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## APCo complies with PSC order to change fuel clause adjustment

Appalachian Power Company's West Virginia customers will receive refunds on their November billing as a result of a change in the company's method of calculating the fuel clause adjustment factor.

This action is in compliance with orders issued by the West Virginia Public Service Commission on September 16 and October 18. The company reiterated that it has committed no improper nor illegal acts in past application of the fuel clause; and, even though refunds are being made, it has reserved all of its legal rights with respect to judicial review of these orders.

Appalachian's method of recalculating the revised fuel factor has been discussed with and approved by the West Virginia Public Service Commission. All customers billed from September 17 through October 22 will be receiving a refund based on revised and slightly lower fuel clause factors covering that period. The refunds will vary in

amounts for customers depending on their use of electric power and the dates on which they were billed.

Appalachian emphasized that the fuel clause adjustment factor varies from month to month, depending upon the cost of fuel.

In the past the company had to base the fuel clause factor on the cost of non-affiliated coal.

The Commission has now ordered the company to include in the calculation of its fuel adjustment clause the coal produced by affiliated mines at cost but no higher than the cost of non-affiliated coal. Because of the presently existing very high prices of coal on the spot market this method of calculating the fuel adjustment factor is presently resulting in a lower factor.

Appalachian files monthly its coal costs and the resulting fuel clause factor with the West Virginia Public Service Commission and will continue this practice.

## Longwall stripping experiment planned at Julian, West Virginia

A new mining method never before attempted in the world will be put into operation by February 1975 on a site owned by Southern Appalachian Coal Company at Julian, West Virginia. The announcement was made last month at a news conference by Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr.

The purpose of the project is to develop a new mining system that will uncover a maximum amount of coal with a minimum of surface disturbance. The project will be funded by a \$2-million grant with two-thirds provided by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the remainder by the West Virginia Surface Mining and Reclamation Association.

The operation, called "longwall stripping", utilizes conventional underground machinery on areas that normally would be surface mined. If successful, the technique will give mining companies a third alternative in situations where conventional underground or surface mining methods are not particularly adaptable. The main feature of longwall mining is a mechanical roof support system which allows an entire coal seam to be removed.

Before operation of the project could begin, about a year's time was spent obtaining necessary environmental permits and designing and ordering the equipment from Germany, where longwall coal mining is primarily utilized.

The West Virginia Mining and Reclamation Association will be responsible for the actual operation of the project and the coal mined will be purchased by Appalachian Power Company for use in one of its West Virginia plants.

Paul D. Martinka, senior vice president-fuel supply for the AEP Service Corporation, said the longwall method would produce 470,000 tons whereas only about 170,000 tons would have been recoverable under traditional stripping and auger methods at the Boone County site.

In the longwall process, a narrow bench would be opened running parallel to the coal outcrop. Then, perpendicular to this bench, an open trench or entry bench is driven into the coal seam. This perpendicular trench is used to establish the longwall face that will continuously advance along the coal outcrop and thus recover the coal.

Among the items that the Environmental Protection Agency wants emphasized in the research are: the over-all environmental effects of the new mining method, the effects of various rates of speed with which the longwall equipment advances, the effects of caving on surface vegetation and analysis of the quality and quantity of the water released from underground pools.



Faust

## Faust elected Kingsport Power executive vp

John E. Faust has been elected executive vice president of Kingsport Power Company, succeeding C. J. Bryan, who retired November 1.

Faust joined Kingsport in 1948 as a power sales engineer and became executive assistant in 1969 and assistant vice president in May of this year. He is also a director of Kingsport Power.

Faust holds a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Tennessee and also studied at Catholic University. He attended the AEP System Management Training Program at the University of Michigan and the Edison Electric Institute Graduate Management Course. An Army veteran, he is married and has two children.

## North Carolina appeals Blue Ridge construction license

The State of North Carolina has appealed to the Courts the issuance of a Federal Power Commission construction license for Appalachian Power Company's proposed Blue Ridge Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project.

Both Appalachian Power Company and the Commonwealth of Virginia have filed separate motions for leave to intervene in the appeal.

Appalachian states that the company's interest in the proceedings can't be adequately represented by any other party.

In a petition filed last month in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, North Carolina asks for a review of two FPC orders, one a construction license for the project, and the other denying North Carolina's application for a rehearing of the Commission's decision.

## President Ford's coal conversion program confirms AEP's stand

President Ford's anti-inflation program announced last month confirms what American Electric Power has been saying all along, said AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook.

Cook pointed out that AEP has long maintained "that there is a direct relationship between prices for foreign oil and inflation in the United States and that the answer to the energy problem is to increase coal production in the United States." He added that it was also necessary "to eliminate the undesirable and unnecessary strictures of various EPA regulations."

Specific measures in the Presidential program aimed at reducing the nation's oil consumption by a million barrels a day by the end of 1975 included the following:

- Sending legislation to Congress that would require the use of coal and nuclear power for new electric power generation and the conversion of existing oil-fired plants by 1980.

- A request for amendments to the Clean Air Act which the Administration maintains would allow the nation more flexibility in meeting its energy needs.

## Clancy Bryan, Kingsport Power executive vice president, retires

C. J. "Clancy" Bryan retired as executive vice president of Kingsport Power Company October 31.

Bryan has been a part of that company all of his adult life, starting as an engineering student in 1929 while attending the University of Tennessee. Upon graduation in 1932, he joined the company permanently. He worked first as an illuminating engineer, then moved on to other functions, including manager in what was then called the Commercial Department. He was named assistant general manager in 1947 and succeeded the late James E. Wright as vice president and general manager in 1964. He was elected executive vice president in 1967.

In addition to earning an electrical engineering degree at the University of Tennessee, Bryan has studied at the University of Michigan and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Recalling the early days of his career, Bryan says, "When I came with the company I worked from 7 AM to 6 PM with one hour for lunch five days a week and until 5 PM on Saturday. My last day on the crew, I had to dig three holes in river rock by hand and it took me all day long."

- Announcement that government intends to comp steps to resume leasing federal lands in 1975 to a development of vast low-st coal resources.

- Assurance that Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Mott working with the appropriate Congressional committees resolve productivity problems and inflationary costs that result if the surface-mining legislation that has passed Congress is enacted in present form.

- A request that Congress help shorten the time required to obtain such licenses.

- A request to state and federal regulatory authorities to eliminate rate schedules which encourage excessive energy consumption.

If adopted in its present form, President's legislative coal conversion plan apparently for great reliance on supplemental control systems burning high-sulfur coal.

Cook said there was "no way accomplish" the President's 1980 deadline unless there is relaxation of federal emission standards for coal-fired plants.



Bryan

He continues, "When I was in the Commercial Department on a compliance repair, we used a motorcycle with a side car, working the rain or snow. One time when I was alone, I wanted to see how fast that motorcycle would run, so I got it up to 50 miles per hour on a downgrade."

"I can remember working every night for three straight weeks analyzing customer accounts the hard method for the purpose of calculating savings which would result from our proposed reduction in electric tariffs. The reductions were later approved by the commission."

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**Bryan** (Con't from page 1)

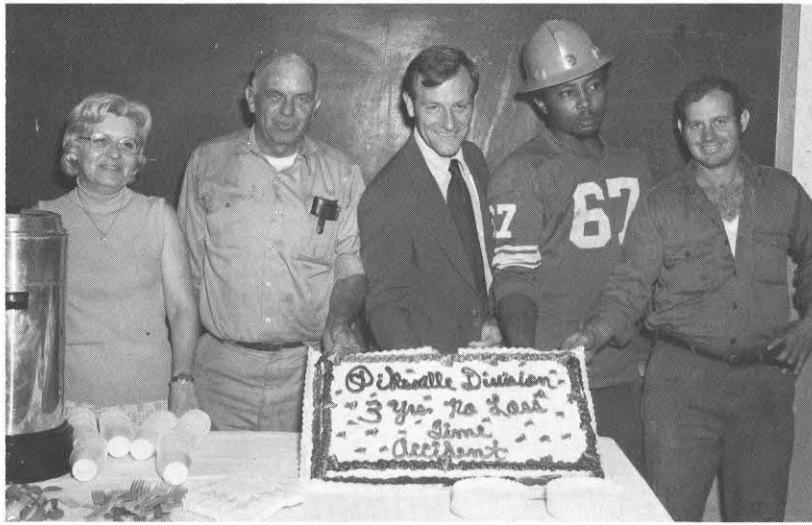
Bryan adds, "I also remember a big snow in the early 50's. I was awakened at 2 AM with no power at home. I was the first one at the office and started calling out all line, meter and station personnel. I recall distinctly the dedication of these employees, some of whom worked over 30 hours consecutively to restore service."

