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W. Va. PSC terminates fuel adjustment clause

The West Virginia Public Service Commission issued an order February 20 terminating the use of fuel adjustment clauses by electric utilities in the state, including Appalachian Power, effective midnight March 31. The clauses have enabled the utilities to automatically pass higher fuel costs on to their customers.

John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president, described the action as a "blatant disregard for the welfare of the utilities serving West Virginia" and "incredible at a time when utilities are struggling to keep their heads above water". He pointed out that the PSC order on January 31 which directed Appalachian to refund approximately 86% of a rate increase it had been collecting under bond from its retail customers in West Virginia since mid-1971 had already seriously impaired the company's credit rating. "Appalachian's fuel expense increased from \$98-million in 1973 to \$233-million in 1974 due to the skyrocketing rise in the cost of coal. Recovery of these dollars through the fuel adjustment clause was the only thing that kept the company going."

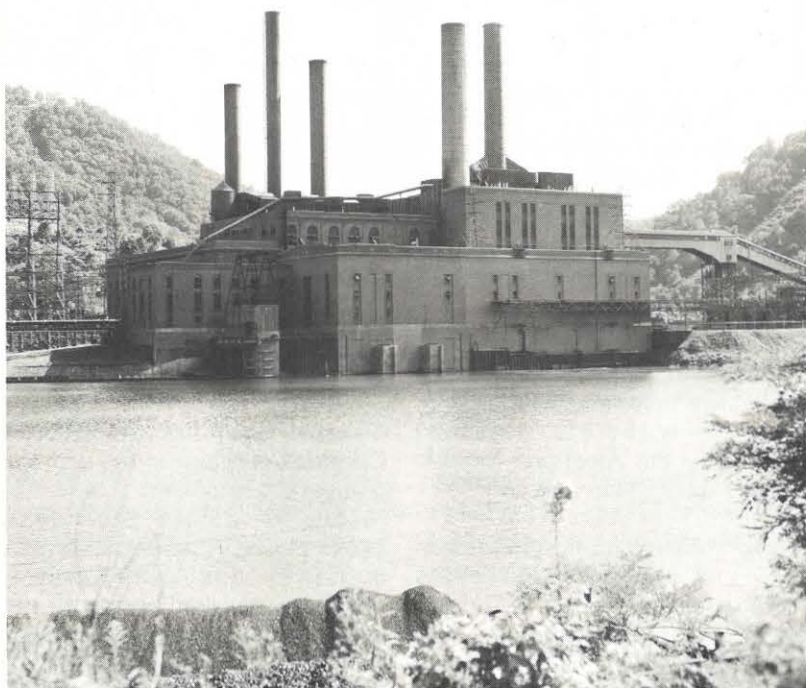
Electric utilities affected by the order were directed to file revised tariffs with the PSC by April 1, containing revised rates and charges to cover a reasonable level of fossil fuel costs. The revised rates will be effective April 1 "subject to refund after the Commission" acts on the matter.

In its order, the PSC said that fuel adjustment clauses are legal, but (continued on page 2)

APCo petitions for re-hearing on W. Va. PSC rate refund order

Appalachian Power Company on February 7 petitioned the Public Service Commission of West Virginia for a re-hearing on its order of January 31 directing the company to refund about 86% of a rate increase it had been collecting under bond from its retail customers in this state over the past 42 months.

In its filing Appalachian stressed that the impact of the order, if required to be carried out, would have serious consequences for the utility and its customers. The petition pointed out that such results would include the company's inability to: (a) finance construction of facilities needed to serve the public, (b) serve new customers without their paying



Cabin Creek Plant will cease generation on March 14.

Financial pressures, including coal costs, force closing of Cabin Creek Plant

Appalachian Power Company will cease generation of electric power at its 180,000-kilowatt Cabin Creek Plant on March 14 as another step in its current program of stringent expense control.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president, said that the action was taken principally because of financial pressures, including in particular "the projected excessively higher cost" of the coal required for continued operation of the plant.

He explained that Cabin Creek must use metallurgical-grade coal for its boilers in order to meet air-quality standards in the Kanawha Valley promulgated by the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission. The previous contract with the plant's principal supplier of such coal

the cost of the required new facilities, and (c) finance the cost of required environmental installations that might lead to shutdown of some generating plants.

Appalachian pointed out, too, that the rate increase involved in the order had been requested in 1971 and had been based on conditions existing in the "test year" of 1970. It emphasized that it was "abundantly clear that the financial and economic factors which were at work in 1970 . . . have almost no counterpart in the subsequent highly inflationary four-year period (since)."

Oral arguments on the petition for re-hearing began February 21 and were continued until March 7.

had been terminated in January and the new contract offered "was totally unacceptable to Appalachian and thus to our customers in these difficult times."

He pointed out that the cost of the contract coal had risen from \$14.80 per ton at inception of the previous contract period in late 1973 to \$39.08 at its termination in early January. The opening price under the proposed new contract was \$45 per ton, with new price agreements provided for at six-month intervals until the proposed contract's expiration in 1978. "Appalachian did not believe that it could subject its customers to these unconscionable high costs of fuel," Vaughan added.

"Environmental considerations have added significantly to the plant's already high operating costs," Vaughan said. In 1970, to meet West Virginia's air-quality standards then in effect, Appalachian invested \$2.6 million to install two new electrostatic precipitators at Cabin Creek. Subsequently, newer and more stringent regulations were adopted. Because of the physical arrangements of the plant and "because the cost would have been excessively high in relation to any projected benefits" from further upgrading of the dust-collecting facilities, Appalachian had earlier announced plans to shut down the plant in mid-1977," Vaughan said.

Cabin Creek had a work force of 108, headed by George E. Briers, Jr., plant manager. Vaughan said that every effort would be made to relocate employees as openings occurred in other plants, even though Appalachian last month reduced by 10% the number of personnel in its five operating divisions in West Virginia.

De-rating of APCo securities could affect service reliability

Appalachian Power Company was staggered by a series of hard blows last month that could have potentially grave consequences on its ability to provide electric service.

On February 4 Moody's Investor Services, one of the nation's leading securities-rating houses, de-rated Appalachian's bonds and preferred stock from "A" to "Baa", to indicate a higher rate of risk for investors.

John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president, said "the principal effect is to make all future borrowings vastly more difficult and substantially more expensive, with interest rates as much as 2% higher than paid by A-rated companies. On just one 30-year, \$100-million bond issue, for example, this higher cost could mean an additional \$60-million that would have to be paid by consumers.

"As a public utility required by law to provide adequate electric service, we must be in a position to finance the facilities that make that service possible, and to repay short-term debt obligations. Being unable to do so could have serious consequences to the company and its customers."

The only way Appalachian can

regain its A rating, Vaughan said, "is through improvements in earnings which can come only with prompt and adequate rate relief."

Then on February 20 Moody's downgraded the company's commercial paper from Prime 2 to Prime 3 quality. Appalachian currently has approximately \$85-million of commercial paper outstanding. The action sharply limits Appalachian's access to the commercial paper market. It means that the company will now have to rely on bank borrowings, at significantly higher costs, for its short-term capital requirements.

Vaughan said both de-ratings are attributable to two principal factors: the January 31 action of the West Virginia Public Service Commission in ordering Appalachian to refund 86% of the increased rates it put into effect temporarily in mid-1971 and the delay in receiving timely rate relief in Virginia.

Moody also de-rated Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's first-mortgage bonds from "A" to "Baa"; its debentures from "Baa" to "Ba", and its commercial paper from Prime 2 to Prime 3. I&M has approximately \$85-million of commercial paper outstanding.

Four units at Philip Sporn Plant will be phased out by July 1

Four generating units totaling 600,000 kilowatts of generating capacity will be phased out of operation at the 1,050,000-kw Philip Sporn Plant by July 1. With the shutdown of 57% of the station's capacity, approximately 200 of its 310 employees will be furloughed.

Two of the four 150,000-kw units involved are owned by Appalachian Power Company; the other two, as well as the plant's remaining 450,000-kw fifth generating unit, are owned by Ohio Power Company.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of Appalachian Power, explained the company found itself unable to finance the very large cost of installing new environmental protection facilities on its two units.

"We cannot raise this kind of money at this time," he said, "so we are suspending our plans for precipitators on the 150,000-kw units. And, since operation of these units after this coming June 30 without an approved compliance program extending

beyond that date would violate the state's particulate-emission limitation, our only alternative is to shut them down by then."

