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New compliance plan filed for Sporn Plant

Central Operating Company last month filed a revised compliance plan with the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission covering the installation of precipitators on units 1 through 4 at Philip Sporn Plant. The plant is jointly owned by Appalachian Power and Ohio Power Companies.

Jack Lloyd, vice president of Appalachian, which operates the plant, said, "Our revised compliance program removes those conditions which the Air Pollution Control Commission found objectionable at the March 25 hearing." Lloyd also indicated that bids on the installation work on the four units will be requested on May 1, 1976.

"We are hopeful that the Commission will accept this revised plan so that we can proceed to solve the particulate problem at the Sporn Plant," Lloyd added.

"We recognize that we must comply with the air quality regulations and closing down the Sporn Plant is not a practical solution, despite the fact that both companies are facing difficult financial problems," Lloyd concluded.

Operating Ideas awards increased

New ideas on how to do things on the System better, quicker, safer, and cheaper will carry increased rewards. Beginning in May, annual and monthly awards in the AEP System's **Operating Ideas** program have been increased.

Each contributor of an article selected for use in the bimonthly publication **Operating Ideas** will receive a minimum of \$60, instead of the previous \$25. Contributions winning a Merit Award will receive \$120, instead of \$50. For contributions judged exceptional, the award will be \$300 instead of the previous \$100.

Annual prizes, in the form of AEP (Continued on page 2)

APCo bonds sold at 9.75% interest

Appalachian Power Company sold \$60-million of first mortgage bonds April 21 at an interest rate of 9.75 per cent and a cost to the company of 9.71 per cent — the lowest for an AEP System bond issue since Appalachian's 8.5 per cent cost in March, 1974.

The 30-year bonds were sold at competitive bidding to an investment group headed by Salomon Brothers.



Ronald Bellamy, left; Ralph Sowers and Cecil Watson revisit the site of the fire, from which they saved seven people.

Gate City line crew rescues seven people from burning house

Seven people are alive today because of the quick action of a Gate City (Abingdon Division) line crew, who went beyond the call of duty.

The drama began on a cold January morning as the crew, composed of Ralph Sowers, Ronald Bellamy and Cecil Watson, made their way on a narrow road toward Dungannon, Va., to begin the day's work. As the line truck rounded one of many curves, Bellamy shouted, "Look there, that's smoke coming from the roof. The house is on fire!"

After stopping the truck, the crew ran for the house. It was evident someone was inside. Sowers jumped for the porch, and Bellamy and Watson quickly started removing the meter and service from the house.

Four adults and three children were asleep in the house, and all

the commotion brought them outside. When it became evident the house was going to burn to the ground, the Appalachian men pitched in and helped remove everything of value. They even saved the refrigerator, washer and range from destruction. One of the crew remarked, "I didn't know that appliances could be so light".

Later it was learned that an elderly man had built a hot fire in the warm morning stove to help ward off the zero-degree weather outside and had gone back to bed to get warm. He dropped off to sleep, to be awakened by the commotion of the fire.

The "pay off" for the crew came when one of the men said, "You know, if it hadn't been for you Appalachian fellows, we wouldn't have anything left, and there might be more still over there than just a heap of ashes."

CMS specialized training program is first for any utility in nation

The first phase of a specialized training program which began in June, 1975 has been completed at Central Machine Shop. The program is being conducted by Frank Quinn, Steam-Path Services, Inc.

The overall scope of the program involves such work as bucket, cover, tie wire and erosion shield replacement and nozzle and diaphragm repairs, including area check. At the present time, six CMS machinists are in training to perform the bucket repairs and six welders are in training to perform the nozzle and diaphragm weld repair.

This is the first effort by any utility in the United States to undertake repairs of this nature and complexity. Previously the manufacturer was the only manpower

source to perform these specialized repairs.

Harold Rulen, CMS manager, said, "By the end of 1976 we expect to have this nucleus of machinists and welders fully qualified to repair the major portion of the steam path components wherever and whenever the need arises, either at the plants or in the machine shop. After this training program is completed, CMS will be fully qualified for complete rotor repair, which includes NDE work, bucket repair or replacement and balancing. As the volume of work increases, we will be providing opportunities within the shop to increase the number of men engaged in this type of repair work."

Other specialized programs com- (Continued on page 3)

Kentucky Power seeks \$17.1-million rate increase, first in history

Kentucky Power Company on April 29 filed a request with the Public Service Commission for approval of a general upward adjustment in all retail tariffs. This would be the first increase in its more than 50-year history.

Citing rate relief needed to offset crippling inflation experienced during the past few years, Waldo S. La Fon, executive vice president of Kentucky Power, said that the formal filing was a follow-up to the company's public announcement in March of its need and intent to seek an increase in revenues in the "very near future".

Based on a test period of the full calendar year of 1975 (utilities are required to justify the need for rate relief based on actual operating figures over a prior 12-month period), the company is asking for \$17.1-million increase in annual revenues.

La Fon pointed out that when utilities seek rate relief the need is usually an immediate one because the amount of increase is always based on last year's actual operating expenses and does not allow for consideration of the higher costs of doing

business the year in which the request is filed.

According to filed testimony, the company earned 6.71% on its rate base in 1975. "This is well below the accepted level an electric utility needs to enable it to properly finance new construction and other projects to keep ahead of customers' growing needs for electricity," La Fon said. The company is seeking a rate base return of 10.16% which, according to testimony, the increased revenues requested would make possible.

The proposed new rates would have cost the average 1975 customer without electric heat about 17 cents more per day.

The company earlier had reported that part of the filing would include a request to change present terms and conditions of service to also make the equal payment plan or budget billing available to customers other than only those with electric heat. "Due to difficulties in getting this part of the filing prepared, it was not possible to include," La Fon said. "But, after the case is ruled upon, the same request will be made."

White tells shareowners

Future growth bright but clouded by financing ability

AEP Chairman W. S. White Jr. warned the annual meeting of shareowners April 28 in New York that "the nation faces an energy shortfall and the consequences that will flow from it" unless it seeks and achieves a realistic compromise that will allow energy development with reasoned environmental guidelines.

During the company's 69th annual meeting, the shareowners approved a proposal to increase AEP's authorized shares of common stock from 100- to 125-million (the company now has 93-million shares outstanding), and re-elected 13 directors. Robert M. Kopper, executive vice president of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company who retired April 30, had not stood for re-election as a director of the parent.

White said that, while 1975 had been another record year, "the more significant aspect of that period is not that we produced and sold more electricity than ever before . . . but that we were making good progress toward resolving a number of the problems that have been bedeviling us."

He said that the first half of the 1970s had been a period of adjustment to such problems as inflation and higher capital costs. These, he related, have forced

the AEP System to tailor its construction to its financing capability, which in turn "of course is largely dependent on rate relief."

Chairman White said that adequate rate relief provides the rate of return essential to encourage investors to provide expansion capital, and that "this is something that must be recognized by both regulator and consumer. In other words, the day of cheap energy in any form is behind us."

Since the AEP System's first rate-increase applications in 1971, he said, a total of \$230-million (on an annual basis) had been granted, of which \$108-million is being collected subject to refund pending final decisions by the respective regulatory commissions. In addition, the System's operating companies have rate cases pending totaling \$137-million.

Citing generating capacity additions to the System over the past two-and-a-half years, as well as continuing construction on two new generating units, White said, "We do not believe that we will experience any shortage of capacity through the balance of the 1970s. Many other electric utilities are not as well placed."

He forecast a minimum annual (Continued on page 2)

Illuminator readers offer candid appraisal of publication

An overwhelming majority of employees and members of their families read **The Illuminator** regularly, according to a survey conducted recently.

Some 500 questionnaires were distributed on a random basis among division, plant and General Office employees of Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport Power Companies as well as some to the coal companies. This distribution represented a sampling of ten per cent of active employees receiving **The Illuminator**. Of those distributed 411 or 81 per cent were returned to the **Illuminator** editor.

Space was allotted on the questionnaires for additional comments, and a number of respondents took the opportunity to praise, criticize or offer constructive ideas for improvement of **The Illuminator**.

Here's what the survey revealed:

Readership: The majority (383 employees) read **The Illuminator** regularly; 26 seldom read it, and two never read it. Families of 332 respondents also read it, while 79 families do not. The majority of those surveyed found **The Illuminator** easy to read with the number of photos and length of articles okay.

Preferred articles: News about management and employees on the job and features about employees off the job ranked first and second, respectively. Respondents were asked to rate their preference on a 1-6 basis. In descending order, the categories preferred were: news of APCo, KPCo and KgPCo activities or developments; news of other AEP companies; news of Service Corporation activities and news of utility industry developments.

Specific subjects: Survey participants were also asked to indicate whether **The Illuminator** offered them "too much",

"enough" or "not enough" on the subjects of Blue Ridge, scrubbers, Columbus & Southern Ohio, financial problems, rate cases, fuel costs, AEP and coal and litigations, hearings.

While the majority agreed that **The Illuminator** carries "enough" on each of these topics, a small number said there was "too much". More than 100 respondents indicated there was "not enough" information on financial problems, fuel costs and AEP and coal.

Standing columns: The "Moving Up" column is the best read, with "People In The Spotlight" a close second, followed by "Service Anniversaries". Some 238 people said they read "AEP System Briefs" but 139 indicated they seldom did.

Miscellaneous: The majority of readers were well satisfied with **The Illuminator's** treatment of such articles as retirements, women's features, employees' children's activities. But a significant number wanted more hobbies, employee activities, sports and safety articles. And nearly three-fourths of the respondents want more information on employee benefits.

Complaints: Some respondents commented about a lack of information in **The Illuminator** from their particular location and others felt there was too much about top management and certain locations. Three thought **The Illuminator** was anti-union and one person doesn't believe any "company propaganda".

Constructive criticism: A number of people made specific requests and, where possible, these will be taken into consideration in future issues.

Compliments: To each of the 117 employees who were kind enough to compliment **The Illuminator**, the editor and staff say a sincere thank you.

SYSTEM BRIEFS

I&M promotes Menge, Brunke

Richard C. Menge last month was elected a vice president and director of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, effective May 1. He had been manager of I&M's Fort Wayne Division.

Lawrence R. Brunke, who had been commercial and industrial services manager in the division, was appointed division manager.

Mulato named Muskingum manager

Andrew T. Mulato last month was named manager of Ohio Power Company's Muskingum River Plant. He succeeds W. J. (Jack) Hardman, who has been appointed an executive assistant in the company's General Office. Mulato had been assistant manager of the General James M. Gavin Plant.

MacDonald transfers to Helper, Utah

K. A. MacDonald, Fuel Supply Department, has been transferred to Helper, Utah on April 6 in the new position of assistant vice president — western coal operations. He had been assistant vice president — fuel resources in New York.

Helper is the site of the AEP System's Braztah Mine, which has recoverable reserves of 140-million tons of low-sulfur coal. Alex Sanders is general superintendent — western coal operations.

