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APCo applies for permanent rate increase in Virginia

1000 workers idled as work suspended on Cook Nuclear Unit 2

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, faced with mounting economic pressures, announced November 26 that Indiana & Michigan Power Company, its wholly-owned subsidiary, had temporarily suspended construction of the 1.1-million-kilowatt Unit 2 generating unit at its Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Mich.

Approximately 1,000 members of the plant's construction force of about 2,000 were laid off the last week in November. The loss of payroll is estimated at \$400,000 per week.

The remaining 1,000 construction workers will be "progressively and substantially" reduced in numbers as work on the plant's Unit 1 is completed and as construction of Unit 2 is closed down in an orderly manner.

Completion of Unit 1, which also has a capacity of 1.1-million kw, will be unaffected by the cutback on Unit 2. The first unit, recently loaded with nuclear fuel, is scheduled to be placed in com-

mercial operation early in 1975.

Robert M. Kopper, executive vice president of I&M Power and I&M Electric, announced the cutback and stated that the decision had been made by I&M Power in light of current economic and financing conditions and the November 15 rejection by the Indiana Public Service Commission of I&M Electric's request for an emergency rate increase of \$38.3 million.

"The step we have taken," he continued, "is one that we had hoped to avoid. It is a drastic action but an essential one, for we have been given no choice but to cut back whatever and wherever we can until appropriate rate action is taken."

Unit 2 had been scheduled for operation in 1976. "Our revised date for its operation is not known," Kopper said. "This date will be totally dependent upon when we will be able to resume construction. We have no new target currently because we are unable to set one."

George Hervey retires, served three divisions as manager

George Edward Hervey, III, retired December 1 as Huntington Division manager.

During his 34 years of service, Hervey's dry sense of humor, ability to train young employees and dedication to Appalachian Power and his employees became well known to employees and the public alike.

Hervey was regarded as a fair and just man by those who worked for him. He was always available to talk or to listen and spoke only when he had all the facts. With his dry sense of humor, he could often break up a tense discussion with a witty summation. An example of his homespun philosophy: "When you are up to your knees in crocodiles, then the only solution to the problem may be to drain the swamp."

Hervey is respectfully referred to by many of his subordinates as the "colonel" because he holds the rank of Lt. Colonel, Retired, from the United States Army Signal Corps.

Hervey is a native of Morgantown, where he graduated from West Virginia University with a BS degree in electrical engineering. He began his career with Appalachian in 1940 as an engineer in Charleston. He was district substation superintendent,

district supervising engineer, assistant district superintendent and district superintendent there before becoming manager of the Point Pleasant District in 1957. He moved to Logan in 1963 as district manager and became manager of the Logan-Williamson Division in 1964. He was named Huntington Division manager in 1968.

Hervey is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia, a Mason, director of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, board member of Group 2000 and is on the Mayor's Development Committee and the Civic Advisory Group, as well as the Economic Development Committee of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

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Helm

Helm named Huntington manager

Frederick O. Helm became manager of the Huntington Division on December 1, succeeding George E. Hervey, who retired.

A native of Beckley, West Virginia, Helm served in the Navy during World War II. He then entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, graduating in 1949 with a BS degree in electrical engineering.

He joined Appalachian in 1949 as an engineer trainee in Beckley and was power sales engineer there before moving to Charleston in 1954. He became area superintendent at St. Albans in 1958 and returned to Beckley as district superintendent three years later. He was promoted to Charleston Division commercial and industrial sales supervisor in 1965 and division sales manager in 1967. He was named assistant manager of Huntington Division in October 1973.

Helm is married and has two children.

Severe snow storm interrupts service to 31,000 APCo customers

A severe storm hit Appalachian Power Company's service area on Thanksgiving weekend, resulting in interruptions to more than 31,000 customers in Virginia and West Virginia.

Snowfall ranged from one-half inch at Clinch River Plant to between 12-16 inches in Beckley, Princeton, Bluefield, Pearisburg, Christiansburg and Pulaski. Snow was still falling in some locations as **The Illuminator** went to press December 2.

The troubles began around 8 PM on November 30 when heavy, wet snow caused limbs and entire trees to fall into power lines. There were also cases of snow on lines causing them to break, and in other cases, snow falling off lines would cause the lines to snap back up into others, causing short circuits.

Requests interim rate relief of \$25-million by January 1, 1975

Appalachian Power Company, which early in November was denied an emergency rate increase, filed an application on December 2 with the Virginia State Corporation Commission asking for permanent rate relief to provide the company additional revenue of \$36,196,600 annually from its Virginia customers.

Faced with a continuing deterioration of its financial position, the company has asked that \$25,012,000 of the requested increase become effective under bond immediately or not later than January 1, 1975 and the remainder to become effective as soon as possible after hearings on the application but no later than March 31, 1975.

If the Commission approves the interim rate relief of \$25,012,000, it would be applied to the base rates of all customers as a 23.92% surcharge.

Approval by the Commission of the total \$36,196,600 increase would have this effect on residential customers' bills: Monthly use of 500 kilowatthours from \$16.55 to \$19.58; Monthly use of 850 kilowatthours from \$23.88 to \$28.93; Monthly use of 1,500 kilowatthours from \$39.40 to \$46.28. These calculations include fuel adjustment clause levels of November, 1974.

In its petition for emergency relief of \$35.7-million which the company filed in September and which was denied by the Com-

mission on November 5, Appalachian had testified that the company had stopped virtually all line construction except the necessary to provide service to new customers, had drastically reduced its capital construction budget for 1974 and had cut off contractor crews. The total reduction in contract crews for both construction and right-of-way maintenance was more than 400 people.

Financing

Despite these moves, John V. Vaughan, executive vice president of Appalachian, pointed out that the company's short term debt continues to increase and now in excess of \$117,000,000.

"Normally," Vaughan said, "if other companies do, we finance our construction program with short term borrowings from banks and other financial institutions. Periodically we then sell bonds or other senior securities to pay off the short term loans. We are limited to a total of \$150,000,000 for such short term financing."

Vaughan said this limit would be reached by year end except for the sale of \$40-million in revenue bonds in December to pay for the installation of precipitators at Glen Lyn and Clinch River plants. "It is expected, that even after the sale of the bonds this month we will approach this short term borrowing limit again early in 1975. Our only salvation is immediate rate relief," Vaughan said.

More cutbacks

Vaughan identified three additional steps that will be taken by the company because of its serious cash position and unless substantial rate relief becomes effective on an interim basis no later than January 1, 1975.

"First, we will be unable to build the new local facilities necessary to serve new commercial and industrial customers or to handle expansions of existing customers in Virginia unless the customer pays the cost of these facilities.

"Secondly, we are completing work necessary to store equipment already purchased for the \$430,000,000 steam electric generating plant which we began building near New Haven, W. Va., about a year ago. Construction of the project will be halted at the end of December. We will look at our financial situation next March and decide whether to reactivate construction of this 1,300,000 kilowatt plant.

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Employees worked around the clock all weekend, and by noon on December 2 service had been restored to all but 1,400 customers. Many had been without service for long periods of time. According to Jack W. Kepner, (continued on page 2)



"Make safety a current event", submitted by Lynchburg Division Stenographer Mary L. Campbell, was chosen as the new safety slogan for Appalachian Power Company. The slogan will be used throughout the company to promote greater employee safety awareness. A total of 26 safety slogans were turned in by plants, divisions and General Office departments in Appalachian. Judging was done by three persons involved in safety efforts outside the company: Alice Tice, executive director, Roanoke Valley Safety Council; Ken Lassiter, safety consultant, Employers Insurance of Wausau; and Douglas Forbes, personnel and safety director, Virginia Department of Highways.

Snow (con't from page 1)

superintendent of operations for Appalachian, the main problem was that of mobility. "Up in the Hillsville-Galax-Independence area, snow was so deep that it was difficult to move men and equipment. Also one of the hardest hit areas was the Mount Rogers section of southwest Virginia."

All available personnel in the affected areas were called out, and many worked for more than 20 hours at a stretch, rested and then went back to work.

The company's microwave system was restored to service about 11:30 AM on December 2, after being out for over seven hours. The normal and emergency power supply on Poor Mountain near Roanoke failed, and heavy snow there made it difficult to reach.

APCo challenges Blue Ridge license review

Appalachian Power Company recently filed motions to dismiss petitions for judicial review of the Federal Power Commission order granting a construction license for the company's proposed Blue Ridge pumped-storage and hydroelectric project.

Citing that the petitioners had failed to file timely application with FPC for a rehearing of the order granted June 14, 1974, Appalachian argued that the court lacked jurisdiction to review the orders.

The petitioners named in Appalachian's motions, filed in the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, are: Ashe and Allegheny Counties, North Carolina; the New River Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America, and the Upper New River Valley Association.

In a related development, West Virginia filed last month for leave to intervene in another appeal of the FPC order made by North Carolina. West Virginia stated the need to protect its interests. Virginia's and Appalachian's separate motions for leave to intervene in North Carolina's appeal were granted on November 14.

AEP rate requests at a glance

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company is proceeding with plans to request a general rate hike of an undetermined amount for its 313,000 retail customers in Indiana. An interim increase of \$38.3-million was denied by the Indiana Public Service Commission on November 15.

The hearing examiner has recommended the granting of Ohio Power's \$49-million emergency rate request, but a decision by the full Public Utilities Commission of Ohio is still pending.

On November 14, Indiana & Michigan petitioned for a \$6.5-million retail rate hike for its 72,000 electric customers in



Whittaker

Whittaker will take life easy

Paul Johnston Whittaker, maintenance helper at Glen Lyn Plant, took disability retirement November 1 and plans to "just take life easy".

