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Cook unit 1 goes commercial

The American Electric Power System officially entered the nuclear power age on August 23.

On that date, the 1.1-million-kilowatt Unit 1 at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant at Bridgman, Michigan, was placed in commercial operation. While the unit is presently licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to operate at 835,000 kw, it is anticipated that, after a period of operating experience, a step-up to its full rated capacity will be permitted.

Commercial operation of the System's first nuclear generating unit came six-and-a-half years after its construction was authorized by the former Atomic Energy Commission, and seven months after it had achieved its initial nuclear chain reaction.

Cook Unit 1 was the second major generating unit to be placed in commercial service on the AEP System within a period of seven weeks, and the third in less than 11 months. (On July 6 Ohio Power had placed in operation the 1.3-million-kw Unit 2 at its General James M. Gavin Plant in Ohio. First of that station's two coal-fired units has been operating on a commercial basis since last October.)

Total generating capacity represented by the System's three newest units is 3.4-million kw, raising AEP's total power supply capability to approximately 18-million kw. This is more than double the level of nine years ago.

Meanwhile, I&M announced last month the resumption of construction work on Unit 2 at the Cook Nuclear Plant. This work had been halted last November as the result of mounting economic pressures on I&M.

Ohio Electric bonds sell at 11.17%

Ohio Electric Company last month accepted a bid from Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. on \$75-million of first-mortgage bonds. Cost to the company was 11.17 per cent. Proceeds will be used to complete construction of the General James M. Gavin Plant and as working capital.

Meanwhile, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company announced plans to sell \$50-million of first-mortgage bonds and 300,000 shares of \$100 par-value preferred stock, subject to regulatory approvals. The company anticipates receiving competitive bids on September 18. The money raised would be used to retire short-term debt.



Pictured at the presentation ceremony for the \$2000 scholarship in memory of H. C. Skaggs, Jr., are (from left) J. A. Bennett, Kanawha River Plant manager; Dr. Leonard Nelson, president of West Virginia Institute of Technology; and M. C. Porterfield, Appalachian Power vice president and Charleston Division manager.

WVIT scholarship established in memory of H. C. Skaggs, Jr.

A \$2000 gift has been given to the West Virginia Institute of Technology to establish a scholarship in memory of H. C. Skaggs, Jr., former Kanawha River Plant manager. The \$2000 was donated by employees in the Maintenance, Personnel and Performance Departments at Kanawha River, who won the top prize in the American Electric

Power System's Operating Ideas competition in 1974.

The scholarship will be awarded to a West Virginia resident who graduates in the upper quarter of his high school class and who will major in either mechanical or electrical engineering at Tech. The student must maintain a 3.0 average in his studies.

APCo appeals service entrance decision to U. S. Supreme Court

Appalachian Power Company last month appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court a decision of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals which had refused to review an order of the state's Public Service Commission.

The appeal was on Constitutional grounds: that property of the company had been taken without due process of law. Appalachian Power claimed that the Commission, in ordering it to cease and desist certain practices and to refund monies collected as a result of such practices, had not provided it appropriate notice or meaningful opportunity to be heard in the matter.

Here is the background:

For many years Appalachian Power had followed the practice of providing at its own expense the service entrance cable for new residential customers with an electrical capacity of 100 amperes or more. All other customers were required to pay for their own service entrances.

Last October 1 Appalachian changed its practice to require all customers to pay for service entrances. This was done under a provision of the company's tariff on file with the PSC which said: "Where customers install service entrance facilities . . . the company may provide or offer to own certain facilities on the cus-

tomers' side of the point where the service wires attach . . ."

The Commission on March 6 ordered a halt to the practice and a refund of charges collected from last October 1.

In its appeal, Appalachian claimed that (a) the tariff approved by the PSC gave the company the option to charge or not to charge for the entrance; (b) the policy change made by the company required no further action by the PSC; (c) the Commission, "in effect, retroactively changed the permissive character of the tariff," and (d) the procedure followed by the PSC and the West Virginia Supreme Court had denied the company "the basic right to a hearing" and "may set a dangerous precedent for similar actions in the future."

High court upholds PSC rate order

The West Virginia State Supreme Court recently again refused to hear an appeal from a Public Service Commission order that disallowed 86 per cent of a rate increase Appalachian Power Company has been collecting under bond since 1971. The court's action upholds a PSC order of January 31 which called for refunds, including interest, estimated at \$35.5 million.

AEP System most efficient electric power producer in U. S.

The American Electric Power System in 1974 — for the third year in a row — was the most efficient electric power producer in the United States.

The measure of efficiency in power generation is the heat rate. AEP last year had a heat rate of 9,641 British thermal units per kilowatt-hour of net generation. This was tops among all multiple-plant power systems providing electric energy to the public, according to industry figures recently compiled.

Among all of the nation's power producers, AEP has been "most efficient" five times in the past 11 years; among the investor-owned utilities, it has been first in eight of the 11.

Runner-up to AEP in the 1974 rankings was New England Gas & Electric Association with a heat rate of 9,768 Btu's per kw-hr. Third was Duke Power Company at 9,780 Btu's, while the Tennessee Valley Authority, with 9,863, was fourth.

Among the AEP System's operating companies, Kentucky Power Company (with one generating station, the Big Sandy Plant) was first in heat rate with 9,371 Btu's. Appalachian Power Company was second with 9,474; Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, third, 9,603, and

Ohio Power Company, fourth, 9,802.

Efficiency in electric power generation is a major factor in conservation of the nation's energy resources. For example, if AEP had operated last year at median heat rate for the country's leading power producers, instead of being in the lead, its coal consumption would have been about 3-million tons greater than it was. (In 1974 AEP burned 32,743,000 tons of coal.) This represents a "saving" of about \$60 million in added expenses that otherwise would have been borne by the System's customers.

Put another way, the coal thus "saved" was the equivalent of more than 12-million barrels of oil.

First in efficiency among generating stations — and the only one with a heat rate under 9,000 Btu's — was Duke Power Company's Marshall Plant. This 2-million-kilowatt plant in North Carolina had a heat rate of 8,911 Btu's.

Among the nation's most efficient generating stations, the AEP System placed two of its power plants in the first 10, four in the first 15, five in the first 20, eight in the first 25, and nine in the first 35. They were:

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Federal Power Commission probes AEP System's coal use, procurement

The Federal Power Commission has begun an investigation into the procurement and use of coal by the American Electric Power System.

The action stemmed from a complaint made to the FPC by the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, Inc., concerning Appalachian Power Company's coal-pricing practices.

Appalachian Power asked the FPC to dismiss the complaint, maintaining that it was merely following an order of the West Virginia Public Service Commission in implementing its retail fuel-adjustment clause, which, it held, was not subject to FPC jurisdiction. The company also contended that the pricing of coal purchased from affiliated companies was regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The FPC replied, however, that a review of the matter indicated that "an investigation of the entire AEP System as it relates to coal is required."

The inquiry also will include fuel-adjustment clauses in the

System's wholesale electric rates; advertising policies; and practices and expenditures relating to surface mining, as well as the procurement and use of coal. The System's plans to meet requirements of the Clean Air Act will be directly involved in the inquiry.

A pre-hearing conference was to have been held August 26 in Washington to establish procedures and dates. However, AEP has requested an extension to October 1.

In a statement commenting on the FPC study, AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook said, "We welcome the opportunity to present the facts on our total coal operations to a responsible Federal agency and thus to lift the matter above the local political activity of greedy coal producers who would stop at nothing to deny us the opportunity to develop our own fuel supply at costs well below their inflated selling prices.

"Our coal operations have already produced enormous savings for our customers, and we expect that they will continue to do so in the future," he concluded.

APCo details ownership of non-utility property in Virginia

Appalachian Power Company has filed its response to a May 1 Virginia State Corporation Commission order, in which the company set forth the details of its ownership of non-utility property in Virginia.

The Commission order was part of a recent Appalachian rate case decision. Appalachian's response will be reviewed by the Commission in conjunction with the results of a special investigation by the Hon. M. Ray Doubles, retained by the SCC to make an independent study of Appalachian's non-utility land holdings.

In its report, Appalachian said that "although the company believes its ownership of non-utility property is proper and lawful as being incidental to and related to its duty to provide electric service, it nevertheless intends to cooperate fully with the SCC in seeking a mutually satisfactory solution to the question of disposition of such property."

The report points out that Appalachian owns 4,338 acres of non-utility land in Virginia, representing an investment of slightly over \$1-million. Franklin Real Estate owns an additional 12,361 acres of non-utility land, representing an investment of nearly \$3½ million. Excluded from these figures is 12,751 acres in the Blue Ridge Project area in Virginia. Construction of the hydro project has been delayed by court action, and the property cannot be segregated between utility and non-utility until the project is built.

None of this non-utility land in Virginia is part of the company's rate base and has no effect on customer rate levels. However, for comparison purposes, Appalachian's report says that its unadjusted jurisdictional rate base was \$507,692,000 in its recent Virginia rate case. "Thus, the total investment in non-utility property in Virginia is less than 9/10 of one percent of its Virginia rate base," the report continued.

The land reported by Appalachian falls into three general categories: miscellaneous parcels acquired within operating divisions of the company for possible future use which did not materialize, or parcels retired from service and no longer required; sites held for industrial development; and real estate associated with hydroelectric projects.

Franklin Real Estate

The report explains in detail the relationship of Appalachian to its affiliate, Franklin Real Estate Company. As described by the Securities & Exchange Commission, "the basic reason for the existence of the Franklin Real Estate Company is to provide flexibility in the purchase and disposition of real estate and to avoid incurring the complications of provisions in the mortgages of the operating companies." In its response, Appalachian says that "it does not believe that the formation of a Virginia corporation to replace Franklin would do anything except substitute one entity for another," and the company proposes to continue with the present arrangement.

The detailed report described the disposition Appalachian would make of land in the three general categories of holdings. In miscellaneous parcels, the company says it has been and will continue to be its intention to sell those parcels for which it has determined there is no potential utility need. It did point out that many of them are isolated or located on undesirable terrain, and buyers are not readily available.

Industrial sites

Franklin presently holds title to five industrial sites in Virginia totaling 471 acres with an investment of about \$567,000. The holdings result from a long-standing policy of Appalachian in working with communities and others to promote the economic expansion of the area it serves. In the past, the report notes, "this part of our industrial development

activity has been enthusiastically endorsed by many customers, community leaders, numerous state agencies, including the Governor's Office, and virtually every political subdivision in which the company operates.

"This activity has greatly benefited the company, its customers, and Virginia, but if the SCC deems it inappropriate for the company to continue, efforts will be intensified to dispose of presently owned sites and no further purchases made."

Training centers

The company proposes, however, to retain and to continue the use of its Pennhall Training Center and Camp Kilowatt, a camping area for company employees and their families.

At Claytor Lake, non-project land has been held for much the same reason as that at Smith Mountain. "The principal difference would be that much of this property is quite steep and has minimal access." Here, too, the company proposes to sell, generally on the basis of appraisals, the 10 lots it has leased around the lake. The Byrd Lodge Training Center would be retained, the company says.

The report goes on: "For the major properties around Smith Mountain and Claytor, should the SCC decide that enhancement of the shoreline through non-development of certain parcels is not desirable and that the company should no longer plan for future orderly development of the major tracts it presently owns, the company will move to dispose of these holdings."

The company asks that no time limit be set on the disposing of these properties "in order not to disrupt or destroy the local real estate market." Instead, the company offers to make periodic reports on progress to the SCC as an alternative. The company, in its report, also encourages the Commission to personally view the principal areas involved, "to secure a more complete understanding as to the relationship of these properties to the total company and surrounding areas."