Awards (Cont. from pg. 1)

common stock, will also increase. The actual amount awarded each year will, however, continue to be flexible. Up to \$50,000 worth of annual prizes can be awarded in any one year.

The awards and prizes are made for suggestions which emphasize innovation, safety, customer service, cost reduction, research, and solutions to technical and operating problems.

Safety milestone

The Roanoke General Departments completed 500,000 consecutive man-hours without a disabling injury on April 26, 1976. This record for the 137 employees in the General Office Customer Services, Executive, Hydro, Land Management, Personnel, Public Affairs, Purchasing and Rates and Contracts began July 24, 1974.

Annual meeting excerpts

The 69th annual meeting of American Electric Power Company shareowners, held at The Plaza, New York, April 28, had the second largest turnout in history. This year's 425 attendees was about 50 less than the 1975 session.

Appalachian Power Company's proposed Blue Ridge pumped-storage project on the New River, which was not even an item on the meeting's agenda, was Topic #1 at the annual meeting. Hamilton C. Horton, Jr., a lawyer from Winston-Salem and president of the National Committee for the New River, led a delegation of half a dozen North Carolinians before the shareowners to present their case against the proposed project. Horton's five-minute argument against Blue Ridge was answered in a five-minute response by AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr.

John D. Little, Charlotte, N. C., tried in vain to play a tape recording over the meeting's public address system, which he said summarized his opposition to Blue Ridge, but the tape voice could not be heard. After the meeting had adjourned, he learned he had pushed the wrong button on his recorder.

The Company's proposal to increase the number of authorized shares of its common stock from 100-million to 125-million was approved by a vote of 64.5-million to 2.2-million. Currently outstanding are 93-million shares.

The shareowners turned down a church-sponsored proposal which would have required the Company to prepare and distribute to its stockholders a "mining report" providing extensive data on the AEP System's mining and reclamation activities. The vote was 53.9-million to 5.3-million against the proposal. The Company had estimated the cost of such a report at \$200,000.

Chairman White said, in re-

55 employees study at Michigan

A total of 55 employees from throughout the AEP System and the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation are attending the American Electric Power System Management Development Program at the University of Michigan from April 19 to May 13.

Those attending from Kentucky Power are Emil Mayor, Pikeville, and William England, Big Sandy Plant. Carl S. Bacon was selected from Kingsport Power.

Employees attending from Appalachian Power include W. M. Dean, Central Machine Shop; Kyle Ellison, Beckley; H. G. Gillespie, Jr., Glen Lyn Plant; J. J. Harmon, Jr., Bluefield; A. H. Hill, John E. Amos Plant; R. A. King, Huntington; A. R. Lively, Kanawha River Plant; and J. P. Montague, Roanoke.

sponse to a question, "I have personally visited every mining operation we have, and I can tell you categorically that, where we're mining, we're restoring the land."

John Campbell Henry, perennial question-asker at the AEP annual meetings, asked the question, and W. T. Meglaughlin, partner in the company's auditing firm of Haskins & Sells, said, "We have not seen any illegal contributions of any nature."

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growth rate of 6 per cent to 6½ per cent in customers' electric energy requirements over the next 15 years — based on AEP's 1975 operating experience. "Therefore," he concluded, "The AEP System must plan for doubling in electric demand in 10 to 12 years. This is an awesome prospect, given the present size of the System. However, it can be done, subject to a single fundamental constraint: the availability of needed capital."

He said, "The future outlook, in terms of potential growth, is bright. The only cloud is our ability to finance the construction necessary to meet that growth. Toward the end of overcoming that problem, we will pursue vigorously the needed increases in our rates," White promised.

He called for a comprehensive national energy policy based on the development of coal resources. "Ever since the oil embargo, there has been a continuing dialogue in Washington and in the press about a national energy policy. There appear to be no dissenters as to the need but little if any direction has emerged — much less a firm program for the rational development of our nation's energy resources. Such a program is badly needed. Not only is there a growing imbalance between domestic and foreign energy supply, increasing the exposure of our economy as well as our national security to the vagaries of international politics, but the very quality of American life is dependent upon energy and expanding the use of energy."

Blue Ridge case appealed to high court

The State of North Carolina decided the expected last month and appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States to invalidate Appalachian Power Company's Blue Ridge license.

North Carolina in this action urges that the need for the project was not properly established by the Federal Power Commission in the long proceedings before it, and that archeological data about the project site were not properly presented.

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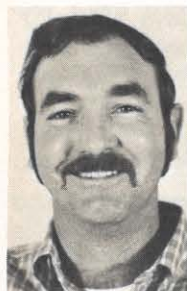
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Harding

Charles S. Lingar, former Kingsport Power residential representative, has been promoted to public affairs assistant. He holds BS and MA degrees from East Tennessee State University.

Carl B. Charlton, former Charleston electrical engineer, has been promoted to associate engineer for the American Electric Power Service Corporation, Canton, Ohio. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University and is a registered professional engineer. Charlton will succeed Frank Morgan upon his retirement next year.

Mason T. Wood, former Charleston meter supervisor, has been promoted to industrial services director for Ohio Power Company, Canton, Ohio. He holds a degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University and is a registered professional engineer.

W. R. Wagner, former Huntington meter supervisor, has been promoted to meter superin-

tendent for Kentucky Power Company, Ashland, Ky. He holds a BSEE degree from West Virginia University.

Roger L. Gowl, former Roanoke records supervisor, has been promoted to accounting staff assistant in General Office Accounting, Roanoke. He holds an AA degree in accounting from National Business College.

Richard W. Reese, former Roanoke engineer B, has been promoted to records supervisor succeeding Gowl. He attended Cornell School of Business.

Marvin R. Pauley, former Kanawha River Plant equipment operator, has been promoted to unit foreman.

Guy R. Hartman, former Kanawha River Plant unit foreman, has been promoted to assistant shift operating engineer.

Dan E. Hall, former Glen Lyn Plant equipment operator, has been promoted to unit foreman.



Hoffman

He succeeds J. C. Weatherly, who retired.

L. G. Dougan, former Roanoke Division personnel supervisor, has been named General Office personnel supervisor. He succeeds O. P. Cornelison, who earlier was named assistant personnel director for Appalachian Power. Dougan has attended the University of Virginia Extension, Lynchburg College and the AEP Management Development Program at the University of Michigan.

Ira B. Peters, Jr., former wage and salary assistant senior in GO Personnel, Roanoke, has been promoted to Roanoke Division personnel supervisor, succeeding Dougan. He attended Virginia Southern, Roanoke College and the University of Virginia Extension.

Leroy D. Balding, former Charleston residential representative, has been promoted to public affairs coordinator at John E. Amos Plant. He succeeds K. L. McDaniel, who earlier was promoted to personnel supervisor at Central Machine Shop. Balding attended Woodbury College.

Bernard G. Hoffman, former Philip Sporn Plant crane operator, has been promoted to assistant yard foreman.

Thomas J. Harding, former staff assistant for Ohio Power Company, Canton, has been promoted to production machinery specialist at Central Machine Shop.

Paul E. Owens, former electrical engineer in the Williamson area of Logan-Williamson Division, has been promoted to service foreman. He holds a BSEE degree from the University of Michigan.

Sporn Unit 5 rain shield removed on weekend during tornado watch

When Philip Sporn Plant Unit 5 came out of service for repairs March 16, it was discovered that the metal rain shield at the top of the stack was tearing away from the stack liner. (The rain shield prevents water from going between the liner and the concrete stack.)

The possibility of the shield breaking away and falling 600 feet to the ground posed an extreme danger to workmen on the precipitator construction project going on around the base of the stack. Union Boiler Company was immediately called in to remove the rain shield.

The situation became more critical when General Office Operations requested that the unit be available for full load on Monday, March 22, as the shield had to be removed with the unit off the line.

Union Boiler made a scaffold, resembling a sedan chair, that could be put down in the top of the stack so that workers could cut the rain shield loose from the liner. A helicopter was brought in to lift the scaffold up to the top of the 600-foot stack and remove the rain shield.

By the time all preparations were made, it was Saturday night. Construction workers climbed the outside ladder on the stack in the dark, and worked at the top during a series of severe thunderstorms that was passing through the valley, accompanied by high winds, lightning and drenching rain. A tornado watch was also in effect until 2:00 AM Sunday morning.

At 10:30 AM Sunday morning, the skies began to clear and fair weather returned to the area. The



A helicopter removes the scaffold from inside the stack liner of Philip Sporn Plant Unit 5.

job at the top of Unit 5 stack was finished, and the helicopter began removing pieces of the rain shield. When the last piece of stack cap and the scaffold had been flown to the ground, startup procedures began on Unit 5.

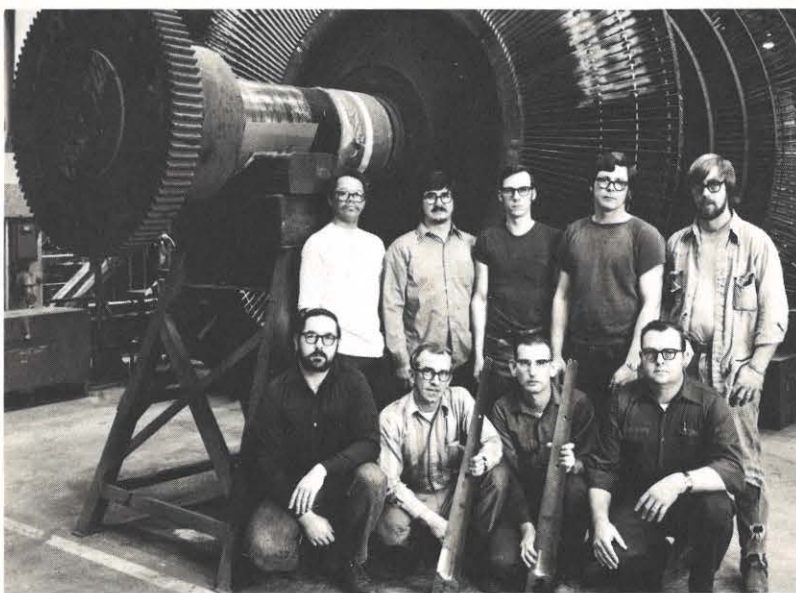
On Monday, as requested, the unit was in parallel with the System and another operating crisis had passed.

Pleased with the results of the weekend's events, Appalachian Power Executive Vice President John W. Vaughan remarked, "People would be amazed at what we have to do to operate a power plant."

CMS training (Continued from page 1)

pleted in this training include the replacement of spill strip inserts on the first stage high pressure rotors, regrouping, and repair weld of cracked buckets.

AEP spends nearly \$320,000 annually on rotor repairs. A large volume of this work will be done by CMS personnel with the completion of this training program.