A native of Mercer County, West Virginia, Paul began his career in 1947 as a utility man and has also held the positions of utility operator A and auxiliary equipment operator B and A.

A member of the Christian Ridge Tabernacle in Cheesy Creek, West Virginia, Paul hopes to do some gardening and hunting if his health permits. He and his wife Virginia have four children and seven grandchildren.

Rate (con't from page 1)

"The third step will be to institute a reduction in work force. This would be accomplished through making layoffs in two steps of 5% each." Vaughan added that these moves, particularly the employee layoffs, would be taken with great reluctance but that the company has no alternative in the absence of immediate rate relief.

Such moves, he pointed out, can only result in deterioration of service to the company's customers both immediately and for several years into the future.

The company official said, "The request for a \$36,196,600 increase in revenues is the minimum needed at this time to permit the company to continue to supply adequate service to its customers."

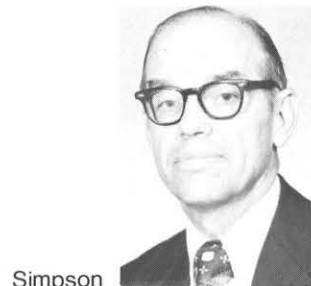
Appalachian currently has a rate increase in effect under bond in West Virginia. The new rates went into effect in West Virginia in July 1971, but no final decision has been rendered by the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Hervey (con't from page 1)

He is also a member of the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, Huntington Rotary Club, City Club, Charleston Army and Navy Club, Guyan Golf and Country Club and Eta Kappa Nu, honorary engineering fraternity. He is also a past president of the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council.

Hervey is married and has two daughters and two granddaughters. His plans for retirement are indefinite but may possibly include some professional engineering or some teaching. He and his wife Phyllis will continue to reside in Huntington.

Simpson elected KgPCo officer



Simpson

Customer Services Manager Marvin C. Simpson, Jr., has been elected an assistant secretary of Kingsport Power Company.

Simpson joined Kingsport Power as an engineer junior in 1947 following graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He became commercial manager in 1949 and customer services manager in January of this year. He will continue to serve in that position.

Simpson is married and has three children.



Taylor

Walter Taylor enters retirement

Walter Marvin Taylor, maintenance man at Byllesby Hydro in the Pulaski Division, took early disability retirement on November 1.

A native of Carroll County, Virginia, Walter began his career in 1941 as a laborer. During his 33 years' service, he also worked as a hydro maintenance helper, hydro operator C and hydro maintenance man.

Walter enjoys gardening, hunting and fishing, saying he catches a lot of catfish around Buck Hydro. He and his wife Gertrude have three children and four grandchildren.

Rhodes to head labor relations



Rhodes

H. E. Rhodes, Jr., personnel supervisor at Kanawha River Plant, became labor relations supervisor for Appalachian Power Company on December 1. He succeeds C. A. Simmons who earlier was named the company's personnel director.

A native of Wyco, West Virginia, Rhodes was a co-op student engineer at Point Pleasant from April 1958 through November 1961 and an engineering student-temporary at Charleston during the summer of 1962. He began his permanent employment with the company in October 1962 as an electrical engineer at Charleston and was a commercial sales engineer there before transferring to Huntington in 1964. He was promoted to power sales engineer in 1968 and to personnel supervisor at Kanawha River Plant in 1972. He holds a BSEE degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Rhodes is married and has one daughter and two sons.

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Cook Nuclear Center will close

In another move dictated by the present economy, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company will close the Cook Nuclear Center December 15. The Center, a nuclear information facility adjacent to the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant at Bridgman, Michigan, has been visited by nearly three-quarters of a million persons since it was opened in July, 1970.

As a consequence of the closing, 20 full and part-time employees will be laid off.

At Clinch River and Glen Lyn

It cost \$42-million to kick the smoking habit

Appalachian Power Company is committed, as are the other companies in the American Electric Power System, to the protection of the environment.

But pollution control devices are enormously expensive to install, operate and maintain. A growing investment in this type of equipment must inevitably result in higher consumer rates for electricity.

At Appalachian's two coal-burning plants in Virginia — Clinch River and Glen Lyn — a \$42-million investment in electrostatic precipitators is nearing completion. In West Virginia, Appalachian is facing similar expenditures that could cost over \$100-million.

The new precipitators at the two Virginia plants are capable of removing 99.7 percent of ash resulting from the burning of coal before it can escape out of the plants' stacks.

Clinch River Plant is located on the banks of the Clinch River in Russell County and burns 2,000,000 tons of coal a year to produce electricity. Glen Lyn Plant is located on New River in

Giles County and consumes nearly 900,000 tons of coal a year.

The precipitators replace older equipment on the units at the two plants. At Clinch River, mechanical dust collectors with an efficiency of 85 percent were installed when the plant's three units were completed in 1958 and 1961. At Glen Lyn, an electrostatic precipitator was installed on Unit 6 when it was completed in 1957, and a mechanical dust collector was added to Unit 5 in 1953, replacing equipment installed when the unit was built in 1944.

The precipitator on Unit 3 at Clinch River began operation on September 30 and on Unit 2, November 6. The precipitator for Unit 1 is scheduled for operation in January 1975. At Glen Lyn, the new precipitator for Unit 5 went into service November 11 and the precipitator for Unit 6 should be operational by the spring of 1975.

With the completion of the projects, which have been under construction for two years, both plants will be in total compliance

with Virginia's air pollution regulations.

T. W. Abolin, Clinch River Plant manager, pointed out that the \$42-million construction cost is a non-revenue producing investment because "this equipment will not produce electricity but is rather the result of Appalachian's continuing concern for protection of the environment around our facilities".

He also pointed out that the costs of the precipitators do not end with the initial investment in the installation. "It is estimated that the owning and operating costs of the total installation of the five precipitators at these two plants are some \$8-million annually, including the interest on the investment. This would be the equivalent of adding an average of about \$1 per month to each of the bills of Appalachian's 650,000 customers in Virginia and West Virginia."

One-time costs were experienced at the plants during the period the new precipitators were being tied into the generating units, which had to be taken out of service. The replacement cost for power during the time Unit 1 at Clinch was out of service for tie-in was \$600,000; for Unit 2, \$675,000; and for Unit 3, it is expected to be \$700,000.

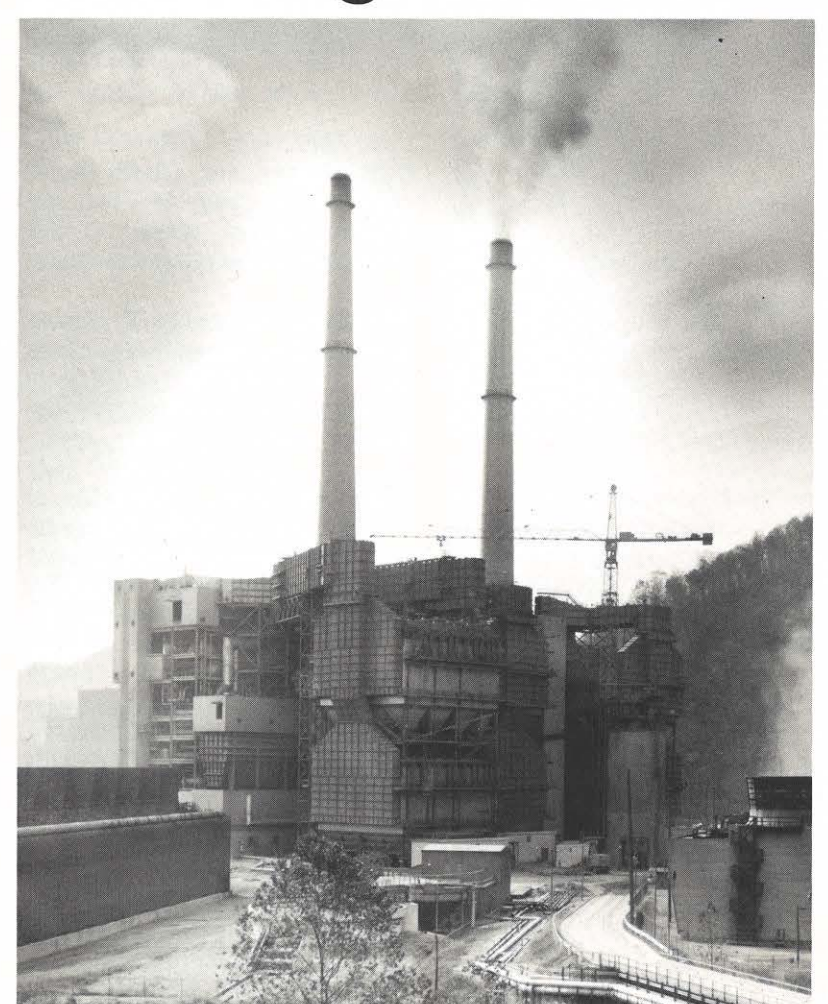
There are also costs involved in operation and maintenance of the precipitators. Maintenance on the precipitators at Glen Lyn is estimated at more than \$125,000 annually and at Clinch River about \$250,000 annually. Because the precipitators use electricity that would otherwise have been sold to Appalachian customers, there is an added operational cost. This amounts to \$200,000 a year at Clinch River and \$125,000 at Glen Lyn.

The three precipitators at Clinch River will consume 25,185,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a year — enough electricity to supply the needs of 2,911 families, based on Appalachian's average residential customer use. At Glen Lyn, the precipitators will require 12,600,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually — enough to supply the electrical needs of 1,456 families.

