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Appalachian Power's General Office Accounting Department received a trophy for having the best continuing manhour record for Group C in the AEP System Annual Safety Competition for 1974. Employees had worked 3,115,235 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury as of December 31. The award was presented by Appalachian Executive Vice President John W. Vaughan (left) to Accounting Manager J. B. Berg.

## Cook

### AEP System is well positioned in capacity, fuel and transmission

"Although the American Electric Power System is not insulated from the multiple problems facing the industry, we are nevertheless in a better position than most to weather the storm until good sense returns to the ordering of our national affairs and a responsible national energy program finally emerges."

Thus did Chairman Donald C. Cook offer encouragement to the record 480 shareowners who attended the 68th annual meeting of the American Electric Power Company at the Plaza Hotel, New York, on April 23. The meeting, at 3½ hours, was the longest in the company's history.

In his address, prepared but not delivered in order to provide more time for questions and answers, Cook said that he was "unaware of any other large utility system in the country that is as well positioned in either generating capacity or the fuel necessary to operate it as is the AEP System. The same can be said with respect to our transmission system — the world's highest-capacity network.

"These margins . . . will be of major importance in the years ahead and are largely responsible for our ability to reduce our construction expenditures to much lower levels over the next few years without immediate sacrifice of availability of power supply in our service area."

Cook said that reductions in the construction program are "only temporary expedients," and timely completion of delayed projects "remains essential to the

meeting of longer-term growth.

"However," he added, "the key to the resumption of postponed construction programs is prompt and substantial rate relief. Without that relief such resumption will remain impossible. In that case it is difficult to see how the power shortages of the late 1970s and 1980s can be avoided even by power systems as strong as ours."

As to the future of the industry, Cook was emphatically positive:

"We believe that, whatever the level of conservation and frugality, a growing population and the rising aspirations of all our people will require vast economic growth in the future. We also believe that the required growth will only be possible through the use of an ever-increasing amount of energy and that in the future electric energy will have to play a much larger role in meeting those needs than it has in the past . . . Indeed, we believe that, as the shift to electric power from other energy forms takes place, we will be facing a period of unparalleled growth in the demand for electricity.

The question then to be faced, the chairman said, is ". . . Will the supply of electricity be there?" and the answer is less encouraging: "Because of the utter failure of the government to formulate and carry out any kind of sensible energy program, the prospect now is that the electric industry will fall far short by the late 1970s and beyond, into the (continued on page 2)

## SCC grants Appalachian Power \$19-million rate increase in Virginia

The Virginia State Corporation Commission on May 1 approved a \$19,046,756 rate increase for Appalachian Power Company, to become effective May 9. The amount was only 52.7% of the \$36.2-million the company had requested in its application filed in December 1974. Both the SCC staff and the attorney general's office had recommended a higher increase than was granted. The hike is the first general rate increase for Virginia customers in 22 years.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of Appalachian, said, "We are gratified to receive the decision, but are extremely disappointed that we did not receive more nearly the amount we had requested." He added that the increase will give the company an opportunity to earn an 8.4% rate of return on its Virginia plant investment of \$544.8-million — or annual net earnings of \$45.7-million.

Vaughan noted that a recent \$40-million bond sale was at

### SCC challenged on right to set power line sites

The Virginia Supreme Court was asked last month to decide how far the State Corporation Commission can go in establishing site locations for high voltage lines.

The SCC contends it has been granted broad authority both by the state constitution and statutory law. But opponents of an SCC ruling last July insist that the commission overstepped its bounds.

Campbell County and Citizens for Common Sense, a Campbell-based group, appealed the SCC decision directing Appalachian Power Company to construct its proposed 765,000 volt transmission line along a southern route from the Cloverdale substation east of Roanoke to the Joshua Creek substation southeast of Lynchburg. A substantial portion of the route is through Campbell County.

Appalachian had requested that the line be routed north of Bedford to the Ivy Creek substation west of Lynchburg. But the SCC said the southern route would have the least environmental impact on both people and historic and scenic sites. The southern route is 18 miles longer and will cost \$5.3-million more than the favored northern route.

an interest rate of 11 1/8% and "obviously the 8.4% rate is rather small in this atmosphere". His disappointment related to the timing as well.

Since the request was filed early in December, "almost half of 1975 has elapsed without improvement in rates," he said, "and it takes 30 days after a rate increase for the company to realize benefits."

#### Request excessive

The 2-1 decision, written by Judge Junie Bradshaw and concurred in by Chairman Thomas P. Harwood, called the request "clearly excessive" based on comparable earnings of other companies. Judge Preston Shannon, who concurred with the decision in other respects, thought the company should have been given \$25.5-million.

Bradshaw pointed to Appalachian's record as the highest earning subsidiary in a corporation which has been one of the nation's best earning utility systems. He said he was concerned that "Virginia consumers continually lead the AEP rate parade". At the same time, they are "fair minded and will not expect to bring up the rear". But Bradshaw said he would think their preference "would be to pay their fair share and be ranked fourth in the AEP family of seven".

Vaughan's reaction to the criticism of Appalachian earnings was that "prior to this increase, we had the lowest rates of any major private electric company in Virginia. It seems that the level of rates we provide customers at the bottom line should be the thing they were concerned about."

#### Under-recovery

The Commission noted that Appalachian had not made an over-recovery in the fuel adjustment clause during the test period of 1974 and actually had an under-recovery. But the Commission modified the fuel adjustment clause to prevent any possible future over-recovery and directed that the present extra fuel charges be rolled into the base rate with the fuel costs of March 1975 as the fuel factor.

#### Franklin Real Estate

Retired Judge M. Ray Doubles, former Dean of University of Richmond Law School, was commissioned to make a study of the ramifications of real estate holdings involving Franklin Real Estate Company. At the same time, the company was ordered

to file a report with the SCC in 90 days concerning the creation of a new arrangement for proper ownership between the company and Franklin Real Estate. The report is to specifically state the company's plan for disposing of property not used and useful in providing electric service.

A major factor in the ten days of hearings in January and February on Appalachian's request was the company's non-utility connected land holdings and its connection with Franklin Real Estate Company, an AEP subsidiary even though these holdings are not included in the rate base and have no effect on rate levels.

#### Other directives

In addition, the Commission directed Appalachian to delete provisions for late payment charges to its customers, to provide that meters be read monthly and that initial and final bills be based on actual meter readings rather than estimates. It also ordered that all special rates and concessions for employees with total electric homes be eliminated by June 30, 1976.

### Apco bonds sold at 11 1/8 % interest

Appalachian Power Company last month sold \$40-million of first mortgage bonds at an interest rate of 11 1/8% and a cost to the company of 11.31% — the highest such levels in the utility history. In contrast, Appalachian sold \$50-million of first-mortgage bonds only 13 months ago at an interest rate of 8 1/2%.

The eight-year bonds, maturing in 1983, were sold at competitive bidding to an investment group headed by First Boston Corporation.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of Appalachian, said the record interest rate "is a direct reflection of the recent downgrading of the company bonds by both Moody's and Standard & Poor's," the nation's two principal securities rating organizations. "This downgrading, in turn," he continued, "is a direct reflection of the company's inability to receive adequate and timely rate relief — relief that is urgently needed — in both West Virginia and Virginia.

He added that the record interest would cost the company "close to \$5-million" in added expenses over the comparatively short term of the bonds, over their anticipated cost if they had not been downgraded.



## Public hearing on Cabin Creek, Sporn units 1-4 set for May 22

The West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission considered the closing of Appalachian Power Company's Cabin Creek Plant and Philip Sporn Plant Units 1-4, owned jointly by Ohio Power Company and Appalachian, as items on its agenda last month. The results, though only preliminary in nature and subject to further official state action, were encouraging.

The Commission agreed to permit Cabin Creek Plant to operate until the public hearing providing it continues to burn a one per cent sulfur coal with an ash content no higher than 16 per cent. The cost of the coal would be within the price limitation which Appalachian Power Company has filed with the Public Service Commission.

Also, the Commission indicated that if at times coal within the stipulated price range could not be obtained, it would agree to an increase in sulfur content of up to 1.5 per cent on a blended basis. However, the company would have to notify the Commission whenever it burns coal with a sulfur content above one per cent.

Carl Beard, director of the Commission, urged that a hearing on the Sporn Plant be held on the same date as that proposed for Cabin Creek. In addition, he requested that Appalachian and Ohio Power Company supply financial information regarding their inability to finance electrostatic precipitators for Sporn Units 1 through 4. The company has submitted the necessary data.

The public hearing now scheduled for May 22, 1975, will consider Cabin Creek, Philip Sporn Units 1-4, and a new compliance schedule for Unit 5.

## APCo asks review of refund order

The West Virginia Supreme Court last month heard Appalachian Power Company's petition for review of a Public Service Commission order directing the company to refund some \$23-million to its West Virginia customers.

The PSC originally issued an order on January 31, 1975, denying Appalachian Power about 86 per cent of a rate increase it had been collecting under bond since 1971, and calling for a refund of approximately \$33-million. This amount was subsequently reduced to the \$23-million figure following an appeal by the company.

If the court rules favorably on the company's petition for review, it will set a hearing sometime later this year. Refunding under the PSC order would be stayed until a decision is reached by the Supreme Court following such a hearing.

