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Gavin Unit 2 goes commercial

Unit 2 of Ohio Power Company's General James M. Gavin Plant went into commercial service on July 6.

With the 2,600,000-kilowatt Gavin Plant in full operation, Ohio Power's generating capacity is now 8.9-million kw, and the American Electric Power System's is 16.6-million kw.

The total cost of the two units was in excess of \$600-million. About 15 per cent of that amount was spent for air and water pollution control equipment, including electrostatic precipitators with designed efficiency of 99.7 per cent, a 1,103-foot-high stack serving both units, and a cooling tower for each unit. The plant will burn 8-million tons of coal annually, most of which will come from mines being developed by Southern Ohio Coal Company, a subsidiary of Ohio Power.

The plant, named for Lieutenant General James M. Gavin, a director of American Electric Power Company since 1961, is on the Ohio River between Gallipolis and Pomeroy, Ohio.

Internal Revenue rules portion of AEP stock dividends not taxable

American Electric Power Company last month announced acceptance by the Internal Revenue Service of the company's estimates that a large portion of the cash dividends paid on AEP common stock in each of the years 1971, 1972 and 1973 was not taxable as dividend income under Federal tax law.

In a letter to shareowners, AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook said that the IRS had affirmed, subject to completion of its audit of AEP's income tax returns for the three years, that the following percentages of the distributions paid in 1971-1973 are not taxable as dividend income:

Year	Dividends Paid Per Share	Percentage Not Taxable
1971	\$1.70	83.04%
1972	\$1.76½	83.73%
1973	\$1.85	69.08%

He cautioned, however, that, while the IRS "generally will rely upon this ruling for purposes of allowing claims for refund and settling income taxes" relating to AEP's 1971-73 dividends, it was possible, because the IRS had not yet completed its audit, that subsequent adjustments might change one or more of the percentages. "Regardless of this contingency," Cook concluded, "we believe that shareowners may appropriately act on the basis of the information currently available."



Roger Newcomb, manager of the Peters Creek Branch of Mountain Trust Bank (left), looks on as J. S. Payne, Roanoke meterman (right), returns to Melanie Terry a bank deposit she made in April 1972. Miss Terry had inadvertently placed the deposit in an outdoor meter enclosure instead of the night depository.

Honest meterman restores customer's faith in banking system

In April 1972, Melanie Terry of Roanoke made what she thought was a night deposit at one of Mountain Trust's branch banks. But instead of placing the envelope in the depository box, she inadvertently opened the demand reset cover on an outdoor meter enclosure and

dropped in the envelope. It wasn't discovered until last month when J. S. Payne, Roanoke meterman A, made a periodic test on the 48-month meter, last tested in 1971.

"At first I didn't know what to think when I saw the envelope," Payne said. "But when I discovered the deposit slip and money, I realized what had happened. I called my boss, Marshall Covey, and jokingly asked 'What do you do when you find \$30 in a meter enclosure?'"

The money was returned to Miss Terry, who recalled, "At that time I was living at home with my parents and working a part-time job after school for extra income. When the bank notified me I had overdrawn my account by \$27, I just knew that couldn't be. My mother and father were upset, to say the least, and found it difficult to believe that just two evenings earlier I made a \$30 deposit."

She continued, "After the bank assured me they had no record of my deposit, I closed out my account because I really felt someone at the bank had taken the money. For the most part, I have been using money orders rather than checks since then. I will say this: my faith has been restored in the banking system. I think it was most kind and considerate of the people at Appalachian and Mountain Trust who went to all the trouble to locate me and return the money. What's even more surprising is that Mr. Payne, who found the money, was honest enough to report it."

Miss Terry added, "After Appalachian called and told me they had found the money and would like to return it, I called my father long distance to tell him what had happened. He really thought it was funny now and got quite a big laugh out of it. Anyway, the \$30 will come in handy. I'm going out this very afternoon and buy a pair of shoes."

With respect to the taxability of the 1974 dividends, Cook pointed out that AEP plans to file its tax return for that year (and an updated computation of the tax status of 1974 dividends) in September and would advise the shareowners promptly when word is received from the IRS. With respect to 1975 and subsequent years, he added that the company expected to be able to furnish dividend tax status information shortly after the close of those respective years.

1975 bond drive most successful

Appalachian Power's 1975 U. S. Savings Bond Campaign was the most successful in history, according to R. A. Youngman, general services supervisor, who served as chairman of the drive.

Some 148 employees signed up for Savings Bonds and 133 others increased the amount being withheld from their paychecks for bonds. At the end of the campaign 1,908 or 51% of all Appalachian employees were enrolled in the Savings Bond program.

The grand total of the 1975 campaign, including coal companies, showed that 182 employees enrolled for the first time and 139 increased their bond allotment.

Hearings start in four rate cases before the Public Service Commission

Hearings before the West Virginia Public Service Commission began simultaneously July 21 in four different Appalachian Power Company rate cases, including a requested general increase that would add \$30.6-million to yearly collections from the company's 324,000 West Virginia customers.

Two of the cases are proceedings in which Appalachian seeks to recover fuel costs. The third, in which Appalachian's allowable rates for 1974 remain at issue, is a carryover of a case the PSC decided earlier this year as to rates from July 1971 through the end of 1973.

Under the PSC's new streamlined hearing procedure, Appalachian's direct testimony in all four cases was submitted in writing July 21 without oral presentation.

The first case which was heard was one in which Appalachian sought authority to put a temporary surcharge on customer bills long enough to collect \$10.8-million in coal costs it was denied a chance to recover when the PSC terminated automatic fuel adjustment increases.

West Virginia electric utilities formerly were permitted to recover increases in the price of coal through the fuel adjustment clause, but the PSC terminated this practice effective April 1.

At that time the PSC ordered utilities to file new tariffs, subject to PSC hearing and approval, that would "fold in" the fuel cost increases as part of basic rates.

I&M purchases low-sulfur coal reserves, mine facilities in Utah

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company last month purchased extensive low-sulfur coal reserves and existing mine facilities in Carbon County, Utah.

The purchase was the result of the negotiation of a contract signed last year by I&M and Braztah Corporation, a subsidiary of McCulloch Oil Corporation, under which I&M was to receive a minimum of 140-million tons of low-sulfur coal over a period of 25 years.

"This coal is needed by I&M," Robert Kopper, executive vice president, explained, "to enable the company to meet environmental regulations with respect to sulfur-oxide emissions from its power plants and thus to permit their continued operation. And it is an exceptionally beneficial arrangement for I&M and, therefore, to its customers.

Such a tariff filed by Appalachian for the period starting April 1 was one of the cases heard.

Appalachian said that because there was a two-month lag between incurring fuel expenses and recovering them through the fuel adjustment clause under the old procedure, it was unable to recover February and March fuel costs when the clause was terminated April 1.

To recover the amount, Appalachian has asked authority to put a surcharge of about 13 one-hundredths of a cent per kilowatt-hour on customers' bills. For a residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours, the surcharge would be about 65 cents a month.

Ronald H. Hively, director of tariffs, rates and contracts for Appalachian, said the company could recover the \$10.8-million by putting the surcharge in effect for a year.

Others testifying on Appalachian's behalf were M. E. McCrary, assistant accounting manager; Paul D. Martinka, AEP senior vice president—fuel supply; and Harry Carey, National Economic Research Associates, Washington, D. C.

Cross-examination of company witnesses on two cases was completed during the two-day hearing in Charleston. Additional testimony will be heard July 30.

No date has been set for cross-examination in the other two cases which were not covered in the hearing July 21-22.

"This revision in the agreement has been entered into because of the inability of the parties to complete at this time the large amount of financing, on the basis required by the agreement between the parties, necessary for completion of the mine-development program. The result is advantageous to both parties. It will help to assure that adequate financing can be arranged as required and will help to assure, too, that I&M will have a sufficient supply of environmentally acceptable coal to meet its power-generation needs."

For the 140-million tons of proven coal reserves at the Utah location, I&M will pay 18 cents a ton, or a total of \$25.2 million, plus interest, on an installment loan basis over the next five years. If additional coal reserves are confirmed in core drillings, it, (continued on page 2)

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too, will be bought at 18 cents a ton over a later period.

Value of the mine equipment installed to date has been estimated at \$13 million, of which \$8.9 million has previously been advanced by I&M under the initial coal-supply contract. The revised arrangement calls for Braztah to mine, on a fee basis, the coal reserves owned by I&M.

The mining complex, when fully developed in the early 1980's, is expected to produce 6.5-million tons of low-sulfur coal annually.

The transaction was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

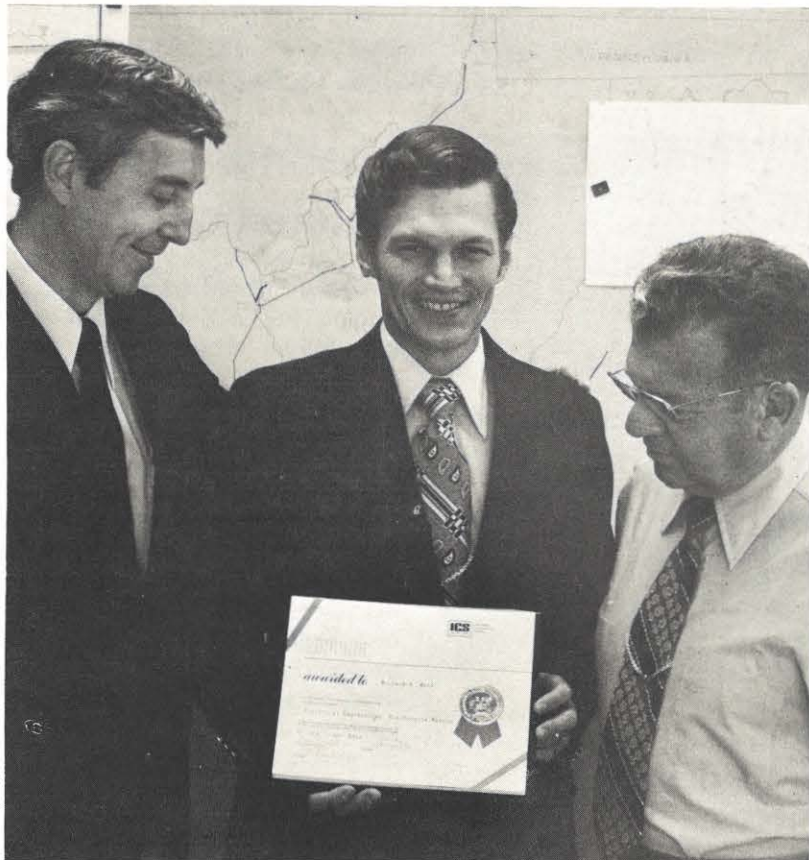
Cedar Coal promotes Bowling



Bowling

Charles D. Bowling, former vice president-operations for Cedar Coal Company, has been promoted to vice president-manager. He is now responsible for both operational and corporate duties and maintains offices at both the Chelyan mine site and Charleston. He succeeds Robert C. Long, who resigned earlier this year.