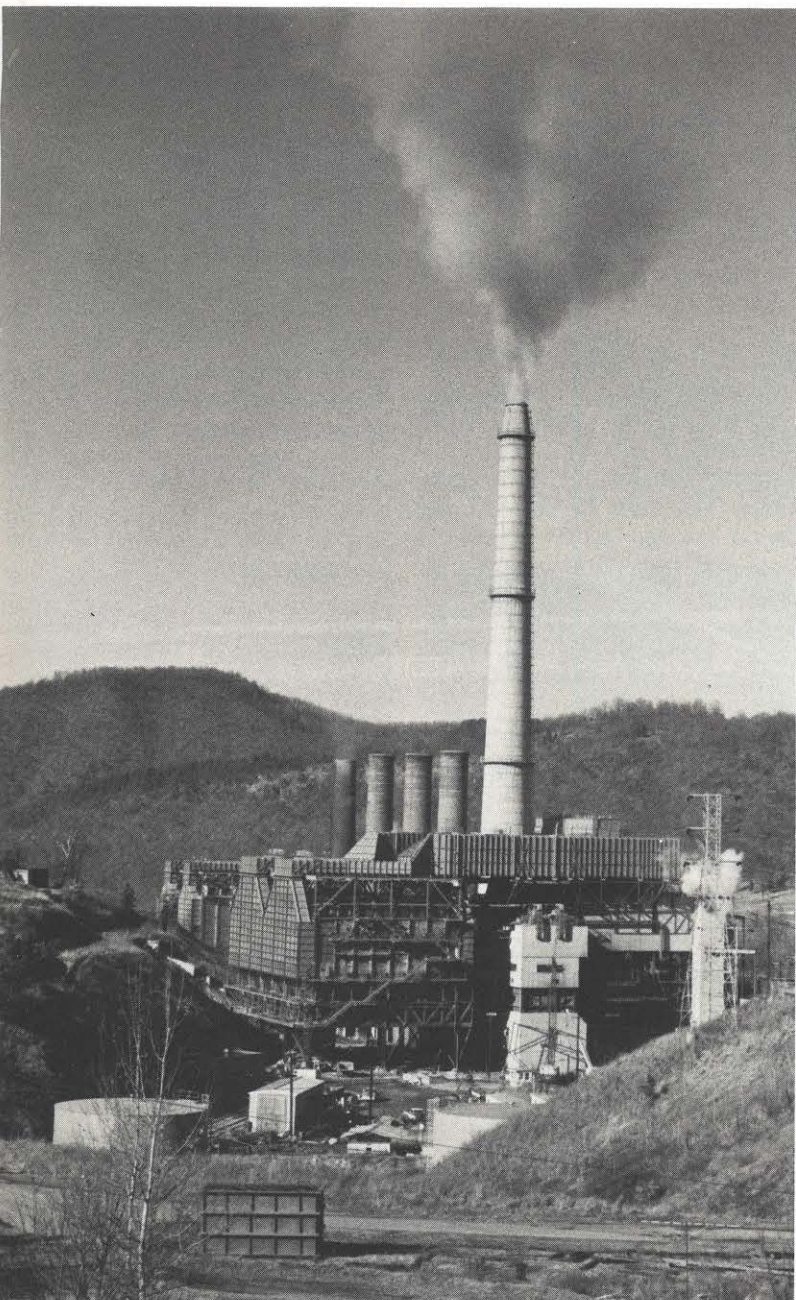
The three precipitators at Clinch River Plant are 16 stories high, and the ones at Glen Lyn are 11 stories high — the largest single element at the plants.

To serve just one unit at Clinch, the precipitators contain 1,288 collecting plates and 14,848 wires or electrodes. Each plate is 30 feet long and of various widths. Each wire is 32 feet long and 1/8" in diameter.

The precipitators at Clinch River were fabricated by Environmental Elements Division of Koppers Company, Inc. The general



With a new electrostatic precipitator in operation, a dramatic difference can be seen in effluent from the Clinch River Plant stack at left, compared to the one at right, where the precipitator is still under construction. The 16-story high precipitators are to the front and right of the plant in this photograph.



Construction of the precipitator for Unit 5 at Glen Lyn Plant (background) presented a unique problem because there was no readily available ground or roof space to build it. The problem was resolved by erecting the new precipitator above the plant coal handling railroad tracks. The precipitator for Unit 6 (foreground) is scheduled for operation in the spring of 1975.

contractor for the work is Fish Engineering and Construction, Inc. At the height of construction, 260 workers were on the job.

The precipitators at Glen Lyn were fabricated by American Standard, Inc., and Hudson Engineering is the general contractor. Some 176 workers were on the job at the height of construction.

Construction of the precipitator for Unit 5 at Glen Lyn presented a unique problem, in that there was no readily available ground or roof space to build it. The problem was resolved by erecting the new precipitator above the plant coal handling railroad tracks. By contrast, since there is more open space at Clinch River, construction of the precipitators was somewhat easier. However, it was necessary to dig up and move some existing underground pipe.

With the coal that is now being burned at Clinch River, some 286 tons of flyash will be collected every day from each unit, or a total of 858 tons daily from all three units. Under Virginia regulations, about 635 pounds of flyash per hour would be permitted to be emitted from Clinch River. At 99.7 percent efficiency, the plant will emit only 225 pounds of flyash per hour.

At Clinch, the flyash will be sucked by vacuum into a giant silo. It is then emptied into trucks through devices called hydromixers where enough water is mixed with the flyash to prevent dusting while it is being trucked

to a landfill area about one mile from the plant. The water mixed with the flyash is so proportioned that the flyash can be properly compacted in the landfill area.

An alternate means of flyash removal at Clinch is through the use of a hydrovactor. The same piping is used for removal of the ash from the hoppers. The ash is transported dry until it reaches the hydrovactor, where it is mixed with water and discharged into an ash sump. Ash pumps then pump the mixture of flyash and water to ash storage ponds, where the ash settles out and the water returns to the plant for further use. This alternate means of flyash disposal is used only when it is necessary to perform maintenance work on the dry fly-ash handling system.

The landfill method of storing flyash eliminates the need for high dikes and long pipe lines. When it is fully developed, the landfill area that is presently being used for ash disposal is adequate to meet the needs of the plant for 15 years. The landfill area can ultimately be used for other purposes.

At Glen Lyn, the flyash will be mixed with water to form a slurry and taken by gravity to a storage area.

Some markets have been developed for the use of dry flyash, and the AEP Ash Utilization Department in Charleston, W. Va., is continually searching for others.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ROANOKE

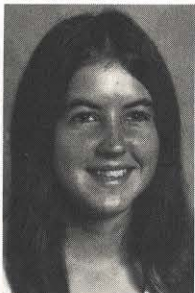
Connie Altice, daughter of Planner Senior Billy Altice, was awarded a trophy and several gifts as first runner-up in the Little Miss Mount Pleasant Pageant. The event is sponsored annually by the Mount Pleasant PTA and contestants are in the 5- to 8-year-old category.

Ronnie B. Horne, surveyor, and his partner Mike Hundley won \$43 as second prize in the Smith Mountain Bass Tournament. They caught seven bass weighing 16 pounds, 7 ounces.

All the women in Leonard Jenkins' family received college degrees this past summer. He's a residential representative at Fieldale. **Mrs. Jenkins** received an associate degree in elementary education from Patrick Henry Community College and is now studying at Averett College. Daughter **Cassandra Jenkins** also received an associate degree in elementary education from Patrick Henry and daughter **Suzanne Horne** received a BS degree in biology from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Annual Apple Cider Day was observed October 12 on **Janet Wynot's** farm on Bent Mountain near Roanoke. She's a senior draftsman. Some 60 people, mostly Appalachian Power employees and their families, gathered there to pick apples and squeeze out 150 gallons of cider.

LYNCHBURG



Maddox

Vicky Lynne Maddox, daughter of Nowlin O. Maddox, meter serviceman B, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Rustburg High School. She was also elected president of the Lynchburg Division Explorer Post.

ABINGDON

Lovis Countiss, chairman of the Abingdon residential division of the Washington County United Fund, was cited for reaching 176% of the division goal. She is a residential advisor senior.

Sandra Johnson, daughter of Peggy Johnson, Personnel, and **Linda Fleenor**, daughter of James Fleenor, commercial representative, were named to the Washington County All-County Band.

Lois Peck, wife of Retired Records Supervisor Clark Peck, received one blue and two red ribbons for her entries in the Abingdon Garden Club fall show.

Electrical Engineer **R. H. Snodgrass** is chairman of the deacons and a youth Sunday School teacher at Rock Spring Presbyterian Church.

Fred Johnson, husband of Peggy Johnson, Personnel, was appointed senior advisor of the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Department Junior Firemen.

Heating and Air Conditioning Consultant **John Kahle** and Power Engineer **L. C. Angle** are chairman of the board of deacons and treasurer, respectively, of the Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church.

Commercial Representative **James Fleenor** is an industrial advisor of the Saltville Area Development Committee.

MARMET

Frank B. Snyder, III, was re-elected a director of the West Virginia Safety Council and was chosen chairman of the mining committee for the Kanawha Veterans Task Force, Charleston.

GENERAL OFFICE

Bill Haulsee, regional chief operator at Danville Station, was appointed to the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission by American Legion National Commander Wagon-seller. The appointment runs through 1977.

Becky Johnson was selected as sophomore class attendant in the homecoming court at Northside High School. She is the daughter of R. L. Johnson, Sr., T&D representative in the GO T&D Transmission Line Section.