A community leader, Bryan is a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club and Kingsport Chamber of Commerce; an honorary member of the board of the Kingsport Boys' Club; a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the Holston Valley Community Hospital; a member of the board of the Kingsport Federal Savings & Loan Association and Kingsport Symphony Association; and a past chairman of the Kingsport School Board.

He is also a member of the executive committee, Sequoyah Council Boy Scouts of America; member, Ridgefields Country Club, Kingsport Mental Health Association, Moose Lodge; vice president, Netherland Inn Association; and member of the City of Kingsport Bi-Centennial Committee. He has served as United Fund Drive chairman for three years and as president of the Community Chest of Kingsport. He is a deacon, teacher, choir member and department officer of the First Baptist Church in Kingsport.

Bryan plans to continue with many of these activities. "I enjoy my work on the board of the Kingsport Federal Savings & Loan Association and will be able to devote more time to this. My wife Mickey and I want to visit our children in Los Angeles and Orlando and travel in the U. S. and abroad if conditions allow."

He adds, "I hope to be able to par a golf hole once in a while. And, of course, there are plenty of things around the house that Mickey has saved up for me to do. We don't have a big rocking chair to loaf in."



Pikeville Division employees celebrated three years of work without a disabling injury on September 27 with coffee and cake for everyone. O. C. Hall, executive assistant, was present to congratulate the employees on their fine performance. The Division also passed the 750,000 safe manhours mark in October. L. to r., Guialene Smith, residential advisor; Denver Layne, Pikeville's oldest line foreman with 38 years of safe work; Hall; Duane Oden, Pikeville's youngest lineman D; and Larry Kinney, Pikeville's oldest lineman A.

**Cook urges executive action to restrict U. S. coal exports**

Warning that today's critical situation in coal price and supply "will become chaotic if nothing is done," Donald C. Cook, chairman and chief executive officer of American Electric Power, last month urged President Ford to restrict exports of coal from the United States.

Cook asked for a reduction of exports "to no more than 50 per cent of existing levels." He said in his telegram to the President, "Such a partial embargo will increase the available supply of domestic coal, reduce the opportunity for price-gouging by domestic coal producers, and help to reduce the imports of Middle Eastern oil. Further, it will ease the coal car shortage now impeding domestic coal deliveries . . . (and) further the goal of Project Independence . . ."

In his message, Cook said that the price of coal had risen in a year from the \$8 to \$10 per ton range to \$40 to \$60 per ton.

As a result of such escalation, "All Americans are up in arms over the great increases in the

fuel components of their electric bills."

Because of existing laws and regulations, high-sulfur coal cannot be burned after mid-1975, Cook said. As a result of these constraints, capital has not been available to open new mines which would increase domestic supply, aboveground stocks of coal have diminished, and finally, "the threat of a strike in the coal fields . . . is very great." Notwithstanding these factors, which make a power shortage in the United States seem "inevitable," the United States will export some 53-million tons of coal this year, of which 42-million tons "could be used both as a substitute for oil or high-sulfur coal to generate electricity."

In advocating embargo, Cook pointed out that it could be instituted by executive action, "no long-delayed legislation being necessary."

**James M. Gavin Plant goes commercial**

The 1.3-million-kilowatt Unit 1 at Ohio Power Company's General James M. Gavin Plant, on the Ohio River at Cheshire, Ohio, was placed in commercial operation on October 20.

Gavin Unit 1 is the American Electric Power System's second unit of this capacity, the first having been placed in service at Appalachian Power Company's John E. Amos Plant in 1973, with four more such units under construction or in the design or planning stages.

The new unit raised the AEP System's total capability to 16.4 million kw, more than double the power supply available nine years ago. The plant's second unit, of the same size, is scheduled for operation in the Fall of 1975. Upon its completion, the plant is expected to represent an investment in excess of \$585-million.

The completed plant will operate

**Cook charges Philadelphia Electric not committed to stack gas scrubbers**

"Gild the farthing if you will, Yet it is a farthing still."

—H.M.S. Pinafore

The American Electric Power System has taken exception to a press release issued recently by the Environmental Protection Agency.

According to the EPA release, Philadelphia Electric Company will invest \$68-million to install stack gas scrubbers at its Eddystone and Cromby Plants. The agreement, actually a "consent order," was described by John R. Quarles, Jr., EPA deputy administrator, as a "giant step forward." "With the type of system Philadelphia Electric is installing," Quarles said, "this nation can make full use of its abundant supplies of coal without compromising people's health or creating unwanted sludge disposal problems."

Replying in a telegram to EPA Administrator Russell E. Train, Donald C. Cook, chairman of American Electric Power, said that the announcement "was artfully designed to convey the impression that Philadelphia Electric had firmly committed itself to the installation of stack gas "scrubbers" on Eddystone Units 1 and 2 and Cromby Unit 1. Since the general public equates scrubbers with desulfurization, the impression created is that Philadelphia Electric has firmly committed itself to the installation of three full-scale scrubber systems for the removal of sulfur oxides from the stack gases. However, the facts tell a far different story."

Cook then cited a number of points not mentioned in the EPA release:

1. The order provides that a particulate matter removal system

be installed on three units, and a desulfurization system be installed to process only one-third of the stack gas for only one unit (Eddystone 1).

2. Particulate removal has never been in controversy. The sulfur oxide system to be installed is only an experimental one, and the order provides in effect that, if it does not work, the company shall "give written notice to the agency (EPA) of its decision to terminate such compliance program."

3. The statement in the release that "the initial investment is an estimated \$68-million" is false. In fact, Cook said, the Philadelphia program — three full-scale particulate scrubbers and a single one-third size, experimental sulfur-oxide scrubber — has an estimated cost of \$20,730,000 of which \$18,770,000 had already been spent as of the date of the order.

4. The language in the order which permits the company to terminate compliance under certain conditions "hardly constitutes persuasive evidence that the industry regards them as proven."

Finally, Cook replied to an earlier assertion by Train that AEP's scrubber position is based on economics and fuel availability and not on reliability. "Please be advised that this is not the fact. It is our considered engineering judgement that scrubbers have not been adequately demonstrated. Further, we believe that more and more momentum is developing in support of our belief. It thus appears more and more likely that very shortly EPA will be the sole advocate of scrubbers in the entire United States (other than their manufacturers) . . ."

with a single, 1,100-foot stack and two 492-foot cooling towers. It is expected to burn about 7½-million tons of coal per year.



Environmental control equipment is much in evidence at the General James M. Gavin generating station. At left and right are 492-foot cooling towers. Steam rises from the tower for Unit 1 which is now in commercial operation. The 1,103-foot stack disperses into the upper atmosphere any gases emitted from the plant. At the base of the stack are electrostatic precipitators designed to remove 99.7 per cent of the ash particles resulting from the burning of coal. These facilities represent about \$64-million of the plant's total estimated cost of approximately \$585-million.

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MOVING UP



Poore Webb

**J. D. Poore**, former equipment operator at Kanawha River Plant, has been promoted to unit foreman. He joined Appalachian Power in 1949 as a watchman at Cabin Creek Plant.

**Hurston Webb**, former hydro maintenance mechanic A at Kanawha Valley Power, has been promoted to hydro plant foreman non-exempt. He began his career in 1945 as a laborer.



Mannon Matthews

**F. H. Mannon**, former assistant shift operating engineer at Kanawha River Plant, has been promoted to shift operating engineer. He was employed in 1938 as a boiler room man at Logan Plant.

**D. O. Matthews**, former unit foreman at Kanawha River Plant, has been promoted to assistant shift operating engineer. He began his career in 1941 as a boiler room man at Logan Plant.



Enicks Meadows

**Guy Delmer Enicks**, former general mine foreman at Southern Appalachian Coal Company's Bull Creek Mines, has been promoted to mine superintendent of the Bull Creek Operation. He succeeds H. E. Kinder, Jr., who resigned to accept other employment. Enicks has taken mining extension courses from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

**Dale E. Meadows**, former station operator A in General Office Operations, Turner Regional Dispatch Office, has been promoted to regional dispatcher. He began his career in 1966 as a laborer at Kanawha Valley Power.

**E. P. Dennehy**, labor relations director-construction for the AEP Service Corporation, will take on the added responsibility of handling the labor relations program for AEP System mining operations. **Joseph B. Martin**, labor relations director-operations, will continue to be responsible for all other operating company labor relations.

**Robert D. Rine**, former area development director for the AEP Service Corporation, has been appointed director of mine development. In his new position he will handle new mine planning and coordination of mine material and construction requirements for System coal companies.



Crabtree McDaniel

**David Crabtree**, former administrative assistant in the Area Development Section of Appalachian Power's General Office Customer Services Department, has been assigned to the company's Environmental Section. He holds a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and is working toward a master's degree in business administration.

