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## Vaughan testifies

### APCo needs rate relief to continue providing satisfactory service

Citing serious company cutbacks already affecting customer service, John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of Appalachian Power Company, said that unless it receives immediate and long-term rate relief the company will be unable to provide satisfactory service to its customers.

In testimony filed December 20 before the State Corporation Commission supporting Appalachian's request for a \$36,196,600 rate increase in Virginia, he said that if additional revenue is not secured, there will be a "long-term adverse effect upon our ability to provide service and consequently upon the overall economy of our service territory."

As part of its request, Appalachian also seeks approval to place in effect \$25-million of the total request not later than January 1, 1975. This interim re-

lief would be subject to refund following hearings on the total request in January and February.

Vaughan cited several steps taken by the company which have "drastically revised its operation during this crisis period." He pointed out that the company's 1974 construction budget was slashed by \$33.4-million or 22%, and that the 1975 construction budget, originally set for \$285.9-million, was first reduced to \$170.6-million and then to \$149.0-million when the company failed to secure emergency rate relief in November, 1974. He said that even the latter figure will not be approached if the company does not secure substantial rate relief.

Included in the cutback was a ban on new subtransmission and distribution line programs, unless directly related to connecting new customers.

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### APCO employees win three prizes in Operating Ideas competition



McDaniel

Warden

Blevins

Hart

A top prize of \$2,000 and additional prizes totaling 270 shares of American Electric Power Company stock were awarded last month to employees of American Electric Power System operating companies who submitted the outstanding Operating Ideas in 1974. The \$2,000 prize was the largest ever made in the Ideas program.

The award was made to employees in the Maintenance, Personnel and Performance Departments of Appalachian Power Company's Kanawha River Plant. These employees have requested the money be used to establish a scholarship fund in honor of the late Henry Skaggs, who was plant manager at the time. The idea, a joint product of a large number of persons, greatly enhanced the operational efficiency of the plant's precipitators.

Second prize, 100 shares of stock, was shared by two Ohio Power Company employees: George Mambourg, relay supervisor, and Robert C. Sebek, switchboard wiring foreman,

both in Canton. Another Ohio Power man, Garnold Townsend, maintenance foreman at Muskingum River Plant, won 70 shares for third prize.

The next two prizes were won by Appalachian employees. Ellis McDaniel, maintenance foreman, and James Warden, master maintenance man, both of Cabin Creek Plant, divided 50 shares. R. D. Blevins, Pulaski electrical engineer, and W. H. Hart, General Office T&D distribution engineer, split 30 shares.

Representing Indiana & Michigan Power Company in the winners' circle was Heinrich P. Huster, transmission engineer in Fort Wayne, who won 20 shares.

In a separate competition for the Service Corporation, three awards were made. Bruce Renz (a 1973 winner) and John Provanza won 100 shares; Rusko Matulic, 70 shares; and a team composed of R. C. Carruth, J. S. Edmonds, R. T. Frysinger, S. H. Horowitz, N. B. Johnson, and Pete Splawnyk divided 60 shares.



Webster

### Webster named assistant manager

Robert D. Webster, customer services manager of Appalachian Power Company, was promoted to assistant manager of the company's Roanoke Division on January 1.

A native of Huntington, West Virginia, Webster has been associated with Appalachian since 1949 when he was employed as a junior clerk in Huntington. His career includes service as a sales representative, electrical engineer and division power sales engineer at Huntington. In 1963, he was named commercial sales development representative and moved to the company's general office in Roanoke. He later was promoted to commercial and industrial sales supervisor and was named customer services manager for the company in 1973.

Webster is married and has three children.

### \$60-million precipitators to be installed at Philip Sporn Plant

Construction work is scheduled to begin March 1 on a major environmental installation at the Philip Sporn Plant that will bring the 1,050,000-kilowatt generating station into full compliance with West Virginia's tough air-pollution-control standards.

The project, which will represent an investment of more than \$60-million for the plant's two owners, is part of the American Electric Power System's on-going \$500-million program of upgrading particulate-emission-control facilities at 14 existing, large, coal-burning power plants in four states. The Sporn Plant is jointly owned by Appalachian Power Company and Ohio Power Company.

Not included in the \$500-million total are the costs of similar equipment, as well as other environmental facilities, installed new at AEP System plants recently completed or currently under construction or planned.

### N. C. plea on Blue Ridge rejected, construction permit goes into effect

It's still not quite clear sailing for Appalachian Power Company's proposed Blue Ridge Project.

The construction license granted by the Federal Power Commission last June became effective January 2 after opponents — notably the state of North Carolina — lost two battles to have it set aside.

The first was fought in Congress and featured parliamentary maneuverings in the House Rules Committee and a last-minute vote on the floor of the House in which opponents failed to muster the necessary two-thirds vote required under suspension of the rules to have the New River included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (Or more accurately, to authorize a study of a 70-mile stretch of the New for that purpose.) That measure was defeated December 18, two days before the 93rd Congress adjourned.

A second thrust by the Project's foes was partially turned aside December 30, when the U. S. Middle District Court, Greensboro, North Carolina, denied a request by that state for a temporary restraining order to halt construction of the two-dam, 1.8-million-kilowatt project and to stay the effective date of the FPC license. Judge Eugene Gordon, while denying the request, took the matter under advisement for further study. It is the state's contention that an earlier request by North Carolina Governor James Holshouser to the Secretary of the Interior re-

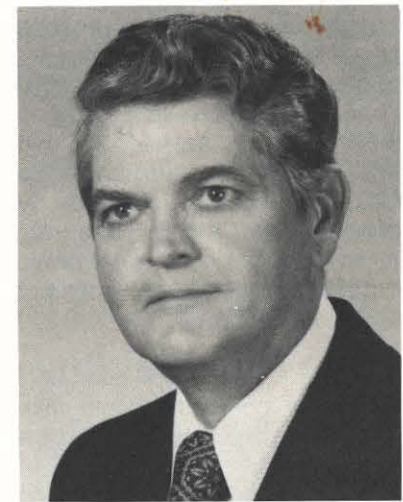
quested as a matter of law that the effective date of the license be stayed.

Appalachian Power will file briefs later this month arguing that Judge Gordon has no jurisdiction in the matter and that the FPC license does not violate the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

In refusing North Carolina's request for a temporary restraining order, Judge Gordon emphasized that any steps toward construction taken by Appalachian would be at its own risk.

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### Whitehurst moves to Abingdon post



Whitehurst

Jerry R. Whitehurst, Roanoke Division administrative assistant, became assistant manager of the Abingdon Division on January 1. He will succeed Fillmore McPherson, Jr., as Abingdon Division manager upon McPherson's retirement March 1.

A native of Norfolk County, Virginia, Whitehurst holds a BS degree in engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He attended the AEP Management Training Program at the University of Michigan in 1964 and has also completed an ICS course in design and construction of overhead power lines.

Whitehurst began his career with Appalachian in 1950 as an engineer trainee in Bluefield and worked there as an agricultural engineer, area representative, electrical engineer, heating and builder sales engineer and area development consultant. He also served the Pulaski, Abingdon, Bluefield, Roanoke and Lynchburg Divisions as area development consultant. In 1969 he was promoted to Roanoke Division administrative assistant and later served a year as Roanoke Division line supervisor.

Whitehurst is married and has three married children.

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**Rate relief** (Continued from page 1)

Vaughan said that another move affecting customer service was the cutback in outside construction and right-of-way maintenance crews. He gave two examples of the effects this has already had: in Virginia, the company has a backlog as of mid-December of 1,486 requests for new service connections, despite a slowdown in home construction. He also pointed to the wet and heavy snowstorm the first week of December, where the company had 28,000 customers out of service in Virginia. "There is no question that such interruptions are minimized by proper right of way clearing and maintenance of lines. Additionally, the service restoration time was lengthened in some areas because we did not have call on the contractor personnel already terminated."

"Further reductions in our transmission and distribution construction program would threaten," Vaughan said, "our ability to meet our customers' load and service demands."

Vaughan termed the actions taken by the company because of its financial crisis a case of "borrowing upon tomorrow to meet today's problems," and that rate relief is needed to prevent a situation where maintenance or repairs in later months or a year or so down the line "might prove more costly than a resumption of our normal program now."

Vaughan cited two additional steps the company would take that will affect service to customers unless substantial rate relief is received. "We will be unable to construct new facilities necessary for existing or prospective commercial and industrial customers, except where the customer pays for the facilities, and we will in early 1975 reluctantly institute a systematic curtailment in our work force, in two steps of 5% each."

In addition, he pointed out that a resumption of work on the 1,300,000 kilowatt plant at New Haven, W. Va., which has been

suspended is contingent on an improved financial condition.