A native of Montgomery, West Virginia, Bowling holds a BS degree in mine engineering from West Virginia University. Before joining Cedar Coal in 1971, he had been a general superintendent and a chief mining engineer.



Richard Reed, electrical engineer in the General Office T&D Meter Section, Roanoke, completed an ICS course with an A average and has been awarded a diploma in electrical engineering with electronic options. He attended Roanoke College and graduated from Virginia Western Community College with a degree in applied science. After spending over 1200 hours on the correspondence course, Reed says he is going to take some time to fish and enjoy his family before starting any new studies. Pictured from left, J. A. Bostian, meter superintendent; Reed; and E. C. Rankin, transmission and distribution manager.

Battelle Institute develops process to remove sulfur from coal

The question of how to remove sulfur from coal — and thus meet environmental considerations — got an encouraging answer recently.

Battelle Memorial Institute, a leading research organization, announced that, after two years of research, it had scored a breakthrough by developing an economical process to clean out sulfur and produce a dry, solid fuel for utility boilers. Battelle said that \$30 million would be needed from industry, however, to build a pilot plant which would process 50 tons a day. The next step beyond that would be a commercial prototype plant with a capacity of 10,000 tons a day.

"By pressing ahead at full speed," Dr. Sherwood L. Fawcett, Battelle's president, said, "it should be possible to bring the first commercial plants using the Battelle hydrothermal coal process on stream in 1982 or 1983."

John Tillinghast, senior executive vice president-engineering and construction of the American Electric Power Service Corporation, called the announcement of the new process "encouraging" and "most promising."

AEP's position has always been that "front-end" sulfur removal, rather than scrubbers, represented the optimum solution. In other words, it makes more sense to remove the sulfur from the coals before it is burned than from the smoke after it is burned.

The process is designed to remove 70 per cent of organic sulfur and 99 per cent of pyritic sulfur in five steps. High-sulfur coal, after being dried, is ground into powder and mixed with sodium hydroxide and calcium hydroxide. The resulting liquid is heated and pressurized to remove sulfur and ash. It is then passed through a heat exchanger into a separation segment, where the desulfurized coal is extracted. The fourth step dries the coal into a clean fuel. The final step involves the regeneration of the chemicals and metals removed during the drying process.

Dr. Edgel P. Stambaugh, inventor of the process, estimates the cost of treatment at between \$10 and \$15 per ton of coal.

NAB program results in 1,069 jobs for veterans, disadvantaged

The annual JOBS (Job Opportunities in the Business Sector) pledge campaign of the National Alliance of Businessmen has as its goal finding permanent full-time employment for the disadvantaged ex-offenders and Viet Nam era veterans who served in the armed forces between August 1964 and the present.

Miller C. Porterfield, vice president and Charleston Division manager, served as chairman of the Charleston Metro area of the NAB program for the fiscal year 1974-75. John C. Frazier, Charleston personnel supervisor, was appointed metro director.

Letters were mailed to all major businesses in the 14 counties included in the Charleston metro area. Some 87 pledged to support the program for the fiscal year which ended June 30. The

goal of 300 disadvantaged and 600 Viet Nam veterans was exceeded as 1,069 persons in these categories were placed in jobs during the past year. This was the second highest in the history of the NAB program which began in 1968 under the guidance of President Richard M. Nixon.

The year's quota also included 150 summer youth jobs. Although this program is well under way, final results are not in.

Porterfield said, "Considering the national economic condition, I feel it was a job well done".

Frazier said, "This has been a very rewarding experience for me and one which pays off in self-satisfaction, especially when you look at the final results of 1,069 new jobs for this group of people in a year's time."



Looking over the results of this year's JOBS Campaign in Charleston are (l. to r.) Sue Pryce, personnel clerk senior; John Frazier, metro director; and Miller Porterfield, Metro Chairman. Mrs. Pryce kept the records of reporting companies in the program.

Martinka points out problems in FEA coal allocation regulations

Pointing out some of the difficulties inherent in the Federal Energy Administration's proposed regulations for coal allocation, Paul D. Martinka, the Service Corporation's senior vice president — fuel supply, offered "other less disruptive approaches" to the coal problem during his recent testimony before the FEA.

Among the problems with the suggested regulations, Martinka listed:

- Possible conflict with the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 for coal companies which are owned by public utility holding company systems, such as American Electric Power. "In effect, the Act prohibits such coal companies from engaging in the business of selling their output to companies outside of the particular holding company system of which they are a mem-

ber," he said.

- The physical problems involved in reallocating coal away from its intended destination are much greater than in the case of oil. Difficult loading, transfer and transportation problems will be present in many situations involving coal allocations.

- FEA must also look at the disruption of power supply and difficulty in maintaining air quality standards which might result if contractual commitments for coal are not maintained.

Martinka stated that "the obvious, sensible solution is to increase our nation's coal supply, not to allocate its limited existing supply." He added that American coal supplies could be increased by eliminating or greatly curtailing shipments abroad and promoting development of our own coal resources.

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Register for education awards

Applications for American Electric Power System Education Awards for employees' children entering college in Fall 1976 will be available from personnel supervisors later this month. Deadline for returning the applications is September 12.

A total of 32 awards of \$2,500 each were granted last year.

Competing students must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), administered by Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey, on November 1. The company will pay the testing fee, and students must cover transportation costs to and from the test site. Personnel supervisors will have registration forms and list of test locations.

Students who took the SAT in their junior year need not repeat it. Personnel supervisors will supply forms for students to use to advise ETS to send test scores to the company.

Cole named CAP deputy commander



Cole

James M. Cole, performance engineer senior at Clinch River Plant, has been named deputy commander of Task Force Five of the Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. A captain in CAP, he has been commander of the Virginia Highlands Squadron since October 1971.

As deputy commander of Task Force Five, he assists the task force commander in working with local squadrons on organization, training, personnel changes, equipment procurement and mission assignments. He also acts as a liaison between Wing headquarters in Richmond and the local squadrons in the task force area.

Cole was instrumental in the formation and establishment of Mountain Empire Squadron, based at Mountain Empire Airport between Marion and Wytheville, Virginia.

Cole is also a certified senior pilot with CAP, a CAP check pilot, and one of a few certified mission coordinators in the Virginia Wing of CAP. He also holds a senior communications rating. Cole, who learned to fly off a grass field in Chilhowie, Va., in 1946, has more than 1000 hours of flying time to his credit. He has participated in 23 search and rescue missions to date.



Kates

Former jazz musician retires from Huntington Division

There was a time when all jazz enthusiasts around Huntington spent their Saturday evenings at their favorite supper club listening to the sometimes blazing, sometimes mellow and blue trumpet of swinging Willie Kates. Willie retired August 1 as custodian in Huntington after 39 years' service.

Willie, the son of a McDowell County coal miner, started working for a coal company upon graduation from high school. But he had a natural talent for music and, although prospects for the future were uncertain, he couldn't resist the temptation and entered West Virginia State College as a music major.

He formed his own orchestra and, after one year on campus,

Hubbard named mine superintendent



Hubbard

John S. Hubbard has been appointed general mine superintendent of the Marmet Division. He will be in charge of production at Central Coal Company, Southern Appalachian Coal Company, Central Appalachian Coal Company and the Bull Creek and Julian Mines. He succeeds the late J. O. McArdle.

Before joining the American Electric Power System, Hubbard was associated with John T. Boyd, Consultant and Geological Engineers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as a consultant engineer.

he and his group hit the road. He played a distinctive style of trumpet and eventually expanded his talents to master the piano, drums, cornet, trombone and occasionally entertained his audiences with the soft tones of a harmonica. His jazz career took him to many cities but it came to an abrupt halt when he arrived in Huntington. Willie fell in love, got married and soon had a family to support.

He signed on with Appalachian as a laborer and spent his entire career in the custodial force. He continued to front his own local orchestra and played supper clubs in and around the Huntington area on weekends for a number of years.

Music is still in his blood as well as that of his children. His son Gregory plays the saxophone; Willie, Jr., the piano and organ; and daughter Freddie, the piano. His wife Eddie is a singer.

Willie has had some interesting experiences with Appalachian, including one which occurred in 1937 when the Huntington office was devastated by a flood. He and another employee were assigned to guard some furniture and records that were stored in a vacant building to get them out of the flood. There was a breakdown in communications and the person assigned to bring them food didn't show up. For two days Willie and his partner stayed in their assigned positions without food or water.

Willie is appreciative of his career with Appalachian, pointing out that he never missed a payday and was able to educate his children, buy a nice home, modern appliances and keep a new car.

He is on the board of trustees of Huntington's 16th Street Baptist Church and is a Mason, Shriner and Bison.

"Big Wheel" Turner retires as Roanoke general foreman

Ralph Deward "Big Wheel" Turner, Roanoke general foreman, elected early retirement August 1 after 30 years' service.

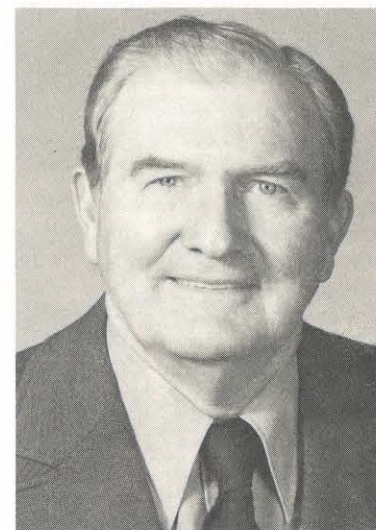
A native of Floyd, Virginia, Ralph attended National Business College and was employed by the Virginia State Highway Department, Adams Construction Company and Pocahontas Coal Company before serving in the U. S. Army during World War II. He saw heavy action in the European Campaign and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action in the Normandy invasion.

After his discharge, Ralph recalls, "I ran into a couple of friends who were working for Appalachian — John Perry, a groundman, and Randy Lewis, who was then general line foreman. Randy told me he would like to have me work for him and said, 'I'll even hire you on today and if you don't like the work, you can quit.' The next day I went to work as a groundman, and it goes without saying that I have enjoyed my work with Appalachian. If a man doesn't like the company and his job, he wouldn't stay around for 30 years."

