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## APCC rejects Sporn Plant compliance plan

The West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission on March 25 rejected a plan to bring the Philip Sporn Plant into compliance with the state's particulate-emission standards.

The proposed plan was for the installation of electrostatic precipitators on the plant's four 150,000-kilowatt units, with the contract to be awarded by October, 1976, contingent on the financial capability of Appalachian and Ohio Power Company, co-owners of the plant.

The Commission's rejection of the plan was apparently based on the financial contingency expressed in the proposed program.

The Commission granted the companies 60 days in which to bring the plant into compliance, shut it down, or seek injunctive relief in the courts.

At press time, the Commission's action was being studied by the two companies involved.

## Approval sought to conduct research on off-peak residential heating

Three American Electric Power System companies last month asked their state regulatory commissions for approval to conduct a Research and Development program in off-peak residential heating.

Those filing for new tariffs are Appalachian Power Company in Virginia, Ohio Power Company in Ohio and Wheeling Electric Company in West Virginia.

Aim of the program is to field test off-peak, residential energy storage devices which would be installed in the homes of a limited number of its customers.

The research program is expected to result in savings in electric home heating and water heating operating costs, as well as in power conservation.

The space heating portion of this program uses the electric thermal storage concept widely used in Europe for many years. During daily off-peak operating hours (11 pm to 7 am), electric heating elements store heat in a brick-like, refractory core housed in a heavily insulated metal cabinet. By morning, enough heat is stored to supply 16 hours of heating, "enough for even the coldest day," said Dorman M. Miller, head of the Service Corporation's Customer Service Department.



The 294 employees of Bluefield Division had worked 1,000,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury at the end of the working day, February 4. The climb toward the safety milestone began June 8, 1974. John W. Vaughan, left, Appalachian executive vice president, presents a certificate of merit for this accomplishment to W. B. Belchee, Bluefield Division manager.

## AEP will invest \$582.8-million in new facilities during 1976

The American Electric Power System will invest well over a half-billion dollars in new facilities during 1976, with more than \$180-million earmarked for en-

vironmental clean-up equipment at generating stations.

The year's total budget of \$582.8-million represents an increase over 1975, and will be allotted as follows:

Generation . . . . .	\$372,757,000
Transmission lines and stations . . . . .	75,030,000
Distribution lines and stations . . . . .	82,089,000
Miscellaneous (incl. fuel supply development) . . . . .	52,948,000
TOTAL . . . . .	<u>\$582,824,000</u>

The principal generation construction work under way during 1976 includes Unit 2 of Indiana & (continued on page 2)

## SCC grants fuel surcharge

The Virginia State Corporation Commission last month granted Appalachian Power Company's request that it be allowed to recover approximately \$7.9-million in fuel expense which had been incurred and which had not been recovered when its fuel clause was changed in May, 1975. The company had applied for the surcharge last October and hearings were held January 23.

Beginning April 1, a surcharge of .04801 cents will be applied to each kilowatt-hour of electricity used by Virginia customers. As an example, this amounts to nearly five cents for each 100 kilowatt-hours used. The surcharge is temporary and will continue for approximately 24 months.

## U. S. Court of Appeals rules FPC license for Blue Ridge is valid

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia last month ruled 3-0 that the license awarded by the Federal Power Commission to Appalachian Power Company for its proposed Blue Ridge Project was valid.

This decision, except for an anticipated appeal by the State of North Carolina to the U. S. Supreme Court, apparently clears the way for Appalachian to begin work on the 1.8-million-kilowatt pumped-storage project on the New River in Virginia and North Carolina.

The FPC license was issued in July, 1974, to be effective in early January, 1975, giving Congress a chance to act on legislation which would have placed the New River in the nation's Wild and Scenic Rivers System. No legislation was passed, however, and the license became effective as scheduled.

Meanwhile, North Carolina had brought suit in the Court of Appeals, asking for a review of the license's validity on several grounds, including environmental,

social, and economic aspects of the project. In late January, 1975, the Court stayed Appalachian from beginning construction while the suit was pending. It was this case which was settled in the company's favor last month. The stay, at the same time, was lifted.

In an earlier action last month, Interior Secretary Thomas S. Kleppe said that he would approve North Carolina's application to have a 26.5-mile stretch of the New River in North Carolina included in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Although his action, which took place immediately before the primary election in North Carolina, was largely aimed at blocking the project, Kleppe said at the time that his decision would be without effect if the Court of Appeals affirmed the license.

Appalachian began its study of the Blue Ridge Project in 1963 and made its application for construction permit in 1965. In the nine years of hearings before the FPC the record was reopened three times to permit additional testimony.

## Work well under way on construction of \$70-million precipitators at Amos

Work is well under way on a \$70-million installation of additional electrostatic precipitators on two generating units at John E. Amos Plant.

Four giant precipitators or dust collectors are being added to existing precipitators on units 1 and 2 at the plant to meet West Virginia particulate emission standards. The original precipitators, which were completed in 1971-72, had a design efficiency of 98.5% to meet West Virginia air standards established in 1966.

"But in 1972, while the plant was nearing completion, the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission adopted new standards more stringent than those of 1966, necessitating the addition of the new precipitators," according to J. A. Moore, Amos Plant manager. The new precipitators will have a design efficiency of 99.7%, the same as exists on the precipitators on Unit 3, which was completed in 1973.

Moore points out that investment in environmental protection equipment now in operation at the plant represents nearly 10% of the \$550-million cost of the plant. "These costs, plus the additional \$70-million investment in the new dust collectors, will eventually be borne by our customers through their electric bills," he adds.

The precipitators for each unit will be 258 feet wide, 141 feet deep and as tall as an eight-story building.

Work on installation of the dust collectors is on schedule, aiming for completion on one unit by December 1, 1977, and on the other by February 1, 1978.

Relocation of existing facilities to make room for the precipitators is nearly complete, according to Moore. Transmission towers, lines, railroad tracks, underground piping, coal yard drainage, slurry lines and flyash line all had to be relocated.

Union Boiler Company of Nitro, W. Va., has the contract for relocation work while Acme Construction Company of Cleveland, Ohio, is doing the new rail work. Circle Construction Company of Circleville, Ohio, has been awarded the contract for site preparation and excavation. Pile-driving which is now taking place, being done by P. R. Coffey Construction Company of Raceland, Ky.

The foundation pouring contract has been let to Gibbons Grab Company of Canton, Ohio. Wheelabrator-Frye, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pa., is fabricating the precipitators.

More than 250 people are employed in the construction work

## Rights offering is over-subscribed

American Electric Power Company reported last month that its offering to shareowners of 10 million shares of common stock had been over-subscribed by a substantial amount. The subscription period ended March 12.

The rights offering to shareowners was on a 1-for-9 basis, and the subscription price was \$19.60 per share.

The company stated that 8,620,157 shares, or 86 per cent of the offering, were subscribed for by holders of subscriptions warrants, and that an additional 4,209,083 shares were subscribed for under the over-subscription privilege. Thus, 1,379,843 shares were available for such over-subscription and necessitated an allotment.

Proceeds from the sale, after underwriting costs and estimated expenses, will amount to approximately \$193,000,000 and will be used to repay short-term debt, and to make additional investments in wholly owned operating subsidiaries.

## Budget (cont. from pg. 1)

Michigan Power Company's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, and Unit 3 of Appalachian Power Company's Smith Mountain Pumped Storage Project which will be starting this year. These two represent a total of \$81.6-million. A substantial portion of the remainder will be spent on retrofitting precipitators on System power plants where necessary to meet existing air quality standards.

Extra-high-voltage transmission line construction will require the expenditure of \$33,134,000 of the \$75,030,000 budgeted for transmission lines and stations. The principal segments under construction are the Kammer-Canton and the North Proctorville-Hanging Rock lines within Ohio Power Company.



Jack Shaver, Charleston Division office supervisor (left), and Nick Roomy, executive assistant (center), present a check for Appalachian Power's second half 1975 public utility property tax to John M. Gates, West Virginia state auditor. The check for \$4,615,731.02 paid on March 1, 1976, brought to \$9,231,462.04 paid to West Virginia on classes 1, 3 and 4 properties for the tax year 1975. This is almost twice as much as any other utility pays the state in public utility property tax. Appalachian, in the calendar year 1975, paid taxes of \$22,624,990 to local and state governments.

## Smith Mountain lake shore lots offered to lease holders for sale

Appalachian Power Company last month offered for sale 101 lots it owns on the shores of Smith Mountain Lake.

D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke Division manager, said letters were mailed to holders of leases in the Holiday Farms, Gills Creek Estates, Anthony Ford and River Creek Estates subdivisions in Franklin and Pittsylvania counties, offering them the option of purchasing the land which they have leased from the company. If the lease holders do not desire to purchase the lots, they may continue the present lease.

"Our purpose in leasing these lands was to provide an opportunity for quality development around the lake shore. Now that these subdivisions have been substantially developed our purpose has been achieved," Kennedy said.

The lots were priced on the basis of a certified land appraisal. This appraisal excludes any im-

provements made by the leasee.

The appraised value of the lots in the four subdivisions is about \$800,000.

## Two companies plan bond sales

Two System companies have announced plans to sell first-mortgage bonds, subject to regulatory approval.

Appalachian Power Company will receive bids April 22 for a \$60-million issue, the proceeds to be used to repay short-term debt. Ohio Power Company will sell \$80-million at a bidding May 12, with the proceeds earmarked for short-term debt and other corporate purposes.

## AEP shareholders will meet April 28

The 68th annual meeting of shareowners of American Electric Power Company will be held at The Plaza, New York, on April 28.

On the agenda for the meeting are, among other items of business, the election of 13 directors, a proposal to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock by 25-million to 125-million, and a proposal by a church group which would require the company to prepare a detailed report on its coal-mining operations for distribution to shareowners.

The AEP Board comprises 14 members at present. However, Robert M. Kopper, executive vice president of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, will not be seeking reelection at the annual meeting, due to his coming retirement on April 30.

## I like it, lumps and all

(Editor's note: The following article, written by R. L. Taylor, appeared in a recent issue of **Welch Daily News.**)

A couple of weeks ago Leonard Widener and I concluded over a ham sandwich at Billy Boy's that electricity is probably the most important single thing in our lives.

A little later, I thought maybe the case was overstated. Widener, after all, is a professional electrician but I got the full impact of his wisdom Wednesday night.

We had a power failure here at the office. It was nothing spectacular — just kept four or five of us up until 1 a.m. watching Dexter Jones perform some sort of magic by jumping wires from here to there.

Then I got to thinking about it all over again. I get up in the morning by an electric alarm clock and drink coffee brewed by electricity. My coffee is ready when I wake up because I have an electric timer that cuts it on automatically.

Electricity prepares my breakfast. It provides hot water for a shower and a shave. I start my car with electricity.

Electricity provides power for the headlights of my car. It operates the turn signals. On the way to the post office in the morning, I stop at two traffic control devices run by electricity.

The post office is heated by electricity. If I buy gas on the way to work, the pump is operated by electricity. And once I get here to the Daily News, I am frightened by how much we depend upon it.

Just about everything here except the toilet is operated by electricity. Our news comes by wire; our pictures use another electrical circuit.

People complain over the telephone, which has a separate source of power but it is still electricity. Our type is set by it, and it comes out wet. We dry it with electricity.

Our camera uses 220 volts; our plate maker has the same. Our press is operated by it and we even use electricity to run the addressing machine for the papers we mail.

We use coal for heat but the stoker is run by electricity. Our bookkeeping system relies on electricity.

## Research (cont. from pg. 1)

energy storage devices.

"Conservation of energy resources is achieved because during off-peak hours, only the most efficient generating facilities are used. And the fuel is coal instead of diminishing reserves of oil and natural gas," Miller added.

You read the paper by electricity; you watch television because of electricity — and that is the only reason in the world television is available.

It is not necessary that I remind you we take it all for granted, just like you take it for granted. We take it for granted because all the power companies in the United States have been too damned reliable.

My God, it finally dawned on me. What would happen to all of us if suddenly Appalachian Power Co. said "Sorry folks, we don't have any more to sell."