Vaughan observed that the most difficult part of the decision involved the furloughing of the employees. "We shall make every effort to relocate our furloughed personnel at other power plants on the AEP System, if not elsewhere," he said, "but this will be difficult because of the personnel cutbacks we have been forced to make on certain of our other operations."

A contract for fabrication of new, highly efficient (99.7%) electrostatic precipitators on the plant's five generating units had been entered into in mid-1974. Total cost of that project is presently estimated at \$80-million. Although the four smaller units are being phased out, Ohio Power still plans to proceed with installation of a precipitator on the remaining 450,000-kw unit.

Vaughan pointed out that shutdown of 600,000 kw of gener- (continued on page 2)

McPherson, retiring Abingdon division manager, will hunt industry for Saltville



McPherson

Throughout his 45-year utility career, Fillmore McPherson, Jr., was totally involved in the communities where he worked and lived. Upon his retirement as Abingdon Division manager on March 1, he will become project manager of Saltville's Industrial Development Authority. In his new position, he will be responsible for planning and managing the liquidation of equipment and demolition or restoration of buildings associated with properties transferred to the Town of Saltville by Olin Corporation, planning for and solicitation of new industry, services and housing as indicated for best use of the resources and potential of the Town of Saltville.

McPherson, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from the University of Tennessee. He joined East Tennessee Light & Power Company at Bristol in 1929 and worked there for 16 years before encroachment by TVA. In 1945 he chose Appalachian Power over five other companies because "even at that time the company was in the forefront of innovation in engineering technology. I have never regretted the choice."

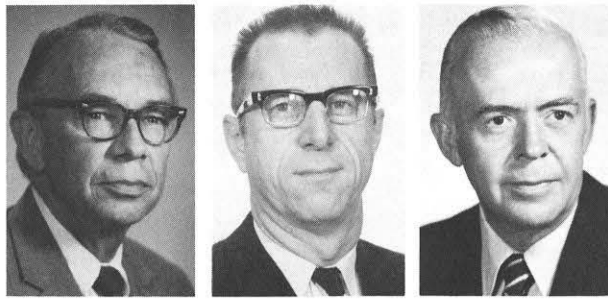
McPherson started as a power engineer in Bluefield and in 1948 was promoted to Abingdon district commercial manager. In 1954 he was named assistant

Bluefield district manager and became assistant Pulaski district manager in 1957. Two years later he was promoted to Abingdon district manager and in 1964 to Abingdon division manager.

Above all other accomplishments, McPherson is "extremely proud of the organization that has been built up in the Abingdon Division. The employees are dedicated, informed and hard working in the interest of the company. I give them credit, and they are the reason that Abingdon Division stands high on the list in most ways in which a division can be measured."

McPherson was recently cited by the directors of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce for his civic leadership. He is a member of the Abingdon Baptist Church; past president, Abingdon Kiwanis Club; member of the Citizens Advisory Council for the Town of Abingdon; board member of several industrial development corporations; past president and for many years chairman of the industrial committee of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of six other area chambers. He is a member of the advisory hospital council for the Commonwealth of Virginia; member and one of the original incorporators of Southwest Virginia Health Planning Council, Inc.; president of the board of trustees of Johnston Memorial Hospital; and member, joint advisory committee for nursing for Virginia Highlands and Southwest Virginia Community Colleges. McPherson is also president of the board of directors of Barter Foundation, Inc., and a member and past president of the board of visitors of Emory & Henry College.

As announced earlier, Jerry R. Whitehurst will succeed McPherson as Abingdon Division manager.



White

Gloss

Jones

Six new directors elected by AEP Service Corporation

Six new directors — three from Appalachian Power Company and three from Ohio Power Company — were elected last month by the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Newly named from Appalachian are E. H. Gloss, manager of the Philip Sporn Plant; J. E. Jones, Beckley Division manager; and J. B. White, Lynchburg Division manager.

The new Ohio Power representatives are C. A. Heller, vice president; E. R. Hudson, Zanesville Division manager; and J. W.

Lizon, manager of the James M. Gavin Plant.

Stepping down from the Service Corporation board, in line with the operating companies' practice of rotating its representation were: Jack Lloyd, Bluefield Division manager; L. F. McPherson, Abingdon Division manager; and W. M. Robinson, manager of the Glen Lyn Plant, all from Appalachian Power. The Ohio Power members who left the board were W. A. Black, vice president; G. W. Clever, Philo Plant manager; and C. H. Wright, Steubenville Division manager.

Sporn shutdown (con't from page 1)

ating capacity at the Sporn Plant, while not creating an outright immediate shortage of power for customers, "will nevertheless reduce the margin of our generation reserve available in case of emergencies."

He explained that the decision to phase out the four units was precipitated by "the sudden squeeze we are in, caught between the orders of two West Virginia governmental agencies."

He continued, "On the one hand we are under an order from the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission to comply by July 1 with its requirement with respect to the emission of particulate matter (fly ash) from the Sporn Plant. To do this for the total plant would require the expenditure of about \$80-million and would take two to two-and-a-half years to complete.

"On the other hand we are under the recent order from the West Virginia Public Service Commission to refund 86% of the added revenues we have been collecting under bond from our West Virginia customers over the past three-and-a-half years. This action by the PSC, which involves refunding an estimated \$33.5-million, including accumulated interest, led directly to the recent downgrading of Appalachian's financial rating and thus its ability to finance. This will mean much higher costs — millions of dollars a year — for the capital we must raise to meet our customers' needs for electric energy in the future and to help protect the environment." (Appalachian Power has requested reconsideration of the order.)

Vaughan held out one ray of

hope, however. He said that the company was exploring with both the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency whether or not, in view of Appalachian's very difficult financial situation, a means could be found to permit continued operation of the units to some date beyond June 30, 1975, in the hope that during the interim the company's financial position would have improved sufficiently to permit it to go forward with the required precipitator installations.

He added that continued operation of the plant's 450,000-kw Unit 5 beyond June 30 would require special approval of the APCC, which is being sought, and perhaps by the U. S. EPA. He also pointed out that installation of a precipitator on that unit, in any event, could not be completed before October, 1977.

On January 1, Sporn Unit # 1 had completed 25 years of commercial operation. Unit # 2 also went in service in 1950, Unit # 3 in 1951 and Unit # 4 in 1952. The newer Unit # 5, with a capacity equal to three of the others, has been in operation only 14 years.

Fuel (con't from pg. 1)

it said such clauses won't be "just and reasonable in the circumstances that are anticipated to prevail on and after April 1, 1975." The PSC said it will be necessary for the Commission itself to reduce the regulatory lag which was a major cause for the necessity of the fuel adjustment clause in the first place.

FPC okays fifth unit at Smith Mountair

Just one year after the application was filed, the Federal Power Commission last month granted Appalachian Power Company's request to amend the license for its Smith Mountair pumped-storage and hydroelectric project to allow for installation of a fifth generating unit in the upper, larger dam.

The unit, actually Unit 3 in the physical arrangement of the structure, will be a 100,000 kilowatt reversible pump turbine which will be fitted into the space provided during the original construction in the mid-1960's. Its installation will increase the total capacity of the project, including the smaller Leesville Dam, to 600,000 kw.

Under terms of the amendment work must begin within a year from the issuance of the license and be completed by January 1, 1978. Total cost of the addition including associated transformer facilities, was estimated at \$17 million at time of the filing.

Government agencies which would have been affected by the installation and operation of the new unit raised no objections, nor were there requests for intervention by any other groups.

In a pumped-storage installation water generates power as it passes through the turbine of an upper dam into a lake impounded by a lower dam. At low-use periods, reversible pump turbines pump water back into the upper lake for use at peak periods.

Appalachian's proposed Blue Ridge project, licensed January 2, but now the subject of court actions, would operate in the same manner as Smith Mountain, but a 1,800,000 kw it would have three times the capacity.

Dividend declared

The Board of Directors of American Electric Power Company, acting two months ahead of its normal date for such action, has declared its regular June 10 cash dividend of 50 cents per share of common stock. It will be payable to shareowners of record May 9.

Board Chairman Donald C. Cook, in announcing the dividend declaration, said the action was taken as a reassurance to the company's 200,000 shareowners with respect to its present dividend policy.