**Robert W. McDaniel**, former maintenance foreman at John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to production supervisor-maintenance. He was employed in 1970 as a maintenance man B.



White Walls

**Christine White**, former personnel clerk senior at John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to personnel assistant exempt. She had 18 years broken service with Appalachian Power before being employed at Amos in 1968 as a general accounting clerk in the Construction Department.

**James E. Walls**, former stationman A, in Logan-Williamson Division, has been promoted to station foreman non-exempt. He succeeds J. J. Pearl, who retired September 1.

Stevens flies own plane in community service

Lynchburg General Serviceman James E. Stevens carries his community service home at night. During the day he works to ensure continuous electric service for citizens in the Lynchburg area. At night he flies his own plane for the Virginia Game Commission, protecting area wildlife.

Flying in the counties of Nelson, Amherst, Rockbridge, Albemarle, Buckingham and Augusta, Jim is on night alert to find hunters illegally spotlighting and killing deer. As he sees violations from the air, a companion patrol on the ground is called in for the arrest.

"You have to be careful flying at night. When the hunters realize you are hunting them, you could get shot," Jim says. "I enjoy night flying, but you have to be aware of the landmarks and know where you are. Most of this flying is based on visual recognition of the area." He adds, "At night we use a grass field for take-offs and landings. This really makes it interesting. The sheriff drives his car on the field, and I use the patrol car headlights for the landings."

Jim has been flying since 1966 and has been checked out on six different aircrafts. During Hurricane Camille in 1969, he spent 21 days in a military helicopter,



Jim Stevens' work with the Virginia Game Commission, sheriff's department and Civil Air Patrol provides some exciting flying experiences.

assisting flood victims in Nelson County.

Jim, a lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, also uses his Cessna 170 to search for downed aircraft. One such mission was the search for the plane carrying War Hero and Actor Audie Murphy.

He is also a flying deputy sheriff for Nelson County and is often called to assist the sheriff's department. "Once I was able to spot a tractor-trailer from the air

that was wanted on a hit and run case. You can see a lot of things from the air that are hard to spot from the ground. Working with the Game Commission and the sheriff's department helps them out, and I have a chance to get in some very exciting flying."

Jim met his girlfriend Barbara while taking flying lessons. A licensed pilot herself, Barbara comments, "We often fly together, but I don't do any back-seat driving when he's flying."

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Appalachian Power

Cabin Creek

**David H. Tingley**, chemist assistant. **Judith A. Strickland**, clerk typist.

Clinch River

**Howard L. Payne**, **Larry D. Davis** and **John H. Smith**, utility men B.

General Office

**Donald F. Mullins** and **Margaret N. Salyers**, clerks junior, Roanoke. **Damon H. Pearson**, mail clerk, Roanoke. **Randy L. Perry**, station operator C, Roanoke.

Lynchburg

**Henry Edward Giles**, meter reader. **Carolyn Cooke Caldwell**, part-time clerk trainee.

Roanoke

**W. Dale Watson** and **S. A. Clements**, reservoir groundskeepers. **Charlotte L. St. Clair**, temporary clerk-trainee.

Kentucky Power

Big Sandy

**Kelsie A. McCloud**, **William Darrell Mynheir**, **Ronald G. Castle**, **John L. Perkins** and **Kenneth L. Ruggles**, utility men B.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Julian

**Dana Richard Tawney**, section foreman, Freeport No. 2.



Randy Turpin displays the paintings which won him a first place trophy in the art section (painting category) of the bi-annual talent contest sponsored by the Church of God in West Virginia. Randy, son of Bluefield Equipment and Service Representative James R. Turpin, represented the Princeton Church of God in the competition.



New officers of the Bluefield Employees' Benevolent Association are (front row, l. to r.) Sue Hankins, General Office clerk-stenographer, secretary; Dic Bowman, administrative assistant, chairman; and Bill Wolfe, T&D clerk senior treasurer. (Back row, l. to r.) Bob Farley, commercial representative; Bett Boyd, draftsman; Tony Rasi, T&D clerk senior; and Bud Perdue, customer service representative, all members.

# PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## GLEN LYN



Evans Thompson

**Gerald Evans**, son of George L. Evans, performance engineer senior, will be featured in the eighth annual edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. A senior at Princeton High School, Gerald is in the Spanish Club, Chess Club and Christian Youth Council. He will compete for one of ten scholarship awards funded by the book's publishers and will be invited to participate in the firm's annual "survey of high achievers". Gerald plans to attend Concord College and West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

**Patricia Thompson**, daughter of Unit Foreman Ervin E. Thompson, graduated from The Executive Secretary School in Bluefield, Va. She was recognized as "wittiest" of her class and received a silver plaque for being voted "Miss Congeniality".

## CABIN CREEK

**James B. Hoffman** won second place for his first year drafting exhibit entered from Carver Institute of Technology in the West Virginia State Fair. He is the son of Maintenance Foreman James "Whitey" Hoffman.

## PULASKI

New officers of the Madeline Harman Woman's Club include **Mrs. Winston Miller**, wife of the line inspector, third vice president; **Mrs. Royall Lawson**, wife of the customer accounting supervisor, treasurer; and **Mrs. S. A. Dewey**, wife of the commercial engineer, parliamentarian.

Christiansburg Customer Accounting Supervisor **Carl A. Schmidt** was appointed to the board of deacons, chairman of the Brotherhood Program Committee and general director of the Lay Evangelism School of the Main Street Baptist Church.

**Karen Boulton**, daughter of Commercial Representative J. R. Boulton, was elected secretary-treasurer of the senior class at Pulaski County High School.

**Jay Brillheart**, son of Administrative Assistant J. B. Brillheart,

Jr., was elected recording secretary of the Pulaski County High School Art Club.

**Mrs. Tom Collins**, wife of the accounting supervisor, and **Mrs. David Spivey**, wife of the engineer B, were elected vice president and secretary, respectively of the Board of Women of the First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski. Named committee chairpersons were: **Mrs. Spivey**, publicity; **Barbara Marshall**, T&D clerk senior, circle; and **Nancy Eskridge**, cashier senior, Christian community action.

## BECKLEY

Retiree **Corrie B. Graff** was elected president of the Women of the Church of Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Greenbrier, Synod of the Virginias.

**Jennifer Vest**, daughter of Administrative Assistant Ray Vest, is field conductor of the Shady Spring Junior High School Band for 1974-75.

Residential Advisor **Sandra Palen** is arrangements chairman of the Raleigh County United Fund.

Customer Services Supervisor **Woodrow Holbrook**, Customer Services Representative **Emory Miller** and Records Supervisor **Archie Riner** were named Junior Achievement advisors.

## LOGAN-WILLIAMSON



Williams

**William L. Williams**, husband of PBX Operator Edith Williams, was installed as president of the Kiwanis Club of Logan.

Williamson Stores and Garage Supervisor **Henry D. Hatfield** was elected to the board of directors of the Williamson Kiwanis Club.

**Emery Jeffreys, III**, son of Retired Stationman Emery Jeffreys, Jr., was named an "Outstanding Young Man of America" for 1974. He is chief photographer for the *Logan Banner*.

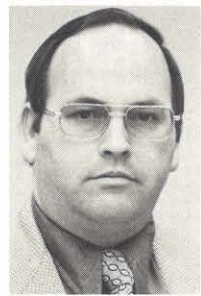
**Mrs. Caleb White**, wife of the Logan retiree, is on the planning committee for the Christmas Bazaar to be held by members of the Logan General Hospital Auxiliary.

**Sharon Kaye Cassady**, daughter of Williamson Meter Reader Holmes Cassady, has been selected for a teaching position with the United States Department of Overseas Dependent Schools in the European area. She will teach junior high school mathematics in the Bamberg American School, Bamberg, Germany, which has 900 students and 55 faculty members.

## ASHLAND

**Tony Hankins**, lineman D, was awarded a galloneer pin by the Boyd County Chapter, American Red Cross.

## GENERAL OFFICE



Horn

**John B. Horn**, stores assistant in GO Purchasing, Roanoke, graduated cum laude with an AAS degree in business management from Virginia Western Community College.

## LYNCHBURG

Private Secretary **Anna Lackey** was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America, in recognition of outstanding service to the Central District while Division Manager James B. White was district chairman.

Administrative Assistant **Stephen L. Jamison** was named to the Congressional Action Task Force for the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

**Marie Waggoner**, wife of Lynchburg Accounting Supervisor Robert Waggoner, was a delegate from the Hill City Chapter to the American Business Women's Association national convention in Colorado. She was also runner-up in the YWCA golf championship held at the Colonial Hills Golf Club in Lynchburg.

## PIKEVILLE

**Tammy Justice**, daughter of Working Line Foreman Everett Justice, was crowned homecoming queen of Mullins High School.