True, we could all survive very well. I'd just have to get up earlier and stoke up the cook stove for my coffee. I'll tell you right now, that would be a tragedy.

I guess we could install our private motor generator set down here at the paper, but how in the world would we have time to shut it down for maintenance?

Don't get the idea from this that I'm in love with Appalachian Power Co. I'm not, but they have taken an awful lot of abuse lately and not all of it was deserved.

I even accused Dave Kendrick (Welch area superintendent) of causing our power failure. "You are probably making this stuff by burning garbage and beer cans and it's no wonder it blew out my transformer," I said.

Dave, who ain't one to get flustered, replied — just as dry as Widener — "Yeah, it probably has lumps in it."

If that's the only way I can get it, I'll take it, lumps and all.

## Hall elected AEP director



Hall

O. C. Hall, Kentucky Power executive assistant, has been elected a director of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

A native of McDowell, Ky., Hall graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BS degree in electrical engineering. He began his AEP career in 1950 with Appalachian Power and served in various positions in Beckley, Rainelle, Oak Hill and Charleston, W. Va. He was manager of the Point Pleasant area and the Logan-Williamson Division of Appalachian before moving to Kentucky Power as Ashland Division manager in 1969. He was named executive assistant in 1970.

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## AEP Chairman Pete White speaks candidly on issues affecting company, industry

The Illuminator recently asked AEP's new Chairman of the Board, W. S. White, about his feelings on a number of issues affecting the company and the industry. Here are some of his comments:

### On the number and kinds of problems we face:

We have a number of problems; siting problems, difficult and expensive environmental requirements, fuel supply problems, regulatory problems, and many others. But the root cause of most of these problems and our biggest problem for the near term is inflation and its effect on our business. We have all seen how this has increased the cost of new plants, lines and other facilities and how it has affected our requirements for higher rates for electricity. Because much of our system was built and financed before the crushing inflation of the early seventies, our customers, although paying more for electricity, are still continuing to purchase electric energy at rates that reflect these older and lower costs. But new plants will cost up to three times as much as those which are in place and this is going to mean much higher rates in the future. I wish I could see it differently, but I am afraid we are going to see a continuous parade to the various regulatory commissions for additional rate relief. It will take a number of years before we arrive at a new higher plateau of rates, where, if we don't experience additional bouts of such awful inflation, we will be able to taper off where rate relief is concerned. It is incumbent on all of us to continue to seek out ways to economize, ways to cut the costs of new facilities, ways to make them more efficient, ways to make capital and operating dollars go further and do more.

A serious problem that the industry is going to face is that of meeting the nation's requirements for electric power. Because the industry has postponed or cancelled so many power plants I am convinced that by 1977-80 we will see power shortages in some parts of the country. When loads begin to grow again we are going to find that the growth in demand is going to outpace the industry's ability to add capacity. While the industry struggles to solve the problem, the fact will be that there won't be enough time to solve it.

Now if the public wakes up, if the regulatory agencies wake up, if the government wakes up, if they will only listen to what the energy suppliers are trying to say, there is still enough time to limit the term of the shortage. If we act soon enough, we may possibly shorten the term to two or three years. Fortunately the AEP System is in a stronger position than most to avoid or minimize this problem, but it is not immune to it.



White

### On the environment and its conflict with power supply:

It's really much broader than a conflict between the environment and the power supply. It involves the supply of all forms of energy and it has serious implications for the economic well-being of our nation.

Nobody can argue with the need for reasonable environmental standards. There is no conflict there. The conflict is with wholly unreasonable and frequently arbitrary environmental standards and regulations. We are just beginning to see statements on the part of public officials, here and there, who are waking up to the fact that some of the more unreasonable environmental requirements are hurting their parts of the country. Governor Carey of New York has said something about this recently and Governor Byrne of New Jersey too. Some have used the environmental movement as a tool just to block everything. Those who are dedicated to such misuse of honest concern about the environment are not going to give up because a couple of governors say that the economy is hurting. But, when the time comes that there is a collision between such unreasonable environmental standards and the life style of our nation, when people begin to see jobs affected, when factories and schools are closed for lack of energy, when the standard of living begins to decline, then, I think, you will see some changes in attitudes toward environmental standards and how they are to be established.

### On government and energy:

Our Government — particularly the federal government — has done nothing to help improve the energy problem. On the other hand, it has done a great deal to create some of our energy problems. At this point so much shouting is going on down in Washington from people with different viewpoints that the public

doesn't know what to think. You have the Federal Energy Administration with one view — though that is not always a consistent view. You may have any view you like in Congress, and the Environmental Protection Administration takes almost diametrically opposed positions to what other presumably responsible federal agencies proclaim. As long as this persists I don't see any help coming from the federal area. Yet there is a crucial need for a well thought out, well developed and well defined national energy policy. It will take stronger leadership than we have seen yet before any unified approach can come from the federal government. The pity is that we may have to suffer a crisis of considerable proportion before such leadership emerges and a sensible policy is formulated.

### On his experience with an operating company:

My first 12 years were here in the Service Corporation and the next 12 in Appalachian Power Company. I've been back in New York for three years. My operating company experience has been of great value to me. I've been called in the middle of the night during storms and floods. I've had irate customers call me at home. I've worked on community affairs. I know the kind of communities we have in our System and the kinds of customers we serve. I've dealt with them. We don't see many customers here in the Service Corporation, so I'm thankful for my experience in the field. It has also given me an appreciation for the many capable and dedicated employees we have on the System.

### On moving the Service Corporation from New York:

We are committed, if we are allowed to acquire Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, to move a substantial group to

Columbus; and if we are not, well, who knows? There are a lot of reasons why it would be a good thing for us to be in the operating territories; and there are also a lot of good reasons why it is a good thing for us to be here in New York. I remember a year after I joined the System in 1948, I was told, well, someday we are going to move to Columbus. Now that was 27 years ago, and we're still here. I think that there will probably be pressures on us if not to move to at least to take more of our expansion in the operating territories . . . I think that at least our tendency would be to allow our growth to take place in those areas.

### On himself:

I come from a very small community in southeast Virginia . . . raised on a farm, learning to do all the things you learn to do when you're on a farm. One of these things is to work. My job at AEP has always given me a great deal of satisfaction. Over the years I've enjoyed a little gardening, from time to time a little carpentry, a little work around the house. I enjoy fishing occasionally. I play golf maybe half a dozen times a year and tennis about as often.

### A message for the 18,400 men and women in the System:

We have problems, but we know what they are and we are going about the business of solving some of them. The electric utility business of 1970 and the future is an entirely new and different business than it was in previous times. We are going to have to use all of the imagination and all the ingenuity at our command to improve on the old ways of doing things, to find new and better ways to achieve economies, large and small in every way we can. I know the kind of people we have on our System — I know their capabilities and their dedication. I've known them in the district, in the division, in the General Office, and in the Service Corporation. If we all work at it we are going to continue to make a success of this business — for our customers for our employees, and for our shareowners. It will take a lot of work, it won't be easy, but that will make it all the more worthwhile.

## Stark will succeed Kopper as I&M executive vice president



Stark

Jack F. Stark last month was elected executive vice president of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company by the company's board of directors. He will succeed Robert M. Kopper, who is retiring May 1 after a career with I&M of nearly 46 years.

Stark has been a vice president of the utility since 1974 and a director since 1969. He joined I&M in Fort Wayne in 1949 following his graduation from Purdue University. He was named executive assistant in the company's headquarters organization in 1972.

Stark is a veteran of Navy service during the Second World War, emerging as a lieutenant. In addition to his education at Purdue he twice attended American Electric Power System Management Development programs at the University of Michigan Gradu-



Kopper

ate School of Business, and similar course for senior executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kopper has been I&M's executive vice president since August 1968. He is also a director of I&M's parent American Electric Power Company and of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

A 1932 graduate of Drake University, Kopper began his utility career in South Bend, where he was supervisor of rates and tariffs there before moving to Fort Wayne in 1950. He was elected to the I&M board in 1965.

Simultaneously with his retirement, Kopper is also retiring from the AEP Service Corporation, and I&M boards. He will remain available to the company for consultative services.



Richard Hartless, data processing operator A in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, prepares to remove the refund checks from the 360/40 IBM after they were printed.



Some 494,769 checks were printed by the Data Processing Section. Fred Beck, clerk junior (left) and John Worley, reproduction machine operator B, "burst" one day's output of checks, some 23,000.



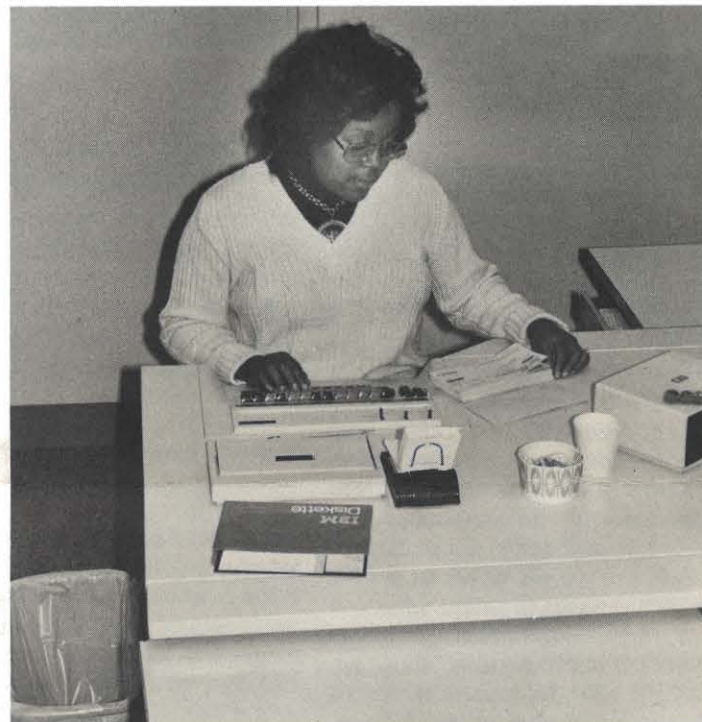
Don Powell, clerk junior, operates the machine which inserts the checks in envelopes for mailing.



Joycelyn George, Huntington customer accounts representative B, checks the microfiche viewer for information on a customer's refund.



Dawna Jean Perry, Logan customer accounts representative A, answers a customer's question on the amount of her refund.



As checks were returned by the post office as undeliverable, they were keypunched and lists furnished each area office so that customers inquiring about their checks could be readily answered. Phyllis Dunnville, keypunch operator C in GO Accounting, keypunches one group of returned checks.



Mildred Smith, customer accounting clerk A in GO Accounting, prepares to make a "hard" copy of a customer's refund data from a microfiche containing refund information on approximately 800 customers.



Joe Schultz, customer accounting accountant, hunts for a customer's check among the approximately 44,500 that have been returned by the post office as undeliverable. Some 12,000 checks have already been remailed to new addresses obtained by area office employees.

## Refunding \$25.8-million to West Virginia customers is no little task

Cash refunds totaling \$25.8-million to its West Virginia customers were completed March 2 by Appalachian Power Company.

The refunds were for the period July 29, 1971, through December 31, 1973, and included 6% interest and any city or town taxes applicable to the refund. Last year the Public Service Commission of West Virginia denied 86% of a rate increase placed in effect by Appalachian in 1971, and the Supreme Courts of West Virginia and the United States upheld the decision.

A total of 494,769 checks were mailed in the refund program, which began January 28. In ad-

dition to locations in West Virginia, checks were mailed to former residents of the state who now reside in Switzerland, Virgin Islands, Belgium, Maine, Missouri, Washington, Washington, D. C., Maryland, Virginia and Texas.

At press time, checks totaling approximately \$47,500 had been returned to the company by the U. S. Postal Service because the addressee could not be located. The company is continuing to make every reasonable effort to locate these persons. At the end of five years, any unclaimed refunds will be turned over to the State of West Virginia.

At press time, some 12,000

checks had been re-mailed to customers at addresses different from the one to which they were first mailed.