The last stage 35" long buckets were recently replaced and the tie wires brazed by Central Machine Shop personnel on the LP Kanawha series rotor. Front row, l. to r., Joe Allen, Frank Williams, Norman Gue and David Moore. Back row, l. to r., Bob Price, Joe Stewart, Bill Bryant, David Arthur and John Dunlap. Not pictured is John Beane.



The Putnam County Board of Education, in cooperation with WOWK-TV, Huntington, filmed a children's educational movie about John E. Amos Plant recently. Participating in the movie were sixth grade students from Winfield Elementary School, three of whom were children of Amos employees. They are Becky Hickok, daughter of W. R. Hickok, instrument maintenance foreman; Mark Whitt, son of Paul R. Whitt, maintenance man A; and Venetia Haga, daughter of Raymond Haga, civil engineer, Amos Construction. The movie had been in production for several months. After an initial inspection of the plant, the children wrote their own script, explaining various phases of plant operation in their own words. As the film was shot, the children were "wired for sound" and recited their parts. Buck McDaniel, Central Machine Shop personnel supervisor, and C. R. Lovegrove, public information supervisor, 30 Public Affairs, acted as technical advisors for the production. The film has been aired over WOWK-TV.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KINGSPORT

Bennett McAlpine, residential advisor, was appointed chairman of the hostess committee of the Netherland Inn Association.

BLUEFIELD



Lawless Bowen

Dottie Lawless, secretarial-stenographer, was elected president of the Keystone-Northfork Woman's Club. She also represented the club at the convention of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs.

Ruth Ann Bowen, daughter of R. T. Bowen, Jr., line foreman non-exempt, was selected to appear in "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges". She is a sophomore at Wytheville Community College.

Albert Vinciguerra, husband of Pauline Vinciguerra, customer accounts representative A, was named "patrolman of the year" at the annual banquet of the Bluefield Shrine Club Patrol of Beni Kedem Temple.

John Vermillion, meter supervisor, was elected vice president of the Bluefield Shrine Club.

Mrs. Mark Rich, wife of the late records supervisor, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Bluefield Chapter, Emory and Henry Alumni Association. She was also installed as first vice president of the Virginia Garden Club.

Mary Kirby, residential representative, was elected treasurer of the Bluefield Quota club.

Marie Anderson, wife of M. E. Anderson, station foreman exempt, was installed as Electa in the Bluefield Chapter #102, Order of the Eastern Star, Bluefield, Va.

Irene Pauley, wife of Paul Pauley, customer services supervisor, attended the state convention of the Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority as a delegate from the Alpha Epsilon Chapter.

Ted White, electrical engineer, was a judge at the annual Math-Science Fair at Spanishburg High School.

Gwen Stewart, daughter of Rex Stewart, line foreman non-exempt, modeled a pants and top set she made at the annual fashion show of the home economics class of Pineville

Junior High School.

Larry Stiltner, Grundy lineman A, was elected president of the Harman Elementary School PTA.

David Turpin, a ninth grader at Glenwood Junior High School, won the following prizes for his project, "Energy Conservation by Heat Reclamation" in the physical science division of the science fair; blue ribbon for 1st place at Glenwood Junior High; blue ribbon, medal and telescope for 1st place in county; and \$15 as third place in regional judging. He is the son of Jim Turpin, equipment service representative.

Tommy Goforth, son of H. T. Goforth, Jr., right of way agent, has signed a letter of intent to play football for Bluefield State College "Big Blues" this fall. He played offensive center and defensive tackle for the 1975 W. Va. State AAA champion Bluefield Beavers.



Turpin Goforth

HUNTINGTON

David Stricklen, son of W. H. Stricklen, line foreman, was elected president of his fraternity and a senator to the student body at Alderson Broaddus College.

Barry Long and **Wayne Pugh** have been elected to the board of directors of the Huntington Jaycees. Barry is the state director and Wayne is vice president of the local Jaycees.

BECKLEY



Jones

Anna Leigh Jones, daughter of Division Manager James E. Jones, was selected as a member of the Cardinal Key National Honor Society at Emory and Henry College. A junior, majoring in Spanish, she will be a resident advisor in a freshman dorm again next year.

James E. Jones was named chairman of the Raleigh County

Unit of the American Cancer Society's 1976 educational and fund raising crusade.

Chery Williams, daughter of D. H. Williams, equipment service advisor, was the winner of the Cadette Division of the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council cookie poster contest and received two cases of cookies.

Jennifer Vest, sophomore at Shady Spring High School and daughter of Ray Vest, administrative assistant; **Mark McGinnis**, junior at Woodrow Wilson High School and son of J. R. McGinnis, division superintendent; and **Kyle Ellison, Jr.**, junior at Woodrow Wilson and son of Kyle Ellison, line and station supervisor, were named to the National Honor Society at their respective schools.

CHARLESTON

Carolyn Fisher, wife of Kermit Fisher, electrical staff engineer, was named to the **Charleston Daily Mail** new consumer panel.

Steve Moore, son of Charlie Moore, planner senior, was elected to membership in the Ripley Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Bryan Markham, son of Barbara Markham, credit representative senior, was awarded a trophy as a member of the Village Chapel senior midget basketball team. Her husband, **Lt. Bill Markham**, took a two-week course in diplomatic protection sponsored by the FBI and Secret Service.

Ron Morrison, ash research, sales and development engineer, was elected president of the Pratt-Hansford Lions Club.

Connie Gilmore, daughter of Yvonne Gilmore, personnel clerk senior, was named co-captain of the Belle Bulldog Midget Corps.

PIKEVILLE

Teresa and Christy Bartley, daughters of Jerry Bartley, appliance service foreman, have been accepted in the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry for the fall term. Teresa is a graduate of Pikeville College and Christy, a 1973 AEP Educational Award winner, attended Eastern State University.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

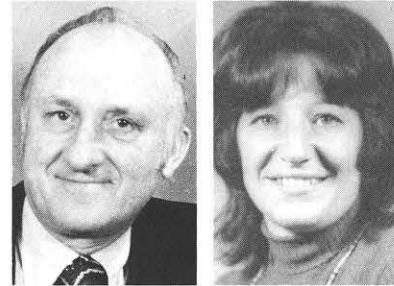
Mary E. Davis, Logan Customer Services, was selected as Logan's "citizen of the day" by a local radio station recently and received gifts from several merchants.

Geri Layne, Williamson Customer Services, was elected treasurer of Preceptor Theta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for 1976-77.

Mrs. Ruby Henritze, wife of T. L. Henritze, retired Logan line

foreman, was named outstanding clubwoman of the year for the Southwestern District of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs at its 70th annual convention. She was also recognized for securing at least five new members for her club. Mrs. Henritze is a past club president and currently serves as state advertising manager. She was also recently appointed to serve her 12th year as memorial gifts chairman of the Logan County Unit, West Virginia Heart Association.

PULASKI



Graham Lane

A. L. Graham, Jr., customer services supervisor, was installed as exalted ruler of Pulaski Lodge 1067, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mrs. J. A. Lane, Jr., wife of the Christiansburg area T&D clerk, was crowned Valentine queen by the Alpha Tau Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. **Mrs. J. D. Shrewsbury**, wife of the Pulaski engineer B, was elected vice president of the Chapter.

Fred J. Schmidt, son of C. A. Schmidt, Christiansburg customer accounting supervisor, has been promoted to manager, corporate accounting development for the Eli Lilly Drug Company.

Mrs. T. M. Bass, wife of the Wytheville area serviceman, was installed as warder of the Evanshan Chapter #97, Order of the Eastern Star.

Lucille Vaught, Wytheville retiree, was elected secretary of the Wytheville Garden Club.

J. D. Burnett, Jr., is serving his third term as worthy patron of the Pearis Chapter #124, Order of the Eastern Star. He is senior warden of Giles Lodge #106 A. F. & A. M. and is on the board of directors of the Giles Shrine Club. He is also a member of the

administrative board of the First United Methodist Church Pearisburg and has been asked to serve as grand usher at the Grand Chapter of Virginia Order of Eastern Star meeting in Richmond. **Kenneth Burnett** and his wife **Agnes** have been installed as worthy patron and worthy matron, respectively, of Gal Chapter #165, Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Galax Shrine Club. J. Jr., and Kenneth are sons of the late John Dent Burnett, Sr., former Byllesby Hydro Plant employee.

ASHLAND

Richard Nash, commercial and power representative, will serve as grocery day chairman during the American Cancer Society Boyd County Unit, fund drive.

Elected officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Ashland Chapter Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers, were **Florence Kincaid**, wife of Retiree Herbert Kincaid, first vice president; **Arlina Weatherton**, wife of Retiree George Weatherton, and **Bo Humphrey**, wife of J. Humphrey, engineering supervisor, directors; and **Elzie Henderson**, wife of O. O. Henderson, line and station supervisor, General Office T&D, advisory committee.



Mr. and Mrs. James J. Harmon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception given by their seven children. Harmon, a retired area serviceman at Switchbank in Bluefield Division, and his wife were married February 17, 1921. One son, James, Jr., is Bluefield engineering supervisor. Another son, Ernest, is a lineman A in T&D Transmission, Bluefield.



A meeting of department heads and Illuminator reporters was conducted recently by C. A. Zoellers, Hazard division manager, to discuss the division's participation in 1975 and encourage greater participation in 1976. Some of the attendees were, from left, Worley Yost, E. S. Slone, R. Cornett, Clara Peters, Zoellers, Brenda Bailey, Byron Walters, Tom Walters and Margie Bertram.

LYNCHBURG



Brown

Joyce Lee Brown, daughter of Clyde M. Brown, custodian, was elected president of the Afro-American Society and senior representative on the judicial board at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

R. B. Waggoner, office supervisor, was elected lecturing knight for the Lynchburg Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for 1976-77. A past exalted ruler of the Logan Elks Lodge, this will be Waggoner's second time through the chairs. **Loyd T. Smith**, retired administrative assistant and past exalted ruler of the Lynchburg Lodge, participated in the installation.

Marie Waggoner, wife of R. B. Waggoner, represented the Hill City Chapter of the American Business Women's Association at the District 1 regional meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region of A. B. W. A.

James B. White, division manager, was re-elected to the James River Basin Association board of directors.

ROANOKE



Williams

Steve Williams, son of W. S. Williams, T&D clerk senior, was selected as "best shooter" by his championship basketball team, the North Roanoke Rockets.

Michael B. Cooke, son of R. F. Cooke, division office supervisor, passed the Virginia CPA examination.

Gene French, engineer B, was a member of the team which placed fourth in the Smith Mountain Lake Invitational Partners Bass Tournament recently. He and his partners were awarded \$150.

The North Roanoke Hawks, coached by **Bob Ragland**, lead draftsman, and **Charlie Anderson**, former part-time draftsman, won the 1975-76 North Roanoke Pee Wee basketball division for the third consecutive season. The team was led by their two guards, **Dale Ragland**, Bob's son, and **Matt Haynes**, son of Mike Haynes, GO Operations.

