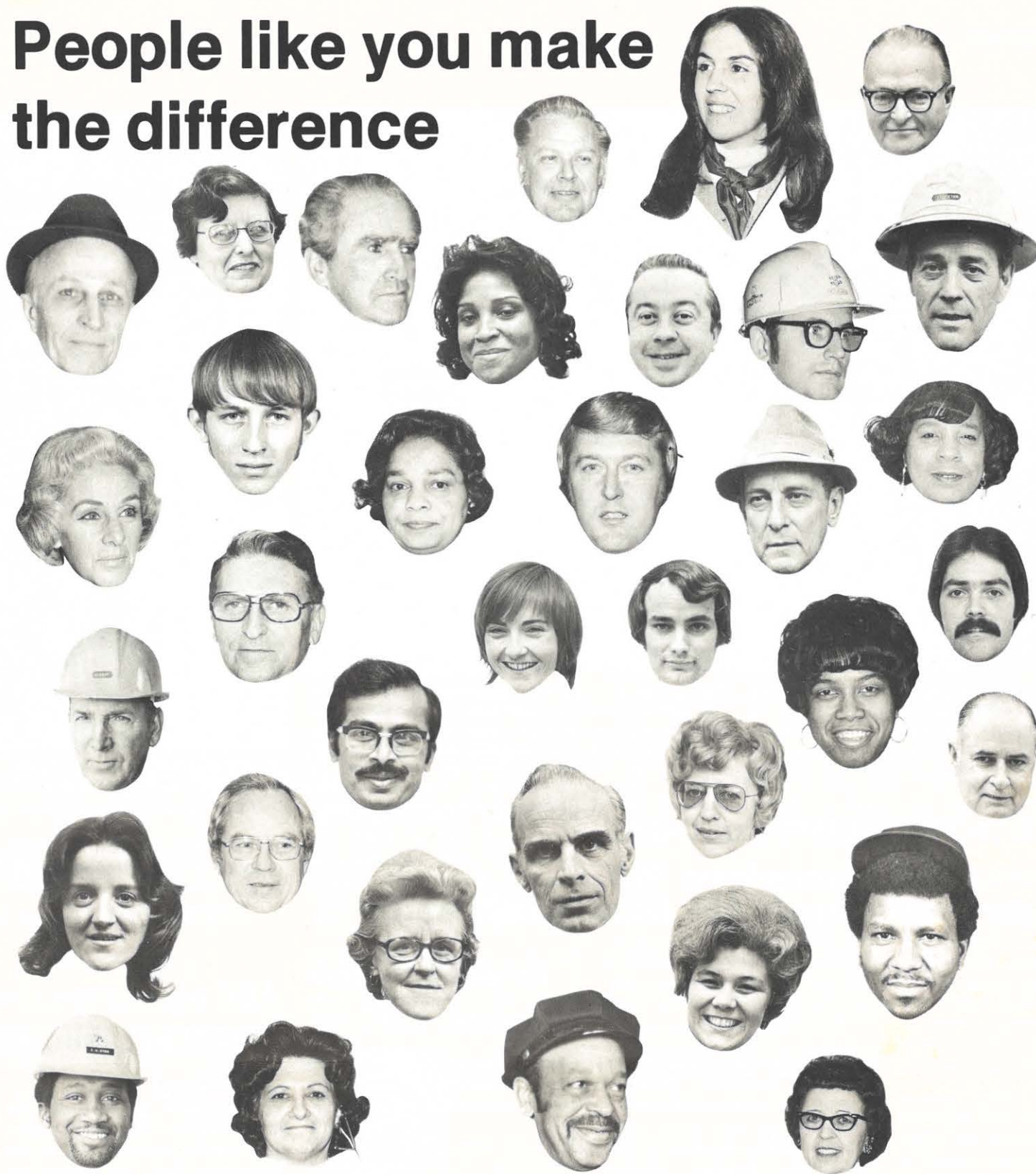


People like you make the difference



You see them every day. And you are part of them. Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport Power people — about 4500 of them — coming to work. Taking their places. Doing their part in the continuing job of providing people one of the basic necessities of life — electricity. Helping people in four states perform their tasks a little more easily and helping them live a little more comfortably.

You hear several hundred footsteps entering a single building in Roanoke or Ashland. Or the steps of a familiar few in a small local office in Hillsville.

Day after day, on the job, providing the nation's best electrical service. You see the quick steps and upturned faces of young people, eager to meet the day's demands. And the more cautious steps of older people, their mellow eyes reflecting wisdom that comes only with age and experience.

Why do they come?

For many reasons. Simple necessity is the most obvious. People must work to obtain what they need for themselves and their families.

But beyond the dollars and cents of work lie the drive and the pride of the hundreds who make up our companies. Pride in the satisfaction of having an important job to do and doing it well. It used to be called the spirit of service, this commitment of power company people to their task. Today, maybe, the words sound a little old-fashioned. But the determination and the dedication are still there.

Each person's part must be carried out in the way that only he or she can perform it. When you first glimpse an organization as big as AEP, with its gigantic plants and transmission facilities, you might get the idea that it's the organization and the tools that count, not the people. Easy enough to assume.

But just as a new lineman soon shapes his climbers to fit his legs, he also shapes his job to fit himself. The title a person holds, the tasks he or she is assigned to perform, are merely the skeleton of a job. With his or her own individual style, he or she fills in the body and soul. This process is hard to see, for not every day calls for a sweeping decision or a conscious putting-together of a philosophy. But in carrying out routine duties each person slowly shapes the job to himself.

Multiply this process by all of the employees in our companies, and soon you have the unique shape and slant of electric service that characterize our companies. When the 49,000 miles of line and the plants are all connected and busily distributing power, you have a very efficient machine. But just that, a machine. In the end, the simple fact is that people like you make the difference.



Executive Vice President Accident Prevention Awards were presented to employees in three locations for having the best continuing safe manhour records during 1975. Bluefield Division employees, Group I winner, had worked 945,291 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury at the end of 1975. Employees at Philip Sporn Plant, Group II champion, had completed 270,669 consecutive accident-free manhours on December 31.

General Office Accounting employees, Group III winner, had worked safely for 3,943,632 consecutive manhours at the end of 1975. John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president (second from right) congratulates the winners: (from left) J. B. Berg, accounting manager; E. H. Gloss, Philip Sporn Plant manager; and W. B. Belchee, Bluefield Division manager.

32 employees' children win AEP Educational Awards

Thirty-two awards of \$2,500 each have been won by sons and daughters of System employees in the 22nd Annual American Electric Power Educational Awards competition.

Some 254 high school seniors competed for the awards, to be applied to the cost of the freshman and sophomore years of college.

Since the awards program began in 1955, a total of 452 scholarships valued at \$554,400 have been won by children of System employees.

The winners in our companies are:

Rodney G. Dunn, son of J. Larry Dunn, Pulaski Division area T&D clerk and grandson of Patricia Dunn, retired Glen Lyn Plant private secretary.

Ruth A. Hendrickson, daughter of Edmond T. Hendrickson, construction stores supervisor, Project 1301;

Donald K. Jackson, son of Kenneth A. Jackson, Bluefield Division accounting supervisor;

Susan L. Morris, daughter of Roy D. Morris, Roanoke Division lineman A;

Elizabeth H. Thomas, daughter of Leonard M. Thomas, relay staff engineer, General Office T&D, Roanoke;

James S. Webb, son of James E. Webb, Charleston Division meter reader;

Louwana J. Whitlow, daughter of Richard A. Whitlow, transmission station foreman, GO T&D Station, Huntington;

Terrell L. Childers, daughter of E. A. Childers, Jr., instrument maintenance foreman, Big Sandy Plant;

Gloria A. Napier, daughter of Roy Napier, Hazard customer accounting supervisor; and

James B. Saltz, son of J. G. Saltz, Kentucky Power personnel director, Ashland.

Stories and pictures of the winners will appear in the April issue of **The Illuminator**.

Coal facility named for Cook

The American Electric Power System's new coal-handling facility on the Ohio River at Metropolis, Illinois, has been named the Cook Coal Terminal. The designation followed the passage of resolutions by the System companies' boards.

W. S. White, Jr., new AEP chairman, said he felt the action was "a fitting tribute to Donald Cook at his retirement because of his great commitment to coal, and because he is the architect of the System's coal-acquisition and delivery program."

The terminal will be in operation later this year. When operating at full capacity, it will have the capacity to handle some 15-million tons of coal annually. The coal will arrive by AEP unit trains from the West, then be off-loaded into river barges for delivery by water to AEP generating plants in Indiana and Ohio.

Cook retired February 19 as chief executive officer of all System operating companies.

Sporn Plant precipitator program submitted to West Virginia APCC

A proposed compliance plan was filed last month with the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission covering the installation of electrostatic precipitators on Units 1-4 at the Philip Sporn Plant. Philip Sporn is jointly owned by Appalachian Power Company and Ohio Power Company.

The program, submitted by letter to Carl G. Beard, II, APCC director, preparatory to a hearing on Sporn Plant scheduled for February 20, called for installation of precipitators to bring the units into full compliance with Regulation II — the control of dust from the combustion of fuel. The hearing on Sporn has now been rescheduled for March 25.

The first unit would be in compliance by September 30, 1979, with the other units following at monthly intervals until all units are in compliance by December 31, 1979.

In filing the program for compliance, Jack Lloyd, Appalachian Power Company vice president,

noted that contracts for the precipitator installation were scheduled to be awarded by October 1, 1976. Prior to awarding the contracts, the company would, of course, have to reassess its position to make certain it had the financing capability to carry through with the project.

In earlier hearings, the companies had indicated that because of their financial difficulties, they would not be able to install precipitators on the four units.

Lloyd said that although the companies' finances have not changed materially since the earlier hearing, "We are hopeful that the companies' financial position will improve and we will be able to go forward with the program as submitted."

He said the compliance plan is contingent upon approval of the APCC. "We hope the Commission will accept this plan as a reasonable solution to a difficult problem at Sporn Plant," he said.

AEP plans new river transportation center at Lakin, West Virginia

The American Electric Power System plans to move its river transportation operations center from Cedar Grove, W. Va., on the Kanawha River, to a proposed new facility at Lakin, W. Va., on the Ohio River.

Peter R. Steenland, vice president — fuel procurement for the AEP Service Corporation, said that the move is being made to keep pace with the AEP System's growing requirements to move large tonnages of coal to its power plants along the Ohio River and tributaries. Work on the new facilities is expected to take 18 months and will be started following the requisite approvals of the Corps of Engineers, application for which has been made.

The Lakin site extends 3,000 feet along the river just north of and on the opposite bank from the AEP System's new 2.6-million-kilowatt General James M. Gavin Plant.

The new installation will incorporate facilities and equipment to handle major maintenance for AEP's present and future river fleet, which by late 1977 is expected to comprise 27 towboats and over 500 coal barges. These facilities will include a new drydock, 90 feet wide and 200 feet long, and a new mobile crane. In addition, two smaller drydocks will be moved to the location from Cedar Grove, approximately 20 miles southeast of Charleston.

The office building will house the river transportation operations



headquarters, including facilities for maintaining communications with AEP river tows over the length of the Ohio. It will also house a machine and repair shop and storerooms.

The present operations center in Cedar Grove employs approximately 40 personnel. The new center is expected to employ 50 people initially and up to 90 when full operation is attained.

The AEP System at present has 15 coal-burning generating stations, as well as several sites for potential power plants on the Ohio River and its tributaries. Seven of the existing 15 plants receive all or part of their coal supply via river barge.

Steenland explained that the Lakin site was selected for the new facility primarily because of its central location among the Ohio River plants and its proximity to the Kanawha River. It is also closer by about 80 river miles to the AEP System's new Cook Coal Terminal under construction at Metropolis, Ill., where AEP unit trains will deliver low-sulfur coal from the West for trans-shipment by barge to power plants in Indiana and Ohio.