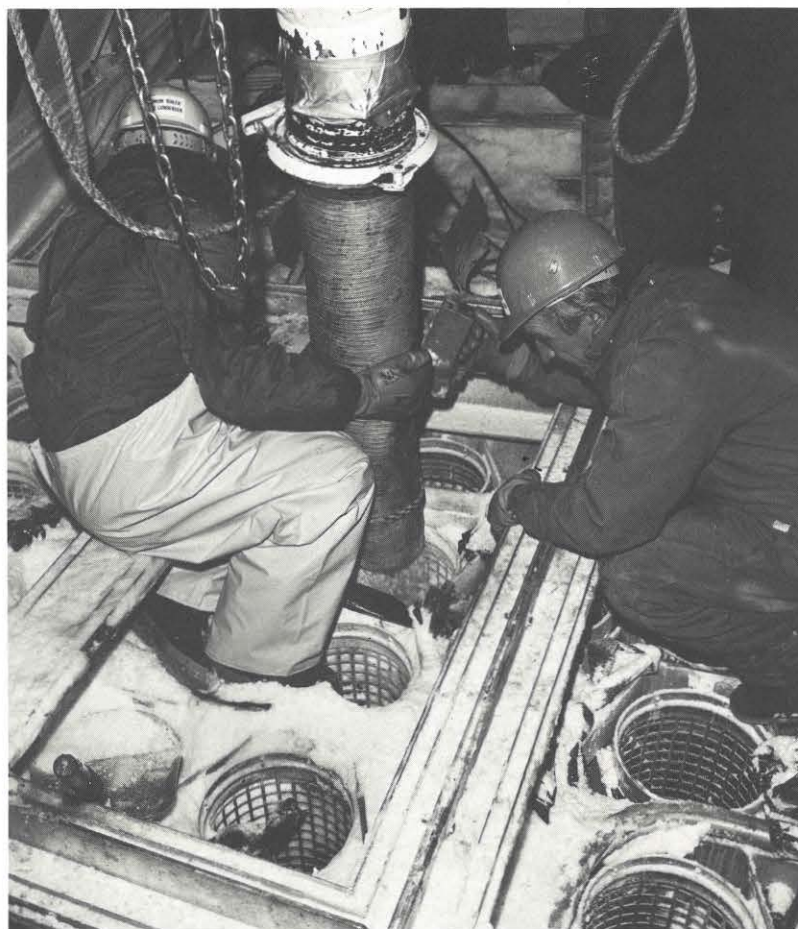
Vaughan says that the company's request for rate relief is based on the fact the costs of providing electric service today "bear little, if any, resemblance which the company was incurring when its present rates were approved in 1966." He pointed out that the company has had only one rate increase in Virginia, in 1952, and several rate reductions since then, including one in 1966. He said that the company's base rates now in effect are less than those which were in effect prior to 1953.

He pointed to rising costs of financing, construction and fuel, as well as increases in other operating costs, maintenance, tax and labor cost. These "have combined to create extraordinary pressures on the company's cash position."

He went on: "Our deteriorating financial position is reflected principally in our seriously low interest coverage which jeopardizes our ability to raise the capital necessary to meet customer requirements. Our present short-term debt exceeds \$142-million. If we are able to sell a \$40-million pollution control equipment bond issue during this month, we will still have \$110-million of short-term debt. It is essential that our earnings begin to increase to permit the repayment of this short-term debt."

"In addition to permitting us to attract capital on a reasonable basis, this rate increase is needed in order that we be able to earn a fair return on the capital already invested in our business. Based on our adjusted test year results, the company's rate of return was 6.38%, in my opinion a totally inadequate rate of return."

The State Corporation Commission has scheduled hearings on the company's request for a rate hike at Richmond on January 22, at Abingdon on February 4, and at Roanoke on February 5.



Ice coming from the cyclone separator of Cook Nuclear Unit 1 is fed into one of 1,944 ice basket columns.

**Fuel, ice loading completed; Cook Unit 1 granted license**

The Atomic Energy Commission last month granted a license for the operation of Unit 1 of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant at 81 per cent of its rated capacity of 1.1-million kilowatts.

The generating unit is now in the "start-up" phase following completion of nuclear fuel loading in November.

Future increases in power generation levels will depend on the results of AEC safety analyses of the operations now about to begin.

Permission to generate at less than capacity is standard AEC procedure for nuclear plants.

The operating license cost \$480,000. The earlier fuel-loading license cost \$250,000.

The unit now has 109 tons of uranium pellets in its 193 individual fuel assemblies.

Before the fuel loading, about three-million pounds of flaked ice were placed into the unit's ice condenser system. The system is a safety feature designed for protection against accidents.

Paul Daley, a senior engineer in the AEP Service Corporation's Nuclear Division, described the ice system this way: "We have built-in protection tested and approved by the Atomic Energy Commission. Should a problem occur, doors leading to the ice field will open, automatically allowing the steam to pass through the ice, condense, and lower the temperature and thus the pressure in the containment and the nuclear core."

(The containment is the reinforced concrete shell that houses the reactor.)

While Unit 1 is on the verge of operation, construction of Cook Plant's Unit 2, also of 1.1-million-kw capacity, has been suspended due to I&M's financial squeeze.

**Blue Ridge**

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Still another court action — North Carolina's motion to set aside the FPC license — presently resides in the U. S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia.

With the last legislative hurdle cleared, Appalachian Power will now begin programs leading to the final design details of the project. These include hydraulic and limnological studies, recreation and wildlife protection — plans for which must be submitted to the FPC by the end of this year, highway relocations, and archaeological and historic-site protection studies.

**OPCo preferred sold at record high**

Ohio Power Company last month sold 250,000 shares of preferred stock at the highest cost ever incurred by the American Electric Power System.

The \$100 par value stock, negotiated basis to a group headed by Morgan Stanley & Co., Lehman Brothers, and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, carried a dividend rate of 14%.

The proceeds will be used to pay a portion of the company's short-term debt.

**Sporn** (Con't. from pg. 1)

top of the other. This concept was pioneered by Environmental Elements and AEP at Appalachian Power's John E. Amos Plant near Charleston.

Plant Manager E. H. Gloss noted that the plant's original particulate-control system cost \$2.5-million, while the present upgrading program — involving the relocation of some plant facilities, including a roadway — will involve an expense about 2½ times as great. The four smallest generating units presently utilize mechanical dust collectors with an operating efficiency design of 85%, while the fifth and largest unit is served by a 95% efficient electrostatic precipitator. "To increase that unit's dust-collecting ability by only a small fraction — i.e. from 95% to 99.7% — will cost almost \$23-million alone," he pointed out.

Completion of each of the five precipitator installations is scheduled during the period June-October of 1977. As each in turn, is "tied in" to the generating unit it will serve, the unit will be removed from operation. Each unit will be out of service for an estimated 30 days.

Gloss said that completion of this work would bring the plant into full compliance with state standards, inasmuch as it is already meeting sulfur-dioxide standards promulgated by West Virginia through the burning of low-sulfur West Virginia coal.

Electrostatic precipitators are devices which remove ash particles that result from combustion in a boiler and that would otherwise go up the stack and into the atmosphere.

**Kentucky land purchased, coal leases optioned**

Kentucky Power Company last month announced the purchase of approximately 10,300 acres of land in three Kentucky counties — Breathitt, Pery and Knott — and the acquisition of an option on existing leases on the coal underlying the land, for possible future mining purposes.

Waldo S. La Fon, executive vice president of the company, said that preliminary studies indicated "significant reserves of high-quality environmentally conforming coal" within the acreage.

He added that exploration of the reserve to determine the quantity of the coal would begin immediately, weather permitting, and pointed out that such findings would serve as the basis for the ultimate price to be paid for the coal leases.

The land was purchased from Henry Schmidt, of Cleveland. The option on the coal leases was acquired from Spruce Pine Land Company, also of Cleveland. The option expires next October.

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## In position reversal

Energy Council backs scrubbers as solution to SO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Administration support of the use of intermittent controls — tall stacks plus air-quality-monitoring systems — as a permanent solution to curbing sulfur-dioxide emissions from power plants was apparently withdrawn last month in a move that startled utility and energy officials.

Russell Train, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, announced that the White House Energy Council, headed by Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton, had reversed the Administration's position, and now stood squarely behind EPA's strategy. That strategy takes several forms for utilities: install scrubbers; use low-sulfur fuel for all new and existing coal-fired plants; use on an interim and highly selective basis only intermittent or supplementary controls; or extend compliance deadlines for some plants to 1985.

(Shortly after Train's announcement, Dr. Ira B. Whitman, head of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, said that there was insufficient evidence that sulfur oxide in the air represented a problem in Ohio, and that, therefore, emission controls of any sort were not necessary on Ohio plants.)

Utilities and utility organizations expressed concern over the shift in Federal policy, not only because of the reversal, but also because the Energy Council had made the decision in the absence of several of its members, including Federal Power Commission representatives. Edison Electric Institute and the National Association of Electric Companies sent telegrams to Morton asking for meetings with him to argue the issue, but there has been no indication since that Morton would agree.

To implement what **Electrical Week** called "the scrubber pact," EPA is expected to send to Congress proposed legislation in the form of amendments to the Clean Air Act which would allow compliance-deadline extensions. In return, EPA would permit some plants to use intermittent controls until 1985.

