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Maloney



Dowd

Maloney, Dowd elected officers of American Electric Power Company

Gerald P. Maloney and A. Joseph Dowd last month were elected vice president and secretary, respectively, of American Electric Power Company.

Maloney is senior vice president—finance of the AEP Service Corporation; Dowd is vice president and general counsel of the Service Corporation and had been assistant secretary of the parent company.

In the two officerships, they succeed W. J. Rose, who retired April 30.

Maloney has been chief financial officer of the AEP System since 1970. He joined AEP as an engineer in 1955, became executive assistant to the president in 1962, controller in 1964, vice president—finance in 1970 and senior vice president—finance in January 1974. He holds degrees in both electrical engineering and business from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an

Rights offering over-subscribed

The recent rights offering of 7-million shares of American Electric Power Company common stock to existing stockholders, which ended April 19, was over-subscribed.

The rights offering was on a 1-for-10 basis, and the subscription price was \$23.25 per share.

Approximately 90% of the offered shares, or 6,265,004 shares, were subscribed for by holders of subscription warrants. Also, 3,497,824 shares were subscribed for under the over-subscription privilege. Thus, 734,996 shares were available for such over-subscription and necessitated an allotment.

Net proceeds from the sale will amount to approximately \$160 million. The funds will be used to repay short-term debt, for working capital and for other corporate purposes.

MBA in business administration from Rutgers University.

Dowd joined AEP in 1962 as a senior attorney and became, in turn, assistant general counsel and associate general counsel. He was elected assistant secretary of the principal subsidiaries in 1969 and of the parent company in 1972. He assumed his present office in the Service Corporation last year. He holds AB and law degrees from Harvard University.

I&M will build 2600-mw plant on Wabash River in Indiana

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company will build a 2.6-million kilowatt generating plant in Sullivan County, Indiana. The \$800-million power station will be located about 1.1 miles northeast of I&M's existing Breed Plant on the Wabash River.

Donald C. Cook, I&M president and AEP chairman, announced the new unit at a civic luncheon last month before a number of federal, state, county and labor officials.

The new I&M plant will consist of two 1.3-million kw generating units, the first set for operation in late 1978 and the second in 1979. Construction will begin at once.

"This new plant, aside from serving a great need for electric energy in the coming years, will be a model of environmental integrity," Cook said. "Everything that can be done to safeguard the quality of the air, water and land will be done."

To protect water quality in the Wabash, which will be the initial source of the plant's large water requirements, I&M will build two giant, natural-draft cooling towers and develop a large storage pond.

To protect air quality near the plant, I&M will take these major steps:

Cook agrees to remain for two years as AEP chairman and chief executive officer

Donald C. Cook, chairman and chief executive officer of American Electric Power Company, told the 67th annual shareowners' meeting last month that he had agreed to a request of the Board of Directors to remain in that office for two additional years. He had previously announced plans to retire April 30 but to remain as a director.

Cook was 65 on April 14.

In interpreting the Board's decision to request him to remain two more years as AEP's chief executive, Cook said that the directors had been guided in their thinking by two principal factors: (a) that they felt that the company had a winning executive team with a proven record that should not be broken up during "this difficult, troubled period" for the electric power industry, and (b) that the added two years would provide even greater experience for a number of younger executives — "at least a half-dozen of them" — so that they could assume greater responsibilities during this period, leading to the choice of a new chief executive

to take office on May 1, 1976.

In addition to being chairman and chief executive officer of AEP and its subsidiary Service Cor-



Cook

poration, Cook is president and chief executive officer of all other AEP subsidiaries.

He joined AEP in 1953 after an extended career in Washington, including the chairmanship of the Securities and Exchange Commission. He was elected president and chief executive officer of AEP and its subsidiaries in 1961; was elected chairman of AEP and the Service Corporation in 1971 and 1972, respectively; then relinquished the presidency of AEP and the Service Corporation in 1972.

He is the holder of two business degrees from the University of Michigan and of two law degrees from George Washington University, and is a certified public accountant.

Chairman Cook forecasts coming of "electric economy"

At their 67th annual meeting April 24 at The Plaza in New York, shareowners of American Electric Power Company approved an increase in the company's authorized common stock from 80-million to 100-million shares. A total of 73-million shares are currently outstanding.

The shareowners also re-elected 14 directors and heard Chairman Donald C. Cook express optimism over the AEP System's ability to continue to meet its customers' increasing demands for electric energy and forecast the coming of "the electric economy."

Pointing to the "great strides" AEP had taken in 1973 in generation and transmission facilities and fuel supply, Cook said: "These were important parts of longer-range programs for the development of the System to meet the demands of our customers, both today and tomorrow. It was a pivotal year from the point of view of the supply of primary energy to fuel our economy. The future direction will be toward increasing reliance upon electric power and the emergence of what may well become the electric economy."

Pollution unit approves plant

The construction permit for Appalachian Power Company's new 1.3-million kilowatt plant near New Haven, West Virginia, has been approved by the state's Air Pollution Control Commission.

The AEP System is well positioned to meet that challenge.

The AEP chairman predicted substantial growth in energy consumption, particularly in electric power because of shortages of oil and natural gas. "Economic growth is imperative to maintenance and enhancement of our standard of living and to achieving much-sought-after national objectives. Economic growth, in turn, depends heavily upon expanded applications and use of energy," he said.

"Conservation measures will have some effect but probably only a temporary effect," Cook added, pointing out that the AEP System nonetheless was continuing to urge its customers to conserve electricity by using what they need but needing what they use.

Cook once again called upon the U. S. government to correct two conditions standing in the path of progress toward an obvious solution to the energy shortage — increased use of a plentiful coal supply. "If the current air-quality standards are implemented as planned on July 1, 1975, they will effectively preclude the use of the majority of the coal in the eastern coal province as a boiler fuel," he warned. "Further, if the strip-mining legislation pending before Congress is passed as proposed, it will effectively deny the use of vast quantities of very-low-sulfur coal in the West."

"In this time of energy crisis, the rationale behind these two possible actions is difficult to understand. The end-product would be a major interruption of the nation's economy," he concluded.



Thompson



Runyon

Thompson named executive assistant; Runyon heads area development

Roger G. Thompson, area development director for Kentucky Power Company, has been named executive assistant on the staff of Waldo S. LaFon, executive vice president. J. E. "Sonny" Runyon, residential services coordinator in the General Office Customer Services Department, will succeed Thompson as area development director. Both promotions were effective May 1.

In his new position, Thompson will assist in executive level administrative duties, including overseeing property management, and will expand his activities in local, state and national affairs.

Thompson began his career with Kentucky Power in 1941 at Ashland, holding various positions in the Accounting and Commercial Departments. He has served as area development director since 1964. A native of Lexington, Kentucky, he graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BS degree in commerce and served in the U. S. Air Corps from 1943 to 1945. Thompson attended the American Electric Power System Management Development Program at the University of Michigan. He and his wife have six children.

Runyon is a native of South Williamson, Kentucky, and graduated from Belfry High School. He attended the William-

son branch of Marshall University and holds a certificate from the International Correspondence Schools in retail business management. He began his career with Appalachian Power Company in the T&D Department at Williamson, West Virginia, in 1946. He was named area sales representative in 1953 and heating and builder sales representative in 1958. He moved to Kentucky Power in 1970 as residential services coordinator. Runyon is married and has one daughter.

Lieving moves to new I&M plant



Lieving

Lawrence H. Lieving has been named resident engineer for construction of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's new 2.6-million kilowatt plant in Sullivan County, Indiana.

He goes to Indiana from West Virginia, where he was resident engineer for construction of Appalachian Power Company's 2.9-million kw John E. Amos Plant.

Few service interruptions as tornadoes heavily damage transmission facilities

A series of tornadoes — five of them slashing across the state of Indiana alone — caused widespread damage last month to American Electric Power System transmission facilities.

Damage was heaviest in Indiana, where 34 transmission-line towers were destroyed and 15 damaged, including seven 765,000-volt towers flattened. A major substation as far away as Virginia was heavily damaged, and minor high-wind damage was sustained in Ohio and Michigan.

AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook estimated total damage across the System at \$5- to \$6-million, but explained that this loss would have little or no effect on earnings. He noted that the damaged transmission towers and circuits would be retired from service and their replacements capitalized. Other losses, such as damage to transformers and circuit-breakers, are largely covered by insurance.

The five tornadoes that raked Indiana severed two 765,000-volt tower lines and seven major 345,000-volt circuits of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, three of them at two points each. Despite this destruction, sufficient transmission capacity remained intact to hold the I&M network together, with the result that not a single customer lost electric service due to transmission damage.

"A lesser utility system would have fallen under this onslaught of nature," Cook said. "The fact that we suffered major losses of transmission and still continued to serve our customers is further evidence that the AEP System is the strongest, most flexible power system anywhere. It was planned that way and built that way, and this strength has paid off once again."

Cook also paid tribute to the hundreds of workmen — employees of AEP System companies, System contractors and neighboring utilities — who immediately took up the task of rebuilding the damaged lines and substations. Some of the downed transmission lines were re-energized quickly, by means of the construction of temporary structures or the assembly and erection of spare towers spotted at key locations on the transmission network. A few lines will take longer, especially those emanating from the Clifty Creek Plant of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (see related article).

While no I&M customers lost service as a result of the transmission damage, an estimated 4,000 were out due to damage to distribution lines serving localized areas in the Fort Wayne, Marion and Muncie Divisions. Three-fourths of them were back in service within two-and-a-half hours, and only a comparatively few — perhaps 75 who had been in a direct storm path — remained out more than 24 hours.

The damage in Indiana was the worst since the Palm Sunday tornadoes of 1965, when a total of 127,000 customers were out of service, 77 towers were lost, 27 transmission lines cut and two substations damaged in that state and in Ohio.

In Virginia, the principal damage was centered on Appalachian Power Company's new Broadford transmission substation near Saltville, a key stepdown point on the System's 765,000-volt transmission network. A 500,000-volt interconnection with the Tennessee Valley Authority at that location was knocked out for a period of about 12 days. A portion of the station is not expected back in service until June.

Ohio Power Company's relatively minor damage included the leveling of six poles on a 69,000-volt line in its Lima Division.