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One of the highlights of Donald Cook's career was the groundbreaking for the John E. Amos Plant in 1968. Pictured, from left, AEP Director John E. Amos, for whom the plant was named; Cook, and the late Joe P. Gills, former Appalachian executive vice president.

Cook resigns as AEP director, retires as president of OVEC, IKEC

Donald C. Cook, who retired as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of American Electric Power Company effective February 19, six days later resigned as a director of the company.

The resignation was submitted to the AEP board of directors at its meeting of February 24, effective the following day, and was accepted "with regret". His sole remaining association with the AEP System is that of consultant.

Cook said the resignation was made in anticipation of his joining an investment banking firm and that under the Public Utility Holding Company Act he could not become associated with such a firm while remaining as an AEP director.

At the same time as his retirement from office with the parent company, Cook also retired as chief executive officer of all AEP System companies, as chairman of the AEP Service Corporation and as president of the other subsidiaries. He was succeeded in all such capacities by W. S. White, Jr., who had been vice chairman — operations of the AEP Service Corporation.

Cook also retired last month as president of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and of its subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation, and resigned as a director and member of the Executive Committee of both companies.

AEP President George V. Patterson was nominated as Cook's successor as president and Executive Committee member of both OVEC and IKEC and as a director of the latter company, and AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr., as Cook's successor as a director of OVEC. Patterson had

been an OVEC director.

OVEC and IKEC were organized in 1952 by 15 investor-owned electric utilities in the East-Central states to provide the electric power requirements of the then Atomic Energy Commission's uranium-diffusion complex near Portsmouth, Ohio, now operated by the successor Energy Research & Development Administration.

Three of the American Electric Power System's operating companies — Appalachian Power, Indiana & Michigan Electric and Ohio Power Companies — are among the 15 sponsor companies of OVEC-IKEC and jointly own 37.8 per cent of its outstanding common stock.

OIP sweepstakes winners revealed

A drawing was held last month during the managers' staff meeting in Roanoke to determine winners of five electric-using appliances given as awards in Appalachian Power's 1975 Operations Improvement "end of the year" sweepstakes.

Names drawn and their prizes were: R. B. Waggoner, Lynchburg accounting supervisor, microwave oven; W. M. Robinson, Glen Lyn Plant manager, chain saw; J. Tobie Eaton, transmission engineer senior in General Office T&D Transmission, Bluefield, wet/dry vacuum cleaner; and J. O. Franklin, Lynchburg meter serviceman, 12-cup automatic coffee maker. Two John E. Amos employees, T. W. Worstell, performance engineer, and P. L. (continued on page 6)

Winners revealed in AEP System safety contest

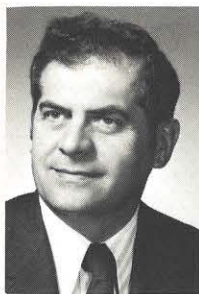
Ohio Power's Portsmouth Division, Gavin Plant and Appalachian Power's General Office Accounting Department took top honors in the 1975 AEP System Annual Safety Competition.

In Group A of the competition, Bluefield, Pulaski and Lynchburg Divisions placed fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. Other final standings in the group were: Abingdon Division, eighth; Pikeville Division, tenth; Appalachian Power's General Office T&D, 11th; Charleston Division, 12th; Huntington Division, 13th; Hazard Division, 16th; Roanoke Division, 19th; Beckley Division, 21st; Kingsport, 23rd; Ashland Division, 25th; and Logan-Williamson Division, 29th.

In Group B, plant competition, these were the standings: Big Sandy, second; Philip Sporn, third; Clinch River, fifth; Glen Lyn, sixth; Kanawha River, eighth; John E. Amos, 12th; and Cabin Creek, 16th.

Kentucky Power's General Office came in third in Group C competition. Other standings were: Appalachian Power's General Office Operations, fourth and Roanoke General, sixth.

Carlini honored by Ohio House



Carlini

Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, presented C. O. (Cal) Carlini an honor he won't soon forget. Carlini, former Portsmouth Division manager for Ohio Power and now Charleston Division manager, received a letter of commendation from the Ohio House, which stated in part:

"As one of Scioto County's foremost civic leaders and highly respected citizens, you will be greatly missed by your many friends and associates in this area. Your immeasurable contributions to your community were appropriately recognized in November when you were selected as Scioto County's Man of the Year by the Southeastern Ohio Regional Council.

"Such organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, the Greater Portsmouth Growth Foundation, and United Way have greatly benefited by your superb leadership and commitment, and your efforts are deserving of our highest praise."

Rep. Riffe stated in a personal letter to Carlini: "You have been a strong community leader and I am sure I speak for all of Portsmouth when I say that we are very sorry to lose you to Charleston."



For the fifth consecutive year, Appalachian Power's General Office Accounting Department took top honor in Group C of the AEP System Annual Safety Competition. Accounting employees had worked approximately 3,452,300 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury as of December 31, 1975. Admiring the award are J. B. Berg, accounting manager (left), and J. W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president.

EEOC suit charges APCo, IBEW with employment discrimination

A civil action against Appalachian Power Company and Local 978, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO, was filed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia last month.

Filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the suit alleges unlawful employment practices in Appalachian's General Office, Roanoke, Charleston and Huntington offices. The suit seeks an in-

AEP common offered at \$19.60

American Electric Power Company last month began the sale of 10-million additional shares of common stock in a rights offering to existing shareowners.

The offering price of \$19.60 per share was established by the AEP board of directors after the stock had closed at \$21.25 on the New York Stock Exchange on February 17.

The authorized but unissued common stock is being offered for subscription (which can be done only by means of the prospectus), on a 1-for-9 basis, to shareowners of record at the close of business on February 18. The subscription period will terminate at the close of business on March 12.

Winning bidder for the purchase of any unsubscribed stock remaining after the rights offering was a group headed by Blyth Eastman Dillon & Company.

Sale of the additional 10-million shares raised AEP common outstanding to 93-million, against 100-million presently authorized.

junction against continuation of the alleged racial and sexual discrimination, asks back pay for those discriminated against and requests that Appalachian be forced to take affirmative action to increase employment of blacks and women.

Appalachian and the IBEW each has 20 days to answer the complaint.

John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president, said, "It is Appalachian's personnel policy to employ capable people to operate and manage the company, to provide them avenues for using their skills to the fullest, to provide opportunities for advancement, to compensate them fairly, to provide security and protection for them and their families, and to do these things without discrimination because of race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin."

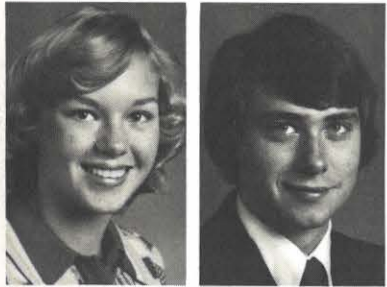
"We have developed affirmative action programs specifically designed not only to eliminate the possibility of discrimination against minority groups or women, but to assure that each minority and female employee is utilized to the full extent of his or her capabilities.

"For years we have worked with a number of agencies, federal and state, having authority with respect to equal employment compliance. We have consistently made progress in providing opportunities for minorities and females. Appalachian's record compares more than favorably with other organizations in these endeavors.

"Our record is one of fairness and progress, and we intend to defend our position to the fullest extent in the federal courts."

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CLINCH RIVER



Carr Blankenship

Lora Lee Carr, daughter of E. C. Carr, maintenance foreman, was chosen outstanding sophomore at Lebanon High School, Lebanon, Va., and is now eligible for state competition. The contest is sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the United States Jaycees. Entrants were judged chiefly on evidence of emerging leadership ability. Lora is also the winner of the Patrick Henry Oratorical Contest at the school.

Ronald L. Blankenship, son of Jack L. Blankenship, stores attendant senior, is listed in the Ninth Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Lebanon High School, he is also a student at Southwest Virginia Community College.

PIKEVILLE

Susan Whitt, daughter of Serviceman Dean Whitt, was chosen as an alternate representative from Millard Elementary School in the Bicentennial Spelling Bee.

Janice Sword, daughter of Technician Marvin Sword, was selected to attend the week-long Class Number Six of the Presidential Classroom for Young America. High School students from across the nation will attend seminars and discussion groups led by key Washington officials.

ASHLAND



Runyon

Jay E. Runyon, area development director of Kentucky Power, was elected president of the 1976 El Hasa Shrine Marching Patrol.

Thomas J. Cogan, right of way agent, was elected to his 16th term as treasurer of Hampton Lodge No. 235, F. A. & M. He was master of the lodge several years ago.

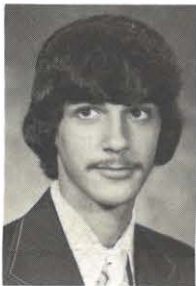
John H. Via, Jr., accounting manager of Kentucky Power, is secretary of the 1976 Boyd County Heart Fund.

Bo Humphrey, wife of Edward J. Humphrey, engineering supervisor, was selected as Heart Sunday chairman for the Ashland area in the 1976 Heart Fund drive.

Fern R. Gesling, payroll accounting supervisor, was elected secretary of the YWCA board of directors.

Mary Gesling, wife of Retiree Don Gesling, is chairman of the YWCA board of directors' CPA committee.

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN COAL



Elkins

Harry Wayne Elkins, son of Ruth Ann Elkins, senior clerk-stenographer at the Bull Creek Office, is featured in the 1974-75 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Sherman High School, Seth, W. Va., he is president of the student council and a member of the National Honor Society, varsity basketball team and year-book staff.

ABINGDON

Employees nominated for offices in the Midget League Football, Inc., are **Jim Cook**, president; **Peggy Johnson**, secretary; **Fred Johnson**, Peggy's husband, player agent; and **Don Landreth**, purchaser.

Glenn Johnston, son of Perry Johnston, was selected for first chair in the trombone section of the Abingdon Elementary School Band.

C. M. Wagner, Jr., was elected treasurer of the Washington County United Way. **J. R. Whitehurst** was elected to the board of directors.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

William H. King, Williamson engineer B, was elected chaplain of Stone Lodge #890, F & AM, Stone, Ky.

Floyd H. Taylor, Jr., division

manager, was elected vice president of the Chief Cornstalk Council, Boy Scouts of America. He has also been named a community entry judge for southwestern West Virginia in a state contest to select "All West Virginia Cities".

Lorrayne Corea, Williamson T&D, was elected an officer on the Williamson Salvation Army Advisory Board.

CHARLESTON



Webb

Steve Webb, son of Meter Reader Jim Webb, was named student of the month at Sissonville High School. He has been accepted at West Virginia University.

Red Zontini, husband of Hilda Zontini, customer accounts representative A, was official timekeeper at the Golden Gloves Tournament held in Charleston. **Terry Banks**, lineman A, was coach of the Marmet team which won first place in the novice class. His son, **Terry Banks, Jr.**, was a boxer in the Peanut Fight.

Ronnie Charlton, son of Mona Sue Charlton, PBX operator, made headlines recently in the Charleston Gazette's sports section when his goal lifted Lincoln Junior High over Jefferson Junior High. His goal, with only two seconds left in the ballgame, kept Lincoln on top of the Eastern Kanawha Valley Conference Junior High School League. Ronnie carries a 21 point average.

John Frazier, personnel supervisor, was elected to the executive board of the West Virginia Chapter, Industrial Relations Research Association.



Two employees' daughters won first place awards in Bicentennial essay contests sponsored by the Vinton, Va., Junior Woman's Club. More than 400 students in five Vinton area schools participated in the contests, writing on the theme "My America" or "This Is America To Me". Ramona Ball, left, daughter of Harold Ball, statistical accountant in GO Accounting, Roanoke, won the top award in the contest for eighth through twelfth graders. Jennifer Ratcliff (right), daughter of Martin Ratcliff, Roanoke administrative assistant, won the top award in the contest for fourth through seventh graders. Each received a \$25 savings bond.