The refund, first in Appalachian's history, was a gigantic undertaking and required the development of a massive program of employee training and many manhours in computing each West Virginia customer's account. According to Jack Walters, Customer Accounting Administrator, the use of microfiche, printers and readers saved about \$7,000 over what it would have cost to do it with hard copy.

"In addition," Walters said, "If we had to do this with hard copy, we

would have been printing 15 cases of tab paper every day. It would have required the area offices to handle about four or five cases a day — sorting them out, putting them in binders. It would have been almost impossible without microfiche from a volume and time standpoint."

All West Virginia offices have complete records on the refund program so that any questions asked by customers could be answered. Walters said, "Surprisingly enough, most of the calls received were from customers asking when they were going to receive their check or why theirs was different from their neighbor's check. Few customers questioned our

method of refund or the amount of money they received."

Walters said the largest refund check, in the amount of \$1,300,000, went to a large industrial customer. The smallest was around 39 cents, but most averaged between \$18 to \$20.

John W. Vaughan, Appalachian executive vice president, said, "The record our people have accomplished in this endeavor is fantastic. It was fraught with all kinds of possibilities for errors, but the job went more smoothly than anticipated. All employees who were involved in the refund did a great job."

## There'll be no more working on cars, declares retiring auto repairman

"It's time for me to do what I want, but it won't be working on cars. I've done enough of that over the years," says Silas W. Fisher, who retired April 1 as an auto repairman A in Roanoke Division.

Prior to joining Appalachian, he was employed by Hercules Powder Company. "My job was making powder, and I didn't like it much. A friend of mine, Buck Guthrie, now a retired Roanoke station foreman, suggested that I apply for a job at Appalachian.

After about eight months working in the old Roanoke Steam Plant, I heard of an opening in the garage, applied for the job and got it. That's what I've been doing ever since — working on company vehicles."

Shortly after going to work as an



Fisher

auto mechanic helper, Silas attended the Devilbiss Paint Workshop in Toledo, Ohio.

"Bill Jago was heading up the Transportation Department and he told me he wanted me to learn more about body work and spray painting because that was going to be my job. For the next 15 years I did all the painting of the company vehicles.

"I want to say that Appalachian has been a wonderful company to have been associated with, and anyone with the company is lucky to be there.

"I have been sick a great deal over the past 15 years. Having had 13 operations, it's easy for you to figure that it meant being off from work a great deal. But Appalachian never missed paying me. Tell me that's not a good place to work!

"It's been an equal pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with all the fine employees over the years," Silas said.

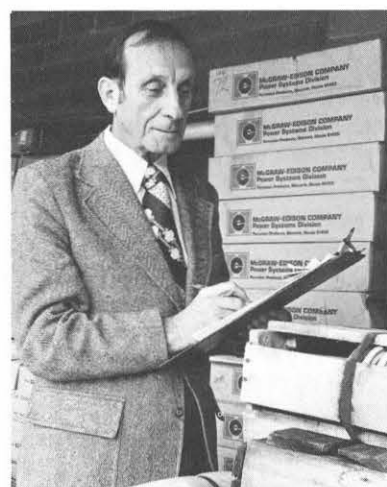
"My wife Annie and I plan to travel to Florida and Ohio to visit family in the near future. Also, my plans now are to buy some calves and raise a few head of cattle. That means there will be some fencing to be done around the property. But I'm definitely going to do my share of fishing and hunting." Silas is a member of the Boones Mill Baptist Church.

## Joe Kovich plans travel to Florida, California during retirement

Joseph Anderson Kovich, Huntington electrical engineer senior, retired April 1 after a 39-year career.

A native of McComas, W. Va., he holds a BS degree in civil engineering from West Virginia University and attended the AEP management program at the University of Michigan.

Joe began his career in 1937 as a draftsman in Logan and worked there in various engineering



Kovich

capacities before transferring to Huntington in 1962 as a senior civil engineer. He moved to Roanoke General Office in 1962 as a senior appraisal engineer and returned to Huntington in 1966 as senior electrical engineer. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant.

Joe participates in the APCo Kilowatt Bowling League and the Huntington Division Golf League and enjoys spectator sports. He takes an active part in YMCA activities, including swimming, yoga and calisthenics. Joe's mother lives in Los Angeles, California, and his two daughters in West Palm Beach, Florida. He will travel back and forth between those states while maintaining his home in Huntington. Both daughters are former AEP educational award winners.

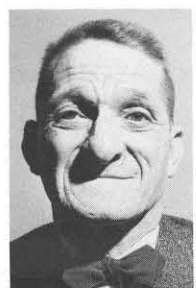
He is presently on the board of deacons and elders of the High-lawn Presbyterian Church, Huntington, and a member of American Legion Post 16, Huntington.

## WE REMEMBER



Thompson

**Fred William Thompson, 75**, retired Glen Lyn Plant assistant shift operating engineer, died March 11. A native of Mercer County, W. Va., he had broken service with the company before becoming permanently employed in 1934 as a laborer. He retired November 1, 1965. Thompson is survived by his widow Audessa, Rich Creek, Va.; four daughters; four sons; seven sisters; two brothers and 22 grandchildren. One brother, E. E. Thompson, is a unit foreman at Glen Lyn, and another brother, C. H. Thompson, is a retired Glen Lyn Plant equipment operator.



Brammer



Ganoe

**Elbert Wesley Ganoe, 66**, retired Glen Lyn Plant unit foreman, died March 2. A native of Summers County, W. Va., he began his career in 1941 as a laborer and retired January 1, 1972. Ganoe is survived by his widow Frankie, Rich Creek, Va.; one daughter; one son; his mother; three brothers and one sister.

**Glenn G. Brammer, 73**, retired system operations coordinator, GO Operations, Roanoke, died March 16. A native of Lawrence County, Ohio, he began his career in 1920 as an operator at Logan Plant and elected early disability retirement November 1, 1960. Brammer is survived by his widow Lillie, 2131 Mountain View Terrace, S. W., Roanoke, Va.; three sons and three daughters. A daughter, Margaret Brammer, is a clerk-stenographer in GO Land Management, Roanoke, and a son, David R. Brammer, is a station clerk in GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

**Christie Hurst, 59**, Pulaski line foreman non-exempt, died February 29. A native of Pulaski, Va., he began his career in 1946 as a lineman A at Welch and had been on LTD leave since August 31, 1972. Hurst is survived by his widow Izella, P. O. Box 174, Christiansburg, Va.; two daughters; one sister and one grandchild.

**Elmer M. Tyler, 86**, retired laborer at Kanawha Valley Power Company, died March 2. He began his career in 1942 as a

guard and took early disability retirement in 1947. Tyler is survived by his widow Essie, Pratt, W. Va.; one daughter; one sister, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Peter Higgins Steenbergen, Jr., 65**, retired Charleston electrical engineer, died March 15. A native of Point Pleasant, W. Va., he began his career in 1945 as a rural representative and elected early retirement August 1, 1972. Steenbergen is survived by his widow Mabel, 312 Shawnee Circle, Charleston, W. Va.; two brothers and one sister.

**James L. Bryant, 63**, Kanawha River Plant unit foreman, died February 29 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Summersville, W. Va., he was employed in 1940 as a laborer. Bryant is survived by his widow Wilma, 307 33rd Street, Belle, W. Va.; two sons and one daughter.



Steenbergen



Hurst

## Safety milestone

Appalachian Power's General Office Accounting employees are the first group in company history to work 4,000,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury. The milestone was achieved on March 1.

## Allen plans political activity

Ralph Berry Allen, who retired April 1 as a collector in Charleston Division, had at least two customers he'll never forget.

One of them lived on Heizer Creek in Putnam County and could be reached only by fording a creek. The problem was solved by the customer putting money in a bottle and throwing it across the creek. Ralph would then write



Allen

## Margaret Haley ends 46-year APCo career



Haley

Mary Margaret Haley, tax accounting assistant in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, retired April 1 after more than 46 years' service in that department.

A native of Roanoke, Va., she holds a secretarial science degree from National Business College and studied political science and parliamentary law at the University of Virginia Extension. She began her career in 1930 in the stenographic pool at Roanoke's old Walnut Avenue office.

Margaret is a member of Our Lady of Nazareth Church. Her civic activities began during the Depression when, as a member and secretary of the Junior Woman's Club, she worked in the establishment and operation of a school for crippled children. She is a former member of Delta Theta Chi and has served as president and secretary of the Sequoia Club. She was the first female president of the Appa-Mo Club, a social club for General Office Accounting employees, and is now a member of the Roanoke Historical Society.

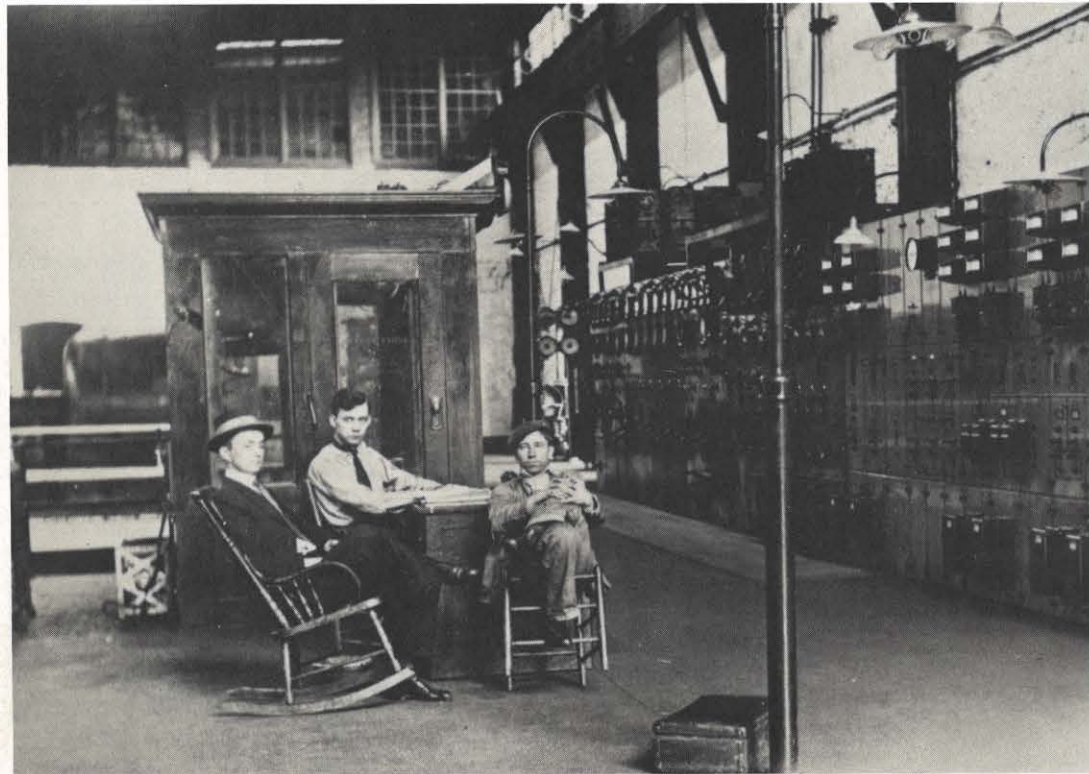
a receipt and throw it back to the customer. Once the bottle landed in the water and he had to chase it a mile and a half downstream.

Ralph collected from another customer every month for six years but never saw her. She knew what day to expect him and always had the payment in her mailbox.

Ralph, who attended Morris Harvey College, has been a member of the Putnam County Court for 18 years and once served as its president. He is a member of the Church of God Mission, Bancroft; Lions Club; Moose Club and Upper Vandalia Historical Society. He has also served on the Welfare Council, Library Commission and Agriculture Council. He plans to become more involved in political activities and may run for an office in the West Virginia Legislature.

He and his wife Jewell plan a trip to Bermuda this summer. He also plans to hunt and fish at his mountain place in Pocahontas County.

# Appalachian and the area it serves have come a long way together in 50 years



This is how the control room of the Switchback Plant looked in 1912.



The late Nutter Barnett (left) and retiree John Byrom posed for this picture with the first electric truck in Huntington.