Hydro projects

In the third category is land associated with the company's hydroelectric projects, most of which was acquired in the normal course of land acquisition for the projects.

The largest concentration of the company's real estate is to be found around Smith Mountain and Leesville Lakes. Of the total of 10,628 acres of non-project land at Smith Mountain, approximately 5,294 acres comprise Smith Mountain proper, of which 4,800 acres are presently leased to the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. The report states that Smith Mountain, itself, "protects the integrity (blasting,

erosion, fire, etc.) of the upper dam and as such will not be sold."

The report points out that Smith Mountain properties occupy only a small part of the lake frontage. They have not been disposed of to date for two basic reasons: first, they have afforded a measure of shoreline protection preserving the natural beauty of the area; and second, it was envisioned that the large tract described as the B-Bar-B Properties might in an appropriate way

be developed into a fine residential subdivision, thereby further enhancing the area around the lake and the economic base for Franklin County."

In four subdivisions, in which 10 of 106 lots have been leased, it proposed to offer these lots for sale to the lessees based generally on appraised values. Other parcels and tracts around the lakes will be evaluated and to that extent the Company envisions no future utility use for the land, will be offered for sale.

AEP customers lead nation in use of electricity

Customers of the American Electric Power System in 1974 used more electricity — 75.9-billion kilowatt-hours — than those of any other investor-owned utility in the United States.

AEP ranked only fifth, however, in electric revenues, with \$1.316-billion.

On the other hand, Consolidated Edison Company, New York, had by far the largest electric revenues in the nation, yet sold far less electricity, ranking only 13th in that category. The figures: \$2.114-billion in revenues and 32.6-billion kwh (or 43% of AEP's) in sales.

Reduced to a unit basis, AEP averaged 1.734 cents of

revenue for each kwh sold; Co Edison, 6.475 cents.

These facts emerged as highlights of a study, recently carried out by the AEP Service Corporation's Statistical Division, of the nation's largest investor-owned electric utilities.

In other measures of size, two other companies also stood out. Pacific Gas & Electric Company, San Francisco, was first in customers (2,936,000) and net earnings (\$215,984,000), and the Southern Company System, Atlanta, led in total net assets (\$6.58-billion) and maximum demand (15,259,000 kilowatts).

The leaders in each category of size were:

Customer Usage (millions of kwh)	
1. American Electric Power	75.88
2. Southern Company System	73.87
3. Commonwealth Edison	56.26
4. So. California Edison	51.09
5. Pacific Gas & Electric	50.36

Electric Revenues (thousands)	
1. Consolidated Edison	\$2,113,87
2. Southern Company System	1,488,99
3. So. California Edison	1,483,43
4. Commonwealth Edison	1,459,64
5. American Electric Power	1,316,12

Customers	
1. Pacific Gas & Electric	2,936,00
2. Consolidated Edison	2,833,00
3. Commonwealth Edison	2,729,00
4. So. California Edison	2,692,00
5. Southern Company System	2,279,00
6. American Electric Power	1,796,00

Total Net Assets (thousands)	
1. Southern Company System	\$6,575,00
2. Consolidated Edison	6,285,00
3. Pacific Gas & Electric	6,019,00
4. American Electric Power	5,923,00
5. Commonwealth Edison	5,156,00

Net Earnings (thousands)	
1. Pacific Gas & Electric	\$215,98
2. American Electric Power	186,94
3. So. California Edison	182,61
4. Consolidated Edison	150,21
5. Commonwealth Edison	146,15

Maximum Demand (kilowatts)	
1. Southern Company System	15,259,000 (S)
2. American Electric Power	12,970,000 (W)
3. Commonwealth Edison	12,270,000 (S)
4. Pacific Gas & Electric	11,649,000 (S)
5. So. California Edison	9,997,000 (S)

(S — summer peak; W — winter peak)

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EPA regulation could eliminate industrial development in W. Va.

The Environmental Protection Agency's "no significant deterioration" regulation in Class II regions would sharply curtail plant construction in West Virginia according to a new report by Environmental Research & Technology, Inc. (ERT).

The study concludes that, if the requirements are strictly interpreted, they will seriously hinder the development of reasonably sized new facilities in those regions. Areas with hilly or mountainous terrain, such as West Virginia, would be particularly affected.

EPA has established three classes of regions under the Clean Air Act. In Class I regions virtually no development would be permitted. In Class II (which ERT's study addresses) some limited development would be possible. Class III regions would allow development up to the

point that the secondary ambient standards are not exceeded. It is in Class III regions that most of the nation's future industrial growth would occur.

However, in a related development, Senator Edmund Muskie's Senate subcommittee, which is working on Clean Air Act amendments, is preparing legislation to eliminate the concept of Class III regions.

In the opinion of A. Joseph Dowd, senior vice president and general counsel of the Service Corporation, "the proposed elimination would virtually eliminate industrial development in West Virginia." He added that, on a broader level, "The implications of this (elimination of Class III) to the future industrial development of our nation, to the economic well-being of our people, and to our national security is absolutely staggering."

Cohn warns of dangers of over-hasty environmental action

Herbert B. Cohn, vice chairman of American Electric Power Company, warned of the dangers of over-hasty environmental action in a recent article for *Public Utilities Fortnightly*.

Condemning the lack of close analysis of costs and benefits of environmental programs, Cohn gave as example a study by the Council on Environmental Quality estimating that compliance with federal air-quality standards would cost only \$194.8-billion between 1973 and 1982. This estimate, Cohn pointed out, does not take into account the cost of having a generating unit idled while pollution-control equipment is being installed or repaired, or the increased cost of "environmentally acceptable" coal. In addition, several states have air-quality standards higher than those of the Federal government, increasing the environmental tab considerably.

While estimates of costs of pollution control programs are unrealistically low, estimates of benefits, Cohn said, are not only unrealistically high but "generalized and vague." For 1970, for example, the Environmental Protection Agency put an estimate of \$5.8-billion under the heading "Aesthetics and Soiling," with no further explanation. In addition, discussion of benefits of pollution control referred to the "psychic costs" of pollution and did not get any more specific.

As an example of questionable balances of costs and benefits of an air-quality program, Cohn cited the case of two AEP plants, which were fitted with electrostatic precipitators to meet environmental standards by removing 98.5 per cent of particulate matter, at a cost of \$28-

million. To comply with a later change in air-quality standards, which now requires 99.7 per cent of particulate matter to be removed, AEP will have to spend another \$140-million for retrofitting — all to remove the additional 1.2 per cent more fly ash. (The two plants are the Mitchell and John E. Amos Plants.)

In conclusion, Cohn referred to the effect on the economy brought about by the closing of plants that cannot afford to take on the cost of added pollution control. While the "current emphasis on environmental considerations represents a desirable objective," he said, there is the danger of "unnecessary and wasteful use of resources and adverse effects on the economy and employment."

Kazim, Vipperman elected officers

The AEP Service Corporation has two new officers.

Michael K. Kazim, administrative assistant in the Finance Department, was elected an assistant vice president. And Joseph H. Vipperman, Controller's Department, was elected an assistant controller.

Vipperman returned to the Service Corporation in July after a year's study as a Sloan Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Earlier he had been administrative assistant to the senior executive vice president — operations.

He joined the AEP System in 1962 as an electrical engineer with Appalachian in Roanoke.



Helen Flannery and L. G. Dougan were among officials who participated in a mock disaster demonstration in Roanoke recently.

Roanoke is scene of disaster demonstration for foreign officials

Representatives of 22 nations viewed a disaster demonstration staged for their benefit in Roanoke recently. It was the first demonstration for Roanoke, chosen from 30 cities, and the first ever scheduled for foreigners.

Karl Mahler, chief of the U. S. State Department's Disaster Assistance Branch, said, "The State Department gets so many calls for disaster aid in various countries that officials decided to train these people so they could help themselves."

The Roanoke demonstration was staged on the premise that an airliner had crashed into Huff Lane School. Old cars were set afire to simulate the burning fuselage of the plane, and students played the roles of casualties.

"I have participated in rescue efforts and in plane crash situations, and this was such a believable demonstration, it was like the real thing," said Helen Flannery, disaster chairman for the Roanoke Valley Chapter, American Red Cross. She is the widow of E. C. Flannery, former Charleston Division administrative assistant.

In addition to serving as disaster chairman for the Roanoke Valley, she serves as a consultant to 52 chapters in the Appalachian Division of the American Red Cross. She has worked as a disaster program volunteer for the Red Cross for the past 17 years and travels throughout Virginia and West Virginia training instructors in disaster work. Earlier this year she aided disaster victims in the Pineville, W. Va., flood and the tornado that ripped through Davy, W. Va.

Mrs. Flannery said, "The Roanoke demonstration was marvelous practice in rescue training. I suppose the greatest thing we got out of it was that we learned 20 organizations could work together in joint participation to make it a success." In addition,

all local hospitals participated in the program and many mock victims were actually taken to the hospitals.

"In their makeup of cosmetically simulated injuries, the victims were tagged as to the type and extent of injuries. One of the victims acting out the part of a heart patient was taken to the nearest hospital and rushed straight to intensive cardiac care. We were told later by the hospital administration that the demonstration was excellent training for the hospital staff."

Larry Dougan, Roanoke Division personnel supervisor and vice chairman of the disaster program of the Roanoke Chapter, American Red Cross, also participated in the mock disaster demonstration.

\$405,800 electric project complete

A \$405,800 project to strengthen electric service in parts of Pulaski Division was completed June 12 with the cutover of the Woodlawn Circuit from 12 kv to 34.5 kv. Work was started on the project in May 1974.

C. K. Kirkland, Pulaski Division manager, said the area had been growing at a rate of seven per cent each year and the construction project was designed so that electricity would be available when it is needed.

The project involved the construction of 1000 feet of three phase line, conversion of 29.1 miles of 12 kv line to 34.5 kv, installation of twelve 19.9 to 7.2 kv stepdown transformers, installation of 1800 kvar of 19.9 kv capacitors and the replacement of 7.2 kv distribution transformers with 19.9 kv units. The old 12 kv Woodlawn Circuit fed out of the Hillsville Station while the new 34.5 kv circuit feeds out of the Pipers Gap Station.

Areas affected by the conversion were part of the Town of Hillsville, Five Forks, Woodlawn, Old Mill and Elk Horn and involved approximately 2500 customers. Residential customers were notified of a planned six-hour service interruption by spot announcements on the local radio station. Commercial customers were notified of the interruption by Customer Services and Engineering personnel.

The cutover on June 12 involved 68 men, 35 vehicles and the connection of 219 transformers. Even with a heavy rain, work proceeded on schedule and all customers had service restored within the planned time.



The window display area in the Ashland office lobby is now being made available to local civic groups to provide a vehicle for telling their story to the public. Recently a display by the local Red Cross Chapter featured several pictures of Jay Fugitt, Ashland line foreman, who has donated more than 10 gallons of blood. Future displays will be prepared by the Community Chest, Boy and Girl Scouts, and community development clubs. In this picture, Bill Schweitzer, Ashland residential representative senior, assists Suzanne Zornes, Ashland residential advisor, with a Junior Achievement window display.



Petry Jamison Meadows Guill

Operations Improvement proposals save \$910,000 in first half of 1975

Operations Improvement proposals submitted during the first six months of 1975 have been credited with a savings of approximately \$910,000 to Appalachian Power Company. This represents 73% of the corporate goal of \$1,250,000 for the year.

Originators of the five best proposals submitted each quarter are awarded prizes. The five recipients of second quarter awards, who were presented Cornwall electric slow crockery cookers, were Mary S. Jamison, General Office Accounting; Robert H. Meadows, Kanawha River Plant; Anna Lackey, Lynchburg; G. M. Guill, General Office Transmission & Distribution; and Clarence Petry, Cabin Creek Plant.

