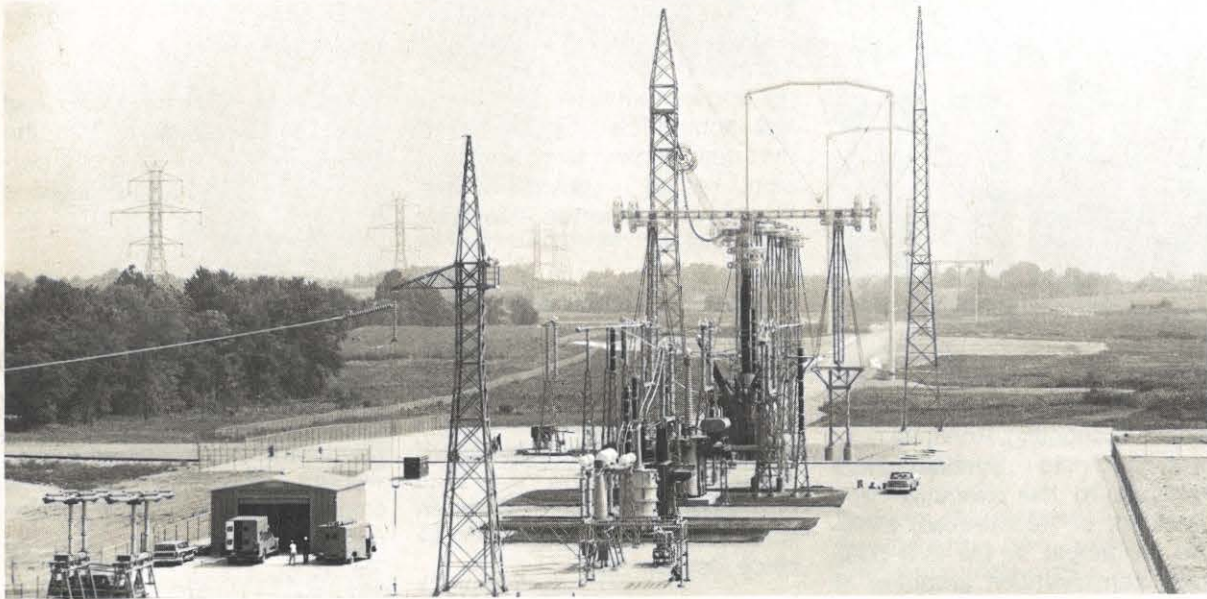


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The world's newest and most sophisticated UHV research center is adjacent to Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Dumont Station at North Liberty, Indiana.

Ultra-high voltage research center commissioned

A few years ago tall corn, or perhaps soybeans, grew in the field in northern Indiana where 150 people gathered last month to witness the commissioning of the world's newest and most sophisticated research center for the study of ultra-high-voltage transmission of electric energy.

Representatives of electric utilities, government power agencies, electrical engineering schools, electrical equipment manufacturers, contractors, the trade press, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Edison Electric Institute and the Electric Power Research Institute were among the 150 who inspected the UHV Research Center jointly built and owned by the American Electric Power System and ASEA, the Swedish manufacturer of electrical apparatus. Also in attendance were visitors from France, Canada, Italy and Sweden, including Gunnar Jancke of the Swedish State Power Board and president of CIGRE.

AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr. and ASEA Chairman Curt Nicolin pushed twin buttons on a giant voltmeter display which set in motion the energizing of the test station and line at a level in ex-

cess of 2-million volts. Other speakers during the two-day event, aside from White and Nicolin, were ASEA President Torsten L. Lindstrom and the AEP Service Corporation's Vice Chairman John Tillinghast, who was master of ceremonies, and Vice President H. N. Scherer, Jr.

The UHV Research Center is at North Liberty, Indiana, 10 miles south of South Bend and adjacent to Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Dumont Station.

In his address, Chairman White characterized the transmission research program as "a most urgent and useful project."

He said, "The generation of electric energy has always occupied a major and rightful place in the minds and hearts of the chief executives in the electric utility industry. But let me add that the transmission of electric energy also should occupy such a major and rightful place.

"Transmission is the medium that integrates power production with power utilization. It is the adhesive that makes a power system a 'system.' Without it we could never achieve the

economies of scale and operation in power production that have so epitomized the character of the electric utility business."

Hug of life saves choking victim



Stone

Once again the company's first aid training has helped an employee possibly save another person's life.

Eddie Stone, customer accounts representative A in Charleston Division's St. Albans office, and some other accounting employees were eating dinner in a local restaurant when a woman sitting at the next table began choking. Another woman with her was trying unsuccessfully to help. Eddie jumped up from his table, went over to the woman and began first aid treatment consisting of a bear hug, pressing on the stomach just under the rib cage. The practice is called the Heimlich maneuver or "hug of life".

Eddie recalls, "I didn't get nervous or upset. It just seemed like the natural thing to do. I remembered my first aid training and put it to practice." After the food was dislodged, the woman thanked Eddie for helping. About that time the restaurant manager came over and inquired whether the woman normally got choked easily. She replied, "No, it's just this tough steak."

Virginia) by year-end, and look forward to the possible start of a fifth during 1977 to keep pace with the expected demands by 1981-82."