**Muriel Bradley**, daughter of Head Custodian Harry Bradley, was freshman class attendant for the homecoming queen at Pikeville High School.

Residential Advisor **Guialene Smith** was named first state chairman of the energy conservation committee of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs.

## ROANOKE



Davenport

Fieldale Manager **J. R. Davenport** was elected president of the 1974 United Fund campaign of Henry County and Martinsville.

Fieldale Residential Representative Senior **Leonard W. Jenkins** was elected vice chairman of the church board, First Baptist Church of Collinsville.

**Betty R. Martin**, wife of Fieldale Head T&D Clerk D. A. Martin, was bowler of the year at Sportlanes, Martinsville, Va.

Fieldale Retiree **Alonzo Beheler** was pictured in the *Martinsville Bulletin* with his single tomato plant which has yielded more than 500 tomatoes.

Roanoke Retiree **Warren Holland** has picked 500 pounds of tomatoes from 35 tomato plants he set out.

## ABINGDON



Trent

The biography of Planner **R. N. Trent** will appear in the 1974 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America". He is on the board of directors of the Abingdon Little League baseball, coaches Little League baseball and basketball, has served four years as secretary-treasurer of the Abingdon Lions Club and is zone chairman, Lions of Virginia.

Abingdon Residential Advisor **Louis Countiss** is residential chairman of the Abingdon United Fund Drive.

Personnel Supervisor **Jack Frier** was elected to a three-year term on the Council of Deacons at Abingdon Baptist Church.

Marion Residential Advisor **Anna Crabtree** is chairman of the Smyth County newcomers committee.

**Beth Hughes**, daughter of Administrative Assistant J. C. Hughes, was selected as editor of the *Falcon*, Abingdon High School newspaper.

Commercial Representative **W. H. Ferguson, Jr.**, was elected to the administrative board of the Abingdon United Methodist Church. He has also been named to the technical advisory committee, Scott County Vocational-Technical School and

the committee on manpower resources, Boy Scouts of America.

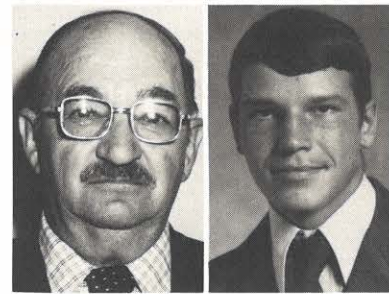
**John Morefield**, engineer B, was elected to the board of deacons of the Glade Spring Baptist Church. He is also choir director and a Sunday School teacher.

Stores Supervisor **H. S. Fogleman** is Sunday School superintendent of the Greendale Presbyterian Church.

## CLINCH RIVER

**Joel E. Harrison**, plant engineer was elected a director of the Holston Chapter, American Society of Mechanical Engineers

## BLUEFIELD



Yearout Jackson

**C. B. Yearout**, retired General Office safety coordinator, was elected president of the Greer Valley-Glenwood Kiwanis Club.

**Don Jackson** was elected president of the junior class and secretary of the Key Club at Bluefield High School. **Sandy Jackson** was the seventh grade candidate for attendant to the homecoming queen at Centra Junior High School. They are the children of Accounting Supervisor Kenneth Jackson.

**Dale Rice**, son of Princetor Clerk Trainee Mary Lou Rice was third place winner among the 13-year-olds in the Punt, Pass & Kick Contest at Princeton Junior High School.

**Robin White**, daughter of General Foreman H. S. White was installed as Love in the Welch Assembly No. 18 Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Equipment Service Representative **James R. Turpin** has received a certificate for completing Section I, Power Option of the ICS Electrical Engineering Course.

## CHARLESTON

**John Frazier**, personnel supervisor, was elected to a two year term on the board of directors of the West Virginia Safety Council.

## HUNTINGTON

**Randall M. Hogsett, Jr.**, residential representative, was chosen first vice chairman of the board of directors of the special executive committee for the liquidation of the former Gould Battery Division of the American Container Corporation's Credit Union.

## WE REMEMBER



Murphy

Campbell

**D. A. Murphy**, 73, retired mechanical maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant, died October 16. A native of Summersville, West Virginia, he was employed in 1943 as a laborer and retired October 1, 1966. Murphy is survived by his widow, Esther, one daughter and four sisters.

**Robert Ashby Campbell**, 55, Lynchburg area T&D clerk, died October 5 from an internal hemorrhage. A native of Amherst, Virginia, Campbell was employed in 1950 as a junior PBX operator. He is survived by his mother, three brothers and four sisters.



Clemons

Lesage

**Hale Clemons**, 66, retired utility coal handler at Glen Lyn Plant, died September 22. A native of Red Sulphur, West Virginia, Clemons was employed in 1935 as a laborer and retired April 1, 1970. He is survived by his widow, Alese; one daughter; one son and three sisters.

**William Dovel Lesage**, 75, retired Huntington administrative assistant B, died September 28. A native of Huntington, West Virginia, Lesage began his career in 1923 as a construction clerk and retired June 1, 1963. He is survived by his son.



Livesay

Farr

**Jean Smith Livesay**, 49, Roanoke Division secretarial-stenographer, died October 28. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Mrs. Livesay began her career in 1944 as a local accounting clerk. She is survived by her daughter and one sister.

**John A. Farr**, 77, retired purchasing agent for Appalachian Power Company, died October 14. He began his career in 1922 as a stores auditor for the then American Gas & Electric Company with his first assignment at Hazard and Sprigg. He elected early retirement for health reasons January 1, 1952. He is survived by his son, daughter,

sister and seven grandchildren.

**Dana Riley**, 46, Ashland customer accounting supervisor, died September 20 after an extended illness. A native of Lawrence County, Ohio, Riley began his career in 1960 as a general accounting clerk junior. He is survived by his widow, one son, two daughters, mother, two brothers, three sisters, six half-sisters and four half-brothers.

**Melvin Linsey Clemons**, 53, retired Roanoke Division groundman, died October 28. A native of Copper Hill, Virginia, Clemons was employed in 1948 as a laborer and retired on total disability in 1961. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, mother, three sisters, two brothers, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## Appalachian Power's explorer post could develop future employees



Explorer Mike O'Brien (left) receives instructions on the proper use of the survey transit from Lynchburg Explorer Advisor Ralph Bird, senior engineering technologist.

Lynchburg's Explorer Post 155, sponsored by Appalachian Power Company, enters its second year this fall. Exploring is a joint effort between business and the Boy Scouts of America to encourage youths between the ages of 15 and 20 to "try on" a vocation before making a life-long career decision.

"Without companies such as Appalachian Power lending their facilities and manpower to this program, some 940 young people in the Roanoke and Lynchburg area would not be able to explore their particular vocation interests," says Ed Dupler of the Exploring Division, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, BSA. "Each spring area high school students are surveyed to determine their career inclinations, and these results are used to match the students with each company's speciality in Exploring. In the case of Appalachian, this speciality is engineering."

## AEP report wins silver oscar

For the 10th time in 18 years, the American Electric Power Company's annual report to shareholders has won a coveted "Silver Oscar" as the best among all of the nation's utility companies.

The 1973 report, published in March, also won a Bronze Oscar as the best among electric utility holding companies — the 14th such award in the past 20 years.

The awards were made October 24 at the 34th annual report competition dinner sponsored by *Financial World* magazine. Accepting for AEP was William W. Corbitt, assistant vice president — public affairs, writer-producer of the report. Featured speaker at the event was Treasury Secretary William E. Simon.

## PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

### Appalachian Power

#### Abingdon

**Jewel W. Swindall** to customer accounts supervisor-G, Clintwood.

#### Cabin Creek

**James B. Bennett** to utility man A.

#### Charleston

**James V. Goodall** to lineman B, St. Albans. **David G. Ridgely** and **Louis F. Jones** to lineman C.

#### Clinch River

**Billy D. Breeding** and **Garnett E. Taylor** to maintenance men. **Donald Lasley** and **Daniel R. Higgins** to master maintenance men. **Wade B. Booker** to helper. **Kenneth B. Bolling** to utility coal attendant. **Sammy S. Glovier** to yard helper.

#### General Office

**Claude D. Mayo** and **Robert E. Chambers** to transmission men C. **Roger L. Smith** to head reproduction section, Roanoke. **Gerald W. Cook** to maintenance man.

#### Huntington

**Dorothy Smith** to T&D clerk.

#### Kanawha River

**Charles E. Slack** to equipment operator. **Michael J. Rogier** to auxiliary equipment operator.

#### Logan-Williamson

**Kenneth E. Chapman** to auto repairman B. **Ronnie D. Ferrell** to repairman helper. **William C. Brewer** to lineman C.

