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APCo applies for emergency rate increase in Virginia

\$1-billion worth of AEP construction under review for possible cutbacks

Donald C. Cook, chairman of American Electric Power Company, announced last month that a review was under way of the possibility of "stretchout, postponement or cancellation of over \$1-billion worth of construction" on the AEP System.

"While some significant savings can be realized over the balance of this year," he said, "the scope of the possible cutbacks — if adopted in their entirety — could save up to \$250-million in capital costs in 1975 and even more in 1976 and 1977." He said that

AEP shareowners offered dividend reinvestment plan

American Electric Power Company has announced a Dividend Reinvestment Plan for its shareowners of record.

Arrangements have been made with the company's transfer agent, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, New York, under which AEP shareowners may purchase additional common stock with their quarterly cash dividends. The plan will also permit participants to buy additional shares with optional cash payments.

Participation is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. The plan is expected to be effective at the time of the dividend next following payment of the current (September 10) dividend.

The service is being provided to shareowners in the company's belief that it will furnish an opportunity for them to increase their investment in AEP at a low cost and with maximum convenience.

The tax effect of dividends would not be affected by participation in the plan; they would still be taxable as if paid in cash.

The company will mail to each shareowner, later this month, a brochure describing the plan, including the available options, the costs of the service and the action required to be taken by the shareowner. If a shareowner wishes to participate, he must sign and mail an authorization card to be enclosed in the mailing. If he wishes to continue to receive future dividends in cash, he should take no action.

Shares being acquired by employees through stock-purchase plans are not eligible for the new dividend reinvestment procedure until they are actually issued to a purchaser.

the review is covering generation, transmission and distribution programs.

Cook explained that the review, part of an economy program launched in May, was an effort to keep capital expenditures at minimum levels in this period of extremely high capital requirements. He said that cutting such costs, as well as operating expenditures, and increasing revenues by seeking rate relief were "essential in these days of record inflation, if we are to continue to carry out our obligations as an electric utility and at the same time maintain our earnings at levels sufficient to compensate our present investors fairly and to support the securities which we must sell in the future to finance our required expansion."

The AEP chairman attributed the actions — cutting costs and increasing revenues — to two fundamental causes.

"Record inflation, including especially soaring interest rates and oppressive fuel costs, is one of the chief culprits behind these drastic measures. But there is also a second extremely important factor: the large expenditures we must make to meet the requirements, often entirely arbitrary and unreasonable, of the Environmental Protection Agency," he said.

Cook pointed out the irony behind many of the environmental costs, because they represented expenditures for facilities that in the AEP System's view:

1. Concerned so-called "problems" that were greatly exaggerated and could be handled by other, even better methods costing far less;
2. Decreased the reliability of bulk power supply;
3. Increased operating costs and thus power costs;
4. Offered no commensurate benefits;
5. Provided no revenues; and
6. Resulted in other types of pollution (sludge, for example) of greater magnitude and more serious character.

"Why, then, are alternate means not used?" Cook asked. "The short answer," which he proceeded to provide, "is that the EPA, following what might fairly be called a rule-or-ruin policy, will not permit it."



Plunk

Plunk heads hydro department

Joe C. Plunk has been promoted to superintendent of hydro generation for Appalachian Power Company. He succeeds Paul J. Johnson, who retired September 1.

A native of Henderson, Tennessee, Plunk is a civil engineering graduate of the University of Tennessee. He joined the General Office Hydro Department in 1963 as a civil engineer in Roanoke and became hydro supervising engineer in 1969 and assistant superintendent in 1973.

Plunk is married and has three children.

Roanoke employees discover fire, pull burned victims to safety

A Bedford County couple was rescued from their burning home last month by two Roanoke Division employees, who were in the vicinity only because they had been given wrong directions. Lorraine Bratton, head T&D clerk, and Richard Downey, T&D clerk senior, relate the event for **The Illuminator**.

"As we turned around where the



Lorraine Bratton, seated, and Richard Downey discuss their rescue efforts in a Bedford County fire last month.

Request would affect all customers and produce \$35.7-million in revenue

Appalachian Power Company on August 26 filed with the Virginia State Corporation Commission an application for an emergency increase in its electric rates in Virginia.

The proposed new rates would provide the company with approximately \$35.7-million or an increase of 24 per cent, based on current revenues. The company asked that the emergency increase become effective October 1, 1974.

John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president, said, "We have been extremely reluctant to take this step, but inflationary pressures have forced us to a point of no return. If we are to be able to finance the necessary construction to continue to provide dependable electric service to our customers, we must have additional revenues. If the increase is granted, it will be the first in base rates for the company in Virginia since 1952."

"The emergency increase would be added to the customer's bill as a 44.7 per cent surcharge," Vaughan said, "and would be applied only to base rates. The fuel adjustment clause portion of the

customer's bill would not be affected by the surcharge but would continue to reflect monthly fuel costs. On this basis the total bill will increase by about 24 per cent over present levels. Following action on the emergency request, the company will file a permanent rate increase with the Commission. If, after a hearing on the permanent request, the Commission denies any part of the emergency increase, that will be refunded to the customer with interest."

Under the proposal, a Virginia residential customer using 850 kilowatt-hours per month whose current bill is \$22.03 would pay an additional \$5.29 per month. A customer using 400 kilowatt-hours a month whose current bill is \$13.01 would pay an additional \$3.12. A customer using 1700 kilowatt-hours a month whose current bill is \$40.44 would pay an additional \$9.71 monthly. The company began billing all of its customers monthly on September 1, 1974. If the emergency increase is granted, it would become effective October 1, and the surcharge would show on bills after that date.

Vaughan said, "We have done everything humanly possible to reduce costs without jeopardizing service to our customers." He cited the fact that several months ago Appalachian instituted a stringent expenditure control program. The company has temporarily reduced contract maintenance work and construction and placed a ban on new commitments for labor, materials and supplies while it reviews all construction programs. He emphasized, "These are at best stopgap measures and cannot be continued indefinitely if we are to continue meeting the demands of our customers."

"We are faced with a need to borrow money to continue to build these facilities. Our ability to do this is seriously impaired and whether we can carry out needed construction of facilities depends on increased revenues," Vaughan added.

He said that electric bills have been increasing substantially in recent months and continue to increase because of the soaring costs of coal. "This has not been a windfall for the company but simply is a pass through to the coal companies."

Appalachian has had increased electric rates in effect under bond in West Virginia since August 1971, awaiting a final order from the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

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Solutions for utility financing problems offered Senate subcommittee

Not since the depression of the 1930s has the electric utility industry faced financing problems as severe as today's.

Herbert B. Cohn, vice chairman of American Electric Power Company, made that statement last month before the Subcommittee on Financial Markets of the Senate Finance Committee. Cohn went on to explain reasons and propose solutions for the present money problems.

He cited seven underlying causes of the industry's financial woes.

Inflation All businesses suffer from increased costs, Cohn said, but two "particularly devastating" costs affect electric utilities: interest rates (more than double those of 10 years ago) and fuel costs (more than double those of one year ago).

Regulatory lags Because it often takes two years or more for approval of a rate increase, Cohn said, "increased revenues have lagged far behind the pace of increasing costs."

Capital demands Increased demand for electric power has led to larger construction programs, paralleled by larger needs for new capital.

External financing More and more of this new capital is coming from costly external sources rather than from depreciation accruals or retained earnings.

Arbitrary environmental requirements The industry is being forced to spend billions of dollars on facilities that don't contribute to revenues and whose costs far exceed the benefits.

Limits on raising capital "Coverage" requirements for issuing bonds and preferred stock (that is, requirements for pre-tax income to cover interest and dividend charges by specific percentages) are becoming harder to meet.

Market for common stock The market for common stock is rapidly deteriorating. The various problems tend to produce "a snowballing effect," Cohn said. "The greater the problems, the less interest investors have." This means less available money.

All of these factors, he said, have led to construction postponements, layoffs and unemployment, and the threat of inadequate reserves to meet future electric power requirements.

Cohn's proposals to deal with the industry's money ills fall into four categories.

Rates The primary solutions, Cohn said, lie in the area of rates, where regulators should:

- Adopt procedures to permit immediate rate increases, with hearings later and refunds if needed.
- Permit automatic escalation clauses to cover costs utilities

can't control, such as fuel, purchased power, taxes and environmental requirements.

- Authorize increased depreciation and "normalization" accounting to increase internal cash generation.

- Use future rather than past costs to determine rates and include construction in progress in the rate base, thus helping to offset increased costs due to rapid inflation.

- Allow realistic rates of return to cover the cost of new capital and to attract new capital.

Federal policies The federal government needs to take three steps:

- Establish monetary policies to reduce interest rates and capital costs.
- Recognize the significant effect of environmental spending on inflation and "compel a balancing of costs and benefits."
- Adopt policies to promote increased production and use of domestic coal, to slow the fuel cost spiral.

Tax policies At least five modifications should be made in the Internal Revenue Code:

- Allow electric utilities the same 7 per cent investment tax credit available to other industries.
- Extend the period during which utilities may take a five-year write-off for the cost of pollution-control facilities.
- Extend the time during which utilities may carry back or carry forward tax losses.
- Reinstate a prior ruling allowing two classes of common stock, identical in all respects except that cash dividends would be paid on one class and non-taxable stock dividends on the other (addition of this latter class would increase internal cash generation and common stock equity).
- Permit utilities to issue their own tax-exempt bonds to finance essential facilities.

Federal assistance If a utility cannot obtain capital reasonably in any other way, Cohn said, the federal government should:

- Enact laws to permit federal guarantees of new debt securities or direct loans, conditioned upon action by the regulatory commissions to authorize revenues, earnings and coverage which would enable the servicing of all securities outstanding, including the securities guaranteed by the federal government and any federal loans, and which would enable the utility, thereafter, to attract new capital in the marketplace.



Wooten

Wooten named safety director

C. Rudy Wooten has been named safety director of Appalachian Power Company, succeeding W. S. Kitchen, who retired August 1.

Wooten, a native of Wilson County, North Carolina, joined Appalachian in 1957 as a clerk-stenographer in Lynchburg. Following an education leave, during which he earned a degree in economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, he was made line inspector. He moved to Roanoke in 1967 as safety coordinator and was made training coordinator two years later. In 1972 he was named manpower development coordinator and became assistant safety director in March of this year. He has attended the AEP System Management School at the University of Michigan.

Wooten is married and has two children.

Caudle transfers to Kanawha River



Caudle

S. Von Caudle, assistant plant manager and personnel supervisor at Cabin Creek Plant, moved to Kanawha River Plant as assistant manager on September 1. He succeeds J. A. Bennett, who earlier was promoted to plant manager.

A native of Anawalt, West Virginia, Caudle holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University. He began his career with Appalachian Power in February 1954 as a mechanical engineer at Welch. Later that year he moved to Kanawha River as test engineer and worked as assistant results engineer, results engineer and personnel supervisor before being promoted to assistant plant manager at Cabin Creek in 1969.

