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Testimony heard on ad campaign

A Senate subcommittee heard testimony last month on the reasons for American Electric Power's current advertising campaign.

Two Service Corporation lawyers, A. Joseph Dowd, vice president and general counsel, and A. W. D. Gronningsater, tax counsel, discussed the campaign before the Subcommittee on the Environment of the Senate Commerce Committee.

The basic thrust of the program, Dowd said, is to "inform the public" and to "bring about an increase in the production and the available supply of coal so that we can meet the electric power needs of the 5.7-million people who are totally dependent upon us." And unless there's a "substantial increase" in the burnable coal supply, he added, AEP can't meet these needs.

Thus, it's "imperative" to inform customers and the public of the energy "facts of life."

Coal supplies — especially low-sulfur — are tight. As a result, prices have more than quadrupled in the past few years.

If the advertising program brings an increase in the available coal supply, then coal prices will be less than they otherwise would be, Dowd explained. And customers would benefit "directly and almost immediately" through lower fuel adjustment charges. If prices dropped \$1 per ton, for example, customers would save \$37 million; a drop of as little as 25 cents per ton would save ratepayers more than \$9 million.

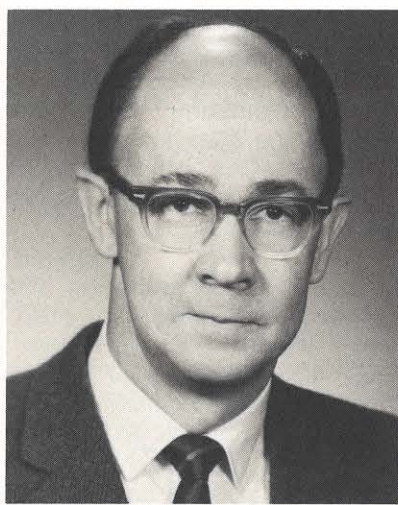
So the ads benefit customers "by attempting to assure an adequate and reliable power supply for them" and "by attempting to bring about a reduction in the cost to them of that power supply."

I&M, City Light lease approved

The Fort Wayne City Council has passed an ordinance establishing an agreement under which Indiana & Michigan Electric Company will lease the City Light municipal electric system for a 35-year period.

It is anticipated that I&M will assume responsibility for operation of the municipal facilities on October 1.

The lease proposal was previously approved by the Indiana Public Service Commission and the voters of Fort Wayne.



Bennett

Bennett named Kanawha manager

J. A. Bennett has been named manager of Kanawha River Plant, succeeding H. C. Skaggs, Jr., who elected early retirement August 1.

A native of New York City, Bennett holds a mechanical engineering degree from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He began his career with Appalachian Power in 1950 as a junior mechanical engineer at Cabin Creek Plant. He went to Kanawha River a year later and held several positions before being named operations supervisor in 1962. He was promoted to assistant plant manager in 1968.

Bennett is married and has four children.

Coal liquefaction research under way

Despite the abundance of high-sulfur coal in the eastern states, System power plants can't burn it and comply with sulfur-dioxide emission standards.

But American Electric Power is contributing toward a pilot project in Cresap, West Virginia, which may eventually permit electric utilities to use high-sulfur coal and avoid SO₂ emission problems as well.

The research objective: to find a workable process for converting high-sulfur coal to clean low-sulfur fuel oil. If a feasible process is found, the majority of the sulfur could then be removed from the coal before it is burned.

Established by the U. S. Interior Department's Office of Coal Research (OCR) in the 1950's, the Cresap pilot plant was originally directed toward expanding the uses of coal by carrying out experiments to change coal into gasoline. The project was later discontinued.

The interest in clean air and energy independence has brought a renewed interest in this coal conversion project. So to get the Cresap operation under (Continued on page 2)

Cook discloses more spending cutbacks new rate increase requests forthcoming

Further belt-tightening steps were taken last month in the American Electric Power System's current economy program. Earlier steps had been taken in late May, as outlined in the July issue of **The Illuminator**.

In announcing the new actions, Chairman Donald C. Cook explained that their objective continued to be to keep both capital and operating expenditures to bare minimums during the current period of extremely high capital requirements, so that financing pressures can be relieved as much as possible.

At the same time he emphasized the expectation that all of the steps would be interim in nature and expressed the hope that "normal operations and the programming of construction can be resumed within a reasonable period of time."

Cook disclosed that, as a companion measure to the belt-tightening process, the AEP System operating companies are stepping up their efforts to seek prompt rate relief from their appropriate regulatory authorities. He announced that, even while some System companies are seeking to expedite obtaining final decisions in a number of longstanding rate cases, both retail and wholesale, new rate-increase requests will be made in the immediate future.

"Cutting costs alone is not enough," he said. "We must obtain additional revenues as soon as possible to help keep pace with our skyrocketing costs in such areas as interest rates, materials and supplies, construction and the requirements of environmental protection. Therefore, we are pushing our efforts toward that end."

Among the new steps taken last month were these:

- A ban on new subtransmission and distribution line programs unless directly related to connecting new loads.
- Early termination of ongoing subtransmission and distribution work being performed by outside contractors (such as rebuilds and reconductoring) that can be completed by available company personnel within normal work schedules.
- Further, reduction of contract maintenance work except where operations might be placed in jeopardy.
- And a ban on new commitments for labor, materials and supplies pending a review of all construction programs. (All existing commitments would be honored, however.)

Chairman Cook emphasized that there were three notable exceptions to the cutback or stretch-out policy. These are the development of certain new coal mines and the ongoing construction of two major power stations now nearing completion: Ohio Power Company's coal-burning General James M. Gavin Plant at Cheshire, Ohio, and Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant at Bridgman, Mich. The first of Gavin's two 1,300,000-kilowatt generating units is nearing commercial operation, and the first of the nuclear plant's two 1,100,000-kw units is nearing licensing by the Atomic Energy Commission. Cook pointed out that operation of the nuclear facility was particularly significant because it would help to relieve

Education awards increase in value

Larger grants than ever before will go to the 32 winners of 1975 American Electric Power System Education Awards. The competition is open to children of System employees who will enter college in the fall of 1975.

As before, 1975 winners will get a \$1,500 grant for their freshman year of study at an accredited college. Winners still attending college in good standing in 1976 will receive a newly adopted bonus — \$1,000 for the sophomore year.

Applications for the awards program will be available from personnel supervisors later this month. Deadline for return of these applications is September 13.

To be eligible for the competition, students must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), administered by Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey, on November 2. The company will pay the testing fee, and students will bear transportation costs to and from the testing site. Personnel supervisors will have registration forms and lists of locations for the tests.

Students who took the SAT in their junior year need not take the test again. Personnel supervisors will supply forms for students to use to advise ETS to send test scores to the company.

The 32 awards will be distributed proportionally among System companies, based on the number of qualified applicants. Winners will be selected on the basis of test scores, school records and extracurricular activities. Announcement of winners will come early in 1975.

the burden on the consumption of high-cost coal at other plants.

Other, non-construction steps included in the new phase of economy program, which Cook explained were taken in an effort to avoid or minimize employment layoffs or terminations, were these:

- A reduction in the AEP System's ongoing national advertising program and discontinuance of such advertisements in the System's service area.
- Cancellation of the annual AEP System management meeting which had been scheduled late August.
- Restrictions on employee travel, particularly off the System.
- And discontinuance of employee recreational and social programs.

"We do not like to take any of these steps," Cook concluded "but they are necessary under the circumstances of the time. We do not doubt for a minute that their necessity will be fully appreciated and concurred in by employees of the AEP System and that we can count on their assistance in overcoming these problems."

Southern route chosen for line

The Virginia State Corporation Commission last month authorized Appalachian Power Company to construct the remaining portion of its proposed 765-volt transmission line from Cloverdale Substation near Roanoke along the "southern" or Jost Creek route to a point east of Lynchburg.

The southern route, selected by the Commission following several hearings and an on-site inspection tour, runs 18 miles longer and will cost \$5-million more to build than the original "northern" route proposed by Appalachian two years ago.

A major factor in the decision was the lessening of the impact on the famed Peaks of Otter in Bedford County. The proposed route would have passed from within 100 feet to two miles of four registered historic sites while the Joshua Creek route is 1.7 miles from one such site and no closer than 3.5 miles to any of the other three.

Last December the Commission had approved the need for the line and the routing of the 10.4 miles, on which some work is under way.

Routing of Jackson's Ferry-Axton 765-kv line filed with VSCC

The Virginia State Corporation Commission has approved the first part of Appalachian Power Company's application to construct the Jackson's Ferry-Axton 765,000 volt line, an extension of the company's present 765-kv system. The Commission approval recognized the need for the proposed line to meet an expected eight to ten percent increase in electric power demand in the Martinsville-Danville area by 1977.

The second part of its application, which Appalachian filed last month, describes the preferred route of the line and also includes three alternate segments. The preferred routing is 72 miles long and bears a construction cost of slightly over \$25-million. It will cross portions of Carroll, Floyd, Franklin, Henry and Wythe counties.

The line will cross the Blue Ridge Parkway near Mile Post 160, which was chosen after consultation with Parkway officials. The application points out that the preferred route avoids the Philpott Dam and Reservoir, Fairy Stone State Park, City of Martinsville reservoirs and Turkeycock Mountain Critical Wildlife Habitat Area.

Considered in the choice of routing for the line were these factors: topography, soils, water resources, projected land use,

Coal (Con't. from page 1)

way again, the OCR has awarded the Fluor Corporation of Los Angeles a three-year, \$13-million contract for coal liquefaction research. The funds will come from Congressional allocations and from two utilities, American Electric Power and Allegheny Power, with each company contributing \$1-million.

The new contract calls for modification of the existing pilot plant, training of new personnel and conducting of a pilot project.

population and housing density, historical landmarks and critical environmental areas, airport zones and highways. Appalachian consulted with a number of federal, state and local historical, environmental and planning agencies. By using a computer, the company was able to consider all options and select the best possible route in the shortest possible time.

Sporn Plant names assistant manager



Probert

William J. Probert, maintenance supervisor at Ohio Power Company's Mitchell Plant, became assistant manager at Central Operating Company's Philip Sporn Plant on August 1. He succeeds R. E. Warner, who transferred to the Cardinal Plant as a technical advisor for the AEP Service Corporation.

A native of Carrollton, Ohio, Probert is an Army veteran and graduated from Ohio University with a BS degree in mechanical engineering. He attended the AEP System Management Program at the University of Michigan in 1964. Probert joined the AEP System in 1950 as a maintenance engineer at Tidd Plant and was promoted to maintenance foreman three years later. He transferred to Windsor Plant in 1962 and to Kammer Plant in 1964. He was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Kammer in 1965 and transferred to Mitchell Plant in 1970.

Probert is married and has four sons and two daughters.



Craddock Reedy

Machine Shop promotes two

Two men have been named production foremen at Central Machine Shop. Samuel F. Craddock was promoted to production foreman in the welding section, and Arthur O. Reedy to production foreman in the motor rewind section.