Ralph advanced through the groundman and lineman classifications and became working foreman in 1961 and line foreman non-exempt in 1965. In 1968 he was promoted to senior foreman and the job was reclassified as general foreman in 1972.

Ralph recalls that one of his most enjoyable experiences was serving as an instructor in the company's lineman helper training schools. He says, "I worked with trainees in Roanoke, Lynchburg and Abingdon, and it was surprising how much I learned from having to prepare material for the classes."

Ralph is proud of the fact that no



Turner

man who has worked under him has been injured, but an incident which occurred during a training school almost changed that. "One of the trainees cut out of the pole and, as he started to fall his feet came up between his belt and the pole, sending him down head first. Luckily, the pole was larger at the base and the weight of his body between his belt and the pole was enough to slow him down. It was like someone putting on the brakes because when the top of his head finally touched the ground, there was no impact at all," Ralph said.

Only two months before his retirement, Ralph saved the life of a young man. The youth, apparently on drugs, was hanging by one foot and one hand from an interstate bridge and Ralph managed to pull him to safety.

His wife Martha retired from the C&P Telephone Company August 1 and, according to Ralph, "We are going to do the things we've always wanted to and never had the time before. The Turners are members of the Windsor Hills Baptist Church in Roanoke and have one married son Roland, who is a teacher and basketball coach at Cave Spring Junior High School.



Nancy Cox, a member of the Telco Junior Achievement company sponsored by Appalachian Power, received a trophy for being the top salesperson in the 1975 Roanoke Valley JA program. Admiring the trophy are (from left) Gilmer Wilhelm, General Office station design supervisor; Robert D. Webster assistant Roanoke Division manager; R. L. Mills, Roanoke power engineer and J. T. Owen, Roanoke engineer. Wilhelm, Mills and Owen are JA advisors and Webster is on the JA board of directors. Not pictured is James Meadows another Telco member, who was presented the Spirit of Junior Achievement Award for best demonstrating the qualities of enthusiasm, leadership ability and personal integrity.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ASHLAND

Evelyn Cassidy, wife of Retiree E. C. Cassidy, was installed as corresponding secretary of the Altrusa Club.

ABINGDON

Leon Prater, son of James E. Prater, Accounting, was selected to appear in the 1975 edition of "Outstanding Americans in the South". Prater, a staff development specialist with the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, appeared in "Who's Who in North Carolina" in 1973.

Jane Craig, daughter of Gordon Craig, Customer Services, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a degree in psychology. She was awarded an assistantship at Wake Forest University to continue work toward a master's degree. She was an AEP educational award winner in 1971.

Victor Kelsey, son of P. V. Kelsey, customer services manager, was awarded a master's degree in ceramic engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and will continue working toward his doctorate there.

David Blankenship won several honors during his week at the Roanoke College basketball camp in Salem, Va. He received the Converse All-Star award for winning the 15-year-old group's ball handling championship, was second in the free throwing competition, and a quarter finalist in the camp's one-on-one competition. Last year David was named to the All-Star team in the 15-16-year-old group and was a semifinalist in the one-on-one competition. A sophomore at Abingdon High School, he is the son of John Blankenship, stationman A.

BLUEFIELD



Harris Nash

Mike Harris, son of James H. Harris, line foreman non-exempt, was appointed to the staff of the recently reorganized and expanded youth, show and special activities section of American-International Charolais Associa-

tion, Houston, Texas. He holds a BS degree in animal science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and MS degree in animal industries at Pennsylvania State University.

Marie Nash, wife of Wade Nash, meterman B, was selected an Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America for 1975. A teacher at Dudley Elementary School in Bluefield, Va., she was named on the basis of her professional, personal and academic achievements.

Gail Nash Graham, daughter of Wade Nash, graduated magna cum laude from Bluefield State College with a degree in English and social studies. She is employed as a social studies teacher at Graham Junior High School in Bluefield, Va.

Carolyn Gibson, daughter of Millard Gibson, area serviceman, received her cap from the Clinch Valley Clinic Hospital and Tazewell Vocational Center.

Jackie Houston, Princeton customer accounts representative B, was elected secretary of the Greater Bluefield Jayceettes for 1975-76.

Evelyn Martin, wife of Jack Martin, Pineville area supervisor A, was appointed service chairman of the Xi Beta Epsilon Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

LOGAN—WILLIAMSON

Ruby Henritze, wife of T. L. Henritze, retired Logan line foreman, was named to the program and publicity committees of the Crescent Garden Club for 1975-76. **Mrs. William H. Honaker**, wife of the retired line and station supervisor, is serving on the club's birds and wildlife committee.

M. A. "Sonny" White, line and station supervisor, was installed as tail twister of the Logan Lions Club.

Merrill Atkinson, retired administrative assistant, was a delegate to the 60th annual convention of Kiwanis International at Atlanta, Ga.

HUNTINGTON

Jean Gibson, wife of T. R. Gibson, commercial representative, was elected vice president of the Musical Arts Guild.

John Browning, truck driver-groundman, won the Ceredo-Kenova Athletic Boosters golf tournament at Twin Valley Golf Course with a 73, three over par.

Several employees participated

in a golf tournament held at Point Pleasant's Hidden Valley Country Club. **C. E. Yeager**, electrical engineer, had low gross, with **Paul Baker**, customer services supervisor, as runner up. **Mark Lynch**, senior engineering technologist, and **Chapman Rutledge**, meter serviceman A, won low net, followed by **Ron Pinson**, lineman B. **Don Watts**, lineman A, had low putts, with **G. F. Schwartz**, division superintendent, placing second.

GENERAL OFFICE



Willis Terry

Rebecca Lynn Willis, 16-year-old daughter of Adrian Willis, draftsman senior, GO Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke, was chosen "All American Girl" in a contest sponsored by Radio Station WSLC and the Statler Brothers. Becky appeared on stage with the Statler Brothers, Johnny Russell and Charlie McCoy before an audience of more than 40,000 at the annual Fourth of July celebration in Staunton, Va.

Lorena M. Terry, personnel assistant senior, GO Personnel, Roanoke, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Roanoke Valley Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. She will represent the chapter in competition for the "American Business Woman of the Year" award.



Annette Lee Wynn, daughter of Lynchburg General Serviceman Charles W. Wynn, recently received her Girl Scout first class pin. The pin, which is the highest honor in Girl Scouting, signifies that Annette has met the four challenges and earned 12 Cadet Scout badges and 22 Junior badges. A member of Girl Scout Troop 332, Annette joined Scouting seven years ago in a Junior Troop headed by her mother. She has just returned from a primitive camping trip to Savannah, Georgia, the birthplace of Julia Lowe, founder of Girl Scouting.

After winning this year's Fin-castle Women's Softball Tournament, **Mary "Luggum" Turner** was voted by her teammates in the Covington All-Stars as "most valuable player" and was awarded a trophy. A key punch operator A in GO Accounting, Roanoke, Luggum plays outfield and had a .665 average for the tournament.

BECKLEY

Kim Martin, son of Oak Hill Area Supervisor R. W. Martin, received a certificate of merit from West Virginia University for being named to the dean's list for 1974-75 school year. He maintained a straight A average in the School of Forestry.

LYNCHBURG

Martha Frances Stone, daughter of George W. Stone, Jr., T&D clerk, graduated with honors from Amherst County High School. She has been accepted at Radford College, where she will study for a nursing career, specializing in electrocardiology.

Elmer T. Johnson, retired commercial sales engineer, was recognized for 29 years of perfect attendance by the Lynchburg Lions Club and received the Old Monarch Award for long-term membership. **R. L. Hatch**, retired station supervisor, received recognition for 17 years of perfect attendance.

Debra Kay Ford, daughter of W. W. Ford, Jr., customer services manager, was selected to serve as a loaned executive for the 1975 Central Virginia United Way Campaign. She is an

employee relations assistant Meredith/Burda Company Lynchburg.

Stephen L. Jamison, administrative assistant, was appointed to the public relations committee for the Central Virginia United Way 1975 campaign.

Richard L. Booth, son of W. Booth, Jr., electrical engineer senior, presented a paper entitled "Considerations in the Design of a Plutonium Dioxide Facility" at the American Nuclear Society's 21st annual meeting New Orleans, La. An AEP educational award winner in 1958, Booth is in the corporate office of Nuclear Fuel Service Inc., Rockville, Md.

HAZARD



Yost

Worley Yost, Jr., engineer supervisor, was elected to his third term as president of the Kentucky River Chapter, Society of Professional Engineers.

PULASKI

S. A. Malley, lineman, was elected to the official board of the First Christian Church, Pulaski.

Harry Jennings, right of way agent, was installed as a member of the board of directors of the Dublin Lions Club for a one-year term.

D. K. Spivey, engineer B, was re-elected to the Session of the First Presbyterian Church Pulaski.

C. A. Schmidt, customer accounting supervisor, was appointed chairman of a committee to seek housing and employment for Vietnamese refugees sponsored by the Main Street Baptist Church, Christiansburg.

J. B. Brillheart, Jr., administrative assistant, was awarded a trophy for the Kegle League high game with handicap (278) for the 1974-75 season.

Jenny and Karen Boulton daughters of J. R. Boulton, and **Sue and David Spivey**, children of D. K. Spivey, are members of "The Joyful Noise", senior youth choir at Pulaski's First Presbyterian Church. In July the choir traveled to New York City for a ten-day work camp at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. While there, they made repairs to the church, assisted with the child day care center and presented a musical entitled "Life". They will present the musical again at the Presbyterian Youth Conference in Montreat North Carolina, this month.

CHARLESTON



Jividen

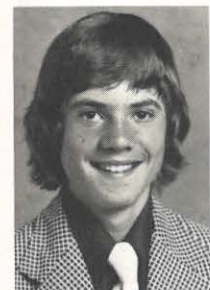
Jody L. Jividen, sports writer for Dunbar High School's student newspaper "The Kennel", received the Most Creative Writer Award in journalism at the school. The son of L. R. Jividen, customer services representative, he attended the United High School Press Convention for high school journalists at Marshall University.

Shawna Sayre, 14-month-old daughter of Ray Sayre, meterman B, was chosen baby queen of 1975 at Calvary Nazarene Church. Her sister **Tonya**, 3½ years old, had held the title for two years. Shawna will compete for the state title in September.



Tonya (left) and Shawna Sayre

GLEN LYN



Thornton

Steve Thornton, 6'1" eighth grader at Narrows High School, set a new eighth grade track record at the school. Steve, son of E. C. Thornton, equipment operator, competed in seven events against ten different schools and went undefeated in the high jump this season. In his third event, he jumped 5'5" to set a school record and came back in his last event of the season to jump 5'6", breaking his own record. He also won a first place blue ribbon in the Blacksburg Invitational Track Meet.