President Tom Fowlkes, left, presents an award to J. R. Whitehurst, Abingdon Division manager, in recognition of Appalachian's outstanding service to the Washington County United Way. The certificate reads, in part, "in appreciation for serving the human needs of our community".

HAZARD



Trent

Robert F. Trent, son of Residential Representative Robert L. Trent, has been listed in "Who's Who Among Music Students in American High Schools". A senior at Dilce Combs Memorial High School, he has played first trumpet for four years and is senior representative of the school band. Robert has been offered a music scholarship at Cumberland College.

ROANOKE

Jim Martin, husband of Abbie Martin, Fieldale cashier, will be the 1976 tournament director for the Henry County Bassmasters. He served as president last year.

Claude Reynolds, customer services manager, was elected to the board of trustees of United Way of Roanoke Valley, Inc.

Michael B. Cooke, son of R. F. Cooke, division office supervisor, has passed his CPA examination and is employed by a Roanoke accounting firm.

Dale Ragland, 10-year-old son of Bob Ragland, lead draftsman, made 15 of 25 foul shots to take second place in the Elks Free Throw basketball contest. He was presented a plaque.

Bobbi Jordan, daughter of Loretha S. Jordan, stenographer, was selected to attend a Junior Achievement Seminar at Mount Airy Resort in Pennsylvania.

CABIN CREEK

Kimberly Curry, a bass clarinetist, was chosen for the 1976 West Virginia All State Band. She makes her home with her grandfather, Howard Curry, operations supervisor.

GENERAL OFFICE



Beard

C. C. Beard, Jr., distribution supervising engineer, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke, was elected vice chairman of the 50-member Power Engineering Society Chapter of the Virginia Mountain Section of IEEE.

Jack W. Hagerman, supervising transmission engineer, GO T&D Transmission Line Section, Bluefield, was elected chairman of the civil engineer technology advisory committee of Bluefield State College.

Michael W. Armstrong, son of Clara Armstrong, payroll insurance and pension assistant, GO Accounting, Roanoke, is an honor graduate of Marine Boot Camp, Parris Island, S. C. He won the outstanding marksmanship award for his platoon.

HUNTINGTON

R. L. Roush, GO public affairs coordinator, Point Pleasant, was elected president of the Bend Area Rotary Club.

Jack Fannin, son of Stonewall Fannin, retired truck driver-groundman, has been assigned to the 45th Transportation Company, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea, as aircraft repair platoon leader.

Kathleen and Frederick Ransier, daughter and son-in-law of Catherine Hayes, office messenger, have become associated in the general practice of law under the firm name of Johnson & Ransier, Columbus, Ohio.

PULASKI



Bennington

F. M. Bennington, Galax residential representative, will be included in the Bicentennial Blue Book Edition of "Community Leaders of Virginia". His selection for the honor was made by the American Biographical Center, Williamsburg, Va. Active in civic affairs for a number of years, he is a past district governor of District 24-F, Virginia Lions Clubs, and is now district chairman of District 24-F Lions' long range planning committee.

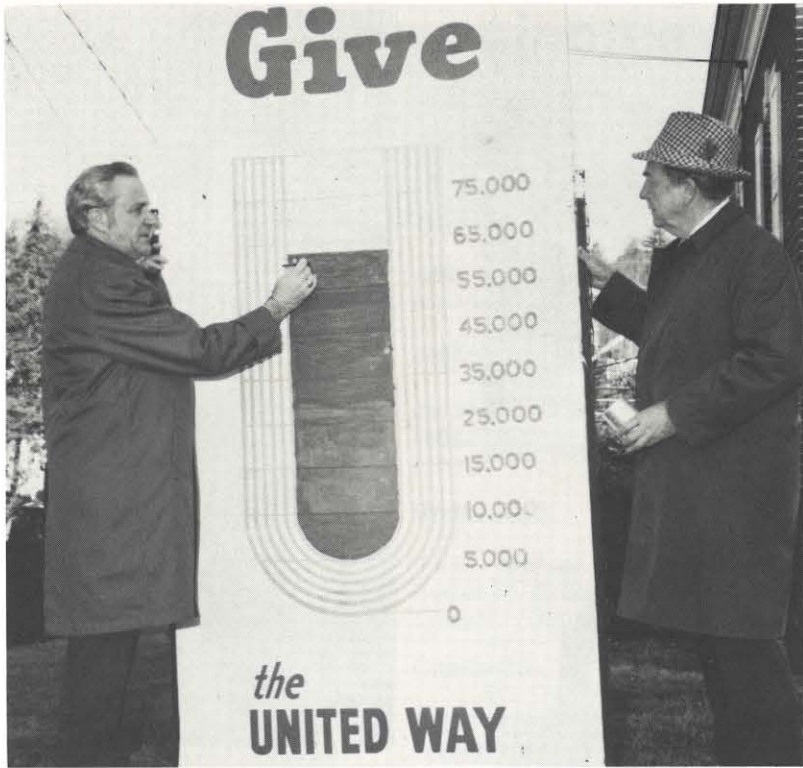
The collage made by **Mrs. R. H. Love**, wife of the engineering supervisor, and Mrs. J. H. Jackson won third place in the Bicentennial Collage Contest sponsored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. It had previously won first place in the Virginia state collage contest.

Installed as officers of Pythagoras Lodge No. 239, A. F. & A. M. of Pulaski were Retiree **O. B. Kidd**, tyler, and **W. E. Miller**, Accounting, secretary.

W. P. Brewer, Jr., area serviceman; **A. J. Anderson**, equipment service advisor; and **R. S. Jones**, line foreman non-exempt, were recognized as 1975 tournament winners at the Pulaski County Bassmasters annual banquet.

PHILIP SPORN

Several employees' children, all members of the Wahama High School Band in Mason, W. Va., were chosen for the West Virginia All State Band. They are: **Cheryl Weaver**, daughter of V. M. Weaver, chemist assistant; **Cheryl Huber**, daughter of P. E. Huber, auxiliary foreman; **Lisa Gilland**, daughter of R. M. Gilland, maintenance man; and **Mark Harmon**, son of P. M. Harmon, equipment operator.



C. M. Wagner, left, Abingdon residential representative senior, and L. C. Angle, Abingdon power engineer, paint in the thermometer to indicate the results of the fund-raising campaign for the Washington County United Way. Wagner was presented an award for outstanding service as a volunteer auditor, and Angle was presented an award for collections from the corporate division. The campaign resulted in collections of \$67,000 or 96 per cent of the goal.

BECKLEY



Jones

James E. Jones, division manager, was chosen president-elect of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce for 1976. He will also serve as head of the chamber's Internal Affairs Division.

BLUEFIELD



Bowen

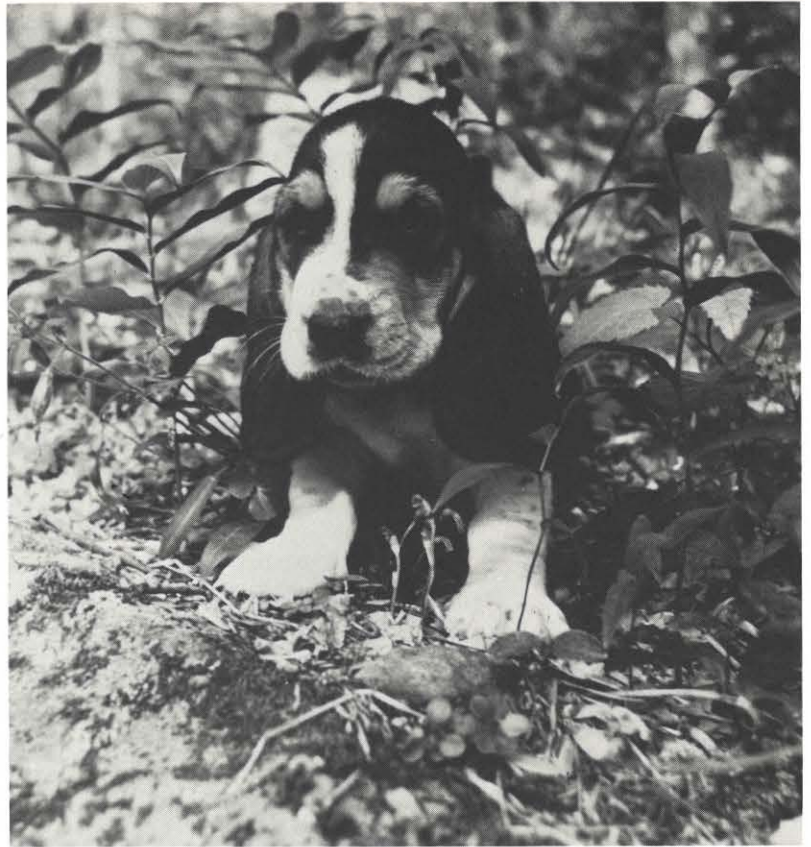
Ruth Ann Bowen, daughter of R. T. Bowen, Jr., line foreman non-exempt, was elected snow queen by the students of Wytheville Community College. She is a sophomore and pre-teacher education student there.

Dave Kendrick, Welch area superintendent, was appointed to the advisory board of Welch's Salvation Army unit.

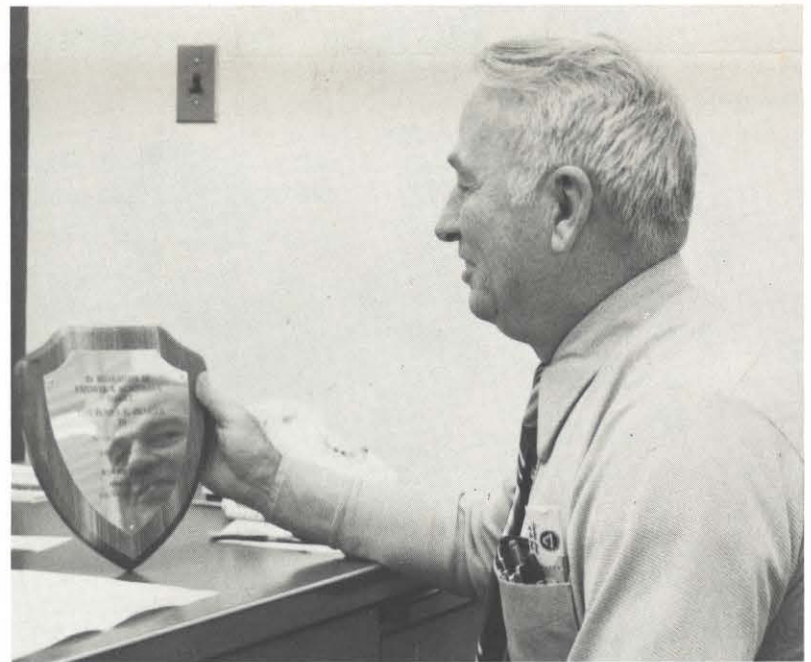
C. L. Shockey, personnel supervisor, was appointed to the board of the Opportunity Industrial Center, Bluefield, W. Va. This new organization will serve as a job training placement operation with special emphasis on minority groups and the economically disadvantaged in southern West Virginia.



Cheryl Denise Weaver, daughter of Virgil M. Weaver, Philip Sporn Plant chemist assistant, was selected as a member of the National High School Honors Band, one of the highest honors in the nation to a high school musician. Cheryl plays solo trumpet in the Wahama High School Band. The honors band will perform for the Music Educators National Conference biennial meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., and will present a special concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C.