J. A. Mundy, retired employee relations supervisor, just completed teaching a 10-hour course in supervisory human relations for owners, managers and supervisors in marketing and distribution at Patrick Henry High School, Roanoke. He is currently teaching a 10-hour course in job relations at Virginia Western Community College under the sponsorship of the Industrial Management Club.

PULASKI

C. D. Via, customer representative A, was named chairman of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club's youth services committee.

C. A. Schmidt, Christiansburg customer accounting supervisor, was appointed vice chairman of

the board of deacons and witnessing chairman of the Christiansburg Main Street Baptist Church.

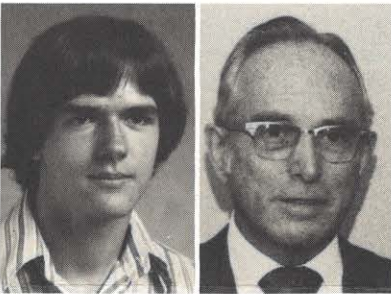
Fred Myers, customer representative A, and **L. G. Cook**, electrical engineer senior, were appointed to the Pulaski Town Planning Commission sub-committee. Cook was also named chairman of the youth committee of Memorial Baptist Church.

Carl Powers, Wytheville area T&D clerk, was cited for 25 years' service by the Wythe County Kiwanis Club at its recent installation meeting.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Cindy Foglesong, daughter of Records Supervisor H. L. Foglesong, gave a slide presentation on her attendance at Girls' State before the Princess Aracoma Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Cindy was sponsored at Girls' State by the Princess Aracoma Chapter.

BLUEFIELD



Vance

McClung

Emory Vance, son of Lead Draftsman W. H. "Jim" Vance, will be featured in the eighth annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Bramwell High School, Emory is a member of the Varsity Club and National Honor Society, plays basketball for the Millionaires, and represented his school at Boys' State.

Hylbert H. McClung, retired division engineer A, was awarded his 50-year service pin from the Mercer Masonic Lodge #160 AF&AM, Bluefield Chapter.

Princeton Meter Reader **Sam Conner** bagged a 15-pound turkey in Monroe County.

Tom Rice, husband of Princeton Clerk Trainee Mary Lou Rice, killed a 75-pound doe with a bow and arrow.

Eddie Fanning, son of Building Supervisor Buck Fanning, was installed as senior councilor of the Bluestone Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Mrs. W. L. Nash, wife of the meterman B, was elected secretary of the United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, Bluefield, Virginia.

Welch Area Superintendent **Dave Kendrick** was elected first vice president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce.

CHARLESTON



Day

Mona Day, daughter of Credit Representative Mattie Day, was elected president of Chemco, a Junior Achievement company.

Accounting Supervisor **E. J. Shaver, Jr.**, was appointed by the mayor to serve on the task force to revise the comprehensive plan for the future development of the City of Charleston.

Connie Gilmore, daughter of Personnel Clerk Senior Yvonne Gilmore, was first runner-up to Little Miss Belle Bulldog.

Ted Pendleberry, assistant hydro utility operator for Kanawha Valley Power, won a trophy for playing defensive captain on the Winfield High School even year alumnus football team.

Lori Beth Slack, daughter of Montgomery Residential Representative Paul Slack, was chosen "little majorette" of the Cabin Creek Little League football team.

PHILIP SPORN

Airman **John M. Rottgen, Jr.**, son of Master Maintenance Man J. M. Rottgen, has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colorado, after completing Air Force basic training. He will take specialized training in the Armament Systems field.

Ross S. Frey, son of Shift Operating Engineer J. W. Frey, was ordained to the Greek Catholic Priesthood at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lawrence, Mass. He then celebrated the Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mason, W. Va. Rev. Frey has been appointed assistant to the rector of St. Basil's Seminary for the Greek Catholic Church, sometimes



LuAnn Gibson, 15-year-old daughter of L. W. Gibson, maintenance man C at John E. Amos Plant, was crowned Miss Putnam County Majorette during the second annual Putnam County Majorette festival. She is a sophomore at Hurricane High School, Hurricane, West Virginia.

called the Melkite Church, in Methuen, Mass. The Seminary is operated by the Basilion Salvatorion Fathers, of which Rev. Frey is a member.

HUNTINGTON

Alice Click, wife of Point Pleasant Meter Reader Karl Click, was named "club woman of the year" by the Mt. Flower Extension Homemakers. Mrs. Click is also president of the club.

Vernon Keefer, Point Pleasant lineman C, got a head start on deer season but it cost him \$400 in damages to his truck. Keefer struck a 190-pound deer as it crossed the highway in front of him as he was driving to work one morning.

Kathleen Yoest, residential advisor, won honorable mention for excellence in the appliance communications contest sponsored annually by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. Awards are given for original programs that educate consumers on how to purchase, care for and use major appliances.

BECKLEY



Richmond

Charles Richmond, son of Clerk Junior Joann Richmond, won a first place trophy in the Raleigh County Junior Archery Meet.

Jennifer Vest, daughter of Administrative Assistant Ray Vest, was elected president of the Shady Spring Junior Garden Club.

Ray Vest was re-elected president of the Shady Spring PTA and his wife **Judy** was elected vice president.

ASHLAND

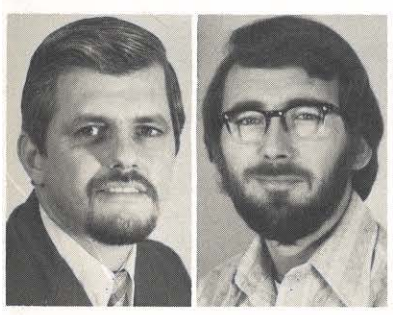
Charles R. Keeton, son of General Serviceman Walter Keeton, was named articles editor of the *Kentucky Law Journal* published by the University of Kentucky College of Law. Charles is a third year law student at UK.

Mary Ingles, daughter of the late James Harvey Ingles, has been selected to appear in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Russell High School, she will attend Ashland Community College upon graduation.

NEW HAVEN

Kirby A. Smith, Jr., maintenance foreman, bagged a six point buck with his 50-pound Super Kodiak bow. As a taxidermist, Kirby will have the added pleasure of mounting his deer.

MOVING UP



Kuhl Hess



Bowen Varney



Carrico White

Alva L. Kuhl, former equipment operator at John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to utility foreman. He began his career with Appalachian Power in 1966 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant.

Gary L. Hess, former equipment operator at John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to unit foreman. He succeeds William J. Reese, who resigned.

Jerry R. Bowen, former maintenance man A at John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to maintenance foreman. He attended Marshall University.

Fred E. Varney, former Williamson line and station supervisor, has been promoted to area superintendent at Williamson in the Logan-Williamson Division. He began his career in 1941 as a groundman.

Everett Carrico, former Williamson service foreman, has been promoted to general foreman at Williamson in the Logan-Williamson Division. He was employed in 1933 as a groundman.

Maurice A. White, former Logan area line and station supervisor, has been promoted to Logan-Williamson Division line and station supervisor. He began his career in 1952 as a groundman.

Donald J. Thornsbury, former pre-audit clerk at Ashland, has been promoted to Ashland Division customer accounting supervisor. He succeeds the late Dana Riley.

Harold R. Ball, former statistical and reports assistant in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, has been promoted to the exempt position of statistical accountant. He succeeds Raymond Taylor, who elected early retirement December 1. Ball attended Marshall College, the University of Virginia Extension and Virginia Western Community College.

R. D. Spencer, former performance engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, has been named plant personnel supervisor. He succeeds S. V. Caudle, who earlier was promoted to assistant plant manager at Kanawha River. Spencer holds a BS degree in chemistry from Morris Harvey College.

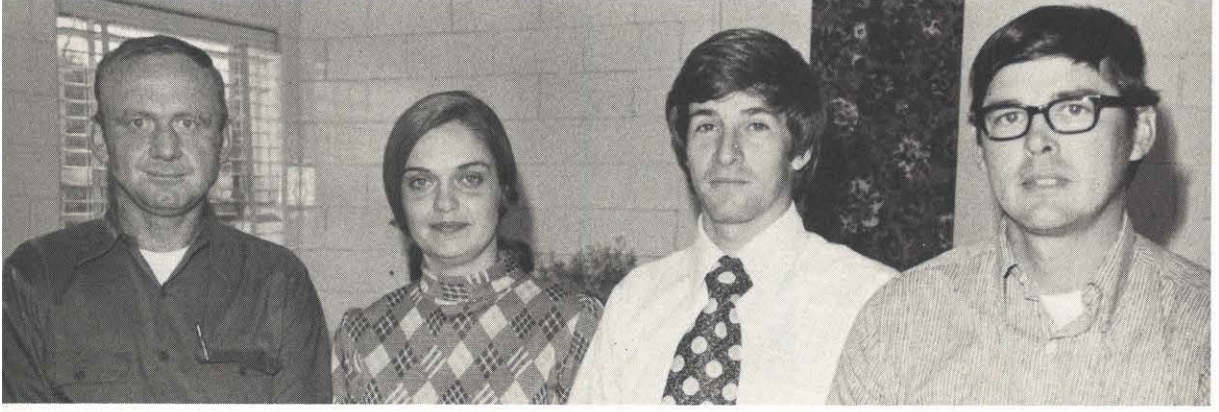
Ernest B. Suthers, former line foreman non-exempt, has been promoted to area supervisor A in the Wytheville area of Pulaski Division. He succeeds R. G. Doss, who elected early retirement.