## Byllesby, Buck set record

Byllesby and Buck hydro plants in Pulaski Division generated 17,531,000 kwh in March, setting the best monthly record in their 63-year history. The previous record of 16,198,000 kwh was set in April 1960.

The new record was set despite the fact that Buck's No. 2 unit was shut down nine days for inspection and maintenance, and a set of flashboards at Buck was out for 16 days. While an exceedingly good runoff from rains helped, the major factor was the dedication of the plants' employees who worked diligently to maintain all units in good condition. The employees operated the plants in a manner to utilize all available water.



Appalachian Power's General Office Real Estate and Right of Way Department received a certificate of merit from AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook for working 1,654,602 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury. The record for these 36 employees began June 15, 1948. Admiring the award are John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president (left), and W. E. Coleman, superintendent, Real Estate and Right of Way Department.

## Four new officers elected by AEP Service Corporation

The American Electric Power Service Corporation last month elected four new officers.

A. Joseph Dowd, the company's general counsel, was elected a senior vice president. He had been vice president. He is also a director of the company and secretary of its parent American Electric Power Company.

John R. Burton, associate general counsel, was elected a vice president, as well as a director. He also serves as secretary of the Service Corporation and of each of the AEP System's seven operating companies.

A. W. D. Gronningsater, tax counsel, also was elected a vice president.

And Stephen J. Marmaroff, head of the Projects Division, was elected an assistant vice president.

Dowd, of Glen Cove, N. Y., joined AEP as a senior attorney in 1962 and has been general counsel since 1973. He holds AB and law degrees from Harvard University.

Burton, of Manhasset, N. Y., had been president and chief executive officer of Private Export Funding Corporation prior to joining AEP in March 1974. He holds degrees from Roanoke College and Case Western Reserve Law School. Before assuming a principal role in organizing PEFCO he had been a senior partner in the New York law firm of Reid & Priest.

Gronningsater has been a member of the AEP Legal Department for 20 years and its tax counsel for 12. From Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., he is a law graduate of Columbia Law School.

Marmaroff, of Bay Shore, N. Y., joined AEP's Electrical Engineering Division in 1961,



Dowd

became a staff engineer in 1968 and head of the Projects Division in 1971. He holds an electrical engineering degree from Cornell University and masters degrees in both operations research and business administration from New York University.

## Changes made in OIP awards

A corporate goal of \$1,250,000 in savings has been established for Appalachian Power Company's 1975 Operations Improvement Program. Ideas submitted by employees during the first quarter of the year have already resulted in an estimated savings of \$739,000 annually.

Several changes were made in the awards program this year. Trading stamps, a feature of the 1972-74 programs, will no longer be given. An improvement idea will be eligible for awards (1) if it is selected as one of the better proposals processed during a quarter, (2) drawn in "end of the year" sweepstakes, or (3) published as an AEP Operating Ideas article or in a technical magazine.

Engraved Best Performance trophies will no longer be given to the locations judged best in each category. Instead, an "end of the year" achievement certificate will be presented to those locations who have contributed their fair share toward the corporate goal.

Formerly, engraved silver plates were awarded to the location in each category submitting the best proposal. This year five of the best proposals submitted each quarter will be selected. Each will receive an award having a monetary value of approximately \$20. In those cases where the proposal is submitted by more than one person, the local management will determine the recipient of the award.

Accepted proposals having a savings of \$100 or more will participate in an "end of the year" lottery for five electrical appliances. One chance will be given for \$100-\$499 savings; two chances for \$500-\$999; three chances for \$1000-\$4999; and four chances for \$5000 and above. Should a proposal selected as a lottery winner be submitted by more than one employee, local management will determine the recipient of the award.

## AEP System (continued from page 1)

1980s. Thus, the period of power shortages in the United States is just around the corner. These shortages will necessarily limit the future economic growth of the country, and will do so to the great detriment of all of our people and to the position of our country in a rapidly changing and dangerous world.

"Finally," Cook said, "if, in spite of AEP's strong position, power shortages finally come to our service area, it will not be because we did not alert the government or the public to that possibility, nor because we did not publicly describe the causes, nor yet because we did not publicize the means readily available to avoid such a catastrophe. It will instead have resulted from the strange amalgam of foolish actions and

paralyzing non-action on the part of both government and citizens alike. Playing politics with the national interest may be expedient today. But the final reckoning will certainly come tomorrow."

During the business portion of the session, the shareowners re-elected 13 directors and re-appointed Haskins & Sells as AEP System auditor for 1975. A proposal offered by two shareowner groups, representing church organizations, was defeated. It would have required the company to prepare and issue a detailed mining report and distribute it to the shareowners. The company had opposed the proposal on grounds that it was duplicative, of no benefit and wasteful of company funds.

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Reynolds



Bailey

## Bailey, Reynolds take new posts in General Office Customer Services

Two men have been named to new positions in Appalachian Power Company's General Office Customer Services Department, Roanoke. E. Lawson Bailey has been promoted to GO customer services manager, succeeding R. D. Webster, who earlier was named assistant manager of the Roanoke Division. Glenn H. Reynolds, area development director of the company, succeeded Bailey as GO residential services director.

Bailey, a native of Weston, West Virginia, joined Appalachian as a residential sales representative at Huntington in 1945. He held several positions before being promoted to Huntington Division commercial and industrial sales supervisor in 1960. He became sales supervisor in 1967 and

transferred to Roanoke in 1969 as heating sales coordinator. He was named General Office residential sales supervisor in 1970 and last year became General Office residential services manager. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from International Correspondence Schools.

Reynolds, a native of Marlinton, West Virginia, holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He was employed as an electrical engineer at Bluefield in 1958 and was commercial sales engineer there before transferring to Pulaski as area development consultant in 1969. He moved to Roanoke in 1973 as the company's area development director.

## Cook discusses energy problems, gives solutions on "Meet the Press"

AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook was one of six U. S. business leaders who appeared on a special one-hour "Meet the Press" program on Sunday, April 20, on the National Broadcasting Company national television network.

Here are excerpts from Mr. Cook's responses to questions asked by the five newsmen on the program:

"All good people could hope that these five earlier forecasts (by the other panelists, who had predicted an upturn in the economy later this year) were going to be accurate. However, it's not yet true in the electric power business."

"In terms of the primary energy in existence within the United States, the problem (of an energy shortage), far from being bleak, is very rosy. In terms of our seeming ability to pull ourselves together and get in the position where we can do the things necessary to allow us to produce this primary energy and to refine it and to apply it, it's very bleak indeed."

### Coal is solution

"There are very simple approaches to the problem (of solving the energy shortage). All of them, rightly or wrongly, are going to have to revolve around coal in the final analysis."

"What we need is less conversation and more action. We need to finally get an energy policy, instead of having half a dozen agencies, each with its own policy and spending half their time around Washington fighting with one another. I believe we ought to have an energy czar, an energy program, then we could take care of these difficulties in very short order."

### Power shortage

Responding to a question as to foreseeing a period of power shortages ahead, resulting from recent power plant construction cutbacks: "It's already on the horizon. Taking only a very modest projected increase in the demand for electric power and putting this against the available generating capacity will very clearly show that by 1979, perhaps earlier but surely in full flower by 1980, there will be a power shortage in the U. S. that will make your hair curl."

### Federal help

In answer to a question about Federal "bail-out" help: "My own experience has told me that, when you bring government into private business, you bring in a dead hand. The situation, far from being alleviated, only becomes infinitely worse. We need only look at the spectacle in Washington today, with the multiplicity of agencies each with its own policy on energy and none of them im-

plementing anything of any significance."

On the environment: "It is the duty of man in all of his activities to cast a vote for a better universe. I was born and lived in the country; I lived in the woods and on the lakes; I know something about the land that, oddly enough, I have not found in equal understanding on the part of some of our most rabid environmentalists."

### Scrubbers

On scrubbers: "I have found it passing strange that the policy of the AEP System, which is to fully comply with all of the requirements of the Clean Air Act by the burning of a clean fuel, should come under criticism because instead we did not elect to put scrubbers on our plants. I tell you that scrubbers, even if they would work — and they don't, are an enemy of the land. A recent report that came out of the Department of Interior indicated that, if scrubbers were placed on major power plants in the U. S. in any substantial number, in a very few years we would be producing 70-million tons of sulfur-bearing sludge every year that went by."

### Compliance

On the Environmental Protection Agency: "Our principal quarrel with the EPA is not with regard to its air-quality standards. Our quarrel rather is with respect to the very wooden approach it has used to the method of compliance. The Clean Air Act is a federal statute, reinforced by criminal sanctions. Every utility must comply or run the risk of going to jail. We are going to be among the first to fully comply."

## MOVING UP



Kilgore

**Robert B. Kilgore**, former Roanoke Division station supervisor, was promoted to Pulaski Division superintendent on May 1. He will succeed C. R. Settle upon his retirement July 1. Kilgore is an electrical engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and is working toward his master's degree there.

**Fern R. Gesling**, former assistant payroll supervisor in Kentucky Power's General Office Accounting Department, Ashland, has been promoted to the newly established position of payroll accounting supervisor. She attended Booth Business School.

**William B. Syck**, former appliance serviceman A in Pikeville Division, has been promoted to the exempt position of residential advisor. He succeeds Claude F. Justice, who retired April 1. Syck attended Bowling Green Business College.