Some observers regard the Administration's shift as a compromise, principally gaining time for utilities already financially hard-pressed. But others see it as a near total victory for EPA, essentially narrowing the choice for coal-burning utilities either to scrubbers or low-sulfur coal.

## AEP System hits record peak

Whether measured by a single hour or over an entire week, customers of the American Electric Power System last month used more electricity than ever before.

During the dinner hour of 5 to 6 p. m. on Monday, December 9, the one-hour peak load hit an all-time high of 12,970,000 kilowatts. (This is the combined, simultaneous usage of all customers.)

Also, during the seven-day period ended Wednesday, December 11, the System's weekly total load was 1.83-billion kilowatt-hours. This was the first time the load had surpassed the 1.8-billion level.

The previous one-hour peak took place during the hour ended at 10 a. m. Wednesday, November 27 — the day before Thanksgiving — when it reached 12,540,000 kw. The previous weekly load record occurred during the seven-day period ended on that date; that mark was 1.76-billion kwh.

While both the one-hour peak and the seven-day load came during the period when coal-mine production was low, as striking miners began returning to work, two other factors — cold weather and sales to neighboring utilities — more than offset that situation. Sales to other utilities were running in the range of 1.8-million kw, or about 10% of the total.

Fisher



## Fisher aids accident victims

Three Smith Mountain area residents escaped serious injury in an auto accident when an Appalachian Power employee at the scene used equipment from his company car to render aid.

Dale S. Fisher, hydro maintenance foreman at Smith Mountain, was returning home from a late evening call-out in a snow storm "which had birds walking". A pickup truck rounding a curve ahead of him went out of control on the slick pavement, slid across the road and over a steep bank, landing on its top. Fisher stopped and gave flares to another driver, who put them out to warn oncoming traffic.

Then Fisher and another motorist went to the aid of the truck occupants, taking a fire extinguisher, first aid kit and battery lantern from his car. By that time the engine compartment was in flames and Fisher used the extinguisher to put out the fire. The top of the truck was caved in and the door had to be prized open to free the victims. Their injuries were so minor that no first aid was required.

As Fisher got back up to the highway, a passing motorist ran over the flares and he used his hand lantern to signal traffic until a tow truck and police arrived.

## AEP companies' brief supports Penn Power

The operating companies of the American Electric Power System recently filed a brief in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania supporting Pennsylvania Power Company's position that technology is not yet commercially available for removing sulfur dioxide from power-plant-stack emissions.

Two lower courts earlier ruled in favor of Penn Power's position, but the state's Department of Environmental Resources (DER) appealed the decisions. The DER seeks to jail the company's president, Ray E. Semmler, and fine the utility, a subsidiary of Ohio Edison Company, for allegedly not complying with the state's stringent sulfur-dioxide-emission limitations.

Supporting briefs also were filed by the Edison Electric Institute, the Allegheny Power System and Ohio's investor-owned utilities.

## AEP files exceptions to judge's decision on particulates

An administrative law judge last month conceded good faith compliance efforts with the Clean Air Act at certain American Electric Power System plants, but questioned the company's attempts at two plants.

Judge Paul N. Pfeiffer acknowledged AEP has acted in good faith with respect to SO<sub>2</sub> programs for the Kammer and, presumably, Mitchell Plants and regarding particulate programs for the Cabin Creek and

Kammer Plants. However, Judge Pfeiffer also concluded that the record does not support a showing of "good faith efforts" in the area of particulate compliance at the Mitchell and Amos installations.

AEP has filed exceptions to the judge's decision relating to particulate control at Amos and Mitchell citing the efforts the company has made to comply.

Judge Pfeiffer's findings are a response to the request of West Virginia Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr. for extension of power plant emission-compliance deadlines in that state from mid-1975 to mid-1976.

## Hershel Mayo enters retirement



Retiree Hershel Mayo saw enough coal in his career with Appalachian Power to make up for all the millions of people who haven't seen any.

"I've seen enough coal in my career with Appalachian to make up for the millions of people who haven't seen any," says Hershel V. Mayo, Huntington groundman who elected early retirement January 1.

A native of Wayne County, West Virginia, Hershel was employed in 1941 as a laborer at the old Kenova Plant and became a coal handler the following year. He recalls, "I never worked in a coal mine but you would never have known it when I finished my shift. The coal that plant used was dirty and, by keeping the bunkers loaded, plenty of it rubbed off on me." He later worked as a utility operator, turbine auxiliary equipment operator and coal conveyor operator. When the plant was closed in 1954, Hershel transferred to the Huntington Line Department as a groundman.

Hershel was the first man in Huntington to use a trencher machine and enjoyed it so much that he inherited the job. He took pride in his new assignment and became one of the best trencher operators in the Line Department.

An Army veteran, Hershel served in Europe during World War II and is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He and his wife Emma have one married daughter.

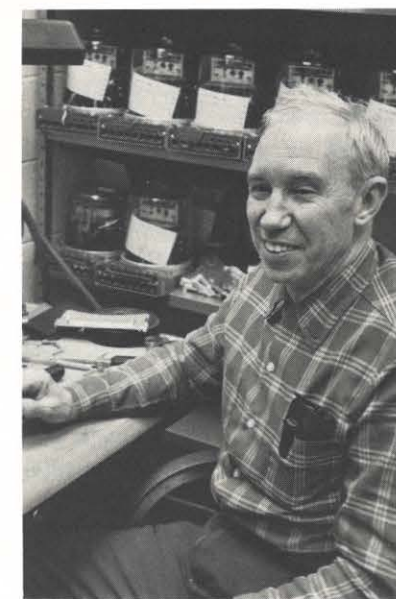
Future plans call for hunting, fishing, traveling and "doing whatever I please".

Under the Clean Air Act, a governor's extension request can be granted only if the owner of the emission source has demonstrated good faith in attempting to meet clean air standards.

Another AEP plant, Kanawha River, was included in the governor's petition. However, with the repeal of West Virginia's ban on stack-gas conditioning, a problem no longer existed at the plant.

EPA Administrator Russell Train now must decide the matter.

## St. Elmo Murray will take life easy



Murray

"I want to take life a little easier and do some traveling with my wife Juanita," said St. Elmo Murray as he began early retirement January 1. He was a meterman B in Roanoke Division.

A native of Franklin County, Virginia, Elmo was employed in 1941 as a maintenance man at the old Roanoke Steam Plant. He later worked at the Niagara Plant. "I've been mighty lucky," Elmo says, "I've always had good people to work with. For that reason I really have mixed emotions about retiring."

Elmo plans a trip to Florida soon and wants to find time for hunting now and then. He has two children and two grandchildren.

## WE REMEMBER



Thomas

Speas

**Carl McKinley Thomas**, 81, retired maintenance helper at Glen Lyn Plant, died December 2. A native of Willowton, West Virginia, Thomas began his career in 1944 as a utility operator and retired September 1, 1958. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

**Richard Ward Speas**, 64, retired hydro engineer senior in General Office Hydro, died December 6. A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, Speas was employed in 1935 as a rodman at Kanawha Valley Power and elected early retirement June 1, 1973. He is survived by his widow, one son and two daughters.

**Marvel Maxine O'Neal**, 49, weighmaster for Southern Appalachian Coal Company at Marmet, died December 9 of a cerebral hemorrhage. A native of Dry Branch, West Virginia, she was employed in 1970 as a scale clerk. Mrs. O'Neal is survived by her mother, one daughter, two brothers and five sisters.



# PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## HUNTINGTON

**Albert Lewis, Jr.**, T&D clerk senior, was elected church secretary of the Z. Warner Church, Lesage, W. Va., for the third consecutive year. He is also a teacher and secretary-treasurer of the Adult Men's Bible Class.

**Janet Lewis**, wife of Albert Lewis, Jr., was elected assistant Sunday School superintendent of the Z. Warner Church, the first woman to hold this position. She is also president of the Iona Women's Bible Class.

**Phyllis Hesson**, customer accounts representative, was a member of the Point Pleasant Community Choir which presented a Christmas concert at a local church.

## GENERAL OFFICE



Thomas

**Elizabeth Thomas**, a junior at Cave Spring High School in Roanoke, was selected to be included in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". She is the daughter of L. M. Thomas, relay staff engineer, GO T&D Station Section, Roanoke.

**D. E. Robins**, payroll clerk A in GO Accounting, Roanoke, was elected 1st lieutenant-training by the Vinton Life Saving Crew. In his one year's service with the crew, he answered more than 200 calls.

**Tom Philpott**, planner in GO Hydro, Roanoke, was re-elected to a second term as 1st lieutenant-personnel by the Vinton Life Saving Crew. A member of the crew for four years, he has been certified as an emergency medical technician by the State of Virginia. He was also elected Sixth District Deputy Rescue Officer. In this position he assists in coordinating assignments in disaster situations in which more than two crews are involved.

**A. L. Stebar**, automotive transportation supervisor in GO General Services, Roanoke, was appointed to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Electric Utility Fleet Managers Conference.

