Jack F. Jessee, was the recipient of the Good Citizenship Award from the George Pearis Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.



Witt Jessee

ROANOKE



McBride Young

Jenifer McBride, daughter of Fieldale Auto Repairman A. W. McBride, was selected as "youth of the month" by the Martinsville Exchange Club. She received a plaque and savings bond.

Doris Young, general clerk-customer service, was elected president of the Roanoke Business & Professional Women's Club.

Prince E. Thornton, administrative assistant, addressed the environmental ecology class of the University of Virginia Extension Department.

Walt Hodges, son of Truck Driver-Groundman Curtis Hodges, exhibited an oil painting in the Norfolk and Western Railway's annual art show and in a local department store's art exhibit. He also took third place in the area public speaking contest at Brookville High School.

Julia Via, daughter of Fieldale Customer Accounts Representative Dot Via, is a representative from George Washington Carver High School to the Longwood College Alumni tea at Martinsville.

Chuck Cooke, son of Accounting Supervisor R. F. Cooke, was one of 16 boys who competed in the Virginia wrestling tournament at Washington. The William Fleming High School sophomore wrestles at 105 pounds.

J. R. Davenport, Fieldale area manager, was elected vice chairman of Henry County Salvation Army.

Cynthia Via, daughter of Darothy Via, made the dean's list at National Business College, Roanoke.

Dan E. Vaught, Fieldale power sales engineer, was elected a director of the Collinsville-Fieldale Lions Club.

Leonard W. Jenkins, Fieldale residential representative, was installed as a deacon of the First Baptist Church, Collinsville. He also serves on the building committee.

Joel T. Wilson, Fieldale residential representative, was elected a director of the Oak Level Ruritan Club. He is also chairman of the business and professional committee.

Jeff Brown's paper on the Emergency Operations Center (formerly Civil Defense) was printed in full in George Washington Carver High School's paper, *Trojan Press*. The son of Fieldale

Customer Accounting Supervisor Melvin Brown, Jeff is a member of the Fieldale Volunteer Fire Department and the Fieldale Rescue Squad.

Jerry Brown, son of Melvin Brown, made the dean's list a Rowan Tech, Salisbury, North Carolina. He is also a member of the Fieldale Volunteer Fire Department and the Fieldale Rescue Squad.

Christine Wilson, wife of Fieldale Residential Representative Joel Wilson, was elected secretary of the Collinwood Garden Club.

L. A. Stone, Jr., Fieldale Customer Service Representative, was appointed field director for the National Campers and Hikers Association. His area includes Henry, Patrick, Franklin and Pittsylvania counties and the cities of Martinsville and Danville.

Retiree **Otho Williams**, was elected vice president of the Roanoke Chapter, American Association of Retired People. He also received a plaque from the Hill Street Baptist Church for 16 years' service as chairman of the finance committee.

Melvin Wilson, 10-year-old son of Mel Wilson, Jr., Customer Services, played guard on the Cave Spring Spiders peewee basketball team which won the Roanoke County championship. The Spiders, undefeated during the season, also won the Cave Spring Central Peewee Division championship.

The North Roanoke Burger King Hawks, coached by **Bob Ragland**, had an undefeated season to win the division championship in Roanoke County peewee basketball. Ragland's two sons, **David** and **Dale**, played on the team, along with **Matt Haynes**, son of M. K. Haynes, Control. David Ragland was also selected to the all-tournament team in the Williamson Road Recreation Club basketball tournament. His team, the North Roanoke Hawks, finished third out of 16 teams in the tournament.

MARMET

John E. Dearnell, son of General River Tipple Foreman Thomas D. Dearnell, was chosen to play first chair tuba in the 1974 All-County Band and second chair tuba in the 1974 All-State Band. He is a junior at East Bank High School.

CLINCH RIVER

L. C. Houchins, personnel supervisor, was elected chairman of the Russell County Industrial Development Authority. A charter member of the Authority, he assisted in efforts to establish the new Russell County Industrial Park. Houchins is also executive secretary of the Russell County Chamber of Commerce.

CHARLESTON



Smolder West

Mike Smolder, son of Jim Smolder, engineer B, was chosen for the All-Tournament Team at the State Catholic Basketball Tournament held in Huntington. Mike plays forward for Charleston Catholic, where he averages 17.0 points per game. He also made the second team of All-Kanawha Valley Conference.

William L. West, son of Wilbur West, meterman A, was selected to attend the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D. C. The program is designed to acquaint students with the working of government on a national level.

Meter Supervisor **Mason Wood** was re-elected secretary of the advisory board of the Salvation Army.

HAZARD

N. W. Collier, Whitesburg area supervisor, was named chairman of the 1974 Easter Seal campaign for Letcher County, Kentucky.

BECKLEY



Wood

Pamela K. Wood, daughter of Oak Hill Line Foreman E. J. Wood, passed her state pharmaceutical board examination and is now manager of Revco Pharmacy in Fairmont, West Virginia.

J. R. McGinnis, division superintendent, was appointed chairman



New officers of the Jolly Watt Employees Club in Roanoke are (seated, l. to r.) Joyce Shaver, secretary, GO Communications; David Reid, president, GO T&D Station; Julia Dalton, treasurer, GO Personnel; and Barry Snodgrass, vice president, GO Customer Services. Standing (l. to r.) are Advisors Henry Howell, GO Customer Services; Danny Carson, GO T&D Civil Engineering; and Joe Kuehn, GO T&D Distribution.

of the entertainment committee for the 42nd annual spring style show sponsored by the Beckley Lions Club. **J. D. Higgins**, customer services manager, is a member of the committee.

Debbie Wiseman, daughter of Planner W. F. Wiseman, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley. A senior, Debbie has a 3.80 average.

Shelley Doman, clerk junior, was appointed to the catalog committee for the first Raleigh County 4-H Club Youth Fair to be held this summer in Beckley.



Jones Palen

Sandra Palen, residential advisor, was named an "outstanding young woman of 1974" by the Junior Department of the Woman's Club of Beckley.

James E. Jones, division manager, was elected president of the Raleigh County Industrial Development Corporation.

Carol Loudermilk, daughter of R. L. Loudermilk, commercial engineer, was elected secretary of the 4-H Club. She is in the eighth grade at Beckley Junior High School.

J. D. Higgins, customer services manager, was one of five local men honored by the Lions Club during "Past District Governor's Month" in February.

Our Apologies

The March issue of *The Illuminator* carried a story about the death of General Office Retiree Harold Robert Jackson. Among the survivors was listed his son, Charleston Employee William H. Jackson, who was incorrectly identified as his brother.

Our sincere apologies to the Jackson family.