Clifty Creek Plant switchyard leveled

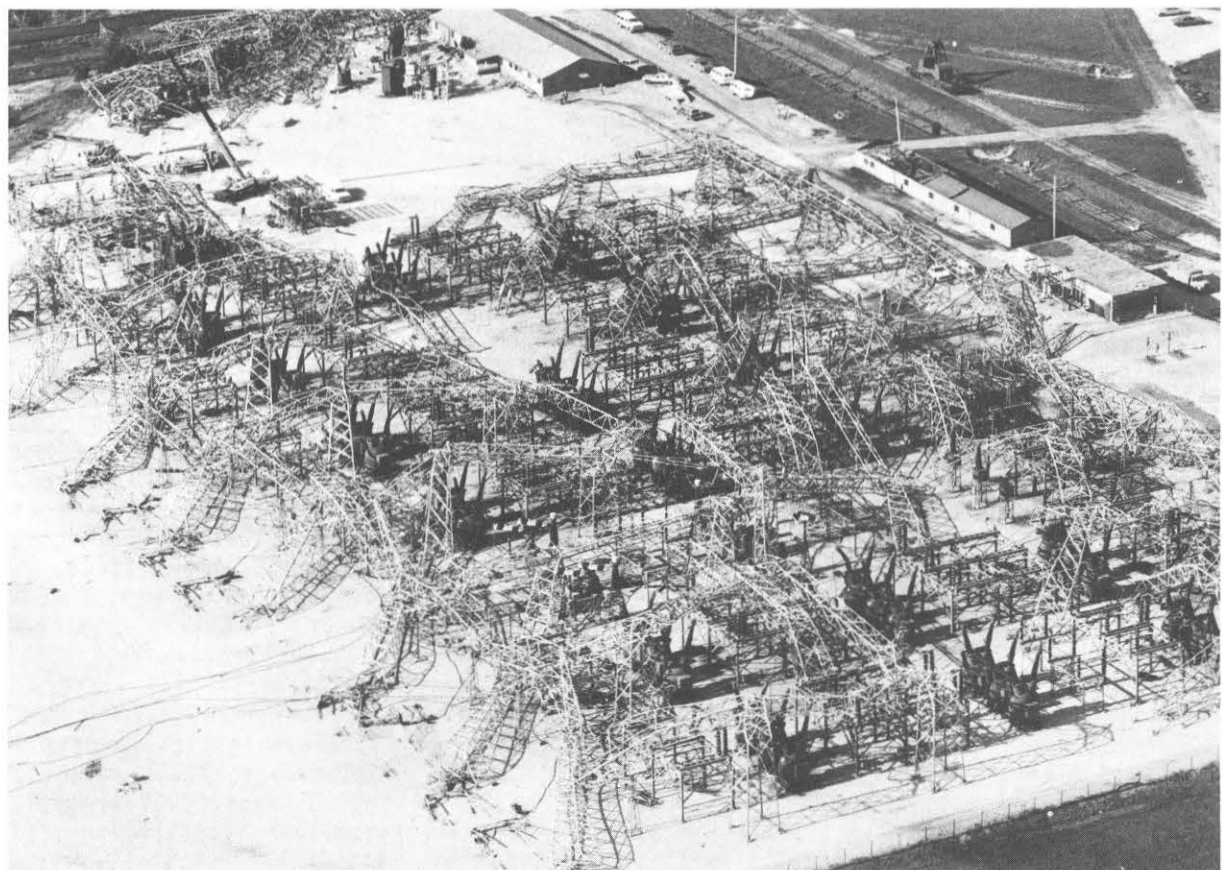
The giant switchyard at Ohio Valley Electric Corporation's Clifty Creek Plant at Madison, Ind was demolished by a tornado which swept up the Ohio River Valley on April 3.

Virtually all of the station's superstructure was leveled, and most of its electrical equipment, including large transformers and oil circuit-breakers, was badly damaged. Loss has been estimated at \$10-million, most of which is covered by insurance.

Loss of the switchyard immediately and automatically shut down the 1,290,000-kilowatt plant, the larger of two OVEC plants which furnish electric power to the Atomic Energy Commission's uranium-diffusion plant at Piketon, Ohio. The other generating station, Kyger Creek, at Cheshire, Ohio, continued to operate.

Ralph D. Dunlevy, vice president of OVEC, said that the construction of temporary structures was proceeding, with the expectation that a portion of the plant's generation could be resumed by June. Permanent rebuilding of the station is not expected to be completed, however, until sometime in 1975.

Demolition of the switchyard cut all nine transmission lines emanating from it, five at 345,000 volts and four at 138,000 volts.



The main switchyard at OVEC's Clifty Creek Plant was demolished by a tornado last month.

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Eanes

Fieldale stores attendant retires

John W. "Shine" Eanes, stores attendant at Fieldale in the Roanoke Division, elected early retirement May 1, ending a career of more than 33 years.

A native of Bassett, Virginia, "Shine" has spent most of his life in that area. He joined Appalachian in 1941 as an appliance serviceman in Roanoke and worked there as a lineman and serviceman before transferring to Fieldale in 1949. He was made groundman in 1959 and stores attendant in 1961.

Coming from a large family and being short on money, he started shining shoes in the neighborhood when he was about seven years old. By the time he had stopped shining shoes nine years later, he had acquired the permanent nickname of "Shine".

"Shine" enjoys hunting and golf and plans to pursue both in retirement. He has long been active in the Fieldale Baptist Church. Another of his retirement plans is "cleaning the house". His wife still works for DuPont at Martinsville, so "Shine" says, "The least I can do is clean the house for her."

They have a son and a daughter and two granddaughters.

Kahle takes foreman post



Kahle

W. H. Kahle has been promoted to station foreman non-exempt at Fieldale in the Roanoke Division.

Kahle began his career in 1948 as a laborer at Bluefield and held a series of positions before moving to Fieldale in 1956 as a lineman A. He was promoted to area serviceman at Danville in 1968.

An Army veteran, Kahle is married and has three daughters.

Annuitants get additional checks

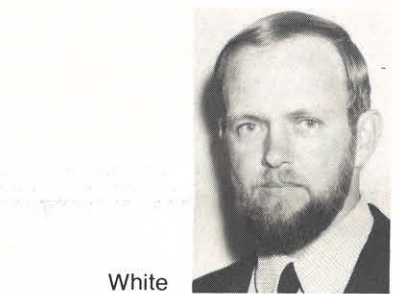
When some 2,700 AEP System annuitants went to their mailboxes last month, each pulled out an unexpected bonus.

That bonus was a check from the company from the which the annuitant retired — a special, one-time payment, above and beyond normal pension checks. The company made the payments to help alleviate the problems inflation causes those with fixed incomes. Checks went to all annuitants who retired before January 1, 1973.

In figuring the amount of each annuitant's check, the company took a percentage of each individual's annual pension, up to \$7,500. No check came to less than \$100.

Money for the special payment was drawn from the company's operating funds — not from the Retirement Plan Trust Fund.

White promoted to line foreman



White

Larry W. White, Charleston Division lineman A, has been promoted to line foreman nonexempt.

A native of Prociuous, West Virginia, White graduated from Clendenin High School. He was employed as a lineman helper in 1966 and attended the first lineman helper school conducted in Charleston. He was a lineman C and B before being promoted to lineman A in 1970.

White, an Army veteran, is married and has two sons.

Coal companies purchase approved

The Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the acquisition of two West Virginia coal companies by Appalachian Power Company for \$24-million.

Agio Coal Sales Company was purchased by Southern Appalachian Coal Company and merged into it. Cedar Coal Company, currently producing 800,000 tons of low-sulfur coal annually, became a new mining subsidiary of Appalachian Power.

The two acquisitions brought at least 130-million tons of low-sulfur coal reserves and 265 new employees into the American Electric Power System.



After taking pictures of nearly every employee in seven AEP System companies, Prince Thornton's

favorite expression is "Watch the birdie, please".

Well-known Roanoke employee, Prince Thornton, enters retirement

When Prince Thornton was hired as a meter reader at Bluefield in 1943, he was promised work for six months and permanent employment if a job opened up. Not only did Prince find permanent employment but he also met personally nearly every employee in seven AEP System companies during his career. He retired May 1 as Roanoke Division administrative assistant after 31 years' service.

A native of Glen Lyn, Virginia, Prince joined the Norfolk and Western Railway as a laborer after graduating from high school. The Depression hit, and he turned to truck gardening to support his family.

Later Prince graduated magna cum laude from Concord College and taught school for several years before joining Appalachian Power.

Prince was made a line inspector at Bluefield in 1949 and moved to Roanoke in 1954 as a feature writer in the-then System Public Relations Department. He was promoted to public relations assistant in 1955 and to Roanoke Division administrative assistant in 1962.

Well known through Appalachian's service area as a public speaker, Prince estimates he has made 1200 individual presentations before live audiences of 115,000 people and to some 300,000 people through TV and radio.

It was after moving to the Roanoke Division that Prince was given an assignment which took him to every location in Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport Power Companies, the AEP Service Corporation and three coal companies. He was "loaned" to the General Office Personnel Department to make identification cards for each employee.

During Prince's tenure as associate editor of **The Illuminator**, Roanoke Division won three first place awards and three second place awards in **Illuminator** reporting competition.

Several years ago, Prince and his wife Jo bought and remodeled themselves a home in the Burnt Chimney section of Franklin County. Approaching retirement with mixed emotions, Prince said, "For a while I was pretty seriously worried about what to do. But with our 100-acre farm, I can forget that for about a year. There is a lot of maintenance to catch up on. My only concern at this point is what to do in the way of working the farmland to make it worthwhile and profitable."

Active in civic and church affairs over the years, Prince says, "I would find it most difficult to drop out completely." He is a past president of the Roanoke Chapter American Cancer Society, Roanoke Goodwill Industries, Roanoke Lions Club; past zone governor, Burnt Chimney Ruritan Club; chairman for six years of the Franklin County Planning Commission; and is serving a second term as secretary of the Roanoke Goodwill Industries. He has been recognized for his service in the Roanoke United Fund and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. As a lay minister in the United Methodist Church, he spends a great deal of time in the Smith Mountain Lake Ministry. He was instrumental in organizing the Burnt Chimney Volunteer Fire Department and in raising money to build the firehouse and purchase a truck and other needed equipment.

Prince and Jo are the parents of two daughters, Joyce and Peggy, and one son, Ed. Ed and Peggy are both ordained ministers and Peggy is also married to a minister.

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not available in Indiana or elsewhere in the East, so we have been left with no choice, as we must — and will — comply with the law and meet the standards," he said.

At the same time, Cook quickly added that the company would eagerly turn to local coals after the technology is sufficient to handle the SO₂ problem. "We have large reserves of coal in hand in southwestern Indiana, especially in Posey County, that would be ideal for burning at our new plant if we can find an answer to the SO₂ dilemma," he said.