#### Lynchburg

**Ronnie Lee Fisher** to lineman B. **William Thomas Martin, II** and **Gerald Wayne Cunningham** to lineman A.

#### Pulaski

**Wilmer P. Umberger** to area serviceman. **Walter H. Ruben** to lineman B.

### Roanoke

**D. A. Willard, Sr.**, to lineman E. **L. A. Woodward** to meter service man B. **M. E. Wykle** to lineman C. **Sherwood Robertson, Jr.**, to garage attendant. **C. M. Duffy** and **John A. Bowles** to meter reader.

### Kentucky Power

#### Ashland

**Carolyn Traugott** to clerk-stenographer, GO Personnel.

#### Big Sandy

**Bill Lee Isaacs** and **Merman R. McKenzie** to utility men A. **Philip J. Wolf** to coal equipment operator. **Danny R. Barker** and **James D. Ratliff** to utility coal handlers. **Jerry R. Stewart** and **Michael A. Roberts** to junior maintenance men.

#### Hazard

**Jimmie Oliver** to lineman C.

#### Pikeville

**Jane Stephenson** to cashier. **Vond Coburn** to engineering record clerk senior. **Ted Justice** and **Payn Olinger** to linemen C. **Ernie Cochran** to general clerk.

### Kingsport Power

**J. S. Jordan** to T&D clerk.

### Southern Appalachian Coal

#### Bull Creek

**Allen Dale Pollastrini**, **Rodney Eugene Barker**, **Carl Campbell, Jr.** and **Jay Stephen Gould** to maintenance foremen. **Tommy Ralph Harris** to general mine foreman. **Handle Holland** to section foreman. **Jerry Wayne Thompson**, section foreman, from Bull Creek to Julian.

#### Marmet

**J. S. Kelly** from electrical engineer Charleston, to maintenance engineer, Marmet.



"What's My Accident", a safety skit developed by T. A. Kirby, GO personnel assistant senior, and the Office Program Planning Committee, was viewed by Roanoke Division and General Office employees recently. The skit, based on the television show, "What's My Line," featured six accident victims and four panelists. The panelists had the difficult task of guessing what the accident was and how it was caused. Rudy Wooten, Appalachian's safety director served as narrator and told how each accident could have been prevented. From left, Wooten; E. T. Jones, Roanoke customer accounting supervisor portraying Shorty Cullen; Marie Finney GO clerk-stenographer, portraying Della Reese; J. G. Hunt, Roanoke Division customer service representative portraying Kozak Hunt; Dianne Shank, GO clerk-stenographer, portraying Peggy Cass; Linda Sullivan, GO clerk-stenographer, Miss Safety; and Larr Hubbard, GO draftsman senior, an accident victim.

Last year's program included a tour of the Glen Lyn Plant, Smith Mountain Dam and the Babcock & Wilcox Nuclear Generating Laboratories in Lynchburg. The meetings covered topics such as the environment, energy crisis and 765-kv transmission.

# 12 company couples are married in recent ceremonies



Patrick



Fitzpatrick



Crawford



Otey



Lester



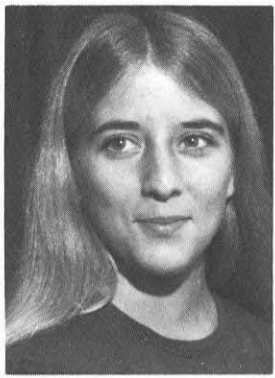
Barger



Bibbee



Merriman



Watson

## WEDDINGS

DEBRA LYNN COLLINS, daughter of Lynchburg Residential Representative James Collins, to William Joseph Patrick, September 21.

Joan April McGuigan to BROADDUS CHEWNING FITZPATRICK, Roanoke business trainee, September 27.

KIM LEE KERN, daughter of J. L. Kern, Kanawha River Plant instrument maintenance man A, to James Arthur Crawford, September 14.

JOE ANN McCOY, Lynchburg customer accounts representative, to Ronnie Essex Otey, August 17.

LISA BETH KISER, daughter of James H. Kiser, Bluefield stationman A, to Jerry Wayne Lester, August 10.

Brenda K. Rector to DAVID E. BARGER, engineer B in General Office T&D Distribution, Roanoke, September 14.

Evalyn Gail Garrett to CHARLES LEE BIBBEE, Charleston clerk trainee, September 7.

Vickie Trantham to HARVEY B. MERRIMAN, JR., son of the late H. B. Merriman, Sr., former Roanoke Division line foreman, October 12.

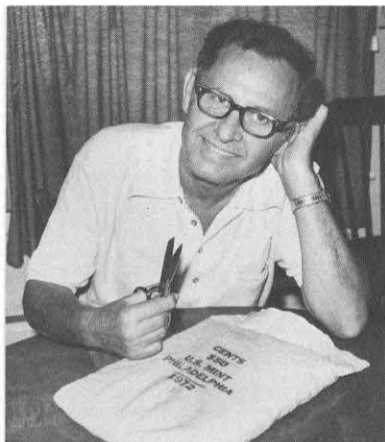
Beverly L. Barnett to ROBERT LEE WATSON, custodian at Point Pleasant in Huntington Division, September 14.

MARILYN GULLETT, junior clerk in General Office Accounting, Ashland, to Harold Bishop Runyan, August 16.

JANIE ROSE THOMPSON, key punch operator B in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, to Charles Ollie, September 28.

Rosemary Beth Reed to RANDY ALAN YOUNG, Philip Sporn Plant utility man A, September 22.

### Carl Dunn left holding the bag



Does this bag of uncirculated 1972 pennies from the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia contain some of the defective ones worth \$93? Carl Dunn wonders whether he should open the bag to find out.

Carl Dunn, retired General Office area development consultant, has been left holding the bag — which may or may not be worth a fortune.

When he retired last year, the money collected for Carl's gift was exchanged for a bag of 1972 uncirculated pennies from the Philadelphia Mint. Carl, an avid coin collector, had seen an article in the *Wall Street Journal* which stated that several thousand defective pennies, minted at Philadelphia in 1972, had gotten into circulation and were currently selling for \$93 each.

Carl's gift was presented with the following message: "Down in the bottom of this bucket you will find a bag of Philadelphia Mint 1972 uncirculated pennies. They were sealed at the factory, which means they have never been touched by human hands. If you open the bag, they will lose their value as uncirculated. If you leave it closed, they might become more valuable each day. This bag could also contain some of the 1972 batch which is currently worth \$93 each. If so, this bag could be worth \$465,000. To make a long story short: You can open the bag and possibly find a fortune. You can leave it closed and possibly make a fortune. Regardless of what you do, you could lose a fortune. Enjoy your retirement."

Since this gift was presented, pennies have become scarce and some banks will pay a profit to have them turned in. So Carl may have the last laugh after all.

## BABY PARADE

### Abingdon

Amee Suzanne, daughter of JERRY L. JESSEE, residential representative, Gate City, September 16.

Jason Andrew, son of HAROLD W. COUNTS, T&D clerk senior, September 29.

### John E. Amos

Kevin Lee, son of RICHARD L. BOCOCK, office supervisor, October 11.

### Ashland

Ryan Wesley, son of HAROLD MCKENZIE, special services and property records clerk, GO Accounting, October 4.

Benjamin Duncan, son of DALE HUGHES, lineman A, September 11.

### Beckley

Michele Maria, daughter of DORIS PERSINGER, clerk-stenographer, September 17.

### Big Sandy

Brian Kent, son of PURL A. HEABERLIN, utility man B, September 22.

Craig Allen, son of LARRY D. SALMONS, junior maintenance man, October 4.

Christopher Wayne, son of JOHN P. TIERNEY, maintenance helper, September 29.

Matthew Franklin, son of CARL FRANCIS WHEELER, junior maintenance man, August 28.

### Big Sandy

Carla Jo, daughter of BILLY JOE BRUMFIELD, maintenance helper, September 30.

Blake Shannon, son of WAINWRIGHT S. PREECE, maintenance man, October 9.

### Bluefield

Chad Darren, son of THOMAS W. CAHILL, surveyor, October 8.

### Cabin Creek

Marvin James, Jr., son of MARVIN JAMES SMITH, utility man A, September 21.

### Clinch River

Amanda Susan, daughter of SAMM GLOVIER, yard helper, September 10.

Larry Douglas, Jr., son of LARRY I. DAVIS, utility man B, September 9.

Laura Arlene, daughter of ELMER ROUSH, JR., utility coal attendant, September 22.

### General Office

Kristen Lynn, daughter of R. I. THOMPSON, transmission man I, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, July 4.

David Brewer, son of H. NEIL STULTZ, right of way agent, Charleston, September 20.

### Huntington

Jason Lee, son of PHYLLIS HUTCHINSON, laboratory technician, AEP Lab, September 23.

### Julian

Jason Edward, son of JAMES EDWARD GARRETSON, assistant stores supervisor, October 5.