WE REMEMBER



Atkinson

Dolph R. Atkinson, 57, station maintenance man A in the General Office T&D Department, Roanoke, died March 6 after a short illness.

A native of Narrows, Virginia, Atkinson was employed in 1951 as a meter reader. He worked as a rodman, system instrument man C and B before being promoted to station maintenance man A in 1970.

Atkinson is survived by his widow, two daughters and mother.



Arnott

Edgar A. Arnott, 49, maintenance man at Philip Sporn Plant, died February 21.

Arnott was employed in 1951 as a laborer at Sporn and was a helper in the Maintenance Department and junior maintenance man before being promoted to maintenance man in 1957. He had been on LTD leave since October of last year.

Survivors include his widow, two sons and one daughter.



Claytor

Francis Parr Claytor, 82, retired station engineer in the General Office T&D Department, died February 24.

A native of Bedford, Virginia, Claytor joined Appalachian Power in 1929 as an inspector. He worked as an electrical helper, electrician, maintenance man A, engineer senior, air conditioning engineer and substation engineer before retiring in 1956 after 28 years' service. He then joined Young Electric Company in Bluefield, West Virginia, as a salesman.

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

Sylvia Darnell says working with best people has been fun

Sylvia Darnell, customer accounts representative B in Abingdon Division's Gate City office, elected early retirement for health reasons after 30 years' service.

Sylvia's name is synonymous with Appalachian throughout the Gate City area. Many of the customers there refer to her as "Miss Appalachian". Her friendly smile and easy manner have made many friends for the company.

She was employed in 1943 as a clerk and stenographer and has since held the positions of clerk junior, cashier and clerk, senior cashier, contract entry and final bill clerk, senior contract entry and final bill clerk, pre-audit clerk and contract clerk senior. Sylvia recalls that Ann McConnell, Grady Coley and Doc Safriet, now retired, were employees at the time she came to work.

Then the local collection office was next door to a poolroom and contained a "potbellied" coal stove for heating. Sylvia noted that "at times there was more smoke in the office than went up the chimney. By noon each day everyone was covered by soot, and we could hardly stand the stench of dead rats". The office was moved to a new location in 1952 and the new office service building was constructed in 1959. This, Sylvia declares, was like heaven.

Sylvia remembers that in the earlier days there was more horseplay among the employees. She recalled the time that Andy Skeen, retired line inspector, dumped pencil shavings in her

pocketbook. It was several days before she discovered why her nose was black after using tissue from her bag. She retaliated by dumping pencil shavings in Andy's new shoes. "He was known for a long time afterward as blackfoot."

Sylvia says it has been fun working with the best people and for the best company in the world. "I'd like to do it all over again even if it meant going back to the old office."

Her retirement plans include some short trips, visiting with family and friends, and spending more time on her hobbies of sewing, reading, needlepoint and cooking. She is a member of Marble Point United Methodist Church.



Darnell



Glenna Priddy, secretary to Supervising Engineer Steve Carpenter in the Beckley Division Engineering Section, was honored as "secretary of the day" by Radio Station WCIR and several Beckley business firms. Throughout the day, WCIR AM & FM Radio gave special recognition with spot announcements saluting Glenna. She was presented with a white carnation corsage which she proudly displays for fellow employees (from left) C. H. "Shorty" Mann, Lloyd Humphrey and Steve Carpenter.



Bias

Wilson-Bias

A double ring ceremony performed January 5 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Arlington, Virginia, united Barbara Lynn Wilson and Bruce Allan Bias. Mr. Bias is the son of Lucian T. Bias, operations coordinator, General Office Operating Department, Roanoke.

Jordan-Aeiker

Cindy R. Jordan and L. P. Aeiker were united in marriage February 16 in Rutland, Ohio. Mrs. Aeiker is the daughter of C. S. Jordan, master maintenance man, Philip Sporn Plant, and Mr. Aeiker is a coal handler at Sporn.

Allen-Holliday

March 2 was the wedding day of Marjorie E. Allen and S. E. Holliday, who were married in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Mr. Holliday is a master maintenance man, Philip Sporn Plant.

Keeling-Walker

Brenda J. Keeling became the bride of O. D. Walker in a ceremony performed January 21 in Charleston, West Virginia. Mr. Walker is a maintenance man, Philip Sporn Plant.

Helvey-Stanley

Robin Jan Helvey was married to Paul Stanley on March 9. Mrs. Stanley is the daughter of Auburn Helvey, line foreman, Pikeville.

ENGAGEMENTS

Betty Katherine Hamilton to RONALD J. CHAMBERS. Mr. Chambers is an engineer B, General Office T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield.

PAMELA K. WOOD to Edd McDivit. Miss Wood is the daughter of E. J. Wood, Oak Hill line foreman, Beckley Division.

Johnnie Ann McPhail to JOHN W. ALLISON. Mr. Allison is a utility man B, Cabin Creek Plant.

BEVERLY DUCKWYLER to Raymond Coleman. Miss Duckwyler is the daughter of Elaine Braxton, customer accounts representative C, Charleston.

MARITTA HORNE to Steve Belcher. Miss Horne is the daughter of L. J. Horne, Jr., engineering supervisor, Pikeville.

Hannigan elects early retirement, will move to Florida or Arizona

Eugene Franklin Hannigan, maintenance foreman at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement April 1 for health reasons. He had been on LTD leave since November of 1971.

Gene, a native of Montgomery, West Virginia, was permanently employed in 1938 as a laborer at Cabin Creek after a period of broken service. He worked as a mechanical maintenance mechanic A before being promoted to his foreman post in 1956.

Gene has always been a photography fan; and, when first employed, he started taking snapshots of people and jobs in the plant. Gradually his picture taking developed into a "scrapbook of memories with Appalachian" and includes retirements, promotions, difficult jobs and safety awards over a period of 37 years.

Gene says that one of the biggest advances the company has made during his years of service is in the field of safety. "When first starting with the company, safety was just a word but now it is a fact."

He recalls that "we had to be

master toolmakers back then because tools that are on the market now were simply not available 20 or 30 years ago." He adds, "My retirement is a fact of life. I miss coming to work, and miss my association with the people in the plant. But I plan on keeping in close contact."

Gene and his wife Hyacinth will be making their permanent retirement home either in Florida or Arizona.



Gene Hannigan's "Scrapbook of Memories with Appalachian" cover events during his entire career.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Kathy Lynn, daughter of GARY R. STOOTTS, customer accounts representative B, March 7.

Big Sandy

Scotty Joe, son of JOE E. HOLT, utility man A, March 4.

Bluefield

Marcie Leigh, daughter of ANTONIO R. RASI, T&D clerk senior, March 3.

Cabin Creek

Lori Beth, daughter of JOHN C. JOHNSON, JR., performance engineer, March 1.