He noted that the use of Indiana coal was far preferable to shipped-in coal. Not only would it be more economical for the company — and thus for the consumer — but its mining would create "a tremendously favorable impact on the economy of that part of the State of Indiana."

Cook estimated that 7-million annual tons of Indiana coal would represent the development of three or four new deep mines having a capital cost estimated at \$150-million. These mines would have employed an estimated 2,350 people with an annual payroll of about \$32-million, based on present pay scales.

Larch promoted at Sporn Plant



Larch

S. Richard Larch, has been promoted to maintenance engineer at Philip Sporn Plant.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Larch graduated from West Virginia Institute of Technology with an associate of science degree in mechanical engineering. He was employed as an engineer B at Sporn in 1970. Larch is married.

Pethtel assigned to New Haven plant

William R. Pethtel took on a new construction accounting assignment on May 1. He will be construction office manager in the Construction Accounting Office for Appalachian Power Company's new 1,300,000-kilowatt unit near New Haven, W. Va.

A System employee since 1954, Pethtel has held five other construction accounting posts — the latest at Unit 3 at Appalachian's John E. Amos Plant. He has also worked in the Service Corporation's Internal Auditing Division.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PHILIP SPORN



Rottgen

John Michael Rottgen, Jr., a senior at Wahama High School, will be featured in the eighth annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. The son of Master Maintenance Man J. M. Rottgen, John is president of the Key Club and Chess Club and a member of the Library Club. He plans to enter the U. S. Air Force upon graduation.

ABINGDON

Aleisa Hicks, daughter of Lebanon Lineman C. T. Hicks, Jr., was first runner-up in the Little Miss Lebanon Elementary contest. Sixty-two contestants from the first, second and third grades participated in the event, sponsored by the Lebanon Pioneer Band Boosters.

Mrs. Clark Peck was a blue ribbon winner in the artistic division at the February meeting of the Abingdon Garden Club.

Mark Lindamood, son of Gate City Local Office Supervisor W. C. Lindamood, was named to the VPI honor roll for the second quarter. He is a freshman majoring in English.

Division Manager **Fillmore McPherson, Jr.**, was re-elected vice president of the Industrial Development Corporation of Abingdon. **Paul Dunn** was re-elected a director.

Administrative Assistant **James C. Hughes** was elected district director of the Holston District, Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Katy Kahle, Ellen Ferguson, Sandra Johnson and **Mark Landreth** participated in the Washington County All-County Band, sixth through eighth grade. Katy, Sandra and Mark took second chair.

CHARLESTON

Beverly Duckwyler, a student at Marshall University, was a member of the Sweeney Chevrolet team from Cincinnati, Ohio, which participated in the A.A.U. Girls National Basketball Tournament in New Mexico. The daughter of Elaine Braxton, Beverly scored 13 points in both the games in which she played.

John Frazier was elected vice president of the Highland Hospital board of trustees.

Bill West and **Linda Weaver** have been inducted into the Senior National Honor Society at Charleston High School. Bill is the son of Wilbur West and Linda is the daughter of Jack Weaver.

Stacey Gilmore, daughter of Yvonne Gilmore, has been inducted into the Junior National Honor Society at Dupont Jr. High School.

Kevin Charlton, son of Mona Sue Charlton, was named to the All-Stars team of the Feeders League at Lincoln Junior High School. Her daughter, **Connie**, was elected a majorette for the Belle Bulldogs Little League team and daughter **Stacey** was elected a majorette at DuPont Junior High School.

Mike Smolder, son of Jim Smolder, was named to the Catholic All-State basketball team.

KANAWHA RIVER

Because of her leadership ability, **Margaret Briggs** was one of seven students from Kanawha County selected to take a one week's tour of Canada with the French class. The daughter of Instrument Maintenance Man B. B. Briggs, she was also inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at East Bank Junior High School.

Jennifer Hardy, daughter of R. T. Hardy, engineer B, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at East Bank Junior High School.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON



Taylor

Floyd H. Taylor, Jr., division manager, was re-elected president of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce.

Charles White, son of Logan Line and Station Supervisor M. A. White, made the dean's list for the past semester at Marshall University. He is a senior, majoring in political science.

Brenda Weddington, wife of Michael Weddington, Williamson electrical engineer senior, was named chairman of the Williamson area Cancer Drive.

Geri Layne, Williamson Accounting, was elected president of the Xi Alpha Phi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

Lorraine Corea, Williamson Managerial, was elected secretary of the Tug Valley Arts Association.

Ruby Henritze, wife of Logan Retiree T. L. Henritze, was installed as state advertising manager for the West Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs at its annual convention in White Sulphur Springs.

BLUEFIELD



Roberts

Bowen

Ruth Ann Bowen, daughter of R. T. Bowen, Jr., line foreman nonexempt, was voted homecoming queen at Rocky Gap High School. She is president of her senior class, vice president of SCA, Beta Club reporter, a cheerleader and photographer for the school paper. Ruth Ann is also fourth in her class with a 96.4 average.

Kenneth L. Roberts, Welch power engineer, is listed in "Outstanding Personalities of the South". He is president of the Bluefield Jaycees and, since transferring to Welch, has reorganized the Welch Jaycees.

Ron Devor, customer accounting supervisor, was elected vice president of the Welch Jaycees.

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

Dottie Lawless, secretarial-stenographer, was installed as vice president of the Keystone-Northfork Woman's Club.

Cheryl Walters, wife of J. E. Walters, lineman B in the Welch crew, was elected Mother Advisor of the Northfork Assembly No. 33 Order of Rainbow for Girls. **Dottie Lawless** is on the advisory board.

Artie Bowen, son of R. T. Bowen, Jr., won the Agriculture Medal for Bland County in 4-H work for this school year. He is a junior at Rocky Gap High School.

Eddie Fanning, son of Building Supervisor E. E. Fanning, was elected chapter advisor of the Bluestone DeMolay Chapter.

Tivis O'Quinn, meter reader; **James Looney**, line foreman nonexempt; and **Jessie Foster**, meter reader, were members of the champion team in the Buchanan County Men's Bowling Association. The team had a high score of 3111.

ROANOKE

Ronnie Horn, surveyor, and **Mike Hundley**, former Appalachian employee, made a total catch weighing 55 lbs. 1 oz. to take second place in the Smith Mountain Lake Bass Masters Partner Tournament. Their prize was \$300.

L. G. Dougan, personnel supervisor, was recognized at a luncheon by the Roanoke Chapter, American Red Cross, for 24 years' volunteer service in the Red Cross organization.

Betty J. Baker, Managerial, participated in special Secretaries Week activities by giving a talk entitled "NSA — The Professional Way" at three NSA chapter workshops. She was installing officer for the new NSA chapter in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Sonja Faye Mackenhimer, Rocky Mount Accounting, was a model in the Business and Professional Women's Club fashion show at Franklin County High School.

Sharon Hylton appeared with the Jeunettes, a Martinsville, Va., dance group, on a Winston-Salem, N. C., television show during a March of Dimes telethon. She is the daughter of the late Eugene Roger Hylton, former stationman A in Fieldale.

A. M. Beatty, stores supervisor, was elected vice president of the Downtown Civitan Club, Roanoke.

C. L. Reynolds, Jr., was elected to the Sigma Xi honorary society chapter at the University of Virginia. He is the son of Claude L. Reynolds, customer services manager.

Suzanne Jenkins Horne, daughter of Fieldale Residential Representative Leonard Jenkins, made the dean's list at VCU where she is majoring in biology-genetics.

Dale Ragland, son of Lead Draftsman Bob Ragland, won the third place trophy in the 10 and under age group of the Virginia State Dribble and Shoot contest. He won third place in the Roanoke contest earlier this year.

David Ragland, son of Bob Ragland, was awarded "most valuable player" trophy for leading the North Roanoke Hawks to an undefeated season and division championship in the Roanoke County PeeWee League. He played guard and was the team's leading scorer with 129 points.

HUNTINGTON

Jack K. Butler, general serviceman, was tournament director of the 14th annual West Virginia Invitational Buddy Basketball tournament, sponsored by the Huntington YMCA.

Mike Grose, son of Station Foreman L. K. Grose, was a winner in the first Cabell County

Math Field Day held in Huntington. A student at Centra Elementary, Mike was the highest fifth grade scorer.

Mike Fotos, III, son of Line Supervisor Mike Fotos, is one of 11 finalists in the annual National Merit Scholarship competition. The Huntington East High School senior is also a 1974 AEF Educational Award winner.

Residential Representative **Monte Huffman** and Secretarial Stenographer **Jean Harbour** won awards for having the highest averages in the Spring Valley Country Club League.

CABIN CREEK

Diane Briers, daughter of Plant Manager George Briers, was selected for membership in Mortar Board, senior woman's honorary, at West Virginia University. She is active in Psi Chi psychology honorary; a pledge trainer for Angel Flight, Auxiliary of Arnold Air Society; and house president of Chi Omega Sorority.

GLEN LYN

Eddie Kingrea, chemist assistant, was elected to a three year term as chief of the Pearisburg Volunteer Fire Department. He has also been named president of the Giles County Firemen's Association.

Retiree **O. E. Francis** was re-elected to the board of directors of the Mercer Anglers Club.

HAZARD



Yost

Worley Yost, Jr., distributor engineer, was re-elected president of the Kentucky River Chapter, Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

ASHLAND

The Three Arts Club drama department recently presented a one-act comedy entitled "Did You Say Mink?". Members of the cast included **Ruth Via**, wife of Accounting Manager J. H. Via Jr.; **Joan Hawkins**, wife of Customer Services Manager Earl F. Hawkins; and their daughter: **Phyllis** and **Colleen Hawkins**.

Brent Muncy and **Mitch Julien** are members of the Russe Junior High seventh grade basketball team which won the Championship Tri-State Invitational Basketball Tournament. Brent, the son of Working Line Foreman Bob Muncy, was elected to the All-Tournament Team. Mitch is the son of Public Affairs Director Marshall Julien.

PULASKI



Elkins

Mrs. Walter Elkins, wife of the retired lineman, was elected president of the Woman's Club of Pulaski and was a delegate to the VFWC convention in Arlington.

New officers of the Pulaski Chapter 113, Order of the Eastern Star, include **Okie B. Kidd**, retired area supervisor, chaplain, and **Mrs. Kidd**, organist. Serving in the Dublin Chapter 85 is **D. B. Smith**, surveyor, associate patron, and **Mrs. Smith**, Ruth.