A registered professional engineer in the State of West Virginia, Caudle is married.

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"By this time," Downey continued, "we could hear cries 'help'. I placed my handkerchief over my mouth and went back to the room in an effort to rescue the woman. I tried to get her safety by pulling her along the floor, but she screamed out pain. I knew I had to get more help if the woman were going to be rescued. After managing to awaken a sleeping neighbor, the two of us were able to get her clear of further danger."

In the meantime, Bratton had called the Fire Department and Rescue Squad and was on his way to the main highway to direct them to the location.

"You don't really think about what has to be done in a situation like this," said Downey. "I guess you just react by instinct. Now you must admit my first thought were to get clear of the area for my own safety. I suppose through decency and concern for another human being you know what must be done."

Although the couple later died, granddaughter who was asleep in another part of the house awoke during the commotion and escaped.

Blue Ridge future doubtful

The House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee last month approved the New River Study bill which would delay and perhaps block forever Appalachian Power Company's proposed Blue Ridge Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project.

The measure, passed by a vote of 21-15, is similar to one passed in the Senate 49-19 in March which orders study of a 70-mile stretch of the New River along the western North Carolina-Virginia border for possible inclusion in the national Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

No dam could be built on the river during the two-year study period, and, if the Interior Department study eventually recommends wild and scenic river status, dam would be permanently forbidden on New River.

The bill next will go before the House Rules Committee, which will determine in what manner it will be debated on the House floor later this month.

In separate but related action, the Federal Power Commission last month denied North Carolina's request for a rehearing along with five other intervenors' motion for reconsideration of the opinion granting the license.

In its new opinion, the FPC states that the intervenors did not present any facts or legal principles that justify changing or modifying the Commission's earlier decision.

The Cover

As citizens of the communities we serve, the companies of the AEP System take an active part in community affairs. And our employees have always been willing to do a little more for the area we serve and the people who live here. Typical of the many employees who devote their spare time to a variety of community projects are James Cook (left), Abingdon meter reader, and Hunter Thayer (middle), Abingdon engineer. B. Charter members of the Abingdon Midget Football League, Cook is president and Thayer serves on the board of directors. Thayer's son, Chip (right), is a quarterback on the Moose A team.

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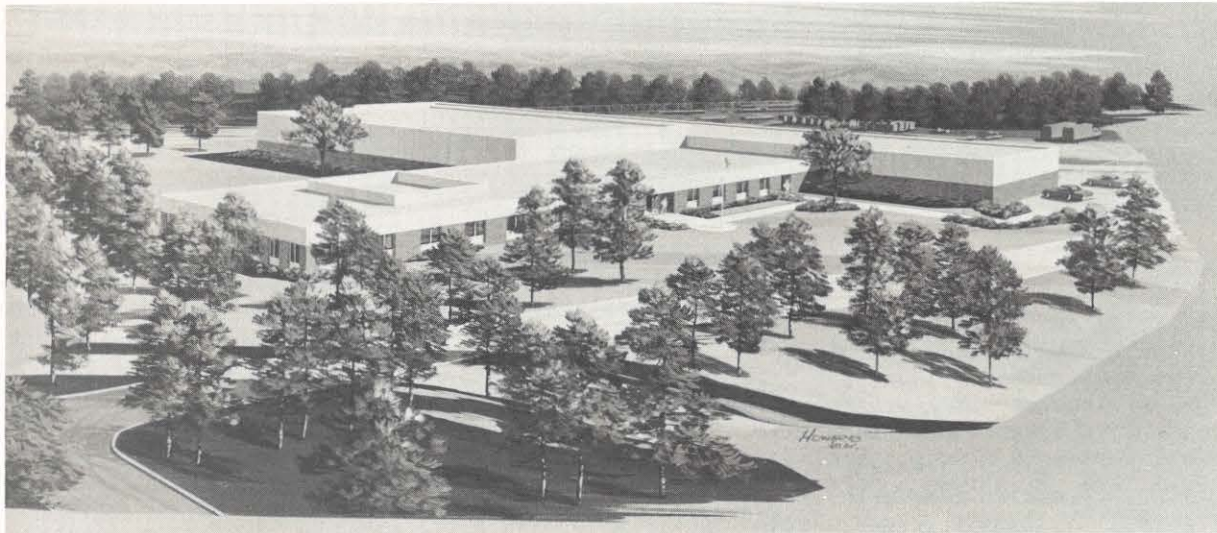
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This is how the new Beckley service center will look when it is completed in 1976. Drawings were prepared by Zando, Martin and Milstead, Architects and Engineers of Charleston.

Contract let for Beckley service center

Construction will begin this month on Appalachian Power Company's new \$4-million service center three miles north of Beckley on Route 21. The facility will be located on a 24-acre site at Cranberry, north of the Beckley Plaza Shopping Center and adjacent to the United Methodist Children's Home.

Corte Construction Company of Bluefield, West Virginia, was awarded the general contract for the one-story, 56,000 square foot masonry structure. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1976.

The facility will house the Beckley Division garage, transmission

Opposition mounts to 765-kv line routing

The Virginia State Corporation Commission has set September 23 as the hearing date on the routing of Appalachian Power Company's proposed Jackson's Ferry-Axton 765-kv transmission line.

A citizen's group led by Floyd County Lawyer Robert Boswell is opposing the line. The Floyd County Board of Supervisors has taken no action on the line routing, which will cross the county on its way to the Danville-Martinsville area, but has asked the New River Valley Planning District Commission to make an impact statement concerning the proposed line.

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Three groups have filed appeals with the Virginia State Supreme Court in an attempt to reverse the routing of the company's 765-kv transmission line from Cloverdale Substation north of Roanoke through the southern part of Bedford County into the Joshua Creek site, which is located to the east of Lynchburg in Campbell County. The State Corporation Commission selected this routing over four others after several hearings and an on-site inspection tour.

The opponents are the Campbell County Board of Supervisors, who recognize the need for the line, and two citizens' groups — one in Bedford County and one in Campbell County.

and distribution operations, line stores, meter and dispatch center, among other operations. Presently, division functions are located in the main office building downtown, in a substation building several blocks away and at a pole and storage yard. The latter

Ohio Power files application for \$85-million rate increase

Ohio Power Company filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio on July 31 for a rate increase of \$85-million per year. The proposed hike would affect all of the company's 571,000 retail customers: residential, commercial and industrial.

This would be only the second general rate increase in Ohio Power's history. Prior to filing for an increase in May 1971, the company had a 50-year record of

Clean air hearings will be reopened

Hearings will reopen October 16 concerning the request of West Virginia Governor Arch Moore, Jr. for extensions in his state of the federal Clean Air Act's power-plant emission-compliance deadlines.

Appalachian Power Company and Ohio Power Company asked for the reopening after their plants' most recent quarterly compliance reports were submitted for the record by the state's assistant attorney general.

The reports show that because of financing, technological and installation scheduling problems, the plants cannot comply until 1977. The governor's request seeks to move the deadlines from mid-1975 to mid-1976.

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

The judge is expected to issue a ruling after hearing the additional testimony.

two will be incorporated in the new building complex.

Such functions as accounting, customer services, personnel and managerial will remain at the company's main office downtown.

voluntarily lowering rates. That rate increase went into effect last December, some 2½ years after it was requested.

Donald C. Cook, chairman of AEP and president of Ohio Power, said the second filing had been necessitated by today's roaring inflation, including unprecedented costs of borrowed money, construction, fuel supply, required facilities for the protection and enhancement of the environment, taxes, payroll, equipment and supplies.

Approval of the request would represent an average increase of 22% for residential customers.

Bowman takes administrative post



Bowman

Richard C. Bowman, Bluefield Division residential representative, has been promoted to administrative assistant B. He succeeds the late William C. Groseclose.

A native of Caretta, West Virginia, Bowman joined Appalachian Power in 1962 as a business administration trainee following graduation from Concord College. He was a pre-audit clerk, dealer sales representative and heating and builder sales representative before becoming residential representative in January of this year.

Bowman is married and has two children.

APCo, customers will benefit from change to monthly billing

Beginning in September, Appalachian Power Company will bill all of its customers on a monthly basis. Customers' meters will also be read monthly instead of bi-monthly as in the past.

"Electric service bills have been increasing in recent months because of sharp increases in fuel costs. Further increases are anticipated unless inflation is brought under control quickly. Since most families live on a monthly budget, we believe they will find monthly payments easier to handle," explained John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president.

The change will also benefit the company. Vaughan said, "Because all customers will be paying their bills every month, our

Kendrick takes superintendent job



Kendrick

David L. Kendrick, Jr., has been promoted to area superintendent A in the Welch area of Bluefield Division. He succeeds Frank B. Barns, who elected early retirement September 1.

A native of Bassett, Virginia, Kendrick holds a BS degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a diploma in industrial and electrical engineering from International Correspondence Schools. He began his career with Appalachian Power in 1953 as a junior general clerk in Princeton. He transferred to Welch in 1955 as a senior general clerk and became commercial sales representative in Grundy in 1958. He was promoted to commercial sales engineer in 1961 and to Welch area supervisor A in 1973.

Kendrick is married and has two children.

Education award deadline near

Employees with children entering college in the fall of 1975 are reminded that the deadline for filing applications for AEP Education Awards is September 13.

Winners will get a \$1,500 grant for their freshman year at an accredited college. Those still in good standing in their sophomore year will receive \$1,000.

Further information and applications for the education awards are available from personnel supervisors.

revenues will be coming in more often — revenues which are used to conduct day-to-day business. This is an important factor not only for an electric utility but for all businesses in today's tight money situation."

Vaughan emphasized that customers will be paying no more for electric service because of the change to monthly billing. "A customer's electric service bills for a year's period would add up to the same amount, whether we billed him monthly or bi-monthly."

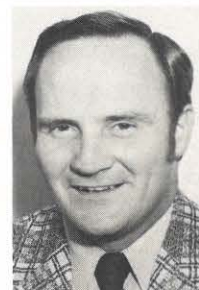
Vaughan said monthly billing will increase Appalachian's costs of meter reading, billing and other accounting procedures. "But this increased cost will be partly offset by changes we will make in methods and procedures in customer accounting and processing of payments, which will make these operations more efficient," he concluded.

While the company has had bi-monthly billing for nearly 25 years, many customers were already being billed on a monthly basis. These consisted chiefly of commercial and industrial accounts and customers who were participating in an equal payment plan.

C&SO hearing set for October 8

The Securities and Exchange Commission will hear oral arguments October 8 on American Electric Power Company's proposed acquisition of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company.