Terry Doss, son of Jasper Doss, won first place for his mer-

chandise sales manual at the Distributive Education Clubs of America Convention in Roanoke. He was presented a trophy and will participate in the national competition in Chicago this month. Terry is a student at William Fleming High School.

Teresa West, daughter of Helen West, personnel assistant senior, was a member of the All County Chorus.

JOHN E. AMOS

Ona McGaw Willard, Amos Construction, is on maternity leave.

Cathy White, clerk-typist, has returned to work following maternity leave.

Bill Hickok, instrument maintenance foreman, is a candidate for the Putnam County Board of Education.

Warren Ashton, performance engineer, is on temporary assignment as a start-up engineer at Cardinal Plant, Unit 3.

CENTRAL MACHINE



Witt

Cynthia Witt, daughter of Clifford Witt, winner 1st class, was named student of the month at Sissonville High School. Her achievements include "A" honor roll, National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Y-Teen president, All County Chorus, Girls' Choir, library and office helper and a cast member of the senior play.

ABINGDON



Thayer

Hunter Thayer, engineer B, was elected president of the Abingdon High School Athletic Booster Club for 1976-77.

Employees participating in the Abingdon Rotary Club Frolics were **P. V. Kelsey**, **Clark Peck** and **Jim Hughes**. **Sandy Morefield**, daughter of John Morefield, engineer B, sang a revolutionary ballad and also assisted the Rotary singers. **Mary Hughes**, daughter of Jim Hughes, appeared in several dance routines for the show.

John Moore, meterman B; **Harold Counts**, T&D clerk



Officers and advisors of JOLCO, the Junior Achievement Company sponsored by Appalachian Power's Charleston Division, observe as Personnel Supervisor John Frazier and Executive Assistant Nick Roomy purchase shares of stock in the company. JOLCO's product for the year is fiber optic lamps. From left, M. W. Scott, residential representative and JA advisor; Antonio Utinie, foreign exchange student; Stephanie White, JOLCO secretary;

Frazier; Dana Price, JOLCO vice president; Debbie Brightwell, JOLCO vice president-personnel; Roomy; Cheryl Day, JOLCO president and daughter of Mattie Day; Mattie Day, credit representative and JA advisor; and Stan Gilmore, JOLCO vice president manufacturing and son of Yvonne Gilmore, personnel clerk senior. Not pictured are Advisors Carl Charlton, electrical engineer, and Vernon Costello, planner senior.

senior; **John Morefield** and **Jim Hill**, draftsman senior, were inducted into the Washington County React Association. The newly organized public service club deals with local and highway emergency citizens band radio contacts and will be responsible for relaying emergency radio messages to local authorities.

Lori Lindamood, daughter of W. C. Lindamood, Gate City customer accounts supervisor, was the third place winner in the Beginning Level French Poetry section in competition at East Tennessee State University. She is a junior at Gate City High.

Don Landreth, engineer B and Scoutmaster of Troop 222, has completed the "corner stone" training in the BSA adult leadership training program. He assisted with the annual Pellissippi District Klondike Derby, in which **Mark Landreth** of Troop 222 and **Jimmy Hughes** of Troop 164 competed.

Vickie Carr and **Mary Ruth Hughes** were inducted into the Abingdon High School National Honor Society.



Tonja Dornon, daughter of P. E. Dornon, Huntington auto repairman A, is a member of the cheerleading squad at Fairland West Junior High School, Proctorville, Ohio, which was named the best squad in the Lawrence County Junior High basketball tournament.

CABIN CREEK



Surbaugh



Briers

Rhonda Surbaugh has been accepted into the National Association of Rudimental Drummers after being tested by a NARD judge. The daughter of Ron Surbaugh, maintenance foreman, Rhonda is a member of the DuPont Junior High School Band.

Diane Briers, daughter of George E. Briers, Jr., plant manager, was awarded a grant for work in the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program at the University of Georgia. The grant provides tuition and living expenses. Diane is studying for a master's degree in social work.

KANAWHA RIVER



Perry

Eric D. Perry, son of Unit Foreman C. N. Perry, won the 1976 Young Columbus Award co-sponsored by Parade Magazine and Charleston newspapers and was one of 140 paper carriers from every state in the nation to participate in a 12-day tour of Austria and Yugoslavia in April. The 16-year-old carrier for the Charleston Gazette is a junior at DuPont High School. To qualify for the award, carriers had to increase the total subscribers on their routes by at least four. For

each additional subscription above four, their names were entered for a drawing that determined the finalists. Perry racked up a whopping 232 customer increase.

Nancy L. Bennett, daughter of Plant Manager J. A. Bennett, was elected president of Rho Chi, pharmacy honorary society at West Virginia University's School of Pharmacy. She was also elected to Phi Lambda Upsilon, chemistry honorary society.

GENERAL OFFICE



Harlowe

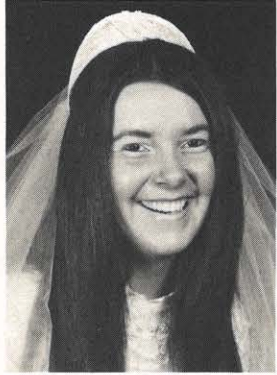
Clay Harlowe played for the Valley Youth Hockey bantam all-star team in the third annual Iceland Invitational 1976 hockey tournament at Atlanta, Ga., in which 41 teams from the U. S. and Canada participated. He is the son of C. F. Harlowe, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Russell Lamastus, son of O. R. Lamastus, regional assistant chief operator for GO Operations, Danville, was selected to appear in the 1975-76 edition of "Who's Who in Junior Colleges of America". He is a science major at Danville Community College.

Kathy Honaker, daughter of Helen Honaker, stenographer, GO T&D, Roanoke, was chosen a member of the drill team for the Cave Spring High School band.

Mike Mitchell, son of T. R. Mitchell, retired assistant electric plant accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, has opened a wholesale-retail greenhouse in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Wedding bells ring for seven couples across Appalachian System



Hendricks



Robinson



Linthicum



Berg



Sweeney



Ford



Fisher

WEDDINGS

Sharon Ellis, daughter of O'Dell G. Ellis, boiler operator C at Cabin Creek Plant, to Randy Hendricks, April 16.

Mary Lynn Munday, daughter of E. L. Munday, Appalachian Power vice president, to Laurence H. Robinson, February 21.

Alice F. Heptinstall, daughter of L. B. Heptinstall, station maintenance man A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, to Lester F. Linthicum, Jr., March 6.

Patricia A. Forrest to **James B. Berg**, Appalachian Power accounting manager, March 27.

Mary Kay Assaid to **John Thomas Sweeney**, son of Cecil A. Sweeney, GO right of way agent, Roanoke, April 3.

Patricia Lynn Bench, T&D records clerk in Logan-Williamson Division, to John Robert Ford, March 31.

Joyce Ellen Long to **William Michael Fisher**, Bluefield draftsman, April 10.



Performing as The Gardenaires are (seated, from left) Fred Skaggs and James Angelini. Standing, from left, Darlene Johnson, Tom Watts, Joyce Barker and Debbie Maggard.

The Gardenaires will record third gospel album this fall

"We enjoy singing. We feel this is our gift from the Lord and we

want to use it as our witness," says Tom Watts, Hazard draftsman senior, about his work with The Gardenaires gospel singing group.

Watts joined the Airport Gardens Baptist Church in 1971 and soon he and Fred Skaggs, lineman B, formed the Gardenaires. Watts is the lead singer and plays lead guitar, and Skaggs sings bass. A short time later, James Angelini, head custodian, joined the group to play rhythm guitar and sing solos. Other members are Darlene Johnson, Joyce Barker and Debbie Maggard, who also takes care of the bookings.

The Gardenaires began singing in their own church and gave their first outside performance in 1971 at the Buckhorn Lake State Park. Since then they have performed in Ohio, Virginia and nine counties in Kentucky. The group may sing as many as four times a week locally and does their traveling on weekends. Most of their performances are before church groups but they have also sung for schools and on local television programs.

The Gardenaires recorded two albums and tapes during 1975, entitled "My Lord Keeps A Record" and "I'll See You In The Rapture". Both the albums and tapes are doing very well. They plan to record another album this fall as well as purchase new sound equipment and a van for traveling.

Roberta Johnson has first individual art showing in North Carolina

Roberta Johnson exhibited her paintings recently at an opening reception for the public at the Winston-Salem, N. C., Convalescent Center. She is the wife of S. J. Johnson, lineman A on LTD leave at Galax in the Pulaski Division.

Johnson became interested in painting after attending a beginner's art class taught by Jane Guynn of Galax about five years ago. She has since studied with Abby Rose Cox, Roaring Gap, N. C.; Jack Berkman, Wilmington, N. C.; Alex Powers, Myrtle Beach, S. C., and is continuing her studies with John Brady, Charlotte, N. C.

Although Johnson enjoys working in oils and pen and ink her favorite medium is water color. She has participated in group showings in Galax, Roanoke, Staunton, Wytheville Community College and Workmen's Federal Savings and Loan of Mount Airy, N. C., but her first individual showing was at the Winston-Salem Convalescent Center.

Johnson has won several awards for her work, and one of her paintings was chosen for a traveling show by Workmen's Federal Savings and Loan. She is a member of the Galax Art Guild and the Roanoke Fine Arts Center, Roanoke.



Roberta Johnson displays one of her paintings on exhibition at the Winston-Salem Convalescent Center recently.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Beverly Marie, daughter of Paul Baker, lineman B, March 18.

John E. Amos

Clinton Matthew, chosen son of Herbert S. Miller, maintenance man B, adopted March 5.

Amy Fay, daughter of Daniel D. Harrison, maintenance man B, April 10.

General Office

Cassandra Lea, daughter of Jerrold D. Zwart, civil engineer-hydro, GO Hydro, Roanoke, April 9.

Gretchen Nicole, daughter of Jean W. Bousman, clerk-stenographer, GO Land Management, Roanoke, March 26.

Jeremy Keith, son of Velma N. Call, general bookkeeper, GO Accounting, Roanoke, April 11.

Tiffany Elizabeth, daughter of Janie T. Ollie, keypunch operator B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, April 5.

Jared Scott, son of Gary E. Morris, results helper, March 24.

Paul Anderson, son of Larry W.

Stone, auxiliary equipment operator, April 3.

Logan-Williamson

Jonathan Paul, son of Larry Paul Browning, Logan electrical engineer senior, March 20.

Pulaski

Robert Anthony, son of Kathy T. Bopp, clerk-trainee, April 4.

Roanoke

Marchell Marie, daughter of Kelvin Tyrone Bradshaw, Fieldale meter reader, March 16.

Southern Appalachian Coal

Allen Dale, II, son of Allen Dale Pollastrini, maintenance foreman, Cedar Grove No. 1, December 6.

Michael Wayne, son of James Michael Gaunch, stores coordinator, Bull Creek Supply House, December 24.