Karen Boulton was named to the 1974-75 varsity cheerleaders at Pulaski County High School. **Jenny Boulton** was named to the junior varsity cheerleading squad. They are the daughters of J. R. Boulton, Customer Services Department.

K. L. Buckland, T&D Engineering, was elected vice chairman of the Pulaski County Republican Party and chairman of the Bel-spring Precinct. **G. R. Smith**, T&D Engineering, was named a committee member from New-bern Precinct.

S. J. Johnson, Galax, was elected vice chairman of the Galax Democratic Party.

S. L. Sisson, Customer Services, was reappointed to a two-year term on the Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission.

A. L. Graham, Customer Services, was elected Esteemed Loyal Knight, Pulaski Lodge 1067 B. P. O. E. His son **Mark** was elected to attend Boys' State.

B. B. McCall, Customer Services Manager, was elected to the board of directors of the Pulaski Rotary Club.

BECKLEY

Linda Miller is a member of the Park Junior High School cheerleaders, who were awarded a trophy as best cheerleaders in Raleigh County during the County Junior High School Basketball Tournament. She is the daughter of Emory Miller, customer services representative.

LYNCHBURG

Marie Waggoner, wife of Accounting Supervisor Robert B. Waggoner, was named publicity chairperson of the YWCA Ladies Golf League.

James B. White, division manager, was appointed to a

one-year term on the Lynchburg Rotary Club board of directors and accepted a second term as a director of Central Lynchburg, Inc. He was also appointed to the board of trustees of the Academy of Music Theatre, Inc. This organization is working with the Virginia Landmarks Commission for the restoration and preservation of the Academy of Music, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

KINGSPORT

John Arthur Randall, III, received a BS degree in pharmacy from the University of Tennessee Medical School and is employed by Walgreen Drug Company in Memphis, Tennessee. He is the son of J. A. Randall, Jr., residential representative.

Irene Ford, wife of Retiree J. E. Ford, was elected secretary of the Patton Heights Garden Club.

J. G. Stephenson, Accounting, completed an instructor's training course for cardiopulmonary resuscitation technique at East Tennessee State University.

GENERAL OFFICE



Lovegrove

David Lovegrove, son of C. R. Lovegrove, supervisor of public information, was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. He was also elected to the National Honor Society at Patrick Henry High School, Roanoke.

Charles R. Saul, GO area development consultant, is serving on the land use committee of the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Pete Norcross, GO Accounting, and **Wanda Norcross**, GO Executive, were elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Star City Cat Fanciers Club.

Joyce Sult won first place in the woodcutting art contest at Fairview Junior High School. **Denise Sult** and **Jane Sult** were on the honor roll at Bluefield High School and **Cathy Sult** was on the honor roll at Memorial School. They are the daughters of Ellis F. Sult, transmission inspector, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield.

James Poindexter, son of Eralene Poindexter, PBX operator in GO General Services, was elected to a three-year term as deacon in Belmont Christian Church, Roanoke.

PIKEVILLE

Chester Smith, administrative assistant, was named to fill the unexpired term of treasurer in the Pikeville Kiwanis Club.

Leon Huffman, right of way agent, participated in the Red Cross telethon and fund drive in Clark County, Kentucky.

Lynchburg reaches safety milestone



The use of proper safety equipment played an important part in Lynchburg employees reaching 500,000 safe manhours without a disabling injury. From left, S. L. Drumheller, Division Manager James B. White, M. A. Langford and D. L. Goodwin.

"After 20 and a half months, we made it!" This comment by Line Foreman Glover Staples expressed the feelings of the 146 Lynchburg employees as they achieved a half million manhours without a disabling injury on April 17.

In commending the employees, Lynchburg Division Manager James B. White also challenged them "to continue this outstanding record of safety as our effort to stem the tide of disabling injuries that is currently plaguing our company."

Jensen joins AEP Personnel

Eric W. Jensen has joined the AEP System Personnel Department as safety and health administrator. In his new job, he has system-wide responsibility in all areas of accident prevention, with particular emphasis on Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations and industrial hygiene.

Before coming to AEP, Jensen worked as a senior industrial engineer and as a safety and health supervisor for Fisher Scientific Company.

He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Fairleigh Dickinson University and has also taken courses in electrical engineering at an RCA Institutes school. He is presently working toward a master's degree in safety engineering from New York University and plans to complete it by September.

WE REMEMBER



Caldwell

Otto C. Caldwell, 70, retired office services supervisor in the General Office General Services Department, Roanoke, died April 2.

A native of Lerona, West Virginia, Caldwell was employed in 1931 as a clerk in the Accounting Department at Bluefield. During his 36 years' service, he worked as chief clerk, Beckley; credit manager and department supervisor, Charleston; local office manager, Bluefield; division local office manager, local office manager A, district office supervisor, Roanoke; forms and printing supervisor and office services supervisor, General Office — Roanoke.

Caldwell is survived by his widow, one son, five grandchildren and three sisters.



Dunn

Jack St. Clair Dunn, 55, area serviceman in the Bland area of Pulaski Division, died April 2.

A native of Welch, West Virginia, Dunn was employed in 1937 as a laborer. He worked as a groundman and lineman before being promoted to his last position in 1961.

Dunn is survived by his father, Appalachian retiree E. V. Dunn, one daughter, two sons, one granddaughter and one sister.



Peyton

Arch M. Peyton, 83, retired local representative in the Man area of Logan-Williamson Division, died April 10.

Peyton began his career in 1921 as a patrolman at Logan and later worked as a lineman and utility man. He retired in 1956 after 35 years' service.

Peyton is survived by one daughter.

Thomas I. Ward, 75, retired Huntington meter service helper, died March 27.

A native of Wayne County, West Virginia, Ward was employed in 1936 as a maintenance man. He worked as a boiler maintenance man B and A, mechanical maintenance helper A, mechanical maintenance man and mechanical maintenance man B before taking early retirement due to disability in 1956.

Ward is survived by his widow, three daughters and one son.



Bowling

Charles S. Bowling, 71, retired area serviceman in the Mullens area of Bluefield Division, died March 28 at his home in Belleview, Florida.

A native of Green Valley, West Virginia, Bowling began his career in 1920 as a helper. He elected early retirement in 1962 after 42 years' service.

Bowling is survived by his widow, two daughters and one son, Charles S. Bowling, Jr., a former Appalachian employee.

Merriman takes operations post



Merriman

D. G. Merriman has been promoted to regional chief operator, General Office Operations, Fieldale. He rises to the position from that of Roanoke Division station foreman non-exempt, Fieldale.

A native of Draper, North Carolina, Merriman was employed in 1944 as a meter reader in Roanoke. He worked there as a meter helper A, lineman C and serviceman B before transferring to Fieldale in 1949. He rose through the ranks as maintenance man B, substation man B, stationman A and working foreman before being promoted to station foreman in 1965.

Merriman is married and has two daughters.

Wedding bells ring for eight couples across system



Holdren



Elder



Tyler



Woomer



Bonham

Hannabass-Holdren

The marriage of Pamela Jean Hannabass and Gerald Edwin Holdren was solemnized March 22 in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Holdren is the son of Garland E. Holdren, area T&D clerk, Roanoke.

Porter-Elder

Wedding vows were exchanged by Sally Ann Porter and Donald E. Elder March 2 in Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. Mr. Elder is the son of George E. Elder, station foreman NE, Lynchburg.

Blackburn-Tyler

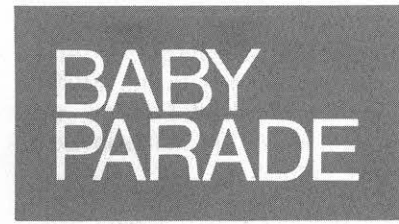
Linda Lou Blackburn and Keith Tyler were married March 7 in Florida. Mr. Tyler is a lineman C in the Oak Hill area, Beckley Division.

Shell-Woomer

The First Wesleyan Church in Roanoke, Virginia, was the setting for the March 16th wedding of Theresa Jeannine Shell and E. Dorsey Woomer, Jr. Mr. Woomer is a communications engineer, General Office T&D Communications Section, Roanoke.

English-Bonham

A double ring ceremony performed March 23 in Belmon Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, united Carolyn Sue English and William Franklin Bonham. Mrs. Bonham is a work order accounting clerk, General Office Accounting, Roanoke.



Abingdon

Charles Wayne, son of JUDY DOTSON, former customer representative at Clintwood, March 14.

John E. Amos

Franklin Jerome, son of GEORGE W. CAMP, control technician, February 22.

Kimberly Ann, daughter of GREGORY A. BIRD, coal handler, March 7.

Matthew Shawn, son of STEVEN Z. PARSONS, performance engineer, March 27.

General Office

Russell Lee, son of FRED W. COX, JR., engineer B in GO Executive, Roanoke, April 6.

Donald Cortez, II, son of D. C. MYERS, transmission man helper, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield, March 3.

Richard Thomas, III, son of R. T. CARBAUGH, JR., transmission man A, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield, March 8.

Hazard

Jason Shane, son of R. J. EVERSOLE, rodman, March 21.

Pikeville

Rebecca Jean, daughter of GREGORY WHITE, lineman D, March 8.

Roanoke

Marcus Alan, son of H. R. MANNS, meter serviceman C, March 23.

Philip Sporn

Tracie Lavon, daughter of K. E. CARTER, conveyor operator, March 29.

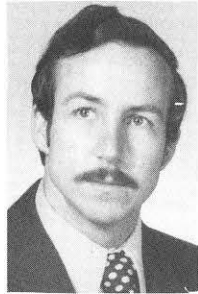
Janey-Powell

Barbara Robinson Janey became the bride of Thomas Bryan Powell February 23 in First United Methodist Church, Pearisburg, Virginia. Mrs. Powell is the daughter of William M. Robinson, plant manager, Glen Lyn Plant.

Barnard-Stacy

Debbie J. Barnard was married to S. P. Stacy March 15 in Charleston, West Virginia. Mr. Stacy is an auxiliary equipment operator, Philip Sporn Plant.

Ratcliff takes administrative post



Ratcliff

Martin L. Ratcliff, residential representative in the Roanoke Customer Services Department, has been promoted to division administrative assistant. He succeeds Prince E. Thornton, who retired May 1. In his new position, Ratcliff will serve as **The Illuminator** associate editor for Roanoke Division.

A native of Tazewell County, Virginia, Ratcliff was employed in 1962 as a forms and office supply clerk. He has since worked as a reproducing machine operator, groundman, lineman helper, T&D clerk and heating and builder sales representative.