Craddock had one year's service at John E. Amos Plant before leaving to become welding instructor at the Putnam County Vocational Center. He returned to Appalachian Power in March of this year as a welder 1st class at the Central Machine Shop. Craddock received his vocational instructor's certificate through Marshall University and West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is married and has three children.

Reedy maintained his own motor rewind shop for five years prior to joining Appalachian in 1972 as a maintenance man B at Amos Plant. He was promoted to maintenance man A in 1973 and moved to the Central Machine Shop in March of this year as a winder 1st class. He is married and has three children.

Spivey takes exempt position



Spivey

David K. Spivey, Pulaski Division planner senior, has been promoted to the exempt position of engineer B.

A native of Bramwell, West Virginia, Spivey attended McLains Business College and graduated summa cum laude from New River Community College with an associate electrical engineering technology degree. Spivey began his career in 1955 as a junior clerk in the Local Accounting Department in Bluefield. He worked as a contract entry and final bill clerk, print machine operator, tracer and draftsman before transferring to Pulaski in 1964 as a draftsman senior. He was promoted to engineering aide the following year.

An Army veteran, Spivey is married and has three children.

Oral arguments all that remain before decision on C&SO acquisition

With the filing of reply briefs, the proposed acquisition of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company by American Electric Power Company moved one more large step toward a final decision. One other step remains: oral arguments, as yet not scheduled.

The acquisition was first proposed in early 1968.

AEP filed its reply brief with the Securities & Exchange Commission on June 28. At the same time, reply briefs also were filed by C&SO, as well as two allied proponents, the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association, representing the state's rural co-ops and municipal electric systems, respectively.

In addition, William J. Brown, Ohio's attorney general, put a strong supporting letter into the record.

The reply briefs responded to briefs filed April 9 by opponents of the acquisition — the SEC's Division of Corporate Regulation and the U.S. Department of Justice. Two Ohio utilities, The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Com-

OPCo, AMP-Ohio will interconnect

American Municipal Power-Ohio (AMP-Ohio) and Ohio Power Company have signed an agreement which will enable the state's municipal electric systems to interconnect their facilities with Ohio Power's high-voltage transmission system. Such ties would be made at points where the size and other characteristics of the municipal electric loads meet mutually agreeable standards.

Signing for Ohio Power was Frank N. Bien, executive vice president, and for AMP-Ohio, John C. Engle, president. AMP-Ohio is a non-profit corporation organized to supply bulk power to participating municipal systems. There are more than 80 municipal systems in the state.

"Many municipal systems in Ohio," Engle said, "have been operating as isolated electric systems. This agreement gives these isolated systems an opportunity to participate in emergency, short-term and limited-term power transactions with each other, with Ohio Power transmitting the power to those municipal systems with which it is interconnected."

Bien said, "The signing of this agreement extends to the municipal systems of Ohio the cooperative role which Ohio Power initiated with the state's rural electric cooperatives, through Buckeye Power, Inc., in 1968. Buckeye was organized to provide a bulk power supply to Ohio's 28 rural co-op systems.

pany and The Dayton Power and Light Company, also submitted "amicus curiae" briefs in opposition.

The AEP reply made three major points and asked the SEC to schedule oral argument "at the earliest practicable date." The three arguments were:

- The proposed acquisition of the Columbus-based utility "fully satisfies the size standards" of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The opponents of the merger have argued that the resulting AEP System would be "too big."

- The acquisition would "serve the public interest by tending towards the economical and efficient development of an integrated public utility system." The opponents had questioned the anticipated economies and efficiencies to be realized from the merger. (In its reply brief, C&SO emphasized its continuing need to achieve economies of scale through the affiliation with AEP.)

- A settlement proposal AEP made in 1972 (which offered the Ohio municipal electric systems a large, central generating facility thus providing them an opportunity to strengthen the ability to provide reliable electric service), together with AEP commitments to the Cincinnati and Dayton utilities, would "advance the policies of the antitrust laws. The opponents had maintained that the acquisition would tend to limit, rather than enhance, competition among the state's electric suppliers.

The letter filed by Attorney General Brown, reiterating his two previous supporting letters to the SEC, termed the proposal of "immense importance."

Snodgrass moves to Charleston



Snodgrass

Barry L. Snodgrass, commercial coordinator in the General Office Customer Services Department, Roanoke, has been transferred to Charleston as a power engineer.

Snodgrass, a native of Abingdon, Virginia, holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He joined Appalachian Power in 1969 as a commercial sales engineer at Abingdon and was promoted to commercial sales engineer (GC) and transferred to Roanoke in 1972. He became commercial coordinator earlier this year.

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Kees named office supervisor



Kees

Elizabeth S. Kees has been promoted to office supervisor at Kanawha River Plant.

A native of Holly Grove, West Virginia, Mrs. Kees attended Morris Harvey College, West Virginia Institute of Technology and Charleston School of Commerce. She was first employed at Kanawha River in 1964 and worked for a year and a half before resigning. She rejoined the company in 1968 as a clerk typist and worked as a clerk stenographer and stenographer before being promoted to plant clerk senior in March of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kees have one daughter.

Madison retires after 28 years



Madison

Roy L. Madison, Bluefield head meter clerk, retired August 1 after 28 years' service.

A native of Botetourt County, Virginia, Roy attended National Business College in Roanoke, Virginia. Prior to joining Appalachian Power in 1946 as a clerk intermediate at Pulaski, Roy was employed by the C&O Railway Company and both the U. S. Government Payroll Department and Hercules Powder Company at Radford Ordnance Plant. He worked in Pulaski as a clerk senior and junior and senior meter records clerk before transferring to Bluefield in 1960 as a meter clerk senior. He was promoted to head meter clerk in 1965.

Roy is a member of the Pulaski Pythagoras Lodge #239, A. F. & A. M.; Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter #39, and Bluefield Elks Club. His home church is Pulaski Presbyterian. He and his wife Mary, who reside at College Terrace Apartments in Bluefield, plan to travel some and just take life easy during retirement.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

T. M. Carter to planner senior.

Bluefield

Tracy Weiss to customer accounts representative. **A. Jacqueline M. Houston** to customer accounts representative. **B. Mary W. Mash** to customer accounts representative. **B. Dwight E. Penn** to lineman. **C. Alfred K. Miles** to head T&D clerk.

Cabin Creek

Clifford H. Stone to boiler operator. **A. James E. Perdue** to boiler operator. **C. Donald E. Perry, Jr.**, to boiler operator. **D. David L. Petry** to utility man. **A. John K. Bradley** to utility man. **A. John W. Allison** to utility man.

Charleston

Robert W. Gillespie to area serviceman. **David E. Morris** to lineman. **A. Elvin A. Pauley** to stationman. **A. William E. Castleberry** to car washer. **Ray E. Sayre** to meterman. **B. Glenn A. Withrow** to clerk junior.

Clinch River

Jackie E. Fields to equipment operator. **Wade B. Booker** to utility operator. **B. Sherman L. Nash** to utility operator B.

General Office

Carolyn S. Poff to stenographer. **Ruth Santopolo** to stenographer. **David W. Perdue** to transmission man. **B. Nancy G. Parker** to key punch operator. **B. Carrie B. Crawford** to classification clerk.

Kanawha River

Woodrow McClung to master maintenance man. **Walter Arnold Sutton** to helper. **John Phillip Harrison** to helper. **Billie Jean Walker** to plant clerk senior. **Michael Todd Smith** to utility operator.

Logan-Williamson

William D. Viars to planner.

Pulaski

James C. Hash to lineman. **A. Tommy E. Bobbitt** to lineman. **A. Nelson M. Quesenberry** to division r/w maintenance inspector.

Roanoke

Roger L. Jones to heating and air conditioning consultant. **P. D. Burkholder** to lineman. **C. P. Lorraine Bratton** to head T&D clerk. **R. P. Downey** to T&D clerk senior. **S. Faye Mackenhimer** to clerk junior. **Diana K. Bohon** to T&D clerk. **Martha L. Worrell**, administrative clerk, from GO Customer Services to Division Managerial.

Philip Sporn

Frederick J. Wilson to stores attendant. **Judy A. Liberatore** to stores clerk. **Deborah K. Henson** to stores clerk. **Franklin J. Ryther** to fire protection man. **Max R. Drenner** to stores attendant. **Michael V. Gardner** to stores attendant. **C. Dale Roush** to stores attendant. **Luther O. Smith** to utility foreman. **Michael L. Wilson** to utility man. **A. Phillip L. McMullen** to utility man. **A. Herbert G. Slone** to utility man.

Central Appalachian Coal

Michael C. Christian to section foreman.

Kanawha Valley Power

Cynthia L. Witt from clerk-typist, Charleston, to clerk-stenographer, KVP. **Norman J. Caldwell** to assistant hydro utility operator. **B. Charles W. Campbell** to assistant hydro utility operator B.

Kentucky Power

Pikeville

Guilene Smith to residential advisor. **Marion Cabell** to credit and collection clerk. **Bobby Slone** to lineman. **C. Danny H. Hamilton** to lineman. **A. Franklin G. Charles** to lineman. **A. Billy C. Meade** to lineman.

Kingsport Power

B. J. Pyle to lineman. **C. J. W. Gilliam** to custodian.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Wayne M. Plymale, Jr., to mine superintendent. **Hillard Venard Cochran** to section foreman. **Roger Lee McComas** to section foreman. **James Allen Stanley** to section foreman.



James R. Drenan, line foreman in the Milton area of Huntington Division, has been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Wendell H. Ford.

Henry Skaggs, a man concerned with people and devoted to duty

Henry C. Skaggs, Jr., who retired August 1 as manager of the Kanawha River Plant, grew up during the depression years of the 30's. The son of a prominent Montgomery, West Virginia, medical doctor, it is reported that in his high school years he was serious and purposeful in acquiring an education.

However, this concentration on learning did not deter him from giving full attention to the game of football. As a member of the Montgomery Greyhounds, it is alleged that one of his more successful strategies was to temporarily blind his opponent with a well aimed quantity of Mail Pouch tobacco juice.

Henry attended the old New River State College (now West Virginia Institute of Technology) before going to West Virginia University, where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering. His career with Appalachian Electric Power Company began one June morning in 1936 when Howard Andrews, then results engineer, escorted Henry through the portals of Cabin Creek Plant.

Skaggs rose through the ranks as maintenance foreman, boiler room engineer and assistant plant superintendent before being named acting steam plant superintendent in 1950.

He was respected and held in high esteem by Cabin Creek employees, who expressed it in interesting ways. Sometime after World War II, Henry purchased a new Ford automobile. Apparently he liked the factory wash and polish job on the car, as he never disturbed it by any application of soap and water or sweeping and dusting inside.

Some of the employees decided that even if Henry were satisfied with his unwashed, unshined, unswept and internally-littered-with-cigarette-butts-and-match-sticks Ford, probably his wife, being a refined and gentle young matron, was not. Therefore, they proceeded to wash and wax the exterior, sweep, dust and clean upholstery on the inside. It was a beautiful job of show room quality. As the job was performed for Virginia, they cleaned only her side of the car, leaving Henry's side in factory condition. It is best that his reaction not be recorded for posterity.