Jamison's proposal, jointly sub-

mitted with Stanley Dahmer, described the consolidation of employee insurance application cards. The improved procedure has been approved for AEP systemwide implementation. Meadows described a method of reducing time spent in fly ash hopper lancing activities. Lackey's proposal, submitted with S. L. Jamison and James B. White, involves a procedural change for the perusal and processing of that location's newspapers. Guill documented an economic study prompting the installation of leased private automatic branch exchange (PABX) equipment in Beckley. Petry's proposal, jointly submitted with S. W. Shawver and James Hansford, documented a savings of \$2000 per year via conversion of a hot water heating system for plant showers from steam to gas.

High school develops outside "learning lab"

Imagine sitting in a peaceful wooded area listening to the birds while developing a theme or idea for a creative writing assignment.

Imagine getting out in the woods and learning how to identify different types of trees and plant and wildlife.

Imagine learning what types of things grow in different types of soil by actually planting things.

These and other visions are held by members of the Science Club at Pulaski County High School who are trying to make a "learning environment from nature" by developing a classroom out of doors.

With the help of nature enthusiast Stanley Smith, retired Pulaski line supervisor, and Fred Hodnett, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service in Pulaski County, the Science Club members have gotten off to a good start in planning their classroom.

Smith, whose property is adjacent to the property the high school is on and who is a former co-owner of the land, began last fall helping students clear paths through the wooded area that is to be used as an outdoor classroom. There are about nine acres



Looking at the site of Pulaski County High School's outdoor classroom are (from left) Dennis Tickle, James Lark, Stanley S. Smith, Donald Sipple and Elrica Graham.

of wooded land located beside the vocation building at the high school that the Science Club hopes to eventually develop.

Two redbud trees were planted by the club at the entrance to the acreage they hope to develop to show the start of one of the nature trails. A grove of chestnut trees, donated by Smith, will also be planted after the club members locate a suitable spot.

The first project the club will undertake is the clearing of land and establishment of an orientation area. The club plans to make benches out of logs and set the log benches in a circle so the students may sit and listen to lectures from their teacher before advancing into the dif-

ferent learning areas. The orientation area itself will have different types of plant life for students to identify as part of the preliminary learning processes in biology classes.

Mrs. Elrica Graham, wife of Pulaski Power Engineer A. L. Graham, Jr., is sponsor of the Club. She said several of the garden clubs in the county have already expressed an interest in lending a helping hand to the young scientists as they develop their nature wonderland.

Smith hopes to have an opportunity to show the students using the outdoor classroom how to graft trees as he has many on his property that he has grafted over the years.

Henry Hunter Hutcheson, a master of many trades

Just name a hobby, and H. H. Hutcheson has probably had it at one time or another. The Charleston customer services supervisor has also gotten his wife Eleanor and sons, Keith and Bruce, involved in a lot of his projects.

Hutch learned to barber while in service and cut both his sons' hair until they were 17 years old. He taught tap dancing for a time and still shakes a pretty wicked leg. His home is decorated with

pictures he has painted and furniture he has refinished. He also carves ducks from wood and has made hunting knives from scratch, both blade and handle, as well as leather cases for them. A coppersmith, Hutch has made several decorative sculptures. He is also a fisherman, a mechanic, a pilot, a taxidermist and a radio man.

A connoisseur of foods, Hutch was once in charge of an ox roast for Governor Underwood to

serve some 1,800 people. He was also in charge of preparing and serving food for some 600 people when the West Virginia Turnpike from Charleston to Princeton was opened.

Over the years he has been quite active in community affairs. He has served as chairman of the Mercer County Heart Association, Mercer County TB Association and the Mercer County Red Cross Drive.

He has held every office in the Jaycees and twice was chosen outstanding Jaycee of the year.

Hutch has been a member of the board of directors of the State Restaurant Association, 4-H Foundation of West Virginia, Farm and Home Electrification Council, West Virginia Mobile Home Association, and the New River and Winding Gulf Electric and Mechanical Institute. He served as a Scoutmaster for three years and is a member of the Elks, American Legion, Charleston Electric League, Home Builders Association, and the First Presbyterian Church of Dunbar.

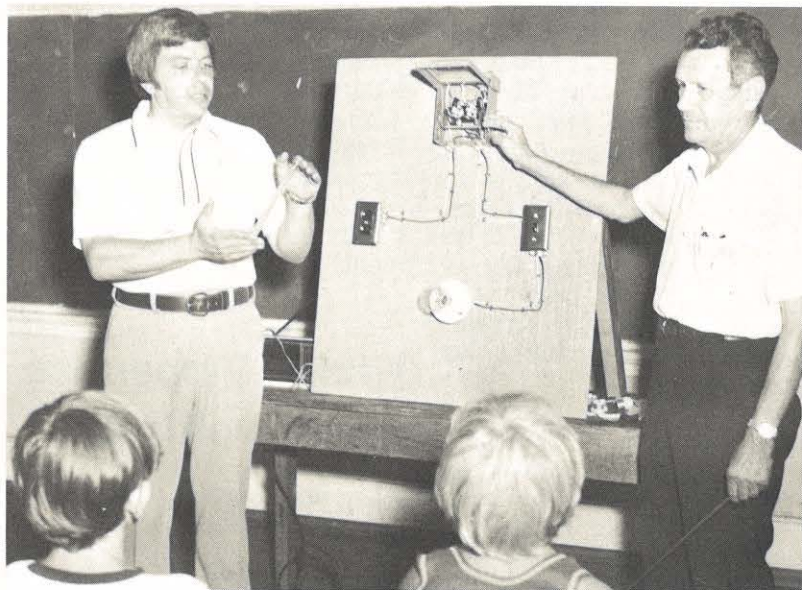
Despite all this activity, Hutch has continued his education through a number of company-sponsored schools and completed ICS courses in electrical and industrial engineering.

Is it any wonder that people who know him best describe Hutch as a man who can't sit still.



H. H. Hutcheson, in a rare idle moment, tries out the rocking chair he just refinished. He also refinished the chest and carved the wooden duck.

Lawrence County 4-H'ers view program on electricity



Donnie Bryan (left) explains the flow of electrons in a wire with the use of a glass tube and marbles. Joe Pigg explains how a switch works like a drawbridge to youths attending the Lawrence County, Ky., 4-H Day Camp.

More than 360 youths viewed a program on the basic fundamentals of electricity and its safe use during the Lawrence County, Kentucky, 4-H Day Camp. The 30-minute program, developed by Donnie Bryan, Ashland heating and air conditioning consultant, was presented 24 times in the four-day event.

One of the highlights of the program for the youths was viewing an energized lamp filament through blank processed photo-

graphic film. This allowed them to view the actual coils in the filament without damaging their eyes.

Richard Kouns, residential advisor, assisted in constructing a demonstration board. Bryan and Kouns were assisted in making the presentation by Joe W. Pigg, retired Ashland residential representative, who has been active in the Lawrence County 4-H program for many years.



Kees

“Jaws” holds no attraction for Kees, survivor of shark ordeal

If no one ever mentions a story about sharks again, it will be too soon for S. E. “Shag” Kees. He also has no yearning to see “Jaws”.

Kees, maintenance man at Kanawha River Plant, is one of 316 men, out of a crew of 1,196, who survived when their ship the USS Indianapolis was sunk by Japanese torpedos during the closing days of World War II.

In the movie “Jaws”, Quint, the shark fisherman hired by the town of Amity to kill the Great White which has terrorized its beaches, recounts the shark attacks on the USS Indianapolis crew. He refers to the incident, in which he supposedly participated, as one of the worst examples of shark attacks in history.

After the ship sunk, when the sun rose on the men the next day, the sharks began to attack, Kees said. “They came twice a day, in the morning and in the evening. There were 316 men in my group. We were holding onto a life line. When it was over, there were only 56 left.”

Kees said the men were in the water from July 30 to August 4, 1945. He was three decks down when the torpedos hit, “at 12 minutes past midnight”.

“We hit the water. The seas were very rough and the oil was taking its toll, what with us breathing and drinking it. Our only concern then was to get away from the ship.”

“In the morning the sharks started to come. As men became unconscious or injured, we had to cut them loose. Some of the men became delirious and said they

were going to cut themselves away to get a drink of water. We talked among ourselves about plans for the future, and we expected to be picked up,” he said.

When that time finally came, four days later, Kees said he had been cut loose because he was delirious and was about 25 or 30 miles from the other men. “I was the first one the pilot picked up,” Kees said. “Adrian Marks was the pilot of the plane. He picked up about 50 of us.”

Kees spent the better part of the next few months recovering at one hospital or another in the South Pacific. His weight dropped from 216 pounds to 159 while he was in the salt water. His tour on the Indianapolis was his last. He joined the Navy in November 1942 and, at the time of the sinking, was an electrician's mate second class.

“It took me two or three years to get over it,” he said, “but then again, it's something you never really get over. Some of the other men said they forgot it, but I can't.”

Kees does not want to discuss details of the shark attacks. “I've tried to put it out of my mind all these years, and I don't want to get into it,” he said. “I'd rather try and forget the whole thing.”

Kees said the present excitement over sharks is not just Hollywood “hoopla” dreamed up for movie-goers. “Those white sharks are mean rascals,” he said. “They don't need any provocation like movement. They'll just hit you.”

Story reprinted from Charleston Daily Mail.

WECO seeks rate increase

Wheeling Electric Company last month asked the West Virginia Public Service Commission for approval of a retail rate increase of about \$6.9-million per year.

Ned C. Sheats, executive vice president, explained that the proposed increase was necessary to offset higher prices the company will be paying for purchased power. He emphasized that the proposed rate hike would not enlarge the company's earnings and would not take effect before it begins to pay more for purchased power.

Wheeling Electric buys its power from Ohio Power Company. On July 21 Ohio Power had applied to the Federal Power Commission for a 21.6 per cent increase in its wholesale rate to Wheeling. In its filing with the West Virginia PSC, Wheeling Electric asked approval to include an adjustment in its retail rates to allow it to recover the added expense.

Sheats said that it was anticipated that the new rates — both Ohio Power's and Wheeling Electric's — would be placed in effect under bond on September 1, subject to final regulatory approval.

AEP power sales set new record

The American Electric Power System set a new record last month.

During the seven-day period ended August 6, the System's special power deliveries totaled 481.8-million kilowatt-hours — a new high and only the second time in history they had surpassed 400-million kwh. (“Special deliveries” are sales of power to other utilities over brief periods, over and above sales made under long-term commitments.) Largest buyer was the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The 481.8-million-kwh figure was about 27 per cent of the System's total load of 1.756-billion kwh during the seven days and contributed heavily to a 15.8 per cent increase in the total load over the comparable week the year before.

AEP efficient (Continued from page 1)

Rank	Plant	Heat Rate	Company
4.	Clinch River	9,149 Btu	Appalachian Power
10.	Philip Sporn	9,310	Appal. & Ohio Power
12.	Kanawha River	9,344	Appalachian Power
15.	Big Sandy	9,371	Kentucky Power
16.	Breed	9,375	Indiana & Michigan
21.	John E. Amos	9,438	Appal. & Ohio Power
22.	Muskingum River	9,458	Ohio Power
23.	Cardinal	9,477	Ohio Power*
33.	Tanners Creek	9,567	Indiana & Michigan

*Jointly owned with Buckeye Power, Inc.

MOVING UP



Brown, W. D.



Wolf



Richmond



Brown, W. H.