Jarrett takes foreman post



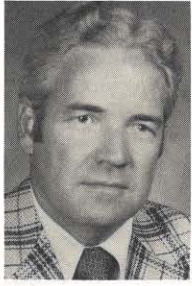
Jarrett

Jack E. Jarrett has been promoted to hydro plant foreman (exempt) for Kanawha Valley Power Company. He succeeds C. C. Jackson, who retired August 1.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Jarrett graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School and was employed in 1952 as a laborer. Following two years' military leave, he returned to work as a hydro maintenance helper and worked as a hydro maintenance man and hydro maintenance mechanic B and A before being promoted to hydro plant foreman (non-exempt) in 1969.

Jarrett is married and has one daughter.

Parker moves to Lynchburg



Parker

Grady L. Parker, Roanoke Division customer services supervisor, moved to Lynchburg Division as line supervisor on September 1. He succeeds J. B. Rice, who was promoted to Lynchburg engineering supervisor.

A native of Jackson County, North Carolina, Parker holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from North Carolina State College. He began his career with Appalachian Power in 1958 as an electrical engineer at Bluefield and held the positions of commercial sales engineer, area supervisor, senior electrical engineer and power sales engineer before being promoted to Roanoke Division sales supervisor in 1971. He became customer services supervisor in January of this year.

Parker is married and has two children.

Bobbitt ends 44-year career



Corbin Bobbitt will have many leisure hours in retirement to spend flying the plane he owns.

Harry "Corbin" Bobbitt, Pikeville meterman A, retired September 1 after 44 years' service.

A native of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, Corbin was first employed by Appalachian Power at Charleston in 1929. He joined Kentucky Power in 1933 as a meter reader and utility man and was a serviceman and meter tester before going on military leave in 1942. After service with the U. S. Navy during World War II, he returned to work in 1945 as a meterman A.

Corbin will be moving to Huntington, where his wife Inis is a secretarial-stenographer in the Huntington Division Customer Services Department. He is a licensed pilot and has owned a plane for many years. An ardent bowler, Corbin is said to be one of the best in Pikeville Division.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

Judy S. Barnes, meter reader, Abingdon. **Harry D. Plummer**, lineman helper, Abingdon. **Ennis S. Fullen**, meter reader, Abingdon. **Johnny W. Vencille**, meter reader, Lebanon. **Randy L. McCoy**, meter reader, Clintwood. **Larry J. Dean**, meter reader, Gate City.

Beckley

Sharon L. Hutchens, clerk junior, Beckley. **Arnold D. Nelson**, lineman helper, Oak Hill.

Bluefield

Steven N. Crumpton, meter reader, Grundy. **Ernest P. Gatuso**, meter reader, Welch. **Thelma B. Hairston**, meter reader, Princeton. **Lawrence E. Head, Jr.**, meter reader, Welch. **Shena G. Light**, meter reader, Grundy. **Jerry W. Mabe**, meter reader, Tazewell. **Carlos D. Manning**, meter reader, Bluefield. **John L. Romans**, meter reader, Bluefield. **Wanda Phyllis Snell**, meter reader, Tazewell. **William G. Stewart**, meter reader, Pineville. **Richard C. Thompson**, meter reader, Bluefield. **Eugene E. Warner**, meter reader, Pineville.

Cabin Creek

Dorothy G. Dellinger, clerk typist. **Bobby D. Drenne**, utility man B. **Clayborn D. Penn**, utility man B.

Clinch River

Glenn S. Kincaid, utility man B. **Judy Kay Miller**, filter plant operator and sampler. **Ricky A. Barrett**, utility man B. **Arlen D. Henderson**, utility man B.

Logan-Williamson

Orvis D. Chaffin, meter reader, Williamson. **Thomas A. Hale, Jr.**, meter reader, Madison. **Sandra P. Newsome**, meter reader, Logan. **Dennis W. Carter**, meter reader, Logan. **Kenneth E. Chapman**, auto repairman helper, Williamson. **Donald L. Roer**, custodian, Williamson.

Lynchburg

James William Mann, custodian. **Roger Darrell Bradley**, meter reader. **Brenda Darlene Garrett**, meter reader. **Charles Jackson Giles**, meter reader. **Alfred Wendell Jefferson, Jr.**, meter reader.

Pulaski

Donna K. Parks, meter reader, Galax. **Charles V. Burnette**, meter reader, Galax. **Judith S. Robinson**, meter reader, Hillsville. **Barbara L. Thompson**, meter reader, Pulaski. **Robert E. Sawyers**, meter reader, Wytheville.

Roanoke

Roy W. Fulcher, meter reader, Fieldale. **Charles M. Hudson**, meter reader, Fieldale. **James D. Joyce**, clerk trainee, Fieldale. **Kelvin T. Bradshaw**, meter reader, Fieldale.

Philip Sporn

Dan G. Edwards, II, senior engineering technologist.

Project 1301

Earl E. Cleland, construction timekeeper. **G. Jack Fuller, Jr.**, chief construction timekeeper. **Rudy L. Raynes**, assistant safety/security coordinator. **Eleanor L. Roush**, clerk typist. **Maxine G. Rickard**, clerk typist. **Rita M. Coates**, clerk stenographer.

Central Coal

New Haven

Raymond E. Armantrout, foreman trainee, Philip Sporn Mine.

Kentucky Power

Big Sandy

Elisha E. Wilks, custodian. **Richard E. Coburn**, performance engineer.

Kingsport Power

James B. Quillin, Jr., clerk trainee. **Glenn E. Land**, meter reader.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Ashford

Bruce Allen Miller, intermediate clerk, Bull Creek. **Ernie Lee Pyles**, transitman, Bull Creek.

Julian

Freddy Gay Berry, assistant general mine foreman, Julian-Freeport No. 1. **Caromel Disston Halstead**, maintenance foreman, Julian Project. **Charles Seibert Sloan**, section foreman, Julian-Freeport No. 1. **Frederick David Gillispie**, section foreman, Julian-Freeport No. 1.

Marmet

David Ferguson Beal, mining engineer.

AEP promotes Robert Wells



Wells

Robert H. Wells has been named to the new position of director of fuel procurement in the AEP Service Corporation's Fuel Supply Department. He will continue to be headquartered in Appalachian Power Company's Charleston office.

Wells joined AEP at Charleston in 1956 and has spent his career in coal supply. He was named assistant manager of coal purchasing last year. Wells is a graduate of Morris Harvey College and also attended the Kanawha Valley Graduate School of West Virginia University.

Vaughan reaffirms APCo's commitment to burn W. Va. coal

"Appalachian Power Company and the American Electric Power System have been and will continue to be dedicated to the constructive development of West Virginia's economy, which depends to a large degree on the coal industry," says John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president.

"Because the recent AEP ads carried in newspapers in our service area advocated the release of vast reserves of U. S. Government owned low-sulfur coal in the West, there are those who have questioned our position," he points out.

"The ads were intended to inform the public and bring about an increase in the production and available supply of coal so that we can meet the electric power needs of the people who are totally dependent upon us. Air quality regulations formulated by the Environmental Protection Agency to become effective in mid-1975, or at the latest mid-1976, will mean that about 225-million tons of the coal presently being consumed by electric utilities will not conform to EPA regulations and cannot be burned."

Vaughan points out that the AEP System has committed millions of dollars for the development of new mines in West Virginia, including operations at Bull Creek, Julian, Marmet and Martinka. In addition, AEP has acquired the Cedar Coal Company and plans are under way to nearly triple production on these properties. And in February of this year the company announced a \$20-million mining complex in southern West Virginia from which it will purchase the total output, estimated at about 2-million tons per year.

In 1973 a total of 6,058,837 tons of coal were burned in Appalachian's West Virginia plants. Of this amount, 5,408,116 or 89.26% came from West Virginia mines. In addition, 370,747 tons of West Virginia coal was utilized in the company's Virginia plants, making a total West Virginia burn of 5,778,863 tons. The average cost delivered to our plants was \$11.01 per ton.

For the first four months of 1974, Appalachian was able to secure only 2,182,107 tons or 58.65% of its total requirements from West Virginia, and the average price had more than doubled to \$24.75. This average price does not tell the total story because much of this coal is purchased in the "spot" market and delivered costs of \$40 to \$50 per ton are becoming regular occurrences.

"Some concern has been expressed about our burning western coal at the John E. Amos Plant," Vaughan notes. "From January 1, 1973, through April 30, 1974, coal shipped to the plant from western states was as follows: Montana, 129,535 tons;

Utah, 79,624 tons; and Wyoming, 23,399 tons."

"This coal was shipped to Amc for the express purpose of testing burns to determine design changes that should be incorporated in power plants with similar 1300 mw units to be built in the future in areas of the AE System outside West Virginia. The 1300 mw unit at Amos is the only such unit in commercial operation on our system so it is logical that these tests be carried out here. And, since such a unit requires about 11,000 tons per day when operating at full load, becomes quite obvious that the amounts received from western states could only be considered a test," Vaughan points out.

"We have said repeatedly we do not intend to burn western coal at any AEP plants in West Virginia with the possible exception of Ohio Power's Kammer Plant. This is still our position, but we are continuing to investigate ways to utilize West Virginia coal at that location if at all possible."

Vaughan said these figures have been furnished the West Virginia Public Service Commission, state senator and some of the state's news media. He concluded, "I believe this information should reinforce our public commitment to the burning of West Virginia coal."

Booth elects early retirement



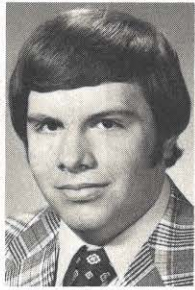
Booth

Joseph Andrew Booth, switchboard operator at Glen Lyn Plant elected early retirement September 1 for health reasons.

A native of Hinton, West Virginia Jody began his career in 1942 as a truck driver. During his more than 32 years' service, he worked as an office janitor, mechanical maintenance helper A, auxiliary equipment operator, turbine operator and equipment operator.

Jody plans to do some traveling up north now and will spend part of the winter in a warmer climate. He enjoys gardening, fishing and working with flowers. A widower, Jody has two sons, three daughters and 14 grandchildren.

Terry Elliott wins scholarship



Elliott

Terry G. Elliott has been awarded a \$3000 scholarship from Frank Gannett Newspaper Carrier Scholarship, Inc. The son of Robert G. Elliott, Big Sandy Plant maintenance foreman, he was one of 76 winners in the United States.

A 1974 graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland, Kentucky, Elliott was one of eight high school seniors to receive 20th annual Armco Self-Reliance Awards.

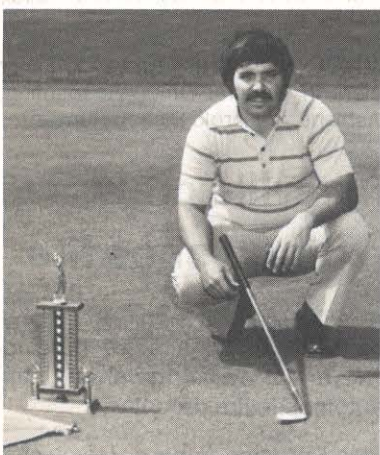
Elliott will enter Ashland Community College this fall and transfer to the University of Kentucky as a history major.