Charleston

Stephanie Marie, daughter of EDDIE STONE, customer accounts representative B, March 8.

Windy Lee, daughter of DAVID L. HARRIS, lineman C, March 5.

Clinch River

Brian O'Neil, son of WADE SUMMERS, JR., helper in Maintenance Department, February 27.

General Office

Jody Lee, daughter of H. L. WEBB, transmission man B, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Kenova, January 30.

Charlotte Jennifer, daughter of CHARLES T. HELM, civil construction assistant, GO Executive Department, located at Glen Lyn construction site, February 19.

Hazard

Melanie Ann, daughter of DAVID L. BERRYMAN, meter reader, February 22.

Kanawha River

William D'Wayne, son of W. C. PEOPLES, auxiliary equipment operator, February 23.

Logan-Williamson

Raymond E., Jr., son of RAYMOND E. GAY, engineer B, February 27.

Pikeville

Matthew Grey, son of EMIL MAYOR Paintsville area supervisor, March 13.

Pulaski

Wesley Golden, son of W. G. EVERSOLE, maintenance man at Bylesby Hydro, February 18.

Philip Sporn

Becky Louise, daughter of JUNIOR L. GILLISPIE, maintenance man February 21.

Wendy Mae, daughter of JOSEPH L. THOMPSON, master maintenance man, March 4.

Travel ahead for Ella Jones



Jones

J. Ella Jones, reproducing machine operator C in General Office General Services, Roanoke, elected early retirement April 1, ending a career spanning a quarter of a century.

Ella, a native of Patrick County, Virginia, was employed in 1949 as an elevator operator. When the elevators were automated in 1962, she became an office messenger and was promoted to her last position in 1964.

A jolly person who enjoys being around people, Ella plans to travel as much as possible in retirement. "My time is my own now, so if someone says 'hit the road, Ella,'" and it's within reason, I'm going to be off and gone. I've always wanted to take a trip to Europe and this summer I'll be going to Hawaii. Another thing I've always wanted to do is fish, so I'm going to be out on some river bank trying my luck. When I get back, I'm going to have some of the biggest fish tales you ever heard."

Ella is very active in the Jerusalem Baptist Church in Roanoke, where she is vice president and member of the choir and on the senior usher board. She is a member of the Faith Chapter #11, Order of Eastern Star, and secretary of Owens Willing Workers Club. She has two children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Ohio Power plans bond sale

Ohio Power Company last month announced plans to sell \$100-million of first-mortgage bonds in one or more series, subject to regulatory approval.

Ohio Power is studying the possibility of issuing two series of bonds, one having a maturity of approximately eight years and the other of 30 years, but a final decision has not yet been made.

It is anticipated that competitive bids will be received on May 28.

Proceeds from the sale will be applied to the retirement of short-term debt and for other corporate purposes.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Appalachian Power

Bluefield

Carolena Joan Hess, Clerk Trainee, Grundy. **James M. Fatony, Jr.**, Lineman Helper, Pineville. **Lofton Primo Delgado**, Material Clerk, Bluefield. **Dranon H. Hudson, Jr.**, Stationman Helper A, Bluefield.

Cabin Creek

Lawrence W. Mollohan, Performance Engineer.

General Office

Fairly G. Honaker, Communications Engineer B.

Glen Lyn

Charlotte L. Albert, Chemist Assistant.

Logan-Williamson

Ronald C. Adams, Lineman Helper, Logan.

Lynchburg

John Edward Hamler, III, Auto Repairman Helper.

Philip Sporn

E. F. Neutzling, Maintenance Man. **R. L. Sharp**, Junior Maintenance Man. **R. H. Boatwright**, Maintenance Man. **H. E. Moore**, Utility Man. **B. S. E. Baker**, Utility Man. **B. F. E. Werry, Sr.**, Junior Maintenance Man. **C. J. Kauff**, Junior Maintenance Man. **N. A. Hill**, Junior Maintenance Man. **J. P. Tompkins**, Engineer B.

Central Appalachian Coal

Montgomery

Larry Wayne Lego, Rodman. **Stanley Warren Holmes**, Intermediate Clerk.

Central Coal

New Haven

Kenneth Calvin Fisher, Section Foreman.

Kentucky Power

Ashland

Jerome Foley, Meter Reader. **Clifford I. Valentine**, Meter Reader.

Big Sandy

Danny Richard Barker, Utility Man. **B. Lowell T. Shannon**, Utility Man. **James D. Ratliff**, Utility Man. **James A. Holbrook**, Utility Man. **B. Carlotta Webb**, Junior Clerk. **Ada Lee New**, Junior Clerk (Temporary). **James J. Ellison**, Utility Man B.

General Office

Gregory Damron, Transmission Man D.

Hazard

Paola R. Ritchie, Meter Reader.

Pikeville

Lois Ann Kellogg, Junior Clerk. **Jerry B. Smith**, Meter Reader. **Raymond Tosti**, Meter Reader.

Kingsport Power

James S. Lee, Lineman D.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Marmet

Thomas Alan Harlan, Industrial Engineer. **James Michael Green**, Environmental Technician Assistant. **Emmitt Willard Schoolcraft**, Section Foreman. **Robert Hayes Badstibner**, Transitman. **Gary Lelan Barker**, General Maintenance Foreman.

Figg retires as Guard Colonel



Figg

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., Lynchburg heating and air conditioning consultant, retired from the Lynchburg National Guard as a full colonel after 35 years' military service.

The first Lynchburger since 1951 to be Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 116th Infantry Division of the National Guard, Figg received several honors at his retirement party. He was presented with the Virginia National Guard Bronze Star for his meritorious service as Commander of the Lynchburg Unit of the National Guard from February 1971 to February 1974, the Replica of Minuteman for "Outstanding Service Commander" in the Army National Guard, and a letter of commendation from the National Guard division commander.

Figg enlisted in the Virginia Army National Guard in 1939 in the old Coast Artillery Unit. He was mustered into federal service in 1940 and remained on active duty during World War II until 1945. He re-enlisted in 1947 in the National Guard and remained until 1949 as first sergeant. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and rose to the rank of captain. Upon rising to the rank of major, Figg was appointed commander of the 2nd Battalion in 1971 and later attained the rank of Lieutenant colonel.

Pulaski serviceman's wife "hooked" on ceramics hobby



Ginny Brewer works on a ceramic owl, which she will make into a lamp base.

"Once you get interested in ceramics, you are really hooked," says Virginia Brewer about the hobby she began last July.

The wife of W. P. Brewer, Jr., Pulaski area serviceman, Ginny was introduced to ceramics through her neighbor, Billie Wilson, who owns and operates a ceramics shop. Mrs. Wilson has approximately 350 molds, and Ginny helps her prepare the various figurines and other articles that are used in the classes.