Fifty years ago last month, 13 small electric companies in southern West Virginia and southwest Virginia were merged into what today is Appalachian Power Company.

Each had its own set of rates but about a year later, Appalachian filed application with regulatory agencies in the two states for a uniform system.

A newspaper ad of September 27, 1927, announcing the rate changes contained these statements: "Your company has designed rates which will reduce the cost of electrical energy to the majority of its customers. This has been done in anticipation of expected economies and in the firm conviction that low rates for light and power will bring prosperity both to the communities and the company which serves them.

"Every community on the lines of the company now has equal opportunity of progressing under these new rates for power. No expense will be spared nor improvement in the art ignored in making your company better and more valuable to the public so that electric power, the keystone of our industrial and social progress, will always be in advance of the needs of the communities."

Since that time, Appalachian and the area it serves have come a long way together.

When Appalachian was incorporated on March 4, 1926, the company served about the same area it serves today and supplied electric service to some 84,500 customers. Electricity was delivered over 3,350 miles of transmission and distribution lines from generating plants

having a total capacity of 376,000 kilowatts. These plants were the Cabin Creek, Logan, Kenova, Glen Lyn and other small steam plants in some of the larger communities as well as the Buck and Byllesby hydro plants on New River which had been finished in 1912.

The Buck and Byllesby hydro plants came about as the result of H. M. Byllesby's plan for providing electric power to the coalfields in southern West Virginia. Byllesby was an engineer and financier from Chicago. These two plants were connected to a steam plant at Switchback, W. Va., by an 88,000-volt aluminum conductored line which marked the first transmission line in what today is Appalachian.

After Appalachian was formed, the building of transmission lines was intensified. They had to span many rivers and the rugged mountains of southern West Virginia and southwest Virginia.

Construction crews, used to hard labor and primitive conditions, lived in camps, slept in tents and ate their meals from chuck-wagons. The original lines were strung on wooden poles, to be followed shortly by steel towers. Ox teams were used to drag steel up hills, to be set in foundations dug by hand with picks and shovels or blasted out of solid rock.

Coal mines were the company's principal industrial customers in 1926. Some of the larger towns had electric street cars. A home that had all the electric appliances available used only 430 kilowatt-hours of electricity a year.

And so it was that Appalachian employees set out to build the company by selling electric power to homes, office buildings and industry. Company salesmen went door to door. If a customer agreed to have his house wired, he was given an electric iron, a drop light and outlet in the kitchen.

There were not many electric appliance dealers in those days since a market had not yet been created for appliances. So company offices were appliance stores, offering such things as refrigerators, ranges, washing machines, curling irons and others as they became available.

In the early 1930's the company began an intensive program of extending electric service to rural areas. This program involved many people and a large investment. A group of employees, dubbed the "flying squadron", would select a leading farmer in a rural area who wanted power for himself and was willing to help sell other farmers on the idea. In those days each farmer who signed up could get electric service at a minimum cost of \$2.00 per month provided there were four customers to a mile of line.

The program, interrupted by World War II, was reactivated about 1947 when materials and people became available. By the end of 1950, electricity was available in over 99 per cent of the 19,000 square mile area Appalachian serves. The company served over 200,000 farm and rural customers. Agricultural engineers, home economists and other specially trained employees helped show farm and

rural people how to make the best possible use of electric power to make living easier.

After the war the company began to expand its generating facilities. At the end of 1946 the company had a capacity of 727,339 kilowatts. Ten years later the generating capability had almost doubled to 1,319,000 kilowatts. During this period the Philip Sporn and Kanawha River Plants had been put into service and construction was under way on additional units at Glen Lyn and the Clinch River Plant.

It was to double again to 2,677,000 kilowatts at the end of 1966 with the completion of the new Clinch River and Glen Lyn units as well as a 500,000-kilowatt unit at Sporn and the Smith Mountain Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project.

The company's generating capability was raised to over 4,600,000 kilowatts by the end of 1973 after the installation of the John E. Amos Plant, jointly owned by Appalachian and Ohio Power Company.

Meanwhile, attention was being given to the company's transmission system to carry the power to meet the increasing demands of its customers. In 1953 the first 345,000-volt line was built from Sporn Plant to the Kanawha River Plant. Tests for higher voltage transmission, which had begun at Ohio Power Company's Tidd Plant, were transferred to a new test site at Apple Grove, W. Va. Studies at this location led to the beginning of construction of the world's highest voltage transmission system — the 765,000-volt

network.

Employees have worked closely with communities in the company's service area in an effort to help them grow and prosper. One of the most successful industrial development tools during this period was the Project Decisor program. Working with community groups, Appalachian built a shell building in six localities and brought in industry which the communities wanted to help provide new payrolls.

In ten years the Project Decisor program accounted directly or indirectly for nearly \$20-million worth of new investment, 3,000 new jobs and \$20 million a year in annual payrolls.

In the 50's and 60's employees were involved in the promotion of the total electric living concept and development of the electric heating market. Although the company had by then gone out of direct merchandising, it worked closely with appliance and electric heating dealers in its service area to make it easier for customers to enjoy the benefits of living better electrically. Heating and builder sales representatives, home sales representatives and many others worked closely with these dealer allies. On the industrial front our sales engineers worked closely with industries in the area to help them make more efficient use of electric power in the manufacture of their products.

All of this — as was spelled out in the 1927 ad — was done to provide electric power, "the keystone of our industrial and social progress . . . in advance of the needs of the communities."

## By The Numbers . . . 50 Years of Growth

	1926	1936	1946	1956	1966	1975
Population Served	700,000	730,000	1,207,000	1,766,000	1,853,000	2,036,000
Generating Capacity	376,000 kw	381,363	727,339	1,319,000	2,677,000	4,604,000
Miles Of Line	3,350	6,986	15,253	32,597	35,597	41,858
Customers	84,500	137,970	273,374	471,077	526,146	655,558
Annual Residential Cost	\$43.00*	\$33.38	\$39.84	\$73.19	\$107.50	\$275.66
Annual Residential Use	430 kw*	755	1142	2809	5325	9221
Average Per Kwhr Cost	10¢*	4.42¢	3.49¢	2.61¢	2.02¢	2.99¢
Operating Revenues	NA	\$20,327,847	\$39,099,000	\$95,625,000	\$146,939,000	\$513,842,000

\*Figures computed on basis that a 1926 home had all appliances available at that time.

As more and more customers used more electricity the company's charges for electricity went down.

When the 13 smaller companies were put together in 1926 the rates varied from 8¢ to as high as 13 or 14 cents per kilowatt-hour for household use.

There weren't many electrical appliances in the 20's. If a home had all that were available, it was estimated that the annual usage would be about 430 kilowatt-hours at a cost of about 10 cents each.

In the 1927 rate schedules there were several different tariffs for residential customers based on the use which the customer made of electricity.

For example, Tariff B. R. started with 8 cents per kilowatt-hour for the first 50 kilowatt-hours used in a month and went down to a low of 3.0 cents for all kilowatt-hours over 5,000.

Some of the other residential tariffs had special provisions for use of electric motors and other electric devices.

In its first 45 years the company

reduced rates 22 times to various classes of customers. The last rate reduction was made in 1966.

The company had only one rate increase in Virginia and none in West Virginia during this time.

All of this was accomplished through the development of new technologies in the art of generating and transmitting electricity, better utilization of coal, economies of scale and increasingly efficient operations.

Then came double-digit inflation at the start of the decade of the 70's and the Arab oil embargo of 1973. The company was forced to seek rate increases in both states. In July, 1971, Appalachian put its first rate increase in West Virginia into effect under bond. Later the Public Service Commission granted only 14 percent of the rate increase and the company has just completed a refund of \$25.8 million to its West Virginia customers. Currently, Appalachian has pending before the West Virginia Public Service Commission a request for a \$30.6-million increase.

In Virginia, the company applied for a rate increase in 1974 and

the State Corporation Commission granted about 53% of the \$36.2-million requested.

The average residential customer on Appalachian's lines used 9,221 kilowatt-hours of electric power in his home in 1975 at an average cost of 2.99 cents per kilowatt-hour. While the cost per kilowatt-hour has increased in the last few years it is still greatly below the cost in 1926 or 1927.

The first half century has been marked by steady growth of the company and the area it serves.

Dedicated, skilled employees brought the company through these years of formation, progress and growth.

As the second half century begins, the company, its people, its management and the area served by Appalachian face many new, difficult challenges.

It's going to take a continuation of the same kind of cooperation between Appalachian and the people it serves to get us through the next 50 years. We have come a long way together . . . but we are just starting.



This photo was made during the construction of the Pond Substation in the Madison area of Logan-Williamson Division. Note the absence of hard hats.



This is the first derrick truck used in the Pulaski area. From left, Sidne Baker, Dick Carter, Eli Ham, Brady Altizer, O. B. Kidd, M. L. Saunders, G. C. Cox, John Sutphin and Bates McGlothlin.

## Pioneer electric companies

Thirteen companies with 13 generating plants merged on March 4, 1926 to form Appalachian Electric Power Company.

Formation of the new company made it the largest subsidiary of the American Gas and Electric Company (now American Electric Power Company). The service territory of the new company was in Virginia and West Virginia, just as it is today.

The following companies were merged in 1926 to form Appalachian Electric Power (which changed its name to Appalachian Power Company in 1958):

Appalachian Power Company serving the Pulaski-Wytheville area in Virginia and the Bluefield area in West Virginia.

Appalachian Power & Light Company (formerly Virginian Power Company), mainly serving coal operations to the south and east of Charleston, West Virginia.

West Virginia Water & Electric Company — (electric portion only) serving in and around Charleston.

Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company — (only West Virginia portion) operating in the Logan and Williamson areas.

Dunbar Power and Light Company — serving Dunbar, West Virginia.

St. Albans Electric Power & Light Company, serving St. Albans and immediate vicinity.)

Kanawha Valley Power Company in West Virginia.

Interstate Power Company, company building transmission lines to connect Ohio Power Company with Virginia and West Virginia.

The Consolidated Power & Light Company, serving the Huntington area.

The Central Virginia Power Company, a transmission line building company which owned the transmission line from Roanoke to Lynchburg, Virginia.

The Lynchburg Traction & Light Company (electric and gas departments) serving Lynchburg and the area.

The Roanoke Railway & Electric Company serving the Roanoke area.

The New River Developer Company, a transmission line building company, which was building a line from Glen Lyn to Roanoke and on to Martinsville and Danville.

The company also owned undeveloped water sites on the New River (Claytor Dam was later developed on one, the Blue Ridge Project is proposed on another).

Subsidiary to the new company were street railway companies operating in and around Huntington, West Virginia and Roanoke and Lynchburg, Virginia.



Members of the original crew who cut brush and timber for the construction of Byllesby dam were (from left) Bud Harmon, Cage Porter, Buck Shelton, E. C. Bryant, Joe Bryant, Elmer Bryant, Meredith Burnett, Steve Landreth, John Henry Frazier and Floyd Robinson.

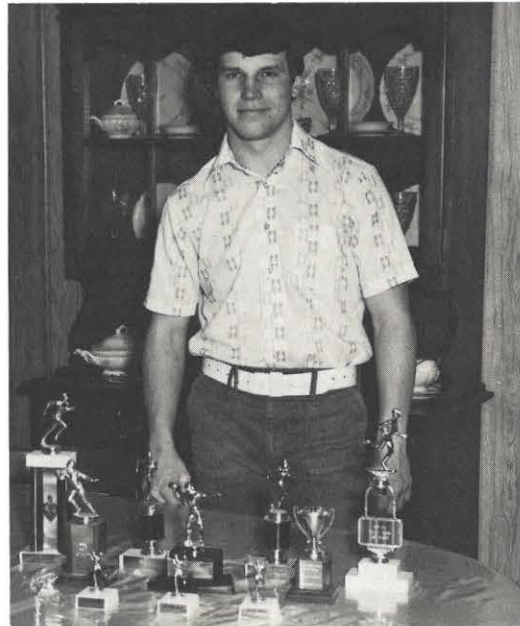


This is how Camp Tenderfoot at Nighbert, W. Va., looked in 1924. This was the construction camp of Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company for the building of a line from Dehue to Earling.