Croft



Harrison



Joyce



Thompson

William D. Brown, former assistant shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn Plant, has been promoted to shift operating engineer.

George A. Wolf, former unit foreman at Philip Sporn Plant, has been promoted to assistant shift operating engineer.

James Boyd Richmond, former stationman A in Beckley, has been promoted to station foreman exempt. He succeeds Paul Hancock, who earlier was promoted to general foreman. Richmond attended Beckley College.

William Henry Brown, former stores attendant senior at Clinch River Plant, has been promoted to stores supervisor. He succeeds James B. Tucker, who will retire October 1. Brown attended Bluefield College.

Marvin L. Croft, former Abing-

don customer accounting supervisor, has been promoted to division accounting supervisor. He succeeds George Wood who retired August 1. Croft has attended Virginia Western Community College, the University of Virginia Extension and studied through International Correspondence Schools.

R. D. Harrison, former customer accounts representative A, has been promoted to Abingdor customer accounting supervisor.

Dana Leon Thompson, former maintenance man A at John E. Amos Plant, has been promoted to maintenance foreman.

Darrell Michael Joyce, former Roanoke stationman A, has been promoted to station foreman non-exempt. He succeeds R. G. Amos, who earlier was promoted to general foreman.

Roanoke retirees formally protest eventual loss of employee discount

A meeting on July 23 marked the beginning of an organized protest by Roanoke area retired employees of the eventual loss of their employee discount on electric service bills. The Virginia State Corporation Commission on May 1 had ordered that all special rates and concessions for employees be eliminated by June 30, 1976. More than 100 retired

employees unanimously adopted a resolution which will be used to officially protest loss of the discount.

Clarence Mills, president of the Roanoke Retired Employees Association, said, “The main thought behind our movement is to keep the employee discount. We feel very strongly about this because we look at it as a benefit. And too, living on a fixed income, the loss would mean an added hardship on many of our retired employees.”

Mills pointed out the discount had been in existence ever since Appalachian was formed and added that it is something the retirees felt they could depend on continuing as part of their retirement plan.

Mills said, “It is our plan to enlist the support of active as well as retired employees throughout our operating area in Virginia.

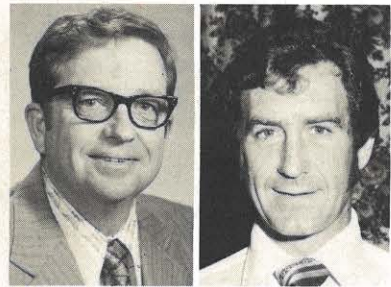
PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Emma Warren, Williamson PBX, was elected to the executive board of the International Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World at the West Virginia state convention.

Mary Ann Bragg, daughter of Ralph Bragg, Madison office, was selected to attend a three-week Regional Educational Services Agency summer honors program in mathematics and the sciences at West Virginia State College. A Scott High School student, Mary Ann was one of 35 selected from several West Virginia counties.

BLUEFIELD



Martin Blankenship

Jack Martin, Pineville area supervisor, was installed as president of the Pineville Rotary Club.

Larry Blankenship, senior engineering technologist, was installed as president of the Bluefield, Va., Jaycees.

Onsbie Yates, customer accounts supervisor, was installed as vice president of the Grundy Rotary Club.

James Looney, line foreman non-exempt, was installed as

Lion Tamer in the Grundy Lions Club.

Ann Jackson, daughter of Kenneth Jackson, accounting supervisor, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Physical Education Club at Bluefield State College.

Tom Chaffins, son of Bill Chaffins, stores attendant, was appointed head basketball coach at Richlands High School.

Jack Lloyd, division manager, was appointed to a two-year term on the board of the new Development Authority of Mercer County.

ASHLAND

Theresa Riley, a 1975 AEP Educational Award winner, was also the recipient of three other awards upon her graduation from South Point High School. She won a \$250 cash award from Ashland Oil, Inc.; a \$100 savings bond, science award from Allied Chemical; and a \$300 scholarship from the Rainbow Girls. Theresa is the daughter of the late Dana Riley, former customer accounting supervisor.

Wayne B. Edwards, safety and employee relations director, was elected to a three-year term as trustee of the KIMAC organization.

New officers of Xi Rho Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, include **Jetta Wright**, wife of R. S. Wright, wage and salary supervisor, president; **Neucedea Miller**, wife of W. R. Miller, GO engineering superintendent,

treasurer; and **Elmo Charles**, wife of H. F. Charles, purchasing and stores director, corresponding secretary.

Bronson Callihan, stores supervisor, was appointed chairman of the music committee of the Greenup Association of Baptists Revival Crusade.

Delores Greer, T&D clerk, was elected treasurer of the Employee's Credit Union.

John H. Via, Jr., accounting manager, was elected treasurer and director of the Boyd County Heart Association.

KINGSPORT

Joyce Parsons, private secretary, attended the Altrusa International Convention in Houston, Texas, as a delegate of the Altrusa Club of Kingsport.

Adela Holyoke, wife of Superintendent C. E. Holyoke, had a bicentennial display in the lobby of the Kingsport Library during July. Her display included several books from the Revolutionary War period, old tinctypes, ambrotypes and daguerrotypes. There were also several pieces of antique china, coins and flags, including the English Union and the official Bicentennial flag.

Stephen Harnsberger, commercial representative, was named "project chairman of the quarter" by the Kingsport Jaycees. He was chairman of the shooter education program and received the award for his work in teaching gun safety to members of the Kingsport Boys Club.

Randy Phillips, son of L. A. Phillips, meterman B, attended the 32nd annual National Junior Achievers Conference at Indiana University as a delegate of Junior Achievement of Kingsport, Inc. He was named local JA safety director of the year.

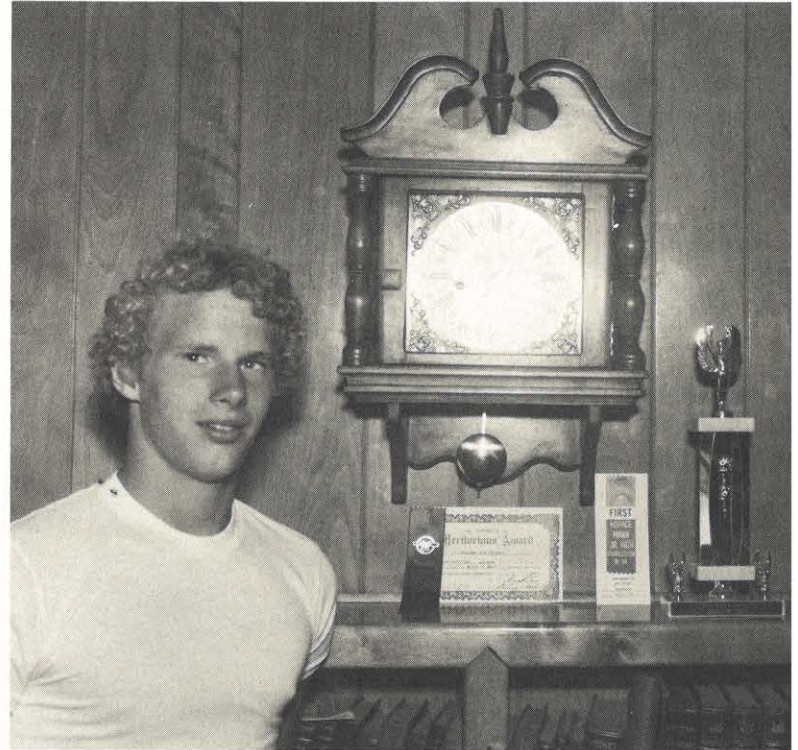
LYNCHBURG

James B. White, division manager, is serving on the executive advisory council of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

GLEN LYN

Stewart Gillespie, son of Plant Engineer Harvey G. Gillespie, participated in the Virginia State Junior Golf Tournament at Waynesboro. He had qualified to play in the tournament at the Holston Hills Country Club in Marion.

Participants in the Pearisburg Kiwanis Club variety show included **E. E. "Buddy" Thompson**, unit foreman; **Gary Ratliff**, son of Robert B. Ratliff, assistant plant manager; **Gertrude Gillespie**, wife of Harvey G. Gillespie; and **Mike and Mary Harris**, children of Everett V. Harris, chief chemist.



Mark Briers, son of Cabin Creek Plant Manager George E. Briers, proud displays the awards he won for this grandfather wall clock he made. He won first place in woodworking at Horace Mann Junior High School, where he is ninth grader. He also captured the grand prize trophy and a blue ribbon and first place award at the West Virginia Student Craftsman Fair.

JOHN E. AMOS



Morrison

Marvin F. Morrison, personnel supervisor, was elected president of the Kanawha City Lions Club.

Andrew J. Trawick, Jr., operations supervisor, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Southern West Virginia Georgia Tech Alumni Club for 1975-76.

K. L. McDaniel, public affairs coordinator, was appointed chairman of communities, Putnam County Division, of the 1975 United Way Campaign.

man of the bulletin committee for the New River Valley Chapter National Secretaries Association

ROANOKE

Clyde Hughes, husband of Fieldale Customer Account Representative Nell Hughes, was elected Scoutmaster of Troop 162 sponsored by the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Fieldale. **Neil Hughes** was elected a deacon.

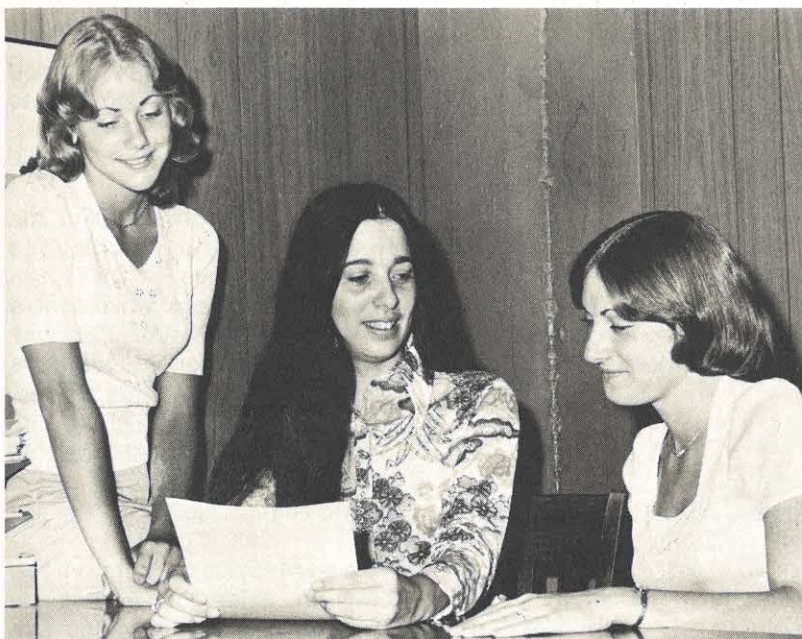
William F. Agee, son of Harvey L. Agee, Fieldale meterman, was promoted to sergeant in the U. S. Air Force. He is stationed at Loring Air Force Base, Maine.

A. M. Beatty, stores supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Roanoke Civic Club.

R. D. Webster, assistant division manager, and his daughter **Bari** participated in the father-child golf tournament at Hidden Valley Country Club.

J. R. Davenport, Fieldale manager; **Melvin W. Brown**, customer accounting supervisor; **Dorothy Via**, customer account representative A; and **Dillard Gravely**, engineer B, attended the industrial relations seminar sponsored by the Blue Ridge Personnel Association.

S. J. Plybon, son of Silas Plybon, meter serviceman, and **William Layman**, son of Ivy J. Layman, Jr., meter reader, were selected to play in the Dix Youth All-Star baseball game Rocky Mount.