This award-winning photo, taken by Big Sandy Plant Maintenance Man Bernard L. Cyrus, is on display at the Kodak Photo Gallery in New York City as one of the finalists in the 1975 Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Awards (KINSA). Cyrus' color photo of a Basset Hound in a natural setting was a winner in the summer snapshot contest of the Huntington, W. Va. Herald Dispatch and was then submitted to the international competition where it won a \$100 special merit award. KINSA, sponsored annually by Eastman-Kodak Company, drew more than 300,000 entries last year. Cyrus, who raises Basset Hounds, snapped his prizewinner while looking for wild flowers to photograph. He says, "I found these beautiful wild fire pinks and knew the six-week-old puppy and the wild flowers would make a beautiful picture."



Reflection of a job well done is this plaque presented to Gordon Craig, Abingdon residential representative senior, by the Washington County Tobacco Festival Association, Inc. Craig was awarded the plaque for 25 years' outstanding service at the annual dinner meeting.



New officers of the Appalachian Power Company Girls' Service Club, Bluefield, were installed at the club's annual luncheon and Christmas party. From left, Eulalia Footo, T&D clerk senior, treasurer; Helen Sabo, GO stenographer, secretary; Lois Rounion, secretarial-stenographer, vice president; Sue Hankins, GO clerk-stenographer, president; and Martha Thompson, GO transmission clerk, outgoing president.

System couples wed in winter ceremonies



Rose



Custer



Mullins



Douglas



Burnette



Griffith



Markham



Slone

Judy Stultz actively supports Childbirth Education Association



Neil, David and Judy Stultz

"Our concept is family-centered maternity care," says Judy Stultz, secretary of the Childbirth Education Association of the Greater Kanawha Valley, Inc. She and her husband Neil Stultz, General Office right of way agent in Charleston, are strong supporters of the CEA.

The CEA sponsors child care classes for parents-to-be. The classes are taught by trained instructors, usually nurses, and are designed to help couples from the early months of pregnancy through child care.

"The purpose is to make the childbirth experience more fulfilling," says Judy. "The people who take these classes are very enthusiastic."

One of the features of the classes is instruction in the Lamaze method of childbirth. The father-to-be is encouraged to be present during delivery.

Judy says, "Some hospitals allow the father in delivery. Being together through the childbirth process brings a couple closer to each other and to their baby. To see a child being born is wonderful."

Neil was present when their son David was born. He admits, "It was a great experience for me. I was right in the labor room, coaching Judy, and then I was allowed to go into the delivery room. It meant a lot to me just to be there."

WEDDINGS

Jean Nanette Foster to **William A. Rose**, Roanoke electrical engineer, December 29.

Wanda Paulette Clemons, accounting clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to Larry Lee Custer, February 14.

Kathy Jefferson to **Jeffry Mullins**, son of J. L. Mullins, Beckley Division officer supervisor, December 13.

Angela Lea Newland, daughter of Jack Newland, Bluefield electrical engineer, to William Alton Douglas, January 7.

Sonja Faye Mackenhimer, clerk junior at Rocky Mount in the Roanoke Division, to Cordie Lee Burnette, December 13.

Anna Sue Vassar, daughter of Basil M. Vassar, Bluefield residential representative senior, to Samuel E. Griffith, January 10.

Kimberly Abshire to **Thomas Markham**, son of Barbara Markham, Charleston credit representative senior, January 10.

Mary Jacqueline Coomes to **Larry Randall Slone**, Hazard technician, February 3.

Deborah L. Myers to **Daniel Lewis Wolfingbarger**, control technician junior, John E. Amos Plant, February 9.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

Bluefield

John Davidson, T&D clerk junior, one gallon. **Mary Kirby**, residential representative, one gallon. **Ernie Linkous**, transportation records and office supply clerk, one gallon. **Nell Nunnery**, secretarial-stenographer, one gallon.



Sutherland

Custom upholstery work pays off for Barbara Sutherland

Ever since their marriage, Barbara and Ernie Sutherland have worked as a team on such projects as farming, cattle raising, mechanical work, sewing and even building a new house. Ernie, as the official breadwinner, is employed as a draftsman senior in the Abingdon Engineering Department. Barbara assumed the role of housewife and then mother when their son Mike was adopted six years ago.

With a new house partially completed and a son's future to consider, Barbara began looking for employment to supplement the family income. Personally feeling that "a mother's place is with her child, particularly at such an early age", she wanted something she could do at home. She tried several projects, including raising tropical fish for sale to local merchants, before finding the ideal solution accidentally.

Barbara had been sewing practically all her life. She says, "My grandmother helped some, but mostly I was self-taught. Later on, I read books about sewing and then practiced on myself, Ernie and Mike."

About a year ago she read a book on upholstery and decided to renovate some old furniture. Later she reupholstered several pieces for family and friends. A friend who is in the upholstery business in Lebanon, Va., took a look at her work and told Barbara she should turn her talents into that money-making project she had been searching for so long.

Barbara and Ernie invested some of their savings into an air compressor, two reconditioned sewing machines, air gun, tools and other equipment. A ping-pong table doubles as a cutting table. Cards were printed, businesses contacted, advertising placed in newspapers and the yellow pages, and Barbara was open for business.

Since then she has done custom upholstery for cars, made seat

covers, covered furniture and now has an order to recover all the seats on a commercial bus. Should the work prove satisfactory, she has the promise of doing the entire fleet. Orders continue to pour in and it looks like Barbara will have all the work she can handle.

Barbara and Ernie get so involved with their new project that they lose all sense of time and sometimes work until 2 AM. Mike helps out too by looking for misplaced tools.

Things are looking up for the Sutherlands. Their house will soon be completed and Barbara is happy working at home on a hobby that pays off.

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Chatting, performance technician senior, co-authors of the proposal which was drawn for the second-place prize, divided cash equivalent in value to the award selected — a portable electric typewriter.



Mary Furr, 14-year-old daughter of G. L. Furr, Jr., T&D administrative supervisor, GO T&D, Roanoke, received her first class award in Cadette Troop 117 of the Covenant Presbyterian Church. The first class award is the highest given in Girl Scouting.

Virginia Petty plans to travel



Petty

Traveling, especially to Florida, is high on the list of things Virginia Petty plans to be doing from now on. She retired March 1 from her job as customer accounting clerk in General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

A native of Roanoke, Va., Virginia is a graduate of National Business College. She began her career in 1936 as a billing machine operator and has held a number of positions during her nearly 40 years of service, all in the Accounting Department.

Virginia is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has served as president and secretary of the Sequoia Club. She enjoys bridge and flower gardening.

Robinson family is host to Chilean exchange student

Sixteen-year-old Sandra Gonzolez of Talca, Chile, is spending ten weeks as an exchange student at Giles High School in Pearisburg, Va. She is the guest of Charlotte Jane Robinson, daughter of Glen Lyn Plant Manager W. M. Robinson.

Sponsored by the Open Door Student Exchange Program, Gonzolez arrived in Roanoke January 12 after touring New York City and Washington, D. C., three days each. Her impression of Washington and the United States as a whole is, "It's very big and very important". As for New York, she says, "It's very impressive but too big for good human relations".

Gonzolez applied for the foreign student exchange program to learn more about typical American family life, culture, attitudes and customs. She is currently enjoying her summer vacation after completing the tenth grade at a public girls' academy in Talca. Attending a coed school has proved an interesting experience for her.

Gonzolez has studied English with a private tutor for two years, and Robinson has completed three semesters of Spanish so there have been no communica-

BABY PARADE

John E. Amos

Curtis Kevin, son of **Curtis R. Grant**, utility man A, January 24.

Michael Paul, son of **William E. Sayre**, maintenance man B, January 28.

Misty Leigh, daughter of **Ervin Roger Smith**, equipment operator, January 11.

Brandy Nicole, daughter of **Michael R. Whittington**, coal handler, January 30.

Andrea Bernice, daughter of **Charles Winter**, utility man B, February 5.

Ernest Burns, III, son of **Ernest B. Allen, Jr.**, equipment operator, February 16.

Ashland

Rhonda Leigh, daughter of **Edward L. Berginnis**, accounting supervisor, February 6.

Cara Marie, daughter of **Arnold Bailey**, junior clerk, GO Accounting, January 19.

Beckley

Tara Michelle, daughter of **W. D. Dillon**, Whitesville meter reader, February 7.

Big Sandy

Leah Ann Coburn, daughter of **Ken-**

neth L. Coburn, unit operator assistant, January 26.

Cabin Creek

Jennifer Jo, daughter of **Judith Strickland**, clerk-stenographer, October 2.

Cedar Coal

Travis Michael, son of **Michael Eugene Rose**, stores clerk, Chelyan, February 9.

Charleston

Christopher Dale, son of **Rodger Woodrum**, commercial engineer, January 31.

Matthew Jonathan, son of **Lacellia K. Payne**, residential advisor, February 7.

Clinch River

James Bronson, son of **Dennis J. Steffy**, utility man A, January 27.

General Office

Michael Joseph, III, son of **Linda Kolnok**, general bookkeeper junior, GO Accounting, Roanoke, January 10.

Sherry Lynn, daughter of **T. R. Banks**, transmission man C, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, September 13, 1975.

Hazard

Angela Mae, daughter of **Ora David Preston**, distribution engineer, February 14.

Huntington

Amy Jo, daughter of **L. C. Clonch**, Point Pleasant collector, February 5.

David Michael, II, son of **D. M. Barbour**, meter reader, February 3.

Jamie Allen, son of **Gary A. Bailey**, lineman C, January 28.

Kanawha River

Melissa Jane, daughter of **Dave A. Coleman**, utility operator, January 21.

Krista Marie, daughter of **Patrick A. Dalporto**, performance engineer, January 21.

Lynchburg

Jennifer Nicole, daughter of **Kitty A. Mason**, customer accounts representative B, December 15.

Pikeville

Shane Randall, son of **James R. Sword**, lineman D, January 21.

Pulaski

John David, son of **Catherine H. Byrd**, Christiansburg customer representative B, December 19.

Philip Sporn

Julie Ann, daughter of **Bruce W. Shrader**, engineer B, January 25.

Aimee Elizabeth, daughter of **Roger T. Manuel**, maintenance man, January 26.



Donna Gosney and pets, Beauregard and Jubal. Photo courtesy Coal Valley News.

Employee's daughter enjoys "mother role" with pet squirrels

What is six months old, gray and brown, has sharp teeth and runs around the room from bed to lamp to curtain rod, chattering at you?

In this case, it's two gray squirrels named Beauregard and Jubal. They are the pets of Donna Gosney, daughter of Paul Gosney, area supervisor in Logan-Williamson Division.

Donna says, "We found this squirrel's nest with three tiny babies at the Kentucky State Horsepark in Lexington. Apparently the mother had just had them, because the third baby hadn't even been cleaned up yet." After being unable to find the mother or the tree from which the nest came, Donna decided to try and raise them.

"The veterinarian said they couldn't be raised because they were too small, but he was wrong," she laughs. Donna had to get up every two hours to feed the babies. "I put them in a fur hat with a hot water bottle and a heating pad and fed them a formula made of one-half honey and one-half water from a small baby bottle. That mixture was too rich, and I wound up giving them the same commercial product they feed baby puppies."

One of the babies was injured in the fall and died in less than a week, but the others survived.

"When they were weaned, the first solid food I gave them was a big, fresh strawberry . . . they loved it. When I first gave them solid food, they would try to hide

it between my fingers. Jubal still will hide his favorite foods behind my ear," she added.

When the squirrels are running free in a room, Donna has no trouble holding them. They run from the bed to the furniture to Donna's arms, down her back and back to the furniture again. Donna can hold them in her arms; but, while they'll run over other people, they won't let anyone else hold them.

Her parents' dogs seem fascinated by the squirrels. "Robin thinks they're just great," Donna said. "He'll sit on the bed and watch them play. If they're free in the room, they'll come down and sniff his nose".