Thornsbury Ball



Spencer Suthers



New officers of the Appalachian Employees Club in Fieldale (Roanoke Division) are (l. to r.) Frank Barker, lineman C, president; Jo Ann Rakes, clerk-stenographer, secretary; Doug Bryant, customer accounting representative C, treasurer; and Bill Prillaman, T&D

stationman helper A, vice president. Kathy Cobbler, clerk typist; Maynard Handy, T&D clerk senior; and Anne Browning, residential representative, were elected as representatives.

Jett never regretted leaving better-paying job for APCo career

"I was working for Sam Findley Construction Company paving roads for \$25 a week when I was given the opportunity to get on at Appalachian for \$17 a week. I accepted and have never been sorry I did," says Thornton W. Jett. He was a Roanoke Division stationman B before electing early retirement December 1.

Jett continues, "It was rough, hard work when I was hired 37 years ago. I've seen the time when digging by hand in solid rock would take as much as two days to get a pole in. There have been many experiences over the years, but I guess about the most exciting thing that happened to me occurred late one night while I was on a trouble call near the Peaks of Otter. I was bitten by a dog, which came out of the dark from nowhere. If that won't wake you up, nothing will."

A native of Floyd County, Virginia, Jett's first job was as a groundman. He then worked as a lineman helper, lineman C, B and A, troubleman A and general

Six take new officer posts

Six officers of the American Electric Power Service Corporation were elected to new, higher officer posts by its Board of Directors.

Elevated from senior vice president to executive vice president was Controller Richard E. Disbrow.

Named vice presidents were the following assistant vice presidents: H. D. Anderson, Jr., tax accounting; Jack R. Corbett, purchasing and stores; Peter J. DeMaria, treasury staff; A. G. Mehlman, operating manager-production, and A. H. Willennar, system operating.

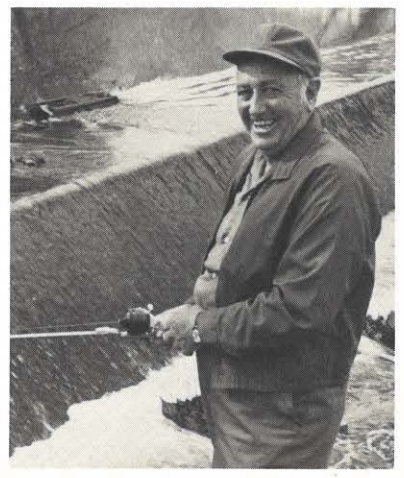
Anderson and DeMaria, assistant treasurers, will continue to hold that title. All of the new officers except Willennar, head of the System Operating Department in Canton, are located in New York.

Mehlman served as manager of both Cabin Creek and Philip Sporn Plants before moving to the Service Corporation in 1962.

serviceman. He had to give up troubleshooting in 1972 for health reasons and transferred to the station section as a stationman B.

About his fellow employees, Jett says, "You would never find better people anywhere. They have been great to work with."

Retirement plans for Jett and his wife Elva include traveling and doing some of the things they have always wanted to do. Both enjoy fishing and hope to take their two grandchildren fishing more often. Their son and daughter live in Lynchburg, and they want to visit them whenever possible. Jett will also continue his hobby of raising miniature dachshunds.



Jett



Steven Croy, son of Alvin Croy, engineer in the General Office T&D Distribution Section, Roanoke, was recognized by the Virginia Wildlife Federation as youth conservationist of the year for significant contributions in the field of conservation and for particular efforts in protecting and preserving the natural resources of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Steve is an Eagle Scout with 40 merit badges and holds the God and Country Award. He was presented the William T. Hornaday Award in 1973 for his outstanding work in conservation, only the second time this award has been presented in the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, BSA. Steve is presently an assistant advisor of Scout Explorer Post 456 sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service. He is a dean's list student in his second year at Virginia Western Community College and will transfer to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to work towards a degree in the Forestry and Wildlife Department.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Appalachian Power

Central Machine

Gregory R. Stewart, shipping and receiving clerk. **Paul G. Johnson** and **Robert L. Wilson, Jr.**, machinists first class. **Ray E. Casto** and **James E. McGee**, machinists second class. **James W. Johnson**, machinist third class. **Fred A. Stotts**, welder 2nd class. **Gerald P. Garvey**, winder 1st class. **Gary L. Reed** and **David R. Wilson**, winder 2nd class. **Steven B. Stotts**, tool crib attendant.

Clinch River

Lola M. Herndon, utility man B.

General Office

Josephine S. Cabbler, maid, Roanoke. **Milton B. Clark** and **Dorothy M. Henderson**, clerks junior, Roanoke. **Bettie E. Lee** and **Shelby D. Chisom**, key punch operators C, Roanoke. **Tim McKay, Jr.**, mail clerk, Roanoke. **William S. Ballingall, III**, communications engineer B, Charleston.

Pulaski

James R. Painter, meter reader, Galax. **Emory C. Felty**, lineman helper.

Roanoke

Samuel A. Clements, reservoir groundskeeper.

Cedar Coal

Chelyan

Chris David Pitt, junior draftsman.

Central Appalachian Coal

Montgomery

Paul Franklin Comer, maintenance foreman, Morris Creek Mines.

Kentucky Power

Ashland

Lahoma Gail Conley, junior clerk.

Big Sandy

Edward Lee Caudill and **John Albert Sudderth**, utility men B.

Hazard

Joe Johnson, Jr., part-time custodian.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Bull Creek

Ruth Ann Elkins, junior clerk-stenographer. **Stephen Edward Stone**, section foreman.

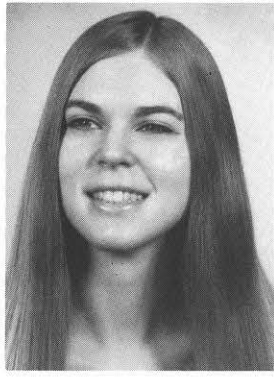
Julian

Gary Keith Dunlap, intermediate clerk.

Eight couples married recently



Smith



Lambert



Cook



Woods

WEDDINGS

Carolyn Renee Hurette to REGINALD A. SMITH, Beckley tracer, October 26.

Jennifer Canterbury to CORKY H. LAMBERT, laboratory technician, AEP Lab, Huntington, October 16.

ANITA BELLE ROBINSON, daughter of Glen Lyn Plant Manager William M. Robinson, to William Richard Cook, September 14.

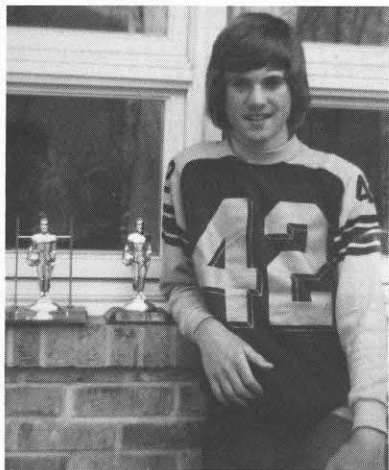
BONITA KAY MARSHALL, clerk stenographer in General Office Personnel, Roanoke, to Alvin F. Woods, September 28.

Wanda Sue Fields to DAN WASHINGTON, Pikeville lineman C, August 26.

Kalowese James to DUANE ODEN, Pikeville lineman D, August 3.

Judy Kay Tomlin to JOHN ROBERT JOHNSON, Philip Sporn Plant coal handler, September 11.

Sheila Hall to GREGORY A. DAMRON, transmission man D in Kentucky Power's General Office T&D Department, October 19.



Steve Thornton proudly displays the first place trophies he won in the local and zone levels of Ford's Punt, Pass and Kick competition. The son of Earl C. Thornton, equipment operator at Glen Lyn Plant, Steve placed third in district competition at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Retirees meet

The Roanoke Retired Employees Association held a luncheon on October 22 at Roanoke's Preston Park Recreation Center with 65 members and 20 guests attending.

Prince E. Thornton, retired Roanoke Division administrative assistant, presented a "Review of History" for the group.

BVS work in Appalachia changed Susan Martindale's outlook on life



Susan Martindale, left, discusses some of her experiences while a Brethren Volunteer Service worker in Appalachia with her mother, Roanoke Division Residential Advisor Miriam Martindale.

In the fall of 1973, Susan Martindale left a promising career as a teacher at Elkton High School in West Virginia to earn \$20 a month as a Brethren Volunteer Service worker in Knox County, Kentucky. Brethren Volunteer Service is a worldwide humanitarian organization sponsored by the Church of the Brethren and was used as a pattern for the Peace Corps.

The daughter of Roanoke Division Residential Advisor Miriam Martindale, Susan attended a four-week training session at the beginning of her volunteer year. "It was a mobile type training," she says, "and we moved every four days to different social classes of people. It was to see if we could adjust to the poor classes in Chicago and the poorest of people in St. Louis, because that's what the program is all about.

Susan was assigned to the Lend-A-And Center in the community of Stinkin Creek, Kentucky. "The community received its name from the people there because of the trash that had been thrown in the creek over the years," she noted.

"There were 65 patients at the Lend-A-And Center and we saw each of them every day." Her experiences covered everything from helping deliver babies to fighting forest fires.

"One experience I'll never forget was being awakened at midnight to help take a woman who lived near the Center to a hospital some miles away. She

was very much intoxicated and, because of the drinking and an argument that followed, someone had cut her throat. One of the other BVS'ers asked the woman why she would want to drink and get herself into such a mess as that when she had young children. It was so pitiful when she replied, "When you work from daylight till dark and have the life we have here — never being able to make ends meet — what does one have to live for?"