Ginny says, "I enjoy ceramics a great deal. It's very relaxing and you have the satisfaction of knowing you did it yourself. In fact, I made nearly all of my Christmas gifts last year."

She spends about three hours each Wednesday working with ceramics and would like to devote even more time to her

hobby. Ginny notes that "you tend to get tired and sloppy after three hours so you should take a break and come back to it later."

Among the items Ginny has made are a Christmas tree with lights, Santa, Madonna, washbowl and pitcher set and ash trays. She is now working on an owl which "I think is going to be one of my favorites. I plan to make it into a lamp base." Her oldest son, Billy, has made some pieces and her daughter, Sandy, made a clown for Christmas. The youngest son, Shannon, isn't old enough to work with ceramics but goes with his mother and finger paints while she enjoys her hobby.

Ginny adds, "I don't really think of ceramics as an art. It is a craft and anyone who can hold a brush can do it. Some people come in just to watch, and they usually get started at it themselves."



The Performing Arts Guild of Ashland, Kentucky, recently presented its fourth production of the season, "Here Lies Jeremy Troy". Two of the main characters sharing the spotlight were Allen Cline as Charlie Bickle and Sandy Smith as Kathryn Troy. Allen is General Office customer services manager for Kentucky Power, and Sandy is the wife of Ralph Smith, engineer B in General Office Meter. Sandy and Allen are pictured above as they rehearse a scene from the play. Photo courtesy Jim Martin, Ashland Daily Independent.

Veteran employees receive service pin awards



Lawhorn Brown Mills Swain Fulcher Hill Watkins Janosko Rasnake Cox



Bonds McClaugherty Landreth McClung Clayburn Cochran Berg Kohari Reese

30 Years **Classification** **Location**

Lawhorn, Myrtle PBX Operator Charleston

25 Years

Brown, C. R. L. Truck Driver-Groundman Roanoke
 Mills, R. L. Power Engineer Roanoke
 Swain, Catherine Cashier Roanoke
 Fulcher, W. B. Property Records Clerk GO-Roanoke
 Hill, D. J. Stationman C Roanoke
 Watkins, C. W. Head Material Clerk Ashland
 Janosko, A. D. Civil Engineer Sr. GO-Roanoke
 Rasnake, E. L. Groundman Abingdon
 Cox, H. W. Area T&D Clerk Abingdon
 Bonds, A. W. Messenger GO-Roanoke
 McClaugherty, A. L. Maintenance Mechanic Pulaski
 Landreth, D. C. Engineer B. Abingdon
 Sword, M. B. Engineering Aide Pikeville

20 Years

McClung, Woodrow Maintenance Man Kanawha River
 Clayburn, Rozell PBX Operator Pulaski
 Cochran, W. F. Transmission Foreman GO-Bluefield
 Berg, J. B. Asst. Sec., Asst. Treas. GO-Roanoke
 Kohari, Michael Equipment Service Adv. Logan-Williamson
 Carpenter, A. B. Chief, Civil Const. John E. Amos
 Reese, W. A. Jr. Maint. Man B Cabin Creek

15 Years

Dalton, T. P. Garage Foreman NE Bluefield
 Kilgore, R. B. Station Supervisor Roanoke

10 Years

Maddox, N. O. Meter Serviceman B Lynchburg

5 Years

Crabtree, Anna Residential Advisor Abingdon
 Trent, R. N. Planner Abingdon
 Billups, J. L. Const. Stores Asst. John E. Amos
 Magaw, Ona Const. Stenographer John E. Amos
 Lewis, Mildred Clerk Typist Bluefield
 Oxford, Spencer Auto Repairman A Bluefield
 McLaughlin, R. K. Lineman A Bluefield
 White, T. L. Electrical Engineer Bluefield
 Bradberry, D. L. Junior Maintenance Man B Cabin Creek
 Baker, N. A. Electrical Engineer Charleston
 Chafin, R. L., Jr. Lineman B Charleston
 Haynes, R. J. Lineman B Charleston
 Foster, S. L. Maintenance Man Clinch River
 Black, W. R. Payroll Clerk A GO-Roanoke
 Bundy, J. L. T&D Clerk Senior GO-Bluefield
 Ferguson, G. L. Station Maint. Man A GO-Roanoke
 Hubbard, L. T. Draftsman Senior GO-Roanoke
 Ferrell, J. G. Communications Engr. B GO-Roanoke
 Powell, A. C. Lead Draftsman GO-Roanoke
 Sabo, Helen Stenographer GO-Bluefield
 Siers, A. A. Transmission Man A GO-Bluefield
 Sink, W. T. Electrical Engineer GO-Roanoke
 Sudderth, J. B. Engineer B. GO-Charleston
 Waid, R. A. Right Of Way Agent GO-Roanoke
 Higginbotham, G. H. Aux. Equipment Operator Glen Lyn
 Jackson, J. D. Utility Man A Glen Lyn
 Mason, Kitty Stenographer Lynchburg
 Harmon, P. M. Equipment Operator Philip Sporn
 Lunce, S. E. Lineman B Hazard

AEP releases reclamation film

"Recreation land . . . a place you are welcome to come and stay for a while . . . to see firsthand what can be done when people use the resources of nature wisely, responsibly and productively."

These lines come from a new American Electric Power movie about Ohio Power Company's Muskingum Mine reclamation area.

Titled "Recreation Land," the film describes how coal is surface mined and the process by which land can be reclaimed when the coal is removed. The new movie illustrates improvements in the land's natural beauty as well as in its economic worth as a result of mining and reclamation.

"For more than 30 years," the film notes, "long before there were laws requiring it, the Ohio Power Company has been restoring and replanting its mined lands." Reforestation, for example, involves planting — by hand — of about a million and a half seedlings each year. Plantings and other reclamation costs amount to \$3,000 to \$4,000 per acre.



Dorothy Lawless, secretarial-stenographer at Welch (Bluefield Division), signs up for payroll deduction while officers of the McDowell County Benevolent Association look on. Mary Steffey, part-time clerk trainee (right), is Association secretary. Standing, l. to r., are Fred Adams, commercial representative, treasurer, and Ron Devor, customer accounting supervisor, chairman. Employees in the Welch area pledged \$874 for 1974.



New officers of Roanoke Division's Redi-Lite social club are (from left) Bob Mickey, T&D, president; Jane Poff, T&D, treasurer; Carolyn Gordon, T&D, secretary; and Broadus Fitzpatrick, Personnel, vice president.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS



Tommy Markham, son of Charleston Credit Representative Barbara Markham, has signed a national letter of intent to play football for Marshall University. Tommy, a 6'4", 230-pounder, was a regular tackle on Charleston High School's football team for three years and was "lineman of the year" in 1972. He is also an outstanding basketball player in the Charleston Church League Association. From left, Mr. and Mrs. Markham and Tommy.