Saltville office doors are closed

Appalachian Power Company's Saltville office in the Abingdon Division was closed August 30 as a cost-cutting measure.

Fillmore McPherson, Jr., Abingdon Division manager, said the company regretted the closing but it was necessary because of the rapidly rising costs of doing business. He added the closing would in no way affect electric service to customers in the area, who will be served out of the nearby Marion office.

Customers will be able to pay their electric service bills by mail or at four collection agencies. Virginia Gillenwater, customer representative B and the only employee at Saltville, has been transferred to the Marion office.



Harold Cutlip, Bluefield draftsman senior, won the 1974 Spring Dogwood Tournament at Richwood Golf Club. Cutlip qualified for the championship flight with a 76. He played four matches and won each, as follows: First match, 7-6, gross 71; second match, 4-3, gross 72; third match by default, and fourth match, 4-3, gross 71. In the same tournament, Administrative Assistant Duke Wright was runner-up in the second flight.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

L. J. Hicks, Jr., to lineman A, Gate City. **C. D. Coulthard** to lineman A, Abingdon.

John E. Amos Const.

John David Gray, time clerk senior, to Martinka Mine Construction. **James W. Bobbitt, Jr.**, to civil construction assistant I, Project 2601. **Frona L. Caldwell**, steno-secretary, to Project 2601. **Charles C. Cassell, Jr.**, chief civil construction, to Project 2601. **Lawrence H. Lieving**, resident engineer, to Project 2601. **Hobert M. Lowe** to civil construction assistant I, Project 2601. **William R. Pethel**, construction office manager, to Project 1301. **Carol E. Jones**, clerk-typist, to Project 1301. **Gary M. Raines**, construction stores assistant, to Metropolis Coal Transfer Terminal. **Edmond T. Hendrickson**, construction stores supervisor, to Project 1301. **Diane G. Pitchford**, clerk-typist, to Project 1301.

Bluefield

Larry Neill Blankenship to senior engineering technologist. **Harry L. Buston, III**, to meterman A. **Douglas Dean Cameron** to meterman A. **David M. Chumbley** to meterman A. **John R. Ratcliffe** to meterman A. **George E. Heartwell** to lineman A. **Eddie D. Short** to lineman A.

Cabin Creek

Franklin T. Hannigan to junior maintenance man B.

Charleston

Terry R. Cogar to meter reader. **Clayton Starcher, Jr.**, to meterman A. **Edward L. Walker** to meter reader. **Clarence G. Day** to meter reader.

Clinch River

Norman E. House to utility man A. **Billy D. Breeding** to junior maintenance man. **James C. Singleton** to maintenance man. **Carter L. Chafin** to helper.

General Office

Anthony M. Agee to reproducing machine operator C. **Edward A. Hensley** to station operator A. **William O. Hickman, III** to station operator A.

Glen Lyn

Danny Lewis Meadows to utility coal handler.

Huntington

Karl B. Click to meter reader, Point Pleasant. **William L. Jamison** to meter reader, Point Pleasant. **Darwin B. Ryalls** to T&D clerk. **Alzelia Johnson** to T&D clerk. **David M. Barbour** to draftsman. **Jacqueline B. Layne** to PBX operator. **Willis L. Johnson** to head T&D clerk.

Logan-Williamson

Donna J. Mullins to cashier. **William J. Thaxton** to stationman helper A. **Larry P. Browning** to electrical engineer senior. **Gene P. Stepp** to engineer B. **Gary G. Watson** to electrical engineer, Williamson.

Lynchburg

Grady R. Blake, Jr., to stores attendant senior. **James E. Stevens** to general serviceman.

Pulaski

Michael D. Cox to lineman A. **Charles A. Terry, Jr.**, to auto repairman A. **Richard T. Wingate** to lineman A. **Odell W. Palmer, Jr.**, from boiler operator C, Radford Steam Plant, to meter reader, Pulaski. **Roy I. Jennelle** from maintenance mechanic, Radford Steam Plant, to meter reader, Pulaski. **Fred M. Royal** from turbine and switchboard operator, Radford Steam Plant, to meter reader, Pulaski. **Leslie B. Dickerson** from maintenance man, Radford Steam Plant, to meter reader, Pulaski.

Roanoke

J. L. Joyce to PBX operator, Fieldale. **Faye N. DeLong** to customer accounts representative C. **D. L. Janney** to meter reader. **A. H. Jacobs** from visitors center attendant, Smith Mountain, to meter reader, Roanoke. **W. C. Prillaman** to stationman helper A, Fieldale. **D. L. Johnson** to meter reader. **W. L. Windsor** to meter reader. **J. L. Mills** to meter reader. **L. D. Miles** to meter reader. **H. M. Karnes** to meter reader. **Sherwood Robertson, Jr.**, to meter reader. **J. B. Bell** to meter reader, Stuart.

Philip Sporn

Camille Y. Doss to secretary senior. **Judy A. Liberatore** to secretary. **Paul C. Pierce** to utility man A.

Project 1301

Glenn R. Castro, civil construction assistant, from Cook Plant construction to Project 1301. **C. Keith Drummond** from construction rodman/chainman, Gavin Construction, to civil construction assistant, Project 1301. **Don M. Erwin**, civil construction assistant, from Gavin Construction to Project 1301. **Roger L. Kovalchik**, chief civil construction, from Gavin Construction to Project 1301. **Gordon W. McMillan**, chief concrete construction, from Gavin Construction to Project 1301. **Donald V. Moore**, resident engineer, from Gavin Construction to Project 1301. **Raymond H. Taylor**, civil construction assistant, from Gavin Construction to Project 1301. **Earl D. Thompson**, civil construction assistant, from Meigs Mine Construction to Project 1301. **B. V. White** from general outside foreman, Meigs Mine Construction, to civil construction assistant, Project 1301. **Edward A. Young**, civil construction assistant, from Gavin Plant Construction to Project 1301. **William C. Safford**, assistant chief electrical construction, from Gavin Plant Construction to Project 1301. **Allen T. Downie**, civil construction assistant, from Gavin Plant Construction to Project 1301. **Ronald F. Miller**, civil construction assistant, from Project 1301 to Gavin Plant Construction.

Central Appalachian Coal

Montgomery

Rodney A. Myers to stores coord-

inator, Montgomery. **Garland R. Carver** to section foreman, Morris Creek Mines.

Central Coal

New Haven

Michael Richard Ryan to section foreman, Philip Sporn Mine.

Kanawha Valley Power

C. W. Richardson to utility man.

Kentucky Power

Big Sandy

Gregory K. Payne to maintenance man. **Charles Rodney Viars** to junior maintenance man. **Paul P. Moore** to junior maintenance man. **Larry D. Salmos** to junior maintenance man. **Jerry M. Derfield** to junior maintenance man. **Opie Burchett** to guard. **Bruce Q. Bussey** to stores coordinator. **James D. Ratliff** to yard helper. **John D. Wellman** to yard helper. **William C. Frazier** to yard helper.

General Office

Nathan E. Kirk, departmental assistant, from General Office Personnel to Big Sandy Plant Personnel. **Kay W. Porter** to work order cost and accounting clerk junior.

Hazard

Fred M. Skaggs to lineman C.

Pikeville

Dale Hamilton to lineman C. **Gregory White** to lineman C.

Kingsport Power

B. C. Dishner to street light attendant.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Ashford

John Marshall Estep to section foreman. **John Arlen Collins** to foreman trainee. **Clarence Joseph Atha** to section foreman. **David Lloyd Callison** to section foreman. **Ike Light, Jr.**, to section foreman. **Samuel Asbury Mink** to section foreman. **Arthur Bud Wilson** to section foreman. **Arvie Boyd Garretson** to assistant general mine foreman.

Julian

Joseph Charles Nelson to transitman. **James Edward Garretson** from intermediate clerk, Bull Creek Supply, to assistant stores supervisor, Julian.

Marmet

Gary Micheal Painter to engineering technician. **Joann Parsons Walls** to senior clerk and stenographer. **Darwin Harold Ligon**, preparation engineer, from Marmet to Montgomery.

Robert Hylton enters retirement



Hylton

Robert Sherman Hylton plans to use some of his leisure hours to catch up on things he hasn't had time to do. He retired September 1 as meter serviceman A in the Pulaski Division.

"I'm not just going to sit around," he said. "I'm going to get out and visit with people. Everybody knows how I like to talk."

A native of Bland County, Virginia Bob began his career as a lineman. "When I went to work Joe Gills (now a vice president of the AEP Service Corporation met me at an old pole trailer in Saltville and signed me up. That was in 1935, but before that worked part-time during the Depression. I helped build the 12 kv line between Wytheville and Marion." During his nearly 40 years' service, he has worked as a serviceman B and A and meter serviceman B and A.

Bob is a past president of both the Bland County Kiwanis Club and Bland County Coon Hunters Club, a past member of the I. O. O. F. and has served as Sunday School superintendent of Bland United Methodist Church for 12 years. He and his wife Bertha have four children nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A son, Bobby S Hylton, is a line foreman non exempt in Bluefield Division.

White named general foreman



White

Hobart S. White, line foreman exempt, has been promoted to general foreman in the Welch area of Bluefield Division.

A native of Welch, West Virginia White began his career in 1948 as a laborer. He worked as a groundman; lineman C, B and A and line foreman non-exempt before being promoted to line foreman exempt in January 1973.

White is married and has three children.

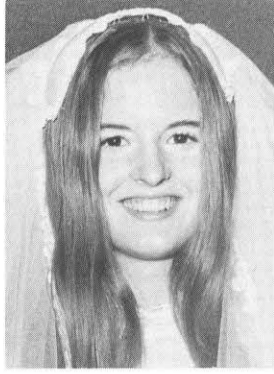
22 company couples are married in summer ceremonies



Bopp



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Houck



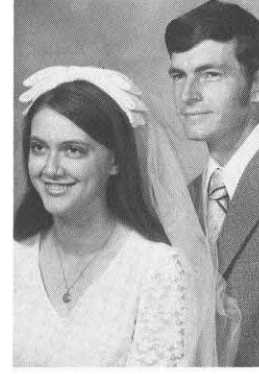
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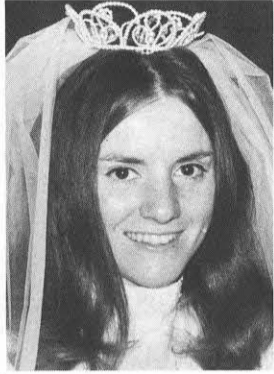
Barnette



Patchell



Vermillion



Longbrake



Valk



Dollar

Tremba-Bopp

Kathy Ellen Tremba became the bride of Charles Robert Bopp July 20 in Christ Episcopal Church, Pulaski, Virginia. Mrs. Bopp is a clerk trainee, Pulaski.