Ratcliff is studying for a degree in business administration through International Correspondence Schools.

He is married and has three daughters.

Chapman-Stalker

Jennie Lynn Chapman and Clyde Stalker were married April 6. Mr. Stalker is a distribution engineer, Pikeville.



TERESA G. OSBORNE to William C. Boyland. Miss Osborne is a clerk-stenographer, Abingdon.

LILA ELLEN HORNBUCKLE to Henry Jay Blackburn. Miss Hornbuckle is the daughter of Robert V. Hornbuckle, residential representative, Ashland.

Betsey E. Larrick to TERRY EADS. Mr. Eads is an electrical engineer, Beckley.

SHARON GAYLE MARTIN to David V. Shultz. Miss Martin is the daughter of Lee B. Martin, maintenance helper, Glen Lyn Plant.

Karen Monk to DAVID L. PETRY. Mr. Petry is a utility man B, Cabin Creek Plant.

BARBARA ANN SONGER to Robert "Pete" Collins. Miss Songer is a clerk-typist, Huntington.

LINDA A. SAUVAGE to John O. Atkins. Miss Sauvage is a personnel clerk senior, Philip Sporn Plant, and Mr. Atkins is a former maintenance man at Sporn.

DELORES LYNNE FIGG to Charles B. Faulconer, Jr. Miss Figg is the daughter of Herbert M. Figg, Jr., customer services supervisor, Lynchburg.

MYRA KAY GOTT to Leroy Valk. Miss Gott is the daughter of G. W. Gott, meterman A, Kingsport.

KATHY ELLEN TREMBA to C. R. Bopp. Miss Tremba is a clerk-trainee, Pulaski.

DEBORAH FRANCES CRAWFORD to Curtis K. Carrico. Miss Crawford is the daughter of Everette Crawford, general foreman, Pulaski.

Glenda Jean Anderson to KENNETH L. VENTERS. Mr. Venters is the son of Walter S. Venters, serviceman, Ashland.

Abingdon couple finds building a home is hard work but fun



Carpentry is no problem for Nancy Goodwin. She wields a hammer like a pro and has been a good helper for husband Johnny during the construction of their new 2800 square foot home.

If things go as planned, Nancy and Johnny Goodwin will move into their new home on June 15 — exactly one year to the day from the time they started construction. They decided to do the work themselves after shopping around for contractors and pricing building materials.

Nancy is a customer accounts representative B in Abingdon, and Johnny teaches mechanical drawing, woodworking and auto mechanics in the Industrial Arts Department of Abingdon High School. Together they decided on the square footage of the house and Johnny drew the plans. Nancy says, "I wanted the rooms bigger but Johnny had to hold me back." He claims that after she gave in on that, she was the boss for the remainder of the project.

They contracted the masonry work, but everything else they did themselves — including digging and pouring the footers, porches and outside walks.

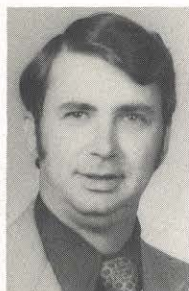
Nancy recalls that the hardest job was "getting the floor in the garage and basement ready to pour. All those gravels to spread leveling blocks and reinforcing wire was hard work."

Johnny kids that Nancy nailed her gloves to the wall several times during construction. Perhaps the most amusing thing that happened was during hook-up of the electric garage door. Johnny yelled "Ready!" at Nancy, and she pushed the button, expecting the door to go up. Instead it fell apart.

Before starting their home last year, Nancy completed an interior decoration course at Virginia Highlands Community College. She has done some painting and plans to do all the decoration of the house herself.

Would they try building a house again? "Sure we would. It's a lot of fun, hard work and togetherness. We wouldn't want to do it full time but would tackle it again."

Bacchus promoted in GO Operations



Bacchus

C. W. Bacchus has been promoted to assistant regional chief dispatcher in the General Office Operations Department and will be assigned to the Clinch River Dispatch Center. In his new position, he will assist in supervision of the dispatch center activities, with responsibilities in the dispatching of transmission lines and equipment in the Abingdon and Bluefield Divisions of Appalachian Power Company as well as Kingsport Power.

A native of Grafton, West Virginia, Bacchus attended the Power System Dispatching Program at Perdue University and is studying electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools. He began his career in 1956 as a system utility helper at Turner Dispatch Station. After a series of progressions, he was promoted to regional dispatcher in 1962 and transferred to the Operations Control Office in Roanoke in 1964. For the past six years his primary function has been planning and conducting special training programs throughout Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport Power Systems.

Bacchus is married and has two daughters.

Warner named to AEP position



Warner

Ralph E. Warner, assistant manager of Philip Sporn Plant, last month was named to a new position with the American Electric Power Service Corporation. He will be involved in technical matters at the new unit under construction at Cardinal Plant near Brilliant, Ohio.

A native of Liberty, West Virginia, Warner is a mechanical engineering graduate of West Virginia University. He began his career with Appalachian Power at Logan in 1949. He was named a test engineer at Philip Sporn Plant the following year and was promoted to assistant plant manager in 1970.

Warner is married and has two children.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Appalachian Power

John E. Amos

Gary M. Hill, Control Technician Junior. **Daniel L. Wolfingbarger**, Control Technician Junior. **Delbert L. Johnson, Jr.**, Control Technician Junior. **Stephen E. Greenlee**, Control Technician Junior. **Stephen J. Romeo**, Control Technician Junior. **Larry E. Dye**, Control Technician Junior. **Chester G. Seaman, Jr.**, Performance Engineer. **Larry B. Ellison**, Maintenance Man C. **Terry D. Shrewsbury**, Maintenance Man C. **Paul J. Dean**, Maintenance Man C. **Webster E. Lowe**, Maintenance Man C. **Keith R. Woodson**, Utility Man B. **Greg F. Mosley**, Utility Man B. **Jerry Dials**, Utility Man B. **Jeffrey L. Tyo**, Utility Man B. **Claude Breeding**, Utility Man B, Yard. **Richard A. Miller, Jr.**, Utility Man B, Yard. **Evert A. Chapman**, Utility Man B, Yard. **Garrett K. Chapman**, Utility Man B, Yard. **Catherine S. White**, Clerk-Typist. **Patricia Sue Garrett**, Clerk-Typist, Temporary. **Carrolene Rollins**, Clerk-Stenographer.

Bluefield

James Edward Showalter, Rodman. **Linda Doss Hess**, Customer Representative C, Tazewell.

Cabin Creek

Gerald Simms, Utility Man B. **James Bennett**, Utility Man B. **Peggy Jarrell**, Clerk-Typist.

General Office

Richard J. Osborne, Custodian. **James R. Wertz**, Helper. **Larry H. Betterton**, Helper. **Linda J. Warren**, Maid. **David A. Tate**, Time Clerk Senior. **Merle A. Mitchell**, Engineer B. **Larry A. Slusher**, Station Operator C.

Huntington

Ronald E. White, Custodian. **Joseph J. Cassell**, Custodian. **Phyllis Hutchinson**, Lab Technician, AEP Lab. **Kenneth Wood**, Chemist Trainee, AEP Lab.

Logan-Williamson

John J. Booth, Lineman Helper.

Lynchburg

Brenda K. Pearman, Clerk-Trainee.

Pulaski

Jeanette C. Frazier, Clerk-Trainee. **Patricia K. Yates**, Clerk-Trainee, Christiansburg. **Kenneth W. Gray**, Stationman Helper A.

Roanoke

James W. Nester, Co-op Student Engineer. **Ernest C. Gibson**, Area Recreation Attendant.

Kentucky Power

Pikeville

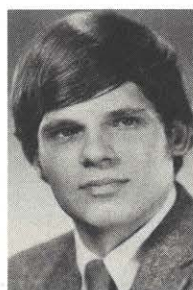
James D. Meek, Lineman D. **Jan Layne**, Junior Clerk.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Marmet

Dudley John Peters, Section Foreman. **Kermit James Miller**, Section Foreman. **Lynn Neil Wheatcraft**, Co-op Student Engineer. **Russell Edward Brown**, Co-op Student Engineer.

Hoover ordained in Hilo, Hawaii



Hoover

John Phillip Hoover, son of Huntington Line Inspector B. C. Hoover, was ordained a minister in the United Church of Christ, Hilo, Hawaii, in March.

After graduation from Marshall University in 1965, Hoover served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. He graduated from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in 1971. Before going to Hawaii, Hoover served as chaplain at Cornell University.

Charles Rhett, Pulaski engineer, retires after 37 years' service

Charles Harper Rhett, Sr., engineer in the Pulaski T&D Department, retired May 1 after 37 years' service.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Rhett attended the University of Virginia before joining Appalachian in 1937 as a clerk. He rose through the ranks as a rural solicitor, rural representative, right of way agent, senior engineering records clerk and engineering aide before being promoted in 1964 to the position he held at retirement.

Charley recalls that one of the strangest things that ever happened during his career occurred while he was securing right of way. He was trying to get an agreement signed that involved an estate and had secured all the signatures except one. Since he had tried three times to see the woman to get the last signature and had never found her at home, he decided to go back on Saturday. Charley knocked on the door and the woman asked him to come in. He didn't see anyone, but the woman called from another part of the house and asked him to identify himself. Charley goes on, "She finally told

Travel, church and civic work in store for Elizabeth Sydnor

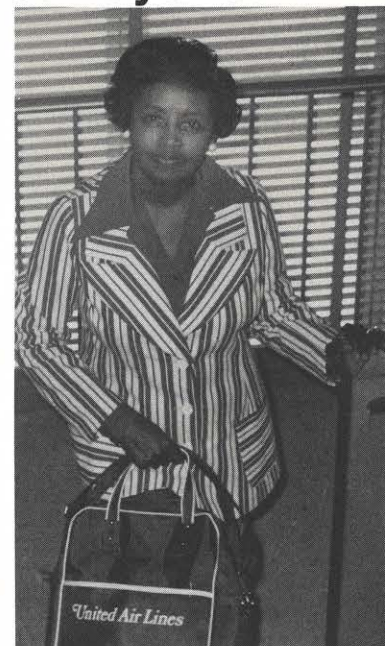
Elizabeth H. Sydnor, personnel clerk in the General Office Personnel Department, Roanoke, elected early retirement May 1 after a career of nearly 23 years.

Elizabeth, who was employed in 1951, worked as a maid and elevator operator before being promoted to clerk-typist in the General Office Personnel Department in 1962. She was promoted to personnel clerk in 1969 and assisted in processing medical claims from employees all over the Appalachian System.