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Blue Ridge briefs filed

The State of North Carolina filed a brief last month in the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia supporting its position that Appalachian Power Company's license for the Blue Ridge Project should be remanded to the Federal Power Commission for further hearings.

The Appeals Court on January 31 had granted a motion by the state to stay the FPC construction license for the two-dam, 1.8-million-kilowatt project.

The Committee for the New River, an organization of local groups that oppose the Blue Ridge Project, also filed an amicus brief last month in support of North Carolina. Reply briefs by the FPC and Appalachian are to be filed by April 14.

Appalachian has also filed briefs in the U. S. Middle District Court, Greensboro, North Carolina, challenging North Carolina's appeal to Judge Eugene Gordon for a temporary restraining order to halt construction of the project. The company argued that Judge Gordon, who denied the request but has taken the matter under advisement for further study, has no jurisdiction in the matter.



Vines

Beckley service foreman retires

John E. Vines, Beckley service foreman, elected early retirement February 1 after more than 38 years' service.

A native of Beckley, John began his career with Appalachian in 1936 as a groundman. He was a lineman, district serviceman, troubleman A and line foreman before being promoted to service foreman in 1967.

John is a member of the administrative board of Beaver United Methodist Church. He served as a Scout committee chairman for eight years.

John's plans for retirement include purchasing enough land to do some farming. He also wants to do some hunting and continue his woodworking hobby. He and his wife Ruby have three children and two grandchildren.

MOVING UP



Bartram

Gordon David Bartram, Jr., former master maintenance man at Big Sandy Plant, was promoted to maintenance foreman on February 1.

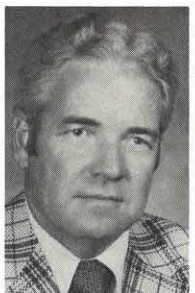
Wayne T. Pugh, former heating and air conditioning consultant in Huntington, became administrative assistant there on

February 16. He succeeds R. L. Lamb, who earlier was promoted to personnel director of Michigan Power Company.

Grady L. Parker, former Lynchburg Division line supervisor, has been named line and station supervisor. He assumed additional duties upon the retirement of Robert L. Hatch, station supervisor, on March 1.

Glover L. Staples, former Lynchburg line foreman exempt, was promoted to general foreman on March 1.

James E. Stevens, former Lynchburg general serviceman, was promoted to line foreman non-exempt on March 1.



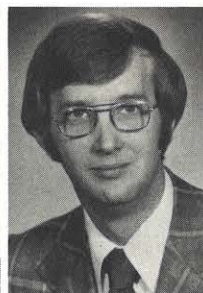
Parker



Stevens



Staples



Pugh

KPCo's disabling, vehicle accident frequency rates lowest in System

Although its 12-month disabling accident frequency rate increased slightly from 2.57 to 3.23, Kentucky Power Company finished 1974 with the lowest and best rate in this safety category among all AEP System operating companies for the second consecutive year.

Kentucky's vehicle accident frequency rate of 8.59, a decrease from the 12.66 in 1973, also led the System operating companies.

This was part of a company-wide safety report presented at the executive vice president's February staff meeting by Wayne B. Edwards, safety and employee relations supervisor, as he reviewed the company's safe working experience and outlined areas of concentration for 1975.

"With a continuing effort toward eliminating the more serious accidents, a special emphasis in 1975 will be given to three classes of accidents which comprised 50 per cent of the company's 1974 total medical attention injuries," Edwards said. These areas are strains and sprains, animal bites and eye injuries.

Kentucky experienced no electrical contact accidents nor fatalities in 1974. Of the four disabling injuries, Big Sandy had none, Ashland and Pikeville had one each and Hazard had two. Pikeville's accident marked the end of 38 consecutive accident-free months of 783,585 man-hours for the 125 employees.

Medical attention only injuries increased from 75 in 1973 to 78. General office had two, Hazard 10, Pikeville 12, Ashland 23 and Big Sandy 31.

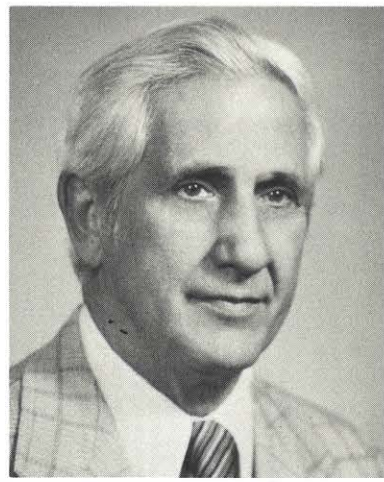
The number of vehicle accidents was reduced to 38 from 44 the previous year. General Office and Big Sandy Plant had one each, Hazard 9, Pikeville 12 and Ashland 15.

The company also received the Edison Electric Institute Frequency Reduction Award for reduction of 25 per cent or more in accident frequency rate as compared to the preceding three-year average.



Big Sandy Plant employees completed 1974 without a disabling injury, marking the seventh time in 13 years this feat has been accomplished. As of December 31, 1974, employees had worked 379,600 man-hours since the last disabling injury on November 5, 1973. In a ceremony attended by representatives from all departments, Plant Manager W. G. Matthews, Jr., attached the 1974 year bar to the perfect record safety award plaque. During the

Hatch has seen a lot of high water during his Appalachian hydro career



Hatch

"The company has come a long way since I started work as a hydro operator at Pulaski in 1939. I was paid \$150 per month and thought that was good, but then you could buy a four-door DeLuxe Plymouth for \$840 in those days," says Robert L. Hatch, who was Lynchburg station and hydro supervisor before his retirement March 1.

He adds, "I have had some connection with hydro during my entire career, and I have seen a lot of high water. The first year I was on the payroll, we had a flood on

New River which backed up at Claytor. It was a flash flood and we spent the night on cots regulating the flood gates. I have seen three floods at Reusens since coming to Lynchburg in 1946 as hydro plant superintendent, and more than once we had to sandbag the doors to keep water from getting in the plant."

Active in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynchburg Bob is on the church council and a member of the property committee. He is past president of the Lynchburg Lions Club and past district safety chairman for Lions District 24B. He is also a safety merit badge counselor for the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Much of Bob's spare time is spent refinishing furniture. He likes working with antiques but hopes to add to his workshop and get more into furniture construction.

He and his wife Evelyn will remain in Lynchburg. They have two children. Their son James holds a masters degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and works as a CPA. Their daughter Mary Elizabeth is a junior at Longwood College.



New officers of Roanoke Division's Reddi-Lite Club are (from left) Shelia Martin, meterman helper, treasurer; W. G. Feazelle, lineman A, vice president; C. E. Stull, lineman B, president; Frances Hampton, T&D clerk senior, secretary; and J. P. Morris, head meter reader, assistant treasurer.

ceremony he also presented a certificate of excellency awarded by Employers Insurance of Wausau for the plant's accomplishments in the safety certification program. From left, C. B. Burner, Personnel; W. R. Marushi, Coal Yard; Harold Ferguson, Performance, Matthews; Kenneth Beck, Operations; Dean Bradley, Utility; and Mont Wheeler, Maintenance.

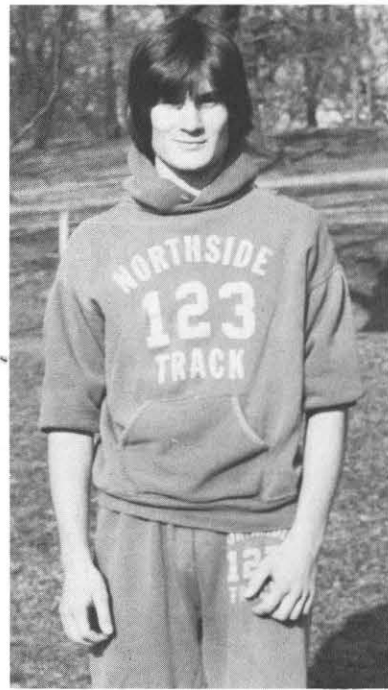
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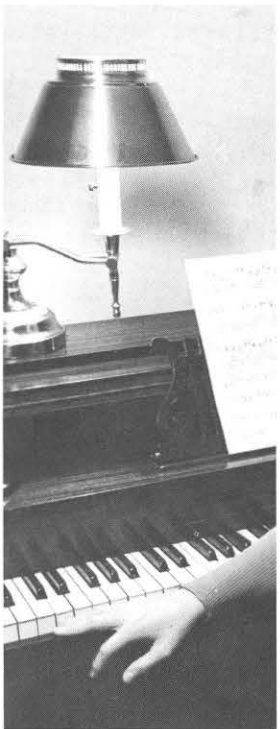
Graham



Welch



Payne



Naff

Riley



Larew



Anderson



White



Clouser

Thirty-two awards were presented to sons and daughters of System employees in the 21st annual American Electric Power Educational Awards competition. Eleven of the winners were from our operating companies. They are:

Teresa D. Riley, daughter of the late Dana Riley, former customer accounting supervisor, Ashland. A senior at South Point (Ohio) High School, Teresa is a member of the National Beta Club and Worthy Advisor of South Point Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls. Her hobbies include playing the organ, sewing and making arts and crafts. She plans to attend Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and would like to enroll in the ROTC program there. She will major in systems analysis and wants to become a computer programmer.