**Melissa Paitzel**, daughter of M. P. Paitzel, GO right of way agent, Roanoke, portrayed a

prisoner and sang in the chorus of the "Man of La Mancha" production at Lynchburg College. She was also understudy of the female lead of "Dulcinea". A 1972 AEP Educational Award winner, Melissa is a member of the college concert choir, touring choir and the Madrigals.

## LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

**Albert "Uncle Sid" Hatfield** played the musical saw at the recent "Heritage Day" in Madison, W. Va. Eighty-eight years young, Uncle Sid retired as a guard at Logan Plant in 1951.

**Mary Bragg**, daughter of Madison General Serviceman Ralph Bragg, was one of five Scott High School students representing the school on WCHS-TV's "Hecks High School Bowl".

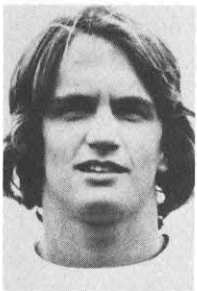
**Logan area employees** pledged \$3,090.60 to the Logan County United Fund effort for 1975. APCo employees have consistently maintained the highest rate of giving to the Fund of any local commercial group.

**Mrs. Robert L. Bell**, wife of the Logan line foreman, attended a meeting of the National Foundation of the March of Dimes in Washington, D. C.

**Lorrayne Corea**, Williamson T&D, was awarded an honorary membership in the Preceptor Theta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, for her "unstinting community service and activities".

Logan Residential Representative **Thomas J. Hanley** was appointed to an unexpired term on the West Logan Town Council.

## LYNCHBURG



McConaghy

**Sam McConaghy**, brother of Rodman Tom McConaghy, was selected to be included in "Who's Who In American High Schools". He has played an integral part in a very successful Amherst County High School football season. The Lancers, as winners of the Seminole District, are currently advancing through competition for the State AA Championship. As a starter at defensive halfback, Sam has assisted in over 50 tackles and has led the team in pass defense.

**Kay Hudson**, area T&D clerk, received an award at the Piedmont Heart Association's 20th annual meeting for her work with the Association.

**Loretta M. Austin**, daughter of Custodian Joseph M. Austin, was elected to membership in the National Beta Club at Jefferson Forest High School.

**Mrs. George D. Capito**, wife of the retired stores and garage supervisor, displayed her crafts and art work at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center during the annual Christmas art sale.

**Leonard Thomas**, a ninth grader at Dunbar Junior High School, performed as quarterback in the E. C. Glass varsity football team's last game of the season. He is the son of Lead Draftsman Raymond E. Thomas.

**Herbert M. Figg, Jr.**, customer services supervisor, was elected president of the Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science. **A. C. Channaiah**, electrical engineer, was re-elected to the board of directors.

**Thomas M. Sandidge**, stationman A, was named "member of the year" by the Boonsboro Ruritan Club. He donated over 100 hours of his time to club work during 1974 and was a delegate to the Ruritan National Convention in Tampa, Florida.



Figg

Sandidge

## ABINGDON

**Lynn Snyder**, daughter of Sam Snyder, Transmission, was selected a member of the Washington County All-County Band.

**Charlie Hefner**, Records Section, is serving as treasurer, deacon and trustee of the Emanuel Baptist Church, Abingdon.

**Paul Lethcoe**, Engineering, is a member of the administrative board, Sunday School teacher and trustee of the Damascus United Methodist Church.

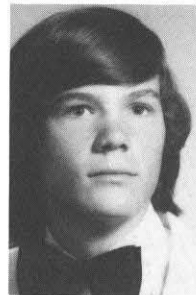
**R. M. Bondurant**, superintendent, is an elder of the Abingdon Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church.

**Sharon Gobble**, Accounting, is treasurer of the Yellow Springs United Methodist Church.

**Jim Cumbow**, T&D, is Sunday School superintendent of Greenfield Baptist Church.

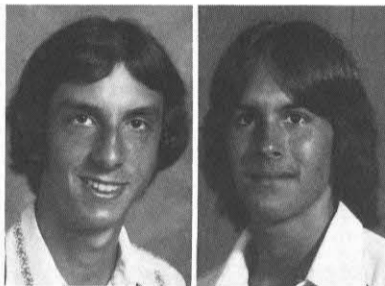
**A. S. Buchanan**, customer service representative, was elected a deacon of the Green Spring Presbyterian Church.

## PULASKI



Pratt

**Stuart Pratt, Mark Graham and Jay Brillheart** are featured in the eighth annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". The son of Donald S. Pratt, senior engineering technologist, Stuart is a freshman at VPI and SU in a mathematics and physics curriculum. Mark, a senior at Pulaski County High School, is the son of A. L. Graham, power engineer. Jay, also a senior at Pulaski County High, is the son of Administrative Assistant J. B. Brillheart.



Graham

Brillheart

New officers of the Employees' Benevolent Association in Wytheville are **W. P. Umberger**, T&D Line, president; **R. V. Dalton**, Accounting, vice president; and **M. G. Stowers**, T&D Line, secretary-treasurer.

Officers of the Benevolent Association in Pearisburg are **D. M. Davis**, T&D Line, president; **Larry Dunn**, T&D, vice president; and **Hazel Walker**, Accounting, secretary-treasurer.

Elected officers of the Hillsville Employees' Benevolent Association were **R. C. Jenkins**, T&D Line, president; **W. M. Gardner**, T&D Line, vice president; and **M. D. Sharp**, Accounting, secretary-treasurer.

Serving as officers of the Christiansburg Benevolent Association are **J. L. Earles**, T&D Line, president; **Kenith Dawson**, T&D Line, vice president; and **C. A. Kidd**, T&D Line, secretary-treasurer.

Christiansburg Residential Advisor **Martha Horne** was elected to a four-year term on the board of directors of The Wesley Foundation at VPI and SU.

Residential Representative **Ray Lester** was elected chairperson of the work area on social concerns at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Christiansburg.

## BECKLEY

**Sandra Lynn Dwornick**, daughter of Line Inspector Maxie Dwornick, was honored by the Beckley Kiwanis Club at a luncheon and was presented a certificate for her performance in preparing for a nursing career. A senior at

Woodrow Wilson High School Sandra has been accepted into the nursing program at West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Customer Services Manager **J. D. Higgins** was appointed to the board of trustees of the Beckley Memorial Baptist Church.

**Charles Richmond and Chuck Richmond**, husband and son respectively, of Clerk-Junior Joann Richmond, both bagged deers this season. This was the first kill for Chuck, who brought home a four-point buck from Pendleton County.

Employees and employees wives in Beckley dressed 22 dolls for the annual Mac's Toy Fund Party for underprivileged children.

Stores Clerk **Elizabeth Scot** was recognized as "secretary of the week" by Beckley Radio Station WCIR on December 13.

## CHARLESTON

Residential Representative **Leroy Balding** was elected secretary-treasurer of the Charleston Electric League for 1975.

**Robert Alexander** was the leading scorer of the Kanawha Valley Football Conference with 25 touchdowns worth 150 points for the season. The brother of Montgomery Meter Reader Ernest Alexander, Robert is a sophomore at South Charleston High School. This is the first time a sophomore has taken the scoring honor.

## HAZARD

**K. C. Brashear**, commercial and power representative, was appointed to the regional advisory board for vocational schools, covering a ten-county area.

## CABIN CREEK



Hudnall

**David R. Hudnall**, son of Maintenance Man Paul F. Hudnall, was nominated for the 1974-75 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities And Colleges". A 1971 AEP Education Award winner, David is a senior at West Virginia Institute of Technology, majoring in electrical engineering.

## ASHLAND

**Richard E. Kouns**, residential advisor, was awarded a one-gallon gold pin by the Boyd County Chapter, American Red Cross.



**KINGSPORT**



Russell

**Larry S. Russell**, son of General Serviceman Sam E. Russell, was featured in the eighth annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Ketrion High School, Larry received honorable mention in the Upper Lakes Conference as a defensive tackle.

**Linda Randall**, daughter of Residential Representative J. A. Randall, Jr., was elected to the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society at Dobyns-Bennett High School, where she is a senior.

**Wanda Kesterson**, wife of Residential Representative J. L. Kesterson, was co-chairman for the Christmas flower show at Allendale Mansion.

**GLEN LYN**



Evans

**George William Evans**, son of Performance Engineer Senior George L. Evans, was inducted into the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. Blue Key members are selected from college juniors and seniors who possess leadership qualities as evidenced by academic standing and activities on campus. Bill, a junior majoring in accounting at Concord College, is a tutor in the Student Special Services Program.

**PHILIP SPORN**



Goradia

Performance Engineer **S. G. Goradia** was certified a registered professional mechanical engineer in the State of West Virginia in November 1974. He had received certification in the State of Ohio in April 1973.

**Susan Gloss**, daughter of Plant Manager E. H. Gloss, was inducted into the Vernon Chapter of the National Honor Society at Gallia Academy High School, where she is a senior. She has

been accepted at Ohio State University.

**Georgia McMullen**, wife of P. L. McMullen, utility man A, graduated in December from Marshall University with a BS degree in speech therapy. She will be a speech therapist in the Mason County, W. Va., school system.