Already active in church and community affairs, Elizabeth plans to do even more in these areas during retirement. She is a member of the senior choir, Women's Club, Bible Band Missionary Circle and Willing Workers Society at First Baptist Church; member of the National Council of Negro Women; Roanoke Chapter, Moles, Inc.; Epicureans, Inc.; Les Joyeuse Amies Pinochle Club; and Orange Avenue YWCA. Elizabeth was also one of the first black women to serve as a Gray Lady at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salem, Va.

She and her husband, who retired after 43 years' service in the Roanoke School System, will use some of their leisure time to travel. Already they have planned a trip to Bermuda this summer.

They are the parents of three children: Mrs. Rolanda Moore, a math teacher at Breckinridge Junior High School in Roanoke; Carl Sydnor, employed at the



Sydnor

Postal Research Administration in Washington, D. C.; and Lewis A. Sydnor, Jr., technical director at WSL television station in Roanoke. They also have three grandchildren: Lewis A. Sydnor, III, and Connie and Johnnie Moore.

Lowe rescues drowning woman



Lowe

Pfc. Freddie A. Lowe has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for saving a woman from drowning last September. He is the son of Hillard "Ted" Lowe, Ashland Division stationman C.

Lowe's action occurred while he was serving as an assistant gunner in the weapons platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry, 2D Infantry Division, Republic of Korea.

After landing his platoon during an airmobile exercise, Lowe noticed a body floating in a nearby lake. Reacting immediately, he stripped off his webgear and raced into the dark, murky water. Lowe had extreme difficulty in reaching the body because he was a poor swimmer and still had on his uniform. He finally succeeded, however; and, with the help of a friend, towed the body back to the shore. Lowe then revived the woman with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Lowe's father, who had completed a Kentucky Power first aid training course, taught him the method of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Later he received additional first aid training in the Army.



Rhett

me she was in the bathtub but to bring the agreement and hand it around the door without looking, and she would sign it." Charley followed her instructions and got the signature but wouldn't say whether he looked or not.

Charley and his wife Margaret plan some traveling and he wants to do some gardening and resume playing golf again. He has sung in the choir at Christ Episcopal Church for 20 years and has also served on the vestry. The Rhetts have four children and two grandchildren.

Veteran employees receive service pin awards



Craig Curry Webb Linkous Roberts Brown Candler Thompson Fain Crabtree



Hart Gaddis Fowler Hoffman Hensler Langford Robertson Shank

W. J. Rose enters retirement after 36 years

Jim Rose, who has run more annual meetings than many little old ladies ever dream of attending last month ran his last one for American Electric Power.

Effective May 1, after 36 years of service, he retired as vice president and secretary of the parent AEP Company, and senior vice president and assistant to the chairman of the Service Corporation. At the same time, he resigned his directorships in the Service Corporation, six System operating companies and four smaller subsidiaries.

40 Years	Classification	Location
Craig, Annise	Private Secretary	Roanoke
Curry, H. R.	Shift Operating Engineer	Cabin Creek
Webb, W. W.	Stationman A	Charleston

35 Years	Classification	Location
Linkous, E. W.	Trans. Rec. & Off. Sup. Clk.	Bluefield
Roberts, G. E.	Cust. Acct. Assistant	Huntington
Brown, G. T.	Meter Service Helper B	Roanoke

30 Years	Classification	Location
Candler, E. J.	Unit Foreman	Glen Lyn
Erwin, Farris	Working Line Foreman	Hazard
Garner, Wesley	Meter Service Helper B	Lynchburg

25 Years	Classification	Location
Thompson, D. F.	Crane Operator	Philip Sporn
Fain, J. J.	Meterman A	Charleston
Crabtree, T. F.	Meter Serviceman A	Abingdon
Hart, J. L.	Yard Supervisor	John E. Amos
Gaddis, Otis	Custodian	Huntington
Fowler, Oscar	Planner Senior	Huntington
Hoffman, H. H.	Utility Foreman	Philip Sporn
Hensler, G. L.	Operations Supervisor	Philip Sporn
Langford, W. B.	Area Serviceman	Huntington

20 Years	Classification	Location
Robertson, W. A.	Stationman A	Lynchburg
Shank, H. H.	Instrument Maintenance Foreman	John E. Amos

15 Years	Classification	Location
Gray, C. E.	Electrical Const. Asst.	GO-Clinch River
Havens, G. N.	Engineering Supervisor	Lynchburg

10 Years	Classification	Location
Lee, Billy	Messenger	GO-Williamson

5 Years	Classification	Location
Smith, S. H., Jr.	Performance Engineer	John E. Amos
Hall, P. W.	Equipment Operator	John E. Amos
Goff, Irene	Stores Clerk	John E. Amos
Brooks, D. W.	Coal Equipment Operator	John E. Amos
Buckland, H. L., Jr.	Maintenance Man A	John E. Amos
Freeman, D. M.	Mechanical Const. Assistant	John E. Amos
Kaneday, J. E.	Mechanical Const. Assistant	John E. Amos
Richardson, G. L., II	Chief Timekeeper	John E. Amos
McClanahan, D. M.	Stationman B	Bluefield
Francisco, D. M.	Engineer B	Bluefield
Begler, G. D.	Lineman B	Charleston
Taylor, T. D.	Helper	Clinch River
Fariss, J. L.	Electrical Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Gardner, R. D.	Transmission Man B	GO-Roanoke
Kirby, J. S.	Electrical Engineer	GO-Charleston
Mullineaux, Sharon	Payroll Clerk B	GO-Roanoke
Odell, R. T.	Transmission Man B	GO-Abingdon
Perfater, G. A.	Material Exp.-Stock Cont.	GO-Roanoke
Phipps, J. P.	Civil Const. Asst.	GO-Blue Ridge
Robins, D. E.	Payroll Clerk A	GO-Roanoke
Santopolo, Ruth	Clerk-Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Sexton, R. W.	T&D Instrumentman	GO-Blue Ridge

5 Years	Classification	Location
Smith, J. H.	Coal Sampler	Glen Lyn
Atwood, R. C.	Auxiliary Equipment Operator	Glen Lyn
Skeens, J. A.	Utility Operator	Glen Lyn
Rowe, H. M.	Meter Reader	Huntington
Burnette, S. E.	Meter Serviceman C	Lynchburg
Pratt, D. S.	Sr. Eng. Technologist	Pulaski
Kern, R. T.	Lineman B	Kingsport

Cruickshank, Neil and Diggs promoted at Kanawha River Plant



Cruickshank Neil Diggs

Three men have been promoted to new positions at Kanawha River Plant. Involved are: Robert J. Cruickshank, who moves to plant engineer; Dayton A. Neil, who succeeds Cruickshank as plant performance engineer; and Leroy D. Diggs, who succeeds Neil as maintenance foreman.

engineering graduate of West Virginia Institute of Technology. He joined Appalachian Power in 1971 as a performance engineer at Kanawha. He is married and has one son.

Cruickshank, a mechanical engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, began his career in 1958 as a test engineer at Philip Sporn Plant. He transferred to Big Sandy Plant in 1967 as a senior performance engineer and moved to Kanawha in 1971 as plant performance engineer. An Army veteran, Cruickshank is married and has three children.

A native of Craigsville, West Virginia, Neil holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He was employed in 1969 as a performance engineer at Kanawha and was promoted to maintenance foreman in 1972. He is married.

Diggs, a native of Montgomery, West Virginia, is an electrical



Although he's been retired for nearly six years, Lester R. Marshall, former Clinch River Plant maintenance foreman, is still a welding "wonder". When Coffey Construction Company needed a first class welder on a contract job at Clinch River, M. H. Stevenson, Jr., the Appalachian engineer in charge, recommended Marshall. He was promptly hired and just as promptly pronounced "just great".



Faust



Burton

Thirteen elected officers, directors of AEP System companies

Thirteen executives have been elected officers or directors of various companies of the American Electric Power System.

In virtually all cases they succeed W. J. Rose, who retired April 30, or James B. Henry, who has resigned as secretary of the subsidiary companies and as a director of certain of them. Some of the elections are subject to approval of the Federal Power Commission.

John R. Burton, who joined the AEP Service Corporation as associate general counsel in March, was elected secretary of that company, of the System's seven operating companies, and of most of the other subsidiary companies.

Kingsport Power Company elected John E. Faust an assistant vice president and director. He had been executive assistant to the executive vice president.

A company-by-company breakdown follows, with asterisks denoting those elections requiring FPC approval:

SERVICE CORPORATION — Burton, secretary.

APPALACHIAN POWER — Burton, secretary (*), and John E. Dolan, executive vice president — engineering and construction of the Service Corporation, director (*).

INDIANA & MICHIGAN ELECTRIC — Burton, secretary (*), and W. S. White, Jr., senior executive vice president — operations of the Service Corporation, director (*).

KENTUCKY POWER — Burton, secretary (*), and John G. Howard, senior vice president — rates of the Service Corporation, director.

KINGSPORT POWER — Faust, assistant vice president and director, and Burton, secretary (*).

MICHIGAN POWER — Burton, secretary (*).

OHIO POWER — Burton, secretary (*), and Richard E. Disbrow, senior vice president and controller of the Service Corporation, director.

WHEELING ELECTRIC — Burton, secretary (*), and Dolan, director (*).

BEECH BOTTOM POWER — Secretary to be elected.

CARDINAL OPERATING — Frank N. Bien, executive vice president of Ohio Power, vice president and director (*); Dowd, secretary; L. H. Marino, head of Ohio Power's Accounting Department, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer; William J. Prochaska, Service Corporation senior attorney, assistant secretary, and H. D. Anderson, Jr., head of the Service Corporation's Tax Division, assistant treasurer.

CENTRAL OPERATING — Burton, secretary.

INDIANA & MICHIGAN POWER — Burton, secretary.

KANAWHA VALLEY POWER — Burton, secretary (*), and John Tillinghast, senior executive vice president — engineering and construction of the Service Corporation, director (*).

OHIO ELECTRIC — Burton, secretary.

CENTRAL APPALACHIAN COAL — Burton, secretary, and Dowd, director.

CENTRAL COAL — Burton, secretary.

CENTRAL OHIO COAL — Burton, secretary, and Dolan and Dowd, directors.

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN COAL — Burton, secretary, and Dowd, director.

SOUTHERN OHIO COAL — Burton, secretary.