Since it is illegal to keep a wild squirrel for a pet, Donna obtained a permit from the state department of fish and wildlife to raise them. "I didn't have any trouble getting the permit," Donna said. "I think that's because no one thought they'd live anyway.

"Once a man who had heard about the squirrels called me to ask if I'd like to sell them. I said, 'Sell them? That's pretty silly, would you call someone and ask if they'd like to sell their children?'"

It is obvious from her behavior around them and the laughter in her voice when she talks about them that Donna isn't about to sell her "children". From all indications, Donna, Beauregard and Jubal are in for a long, happy relationship.

Veteran employees receive awards for lengthy service



Gosney Sanders Cooke Ruble Smith Wilburn Morrison Obenchain Suthers Johnson
 Miller Thompson Wyatt Scaggs Clendenin Thaxton Faucette White Hoffman Street
 McGinnis Ward Ott Bowen Baxter Briers Clarkson Robinson Keaton Pinnell
 Johnson Thomas Jones Beatty Herald Dillow Young Clark, H. D. Clark, D. D.

40 Years	Classification	Location
Gosney, P. C.	Area Supervisor	Logan-Williamson

35 Years	Classification	Location
Sanders, G. F.	Line Foreman	Roanoke
Cooke, R. F.	Div. Office Supervisor	Roanoke
Ruble, R. W.	Planner Senior	Pulaski
Smith, Chester	Administrative Asst.	Pikeville
Wilburn, F. P.	Transmission Supv. Eng.	GO-Bluefield
Morrison, J. G.	Line Foreman	Roanoke
Stricklen, R. L.	Area Serviceman	Beckley

30 Years	Classification	Location
Obenchain, Alma	Cust. Accts. Rep. B	Roanoke
Suthers, E. B.	Area Supervisor A	Pulaski
Johnson, Alice	Cashier Senior	Roanoke
Miller, C. L.	Planner Senior	Logan-Williamson
Thompson, L. E.	Stationman B	Ashland
Wyatt, C. P., Jr.	Truck Driver-Groundman	Bluefield
Scaggs, R. A.	PBX Operator Senior	Ashland
Clendenin, J. F.	Meter Reader	Charleston
Thaxton, B. A.	General Serviceman	Charleston
Faucette, J. W.	Electrical Engineer	Roanoke
White, J. J.	Line Foreman NE	Abingdon
Hunt, Willie	Cust. Acctg. Clerk A	GO-Roanoke
Holliday, Crusoe	Groundman	Hazard
Pennington, Earnest	Serviceman	Hazard

25 Years	Classification	Location
Hoffman, D. E.	Asst. Shift Op. Eng.	Philip Sporn
Street, C. R.	Residential Representative	Huntington
McGinnis, J. R.	Division Superintendent	Beckley
Ward, C. H.	Residential Representative	Logan-Williamson
Ott, E. P.	Asst. Plant Manager	Big Sandy
Bowen, E. M.	Head Meter Reader	Huntington
Baxter, N. J.	Unit Foreman	Philip Sporn
Briers, G. E.	Plant Manager	Cabin Creek
Clarkson, R. H.	Stationman A	Charleston
Robinson, W. M., Jr.	Plant Manager	Glen Lyn

25 Years	Classification	Location
Keaton, J. C.	Stationman A	Beckley
Pinnell, R. J.	Comm. Eng.-Supervisory	GO-Charleston
Johnson, H. V.	Asst. Shift Op. Eng.	Clinch River
Thomas, K. V.	Area Supervisor A	Charleston
Bailey, C. E.	Truck Driver-Groundman	Abingdon
Byrd, Carlen	Stationman A	Hazard

20 Years	Classification	Location
Jones, C. E.	Stationman A	Charleston
Beatty, R. T.	Meter Serviceman A	Huntington
Herald, A. B., Jr.	Line Foreman NE	Bluefield
Dillow, W. H.	Maintenance Man	Glen Lyn
Young, Helen	Sr. Engineering Tech.	Roanoke
Clark, H. D.	Serviceman	Pikeville
Clark, D. D.	Unit Foreman	Philip Sporn
Combs, Clydia	Cashier Senior	Hazard
Rowe, T. L.	Transmission Inspector	GO-Abingdon
Peters, D. E.	Transmission Man A	GO-Bluefield
Sanders, S. E.	Area Serviceman	Huntington

15 Years	Classification	Location
Wooten, C. R.	Safety Director	GO-Roanoke

10 Years	Classification	Location
Payne, F. D.	Lineman A	Beckley
Donevant, J. B., III	Customer Acctg. Supv.	Bluefield
Daniels, R. A.	Area Serviceman	Bluefield
White, L. W.	Line Foreman	Charleston
Douthat, D. E.	Senior Eng. Technologist	Bluefield
Hendricks, Doris	Clerk-Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Meadows, D. O.	Lineman A	Huntington
Peal, L. F.	Unit Foreman	Kanawha River
Dalton, R. W.	Lineman A	Pulaski
Williams, D. J.	Area T&D Clerk	Roanoke
Williams, Watson, Jr.	Technician	Hazard

Roush elects early retirement



Roush
 Wanting to spend more time on his farm near New Haven, West Virginia, prompted Clawson Roush to elect early retirement February 1 from his job as janitor at Philip Sporn Plant. The Charleston, W. Va., native joined the plant in 1969.
 Clawson is a trustee and Sunday School superintendent at Union United Methodist Church and enjoys hunting and fishing. He and his wife Glenna have four children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One son Harold C. Roush, is a maintenance man at OVEC's Kyger Creek Plant.

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Spectator sports, church visitation will fill Bolton's leisure hours



Bolton

J. W. "Bill" Bolton, who started working for Kingsport Utilities as a high school student during the summers of 1930-32, retired March 1 as Kingsport Power meter supervisor.

Bill recalls, "I had always wanted to work for the Utilities when I completed high school. My father was a troubleshooter there so I knew most of the people with whom he worked. I finished high school in 1933 and worked a year and a half at a local plant until a job opening became available in June 1935. My first job was that of meter reader and collector and paid \$80 per month."

"We used to have meter reading routes that required two days to complete. I remember an occasion in mid-July when Paul Dunn (now right of way agent for Appalachian Power) and I were reading meters in the Duggannon, Va., area. We spent the night in a hotel there, and it was so hot we tried to sleep on the floor. Needless to say, we got very little sleep so we got up at 5 AM and started reading meters."

"I've had my share of dog bites while meter reading. Once I was cornered by three german shepherd dogs. I didn't have anything to defend myself with except my meter book, but luckily the lady who owned the dogs came out just in time and ran the dogs away with a whip."

Bill remembers the big snow in the early 50's when he worked 40 consecutive hours, took a 6-hour break and returned to work for another 32 hours.

Bill states, "I can truthfully say that I have enjoyed working at Kingsport Power and have especially enjoyed my associations with my fellow workers. If I had my life to live over, I wouldn't change anything in regard to my job."

In retirement Bill plans "to do

much church visitation work and, since I like all types of sports, I want to attend more basketball and football games. My wife Tressie and I plan to travel some and we are going to have a bigger garden and more flowers." They have two children and six grandchildren.

A past president of the Lynn Garden Optimist Club, he is presently chaplain and a member of the board of directors. He is a life member of Optimist International and the PTA; member, Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, and served 12 years on the Sullivan County School Board. He is chaplain and past counselor of UCT #749. A member of Ketrion Memorial United Methodist Church, Bill has been treasurer for 40 years, a member of the administrative board and a lay speaker. A Sunday School teacher there since 1945, a class was named "Bill Bolton Class" in his honor in 1960. He is also a trustee in the Kingsport District of the United Methodist Church.

Thompson ends 33-year career



Thompson

Clyde Elmer Thompson, Huntington stationman helper B, elected early retirement March 1 after 33 years' service. Reflecting on those years, he says, "I raised four children. Now they are all married and raising their own families. We lived good, had plenty to eat and I never missed a paycheck."

Clyde began his career in 1942 as a janitor at the old Kenova Plant and served in the Phillipines during World War II.

About Appalachian, Clyde says, "It's a good company. My 33 years went by too quickly but my wife Mabel and I are looking forward to enjoying my retirement. He has been in 40 states and wants to make it 48. Alaska and Hawaii are not on his list to visit.



Mannon

Frank Mannon heads for Florida

"As a child of about 11, I used to look in the windows of the old Logan Plant and see a little motor-operated cart that brought coal to the stoker boilers. I would go home and tell my mother that I was going to work there when I got big. I actually did go to work there on Sunday, September 18, 1938," recalls Frank H. Mannon. He retired March 1 as shift operating engineer at Kanawha River Plant.

Frank worked at Logan Plant as a boiler room man, boiler operator C and boiler auxiliary equipment operator A before transferring to Kanawha in 1953 as assistant control operator. He has since held the positions of control operator, unit foreman and assistant shift operating engineer.

Frank and his wife are taking their trailer and going on an extended trip to Florida, where he "can't wait to bait my hooks for fishing". They will continue to reside in Glasgow, W. Va.

This ain't no bull

During the course of handling a rural customer's complaint about his bill, Logan Customer Accounting Supervisor Ralph Baughan visited the customer's home. He was accompanied by Harry Wolford, AEP auditor. The discussion took place in the barnyard since the customer was busy with several head of beef cattle which were obviously in a family way.

After settling the matter to mutual satisfaction, Baughan and Wolford lingered a moment, hoping to prevail upon the customer for a bushel or two of that which barnyards seem to produce in abundance.

Suddenly Baughan found himself confronted with a large pair of mournful eyes. Noticing the animal appeared to be as broad as it was long, Baughan remarked, "Boy, she looks like she's going to have her calf any minute now." Giving them a frosty stare, the customer replied icily, "Son, I don't know what you call it up there in Logan, but down here we call it a bull."

Customers' requests can be humorous, Lee Spangler finds

"I could write a book about the calls I've handled during my career — some of them you wouldn't believe," says Lee Roy Spangler, who retired March 1 as chief PBX operator in General Office General Services, Roanoke.

For example, one time a lady called and said, "I wish you would send a troubleman up here quick. The dog has chewed the Christmas tree light cord in two and the juice has run out all over the floor."

Another time a lady called in and said, "Mister, I wish you would send your serviceman up here right away. I'm just scared to death of this electricity." Part of her lights were out and when Lee suggested she check to see if the fuses were blown she said, "No sir, I'm not going to mess around. I'm allergic to electricity and it shocks me."

Once a customer, an airline pilot, called to ask what the house voltage was in Paris, France. He wanted to buy a refrigerator to take back to France with him, which required a higher voltage transformer. Lee found out the answer — that's the kind of service he is accustomed to giving customers.

Lee, a native of Christiansburg, Va., began his career in 1946 as a PBX operator junior. He worked for a short time in General Office Operations and General Office



Spangler

Transportation but preferred operation of the PBX board. When he first joined the company, there was one PBX board serving the entire General Office building and the Walnut Avenue office in Roanoke. The board has now grown to a three-position PBX board, normally staffed with three operators during regular working hours. During his career, he has also seen the installation of the company's microwave system.

Lee and his wife Marguerite, both former dance instructors, enjoy dancing and deep-sea fishing. They plan a trip out west this summer and other trips as time permits. Lee has no definite work plans at present but may renew his license for selling stocks and mutual funds. He is on the board of ushers at South Roanoke Baptist Church.

Kingsport Power's first female meter reader, elects early retirement

Kingsport Power's Meter Department will not be the same after March 1, the day Blanche Thompson, meter clerk senior, retires after more than 33 years' service.

"Mrs. B.", as she is affectionately known, started work in the midst of World War II as the first woman to read meters. Later she worked in the Engineering Department where she helped Clyde Green and Nick Nickels survey the transmission line to Holston Ordnance Works.