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Effective April 21, Appalachian Power's residential bills include a line at the bottom that specifies the average cost per day for that particular customer's electric service during the billing period covered by the bill. Hopefully, this information will impress upon the customer that electricity, on a daily basis, is still a bargain.

## OPCo seeks preliminary permit to install units at Gallipolis Dam

Ohio Power Company recently filed with the Federal Power Commission for a preliminary permit that would allow it to make necessary feasibility studies for the installation of generating facilities at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Gallipolis Locks and Dam on the Ohio River.

Ohio Power's proposed project, to be constructed on the Ohio side of the Gallipolis Dam, would have an installation of low head generating units totaling about 40,000 kilowatts, and would be coordinated with the proposed modernization of the Corps'

existing locks and dam.

An approximately four-mile long 69 kilovolt transmission line would connect this generating facility with the American Electric Power System at Appalachian Power Company's Apple Grove transmission station in West Virginia.

A preliminary permit does not authorize construction, but preserves the holder's priority for a license under the Federal Power Act while studies necessary for the license application are being made.

## Contract awarded for development of current limiting device switches

A new device for limiting AC short circuit currents in power systems will be developed under a program announced last month by the American Electric Power System and Hughes Aircraft Company.

As part of this program, Hughes

Research Laboratories, Malibu California, has been awarded a contract to supply AEP with three current-limiting device (CLD) switches. First of the three will be installed at Ohio Power Company's Muskingum River Plant; locations of the others have not yet been selected.

The purpose of current limiting is to prevent short circuit currents in an electric power system from reaching unmanageable or destructive proportions.

The contract calls for an initial 30-month effort to design, fabricate, test and install at the power station a three-phase, 138 kilovolt CLD. Key elements of the device will be a special electronic interrupter tube and an ultra-fast mechanical switch, initially developed by Hughes for use in DC circuit breakers. This will mark the first application of the Hughes circuit breaker technology to AC systems.

## I&M bonds sold at 10%

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, in a private placement on April 1, sold \$15-million of bonds at an interest rate of 10% — a rate established before a recent downgrading of I&M's bonds.

Proceeds from the issue, due to mature in 1985, were used to retire 8¼% bonds then maturing.



# PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## ABINGDON

**Mrs. Clark Peck**, wife of the retired records supervisor, was chairman of the nominating committee for the Abingdon Garden Club.

**Melinda Thayer**, daughter of Hunter Thayer, engineer B, won a blue ribbon in the vaulting event at the Bristol YMCA. She participated in the 8- to 9-year-old group which included children from the tri-cities area.

**Sandra Johnson, Lynn Snyder, Katie Kahle, David Blankenship, Kimberly Wright and Linda Fleenor** were among members of the Abingdon High School Band which played at Disney World recently. **Mr. and Mrs. Sam Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Tivis Wright** were chaperones. Snyder is in GO Transmission and Wright is a lineman A.

**Vickie Carr**, daughter of Records Supervisor Valentine Carr, toured France with the Abingdon High School French class recently.

**Beth Hughes**, daughter of James C. Hughes, administrative assistant, was named outstanding teenager of the month by the Abingdon High School Key Club. She was given a \$25 savings bond and a certificate by the Abingdon Kiwanis Club in conjunction with the award. Beth was recently chosen for both the all-regional and all-state chorus.

**Lynn Snyder and Beth Hughes**, seniors at Abingdon High School, were tapped into the National Honor Society.

## ASHLAND

**Brian Saltz** was included in the six-member delegation from Paul Blazer High School which won first place in a model United Nations debating session sponsored by Marshall University. Fifteen delegations from high schools in the Tri-State area participated in the two-day event. He is the son of Personnel Director J. G. Saltz.

**J. G. Saltz** has been appointed to the advisory board of the Ashland Salvation Army and is serving as secretary.

Public Affairs Director **M. O. Julien** was elected to a two-year term on the Ashland Kiwanis Club board of directors.

**Ned Viars**, engineer B, was appointed committee chairman for Boyd County Cub Scout Pack 125.

**Carolyn Traugott**, clerk-stenographer in GO Personnel, is a member of the vocal quartet,

"The First Affairs", that performed in the Armco Founders' Day variety show recently.

**Dora Adkins**, meter clerk senior in GO Meter, was installed worthy shepherdess of Ashland Shrine No. 7, White Shrine of Jerusalem.

## CHARLESTON



Bruer

Coleman

**Pam Coleman**, daughter of John C. Coleman, planner senior, was elected state secretary of the Future Business Leaders of America. She is president of the Ben Franklin Chapter, FBLA, and will attend the national convention at Miami in June.

**Jack Bruer**, son of Jackie Bruer, customer accounts representative B, was a member of the Weberwood Wildcats fourth grade basketball team which won the regional championship.

**Jack Crowder**, planner, received the outstanding student award of the U. S. Army Reserve Officers Career Course for the 1974-75 school year.

The Harkins Golf Open, named for Meter Reader **Frank Harkins**, was held March 28 at Riviera Golf Course in Huntington. First prize was a framed, autographed picture of **Homer Bragg**, customer accounts assistant. Approximately 20 employees participated.

**Ralph Myers**, engineer B, was in charge of arrangements for the Spring Alpine Invitational Warm-Up Golf Tournament held at Sandy Brae Golf Course. **Ben Shew**, senior engineering technologist, took first prize.

## BLUEFIELD

**Don Jackson**, son of Accounting Supervisor Kenneth Jackson, was elected president of the Key Club at Bluefield High School for the 1975-76 school year. He has also been inducted into the National Honor Society.

**Bill Martin**, son of Pineville Area Supervisor Jack Martin, was selected to attend Boys' State at Jackson's Mill in June.

**Lucious Oliver**, office messenger, supervises a youth program at Mt. Zion Pentecostal

Church in Bluefield, W. Va. He is also a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent and choir director.

**Dottie Lawless**, secretarial-stenographer, attended the General Federation of Women's Clubs, West Virginia Division, at The Greenbrier as a representative of the Keystone-Northfork Woman's Club.

**G. T. Lineberry**, a member of the Bluefield College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national junior college honorary, attended the honorary's annual national convention in Pennsylvania. He is the son of General Serviceman Gene Lineberry.

## KINGSPORT

Residential Representative **Bennett McAlpine** was elected to a three-year term on the board of deacons of First Presbyterian Church.

**Genevieve Dorton**, widow of the late Line Foreman Tommy Dorton, designed and painted Easter cards and tray favors for 100 patients at Kingsport Manor Nursing Home.

**Kim Ferrell**, daughter of Head T&D Clerk R. L. Ferrell, Jr., is a member of the Sevier Jr. High volleyball team that won first place in a regional tournament. She was also elected tenth grade class representative.

**Kaye Miller**, daughter of Service Coordinator L. E. Miller, Jr., won first place in the Food Industry Division of the District I Distributive Education Career Development Conference.



A car made by Cub Scout Todd Cash and his father, Richard O. Cash, Lynchburg meter serviceman A, took first place in best looking and race competition in Pack 30's Pinewood Derby competition. Their entry also placed third out of 87 in Central District competition. Earlier this year Todd and his father built a rocket which placed second in the Cub Space Derby.



Clide and Charlotte St. John admire the 1975 Distinguished Service Award he received from the Madison Heights Jaycees. Clide was chosen for his services to the community and its people. He works with paraplegic citizens and is a member of the Madison Heights Christian Church, Edward N. Eubank Masonic Lodge, Kazim Temple in Roanoke, Lynchburg Shrine Club, Izaak Walton League, Woodmen of the World and is a 32nd Degree Mason (Scottish Rite). Charlotte is a stenographer in the Lynchburg Personnel Department.

## LYNCHBURG

**Wesley Garner**, meter service helper B, was named chairman of the Bicentennial Committee for the Central District, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America.

**W. David Crews, Jr.**, son of the personnel supervisor, was elected treasurer of the Red Cross Club at Brookville High School. He recently served on a committee which was successful in collecting 174 pints of blood at the school.

**Sally Briggs McCarthy**, daughter of the late Charles H. McCarthy, is employed by the National Archives and detailed to the White House. She graduated magna cum laude from Stratford College and received her masters degree in history from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

**James B. White**, division manager, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the James River Basin Association.

**Stephen L. Jamison**, administrative assistant, served on the coordinating committee for the CARE telethon which raised \$22,000 for the Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospitals. He has been presented a citation for outstanding achievement in his work with The Diplomats, membership cultivation committee of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce. He is also chairman of the 1975 awards committee, Lynchburg Area Public Relations Association.

**Robert B. Waggoner**, accounting supervisor, was appointed an esquire at the Lynchburg Elks Club. He was also elected chairman of the Elks House Committee for the fifth consecutive year.

## GENERAL OFFICE

**Susan Pugh**, daughter of Betty Pugh, GO Accounting, Roanoke, participated in the District VI Virginia All-Regional Chorus. She is a junior at Lord Botetourt High School.

**Scott Blackwell**, son of Emmett Blackwell, employee relations supervisor, was elected president of the Roanoke Valley Red Cross youth group.

**Mark Whittington** was a starting player for the St. Albans High School basketball team which was runner-up in the West Virginia state championship tournament. He is the son of Carl Whittington, regional dispatcher for GO Operations at Turner Regional Dispatch Office.