Three Ashland residents were elected officers of the 1976 Kentucky-Tennessee Y-Teen Conference. Colleen Hawkins, left, was elected music director; Brenda Plummer, Ashland Y-Teen director, was elected adult executive advisor; and Phyllis Hawkins was elected conference executive. Colleen and Phyllis are daughters of Earl F. Hawkins, Ashland customer services manager. Phyllis, as conference executive, is responsible for planning the event and will be presiding officer. Colleen, as music director, is responsible for planning all music for fellowship, worship, business sessions and music workshops. Photo courtesy Ashland Daily Independent.

PULASKI



Davis

D. M. Davis, Pearisburg area supervisor A, was elected president of the Narrows Kiwanis Club.

C. H. Clayburn, head custodian, was elected to a two-year term on the board of the Pulaski County Chapter, American Red Cross.

L. L. Bucklen, engineer B, was appointed to the V. F. W. national membership committee for 1976.

Glenda Wohlford, secretarial-stenographer, was named parliamentary advisor and chair-

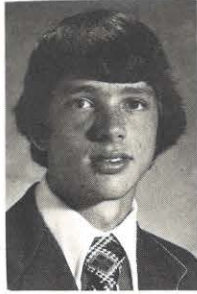


Layman Plybon



Fred Cox (left), engineer B in General Office General Services, Roanoke, and R. A. Youngman, general services supervisor, admire the diploma Cox received for completing an International Correspondence Schools course in civil engineering. Cox, currently owner's engineer on the new Beckley storage yard facilities, also holds associate in applied science degrees in civil engineering technology and architectural technology from Virginia Western Community College.

GENERAL OFFICE



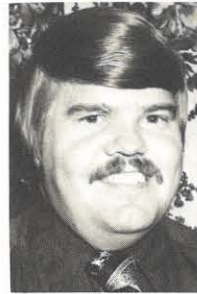
Facemire

Jeffrey L. Facemire, son of J. G. Facemire, civil construction assistant at Blue Ridge Development, was selected to the Ninth Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1974-75". He is a member of the Galax High School Band, Beta Club, Senior Science Club and Stage and Pep Band. Jeffrey will attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University after graduation from high school next year.

Ann Tuck, head-mailing section, GO General Services, Roanoke, attended the 30th annual convention of The National Secretaries Association (International). As delegate from the Roanoke Chapter, she received a certificate for attending their economic seminar.

Jackie L. Bundy, T&D clerk senior, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield, was elected president of the Tazewell, Va., Jaycees.

J. Emmett Blackwell, employee relations supervisor, was re-appointed by Governor Godwin to the Virginia State Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board for a four-year term.



Bundy



Blackwell

flight during the Ladies Golf Association tournament at Hidden Valley Country Club.

The team of **R. E. Morrison**, planner senior, and **R. W. McComas**, lineman C, won the play-off of the Appalachian Power Company Golf League at Forest Hills Golf Course.

CHARLESTON

Leland Price, service foreman, was chosen "working man of the day" by WCHS Radio Station recently.

Glen Gullian, son of Eldivia Gullian, T&D clerk senior, attended the Kanawha County Sheriff's Camp and was elected a member of the board of education.

Station Foreman **Bill Payne**, catcher for Bopra Trucking, got seven hits, including three triples, during the first four games of the Twin Lakes Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Morristown, Tenn. His team came in second place in the tournament.



Jack Richmond, Jr., son of J. H. Richmond, General Office Accounting, Roanoke, was the recipient of the Presidential Physical Fitness Award at Mountain View Elementary School. He was also chosen to represent his team on the North Roanoke Little League All Stars baseball team.

WE REMEMBER



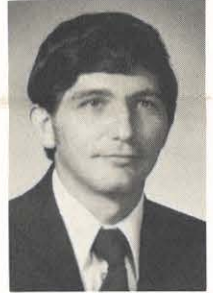
Johnson

Ritchie

Beulah Johnson, 66, retired Charleston stenographer, died August 1. A native of Onoville, New York, she was employed in 1942 as a stenographer at Cabin Creek Plant and elected early retirement November 1, 1971. Mrs. Johnson is survived by a stepson and a brother.

D. W. Ritchie, 49, Huntington stationman A, died August 18 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Huntington, W. Va., he began his career in 1953 as a maintenance helper for Ohio Power Company. He is survived by his widow Pauline, 158 Terrace Street, Huntington, and a son.

Downey earns associate degree

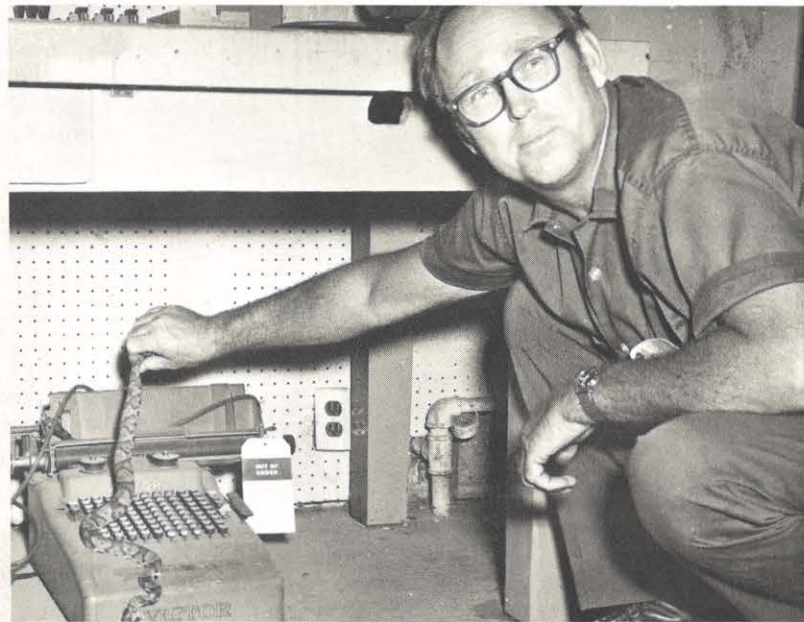


Downey

Richard P. Downey, Roanoke T&D records clerk senior, graduated cum laude from Virginia Western Community College with an associate degree in business management. Downey joined the company in 1970 as a meter reader.



Melvin W. Brown, chairman of the Henry County board of supervisors, accepted eight awards on behalf of the county at the annual conference of the National Association of Counties held in Hawaii. The awards were presented for the development of a regional library, development of Collinsville Jaycee Park, construction of a new county jail and emergency center, new financial management system, new landfill and recycling center and other achievements. Brown is Fieldale customer accounting supervisor in the Roanoke Division.



This snake that crawled into the Ashland service building was not an adder although it coiled on an old adding machine. The poisonous two-foot copperhead was discovered by Ashland Serviceman John T. Cornett, who thought it was a rubber snake placed there by a practical joker. He laughingly called it to the attention of his foreman, Don Bolner, and picked it up by the tail, only to find out it was very much alive. The two soon rendered the snake inoperable. How a snake of this species came to be so close into downtown Ashland and how it found its way to the service building will remain a mystery.

HUNTINGTON



Swann

Amy Swann, daughter of J. W. Swann, area serviceman, was chosen "Miss Flame 1975" by the Hamlin, W. Va., Fire Department. She was awarded a trophy and flowers.

Selbia Perry, wife of D. M. Perry, stationman B, received an AB degree in early childhood education from Marshall University.

Bessie Wilson, Point Pleasant area stenographer, was awarded a prize for having low putts in her



Judi Johnson, daughter of Charleston Collector Charles Johnson, made the Little League all-star softball team, girls' division. A member of the Edgewood Swim Team, she won two first place, three second place and two third place awards in recent swim meets. The 12-year-old attends Watts Elementary School and last year was voted most outstanding citizen in the school.



Mona Overstreet, senior at Stone-wall Jackson High, was selected as the school's outstanding citizen by the Charleston Civitan Club. She and winners from other Kanawha Valley schools attended a luncheon at Daniel Boone Hotel along with their parents and school principals. As part of the special program, Mona received a citation and award pin and made a talk on citizenship and what it means to her. She was also recognized at the school's Awards Day ceremonies and had her name inscribed on a 20-year plaque. Mona is the stepdaughter of Thomas E. Toliver, maintenance man A at John E. Amos Plant.

19 couples exchange vows in summer ceremonies



Hudson



Hammer



Gravely



Gregory



Litton



Sweeney



Nelson



Britt



Williams



Hall, R. K.



Hall, D. K.



White



Powell

WEDDINGS

Debra Suzanne Surbaugh to **Danny Lee Hudson**, section foreman, Southern Appalachian Coal, Bull Creek Office, June 28.

Kay Ruth Martin to **John E. Hammer, III**, son of John E. Hammer, wage and salary supervisor, GO Personnel, Roanoke, August 2.

Jimmie Etta Winebarger to **Dane M. Gravely**, son of D. F. Gravely, Fieldale engineer B, Roanoke Division, June 21.

Margie Anita Richardson to **Gary Lee Gregory**, son of Roy R. Gregory, Abingdon line foreman non-exempt May 3.

Yolanda D. Old, daughter of T. W. Old, assistant T&D manager of Appalachian Power, Roanoke, to John A. Litton, July 26.

Rosa Mae Divers to **Cecil Edward Sweeney**, son of Cecil A. Sweeney, GO right of way agent, Roanoke, August 2.

Donna Kay Vance, junior clerk receptionist, Southern Appalachian Coal, Bull Creek Office, to Randy Reed Nelson, June 28.

Jane Laughon Carson, daughter of the late R. D. Carson, Pulaski division engineer, to Ashbel Richard Britt, July 20.

Susan Diane Samson, daughter of Elba Samson, Logan-Williamson meter reader, to Dervis Lee Williams, June 7.

Susan Kay White to **Ronald Keith Hall**, son of Dan E. Hall, Glen Lyn Plant equipment operator, May 24.

Linda Carol White to **Donald Kenneth Hall**, son of Dan E. Hall, Glen Lyn Plant equipment operator, July 4.

Kathy Gail Taylor to **David Mason White**, son of James M. White, Glen Lyn Plant equipment operator, June 28.

Paula Spiggle Dunn, daughter of Paul S. Dunn, GO right of way agent,

Blue Ridge Project, to Dean Simmons Powell, July 19.

Charlotte Lucas Albert, Glen Lyn Plant chemist assistant, to Paul Vernon Wagner, June 28.

Rita Faye Bailey to **Brian Scott Brewer**, John E. Amos Plant utility man A, July 5.

Ann Frazier to **Simon E. Lunce**, Hazard lineman A, June 28.

Marietta Olinger to **Bruce Linton**, Hazard lineman C, July 12.

Doris Ann Guilliams, clerk-stenographer, GO General Services, Roanoke, to Leonard Leroy Hendricks, July 19.

Luetta Charlene Weaver, daughter of C. A. Weaver, Philip Sporn Plant assistant stores supervisor, to Michael Lee Milliron, August 8.



Kimberly Ferrell, daughter of Kingsport Head T&D Clerk Roy Ferrell, was elected captain of the Dobyns-Bennett High School cheerleader squad for 1975-76.



New officers of the Appalachian Chorus in Roanoke are (l. to r.) Marsena Hartless, GO Accounting, secretary; John Terry, GO General Services, manager; Betty Young, GO T&D Station, vice president; Chester Robison, GO T&D Station, president; Helen Honaker, GO T&D Administrative, director; Susan Altizer, GO Personnel, librarian; and Sheila Hartman, GO Operations, historian. Seated at the piano is Fred Hornbeck, methods engineer, pianist.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Jimmy Daniel, son of **J. L. Price**, Lebanon lineman A, June 25.