Blanche recalls, "Since there was a shortage of men during the war, I did many jobs that a man would normally do. Besides reading meters, I made pole checks, worked connects and disconnects, changed meters, worked rural orders and high bill complaints.

"I remember one time when I was reading meters that my shoes became so wet they fell apart and I had to call in for someone to bring me another pair. I have been bitten by dogs many times. With all the problems a meter reader must face, I still enjoyed reading meters more than any other job I've held since I enjoy being outdoors and meeting people."



Thompson

A native of Glen Alpine, N. C., Blanche plans to maintain her home in Kingsport. She says, "I'm not going to tie myself down because I like to travel and I plan to visit my relatives in the Carolinas and Arizona. I have two daughters, one in Florida and the other in Georgia, and seven grandchildren which I plan to visit more often."

"I'm retiring early because I feel I have worked long enough, and I want to be able to do many of the things I haven't had time to do before." Blanche is a member of the First Broad Street United Methodist Church and has belonged to the same bridge club for 35 years.

Service anniversaries (continued from page 8)

5 Years

Hudson, D. H., Jr.	Stationman Helper A	Bluefield
Pruett, M. C.	Utility Coal Handler	Glen Lyn
Keefer, V. L.	Lineman B	Huntington
Harless, R. L.	Lineman C	Pulaski
Edwards, D. W.	Coal Handler	Philip Sporn

WE REMEMBER



Pritchard

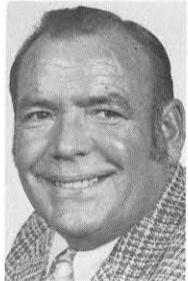
Samuel Reynolds Pritchard, Jr., 71, retired Appalachian Power executive assistant, died February 14. A native of Blacksburg, Va., he received a BS degree in electrical engineering and an EE degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He also attended Union College.

Pritchard joined Appalachian in 1934 at Welch as an electrician. He held several positions there before being named acting Welch district manager in 1943. He assumed full duties of manager in 1944. In 1946 he went to Logan as district manager and moved to Huntington as district manager in 1950. He moved to Roanoke as executive assistant on the staff of the vice president in 1964 and held that position until his retirement April 1, 1969.

Pritchard is survived by his widow Helen of 4848 Westhill Drive, Roanoke, Va.; one daughter, one son; one brother and one sister.



Carnifax



Barnett

Leonard H. Carnifax, 65, retired maintenance foreman non-exempt at John E. Amos Plant, died February 12. A native of Ramsey, West Virginia, he began his career with the old Virginian Power Company at Cabin Creek in 1925 and elected early retirement September 1, 1973. Carnifax is survived by his widow Lucille of 6622 McCorkle Avenue, SE, Charleston, W. Va.; one daughter, one son, two sisters, one brother and four grandchildren.

Henry C. Barnett, 55, Hazard engineering record clerk, died February 7. A native of Breathitt County, Ky., he began his career in 1945 as a laborer. Barnett is survived by his widow Margie of Hazard; one son and one daughter.

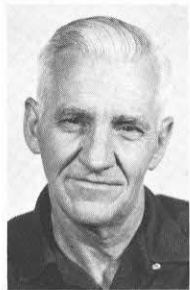
Billy Ray Abshire, 37, lineman B at Rupert in the Beckley Division, died February 5. A native of Ashford, W. Va., he began his career in 1969 as a lineman helper in Charleston Division. Abshire is survived by his widow Catherine Dora of Rupert, W. Va.; two sons, one daughter; his

mother and three brothers.

Ernest H. George, 95, retired storeroom helper A at Cabin Creek Plant, died January 23. A native of Lewisburg, W. Va., he began his career in 1929 as a storeroom attendant and retired March 1, 1945. George is survived by two sons.



Hunt



Bartlett

Dock Robert Hunt, 66, retired Roanoke line foreman, died February 2. A native of Roanoke County, Va., he was employed in 1936 as a groundman and elected early retirement October 1, 1972. Hunt is survived by his widow Bertie Helen of Route 8, Box 173, Roanoke; two daughters; four sons; five sisters; three brothers and 12 grandchildren.

James O. Bartlett, 68, retired Charleston stationman A, died February 14. A native of Beelington, W. Va., he was employed in 1926 as an electrician helper and elected early retirement January 1, 1971. Bartlett is survived by his widow Katherine of 1601 Camden Drive, Charleston, W. Va.

Jerry Sanders looks forward to three-month fishing trip



Sanders

"I love to fish and hunt. Since I didn't get to do enough of either this past year, that's the first thing in order. In fact, I plan to spend about three months at Lake Gaston near Bracey, Va., where I have a trailer. There are some mighty fine fishing waters there," says Gerald F. Sanders, who retired March 1 as line foreman at Fieldale in Roanoke Division.

Jerry recalls being hired by Dave Elliott, Roanoke district manager, who later resigned and co-founded Davis-Elliott, electrical contractors. "When I applied for a job at Appalachian, I was working at Fieldcrest Mills in Fieldale. I told Dave I grew up on a farm and wanted a job where I could be outside. He hired me as

a truck driver in the line gang at 47½ cents an hour. It was ½ cent less than I was making at the mill, but I have never been sorry that I went to work for Appalachian."

Jerry, who played pro baseball with the minor league, Springfield Cardinals in Missouri, says he has always regretted not making it to the big leagues. "I missed my chance in 1935 when the St. Louis Cardinals called me up for a tryout in spring training. They only invited five catchers from all over the country to camp. After only three weeks, I developed a bad arm from throwing the ball too hard and too fast. Anyway, it's a memorable experience, having had the opportunity to play even a short time with the late and great Dizzy Dean."

One of the things in which Jerry takes pride is having worked 35 years without a disabling injury. "I did have a rather close call that almost messed up my safety record. We had a line fuse blow at the Martinsville Ball Park and, after replacing it, I started down the pole. It blew out again and a piece of the metal fuse lodged in the back of my neck. I was real lucky because it was easily removed at the hospital and, with a tetanus shot, I was on my way."

A widower, Jerry has a son, two granddaughters and two grandsons. He is a member of the Fieldale Methodist Church.



Garrett

Garrett retires in Abingdon

Vernie Woodrow Garrett, Abingdon Division line foreman non-exempt, retired February after 31 years' service. He has been on LTD leave since October 1971 because of a heart condition.

Woody, a native of Russell County, Va., was first employed by Keystone Construction Company. "After about a year, I rode to Bluefield in a truck with L. C. Valley (now Gate City area supervisor) and was interviewed by Jim Davis and Paul Hilliard," he recalls.

Woody also remembers "Slim Houston was foreman over two crews at the old Cleveland, Va. storeroom which worked both Russell and Dickenson counties. Later the crews split and Houston went to Tazewell, Calvi Jackson (now Lebanon area supervisor) went to Clintwood and L. C. Valley took charge of the Lebanon crew. He credited Valley for persuading him to stay with the line crew in Lebanon.

Woody says, "The earlier years when most of the work was done by hand were the hardest. The later years were hard, too, but the modern equipment helped a lot."

He plans to do a little gardening and some work around the house. He and his wife Eula have seven children and five grandchildren. One of his sons, Harold O. Garrett, is master maintenance man at Clinch River Plant.

Women enjoy work in labor pool at Clinch River

"We like it here" claim Ruby Harris, Judy Boone and Yvonne Harris about their work in the labor pool at Clinch River Plant. All three were hired last fall as utility men B.

Since then they have all been stepped-up and worked as maintenance helpers and yard helpers as well as being trained on operating shifts as utility operators.

What do they think of maintenance work? Judy says, "I love it. It is interesting, and the men here are good to tell you how to do your work. You can bet I've learned a lot." Prior to joining Clinch she worked as a beautician and a sewing machine operator.

Ruby says, "This is a good job for a woman. The pay is better, the benefits are better and you can better yourself." This is important to her because she has a two-year-old son. Ruby previously worked as a department store cashier and in a manufacturing plant.

Yvonne resigned her work as an administrative assistant in a consulting firm "to be closer home and spend more time with my family". She says about Clinch, "I want to be here a long time, make a career of it."



Judy Boone



Yvonne Harris



Ruby Harris

APCo cooperating in study of power plant exhaust plumes

Appalachian Power Company is cooperating in a major research program designed to provide new scientific information on the behavior of exhaust plumes from large power plants.

The two-year study, to be financed by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, will begin in Russell County, Virginia, in March. GEOMET, Inc., a Gaithersburg, Md., firm specializing in air quality analysis, will conduct the work.

Appalachian's Clinch River Plant at Carbo was selected as the

study site after consideration of many large power plants throughout the country. The plant met several important requirements, among them its location in a clean air environment, its reliance upon local coal of constant quality, and the strong support of Appalachian for environmental research programs.

GEOMET will place six monitoring stations at locations from 2 to 20 miles from the Carbo plant. The stations will record levels of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and sulfates in the air, reporting the results continuously and automatically to a central computer at Carbo.

Similar air quality data will also be obtained from a mobile monitoring van and from a specially-equipped airplane. Air quality monitoring will begin in April and will continue for at least 14 months.

It is expected that information gained in this program will be used to develop improved scientific "models" of the atmospheric behavior of sulfur and nitrogen oxides, with the long-term result of making it possible for the electric power industry to design better ways of using coal for electric power with minimum damage to the atmosphere.

A full-time resident team, including three meteorologists, will begin working at Carbo in March.



Miller

Miller to head Customer Services

Dorman M. Miller, vice president-customer services of the AEP Service Corporation, has been named to succeed Paul W. Emler as head of the Customer Services Department. Emler retired last month.

Miller joined Appalachian Power Company in 1940 after receiving his degree in electrical engineering from Mississippi State University. He held a number of positions with Appalachian, including those of area development director and assistant to the general manager.

He moved to the Service Corporation in New York in 1967 as vice president-area development. In 1971, he was elected vice president-industrial sales and area development, and in 1973 named vice president and sales manager.

Gabrielle elected AEP vice president



Gabrielle

Anthony F. Gabrielle last month was elected vice president — computer applications, and Frank Herzich and George A. Wise were elected assistant vice presidents of the AEP Service Corporation.

Gabrielle had been serving since 1970 as assistant vice president and head of the Computer Applications Division. He joined AEP in 1950 as a system planning engineer, and later held a number of supervisory posts in both the planning and operating divisions. He has two degrees in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a master's in industrial management from MIT, earned as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow there in 1961.

Herzich joined the Service Corporation in 1942. After five years, including time out for World War II service, he moved to the Stock Record and Dividend Department in 1947, and later to the Statistical Division. He returned to Office Services in 1953, and was named director of administrative services in 1973.

Wise, an expert in pension matters, started out in 1925 as a tax clerk. He moved to Insurance and Pension in 1955 as an administrative assistant, and director in 1963. He holds a certificate in accounting from New York University, and also attended George Washington University.

Proposed SO₂ regulations in Ohio would mean higher electric bills

A. Joseph Dowd, senior vice president and general counsel of the AEP Service Corporation, recently testified in opposition to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed sulfur-dioxide regulations for Ohio.

Dowd, speaking on behalf of Ohio Power Company at an EPA hearing in Steubenville, Ohio, asserted that the proposed regulations would mean both higher electric bills and sharp curtailment of the state's coal-mining industry.

During a recent 12-month period, Dowd said, Ohio Power's five power plants in that state consumed more than 6.5-million tons of Ohio coal valued at more than \$128 million, plus another \$6.5 million for transportation costs within the state. When a full year's consumption of coal by the new Unit 2 at the company's General James M. Gavin Plant is added, Dowd said, the amount of Ohio coal to be burned would increase to nearly 11-million tons a year.

"We had proposed to develop a fourth mining operation adjacent to that plant, which would have supplied an additional 2-million tons of deep-mined Ohio coal

... and provided employment for 400 to 450 miners. However, further mining development in Ohio by AEP System companies has been cancelled in view of the stringency of the proposed sulfur regulations — a stringency which ... is unnecessary in terms of protecting the public health and welfare from harmful air pollutants."