New officers of the Bluefield Coffee Club are (l. to r.) Diana N. Bishop, customer accounts representative C, secretary; Henry Goforth, right of way agent, president; and James Bailey, General Office engineering aide, treasurer. Eighty employees participate in the club and pay dues of 60 cents per month. Some 19,200 cups of coffee were served in 1973.



Three Appalachian Power employees show off the results of recent hunting trips. Bob Barley, Beckley lineman (left), bagged his eight-point, 200-pound buck near Clifftop, West Virginia. Calvin Matney, Abingdon Transportation Department (center), trapped these two coons in the Greendale area of Washington County, Virginia.



This past season produced 32 coons for Calvin and his three coon dogs. He has an outlet for the pelts. L. W. Duncan, Abingdon Records Department (right), bagged a 12-point, 250-pound deer in the Mt. Rogers section of Smyth County, Virginia. Shot on the fourth day of the season, the deer was the biggest one killed in that area.



Appalachian Power

Abingdon

A. M. Taylor to Lineman A. A. C. Steffey to Lineman A.

John E. Amos

C. C. Cassell, Jr., to Civil Construction Chief.

Beckley

Billy Ray Abshire to Lineman B.

Bluefield

Robert E. Parnell to Lineman A. Albert H. Young to Custodian. William P. McKinney, Jr., to Lineman A. Thomas R. Brewster to T&D Clerk Senior. Sharon B. Shrewsbury to Cashier. John D. Harvey to Lineman A. Walter P. Belcher to Auto Repairman A. Norma H. Buchanan to Customer Representative B.

Cabin Creek

Robert D. Harmon to Utility Man A. Roger A. Proffitt to Utility Man A. Anthony J. Barnette to Utility Man A. James W. Oliver to Utility Man A.

Charleston

Burl D. Miller to Lineman A. Danny J. Wymer to Meter Service Helper. Robert M. Jones to Meter Serviceman C.

General Office

Ellen T. Clements to Key Punch Operator A. John T. Charlton to Station Maintenance Man C. John M. DeLong to Station Maintenance Man C. Robert A. Ashley to Station Maintenance Man B. Howard C. Webb to Engineering Aide. Brenda Brown to Purchasing Clerk. Theda H. Graham to General Bookkeeper Junior. Linda S. Ragland to Key Punch Operator B. Marsena T. Hartless to General Bookkeeper Junior.

Kanawha River

Elizabeth S. Kees to Plant Clerk Senior.

Logan-Williamson

James E. Walls to Stationman A. Thomas J. Fleshman to Stationman C. Charles E. Webb to Stationman A. Keith D. Gregory to Lineman Helper.

Lynchburg

Larry Wayne Ring to Customer Accounts Representative C.

Pulaski

Posey C. Payne, Jr., to Meterman A. Barry D. Phillips to Lineman A. Patra E. Armbrister to T&D Clerk Senior. M. L. Saunders, Jr., to Stationman A.

Roanoke

Essie I. Edwards to Customer Representative A. D. A. Bryant to Customer Accounts Representative C. W. H. Eller, Jr., to Meterman A. F. R. Pilson to Lineman A. R. G. McGhee to Lineman B. J. R. Newman to General Serviceman. H. R. Manns to Meter Serviceman C. L. A. Woodward to Meter Serviceman C. F. E. Stone to Lineman Helper. R. D. Morris to Meter Serviceman A.

Philip Sporn

Keith D. Harper to Helper, Maintenance. George J. Korn, Jr., to Maintenance Man. Steven P. Stacy to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. Cody P. Engle to Coal Handler. Randolph C. Rader to Utility Operator. Robert E. Bowen to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. Kenneth L. Longstreth to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. Bracy D. Kinnaid to Equipment Operator. R. R. Thompson to Junior Maintenance Man. John D. Hill to Maintenance Man. James E. McClure to Master Maintenance Man. C. E. Anderson to Master Maintenance Man. James E. Mitchell to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. Marion W. Roush to Tractor Operator. Stephen J. Fraley to Auxiliary Equipment Operator. Frank N. Reynolds to Master Maintenance Man. Richard G. Lake to Barge Attendant. John P. Sauer to Tripper Operator. James A. Gilmore to Maintenance Man.

Central Appalachian Coal

Montgomery

Garland R. Carver, Jr., to Foreman Trainee. Michael C. Christian to Foreman Trainee.

Central Coal

New Haven

Buddy Ray Egnor to Foreman Trainee.

Kentucky Power

Big Sandy

Kenneth L. Coburn to Unit Operator Assistant. Andrew S. Freese to Utility Coal Handler. John Justice to Maintenance Man. Daniel L. Endicott to Maintenance Helper. Danny Ray Preston to Maintenance Man. Willis R. Roberts to Maintenance Helper. Mitchell D. Herron to Maintenance Man. James W. Hardin to

Maintenance Helper. Charles F. Nelson to Maintenance Helper. John L. Skaggs to Technician Junior. Charles E. Kirk to Technician Junior.

Hazard

Margaret J. Pigman to Cashier Clerk Senior. William J. Barnes to Meter Reader.

Pikeville

Nathan Kirk to Departmental Assistant, GO Personnel.

Kingsport Power

Donald A. Conner to Auto Repairman A.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Marmet

James Allen Stanley to Foreman Trainee. Emmett Donald Cunningham to Foreman Trainee. Hillard Venard Cochran to Foreman Trainee. Alex Buford Stanley to Mine Foreman. Lester William Smith to Foreman Trainee. Roger Lee McComas to Foreman Trainee. Samuel Asbury Mink to Foreman Trainee. Raymond Eugene Pauley to Foreman Trainee. Handle Holland to Foreman Trainee. James Erskine Kirk, Jr., to Maintenance Foreman. Chester Ray Boyd to Preparation Plant Foreman.

Cox honored by magazine



Cox

Ulysses Cox, Jr. a senior at Marion High School, has been named to the Prep All-America Football program for 1973-74. The announcement was made by the editors of Coach and Athlete magazine. He is the son of U. S. Cox, custodian at Abingdon Division's Marion office.

Cox's selection to the Prep honor roll makes him eligible for judging in the Prep All-America Football national awards — Prep 100 Squad, Super Eleven Team and Cum Laude. In cooperation with the selection committee, the national finalists will be announced in the March issue of Coach and Athlete.

Cox was nominated by the athletic department of Marion Senior High School. The criteria by which he was selected included outstanding athletic ability based on career records, sportsmanship, leadership and service to team and community.