Susan, who had set her mind on going to Appalachia even before she was assigned there, wasn't sure she would be accepted by the people. "The people there are so poor, and they realize that most of the BVS'ers have grown up under much different circumstances. But I found the people were kind and warm, and by no more than a smile they let you know you were appreciated."

She continues, "The highlight of my year there was something a 91-year-old man did just before I left. He asked if I would accept a gift. I told him I would, and he handed me something wrapped in a little piece of paper. It was a \$5 bill, and \$5 doesn't come easy for him or most other people there. When I saw what it was I knew this was a real sacrifice for him. I knew then that it had all been worthwhile."

Susan admits that the program changed her whole outlook on life and made her more aware of others as well as herself. She emphasizes, "I would do it all over again."

BABY PARADE

John E. Amos

Angela Yvonne, daughter of KENNETH L. BAKER, utility operator B, September 29.

Elizabeth Danielle, daughter of GLEN E. BYUS, barge handler, October 10.

Amie Lou, daughter of DANNY S. DUNCAN, maintenance man B, September 8.

Robert Andrew, son of ALEXANDER GILLIES, maintenance man A, August 9.

Julie Anne, daughter of JERRY C. STONE, control technician, September 1.

Michael Shayne, son of NARRY W. KIDD, JR., assistant yard supervisor, October 27.

Ashland

John David, son of DONALD MUSIC, meter reader, October 8.

Andrew Michael, son of GORDON MICHAEL TAYLOR, distribution engineer, October 15.

Beckley

Gregory Todd, son of CHARLES R. DILLON, surveyor, October 25.

Bluefield

Brandi Jo, daughter of JAMES M. FATONY, JR., Pineville lineman helper, October 14.

Lavonne Ecette, daughter of ROBERT G. VINEY, Tazewell lineman A, October 24.

Cory William, son of RONALD L. DEVOR, Welch customer accounting supervisor, November 11.

Cabin Creek

Cara Dawn, daughter of DONALD G. HOWERTON, junior maintenance man B, October 16.

Charleston

David William, son of GEORGE DAVID BEGLER, lineman B, November 10.

Clinch River

Tandee Erainea, daughter of WADE

B. BOOKER, helper, August 6.

General Office

Scott Wilson, son of SANDF COAKLEY, accounting machine operator clerk senior, GO A counting, Roanoke, November 7.

Gregory Scott, son of PHILLIP COOPER, computer operator A, G Accounting, Roanoke, October 20.

Stephen Matthew, son of V RODNEY BLACK, payroll clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, October 27.

Robert L., III, son of PATRICIA I MILLIRON, stenographer, G Operations, Roanoke, October 25.

Peggy Ruth, daughter of RICHARD V. EVANS, transmission man A, G T&D Transmission Line Section Bluefield, October 25.

Glen Lyn

Alvin Victor, III, son of A. V. TAYLOR JR., chemist, October 21.

Huntington

Aaron Wayne, son of BERNARD I ADKINS, lineman A, October 19.

Charity Dawn, daughter of WILLIAM T. MATTOX, JR., Point Pleasant lineman B, August 22.

Kingsport

James Paul, son of R. PAUL MILLE lineman D, November 1.

Montgomery

Tonya Lea, daughter of DORL BOYD, senior clerk, Central Appalachian Coal, September 24.

Pikeville

Sean Franklin, son of PERF FARMER, commercial engineer, October 27.

Robert Lee, son of JACKAWAYN CHANEY, PBX operator, November

Pulaski

Angela Kaye, daughter of KENIT DAWSON, Christiansburg metropolitan serviceman A, October 19.



The homecoming queen at Peterstown High School and her attendants are daughters of Glen Lyn Plant employees. L. to r., Theresa M. Beasle daughter of Yard Foreman K. E. Beasley; Gail M. Jackson, homecoming queen, daughter of Maintenance Man H. P. Jackson, Jr.; Rebecca J. Whit daughter of Equipment Operator J. M. White; and Carolyn L. Drain, daughter of Shift Operating Engineer J. C. Drain.

Comprehensive medical plan is hidden bonus in your pay

With inflation taunting you, you can put off buying a car. But you can't often postpone major medical expenses.

That's why the company's comprehensive medical plan is such a valuable benefit — so valuable, in fact, that it's like a hidden bonus in your pay.

Since 1971, the company has paid the entire cost of the medical plan for employees. This means the company shells out about \$470 a year to insure the average family of four. Projections call for a 10 to 20 percent increase in hospital-medical costs next year.

The questions and answers below begin a series on your benefits and what they do for you. More specific questions may be answered by your new Protection Program binder or your supervisor.

Who's eligible for the plan?

Your spouse and your unmarried children under age 19 are covered. Unmarried dependent children attending school may continue in the plan until age 25. Dependent children who become permanently disabled may continue in the plan indefinitely.

What does the comprehensive medical plan provide?

The plan covers hospital and medical expenses arising from illness or off-the-job accidents or injuries. Maximum lifetime coverage for each insured person is \$100,000 — good protection against the crushing financial effect of expensive or lengthy major illness.

What specific charges does the plan cover in full?

The plan pays the entire bill for:

- The first \$1,000 of semi-private room and board hospital charges in a calendar year.
- Doctor and hospital charges for emergency treatment obtained in a hospital or doctor's office within the day of, or the day next following, the accident.

What costs are shared by the employee and the medical plan?

After a deductible has been satisfied, the plan pays 80 percent of such charges as:

- Semi-private room and board bills over \$1,000.
- Fees of doctors, surgeons, chiropractors, osteopaths, podiatrists and registered nurses.
- Rental of therapeutic equipment.
- Cost of prescription drugs.



The advantages of our company's comprehensive medical plan are well known by Huntington Stenographer Stella Clyde. Stricken with polio at the age of two, Stella has been in and out of the hospital a major portion of her life. Stella is pictured here with Mrs. Orpha Hayner, assistant physical therapist at Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

- Fees for x-rays, laboratory tests.

- Professional ambulance service.

Without satisfying a deductible, the plan pays 80 percent of:

- Maternity expenses incurred by female employees or employees' wives who conceive after the insurance becomes effective. Maternity benefits usually cover the baby for its first 14 days of life.

What is the deductible and how does it work?

Before the medical plan pays any claims (except maternity and those paid 100 percent), you must pay a part of the medical expenses for you or your family in each calendar year. The part you pay is called the "deductible."

Chamber honors past presidents

Four Appalachian Power employees were among the past presidents honored at the 20th annual meeting of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. They are: Claud K. Kirkland, Pulaski Division manager (1956); James B. White, Lynchburg Division manager (1958 and 1959); Fillmore McPherson, Jr., Abingdon Division manager (1970); and Paul V. Kelsey, Abingdon customer services manager (1972).

The deductible is \$50 per person per year or, in families of four or more, \$150 per family per year. But no more than \$50 in expenses of any one person may be applied to meet the \$150 family deductible.

What happens if my spouse is also insured under a group medical plan?

If two family members have group medical insurance, the AEP insurance carrier applies its coordination of benefits provision. This means that both companies' plans work together to pay up to 100 percent — but no more — of allowable medical expenses.

Whose insurance company pays?

Claims to both insurers should be filed at approximately the same time. This will enable both insurers to determine their respective payments and expedite the claim payment. Insurance companies have agreed that dependent children's expenses are covered primarily by the male employee's insurance plan.

What can be done to speed claims payment?

First, be sure you have complete, accurate information and itemized bills for each person whose claim you submit. Doctor bills must include the patient's name, the diagnosis, the date of services performed and the charges. It's best to err on the side of too much information.

WE REMEMBER

Harry Enoch Nash, 75, retired Roanoke Division customer service coordinator, died November 16. A native of Franklin County, Virginia, Nash was employed in 1926 and retired May 31, 1964. He is survived by his widow Joy, retired Roanoke Division sales display arranger; two sisters and one brother.

Thomas Leonard Bailey, 82, retired stationman A in Appalachian's General Office T&D Department, died November 4. A native of Campbell County, Virginia, Bailey was employed in 1927 as an electrician helper at Welch and retired July 1, 1957.

Hubert C. Greene, 61, retired Kingsport service clerk, died November 11. A native of Hawkins County, Tennessee, Greene was employed in 1947 as an auto mechanic helper and elected early retirement November 1, 1973. He is survived by his widow Kate, one son, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Thelma Doss Manning, 68, retired secretarial-stenographer in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, died October 26. A native of Roanoke County, Virginia, Mrs. Manning began her career in 1926 as a stenographer and elected early retirement September 30, 1966. She is survived by

her husband R. Clayton Manning



Ferguson

Lindsey Bane Ferguson, 72, retired regional chief dispatcher Appalachian's General Office Operations Department, died October 19. A native of Russell County, Virginia, Ferguson was employed in 1922 as a blacksmith at Kentucky Power's Hard Plant and retired April 30, 1967. He is survived by one daughter and two sons, John Ferguson, former employee; Philip Sporn Plant, and Bill Ferguson, station maintenance man A in General Office T&S Station Section.

Dorothy Payne Hagan, 64, retired customer accounting supervisor at Christiansburg in Pulaski Division, died November 4. A native of Christiansburg, Virginia, Miss Hagan began her career in 1929 as a cashier and elected early retirement January 1, 1972. She is survived by one sister and a brother.



Nash

Bailey

Greene

Manning

Roanoke station foreman retires, will raise cattle on his farm

Wilbur "Buck" Guthrie, Roanoke Division station foreman NE, began retirement December 1 after 37 years' service. His future plans include doing some farming. "I have a small farm on Maggodee Creek in Franklin County, and I want to piddle with it, maybe raise a few head of cattle — nothing big, just something to make good use of retirement," Buck says.