Dowd termed the proposed regulations "environmental overkill" and unnecessary. "Emission limitations," he said, "should be no more stringent than are necessary to meet ambient standards. In fact, where the ambient standards are being met, there is no need for emission limitations at all."

"What we ask," Dowd said, "is that the U. S. EPA take a really hard look at its proposed sulfur-dioxide regulations ... There is a very substantial amount of overkill in these regulations which, if eliminated, will permit Ohio Power to continue to utilize Ohio coal and avoid the imposition of huge and unnecessary costs on its customers, while at the same time operating its plants in a manner that will meet the sulfur-dioxide ambient standards and thereby not adversely affect the public health or welfare."

MOVING UP



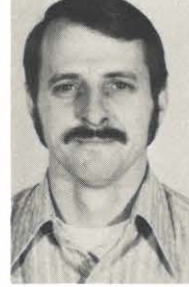
Sluss



Frye



Mooney



Slack

Wilbur L. Sluss, former line foreman non-exempt, has been promoted to area supervisor A in the Grundy area of Bluefield Division. He succeeds B. M. Nuckolls, who elected early retirement February 1. Sluss attended West Virginia Business College.

Arvle Frye, former assistant shift operating engineer, has been promoted to shift operating engineer at Kanawha River Plant. He succeeds F. H. Mannon, who retired March 1.

Carl H. Mooney, former unit foreman, has been promoted to shift operating engineer at Kanawha River Plant.

Charles E. Slack, former equipment operator, has been promoted to unit foreman at Kanawha River Plant, succeeding C. H. Mooney.

T. J. Shelton, former line foreman non-exempt, has been promoted to line foreman exempt in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division. He succeeds Jerry Sanders, who retired March 1.

James R. Newman, former area serviceman, on March 13 will become line foreman non-exempt in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division, succeeding T. J. Shelton.

David L. Williams, former data processing operator A, has been



Shelton



Newman

promoted to the exempt position of programmer in General Office Accounting, Roanoke. He holds an associate degree in business administration from Virginia Western Community College.

John W. Reid, former unit operator, has been promoted to unit foreman at Big Sandy Plant. He succeeds H. W. Jenks, who has been promoted to shift operating engineer. Reid attended the University of Kentucky.

Melvin P. McVey, former winder 1st class, has been promoted to production foreman at Central Machine Shop.

Sandra Bower, former customer accounting supervisor H, has been promoted to the exempt position of keypunch supervisor in the Keypunch Subsection of General Office Accounting, Roanoke. She succeeds Judith Lester, who has been promoted to statistical accountant in the Special Reports Section of GO Accounting.



Williams



Reid



McVey



Bower



Four pancake "safety" breakfasts were held for employees of Beckley Division during January. Two were at Beckley, one at Oak Hill and one at Rupert-Rainelle. The meals were prepared by division supervisors, with J. R. McGinnis fixing the pancakes and J. Clyde Barker cooking the sausage. Appalachian Safety Director C. R. Wooten was a guest at one of the meetings.

Howard's early interest in biology leads to scientific studies in Antarctica



Howard

"I've been interested in biology ever since I was eight years old and my father gave me a microscope," says Vince Howard, son of R. F. Howard, lead draftsman in General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke. His interest led to a BS degree in biology, and now he's working toward a master's degree in botany from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

It also led into the study of algae and other simple life forms in Antarctica as part of a project funded by the National Science Foundation. For two months in each of the last three falls, Vince has been involved with environmental and ecological studies at Lake Bonney and the Dry Valleys (so named because there is no snow due to low humidity and mountains).

Vince says, "We use sampling techniques to look at the existing bacteria. As biologists, we try to prevent the destruction of the ecosystems of an area where the geologists are drilling. We do prior and post drilling studies and try to tell the geologists how the area has been changed. Everything brought into an area should be removed when the geologists leave."

Most people involved with scientific studies do not stay on the mainland but at McMurdo Station on Ross Island, 50 miles away. Vince says, "We go to the Dry Valleys for four hours at a time, but we take enough equipment for a week's stay because weather conditions are always changing."

To prepare for these weather conditions, Vince had to go through a survival course: three days in the snow without a tent. For shelter, he and others in the course built a snow cave — a trench dug into the snow, with blocks of snow over the top and a tunnel leading to it. Snow

shelves for sleeping were dug into either side.

Proper clothing was also a necessity. Items like flannel shirts, long johns, gloves or mittens and "muck-a-luks" were usually worn. Different jackets, including a 25-lb. parka with lining and hood, were also worn.

Vince notes that, "The main problem, other than frostbite, is loss of body heat. This can cause carelessness and arrogance due to the lack of sufficient blood supply to the brain. Also, your resistance becomes low. The health at McMurdo is usually good, but any virus will wipe out the base in a few days. Another possible hazard is broken bones. Bones become brittle in the cold, and you have to be cautious all the time."

When not working, Vince spent much of his time at McMurdo or sight-seeing. During the summer months, October to January, as many as 1000 people will be there.

"Life at McMurdo is bizarre. It's such a total change of environment from the U. S. During the summer, the sun is up all the time, and it takes a couple of weeks to get used to it. It's odd to leave a movie at midnight, put on your sunglasses to go home and go to bed."

Vince made a trip to the South Pole during his time in Antarctica. "When I was there, it was very warm, -26°F to -13°F. Usually the temperature is around -56°F. In 36 hours we did everything you could do at the Pole, whereas people working there had not even been out of the geodetic dome that houses the station buildings."

Of the hazards involved, Vince says, "If you are cautious and careful and realize what you are dealing with, nothing will happen."

SYSTEM BRIEFS

I&M, Amoco make settlement

In an out-of-court settlement last month, Indiana and Michigan Electric Company agreed to pay Amoco Oil Company \$5.6-million for fuel oil delivered to its Twin Branch Plant.

The settlement grew out of a suit I&M had filed in the Federal District Court in South Bend in 1974. I&M had sought to enforce an agreement with Amoco for oil delivery at a price based on the price of controlled crude oil. Amoco contended, however, that the federal petroleum-allocation program had made the contract inoperative and maintained that I&M owed about \$11 million for the fuel.

The settlement is subject to approval of the court and the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Dixon named department head

James F. Dixon has been named head of the Insurance and Pension Department of the AEP Service Corporation. He succeeds George Wise, who will remain as a consultant. Dixon joined the Service Corporation last December as deputy director — insurance and pensions. He has two degrees from Seton Hall University, and has attended the College of Insurance in New York.

Sorenson, Ball taken by death

C. V. Sorenson, 82, retired vice president and general manager of Indiana and Michigan Electric Company, died February 9. He was a director of I&M, the AEP Service Corporation and Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation prior to his retirement in 1958. J. Benson Ball, 74, retired manager of I&M's South Bend Division, died February 1. He retired in 1965 after 40 years with I&M.

1975 was good fishing year for R/w agent Frank Queen

A backward glance at 1975 was a pleasant one for Logan-Williamson Division Right of Way Agent Frank E. Queen. Queen was instrumental in the formation of the LoCo Anglers, a local fishing club, a few years ago.

While discussing the club's activities with Supervising Engineer Harry Ruloff, Jr., Queen realized he had distinguished himself in several fishing tournaments last year.

Of the four tournaments sponsored by the club in 1975, Queen emerged with two first places, one second place, caught the most poundage in two contests, caught the largest fish in another and placed a solid third in the club's point system.

Betty Pugh enjoys challenge of meterman helper job



Pugh

"The job I'm doing now had once been considered a man's work, yet it's not that physical a job. It's challenging, and I feel that by applying myself and having a willingness to learn, I can do it," says Betty Pugh, Roanoke meterman helper.

Pugh began her career with Appalachian as a clerk-trainee in General Office General Services, Roanoke, in 1971. She worked as a PBX operator and clerk junior before transferring to Roanoke Division Meter Department in August 1975.

"I was afraid in the beginning that the attitude of the men would be, 'Well, she asked for it, now let her do it'. However, it hasn't been that way at all. They've been especially nice. Anytime I've asked for help, they've responded readily."

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Pugh's duties encompass the testing of meters and handling of low voltage testing equipment. She says, "I'm not afraid of it, but you can be sure of this — I'm careful to treat it with proper respect."

She continues, "When I saw all the testing equipment and numerous meter codes, I had some apprehension at first. I said to myself, 'It's a new job and most everyone feels the same way about something new. So buckle down and apply yourself'."

Pugh, who does not consider herself a women's libber, says, "I like to be treated like a woman. It's just that I feel there are many jobs formerly held by men that can be held by women."

The LoCo Anglers' contests are held at various places, including Smith Mountain, Summersville and Cherokee.



Frank Queen, Logan-Williamson Division right of way agent, admires some of the prizes he won during 1975 with the LoCo Anglers.



Proudly displaying some of the trophies their horses have won are Debbie White, left, and her mother, Mary Jane Tennant.

Show horses bring many honors to Tennants' Valley Haven Stables

Mary Jane Tennant, wife of Carl "Buck" Tennant, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance foreman, and their daughter Debbie White have brought high honors to their Valley Haven Stables at New Haven, W. Va.

Mary Jane won the championship trophy for Register English Halter Class and third place for English Pleasure Class with her horse, "Beau Chief". She also won the reserve championship trophy in the English Five Gaited Class with her horse, "Rush Act". "Rush Act" was the world champion five gaited pony in 1963.

Debbie, the wife of Frank White, maintenance man at Gavin Plant, won the championship trophy for English Three Gaited Class with her horse, "Small Wonder". This is the third year she has won the championship trophy in this class. Debbie also received second place for high point horse of the season.

Buck and his family have been active members of the Ohio Valley Horseman Association for several years. Their hobby of working and showing horses has been rewarding for it is one that the whole family can enjoy.

Peters makes muzzle-load rifle after winning kit in raffle

"A friend of mine sold me a raffle ticket on a muzzle-load rifle kit and, naturally, I was overjoyed when he told me I'd won. But when I saw how much work was involved, I was ready to give up before I started," says Glenn Peters, Roanoke meterman helper.

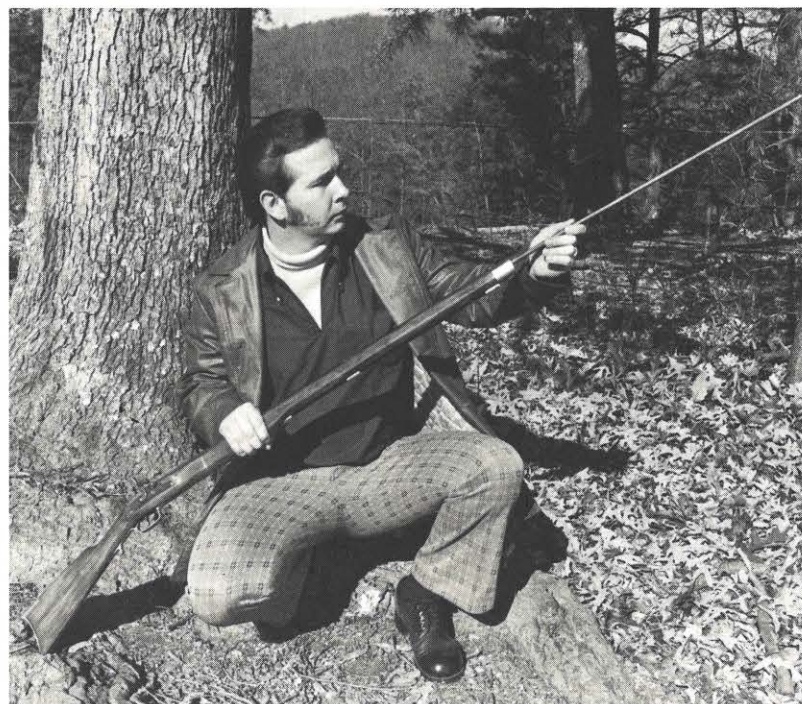
That discouragement soon gave way to interest and the challenge of completing it.