**Kim Weddle**, daughter of Kathy Weddle, payroll clerk in GO Accounting, and **Meredith Lovegrove**, daughter of C. R. Lovegrove, supervisor of public information, completed the 15-mile hike for the Roanoke March of Dimes Walk-a-thon recently.



Margaret Brammer of General Office Accounting, Roanoke, seems relieved to sit down after hiking 15 miles in the local March of Dimes Walk-a-thon. For completing the hike, she became a member of the "March of Dimes Order of the Battered Boot". She was also awarded trophies for having the second highest number of sponsors in the City of Roanoke, 171, and the second highest amount pledged, \$334.75.

## PHILIP SPORN



Lutton

**Sara Lutton**, daughter of R. S. Lutton, master maintenance man, was an entrant at large in the 1975 Miss West Virginia Pageant.

## PIKEVILLE

**R. L. Huffman**, right of way agent, was selected to head up the annual Red Cross fund drive for the Pikeville area.



**LOGAN-WILLIAMSON**



Summers

**Sally Rae Summers**, wife of Electrical Engineer Stephen Summers, received the "Young Professional Award" for the State of West Virginia at an Extension Workers Conference held at Jacksons Mill, W. Va. The award, presented to workers under 30 years of age with less than five years' experience, is given by the West Virginia Extension Service. Mrs. Summers is employed by the Center of Extension and Continuing Education of the West Virginia University Cooperative Extension Service as a home economist for Logan County.

**Barbara B. Webster**, Logan tracer, was appointed West Virginia district superintendent of Sunday Schools for A. M. E. Church, Shaffer Chapel of Omar, W. Va.

**Ruby Henritze**, wife of Retired Logan Line Foreman T. L. Henritze, was elected to the board of directors of the Logan County League of Women Voters.

**Diane Hanley**, daughter of Residential Representative Thomas J. Hanley, is student teaching at Chapmanville High School and will soon graduate from Marshall University.

**Jim Asbury**, senior draftsman, and **James E. Walls**, stationman A, are members of a quartet at the First Baptist Church of McConnell, W. Va.

**Bill Moseley**, electrical engineer, has accepted a call to the ministry and recently gave his first sermon to the congregation of the Hughes Creek First Church of God, Montgomery, W. Va. He will be lay minister at the First Church of God of Logan.

**Mrs. Floyd H. Taylor, Jr.**, wife of the division manager, was named to the publicity committee of the Logan Country Club Women's Association.

**W. E. Bivens**, Customer Services, was a featured soloist in the cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" presented by the First Baptist Church of Logan. Members of the choir included **H. J. Collins**, personnel supervisor, and **W. H. Honaker**, retired line and station supervisor.

**ROANOKE**

**Mitzie Kay Naff**, daughter of Right-of-Way Agent Ralph Naff, has been awarded an academic scholarship to Carson-Newman College. Recipients of academic scholarships are selected by col-

lege administration. She ranks among the top 10 per cent of the college-bound high school students of the nation academically and on the American College Test.

**Melissa L. Paitsel**, daughter of Right-of-Way Agent Marion Paitsel, toured North Carolina, Georgia and Florida with the Lynchburg College Concert Choir. She serves as choir secretary.

**Ina Layman**, wife of Rocky Mount Meter Reader Ivy J. Layman, was elected vice president of the new Waidsoboro Ruritan Auxiliary.

**Doris S. Young**, general clerk, was appointed corresponding secretary of District II, Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. She will be foundation chairwoman of her local club for 1975-76. This is a committee to further education through the use of scholarships nationwide by the national club.

**Cathy Baldwin**, daughter of Customer Accounts Representative E. C. Baldwin, Jr., was selected a member of the Daisy Chain for the 1975 graduation exercises at Cave Spring High School.

**PULASKI**



Kidd

Smith

Retiree **Okie B. Kidd** was elected high priest of Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter No. 39, his fifth term in 20 years. He is chaplain of Pulaski Chapter No. 113, O. E. S. and his wife **Eunice** is organist.

**D. B. "Dusty" Smith** was elected to his fourth term as worthy patron of the Dublin Chapter No. 85, O. E. S. His wife **Ophelia** is Electa in the Dublin Chapter.

Power Engineer **A. L. Graham** was elected leading knight of Pulaski Lodge No. 1067, B. P. O. E.

Commercial Representative **P. T. Gress** was elected scribe of Pulaski Royal Arch Chapter No. 39.

**Mrs. David Shrewsbury**, wife of the engineer B, was elected second vice president of Alpha Tau Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. **Mrs. James Lane**, wife of the customer representative B, was elected treasurer.

**Brenda White**, daughter of B. R. White, Galax customer representative A, was presented a sterling silver "excellency in history" medal as first place winner at Galax Elementary

School for her essay entitled, "A Patriot of the American Revolution". The American History Essay Contest was sponsored by the Appalachian Trail Chapter, DAR.

**HAZARD**

**Robin Lane Pridemore**, daughter of Division Superintendent Wendell Pridemore, received a certificate for her essay on conservation which won first place in a contest at Lothair Grade School.

**Joan Byrd**, daughter of Carlen Byrd, stationman A, was selected by the faculty to receive the Outstanding Senior Woman Award from the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

**HUNTINGTON**



Brandabur

**Louise Brandabur**, private secretary, was elected president of the Greenbrier Garden Club.

**Greg Adkins**, son of Hope Adkins, won a second place award for the dozen eggs he entered in the annual Ham, Bacon and Egg Show in Charleston.

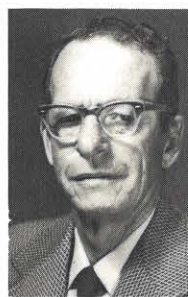
**Robber, grocer shot in holdup**

David Phipps, technician senior in Ashland Engineering, narrowly missed an armed robbery attempt and a Wild West type shoot-out recently.

As Phipps approached his father's grocery store in Huntington, West Virginia, police cruisers with red lights flashing pulled into the grocery's parking lot. Fearing the worst, he found his father visibly shaken but okay. His father's brother had been wounded by a gunshot in the leg.

A gunman had attempted to rob the brothers, and Phipps' father shot the gun out of his hand. However, it didn't work the way it does on TV. The bullet glanced off the gunman's wrist, striking Phipps' uncle in the leg. The gunman's parting words were, "Now look what you did to my hand."

**WE REMEMBER**



Wellman



McCormick



McColgan



Shafer

**James F. Wellman**, 60, advertising supervisor in General Office Public Affairs, Roanoke, died April 14 after a short illness. A native West Virginian, he joined Appalachian in 1953 as a dealer sales representative in Huntington. Wellman is survived by his widow, Lois; a son, a daughter, a granddaughter and his mother.

**William W. McColgan**, 49, operations supervisor at Kanawha River Plant, died April 5 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, he was employed in 1950 as an engineer junior at Logan. McColgan is survived by his widow, Mary, and two daughters.

**C. M. "Mike" Shafer**, 66, retired Charleston line foreman, died March 30. A native of Blundon, West Virginia, he began his career in 1931 as a tree trimmer in Charleston and retired September 1, 1971. Shafer is survived by his widow, Thelma; a son, a grandchild, a sister and a brother.

**George Matt McCormick**, 87, retired Charleston lineman C, died April 10. A native of Kanawha County, West Virginia, he was employed in 1917 as a groundman and retired April 1, 1952. McCormick is survived by his widow, Bertha, one daughter and three sons.

**J. O. McArdle**, 51, general



McArdle



Porter



Pitsenberger



Cassell

superintendent directing operations of three AEP subsidiary mining companies — Central Appalachian Coal, Central Coal and Southern Appalachian Coal — died April 21. A native of Eagle, West Virginia, he joined the AEP System in 1953 as a rodman for Central Appalachian Coal. McArdle is survived by his mother, two daughters, two sisters and one brother.

**Charles Edward Porter**, 47, area serviceman at Buffalo in the Huntington Division, died April 18 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Warfield, Kentucky, he was employed as a laborer at Kenova Plant in 1951. Porter is survived by his widow Jacqueline; two sons, two daughters, his parents and one sister.

**James D. Cassell**, 64, retired Bluefield Division area T&D clerk, died April 26. A native of Woosley, West Virginia, he began his career in 1945 as a clerk intermediate in the Tazewell office and retired September 1, 1973. Cassell is survived by his widow Helen and two sons.

**Charles E. Pitsenberger**, 78, retired Beckley station supervisor, died April 24. A native of Pool, West Virginia, he was employed in 1926 as a plant clerk in Williamson District and retired November 1, 1961. Pitsenberger is survived by his widow Augusta, one daughter and one stepson.

**APCo's financial condition forces two office closings**

Appalachian Power Company's Whitesville office, which serves customers in both Beckley and Charleston Division, was closed April 30. Huntington Division's Wayne office will be closed on June 6.

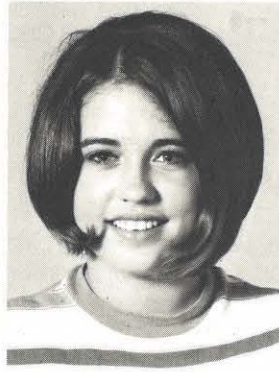
Both closings are part of a company-wide program of reducing operating expenses because of its continuing serious financial situation.