Andrew Clark, son of Jay Stephen Gould, maintenance foreman, Len's Creek No. 1, January 23.

Michael Edward, son of Samuel Asbury Mink, section foreman, Bull Creek No. 1, February 5.



Elected as officers of the Beckley Division Appaleisure Club for 1976 were (from left) Mike Hunt, draftsman, secretary-treasurer; Paula Goddard, T&C clerk, vice president; and Sharon Hutchens, clerk junior, president.



Jack Burnett, left, was named "boss of the year" by the Roanoke Chapter, National Secretaries Association, for 1976. Ann Tuck was selected as the chapter's "secretary of the year".

Ann Tuck, Jack Burnett are honored by Roanoke Chapter, NSA

Appalachian Power walked off with all the honors at the annual Executive Night banquet given by the Roanoke Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International) last month. Ann S. Tuck, head-mailing section in GO General Services, was selected as "secretary of the year", and Jack M. Burnett, rates and tariffs supervisor, was named "boss of the year".

Tuck was crowned by last year's winner and was presented a sterling silver engraved bowl, a dozen red roses, and a certificate of recognition. The award was given for her devotion to chapter activities, service to the community, and her general professional attitude in carrying out

the educational objectives of the Association. A member of the Roanoke Chapter since 1966, Tuck is currently serving as its president. She has held various offices and chairmanships and has been a delegate to both the international convention and the southeast district conference.

Burnett's name was submitted as a candidate by his secretary, Wanda Norcross, and he competed against five other area businessmen. He was recommended because of his interest in and support of NSA. He was first introduced to NSA in 1955 by his then-secretary Betty Baker, a charter member of the Blue Ridge Chapter in Martinsville.

Fred Lawson, regional chief dispatcher at Clinch River, ends 46-year career

Not many employees who sleep on the job are around to retire but such is the case of Fred Moore Lawson, who retired May 1 as regional chief dispatcher for GO Operations at Clinch River.

Fred recalls, "Once while at Bylesby, we worked 55 hours making repairs on the generators after a severe electrical storm. After sleeping about eight hours, I went to Wytheville and returned to Bylesby around midnight. Just as I returned home, I was called back out to work due to an operator's family being in a car wreck. Around 12:45 AM, Mr. Schrader called and told me to estimate the 1:00 AM readings, turn them in and shut the plant down at 1:00 AM. After estimating the readings and calling them in, I sat down in a chair and unintentionally went to sleep. At 6:00 AM, I was called and told to pick up the desired amount of load. I then realized I had been asleep and had failed to shut the plant down. Upon checking, I found the pond had been pulled dry and no generation was available. Luckily I was not fired. That was my first and last time to sleep on the job!"

Fred began his career in 1929 as a utility helper at Bylesby and

worked there until 1937. During the next seven years he was transferred to six different stations as an operator. He was promoted to chief operator at Saltville in 1946 and was named chief station operator at Clinch River in 1956. He was promoted in 1958 to the position he held at retirement.

Retirement plans include working at home, gardening, fishing, golfing and traveling. He is a member of Methodist Memorial Church, the Russell County Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the Lions Club. Fred and his wife Lucy have two children and two grandchildren.



Lawson

Tex Adams will continue Scouting work in retirement

"I pride myself in that I've gotten along with everyone I've worked with over the years, and I've really enjoyed my service with Appalachian," says A. G. "Tex" Adams, who elected early retirement May 1 from his job as Roanoke street light attendant.



Adams

Fields retires to the good life



Fields

"Fishing, golfing and visiting my new granddaughter" are high on the list of priorities for Craig H. Fields, who retired May 1 as Pikeville residential representative senior. His wife Nell will retire from her schoolteaching job when the school year is over and they plan "to do the things we've wanted to but couldn't while we were both working".

A native of Perry County, Ky., Craig began his career in 1941 as a stenographer at Hazard. He worked there as a payroll clerk and rural representative before moving to Pikeville as district rural and sales supervisor in 1949. He was a residential sales advisor before being named in 1974 to the position he held at retirement.

Craig says, "I suppose some of my most memorable experiences evolved out of my early sales and deliveries while the company was in merchandising and selling. I also enjoyed my work with the 4-H clubs in our service area."

Craig, who holds an elementary teacher's certificate from Morehead State University, is a member of the board and choir of Pikeville's First Christian Church; past president, Pikeville Lions Club; and has served on the board of the Pike County Extension Service.

A native of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, Tex worked on a ranch in New Mexico and for an oil company in Texas before joining the Army in 1940. He was in the Normandy Invasion in 1944.

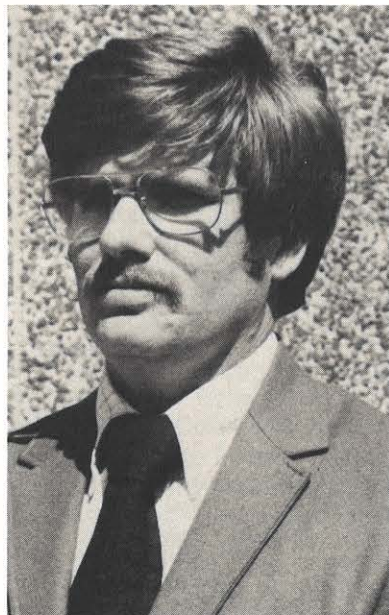
Tex recalls that shortly after joining the Army in Texas he was sent to Fort Lee, Virginia. "A buddy of mine kept after me to take a weekend leave and go to Roanoke with him. One weekend I did and I met a grand woman whom I later fell in love with. After some letter writing and other visits, we married and that's how I ended up in Roanoke."

After his discharge from service in 1945, he applied for a job at Appalachian but wasn't hired until 1948. He was hired for a new line crew that was being formed in Rocky Mount and worked in Roanoke about a month before being sent there. "During that first month I worked for Bruce Burnett. Believe you me, he was from the old school. Bruce knew nothing but hard work and that was what he expected from every man under him."

Tex worked in Rocky Mount for 20 years before transferring back to Roanoke in 1968.

The majority of his time after retirement will be spent working with his 11-year-old son. "He's really active in sports and I want to help him right on through college, as I did my daughter and older son. One thing I'm definitely going to stay involved with is my work with the Boy Scout program. My 11-year-old is active in Scouts and I want to assist him with his projects."

The older son, Gordon, attained the rank of Eagle Scout and was also awarded the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Scout. He was honored several years ago by the Blue Ridge Mountains Council for saving a girl's life when she was bitten by a copperhead snake after stepping off a school bus.



Robert E. Ferrell, station operator A in General Office Operations, Abingdon, has received a diploma from International Correspondence Schools in the electrical engineering power option course.



Brooks

Brooks retires from Cabin Creek

William Ray Brooks, tractor operator at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement May 1 after 35 years' service.

A native of Sovereign, W. Va., he began his career in 1941 as a laborer and has also worked as a coal conveyor operator.

Ray plans to pursue his hobbies of farming, hunting and fishing in his leisure time. He and his wife Margaret have three children and eight grandchildren.

Bob Howery enters retirement



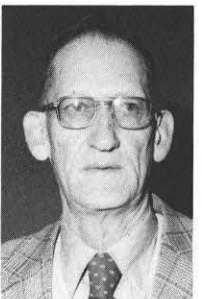
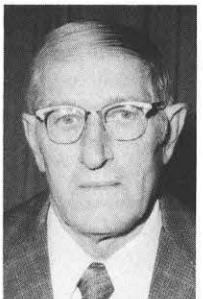
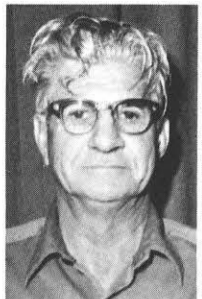
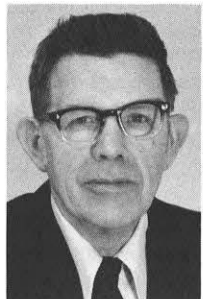
Howery

Robert Lee Howery, the last of five Howery brothers to work for Appalachian, elected early retirement May 1. He was a transmission man A in General Office T&D Transmission, Bluefield. Bob's immediate plans are to return to his native Montgomery County, Va., and build a house there.

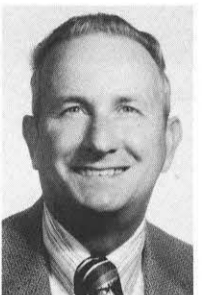
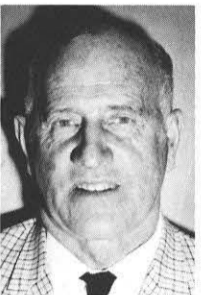
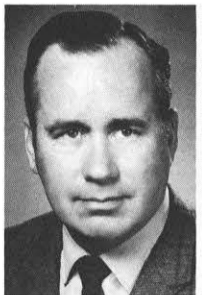
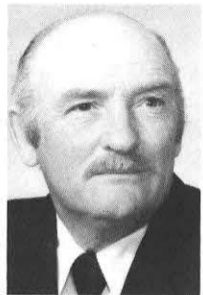
Bob began his career with Appalachian in 1937 but left twice during the 40's to work for the Virginian Railroad. One of his early experiences with the company was "helping to spot poles at structure locations on the old Sprigg-Beaver Creek #3 138-kv line in Kentucky with a team of mules and block and tackle." Another time he recalls "using the old canvas drinking water bags to carry water up a pole on the Hazard-Pineville line to put out a fire."

Bob attends the Methodist Church and enjoys gardening, fishing and hunting. He and his wife Myrtle have three children and seven grandchildren.