"One of the first steps in making a rifle is to ready the stock. It has to be sanded until it's smooth and then coated with the right stain and proper varnish finish. It took three packs of sandpaper to finish the stock, and that was just the beginning. The stock had to be carved out so that the barrel could be imbedded properly. Precision drilling is then required to insure that the hammer or firing arm is lined up directly over the center of the nipple. (The nipple is what the percussion cap rests on.) When the trigger is pulled, the hammer slams down on the percussion cap and the cap fires, igniting the powder which discharges the bullet. As you might imagine, installing the hammer and trigger assembly is the most difficult part of making a rifle," Peters says.

Before the barrel is actually mounted, it must be heated to the point that a drop of water will sizzle on it before the bluing is applied. Bluing gives the barrel protection against rust.

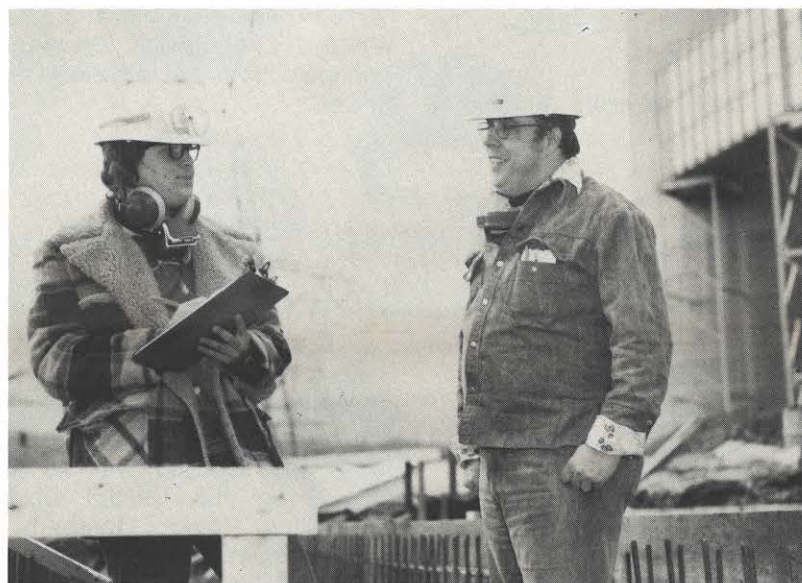
"My only problem was finding a way to heat the barrel to the proper temperature. Our kitchen range worked just great. At least I thought it was a good idea. My wife Gail had a different opinion. She thought it was ridiculous using her range for my gun making."

Peters continues, "It took about a month of my spare evenings to finish the rifle but all the time and hard work were well spent. To purchase a rifle kit as well as the



Peters

bluing kit would cost about \$80. The finished product sells for approximately \$150 on the retail market."



When Jackie V. Burdette, II, was required to make a safety inspection "anywhere people work" as part of his efforts to become an Eagle Scout, it was only natural that he thought of John E. Amos Plant. His father, Jackie Burdette, is a maintenance man B there. Equipped with hard hat, ear plugs, safety glasses and a clip board, Jackie (left) was conducted around the plant by Personnel Assistant R. B. Gilbert (right). Here they inspect construction barricades around a ditch where ash line and railroad relocations are being made preparatory to construction of new precipitators. Upon completion of the inspection tour, Jackie received a congratulatory letter from Plant Manager J. A. Moore.

Live Wires lead Charleston's Kilowatt League

The Live Wires emerged as first half champion in Charleston's Kilowatt Bowling League. Team members and their averages are: Jack Jarrett (175), Bob Selbe (172), Tom Craft (165), Harry Wilton (149), M. D. "Heavy" Prowse (145) and Bonnie Jarrett (139).

Individual winners were: high game actual — Bill Bostic (279) and Elaine Braxton and Myra Dunlap (both 217); high game handicap — Bill Bostic (295) and Myra Dunlap (255); high series actual — Bill Bostic (670) and Elaine Braxton (536); high series handicap — Bill Bostic (718) and Mary Wilton (673).

The Live Wires walked away with four team honors: high game actual (900), high game handicap (1059), high series actual (2528) and high series handicap (3005).

Bill Bostic had high men's average of 181 and Elaine Braxton, high women's average of 166.



Members of the Live Wires team, first half champion in Charleston's Kilowatt Bowling League, are (front row, l. to r.) Jack Jarrett and Bonnie Jarrett. Back row, l. to r., Harry Wilton, Tom Craft and Bob Selbe. Not pictured is M. D. "Heavy" Prowse.



The Charleston Division of Appalachian Power Company received the annual "Friend of 4-H" award given by the Cooperative Extension Service of West Virginia University. The award was presented to the company for the training programs and assistance it has given 4-H'ers in Kanawha County. Richard Waybright, right, extension agent, presented the award to H. H. Hutcheson, Charleston customer services supervisor. Hutcheson has been a member of the board of directors of the 4-H Foundation of West Virginia for seven years.



Bennett



Helm



Whitehurst

Seven new directors elected by AEP Service Corporation

Seven new directors were elected last month by the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

The seven — three from Appalachian Power Company and four from Ohio Power Company — replace six in line with the operating companies' practice of rotating its representation on the board.

From Appalachian are: J. A. Bennett, manager of the Kanawha River Plant; F. O. Helm, Huntington Division manager, and J. R. Whitehurst, Abingdon Division manager.

The new directors from Ohio

Power are Charles E. Heller, executive vice president; William A. Black, vice president; C. E. Archer, manager of Cardinal Plant, and W. C. Wolfe, Lima Division manager.

They replace Paul W. Emler, retired senior vice president — customer services, Service Corporation; E. H. Gloss, manager of the Philip Sporn Plant; E. R. Hudson, Zanesville Division manager, and J. W. Lizon, Gavin Plant manager, both of Ohio Power; and James E. Jones, Beckley Division manager, and J. B. White, Lynchburg Division manager, both of Appalachian Power.

Huntley named manager of new APCo centralized plant maintenance group



Huntley

A centralized plant maintenance group has been established by Appalachian Power Company. The new group will provide plant maintenance services to Appalachian and its sister companies.

Heading the group as central maintenance manager will be Emmet L. Huntley, currently interplant maintenance manager for Ohio Power Company. His new assignment will become effective March 16.

Appalachian officials said establishment of the new group will help reduce expenses and will provide more effective service in responding to major outages, thereby improving system reliability and availability.

Services performed by the centralized maintenance group will be rendered to affiliated companies at cost to Appalachian. Headquarters for the group will be the Amos Plant.

As central maintenance manager, Huntley will be responsible for the assignment, coordination and activities of maintenance personnel in connection with improvement requisitions, outages

and major maintenance work.

Huntley joined the AEP System in 1945 after serving in the U. S. Navy. His first job was as a fireman for the Central Ohio Light and Power Company, which merged into Ohio Power in 1954. He became maintenance foreman at Ohio Power's Kammer Plant in West Virginia in 1958, manager of Woodcock Plant in Bluffton, Ohio, in 1967, maintenance supervisor at Windsor Plant in Power, W. Va., in 1969 and manager at Windsor Plant in 1971. Following the closing of Windsor Plant, Huntley was named interplant maintenance manager for Ohio Power in 1974.



Employees in the Beckley Division's main office got an unexpected treat on Friday, February 13. Ralph E. Diehl, president of Continuing Objectives, Inc., of Beckley had a huge tray of doughnuts delivered to the office, with the attached note: "Good morning. Enjoy a Valentine refund doughnut! Ralph". Diehl said he felt the West Virginia Public Service Commission was not fair in requiring Appalachian to make a refund to customers, so he wanted to share the refund he received in some way with the Beckley employees. His gesture was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the employees.

Nation's largest hydrogen-cooled synchronous condenser being built in Fieldale

That's not a cover for a swimming pool along Route 57 near Fieldale in the Roanoke Division. Nor is it a revival meeting tent or a circus tent.

It is an air dome which is allowing workmen to install electrical equipment no matter what the weather in an Appalachian Power Company project which will strengthen the company's service to its customers in the Fieldale-Martinsville-Danville area. It is located adjacent to the company's Fieldale office.

The air-supported canvas structure is owned by the firm doing the work, the New River Electrical Corporation of Roanoke. It is erected by an air compressor using one-half pound of air pressure per square inch to pump it up, and it is then held up by air-induced fans at each end of the structure.

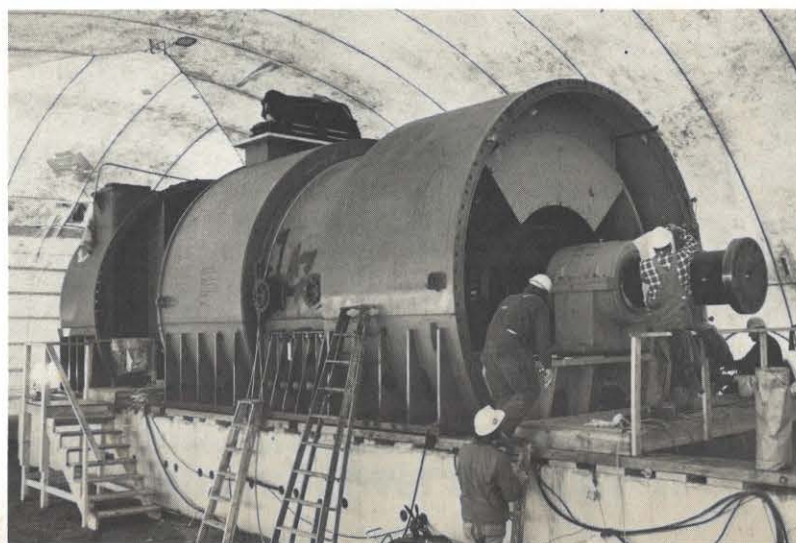
Under the dome, the largest hydrogen-cooled synchronous condenser in the United States is being constructed. A synchronous condenser is a large motor which can be operated at variable speeds. It is used to help maintain constant voltage on transmission lines in the area. It will be hydrogen and water-cooled and will have its own cooling pond.

J. Robert Davenport, Fieldale area manager, says, "The water will come from two nearby wells, go through the condenser, and collect in an evaporation pond of several hundred square feet. Thus, a closed circuit water system will be created so that no heated water will flow into the Smith River."

He said that construction of the condenser, which is five times larger than any other installed by Appalachian, is part of an overall company plan to provide strengthened electric service to the area. Also part of the plan is a 765,000-volt line from Jackson's Ferry substation in Wythe County to Axton, east of Martinsville. This line is currently the subject of



Perhaps startling to passing motorists is the pressurized air dome off Route 57 near Fieldale. Under it, workmen are installing a synchronous condenser for Appalachian Power Company which will help strengthen electrical service in the area. The dome enables work to continue no matter what the weather.



When all the parts are added, this synchronous condenser will weigh 500 tons.

hearings before the State Corporation Commission. The company also plans additional work in the area.

He added that another synchronous condenser, twin to the one at Fieldale, is being installed near Lynchburg, and that "independent of other work, these condensers alone will be extremely effective in maintaining adequate voltage levels throughout the eastern part of Virginia's service area."

Construction of the Fieldale condenser had begun in 1974, but work was suspended when Ap-

palachian instituted a cost-cutting program in early 1975.

During the 12 months work was suspended, inflation has forced the cost of the condenser and associated work to rise by \$1.3-million to nearly \$6-million, Davenport said.

He said that with auxiliary equipment, the combined weight of the condenser is 500 tons. The condenser was built by General Electric Company.

Davenport said that the condenser should be in operation by June 1, 1976.

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