Penny Welch, daughter of Clyde Welch, Jr., head T&D clerk, Bluefield. A senior at Bluefield High School, she is a member of the National Honor Society; board director, Keyette Club; treasurer, Elite Club; and a former head majorette and president of the band. Her hobbies include sewing, bowling, cooking,

swimming, baton twirling and tennis. Penny is a candy striper volunteer at Bluefield Sanitarium and hopes to obtain a degree in nursing from Bluefield State College.

Laura S. Larew, daughter of John R. Larew, Appalachian Power executive assistant, Roanoke. She also plans a career in medicine and would like to enter the pre-med program at the University of Virginia. A senior at Roanoke's Cave Spring High School, she has been a lab assistant in the Science Department for two years. She was sent by the Roanoke Civitan Club to their youth leadership camp and works with the drug abuse control council, RADAC. Laura's hobbies include playing the violin, horseback riding, sculpture, painting and crafts.

Laura's brother, Guy Larew, was an AEP Educational Award winner in 1971.

Steven L. Payne, son of Elmo M. Payne, stores supervisor in the General Office T&D Stores Section, Roanoke. A senior at Roanoke's Northside High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club

and band and is on the cross-country, indoor and outdoor track teams. Steven has received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. He is president of Explorer Post No. 593, a member of the Order of the Arrow, and a former senior patrol leader in Boy Scout Troop 216. Steven has been selected to participate in the honors program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Ricky A. Anderson, son of Charlie C. Anderson, credit representative A, Kingsport. Ricky plans to major in forestry at the University of Tennessee. At Ketron High School in Kingsport, he has been manager of the baseball team for two years; a member of the Tennis Club, former band member and helped form a chess club. He is scribe of the Kingsport Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and has been master councilor.

Belinda Tibbs, daughter of Billy Edward Tibbs, working foreman, Pikeville. At Millard High School, she is a member of the Student Council, Young Democrats, Rally Club, Keyettes, Teens Who Care, Acteens and band. She is also a

drum majorette and a member of the annual staff and Order of Rainbow for Girls. Belinda's hobbies are sketching, painting, crafts, cooking, sewing, twirling, reading and photography. She plans to major in commercial art or interior decoration at the University of Kentucky and hopes some day to design greeting cards and illustrate children's story books.

Mark A. Graham, son of Andrew L. Graham, Jr., power engineer, Pulaski. He has been accepted at the College of William and Mary and is considering law as a possible career. He is presently engaged in an independent study program in law after school hours. He was selected as one of 15 outstanding seniors at Pulaski County High School and will participate in the Presidential Classroom For Young Americans in Washington, D. C., later this month. He is a member of the student government, National Honor Society; Science Club; secretary, Key Club; and played both football and basketball. During his junior year he was a programmer for the school's weekly radio program and participated in a student tour of Germany in 1974. Mark is active

in the Trinity Lutheran Church and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Michael Harris, son of Eve Harris, chief chemist, Giles Plant. He plans to attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to study in engineering. At Giles School in Pearisburg, Virginia, Mike has been president National Honor Society and Club; treasurer, Photographic Club; sports editor, Giles staff and lettered in country and track. He is active in the Order of DeMolay and paper carrier for **The Roanoke Times** for four years. He represented Giles High School at a math rally at Radford College and on Klass Room Kvb WDBJ-TV. He also attended Radford College as a King Fellow summer of 1974.

J. Kenton Clouser, son of J. Kenton Clouser, General Manager of purchasing and stores division, Roanoke. He has completed medicine as a profession and has been granted early acceptance into the pre-med program at the University of Virginia. He is a recipient of a letter of commendation from the National Honor Society.

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Harris



Tibbs

erit Scholarship Qualifying card and has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students". Kent's hobby and main interest is music. He has played drums in the marching and concert bands at Cave Spring High School and for the Windsor Hills Baptist Church youth choir. He has been a disc jockey, news director and assistant station manager of the Cave Spring student radio station and worked one summer as an assistant crew member of a local TV station. Active in Junior Achievement and an Explorer Scout Chapter, he is a part-time cashier at McDonalds.

ent's sister, Carolyn Clouser, was the recipient of an AEP Educational Award in 1968.

itzie Naff, daughter of Ralph Naff, right of way agent, Cranoke. A senior at William Byrd High School in Vinton, she is a member of the all-county marching and stage bands; member of the newspaper staff, Beta Club, Music Club, New Life Club and Reindow (Spirit) Club. She was the first-place winner in the Blue Ridge District's Intemporaneous Speaking Contest and was named to the

Governor's School for the Gifted in 1974. She was Roanoke Valley's 1974 Junior Summer Scholar winner. She is also a member of the Vinton Choral Society, Vinton Baptist Church youth choir, handbell choir, adult choir and a volunteer worker with underprivileged boys at the Baptist Community Center. Mitzie is a past president of the Vinton Baptist Church Youth Council and Appalachian Power's Explorer Post #406. She will attend Westminster Choir College to obtain a BM in church music, vocal principal and keyboard minor.

Joy White, daughter of George White, unit foreman, Philip Sporn Plant. She hopes to major in accounting at Ohio University. At Meigs High School in Pomeroy, Ohio, she was a member of the intra-mural bowling league, stage band, National Honor Society, school annual staff, and vice president of the Girl's Athletic Association. She is a former member of the Meigs County Chapter, 4-H Club and is pianist at the Hemlock Grove Church of Christ. Joy was a delegate to Buckeye Girls' State and on her school's basketball and volleyball teams.

Line Tamers roll to first-half win

The Line Tamers team captured the first-half title in the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League, with the Live Wires team finishing in second place. Members of the Line Tamers and their averages are: Stan Oxley (145), Jerry Corder (180), Leland Price (154), Bill Bostic (174), Carl Beaver (167), Charlie Justice (148) and Fred Clendenin (139).

Corder's 180 was high average for the men, with Jack Jarrett as runner-up with 175. Elaine Braxton had 164 for high women's average, followed by Bonnie Jarrett with 138. Corder and Braxton had high series actual pins for the season, with 600 and 536, respectively.

Dan Veasey elects early retirement

H. D. "Dan" Veasey, civil engineer senior in the General Office T&D Station Section, Roanoke, elected early retirement March 1 after 40 years' service.

Dan began his career with Appalachian in 1935 as a draftsman in the then Roanoke District and, after a brief absence from the company, became chief draftsman. In 1940 he was called to active duty with the U. S. Army and served six years in Italy, Sicily and at the Fort Bliss, Texas, training center. Remaining in the Army Reserves after his discharge, he was commanding officer of the Roanoke reserve unit until his retirement in 1965 with the rank of colonel.

During his utility career, Dan worked in both GO Civil Engineering and GO Station. As a civil engineer in the Station Section, he was in charge of grading and foundation work for substations. He also participated in the construction of all major transmission lines except 765 kv.

Dan attends Raleigh Court United Methodist Church, where he has been in charge of the ushers and has served on the financial committee and administrative board. During retirement he hopes to spend more time on his photography and woodworking hobbies and take several trips with his wife Virginia. He has four children and eight grandchildren.



Veasey



Fred Rosser (right), president of KIPCO, a Junior Achievement company sponsored by Kingsport Power, sells the first share of stock to Kingsport executive vice president J. E. Faust (left). JA Advisors L. E. Miller, Jr (standing, left) and Wayne Matthews watch the transaction. KIPCO, operated by 26 students from five area high schools, manufactures quilted shoulder bags and plastic name plates. J. H. Carter (not pictured) also serves as a JA advisor.