# Meet the 1976 AEP educational award winners from our co



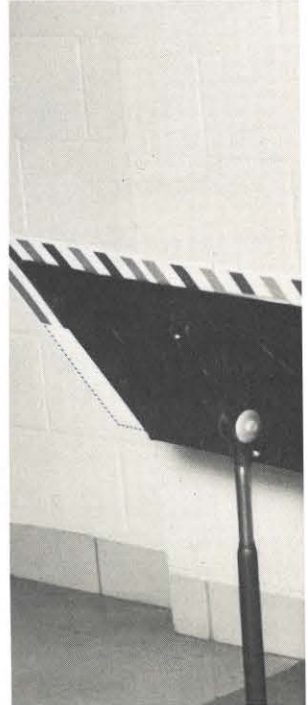
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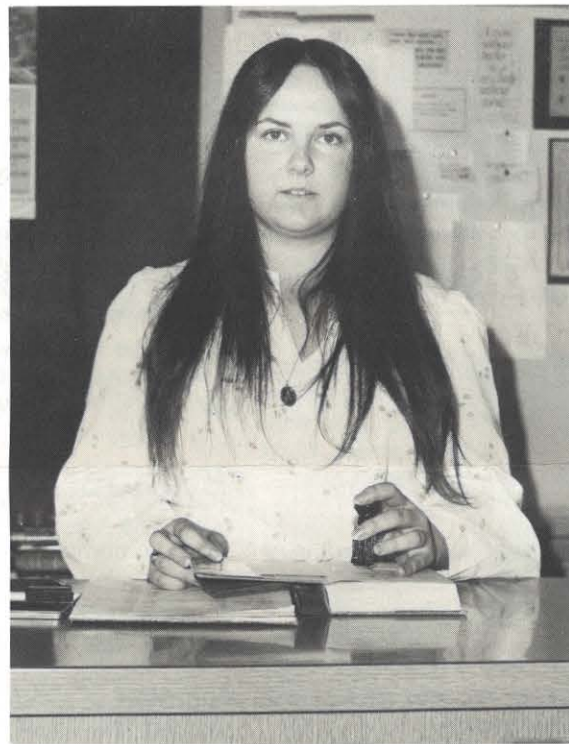
Whitlow



Webb



Hendrickson



Childers



Morris



Dunn

Thirty-two awards of \$2,500 each were presented to sons and daughters of System employees in the 22nd annual American Electric Power Educational Awards competition. The ten winners from our companies are:

**Bryan Saltz**, son of J. G. Saltz, Kentucky Power Company personnel director, Ashland. A senior at Paul G. Blazer High School, Bryan plans a career in medicine. He is considering four colleges: Northwestern University, Case-Western Reserve, Georgetown College or the University of Kentucky. He has been chapter vice president and state vice president of the Kentucky Young Historians; safety director of Junior Achievement company and president and vice president of local Achievers Association; student council parliamentarian; French Club treasurer; junior class vice president; and a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Math Club, Science Club and golf team.

Bryan has received academic awards in math, English, history and French. He received three first place essay awards presented by the DAR, the County Con-

servation District and Kentucky Young Historians Association. He was elected House Minority Leader at Boys' State and participated in the National Junior Achievers Conference where he finished in the top 13 for national purchasing director. Bryan was a National Merit Scholarship finalist; faculty appointee to compete in U. S. Senate Youth Program; named to "Who's Who in American High Schools", and won a first place chemistry award at Georgetown College Science Day. In his spare time, he plays golf, tennis, collects coins, and reads.

**Terri Lee Childers**, daughter of Edgar A. Childers, instrument maintenance man, Big Sandy Plant. After graduation from Ceredo-Kenova High School, Terri plans to attend Marshall University. Her school activities include membership in the Honor Society and choir, treasurer of Mu Alpha Theta, and secretary-treasurer of Library Science Club. Her hobbies are reading and sewing.

**Donald Jackson**, son of K. A. Jackson, Bluefield Division accounting supervisor. Donald is enrolled in Division of Undergraduate Studies at Penn State

this fall. While at Bluefield High School, he has been Key Club president; National Honor Society vice president; senior class president; junior class president; and a member of the student council, Bible Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has been named valedictorian of his graduating class, received the DAR good citizenship award and voted best all-around (Superlative). His football awards include all-area (half-back) two years; all-southern two years, all-state two years, and runner-up for the Kennedy Award for the most outstanding player in West Virginia. He also enjoys tennis and swimming.

**Steve Webb**, son of James E. Webb, stores attendant, Charleston. Steve has also decided on medicine for a career and plans to major in biology at West Virginia University. At Sissonville High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Club, French Club, Spanish Club, marching band, orchestra, pep band, Chess Club, Thespians and tennis team. He had a supporting role in the school's performance of "Our Town" and is now rehearsing for "Little Mary Sunshine". He plays first chair tenor saxophone and is

a sectional leader. Steve received a trophy for being the outstanding band member and was also named student of the month. He attends the Church of Christ and works part time as a janitor for a doctor's office.

**Louwana Jane Whitlow**, daughter of Richard A. Whitlow, transmission station foreman, GO T&D Station, Huntington. Louwana will attend Marshall University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in preparation for an architectural career. At Milton High School, she has been a member of the Honor Society, volleyball team, Girls' Varsity M Club, Pep Club, sophomore, senior and junior ensemble, student council and cabinet, and Mu Alpha Theta as well as an office assistant. Louwana has received awards in algebra, American studies, English as well as the NEDT award. She participated in "Know Your State Government Day" and West Virginia YMCA Camp Horseshoe. She is co-chairperson of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship and part-time Bible School and church school teacher.

**Elizabeth Hardin Thomas**, daughter of Leonard M. Thomas, relay staff engineer, GO T&D,

Roanoke. Elizabeth will major in music education at Marshall College and, after graduation, would like to teach on the college level. At Cave Spring School, she was a member of the drill team, student organizer for developing attitudes, Home Society, annual staff, choir, senior council, and was secretary of the student government. She was cheerleading co-captain during her sophomore year, junior class vice president. Elizabeth was named to "Who's Who Among High School Students". She participates in church and also takes piano and ceramic lessons. She works part time at A&P grocery store.

**Ann Napier**, daughter of Napier, customer account supervisor, Hazard. After graduation from M. C. N. High School, she will attend Berea College. Her school activities included Chess Club, president; senior class president; co-editor yearbook, Music Club, Beta Club and library aide. She was selected as a Distinguished Student of America for two years. She enjoys painting in oils and pastels and won second prize in an art contest at Berea College in 1975. She



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ign painting as a part-time job.

**uth Ann Hendrickson**, daughter of E. T. Hendrickson, stores supervisor, Project 1301 Construction Department. She will major in chemistry at Marshall University and plans to enter the field of industrial chemistry or criminology. At Wahama High School, she is enrolled in the cooperative education program which allows her to do lab work at Pleasant Valley Hospital, Point Pleasant, W. Va., and at Foote Funeral Company, New Haven, W. Va. She attended Girls' State last year and has also won a Betty Crocker scholarship award. Uth Ann was voted "most likely to succeed" by her senior class, student council president, member of the National Honor Society and listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students".

**odney G. Dunn**, son of J. Larry Dunn, Pulaski Division area T&D clerk and grandson of Patricia Dunn, retired Glen Lyn Plant private secretary. Rodney was named salutatorian of his senior class at Peterstown High School, here he is also president of the Honor Society, co-editor of school newspaper, photographer of yearbook and newspaper,

and member of varsity golf team, varsity basketball team, Interact Club and SAE. He won the national math exam award for the highest score at his school. He attends Peterstown United Methodist Church and enjoys astronomy, golf, tennis and ping pong. This summer he plans to raise a large truck garden, along with his brother and two friends, and sell the vegetables. He will study mathematics and physics at West Virginia Tech.

**Susan Morris**, daughter of Roy D. Morris, Roanoke Division lineman A. Susan will major in architecture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. At Fieldale's George Washington Carver High School, she has been a member of the Pep Club, student governing body, cheerleader, French Club, modern dance class, prom planning committee, National Honor Society, Varsity Club, newspaper staff and Future Homemakers Association. She was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and participated in the 1976 American Field Services Program (student exchange). Susan makes many of her own clothes and enjoys cooking, ceramics and spectator sports.

Lights at Kauffman's house are sight to behold

When the lights go on at the home of John Kauffman, retired Charleston station supervisor, it is indeed a sight to behold. He makes Tiffany-type lamps in his spare time. His basement workshop, or studio, as he jokingly refers to it, is literally lit up.

There's a soft cream colored poolroom lamp, a marbled pink one fit for a Victorian bedroom, a deep amber lamp inspired by a room setting in an "Ironside's" television episode and even a hanging lamp inspired by a quilt pattern, which Mrs. Kauffman refers to as the "Cabin Creek Quilt" lamp.

Kauffman doesn't limit his hobby to lampmaking. He started out by making what he now refers to as "gadgets", small decorative hanging or standing pieces in most any design one could imagine. From the small items he went to larger ones such as jewelry boxes.

He learned how to make leaded glass lamps by simply buying a kit in a hobby shop and studying the method of putting it together. The Kauffmans enjoyed attending arts and crafts shows in the area and Kauffman decided that working with lead and glass is the hobby for him.

Kauffman buys most of his glass at the German Village in Columbus, Ohio. He tried Blenko glass but soon discovered that it was too irregular in thickness to be used in his intricate kind of work.

Kauffman says that the West Virginia glass or roll glass is fine for stained glass windows in churches. He and his son are working on a window for a small church in Huntington at the present time. Kauffman did three windows for a son's Pocahontas County cabin. The windows are whimsical and colorful, depicting Snoopy and his doghouse and planetary scenes, including the artist's conception of the comet Knoutek, which was in the news when the windows were made.

Kauffman is professional in his art. He coordinates matching tissue boxes and jewelry boxes with the lamps. And if you're thinking that he probably does quite well financially, you're wrong. The lamps are not for sale. They're made to be given away to friends and relatives. Mrs. Kauffman says that once a lady dropped by, looked around and then asked, "How do you get to be a friend?"

Working with glass requires some very intricate handwork — cutting, measuring and soldering. Since Kauffman is minus four fingers on his right hand due to a lawn mower accident, he needs special tools. Ed Braid solved that problem by devising a sort of brace on the cutter.

Another problem for Kauffman



Kauffman

used to be picking up pieces of glass or lead or any small item. Braid came up with a solution for that, too. Using a hypodermic syringe and a spring from a ballpoint pen, he made a tool which enables Kauffman to pick up small items of various thicknesses by simply pressing the

syringe plunger with his thumb.

Last year when the Kauffmans were packing for a trip to California, he managed to pack a lamp which was ready for the final assembling stage, in an attach case. He completed it after he arrived at his destination.

Purchase of dwarf lemon tree starts Charles Kinzer on new hobby



Charles D. Kinzer, Princeton area supervisor, compares a normal size lemon with the one on his dwarf lemon tree.

"Even though my new hobby has turned sour, I still enjoy it," laughs Charles Kinzer, Princeton area supervisor in the Bluefield Division. His hobby is growing dwarf fruit trees.

Kinzer became interested in dwarf fruit trees when he purchased a dwarf lemon tree from Jackson & Perkins Nursery. Although he had always enjoyed vegetable and flower gardening as well as working with shrubbery, the lemon tree "just sort of caught my fancy".

The dwarf lemon tree, when fully grown, stands about three to four feet tall and has a waxy foliage. Its large white bloom gives off a strong fragrance, scenting the entire house, according to Kin-

zer. He keeps the tree on the sun porch during cold weather and in the backyard during summer.

Several small lemons come off the tree but all fall off except the one which the tree selects to grow to maturity. It generally takes about eight to nine months for the lemon to ripen. Once pulled from the tree, it is only a short time until the plant begins to bloom and bear fruit once again.