### Logan-Williamson

Matthew Neal, son of JOHN VARNEY, lineman A, Williamson, October 3.

### Lynchburg

Aruna, daughter of A. C. CHARNIAH, electrical engineer, August 7.

### Pulaski

Joey Michael, son of C. L. SMITH, lineman A, Pearisburg, September 13.

### Philip Sporn

Tiffany Michael, daughter of MICHAEL VERLIN GARDNER, stores attendant, September 27.

Matthew Robert, son of S. E. LONGANACRE, engineer B, September 19.

Samuel David, son of SAMUEL F. LARCH, maintenance engineer, September 23.

Andrea Leigh, daughter of GARY D. ROARK, junior maintenance man, September 30.



Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Furr, Sr., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 10. He is a retired executive vice president of Appalachian Power Company. The Furr's have two children and two grandchildren. Their son, G. L. Furr, Jr., is senior appraisal engineer in the General Office T&D Department, Administrative Section, Roanoke.



Nora Jenkins, left, talks with the manager of the new Collinsville Library, Melinda Nurmi. The library now houses 35,000 books.

## Nora Jenkins spearheads opening of Collinsville Library

"When the Collinsville Library had its grand opening day in August, I was in seventh heaven," declares Nora Jenkins, whose dedicated efforts are primarily responsible for the library's existence. The wife of Leonard Jenkins, customer services representative at Fieldale in the Roanoke Division, Nora explains how it all came about.

"I realized that Collinsville, where I reside, had no public library but I was shocked when a friend of mine, who is state librarian in Danville, informed me there was none in Henry County. I strongly felt that something should be done. I didn't want it to go down in state history that the furniture capital of the world did not have a

public library."

As the first step, Nora and two friends appeared before the Henry County board of supervisors. "Needless to say, I was scared to death when I stepped before the supervisors to appeal for a publicly funded library. The board impressed me as a group of concerned, progressive-thinking community leaders and, after consideration, voted to allocate funds for such a facility."

The library, housed in a shopping center in Collinsville, opened in August with 5,000 volumes. It now has 35,000 books for public use and a bookmobile has been purchased to supplement others in the county.



Officers and representatives of the Roanoke Appalachian Employees Benevolent Association get a first-hand look at some of the equipment used by the Williamson Road Life Saving Crew, one of 34 agencies sponsored by the Roanoke Valley United Way Campaign. Some 715 Roanoke Division and General Office employees pledged \$23,591 through the Benevolent Association for 1974-75. Kneeling, l. to r., Ron Hogan, GO work order accounting clerk, representative, and C. M. Rasnake, volunteer crew member. Standing, l. to r., Rhonda Carter, GO clerk-stenographer, secretary; Vickie Rutledge, Roanoke clerk-stenographer, chairman; Ann Tuck, head-mailing section, GO, representative; Larry Stevens, GO draftsman, treasurer; and Emmett Blackwell, chairman of the Roanoke Valley United Way Campaign. Not pictured were Betty Remington, GO clerk stenographer, representative; George Cullinan, Roanoke T&D clerk, co-chairman; Kim Wright, Roanoke T&D draftsman, co-treasurer; Lee Vaught, GO meter engineer senior, representative; and Wayne English, Roanoke lineman A, representative.

## Roanokers take model railroading seriously

"I loved trains like most youngsters, but put them aside when I became a teenager," says W. Rodney Black, payroll clerk A in General Office Accounting, Roanoke. "But last Christmas I saw a model train in a hobby shop and couldn't resist buying it."

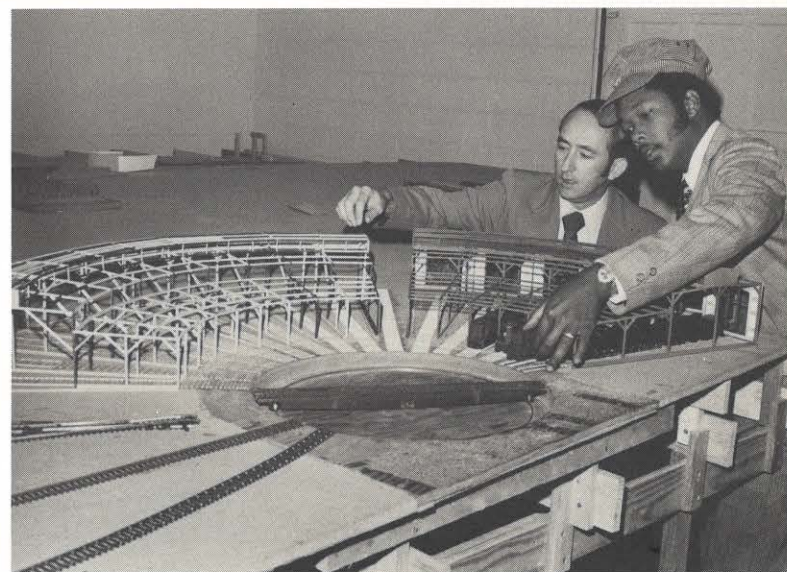
While in the hobby shop, he saw a notice about the Roanoke Valley Model Railroad Club and gave one of the members a call. After joining, he became acquainted with Richard Anthony, husband of Roanoke Division Residential Advisor Rose Anthony.

Richard's parents bought him his first Lionel train set 22 years ago and he admits, "I've been working with them as a hobby ever since. It's important everyone understands that our members are not just guys playing with train sets but are actually engaged in a scientific hobby." There are about 20 in the club.

One of the members has donated a vacant room in his business for the club's use. Their current project, which will take four years to complete, has been named the Allegheny Western Railroad and will be built to HO scale. The two main switching yards will have approximately 100 feet of track in each. The main line trackage, which will circle in and around the over-all project, will cover about 300 feet — the length of a football field.

Rodney adds, "Our present plans are to have side tracks which will couple off into 12 towns, also built to scale. The scale we use is 1/8 inch = 1 foot true size, so it would take 87 of our model cars to equal one actual size train car."

At home Rodney is making models of prototype C&O railroad cars. "They don't put these cars on the market anymore, so I have to buy a model as close to it as I can and then customize it. A recent issue of my hobby magazine ran a feature on C&O models so I was able to get some information from this. You can ob-



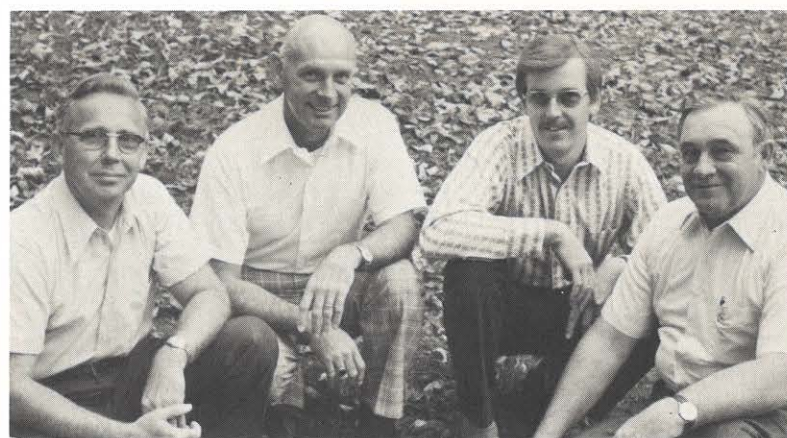
Rodney Black, left, and Richard Anthony discuss plans for the layout of the Allegheny Western Railroad roundhouse.

tain information from the public relations departments of the actual railroads, but I haven't had to do this so far. Some day I may even get into doing the interior of the cars, but right now I am still learning."

Richard is currently superintendent of the Railroad Club and has worked on the electrical crew which does the hook-ups for the project. "But since our members have their own model trains at home, they are able to

work on anything that is involved in the hobby," Rodney points out.

The Model Railroad Club meet once a week and members pay dues to cover the expenses involved. A great deal of time is involved in a hobby such as this, fact of which they are often reminded by their wives. Both Richard and Rodney agree that the enjoyment and feeling of accomplishment they receive and the friends they have made make it all worthwhile.



Making up the winning team in the Appalachian Power Company Golf League Roanoke, were (l. to r.) Dave Trout, General Office wage and salary assistant; Al Stebar, General Office automotive and transportation supervisor; Larr Hubbard, General Office T&D draftsman senior; and Carl Gibson, General Office right of way supervisor. The league, which plays nine-hole handicap rule for 21 weeks, consists of eight teams of Roanoke Division and General Office employees and 14 alternates. The runner-up team was composed of Ron Hogan, General Office work order accounting clerk; Roy Howard, General Office Right of Way lead draftsman; Stanley Hill, General Office Accounting data processing operator A; and Ron Payne, General Office Right of Way draftsman.