WINDSOR POWER HOUSE COAL — Burton, secretary, and Dowd, director.

MICHIGAN GAS EXPLORATION — Burton, secretary.

TWIN BRANCH RAILROAD — Burton, secretary, and Tillinghast, director.

WEST VIRGINIA POWER — Burton, secretary, and Dowd and Herbert B. Cohn, vice chairman of American Electric Power Company and of the Service Corporation, directors.

Changes in AEP Retirement Plan explained

AEP Retirement Plan participants recently learned of four major changes that took effect on April 1.

Just what do these changes mean? The questions and answers below explain the basic differences and how they affect you as a participant in the plan. At the same time, you'll find some general information on how the plan works to insure your future security.

What do the changes cover?

The changes apply to your contributions, your yearly retirement benefit, your spouse's income if you die before you retire, and your spouse's income if you die after you retire.

What about my contributions?

If your earnings come to more than \$9,000 per year, your annual contribution will go down. (After April 1, your earnings include your regular base pay only excluding overtime.) The drop in your contribution may total up to \$126 a year, depending on your salary. If you normally work overtime, you'll save even more because Retirement Plan deductions will no longer be made from your overtime pay.

How is my contribution figured?

If you earn less than \$13,200 per year, you contribute 2 percent of your annual pay. If you earn more than \$13,200 per year, you contribute 2 percent on the first \$13,200 you earn and 5 percent on the remainder.

Why should I have to contribute at all? Lots of companies' plans don't require employees to contribute anything.

By contributing with the company toward your pension, you provide yourself a fatter retirement check than you'd get if you didn't contribute at all. Your friends in companies that require no contribution from employees will usually receive a yearly retirement income that's significantly lower than yours. Moreover, many plans that don't require employee contributions are tied in with Social Security.

What does that phrase, "tied in with Social Security," mean?

Well, to begin with, your retirement income (apart from any money you save on your own) comes from two major sources — the annuity (pension) you receive from the company and the benefit you receive from Social Security.

Over the years, Social Security benefits have risen time and again. And new laws call for automatic increases every time the cost of living goes up a small percentage within a specified period.

These climbing benefits will be worth more to you than to em-

ployees in companies whose plans are integrated — tied in — with Social Security.

Here's why: Between now and your retirement date, Social Security benefits will almost certainly rise. And every dollar's increase adds another dollar to your final retirement income. That's because your AEP pension remains the same regardless of improvements in Social Security.

However, under integrated plans, the companies subtract a portion of any Social Security increase in calculating each employee's final pension amount.

A contributory plan has two other benefits as well.

What are they?

Until the amount you've received in benefits equals the amount you've contributed (plus interest), you pay no taxes on your annuity from the company. (Employees who've made no pension contributions must start paying taxes on their pensions right away.)

Even if you leave the company, the plan can benefit you — you'll get a lump-sum payment of your contributions plus interest when you go.

How will my retirement benefit change?

Compared to the former plan, your pension will be somewhat reduced. This decrease results from a changed formula for calculating your pension.

The company adopted the new formula to correct a major flaw in the old one: With the combined

Terry promoted in General Office



Terry

John H. Terry, transportation services supervisor in the General Office General Services Department, Roanoke, has been promoted to office services assistant.

A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Terry began his career in 1947 as a car washer and garage attendant. He was promoted to transportation foreman non-exempt in 1965, transportation foreman exempt in 1970, and transportation services supervisor in 1973.

An Army veteran, Terry is married and has a son, daughter and grandson.

Social Security and pension income, some employees were beginning to receive a higher income at retirement than they'd earned during their best-paid working years. Even with the change, some lower-salaried employees will still receive a higher retirement income than their final on-the-job income.

How much will my pension decrease?

The amount your pension will decrease depends on your final average salary. But, when all's said and done, the maximum decrease in your annual benefit can't exceed \$21 times the number of years you work between April 1, 1974, and your retirement date.

You'll recall, however, that your yearly contribution also went down. Therefore, the money you no longer contribute could go into a savings account each year until you retire; then you'd offset a good part of the reduction under the new pension formula.

In addition, inevitable increases in Social Security benefits will further enhance your retirement income.

What provision does the plan make for my spouse if I die before I retire?

The plan provides for your surviving wife or husband to receive a benefit if you die before you retire. If you die after you've reached age 50, and you've completed at least 15 years continuous service, your spouse will receive a monthly retirement income for life.

Under the old plan, this benefit was 50 percent of your accrued pension amount on your date of death, reduced by 3 percent for each year your death preceded age 65. Under the improved plan the benefit goes up to 60 percent of that amount.

If you die without meeting either the age or the service requirement, your spouse receives a lump-sum payment equal to your contributions plus interest.

What if I die after I retire?

Under a new plan introduced last year your surviving spouse may receive a benefit if you die after you retire.

For those who retired after April 1, 1973, at age 65, that benefit was set at 20 percent of the total monthly pension. Now, if you retire at normal retirement age after April 1, 1974, your surviving spouse will be eligible for a survivor's benefit of 30 percent of your total monthly pension.

The major advantage of this new plan is that you don't have to elect a reduced pension to insure that a wife or husband who outlives you will receive some income for life.

Roush takes foreman post



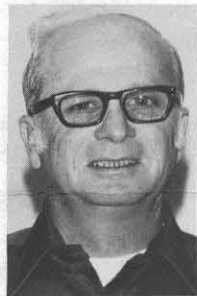
Roush

Kenneth G. Roush, lineman A in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division, has been promoted to line foreman non-exempt.

Roush worked for Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company before joining Appalachian Power as a lineman B at Point Pleasant in 1951. During his 22 years' service, he has also served as district troubleman and area serviceman.

He is married and has one son and two daughters.

Tuck named reservoir foreman



Tuck

A. B. Tuck has been promoted to reservoir foreman non-exempt in Roanoke Division.

A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Tuck joined Appalachian Power in 1966 as a caretaker in the division Hydro-Reservoir Department. His wife Frances is cook-housekeeper at the company's Pennhall Training Center.

Figg takes supervisory job



Figg

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., Lynchburg heating and air conditioning consultant, was promoted to customer services supervisor on May 1.

A native of Lynchburg, Figg attended Lynchburg College and began his career in 1945 as a transitman. He has also worked as an engineering assistant, heating and builder sales representative and commercial sales engineer.

Figg is married and has two children.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

Patsie A. Fletcher to Customer Accounts Representative B.

John E. Amos

Harry L. Williamson to Production Foreman, Central Machine Shop. **Carl A. Worley** to Production Foreman, Central Machine Shop. **Ray P. Nickell** to Production Foreman, Central Machine Shop. **Karen J. Hutton** to Stenographer, Central Machine Shop. **Frank D. Williams** to Machinist 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **James F. Canterbury** to Machinist 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Arthur O. Reedy** to Winder 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Donald R. Stricklin** to Machinist 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Carlos G. Peyton** to Winder 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Clifford H. Garland** to Winder 2nd Class, Central Machine Shop. **Robert D. Price** to Machinist 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Stephen L. McNeely** to Winder 2nd Class, Central Machine Shop. **Henry G. Arnold** to Winder 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Norman L. Gue** to Welder 2nd Class, Central Machine Shop. **Carlton L. Asbury** to Winder 2nd Class, Central Machine Shop. **Dale C. Donahoe** to Machinist 2nd Class, Central Machine Shop. **Robert F. Spencer** to Machinist 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Oscar J. McClung** to Machinist 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Chelton N. Dunkle** to Machinist 2nd Class, Central Machine Shop. **Melvin P. McVey** to Winder 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **David C. Moore** to Welder 1st Class, Central Machine Shop. **Eugene T. Perry** to Machinist 2nd Class, Central Machine Shop. **Loren C. Price** to Truck Driver, Central Machine Shop. **Marshall R. See** to Maintenance Man B, Gavin Plant. **Olin G. Blain** to Maintenance Man A, Gavin Plant. **Claude T. McDermitt** to Maintenance Man A, Gavin Plant.

Beckley

J. C. Gwinn, Jr., to Meter Reader. **Blaine A. Clay** to Lineman Helper.

Bluefield

William F. Farris to Stationman A. **Henry R. Sweeney** to Area Serviceman.

Cabin Creek

Gary W. Stanley to Work Order Clerk.

Clinch River

Wade B. Booker to Utility Man A. **John V. Salyers** to Utility Man A. **Scott E. Campbell, Jr.**, to Yard Helper.

General Office

Donald E. Robins to Payroll Clerk A. **John H. Pauley** to Transmission Man A. **Randall L. Minnix** to Clerk Junior. **Richard W. Sexton** to T&D Instrumentman. **William C. Miller** to Station Operator B. **Kenneth H. Roberts** to Station Operator A. **Michael J. Jamison** to Station Operator C. **I. B. Peters, Jr.**, to Wage and Salary Assistant Senior.

Huntington

Darwin R. Ryalls to Clerk Junior. **Robert L. Sizemore** to Meterman Helper. **E. L. Hornbuckle** to Lineman C. **E. M. Bowen** to Head Meter Reader.

Logan-Williamson

Roy S. Mills to Lineman A. **James E. Jeffers** to Stationman C.

Lynchburg

Ashby R. Hodges, Jr., to Commercial Representative. **Larry W. Ring** to Clerk-Typist.

Pulaski

Barry W. Hicks to Lineman C, Hillsville. **John S. Nowlin** to Lineman C, Christiansburg. **James K. Westmoreland** to Lineman C, Galax. **Robert W. Frazier** to Lineman A, Pearisburg. **David L. Eversole** to Junior Maintenance Man, Byllesby Hydro. **Sheila S. Brugh** to Customer Accounts Representative C, Christiansburg. **Carol L. Sherman** to Customer Accounts Representative C, Christiansburg.

Roanoke

John H. Crider to Reservoir Groundskeeper Senior. **Ernest C. Gibson, Jr.**, to Reservoir Groundskeeper. **Charles E. Stull** to Lineman B.

Philip Sporn

Harry E. Clark to Utility Man B. **James E. Jones** to Barge Attendant. **Gary L. Westmoreland** to Tripper Operator. **John P. Sauer** to Tractor Operator. **Dallas W. Edwards** to Coal Handler.

Kentucky Power

Ashland

James A. Speaks to Lineman B. **Bobby G. Beam** to Lineman B.

Pikeville

Sammie Carter to Stores Attendant. **Donnie Allen** to Collector. **Harry Bradley** to Head Custodian.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Marmet

Gary M. Painter to Senior Draftsman. **Ricky W. DeMoss** to Senior Draftsman.