In 1951 Henry was assigned to start-up and manage the Kanawha River Plant. The performance of the plant over the past 33 years reflects his expertise. Instead of some deterioration as one would expect, the plant has maintained the new plant performance and, in some instances, better than original.

An environmentalist before it became a national pastime, Henry served on the West Virginia Air Pollution Control



Skaggs

Commission for a number of years. Kanawha River was the first Appalachian plant to install modern precipitators, and the most recent issue of **AEP Operating Ideas** has an article written by Henry, in which he describes how Kanawha employees overcame some of the problems of precipitator operation.

He was one of the early believers in finding new uses for fly ash and has encouraged its sale in an almost evangelical fashion. Profits to the company from the sale of fly ash for use in such things as concrete, plastic furniture and even as an insulating material on the nose cones of reentry vehicles in our nation's space program, have amounted to thousands of dollars.

Perhaps Skaggs is best described by a long-time friend who says, "Henry is known for being forthright and is not prone to beat around the bush. He is a man of unimpeachable character. Some would say that he has trace of orneriness, which lends charm and color to his character. There never has been any doubt about his honesty, truthfulness, competence, concern for people and devotion to duty. The particular niche he has carved in the course of his career with the power company will not be duplicated. Stated in simple terms Henry Skaggs is a great man!"

Henry's wife Virginia recently retired from the Kanawha County School System. They have a son, two daughters and two grandchildren.

W. G. Bell gets state appointment

W. G. Bell, Appalachian Power executive assistant, has been appointed by Governor Mills E. Godwin to a four-year term on the Safety and Health Codes Commission of Virginia.

The Commission is responsible for studying and investigating all phases of safety in business establishments throughout the State of Virginia. It also is authorized to adopt, alter, amend or repeal rules and regulations to further, protect and promote the safety and health of employees in places of employment over which it has jurisdiction.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KANAWHA RIVER

Archie Searls, maintenance man, was installed as master of Chelyan Masonic Lodge No. 158.

GLEN LYN



Witt Spangler

Patti Jo Witt, daughter of James H. Witt, Jr., engineer B, was the recipient of the citizenship award at Peterstown High School and represented Monroe County in the Water Festival at Hinton, W. Va. She will attend Concord College this fall.

Cindy Spangler, daughter of Personnel Supervisor C. L. Spangler, was elected vice president of national and state projects of the West Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of America. She is the 1974-75 president of the senior FHA chapter at Peterstown High School.

Russell A. White, former temporary employee and the son-in-law of Maintenance Man Frank A. Agee, is a theology graduate of Tennessee Temple School.

Mary and Rita Harris, daughters of Chief Chemist Everett Harris, were elected cheerleaders at Giles High School.

Sharon Gayle Martin, daughter of Maintenance Helper Lee Martin, was named to the dean's list at Concord College.

PHILIP SPORN

Dale Justis, son of Master Maintenance Man M. F. Justis, was promoted to head of the Distribution Department at Public Service Indiana's general headquarters in Plainfield, Indiana.

PULASKI

James A. Sharp, son of R. Clyde Sharp, Galax meter serviceman A, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a BS degree in animal science.

S. J. "Red" Johnson, who is serving his sixth year on council, has been named vice mayor of the City of Galax.

Claud K. Kirkland, division

manager, was reappointed to a four-year term on the board of New River Community College.

Mrs. W. E. Miller, wife of the Pulaski line inspector, and **Mrs. Royall Lawson**, wife of the Pulaski customer accounting supervisor, were installed as third vice president and treasurer, respectively, of the Madeline Harman Woman's Club.

Charles Rhett, son of Retiree C. H. Rhett, was named treasurer of the Pulaski Jaycees.

W. C. Hager, Christiansburg area supervisor, and **R. E. Lester**, residential representative, were appointed to the Electrical Examining Board by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors.

ASHLAND

Sandra Hylton, classification and verification clerk in GO Accounting, is a member of the Folklanders Troupe which recently performed international folk dances and folk songs at Carter Caves State Park.

J. G. Saltz, personnel director, was appointed chairman of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias' personnel task force.

Bill Schweitzer, residential representative senior, was elected third vice president of the Ashland Lions Club.

KINGSPORT

John E. Faust, assistant vice president, was the first recipient of a national honorary life membership awarded at the Kingsport PTA Council's annual installation dinner. He served as president of the Kingsport Board of Education for nine years.



Scot Williams has been accepted by the Manhattan School of Music, following an audition, and will begin study there this fall. He has completed one year at Appalachian State University, where he majored in cello, and has played in the Kingsport Symphony Orchestra for two years. He is the son of Mack D. Williams, residential representative.

W. Z. Trumbo, personnel director, was elected surgeon of the Charles De Witt Byrd Post No. 3382, VFW.

Mike Bryan, son of C. J. Bryan, executive vice president, was a member of the Carson-Newman College singers which gave a three-week tour of musical concerts in Romania. His group traveled under the Ambassadors For Friendship Program, partially subsidized by DeWitt Wallace, editor of Reader's Digest, through the Wallace Foundation. The group gave 12 formal concerts as well as informal presentations.

GENERAL OFFICE



Lester

Judith P. Lester, key punch supervisor in GO Accounting, Roanoke, was elected president of the Star City Chapter, American Business Women's Association.

Debra Ann Mullins, daughter of M. M. Mullins, chief civil construction, Blue Ridge Development, was inducted into the National Honor Society and elected a cheerleader at Winfield Junior High School.

Michael Bunting, son of C. F. Bunting, regional dispatcher in GO Operations, Huntington, graduated from Culinary Institute of America and is employed at the Guyan Country Club, Huntington.

Robert D. Coffman, right of way agent in GO Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke, became a seven gallon blood donor in June.

D. D. Taylor, tax accounting supervisor in GO Accounting, Roanoke, was elected to a two-year term as moderator-chairman of the Westhampton Christian Church. He was also elected secretary of the Area Men's Fellowship of Christian Churches of Roanoke Valley.

M. J. Hartley, retired GO T&D meter superintendent, was honored with a life membership award at the 43rd annual Electric Meter School and Conference conducted by the Electrical Engineering Department of North Carolina State University.

Donald C. Price, son of G. H. Price, transmission man A, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield, graduated from Lebanon High School.

Scott Ash, son of Arlen R. Ash, transmission man B, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, St. Albans, completed a two-year machinist's course at the Ben Franklin Trade School.

LYNCHBURG

Barbara L. Brown, daughter of Custodian Clyde M. Brown, has assumed the position of assistant director of admissions at Western Carolina University. She was an AEP Education Award winner in 1966.

Ronald L. Figg, son of Customer Services Supervisor H. M. Figg, Jr., graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a BS degree in business administration. He is an associate designer of transmission lines with VEPCO. Figg holds an associate degree in civil engineering and completed his business degree through night study.

H. M. Figg, Jr., was appointed projects chairman of the Lynchburg Exchange Club and will be responsible for the annual pancake sale.

Explorer Scout Post 155 sponsored by APCO in Lynchburg participated in the annual Explorer Olympics held at Ferrum College. Explorer **Kelvin Moore** won a gold medal for 120-yard high hurdles. **Luther Oaks** placed fourth in tennis competition.

G. R. Gillette, collector, was elected quartermaster of V.F.W. Post 8184 and district surgeon for District 6 of that organization.

Mrs. Richard Cash, wife of the meter serviceman A, was appointed chairman of the home life and hospitality committee of the Madison Heights Woman's Club.

W. David Crews, personnel supervisor, was appointed to the safety committee of the Lynchburg Downtown Lions Club.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Laura Francis Bragg, daughter of Madison General Serviceman Ralph H. Bragg, graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College with a BS degree in chemistry. She had a 4.0 grade average.

Anna Mary Queen received an award for the "Challenge of My Heritage" at a recent court of awards for Girl Scout Troop 296, Holden, W. Va. She is the



Daughters of three Bluefield employees won blue ribbons for their entries the second annual McDowell County Arts and Crafts and Home Economic Fair. Robin White, daughter of H. S. White, Welch line foreman exempt, won ribbon for her pine cone tree entry in the arts and crafts division. Rhonda Stover, daughter of Dean Stover, Welch line inspector, won two ribbons for garments she made. Donna Ruth Ferguson, daughter of Lvonne Ferguson Welch customer accounts representative, won a ribbon for her fudge. L. to White, Ferguson and Stover.

daughter of Right of Way Age Frank E. Queen.

Mrs. Caleb White, wife of the Logan retiree, was installed as recording secretary of the Loge General Hospital Auxiliary.

BLUEFIELD



Farley

Kathy Jo Farley, granddaughter of Clyde L. Farley, Tazewell area supervisor, was crowned "West Virginia's Miss La Petite". She will compete in the International Universal Pageant in Louisiana later this month.

Lisa Kiser, daughter of James Kiser, stationman A, received degree in management, housing and family development from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

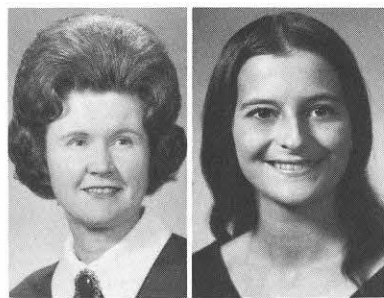
Lois Ann Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, station supervisor, made the dean's list at Marshall University.

Lois K. Rounion, stenographic secretary, will serve as parliamentary advisor for the Bluefield Chapter, National Secretaries Association (International). She spoke before secretarial seminar at Concord College in June.

Nancy Vassar, wife of Bas Vassar, residential representative senior, represented the Tazewell Library at a two weeks' course in "Management for Small Libraries" sponsored by the West Virginia Library Commission in co-operation with Marshall University Library Education Department.

Peggy Roberts, wife of Power Engineer Kenneth Roberts, attended the Jaycee-ette state convention. She and **Mar Devor**, wife of Customer Accounting Supervisor Ron Devor, are organizing a Jaycee-ette group in Welch.

ABINGDON



Nester Fletcher

Lorene P. Nester, Lebanon residential advisor, was installed as president of the Southwest Virginia-East Tennessee Home Economics Association.

Vickie Fletcher, daughter of Patsie Fletcher, customer accounts representative B, was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. A 1974 honor graduate of Holston High School, she was selected most talented senior girl. She was head majorette of Holston Cavalier Band and participated in All-County Band for five years. She has been a candy striper in hospital volunteer service and a delegate to the Model General Assembly in Richmond. She will work toward a degree in pre-elementary education at Virginia Intermont College.

Mark Lindamood, son of W. C. Lindamood, was named to the dean's list at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

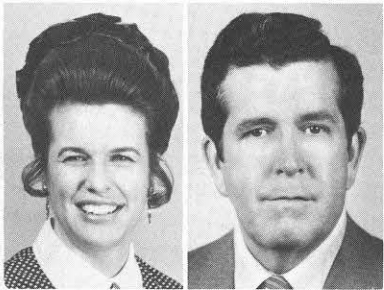
Edward Leon McFall, son of William McFall, Jr., received a BA degree from East Carolina University.