Jim Fleshman, son of W. R. Fleshman, stores attendant senior, received a master of science degree in industrial engineering from the University of Tennessee. An AEP scholarship winner in 1966, Fleshman received a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering from West Virginia University. He

is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Tennessee, where he is employed by Tennessee Eastman Company. He is president of the Eastman Professional Development Club and president-elect of the TriCities Chapter, American Institute of Industrial Engineers.

Samia Hollinger, daughter of Sam D. Hollinger, performance engineer, and **Michael Harris**, son of Everett V. Harris, chief chemist, participated in the Giles Country Club Swim Team Contest. The local swim team rolled up 385 points in the three-way session with two other teams. Samia placed first in the 15-18 girls' division in Butterfly and Individual Medley and second in Freestyle and Backstroke. In the 15-18 boys' division, Mike placed first in Freestyle and Backstroke.

ROANOKE

At the annual awards banquet at New Castle High School, **Becky Walrond** accepted the outstanding chapter award on behalf of the New Castle Chapter, Future Homemakers of America. The New Castle Chapter received the state award for accomplishments in the areas of personal development, community involvement, strengthening home and family living and jobs and careers. The widow of the late J. C. Walrond, lineman C, Mrs. Walrond is a past president of the New Castle Chapter and is presently a reporter for Star Federation.

E. T. Jones, Jr., customer accounting supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Roanoke Valley Chapter, International Management Council.

Pamela C. Mitchell, daughter of R. F. Cooke, accounting supervisor, was named to the Radford College Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education society.

Dale Ragland, son of Bob Ragland, lead draftsman, was selected to play in the annual Roanoke County Minor League All-Star Game. He played for the Hollins Lions during the regular season.

CABIN CREEK



Surbaugh

Rhonda Surbaugh, daughter of Ronald E. Surbaugh, maintenance foreman, was one of five girls selected from DuPont Junior High School to attend the Kanawha County Sheriff's Youth Camp at Camp Virgil Tate. This is the first time in its 19-year history that the camp has been open to

girls. The campers, all ninth graders, were selected on the basis of academic achievement and leadership potential.

PHILIP SPORN



Gibbs

Carletta Gibbs, daughter of C. J. Gibbs, maintenance man, was one of the two juniors selected to represent Wahama High School and community at the 28th annual youth leadership service camp at Camp Horseshoe, St. George, W. Va. Sponsored by the state YMCA, the camp is designed for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who have demonstrated leadership potential and ability in their schools, churches or communities

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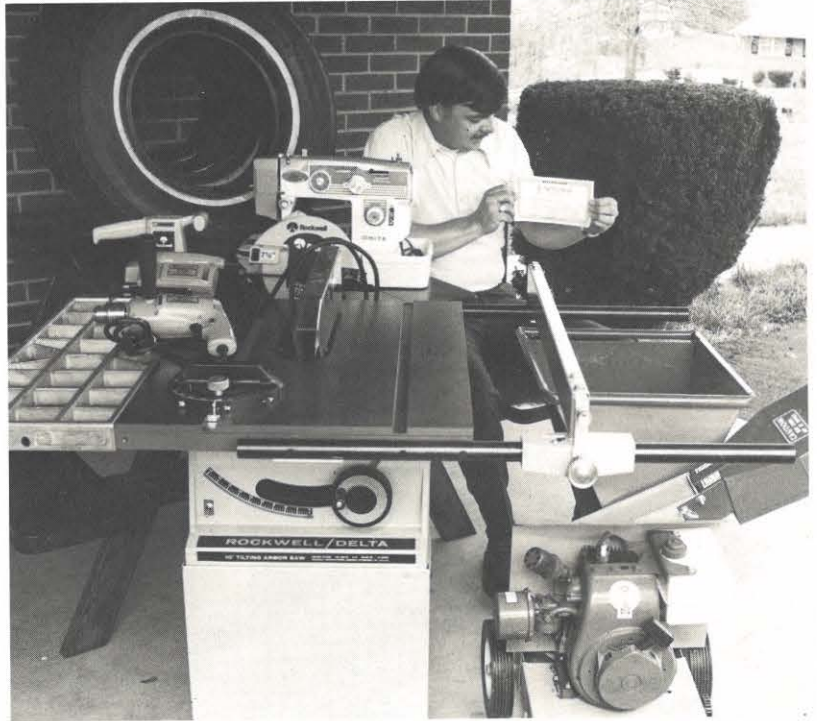


Kilgore

Carl Kilgore, planner, was elected president of the Weber City, Va., Optimist Club.

Steve Droke, husband of Linda Droke, customer accounts representative, received a BS degree in business administration from East Tennessee State University.

Bruce Bacon, son of Carl S. Bacon, power engineer, was chosen a member of the Pee Wee Reese All-Star baseball team.

Dial-A-Door contest nets
Buddy Davis \$1500 in prizes

Buddy Davis looks over some of the prizes he won in a Roanoke radio station's Dial-A-Door contest.

Buddy Davis, Roanoke meter serviceman C, really hit the jackpot when he won a local radio station's Dial-A-Door Contest. His prizes included a table saw, drill, hand saw, sander, composter, sewing machine, four belted radial tires, jig saw and a \$200 food certificate.

A telephone type lock had been placed on the participating merchant's door and contestants had to dial seven numbers in the proper sequence to win. Davis recalls, "It wasn't until the contest was in the last three days that I decided to play. It had been going on for a couple of weeks, and each day the disc jockey would give certain clues in the sequence of numbers. No one had been able to figure out the code. I felt someone had to win, and I felt I had a good chance to win the prizes myself. After listening for additional clues, just one day before the contest ended, it came to me. I just knew I could break the code."

"Since the next day was a work day and I knew I had to have time to play the contest, I called my supervisor to see if he would

allow me to take my Personal Day Off." Davis's inclination about the proper sequence was partially right because he successfully opened five of the ten doors. "After the contest ended, the radio announcer interviewed me live and said there was only one chance in a million for one individual to figure five of the proper sequences of numbers." Davis said.

His wife Sylvia was jubilant about the winnings. "I don't think either of us has ever been any happier than that Friday. It was like Christmas all over again."

Davis, who will not divulge how he broke the code, says he hopes the station will have another Dial-A-Door contest soon.

Safety milestone

The 224 employees of Pulaski Division reached 500,000 man-hours without a disabling injury on July 11. The safety record began June 19, 1974, and is continuing.



ZAPCO, a Junior Achievement company sponsored by Kentucky Power in Ashland, finished the year with a 10 per cent dividend payment to stockholders. The company manufactured memo pads and gift wrapping bows. During the year, ZAPCO was awarded trophies for being company of the month in March, best booth presentation for the Trade Fair in January, and second place in sales

for the Trade Fair. Pictured (from left) are Bill Schweitzer, advisor; R. E. Matthews, Ashland Division manager; Frank Salisbury, advisor; Carol Walker, vice president of personnel for ZAPCO; Ralph Smith, advisor; Chad Perrine, vice president of sales for ZAPCO; and Garred See, advisor.

20 couples around system exchange wedding vows



Adkins



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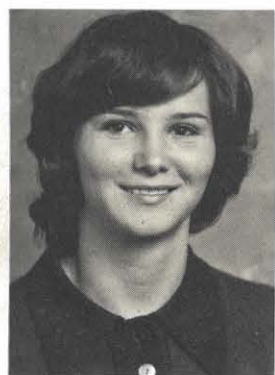
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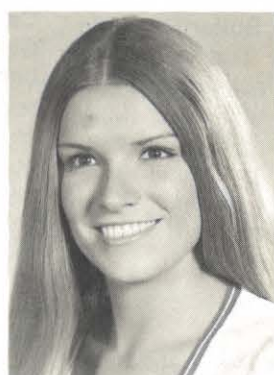
Burnett



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Workman



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Hart



Shropshire



Brown

WEDDINGS

Barbara Ellen Locke, daughter of William T. Locke, Huntington station foreman, to Dewey Joseph Adkins, June 20.

Brenda Sue McNutt, stepdaughter of Norman R. Crumbaker, Clinch River Plant assistant shift operating engineer, to Ernest Gregory Hall, June 1.

Constance Quinn Burnett, daughter of J. M. Burnett, rates and tariff supervisor for Appalachian Power Company, to Nelson Lafayette Sutton, III, July 5.

Anna Hicks, maid, General Office General Services, Roanoke, to Robert Robinson, June 28.

Rita Sheryl Mitchell, daughter of William L. Mitchell, Bluefield lineman A, to James Foster Broome, Jr., June 28.

Catherine Yvonne Campbell to **Donald Mitchell Jackson**, son of Calvin M. Jackson, Abingdon area supervisor A, June 14.

Bobbie Louise Waid, daughter of Robert A. Waid, right of way agent, General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke, to Brant Durand Barnes, June 28.

Nancy Lindsey, daughter of Dorcas Moncer, Huntington customer accounts representative, to Oliver A. Toole, June 21.

Kathy Hill to **Charles E. Burnett**, meter reader at Galax, Pulaski Division, June 14.

Mary Ann Amstadt to **Michael Berry Cooke**, son of R. F. Cooke, Roanoke accounting supervisor, June 28.

Ruth Ann Coulter, daughter of Lanty R. Coulter, Cabin Creek Plant control operator, to Daniel K. Workman, June 9.

Diane Smith to **Edward L. Berginnis**, Ashland accounting supervisor, June 28.

Linda Holley to **Arthur Jeffrey Hart**, son of A. H. Hart, Philip Sporn Plant

filter plant operator and sampler, May 23.

Linda Patricia Flanagan, daughter of H. R. Flanagan, Pikeville accounting supervisor, to David P. Shropshire, June 7.

Peggy Derrick to **Richard Alan Brown**, John E. Amos Plant utility man B, June 28.

Debbie Harbrecht to **Gary L. Ellis**, Philip Sporn Plant utility man A, July 6.

Lisa Scott, daughter of J. C. Scott, Philip Sporn Plant master maintenance man, to Steve Carpenter, June 21.

Janie Persinger to **Gregory Cross**, son of the late Allen Cross, former Huntington heating sales engineer, May 16.

Florence V. Phelps to **Arthur W. Bonds**, express driver, General Office General Services, Roanoke, June 13.

Marsha K. Nulph to **Marvin L. Haines**, electrical engineer, General Office T&D Station Section, Roanoke, June 7.



Christy Martin, a sophomore at Collins High School, Oak Hill, W. Va., was the recipient of two drama awards recently. The daughter of Oak Hill Area Supervisor R. W. Martin, she was named best actress in a lead role and best student director.