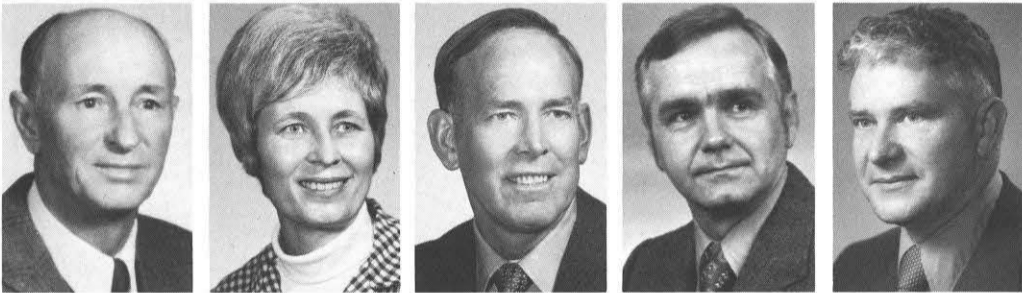


James B. White, Lynchburg Division manager (fourth from left), congratulates Massie Howard, retired collector, for winning the low net score trophy in the fall tournament of the Lynchburg Appalachian Employee Golf Association. Participants in the tournament included (from left) Marvin Crank, area serviceman; Earl R. Driskill, residential representative; Robert B. Waggoner, accounting supervisor; R. O. "Tom" Witt, line inspector; Norman Johnson, retired auto repairman helper, winner of the low gross score trophy; Paul R. Keys, right of way agent; Ralph S. Bird, senior engineering technologist; Jesse L. Ashworth, residential representative; and James Collins, residential representative.

# Veteran employees receive awards for 685 years' service



Snead      Whitley      Ward      McGraw      Hays      Haddix      Jamison      Scholl      Foster      Humphries



Flint      Evans      Pate      Pippin      Cash

40 Years	Classification	Location
Snead, P. H.	General Serviceman	Lynchburg
Whitley, E. L.	Electrical Engineer Sr.	Bluefield

35 Years		
Ward, F. M.	Shift Operating Engineer	Philip Sporn

30 Years		
McGraw, E. Q.	Maintenance Man	Cabin Creek
Hays, Clark	Working Line Foreman	Hazard
Haddix, W. C.	Station Foreman	Hazard
Jamison, Mary	Payroll File Maint. Supv.	GO-Roanoke
Lykins, Edward	Draftsman Senior	Pikeville
Workman, E. L.	Retired.	Cabin Creek

25 Years		
Scholl, F. R.	Meter Serviceman A	Charleston
Foster, Dixie	Secretarial Stenographer	Cabin Creek
Humphries, T. L.	Commercial Representative	Beckley
Flint, Charles, Jr.	Area Serviceman	Beckley
Evans, Bonnie	Customer Rep. A	Beckley

20 Years		
Pate, C. E.	Lineman A	Beckley
Pippin, Jack	Cust. Acctg. Supv.	Kingsport
Cash, R. O.	Meter Serviceman A	Lynchburg

15 Years		
Carroll, G. E.	Control Wireman A	GO-Charleston

10 Years		
Brown, C. E.	Auto Repairman A	Huntington
Skaggs, Patricia	Secretarial-Stenographer	GO-Ashland
Hill, E. L.	Accounts Payable & Payroll Supervisor	GO-Ashland
Allen, Donnie	Collector	Pikeville

5 Years		
Vest, D. R.	Administrative Assistant	Beckley
Ratliff, J. P.	Lineman A	Bluefield
Short, E. D.	Lineman A	Bluefield
Foster, J. L.	Meter Reader	Bluefield
Street, H. T.	Auto Repairman B	Bluefield
Perry, J. A.	Lineman C	Charleston
Fraker, P. L.	Stationman B	Charleston
Hicks, J. E.	Lineman C	Charleston
Wilkinson, D. G., Jr.	Lineman C	Charleston
Bias, C. E.	Lineman C	Charleston
Selbe, B. H.	Meter Serviceman C	Charleston
Crowder, J. D.	Planner	Charleston
Thayer, D. B.	Lineman C	Charleston
Altizer, Susan	Personnel Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Bethel, J. A.	Mail Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Charlton, J. T.	Station Maint. Man C	GO-Charleston
Davis, H. L.	Station Maint. Man B	GO-Roanoke
Goss, J. C.	Station Operator B	GO-Huntington
Taylor, G. T.	Transmission Clerk	GO-Bluefield
Kingrea, G. E.	Chemist Assistant	Glen Lyn
Jordan, J. M.	Electrical Engineer	Huntington
Jamison, S. L.	Administrative Assistant	Lynchburg
Hilton, K. P.	Auto Repairman B	Pulaski
Irvin, David	Meter Reader	Pulaski
Burgess, P. F.	Equipment Operator	Philip Sporn
Phipps, D. H.	Engineering Record Clerk	Ashland
Staley, W. T.	Engineering Record Clerk	Ashland
Triplett, O. W.	Maintenance Man	Big Sandy
Cyrus, B. L.	Maintenance Man	Big Sandy
Greathouse, H. H.	Section Foreman	Bull Creek Mines

## Brown will continue rescue squad work

"Going to work on Friday, the 13th, wasn't so bad after all because I have really enjoyed my employment with Appalachian," says Gordon T. Brown. He was a meter serviceman helper in Roanoke before electing early retirement November 1. Gordon adds, "I didn't particularly want to begin my career on a superstitious note but Mr. Whitefield, the district manager, told me 'either come to work on Friday or you don't have the job'."

Gordon continues, "My starting salary was 37½ cents an hour and after six months it was raised to 38 cents an hour. At that, you were glad to get it. I've enjoyed the more than 35 years with Appalachian. Everyone has been so good to work with. You couldn't find better employees anywhere. In all my years of service, I never had an argument with anyone."

Disclosing his future plans, Gordon says, "My wife and I will travel some at first. After teaching school for 40 years, she deserves to get away and see other places. We want to visit some friends in Texas as well as tour the Astrodome."

Gordon is a member of the Williamson Road Life Saving Crew, International Life Saving



Retiree Gordon Brown in a practice session with the Williamson Road Life Saving Crew.

Crews and a charter member of the Salem Rescue Squad. He is a registered first aid instructor with the Roanoke and Henry County Chapters, American Red Cross, and has been a co-instructor of the company's first aid courses in Roanoke and Fieldale. Gordon estimates that his volunteer work exceeds 13,000 hours since he was officially registered as a first aid instructor in June of 1936.

He notes, "There was one rescue effort years ago where I almost lost my own life. While at-

tempting to rescue some swimmers from a swollen river, the boat capsized and our rescue team remained in the water over an hour."

A member of the Huntington Court United Methodist Church in Roanoke, Gordon has served as a deacon and president, vice president and treasurer of his Sunday School class. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge and was named "Lion of the Year" in 1949. He has a son and a stepdaughter.



Members of the Bluefield Division Retired Employees Association enjoyed a cookout at the home of C. B. Yearout, retired General Office safety coordinator. (Seated, l. to r.) Mrs. John Barns, Mrs. Pete Myers, Mrs. Lawrence Riggs and Mrs. Ivan French. (Back row, l. to r.) Pete Myers, Charlie Yearout, John Barns, Charlie Johnson, Bill Kidd, Roy Madison, Ira Henderson, Mrs. Bill Kidd, Mrs. Hylbert McClung, Hylbert McClung, Mrs. E. T. Gills, Bertha Hall, Alex Johnston, Mrs. Alex Johnston, Bob Walk, Ivan French, Ted Gills, Tip Fletcher, Phil Frye, Lawrence Riggs, Mrs. C. B. Yearout and Luke Bates.





Sixteen golfers competed in the Big Sandy Plant championship at Twin Valley Golf Course. Harold Ferguson and Nathan Kirk made up the winning team with Tom Jenks and Robert Kise as runner-up. Jenks had a 38 for nine holes to capture low actual net trophy, and Kise won the low handicap trophy with a 29. Russell Coburn accumulated the greatest number of points during the season to be named winner of individual play. Gregory Adams received golf balls for an Eagle he shot during the competition. (L. to r.) Robert Kise, Harold Ferguson, Russell Coburn, Nathan Kirk and Tom Jenks.

## Ad series tells how inflation hits company budget

Appalachian Power, Kentucky Power and Kingsport Power, along with other AEP operating companies, have begun a series of advertisements attempting to convey that our companies understand the terrible things inflation is doing to the family budget because it is having the same effect on our companies' cost of doing business.

The ads point out that interest rates, the cost of supplies and materials and the cost of coal used by our companies to produce electricity are all caught in an inflationary spiral. The first ad stated that these rising costs have forced electricity bills up and this makes our companies "as frustrated, mad and sad" as our customers are.