Elizabeth Buchanan, daughter of A. S. Buchanan, received a BA degree from Maryville College.

Deborah Fraley, summer Engineering employee, is district president of the Southwest Virginia 4-H All Stars and conducted the annual conference held recently at VPI & SU.

David Spencer, Marion meter reader, was elected to the board of directors of the Marion Civitan Club.

ROANOKE



Cahill Dougan

Residential Advisor **Margie Cahill** was one of four Virginians who received 4-H alumni awards during the 52nd annual state 4-H Congress. Honored for exemplifying the 4-H philosophy, Mrs. Cahill is a former state winner and national alternate in the 4-H Electric Achievement Program and has supported the electric projects of youths in Roanoke, Craig, Franklin and Bedford counties.

Personnel Supervisor **L. G.**

Dougan was elected president of the Personnel Association of Roanoke.

Wynn R. Gravely, daughter of Dillard F. Gravely, Fieldale engineer B, graduated with honors from the University of Virginia. She received a BA degree in religious studies and English.

Alfred M. Beatty, stores supervisor, and **J. P. Montague**, line supervisor, were elected vice presidents of the Roanoke Civitan Club.

Cassandra Marie Jenkins, daughter of L. W. Jenkins, Fieldale residential representative senior, graduated from Patrick Henry Community College with an associate degree in elementary education.

John R. Hubbard, son of K. K. Hubbard, T&D senior planner, received a degree in environmental engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He made the dean's list for the last quarter.

Paige Martindale, son of Residential Advisor Miriam Martindale, was named to the dean's list at Madison College.

Mrs. Dorothy Vest, mother of Residential Advisor Margie Cahill, was tapped as an honorary All-Star member for her outstanding work as a 4-H leader. Her sister, **Peggy Vest**, was also tapped as a 4-H All Star.

Joel T. Wilson, Fieldale residential representative, was elected assistant vice president of the Henry County Mobile Home Association.

Wanda Gay Waller, daughter of J. W. Wright, Jr., customer services coordinator, graduated magna cum laude from Greensboro College with a bachelor of music education degree in organ. She was listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

Carolyn and David McIntyre, daughter and son-in-law of Station Foreman Hassell A. Hale, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Both earned bachelor of science degrees with a major in psychology.

Daniel E. Vaught, Fieldale power engineer, was installed as Lion Tamer in the Collinsville Lions Club.

Betty Martin, wife of D. A. Martin, head T&D clerk at Fieldale, was a member of the Majorettes bowling team which was champion of the Industrial League for DuPont, Inc.

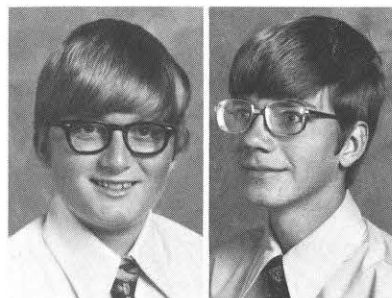
Barbara Dalton, Fieldale clerk trainee, was elected president of the Ft. Trial Extension Homemakers Club.

Leonard W. Jenkins, Fieldale residential representative senior, was installed as a director of the Martinsville-Henry County Home Builders Association.

Douglas Bryant, customer accounts representative C, was a member of a team which placed third in the Captain's Choice Golf Tournament at the Beaver Hill Golf Course.

J. R. Whitehurst, Managerial, was elected to his second term as secretary of the board of directors, Junior Achievement of the Roanoke Valley.

Gilbert Amos, a rising senior at Roanoke College, made the dean's list for the spring term with a 4.0 average. **Robert Amos** had the highest academic average in the ninth grade at Breckenridge Junior High School and received a DAR citizenship award. **David Amos**, a seventh grader at Breckenridge Junior High, also received a DAR citizenship award. They are the sons of R. G. Amos, station foreman.



Amos, D. Amos, R.

BECKLEY



Elliott

Debra J. Elliott, daughter of Paul C. Elliott, lineman A at Oak Hill, graduated 12th in her class at Collins High School and received a scholarship from Marshall University. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Conservation Club, treasurer of Students for Action in Education, Tri-Hi-Y, Log staff, Acorn staff, and was a delegate to Rhododendron Girls State where she received the Della Warman Award. She will major in medical technology at Marshall University.

James E. Jones, division manager, was guest speaker at the annual ladies night banquet of the Appalachian Chapter, West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

Cynthia Rene Pallares, daughter of Toney C. Pallares, graduated from Lakewood High School, Newark, Ohio.

Richard D. Begley, son of Jennings W Begley, graduated from Collins High School, Oak Hill, W. Va.

Those graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley were **Matthew Dane Keatley**, son of K. K. Keatley; **Mary Kathryn McGinnis**, daughter of J. R. McGinnis; **John Walter McGraw**, son of Walter G. McGraw; **Randall Mark Epling**, son of W. F. Epling; **Arnold Oliver Yost, Jr.**, son of A. O. Yost; **Stephen Wesley Evans**, son of Keith Evans, and **Frank Robert Kirby**, son of Jim Kirby.

Dorothy Ann Barker, daughter of Personnel Supervisor J. C. Barker, was named to the dean's list at Morris Harvey College.

CHARLESTON

W. B. Belchee, assistant division manager, was elected to the board of directors of the Charleston Kiwanis Club.

Kelli Brown made the Clendenin Junior High School majorette corps and **Kimberly Brown** is playing on the Blue Birds team in the girls softball Little League. They are the daughters of Keith Brown, Clendenin area serviceman.

Terri Loy, daughter of Commercial Representative Don Loy, made the drill team at George Washington High School.

Eddie Stone, customer accounts representative B, won third place in individual scoring in the 18- to 28-year-old class in the Church Summer Olympics on Bakers Fork. Each individual was required to compete in at least six out of 33 events.

Kevin Charlton, son of PBX Operator Mona Sue Charlton, won awards in basketball and

physical education and was a officer helper and on the newspaper staff and school safety patrol.

HUNTINGTON



Lewis

Byron Black, son of Virgin Black, residential representative graduated from the West Virginia University School of Dentistry and has been accepted into the oral surgery program at WVU. Only one appointment to the program is made each year.

Amy M. Swann, daughter of Area Serviceman James Swann was a contestant in the seventh annual Lincoln County Tomato Festival beauty pageant.

Janet Lewis, wife of Albe Lewis, Jr., T&D clerk senior, was named employee of the month by the Huntington Trust & Saving Bank.



When the daughter of former slave parents reached her 100th birthday recently, the Town of Glasgow Virginia, joined in the celebration by declaring "Angie Mitchell Day". Mrs. Mitchell is the grandmother of Ros Mitchell Anthony, Roanoke Division residential advisor. When asked what she attributed her longevity, Mrs. Mitchell said, "I think it's just been through the mercy of the Lord. With the exception of some loss of hearing, I consider myself to be in perfect health."



POWCO, a Junior Achievement company sponsored by Kentucky Power Company's Ashland Division, won this trophy for having the best annual report among 14 JA companies. Manufacturer of auto trouble lights and AstroTurf door mats, POWCO was also second in sales. Lydia Patton, POWCO president, was named Outstanding Business Woman of the Year. L. to r., Bill Schweitzer,

residential representative senior, company advisor Ralph Smith, engineer B, company advisor; Miss Patten Waldo S. LaFon, Kentucky Power executive vice president; Carol Walker, vice president of personnel POWCO; Steve Souder, distribution engineer, company advisor; and Frank Salisbury, engineer B, company advisor.

19 company couples are married in summer ceremonies



Naylor



Faulconer



Henkel



Hayner



Harris



Bailiff



Sharp



Lloyd



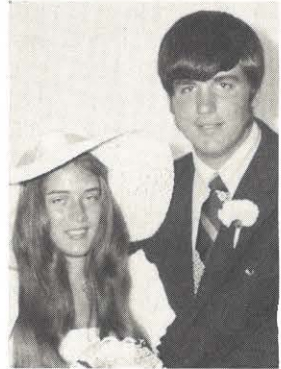
Hedrick



Shultz



Mills



Baker



Ramsey



Eads



Dalton



Williams

Romagnoli-Naylor

Mary Ann Romagnoli was married to Stephen E. Naylor June 29 in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Charleston, West Virginia. Mr. Naylor is a laborer, Kanawha Valley Power.

Figg-Faulconer

Delores L. Figg and Charles B. Faulconer, Jr., were married July 20 in Chestnut Hill Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. Mrs. Faulconer is the daughter of H. M. Figg, Jr., customer services supervisor, Lynchburg.

Romani-Henkel

The marriage of Patricia Mary Romani and Paul Sutton Henkel was solemnized June 22 in Saint Andrew's Catholic Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Henkel is a right of way agent, General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke.

Frazier-Hayner

Wedding vows were exchanged by Marsha Frazier and Michael Lee Hayner May 18 in Callahan Methodist Church, Callahan, Virginia. Mr. Hayner is the son of Dallas T. Hayner, maintenance foreman, Glen Lyn Plant.

Elder-Harris

Lindy Gaye Elder was married to Norman J. Harris June 22 in Madisonville Presbyterian Church, Madisonville, Virginia. Mrs. Harris is the daughter of George E. Elder, station foreman nonexempt, Lynchburg.

Champe-Bailiff

Elizabeth Champe and Fred H. Bailiff, II, were united in marriage June 22 in Emmanuel Baptist Church, Charleston, West Virginia. Mrs. Bailiff is a summer clerk trainee and the daughter of W. W. Champe, general serviceman, Charleston.

Knopp-Lloyd

Katherine Yvonne Knopp became the bride of Charles Hudson Lloyd June 29 in War Memorial Chapel, Blacksburg, Virginia. Mr. Lloyd is the son of Jack Lloyd, Bluefield Division manager.

Hatfield-Minton

The United Church of Christ, Piqua, Ohio, was the setting for the July 5th wedding of Nikki A. Hatfield and Nial F. Minton. Mrs. Minton is a secretary senior, Philip Sporn Plant.

Bailey-Mills

A double ring ceremony performed May 25 in Church Hill, Tennessee, united Lena Bailey and J. D. Mills. Mr. Mills is a custodian, Kingsport.

McGlothlin-Sharp

Wedding vows were exchanged by Karen Lynn McGlothlin and Kent Maurice Sharp, Jr., July 6 in the First Baptist Church, Pulaski, Virginia. Mrs. Sharp is the granddaughter of Stanley C. Smith, retired Pulaski line inspector. Mr. Sharp is the son of K. M. Sharp, Pulaski station foreman, and the grandson of the late Robert L. Sharp, former Byllesby Hydro employee.

Roll-Baker

Susan Roll and Barney Baker, Jr., were married June 23 at the home of the bride. Mr. Baker is a meter reader, Hazard.



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 30 in Welch, West Virginia. Eighteen guests attended a party given by their son-in-law and daughter, Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. W. Bricker, and Mrs. Taylor's sister, Miss Doris Kitchen. Taylor retired June 30, 1964, as Bluefield Division accounting supervisor. In addition to their daughter, they have three grandchildren.