Participating in the 39th annual regional West Virginia Golden Gloves competition were (from left) Bob Harmon, Randy Martin and Kelly Bradley.

Cabin Creek men show strength in state boxing competition

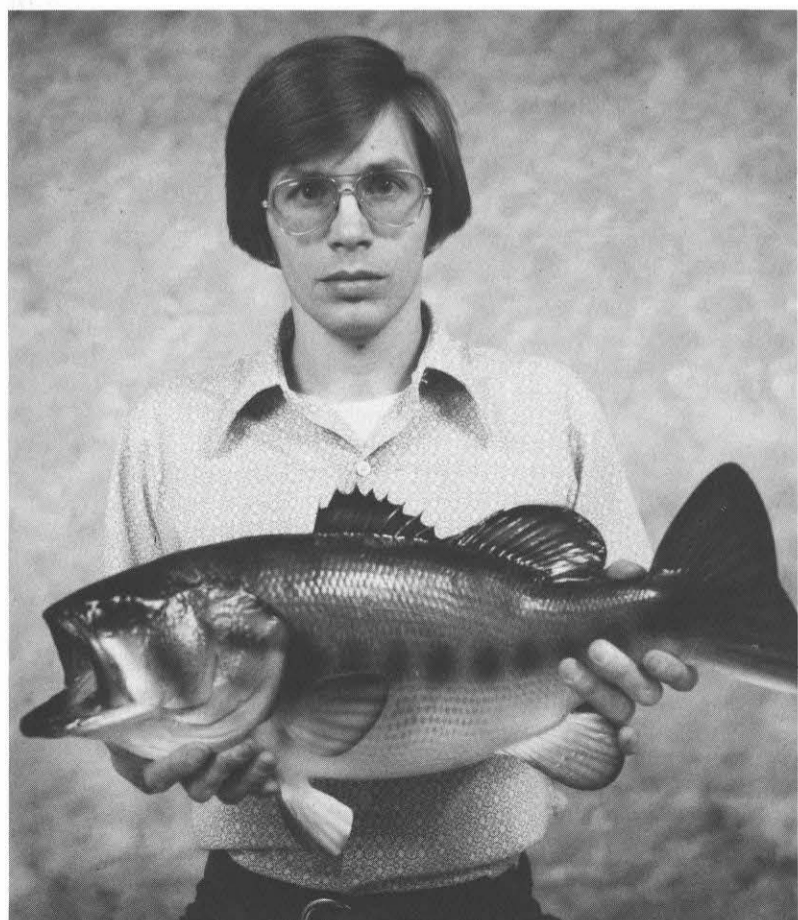
Cabin Creek Plant was well represented in the 39th annual regional West Virginia Golden Gloves competition in Huntington during February.

Seventeen-year-old Randy Martin, son of Yard Foreman J. W. Martin, fought in the novice middleweight class. Even though Martin lost the bout, he put on a slugging battle which brought the fans to their feet.

Laborer Kelly Bradley fought in the junior welterweight class. In his first fight, he knocked out his

opponent in 36 seconds of the first round but lost his second fight on a split decision.

The fight of the night was between Laborer Bob Harmon, a 210-pounder, and his 289-pound opponent. The two heavyweights fought toe to toe, bringing the fans to their feet round after round, cheering, yelling and shouting for Harmon. In the last round Harmon hit his opponent at will but couldn't bring him down. He lost the decision, which was booed by the fans for several minutes.



Frank C. Campbell, office forms and supply clerk in the General Office General Services Department, Roanoke, caught this 7 lb. 12 oz. large mouth bass in his grandfather's pond. The ¼ acre pond was stocked 12 years ago with 500 large mouth bass and 1,000 blue gill. It took Frank ten minutes to land his prize, using a six-inch black plastic worm on a 12-pound test line.

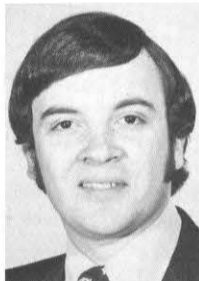
Basketball league formed in Charleston

A basketball league for all employees interested in physical fitness has been formed by Charles Ross, Charleston Division planner. Some 30 employees turned out in response to Ross's "come one, come all" invitation.

The league plays basketball at the Salvation Army Gym each Friday night from 9 to 11 PM. Instead of having set teams, the men choose sides each night they play. Rental of the gym, which costs \$10 nightly, is paid for by the employees.

One team has been formed from the league, which plans to enter some of the independent basketball tournaments in the area.

Cooksey named stores accountant



Cooksey

Kenneth R. Cooksey of Ashland has been promoted to the exempt position of stores accountant in Kentucky Power's General Office Accounting Department.

Cooksey attended Ashland Community College and graduated from Morehead State University in 1971 with a BBA degree. He joined the company as a work order cost and accounting clerk the following year.

Cooksey is married.

National Guard promotes Vance



Vance

William D. "Jim" Vance, Bluefield Division lead draftsman, has been promoted to master sergeant in the West Virginia Air National Guard, Charleston, West Virginia.

Vance has been in the U. S. Air Force, Air Force Reserves and National Guard for a total of 16 years. He is the non-commissioned officer in charge of weapons system security flight and has additional duties as operations sergeant and ground safety officer.



Members of the winning men's team, Bottom Ash from John E. Amos Plant are (l. to r.) Ronald E. Wentz, George Hudnall, Larry Matthews, Marshall See and Bob Brewer.

Employees' invitational bowling tourney draws 37 Appalachian teams

Thirty-seven teams from throughout Appalachian Power Company competed in the 1974 Employees' Invitational Bowling Tournament held last month at Viking Lanes in Roanoke, Virginia.

Due to the gas shortage, Roanoke had the largest number of teams entered — 12 — followed by four from John E. Amos Plant. Huntington, Charleston, Bluefield, Pulaski and Abingdon had two teams each, with one team each from Lynchburg, Glen Lyn Plant, Princeton, Kanawha River Plant and Beckley.

The tournament was arranged by Dave Barger and Lonnie Moran of General Office Distribution, assisted by Gus Croft of General Office Accounting. The entry fee of \$20 per team covered all tournament expenses.

Of the 31 men's teams entered,

Bottom Ash of John E. Amos Plant won with a score of 31-37. The Splitters from Roanoke took second place with 2981, and the Electrics from Bluefield came in third with 2965.

White Lightning of Roanoke scored 2596 to capture first place for the six ladies' teams. Roanoke's On and Off team scored 2556 for second place and Bluefield's Kiloetts took third place with 2470.