**Doug Russell**, 12-year-old son of Harbor Boat Operator H. R. Russell, felled a seven point, 127-pound buck on his family's farm near West Columbia. **H. R. Russell** bagged a nine point buck on Williams River in Webster County in the Monongahela National Forest.

**ROANOKE**



Snedegar

**Mollie Snedegar**, wife of Electrical Engineer Richard Snedegar, was elected president of the Greene Memorial United Methodist Women's organization.

Retiree **Prince E. Thornton** was re-elected secretary of the Burnt Chimney Ruritan Club.

**Juanita Faye Givens'** cheering squad took first place in an eighth grader cheering contest at Roanoke's Victory Stadium in which 14 squads participated. She is the daughter of Planner Senior G. O. Givens and a member of the North Roanoke Recreation Club.

**Curtis W. Hodges, Jr.**, son of the Truck Driver-Groundman, submitted the winning design in a contest sponsored by the Vinton Chamber of Commerce for new signs extending a welcome to the town. The design had a theme of "Progress: Beauty-Education-Industry". Curtis, a student at East Carolina University, received a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond.

**Michael B. Cooke**, son of Accounting Supervisor R. F. Cooke, graduated from VPI and SU with a BS degree in accounting and has been employed by a Roanoke certified public accounting firm.

Fieldale Customer Accounting Supervisor **Melvin W. Brown** represented Henry County on both the nomination and education committees at the annual conference of the Virginia Association of Counties in Richmond, Va.

**Lisa Anne Rakes**, daughter of Fieldale T&D Clerk Jo Anne Rakes, was elected a cheerleader for the Fieldale Community Center's 1974 football season.

The North Roanoke Chargers, coached by Lead Draftsman **Bob**

**Ragland**, won the Roanoke County Pee Wee Football Championship. The team finished the season with a 9-0 record and gave up only six points all season. Ragland's son **Dale** and **Matt Haynes**, son of Mike Haynes, GO Operations, were co-captains of the team. **Jerry Richmond**, son of Jack Richmond, GO Accounting, also played on the team.

**Chuck Cooke**, son of Accounting Supervisor R. F. Cooke, has won 17 of his last 18 wrestling matches. Wrestling in the 105-pound division, Chuck won his opening match this season by pinning his opponent in the first five minutes of the event.

**W. S. Williams, Jr.**, meter clerk senior, was one of an 80-voice choir made up of members from Virginia and West Virginia who sang at the dedication of the Mormon Temple in Washington, D. C.

**Vickie Rutledge**, clerk-stenographer, and **Faye DeLong**, customer accounts representative C, were members of the Vinton Chorus which performed Handel's Messiah at Thrasher United Methodist Church in Vinton, Va., during December.

**BLUEFIELD**



Cox

Surveyor **W. C. Cox** was elected commander of the Black Rock Chapter, Post #3112 V.F.W., Bramwell, West Virginia.

Civil Engineer **Tom Henly** was elected to the board of directors of the Fincastle Country Club.

**Mrs. Glen Ferrell**, wife of the line inspector, was named cultural arts chairman of the Cumberland Heights Homemakers Club for 1975.

**Terry Runion**, son of Pineville Area T&D Clerk R. A. Runion, was elected vice president of the Conservation Club of Herndon High School.



Members of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club prepared Thanksgiving food baskets for two needy families in the area. Club officers helping pack the baskets are (from left) Sue Hankins, GO clerk stenographer, secretary; Dianna Bishop, T&D clerk, vice president; Eulalia Footo, T&D clerk senior member of Social Committee; and Judi Lefler, residential advisor, president.

**PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS**

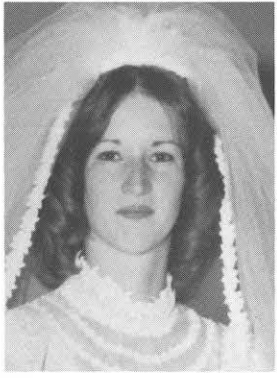
- Appalachian Power**
  - Curtis W. Hodges** to general utility man.
- Beckley**
  - Clifford L. Washington, Jr.**, to stationman C.
- Cabin Creek**
  - Todd Ward** to boiler operator C.
  - Marvin Smith** to boiler operator D.
- Charleston**
  - Ralph D. Harrison** to lineman B.
- General Office**
  - Patsy T. Smith**, stenographer, to GO Accounting, Roanoke.
  - Teresa Thomas** to general bookkeeper, junior, GO Accounting, Roanoke.
- Glen Lyn**
  - Roger L. Wheeler** to utility operator.
  - Clarence L. Dillion** to auxiliary equipment operator.
- Huntington**
  - David E. Straley** to meterman B.
- Roanoke**
  - Carl Price, Jr.**, to meter reader.
- Kentucky Power**
  - Ashland**
    - Gary C. Taylor** to lineman C.
  - Big Sandy**
    - John D. Wellman** to utility co. handler.
  - General Office**
    - Paul Ratliff** and **Charles Richardson** to transmission men C.
  - Hazard**
    - Brenda Bailey** to stenographer.
  - Kingsport Power**
    - J. L. Arnold** to senior engineering technologist.
  - Southern Appalachian Coal**
    - Bull Creek**
      - Emmett Donald Cunningham** to assistant general mine foreman.



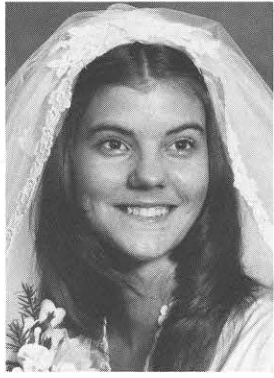
Ashland Division employees were awarded a certificate of excellence by Employers Insurance of Wausau in recognition of their accomplishment in safety performance. Ashland Division Manager R. E. Matthews (right) presented the plaque, which was accepted on behalf of the employees by T&D Superintendent Gene Moore (second from right).



# 12 couples around system married in recent weeks



Sarver



Sisson



Stewart



Zakas



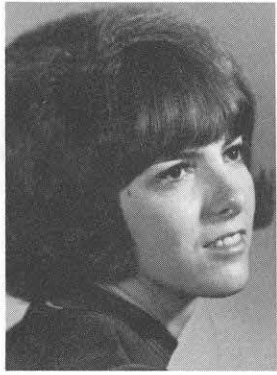
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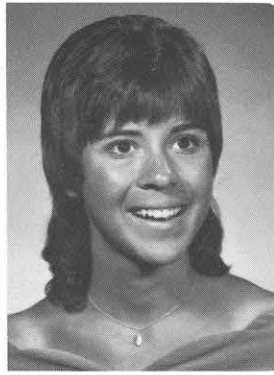
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Kelly



Bishop



Royster

## WEDDINGS

Cassandra Marie Jenkins, daughter of L. W. Jenkins, residential representative senior at Fieldale, Roanoke Division, to Albert Richard Sarver, November 16.

Patricia Grace Crow to Darvin Kurt Sisson, Roanoke Division rodman, November 8.

Susan Renee Cook to William Gene Stewart, meter reader at Pineville, Bluefield Division, October 11.

Toni Adele Lindamood, daughter of W. C. Lindamood, Abingdon customer accounts supervisor, to Michael Eugene Burris, October 26.

Nita Karren Roberts to Bernard Ray Bishop, Beckley clerk junior, December 7.

Kathie Elaine Smith to Donald L. Royster, Beckley meter reader, December 6.

Charlene Hope Frazier, daughter of J. E. Frazier, Jr., conveyor operator at Kanawha River Plant, to John Edward Zakas, November 7.

Janet M. Hanley, daughter of Thomas J. Hanley, Logan-Williamson Division residential representative, to Joseph R. Kelly, II, November 30.

Etta Hartman to William Alex Wood, son of Mason Wood, Charleston Division meter supervisor, November 18.

Brenda Jean Hayes, daughter of W. R. Hayes, production supervisor-maintenance at Philip Sporn Plant, to Jeffrey Davis, November 2.

Terry Lynn Winter to Charles E. Flowers, Jr., Philip Sporn Plant utility operator, June 29.

Kathryn L. Russell, daughter of Sam E. Russell, Kingsport general serviceman, to William R. Huff, December 7.

## Former electric living salesman will be antique dealer in retirement



Ray Heldreth, who retired January 1 as Bluefield residential representative will continue the antique business he started three years ago.

"After 37 years, 11 months and 23 days, I decided it was time I started doing some of the things I have been wanting to do," said Ray Chester Heldreth, who elected early retirement January 1. He was a residential representative in Bluefield Division.

Ray will continue in the antique business he started three years ago and plans to participate in major antique shows throughout the southeastern part of the United States. Ray, who deals primarily in primitive furniture and china, is an expert in refinishing pump organs, player pianos, trunks and other collectibles.

A native of Bluefield, Ray began his utility career in 1937 as a payroll clerk. He was a bookkeeper when he took military leave to serve in World War II and returned to work in 1947 as accounting district residential sales supervisor. He became dealer sales representative in 1950 and residential

representative in 1974. Ray recalls spending many days and nights selling electric living to new customers in rural areas.