Bailey-Hedrick

Joann Bailey became the bride of Roy T. Hedrick, Jr., June 15 in the First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Hedrick is a stenographer in General Office T&D Distribution Section, Roanoke.

Wilson-Dalton

Virginia Wilson and James W. Dalton were married June 22 in Forest, Virginia. Mr. Dalton is a stationman C, Lynchburg.

ENGAGEMENTS

JUDY N. SNEAD, Abingdon clerk trainee, to Sherman Vermillion.

DIANE KEATLEY DENT, daughter of Beckley Area Serviceman K. K. Keatley, to William H. File, Jr.

LISA BETH KISER, daughter of James H. Kiser, Bluefield stationman A, to Jerry Wayne Lester.

LINDA BALLARD, Bluefield stenographer, to C. D. "SONNY" WILEY, Glen Lyn Plant maintenance man.

Nona Catherine Ball to JONATHAN WALLACE PIGG, son of Ashland Residential Representative Joseph W. Pigg.

Vickie Hager to MARTY COPLEY, Logan-Williamson lineman helper.

Sally Rae Barker to SERGEI STEPHEN SUMMERS, Logan-Williamson electrical engineer.

Patti Crow to KURT SISSON, Roanoke rodman.

Joan A. McGuigan to BROADDUS C. FITZPATRICK, Roanoke business trainee.

REIDA LEE DOOLITTLE, daughter of Philip Sporn Plant Unit Foreman W. R. Doolittle, to William Mack Flowers.

Brenda H. Rector to DAVID E. BARGER, engineer B, General Office T&D Distribution Section, Roanoke.

Johnson-Darchuk

The Vinton Baptist Church, Vinton, Virginia, was the setting for the July 6th wedding of Sandra Lee Johnson and David Wall Darchuk. Mrs. Darchuk is the stepdaughter of Alice Johnson, cashier senior, Roanoke.

Huffman-Ramsey

Sandra Jean Huffman and Willie N. Ramsey were married June 22 in Meta Baptist Church, Meta, Kentucky. Mrs. Ramsey is the daughter of R. L. Huffman, right of way agent, Pikeville.

Larrick-Eads

The marriage of Betsey Ellen Larrick and Terry Richard Eads was solemnized July 6 in the Methodist Temple, Beckley, West Virginia. Mr. Eads is an electrical engineer, Beckley.

Hairston-Pilson

June 29 was the wedding day of Garnett Marie Hairston and Franklin Rudolph Pilson, who were married in Martinsville, Virginia. Mr. Pilson is a lineman at Fieldale, Roanoke Division.

Martin-Shultz

Sharon Gayle Martin became the bride of David V. Shultz June 1 in Cashmere Baptist Church, Cashmere, West Virginia. Mrs. Shultz is the daughter of Lee B. Martin, maintenance helper, Glen Lyn Plant.

Christian-Williams

A double ring ceremony performed July 12 on the lawn of the bride's home united Debbie Christian and Frank Williams. Mr. Williams is a clerk-trainee, Beckley.

Ralph Poff gets college degree



Ralph Poff, Jr., gets a congratulatory kiss from his wife for receiving a degree from Virginia Western Community College.

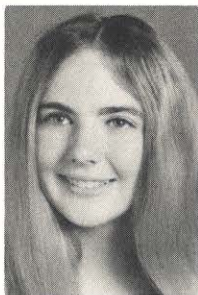
J. Ralph Poff, Jr., engineer B in the General Office Hydro Department, Roanoke, has received an associate in applied science degree in electronic engineering technology from Virginia Western Community College after six years of night school.

Poff says, "It's been such a long time, it feels as though I have been going to college ever since I started to work for Appalachian." Actually he was employed in 1966 as a mail clerk and started attending night school the following year.

His wife Connie says, "It sure is nice to have a husband home at nights." Their five-year-old son Stephen thought that going to school was part of his dad's job.

Poff adds, "The desire to get out of clerical work into the technical field was a big factor in my ambition for a college degree. If it had to be done again, I surely would."

Donna Jessee is salutatorian



Jessee

Donna Lynn Jessee, daughter of Jack F. Jessee, maintenance man at Glen Lyn Plant, was salutatorian of the 1974 graduating class at Narrows High School, Narrows, Virginia.

Miss Jessee was a member of the National Honor Society, Keyettes, Future Business Leaders of America, Future Teachers of America, Spanish Club, Interclub Council, Girls Athletic Association, Pep Club, newspaper staff, president of the chorus and head majorette.

Miss Jessee is attending Radford College and plans to major in music education.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

Sharon Gobble, clerk-trainee. Judy Vermillion, clerk-trainee.

Bluefield

Patricia B. Hanley, office messenger. Mark S. Collins, part-time custodian, Princeton.

General Office

Thomas L. Boyd, Jr., custodian,

Charleston PBX operator retires



Lawhorn

Visiting people at hospitals and homes for the aged is one of the things Myrtle Virginia Lawhorn hopes to be able to do now that she has more leisure time. Myrtle, who retired August 1 as PBX operator senior in Charleston, declares that winning people to Christ puts more joy in her heart than anything.

Well liked by everyone, a fellow employee comments, "There's no way to describe Myrtle's good sense of humor".

Myrtle began her utility career as a PBX operator and during her 30 years' service also worked as a clerk intermediate, cash poster and credit representative. She worked the night shift for a number of years as an operator. An incident which occurred after she had been with the company about a year and a half stands out vividly in her mind. One night, while she was getting a lot of trouble calls, a man came to the office to get in. She told him to climb through the window and sign in. It was only after she looked at the register that she found out he was Mr. Fickland, then division manager, and she was scared to death that he might fire her.

Myrtle, who says she'd love to live on the river bank, also plans to do a lot of fishing during retirement. She is a member of Mountain Mission Church in Charleston. Myrtle has a son and three grandchildren, who live in Memphis, Tennessee.

Roanoke. Haille W. Ham, custodian, Roanoke. John F. Skidmore, electrical engineer, Huntington. Jerry L. Booth, co-op student engineer, Roanoke. Charles B. Burch, engineer B, Roanoke. Danny L. Lawson, communications engineer B, Charleston. Michael E. Layman, engineer B, Roanoke. Ronald L. Poff, civil engineer, Roanoke.

Pulaski

Richard M. Moody, electrical engineer.

Roanoke

Sheila R. Martin, meterman helper. Larry B. Kessler, co-op student engineer.

Central Coal

Ray J. Mann, section foreman.

Central Machine Shop

William D. Craft, custodian.

Kingsport Power

Andrew J. Dover, meter reader.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Ronnie Lee Williams, engineering technician. Charles Edward Davis, section foreman. Frederick Herman Vollmuth, personnel assistant. Frank Wysor Vickers, rodman. Gary Lee Cooper, Jr., transitman. Katherine Jane Pyles, clerk-typist.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Christopher Todd, son of M. H. MONROE, lineman B, Gate City, June 18.

Bluefield

Nora Suzanne, daughter of JOHN D. HARVEY, lineman A, Princeton, June 27.

Michele Denise, daughter of A. E. MARTIN, stationman B, June 24.

Central Machine Shop

Jeffrey Todd, son of DAVID A. ARTHUR, machinist 1st class, June 20.

Glen Lyn

Tanya Hope, daughter of MACKIE C. MULLINS, auxiliary equipment operator, June 21.

Johnny Arron, son of DONALD J. PERDUE, utility man A, June 21.

Huntington

Tiffany M., daughter of JAMES H. LINTHICUM, JR., meterman C, June 26.

Pulaski

David Anthony, son of R. A. BRYAN,

Clark Alley, Pulaski area serviceman retires to 122-acre farm on New River

"I've got 122 acres that join New River, and I'm going to stay right here and relax and fool with my cattle if I'm able," says Clark Woodrow Alley. He retired August 1 as area serviceman in the Ivanhoe Section of Pulaski Division. Clark continues, "My wife Golda and I can sit in our living room, look out the picture window and watch the deer play in the field."

A native of Carroll County, Virginia, Clark was employed in 1945 as a groundman and worked as a lineman C and B, serviceman B and meter serviceman B and A before being promoted to area serviceman in 1965.

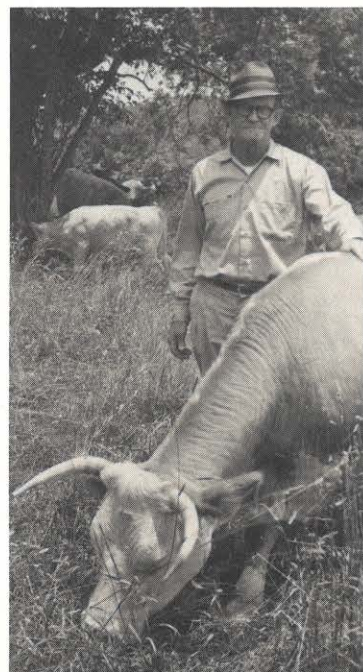
Clark recalls, "I've been through some rough times. I've come in at night when my overalls were so frozen they would stand up by themselves. I think one of my worst experiences was a weekend in West Virginia about 12 or 15 years ago during a snowstorm." He says some of his best times have been with L. A. Sharpe, retired Galax area supervisor.

Clark likes to hunt groundhogs and fish, claiming the catfish in the river along his place are "bigger than you". He also enjoys his cattle, saying, "I can't hardly sell one without crying. I really get attached to them. Those little calves will come up to

me when I sit down and lick face."

Clark belongs to the Christ Church and Ivanhoe Loc #235, A. F. & A. M.

He emphasizes, "It's a great thing to have something to rely on and live on. You just stop and think about that. I never heard of any company that has a better retirement than ours."



Clark Alley raises cattle on his New River farm.

Karen Keatley wins state title

Sixteen-year-old Kitty Kar Keatley, daughter of Beckley Area Serviceman K. K. Keatley, was chosen Miss West Virginia Teen-Ager. She will represent the Mountain State in the national Miss Teen-Ager Pageant in Atlanta, Georgia, August 31.

As in the state pageant, national contestants will be judged on leadership, scholastic achievement, poise and personality. They will deliver essays on "What's Right With America", model evening gown and have interviews with the judges. Neither the state nor national pageant has talent swimsuit competitions.

Miss Keatley's sponsor in the West Virginia pageant was the Junior Department of the Woman's Club of Beckley. Winner, she receives a trip to Hawaii December 27-January 11, a \$750 scholarship to Mass Junior College in Atlanta, a \$1,000 scholarship to Models Institute in Charleston, W. Va., and an expenses-paid trip to and from Atlanta where she will spend five days and five nights.

Miss Keatley will be a junior at Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, where she is a varsity cheerleader, member of the Conservation and Booster Club and vice president of the Alpha Omega Sub Deb Club. She hopes some day to be a model and fashion designer.

JR., lineman helper, Galax, June 11.

Roanoke

Michele Lee, daughter of GARY S. SINK, meter reader, June 6.

Tracy Renee, daughter of W. T. ANDERSON, auto repairman A, June 24.

Michael Davis, chosen son of L. G. REDDEN, lineman A, May 26.

Elizabeth Ann, daughter of M. O. WILSON, JR., residential representative, June 28.