Individual honors for the men went to: Larry Matthews, John E. Amos, high game scratch (246); S. A. Dewey, Pulaski, high game handicap (264); Al Scott, Abingdon, high set scratch (620); and Harold Rulen, John E. Amos high game handicap (682).

Winners for the ladies were Sharon Lett, John E. Amos, high game handicap, and Patricia Milliron, Roanoke, high game set.



Members of Roanoke's White Lightning women's team which took top honors in the employee's invitational bowling tournament are (l. to r.) Sandra Collier, Joyce Huffman, Lorena Terry, Patricia Milliron and Margaret Brammer

Burton joins Service Corporation

John R. Burton has joined the Legal Department of the American Electric Power Service Corporation as associate general counsel. His appointment was effective March 18.

Burton, recently president and chief executive officer of Private Export Funding Corporation, has spent his 35-year career specializing in legal matters relating to corporate financing, including registrations and other proceedings before the Securi-

ties and Exchange Commission. He also has handled numerous legal matters relating to international business.

A Virginian, Burton was graduated from Roanoke College and from Case Western Reserve Law School. He served in the Navy in 1942-45. Prior to assuming a principal role in organizing PEFCO, he was a senior partner in the law firm of Reid & Priest in New York. He is a member of several bar associations.



New officers of the Lynchburg Division Apeloecs Club for 1974 are (seated l. to r.) Kitty A. Mason, stenographer, secretary; and Terry L. Knight, T&D clerk, president. Standing, l. to r. are Grady R. Blake, Jr., material clerk, treasurer; and Ronald L. DeShong, engineer B, assistant treasurer.

Byllesby, Buck hydros automated

After 62 years of local operation, the Byllesby and Buck Hydro Plants in Pulaski Division have been converted to remote control and will be operated out of the load control center in Roanoke.

Paul Askew, hydro foreman, had this to say about the \$600,000 conversion. "One of the main things we have accomplished is to make the entire operation a lot safer, and the new solid state excitation system will give us better operating conditions in periods of high water." The new excitation system replaces the original water wheel driven DC generator exciters.

Conversion to automation began in 1972 with as much work as possible being done without shutting down the hydro operation. Some 150 tons of open concrete cubicles were removed to make way for the modern equipment. The cubicles contained switchgear which had been in service since 1926. After the removal, a concrete pad one foot thick was poured to support the new switchgear weighing approximately 41,500 pounds.

The plant was out of service for 11 weeks. At the end of this period the first generator was put back in service and the other three returned to service at ten-day intervals. The intervals allowed time for wiring and testing of relays.



For the second consecutive year, Bill Shultz placed first in District (Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia) in the American Motorcyc Association's 200 cc class of motorcross. The son of Charlesto Stenographer Sue Shultz, Bill placed second in the Eastern Region and second in the nation in his class. He also was second in District 7 in the Har Scrambles Division.



Ronnie Payne, draftsman in the General Office Real Estate and Right of Wa Department, Roanoke, has coached the Williamson Road Tar Heels (ages 1 and 14) sponsored by the Williamson Road Recreation Department for three years. During this season his team won trophies for third place in the Knight of Columbus tournament and runner-up in Roanoke City Junior Leagu basketball. Shouting encouragement to the team during a recent game wer (from left) Lori Ellen Vaught, daughter of Elmer D. Vaught, Jr., station sta engineer in the GO T&D Station Section; Tammy and Teresa Payne, Ronnie's sisters, and Coach Ronnie.



Brown makes All-America team

Wahama High School had a 7-3 record in football this past season, thanks to outstanding players like Terry Smith, son of Philip Sporn Unit Foreman L. O. Smith. Terry, who played offense quarterback and defense middle linebacker, passed for over 1000 yards and 12 touch-downs during the season. His pass completion percentage was 41.8.

Phipps promoted in General Office



Phipps

John P. Phipps has been promoted to the exempt position of civil construction assistant in General Office Hydro — Blue Ridge Development.

A native of Grayson County, Virginia, Phipps was employed in 1969 as a senior clerk. He has worked in engineering survey documentation and data and assisted in the drafting section and with photography.

He is married and has one son and two daughters.



Brown

More honors have been bestowed on Russ Brown, son of Leroy Brown, part-time custodian in Pulaski Division's Galax office.

He was selected by coaches and sportswriters across the nation as a member of the Coach and Athlete All-America football team. Less than three percent of all athletes in the nation receive this coveted honor.

Brown was also selected by more than 1,500 coaches and sportswriters to the Who's Who in National High School Athletics football team. He was one of 25 Virginians to make the team and the only one from the New River District area.

This past season, Brown was voted most valuable co-player in the New River District and made the All-New River District first team as a running back. He amassed 1,395 yards in 201 carries and had 17 touchdowns rushing. He was the leading scorer in the New River District with 124 points and had nearly 3,000 yards rushing in his high school career.

Brown is expected to sign with Lees-McRae Junior College in North Carolina and transfer later to Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Webb gets his muskie on fourth try



Control Wireman Frank Webb landed this muskie on the first cast exactly one year after losing one in same spot. Photo courtesy *The Roanoke Times*.

A few weeks ago, Frank Webb, control wireman A in the General Office T&D Station Section, Roanoke, traveled up to the New River at Ripplemead to fish for a muskie where a small stream flows into the broad river. Exactly one year earlier, to the

very day, he'd hooked and lost a long, toothy muskie at the same spot. Webb vowed he'd be back, and on two other occasions since then he'd hooked and lost a muskie in the very same spot. Webb returned in February and on the first cast, the muskie

lashed out at his spoon. This time Webb held on for dear life; and, after a water-splashing, heart-pounding battle, the trophy he'd sought for an entire year was his. His catch weighed in at 16 pounds, 12 ounces.



New officers have been elected for the Bluefield Retired Employees Association. They are (seated, l. to r.) C. B. Yearout, retired GO safety coordinator, chairman; and Robert Walk, GO Transmission retiree, past chairman. Standing, l. to r., Willard A. Johnson, retired T&D clerk senior, co-chairman, and W. C. Kidd, retired T&D superintendent, treasurer. O. L. Robinson, retired accounting supervisor, secretary, was absent when picture was taken.



Adelene Newman (left), chairman of the Pulaski Employees Benevolent Association, and Pulaski Division Manager Claud K. Kirkland admire the certificate which was awarded the Association at a recent United Fund luncheon. The award is presented to those contributors who increased their giving by ten percent or more and in recognition of outstanding achievement in serving the human needs of the community.

Poff promoted in GO Hydro



Poff

James Ralph Poff, Jr., planner senior in the General Office Hydro Department, Roanoke, has been promoted to engineer B.

A native of Montgomery County, Virginia, Poff began his career in 1966 as a mail clerk. He transferred to the Hydro Department as a plant clerk in 1969 and was a planner before being promoted to planner senior in 1972.