The closings will in no way affect the quality of electric service to customers. Servicemen and meter readers will continue to be stationed in the areas, and customers may call about their electric service without charge through the use of special telephone equipment.

Bills may be paid by mail or at established collection agencies.



# Nine couples are married recently



Umberger

Brooks

Carrico

Conn

## WEDDINGS

Donna Weaver to **Randy Umberger**, transportation clerk in General Office General Services, Roanoke, March 22.

**Rebecca Ann Goad**, daughter of Glen M. Goad, maintenance man at Glen Lyn Plant, to **Donald Gene Brooks, Jr.**, March 15.

**Jane Marsh Stephenson**, Pikeville cashier, to **John Sutherland Carrico**, Pikeville meter reader, March 22.

**Jan Layne**, Pikeville junior clerk, to **Steve Conn**, March 15.

**Carmen Hazash** to **Brian McMahan**, son of W. C. McMahan, Point Pleasant area manager, Huntington Division, March 15.

**Reida Lee Doolittle**, daughter of W. R. Doolittle, unit foreman at Philip Sporn Plant, to **William Mac Flowers**, December 28, 1974.

**Nancy Kay Speaks** to **Arnold Bailey**, junior clerk in General Office Accounting, Ashland, April 4.

**Linda L. Drown** to **Fred E. Richards**, utility operator at Philip Sporn Plant, March 5.

**Patricia K. Yates**, PBX operator in the Project 1301 Construction Department, to **John Slaven**, March 22.

## Ashland girls make seams meet to fight high clothing cost



Carolyn Miller (left) and Sherylene Killin examine a piece of fabric outside the store to determine its true color.

In these inflationary times, most people try to cut corners and stretch dollars to make ends meet. Making seams meet is one way two Kentucky Power secretaries fight the rising cost of clothing.

Carolyn Miller, secretarial-stenographer in General Office Public Affairs, and Sherylene Killin, stenographer in General Office Personnel, Ashland, both have a talent and flair for fashion that make them well dressed for a fraction of the ready-to-wear cost.

Carolyn inherited the seamstress talent from her mother, who

made practically all of her family's clothing. She did some sewing while in junior high school but began making all her clothes when she entered business college. She said, "I haven't bought a dress, skirt or suit in nine years. About the only thing I buy ready-made is blue jeans." Last Christmas she made nearly all of her family's presents.

Sewing for Carolyn is pure enjoyment and not work. She adds, "I could sit and sew all day long." In fact, she has sewn until 1 AM and gotten up at 5 AM to start again. Her record is making two suits and four skirts in the same day.

Carolyn admits that savings are a big factor in her sewing. "The dollar I spend for ready-made clothing will buy three dollars worth of material." On an average, she has about \$10 invested in each of her outfits. "But," she claims, "sometimes the savings are greater because I hunt for sales." She has no cleaning bills because she uses washable knit fabrics for nearly all her clothing.

Sherylene also sews because she enjoys it and gets great satisfaction from seeing a finished garment. But she adds, "I simply cannot afford to spend \$50 for a dress. I'll buy about \$100 worth of material both spring and fall and have a completely new wardrobe every year."

Sherylene has made all her clothes for the past eight years and sews everything from sweaters to coats. She estimates the average cost of her outfits to be about \$8.



New officers of Lynchburg Division's Apelcoes Club are (front row, l. to r.) Bill Farmer, planner, president; Terry Knight, T&D clerk, representative; John K. May, planner, assistant treasurer; Charlene Thompson, secretarial-stenographer, secretary; and Ronald DeShong, engineer B, treasurer. (Back row, l. to r.) Dennis Tomlin, stationman C; Wesley Garner, meter service helper; Fred Austin, lineman A; and Ami Watson, customer accounts representative B, all representatives. Not pictured are Leroy Ramsey, stationman B, and Lewis Thomas, commercial representative, both representatives.

## BABY PARADE

### John E. Amos

Christopher Scott, son of **William R. Camden**, unit foreman, March 26.

Thomas Whitley, son of **Benjamin W. Hedrick, Jr.**, performance technician, March 25.

Jerry Alan, son of **Duaine G. Cowley**, maintenance man B, March 22.

Paul Jason, son of **Paul J. Dean**, maintenance man B, March 10.

Brandi Renee, daughter of **Rex Hill**, utility operator B, March 16.

### Beckley

Emily, daughter of **Wayne P. Bailey**, lineman B, April 4.

Rainee Lee, daughter of **Robert L. Barley**, lineman A, March 16.

### Big Sandy

Kristi Michelle, daughter of **George B. Hagaman**, utility operator, March 23.

Julie Deanna, daughter of **Jack A. Stevens**, maintenance helper, March 18.

### Cabin Creek

Anna Lea, daughter of **Thomas E. Smith**, utility man A, March 13.

### Charleston

Nancy Ellen, daughter of **Keith Wentz**, hydro maintenance helper, Kanawha Valley Power, March 14.

### Clinch River

Terence A., chosen son of **Jesse C. Harris**, equipment operator, July 28, 1974.

### General Office

Chad Thomas, son of **Gene T.**

**Taylor**, transmission clerk, GO T&C Transmission, Bluefield, April 6.

Heather Kara, daughter of **Lewis C. Sturm, Jr.**, engineer B, GO T&C Communications, Roanoke, March 16.

### Huntington

Brandi Lynne, daughter of **Roger P. Carrico**, lineman C, March 1.

Melanie Leann, daughter of **Selvin Carroll**, meter serviceman C, March 19.

Tracy Dawn, daughter of **Eldon R. Chase**, Point Pleasant lineman C, March 23.

Heather Nicole, daughter of **Richard G. Frazier**, meterman C, March 24.

Shelly Marie, daughter of **Claude E. Gilkerson**, lineman C, March 31.

### Kingsport

Misty Marira, daughter of **B. J. Pyle**, lineman C, March 18.

### Marmet

Amy Danielle, daughter of **Gary Michael Painter**, engineering technician, March 26.

### Roanoke

Timothy Charles and Todd Christopher, twin sons of **G. S. Fisher, Jr.**, lineman C, March 16.

Brian Wayne, son of **Roy W. Fulcher**, Fieldale meter reader, March 31.

Clyde Hugo, son of **Nellie J. Hughes**, Fieldale customer accounting representative C, March 26.

Kevin Wayne, son of **Tommy W. Likens**, lineman A, April 9.



New officers of the Vending Machine Organization in the Roanoke headquarters building are (seated, l. to r.) J. D. Harris, Appa-Mo Club advisor; S. M. Hill, president; and Helen West, vice president. Standing, l. to r., A. C. Powell, secretary; L. A. Lynch, Jolly Watt Club advisor; and C. E. Stull, Reddy-Lite Club advisor.



## Phenon Montgomery's shaker collection comes in all sizes, shapes

"I mentioned to my mother how many different kinds and shapes of salt and pepper shakers I'd seen at various places, and she told me I should start collecting them myself if they interested me that much," says Hazard PBX Operator Phenon Montgomery.

animals, hamburgers, hot dogs, cowboy boots, vegetables, light-bulbs, people and bells, to name a few, and some come from far-away places like Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong. She also buys shakers through various catalogs.

Phenon liked the idea; and, over the past six years, she has collected 175 sets of shakers. Many she buys herself while on trips to various states; others have been given to her by friends who got them while on vacation. Phenon's collection include shakers in the form of fruit,

Phenon's collection is displayed throughout her home and is always a conversation piece when visitors are there. The only drawback to her hobby is the fact that the shakers have to be cleaned with soap and water once a week.



Phenon Montgomery brought some of her salt and pepper shakers to show her co-workers at the Hazard office recently.

## Painting by retiree's wife selected for display at Fine Arts Center



Nell Mills' painting entitled "Homestead In Ruins" has been selected for display at the Roanoke Fine Arts Center.

"I feel very honored that my painting was judged good enough to be placed in the Roanoke Fine Arts Center," says Nell Mills about her work, "Homestead In Ruins". The painting was one of 57 selected for display by an internationally known art critic, Lawrence Alloway of New York City. The wife of Clarence Mills, retired Roanoke customer accounts representative, Nell is currently taking lessons from Roanoke Artist James Yeatts.

something I have wanted to get on canvas since I began painting 14 years ago. The photo, made on metal, was taken of my mother and father in the late 1800's. The old family home, located in Franklin County, burned in 1862 during the Civil War. My two brothers and an aunt on horseback are also in the picture. Painting this was my way of preserving a pleasant memory," Mrs. Mills explains.

The Homestead work has an interesting history. "I made it from a very old family photo,

She adds, "Seeing your thoughts become a reality on canvas is an experience nothing else can match."



Suzanne Zornes, residential advisor; Earl F. Hawkins, plan of a house designed by Russell High School home customer services manager; and L. Donald Bryan, economics students. heating and air conditioning consultant look over the floor

## Ashland employees help students plan house

Home economics students of Russell High School were assisted by three Ashland employees during the planning, construction supervision and design of interior furnishings for a three bedroom house. The joint student-teacher-contractor project may be a first for students in the tri-state area.

A local contractor suggested to home economics teachers last fall that the students plan and design a new house. He agreed to consult with the students during the planning stage and then construct the house.