Philip Sporn

Janell R., daughter of WILLIAM R. NEUTZLING, maintenance man, July 11.

Steven Wesley, son of NORMAN E. HYSELL, maintenance man, July 1.

Jennifer Paige, daughter of PHYLLIS M. HESSON, part-time customer accounts representative, Point Pleasant, and G. H. HESSON, stores supervisor, Philip Sporn, June 6.

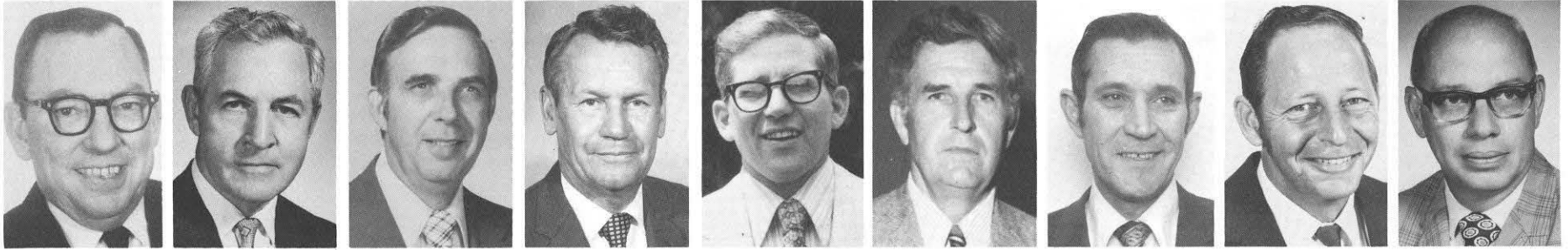
Cheryl Ann, daughter of G. D. ROLLINS, utility man A, June 6.

Betty Kathleen, daughter of R. G. LAKE, barge attendant, May 11.

Employees receive awards representing 850 years' service



Barns Valley Graybill Stoner Fields Schwartz Beall Parks Helm Shabdue



Evans Hagaman Webb Pigg Farmer Love Pauley Roush Stewart

40 Years	Classification	Location
Barns, F. B.	Area Superintendent A	Bluefield
Valley, L. C.	Area Supervisor A	Abingdon

35 Years	Classification	Location
Graybill, Mary Lou	Secretarial-Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Stoner, D. B.	Credit Supervisor	Roanoke
Fields, Margaret	Time Clerk Senior	Cabin Creek
Schwartz, G. F.	Division Superintendent	Huntington
Beall, J. E.	Meter Supv. Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Parks, P. W.	T&D Clerk Senior	Bluefield

30 Years	Classification	Location
Price, Rosemary	Private Secretary	GO-Roanoke

25 Years	Classification	Location
Helm, F. O.	Asst. Division Manager	Huntington
Shabdue, H. K.	Area Development Consultant	GO-Charleston
Evans, C. H.	Plt. Performance Supv.	Philip Sporn
Hagaman, H. P.	Engineering Supervisor	Huntington
Webb, W. E.	T&D Meterman A	GO-Roanoke
Pigg, J. W.	Residential Representative	Ashland
Farmer, H. E., Jr.	Line Foreman Non-Exempt	Bluefield
Love, R. H.	Engineering Supervisor	Pulaski
Pauley, P. E.	Customer Services Supv.	Bluefield
Whitt, Glen	Collector	Pikeville

20 Years	Classification	Location
Roush, M. W.	Tractor Operator	Philip Sporn
Stewart, F. W.	Chemist	AEP—Huntington

15 Years	Classification	Location
Furr, G. L., Jr.	Sr. Appraisal Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Sanders, J. D.	General Records Accountant	GO-Roanoke
Broughton, C. W.	Line Inspector	Logan-Williamson

10 Years	Classification	Location
Hill, J. E.	Draftsman Senior	Abingdon
Ferrell, Bonnie	Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Mathis, G. L.	Draftsman Senior	Logan-Williamson
Crank, H. M.	Area Serviceman	Lynchburg
Stevens, J. E.	Lineman A	Lynchburg
Beam, B. A.	Attorney	GO-Roanoke

5 Years	Classification	Location
Brown, D. K.	Lineman B	Abingdon
Hunt, J. M.	Draftsman	Beckley
Ham, W. C.	Mechanic	Beckley
Archibald, M. R.	Electrical Engineer	Charleston
Jackson, P. E.	Auto Repairman B	Charleston
Gilmore, Yvonne M	Personnel Clerk Senior	Charleston
Bush, D. T.	Electrical Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Caldwell, R. S.	Sr. Engineering Technologist	GO-Roanoke
Clements, E. T.	Key Punch Operator A	GO-Roanoke
Coeburn, R. W.	Transmission Man B	GO-Bluefield
Fechter, G. L.	Electrical Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Gilliam, H. D.	Rodman	GO-Roanoke
Pauley, J. M.	Transmission Man A	GO-Bluefield
Switzer, D. W.	Forms & Office Supply Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Martin, D. R.	Coal Sampler	Glen Lyn

5 Years	Classification	Location
Sheffield, R. L.	Stationman Helper	Huntington
Pinson, R. E.	Lineman B	Huntington
Maggio, M. G.	Stores Attendant Senior	Kanawha River
McCoy, Joe Ann	Credit Representative	Lynchburg
Tolley, Sue Dowdy	Cashier	Lynchburg
Chandler, F. A., Jr.	Lineman C	Pulaski
Taylor, Sybil	Cust. Accounts Rep. B	Roanoke
Jackson, D. E.	Maintenance Man	Philip Sporn
Thompson, R. R.	Junior Maintenance Man	Philip Sporn
Charles, F. G.	Lineman A	Pikeville
Meade, B. C.	Lineman A	Pikeville
England, William, Jr.	Lineman B	Pikeville

Posey Payne begins retirement



Payne
Posey Campbell Payne, Pulaski Division transportation supervisor, retired August 1 after 34 years' service.

A native of Witt, Virginia, Posey began his career with Appalachian Power in 1940 as a laborer. He worked as a ground man, attendant, clerk and clerk senior before being promoted to transportation supervisor in 1949.

Posey has plans for fishing, hunting, traveling and camping during his retirement. He likes gardening so much that he has two, one behind his house and one across the street from his house. Both are absolutely weedless. He says, "I really enjoy my gardens; and, not many people know it, but I also like to raise flowers." He also enjoys cooking especially when he is camping.

Posey is a member of the First Baptist Church; past master Pythagoras Lodge #239, A. F. & M. S.; past high priest, Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter #39; and past district deputy grand high priest, Ninth Masonic District. He and his wife Elizabeth have four children and five grandchildren. Their son, Posey C. Payne, Jr., is a meterman A in Pulaski.

C. C. Jackson, Kanawha Valley hydro plant supervisor, retires

Saying he wants "to live a little" after many years of hard work, beginning when he was a schoolboy, Charles Cleo Jackson elected early retirement August 1. He was hydro plant supervisor A for Kanawha Valley Power.

Jack recalls when he was growing up in Putnam County, he milked 20 cows before he left for school each day and again when he came home. In the summer, when his dad would get in from his job around midnight, he'd wake Jack up and they would hoe corn all night. Jack was one of nine children, and his late brother, Harold Jackson, retired from Appalachian Power in 1970. A nephew, Bill Jackson, is a Charleston Division employee.

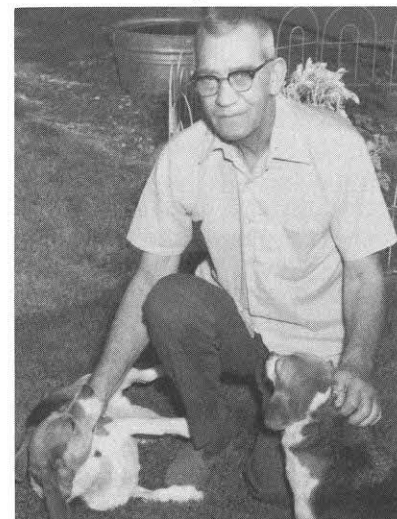
Jack began his career as a maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant in 1929. He resigned after three and a half years and went to work on a steam boat as a deck hand and watchman. He worked his way up to master of steamship and traveled the Kanawha, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

Jack returned to Appalachian in November 1937 as a maintenance man and moved to Kanawha Valley Power the following month as a laborer. He advanced through the ranks as 2nd class repairman, hydro maintenance man A, system hydro maintenance man A for AEP, system hydro maintenance mechanic B and A, and working

foreman before being promoted to hydro plant supervisor A in 1962.

Jack says, "I have seen a lot of people come and go. When I started with Kanawha Valley Power, we had 37 employees and now only have 11. We used to work eight hours, be off eight hours, and back to work for eight hours. I've loved every bit of my work."

Jack has plenty of work to do around the house to keep busy for a while, then he and his wife June both plan to do a lot of hunting and fishing. He has been Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the board of Calvary Baptist Church in Charleston. The Jacksons have one child and three grandchildren.



Charles Jackson will have more time to hunt with his dogs, Paul and Katy, during retirement.

WE REMEMBER



Thompson

Frank B. "Friday" Thompson, 66, retired Charleston Division stores supervisor, died July 16 of an apparent heart attack.

A native of Beckley, West Virginia, Thompson had 25 years' service when he elected early retirement in June 1972.

Survivors include one sister and one brother.



Webster

William Webster, 80, retired Charleston Division custodian, died June 30 in Gibsonville, North Carolina. A native of Madison, N. C., he had 16 years' service when he retired June 30, 1959.

Webster is survived by one daughter and two grandchildren.



Winkler

Barbour V. "Wink" Winkler, 50, Huntington Division planner senior, died July 13.

An Air Force veteran of World War II, Winkler began his career in 1948 as an axman in the T&D Department.

Survivors include his wife, one daughter, one son and three grandchildren.



Thacker

Vernon L. Thacker, 67, retired Huntington Division station foreman, died July 14.

A native of Wayne County, West Virginia, Thacker had 47 years' service when he retired in December 1971.

He is survived by his widow.

Shelva R. McClure, 66, retired line foreman in the Welch area of Bluefield Division, died July 2.

A native of Priestly, West Virginia, McClure had 33 years' service when he took early retirement due to disability in 1967.

McClure is survived by his widow.

Robert W. Fleming, 50, head of the Operating Statistics Section of the AEP Service Corporation's Statistical Division, died of a heart attack July 15.

Fleming began his career as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant and had been an AEP System employee for over 25 years.

Fleming is survived by his widow and one daughter.

Stidham elects early retirement



Stidham

Gainie Stidham, Hazard Division superintendent, elected early retirement July 1.

Gainie began his 39-year career with Kentucky Power as a laborer in 1935. He worked as a laborer and carpenter, electrician, substation foreman and general foreman before being promoted to division superintendent in 1952.

Gainie's hobby is woodworking, which he became interested in while attending Berea High School. Starting out with a book rack, he has made a number of more complicated pieces of furniture, including a bed.

Gainie and his wife Sophia have three sons and two grandchildren. He is a past president of the Hazard Lions Club and is a deacon and choir member of First Presbyterian Church, Hazard.