Buck began his career in 1937 as a maintenance man at the old Roanoke Steam Plant. When the plant was closed in 1952, he remained there for several months, assisting in the scrapping of equipment. He recalls, "Everything had to be tagged and logged in a register as it was removed. Many of the controls were distributed to plants at other locations." He worked as a stationman B and A before taking his foreman post in 1971.

Buck, who has severe arthritis, had been on sick leave for several months prior to retirement. He has been receiving acu-



Guthrie

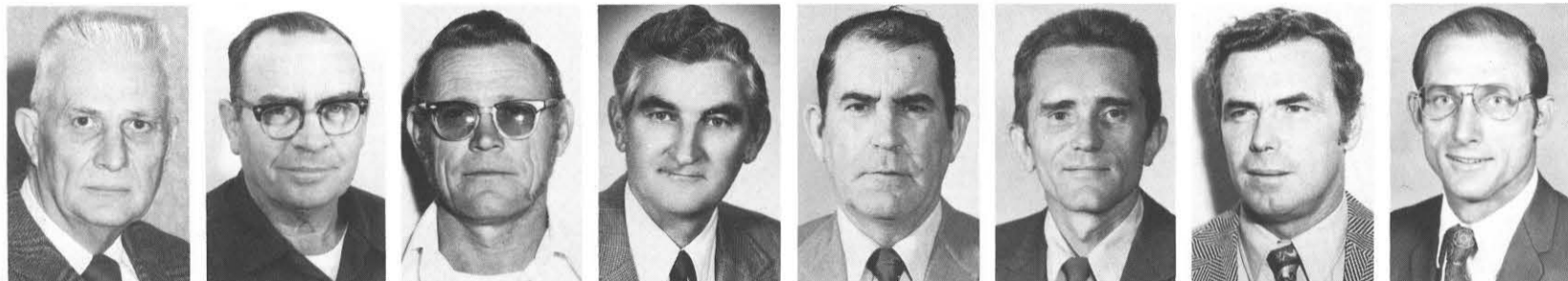
puncture treatments from one of the better known specialists in the country, who has a clinic in Galax. He notes, "Before started acupuncture treatments my arthritis had gotten so bad I couldn't straighten my legs. I'm responding to the treatments and the pain is now gone. It has worked wonders for me."

A member of the Scottish Rite and the Masons, Buck has seven children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Employees with service totaling 750 years receive awards



Hartman Henly Garrett Keefer Webb Lewis Linkous Roush Chadwell Coley



Turner Hayes Evans Hopkins White Thompson Holmes Hern

35 Years **Classification** **Location**

Hartman, P. A. Commercial Engineer Roanoke

30 Years

Henly, T. B., Jr. Civil Engineer Bluefield
Garrett, V. W. Line Foreman NE Abingdon

25 Years

Keefer, E. H. Chemist Philip Sporn
Webb, E. E. Shift Operating Engineer Pulaski
Lewis, Albert, Jr. T&D Clerk Senior Huntington
Linkous, L. A. Safety Coordinator GO-Roanoke
Roush, H. F. Yard Foreman Clinch River
Chadwell, W. F. Maintenance Foreman Philip Sporn
Coley, B. P. Comm. Eng.-Supervisory GO-Roanoke
Turner, G. W. Customer Rep. B. Roanoke
Hayes, R. W. Stationman A Charleston
Self, J. A. Meter Serviceman C Abingdon
Evans, R. V. Transmission Man A GO-Bluefield
Kirk, R. B. Meter Reader Ashland

20 Years

Hopkins, D. L. Customer Service Rep. Huntington
White, J. M. Equipment Operator Glen Lyn
Thompson, C. D. Equipment Operator Glen Lyn
Holmes, Ralph Lineman A Charleston
Hern, K. L. Asst. Chief Civil Con. GO-Blue Ridge

15 Years

Brewer, L. R. Unit Foreman John E. Amos
Allen, R. K., Jr. Meter Reader Charleston
Triplett, K. T. Residential Representative Lynchburg
Caldwell, J. R. Mgr., Surface Mines Cedar Coal

10 Years

Kennedy, P. W. Unit Foreman John E. Amos
Fisher, D. R. Auto Repairman B Charleston
Martin, R. E. Lineman A Charleston
Brown, D. K. Area Serviceman Charleston
Hylton, G. A. General Bookkeeper GO-Roanoke
Murphy, C. H. Sta. Maint. Man A GO-Charleston
Joyce, D. M. Stationman A Roanoke
Kincaid, W. H. Surface Foreman Cedar Coal

5 Years

Edds, A. N. Auto Repairman A Beckley
Mitchell, R. R. Lineman A Bluefield
Ash, Beulah Customer Accts. Rep. B. Charleston
Holt, T. J. Surveyor Charleston
Huffman, R. M. Meter Reader Charleston
Moberley, Cathy Draftsman Charleston
Saddler, T. R. Inst. Maint. Man C Clinch River
Adkins, Susie Personnel Clerk GO-Roanoke
Colwell, H. E. Forestry Control Util. Supt. GO-Roanoke
Cooper, P. A. Data Proc. Operator A GO-Roanoke
Fisher, D. S. Hydro Maint. Foreman GO-Roanoke
Haddox, D. R. Electrical Engineer GO-Charleston
Huffman, Joyce Clerk-Stenographer GO-Roanoke
Swiney, J. W. Draftsman Senior GO-Roanoke
Willis, A. F. Draftsman Senior GO-Roanoke
Wright, C. E. Lead Draftsman GO-Roanoke
Perry, J. M. Lineman A Logan-Williamson
McGhee, R. G. Lineman A Roanoke
Toney, Annabelle Junior Clerk-Receptionist Cedar Coal
Warner, C. S. Chief Electrician Cedar Coal

5 Years **Classification** **Location**

Ellis, J. D. Stores Attendant Cedar Coal
Brown, W. P. Draftsman Ashland
Melvin, D. C. Collector Ashland

Former grocery store manager ends 45-year utility career



Taylor

Raymond Taylor graduated from high school at the age of 16 and became manager of the grocery store where he had been working part-time. He recalls, "I worked about 80 hours a week and was a happy boy earning \$15.00 weekly."

One day two women came in the store — one demonstrating butter — and, after talking with Raymond a while, convinced him he should contact Harry Gardner (now retired accounting manager) at the power company about a job. It turned out that one of the women was Harry Gardner's wife and the other woman was the wife of Al Thurston (now retired assistant accounting manager).

That's how Raymond Taylor began his more than 45-year career with Appalachian Power. He was a statistical accountant in the General Office Accounting Department, Roanoke, before electing early retirement December 1.

Raymond recalls putting in many hours of overtime work in 1930 when the Accounting Department changed from manual to

machine posting in the Materials and Supplies Section. The employees were rewarded with a picnic at Timberlake, near Lynchburg, Virginia.

A deacon at Virginia Heights Baptist Church in Roanoke, Raymond has been teaching a Bible Class which is named after him for 27 years. Much of his time is spent visiting church members who are sick or shut-ins.

Raymond's retirement plans include traveling and playing as much golf as his health will allow. He and his wife Lula have one son and two granddaughters.



Joseph A. Hawkins, senior engineering technologist in the General Office T&D Communications Section, Roanoke (right), has been certified registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Hawkins, who holds an AS degree in electrical engineering technology, has also completed the ICS four year diploma course in electrical engineering electronics option. He is presently studying for an AS degree in mechanical engineering technology at Virginia Western Community College. Congratulating him upon receiving his certification are E. C. Rankin, transmission and distribution manager (left), and B. W. Middaugh, communications superintendent (standing).

Money-saving ideas shared by APCo men

Seven Appalachian Power employees outlined ways to improve performance and save money the November/December issue of **AEP Operating Ideas**.

Scott McDonald, civil engineer hydro in the General Office Hydro Department, Roanoke wrote "Novel Tent Protection Generator During Rewind". N. Bass, assistant shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant was the author of "Way To Remove Lance Tubes From As Hoppers". Luther Houchins, personnel supervisor at Clinch River submitted "Saves On Safety Lenses".

"Tongs Ease Handling Of Tower Steel" was written by F. P. W. burn, transmission supervising inspector, General Office T&I Bluefield. George E. Elder, station foreman NE in Lynchburg penned "Repairs Save Water Wheel Wicket Gates". "Save Cups On Slide Valves" was written by B. G. Duty, instrument maintenance man A at Clinch River, and "Eases Replacement Of Seals" was contributed by H. O. Brookman, maintenance man at Glen Lyn Plant.

Jordan ends 42-year career



Jordan

"I took pride in knowing my work and liked the people I worked for and with," reflected Claude E. Jordan, Lynchburg lineman A, as he began disability retirement December 1. "I liked Appalachian because it's an honest company and it has always been good to me."

Claude began his career in 1932 as a groundman and his earliest recollections are of the company's safety efforts. He says, "We all had to learn and practice artificial resuscitation. On two occasions I was sure glad I had this training. Two of my fellow linemen were saved from electrocution because I knew what to do. In both instances, I cleared the men from the hot wires, lowered them to the ground and brought them around through artificial resuscitation. Both lived to come back to work." For these acts Claude was presented the Merit Award from the Edison Electric Institute.

In retirement, Claude plans to do some hunting and fishing when not tending his garden. He is the father of two girls and has four grandchildren. He adds, "I'm active in my church, Fairview Christian. After some traveling my wife Laura and I will continue to reside in Lynchburg."