Suzanne Zornes, Ashland residential advisor, took the students on field trips to existing houses where they viewed different types of heating and cooling equipment, lighting systems and insulation techniques.

L. Donald Bryan, heating and air conditioning consultant, explained the different heating and cooling systems and discussed the value of adequate insulation and the various methods of applying insulating materials.

Earl F. Hawkins, customer services manager, discussed lighting techniques, light source efficiencies and color renditions and stressed the importance of considering traffic flow in the house to minimize energy loss.

After much discussion, budget consideration, individual compromises and good natured negotiation, the students completed the floor plan layout, determined construction materials and selected an electric furnace for space conditioning. Miss Zornes calculated the heat loss of the house using a wide variety of insulation techniques and levels, thus portraying the real value of insulating materials and their application.

The students made numerous field trips to the house site to observe actual construction techniques. As work progressed, Miss Zornes helped select lighting fixtures, kitchen and laun-

dry appliances and thermo-draperies.

The construction project had a number of benefits. A community learned that home economics is more than sewing and cooking. A group of students learned that

houses don't just appear and that energy conservation is not an empty phrase but a real life dollars and cents concept, and that cooperation and advice from a number of sources frequently leads to the most beneficial solution for all concerned.

## The Tom Templetons find joy in sponsoring Navajo Indian boy



June and Tom Templeton look at a picture of Leroy Begay, the nine-year-old Navajo Indian boy they sponsor.

"Since all our children are grown, it seemed rather selfish of us not to take advantage of the opportunity to help someone in need," says Huntington Garage Foreman Tom Templeton. Tom and his wife June recently began sponsoring a nine-year-old Navajo Indian boy in Kayenta, Arizona, named Leroy Begay.

The Templetons became Leroy's sponsors through the "Save The Children Federation" in Albuquerque, New Mexico, after hearing an appeal by the organization on television.

Leroy lives in a one-room house

with his parents, three sisters and one brother. Kerosene is their source of light and a nearby windmill provides water which has to be hauled to the house. The father works for the Indian Reservation's Maintenance Department.

Through their sponsorship, the Templetons hope to provide Leroy with clothing and supplies necessary for regular school attendance and with a friendship outside his own culture and community. They have found through this experience that there is joy in giving as well as receiving.



# Veteran employees receive awards for long service



Fisher DeBusk Yost Knight Tibbs Dingess Vance Himes Tipton Turner



Perry Oliver McDowell Weaver White Parsons Rea Bannister Woods Burgess



Tennant Selbe Wickline Morris Houchins

Years	Classification	Location
<b>45 Years</b>		
Fisher, R. J.	Transmission Supt.	GO-Bluefield
Haley, Margaret	Tax Acctg. Asst.	GO-Roanoke
<b>40 Years</b>		
DeBusk, J. S.	Area Serviceman	Bluefield
Yost, M. M.	Line Supervisor	Bluefield
Knight, O. S.	Shift Operating Engr.	Glen Lyn
Tibbs, R. A.	Commercial Engineer	Lynchburg
<b>35 Years</b>		
Dingess, Norwood	Utility Foreman	Clinch River
Vance, B. R.	Shift Operating Engineer	Philip Sporn
Himes, Lauren	Office Services Supv.	GO-Roanoke

<b>30 Years</b>		
Tipton, R. L.	Stationman C.	Kingsport
Turner, Billy	Stationman B.	Hazard
Perry, Dawna	Cust. Accts. Rep.	Logan-Williamson
Oliver, Elinor	Work Order Acctg. Clk.	GO-Roanoke
McDowell, Delores	Cust. Accts. Rep. B	Charleston
Crouch, Juanita	Personnel Clerk Sr.	Bluefield

<b>25 Years</b>		
Weaver, C. A.	Asst. Stores Supv.	Philip Sporn
White, Christine	Personnel Assistant	John E. Amos
Parsons, Joyce	Private Secretary	Kingsport
Rea, D. E.	Maintenance Foreman	Philip Sporn
Bannister, C. D.	Area Serviceman	Charleston
Woods, C. J.	Planner	Huntington
Burgess, R. T.	Commercial Rep.	Huntington
Tennant, C. L.	Maintenance Foreman	Philip Sporn

<b>20 Years</b>		
Selbe, R. L.	Lineman A	Charleston
Wickline, Q. H.	Meter Reader	Huntington
Morris, R. D.	Meter Serviceman A	Roanoke
Houchins, L. C., Jr.	Personnel Supervisor	Clinch River

<b>15 Years</b>		
Byus, Sandra	Cust. Accts. Rep. B	Charleston
Drew, L. E.	Express Driver	GO-Roanoke

<b>10 Years</b>		
Pope, R. A.	Engineer B	GO-Roanoke
Taylor, Emma	Stenographer	Pulaski
Berkhead, T. M.	Lineman A	Roanoke

<b>5 Years</b>		
Hunt, Michael	Draftsman	Beckley
Edwards, R. W., Jr.	Meter Reader	Bluefield
Hall, H. B.	Equipment Operator	Clinch River
Turner, A. M.	Maintenance Man	Clinch River
Kirby, J. C.	Transmission Man B.	GO-Bluefield
Greer, Delores	T&D Clerk	Ashland
Ross, D. E.	Maintenance Man	Big Sandy
Diamond, S. E.	Control Technician	Big Sandy
Tackett, Ralph	Maintenance Man	Big Sandy
Smith, Susan	Personnel Clerk	Kingsport

## Parks Snead has time on his hands

The tick-tock, tick-tock of more than 200 clocks literally fills the air at the home of Lynchburg General Serviceman Parks H. Snead. He started his collection some 20 years ago.

Snead recalls, "While I was installing a service drop one day, I noticed an old clock on top of a trash can. The customer was watching as we worked, and I asked if she were throwing the old clock away. She picked it up and sold it to me for 50 cents. After spending two months refinishing the wood and fixing the mechanism, I had the bug. Since then I haven't thrown anything away that goes in a clock."

He adds, "I work on the movements and my wife Nellie does the refinishing. If there is a hole in the wood, she fills it up and makes it look like a knot."

All the clocks in the house are set on the right time. Mrs. Snead remarks, "We can lie in bed at night and listen to the clocks and tell which ones are running okay. Each clock has its own distinctive sound. I like the clocks and have made some crewel and needle-point faces for some of them."

Snead has a wide variety of clocks ranging from an 1825 Grandfather clock to a modern-day plastic gun and holster clock for a child's room. "Most of my clocks have a history. The one on the mantel was built in 1839 and the big one in the dining room was made in England about the same time. I have the original clock that regulated the bells



This big clock, one of more than 200 in Parks Snead's collection, was made in England around 1839.

around the campus at Sweet Briar College and some of the first clocks that were used in automobiles. When they first put clocks in cars, they were like big pocket watches and locked into place on the dashboard."

Snead's hobby will play a big part

in his approaching retirement. He says, "I have started making clocks to sell. Scrap wood worked up can really turn into a beautiful clock. All of the mechanisms are ordered and everything is assembled by hand. It takes a lot of time to make a clock you're proud of."



# Six Appalachian Power employees retire to the good life

## PIERCE



"The first thing I'm going to do is throw away that cotton-pickin' alarm clock," said **Eloise Durham Pierce**, who retired May 1 as Beckley head T&D record clerk.

Eloise was bored after moving to Beckley in 1947 and decided to get a temporary job. She recalls, "In December that year I came to work for the power company, filling in for a girl on sick leave. The girl did not return and I've worked 27 years at a temporary job I expected to last no more than six months."

She is already taking yoga classes "to help in the transition from an eight-hour-a-day job to retirement". Eloise has no definite plans other than spending a lot of time enjoying her grandchildren. She plans to take them to Disney World this year and to Philadelphia in the Bicentennial Year of 1976. "I would also like to improve my bridge game and take up papier-maché and decoupage. Hopefully, some time in the future I will be able to travel to Africa and the Holy Land". She enjoys cooking, in particular baking with sour dough and preparing Chinese dishes.

Eloise is secretary of the American Legion Auxiliary; energy chairman of the civic department of the Beckley Woman's Club; and Sunday School treasurer of the Beckley Christian Church. She and her husband Clarence have two children and two grandchildren.

## BIAS



"I want to have time to enjoy myself and relax," says **Emory**

**Rickey Bias**, who was a Huntington groundman before electing early retirement May 1. Later this month he will move to Clearwater, Florida, where he plans to do a lot of deep-sea fishing.

Emory, a native of West Hamlin, West Virginia, began his career in 1938 as a laborer at Logan Plant. He worked as a boiler room man, boiler auxiliary equipment operator A and electrical maintenance helper before transferring to Huntington Division in 1961 when the plant closed.

In reflecting on his career, Emory says, "I have met a lot of good people while working with Appalachian and I've enjoyed it."

## LAYNE



"After I went to work for Appalachian in 1944 as a meter tester, we went from house to house every three years, testing all single phase meters. We really ran into some strange situations," recalls **Ernest D. Layne**, who retired May 1 as a T&D clerk in Lynchburg. "Lots of old houses had their meters in the attic. You might think putting one in the basement is bad, but when you had to work in an attic during the summer, that was really something — not to mention the three flights of stairs to get up there."