If Pikeville Serviceman Earl Bellamy hadn't been alert, this rock could have struck his head in a freak accident recently. Driving down the highway in his service truck, Bellamy met a loaded coal truck and noticed something hit the road and bounce directly toward him. Fortunately, the weather was warmer than usual and he had the window down on the driver's side. Realizing the missile was going to hit, he leaned slightly out the open window. The rock came through the windshield where his head would have been and went out the rear glass, landing in the truck bed. Presumably the rock was thrown from between the rear dual wheels of the coal truck.



Fiber optics lamps like the ones in this photograph are being produced by Jalco, the Junior Achievement Company sponsored by Appalachian Power Company in Charleston this year. Watching as Charleston Division Manager purchases a share of Jalco stock are (from left) Stan Gilmore, Jalco vice president-manufacturing and son of Charleston Personnel Clerk Yvonne Gilmore; Melodie Boggs, treasurer; Alvin Cooper, president; and William B. Belchee, assistant Charleston Division manager. Serving as Appalachian advisors this year are Anna McGonagle, secretarial-stenographer; M. W. Scott, planner; William Romeo, engineer B; Metzel Turley, stenographer for Kanawha Valley Power; Leroy Balding, residential representative; and Carl Charlton, electrical engineer.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

HUNTINGTON

Danny King, son of Personnel Supervisor R. A. King, was elected to the West Virginia all-state band. He is a senior at Barboursville High School, Barboursville, W. Va.

Paul Baker, customer services supervisor, was named chairman of region 2 in the All West Virginia City Award Program sponsored by the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Kathleen Ransier, daughter of Office Messenger Catherine Hayes, was awarded the seventh annual Constance Baker Motley law scholarship at Ohio State University. Mrs. Ransier's picture appeared in *Jet* magazine along with mention of her \$1200 scholarship.

Barry Long, commercial engineer, was appointed a director of the Huntington Jaycees.

Q. H. Wickline, Point Pleasant meter reader, was elected president of the Mason County Little Men's League Association.

KINGSPORT

C. L. Barnes, collector, was chairman of the safety committee for a simulated tornado alert conducted by the Kingsport area Civil Defense.

Julia Anne Simpson, daughter of M. C. Simpson, Jr., customer services manager, was selected a "symphony belle" and presented at the annual ball sponsored by the Women's Symphony Committee. She is a senior at Dobyans-Bennett High School.

John E. Faust, executive vice president, was elected a director of the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce and re-elected to the board of directors of the Palmer Memorial Center for Crippled Children.

C. H. "Jeff" Bryant, stationman A, was elected treasurer of the Indian Springs Ruritan Club.

PULASKI

Elected officers of the Galax Employees' Benevolent Association were **Ralph Dalton**, T&D Line, president; **Richard Painter**, Accounting, vice president; and **Donna Parks**, Accounting, secretary-treasurer.

Line Inspector **W. E. Miller** was re-elected secretary of Pythagoras Lodge No. 239 AF&AM for 1975. Commercial Representative **Paul Gress** was appointed senior steward and Retiree **O. B. Kidd** was re-appointed tiler.

Administrative Assistant **J. B. Brillheart** was elected treasurer of Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Charles Settle, wife of the division superintendent, and Retiree **A. D. Clark** were re-appointed to the Pulaski Town Planning Commission.

CHARLESTON



Harrison

Duffield

Nitro Chapter #757 Women of the Moose honored its Grand Council member, **Mrs. John G. Harrison**, recently. She was deputy grand regent of West Virginia in 1968-69 and last year was appointed to a two-year term on the Grand Council. A dance was held and a Women of the Moose class enrolled in her honor. Chapters exemplifying the ritual were Huntington, Parkersburg, Charleston, St. Albans and Nitro. She is the wife of Right of Way Agent John Harrison.

Cathy Lynn Duffield, daughter of J. A. Duffield, Jr., communications engineer in the GO T&D Communications Section, Charleston, was installed as worthy advisor of Nitro Assembly No. 34 Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Hubert Shabdue, General Office area development consultant, is chairman of 21 counties in the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce city awards program.

Mark Webb, son of Meter Reader Jim Webb, was named to the all-county junior high band. He plays saxophone in the Sissonville Junior High Band.

Addie Jo Snyder, customer representative A, won the Christmas exterior decorating contest in Clendenin.

George Unangst, division superintendent, was elected to the board of directors of the Kanawha Valley Industrial Emergency Planning Council.

Greg Chambers, son of Kenneth Chambers, auto repairman B, was named to the all-county junior high school band. He plays first chair trumpet and is band captain at Marmet Junior High School.

Karen Gandee, daughter of Line Foreman O. W. Kallmerten, was inducted into Phi Upsilon Omicron and Omicron Nu honorary sororities at West Vir-

ginia University. A senior majoring in family resources, she had a 4.0 average this past semester. Her husband, **David Gandee**, also a senior at WVU, is president of Chi Epsilon civil engineering honorary fraternity and secretary of Tau Beta Pi honorary.

BECKLEY

J. D. Higgins, customer services manager, and **Ray Vest**, administrative assistant, will serve as president and vice president, respectively, of the 1976 United Fund in Beckley.

Lamoral Thorne, retired T&D clerk senior, was honored at special services for his dedication as a member of the Sunday School teaching staff at Beckley First Christian Church. He is president and teacher of the Men's Church School Class.

James E. Jones, division manager, was re-elected president of the Beckley-Raleigh County Industrial Development Corporation.

ROANOKE

Bill Faucette, a sophomore at Patrick Henry High School, was selected to attend the City of Roanoke's 1974-75 senior high honors seminar. The program was designed for highly motivated students with a strong desire to learn beyond the confines of the classroom. Students were selected from applications submitted and were basically chosen for academic records. Plans for this year's seminar include a two-day study of folk art and folk dance and a three-day overnight camping excursion dealing with the various sciences. Bill is the son of John W. Faucette, T&D.

GENERAL OFFICE



Isner

Toni Isner, daughter of Richard L. Isner, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was selected to be included in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". She is a senior at Cave Spring High School, Roanoke.

Richard Isner, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was re-elected chaplain of the Cave Spring Rescue Squad. He has been certified as an emergency medical technician instructor by the State of Virginia.

Marie Hagerman, wife of Jack W. Hagerman, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield, was elected secretary of the YWCA board of directors.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Henry D. Hatfield, Williamson stores and garage supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Tug Valley Country Club.

Abra Lynn Elkins, daughter of Equipment Service Advisor Chester E. Elkins, was on a panel of college students which met with students at Chapmanville High School to discuss adjustments facing an entering freshman. Abra is a junior at West Virginia University.

Michael David White, son of Line and Station Supervisor M. A. White, is doing his student teaching at Stollings Grade School. He is a student at Marshall University.

BIG SANDY

Billie Joe Jobe, control technician, was elected president of the Lawrence County Shrine Club in Louisa, Ky. He was also re-elected secretary of the El Hasa Clown Unit in Ashland.

Rhonda Lea McComas, daughter of Office Supervisor R. L. McComas, was selected a majorette for Ceredo-Kenova High School, Kenova, W. Va.

BLUEFIELD



Lefler

Judi Lefler, Princeton customer accounts representative B, was installed as president of the Home Economists in Action. **Mary Kirby**, residential representative, was appointed the club's publicity chairman.

James M. Loyd, customer accounting supervisor, was elected to a three-year term on the advisory board of the Golden Age Club, Bluefield.

C. B. Yearout, retired General Office safety coordinator, was named West Virginia co-chairman of the Mountain-Dominion Resource Conservation and Development Project for 1975.

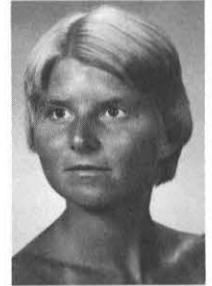
Mrs. Murray Callaway, wife of the retired right of way agent, was elected treasurer of the Episcopal Church Women of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bluefield, Va.

Jack Lloyd, division manager, will serve as president of the 1975 Greater Bluefield United Way Campaign. He has also been appointed to the boards of directors of the Bluefield, W. Va., Rescue Squad and the Mercer County Easter Seal Society. He will be vice president of the com-

mission to study ambulance service for Mercer County.

R. H. Ruff, retired power engineer senior, was appointed district bonus deputy for the West Virginia Veterans Bonus Office which serves McDowell and Wyoming counties.