Edwards says Army Reserves is different, interesting part-time job

Ella Edwards, Roanoke customer accounts representative, is in the Army now. She has been a member of the 80th Division training group (Army Reserves) in Roanoke since taking her oath in March. After basic training at Fort McClelland, Alabama, she was promoted to her present rank of private first class.

Edwards says, "When I saw some of the local advertisements promoting the recruitment of women in the armed forces, I began to give some thought to signing up. But it wasn't until a former school friend of mine told me that she belonged that I really gave it serious consideration. It seems funny now because every step closer I came to actually signing the papers and taking the oath, I would tell myself, 'I'm not really going through with this. Something or someone will change my mind.' But after I saw Mr. Vaughan's letter on the bulletin board stating the company's support of the Army Reserve program, I decided to go all the way."

Although Edwards now has no regrets, she thought differently during basic training. She recalls, "When we were on some of the four mile marches on rocky roads, with the sun beating down, I questioned myself why I had ever gotten into it. But it kept running through my mind that, like it or not, I signed up for three years and would just have to make the best of it."

Edwards' most difficult experience in basic training came when "the drill sergeant instructed us to apply Oscar, the military name for gas mask. We had to make sure that we had it on tight enough to prevent the breathing of any gas. I had it on plenty tight all right because when it came



Edwards

time for me to enter the gas-filled room and remove the mask and give my name, rank and serial number, the straps were too tight to allow its easy removal. Tear gas filtered in and, by the time I got it off and blurted out what I had to say and got the mask back on, I left the room with tears flowing."

Her first summer camp tour at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, was "a breeze compared to basic training". Her primary duties there and at monthly reserve meetings are clerical.

Edwards emphasizes, "I haven't any axe to grind. I'm not out to compete with men or prove my womanhood. I joined because it was something different and, too, it provides extra income — something I can always use."

Ryan Copley featured in ad



Copley

Ryan Craig Copley is telling Ashland residents about his savings account at First Federal Savings & Loan in one of the firm's newspaper advertisements. He is the five-month-old son of Charles Copley, Ashland meterman C.

When Mrs. Copley opened a savings account for Ryan at First Federal, she had just stopped at a local photographer's to pick up some photographs of him. She showed them to the employees there and, a few weeks later, First Federal contacted the Copleys and asked permission to use Ryan's picture for a newspaper ad.

BABY PARADE

John E. Amos

Michael Shane, son of **Beecher Robinson, Jr.**, maintenance man B, July 8.

Big Sandy

Pamela Christine, daughter of **Ronald F. Kelly**, performance engineer, June 30.

Melissa Dawn, daughter of **Billy Joe Bellomy**, master maintenance man, May 4.

Bluefield

Joe Allen, son of **W. Preston Horton**, planner, June 11.

Elizabeth Lee, daughter of **Frederick L. Farley**, Princeton customer accounting supervisor, June 27.

Central Appalachian Coal

Ryan Scott, son of **Frederick Herman Vollmuth**, personnel coordinator, Morris Creek, May 26.

Charleston

Kristi Suzanne, daughter of **Benjamin G. Shew, II**, senior engineering technologist, July 5.

Wendi Jo, daughter of **Dennis Selbe**, lineman A, June 10.

General Office

Vanessa Anne, daughter of **Ronald H. Payne**, draftsman, GO Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke, July 7.

Lori Ann, daughter of **Julia E. Dalton**, personnel clerk, GO Personnel, Roanoke, July 8.

Huntington

Craig Michael, son of **Geoffrey Campbell**, chemist, AEP Lab, June 15.

Pikeville

Pamela, daughter of **Nancy H. Williamson**, general records clerk senior, June 28.

Pulaski

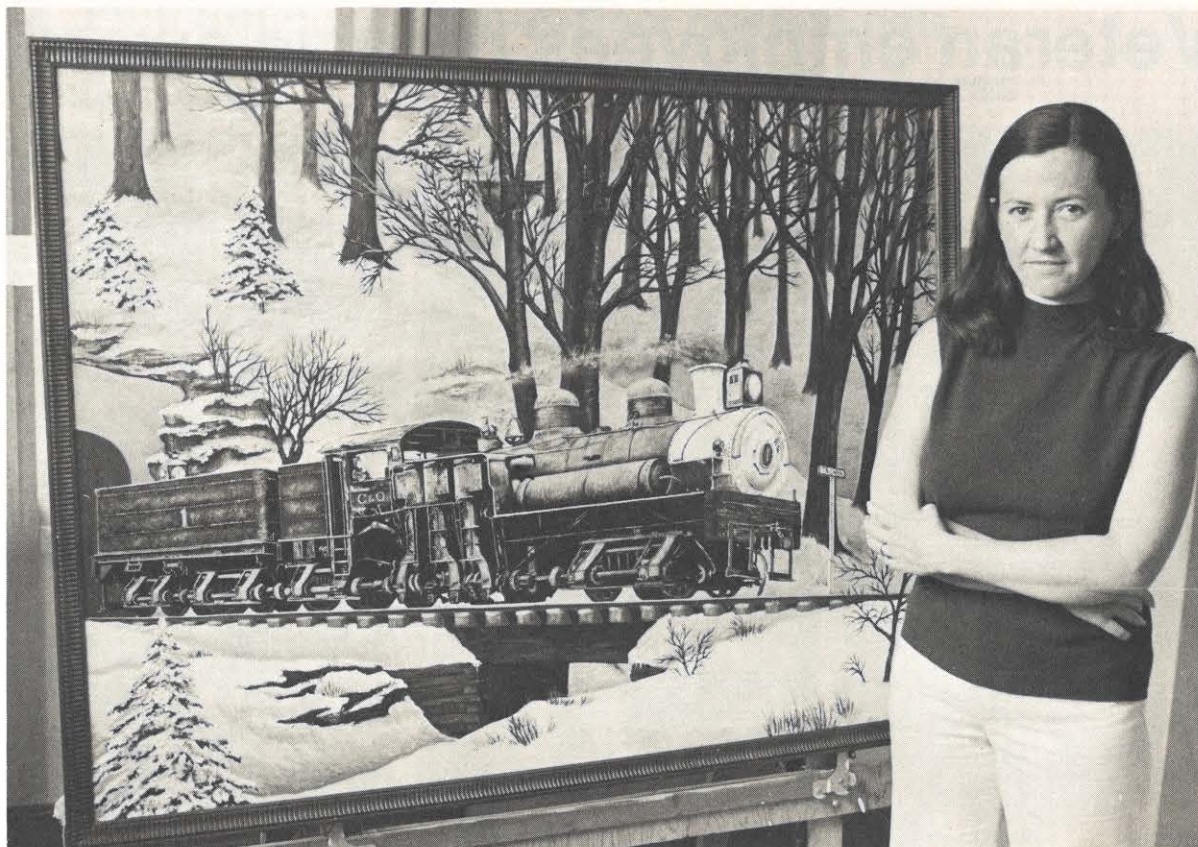
Kerri Leigh, daughter of **Joe L. Weddle**, electrical engineer, June 14.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Susan Renee, daughter of **Robert Earl Boyd**, survey party chief, Marmet, May 27.



Fred E. Bowman, retired Roanoke Division service coordinator, and his wife Lillian celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party given by their two children. The Bowmans were married May 14, 1925, in the Daleville, Virginia, Church of the Brethren.



Mary Massie hopes to find a buyer for this painting she did of C&O Railway's Shay #1 engine.

C&O Shay #1 engine featured in Mary Massie's art

The fact that her father is employed by the C&O Railway and her grandfather is a C&O retiree apparently has had a bearing on some of Mary Massie's art works. Mary, the wife of Huntington Meter Reader Terry Massie, has used the railway's Shay #1 engine as the subject of several of her paintings. She has copied the engine from an old photograph in paint as well as carbon pencil.

The Shay engine is considered unique since only about 3,000 of them were in existence throughout the United States. Mary's grandfather was an engineer on the Shay #1 before the C&O took it out of operation in 1923. He drove the train in the Cabin Creek area for about six months in 1919. The tunnel pictured in her works is still in existence at Cabin Creek although the tracks have been

torn out and it is now used by automobiles.

Mary prefers drawing animals over people because she hasn't been satisfied with the results when she used people as subjects. Presently she is working on a pastel of a friend's cat. She notes, "I prefer doing drawings in black and white or pastel over working with paints because they

achieve more detail and can be done in less time with better results." She has a master's degree in art education from Marshall University.

Although Mary has not yet ventured out of Huntington to display her work, she would like to exhibit next summer at the Ripley, W. Va., Arts and Craft Festival.

Sporn employees test emergency skills in simulated tornado

At 6:00 p. m. on June 12 a simulated tornado struck the Philip Sporn Plant, leaving three victims in its wake. One employee, Paul Harmon, equipment operator, was found in a dazed state on the Unit 2 transformer deck with lacerations over his body sustained from flying glass. A second employee, Norman Baxter, unit foreman, was taken to the first aid room after receiving a blow in the abdominal area from a blunt object. He was in shock with possible internal injuries. Herb Slone, utility man A, was located on Unit 5 near an open door with fractured ribs, flail chest, and in need of oxygen. Other employees on "C" operating shift aided the victims until the New Haven Rescue Squad arrived.

The New Haven Rescue Squad unit that responded to Sporn Plant's request for help included one employee, Bill Gibbs, coal handler, who is an Emergency Medical Technician. Another member of the crew was Shelby Duncan, the wife of Project 1301 Stores Employee Cecil Duncan. The rescue personnel applied bandages and gave other necessary treatment to the mock victims en route to the hospital.

Fortunately, this was only a drill. As a result of the massive problems experienced by the hospital at Zenia, Ohio, after the

tornado struck there last year the Sporn area hospitals conducted this tri-county simulated tornado disaster. The purpose was to test their ability to cope with the many disaster related injuries and to test their individual emergency procedures. Sporn Plant, who participated along with other industry in the area, were involved with Pleasant Valley Hospital. Several locations in the two adjacent Ohio counties Meigs and Gallia, were involved with their area hospitals. All locations who participated in the drill began their activities simultaneously. After a critique the next day, the whole operation was reported a success. The event received extensive new coverage including television.

The drill was a valuable training tool for the employees at Sporn because it provided an opportunity to test their skills in time of emergency.

The Rescue Squad had its problems though. While driving to the hospital 20 miles away, all the drive belts broke on the ambulance engine, temporarily crippling it. Also, while the unit was in operation, a second call was received to aid the victim of a heart attack near New Haven. The New Haven Fire Department ambulance was dispatched to that scene.