Ernest served in the U. S. Navy during World War II, and returned to work in 1946 as a meterman C. He continues, "After the war, there was a race between the company and REA to connect customers. I went on one call where REA had pulled a service drop to one side of a house. The woman there said she wanted Appalachian because she knew we gave good service, so we put a service drop on the other end of the house and connected the customer. REA had to come back and take their line down."

After Ernest became a T&D clerk in 1958, he did joint use agreement checks with C&P Telephone in Nelson County. He notes, "Some of those bootleggers up there didn't take kindly to our traveling some of those roads. It seemed hard for them to believe we had come to look at poles. And at gunpoint, we didn't do too much talking."

Ernest enjoys playing the piano and organ and plans to do more practicing now that he has time,

He also wants to get a lot of things done around the house that have been building up. He and his wife Goldie have two children. They plan to remain in Lynchburg.

## STAMBAUGH



**M. M. "Icky" Stambaugh**, residential representative in the Marion area of Abingdon Division, elected early retirement April 1 after 38 years' service.

Icky began his career in 1936 as a stores clerk in Pulaski and worked there as a T&D clerk, meter helper and meterman B and A before transferring to Marion as area sales representative in 1958. He was promoted to heating and builder sales representative the following year. Icky served in the Air Force during World War II.

His plans for retirement include "some traveling, maybe renewing some old hobbies and possibly some part-time work". He's looking forward to spending more time with his wife Helen and their two grandchildren.

## VANNOY



Lucille and Paul Vannoy

A career of more than 40 years came to a close May 1 with the retirement of **Paul Marion Vannoy**, Huntington power engineer senior.

A native of Tama, Iowa, Paul is an electrical engineering graduate of West Virginia University and a registered professional engineer in the State of West Virginia. He

was employed in 1934 as a laborer at Logan and worked there as a junior engineer, assistant district engineer, engineer senior, power sales engineer senior A and district commercial manager before transferring to Huntington Division in 1959.

Paul's wife Lucille will teach school several more years so no extended trips are planned. He will continue working for H&R Block as he has for the past seven years. They have bought an electric organ and both spend a lot of time learning to play. Paul has a great interest in music and sang professionally for a radio station one year while going to school.

Paul is an elder and choir member of Enslow Park Presbyterian Church and honorary lifetime director of the Huntington Chapter, American Red Cross.

The Vannoys have two children and three grandchildren.

## CANDLER



"In 1934 I applied for a job as a civil engineer with Appalachian at the Bluefield office and never heard anything one way or another until March of 1941," recalls **Harry Candler**. "When I was finally contacted, it was from the Lynchburg office. An interview was arranged for me in Roanoke with Dave Minichan who headed up the Power Department and the then Division Manager W. I. Whitfield. Soon after, Bob Newbauer, assistant Lynchburg district manager, called to say I had the job. On April 8, 1941, J. E. Jackson, then Lynchburg District manager, wrote me a letter — which I still have — making the job offer official. In the letter he stated, "Provided that the six months' probation is mutually satisfactory, I have every reason to believe that this will be a permanent job." And so it was for 34 years, until Harry Candler retired May 1 as residential representative senior in Roanoke.

A native of Lynchburg, Harry graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1932 with a BS degree in civil engineering. Between applying for a job with Appalachian and being hired, he worked as a draftsman at the Virginia State Planning Board, Blacksburg;

design and construction field engineer with the U. S. Settlement Administration, Farmville; inspector of shore construction, U. S. Naval Bureau, Norfolk; instructor of mathematics and engineering, Lynchburg College; and resident engineer for Wiley and Wilson Construction, Halifax.

Harry began his APCo career as a junior power engineer in Lynchburg and worked there as an engineer senior B, agriculture engineer and agriculture sales engineer before transferring to Roanoke in 1959. He became residential representative senior in 1974.

Harry is the author of two state 4-H publications and last year was recognized for 30 years' outstanding service to the Virginia 4-H electric program.

One of his retirement projects will be the construction of a greenhouse to grow plants and flowers. He and his wife Tina have tentative plans to travel throughout the United States as well as the British Isles. They have two sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

## BIANCHINOTTI



"I feel like I've worked long enough and will take it easy with no other plans but let nature take its course," says **Leno Bianchinotti**. He was assistant regional chief dispatcher for General Office Operations at Turner Regional Dispatch Office before electing early retirement May 1.

A native of Gatliff, Kentucky, Leno attended the University of Kentucky for two years. He began his career in 1941 as a maintenance man for Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company in Hazard and worked as a watch engineer before transferring to GO Operations in 1954 as a station operator at the Turner Dispatch Office. He was promoted to regional dispatcher in 1955 and in 1963 assumed the position he held at retirement.

Leno spends his spare time fishing, working in his garden and collecting coins. He is a member of the Church of Christ the King in Dunbar, West Virginia. He and his wife Lucille have one son and one grandchild.



## Four veteran employees enter retirement

### BUCKLAND



**Kelly Lincoln Buckland**, Pulaski T&D clerk senior, elected early retirement April 1. He plans to spend more time on his farm, improving the land, repairing fences and working with his cattle.

A native of Belspring, Virginia, Kelly began his career in 1937 as a clerk and has also held the positions of clerk senior, engineering assistant and senior engineering record clerk.

Kelly is a deacon in the Belspring Presbyterian Church; chairman, agriculture stabilization and conservation committee for Pulaski County; member and past president, Fairlawn Lions Club; and a member of the Farm Bureau, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoys shooting matches, occasionally hunts quail and grouse and likes to deep-sea fish. His wife Evelyn is a stenographer in the Pulaski Records Section.

### BRYANT



**James R. Bryant**, who retired May 1 as equipment service advisor in General Office General Services, Roanoke, had a number of interesting experiences during his 35-year career with Appalachian. One which stands out vividly in his mind occurred while he was an appliance serviceman in Roanoke Division. He recalls, "We went to a lady's home to service her range and had to go through the baby's room to get to the kitchen. She had just put the baby to sleep; and, while were going through the room, the catch on my tool box flew loose, spilling tools on the floor. The noise woke the baby and a dog that was laying in

the corner asleep. With the dog barking and the baby crying, we gathered up our tools and hurried out."

In 1956 Jimmie became a working foreman in charge of and assisting the servicemen. When the company stopped servicing appliances, he became a service representative and worked with local appliance dealers. In 1974 he moved to General Office and, as equipment service advisor, helped maintain the heating and cooling systems in the headquarters building.

Jimmie says, "I've enjoyed my career and I especially enjoyed my work when I was outside. I guess it's just human nature. It grows on you." He is particularly proud of one aspect of his job, automotive safety. "I felt good about driving every day for 35 years without having any preventable accidents."

As for retirement, "I expect fishing and visiting our three grandchildren will keep my wife Helen and I busy for a while." He will continue his work on the official board of the Trinity Methodist Church.

### WEBB



**Hurston Webb**, hydro plant foreman non-exempt at Kanawha Valley Power, elected early retirement May 1 "to enjoy myself and do some of the things I've always wanted to do".

Webb has plans to visit South Carolina, Florida and Georgia and "may move eventually to Cumberland Mountain, North Carolina, where the fishing and hunting are good".

A native of Wewanta, West Virginia, Webb began his career in 1945 as a laborer and worked as a hydro utility man, hydro maintenance man and hydro maintenance mechanic B and A before moving to plant foreman in 1974.

Webb is a member of the Marmet Baptist Church and bowls in the company league in Charleston. He and his wife Eula have two

sons and two daughters. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he was shot down in northern Italy and was a prisoner of war for seven months.

### CHAMPE



**Woodrow Wilson Champe**, Charleston general serviceman, elected early retirement May 1 after more than 38 years' service.

A native of Ramsey, West Virginia, Woody began his career in 1936 as a laborer and worked as a truck driver and lineman B and A before moving in 1956 to the position he held at retirement. He is particularly proud of the fact that he never had a lost time accident.

Woody's future plans call for "traveling a little, fishing, hunting and taking life easy". He and his wife Helen have two children and two grandchildren. Woody is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Charleston.



If Billy J. Jobe, Big Sandy Plant control technician, had not had on the proper protective equipment recently, he would have had a disabling injury rather than a close call. As it turned out, he only received a good grease job with no ill effects. Jobe was making a routine check of an oil temperature gauge on one of Unit 2's pulverizers when hot oil spurted from an undetected breakage of a protective well and saturated his body. Had he not had on his ear protectors, his ears would have been filled with hot oil. If he had neglected to wear his safety glasses, his eyes would have been exposed. Had he not had on his hard hat, the biggest part of his head would have been soaked with oil. This incident illustrates the importance of thinking about your work and making sure you are protected.



Larry Riddle's 1950 Plymouth has won eight trophies in two years.

### Larry Riddle turns down offer of new car, keeps 1950 Plymouth

Larry Riddle likes his 1950 Plymouth sedan so much that he recently turned down an offer to trade it for a new Chrysler. The man who made the offer was a Chrysler dealer who wanted Larry's antique car for his automobile showroom.

The son of Burchel Riddle, Hazard auto repairman A, Larry became interested in antique cars when he was only five years old. He and his parents visited an antique car show in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and soon after he began building models. He now has over 100 models in his collection.

Larry has entered his Plymouth in eight Kentucky shows over the past two years and won a trophy in each. Four of these were first place awards, three second-place and one third-place. He

belongs to the Antique Automobile Club of America and the Blue Grass Antique Automobile Club and plans to show his car in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee this year. The car will also be on display this summer in two of Lexington, Kentucky's largest malls.