Ray is a Police Civil Service Commissioner; Jury Commission Civic Auditorium Commission Ballot Commissioner; treasure Republican Club; secretary, Mercer County Republican Executive Committee; president, West Virginia Reserve Officer Association; and was national councilman for the Reserve Association for five years. He treasurer and board member Bluefield Country Club; superintendent of Sunday School, and served as a mobilization designee in the Reserves in the Pentagon for ten years prior to his retirement in 1972 as lieutenant colonel.

Ray and his wife Dorothy have one son, an honor graduate of The Citadel, who is director of data systems for the U. S. Army on Okinawa.

## BABY PARADE

### John E. Amos

Rex Lane, Jr., son of **Rex L. Eggleton**, coal handler, December 18.

Charity Hope, daughter of **Carl E. Weigand**, maintenance man C, November 6.

### Ashland

Matthew Bartley, son of **James B. Beavers**, engineering supervisor, December 1.

Shawn Kevin, son of **Samuel G. Wilson**, lineman A, November 7.

### Beckley

Jason Paul, son of **Michael Hunt**, draftsman, and **Margaret Hunt**, GO stenographer, November 27.

### Big Sandy

Gwendolyn Rene, daughter of **Lon C. Maynard**, maintenance helper, November 21.

### General Office

Earl Jason, son of **C. A. Presley, II**, engineer B, GO-Bluefield, November 11.

Heather Dawn, daughter of **D. R. Dent**, electrical engineer, GO-Roanoke, November 12.

### Kanawha River

Chanda Kay, daughter of **F. W. Brown, Jr.**, junior maintenance man, December 7.

### Roanoke

Thomas David, son of **Tommy Berkhead**, lineman A, Fieldale, October 31.

Yaminah Shameka, daughter of **Ralph Casey**, meter service helper, Rocky Mount, November 19.

### Philip Sporn

Kenneth Allan, son of **Don E. Reed**, utility man A, October 23.



New officers of the Appalachian Power Company Employees' Benevolent Association in Pulaski are (seated, l. to r.) Opal M. Newland, director; Shirley Moon, director; William Hulme, chairman; and Paul T. Gress, director. Standing, l. to r., Raymond Lyons, secretary; L. G. Cook, treasurer; and Kedric Hilton, director.



Forty-six retired employees and their spouses from Charleston Division and Cabin Creek Plant attended a Christmas luncheon at Humphrey's Driftwood Room Charleston on December 5.





Leamon

## Kingsport civil engineer retires

Fain Wilson Leamon, Kingsport Power civil engineer, elected early retirement January 1 after 37 years' service.

A native of Lee Valley, Tennessee, Fain began working for the company in 1938 as a rodder. He held the positions of draftsman, transitman, engineering aide and engineer B before being promoted to civil engineer in 1970.

Fain recalls working ten hours a day, six days a week during the electrification of Gate City, Va. Another event he recalls is crossing Holston River in a skiff with J. H. Nickels, Jr., and Bud Lingar while surveying for new lines on Long Island. Fain says, "I told Nick to sit down once and then he got up again. We were using a range rod to help propel the boat, and it got hung in the rocks. Nick lost his balance and fell out of the skiff. He looked just like a big tree stump, standing in the water, holding his arms up."

Fain plans to raise beef cattle and vegetables on his six-acre farm at Indian Springs, Tenn. He wants to visit the New England states and Florida and go out West again. A member of the First Freewill Baptist Church in Morrison City, Tenn., Fain has taught an adult Sunday School class for 20 years. One of his hobbies is collecting coins, particularly silver dollars and wheat pennies.

## Pocket veto kills surface mine bill

President Ford late last month declined to sign a bill that would have imposed strict Federal environmental and land-reclamation rules for the surface mining of coal. With the 93rd Congress having adjourned, the President's pocket veto killed the legislation.

The measure would have continued a moratorium until February 1, 1976, on the leasing of large reserves of Government-owned low-sulfur coal in the Far West and imposed a Federal reclamation fee on all coal mined, both deep and surface. The fee's yield of \$200 million a year would have been used to fund a Federal program to reclaim surface-mined land previously abandoned.

Ford said he withheld his approval because the bill would hurt domestic coal production "when the nation can ill afford significant losses from this critical energy source." He estimated that coal production losses due to the legislation would have ranged between 48- and 141-million tons per year by 1977.

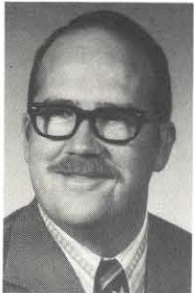
## MOVING UP



Bradley

**Edward C. Bradley**, former area development consultant for the Pulaski and Abingdon Divisions, has been promoted to personnel supervisor of Kanawha River Plant. He succeeds H. E. Rhodes, Jr., who earlier was named labor relations supervisor for Appalachian Power.

## McDonald is registered engineer



McDonald

Scott McDonald, civil engineer-hydro in the General Office Hydro Department, Roanoke, has been certified a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

McDonald, who holds a bachelor of engineering science degree (power option) from Marshall University, joined Appalachian Power in 1968. He became a registered professional engineer in the State of West Virginia in 1970.



Ashland Division Line Foreman Jay T. Fugitt has been awarded a gold pin for donating his tenth gallon of blood to the Red Cross blood program. Fugitt, the sixth donor in the Ashland regional blood program to reach this level of contributions, began donating blood in 1953 because of the example set by Kentucky Power Employee Hansel Stratton, now retired. He tries to contribute four times a year and has been turned away only once — when he returned too soon after a previous donation. Checking Fugitt's pulse before he donates another pint of blood is Registered Nurse Betty Hannan.

## Roanoke customer without power realizes value of APCo dollar

The severe snowstorm which hit much of Appalachian Power Company's service area on Thanksgiving weekend caused at least one customer to realize just how much his family had come to depend on electric service. The following letter was addressed to Duncan Kennedy, Roanoke Division manager:

"No doubt you have had many complaints about the slow return to service after the big storm of last weekend. We were very unhappy ourselves, being without electricity (and as a result, heat and water) for about 30 hours.

And we, like many others who have grumbled over the increasing costs of electricity, joked that at least the savings of one day's electricity would be no longer inconsequential.

Well, after service was restored, and we began to replenish our emergency supply of candles, etc., we learned some things that came as a big surprise.

In keeping one room lit with candles during the outage, we consumed more than \$5 worth of candles. In keeping that same room barely comfortable with a roaring fire, we used at least \$10 worth of wood.

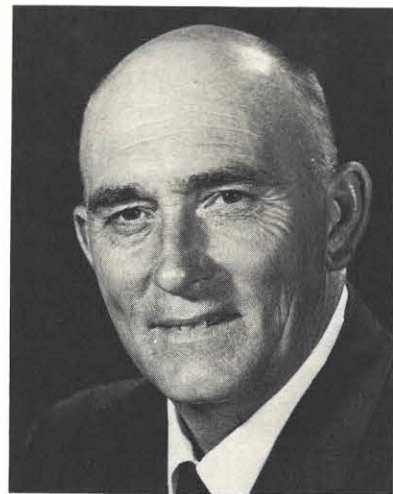
Needless to say, we did not have the comfort of electric living even in the one habitable room.

So, for far more dollars than the cost of maintaining our large total electric home, alternative sources of energy could not support the bare necessities of life in one room.

No one likes to see their bills increased by 30 or 40% or more; but this is the first time we have had to do without electricity for

so long . . . long enough to realize just what we are getting in value for our Apco dollar. And we appreciate it."

## Slater elects early retirement



Slater

Ernest Robert Slater, Logan-Williamson truck driver-groundman, elected early retirement for health reasons on October 1, 1974. He had been on LTD leave since February.

Ern, a native of Belfry, Kentucky, began his career in 1943 as a clerk and worked as a groundman A before moving to truck driver-groundman in 1949.

An all around handyman, Ern's neighbors call on him for carpentry, bricklaying and plumbing. He enjoys playing the violin and guitar and has started writing a book on the Slater family genealogy. If health permits, he also plans to do some hunting and fishing. Ern and his wife own a fully equipped houseboat on Norris Lake, Tennessee, and will spend much time there. The Slaters have two children and four grandchildren.

## Amos sets new generating record

The John E. Amos Plant reached 2,925,000 kilowatts of generation between 2:00 and 3:00 PM on December 13, setting a new record on the AE System.

On Friday the 13th at 1300 hours (1:00 PM), the log book showed that 2,913,000 kilowatts was being generated, 13,000 kilowatts above the plant's rate capacity. The previous record set at Amos was 2,887,000 kilowatts.

## Lewis Craft retires in Hazard



Craft

Lewis Frank Craft, Hazard Division residential representative, elected early retirement December 1.

A native of Millstone, Kentucky, Craft attended Eastern State College, majoring in elementary education. He began his career with Kentucky Power in 1950 as a sales trainee and worked as rural sales representative, junior area sales representative and heating sales representative before moving in January 1974 to the position he held at retirement.