Awards were presented to five 4-H Clubs in Ashland Division in Kentucky Power's annual club secretary's book competition. Cash awards ranged from \$65 to the Fallsburg 4-H Club, which won third place in the company, first place in the division and first place in Lawrence County, down to \$10 for three second place county winners. The Poage 4-H Club was awarded \$30 for

second place in the division and first place in the county. Pictured (from left) are Mrs. Robert D. David, leader of the Poage club; Lisa Davis, Poage president; Earl Hawkins, Kentucky Power customer services manager; Steve Sandy, president of Saddleites 4-H Club; and Mrs. Walter Smith, Saddleites leader. Photo courtesy **Ashland Daily Independent**.

Veteran employees receive awards for long service



King Robison Angle Abolin Sneed Cunningham Dougan Guilliams Taylor Mitchell



Dickenson Eakin Ramsey Poff Reed Bell Whitehurst Cole Fleenor Abel



Higgins McDaniel Lambert Altizer Slack Spencer Caruthers Ruble Thomas

35 Years	Classification	Location
King, F. E.	Master Maintenance Man	GO-Roanoke
Robison, C. L., Jr.	Supv. Cir. Brk. Engr.	GO-Roanoke
Angle, L. C., Jr.	Power Engineer	Abingdon
Abolin, T. W.	Plant Manager	Clinch River
Sneed, A. B.	Operations Engr. Sr.	GO-Roanoke
Wright, Ruth	Cust. Acctg. Clerk B.	GO-Roanoke

30 Years	Classification	Location
Cunningham, Eleanor	Private Secretary	Logan-Williamson
Dougan, L. G.	Personnel Supervisor	Roanoke
Guilliams, H. E.	Meter Serviceman A	Roanoke
Taylor, H. S.	Meter Serviceman A	Abingdon
Mitchell, W. C.	Area T&D Clerk	Abingdon
Dickenson, T. A.	Line Foreman Exempt	Beckley
Eakin, Bea	Stenographer	Roanoke
Ramsey, L. G.	Stationman B	Lynchburg
Poff, W. B.	Operations Coordinator	GO-Roanoke
Reed, H. H.	Maintenance Foreman	Glen Lyn
Phillips, R. H.	Stationman B	Roanoke

25 Years	Classification	Location
Bell, W. G., Jr.	Executive Assistant	GO-Roanoke
Whitehurst, J. R.	Division Manager	Abingdon
Cole, J. M.	Performance Engineer Sr.	Clinch River
Fleenor, J. E.	Meter Reader	Abingdon
Abel, J. M.	Maintenance Foreman	Philip Sporn
Higgins, J. D.	Customer Serv. Mgr.	Beckley
McDaniel, J. L.	Master Maintenance Man	Philip Sporn
Lambert, J. C., Jr.	Meterman A	Abingdon

20 Years	Classification	Location
Altizer, A. C.	Area T&D Clerk	Beckley
Slack, B. J.	Asst. Shift Op. Eng.	John E. Amos
Spencer, D. H.	Shift Operating Eng.	John E. Amos
Caruthers, C. F.	Area Serviceman	Charleston
Ruble, T. W.	Station Designer	GO-Roanoke
Thomas, B. C.	Area Serviceman	Beckley

15 Years	Classification	Location
Morrison, Garland	Head Custodian	Bluefield
Hurt, J. W.	Lineman B	Bluefield
Anderson, M. E.	Station Foreman Exempt	Bluefield
Hylton, K. W.	Transmission Insp.	GO-Bluefield
Staton, R. W.	Right Of Way Agent B	GO-Roanoke
Ebersbach, H. A.	Coal Sampler	Philip Sporn
Sayre, J. N.	Gen. River Tipple and Prep. Foreman	Central Coal
Denton, J. C.	Station Supervisor	Kingsport

10 Years	Classification	Location
Thomas, J. C.	Lineman A	Beckley

10 Years	Classification	Location
Vance, L. E.	Maintenance Man	Clinch River
Bevins, J. L.	Work Order Acctg. Clk.	GO-Roanoke
Reed, R. A.	Electrical Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Elliott, R. M.	Meterman B	Lynchburg
Payne, P. C., Jr.	Meterman A	Pulaski
Nowlin, J. S.	Lineman C	Pulaski

5 Years	Classification	Location
Neal, R. L.	Performance Engineer	John E. Amos
Mays, R. L.	Equipment Operator	Clinch River
Agnew, R. W.	Electrical Engineer	GO-Huntington
Burtis, A. W.	Data Processing Op. A	GO-Roanoke
Payne, R. H.	Draftsman	GO-Roanoke
Downey, R. P.	T&D Clerk Senior	Roanoke
Kinney, P. M.	Meterman B	Roanoke
Sink, G. S.	Meter Reader	Roanoke
Johnson, L. G.	Instrument Maint. Man C	Philip Sporn
Knight, Jack	Chief Electrician	Cedar Coal
Lawrence, Bob	Surface Foreman	Cedar Coal
McKinney, Sennett	Mine Accountant	Cedar Coal
Rigsby, Leroy	Transportation Supt.	Cedar Coal
Curry, Don	Environmental Technician	Cedar Coal
Goins, Woody	General Mine Foreman	Cedar Coal
Huscusson, Eli	Surface Foreman	Cedar Coal
Porter, Kay	Work Order & Cost Acctg. Clerk Jr.	GO-Ashland
Davis, Gwenivere	Weighmaster	So. App. Coal
Dearnell, T. D.	Gen. River Tipple For.	So. App. Coal

Smith Mt. Visitors Center reopened

Appalachian Power Company reopened its Smith Mountain Visitors Center and public picnic areas at Smith Mountain and Leesville Dam on July 15.

The facilities were closed early this year as an economy measure. Since then the company has received numerous requests from individuals and groups, asking to use the facilities. D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke Division manager, said "because of public demand and because some rate relief has been received in Virginia we were able to reopen the facilities."

The Center will be open daily from 10 AM to 6 PM. The picnic areas will close at 10 PM.



Twelve Clinch River Plant employees and two General Office Operations employees attached to the Regional Chief Dispatcher's Office completed a 180-hour special course in industrial electronics at Virginia Highlands Community College. Awarded graduation certificates were Stevens M. Terry, Raymond A. Thompson, Joel E. Harrison, Jevene G. Bowling, Judy K. Miller and Roger C. Meade. Also, Bill G. Duty, Ira G. Owens, N. Gene Lester, Noel E. McMillan, Harold O. Garrett, James M. Cole, William Meade and J. P. Hardwick. Performance Engineer Steve Terry spearheaded the technical end of establishing the high quality course so that it would fit AEP standards. Pictured are (from left) Owens, Miller, Garrett, Meade, Harrison, Thompson, Terry and Cole.

MOVING UP



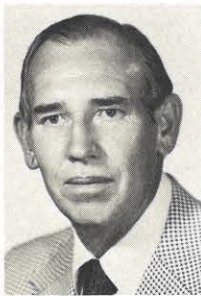
Amos



Moss



Runnion



Hancock

Ralph Gilbert Amos, Jr., former Roanoke Division station foreman, has been promoted to general foreman. He succeeds R. D. Turner, who retired August 1.

Wilbur N. Moss, former assistant shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, has been promoted to shift operating engineer. He succeeds Eugene H. Hall, who retired February 1.

Donzel W. Runnion, former machinist 1st class at Central Machine Shop, has been promoted to production foreman in the machine shop.

Paul P. Hancock, former Beckley Division station foreman, has been promoted to general foreman.

John William Dye, former administrative clerk senior at Cedar



Curry



Lively

Coal Company's Charleston Office, has been promoted to office supervisor.

A. R. Lively, former operations supervisor at Cabin Creek Plant, has been transferred to Kanawha River Plant in the same position.

H. R. Curry, former shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, has been promoted to operations supervisor succeeding Lively.

Retiree will keep up with trouble calls on home receiver

"When you work with electricity, you cannot be afraid of it but you sure can learn to respect it," says Parks H. Snead, who was Lynchburg general serviceman before electing early retirement August 1.

He continues, "I remember one time we were replacing the secondary under a 12 kv line along a highway. We strung the new wire and started it through the blocks. I was on a pole and noticed the slack was being taken up. It had hung in one of the pulleys. Suddenly it freed itself and slapped up into the primary, causing it to burn down. When the line broke, the hot side brushed down my back, singeing my hat and jacket. I was fine until I got down and thought back over what had happened. I learned a lot of respect for electricity and my safety equipment."

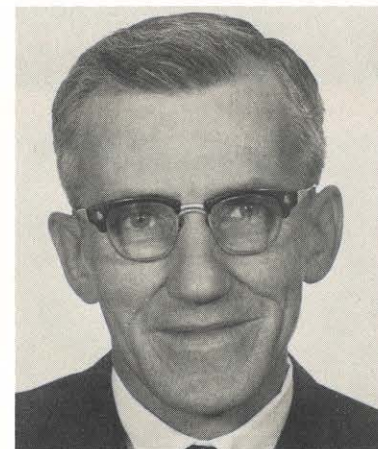
"The day I remember most was when we had to bring one of my buddies down off a pole. He had been hit by current and we were afraid he was dead. Claude Jordan and I went up and gave him pole top resuscitation and artificial respiration.

Finally he came around and today he's fine. We were all glad we had practiced pole top resuscitation every month.

sounding out on a small scanner receiver. Parks likes to keep up with the crews and trouble calls by listening to the radio.

Parks' hobby of collecting, repairing and building clocks will consume much of his leisure time. Some of the clocks he builds are for sale and he gets requests for repairs from various parts of the country.

He and his wife Nellie plan to stay in the Lynchburg area where their three children and eight grandchildren also live.



Frey

Jack Frey elects early retirement

Jack W. Frey, shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn Plant elected early retirement August 1 after more than 34 years' service.

A native of Ohio, Jack began his career in 1940 as a boiler room man at Lima Plant. He worked there as a turbine room man and shift operator B before moving to Sporn Plant in 1949 as assistant control operator. He has since worked as a unit operator, 2nd assistant shift operating engineer, 1st assistant shift operating engineer and assistant shift operating engineer.

Jack recalls, "I was on Unit 1 a Sporn two months before it started. I could hardly accept 8,000 kw per hour auxiliary generation on one unit. It was also hard to accept a feed water flow of 1,300,000 pounds per hour. At that time, it was something else!"

Jack says, "I want to do some remodeling at home and spend some time with the boys." He and his wife Glenna have one son in Colorado, one in Massachusetts and one in Missouri. He adds, "I have my greenhouse and will still keep it going strong. I also want to do some visiting I haven't had time for." Jack makes his own trout flies and a lot of his own bass baits for the fishing he frequently does. Sporn supervisors gave him an electronic fish finder and tackle box as a retirement gift.