Ledford

Astor Ledford joins retirees

After more than a quarter-century with Kentucky Power, Astor Ledford, chief of party in Hazard Division, elected early retirement July 1. According to Astor, he retired early "to give young people a chance for work, do some fishing and a little farming".

"My experience with the company began with a line crew building a high-line back in the mid-30's. Our equipment consisted of one old truck, a few hand tools and two teams of mules. One day our foreman sent us out to dig pole and anchor holes and forgot to pick us up until late at night."

"After about five years in the Distribution Department, I transferred to Engineering. Walking was the chief mode of traveling in those early days. We would survey all day, find a place to stay in the neighborhood at the end of the day and repeat this routine until the end of the week. Those days were rough, but the people I worked for and with made the work enjoyable."

Astor and his wife Sallie have two sons, two daughters and five grandchildren. They attend the Baptist Church.



A book of poetry written by D. C. Duncan, retired safety director for Appalachian Power Company, is being sold to help raise money to build a new educational wing for the First Christian Church of Pulaski, Virginia. "Reflections at Sunset" is a 70-page book of verse written by Duncan over a period of years.

Joe Pigg elects early retirement after 25 years with Kentucky Power

Joseph W. Pigg, Ashland Division residential representative, elected early retirement August 1 after 25 years' service.

A native of Louisa, Kentucky, Joe holds an AB degree from Morehead State Teachers College. He was employed by Kentucky Power in 1949 as a sales trainee and later worked as a rural sales representative junior, area sales representative, residential heating salesman and heating sales representative.

Many years ago Joe witnessed a shooting on a street in an eastern Kentucky town. Some time later while measuring a customer's house for electric heat, Joe related the incident and commented on how brutal it was. The customer replied, "Yes, it was awful. The man in the other room is the one who shot him." Joe recalls that, without any more conversation, he became very busy measuring the house.

Joe's plans for retirement include doing all the jobs he couldn't get around to while working. He enjoys refinishing furniture and



Joe Pigg takes pictures once a month to record the growth of his corn.

Joe takes pride in his vegetable garden. Joe claims his corn "bigger than anybody's" because of the method he uses in planting. He covers the seed with plastic, which keeps the corn moist and warm and the weeds out. The corn grows through holes he cuts in the plastic.

Joe is a member of the Lawrence County, area and state 4 councils; secretary-elect, Louisville Rotary Club; secretary-treasurer, Lawrence County Field Day Association; and member of the Farm Bureau. He and his wife Josephine have three children.

Carrico retires in Charleston



Carrico

"I have enjoyed my work and the company has been good to me," said Charles Eshmeal Carrico, Charleston meter serviceman A, as he began early retirement June 1.

A native of New River, Tennessee, "Chuck" began his career with Appalachian Power in 1948 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant. He transferred to the Charleston Division as meter service helper in 1959 and rose through the ranks as a meter serviceman C and B before taking in 1969 the position he held at retirement.

"Chuck's" hobbies are music, baseball and fishing; and, although he's never run for office, he's interested in politics in and around Marmet. He is a member of the Pentecostal Church at Chesapeake, West Virginia.

Chuck and his wife Lois have a son and daughter, both at home. A brother, Harold Carrico, is a maintenance foreman at Cabin Creek Plant.

Pat Taylor earns BS degree



Taylor

O. P. "Pat" Taylor, Charleston credit and contract supervisor graduated from West Virginia State College in June with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He has been attending college part-time for ten years under the company's educational assistance program.

Taylor joined Appalachian Power in 1963 as an office messenger. Working full time and attending school would be enough for some people, but not Pat. He and his wife Joyce were married in 1965 and have a four-year-old daughter. He is active in the company bowling league, slow pitch softball league, coaches little league baseball and somehow found time to build a five-room house in Pocatalico. He also completed his Army Reserve obligation during this period.

Taylor's next objective is a master's degree and he plans to enter graduate school this fall.



Murdock

James Murdock enters retirement

James Richard Murdock, Kingsport custodian, retired August 1 after 24 years' service.

A native of Council, Virginia, Murdock began his career in 1950 as a plant maintenance man helper. He transferred to the T&D Department in 1953 as a stationman helper and became a custodian in 1969.

Murdock sometimes goes by the name of "Church Hill", given to him by a fellow employee the first day on the job.

Murdock enjoys swapping guns and knives, buying and selling various articles, gardening, watching TV and reading. He and his wife Mabel have three children and six grandchildren.

Hoard retires in Kingsport



Hoard

"After working 32 years, I just want to farm and fish," says William Horace Hoard, who was a custodian for Kingsport Power before his early retirement August 1.

Bill grows vegetables and tobacco on his family farm in New Canton, Tennessee, and is an expert at tying his own flies for fishing. An ordained Baptist minister, Bill has been preaching at local churches since 1946. At present he preaches every Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Church Hill, Tennessee, filling in for the regular pastor who is sick. He is also a member of Masons Lodge No. 239.

Bill and his wife Nellie have four children and nine grandchildren.

Environmental Protection Agency questions AEP's efforts in scrubber technology

The Environmental Protection Agency has filed its brief in the hearings on West Virginia Governor Arch Moore, Jr.'s request for extensions of emission-compliance deadlines from mid-1975 to mid-1976.

The governor's extension request includes deadlines for particulate emissions at three Appalachian Power Company plants (Cabin Creek, Kanawha River and John E. Amos) and particulate and sulfur-dioxide emissions at two Ohio Power Company plants (Mitchell and Kammer).

Dunbar heads Kanawha Stores



Dunbar

James H. Dunbar became stores supervisor at Kanawha River Plant on July 16. He moved to the position from that of purchasing and stores supervisor for Central Appalachian Coal Company.

A native of Montgomery, West Virginia, Dunbar attended West Virginia Institute of Technology and holds a BS degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He began his career with the Central Appalachian Coal Company in 1963 as a supply clerk and was a senior clerk and assistant stores supervisor before being promoted to purchasing and stores supervisor in 1971.

Six men submit operating ideas

Articles written by six Appalachian Power employees were published in the July/August issue of **AEP Operating Ideas**.

Arnold J. Turner, maintenance mechanic A at Glen Lyn Plant, wrote "Hydraulic Device Reshapes Burner Pipe". On behalf of employees in the Maintenance, Personnel and Performance Departments at Kanawha River, Plant Manager H. C. Skaggs, Jr., submitted "Shrouds Protect Precipitator Emitter Wires".

Also, Dale S. Fisher, hydro maintenance foreman at Smith Mountain Dam; L. Leroy Dalton, hydro engineer senior; and Harry K. Wood, senior engineering technologist, all of General Office Hydro, collaborated on "Lights Monitor Hydro Level Control Valves". O. A. Hesson, maintenance supervisor at Cabin Creek Plant, penned "Improves Burner Vane Operating Mechanism".

The EPA concedes good faith compliance efforts on AEP's part with the exception of sulfur-dioxide emissions at the Kammer Plant. There the agency questions the company's efforts in scrubber technology and alleges much more research could have been done.

AEP has not responded to the EPA's conclusions, but filed with the presiding EPA administrative law judge a summary report on a limestone-injection test project at the Kammer Plant, designed to improve that station's ability to burn low-sulfur West Virginia coal. The report tentatively indicates that such coal can successfully be burned there.

The administrative law judge will make a decision after he receives test results from Monongahela Power Company, which is also included in the governor's request for extensions.

In a separate but related development, the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission has lifted the state's unique ban on stack-gas conditioning with sulfur trioxide to improve precipitator performance at existing plants. This ruling, which becomes effective September 1, means, for example, that the Kanawha River Plant can meet particulate-emission limitations with existing equipment instead of having to backfit precipitators. The decision also represents a \$14.5-million saving for AEP.

APCo men head NAB program



Porterfield

Frazier

Corporate sponsorship of the Charleston Area National Alliance of Businessmen has been officially turned over to Appalachian Power Company by the FMC Corporation. Miller C. Porterfield, vice president and manager of the Charleston Division, was installed as NAB metro chairman. John C. Frazier, personnel supervisor, will serve as metro director.

The Charleston metro area consists of 14 counties in the State of West Virginia. The NAB program was created several years ago to encourage business to hire more members of disadvantaged minority groups. In recent years the program has been broadened to include Vietnam veterans and ex-offenders.



Chris, Brian and David Begley practice karate techniques.

Three Begley brothers acquire second degree brown belts in karate

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David, Brian and Chris Begley began taking karate two years ago and have progressed through the white, yellow, blue, green and two degrees of brown belts. They study under Sin of

The brothers take lessons twice a week, on Tuesdays in the high school gymnasium and on Thursdays at the Presbyterian Church recreation room.

Hoffman retires from Sporn Plant



Hoffman

Harry H. Hoffman, utility foreman at Philip Sporn Plant, elected early retirement July 1 after a quarter-century service.

A native of New Haven, West Virginia, Harry began his career in 1949 as a crane operator. He was promoted to labor-janitor foreman in 1951 and became utility foreman in 1967.

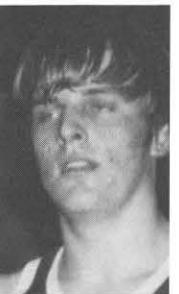
Harry's interests include camping, fishing, automotive engine overhauling and tractor repairs. A charter member of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department, he has been president for 30 years. He is also a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the New Haven United Methodist Church and is active in the Civil Air Patrol headquartered at the Mason County Airport.

Harry and his wife Mary have a son, daughter and two grandchildren.

They have participated in two tournaments as yellow belts. In the first, David placed second and Brian, third. In the second tournament, Brian sparred five of the 28 participants to take first place in the junior division.

Their parents are very much in favor of their participation in karate, pointing out it has taught them self-defense, self-discipline and has improved their coordination.

Null appointed to Naval Academy



Null

Teddy Null, brother of Clinch River Plant Maintenance Manager Larry Null, has been appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy.

He was selected "Mr. Gardner High School" by his classmates and served as president of the Hi-Y Club. The 6'4" athlete excelled in football, basketball and baseball and won the school coveted Master of Sports Award for 1974. He was also named Buchanan County's Most Valuable Player his senior year. Null's 3.8 average over the four years earned him National Honor Society recognition and he received outstanding awards in chemistry, physics and Spanish.



Whaples

St. Albans area serviceman retires

Arthur F. Whaples, St. Albans area serviceman in the Charleston Division, elected early retirement August 1 after 42 years' service.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Arthur worked for Appalachian Power from 1928-1931 and returned in 1936 as a laborer. He later worked as a truck driver, groundman, groundman B, lineman C, B and A, working foreman and district trouble man before becoming area serviceman in 1952. He has been on LTD leave since September 1973.

Arthur recalls some years ago when he was driving a company truck on Lens Creek Mountain and the drive shaft gave out. He tried to get someone to get in front of the truck to hold it back coming down the hill. When no one would do this, he brought the truck off the hill by himself. About half way down, the truck brakes gave out, too, and Arthur ended up in Marmet before he got stopped — all this in a foot of snow.