A member of the Reynold's For Church at Hindman, Ky., Lewis has been preaching for 25 years. He and his wife Myrtle belong to the Old Regular Baptist Church. Lewis plans to continue his church work and spend more time on his hobby of painting.



Nellie Mills, wife of Retired Roanoke Customer Accounts Representative Clarence Mills, had her poem entitled "Ah, Sea! Thy Name Is Mystery" included in the Golden Anniversary Anthology of Poems by members of the Poetry Society of Virginia — 1974.



Jeff Joyce received a trophy as best defensive player on the Fieldale-Collinsville football team. He was elected team co-captain and to the exclusive Cavalier Club and named to the All-Piedmont District Football Squad. Jeff is the son of Earl Joyce, Fieldale collector, Roanoke Division.



# Veterans receive service pin awards



Neice                      Bunton                      Gibson                      Simmons                      Hash



Sterrett                      Tibbs                      Buston                      Hughes

40 Years	Classification	Location
Neice, Larue	Line Foreman	Hazard
Bunton, J. T.	Office Supervisor	Clinch River
35 Years		
Gibson, C. E.	Right of Way Supervisor	GO-Roanoke
30 Years		
Simmons, R. D.	Stores Supervisor	Bluefield
Hash, J. E., Jr.	Rodman	Bluefield
Huffman, Frances	Cashier Senior	Pikeville
25 Years		
Sterrett, E. M.	Customer Serv. Rep.	Huntington
Tibbs, Wilson	Rodman	Pikeville
20 Years		
Buston, H. L., III	Meterman A.	Bluefield
Hughes, J. C.	Administrative Assistant	Abingdon
15 Years		
Goins, I. R.	Regional Dispatcher	GO-Roanoke
Haynes, M. K.	Operations Coordinator	GO-Roanoke
10 Years		
Bird, L. R.	Engineer B.	Charleston
Harmon, E. L.	Transmission Man A.	GO-Abingdon
Norcross, Wanda	Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Bell, R. L.	Line Foreman NE	Logan-Williamson
Evans, Clarence	Lineman A	Logan-Williamson
Gowl, R. L.	Records Supervisor	Roanoke
Lycan, E. W.	Unit Operator	Big Sandy
Fyffe, G. D.	Master Maintenance Man	Big Sandy
Morrison, C. L.	Line Foreman	Kingsport
5 Years		
Lark, C. E.	Lineman B	Bluefield
Boyd, Betty	Draftsman	Bluefield
Vanhoozier, C. E.	Area T&D Clerk	Bluefield
Rasi, A. R.	T&D Clerk Senior	Bluefield
Harris, D. L.	Lineman C	Charleston
Scott, Eleanor	Planner	Charleston
Carroll, L. W.	T&D Representative	GO-Roanoke
Carson, R. D., Jr.	Civil Engineer Senior	GO-Roanoke
Collier, Sandra	Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Cox, F. W.	Engineer B.	GO-Roanoke
Rader, R. B.	Lead Draftsman	GO-Roanoke
Reed, Veronica	Clerk-Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Richmond, J. H.	General Bookkeeper Junior	GO-Roanoke
Weeks, W. H., Jr.	Right of Way Agent	GO-Charleston
Neil, D. A.	Plant Performance Engineer	Kanawha River
Jordan, Loretha	Stenographer	Roanoke
Tulloch, D. D.	Junior Maintenance Man	Philip Sporn
Gilmore, J. A.	Maintenance Man	Philip Sporn
Bragg, R. L.	Instrument Maintenance Man B	Philip Sporn
Doolin, C. E.	Auto Repairman B	Ashland
Jones, Mary	Payroll Clerk	GO-Ashland
Payne, G. K.	Maintenance Man	Big Sandy
Wheeler, C. F.	Junior Maintenance Man	Big Sandy
Diamond, J. M.	Coal Equipment Operator	Big Sandy
Keelin, R. D.	Unit Operator Assistant	Big Sandy
Barker, J. W.	Performance Technician	Big Sandy
Droke, Linda	Cust. Accts. Rep. C	Kingsport

## Ex-employees plead guilty in mail fraud

Two former employees have pleaded guilty in a U. S. District Court in West Virginia to charges of mail fraud in connection with construction of Ohio Power Company's General James M. Gavin and Mitchell Plants.

West Virginia Electric Supply Company, Huntington, pleaded no contest to similar charges and was fined \$500 by Judge Dennis R. Knapp. He dismissed similar charges against Ohio River Wholesale Lumber Company, New Matamoras, Ohio.

The ex-employees, Fred R. Carman, who had been resident engineer on the two plant projects, and Merrill A. Dooley, who had been construction storekeeper, were indicted October 31, along with the two suppliers, by a Federal grand jury in Charleston.

The case stemmed from the company's discovery in the Fall of 1972, through its auditing procedures, of irregularities suggesting the rigging of fraudulent purchases of supplies for the plants' construction. Carman and Dooley were dismissed, and information developed by the company in its investigation was turned over to the U. S. attorney in Charleston.



Retiree Clyde Runyon reviews some of the microfilm he orders from the National Archives in Washington in his search for his wife's relatives.

## Retirement offers Clyde Runyon more time to write genealogy

Retirement has afforded Clyde Runyon more time to spend on a project he and his late wife Eunice started in 1952 — tracing the genealogy of her relatives, the Smith and West families of Pike County, Kentucky.

A former right of way agent at Williamson in the Logan-Williamson Division, Runyon has always been interested in local history. He says, "We were afraid that if we waited too long, some of the existing records of the family might be difficult to locate. Prior to my wife's death, we spent our vacations visiting various courthouses and searching through old records."

Runyon has traced the family as far back as 1780 and will confine his book to those relatives who lived in the United States. He now orders microfilm from the National Archives in Washington, D. C., and has some 70 reels.

One of the interesting sidelights of his search has been the making of many new friends. He has 20 regular correspondents from Kentucky to Oregon with

whom he exchanges information. He adds, "Sometimes I work until 3 o'clock in the morning because I get too interested in doing research to stop."

## Three take new AEP positions

William E. Olson, William J. Prochaska and John F. DiLorenzo, Jr., have been named assistant general counsels of the AEP Service Corporation.

Olson will be located in the Fuel Supply Department and will deal primarily with legal aspects of coal procurement. Prochaska will continue in the Legal Department and will assume additional responsibilities of a supervisory nature. DiLorenzo, returning to the Legal Department, will work primarily on financial and regulatory matters and will have supervisory responsibilities. He will continue to serve as assistant secretary of the Service Corporation.



The retirement of an obsolete substation is routine within our three companies. However, the death sentence for Huntington Division's Guyandotte Station caused several veteran employees to see to it that the station was retired with dignity and proper ceremony. To mark the occasion, retired Substation Foreman James W. Evans was called back on October 31 to open the switch at the Guyandotte Station and remove it from active service.

Evans was the foreman in charge of the crew which built the station in the 1920's. L. to r., foreground, Evans; W. T. Locke, station foreman (half hidden behind Evans); and T. E. Wells, stationman A. On truck, l. to r., Ed Yeager, electrical engineer; Ron Edwards, stationman C; Oscar Fowler, planner senior; Mike Stratton, stationman helper A; and Tom Bloss, stationman A.





Bob Frazier shows linebackers on the football team he coaches a good low stance on defense.

## Pearisburg lineman's football team has three-year winning streak

Bob Frazier, Pearisburg lineman A in the Pulaski Division, isn't quite ready to be compared with "Bear" Bryant, but he does have an impressive football coaching record. Frazier coaches a team made up of boys from grades 5 through 7 in the Giles County Football League. The team, sponsored by the Narrows Jaycees, has a 20-game winning streak that stretches over a three-year period and includes three championship games.

The Giles County championship is decided in a match between winners of the Eastern and Western Divisions and Frazier's team has won for three consecutive years. The team's first string defensive has not been scored on in three years.

Frazier became interested in coaching through his two sons who play on the team. Rick, age 11, is offensive guard and Rusty, age 12, is tailback and has been leading scorer in the league for the past two seasons. Frazier says, "It's a good feeling to help these youngsters. I have a lot of interest in them and enjoy every minute of it."



Huntington Truck Driver-Groundman John B. Browning scored 73 to win the first flight of the Huntington Division Fall Invitational Golf Tournament held at Twin Valley Country Club in Ashland, Kentucky. Employees from Logan-Williamson Division and Philip Sporn Plant also participated in the event.

It's not all fun and games, however. The team begins practice about three or four weeks before the season starts and continues throughout the season every evening and on Saturday mornings. The only exceptions are the day of a game and Sundays. Frazier sums up the team's efforts by saying, "I think our success is based on pride, because we take a lot of pride in what we do. I just can't say enough about the spirit and ability of the boys."

## Vonice Gish ends 27-year career



Gish

Vonice C. Gish, secretarial-stenographer in the General Office Accounting Payroll Section, Roanoke, retired January 1.