John E. Amos

Jeremy Wayne, son of **Jerry W. Saunders**, stores attendant, May 19.

Elizabeth Armanda, daughter of **Richard A. Miller, Jr.**, coal handler, July 7.

Kelly Danielle, daughter of **Freddie J. Elswick**, utility man A, July 25.

Christopher Len, son of **Danny L. Nunley**, control technician senior, July 25.

Charleston

Judith Marie, daughter of **James H. Poe**, draftsman senior, July 11.

General Office

Erin Elizabeth, daughter of **Barry L. Thomas**, rate analyst, GO Rates and Contracts, Roanoke, July 22.

Huntington

Donald G., Jr., son of **Donald G. Simms**, meter serviceman B, July 11.

Michael Alexander, son of **David M. Perry**, stationman B, August 10.

Lynchburg

James Steven, Jr., son of **Penny Garber**, former personnel clerk senior, July 31.

Pikeville

Jamie Allen, son of **Gary Little**, lineman A, August 4.

Pulaski

Bruce Haywood, Jr., son of **Bruce H. Sayles**, Wytheville lineman, July 21.

Roanoke

Layne Aaron, daughter of **S. H. Shively**, Fieldale lineman C, June 5.

Crystal Gail, daughter of **G. R. Peters**, lineman helper, July 7.

Philip Sporn

Virgil Wilson, II, son of **V. W. Watson**, auxiliary equipment operator, July 10.



Jack and Lucille Smith, who have been living in Winter Haven, Florida, since his retirement as a meterman B in Huntington, returned to Huntington to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A series of parties was given by their families, highlighted with a reception on July 5. They have two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandson.



Haze Clark (standing, second from left) poses with other members of the Gospel Light Quartet

Lebanon Meter Reader Haze Clark sings for the Lord in gospel quartet

Haze Clark, meter reader in the Lebanon area of Abingdon Division, has a hobby that "has added meaning and substance to my life". He sings for the Lord in a group known as the Gospel Light Quartet.

Haze's hobby started over two years ago. He recalls, "Several of the fellows in my church, Willis Chapel United Methodist, enjoyed singing and fellowshiping together. This just naturally led to organizing our group." Haze sings bass in the quartet.

The quartet members spend many hours each week in preparation for a performance. Nearly every Saturday and Sunday they sing for a church or charitable organization. The payoff for Haze comes when he sees a person respond to his singing by a changed life. He says, "Such an experience was witnessed recently at a church on Big A Mountain when ten people answered the altar call".

The Gospel Light Quartet is in demand throughout southwest Virginia and parts of Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky. Their popularity has led to the recording of two albums of gospel music in Bristol, Virginia.

Recently while traveling on Interstate 81, the Gospel Lights gave a tractor-trailer driver from New Mexico a tape of their gospel music. After going some distance, the driver stopped the quartet and, with tears in his eyes, thanked the group and asked where he might obtain additional tapes.

Haze gives much credit to his wife Ann and their six and one-half-year-old son Christopher for their patience and understanding of the time that is required for his

singing. Haze says, "Chris is forever singing and asks to sing 'Hallelujah Square', the title of one of the albums.

Haze's philosophy of life is applied to his work. While reading meters on Big A Mountain, he spotted an object in the road and stopped to investigate. He found a billfold containing over \$70. Later that evening Haze returned the wallet to the owner and witnessed to him. Afterwards the man and his family attended church for the first time.



Chester B. Talley, retired Charleston District manager, and his wife Alice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 20. Some 60 friends and relatives attended a surprise reception at the home of their niece in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. South Florida's Cardovox and vocal one man band provided entertainment for the evening. More than a dozen people put on a "this is your life" program by making personal remarks and reading letters written by friends who could not be present. The Talleys were presented with two large albums containing more than 130 cards, letters and pictures from friends as well as a note from President Gerald Ford. The Talleys reside at 2157 Imperial Point Drive, Ft. Lauderdale.

Purchasing Assistant Tom Puckett builds own house from plans he drew himself

Tom Puckett, purchasing assistant in General Office Purchasing, Roanoke, is a firm believer in doing things himself. Tom, who had no prior building experience, recently finished constructing his own house in Bedford County.

"Building," Tom explains, "just involves patience and watching someone else. The first day I ever laid block, I laid 16. Now I can lay 200 blocks a day."

Tom acquired the land for his house in 1969. "After paying rent for a while, we decided to make a move. I'd always wanted a farm and everything happened to work out."

Tom worked on the foundation and basement of the house for two weeks. In August 1969 he, his wife Frankie and their two sons moved in the completed basement which featured a kitchen, living room, bath, two bedrooms and a utility room. With some help from his father and a fellow employee, Arnold Hatfield, Tom did all of the work himself except wiring.

"We drew the plans from scratch and modified them to suit a family of five. (In 1971 their third son arrived.) Because of this, he was able to find bargains on fixtures and modify his plans to work them in. "In building like this, you can shop around," Tom explains. For example, he bought windows for the upper portion of the house at a discount. They were not a perfect fit, but he was able to modify his plans to use them.

About building his own house, Tom says, "It seemed like a logical and economical way to go." There have been no major



Frankie and Tom Puckett relax on the 60-foot deck of the house which constructed himself.

problems but he admits, "Frankie said she'd never live in another unfinished house."

Their home, a 30' x 36' A-frame with a 60' deck features two levels and the basement. It has two bedrooms and a bath on each level. The ground level also includes a kitchen, dining room and living room as well as sliding glass doors and a fireplace. The house has been appraised at approximately four times the actual

building cost.

Since 1969, he has constructed a lake on his property, helped build several houses beside his own, and found time to go to school at night.

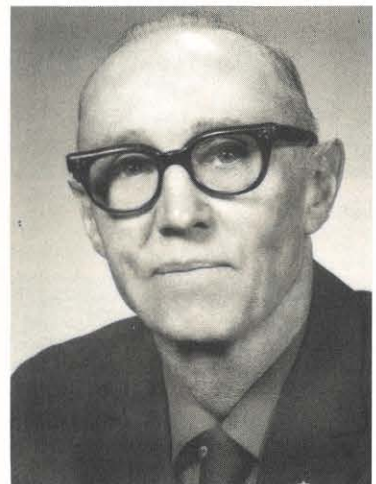
What does he plan to do now that his house is finished? "I've already started a barn and put up a couple of outbuildings. When you finish something like this, you just start on something else."

Fred Rosenbaum, stationman, retires after 38 years' service

When he joined Appalachian in 1937, Fred Rosenbaum had no idea the association would last 38 years. Fred, who retired September 1 as Abingdon stationman A, recalls, "I thought I would work for two or three years and move to another job."

His first job was on the old Clinch Valley floating crew. Some of its original members were Calvin Jackson, now Lebanon area supervisor; L. C. Valley, Gate City area supervisor; S. S. Stevenson and Andy Skeen, both retired. Other members were Jim Davis, Tip Fletcher, Tildon Counts, Tom Potts, Jimmy Mize, C. W. Hale, Vance Buckles, O. C. Glover, and Paul Roe. Fred recalls there was only one truck for the entire crew. "The crew that would dig the holes was the first to leave. Then the truck would return for the linemen. We were on a salary in the beginning; and, as I recall, my starting wage was \$75 a month and the company paid my board when I was on the road."

One weekend Gene Rowe, now retired area serviceman, invited Fred to his home in Damascus, Va., on the pretext of looking at



Rosenbaum

some hunting dogs. Mrs. Rowe invited over a young lady named Rowena Neeley to help with the cooking. The matchmaker worked; and, after a long courtship, Rowena became Mrs. Fred Rosenbaum.

Fred leaves the company with mixed emotions. "I've worked for a good company and one that has been almost family to me. Future plans call for fishing, traveling and maybe renewing his private pilot's license.

Veteran employees receive awards for lengthy service



Shelton Loyd Sharp Wright Wills Lineberry Crouse Hardman Pancake Epperly



Holdren, G. E. King Poole Naff Burns Nickols Fugitt Keeton Leftwich Musselman



Gillette Hubbard Holdren, W. W. VanOver St. Clair McClaugherty Hutcherson Ratliff Baughan Keller



Ison Jeffers Hoffman Brown Porter Cornett Maynard Woolridge Kirby Rookstool



Groseclose Manning



Evans Williams



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40 Years	Classification	Location
Shelton, W. K.	General Serviceman	Logan-Williamson
Loyd, J. M.	Customer Acctg. Supv.	Bluefield
Sharp, B. Q.	Hydro Plant Foreman	Pulaski

35 Years	Classification	Location
Wright, Arlie	Auto Repairman A	Pikeville

30 Years	Classification	Location
Wills, M. L.	Maintenance Man	Glen Lyn
Lineberry, G. T.	General Serviceman	Bluefield
Crouse, W. L.	General Serviceman	Bluefield
Hardman, T. H.	Groundman	Charleston
Pancake, W. M.	Draftsman Senior	Huntington
Epperly, Kermit	Line Foreman NE	Logan-Williamson
Holdren, G. E.	Area T&D Clerk	Roanoke
King, W. M.	Lineman A	Pulaski
Poole, G. E.	Tractor Trailer Driver	Roanoke
Naff, W. R.	Right of Way Agent	Roanoke
Burns, G. H.	Commercial Engineer	Huntington
Nickols, J. B.	Maintenance Man	Pulaski
Fugitt, J. T.	Line Foreman	Ashland
Keeton, Walter	General Serviceman	Ashland
Leftwich, R. E.	Planner Senior	Roanoke
Musselman, C. L.	R/w Maintenance Insp.	Roanoke
Gillette, G. R.	Collector	Lynchburg
Hubbard, K. K.	Planner Senior	Roanoke
Holdren, W. W.	Line Foreman NE	Roanoke
VanOver, Everett	Records Supervisor	Ashland
St. Clair, A. L.	Records Mgt. Supv.	GO-Roanoke
McClugherty, R. K.	Chief Plant Disp.	Glen Lyn

25 Years	Classification	Location
Hutcherson, J. K., Sr.	T&D Clerk Senior	Roanoke
Ratliff, R. B.	Asst. Plant Manager	Glen Lyn
Baughan, R. H.	Cust. Acctg. Supv.	Logan-Williamson
Keller, Frances	Personnel Assistant	Bluefield
Ison, Carlton	Meter Reader	Ashland
Jeffers, G. A.	Shift Operating Eng.	John E. Amos
Hoffman, C. T.	Asst. Shift Op. Eng.	Philip Sporn
Brown, W. D.	Shift Operating Eng.	Philip Sporn
Porter, F. E.	Line Foreman	Charleston

25 Years	Classification	Location
Cornett, McKinley, Jr.	Engineering Supv.	Bluefield
Maynard, Mildred	Personnel Clerk	Logan-Williamson
Woolridge, Jewell	Secretarial-Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Kirby, W. G.	Area T&D Clerk	Charleston

20 Years	Classification	Location
Rookstool, A. W.	Asst. Shift Op. Eng.	John E. Amos
Groseclose, W. J.	Lineman A	Beckley
Manning, Mary	Private Secretary	GO-Roanoke
Evans, G. L.	Performance Eng. Sr.	Glen Lyn
Williams, W. S., Jr.	T&D Clerk Senior	Roanoke
Croy, A. Q.	Distribution Eng. Sr.	GO-Roanoke
Jonas, Don	Chemist	Clinch River

15 Years	Classification	Location
Beaty, Dale	Const. Con. Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Smith, C. E.	Equip. Serv. Rep. Sr.	Roanoke
Nichols, J. E., Jr.	General Foreman	Roanoke
Mora, N. W.	Maintenance Man	Philip Sporn

10 Years	Classification	Location
Long, F. J.	Plant Perf. Eng.	Glen Lyn
Holley, R. W.	Auto Repairman A	Huntington
Dunham, C. E.	Area Serviceman	Huntington
Woolwine, R. A.	Stationman A	Pulaski
Byrd, Catherine	Cust. Rep. B.	Pulaski
Jones, R. S.	Line Foreman NE	Pulaski
Ackerman, Melinda	Secretarial-Steno.	Ashland

5 Years	Classification	Location
Schmidt, B. L., II	Control Techn. Sr.	John E. Amos
Rorrer, J. W.	Stationman B	Bluefield
Brown, A. M.	Stationman B	Bluefield
Bruffey, R. W.	Lineman B	Bluefield
Singleton, J. C.	Maintenance Man	Clinch River
Fletcher, K. S.	Helper	Clinch River
Fields, J. E.	Equipment Operator	Clinch River
Garrett, F. C., II	Equipment Operator	Clinch River
Ashley, R. A.	Sta. Maint. Man B	GO-Charleston
Torman, D. R.	Transmission Man B	GO-Charleston
Burke, Linda Lou	Cust. Acct. Rep. B	Logan-Williamson

Tending rose garden will be Retiree Fudge's favorite pastime

"When I came to Roanoke in the summer of 1929 looking for work, Appalachian was the first place I contacted," recalls Charles Albert Fudge, who retired September 1 as Fieldale area T&D clerk in the Roanoke Division.