Employees find stolen checks

One morning recently when Eddie Richards, engineer B, and Jim Cook, line foreman, were starting to work on the installation of a new lighting system on Charleston's Patrick Street Bridge, they noticed a number of envelopes scattered all over the bridge. Upon investigation, they found the envelopes contained checks made out to a local insurance agency and began to scurry around to pick up as many as they could, in between traffic, with the wind scattering the envelopes.

When Richards returned to the office, he called the insurance firm, which hadn't yet realized the checks were missing. After checking it was found the envelopes had been stolen from an automobile before they could be taken to the bank.

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

C. T. Hicks to lineman B. B. W. Boyd to planner. P. A. Coleman to stationman A. B. A. Blevins to lineman C.

Beckley

Loretta Pryor to clerk junior. Eileen Worley, clerk junior, to T&D.

Cabin Creek

James B. Bennett and Johnny G. Woody to utility men A. Gregory O. Tolliver to boiler operator A. William D. Richards to boiler operator D. Steven P. Stacy and Randolph C. Rader from Philip Sporn Plant to utility men B, Cabin Creek.

Charleston

C. F. Caruthers to area serviceman. James V. Goodall to lineman B. Danzil A. Allison to area T&D clerk.

Clinch River

Joseph B. Smith and James E.

Tate retires in Hazard



Tate

"Leaving the power company is like leaving home," says Jeff Tate, who retired November 1 as Hazard Division custodian. "You become so attached to the people you work with that when the time comes to go, it's just like leaving family".

A native of Selma, Alabama, Jeff came to Hazard in 1938 for a short stay. "I liked the town and its people so it became my home." He joined Kentucky Power that same year as an appliance service helper and became custodian in 1942.

Jeff is a deacon and past chairman of the trustee board of the Consolidated Baptist Church. He is also president of the Hazard Branch, NAACP; vice chairman of the zoning board for the City of Hazard; and has been active in the Boy Scout program.

He and his wife Estella will continue to reside on Tate Street in Hazard.

Cooke to utility operators B. Billy G. Duty to instrument maintenance man A.

General Office

Theda H. Graham to general bookkeeper. Wanda B. Rucker to key punch coordinator.

Glen Lyn

Dan E. Hall to switchboard operator. Bradford A. Walker to equipment operator. Marvin E. Pennington to auxiliary equipment operator. Richard D. Chandler to utility operator.

Huntington

H. W. Johnson to auto repairman B. R. G. Frazier to meterman C. S. L. Newman to lineman B. L. C. Jennings, lineman A, from Charleston to Ripley. R. E. Pinson to lineman A. E. R. Chase to lineman C. Ruth A. Williams to customer accounts representative C. C. T. Thompson to meterman C. J. A. Bush, Jr., to lineman B.

Kanawha River

B. C. Nicholson to maintenance man. B. E. Rogers to helper.

Roanoke

Jerry C. Walrond to lineman C.

Cedar Coal

Kenneth Gail Raynes to surface foreman, Denny. Arthur Budd Wilson to section foreman, Robin IV. Bradley Morgan Dye to assistant purchasing agent.

Central Coal

Glenn Ray Boggs to foreman trainee.

Kentucky Power

Ashland

Virginia L. Fannin to pre-audit clerk. Carolyn P. Traugott to clerk stenographer, GO Personnel.

Big Sandy

Merman R. McKenzie to utility operator. Danny R. Sartin to yard helper. William F. Fyffe, Dean A. Bradley, G. Bradford Hagaman and Purl A. Heaberlin to utility men A. Danny Richard Barker to maintenance helper.

Hazard

Carolyn Nix and Margaret S. Hughes to clerk-stenographers.

Pikeville

James Skiles to general serviceman. Danny Hamilton and William England, Jr., to servicemen.

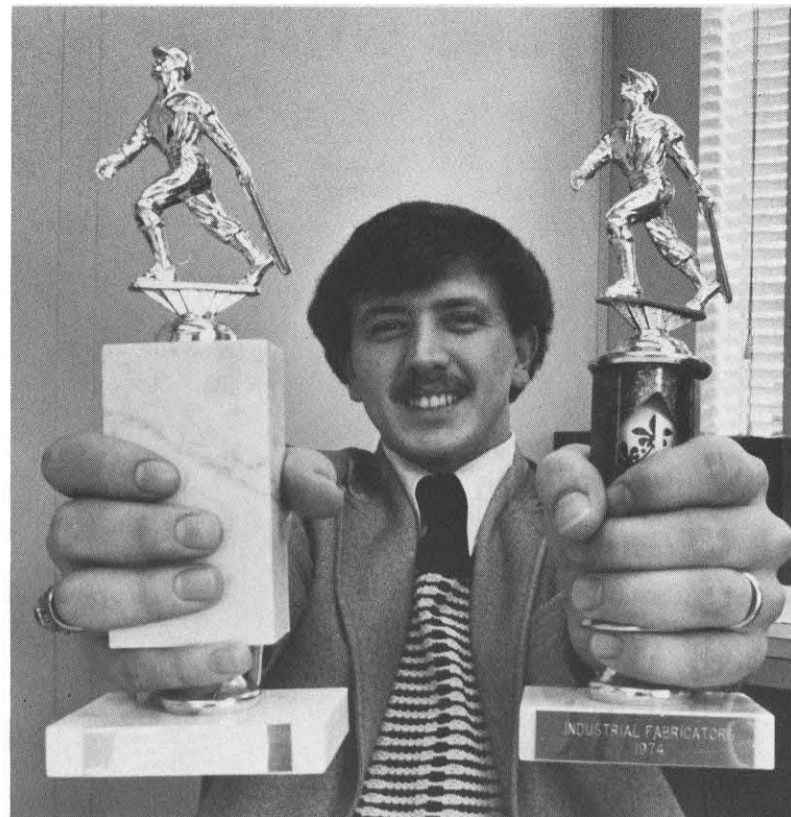
Southern Appalachian Coal

Bull Creek

Raymond Eugene Pauley to section foreman.

Julian

Frederick David Gillispie to assistant general mine foreman.



Donnie Robbins, payroll clerk A in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, won two trophies this year while playing on the Industrial Fabricators softball team. He had high batting average of .396 and was named most valuable player. capturing the batting crown, Robbins hit seven home runs, five doubles, three triples and numerous singles.



Beckley Station Foreman Paul Hancock teamed with Pipestem State Professional Bill Robertson to win the two-man team event in the Pro-Am Golf Tournament at Black Knight Country Club in Beckley. Amateurs from the local club were teamed with golf professionals from Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and West Virginia to make up the 20 team field. Hancock and Robertson finished the two-day competition 11 under par. In addition to winning the two-man team event, they tied for first place in the four-man team competition. L. to r. Jerry Richmond, Hancock, Robertson and Eugene Foster.



Borrowing a slogan from the United Fund campaign, Abingdon area employees lend a "helping hand" to their fellow men. Ninety Abingdon employees pledged \$3,058 through their Employees' Benevolent Association for an average of \$33.98 per person. Officers of the Benevolent Association are (l. to r.) Tivis Wright; Jim Hughes, chairman; Sharon Gobble, secretary; John Morefield; Ronnie Gill; Harold Counts, treasurer; and Jim Prater. Not pictured are Roy Gregory and Charlie Wagner.



May our gift this season be that of peace and love to all God's children

Jack Frey heads Lions project for needy children

Christmas for needy children in the New Haven, West Virginia, area will be a little merrier thanks to the local Lions Club. Jack W. Frey, shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn Plant, is heading up the Christmas project, as he has for at least ten years.

First, area businesses and patrons are solicited for funds. Then the area elementary schools are contacted for the names of underprivileged children and their age, clothing sizes, etc. A personal gift is purchased for each child as well as giving them candy, fruit and nuts. Some 80 to 100 children are involved in

the program each year.

Even though this is a Lions project, Frey and his wife do nearly all of the work on the project. The only part they don't handle completely is the distribution of the gifts and repair of toys, which is done by all club members.

Containers for donations are placed in local stores by the first week of December. Mrs. Frey says, "The boys used to help us when they were home and in school. (Their three sons are now grown and live in other sections of the country). We always had to caution them not to let the cat out

of the bag to any of the children at school, because some of the children helped were their classmates."

She continues, "One of our problems is that some of the younger children don't know their brothers' and sisters' names because there are so many children in the family and because there is a real communications problem."

Frey adds, "The Ben Franklin Store sometimes gives us defective toys that they can't sell. Several of us take them home and fix them up so they are good as new and then we can use them for gifts." In less austere times, the excess of gifts given to children of Sporn employees at the annual Christmas party were donated to the project.

The Freys spread the gifts out in their living room and then match them up with the ages and sexes of children on the list. Some of the other Lions help sack the candy and box the gifts to be delivered on Christmas Eve.



Officers of the Appalachian Chorus in Roanoke are (l. to r.) Fred Hornbe GO methods engineer, pianist; Hazel Camden, GO stenographer, business manager; Norma Davis, GO customer accounting clerk, treasurer; He Honaker, GO stenographer, director; Janice Potter, GO stenographer secretary; Doris Young, Roanoke general clerk-customer service, librarian; and Dave Taylor, GO tax accounting supervisor, president. The 26-member chorus will present a program of Christmas music to Roanoke Division & General Office employees on December 16. They will also perform for retired employees and their families in Roanoke and the Roanoke Chapter, National Secretaries Association.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frey fix containers to be placed in New Haven stores for donations toward the Lions Club project of buying gifts for needy children.

The Cover

Three-and-a-half-year-old Shawn and one-year-old Melanie are busy discovering their gifts left by Santa Claus. They are the children of Betty Lou Carter, General Office Public Affairs Department, Roanoke.