A native of Snowville, Virginia, Vonice worked for Appalachian Power more than two years before resigning in 1943 to move to Charleston, South Carolina. Following her husband's death, she returned to Roanoke and Harry Gardner, then System Accounting manager, called her to come back to work for Appalachian. She was re-employed in 1947 as a clerk typist, handling records of Radford Limestone Company.

Vonice and her mother, who lives with her, have no definite plans for retirement other than "enjoying life from day to day". A member of the Virginia Heights Baptist Church, Vonice's hobbies are reading, knitting and crocheting.

## 100,000 prefer electric heat

The 100,000th residential customer using electric heat was connected to Appalachian Power Company lines in November 1974.

In 1956, the first year records were kept, 379 customers installed electric heat. In the 12 months ending in November, slightly more than 17,000 residential electric heating installations were added to APCO lines.

At the end of November, Appalachian served a total of 571,391 residential customers. In the past 12 months, residential customers with electric heat consumed 1,781,000,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity while those customers without electric heat used 3,284,000,000 kWhrs.



Page Martindale, son of Roanoke Residential Advisor Miriam Martindale, won \$100 as first prize in the Virginia State Organ Recital Contest sponsored by the Virginia Music Teachers Association. He advanced to regional competition at the University of Georgia. Page is a senior at Madison College, majoring in music education with concentration in organ.



T. S. Martin (center) was declared Cruncher Champ of the Vinton Demolition Derby. Also participating were E. L. Westmoreland (left) and J. F. Whitehead (right).

## T. S. Martin declared demolition derby "Cruncher Champ"

Three employees in the General Office Operations Department, Roanoke, participated in the Demolition Derby in Vinton, Virginia, sponsored by the local Jaycees. T. S. Martin, station operator B, entered two cars, one of which was driven by Station Operator Westmoreland. Regional Dispatcher J. F. Whitehead was pit crew chief for both cars.

A demolition derby is a contest in which several cars are placed within an area and the drivers hit and ram each other until only one car is left running. Safety is assured by requiring all drivers to wear safety belts and crash helmets. In addition, all unnecessary metal and glass must be removed from the cars.

There were approximately 63 cars in the Vinton Derby, which

were divided into four groups Car #31, driven by Martin, lasted only a short while in his group while Westmoreland placed fourth in another group.

After all groups had run and winners declared, the main event of the day was held. The main event, called "The Cruncher" was composed of all cars that were still able to run. After it was all over, Car #31 driven by Martin was the only car running and able to move under its own power. He was declared "Cruncher Champ" and given the checkered flag and \$50 as first place winner.

Both Westmoreland and Martin agree that the worst part of the demolition derby was waking up the next day with a sore back and stiff neck. But they plan on entering the derby again next year.



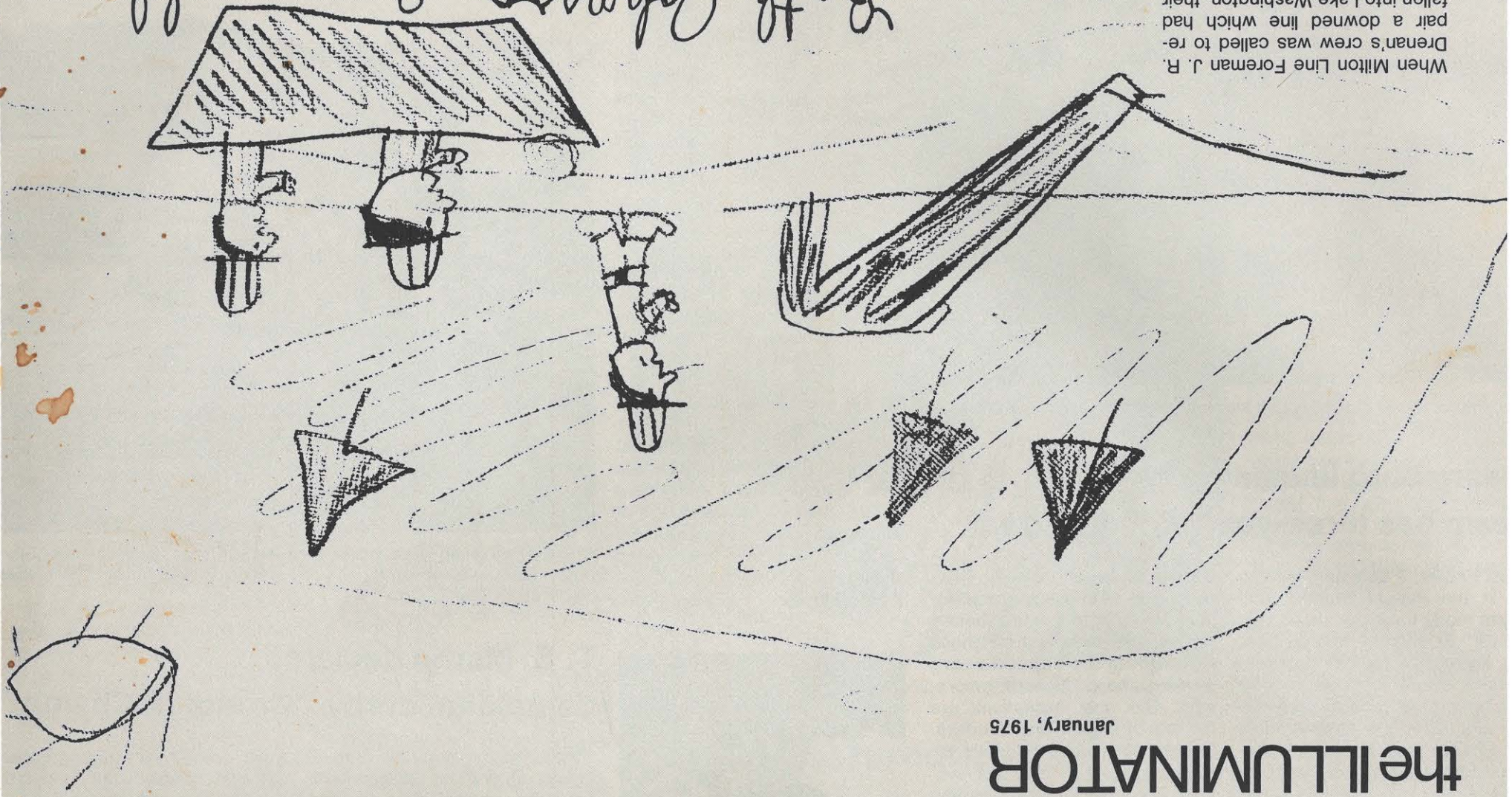
Twenty-six Beckley Division employees participated in the 1974 championship golf tournament at Pipestem State Park. Area Serviceman B. C. "Wheel" Thomas won the championship flight with a gross score of 78. The runner-up trophy went to Jack Howard, lineman A. Other winners were: first flight, Ray Vest, administrative assistant; second flight, Jim Kirby, area T&D clerk; and third flight, George Hall, lineman helper. Joe Higgins, customer services manager,

won a trophy for the closest to the pin on the par three 17th hole. First row, l. to r., Dwight Williams, Bob Duran, George Hall, Bob Thomas, Jim Kirby, Jerry Vest and Paul Hancock. Back row, l. to r. Clyde Barker, Ray Vest, Steve Carpenter, Jimmy Jones, Joe Higgins, Jack Howard, Jim Lowrey, Bill Canady, Woody Holbrook, Kyle Ellison and Bob Dyke.



When Milton Line Foreman J. R. Drenan's crew was called to re-pair a downed line which had fallen into Lake Washington, their work was recorded for posterity by two youngsters. See story on this page.

Both Johnson 9 years old.



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Dear Electric Men,

Thank you for fixing the electric.

I wouldn't have gotten to watch my T.V. show. I thought I wasn't going to get to watch it.

I appreciate you all getting out in the cold when you could have been resting in the warmth.

I'm 9 years old and in the fourth grade. Thank you once more

Beth Johnson

### Thank you, electric service men

Recently a brisk wind caused a large tree to fall into a 7,200-volt transmission line from Huntington Division's Hurricane Station. The line, which extended across Lake Washington, snapped near the middle of the lake causing the severed ends to fall into the water.

Area Serviceman Glen Hicks and Milton Area Line Foreman J. Drenan and his crew, consisting of Darrell Meadows, lineman A; W. Jackson, truck driver-groundman, and E. R. Bias, groundman, were dispatched to restore service to the approximately 25 customers affected. It didn't take long to discover their job included a fishing chore. After a boat was acquired, the men set about their task of pulling, climbing, wrestling with conductors, cutting away fallen tree limbs and other tasks that accompany an operation of this nature.

Some time after dusk, the job was completed and the crew called it a day. What they didn't know was their activities were being recorded for posterity by two very imaginative young people, nine-year-old Beth Johnson and her brother, Douglas, age 5. A few days later a letter addressed to the Electric Service Men arrived at the Milton office, along with two drawings. The one which appears on the cover of this issue of **The Illuminator** was drawn by Beth. In his drawing, Douglas captured Hicks at work on the pole.

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