Suit filed over Mitchell #1

American Electric Power Company and four of its operating subsidiaries last month filed a \$75-million suit against Westinghouse Electric Corporation in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The suit alleges that the 830,000-kilowatt turbine-generator Westinghouse supplied for Unit 1 of the AEP System's Mitchell Plant failed to meet its operating specifications through inadequate design and construction and that Westinghouse failed either to repair or replace the defective unit.

The damages AEP and its subsidiaries seek to recover include loss of generating capacity caused by the unit's inability to operate at its guaranteed level and costs of replacement power.

The four operating companies in the suit are Appalachian Power Company, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, Kentucky Power Company and Ohio Power Company.

Patricia Bennett is salutatorian



Bennett

Patricia S. Bennett, daughter of J. A. Bennett, assistant plant manager at Kanawha River, has been named salutatorian of the 1974 graduating class at East Bank High School.

In addition to excelling academically, Patricia is president of the Tri-Hi-Y; co-chairman, Model United Nations; and a member of the National Honor Society, Senior Senate, One Way Club and tennis team. She is also an organist and choir member at the Methodist Church in East Bank.

Patricia will work toward an associate degree in nursing at West Virginia Institute of Technology.



Lacy

Rupert Lacy joins retirees

Rupert W. Lacy, auto repairman at the Virginia Street garage in Charleston, retired May 1 after more than 30 years' service.

A native of Rutledge, West Virginia, Lacy began his career with Appalachian Power in 1944 as a mechanic. He was an auto repairman B before being promoted to his last position in 1953. Lacy has the distinction of having worked the evening shift for 26 years and 3 months without ever being late.

A member of the Mountaineer Sportsman Club, Lacy plans a week's outing with this group annually. He will also take a camping trip to the western part of the United States to visit Wyoming, Colorado and the Dakotas. He enjoys fishing, gardening, hunting — anything having to do with the outdoors.

Lacy and his wife Pearl have two sons and one daughter, all married and living in the Charleston area, and five grandchildren.

AEP revenues top \$1-billion

Operating revenues have topped \$1-billion in a 12-month period for the first time in American Electric Power Company history.

AEP achieved this record with revenues of \$1,012,750,000 for the 12 months ended March 31. That figure represents a growth of 13.9 percent over last year's revenues of \$889,118,000.



Bluefield Division has earned a certificate of excellence from Employers Insurance of Wausau following a comprehensive safety audit. Appalachian Safety Director W. S. Kitchen presented the certificate in ceremonies at-

tended by members of the Meter, Stores, Engineering and Line Sections. In the foreground, l. to r., are Jack Lloyd, Bluefield Division manager; Kitchen; A. E. Anderson, lineman A; and John Hurt, lineman B.



Members of the Spares team, which won the Appalachian Employees Bowling League in Roanoke, are (l. to r.) Orville Napier, Gus Croft, Larry Hubbard, Glen Perfater and Jim Reynolds.

Spares win Roanoke Employees Bowling League in three-game roll-off

The Appalachian Employees Bowling League in Roanoke closed the season with a three-way tie between the Chugalugs, Spares and Accounting. For the

first time this year, the season was divided into thirds and each produced a different winner.

The three teams had a three game roll-off April 8, with the Spares emerging over-all winner with a record 2997 pins. Accounting was second with 2814 pins and Chugalugs third with 2700 pins.

Members of the winning team were Gus Croft, captain; Glen Perfater, Jim Reynolds, Larry Hubbard and Orville Napier.

Tom P. Barnett was recognized as bowler of the year, and Kim P. Wright was the most improved bowler. Individual honors went to: Orville Napier, high game (287); Chester Robison, high set (663); and Larry T. Hubbard, high average (185).

APCo receives Silver Spade Award

"Appalachian Power is always a leader in the growth and development of Lynchburg" commented James L. Davidson, president of Central Lynchburg, Inc., as he presented the Annual Silver Spade Award to Lynchburg Division Manager James B. White. The award is given annually in recognition of the greatest contribution towards the physical improvement of downtown Lynchburg.

Appalachian was recognized for having demolished run-down buildings in the 600 block of Main and Church Streets. This area temporarily provides parking spaces which are at a premium in the central business district. Acquisition of the property started in early 1969, and the demolition work was completed last summer.

In accepting the award on behalf of Appalachian, White said, "We are confident that downtown Lynchburg is going to grow and we want to be a part of it. By acquiring this property and instituting plans for its development, we demonstrate our faith in the future of downtown Lynchburg."

Water regulated for bass spawning

Bass spawning in the Roanoke River below Leesville Dam and in Claytor Lake on New River should be enhanced through the cooperative efforts of Appalachian Power Company and the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Appalachian began last month, for the 12th consecutive year, the maintenance of a steady flow of water from its Leesville Dam. The action is being taken to induce striped bass to make spawning runs up the Roanoke River.

At Claytor, Appalachian has agreed to maintain a stable pool, with fluctuations no more than two feet above or below elevation 1,844 feet, to enhance the annual spawning of largemouth bass, beginning May 1.

Each year striped bass in Kerr Reservoir make a spawning run in early spring up the Roanoke and Dan Rivers. Steady water releases from Leesville are intended to attract them up the Roanoke, where state fish biologists believe they have a greater chance of success because of its greater length.

Bass make their run on the basis of both water temperature and steady flows of water, and the Leesville release is designed to provide both.

Appalachian has agreed to maintain a minimum flow of 1,100 cubic feet per second, as measured at Brookneal, 30 miles below Leesville. The flow will be maintained for 45 days.

The stable pool at Claytor will be maintained throughout May, the fifth year Appalachian has done this in cooperation with the state.



Glenn Napier, No. 35, an eighth grader at Combs Grade School, was named Most Valuable Player of the Year by WKYH-TV. The competition included all grade schools in Hazard and Perry County, Kentucky. He is the son of Roy Napier, Hazard customer accounting supervisor. During the 1973-74 season, Glenn led his team in scoring with a 28-point average per game, 12 rebounds per game, and was an 80 percent free-throw shooter. His team had a 20-1 record during the season and won the Breathitt County Invitational and Perry County Tournaments. Glenn has been named to five all-tournament teams during the past two years.



The annual Kentucky Power Company handicap tournament was held recently in Ashland. John Eldridge took first place all events with a score of 1219 and first place singles event with 643. Sonny Runyon and Ed Kress were winners of the doubles event with a 1176 total. From left, Runyon, Eldridge and Kress.

Mother-daughter team takes second place in state tournament



The mother-daughter team of Alyene and Teresa Lynch were recognized for second place showing in the Virginia State "A" Doubles Bowling Tournament.

Alyene and Teresa Lynch, wife and daughter, respectively, of Roanoke Division T&D Planner Paul Lynch, won second place in the recent State "A" Doubles Bowling Tournament held in Roanoke.

Mrs. Lynch was the 1973 state bowling champion in the singles event.

Teresa rolled a 241 scratch game and a 637 series for her best performance in the event. She is a member of the C&P Telephone Company's bowling team and its champion for the past two years. A young supporter of bowling, she joined the Junior Bowling League at Roanoke's North Lanes and has continued

an enthusiastic interest in bowling for 15 years.

Lynch's interest in bowling has been a big influence in the rest of the family's participation. "I am a bowler from way back. I started bowling back in 1955 when the company initiated its bowling program. It became a family interest because, first of all, it's a good clean healthy interest and then, too, it gave the family something to do on Saturdays."

The family interest included Paul, Alyene and two daughters, Teresa and Jennifer Lee. Jennifer just recently joined the Junior League at North Lanes and hopes to follow in Teresa's footsteps.

Collier coaches winning team



Collier

David Collier, son of Jesse Collier, line foreman in Kentucky Power's General Office T&D Department, coached Pikeville High School to the Kentucky state basketball tournament.

Collier, in his first year as basketball coach at Pikeville, qualified his team to represent the 15th region in the Kentucky State High School tournament at Louisville after winning both the district and regional tournaments. The victory which led to the state tourney gives the team a 26-4 record for the 1973-74 season. This is the first time that Pikeville has represented the 15th region in 15 years.

Charles Zoellers, son of Customer Services Manager W. W. Zoellers, is a manager on the Pikeville team.

Collier was named "coach of the year" by coaches in the southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky area served by the **Williamson Daily News** and was selected "coach of the year" in the Mountain Conference, of which Pikeville High is a member.

Happiness is getting an extra check in the mail
(See story on page 3)



Charleston car poolers like convenience, savings

Thousands of Americans are conserving gasoline and saving money by forming car pools for their daily trips to and from work. Four Charleston employees claim they did it before it became fashionable.

Back in 1960, Secretarial Stenographer Hazel Sampson and Residential Representative C. I. Walker formed a car pool after deciding "one could drive cheaper than two". Stu Foehr, heating and air conditioning consultant, joined the car pool in 1964 when he moved into the same neighborhood and Rodger Woodrum, commercial engineer, joined in 1970. Each drives one week a month.

Although they live only four miles from the Charleston office, they estimate a savings of 4,500 gallons of gasoline in the last three years, not to mention tires, oil and general wear and tear of the cars.

As Customer Services employees, the men often work evenings and Hazel ends up driving someone else's car home at least once a week. She claims this has made her a professional driver.

The four say that other advantages to carpools include catching up on sleep, keeping up with office happenings and solving world problems. So far,

their biggest controversy has been which radio station to listen to. They plan to continue the pool regardless of what happens to the current fuel shortage.

Bien elected OVEC director

Frank N. Bien, executive vice president of Ohio Power Company, has been elected a director of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.



Abingdon Division attained the highest rating of Appalachian Power's divisions and plants following a comprehensive safety audit conducted in late 1973. The division was rated 4.63 out of a possible 5 points. Safety Director W. S. Kitchen (left) presented a certificate from Employers Insurance of Wausau to Abingdon Personnel Supervisor Jack Frier (center) and Division Manager Fillmore McPherson, Jr.

The cover

Mr. and Mrs. Glen G. Brammer were surprised and delighted last month when he received an unexpected check from Appalachian Power Company. Their response was typical of the 2,700 AEP System annuitants who received special payments from their companies to help alleviate the problems inflation causes those with fixed incomes. (See story on page 3.)

Brammer, former system operations coordinator in Roanoke, retired due to permanent and total disability in 1960. He had nearly 40 years' service.



These Charleston employees have been enjoying the advantages of a car pool for several years. L. to r., Stu Foehr, Hazel Sampson, Rodger Woodrum and Charlie Walker.

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