Jack attends St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mason, West Virginia and is a member of the New Haven Lions Club. For more than ten years he has headed the Lions project of buying Christmas gifts for needy children in the area.

APCo men share ideas

Two Appalachian Power employees were among those who shared operations improvement suggestions in the July/August issue of **AEP Operating Ideas**.

Larry H. Betterton, junior maintenance man in General Office Hydro, wrote "Cleaning Pipe For Painting". Theodore L. White, Bluefield electrical engineer, was the author of "Adds Meter To Slate Panels".

Jack Caudill starts retirement with trip to Oklahoma, Texas

"I retired early to travel and enjoy life while I'm still in good health," said Val Jackson Caudill, Hazard residential representative. After his retirement July 1, he and his wife Ann took a trip to North Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas.

A native of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, Jack began his career in 1937 as a laborer. He worked as a meter reader and meter serviceman before leaving Kentucky Power to go into private business. After four years he returned to work as a rural sales representative and has since been an area sales representative and heating sales representative. Jack recalls having



Caudill

to cross rivers in boats or use a mule and sled to deliver ranges and water heaters to customers living in remote areas.

This fall Jack plans to take some courses at Hazard Community College. He enjoys cabinet making and oil painting and is able to do most anything in the handicraft area. He says, "If I don't have what I need, I make it."

Jack is an active deacon and inactive elder in the First Presbyterian Church; treasurer and past president of Hazard Kiwanis Club; member, American Legion; and past lieutenant governor of Division 8, Kiwanis International Kentucky-Tennessee District.

The Caudills have a foster son, Gilberto Hinojosa, and a foster granddaughter, Amy Ann Hinojosa.

After the accident the job still had to be done so the foreman sent us back up the pole. You should have seen us — we had on every piece of rubber goods we could get our hands on."

When you enter Parks' home in Campbell County, there are two dominating sounds — the tick-tock of his clock collection and the Appalachian dispatcher



Snead

Chemist's articles are published



Hewing

A. N. Hewing, Philip Sporn Plant chemist, has been notified of the publication of four papers he authored or co-authored while working as a research biochemist in the Entomology Research Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Md.

The four papers are related to the Pesticide Chemicals Branch of the USDA Division in which Hewing worked and were published by trade journals in the pesticide field. All the articles were the result of group research and all but one were co-authored.

The first paper appeared in **Botyu-Kagaku**, a Japanese journal published by The Institute of Insect Control at Kyoto University. The second article, written solely by Hewing, appeared in **Mosquito News**, a publication of the American Mosquito Control Association. **Chronobiology** published the next paper in Japan, and the fourth article was printed in **The Journal of Economic Entomology**.

R. P. Kennedy receives degree



Kennedy

Ronald P. Kennedy, Charleston Division planner, received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from West Virginia State College this month. His minor was physics.

Kennedy began his college education in 1957 and will work toward a master's degree at the College of Graduate Studies. Following his employment by Appalachian in 1969, he participated in the company's educational assistance plan.



Mr. and Mrs. James H. Haley, Jr., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 29. They have two children, one foster child, two grandchildren and a foster grandchild. Haley was a customer service representative in the Lynchburg Accounting Department before retiring September 30, 1969.

WE REMEMBER



McKinney Hoffman Ney



Syck Dixon Taylor Hunt

Erle Magruder McKinney, 53, general serviceman in the Welch area of Bluefield Division, died July 20. A native of Welch, West Virginia, he was employed in 1946 as a meter reader. McKinney is survived by his widow Lotus, Box 291, Welch, and two sons.

James Robert Hoffman, 56, line foreman at Point Pleasant, Huntington Division, died on July 1 of an apparent heart attack. A native of West Columbia, West Virginia, he was employed in 1945 as a groundman B in Charleston. He is survived by his widow Wongga, Route 1, Point Pleasant; one daughter and one stepson.

Camille Leo Ney, 68, retired electrical maintenance mechanic at Cabin Creek Plant, died July 17. A native of Toledo, Ohio, he was employed in 1945 as an electrical maintenance helper and took early disability retirement in December 1965. He is survived by his son, Anthony M. Ney, of East Bank, W. Va., and three grandchildren.

James Galt Hunt, Jr., 59, Roanoke residential representative, died of an apparent heart attack July 26. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, he was employed in 1941 as a telephone operator. Hunt is survived by his widow Dorothy, 2019 Brookfield Drive, Roanoke; one son; his parents; and one brother. A cousin, A. M. Beatty, is Roanoke Division stores supervisor.

Ray T. Dixon, 76, retired Charleston meter service foreman, died July 21. A native of Wade, West Virginia, he was employed in 1923 as a stenographer and bookkeeper and retired October 1, 1963. Dixon is survived by his widow Madge, 5109 Staunton Avenue, Charleston; two daughters and one brother.

Virgil Allen Syck, 73, retired Pikeville line foreman, died June 27. A native of Pike County, Kentucky, he was employed in 1935 as a laborer and elected early retirement October 1, 1964. He is survived by his widow

Vurah, C4 Chloe Road, Box 780, Pikeville; one son and three daughters. A son-in-law, Charles Campbell, is general serviceman at West Liberty, Pikeville Division.

John Edward "Jack" Taylor, 76, retired Bluefield Division accounting supervisor, died July 27. A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, he was employed in 1933 as a bookkeeper at Logan and retired July 1, 1964. Taylor is survived by his widow Frances, 2012 Dearborn, Bluefield, W. Va., and one daughter.

Ira W. See, 87, retired Ashland right of way agent senior, died July 12 in Lakeland, Florida. He began his career in 1945 and retired September 1, 1952. See is survived by one brother, one sister, five nieces and eight nephews.

Joseph C. McIntosh, 68, retired Service Corporation director of labor relations, died July 23. He had recently undergone open heart surgery, and death was apparently caused by a stroke. McIntosh joined the Service Corporation in 1955 and retired to Florida in 1971. He is survived by his widow Sarah, 200 Silverthorn Road, Gulf Breeze, Florida; a daughter; two sons and six grandchildren.



Jerry Dearing (left) was awarded a certificate as the "most cooperative" physical education student at William Byrd Intermediate School for 1974-75. Rodney Dearing (right) received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award in recognition of outstanding physical achievement and exceptional dedication to the ideal of a sound mind and a strong body. They are the sons of F. D. Dearing, Roanoke garage foreman non-exempt.

Know your benefits: fifth of a series

Death and taxes remain two certainties in an uncertain world. While there's not much you can do about either, adequate life insurance can at least minimize the financial impact of your untimely death on your dependents.

As an employee of the American Electric Power System, you have the opportunity to participate in the AEP Group Life Insurance Plan which provides death benefits equal to approximately twice your basic annual income.

This plan is a contributory program with a fixed, monthly employee contribution depending upon your level of earnings. The additional cost required by the insurance company to maintain the program is borne by AEP.

For example, if you earn \$10,000 annually, and are eligible for \$20,000 of life insurance, you contribute at a fixed monthly cost of \$11.60, less than 1.4 per cent of your pay.

What payout arrangements are available?

Your insurance doesn't have to be paid out all at once. You may arrange that all or a part of your group life insurance be used to provide continuing income over a payment period best suited to the needs of your beneficiary. These settlement options may be paid according to any, or a combination, of the following methods:

- (1) Benefits may be paid in one lump sum.
- (2) Benefits may be left on deposit with Aetna Life Insurance Company at a guaranteed interest rate of 3½ per cent plus additional interest as declared by Aetna from year to year. (Aetna is currently crediting 5½ per cent interest.) The beneficiary may make complete or partial withdrawals at any time.
- (3) Benefits are payable in monthly installments for a **fixed period of years** until the amount payable, with interest, is exhausted. For example, if you

earn \$10,000 a year and have \$20,000 of life insurance, you may elect to have it paid to your beneficiary in 60 equal monthly installments of \$363 or in 120 equal monthly installments of \$197.20. (These are minimum payments based on the guaranteed 3½ per cent interest rate and, quite likely, will be greater in amount because of additional interest.) You may, in fact, choose any payment period up to a limit of 20 years.

(4) Benefits are payable in monthly installments of **fixed amounts** until the amount payable, with interest, is used up.

May insurance benefits be combined with other income sources?

Yes. Coupled with other monthly income — for example, cash survivor benefits from Social Security — the combined effect can go a long way toward assuring a significant portion of replacement income at death.

May beneficiary designations and payout arrangements be changed?

Yes. You may make any adjustments you feel necessary by obtaining a form from the Personnel Department, completing it and filing it with Personnel. Personnel will also help you with any questions you may have regarding the insurance plan.

Crotty appointed festival princess



Crotty

Dawn Sheree Crotty has been appointed by Congressman Ken Hechler as a princess in the 39th Mountain State Forest Festival to be held the weekend of October 4 in Elkins, West Virginia. A Bluefield recording artist, she is the daughter of Arnold Crotty, Bluefield draftsman senior.

Dawn Sheree made her first recording at the age of 12 and at 18 recorded a song in Nashville to which she had written the words and melody.

She has appeared on shows with Lorne Greene, Donna Fargo, Artists of "Hee Haw", Arthur Smith, the Osborne Brothers of the Grand Ole Opry, and just recently was on the Conway Twitty Show. She plays drums in her own "Fox Fire" band and still finds time to do about 70 other programs a year, singing and playing the guitar.

Dawn Sheree, who was voted most talented by her senior class, will attend Bluefield College on a music scholarship.

George Wood, last of original Abingdon supervisors, retires

George G. Wood, Abingdon Division accounting supervisor, retired August 1 after 38 years' service. He was the last of the original supervisors sent to Abingdon when the district was formed in 1948.

A graduate of King College, George began his career as a clerk at Pulaski in 1937 and moved to Wytheville as local office supervisor in 1942. Following service in the U. S. Navy, he returned to Wytheville and in 1948 became Abingdon District accounting supervisor. During his career, George worked for six managers.

George describes his work as "being on the firing line every day, charged with the collection and accounting of money and the responsibility for customer relations". According to a fellow supervisor, George's complaints about uncollectible accounts or late payments in staff meetings led to Claud Kirkland's accusation that George ate sour pickles for breakfast. This has stuck with George throughout the years and he laughingly says "in this business sour pickles is a daily diet".

George considers it a privilege to have spent 38 years with Appa-



Wood

lachian. He says, "There were times when the grass seemed greener on the other side of the fence, but one never knows just how green until he gets there." He considers himself fortunate to have a good retirement plan, good benefits and to have worked for a great company.

His leisure time now will be spent in traveling, catching up on odd jobs around the house, and tinkering in his shop. He will continue to take a very active part in the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church and the Abingdon Rotary Club. George and his wife Virginia have one child.