ABINGDON



Snyder

Jayne Lynn Snyder, daughter of S. R. Snyder, transmission line foreman in GO Transmission Line, Abingdon, was elected lieutenant governor of the First District Southwest Virginia-Tennessee Civinette Club. Secretary of the Abingdon Civinette Club Jaynea received honorable mention for her entry on leukemia in the recent Clinch Valley College science fair. She also received a trophy as the most improved senior band member for 1974.

Sandra Rasnick, daughter of John Rasnick, is one of nine Bluefield College students on a study tour of the Holy Land.

S. R. Moser, Jr., Marion area line foreman non-exempt, was elected vice president of the Adwolf Ruritan Club.

George Mitchell, husband of Lois K. Mitchell, is Sunda School superintendent of the Suburban Christian Church.

Anna Crabtree, Marion area residential advisor, was elected to a three-year term on the church council of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Marion.



H. P. Dodd, retired assistant chief disbursements officer in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, was honored by the Highland Presbytery at a meeting in Bristol for his work as treasurer from 1957-1975. Dodd, who will continue as assistant treasurer of the Presbytery, was presented a check and a point pen. A testimonial was given by Dr. Walter Healy, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Roanoke where Dodd has just completed a term as elder.

ASHLAND

Bill Schweitzer, residential representative senior, was appointed to the board of directors of the Geiger Easter Seal Speech and Hearing Center.

Len Duren, son of Stenographer Mary Beth Duren, was named assistant vice president of the Central Bank and Trust Company, Lexington, Ky.

Phyllis Hawkins, daughter of Customer Services Manager Earl F. Hawkins, was elected to the board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association.

GLEN LYN



Kingrea

Chemist **Eddie Kingrea**, chief of the Pearisburg Volunteer Fire Department, was named "fireman of the year" for 1974. During his 12 years in the Department, he has served three years as president, two years as first vice president, one year as second vice president and one year as lieutenant. He has also served two terms as president and three terms as secretary of the Giles County Fireman's Association.

LYNCHBURG



Robertson

W. A. Robertson, stationman A, was elected venerable master of Lynchburg Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons.

Anne Marie Dorman, daughter of James R. Dorman, engineer B, received an honorable mention certificate in the National Children's Photograph Contest.



John B. Whitmore, senior appraisal engineer in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, received the first annual award for outstanding service to the Roanoke District of the United Methodist Church. Whitmore has served as district treasurer for 16 years.

WE REMEMBER



Schrader



Howard



McDaniel

Lena Schrader, 87, retired Pulaski Division senior bookkeeper, died February 12. A native of Wytheville, Virginia, she began her career in 1917 as a cashier and stenographer and retired November 1, 1952. Miss Schrader is survived by one sister.

Jean Fleming Cobb, 52, equipment operator at John E. Amos Plant, died February 6 after a short illness. A native of St. Albans, West Virginia, he was employed in 1960 as a laborer at Sporn Plant. Cobb is survived by his widow Nancy, two sons and one daughter.

F. B. McDaniel, Jr., 53, shift operating engineer at Kanawha River Plant, died February 10 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Standard, West Virginia, McDaniel was employed as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant in 1942. He is survived by his widow Frances, and three sons.

James Earl Howard, 58, Lynchburg line foreman non-exempt, died February 10 after a long illness. A native of Bedford County, Virginia, he was employed in 1941 as a fourth class groundman and had been on LTD leave since April 1971. Howard is survived by his widow Estelle, one daughter and three brothers, two sisters and two grandchildren. One brother is Retired Lynchburg Collector Massie T. Howard.

Marguerite Gregg, 70, retired customer accounting clerk B in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, died February 3. A native of Richmond, Virginia, Miss Gregg was employed in 1930 as a billing clerk and retired September 1, 1969. She is survived by one sister and one brother.

Howard J. Rader, 66, retired Philip Sporn Plant engineer, died February 1. A native of Winifrede, West Virginia, he began his career in 1927 as a boiler repairman at Cabin Creek Plant and retired August 1, 1970. He is survived by one daughter, two stepdaughters, one stepson, two sisters, one brother and two grandchildren.

Harvey Satterfield, 89, retired Bluefield custodian, died February 4. A native of Halifax County, Virginia, he was employed in 1938 as a janitor and retired June 1, 1953. Satterfield is survived by two sons.

James R. Wolford, 68, retired transmission general foreman in the General Office T&D Trans-

mission Section, Bluefield, died February 22. A native of Wythe County, Virginia, he began his career in 1929 as a lineman at Bluefield and retired September 1, 1971. Wolford is survived by his widow Mariam, two sons, three daughters and one brother. One son, James W. Wolford, is a maintenance man in General Office Hydro.

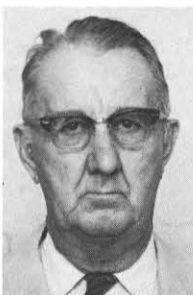
Everett D. Stewart, 27, part-time Lynchburg meter reader, died February 26 in a fire which gutted four buildings in downtown Lynchburg. He was a member of the Lynchburg City Fire Department. Stewart is survived by his widow Bonnie and one son.



Gregg



Rader



Wolford



Cobb

Sheriff Fannin enters retirement

"I plan to stick around home for a little while, then possibly end up living in the Virgin Islands," says Grover Cleveland Fannin, who was a maintenance man at Kanawha River Plant before electing early retirement January 1.

A native of Inez, Kentucky, he acquired the nickname of "Sheriff" while still living there. He began his career in 1951 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant and two years later transferred to Kanawha River as a helper. He became a junior maintenance man in 1957 and maintenance man in 1959.

In his spare time, Sheriff enjoys golfing, fishing and hunting.

Extensive traveling in store for Bluefield Retiree Lane Whitley

E. Lane Whitley, Bluefield electrical engineer senior, has always felt that after reaching 40 years of service, a person should be entitled to some rest and the pursuit of an interesting hobby such as traveling. So immediately upon his early retirement March 1, he left for Germany to visit his two grandchildren, daughter and son-in-law, who is a doctor with the U. S. Army 2nd Field Hospital. He will accompany them on a ski trip to Austria and later travel through southern Europe, hoping to visit Italy, Spain and Greece. He has already visited all but three of the other European countries east of the Iron Curtain.

Lane, a native of Galax, Virginia, holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Military Institute. He began his Appalachian career in 1934 as a groundman in Roanoke and soon moved into the Distribution Department, first as a clerk and then engineer. He transferred to Lynchburg in 1937 as a junior power engineer; and, after serving two years in the European Theatre, returned to work as a senior power engineer. In 1951 he transferred to Bluefield in the same capacity and became Pulaski commercial manager the following year. He was assistant Pulaski district manager from 1959 to 1961 and then moved to the Bluefield Division office as planning engineer.

Active in community affairs, Lane is a past president, vice president



Lane Whitley locks up his house before leaving for a trip to Germany, Austria and southern Europe.

and treasurer of the Pulaski Rotary Club; past president, Pulaski Country Club; past chairman of Pulaski County March of Dimes; former member of the Lynchburg Jaycees and Kiwanis Club; and is presently a member of the Bluefield Rotary Club, University Club, Bluefield Country Club, Chamber of Commerce and Westminster Presbyterian Church. He retired from the U. S. Army Reserves in 1964 with the rank of colonel, having served as a mobilization designee for ten years with the Department of Defense, Pentagon.

Lane also has one married son, Ernest, who works for "Medic" in Knoxville, Tennessee.

R. J. Blair, Pulaski customer services supervisor, ends 38-year career

"When I came to work, Appalachian started a rural electrification program. I was happy to be a part of that program and see it through to its completion," recalls R. P. "Pat" Blair. He retired March 1 as Pulaski Division customer services supervisor.

A native of Huddleston, Virginia, Pat holds a BS degree in agricultural engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He began his career in 1937 as a rural service engineer and later worked as a rural solicitor supervisor, rural sales representative A, district rural sales supervisor, division agriculture sales coordinator and division residential and rural sales supervisor.

Pat already has some definite plans for his leisure hours. He and his wife Hazel want to travel in the northwestern part of the United States and possibly Canada. He adds, "I will be doing quite a bit of gardening during the summer months. Also, I'll be helping clean up some land and building fences on the old homeplace in Wythe County. And I own an old home in Pulaski that still needs a lot of work."