He continues, "I stopped by the main office and was sent to see Howard Hamilton, who was then chief clerk in the billing department. He told me he needed a messenger boy but said he didn't know about hiring me because at such a young age I might just work the summer and quit. He said, 'I'm looking for someone to stick with it and, besides, I had a

couple of other boys I wanted to talk to.' When I told him it wasn't summer work I was looking for but a permanent job, he looked up and said, 'It's almost noon. You go eat lunch and report back here at 1 o'clock for work.'"

When he transferred to Fieldale as a clerk in 1938, there wasn't even an office there. "We worked out of the substation control building. Bruce Cox, then superintendent of the Fieldale operations, and I took care of making the service orders, collecting and issuing material to the line crews. You might say we took care of the whole works. When it was time for meters to be read, men were pulled out of the line crews to take care of it."

Fudge, who proudly displays his 45-year pin, says, "I worked for some mighty good people over the years and I thoroughly enjoyed my work with Appalachian."

He adds, "Having been on LTD for the past two years has shown me I will enjoy retirement. Since I can't play golf any more, my favorite pastime is our flower garden. I really enjoy the roses that we have and, believe it or not, it requires a lot of time working with them. Another thing that Beulah, my wife, and I are going to do is spend more time at my son's beach cottage at Nags Head, North Carolina." The Fudges also have a daughter and are awaiting the birth of their first grandchild this month.



Fudge

Appalachian's "Billy Chestnut" leaving mark for all to enjoy

William C. Gilmour, who elected early retirement August 1 as administrative assistant in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division, is leaving his mark for all to enjoy.

An avid hunter, in his years of traveling through the woods he sensed the need of food for small game. He made it a practice to carry pockets full of chestnuts whenever he went hunting and, every time he stopped to rest, he would plant one. The chestnuts came from several large trees in his backyard. Billy gives seedlings to his friends and encourages them to help in his crusade. Several of his trees flourish and grow around Appalachian property, including Byrd Lodge and Pennhall. As the result of planting literally thousands of trees, he has acquired the title of the Appalachian "Billy Chestnut", a take-off from the legendary "Johnny Appleseed".

A graduate of Bowling Green Business College, Billy joined Appalachian in 1937 in the Accounting Department at Logan. He was local office manager in both Charleston and Point Pleasant and was district personnel supervisor before being



Gilmour

named administrative assistant in 1959.

He and his wife Bernadine have recently completed a study course which resulted in their being licensed as lay readers in the Episcopal Church. Their plans for the future call for a Caribbean cruise in October and further advancement in church work.

Bill is regaining his strength after an extended illness and hopes to spend more time playing golf, hunting and fishing.



Layne

Layne elects early retirement

"Maybe I won't jump now when the lights blink," says Denver Layne, who was a Pikeville line foreman before electing early retirement September 1.

A native of Floyd County, Kentucky, "Chomper" holds a teacher's certificate from Pikeville College. He worked as a laborer for two summers before being permanently employed in 1936 as a serviceman and meter tester.

"Chomper" recalls working in floods, storms, and under all kinds of emergency conditions during his nearly 40 years' service, but recalls with special fondness the experiences he had playing in the softball league between companies during the 40's and 50's. He was a charter member of the Pikeville team.

"Chomper" enjoys spectator sports now and likes to do minor woodworking and gardening. He and his wife Viola attend the First Baptist Church in Pikeville. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Retirement plans call for "staying home, taking it easy and looking after my varied interests".

Thanks to you it works

This Fall many employees will be asked to contribute to one of the most beneficial of all annual campaigns — the 1976 United Way campaign or some other community fund effort.

The agencies supported by your United Way gift provide personal and community services for the benefit of all. There are medical research programs directed at every major health problem, programs which fight delinquency today and build better citizens for tomorrow, hospitals and clinics which help restore crippled children and disabled adults to happy, useful lives.

When you are asked to contribute, think about the need of others and then give your "fair share". By doing so you will once again show that power company people care about their neighbors.

Retiree Paul Hartman has fishing as number one priority

"I've enjoyed my stay with Appalachian. I'm only sorry it had to come to an end," says Paul Anthony Hartman. He retired September 1 as Roanoke commercial engineer after 36 years' service.

Paul worked as a radio serviceman for Dowdy Electric Company and Pugh's Department Store and as a laborer for American Viscose before joining Appalachian in 1939.

Paul recalls, "A friend of mine, Grayson Haller who was a service representative with Appalachian, told me they were looking for another man. Even then, Appalachian had a mighty good reputation as a company to work for. By this time, I was married and it meant a great deal to have a job you could depend on."

He continues, "Jimmy Crouch, who was residential sales supervisor then, hired me as an appliance serviceman."

As for the future, Paul says, "I know there is a lot of work to be done around the house, but my



Hartman

number one interest is fishing. I get to the housework in between fishing trips." A widower, Paul plans also to spend more time with his two daughters and a grandchild.

He is a member of Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church, the Clearview Volunteer Fire Department, charter member and twice president of the Clearview Lions, and a past member of the Clearview Rescue Squad.

Lynchburg Police Department has first husband-wife law officers



Sgt. and Mrs. Barry K. Martin are the first husband-wife law enforcement officers in the Lynchburg City Police Department.

Sgt. and Mrs. Barry K. Martin became Lynchburg's first husband and wife law enforcement officers when Toni Martin joined the City Police Department in March of this year. Barry, son of the late Richard H. Martin, Jr., former Lynchburg commercial sales engineer, is a sergeant and commander of the communications and detention section.

"When Toni joined the force, I was reluctant, but eventually I accepted it and now it really works out very well. So far we have been on the same shifts and even have the same days off," says Barry.

Toni adds, "I have always wanted to be a police officer. When we

were married I was enrolled law enforcement courses at the Community College. I thought then that marrying a policeman might be as close as I would get. After their marriage she left college to become a full-time housewife and mother to their now three-year-old daughter Stacy.

When she first brought up the subject of becoming a police officer, Barry was not too enthusiastic. "His main objection was the danger he knew I would face as a law officer," Toni says.

Now that she is on the force Toni is enrolled in college on a part-time basis. She has completed the department's rookie training program and is currently on patrol duty.



Enjoying one of Burlington's parks are (from left) J. H. Linthicum, J. K. Bradburn and Bradburn's sons Sean, Michael and Jerome.

Burlington's Black Machine achieving social, political results

Formed three years ago as a men's social club, the Black Machine of Burlington, Ohio, is entering political and controversial areas — and achieving results. James Linthicum, Jr., Huntington Division meterman B, is secretary of the club and Jerome Bradburn, Huntington meter reader, is a member.

In June the 15-member club, composed mostly of men in their early to mid-20's, dedicated Burlington's first basketball court to the community. Funds for the court were raised by a door-to-door donation campaign and financial help from the Lawrence County commissioners.

The club's name is an outgrowth of some softball team members' love of the Big Red (Cincinnati) Machine. In 1972, some slow-pitch league members decided they wanted to meet somewhere besides the ball diamond, and the Black Machine was born.

Since then the club has sponsored community picnics in the

fall and spring and bus trips to Cincinnati for ball games and the annual jazz festival.

The club's primary goal is getting the residents' interests back into the community. Several members are on the steering group of the Burlington Preservation Organization, which has protested the operation of a coal loading dock on the west end of the village.

"This tippie business has really gotten people together here. We've seen a complete community effort," said Linthicum.

Machine members headed a voter registration drive this summer. Along with improved recreational facilities, the club wants to see road conditions in the community improved.

Linthicum said he wants the village to become incorporated. Residents would then have police and fire protection and a much-needed sewer system might become reality.



Six four-man teams competed in the Lakeview Team Golf Tournament in Roanoke on July 4. The team composed of (l. to r.) I. B. Peters, GO wage and salary assistant senior; R. F. Howard, GO lead draftsman; W. C. Reed, GO system and procedures analyst; and R. Lewis Mills, Roanoke power engineer, scored 335 to win the tournament. Each winner was awarded three golf balls. Reed also won the closest-to-the-hole award on the number three hole. Tom Old, assistant T&D manager, and D. E. Robins, payroll clerk A, were recognized for having the lowest score (72).

C. B. King is enthusiastic about T-Ball

"The object of T-Ball," explains C. B. King, payroll records supervisor in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, "is to teach kids the fundamentals of baseball with emphasis on fun. This boils down to hitting, running, throwing and catching."

King, active in coaching youngsters in baseball and football, is very enthusiastic about T-Ball. His coaching ability and enthusiasm paid off this summer when his T-Ball team, the Orioles, won the Cave Spring National Little League Division Two T-Ball Tournament. His son Marc, a member of the Orioles, was selected to play in the League all-star game.

T-Ball, a new Little League concept for seven and 8-year-olds, gets its name from the tee that sets on home plate. The tee consists of an adjustable metal rod with a rubber hose attached. The ball rests on top of the hose.

"In T-Ball," King says, "the pitcher does not pitch. The baseball is placed on the tee and the batter belts away at it. This keeps the fielders alert. They know it's coming." King notes that the concept of T-Ball developed be-



C. B. King shows his son Marc the proper position for hitting the baseball as it rests on the tee.

cause Little Leaguers were not learning fundamental baseball. Usually in Little League, the pitcher has trouble getting the ball over the plate. Many batters walk, resulting in little fielding or hitting practice. Often only the better players get a chance to play, cutting down on some youngsters' chances to enjoy the sport.

"One of the beauties of the game is that every player on the team gets to play at least two innings on defense and will bat at least twice every game. The team bats the complete lineup of 17 players, then starts over again. This eliminates the benchwarmers. An inning in a T-Ball game is three outs or seven runs scored by the team at bat."

There were four coaches for King's team, one each at first base, third base, home plate to position the youngsters properly and at the bench to keep track of the lineup. "A coach can call time out at the completion of a play and go to the field to explain to a boy what he did wrong while the play is still fresh in the youngster's mind."

King feels that T-Ball is effective. He notes that coaches in the higher leagues comment on how well prepared the boys are. For King, there is a great satisfaction in watching the players develop. "It does you good to see the accomplishments the boys make from one year to the next."