Hager-Copley

Vickie Hager was married to Marty N. Copley June 29 in First United Methodist Church, Williamson, West Virginia. Copley is a lineman helper, Logan-Williamson.

McComas-Houck

Cynthia Lynn McComas and Ronald Joe Houck were married June 8 in Kenova United Methodist Church, Kenova, West Virginia. Mrs. Houck is the daughter of Richard L. McComas, office supervisor, Big Sandy Plant.

Smith-Woolwine

Carlene Walters Smith and Robert A. Woolwine were united in marriage July 12 at the home of the bride's mother in Blacksburg, Virginia. Woolwine is a stationman A, Pulaski.

Samms-Barnette

The marriage of Anna Elizabeth Samms and Anthony Joseph Barnette was solemnized August 3 in Reynolds Memorial United Methodist Church, Marmet, West Virginia. Barnette is a utility man A, Cabin Creek Plant.

Shawver-Patchell

Wedding vows were exchanged by Annetta Grace Shawver and William Edward Patchell, II, August 2 in the Church of God, East Bank, West Virginia. Patchell is a laboratory attendant, Cabin Creek Plant.

Snead-Vermillion

Yellow Springs Baptist Church, Meadowview, Virginia, was the setting for the July 11th wedding of Judy N. Snead and Sherman Lee Vermillion. Mrs. Vermillion is a clerk trainee, Abingdon.

Sweeney-Longbrake

August 3 was the wedding day of Ruth Ellene Sweeney and Edwin Lee Longbrake, who were married in Boxley Chapel of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Longbrake is the daughter of Cecil A. Sweeney, right of way agent, General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke.

Gott-Valk

Myra Kay Gott became the bride of Leendert Roy Valk July 13 in Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tennessee. Mrs. Valk is the daughter of G. W. Gott, meterman A, Kingsport.

Zoellers-Dollar

Terry Phyllis Zoellers was married to Jack Irwin Dollar June 29 in First United Methodist Church, Norcross, Georgia. Mrs. Dollar is the daughter of C. A. Zoellers, division manager, Hazard.

Whitt-Stone

July 20 was the wedding day of Patricia Gayle Whitt and Richard A. Stone, who were married in Immanuel Baptist Mission, Mullins Addition, Kentucky. Mrs. Stone is the daughter of Glenn Whitt, collector, Pikeville.

McPherson-Stone

Connie Sue McPherson and Russell Allen Stone were married July 13 in the Nazarene Church,

Chelyan, West Virginia. Stone is a chemist assistant, Cabin Creek Plant.

Hornbuckle-Blackburn

Lila Ellen Hornbuckle and Henry J. Blackburn were united in marriage May 11 in the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Blackburn is the daughter of Robert V. Hornbuckle, residential representative, Ashland.

Bradley-Bolner

The marriage of Carolyn Louise Bradley and Bruce Alan Bolner was solemnized June 1 in Pentecostal Church of Christ, Flatwoods, Kentucky. Bolner is the son of Donald G. Bolner, working service foreman, Ashland.

Taylor-Adkins

Wedding vows were exchanged by Lucy Margaret Taylor and Curtis Adkins June 20 in the Methodist Church, Raceland, Kentucky. Mrs. Adkins is a flexowriter-clerk, General Office Purchasing, Ashland.

Chandler-Pigg

June 29 was the wedding day of Rita Chandler and Joe Allen Pigg, who were married in Wise, Virginia. Pigg is the son of Joseph W. Pigg, retired residential representative, Ashland.

Clarke-Walton

First Baptist Church, Clintwood, Virginia, was the setting for the May 31st wedding of Kathy E. Clarke and Michael R. Walton. Walton is a maintenance man, Big Sandy Plant.

Smith-East

Nancy Smith became the bride of Gary East July 27 in Salem Pentecostal Holiness Church, Salem, Virginia. Mrs. East is the daughter of Mildred Smith, customer accounting clerk A, General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

Nofsinger-Curd

Joyce Nofsinger was married to Otis E. Curd July 12 in Montvale Methodist Church, Montvale, Virginia. Mrs. Curd is a key punch operator, General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

Humphries-Watters

Wedding vows were exchanged by Donna Kay Humphries and Michael Watters July 27 in a ceremony performed overlooking the lake at Sleepy Hollow, Oak Hill, West Virginia. Mrs. Watters is the daughter of T. L. Humphries, commercial representative, Beckley.

LaPradd-Smith

Judy LaPradd and Roger Smith were married July 5 in Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Smith is key punch operator, General Office Accounting, Roanoke. Smith is a reproducing machinist operator A, General Office General Services, Roanoke.

Osborne-Boylard

Teresa G. Osborne and William Charles Boyland were united in marriage July 6 in The Kingdo Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Bristol, Tennessee. Mrs. Boyland is a clerk-stenographer, Abingdon.

ENGAGEMENTS

MARY KATHRYN FANNING, daughter of Bluefield Building Supervisor E. E. Fanning, to Dennis Wayt Carter.

DONNA CAROL RULEN, daughter of Central Machine Shop Manager Harold L. Rulen, to A. Bruce Belfield III.

Nancy Culbertson to CHARLES THOMPSON, Huntington meterman helper.

JOANNE LLUEHELLEN POOL, daughter of W. G. Poole, J. Kingsport heating and air conditioning serviceman, to Jackie E. Ward Bradley.

Sandra Kay McCoy to RICHARD STEPHEN SUTPHIN, intermediate clerk, Southern Appalachian Coal Ashford.

MARILYN ELAINE GULLETT, junior clerk in General Office Accounting, Ashland, to Harold Bishop Runyan.

Pikeville crew extinguishes fire

A Pikeville Division line crew possibly saved a store building when it extinguished an automobile fire recently.

Line Foreman Auburn Helvey and his crew were working in the Coal Run Village when they noticed a crowd gathering nearby. Going over to see if any help was needed, the crew found a car on fire. They used a digger spade to pry open the hood and extinguished the fire with equipment from the line truck. The owner of a nearby store said his building might have burned if the gas tank had exploded.



July 4, 1974, marked the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bartlett. They have five children, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. A son, T. E. Bartlett, is a property representative B in General Office Land Management, Blue Ridge Project, Independence.

Carl Smith trades coal invoices for year-round home at Claytor Lake



Smith

"After 38 years of service with Appalachian Power, I feel like I've been digging coal instead of keeping accounting records on it," says Carl Vernon Smith, who elected early retirement September 1. As stores accountant in the General Office Accounting Department, Roanoke, Carl was involved in processing coal invoices for payment and preparation of various reports and plant costs.

Carl studied business administration for two years at Roanoke College and took a correspondence course in accounting from La Salle Extension. A native of Dublin, Virginia, he began his career with Appalachian in 1936 as a clerk. During his 38 years' service, he worked as a clerk senior; clerk special; head-material accounting clerk, control section; head-material accounting clerk, peg board and construction section; head-material accounting section; and head-stores accounting record audit section.

His career with Appalachian was interrupted by World War II. He entered the Army in 1943 and served as a medical photog-

rapher. He attained the rank of master sergeant and was discharged in 1946.

Carl and his wife June will move to their home on Claytor Lake to live year-round. They plan to travel to the West Coast and other places of interest in the United States. They have one son, David, who is sports editor for the *Franklin News Post* in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

Carl's hobbies include photography, fishing, boating and wood-working. He attends Melrose United Methodist Church in Roanoke.

Manning retires to 75-acre farm



Manning

More time to spend on his 75-acre farm is what William E. Manning had in mind when he elected early retirement August 1. He was head T&D clerk at Hazard.

Bill, who is an organic farmer, says it has been some 38 years since any commercial fertilizer or sprays were used on his crops. He also has eight beehives on the farm.

A native of Soddy, Tennessee, Bill attended Eastern State College. He began his career with Kentucky Power in 1943 as a groundman and was a rodman, senior clerk, head distribution record clerk, distribution records supervisor, inspector and station operator A before becoming head T&D clerk in 1960.

Bill recalls how tough it was working trouble calls in the mountains, especially at night, when he first joined the company. Sometimes two crews were called and they would start working at opposite ends of a section of line. Each crew had to carry any equipment that might be needed and, because there weren't any radios, they had to walk until they met the other crew.

Besides his hobby of farming, Bill has served on a Scout committee and Scout board of review for the Christian Church. He and his wife Myrtle have four children and one grandchild.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Shouna Marie, daughter of C. T. HICKS, JR., lineman C, July 7.

Sheila Kay, daughter of R. D. GILL, stores attendant, August 8.

Ashland

Jason D., son of CLIFFORD I. VALENTINE, meter reader, June 18.

Jennifer Dannielle, daughter of DANNY C. MELVIN, collector, July 8.

Matthew Warren, son of R. S. WRIGHT, wage and salary supervisor, General Office Personnel, July 24.

Big Sandy

Bryan Dale, son of DALE Q. MEEK, unit foreman, July 4.

Angela Dawn, daughter of CHARLES R. VIARS, junior maintenance man, July 30.

Bluefield

Christopher Mark, son of DAVID M. FRANCISCO, engineer B, August 8.

Lori Ann, daughter of J. KENNETH SIGMON, lineman A, Pineville, June 29.

Jonathan Brandon, son of PAUL D. HILL, lineman A, Pineville, June 22.

Cabin Creek

Shawna Lynn, daughter of DANNY L. BRADBERRY, junior maintenance man B, August 10.

Charleston

Jennifer Ann, daughter of RICHARD LEGG, clerk junior, July 14.

Central Machine Shop

Villa Michele, daughter of WILLIAM D. CRAFT, custodian, July 18.

Clinch River

Amanda Gail, daughter of SAMUEL C. AMOS, utility operator B, July 23.

General Office

Noel Annette, daughter of RICHARD E. NORTHUP, environmental staff engineer, GO Executive, Roanoke, July 15.

Nicole Lawanda, daughter of REGINALD M. RANDOLPH, engineer B, GO T&D Communications Section, Roanoke, July 20.

Hazard

Leslie Andrea, daughter of JACK D. BATES, distribution engineer, August 13.

Kanawha River

Tory Justin, son of B. C. NICHOLSON, junior maintenance man, August 10.

Katherine Renee, daughter of WILLIAM F. SULT, performance engineer, August 11.

Logan-Williamson

Kristen Leanne, daughter of SHARRON M. NAPIER, stenographer, Logan, May 13.

Marmet

Kimberly Dawn, daughter of PHILIP ROY RICHARDSON, administration supervisor, August 4.

Roanoke

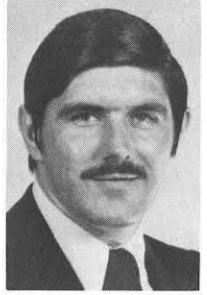
Bryan Heath, son of MICHAEL B. PITCHES, senior planner, Fieldale, July 30.