Arthur has a woodworking shop in which he makes and refinishes furniture and a machine shop which boasts of tools for nearly any job. He also enjoys gardening. A member of Starcher Baptist Church in Charleston, Arthur and his wife Melva have one son and three grandsons.



The Ordnance Lakers, coached by Landon Stepp, commercial representative at Point Pleasant in Huntington Division, concluded the 1973-74 Bidy League basketball season with a 16-4 record and captured the loop tournament championship. Stepp's son, Brian (No. 11), was a member of the team.

Bill Kelley's clock collection started with customers' gifts

An electric utility career spanning nearly 40 years came to an end August 1 with the early retirement of William Anderson Kelley, Lynchburg general serviceman.

A native of Crewe, Virginia, Bill was hired as a laborer and worked as a groundman, lineman, lineman A and troubleman A before being promoted to general serviceman in 1953. He recalls, "Years ago when going on a trouble call, we not only checked the company's equipment for failure but also checked the customer's wiring, fuses and appliances, too."



Kelley

Bill's hobby of collecting old clocks came about as a result of his contact with customers. Over the years he has learned to repair, rebuild and do whatever is

needed to restore the clocks to their original condition. He says, "People used to give me old clocks just to get rid of them. Now, if you can find anyone who owns any, you have to buy them." He recalls, "One old clock which, according to the customer, wouldn't run was given to me down in the country while on a trouble call. I laid it on the seat of the truck. On the way back to the shop, I ran over a rough road; the old clock started ticking and has been keeping good time ever since." Bill keeps some of the clocks he refinishes, sells some and gives some away to his friends.

Besides working on his clocks, Bill enjoys hunting. He is a member and former deacon of Lynchburg's First Christian Church.

He and his wife Lillian have one son who lives in Florida. The Kelleys will continue to reside in Lynchburg.

White promoted to unit foreman



White

George C. White, equipment operator at Philip Sporn Plant, has been promoted to unit foreman.

A native of Blue Rock, Ohio, White graduated from Philo High School and served with the U. S. Navy. He was employed at Ohio Power Company's Philo Plant in 1947 and transferred to Philip Sporn in 1960 as a laborer. He worked as a coal handler, utility operator and auxiliary equipment operator before being promoted to equipment operator in 1970.

White is married and has two sons and one daughter.

Osborne named general foreman



Osborne

J. L. Osborne, Abingdon Division residential representative, has been promoted to Abingdon general foreman. He replaces J. J. Roseberry, area supervisor, who retired July 1.

Osborne began his career with Appalachian Power in 1945 as a groundman in the Clintwood area. He advanced through several line positions before being made serviceman in 1947. He was promoted to area sales representative at Lebanon in 1959 and later became heating and builder sales representative.

Osborne is married and has two daughters and two granddaughters.



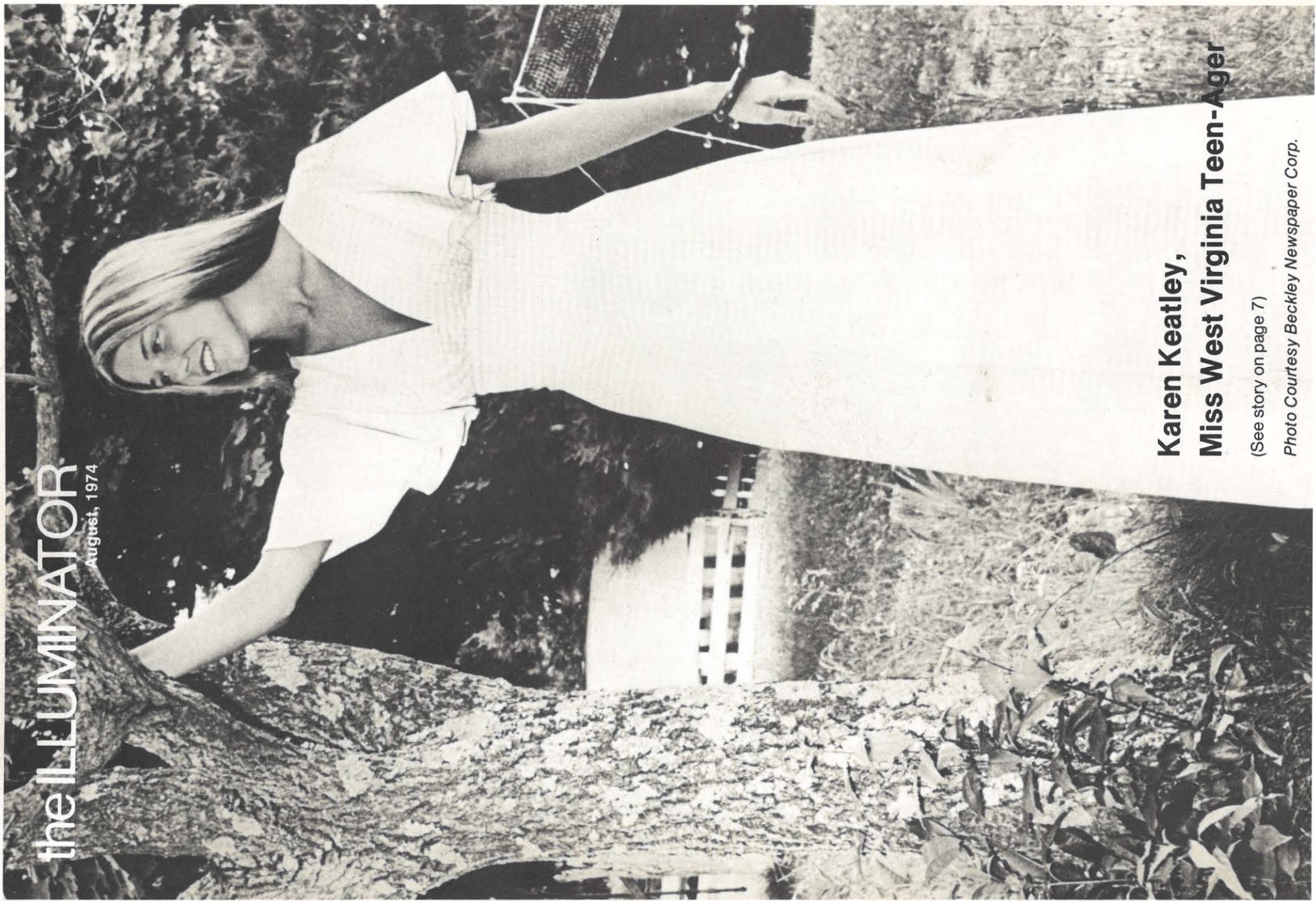
The Amp Uppers won the second half of the Pikeville Division Employ Bowling League. Team members are (l. to r.) Harry Bradley, head custodian; Denton Billiter, husband of Stenographer Lenore Billiter; Vonda Cobb, engineering record clerk; and Curtis Wallen, stationman B.



Sons of two Appalachian Power employees starred on the Cave Spring Optimist basketball team which was Roanoke County champion. They are Michael Parker, son of Roanoke Customer Services Supervisor Gra Parker, and Jim Loving, II, son of Jim Loving, Jr., General Office T&D electrical engineer. The Optimist team was undefeated in the regular season's 10 games and in the two games played in a Christmas tournament. Competing the Roanoke County Intermediate League, the team won all three games the play-offs to take the championship. From left, Michael Parker, Gra Parker and Jim Loving, II.



The Appalachian golf team won the first half of the Richwood Golf Club Industrial League in Bluefield. Displaying their winners' trophy are (l. to r.) James Harmon, Jr., electrical staff engineer; Harold Cutlip, draftsman senior captain; Ron Devor, Welch customer accounting supervisor; and Charles Kinzer, Princeton area supervisor. Not pictured are team members Herma St. Clair, electrical engineer senior, and Duke Wright, administrative assistant.



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Karen Keatley,
Miss West Virginia Teen-Ager

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Kitchen: "Power safety was what I had been looking for"

"At one time I wanted to be a lawyer and had taken two years prelaw before the Depression changed my plans pretty radically," says William Samuel Kitchen, who retired August 1 as safety director for Appalachian Power.

He notes, "Since we lived in Huntington, I was able to stay at home and continue classes at Marshall University." Sam graduated in 1931 with an AB degree in political science and was offered a job teaching school for \$90.00 a month. "Thank goodness I didn't go in that direction but took a job as inspector with the Road Commission for \$100 a month."

"Later on I worked in the office on the maintenance end of the business. I started handling compensation claims and permits. One day they set up a safety program, which the district engineer told me to handle because my boys were being injured."

Sam goes on, "I had been working with some Appalachian boys in Huntington on permits for construction and rights of way for lines. They were all fine fellows, and I decided that was the outfit I wanted to be with. I told the Appalachian district manager I would even take a janitor's job to get on, figuring if I did all right in that I would move up to something else. That was in 1936, but it wasn't until 1943



Kitchen
that I got on."

"I almost had it sewed up in 1941. D. C. Duncan, then safety director, had gotten tentative approval to hire me and went to New York to clinch it with Mr. Argabright. He left Bluefield on Pearl Harbor Day; and, when he arrived in New York, Mr. Argabright told him he didn't know what was going to happen so to hold up giving me a job."

"Power safety was what I had been looking for because it involved people. That's my dish. My first year as a safety inspector for Appalachian was spent getting acquainted. At that time we also handled the safety program for Kentucky, Kingsport and Wheeling Electric.

"I was working with fellows who

had 15, 20 years' service, and it gave me an inferiority complex. Helen Sue Spangler, who worked in the Safety Department then, realized this and gave me a service pin when I had been there a year. It was a Long John White underwear button with a safety pin attached, and the words 'one year' written on it. I really felt like I belonged then."

"Our department, along with several others, moved to Roanoke in 1949 when the new general office headquarters opened.

"After years of association with people all over the company, you build up a lot of friendships that you take for granted. Now it begins to dawn on me there is going to be a separation from these friends. I know I am going to miss them."

"Anywhere I go, people outside the company ask where I work, and it has always been a point of pride to tell them I am with Appalachian Power. It is an honorable name because of the people who made it."

What about his plans for the future? Sam laughingly says, "I read in *The Illuminator* that you are supposed to travel after retirement. Well, I'm going all the way to Charlottesville to visit Monticello. That's something I have wanted to do for years and just never got around to it."

"Nettie Lee and I are going to stay right here in Roanoke where all our friends are and our daughter and grandchildren. We both want to go back to school. In the past I've been unable to do that because my schedule was such that I didn't know when I would be in town for classes. The first course I'm going to take is one in lawn mower repair. I've got three, and sometimes they work and sometimes they don't."

Sam has a home organ which he enjoys playing, but "I don't give any public concerts or anything like that. My number one fan is Ginger, my Pekinese. She lays

down beside me and listens compose a lot of original numbers, which I play only once play just the way I feel." Sam learned to play by taking a mail order piano course costing \$2.98 many years ago, a claims his only recognizable tune is Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Sam concludes, "In looking back over the years, there have, of course, been some disappointments and heartbreaks in my work. However, on balance the good days have far outweighed the bad ones and full credit must go to many company people this."

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