Spares win Power Keglers League

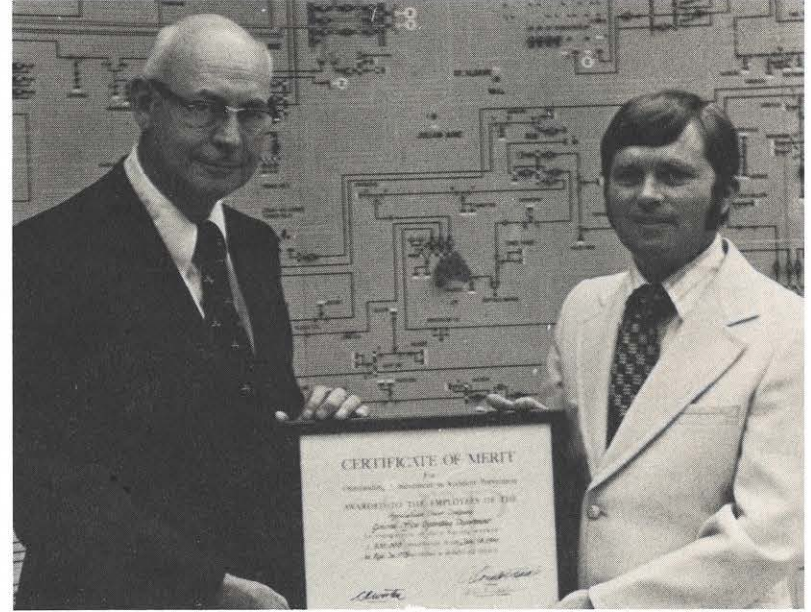
The Spares team ended the 1974-75 season as champions of Roanoke's Power Keglers Bowling League, with the Chugalugs as runner-up.

Members of the Spares team include Glenn Perfater, GO Purchasing; Jim Reynolds, Tom Ruble and Larry Hubbard of GO Station, and Orville Napier, Roanoke Division.

Bowling for the Chugalugs were Eddie Allie and Pete Nease, Roanoke Division; and Ron Hogan, GO Accounting; Bill Henley, GO Operations, and Lonnie Moran, GO T&D Distribution.

Wayne Jacobs of GO Accounting was named bowler of the year. Aubrey Powell of GO Station had high game scratch (255) and high game handicap (276). Larry Hubbard of GO Station had high set scratch (626) and high average (184). Wendell Reed of GO Accounting, had high set handicap (707).

Elected officers of the League for 1975-76 were Gene Hylton, GO Accounting, president; C. Richard Lovegrove, GO Public Affairs, vice president; and Wendell Reed, secretary-treasurer.



The 85 employees of Appalachian Power's General Office Operations Department, who reached the safety milestone of 1,500,000 manhours without disabling injury on March 26, have received the AEP Certificate of Merit and the EEI Safety Achievement Award. The consecutive string of safe man hours, which began on January 18, 1966, had reached 1,552,080 as of June 18. The awards were presented to Jack W. Kepner, operations superintendent (left), by C. R. Wooten, safety director.

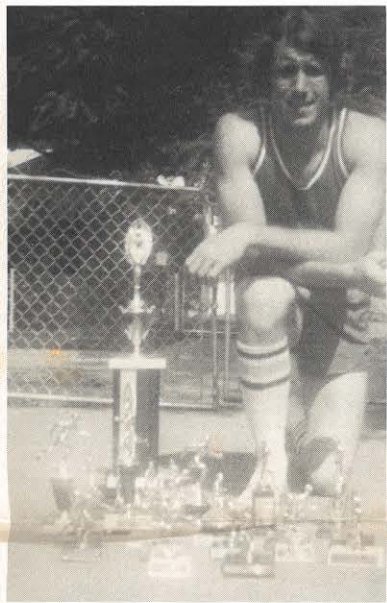
33 employees participate in Charleston golf tournament

Thirty-three employees participated in the Charleston Division golf tournament held June 14 at Sandy Brae Golf Course.

Ben Shew was awarded a trophy for low gross of 80. Neil Stultz was runner-up with an 82.

Other award winners were: Barry Snodgrass, first flight; Paul Parsons, second flight; Gene Clendenin, third flight; Ed Braid, closest to pin on No. 2; John Hudson, closest to pin on No. 15; and Vernon Costello, highest gross score. Marvin Dillard and Tex Baker tied for most strokes on one hole, and Jennings Fulknier had the most fairway tee shots.

Barry Snodgrass and Rodger Woodrum were co-chairmen of the event. Ralph Myers and his brother-in-law prepared the dinner following the tournament.



Tim Perry, son of Nolan Perry, Kanawha River Plant unit foreman, has been granted a football scholarship to Glenville State College. He was anchor man on DuPont High School's two-mile relay team which won first place at the West Virginia State Track Meet. Tim is pictured here with some of the track trophies he has won in the past three years. The large trophy was presented by the school faculty for outstanding leadership in sports and classroom achievement. Tim was also one of 11 inducted by Governor Moore into the Sons of the American Revolution for outstanding character and patriotic leadership.



Terri Walker, sister of Charleston Meter Reader Eddie Walker, came agonizingly close to tying the national record for 110-yard low hurdles at the West Virginia State High School Track Meet. Terri had a time of 14.7 seconds in the event; the national record is just one-tenth of a second better. She hit the second hurdle, which cost her the record. Terri, who was on the Stonewall Jackson High School girls' track team, has had scholarship offers from Tennessee State, Morehead University and Marshall University.

"A" Shift wins Sporn League

"A" Shift took top honors in the 1974-75 Sporn Plant Bowling League, with Unit 3 coming in second.

Members of the "A" Shift team were George Wolf, Delbert Murray, and Dorwin Clark, all unit foremen; Raymond Smith, assistant shift engineer; Burton Hickman, equipment operator, and Jim Cotterill, auxiliary equipment operator.

Members of the Unit 3 team were Buck Tennant, maintenance foreman; Dave Tulloh, junior maintenance man; and Ralph Ross, Mel Swisher, Roger Manuel, Willy Halfhill and Ed Neutzling, all maintenance men.

Raymond Smith rolled high game (267), and Doug Miller, master maintenance man, rolled high series (614). Buck Tennant had high average (176) and George Wolf most improved average (151 to 163).



William D. England, Big Sandy Plant performance supervising engineer scored a hole-in-one on the par four 14th hole of the Twin Valley Golf Course in Ashland, Ky. He was playing in the Big Sandy Golf League when he carded his hole-in-one with a No. 1 wood.



C. L. Reynolds, Roanoke Division customer services manager, scored a hole-in-one during the annual Lynchburg Kiwanis Club golf tournament at Winton Country Club, Amherst, Va. He used a four iron on the par three, 270-yard 16th hole.



Retirement has apparently been good for P. M. "Rink" Hefner's golf game. The former Huntington meter service helper scored a hole-in-one on the No. 1 hole at Huntington's Glenbrier Golf Course recently.



Jay James, son of Phyllis James, Ashland stenographer, was runner-up in the two-day KSGA Section Nine State Amateur Qualifier held at Ponderosa Golf Club. He had rounds of 72 and 75 on the stubborn par 70 course. He will be competing with over 100 other golfers for the State Am title at Lakeside Golf Course in Lexington, Ky. Photo courtesy Ashland Daily Independent.



Rose Arbaugh



Teresa Frampton



Eloise Gwinn

Women in a machine shop?

(See story this page)

Central Machine Shop: no longer a man's world

A woman working in a machine shop?

A few years ago this would have been unthinkable. But now, women are changing their attitude toward the kinds of work they want to do and are taking advantage of our companies'

equal employment opportunity policy. As a result, there are three pretty females at Central Machine Shop, doing jobs that have been traditionally held by men.

Eloise Gwinn, shipping and receiving clerk, operates a fork-

lift truck and overhead cranes as part of her job there. Other duties include loading and unloading trucks, preparing jobs that have been completed for shipment and stocking material.

She attended Marshall University for three years and switched to business administration after deciding against pursuing a nursing career. She was first employed as a clerk-typist in Huntington but transferred to the Machine Shop when she heard of the opening. Quick to point out she is not a women's libber, Eloise explains, "The job simply sounded different than the stereotype jobs for which women tend to apply."

Eloise is eager to do her share of the work and the male employees do not make any special considerations for her. Some things pose a slight problem because of her size, but she has always managed without asking for help.

She notes, "When I started working here, I thought I would be very tired at the end of the day, but I am not as tired as when I worked at an office job. I especially like the versatility of the job and the working conditions that do not confine me to one room or desk all day."

Teresa Frampton and Rose Arbaugh are the Machine Shop's

first female tool crib attendants. A tool crib attendant's job is not only issuing, storing and doing minor repairs to tools but also working as a helper in one of the three shop areas — motor rewind shop, machine shop or welding shop. This helping is a form of training that could, in time, qualify the employee for a position as machinist, welder or winder.

Teresa, a math buff throughout high school, finds the Machine Shop work fascinating, even with its precision measurements and somewhat complicated formulas and methods of doing things. Eager for a job where she could "use her head", she is proving to

be a natural for this position.

"Shift work and getting your hands dirty really isn't so bad," Rose points out. She continues, "Perhaps the presence of females causes the men to be more courteous and careful in their actions and conversations."

Rose, who chose this type work over a vocation in inhalation therapy, feels that women can do the job as well and, in some respects, better than a man. "Women tend to be neater in the storage of tools and parts and give particular attention to small details that are so often overlooked by men."

APCo reaffirms commitment to equal employment opportunity

The following statement reaffirms Appalachian Power Company's firm commitment to equal employment opportunity regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or age.

In pursuing this policy, Appalachian is complying with Title VII of the Federal civil rights legislation of 1964 and with other Federal directives pertaining to equal employment obligations of firms that supply goods and services to Federal agencies.

It is hereby reaffirmed that it is the policy of Appalachian Power Company to provide equal employment opportunity in all aspects of the employer-employee relationship — including recruiting, hiring, upgrading and promotion, conditions and privileges of employment, company-sponsored training, educational assistance, social and recreational programs,

compensation, benefits, transfers, discipline, layoffs and termination of employment — to all employees without discrimination because of race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

Equal employment opportunity as defined in law and governmental regulations, requires affirmative steps to insure the full utilization of minorities and women in our work force. It is the intention of the company to adhere to both the letter and spirit of these laws and regulations.

This company affirmative action program will be reviewed at least annually and updated as appropriate in the light of experience, revised laws and regulations or their evolving interpretation and better understanding of effective approaches which will assure truly equal employment opportunity for all.

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