The large, waxy, artificial-looking lemon averages about one and one-half pounds and measures about 13 inches in circumference. One lemon yields about one cup of juice, which Kinzer says makes about four pies.

# PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## ASHLAND

**Jetta Wright**, wife of R. S. Wright, wage and salary supervisor, GO Personnel, was appointed telethon chairman for the 1976 Boyd County Easter Seal campaign.

## KINGSPORT

**Michael C. Bryan**, son of C. J. Bryan, retired executive vice president, presented his senior voice recital at Carson-Newman College. He will receive a bachelor of music degree in church music in May. Bryan has served as minister of music at Meridian Baptist Church, Knoxville.



Wanda Kesterson, wife of Kingsport Residential Representative Luke Kesterson, is pictured in an early American costume in the official State of Tennessee Bicentennial Guide. Her picture was used in connection with her work with the Netherland Inn Association.

## LYNCHBURG

**Stephen L. Jamison**, administrative assistant, was named publicity chairman for the 1976 campaign of the United Way of Central Virginia.

**T-S unLimited**, the Junior Achievement company sponsored by Lynchburg Division, was named "blue chip" company for the month of February. Their product, silk-screened T-shirts, was entered in the regional convention competition from the Lynchburg Center.

**W. D. Crews, Jr.**, son of the division personnel supervisor and a member of T-S unLimited, was second place winner in the Junior Achievement Trade Fair poster competition.

In the 1976 Junior Achievement fund drive, **Stephen L. Jamison**, administrative assistant, is division chairman, with **W. David Crews**, personnel supervisor, and **Paul R. Keys**, right of way agent, as team captains. **James R. Dorman**, engineer B, and **James K. Reid**, electrical engineer, are solicitors.

**James B. White**, division manager, was named chairman of the nominating committee for Junior Achievement of Lynchburg, Inc., and is a member of the interpreting business task force and the nominating committee for the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

## LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Named to the Logan County United Fund's board of directors were **Merrill Atkinson**, retired administrative assistant; **William H. Honaker**, retired line and station supervisor; and **Floyd H. Taylor**, division manager. **Howard J. Collins**, personnel supervisor, was presented a special award for ten years' service on the board.

**Ruby Henritze**, wife of the retired Logan line foreman, was named to the committee in charge of planning the 85th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Logan.

**Ernest L. Bevins**, accounting supervisor, was appointed by the president of Southern West Virginia Community College to serve a two-year term on the school's business accounting lay advisory committee.

## ABINGDON

**H. J. Garnand, III**, son of Edythe T. Garnand, was appointed a branch officer of the Bank of Virginia, Richmond. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia.

**L. C. Angle**, who recently completed 14 years' service as treasurer of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, was honored with a dinner and awarded a certificate of appreciation.

**John Kahle** was elected to the board of directors of Highlands Home.

**W. H. Ferguson, Jr.**, was appointed Cub Scout chairman of the Pellissippi District for 1976.

**Lovis and Jimmy Countiss** were appointed to the administrative board of the Abingdon United

Methodist Church. She has also been appointed vice president of the Virginia Highlands Arts & Crafts Festival.

**Gordon Craig** was reappointed treasurer of the Abingdon United Methodist Church School. He has served in this capacity for 23 years.

**Jane Craig**, daughter of Gordon Craig and a former AEP educational award winner, recently graduated from VPI&SU and is working toward a master's degree in psychology at Wake Forest University.

**Hugh Ferguson**, son of W. H. Ferguson, Jr., and **Alan Hardwick**, son of James Hardwick, were members of the winning team in a recent intermediate age basketball tournament.

**D. C. Landreth** received the Scouter's Key award at the annual recognition banquet for Pellissippi District. Troop 222, of which he is scoutmaster, received the national camping award and was recognized for outstanding behavior, house-keeping and participation.

## CHARLESTON



Charlton

**Vicki Charlton**, daughter of Mona Sue Charlton, PBX operator, was elected "sweetheart of Charleston High School".

**Nancy Jarrett**, daughter of Jack Jarrett, hydro plant foreman for Kanawha Valley Power, made first chair-trumpet in the East End Elementary honor band.

**E. J. Shaver, Jr.**, division office supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the German Club.

**C. O. Carlini**, division manager, was elected to the board of directors of the United Way campaign for 1976.

**Bill Bostic, II**, son of Bill Bostic, planner senior, was accepted into the National Honor Society at Sissonville High School.

**Sandy Cavender**, daughter of Delmer Cavender, Montgomery customer accounting supervisor, was installed as worthy advisor of Chelyan Assembly No. 5 Order of Rainbow for Girls.

**Clifford Picklesimer**, Charleston general foreman, was named an Ambassador to the Potentate of Beni Kedem Temple, Charleston.

**Ronny Charlton**, son of Mona Sue Charlton, PBX operator, was named captain of the Eastern Kanawha Valley Junior

High basketball all-tournament team. He plays for Lincoln Junior High School.

**Jo Ann Judy**, wife of Ken Judy, engineer B, and **Eldivia Gullian**, T&D clerk senior, were named "working women of the day" by WCHS Radio.

**Stacey Gilmore**, daughter of Yvonne Gilmore, personnel clerk senior, was selected a majorette for DuPont High School for 1976-77.

**Jim Goodall**, St. Albans lineman C, received a BS degree in business administration-management and marketing from Morris Harvey College.

## PULASKI

**Mrs. R. C. Sharp**, wife of the Galax meter serviceman A, was named coordinator of the Fries Bicentennial Celebration.

**Lucille Vaught**, Wytheville retiree, was appointed to the executive board of the Wythe County Community Hospital Auxiliary. She is also scrapbook and public relations chairperson.

**K. L. Buckland**, Pulaski retiree, was elected vice chairman of the Pulaski County Republican Party.

**Galen Sharp**, son of M. D. Sharp, Hillsville customer representative A, placed third in boys' original oratory in the New River District forensic contest.

**A. L. Graham, Jr.**, customer services supervisor, is seeking reelection to Pulaski Town Council.

**Hubert Walker, Jr.**, son of Hazel Walker, Pearisburg customer representative C, is a part-time research associate in the chemistry department at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a mas-

ter's degree in chemistry from the University.

## GENERAL OFFICE



Webb

**Randy Webb**, son of W. E. Webb, meterman A in GO T&I Meter, Roanoke, was a starting offensive guard and defensive tackle for the Cave Spring Raiders, which won the Roanoke County Division championship in the 125-lb. league. He has played on three championship teams in the past six years.

**Jeff Facemire**, son of J. G. Facemire, civil construction assistant at Blue Ridge Development, was selected as a member of the Virginia All-Bicentennial Band. A senior at Galax High School, he was also selected to the Virginia Tech Honor Band. Jeff was tapper for the all-county band five years and the all-regional band three years. He has been a member of Galax High's pep band for five years and the stage band four years.

**David Perfater**, son of Glen Perfater, expeditor and stock controller, GO Purchasing Roanoke, won third place in the Roanoke City Junior High wrestling tournament. A student at Madison Junior High, David competed in the 105-lb. class.

**Kenneth W. Hylton**, transmission inspector, GO T&D Bluefield, was elected chairman of the board of directors of Christian Acres, co-sponsored by the Bluefield area Churches of Christ and Christian churches.



New officers of the Jolly Watt Club, made up of all General Office employees in Roanoke except those in Accounting, are (seated, l. to r.) Bonita Woods, GO Personnel, secretary; Danny Thomas, GO T&D Communications, treasurer; and Linda Cawley, GO Purchasing, president. Standing, l. to r., Tor Throckmorton, GO General Services, vice president; B. W. Middaugh, GO T&D Communications, advisor; and Larry Lynch, GO T&D Station, advisor. Another advisor, J. C. Musgrave, was absent when picture was taken.

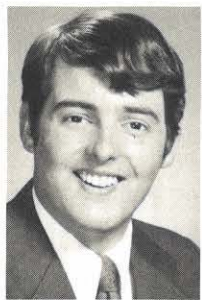


Lee Ann Simmons, a junior at Andrew Lewis High School, Salem, Va., was chosen Junior Achievement's Miss Executive of Roanoke Valley for 1976. She was crowned by the 1975 Miss Executive, Regina Rich. The daughter of Appalachian Power Personnel Director C. A. Simmons, Lee was selected from ten finalists on the basis of business knowledge, poise and personality by tests, interviews and fashion show. She will compete for the national title at the National Junior Achievement Conference in August. Lee is a member of JAudit II, the Junior Achievement company sponsored by the First National Exchange Bank, Roanoke.

senior, was selected to participate in the 1976 Governor's School for the Gifted. Some 425 rising junior and senior high school students who possess a high level of ability, achievement, and/or creative talent in various areas of study were selected. A junior at Giles High School, Lisa is president of the International Club; vice president, Senior Tri-Hi-Y; historian, Keyette Club; co-editor of advertising, Spartonian; and a member of the National Honor Society and Symphonic Chorale.

**Gertrude C. Gillespie**, wife of Harvey G. Gillespie, Jr., plant engineer, was elected president of the Pearisburg Woman's Club.

**ROANOKE**



Brown

**Jerry L. Brown**, son of M. W. Brown, Fieldale customer accounting supervisor, was honored as "fireman of the year" by the Fieldale Volunteer Fire Department.

**D. C. Kennedy**, division manager, was reelected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Smith Mountain Lake Association. He was also appointed to a one-year term as chairman of the Roanoke Campaign Committee of the United Negro College Fund, Inc.

**M. W. Brown**, Fieldale customer accounting supervisor, was appointed to the advisory board of Virginia National Bank, Fieldale.

**Abbie and Jim Martin** received the first place award for most fish caught in the husband-wife tournament at the annual Bassmasters awards banquet. She is Fieldale cashier.

**Melissa Leigh Paitsel**, daughter of Marion Paitsel, right-of-way agent, presented her senior voice recital at Lynchburg College.

**Martin Ratcliff**, administrative assistant, was chairman of the Vinton Lions Club annual fruit-cake sale.

The Heights Club senior league basketball team, coached by **Dave Bush**, T&D engineer, placed second in the regular season of the Roanoke City League and advanced to the finals of the playoffs.

**Bari Webster**, daughter of R. D. Webster, assistant division manager, was named to the all-state high school band for the second consecutive year. Earlier she was named to the all-county and all-regional high

school bands. A junior at Cave Spring High School, Bari is in the Roanoke Youth Symphony.

**Gregg Givens**, son of G. O. Givens, division planner, was tapped for membership in the National Honor Society at Northside High School.

**L. A. Stone, Jr.**, customer service representative, was elected to the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Committee for Henry County.

**Jo Ann Rakes**, T&D meter clerk, was reelected treasurer of the board of directors of the Fieldale Community Center.

The Williamson Road Tarheels basketball team, coached by **Ron Payne**, GO R/e & R/w draftsman, and **Kim Wright**, Roanoke T&D draftsman, took first place in their division of the Roanoke City junior league teams. The Tarheels had a 13-1 season record, being defeated only by the Williamson Road Cavaliers, also coached by Payne and **Robert Lane**, Roanoke lineman helper. The Tarheels advanced to the finals of the division championship playoffs.

**CLINCH RIVER**



McMillan

**Denise McMillan**, daughter of N. E. McMillan, master maintenance man, was selected for the all-county and District VII all-regional bands. A sophomore at Abingdon High School, she is a member of the senior band there.

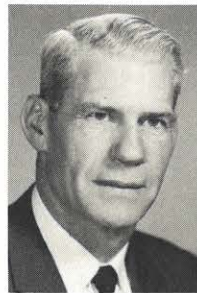


**Brian Pate**, son of C. E. Pate, Beckley lineman A, made first chair, first band as a tenor saxophone player in the University of Tennessee high school honor bands program. The first band was conducted by Dr. William Revelli, director emeritus of the University of Michigan bands. A third year band member at Beckley Junior High School, Brian auditioned against high school students with eight-nine years of musical training.



Elected officers of the Bluefield Office Coffee Club for 1976 are, from left, Helen Sabo, GO Transmission stenographer, vice president; Jay Farley, engineer B, president; and Bill Fisher, draftsman, secretary-treasurer.