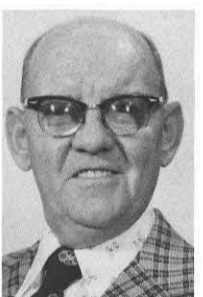
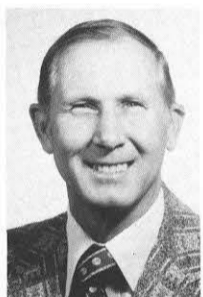
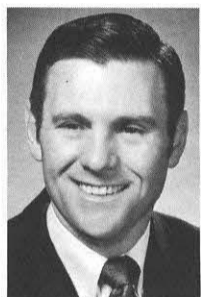
Veteran employees receive recognition for long service



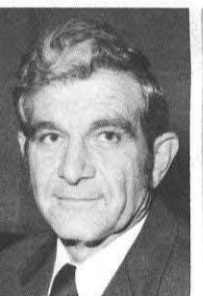
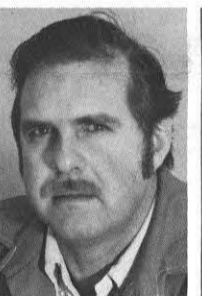
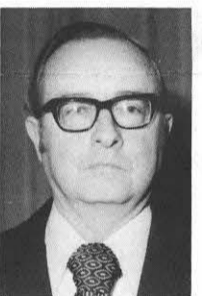
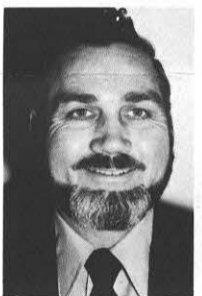
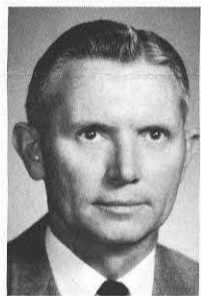
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40 Years

Classification

Location

Flanagan, H. R. Accounting Supervisor Pikeville
 Lewis, R. L. Station Engineer Sr. GO-Roanoke

35 Years

Pendleton, Guy Meter Supervising Engr. . . . GO-Roanoke
 Smith, A. R. Maintenance Foreman John E. Amos
 Cline, E. J. Area Serviceman Pulaski
 Rosenbaum, C. E. Line Foreman NE Pulaski
 Sumner, H. H. Stationman A Pulaski
 Trout, D. E. Wage and Salary Asst. GO-Roanoke
 Collier, N. W. Area Supervisor Hazard

30 Years

Vealey, W. C. Maintenance Man Cabin Creek
 Dunigan, C. L. Line Foreman NE Pulaski
 Bush, Everett Working Line Foreman Hazard
 McFall, William, Jr. Line Foreman NE Abingdon
 King, W. H. Engineer B Logan-Williamson
 Maynard, L. E. Collector Huntington
 Saunders, J. L. Line Foreman NE Bluefield
 Runyon, J. E. Area Development Dir. GO-Ashland
 DeHart, R. E. Transmission Man A GO-Charleston
 Tapley, J. G. Asst. Station Supt. GO-Roanoke

25 Years

Nash, R. T. Commercial and Power Rep. Ashland
 Lingar, C. S. Public Affairs Asst. Kingsport
 Butler, J. K. General Serviceman Huntington
 Callihan, D. B. Stores Supervisor Ashland
 Crane, J. M. Building Supervisor Charleston
 Stone, R. E. Maintenance Man Cabin Creek
 Elliott, R. A. Maintenance Mechanic B Glen Lyn
 Lavender, Jean Customer Accounts Supv. G. Beckley
 Bowling, R. E. Maintenance Man Glen Lyn
 Arnold, J. L. Sr. Engineering Tech. Kingsport
 Turner, A. J. Maintenance Mechanic A Glen Lyn
 Kirby, Mary Helen Residental Representative Bluefield

Bernard, P. C., Jr. Operations Coordinator GO-Roanoke
 Hill, W. M. Service Foreman Logan-Williamson
 Frango, F. R. Sta. Maint. Foreman NE GO-Bluefield
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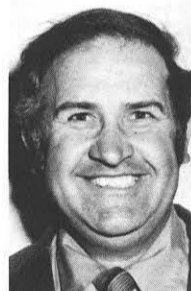
20 Years

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 Doss, E. P. Collector Bluefield
 Clayton, V. J. Station Foreman E Bluefield
 Goforth, H. T., Jr. Right of Way Agent Bluefield
 Dunn, J. L. Area T&D Clerk Pulaski
 Trawick, A. J. Operations Supervisor John E. Amos
 Coltrane, E. R. Hydro Res. and Bldg. Supv. . . Pulaski
 Hawley, Dorothy T&D Clerk Senior Abingdon
 Shepard, C. L. Transmission Man A GO-Bluefield

10 Years

Wynegar, J. D. Stationman B Abingdon
 Meadows, J. B. Unit Foreman John E. Amos
 Barton, J. D. Unit Foreman John E. Amos
 Hess, G. L. Unit Foreman John E. Amos
 Waugh, D. L. Equipment Operator John E. Amos
 Gautier, R. L. Unit Foreman John E. Amos
 Kuhl, A. L. Utility Foreman John E. Amos
 O'Neal, K. E. Unit Foreman John E. Amos
 Lester, N. G. Inst. Maint. Man B Clinch River
 Johnson, H. E. Junior Maintenance Man Clinch River
 Bright, R. D. General Bookkeeper GO-Roanoke
 Leffel, D. D. Engineer B GO-Bluefield
 Lipscomb, G. Control Wireman A GO-Huntington
 Monahan, D. L. T&D Instrumentman GO-Roanoke
 Perdue, G. B. T&D Instrumentman GO-Roanoke
 Hill, N. S. Maintenance Man Glen Lyn
 Thornton, J. R. Maintenance Helper Glen Lyn
 Massie, T. L. Meter Reader Huntington
 Quesenberry, N. M. R/W Maint. Inspector Pulaski
 Adcock, J. D. Lineman A Roanoke
 Likens, T. W. Lineman A Roanoke
 Shannon, C. W. General Serviceman Roanoke
 Reynolds, F. N. Master Maintenance Man Philip Sporn
 Addair, C. T. Custodian Logan-Williamson

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Clayton

Utility economics booklet offered

"The \$ and ¢ of Running A Business", a booklet explaining in easy-to-understand language economic facts about the electric utility industry, has been published by Reddy Communications, Inc., and is available to interested employees. The booklet can be obtained from any Appalachian Power personnel supervisor.

The completely illustrated, 16-page booklet communicates basic utility economics. The problems, opportunities and challenges facing a utility businessman are explained within the context of supply and demand, profit and loss. A glossary of economic and electric terms is included on the inside back cover.



Weatherly

Weatherly ends 29-year career

"I'd like to thank the company and employees I have worked with for their kindness, cooperation and personal concern during my career," says Jesse Clinton Weatherly. He was a unit foreman at Glen Lyn Plant before retiring May 1 after 29 years' service.

A native of Mercer County, W. Va., he began his career in 1947 as a utility man and advanced through the positions of auxiliary equipment operator B, auxiliary equipment operator units 5 and 6, and boiler operator A.

A member of the Church of God, Kellysville, W. Va., Clint's retirement plans include truck farming, fishing and hunting. He and his wife Lina have six children and 13 grandchildren.

Retiring line foreman proud of 20-year safety record at Stuart

"The best thing I can recall about my years with Appalachian is all the great people I've worked with. It's made my job so much nicer," says John Garland Morrison, who retired May 1 as a line foreman at Stuart in the Roanoke Division. He continues, "When I came to work, I was looking for a job. But it has been more than that. It was the kind of work I've always appreciated and because of that I tried to do what the company expected of me."

John began his career as a groundman at Roanoke in 1941. He served with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific and European campaigns during World War II and had 27 straight months of combat duty. He fought in 11 major battles and received numerous decorations. John returned to work as a lineman C and was a lineman B and A before transferring to Stuart in 1947. He was promoted to line foreman in 1956.

John is proud that no one who has worked under him has sustained a disabling injury. He says, "I'm pretty proud of having been part of the team in the Stuart area that worked 20 consecutive years without a disabling injury. I was determined I was going to do the job the safest way I knew how and, as I look back now, it worked out for the best."



Morrison

"I would like to mention that my wife Mae has been just as loyal to the company as I have. The fact that I was a foreman meant working a lot of overtime, and she spent many a night alone while I was working trouble. During heavy outages she took the customer calls at home, and I know of one instance during a storm when she answered the phone more than 80 times in one hour. She never complained even when some of the customers gave her a hard time."

The Morrisons, who have a mountain cabin near Stuart, plan to build a new log cabin nearby. Sometime during May they will take a trip to Williamsburg, Va. John says, "Something else that's going to occupy my time is playing music with the local bluegrass band." Other plans include fishing in between travel and working around the house.

Harnsberger earns management degree



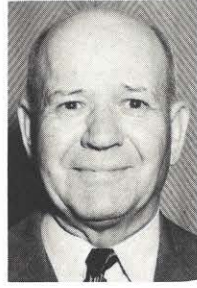
Harnsberger

Stephen G. Harnsberger, Kingsport commercial representative, has graduated from East Tennessee State University with a BS degree in business management.

During the past 16 years he has attended eight colleges in four states and earned 347 quarter hours of credit. But most of the requirements for his degree were fulfilled in night classes taken at East Tennessee's main campus in Johnson City or at the branch in Kingsport.

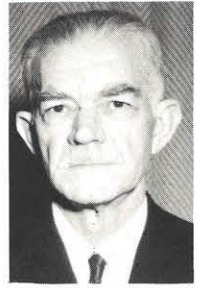
Harnsberger says, "My wife Sara teaches school and just recently completed the requirements for her master's degree. Since we were both attending classes at the same time, she was a great help to me in achieving my goal."

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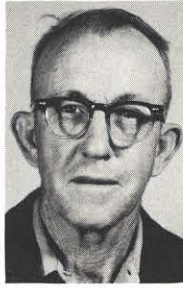


Sanderson

Robert Walker Sanderson, 86, retired Roanoke collector, died April 20. A native of Vinton, Virginia, he began his career in 1908 as a meter reader with the old Roanoke Railway and Electric Company and retired from Appalachian Power August 1, 1955. Sanderson is survived by his daughter, son, sister, half-sister and seven grandchildren.



Burdette



Morrison

Rowland S. Burdette, 79, retired purchasing agent in General Office Purchasing, Roanoke, died April 10. A native of Silverton, West Virginia, he was employed in 1924 as a meter reader in Huntington and retired August 1, 1961. Burdette is survived by his widow Faye of 1844 Cambridge Avenue, Roanoke, Va.; one son, one daughter, one brother, one sister and one granddaughter.

Winston Morrison, 67, retired Kingsport line foreman, died March 20. A native of McMann County, Tennessee, he had broken service before becoming permanently employed in 1944 as a lineman. He retired August 1, 1972. Morrison is survived by his widow Nora of 1046 Cooper Avenue, Kingsport, Tenn.; two daughters, two sons and one brother. His son Ralph Morrison is a general serviceman in Kingsport.



Minnick



Tucker

Nathan Edward Minnick, 56, unit foreman at Clinch River Plant, died March 16. A native of Pulaski County, Virginia, he was employed in 1951 as a boiler operator C at Radford Army Ammunition Steam Plant. Minnick is survived by his widow Maleita of Route 6, Woodland Hills, Abingdon, Va.; one daughter and one son.

James Breckenridge Tucker, 65, retired stores supervisor at Clinch River Plant, died March

24. A native of Morganfield, Kentucky, he began his career in 1937 as a clerk in the Logan District and retired October 1, 1975. Tucker is survived by his widow Elizabeth of 27 Valley Street, Abingdon, Va.; one daughter and one son.



Ellis



Garrison

George Ellis, 80, retired Cabin Creek Plant boiler operator, died April 22. A native of Charleston, W. Va., he was employed in 1918 as a janitor at the plant and retired August 1, 1954. Ellis is survived by his widow Lizzie of Chelyan, W. Va.; one daughter, two sons and five brothers. His daughter, Opal, the wife of Earl Ferrell, assistant shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant. One son, O'Dell, is boiler operator C at Cabin Creek. All five brothers worked at Cabin Creek, two until retirement. On brother, Sanford, is a retired shift supervisor and another, Harry, is a retired mechanical maintenance man.