Gregory Alan, son of HARRY W. DODD, lineman A, July 5.

Philip Sporn

Meagan, daughter of W. M. MORRISON, maintenance man, July 17.

Yost takes new position

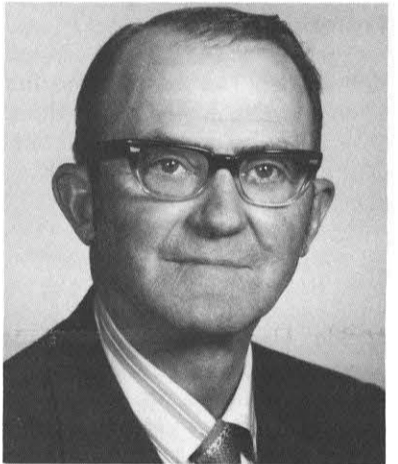


Yost

Worley R. Yost, Jr., has been promoted to the newly created position of line and station supervisor for Hazard Division.

A native of Harlan, Kentucky, Yost graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BS degree in electrical engineering. He joined Kentucky Power in 1966 as a distribution engineer in Hazard.

Retiree Pearl plans to travel



Pearl

"I've had so many fine experiences during my time with the company that I wouldn't know where to start to tell them all," said Joseph Jasper Pearl, who retired September 1 as station foreman in Logan-Williamson Division. "The one thing that stands out above all others is the many good friends I've made over the years."

A native of East Bernstadt, Kentucky, Joe worked for Appalachian Power at Roanoke and Charleston before hiring on as an electrician at Logan Plant in 1935. He was promoted to electrical maintenance mechanic A in 1944 and moved to Logan District in 1961 as a stationman B. The following year he was promoted to stationman A and advanced to station foreman non-exempt in 1967. He studied electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools.

Joe says, "My wife Lucille and I have purchased a travel trailer and plan to do quite a bit of traveling. We'll spend about half our time at home in Logan and half touring." Joe is an elder and trustee of the First Christian Church, Logan; member state board, Christian Church of West Virginia; member SEPI, West Virginia Chapter of Committee on Religion in Appalachia; and a volunteer worker for the West Virginia State Welfare Department.

Sebo becomes registered engineer



Sebo

John J. Sebo, production supervisor-operations at Philip Sporn Plant, passed the examination for certification as a registered professional mechanical engineer in the State of Ohio.

A native of Logan County, West Virginia, Sebo was employed in 1964 as a chemist and worked as a performance engineer and plant performance engineer before being promoted to his present position in 1973.



W. A. Scott, W. W. Terry and R. H. Snodgrass, Abingdon electrical engineers, recently passed an examination to become registered professional engineers in the State of Virginia. Snodgrass previously passed his engineer-in-training exam upon graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Scott and Terry passed their EIT exams in 1972. From left, Scott, Terry, Snodgrass and Fillmore McPherson, Abingdon Division manager, who presented their certificates.

Veteran employees receive awards for lengthy service



Johnson Farley Hatch Kepner Eplin Basham Richards Morrison Bragg Nickles



Brown Oakley Loudermilk McGraw McAlpine Funk Briggs Jacobs

40 Years	Classification	Location
Johnson, P. J.	Supt. of Hydro Gen.	GO-Roanoke
Farley, C. E.	Shift Operating Engineer	Big Sandy

35 Years	Classification	Location
Hatch, R. L.	Sta. & Hydro Supv.	Lynchburg
Kepner, J. W.	Operations Superintendent	GO-Roanoke
Eplin, J. B.	Meter Service Foreman	Charleston
Basham, J. H.	Cust. Acct. Supv.	Charleston
Richards, C. E.	Shift Operating Engineer	Clinch River
Morrison, M. F.	Personnel Supervisor	John E. Amos

30 Years	Classification	Location
Bragg, O. J.	Commercial Engineer	Bluefield
Nickles, Amos	Serviceman	Hazard
Brown, B. M.	Maintenance Foreman	Glen Lyn

25 Years	Classification	Location
Oakley, R. M.	General Clerk	Huntington
Loudermilk, R. L.	Commercial Engineer	Beckley
McGraw, W. G.	Residential Rep.	Beckley

20 Years	Classification	Location
McAlpine, Bennett	Residential Advisor	Kingsport
Funk, G. V.	Garage Foreman	Roanoke
Briggs, B. B.	Inst. Maint. Man C	Kanawha River
Jacobs, D. R.	Shift Operating Engineer	Big Sandy

15 Years	Classification	Location
Vaughan, M. A., Jr.	Performance Supv. Eng.	John E. Amos
Keys, P. R.	Right Of Way Agent	Lynchburg
Altice, B. L.	Planner Senior	Roanoke

10 Years	Classification	Location
Morefield, J. C.	Engineer B.	Abingdon
Absher, Judy	Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Stepp, G. P.	Engineer B.	Logan-Williamson
Campbell, Mary	Stenographer	Lynchburg
Hill, C. L.	Planner Senior	Roanoke
Prillaman, M. R.	Stationman C.	Roanoke
Burton, Barbara	Stenographer	Big Sandy

5 Years	Classification	Location
Baker, P. W.	Lineman B.	Abingdon
Kelley, J. E.	Lineman A.	Abingdon
Lawson, L. A.	Area T&D Clerk	Abingdon
Lee, E. D.	Lineman B.	Abingdon
Leonard, L. W.	Lineman C.	Abingdon
McGlocklin, R. O.	Lineman A.	Abingdon
Hughes, M. M.	Lineman A.	Abingdon
Blankenship, R. L.	Equipment Operator	John E. Amos
Powell, C. A.	Performance Engineer Sr.	John E. Amos
Thompson, D. L.	Maintenance Man A.	John E. Amos
Taylor, D. E.	Const. Stores Asst.	Amos Const.
Hill, P. D.	Lineman A.	Bluefield
Rowan, J. E., Jr.	Lineman A.	Bluefield
Faucett, A. S.	Meterman C.	Charleston
Adams, G. L.	T&D Instrumentman	GO-Roanoke
Johnson, Judy	Clerk-Stenographer	GO-Bluefield
Lambert, E. R.	Communications Engr. B.	GO-Charleston
Layne, G. E.	Station Maint. Man C.	GO-Charleston
Legg, C. D.	Station Maint. Man B.	GO-Huntington
Linville, R. G.	Transmission Man B.	GO-Charleston
Williams, D. L.	Data Proc. Operator A.	GO-Roanoke

5 Years	Classification	Location
Taylor, A. V., Jr.	Chemist	Glen Lyn
Mattox, W. T., Jr.	Lineman B.	Huntington
Lambert, E. D.	Lineman B.	Huntington
Johnson, Alzelia	T&D Clerk	Huntington
Thaxton, W. J.	Stationman Helper A.	Logan-Williamson
Morris, B. L.	Auto Repairman A.	Logan-Williamson
Cox, M. D.	Lineman A.	Pulaski
Frazier, R. W.	Lineman A.	Pulaski
Gregory, J. B.	Lineman B.	Pulaski
Jackson, A. S.	Customer Rep. B.	Pulaski
Osborne, H. C.	Lineman B.	Pulaski
Phillips, B. D.	Lineman A.	Pulaski
Phipps, B. M.	Lineman B.	Pulaski
Wingate, R. T.	Lineman A.	Pulaski
Hash, J. C.	Lineman A.	Pulaski
Jones, R. E.	Stores Attendant	Roanoke
Jones, J. C., Jr.	Head Custodian	Ashland
Gabbert, J. D.	Performance Engineer	Big Sandy
Creech, L. P.	Coal Equipment Operator	Big Sandy
Davis, Charles	Lineman B.	Hazard
Little, Gary	Lineman B.	Pikeville
Boyd, R. E.	Survey Party Chief	Marmet

Pulaski electrical engineer retires



Sheets
 "When I went to work in 1937 safety conditions weren't what they should have been," says Ray Sheets, who speaks with experience. He recalls, "One time when I was working in Marion, circuit was taken out and I was supposed to be in the clear. I eventually sat on the circuit and later found out it was still energized. I don't know why didn't get burned up."

Barns retires as Welch superintendent, will make home in Salem, Virginia

Frank Bundy Barns, area superintendent A in the Welch area of Bluefield Division, elected early retirement September 1 after 40 years' service.

A native of Tazewell, Virginia, Frank attended the University of Richmond for two years as a pre-med student. He began his career with Appalachian Power in 1934 as a laborer at Grundy and transferred to Welch in 1937 as storeroom clerk. He was named assistant storekeeper the following year. After returning from military leave, he worked as a clerk special, record clerk, distribution engineer, line inspector and line supervisor before being promoted to area superintendent B in 1969. He was promoted to area superintendent A in 1971.

Frank is active in the Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, where he has served as a deacon and elder. He has been a member of the Commission on Minister and His Work of the Guyandotte Presbytery. He is also a past president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce; member, McDowell Lodge No. 112 AF&M; Wyndham Chapter No. 45 RAM; Welch Com-

mandery No. 27 KT; Beni Kedem Temple; and on the board of directors of the Welch Rotary Club.

He and his wife June will make their home in the Salem, Virginia, area. They have two daughters, Joyce Ann Williams of Salem and Lenora Ruth Lisenco of Charlotte, North Carolina.



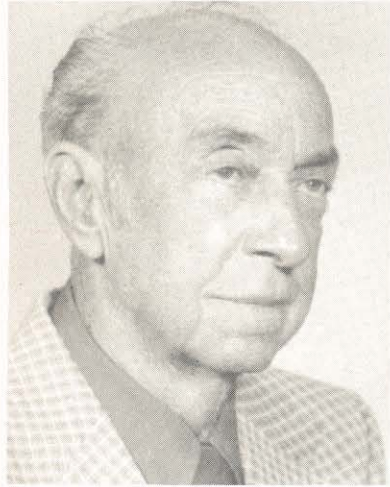
Barns

Ray, who retired September 1 as an electrical engineer in Pulaski adds, "We have come a long way in safety and have a good program now. But even with all the safety regulations, you should look out for yourself. This is the one thing I try to teach younger fellows."

A native of Ashland, West Virginia, Ray began his career as a meter helper and during his 33 years' service also worked as a meter tester, meterman B and A and working foreman. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Tri-State College.

When asked about retirement plans, Ray said, "I can answer that in one word — nothing. I plan to play it day by day. If I want to go fishing, I'll go. If I want to do something else, I'll do it. I've had a boss since I was 18 years old and now I hope to do what I want to do when I want to do it."

Ray has served on the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski and has been offered a life membership in the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. He and his wife Reba have two children and two grandchildren. He is a ham radio operator and enjoys fishing.