Blair

Pat is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pulaski; active in the Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council; past president of the Pulaski Lions Club and past state chairman of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. Commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army in 1932, he was on active duty from 1942-46 and retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves in 1970.

13 couples around system married in recent weeks



White, R.



Dickerman



Duncan



Brown



Bell



Herald



Tabor



Payne



Stewart



White, C.



Childers

BABY PARADE

John E. Amos

Megan Dawn, daughter of **Michael R. Nester**, maintenance man B, January 26.

James S., son of **Thomas B. Hill**, utility operator A, February 7.

Christopher Douglas, son of **David M. Allport**, construction accountant, Construction Department, February 1.

Big Sandy

Jon Richard, son of **Richard D. Keelin**, unit operator assistant, February 9.

Central Machine

Chrissy Nicole, daughter of **Eugene W. Butler**, machinist first class, February 18.

Charleston

Stevan Erik, son of **Charles G. Dunlap, Jr.**, stationman B, December 19.

General Office

Kelley Annette, daughter of **Linda K. Frith**, general accounting clerk senior in GO Accounting, Roanoke, January 16.

James Edward, Jr., son of **James E. Elston**, draftsman in GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, January 14.

Rebecca Susan, Daughter of **Randall T. Odell**, GO T&D Transmission, Abingdon, August 11.

Joni Michelle, daughter of **C. A. Miller, Jr.**, engineer B in GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, January 25.

Glen Lyn

Elizabeth Ann, daughter of **Hobert M. Martin**, custodian, January 22.

Hazard

Susan D., daughter of **John Paul Campbell**, meter reader, February 16.

Kanawha River

Roy Franklin, son of **Elizabeth S. Kees**, office supervisor, January 21.

Pulaski

James Brian, son of **H. C. Osborne, Jr.**, Christiansburg lineman, February 6.

Randall Scott, son of **J. N. Coleman**, Galax lineman C, February 8.

Michael Gregg, son of **J. V. Cochran**, auto repairman helper, February 6.

Project 1301

David Scott, son of **Cecil R. Duncan**, receiving/shipping inspector, Construction Department, January 13.

Roanoke

Trica Vaden, daughter of **William L. Willhite**, lineman C, January 30.



Jeffrey Daniel Janosko, 15, received the James W. Long Memorial Award as the "Outstanding YMCA Boy of the Year" for 1974 at the annual meeting of Roanoke's Central YMCA. A junior at Cave Spring High School, Jeffrey is the son of A. Daniel Janosko, General Office T&D civil engineer senior, Roanoke. He is a member of Greene Memorial United Methodist Church, where he is an usher; senior patrol leader of Boy Scout Troop 221 and has attended Philmont National Scout Reservation and the Powhatan Trail Camp. He earned the eagle rank in 1973 and has received the God and Country award and the historic trails medal. Jeffrey is also a member of the Roanoke Valley Youth Council. The award he received recognizes leadership ability and outstanding sportsmanship.



Leading the Beckley Appaleisure Club during 1975 will be (from left) Alberta Riddle, president; Paula Goddard, vice president; and Mike Hunt, secretary-treasurer.

WEDDINGS

Linda M. Kipp to **Ronald E. White**, Section, Bluefield, to Pfc John E. Huntington custodian, February 1.

Suzanne Elizabeth Plauche to **John L. Dickerman**, electrical engineer in General Office T&D Distribution, Roanoke, December 28.

Deborah Lynn Averill, clerk-typist in General Office General Services, Roanoke, to **Stephen D. Duncan**, Roanoke meter reader, January 24.

Sarah Lynne Salyer to **Forrest Conley Brown, II**, son of Bluefield Area T&D Clerk Forrest C. Brown, December 7.

Jane Eberle Morehead, daughter of the late H. L. Morehead, former Pulaski right of way maintenance inspector, to Roger Roosevelt Bell, II, February 8.

Karen Deane Coffey to **Garry Ray Herald**, son of Albert B. Herald, Jr., Bluefield line foreman non-exempt, December 28.

Carol Sue Herald, daughter of E. E. Herald, transmission clerk senior in General Office T&D Transmission

Section, Bluefield, to Pfc John E. Tabor, December 22.

Yong Chun to **Robert L. Payne**, custodian in General Office General Services, Roanoke, January 30.

Holley Gale Gilpin, daughter of Hugh M. Gilpin, preparation engineer in the AEP Fuel Supply Department Charleston, to Thomas Robert Stewart, December 25.

Connie Bailey to **Charles M. White** son of Maurice A. White, Logan Williamson Division line and station supervisor, December 22.

Kathy Lou Shabdue, daughter of Hubert K. Shabdue, General Office area development consultant Charleston, to David Allen Childers February 8.

Eloise Fisher to **Max R. Drenner** Philip Sporn Plant stores attendant January 17.

Ona L. Magaw, stenographer in Amos Plant Construction, to Wayne L. Willard, November 28.

Highlight of Spencer's career was work on Smith Mountain Project



Spencer

Ralph Lynn Spencer, Roanoke Division T&D engineer B, elected early retirement March 1 after more than 34 years' service.

A native of Roanoke County, Virginia, Spence attended both Roanoke College and the Medical College of Virginia. Before joining Appalachian in 1940 as a draftsman, he was employed by Norfolk and Western Railway. He recalls, "I had a definite reason for wanting to go to work with Appalachian. My N&W job required me to spend too much time out on the road and away from home.

I took a \$15 cut in pay to come with Appalachian, but I wasn't at all sorry I made the change."

Spence's duties included work with construction of the causeways on Smith Mountain Lake. "Working with the design and layout of the causeways and helping to automate the chlorination system at the Visitors Center were the most interesting years of service. I can always look back and say I had a part in that."

Spence notes, "I have a lot of plans for retirement. A little traveling and some fishing when the weather warms up, but mostly I will just play it by ear. There's always plenty to do, and one definite job for me will be repairing and fixing up things around the house."

Spence is an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church and a past member of the Salem Optimist Club. He enjoys fishing, golf and spectator football. He has one daughter and two granddaughters. His son-in-law, Jess Woolridge, is accounts payable supervisor in General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

Employees receive awards for service with our companies



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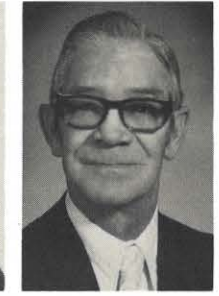
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Butler



Bryant



Spivey



Roush



Bradley



Santoro

40 Years	Classification	Location
Buskirk, J. B.	Truck Driver-Groundman	Logan-Williams
Evick, R. L.	Administrative Assistant	Ashland
Myers, B. D.	Shift Operating Engineer	Clinch River

35 Years	Classification	Location
Hayner, D. T.	Maintenance Foreman	Glen Lyn
Jones, W. H.	Planner Senior	Charleston
Moss, W. E.	Line Foreman Non Exempt	Lynchburg
Bosang, Elizabeth	Private Secretary Sr.	GO-Roanoke

30 Years	Classification	Location
Stone, G. W., Jr.	Planner Senior	Lynchburg
Williams, Adele	Cust. Accts. Rep. B	Kingsport
Hicks, J. F.	Engineer B.	Huntington
Peters, C. L.	Auto Repairman A	Roanoke

25 Years	Classification	Location
Sizemore, Dewey	Elec. Plt. & Stores Acctg. Supv.	GO-Ashland
Pioch, E. F.	Electrical Engineer	Charleston
Miller, R. M.	Communications Engr.	GO-Huntington
McColgan, W. W.	Operations Supervisor	Kanawha River
Sheffey, R. A., Jr.	Engineering Supervisor	Abingdon
Hill, H. R.	Meter Serviceman A	Charleston

Joe Vipperman has little time to call his own

His typical weekday starts before 8:30 in the morning and may not end until midnight. The days and evenings are filled with the wonders and intricacies of such things as finance, statistics, business law and economics. Books like **Statistics for Management and Economics** gobble up his reading time. Saturdays are reserved for working on school assignments.

That's the way Joe Vipperman's week goes. Until last June he was administrative assistant to W. S. White, Jr., senior executive vice president-operations of the Service Corporation. Now, he's on leave as a Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

When he completes the program, he'll not only have earned a master's degree in industrial management but will join a select group of AEP men who have preceded him in this intensive graduate program for top-notch students from around the world.