One ad in the series will explain the fuel adjustment clause; another will explain why the cost of coal has risen so much, focusing on the Arab oil embargo and its effect on inflation. Still another ad tells how our companies have been going through big cost-cutting programs in an attempt to keep costs of doing business down. The five ads in the initial series will run through the middle of December.



A team composed primarily of Kentucky Power Company employees came in second in the 16-team Ashland City Softball League. The championship game was a slug-fest with Ashland losing 16-15. The season's record was 11-7, but a late charge by Kentucky Power the last part of the season put them in the playoffs. During that period, Kentucky Power won eight in a row. Individual leaders for the team were: Average — John Eldridge .489; home runs — Jerome Foley, 5; RBI's — John Sammons, 17; pitching, Harold McKenzie, 8-2; and most improved — Gene Williams. Team members were (l. to r.) John Eldridge, Ralph Barnett, Randy King, Nathan Kirk, Mike Taylor, Don Thornsby, Dennis DeCarlo, Terry Brooks, Gene Williams and John Sammons.



Tommy Anderson has spent about \$3500 on his custom chopper.

## Tommy Anderson's chopper wins a top prize in custom cycle show

Working as late as 2 AM and starting again at 6 in the morning is an indication of Tommy Anderson's interest in building a custom chopper. His hard work paid off, however, when he won the first place award in the semi-chopper class of the Custom Cycle and Car Show at the Salem Civic Center earlier this year.

Tommy, Roanoke Division auto repairman A, began work on his chopper after his stock motorcycle was heavily damaged in a wreck last year. The driver of a car attempting to make a U-turn cut in front of his motorcycle and Tommy hit the car at about 40 miles an hour. Tommy, who suffered a broken back, says, "I guess I'm lucky to be alive".

He continues, "After I found out the damage on my motorcycle came to \$1,169, what else could I do but rebuild?" Last December the motorcycle was completely disassembled and he started building his custom chopper from scratch. Tommy did all the molding, welding, painting and color design, which took about three weeks. The finishing touches were added in March. He estimates he has about \$3500 in the chopper, not including labor.

"If I had it to do all over again, I would," Tommy emphasizes. "Well, let me say everything except the rigid frame. It definitely makes for rough riding and a sore back. With no rear shocks, you just make sure you miss every hole in the road."

## Gene King, Williamson area manager, ends 32-year career

Eugene English King, who retired November 1 as manager of the Williamson area of Logan-Williamson Division, has always been interested in electric phenomena.

He made his own electric train when he was 12. He found the engine discarded in a stream and made a train track from steel bed rails. The transformer consisted of a jar of diluted salt water with a conductor attached to one side. Another conductor acted as a control for the speed by moving it closer or farther from the first conductor.

When Gene was a freshman at Burch High School in Delbarton, W. Va., a cafe proprietor asked his father to keep him out of his establishment because Gene was running customers away. At that time slot machines were legal and Gene had studied their operation thoroughly. He knew when they were going to pay off big and stood with his nickel until just the right time.

Another early interest was automobile mechanics. Once his brother Homer purchased a Model T and Gene took the engine apart to see how it worked. When Homer came home and saw the car torn apart, he cried but Gene put it back together and it ran perfectly.

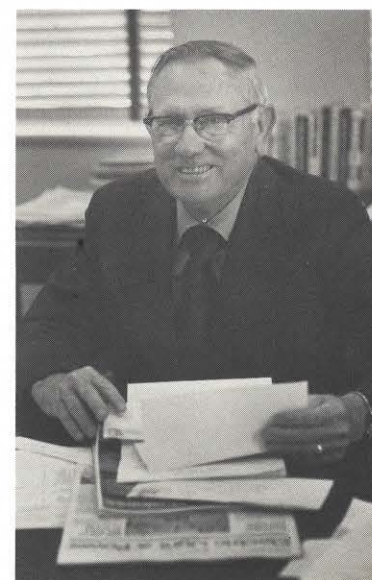
Gene worked his way through school and graduated from the University of Kentucky in three years with a major in physics.

He taught chemistry, physics and math at Belfry High School and also coached basketball, football and track. He designed and built the first scoreboard at Belfry, using old parts he found.

Gene began his career with Appalachian Power in 1941 as a draftsman and has held the positions of civil engineer, engineer senior, district supervising engineer, district superintendent and area superintendent. He has taught classes for employees in math, electricity, photography and the slide rule.

He is president of the Mingo County Taxpayers' Association and a director of the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce, the West Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, the United Foundation Incorporated and Mingo County Cancer Society. He is also a member of the Williamson Rotary Club, Tug Valley Country Club, Mingo County Airport Authority, Boy Scouts of America, Masonic Lodge and the official board of the First Methodist Church of Williamson. He is a past president of the Southern West Virginia Regional Health Council.

An outstanding gardener, Gene is reported to have a lawn second to none. He also enjoys golf, bridge, bird watching and building small items such as end tables and shelves in his basement workshop.



King

His retirement plans include possibly teaching a class at Southern West Virginia Community College.

Mr. and Mrs. King have four children and seven grandchildren.

## Wytheville area supervisor retires



Doss

Robert Garnett Doss, Wytheville area supervisor A in the Pulaski Division, elected early retiree November 1.

In reflecting on his 39 years' service, Bob says, "Everything has been very pleasant. Fortunately, haven't had any accidents — not even a minor one."

A native of Washington County, Virginia, Bob began his career in 1935 as a laborer in Bluefield. He was promoted to turbine room man in January of 1937 and transferred to Pulaski later that year as a lineman. He held the positions of assistant line foreman, leadman, working foreman and line foreman before being named area supervisor in 1972.

Bob is a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Wytheville and enjoys golf hunting and fishing. He and his wife Edna will continue to reside in Wytheville.



Doyle V. Hamilton, transmission man A in Appalachian Power's General Office T&D Transmission Line Section, has three reasons for working safely: his wife Charlotte, son Scott and daughter Angela. (See related article on this page)

## Increased awareness key to better safety performance

An Illuminator interview with C. Rudy Wooten, Appalachian's new safety director

**Mr. Wooten, how do you evaluate the company's overall safety performance during 1974?**

Our record presents a bleak picture, to say the least. As of October 25, 58 of our employees had lost time due to work injuries. I am thankful none of these resulted in fatalities; however, 12 of these accidents were quite serious. Looking at our automotive record, we have chalked up 112 preventable accidents.

The frequency of the accidents this year compares with that of 1945. If we maintain the momentum we have going now, by the end of the year we will have matched our 1937 safety performance.

**What do you feel is the cause for the rise in accidents?**

Frankly, this a difficult question to answer. During the past few weeks I have had discussions with a number of our employees. I tend to agree with some of them that we are not maintaining a high level of safety awareness.

Let me explain what I mean. Our employees today have a lot on their minds — inflation, Watergate and the like. Combine this with the home environment, which includes the employee's personal problems, and you can

see why safety takes more or less a back seat. Thus, a decrease in individual safety awareness. I think the increase in off-the-job accidents, which far exceeds those on the job, bears this out.

**Would you say safety awareness on and off the job is an indication of one's attitude?**

Definitely. The way we think and act reflects our attitude. An individual's attitude is formed from his or her environment, with home and work being the two major contributors. Again let me

stress that if a person's mind is cluttered by worries, he's not going to be giving full attention to the job at hand. A job which could be done safely might then become acrippler or killer.

**How can a renewed safety awareness be brought about?**

This can only occur by making our employees aware of where we are now in our safety performance and what we want to accomplish. The ultimate goal, of course, is zero accidents. This new emphasis can begin by articles such as this, by con-

centrated efforts in our monthly safety meetings and in the job briefings our people are involved in each day. The family of the bread winner can also help in this area by caring enough to send the worker to the job in a good frame of mind. Safety awareness will increase only through each employee's determination to make safety a personal commitment.

**How do you see your new job as safety director?**

I see the job as a terrific challenge, one that I accept wholeheartedly. I will dedicate myself to providing ways and

means of keeping safety in front of each employee in the hope of increasing the level of individual safety awareness.

My reward will be the knowledge that each employee has returned home to his family safely after each work day.

One of my personal objectives is to visit with a field, plant or office group each week. During the short time I have been in this job, I have already visited a number of locations and have been very pleased to observe good solid safety practices in operation. I am optimistic that in the next few months the pendulum will swing in favor of no lost time accidents



Rudy Wooten, right, discusses the company's safety manual with some Beckley Division employees. From left, Basil W. Bolen, lineman A; William C. White, truck driver-groundman; Donald G. Tyler, lineman A; Daniel E. Murray, line foreman NE; Blaine A. Clay, lineman helper; Paul P. Hancock, station foreman E, and Kyle Ellison, line and station supervisor.

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