Hugh Matthew Thoma Garrison, 64, Lynchburg station man B, died April 1 after a long illness. A native of Madisonville, Va., he was employed in 1937 as a groundman at Lynchburg and had been on LTD leave since September, 1970. Garrison is survived by his widow Florenc of Woody's Lake Road, Madison Heights, Va.; one son and four grandchildren.

Army promotes Fred Combs



Combs

Fred Z. Combs, safety-security coordinator at the John E. Amo Plant construction department has been promoted to colonel in the 38th Ordnance Group at South Charleston, W. Va., a unit of the 99th Army Reserve Command, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Combs entered the Air Force as a private in 1951 and a year later transferred to the Army. He enrolled in officers' training school in 1953 and was commissioned second lieutenant the following year. His overseas assignment included Korea, Germany and Viet Nam. Combs was discharged from active duty in February, 1971 and joined the reserves as a lieutenant colonel in September of that year.

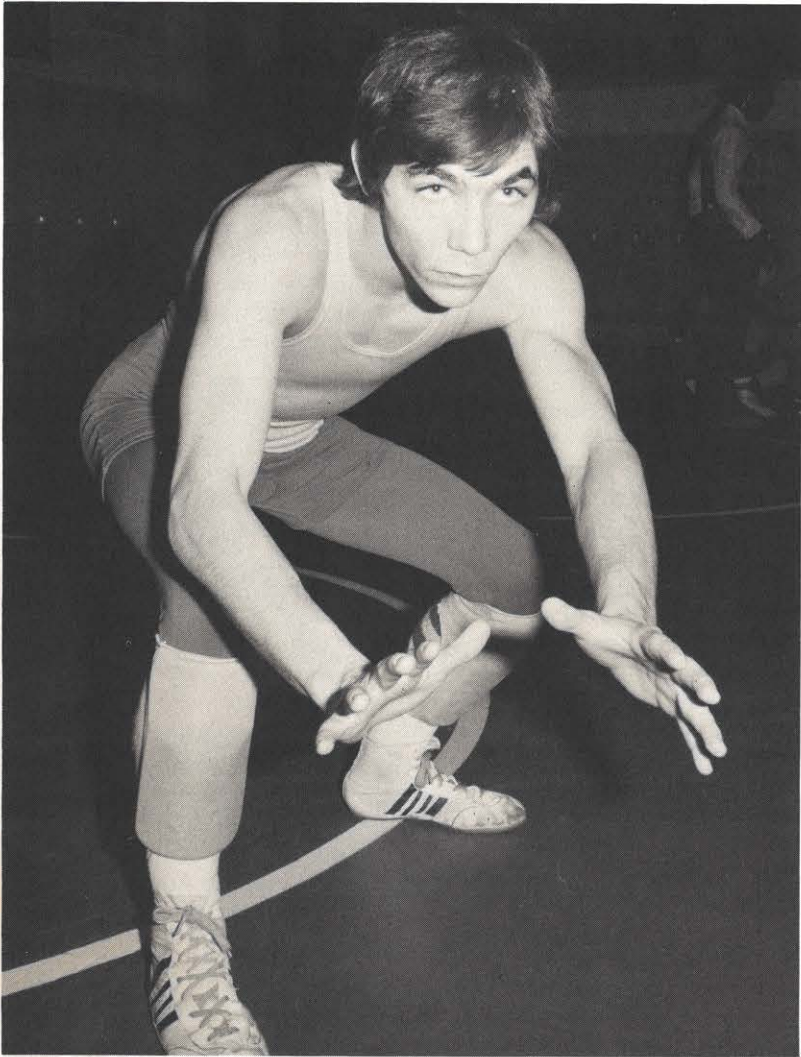


New officers of the Appa-Mo Club are (seated, l. to r.) Gayle Smith, secretary; Gary Hill, president; and Kay Smith, advisor. Standing, Paul Clower, treasurer, and George Arnold, advisor. The club is comprised of General Office Accounting employees in Roanoke.

Service anniversaries (Continued from page 8)

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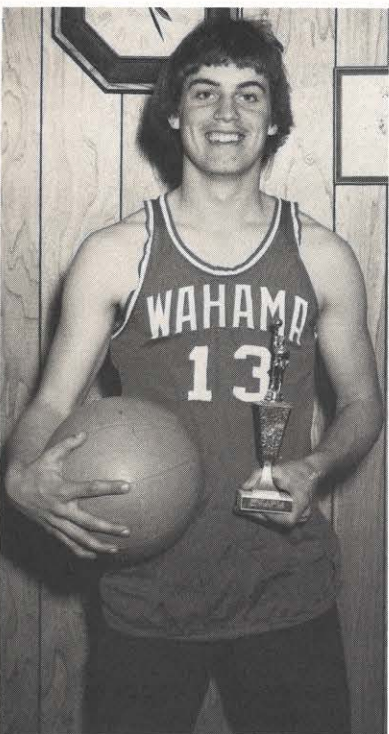
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Lewis, C. P.	Maintenance Man A	John E. Amos
Tyree, R. D.	Maintenance Man A	John E. Amos
Stone, H. M.	Maintenance Man B	John E. Amos
Kidd, Walter	Maintenance Foreman	John E. Amos
Broyles, C. E.	Maintenance Man A	John E. Amos
Martin, A. L.	Maintenance Man A	John E. Amos
Armstrong, R. L.	Control Technician Sr.	John E. Amos
Worstell, T. W.	Performance Engineer	John E. Amos
Barnett, T. D.	Coal Equipment Operator	John E. Amos
Garretson, G. R.	Coal Equipment Operator	John E. Amos
Stone, R. O.	Coal Equipment Operator	John E. Amos
Handley, C. F.	Maintenance Man A	John E. Amos
Coleman, J. M., II	Lineman C	Bluefield
Scales, D. K.	Maintenance Man	Clinch River
Summers, L. W., Jr.	Maintenance Man	Clinch River
Chaffin, C. L.	Maintenance Man	Clinch River
Robinson, Anna	Maid	GO-Roanoke
Cline, C. M.	Auxiliary Equipment Op.	Philip Sporn
Robinson, D. W.	Coal Handler	Philip Sporn



Cooke

Roanoke's Chuck Cooke wins title in region wrestling tournament

Chuck Cooke, son of Roanoke Division Office Supervisor R. F. Cooke, is one of those little guys who took to wrestling as a means of winning a varsity letter. Even though he played on championship sandlot football teams and competed in baseball and basketball, he says, "I really enjoyed those sports, but I knew I was never going to get big enough to do much in high school so I began to concentrate on wrestling."



Tim "Duke" Smith, son of L. O. Smith, Philip Sporn Plant utility foreman, received honors in the recent high school sectional basketball tournament held in Spencer, W. Va. The 5'10" guard at Wahama High School was one of five players and the only junior selected as "all tournament". Tim scored 28 points in the first game and 25 points in the second for the tournament high in total scoring.

And concentrate he did. He enjoyed a 11-1 regular season record during his freshman, sophomore and senior years. During his junior year his record was 7-0. These victories give him an impressive four-year regular season record of 40-3.

This also marks the third season he's been Roanoke Metro champ for his wrestling division. He was also district champ and North-west Region champ this year.

Cooke says, "My biggest thrill in wrestling comes with the knowledge that I've worked hard enough to whip the tail off my opponent. I'm confident every time I go into a match," he says. "I make myself believe if my first move doesn't work, I can go right into something else that will work. You have to do things natural on the mats — you don't have time to think."

Described by his coach as an "aggressive wrestler", Chuck was the most outstanding wrestler in the region tournament. He scored two quick pins and won the title by a big 28-7 margin.

While his most noteworthy accomplishment has been in wrestling, he was a varsity cheerleader during the football and basketball seasons, one of the few of his sex in the area. "I took a dare from a female schoolmate to become a cheerleader this year."

He spent much of last summer attending a cheerleader camp at Roanoke College. "Being widely outnumbered by the girls there was exciting, and I enjoyed cheering. You meet a lot of great people."

Carroll Hutton is at home on ground, in air or water

Carroll Hutton, husband of Karen Hutton, Central Machine Shop stenographer, is a most adaptable man. He is completely at home on the ground, in the air or in the water. It all began ten years ago when a friend of his, who taught scuba diving at the Charleston YMCA, invited Hutton to "come around some evening and observe".

Diving in area lakes and rivers soon gave Hutton a desire to explore the deep, but a major obstacle was how to get from West Virginia to the ocean quickly. This prompted him to learn to fly, and now flying and diving are a major part of his life.

Hutton says, "Underwater scenery changes from place to place, much like the terrain of the land. I don't have a favorite diving area. They are all magnificent in their own way and completely different. I've dived on shipwrecks off the coast of North and South Carolina, in the Florida Keys, in the Bahamas and at Cayman Islands, just south of Cuba. One of the more interesting shipwreck dives was on the John G. Gill, an American tanker built in 1942 which was torpedoed by a German U-boat when it was only one month old. It is an eerie feeling to swim along the deck of such a fine ship, setting upright on the bottom of the ocean with its gun still in place, the deck so peaceful and the giant propeller silent. Two huge holes along the aft section on the port side indicate its fate." He's also dived on the City of Richmond, a packet steamer; the Hector, a cargo ship; and a fleet of Spanish galleons.

Hutton continues, "Diving in the Bahamas is like diving in a crystal clear bowl. The water is so clear that I've photographed at 200 feet with available light.



Carroll Hutton displays some of his sea treasures in a table/chest he constructed from driftwood and trimmed with brass handles and bars, part of Civil War wreckage.

"An interesting experience occurred at Andros in the Bahamas. One morning a couple appeared at the dive wharf to schedule a dive. The woman made all the arrangements and the man said nothing. The couple was from Switzerland and the man could not speak one word of English. I dived with him the entire week with complete trust — a **must** for divers. The experience was in-

deed beautiful for us both. Smiles, handshakes and sparkling eyes can tell much more than words. Now Karen and I correspond with the couple regularly and they plan to visit with us in West Virginia this year.

"The diving at Grand Cayman is picturesque. The water is very clear and full of colorful, curious tropical fish and elegant forms of green, blue, purple and gold marine life, unlike anywhere else on earth. My main reason for diving this area was photography. I have some excellent pictures of the continental shelf of the island. The shelf represents a drop of 6,000 feet into total darkness from a ledge filled solid with living coral."

The memories of these diving trips are captured on film and shared with hundreds of people each year. Hutton fulfills numerous requests from various church, private and civic groups to show his slides and talk about his experiences.

In addition to diving for sport Hutton has done much commercial work in the Kanawha Valley area, including some for Appalachian Power at the John E. Amos Plant and for area hydro. He has also participated in some not so pleasant dives in search of victims of accidental drownings such as in the Silver Bridge disaster at Point Pleasant.