Carpenter

A. B. Carpenter enters retirement

Alden B. Carpenter, chief of civil construction for the Amos Plant Construction Department, retired September 1 after more than 20 years' service with the AEP System.

A native of Arden, West Virginia, Carp studied survey at West Virginia University. He was employed by OVEC in 1954 as a civil engineer and transferred to Ohio Power's Muskingum River Plant the following year. He went to Philip Sporn Plant in 1957 and during the next 12 years worked at Clinch River Plant, Smith Mountain Dam, Cardinal Plant, Muskingum Plant and Big Sandy Plant. He has spent the last five years in the Amos Plant Construction Department.

Carp and his wife Pauline want to relocate in an area of slightly higher elevation and more conveniently located to their many friends. As soon as that's done, they plan to travel and see some of the USA. Carp is a member of Grafton Lodge No. 15, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Carpenters have three children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rice takes new supervisory post



Rice

Joseph B. Rice was promoted to Lynchburg Division engineering supervisor on September 1. He succeeds G. Nelson Havens, who resigned to accept other employment.

A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, Rice holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from the University of Virginia. He began his career with Appalachian Power in June 1956 as an electrical engineer in Roanoke and was transferred to Lynchburg later that year. He was promoted to line supervisor in 1965.

AEP plants most efficient

For the second year in a row and the fourth time in the past ten years, the American Electric Power System in 1973 was the most efficient in steam-electric generation among the nation's utilities providing service to the general public.

AEP's steam plants operated last year at a heat rate of 9,526 Btu's per kilowatt-hour generated. (Heat rate is a measure of ability to squeeze electricity from a unit of fuel. The lower the Btu's, the higher the generating efficiency.)

Runner-up Duke Power Company had a heat rate of 9,713 Btu's per kwh, and the federal government's Tennessee Valley Authority was third with 9,799 Btu's. In fourth and fifth place, respectively, were Toledo Edison, 9,880 Btu's, and the New England Electric System, 9,895 Btu's.

According to the Federal Power Commission, which compiled the figures, only seven utilities had

heat rates under 10,000 Btu's last year.

Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, which operates two power plants and sells its production to a single customer, the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, operated in 1973 at a heat rate of 9,371 Btu's per kwh. OVEC's generating stations were designed by and built under the supervision of the AEP Service Corporation, and three AEP System operating companies — Appalachian, I&M and Ohio Power — own 37.8% of OVEC.

Vaught plans volunteer work



Vaught

Helen Lucille Vaught, customer representative B at Wytheville in the Pulaski Division before her early retirement September 1, has already made some definite plans for the future. She says, "I have a large house to maintain, and I plan to do some things I haven't had time for. I will continue to do volunteer work in the Wythe County Community Hospital gift shop and keep up my club activities."

Lucille is a member of the First Christian Church, Wytheville Woman's Club, Wytheville Garden Club and the hospital auxiliary. She's also considering taking some short courses in flower arranging, judging and landscaping at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Lucille began her career in 1941 as a cashier at Wytheville, after receiving a certificate in secretarial work and bookkeeping from Villa Maria Academy. During her 33 years' service, she also worked as a clerk junior, clerk intermediate, contract entry and final billing clerk, senior contract entry and final billing clerk, and general clerk senior.

Lucille recalls an incident which occurred less than two months after she was hired. She says, "I hardly knew the employees and I didn't know anyone knew it was my birthday. I was sitting at my desk typing and trying to be very dignified when Julius Clerk, former Wytheville employee, came out of the back and greased not only my nose but my entire face. After that I felt I was a member of the Appalachian family."

Appalachian Tops System

Among the AEP System's four operating companies with generating facilities, Appalachian Power Company ranked first with a heat rate of 9,288 Btu's. The standings:

Appalachian Power	9,288
I&M	9,506
Kentucky Power	9,544
Ohio Power	9,695

West promoted to personnel post



West

Helen K. West has been promoted to personnel assistant senior (exempt) in Roanoke Division. She succeeds Stephen L. Jamison, who earlier was promoted to Lynchburg Division administrative assistant.

A native of Bedford County, Virginia, Mrs. West began her career with Appalachian Power in 1954 as a clerk in the then System Accounting Department, Roanoke. She transferred to Roanoke Division as a cashier in 1956 and was promoted to clerk-stenographer in System Personnel the following year. In 1964 she returned to Roanoke Division as petty cash clerk and became secretarial-stenographer in Division Personnel in 1965. She was promoted to personnel assistant (non-exempt) in 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. West have one daughter.

WE REMEMBER



Lucas

Bentley H. Lucas, 82, retired senior general clerk in Pulaski, died August 6.

A native of Riner, Virginia, Lucas was employed in 1937 as a rural service solicitor in Pulaski. He elected early retirement due to disability in 1951.

Lucas is survived by one daughter and two grandchildren.



Quarrier

William Alexander Quarrier, III, 62, retired Charleston material clerk, died July 23.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Quarrier was employed in 1933 as a clerk in the Charleston Accounting Department. He elected early retirement for health reasons on January 1, 1974.

Quarrier is survived by his widow, two stepsons, one sister and two brothers.



Rasnake

Willie Burl Rasnake, 57, Pulaski Division lineman A, died August 21.

A native of Cleveland, Virginia, Rasnake began his career with Appalachian Power in 1945 as a

Employees' ideas save \$482,917

By the end of June, savings to the company of approximately \$482,917 resulted from ideas submitted by employees through Appalachian Power's Operations Improvement Program. This was 124 per cent of the quota established for the entire year.

Locations realizing 50 per cent or more of their "fair share goal" are Cabin Creek and Clinch River Plants, Lynchburg Division, and the Accounting, General Services, Hydro and Real Estate and Right of Way Departments.

groundman. He had been on LT leave since September 1972.

Rasnake is survived by 1 widow, one daughter, two brothers, three sisters and two grandchildren.



Jago

Glenna Jago, 67, retired secretarial-stenographer in the General Office T&D Department, Roanoke, died August 23.

A native of Sun, West Virginia, Mrs. Jago was employed in 1951 as a clerk-stenographer in the GO T&D Department. She retired November 1, 1971, after 19 years' service.

Mrs. Jago is survived by a son, three grandchildren and one sister.



Wellford

Armistead Landon Wellford Jr., 79, retired Bluefield Division supervising engineer, died August 23.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, Wellford began his career in 1921 as an electrical engineer in Bluefield. He retired March 3, 1960.

Wellford is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.



Call

Robert G. Call, 76, retired senior engineer and head of the AEP Service Corporation General Laboratory in Huntington, died July 23 in Mesa, Arizona.

A native of Jackson, Ohio, Call was employed at Windsor Plant in 1919 as the first chemist of the AEP System. He established the General Lab in 1937 and moved with it to Huntington in 1954. He retired January 1, 1963.

Call, whose wife died August 10, is survived by one daughter and three grandchildren.



A team composed of (l. to r.) R. E. Morrison, planner senior; R. W. McComas, lineman C; T. J. McComas, T&D clerk senior; and B. B. Satpute, electrical engineer, captured the first half of the Huntington Division Golf League. There are seven teams in the League.

Nisbet, Horne take golf honors

Twenty-seven employees participated in the Logan-Williamson Division golf tournament held at Riverview Country Club, Madison, West Virginia.

Jim Nisbet of the Customer Services Department had low gross of 84, and Dick Wilson, customer services manager, was second with 85. Ronnie Horne, Williamson Records Section, took low net honors with a 73. Bill Bias, Customer Services, had second low net of 74.



New officers of the Pikeville Employees Bowling League are (l. to r.) James Hopson, secretary; Lenore Biliter, vice president; Doris Robinson, treasurer and Hershell D. Clark, president.

Awards presented, officers elected at Pikeville Bowling League banquet

Trophies were presented and new officers elected for the 1974-75 season at the Pikeville Employees Bowling League annual awards banquet.

The championship trophy was awarded the High Tension team, with the Amp Uppers receiving the runner-up trophy.

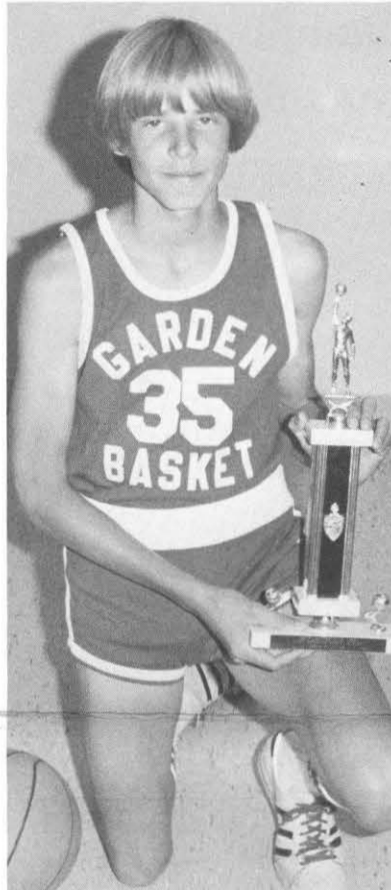
Individual honors went to Bill Barnett, high men's series (672); Katherine Clark, high women's series (508) and high women's

average (145); Denton Biliter high men's single game (254) Lenore Biliter, high women's single game (208); and James Hopson, high men's average (185).

Officers elected were Hershell D. Clark, serviceman, president; Lenore Biliter, stenographer, vice president; James Hopson heating and air conditioning consultant, secretary; and Doris Robinson, stenographer treasurer.



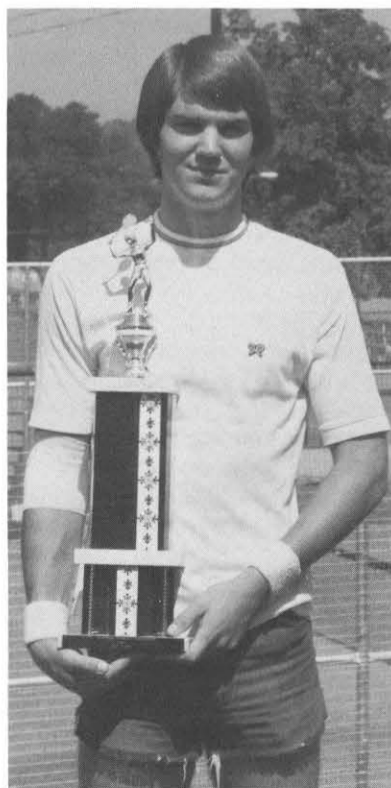
B. C. "Wheel" Thomas (right) and Robert E. Kelly, Jr., scored 119 to win the Patrick C. Graney Memorial Trophy in the sixth annual member-guest invitational of the White Oak Country Club, Oak Hill, West Virginia. The 36-hole best ball event included 22 participating teams. Thomas is area serviceman at Oak Hill in the Beckley Division.



Samuel David Williams, son of Sam Williams, Roanoke T&D clerk senior, was selected as the most improved player on the North Roanoke Bucks basketball team.