Poff is married and has one son.

I&M — City Light lease proposed

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company last month announced a proposal to lease the Fort Wayne City Light municipal electric system. Under terms of a proposed agreement, I&M would pay the city \$55,650,000 over a 35-year period.

At the present time, Fort Wayne is served by both City Light and I&M.

The proposal is subject to approval by the Indiana Public Service Commission and the voters of Fort Wayne. Pending the latter, the lease is also subject to approval of the City Council.

Robert M. Kopper, executive vice president of I&M, termed the proposal "fair and equitable" for both the city and the company. Under its terms, I&M would pay the city an annual rental of \$1,440,000 for each of the first five years of the lease. Then, at five-year intervals, the annual rental would increase by \$50,000. In addition, I&M agreed to purchase, at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000, City Light's materials, supplies, transportation equipment and tools. I&M also will pay property taxes on the leased facilities, estimated at about \$360,000 annually.

All City Light employees will be offered full-time employment in Fort Wayne.

Terms of the agreement call for: (1) I&M to maintain the Fourth Street generating plant for stand-by service, (2) shutdown of the Lawton Park plant by next January 1, and (3) City Light to continue to own and operate the street-lighting system.

Management program attendees named

The 1974 American Electric Power System Management Program at the University of Michigan will be held April 16 to May 10. This year's is an advanced program, in which employees who attended the basic course are invited back for more intensive courses.

Approximately 50 employees Systemwide will attend, of which 16 are from our companies.

Attending from Kentucky Power will be O. C. Hall, executive assistant, Ashland; W. G. Matthews, plant manager, Big Sandy; and Dewey Sizemore, electric plant and stores accounting supervisor, Ashland.

Attendees from Appalachian Power will be Virgil Adams, Jr., assistant plant manager, John E. Amos; E. L. Bailey, residential services director, General Office — Roanoke; S. V. Caudle, personnel supervisor, Cabin Creek; McKinley Cornett, engineering supervisor, Bluefield; W. D. Crews, personnel supervisor, Lynchburg; M. A. Fotos, Jr., line supervisor, Huntington; G. M. Gillock, operations engineering supervisor, General Office — Roanoke; and R. R. Griffith, line supervisor, Charleston.

Also, T. W. Old, assistant T&D manager, General Office — Roanoke; Joe C. Plunk, assistant hydro superintendent, General Office — Roanoke; C. A. Simmons, labor relations supervisor, General Office — Roanoke; J. R. Whitehurst, administrative assistant, Roanoke; and J. F. Wilson, Jr., land management supervisor, General Office — Roanoke.

Tibbs, Stanley named foremen



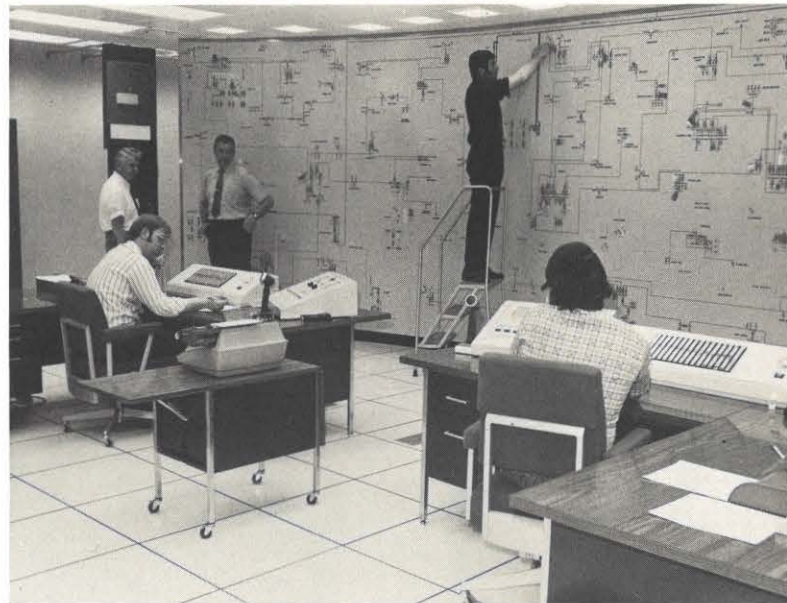
Tibbs

Stanley

Billy Tibbs and Johnie Stanley have been promoted to working line foremen in Pikeville Division.

Tibbs joined Kentucky Power in 1966 as a groundman and worked as a lineman D, C and B before being promoted to lineman A in 1972. He is married and has three daughters and one son.

Stanley began his career in 1966 as a lineman D. He rose through the ranks as lineman C and B before being promoted to lineman A in 1972. He is married and has a son and a daughter.



A view of the new headquarters of the Roanoke Regional Dispatch Center. From left, standing: G. R. Barbour, P. F. Roush and W. A. Haddad. Seated l. to r., J. H. Overstreet and E. L. Westmoreland.

Roanoke Regional Dispatch Center relocated in attractive headquarters

Early this year the Roanoke Regional Dispatch Center was relocated into more attractive and functional headquarters at Appalachian Power's new Roanoke Service Center. Formerly housed in the company's Walnut Avenue building, the contrast between old and new facilities is like that between night and day.

The dispatch center at Roanoke is one of four in Appalachian. The other three are at Clinch River Plant, Huntington and Turner station near Charleston. The services they perform are similar, if not identical. They are a very vital part of the company's ability to supply reliable electric service to its customers.

Each of the four centers serves an assigned part of the company's service area. Each one operates in a room well equipped with telephones and radio contact with company personnel. Operators take or send messages relative to normal or emergency situations affecting lines and stations on voltages of 23 kv and up. The operations room has a stylized schematic circuitboard locating all stations and connecting lines. Alerting lights signal where and when a malfunction happens in a station. Immediately the operator contacts someone near the trouble

spot by telephone or radio requesting investigation of the trouble.

Routine outages for repair replacement or normal maintenance are cleared through the dispatcher. He places a "hold" tag on that exact station on his schematic line and station board and this switch or disconnect cannot be closed or reactivated until the dispatcher says it is released. This enables the company to provide continuity of service in a safe manner.

Where one dispatch center's responsibility ends and another begins, they then clear this with each other and the coordinator's office, located in the headquarters building in Roanoke. This office performs somewhat of a similar service between dispatchers, power plants and interconnecting companies.

The Roanoke dispatcher's function, like the other three, is a 24-hour service. It is performed by a staff of ten experienced personnel headed by Gerry Barbour with Paul Roush as his assistant.

Like so many other "unsung heroes" throughout our companies, the dispatchers work around the clock so that all of us can enjoy dependable electric service.

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