Larry likes his 1950 Plymouth so much that he found another one which he fixed up and drives to school and around town. He plans to show it this summer also.

### Work stopped on nuclear plant

In a decision of significance to the electric power industry, a U. S. Court of Appeals in Chicago last month halted construction of Northern Indiana Public Service Company's Baily Nuclear Plant and ordered the utility to fill in the excavation already begun.

The site for the 660,000-kilowatt generating station is about a mile east of Portage, Indiana, on the southern shore of Lake Michigan.

The three-judge court's ruling declared that the then Atomic Energy Commission had violated its own regulations last August when it granted NIPSCO a construction license. It cited AEC regulations calling for large-sized reactors to be located at least two miles from communities with populations of more than 25,000. Portage is expected to exceed that level by next year and to reach 29,000 by 1980, when the reactor had been expected to begin operation.

The judges also noted that the plant was only 12 miles from Gary, Indiana, and 30 miles from Chicago; that there were eight nuclear reactors already operating within 75 miles of Chicago, and that six others were planned for the area.

NIPSCO Chairman Dean H. Mitchell said the company expects to appeal the decision to the U. S. Supreme Court.





Climbing hooks and business suits gave way to tennis shoes and gym trunks as Ashland's outside employees, the 25th Street Panthers, responded to a challenge from the office group, the 15th Street Tigers, for their annual basketball game. The Tigers hoped to avenge last year's trouncing when they were outscored 104-55. But they

still came up on the short end as the Panthers won the game in the final minutes by a score of 75-71. The winning Panthers are (front row, l. to r.) Orville Adkins, Jr.; Eddie Kress; Vernon Combs; Jesse Ross and Charles Copley. Second row, Billy Lynch, John Eldridge, Dan Huff, Dale Hughes and Ned Viars.

## Invitational bowling tournament draws 41 Appalachian Power teams

Thirty-two men's and nine women's teams participated in the 1975 Appalachian Power Company Roanoke Invitational Tenpin Bowling Tournament held recently at Roanoke's Viking Lanes.

Lonnie Moran of General Office T&D Distribution was tournament director, assisted by Dave Barger, also of Distribution. Mary Agnes Sublett, Susan Caywood and Clara Armstrong, all of General Office Accounting, were in charge of the women's event.

New River Electric team of Roanoke had a 3061 series to capture the first place trophy and \$120 prize in the men's event. A trophy and the \$65 second prize went to the Electrics of Bluefield, who had a 3016 series. Third prize of \$45 was awarded to the Fieldale team, who had a 2975 series.

Roger Manuel of Philip Sporn Plant rolled the high game handicap of 250. A. R. Main, GO T&D Station, and Al Rookstool of John E. Amos Plant, tied for high handicap set with scores of 657. Tom Linger of Kanawha River had high scratch game of 245, and Ron Payne of General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, had high scratch set of 619.

The Gutter Dusters of Bluefield



Roger Manuel, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance man, rolled the 250 high game with handicap in the recent Appalachian Power invitational bowling tournament.

took first prize of \$55 in the women's event for their 2609 series, and the Cut-Ups of Roanoke won the \$25 second prize with a 2576 series.

Mary Agnes Sublett of General Office Accounting had high handicap game of 217 and Pat Berry of General Office Purchasing had high handicap set of 621.

The entry fee of \$5 per person or \$25 per team covered all expenses of the tournament.



Inrside's Crew won the roll-off to become champion of the first half of Pikeville Division's bowling league. Members of the team are (from left) Harry Bradley, head custodian; Theodore Cieraszyński, lineman B; Marie Scott and J. C. Potter, Jr., stationman C.

## Water regulated for bass spawning

Maintenance of a steady flow of water from the Leesville Dam has been started by Appalachian Power Company in an attempt to entice striped bass to make spawning runs up the Roanoke River.

For the 13th consecutive year, Appalachian is working with the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries in the project, which is intended to develop an effective pattern of spawning for the bass.

At the same time, Appalachian has agreed to maintain the level of Claytor Lake to a foot above or below elevation 1844 for the spawning of several species of bass there.

This project is also being carried out in cooperation with the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The water release at Leesville was begun on April 18, and will be continued for 45 days.

Jack W. Kepner, operations superintendent, described the procedure, which began May 1 and will last throughout the month, as providing a closer water level tolerance than has been done in the past.

The striped bass annually make spawning runs from Kerr Reservoir up the Roanoke and Dan Rivers, and the water release is intended to attract more of them to the Roanoke, where state biologists believe they have a greater chance for success because of its greater length.



The New River Electric team won first place in the men's division of the 1975 Appalachian Employees Invitational Bowling Tournament. From left, Bobby Saul, GO T&D Station; Ron Polniak, GO General Services; Rodney Gentry, GO T&D Civil Engineering; Danny Thomas, GO T&D Communications; and Bob Main, GO T&D Station.



Lynchburg Division's Appalachian Golf Association held its spring tournament at Winton Country Club in Amherst, Virginia. R. O. Witt, planner senior (front row, left) won with low gross score and James B. White, division manager (front row, right), placed with low net score. Other participants were (second row, l. to r.) Earl R. Driskill, residential representative; R. C. Foster, retired administrative assistant; and Lawrence R. Hudson, retired T&D clerk. Third row, Ralph S. Bird, Jr., meter reader; Thomas A. McConaghy, meter reader; Paul R. Keys, right of way agent; James Collins, planner senior; and Elmer T. Johnson, retired commercial sales engineer. Back row, Norman Johnson, retired auto repairman; Robert B. Waggoner, accounting supervisor; George C. Golladay, Jr., general serviceman; and Jesse L. Ashworth, residential representative.



The Gutter Dusters team, composed of Bluefield employees' wives, won first place in the women's division of the 1975 Appalachian Employees Invitational Bowling Tournament. From left, Peggy Welch, wife of Clyde Welch, Jr., head T&D clerk; Pat White, wife of Ted White, electrical engineer; Hazel Glover, wife of Okey Glover, stationman A; and Dawn Dodson, wife of Dave Dodson, General Office engineer B. Dell Leist, wife of Herman Leist, meter reader, is not pictured.





Scenes such as this were common as high winds knocked out service to 40,000 customers in three Appalachian Power divisions early last month. See story this page. Photo courtesy Times World Corporation.



H. B. Boyd (left) and C. L. Dunigan stand before their bucket truck which was completely demolished in a recent accident.

## Pearisburg employees escape injury in accident totaling bucket truck

C. L. Dunigan, line foreman non-exempt, and H. B. Boyd, lineman A, escaped injury when the bucket truck in which they were riding was completely demolished in an accident April 1. Both men, members of Pulaski Division's Pearisburg line crew, were wearing hard hats and using seat belts.

A tractor-trailer attempting to pass struck the company vehicle on the right side, causing it to hit the center guard rail, turn over and catch fire. Had either man been knocked unconscious, he would have been unable to escape.

The truck came to rest on the passenger's side and the door

on the driver's side was also jammed, blocking both exits. But the windshield had popped out, and the men were able to escape through the opening.

Boyd ran to the back of the truck and grabbed a fire extinguisher; but, by the time he was able to activate it, the entire side of the truck burst into flames and both men had to run away.

This entire sequence of events took place in a matter of seconds. Boyd emphasizes, "We are both lucky to be here," and Dunigan sums up the accident by saying, "I'll be glad when they move that truck away from here. I don't like to look at it, and I certainly don't like to smell it."

## High winds interrupt service to 40,000 APCo customers

High winds whipping through sections of Appalachian Power's Roanoke, Lynchburg and Pulaski Divisions early last month knocked out electric service to nearly 40,000 customers. The winds, which blew constantly with frequent gusts, reached speeds of 70 mph and caused extensive damage throughout the area as well as to utility lines.

Most of the power interruption was due to broken limbs on lines, trees falling across lines and poles breaking off.

The high winds began on the morning of April 3 and continued throughout April 4 and 5. Hardest hit were Pulaski Division's Pulaski and Hillsville areas, where 20,657 customers were without service at the peak of the storm. Four crews from Bluefield and three from Abingdon were called to help restore service.

Approximately 17,500 Roanoke Division customers had their service interrupted, with the average outage lasting three hours. Some customers in isolated areas were out for 24-36 hours. All available Roanoke and Rocky Mount employees worked long hours, some as much as 34 hours without rest. Three crews from Abingdon and three from Bluefield were called to assist.

Crews in the Lynchburg Division, which had some 6,700 customers out, were able to handle the

trouble without additional help. The most serious equipment trouble was the loss of the 3750 kva 110/12 Red Hill transformer, which was damaged beyond repair.

Almost without exception, customers calling to report service interruptions were pleasant and understanding. Many called in to thank the company when service was restored, and at least one customer wrote a letter to the editor of a local paper, praising Appalachian employees for their

restoration efforts.

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A branch bank which serves as collection agency for the company turned in a handwritten hand tabulated collection report on April 4. A note on the back read, "Sorry we had to do this in long hand, but the power was off." And another customer commented she was not able to feed her dog for 12 hours because the only can opener she had was electric. She added, "You really appreciate electricity when you have to do without it."

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