BSA Explorer Post 406, sponsored by Appalachian Power Company in Roanoke, won \$35.00 in two appearances on a local TV station's Klub Kwiz program. From left, Tom Hamrick, temporary Roanoke Division T&D employee; Mitzie Naff, Explorer Post president and daughter of Ralph Naff, right of way agent; John Blake, temporary Roanoke Division T&D employee; and George Bassett, Klub Kwiz host.



Dave Stricklen, son of W. H. Stricklen, line foreman in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division, won the Peoples Bank Tennis Tournament. Stricklen won the first set 7-6 and the second set 6-3 to take the first place trophy and go into the local record books as the first winner of a city singles tournament in Point Pleasant.



Appalachian Power Company's Live Wires bowling team captured first place and 17 trophies in the Viking Belles League of Roanoke with their record of 60½ wins and 44½ losses. The team had high handicap game of 922 and a high handicap team set of 2554. Team members are (l. to r.) Kay Totty former GO Personnel Section employee; Janice Potter, GO Accounting; Juli Dalton, GO Personnel Section; Susan Caywood, GO Accounting; Mar Agnes Sublett, GO Accounting; and Shirley Croft, wife of Gus Croft, GO Accounting. Not pictured is Clara Armstrong, GO Accounting. Mrs. Potter also won the Herm Buhles Tournament in the League with a 213 game and 502 set.



Con Breeding (left), electrical engineer senior, was awarded the winner's trophy in the Abingdon Division 1974 Kilowatt Open by Jim Prater, residential representative. The annual 72-hole tournament was played at Holston Valley Golf Club.



Mike and George Gregory, sons of Roy Gregory, Abingdon line foreman nonexempt, received most improved football awards at the Abingdon High School All Sports Banquet. Mike (left) was the most improved junior player and George (right) was the most improved sophomore player.



Operating a C. B. set while driving a car poses no problem for Charleston's M. W. Scott, who says he's been doing it for so long it just comes naturally.

Scott's citizen band radio helpful during recent gas shortage

For the third consecutive year, Charleston Residential Representative M. W. Scott has been elected president of the Kanawha Valley Communications Club, Inc., of the Greater Charleston Area. He is a charter member of the club and has been instrumental in its expansion.

Scott's interest in radio started as a child but he's been operating a C. B. set for only 12 years. He's talked with people as far away as West Germany, Puerto Rico, Nassau and Canada.

employees, Meter Reader Bob Allen and Area Serviceman R. O. Strickland, enjoy getting together several times a year on a hill in the Whitesville area to see how many people in the United States they can pick up on their radios.

Scott, who has a radio in his car, found it to be useful during the recent gasoline shortage. He would pick up calls from passing truck drivers, asking what stations might have a supply of gasoline and how to get there. He also received tips from them on what stations were open and consequently never had any trouble obtaining gas for himself.

Scott and two other Charleston

Station Supervisor Fred Bruce passes exams to earn private pilot's license



Huntington Station Supervisor Fred Bruce gets clearance from control tower before taking off from the local airport.

Fred G. Bruce, Huntington station supervisor, realized an ambition he'd had for many years when he received his private pilot's license recently.

Bruce received some flying experience with the U. S. Navy during 1946-48. To receive his license, he had to have a minimum of 35 hours flying time and pass written, oral, flight and physical examinations. He also was required to have a minimum of ten hours cross-country solo flying and a minimum of three hours instrument flying.

Bruce has logged 55 hours of solo flight time and is qualified to fly three types of airplanes: the Cessna 150 (two-passenger),

Cessna 172 (four-passenger) and Grummond American Traveler (four-passenger).

With a license, Bruce is permitted to fly anywhere in the world, day or night. But until he receives more instrument flying time, he is limited to flying only in fair weather, which is checked before take off and during flight. Two hundred hours are required to receive an instrument rating.

The Bruces have a daughter in Charlotte, North Carolina, whom they fly down to visit occasionally in only two hours' time and on 20 gallons of fuel. Mrs. Bruce enjoys flying and hopes to receive enough flying instructions herself to fly solo if necessary.

Millionaire for a week

Did you ever wonder what it would feel like to be filthy rich for a week? William J. Stricklen, son of W. H. Stricklen, line foreman in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division, found out recently.

Stricklen was chosen as the "millionaire for a week" in the Sidewalk Superintendent Contest sponsored by the Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant. The contest was conducted along with the bank's renovation project. As winner, he was the recipient of the interest on \$1,000,000 for one week, which amounted to \$1,069.



K. E. French, Roanoke Division engineer B, won this trophy and \$40 cash for taking first place in the Smith Mountain Night Fishing Contest. He caught 12 bass but only four were over the required 15-inch limit. The four weighed 9 pounds and seven ounces, topping the other 31 entries in the contest.

Lynchburg's Bob Curtis continues Scouting activities in retirement

"Thirty-eight years of working with Cubs, Boy Scouts and Explorers have given me the opportunity to share my training and experience with all types of boys and other adult leaders," says Robert D. Curtis, retired Lynchburg lead draftsman, about his dedication to the Scouting program.

He continues, "My Scouting experience in the Central District of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council goes way back. Pack #1, Troop #1 and Post #1 in the district started at my church, Westminster Presbyterian. My jobs in Scouting have included everything from Scoutmaster to



Winners in the Charleston Division Golf Tournament were (front row, l. to r. Ben Shew, chairman; Paul Parsons and Jerry Corder. Second row, Car Beaver, Cam Coffman, Ed Braid, Bill Romeo and C. A. Perkins. Back row Jack Weaver, Neil Stultz, Vernon Costello, Fred Pioch, Eddie Stone, Garland Loveday, Chuck Bibbee and Leland Price.

Charleston Division golf tourney held at Edgewood Country Club

Edgewood Country Club was the setting for the Charleston Division Golf Tournament, with 46 division and General Office employees participating. Ben Shew was chairman of the event.

Jerry Corder was the grand champ with low gross of 81. Other winners were Leland Price, low net; Ed Braid, low putts; Neil Stultz, most pars; Jack Weaver, high score; and Walt Minsker, Vernon Costello and Dennis Selbe, high hole.

Also, Paul Parsons, most 5's; Garland Loveday, most 7's; William Romeo, most putts; Carl

Beaver, Fred Pioch and Gene Caldwell, most birdies; Cam Coffman and Chuck Bibbee, blinc boggie — front nine; and Eddie Stone and C. A. Perkins, blinc boggie — back nine.



Marie Waggoner displays the form which won her second place in the women's division of the Elks Spring Golf Tournament. Looking on is her husband Bob Waggoner, Lynchburg accounting supervisor, who also won a trophy as second place winner in the third flight of the men's division of the tournament.

troop committee chairman. I even spent two summers after I retired as the provisional scoutmaster for two different troops when they went to summer camp."

In 1969 Curtis was the coordinator for Scouts from Troop #1 in the massive relief effort which collected over two tons of canned food for victims of the flood in Amherst and Nelson counties caused by Hurricane Camille.

Curtis was awarded a Scouter's Key in 1971 and earlier this year received the Order of Merit Plaque for his dedication to youth and work with Scouts.



Lynchburg Retiree Bob Curtis helps during the javelin competition at the annual Spring Cub Olympics in Lynchburg.



D. W. Mullins, Kingsport lineman B, won \$120 and a trophy as first prize in the Kingsport Bass Club's major event held at Douglas Lake, Tennessee.



Paul Johnson will be consultant in hydro operations

To many people, the name Paul Johnson is synonymous with the Blue Ridge Project. He retired September 1 as superintendent of hydro generation for Appalachian Power but will continue as a consultant in hydro operations for the company.

"Having spent better than 12 years on a project like Blue Ridge and having it become a part of me, I would be a lot happier if it were under way," Paul says. "A lot of my friends thought it would make me withdrawn, but I don't feel particularly withdrawn — just plain disgusted."

"It has been a great deal of satisfaction to work completely through the concept, design and commissioning of Smith Mountain and then be able to use this experience as background for participating in the hearings on Blue Ridge," Paul pointed out. "It's going to be good to be able to consider problems from a consulting viewpoint rather than from the daily operating viewpoint."

Paul grew up in Morgantown, West Virginia, and holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University. "When I was in high school, I got the idea I would prefer to be a hydroelectric engineer even before I had ever seen a hydroelectric plant. At that time one of the very few schools that had a hydroelectric engineering course was Cornell University.



Johnson

But since I grew up in a university town and there wasn't any spare money around in the family, it seemed foolish to go to the expense of trying to get into Cornell. I've always thought it was a queer coincidence that I actually ended up in hydroelectric engineering."

Paul entered the business world at the age of 13, working in a meat market on weekends and summers. "I am rather proud that I went to work at a very young age," he adds.

Paul dropped out of college at the end of the first semester of his freshman year. After working as a sheep herder and on construction in Wyoming, he returned home and started back to school.

Just before starting his senior

year in college, Paul married Elnora Hall, also of Morgantown.

The summer following graduation, he worked with the Corps of Engineers in Huntington and started that fall with the General Electric Company at Lynne, Mass. "I went up there on a cooperative graduate course with MIT, working towards a master's degree in transmission engineering." The Depression hit, and Paul returned home, finding work as a shipping clerk for Bethlehem Mines Corporation outside of Fairmont, W. Va. "Actually, I was never out of work a week altogether. In a way, I have been real fortunate about being employed for 52 years altogether."

While at Bethlehem, a friend that was working at Cabin Creek Plant came by to see Paul. "At that time they were rebuilding numbers 1, 2 and 3 boilers at Cabin Creek and were in need of an engineer to work in the Results Department on sketches for foundry patterns and details about the boiler repair work. So I started out at Cabin Creek in 1934 working for Howard Andrews. After I had been there a little over a year, they started construction of the hydro plants for Kanawha Valley Power. When Marmet and London Hydros were nearing completion, I was put in charge of those two plants. From that time on, I have been associated with hydro plants." Paul

was named hydro supervising engineer for Appalachian Power in 1948 and since that time has seen the General Office Hydro Department grow from "just me and a part-time secretary to about 33 people".

"Outside of the consulting work, I plan to travel, work in my church (Virginia Heights Baptist), garden and grow flowers, and try to catch up on the things around the house that haven't been done in a great many years. I have literally been living away from home since 1960. Mrs. Johnson and I plan to go to Spain in October."

Paul would not consider doing consulting work for a firm in a foreign country. "Living con-

ditions are rigorous around big hydroelectric developments. I just think after 65 is the wrong time to expose yourself to an entirely new series of diseases and hardships."

Paul says there is a good possibility he will try to enter theology seminary somewhere and emphasize his church work. "It seems I have been able to speak to and work with people. If I had the proper training, I might be able to be of some use to people who need help. This, of course, depends on how much consulting I do and the effect of inflation."

The Johnsons have a son, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

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