**BLUEFIELD**



Adams

**Oscar W. Adams**, customer services manager, is president of the Bluefield Kiwanis Club.

**Robin White**, daughter of General Foreman H. S. White, was installed as choir director in the Welch Assembly No. 18 Rainbow for Girls.

**Terry Runion**, son of Pineville Area T&D Clerk Bob Runion, and **Bill Martin** son of Pineville Area Supervisor Jack Martin, served as pages in the West Virginia House of Delegates. They were sponsored by Delegate Dan Burleson.



Runion



Martin

**BECKLEY**

**Stephanie Vest**, daughter of Ray Vest, administrative assistant, was chosen all-star cheerleader of the YMCA Buddy Basketball Team at the state YMCA Tournament.

**J. R. McGinnis**, division superintendent, was co-chairman of the entertainment committee for the 44th annual Lions Club style show.

Employees' children selected for the all-county band and who will participate in the 1976 Raleigh County Music Festival are **Katherine Kirby**, clarinet, and **Stephanie Kirby**, trumpet,

daughters of James A. Kirby, area T&D clerk; and **Brian Pate**, tenor saxophone, son of Chester Pate, lineman A.



G. P. "Mac" Williams, Pulaski planner senior, saved his dog's life with the Heimlich Maneuver, a technique he learned in an Engineering Section safety meeting. The dog was choked on a piece of meat and Williams used the "hug of life" to dislodge the meat.

**Water quality research described**

"Environmental Water Studies," a new booklet describing AEP System water-quality research projects, has been published and is available to interested employees. Prepared by the Service Corporation Public Affairs and Environmental Engineering departments, the booklet can be obtained from Dane L. Mazzitti, Environmental Engineering, Canton.

**GLEN LYN**



McClagherty

**Glenn K. McClagherty**, son of R. Kellis McClagherty, graduated with honors from the Navy Training Station at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was in the special unit that performed for review. McClagherty is stationed on the U.S.S. Sunbird.

**Carl B. Patteson**, assistant shift operating engineer, was reelected to a three-year term on the board of trustees of the Giles Memorial Hospital, Pearisburg, Va.

**R. Kellis McClagherty**, chief plant dispatcher, was appointed by the president of West Virginia University to serve a third three-year term on the Monroe County Extension Program Committee. He served as committee chairman for three consecutive years.



Johnston



Gillespie

**Lisa Jane Johnston**, daughter of James A. Johnston, plant clerk

## Four couples wed in recent ceremonies



Johnson



Stepito



Stoner



Earl Woolridge explains some of the safety features on the car he built to his grandsons, Frank and Mike Hurt.

## Retiree Sylbia Hinchman plans to swim mile on her 68th birthday



Logging her lap time at the YWCA pool is Sylbia Hinchman, retired Charleston home sales representative senior.

Sixty-seven-year-old Sylbia Hinchman took her first swimming lesson two years ago shortly before retiring as home sales representative senior in Charleston.

"Age is no barrier," she says. She decided to take up swimming in hopes it would help with back and circulatory problems. She swims three-quarters of a mile each Monday and Friday at the YWCA. "And it works better

than anything I know of."

Her goal is to swim a mile on her 68th birthday. "I think I can do it, but the session at the Y only lasts an hour and it takes me 55 minutes to do what I do now. I'm just going to have to stay over a little longer to make that mile."

Sylbia doesn't stop at swimming. She also walks a good deal and exercises at home twice each day.



Elected to serve as officers of the Roanoke Division Reddi Lite Club for 1976 were (from left) W. G. Feazelle, lineman A, president; Jane Poff, stenographer, assistant treasurer; Carolyn Gordon clerk stenographer, treasurer; Mary Slocum, lineman helper, secretary; and Sandra McClelland, customer accounts representative A, vice president.

## WEDDINGS

**Karen Sue Tuck**, daughter of Ann S. Tuck, head mailing section, GO General Services, Roanoke, to Thomas Jennings Johnson, January 24.

Judy A. Milam to **David E. Stepto**, Kanawha River Plant performance engineer, February 21.

Deana Epperly Brewer to **Gary Wayne Stoner**, son of David B. Stoner, Roanoke credit supervisor, February 28.

Crystal Lee Ice to **M. L. Wilson**, Philip Sporn Plant utility man A, March 17.

## Woolridge builds car for grandsons, enjoys taking a spin in it himself

What can you do with an old riding lawn mower that has a bad clutch assembly and a shot motor? Earl Woolridge, Roanoke meter helper, said, "The more I looked at the thing in the garage, the more thought I gave to making something out of it for our two grandsons. When Jewell told me that our daughter Cathy had written that she and her family were coming to visit us, that gave me the answer — build a motorized car for the boys."

The first thing he did was to make it operable. That meant overhauling the bad engine and the

automatic clutch. "When I had the engine in good running order, I went to work lowering the rear end which, in turn, dropped the body lower to the ground, giving it an added safety feature. It wouldn't turn over so easily and the fenders were then low enough to permit building a two-seater on the car."

The car, equipped with a 6 hp engine, had to be throttled down to lower the speed. A bolt was placed through the gear shift assembly to act as a governor. Woolridge said, "The more I worked on the car, the more enthused I became and continued adding features that would make it as realistic looking as possible."

He continued, "The running boards were added next by using some old 1" x 6" oak boards. Another feature I like is that all the running gear and motor are housed. It's better that way and, too, I just felt that Mike and Frank would appreciate it more because it was different."

Jewell, a secretarial-stenographer in GO Public Affairs, said, "Appreciate is not the word. I sent the boys a picture of the car before they left Chicago. When they arrived, they wanted to try it out even before coming into the house."

Other features on the car are bumpers made from scrap cross arm braces and down-guy shields. It has operable turning signals, headlights, horn and side mirrors. "One thing I didn't attempt to do was the upholstery work," Woolridge said. "Jewel had to take care of that and she did a real good job. She used blue denim material and black upholstery tacks and two-inch form rubber for padding the seats."

He plans to add a windshield and convertible canvas top sometime in the future.

Woolridge concluded, "You can also add in your story that Granddaddy likes to take it for a spin occasionally, too, but Grandma is a chicken. She's afraid to try it out."

## BABY PARADE

### Big Sandy

Bryn Colleen, daughter of **Bruce Q. Bussey**, stores coordinator, February 19.

### Central Machine

Allison Ranae, daughter of **Fred A. Stotts**, welder, February 7.

Melinda Ann, daughter of **John J. Beane, Jr.**, welder, February 18.

### Charleston

Anthony Nolan, son of **Dennis L. Kinder**, ash research sales and development engineer, February 19.

### General Office

William Chad, son of **T. W. Ruble**, station designer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, January 9.

Thomas Keith, son of **Jerry E. Jamison**, relay engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, March 7.

Rebecca Ann, daughter of **Joann B. Hedrick**, stenographer, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke, March 16.

Jamie Leigh, daughter of **R. L. Roush**, public affairs coordinator, Project 1301, March 25.

Misty Jo, daughter of **Betty R. Martin**, forms and supply clerk, GO

General Services, Roanoke, March 10.

### Glen Lyn

Jessica Ann, daughter of **Gerald L. Lewis**, brakeman, February 8.

Eric Shawn, son of **Clarence L. Dillion**, auxiliary equipment operator, February 10.

Kenny Walter, son of **Joseph E. Spencer**, work order clerk, February 16.

### Kanawha River

Eugene Elvin, III, son of **E. E. Webb**, II, junior maintenance man, February 27.

### Logan-Williamson

Diana Louise, daughter of **D. L. Roer**, Williamson custodian, February 3.

### Pikeville

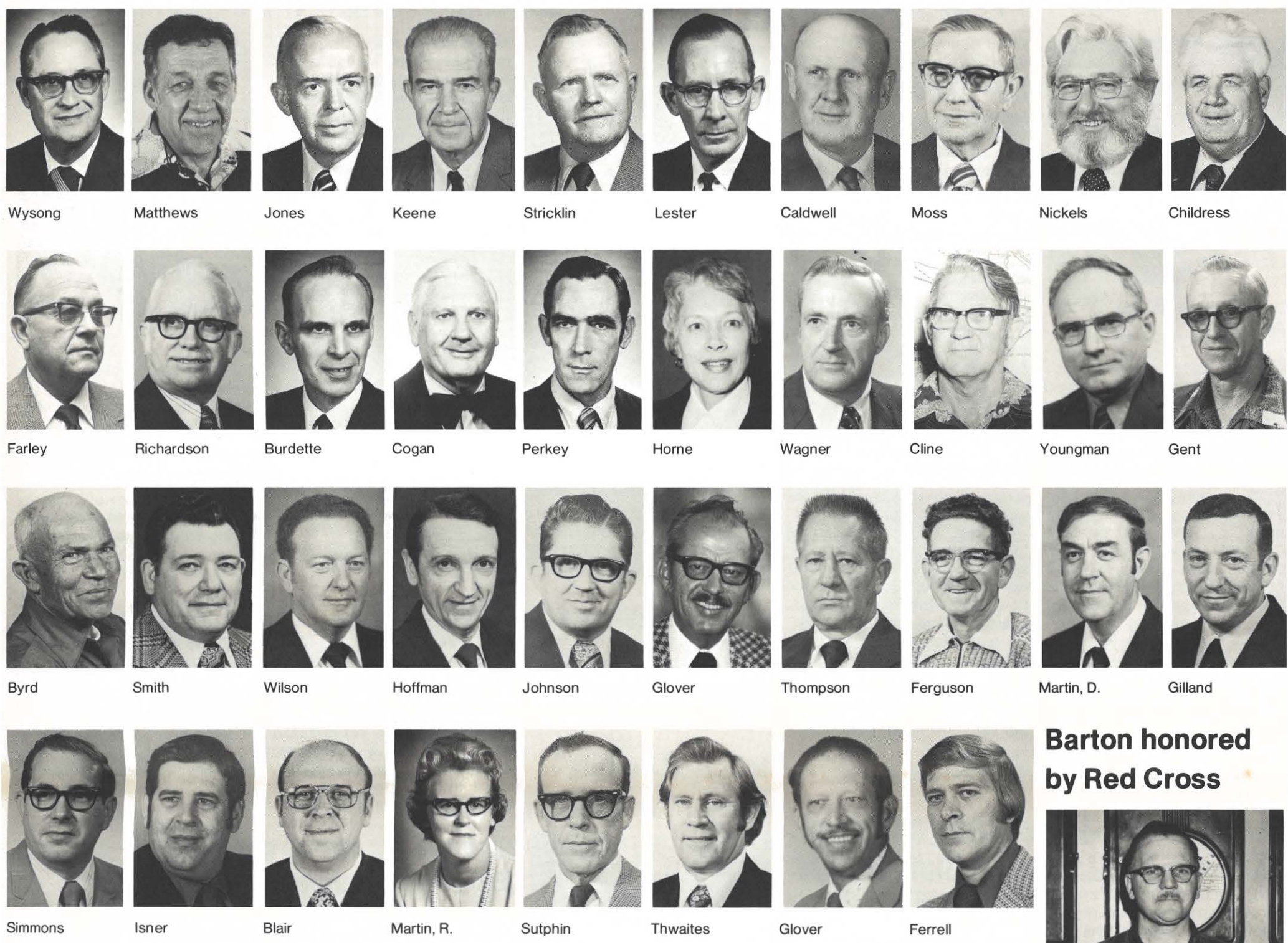
Marc Dana, son of **James Adams**, custodian, February 16.

### Philip Sporn

Heather Danielle, daughter of **R. L. Keatley**, senior engineering technologist, February 11.

Kara Ann, daughter of **W. L. Morgan**, auxiliary equipment operator, December 12.