Hutton's learning to fly has resulted in a commercial/instrument rating, thus turning his hobbies into profitable as well as enjoyable pastimes.



The Appalachian Power Electric's won the first half of the Thursday night Bluefield Industrial Bowling League, racking 3025 pins in a roll-off to break the tie for first place. Team members are, kneeling from left, Clyde Welch, head T&D clerk, and Dave Francisco, former employee. Back row from left, Okey Glover, retired line inspector; Bill Cox, retired surveyor, and Bill Wolfe, T&D clerk senior.



Fred E. Varney, area superintendent at Williamson in the Logan-Williamson Division, walked off with most of the honors at the Tug Valley Country Club golf tournament. He won trophies for low net, 4th flight; low gross; and low net, senior flight. Varney began golfing in 1965 and has won at least one trophy each year since.



Tommy Anderson's chopper took three top awards in the annual Custom Car-Cycle Show sponsored by the Vinton, Va., Jaycees. It was judged "best over-all cycle", "best paint" and "best cycle" in the radical division, the top of five divisions in the show. Anderson, Roanoke auto repairman A, was awarded a trophy and two plaques.



A 1969 Pontiac GTO owned by C. A. Terry, Jr., Pulaski auto repairman A, and driven by his brother Dickie Terry took first place in the E. T. Bracket Race at East Bend, N. C. Jeff Jennings and Eddie Kincer served as pit crew. Terry drove the 400-cubic inch machine in competition with 77 other E. T. grouped cars. The win brought the Terrys a \$500 check and trophy. They have been racing the car about two years and have 15 first place trophies plus prize money to their credit. The Pontiac has over 110,000 miles on the engine. From left, Dickie Terry, Jeff Jennings and C. A. Terry, Jr.

Invitational bowling tournament draws 48 teams

Eleven women's and 37 men's teams rolled in the 1976 Appalachian Power Company Invitational Tenpin Bowling Tournament held recently at Roanoke's Viking Lanes.

Lonnie Moran and Dave Barger of GO T&D Distribution were tournament directors, assisted by Gene Hylton, Wendell Reed and Stan Hill of GO Accounting; Bobby Saul and Aubrey Powell of GO T&D Station; and E. L. Munday, Jr., APCo vice president.

Roanoke's Splitters had a score of 3010 to capture the first place trophy and \$150 cash prize. Team members were Bob Daniel, Gene Hylton and Dave Baumgardner, GO Accounting; Tex Purdy, GO T&D Station; and Dave Barger, GO T&D Distribution.

The Lynchburg team composed of Jim Reid, Tom Witt, Leon Meeks, Ralph Bird and Jim Martin rolled 2994 to take the second place trophy and \$110 prize.

Placing third with a total score of 2962 were Roanoke's Spares, composed of Glen Perfater and Bob Sult, GO Purchasing; Tom Ruble, GO T&D Station; and Orville Napier and John Bussey, Roanoke Division. They won a trophy and cash prize of \$70.

Another Roanoke team, the Computers, captured the fourth place trophy and cash prize of \$40. Members were Randy Agnew and Joe Kuehn, GO T&D Distribution; Wayne Jacobs and Harold Ball, GO Accounting; and Danny Thomas, GO T&D Communications.

Roanoke's New River Electric team, which took first place in last year's event, came in fifth. Sharing the trophy and \$30 prize were Bobby Saul, Jim Reynolds, Bob Main and Larry Hubbard, GO T&D Station; and Rodney Gentry, GO T&D Civil Engineering.

Bluefield's Ridge Runners took the \$65 top prize in the women's event with a total score of 2621. Team members were Dell Leist, Marie Anderson, Belle Testerman, Juanita Crouch and Nell Nunnery.

The Live Wires of Roanoke came in second with total pins of 2580. Sharing the \$40 prize were Susan Caywood, Sandra Collier, Janice Potter and Teresa Thomas, GO Accounting, and Gail Walker, GO General Services.

Individual men's trophies were awarded as follows: high game scratch — Bruce Hagley, Huntington, and Ernie Linkous, Bluefield (232 tie); high game handicap — Bruce Hagley (258); high set scratch — Jesse Chit-

wood, GO Hydro (600); and high set handicap — Harold Ball, GO Accounting (658).

No individual women's trophies were awarded because funds were limited. However, Dell Leist of Bluefield won \$15 for high set handicap (610) and Madge Walker of the Megawatt League won \$9.50 for high game handicap (214).

Three bowling balls and seven bowling bags were awarded as door prizes by E. L. Munday, Jr.



Bluefield's Ridge Runners took first place in the women's division of the 1976 Appalachian Employees Invitational Bowling Tournament. Kneeling, from left, Nell Nunnery and Juanita Crouch. Standing, Dell Leist, wife of L. H. Leist, and Marie Anderson, wife of M. E. Anderson.



Bobby Martin, a 130-pound novice lightweight in the Marmet Boxing Club, has won his first two scheduled fights in Charleston and Huntington. A junior at East Bank High School, Bobby is the son of J. W. Martin, Cabin Creek Plant yard foreman.



The Splitters of Roanoke won first place in the men's division of the Invitational Bowling Tournament. From left, Dave Barger, GO T&D Distribution; A. B. Purdy, GO T&D Station; Gene Hylton, Bobby Daniels and Dave Baumgardner, GO Accounting.

Schnell and Leadman serve the Lord as well as Appalachian Power



Schnell

"I work for the power company in the daytime and the Lord at night," says Charles W. Schnell, Charleston meter reader. "I seldom get to bed before midnight."

Schnell, who has been a Christian for 25 years, got his call to the ministry in 1961 and became an evangelist two years later. His home church at the present time is Emmanuel Baptist in Charleston.

"All of my family have been very active in church work for years and years, but I am the first preacher," Schnell says. He works year-round holding services at different churches on special occasions or while the regular pastor is away. He doesn't always preach but sometimes serves in other capacities. Schnell recently was song leader and soloist for eight days of services at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Teays Valley. He has worked with youth for seven years.

In March he and 16 other West Virginia Baptists participated in a preaching mission in Nicaragua. Schnell held services at El Limon, a rural village of about 900 people. This was his second trip there. The first was a working mission in 1972 when the primary objective was to paint an 80-bed hospital which hadn't been painted in 15 years. Schnell says, "I hope to go back again in the near future if the Lord calls. The people are so warm and friendly."

Schnell has prepared a slide presentation on the Nicaragua trip which he will be presenting to various churches throughout the Charleston area.

Schnell concludes, "Jesus said that he came to bring us abundant life. I have found that abundant life in him. Whether preaching, on the job, or wherever I am, my cup truly runs over."

R. S. "Butch" Leadman, Charleston lineman B, serves as pastor of the Amy Baptist Church, Yawkey, W. Va. He has been in the ministry since 1969 and at Amy Baptist since 1973. His first church was Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Tornado, W. Va. where he was ordained.

He started teaching a Sunday School class but says, "I just wasn't satisfied and felt I should

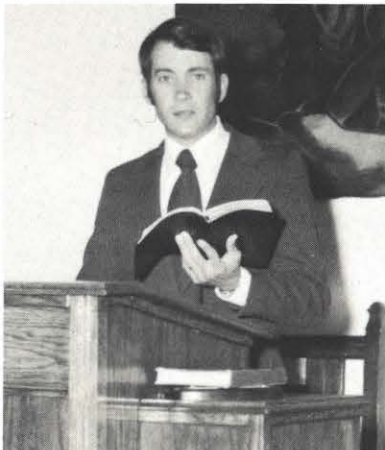
do more." After discussions with his pastor, they decided he might become a minister. But his pastor warned, "If you're satisfied with doing anything else, you're not called to preach because it will take all of your time."

Leadman says, "I do know one thing. I'm busy all the time now. I don't know exactly what I'm accomplishing, but I'm busy — working for APCo during the day and ministering a church the rest of the time. I preach three sermons each week plus all the other activities connected with church — home and hospital visits, weddings, funerals, committee meetings, etc. A small church has about all the activities big churches have so it takes about as much time to minister a small church as it does a large one. The pay, of course, is different. Some day I would like to go into ministry full time if I can get a church big enough to support a full-time minister. My present church has about 100 members."

Leadman is also vice president and youth director of the Coal River Ministerial Association, which includes 26 other churches. He holds revivals, sings solos and is choir director for other churches. "Last winter I had revival meetings for 31 straight nights, either as a minister or providing special music."

He notes, "When I was teaching Sunday School, I fell in and got wet all over. Christ made me aware that there was more to life than just existing. It gives me great pleasure to be able to relate to people what Jesus Christ has to offer in life, and that's my whole goal. It gives me satisfaction to see someone saved and then watch them grow spiritually."

He and his wife Linda have two sons, Rick and Matt. "I really need to spend more time with them, but with working eight hours a day, going to school two nights a week and with other church activity, I just don't have time." Leadman attended West Virginia State College and is enrolled in Appalachian Bible Institute at Beckley. He has extension courses in Charleston. "I don't know when I'll be able to get a degree, but I'll keep on going as long as the Lord's willing."



Leadman



The Appalachian Chorus has been officially designated a Bicentennial choir for the Roanoke Valley by the Roanoke Valley Bicentennial commission. The chorus, composed of 36 General Office and Roanoke Division employees, is directed by Helen Honaker, stenographer in GO T&D Station, Roanoke. Rehearsals are held during lunch hours and members have various fund raising

projects to pay for their costumes and music. The chorus will begin a series of Bicentennial concerts May 2 for active and retired employees and their families. Concerts are also scheduled on two Roanoke television stations and before several civic and other audiences in the Roanoke Valley.



Jackson

Jackson elects early retirement

Gordon Richard Jackson, equipment operator at Glen Lyn Plant, elected early retirement May 1 after more than 38 years' service.

A native of Keystone, W. Va., he began his career in 1937 as a laborer and later worked as a boiler room man, boiler operator B and switchboard operator.

Gordon plans to do some farming and continue grinding corn meal, buckwheat, flour and feed, which he distributes from Roanoke to Abingdon. He'll also be able to spend more time on his hobbies of woodworking and making lamps from glass bottles.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

General Office

Gayle Smith, work order cost clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, one gallon.

Lynchburg

Franklin O. Smith, Jr., son of F. O. Smith, station foreman non-exempt, one gallon.

Joe Scott's retirement plans include trip to Canada

Sanford S. "Joe" Scott, truck driver-groundman at Oak Hill in the Beckley Division, elected early retirement April 1 after more than 32 years' service.

A native of Fayette County, W. Va., Joe began his career in 1943 as a groundman. Some of the most vivid memories he has about his early days with the company are patrolling high lines on foot each spring and having to set each pole by hand. "Now," he says, "helicopters patrol the high lines and we have equipment to set the poles."

His plans for the future include travel, "especially a trip to Canada", gardening, hunting, fishing and raising Beagles. He and his wife Helen have two children and five grandchildren.



Scott

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