Unholy Rollers are champions of Kentucky Power Bowling League



Members of the Unholy Rollers, which were champs of the Kentucky Power Employees Bowling League for 1974-75, are (front row, l. to r.) Wilbur Slone and Ed Kress. Back row, l. to r., Mike Taylor, John Eldridge, Ned Viars and Paul Brown. Frank Salisbury was absent when picture was taken.

The Unholy Rollers won the first two rounds of the 1974-75 season, taking the Kentucky Power Employees Bowling League crown for the second consecutive season. The team consisted of Ed Kress, Mike Taylor, John Eldridge, Wilbur Slone, Ned Viars, Frank Salisbury and Team Captain Paul Brown.

The third and final round of the season was won by The Beauties and The Beasts, who finished the season with 17 consecutive victories and took runner-up honors. The Beasts team was made up of Don Thornsbury, Gene Williams, Clarice Wallace, Ken Brown, Cindy James and Captain Randy King.

Individual award winners for the male bowlers were: Randy King, high average (188) and high

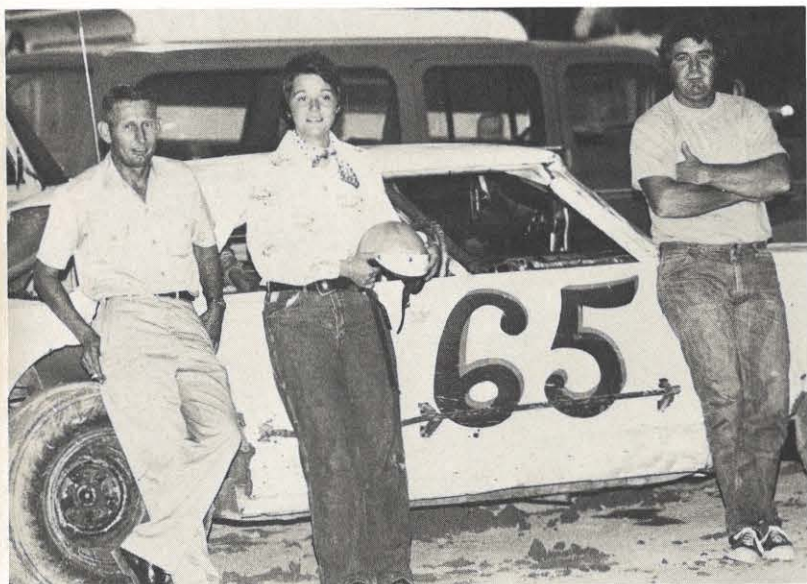
series actual (681); Bronson Callihan, high game actual (256); Ed Kress, high game and series with handicap (268 and 702, respectively). The most improved male bowler was Woody Fugate.

For the female bowlers, the winners were: Clarice Wallace, high average (147), high game and series actual (234 and 541), respectively; and Linda Thornsbury, high game and series with handicap (228 and 607), respectively. Linda Eldridge was the most improved female bowler.

New officers elected for the 1975-76 season were: Don Thornsbury, president; John Sammons, vice president; Jeff Maddy, secretary-treasurer; and Linda Thornsbury, sergeant of arms.



Nineteen-year-old Rod Ellis, son of Hardia Ellis, Cabin Creek Plant master maintenance man, is becoming well known as an amateur boxer in West Virginia. The 153-pounder fights as a junior middleweight out of the Marmet Boxing Club. A colorful fighter with plenty of nerve and grit, Rod keeps fans on their feet, shouting for him round after round. He has won 12 fights and lost four in close decisions.



Barbara Thompson, Wytheville meter reader in the Pulaski Division, was the winner of the Powder Puff Derby held recently at the Wythe Raceway. Twelve cars were entered in the ten-lap race, which was Thompson's first. Pictured are (l. to r.) "Rabbit" Catron, owner of car # 65; Thompson, driver and winner; and Donnie King, regular driver of car # 65.

Appalachian Golf League completes play at Ole Monterey Course



A team made up of (l. to r.) W. C. Reed, R. H. Payne, R. H. Hogan and R. F. Howard captured the title in the Appalachian Power Company Golf League played at the Ole Monterey Golf Course in Roanoke.



Rod Butler, son of Huntingtor General Serviceman J. K. Butler, was named center fielder on the All-State baseball team and was also selected for the Cabell-Wayne All Star team. Rod, who won the Cabell-Wayne batting title with an average of .521, has been offered four college scholarships.



Don Thornsbury (left), Ashland customer accounting supervisor, was selected by members of the Kentucky Power Employees Bowling League as winner of the Dana Riley Memorial Trophy. The award, a tribute to the late Dana Riley, former Ashland customer accounting supervisor, was presented by League Secretary Jeff Maddy, T&D records coordinator.

Six teams of four members each competed in the Appalachian Power Company Golf League at the Ole Monterey Golf Course in Roanoke. The League was comprised of Roanoke Division and General Office employees, with 24 regular players and 15 alternates.

The season was divided into three periods of five weeks each. The team of R. F. Howard and R. H. Payne, GO Real Estate and Right of Way, and R. H. Hogan and W. C. Reed, GO Accounting, won all three periods. The runner-up team, which had the next largest total accumulated points for the season, was made up of

R. A. Armistead, G. A. Perfater, S. R. Pritchard and J. W. Whitenack. Trophies were awarded to both teams.

A sportsmanship award, in memory of the late J. G. Hunt, Jr., former Roanoke residential representative, was presented to Retiree S. R. Pritchard.

G. O. Givins of Roanoke Division T&D, got his par four on the third hole when he knocked his fourth shot 150 yards into the cup.

In the absence of other officers, R. F. Howard served as secretary-treasurer of the League.



Vernard Wooten, seventh grader at Park Junior High School, Beckley was selected a member of the all star team at the Heights Club Invitational Basketball Tournament held in Roanoke, Va. He played for the Beckley YMCA Green Team which lost in the finals to the Roanoke Catholic Saints. The son of Beckley Stores Attendant V. W. Wooten, he was also an all star selection at the area seventh grade YMCA basketball tournament.

Larry Boling depicts co-workers in humorous cartoon sketches

It has been said that humor is a wonderful tonic if it tickles without scratching. Perhaps that is the reason fellow employees of Larry Boling at John E. Amos Plant find his cartoons so amusing. Larry has the ability to portray the humor in a given situation without embarrassing anyone.

Larry, an equipment operator, began cartooning after he came to work at Amos in 1971. He had taken art classes in school at Dunbar High and studied some commercial art and advertising at a special county-sponsored school. His father, who works at a Charleston area plant, used to ask Larry to draw something to illustrate some persons or situations at the plant and he would take Larry's creations to work, where they would be circulated around for the enjoyment of everyone.

After Larry dashed off his first cartoon version of some amusing incident at Amos, his expertise became common knowledge and he is frequently asked to draw a cartoon "to order". While Larry can depict just about anything anyone wants, it is much easier,

he says, if the person just fills him in on the details and lets him use his own imagination.

Larry's particular style is distinctive and it's easy for employees to spot his handiwork. Among his

subjects is a true blue transported rebel who still longs for the south, a fellow bowler who gets carried away and kicks the ball return at the bowling alley, and a co-worker who thinks he is laden with more than his share of

job orders.

When some Amos employees took an engineer from Switzerland deer hunting with a bow and arrow, it was the subject of a cartoon that was hilarious to those familiar with the details behind the drawing.

So was the one of a luckless employee receiving a citation from a grim officer. The story goes that he got tired of a car following him so closely and proceeded to shine a flashlight in the other driver's eyes, only to find out the man behind him was a game warden.

There's another one of the conscientious supervisor out on a hunting trip, leaning up against a tree, thinking about Unit 3 trip out while a deer peacefully grazes just behind him.

Another group of employees, out together in a boat, lost a hat, pair of glasses and a dental plate. Larry's rendition of a fish, wearing the hat, glasses and teeth, hitchhiking his way to a rock festival with his fin stuck out, made the men accept their losses a little more philosophically.



Larry Boling's cartoons add humor to the ordinary workday at Amos Plant.



Randy King, Ashland junior clerk, scored his first hole-in-one in nine years of playing golf. His ace came during a qualifying round for the Cannonsburg Open on Twin Valley Golf Course's 124-yard 9th hole. The nine-iron shot was witnessed by Bill Scott and Sam Cox. King, who recently qualified for his fourth Kentucky State Amateur Tournament, holds the KSGA Section Nine record for the longest string of State Amateur appearances.



Thanks to you it works . . . FOR ALL OF US



Meter reader Sandra Dillman finds her job is quick-paced

Sandra Dillman, 27 and the mother of three children, goes about her job as Huntington meter reader wearing blue wash pants and a tailored white shirt, her glossy, black shoulder-length hair blowing in the breeze, her face artfully made up — lending femininity to what was once referred to as “a man’s job”.

Although specifications for the job don’t say a meter reader must be fleet of foot and courageous when encountering canines, those things are all part of Sandy’s day. Her pace is double-time from house to house; and, on one particular day, she was greeted by nine dogs in the first ten minutes.

“I’ve lost about five pounds since I started this job,” Sandy said, which, including a three-month layoff, was a little over a year ago. “I didn’t eat anything when I first started to work. At lunch we went up to a restaurant where they make real thick steak sandwiches, and I ate half of a half. The guys said, ‘You’ll eat!’ and I eat real good now.”

On an in-town route such as the nine-dog morning, Sandy reads 268 meters, returning to the office when she is finished to do some paper work.

“If it’s a walking route, we don’t take a car at all. Someone with a driving route takes us and drops

us off. We catch a bus back, or someone comes out and picks us up. I like car routes best. One route, that begins at Sias, has only 31 accounts, but takes all day to do.

In town, she keeps to the backyards as much as possible. “It’s a lot easier if you can stay in the alleys and come in from the rear.” And, while it may be easier, it also



Dillman

is fraught with numerous pitfalls. She treks through wet grass, climbs small fences, jumps off low walls, slides down slippery banks.

“I used to have to look and look for a meter. So many are on back porches, so when I pass a back porch, I look. As soon as I read one house, I’m looking for the next.”

Her only equipment on the job is a case holding cards for all the accounts and, hooked to a belt loop, a bunch of tiny, thin white plastic locks with which she replaces locks on demand meters on businesses.

“They laughed at me when I first came to work with my pocketbook. I bring it when I drive, but not when I have to walk. I feel lost without it.”

Some account cards are marked with the warning, “dog”. “I have a lot of trouble with dogs,” she said. “They really slow me down. I have to stop and talk and humor them, and try to find out what they are going to do. If you make a sudden move . . .”

Does her husband object to her doing this kind of work? “Everett only warned me not to stop for anybody.”

Reactions to Sandy as she makes her rounds are varied.

One woman came out and asked, “You having problems?” and when she explained she was reading the meter, the woman said, “Oh, do they have meter ladies now?” As she started through another yard, a man greeted her gruffly with, “I got flowers there, lady!”

And one little boy, seeing Sandy, said in a loud and indignant voice, “There goes that stupid paper boy!”

“I really love this job,” Sandy said. “I’m on my own all day, I like to work outside, and I like to travel around. It’s the kind of job I’ve always wanted.”

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Some Lynchburg employees visited the Sheltered Workshop in Lynchburg, Va., which provides training for the physically and mentally handicapped, both in the teaching of skills needed to obtain a job and in the habits necessary to maintain the job. They got to see first-hand where some of the money they give to the United Way is spent. The handicapped worker is folding corrugated furniture corners used for packing by Thomasville Furniture Company. From left, James B. White, Lynchburg Division manager; Richard O. Cash, meter serviceman A; Kay Hudson, area T&D clerk; and Earl Driskill, residential advisor.

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