Vipperman's career started in 1962 when, just out of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, he joined Appalachian Power Company in Roanoke as an electrical engineer. Shortly after, he left for a three-year tour of duty with the Strategic Air Command. After his service stint, he returned to Appalachian as a senior distribution engineer. But in 1970, he was transferred to the Service Corporation as senior operations engineer in T&D Operations. He was named administrative assistant to White in 1972.

A school day for Joe usually begins around 8:30 a.m. He and several other Sloan Fellows, including one from Russia and one from Japan, have been assigned to car pools and take turns driving to the MIT campus from their Boston-area homes.

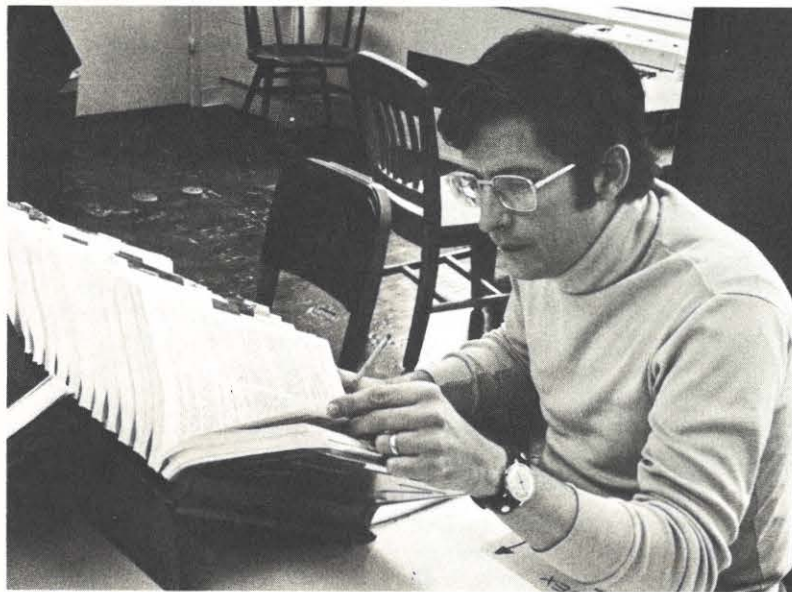
When he gets home, Joe's day still has hours to run. "I study until dinnertime, and after dinner, I study again, often until midnight," Joe says. Saturdays he works on the assignments he must do for his courses, but, as much as possible, he reserves Sundays as "family days."

The Vipperman family consists of Joe's wife, Pat, an eleven-year-old daughter, Jody, and a son, Bob, 6. In addition, there's a St. Bernard named Jeb Stuart and a cat, Beaugard.

With the exception of the last two family members, named after two of Joe's favorite heroes, all are enthusiastic sightseers. They've made it a point to explore as much as possible of Boston and its surrounding areas since moving there last summer. For a Virginian, Joe has seen a lot of Yankeeland.

He admits though that he'll have very little time for sightseeing — "Well, maybe a little" — when he and 52 other Sloan Fellows wind up their year with the traditional trip abroad. On the tour they will meet with major foreign business and government leaders. (The students have already met with leaders in this country.)

Among the stop-off points in the two-and-a-half week journey are London, Paris, Leningrad, Moscow and Frankfurt.



Joe Vipperman studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

20 Years	Classification	Location
Bradley, J. R.	Meter Serviceman B	Charleston
Santoro, J. J.	Asst. Resident Engr.	Amos Const.
Butler, J. D., Jr.	Civil Const. Asst.	GO-Blue Ridge
Bryant, C. H.	Stationman A	Kingsport
Spivey, D. K.	Engineer B.	Pulaski
Roush, C. D.	Stores Attendant	Philip Sporn

15 Years	Classification	Location
St. Clair, H. F., Jr.	Electrical Engineer Sr.	Bluefield
Rolen, Ella Mae	Secretarial-Stenographer	GO-Ashland
Maloney, Pryce, Jr.	Maintenance Man	Big Sandy

10 Years	Classification	Location
Branscome, C. G.	Line Foreman Non Exempt	Bluefield
Wise, R. M.	Electrical Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Legge, Brenda	Stenographer	Huntington
Wagner, S. L.	Cust. Accts. Rep. B	Huntington
Loope, W. G.	Stationman A	Roanoke
White, G. H.	Lineman A	Ashland

5 Years	Classification	Location
Spencer, D. H.	Meter Reader	Abingdon
Odell, G. W.	Lineman C	Beckley
Priddy, Glenna	Stenographer	Beckley
Smith, Leva Ellen	PBX Operator	Beckley
Cahill, T. W.	Surveyor	Bluefield
Bone, H. L., Jr.	Draftsman	Bluefield
Phipps, W. S.	Lineman B	Bluefield
Martin, A. E.	Stationman B	Bluefield
Ross, C. K.	Planner	Charleston
Trigg, R. S.	Sr. Engineering Tech.	Charleston
Chambers, K. L.	Auto Repairman B	Charleston
Jones, D. P.	Auto Repairman B	Charleston
Dodd, J. L.	Assistant Planner	Charleston
Hartless, R. W.	Data Proc. Op. A	GO-Roanoke
Mullen, R. W.	Data Proc. Op. A	GO-Roanoke
Serry, H. S.	Transmission Engineer	GO-Bluefield
Stiff, R. M.	Civil Engineer Sr.	GO-Roanoke
Stultz, H. N.	Right of Way Agent	GO-Charleston
Thomas, D. S.	T&D Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Vaughan, W. O.	Right of Way Agent	GO-Roanoke
Ridgeway, R. I.	Meter Reader	Huntington
Whitt, Sam	Lineman A	Logan-Williamson
Jeffers, J. E.	Stationman C	Logan-Williamson
Mills, R. S.	Lineman A	Logan-Williamson
Wells, R. W.	Lineman A	Logan-Williamson
Wray, R. L.	Stores Attendant	Roanoke
Dearing, F. D.	Garage Foreman NE	Roanoke
Davis, B. A.	Meter Serviceman C	Roanoke



Mitzie Naff, daughter of Roanoke Right Of Way Agent Ralph Naff, is one of 32 AEP Educational Award winners for 1975. See related articles this page and page 4.

32 students win AEP educational awards

Thirty-two sons and daughters of System employees are winners in the 21st annual American Electric Power Educational Awards competition. Eleven of those were winners in our three companies:

J. Kent Clouser, son of E. J. Clouser, General Office purchasing and stores director, Roanoke;

Mark A. Graham, son of Pulaski Power Engineer A. L. Graham, Jr.;

Michael E. Harris, son of Glen Lyn Plant Chief Chemist Everett V. Harris;

Laura S. Larew, daughter of J. R. Larew, Appalachian Power executive assistant, Roanoke;

Mitzie K. Naff, daughter of Roanoke Right of Way Agent W. R. Naff;

Steven L. Payne, son of Elmo M. Payne, stores supervisor in General Office T&D Stores, Roanoke;

Penny G. Welch, daughter of Bluefield Head T&D Clerk Clyde O. Welch, Jr.;

Joy C. White, daughter of Philip Sporn Plant Unit Foreman George White;

Ricky A. Anderson, son of Charlie C. Anderson, Kingsport credit

representative senior;

Teresa Riley, daughter of the late Dana Riley, former Ashland customer accounting supervisor; and

Belinda Tibbs, daughter of Billy Edward Tibbs, Pikeville working foreman.

The awards were based on grades, test scores, interviews and other information furnished by the applicants.

The awards are administered by the AEP System Educational Trust Fund. They are generated

from dividends on AEP common stock and other investments and can be used only for educational purposes. The first award was made in 1955 and in the years since the number and size have increased steadily.

This year's winners will get a \$1,500 grant for their freshman year of study at an accredited college. Winners still attending college in good standing in 1976 will receive \$1,000 for the sophomore year.

See stories and pictures on individual winners, page 4.



Installed as officers of the Appalachian Power Company Girls' Service Club Bluefield, for 1975 were (from left) Martha Buford, GO transmission clerk president; Sue Hankins, GO clerk stenographer, vice president; Diann Bishop, T&D clerk, secretary; and Nell Nunnery, secretarial-stenographer treasurer.



Nancy Cox (left), top salesperson for TELCO, presents Roanoke Division Manager D. C. Kennedy with one of the trouble lights her Junior Achievement company is selling. Looking on is Residential Advisor Rose Anthony, a JA advisor. TELCO (Trouble Emergency Light Company) is sponsored by Appalachian Power in Roanoke.

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