# Veteran employees receive recognition for long service



Wysong      Matthews      Jones      Keene      Stricklin      Lester      Caldwell      Moss      Nickels      Childress  
 Farley      Richardson      Burdette      Cogan      Perkey      Horne      Wagner      Cline      Youngman      Gent  
 Byrd      Smith      Wilson      Hoffman      Johnson      Glover      Thompson      Ferguson      Martin, D.      Gilland  
 Simmons      Isner      Blair      Martin, R.      Sutphin      Thwaites      Glover      Ferrell

40 Years	Classification	Location
Wysong, J. M.	Commercial Rep.	Huntington

35 Years	Classification	Location
Matthews, D. O.	Shift Operating Engineer	Kanawha River
Jones, J. E.	Division Manager	Beckley
Keene, O. A.	Meter Service Helper B	Roanoke
Stricklin, R. O.	Area Serviceman	Beckley
Lester, Pearl	T&D Clerk Senior	Huntington
Caldwell, L. S.	Line Foreman NE	Roanoke
Moss, W. N.	Shift Operating Engineer	Cabin Creek
Nickels, J. H., Jr.	R/w Maint. Inspector	Kingsport
Childress, J. T.	Sta. Maintenance Man A	GO-Roanoke
Farley, C. L.	Area Supervisor A	Bluefield
Richardson, C. E.	Engineer B	Roanoke

30 Years	Classification	Location
Burdette, C. A.	Stores and Garage Supv.	Huntington
Cogan, T. J.	Right of Way Agent	Ashland
Perkey, L. E.	Line Foreman	Huntington
Horne, Martha	Residential Advisor	Pulaski
Wagner, C. M., Jr.	Residential Rep. Senior	Abingdon
Cline, J. P.	Stationman B	Pikeville
Youngman, R. A.	General Services Supv.	GO-Roanoke

25 Years	Classification	Location
Gent, G. B.	Line Foreman NE	Abingdon
Byrd, C. E.	Stationman A	Hazard
Smith, R. J.	Asst. Shift Op. Eng.	Philip Sporn
Wilson, J. T.	Residential Rep.	Roanoke
Hoffman, D. C.	Inst. Maint. Man A	Philip Sporn
Johnson, E. E.	Power Dispatching Supv.	GO-Roanoke
Glover, J. E.	Trans. Sta. Gen. Foreman	GO-Roanoke
Thompson, T. T.	Equipment Operator	Glen Lyn
Ferguson, F. F.	Unit Foreman	Glen Lyn
Martin, D. A.	Head T&D Clerk	Roanoke

25 Years	Classification	Location
Clair, Laura	Maid	GO-Roanoke
McGowan, H. A.	Lineman A	Huntington

20 Years	Classification	Location
Gilland, L. R.	Unit Foreman	Philip Sporn
Simmons, C. A.	Personnel Director	GO-Roanoke
Isner, R. L.	WO Accounting Clerk Sr.	GO-Roanoke
Blair, J. Q.	Utility Foreman	Kanawha River
Martin, Rose	Cust. Accounting Supv.	Huntington
Sutphin, J. C.	Equipment Operator	Glen Lyn
Thwaites, G. A.	Equipment Operator	Glen Lyn
Glover, C. H.	Control Wireman A	GO-Roanoke
Ferrell, R. L., Jr.	Head T&D Clerk	Kingsport
Layne, Jacqueline	PBX Operator	Huntington

10 Years	Classification	Location
Osborne, Denver	Planner	Abingdon
Vencill, J. E.	Meter Reader	Abingdon
Mullins, F. J.	Beckley	Lineman A
Woods, W. W., II	Maintenance Man	Cabin Creek
Patchell, J. F.	Maintenance Man	Cabin Creek
King, C. D.	Turbine Operator A	Cabin Creek
Hill, S. M.	Data Processing Op. A	GO-Roanoke
Maxey, R. L.	Control Wireman A	GO-Roanoke
Brewer, W. P.	Area Serviceman	Pulaski
Williams, Watson, Jr.	Technician	Hazard

5 Years	Classification	Location
Taylor, R. D. M.	Lineman B	Bluefield
Looney, L. B.	Lineman B	Bluefield
Copeland, Gail	Plant Clerk	Glen Lyn
Carroll, Selvin	Meter Serviceman C	Huntington
Wright, K. P.	Draftsman	Roanoke
Stewart, J. E.	Auxiliary Equipment Op.	Philip Sporn
Fields, A. L.	Instrument Helper	Philip Sporn

## Barton honored by Red Cross



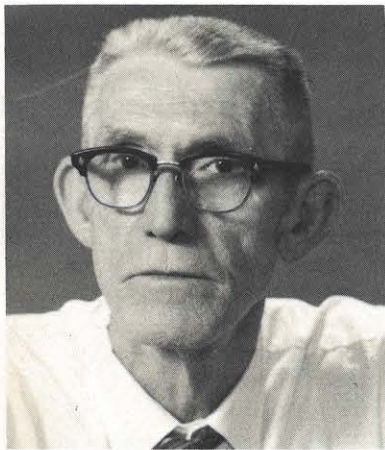
Barton

Richard S. Barton, Philip Sporn Plant unit foreman, was saluted as a 14-gallon blood donor at the Tri-State Regional Red Cross Blood Center silver anniversary celebration. At festivities in Huntington, W. Va., he was recognized as one of the top regional blood donors.

Barton was awarded a silver, framed plaque inscribed with the honor he received, a glass boat, and a certificate which reads, "Silver Anniversary Award — awarded to Richard Barton for outstanding cooperation with the Red Cross Blood Program."

Barton says, "I've always felt this was a worthwhile project and have tried to support it. My only regret is that I wasn't more consistent with my giving in earlier years." He is in the Meigs County, Ohio Red Cross Chapter.

## Verlin Parris' career began at Holston Dam which father helped build



Parris

Verlin R. Parris, auto repairman A in Abingdon Division, retired April 1 after almost 31 years' service with Appalachian Power and its predecessor, the Holston River Power Company.

Verlin recalls that his father, James William Parris, helped build the Holston River dam and the initial power lines serving Damascus, Va. "This was before 1917 and during the time that the Edmondson brothers were first bringing electricity into Washington County, Va. They had to stop working on the dam when the first World War started. The dam was finished after the war."

Verlin was employed by Holston River as assistant hydro operator A in 1945. When Appalachian took over the company in 1947, he was retained as hydro operator D. He recalls, "During this time, I kept the hydro plant clean, oiled the generators and read the power meters. I worked six hours a day, seven days a week. One time when a generator went out at 4:30 P.M. on Friday, I worked straight through until 6 A.M. on Monday."

When Appalachian started using the Holston Hydro only during peak periods and for standby power, Verlin was transferred to the Abingdon Line Department as a groundman A with temporary duty as hydro operator. He held the positions of groundman-truck driver and auto mechanic B before becoming auto repairman A in 1955.

Communications was a problem in those days and when Verlin transferred to the Transportation Department, he helped Earl Graham from Bluefield install the first two-way radios on Abingdon's trucks. This remained a part of his work assignment until the GO Communications group was located in Abingdon.

A humorous story about Verlin is common knowledge in the division. Several years ago, Verlin was driving a line truck from Clintwood over mountainous territory to Abingdon for repair work. The steering was defective and he was traveling about 20 miles per hour. On Holston Mountain, about six miles east of Abingdon, the front wheel dropped off the pavement and caused the truck to swerve and turn over on its side. The radio conversation which followed went something like this: "Abingdon, this is Verlin. I just turned over — over." Verlin declares he will never live this down.

Verlin liked working for the company and is sorry that poor health caused him to request early retirement. He is, however, looking forward to relaxing, doing a little gardening and wood-working and having time to travel with his wife Annie to visit their three children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Gene Sterrett retires to the good life

Samuel Butler once said, "All of the animals, excepting man, know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it." Gene Sterrett, who retired March 1 as a customer service representative at Point Pleasant in Huntington Division, has learned the secret of the animals. He plans to travel, build grandfather clocks, restore antiques, do nothing in a hurry and, most of all, enjoy life.



Sterrett

Gene began his career in 1949 as a right of way agent at Point Pleasant and later worked on transmission line survey crews and as a rural sales representative.

Craftsmen like Gene are hard to find. He cuts no corners in building his fine grandfather clocks. He selects fine wood fresh from the forest and has it cut into large, rough planks. He cuts, fashions, planes, sands and finishes the cabinets to house the intricate clock works. The grandfather clock of which he is most proud stands in his dining room. The clock is made of cherry wood and the time is struck in sequence of two, every quarter hour.

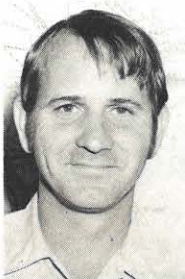
Gene and his wife Helen, a retired English teacher, take pride in showing their fine antiques which have been passed down by their ancestors. Gene has given one of his grandfather clocks to his son to be passed down to his son.

## MOVING UP



Kerley

**W. C. Kerley**, former meter foreman, has been promoted to meter supervisor for Kingsport Power Company. He succeeds J. W. Bolton, who retired March 1.



Caudill



Gott

**G. W. Gott**, former meterman A, has been promoted to Kingsport service foreman, succeeding W. C. Kerley.

**Darwin E. Caudill**, former general serviceman, has been promoted to working line foreman in Pikeville. He succeeds Denver Layne, who elected early retirement.

## Mitchell ends Accounting career



Mitchell

Thomas Randolph Mitchell, assistant electric plant and stores accounting supervisor in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, retired April 1.

A native of McDowell County, W. Va., he was hired in 1927 as an office boy and later held the positions of clerk, clerk-special, head W/O Accounting Section, assistant electric plant accounting supervisor and W/O accounting supervisor.

Retirement plans include traveling — first to visit his children in Wisconsin, Kansas, Tennessee and Maryland and then out west.

An active member of Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke, Tommy is on the board of ushers and has served on the finance committee and board of deacons. He was active in Sunday School work for 20 years. He and his wife Nellie have four children and seven grandchildren.

## Hainor proud to be part of "one of best organizations in the country"

"There are so many things here on my farm that I want to do and have never had time to do, that I chose early retirement. I really enjoy doing my own thing," says Siegel Minis Hainor. He retired March 1 as a stationman B in Logan-Williamson Division. "I got up the other morning, first day after my retirement, and it was a beautiful day. I didn't get up until the sun was coming over the hills. The old clock wasn't my boss any longer. I told my wife, 'Well, what can I say but good morning, God, thank you for everything!'"

"I helped build Logan Plant and helped operate it awhile, working in maintenance for about 15 years. Then I went into the Station Department to finish up. I really was a plant man. I loved that side of the work. I never did love the other part (outside work). I actually was more mechanical minded. That's where I put my thoughts and studies, and I hoped to retire from the plant but it didn't work out."

He continued, I have loved my work in part, and I think that's true with everyone. There are days we don't like and days we do like. Overall, Appalachian is one of the best organizations in the country, and I think it has done much for mankind. I'm proud to be a small part of one of the greatest organizations in the land. That's the way I feel about it. Of course, things could be better,



Hainor

but I know everything has changed from what it used to be. After all is said and done, you can't beat Appalachian.

"I've raised a nice family (two sons and three daughters) and I sort of give the power company credit for that. My wife and I were talking the other day, saying the power company had raised our family for us."

As for the future, Hainor says, "My hobby is the great outdoors — always has been. I have a saddlehorse and tack of all kinds. I've had a lot of pleasure, and I'll keep the horse awhile yet and get a lot of enjoyment out of him." He is an elder in the Church of Christ at Manila, W. Va., where he is also Sunday School superintendent and teaches a Bible class.

## Employees share operating ideas

Employees from Appalachian Power and Kentucky Power companies had their articles published in the March/April issue of **AEP Operating Ideas**.

B. D. Williams, maintenance foreman at Big Sandy Plant, was the author of "Air Compressor Casing Repairs Save \$25,000." George E. Elder, Lynchburg Division station foreman, wrote "Rewires Multi-Tap BCT's To

Change Ratio". "Easier Way To Report Surplus Materials" was described by Glenn A. Perfater, expeditor and stock controller, General Office Purchasing, Roanoke. M. L. Wills and W. S. Wade, maintenance men at Glen Lyn Plant, collaborated on "Saves Maintenance On Traveling Screens". Dale S. Fisher, hydro maintenance foreman at Smith Mountain Dam, penned "Reduces Downtime For Hydro Repairs".

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