White, speaking in Chicago and Boston, said he thought the projections for load growth were "realistic," and that "we see no real problems in meeting our customers' demands, although there may be some tightness just prior to the completion of the fourth 1.3-million-kw unit." He said the entire industry "may be on the threshold of a period of unparalleled growth," if national (continued on page 2)

White predicts growth, problems in address before security analysts

Chairman W. S. White, Jr. in his first such appearance since becoming chief executive officer of the American Electric Power System, told security analysts in two cities recently that:

- he expects a load growth of 6.3 per cent on the System through the decade of the 1970s;

- the System, by 1980, will be the largest captive coal producer in the country, and

- "we hope to . . . increase the pace on a fourth 1.3-million-kilowatt coal-fired unit (in West

Kentucky Power Company granted \$9.9-million rate increase by PSC

Kentucky Power Company last month was granted permission by the Kentucky Public Service Commission to increase its revenues by \$9.9-million (\$9,965,621) annually. The new rates became effective October 20.

The company's original rate request, first in its 50-year history, was filed with the Commission on April 29, 1976, and asked for additional revenues of about \$16.5-million.

Waldo S. La Fon, executive vice president of Kentucky Power, pointed out that Kentucky Power customers' bills will still keep lower with the new rates than those in most other states. He illustrated this with examples from a recent Federal Power Commission survey of national electric rates which used 500 kilowatthours as a measuring stick for each state. "Under our new rates," La Fon said, "those 500 kwh will cost our customers \$16.17. The national average of the cost of 500 kwh is \$19.26."

Under the new rates an average customer without electric heat using about 600 kwh a month (an example used in the rate case

testimony) will pay \$18.31 a month. Customers using 758 kwh per month (average of all customers) will pay \$21.71. An "average" electric heat customer using 1738 kwh per month could expect to pay \$42.12.

La Fon went on to explain that part of the Commission's approval included a "fold-in" of fuel costs into the base rates which previously were included in the fuel clause. "This resulted in customers receiving fuel clause credits the minute the new rates went into effect," he said, "as the built-in, automatic and downward adjustment feature of the fuel clause works when current coal costs go down."

"The additional revenues, although not as much as we requested, will go a long way in helping us give our customers the kind of service they want and deserve and help offset the tremendous inflationary cost of doing business we've experienced in recent years," La Fon said. "We will need to look closely at the revenues these new rates are designed to generate during the next few months to see if they are adequate."

AEP coal mining, coal purchasing, transportation to relocate in Ohio

The American Electric Power Service Corporation will locate the headquarters for its coal mining, coal purchasing and transportation operations in Lancaster, Ohio.

Gerald Blackmore, senior vice president, fuel supply, said that the first step in the move has been taken with the leasing of two floors in the Shaw Building in downtown Lancaster. He said this space would house the operation until the company obtains a new office building of ap-

propriate size.

Blackmore said that employees of the Service Corporation's Fuel Supply Department would move to Lancaster from New York, Charleston, West Virginia, and Albany and Canton, Ohio. About 30 employees will be on the job within four or five weeks, Blackmore said, building up over a period of 18 months to a "substantial number."

The Lancaster headquarters will house coal production and purchasing, engineering, transportation, public affairs, personnel and other functions supporting the AEP System fuel capability.

Blackmore, who recently joined AEP after having spent over thirty years in the management of coal operations in the United Kingdom and Canada, said that the expanding scope of the System's fuel operations required a single headquarters in the general vicinity of mining facilities. Lancaster was selected as the site of the headquarters, he said, because it was centrally located, close to adequate air transportation and to interstate highways, and "because it's an attractive community in which our employees can live and work." He noted that Ohio Power Company, an operating subsidiary of the AEP System, maintains an office in Lancaster.

Dividend increased

An increased quarterly dividend of 51 1/2¢ per share of common stock was declared last month by the Board of Directors of American Electric Power Company. The dividend earlier had been 50¢ per share.

The increase means that AEP will have paid a higher annual dividend each year for 24 consecutive years.

The dividend will be paid December 10, to shareholders of record November 10, 1976.

Shareowners asked to vote against anti-nuclear proposals

The American Electric Power System last month asked its securities holders in seven states to vote against anti-nuclear power proposals on their respective November 2 ballots. In only one of the seven, Ohio, does the AEP System provide electric service.

AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr., describing each of the ballot issues as "a major obstacle in the way of developing the nuclear power which is so essentially needed," wrote to AEP common stock shareowners in Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Oregon, Montana and Washington.

Charles A. Heller, Jr., executive vice president of Ohio Power, wrote a similar letter to AEP

stockholders in Ohio, as well as to holders of Ohio Power bonds and preferred stock. Ohio voters also had before them three other proposals directly affecting electric utilities in that state. They would establish: (a) life-line rates (a fixed price for electric usage up to a specified amount); (b) a customer-supported fund to hire legal counsel to represent customers before the Public Utilities Commission, and (c) an easier means of placing referendum questions on the ballot.

Earlier, White had appealed to AEP's shareowners in California to reject an anti-nuclear initiative voted on at that state's primary on June 8. The proposition was defeated by a 2-to-1 margin.

Growth, problems (continued from page 1)

objectives are to be attained. In addition, "environmental clean-up processes are energy intensive, and even now are adding to our energy needs."

Even so, the environmental problem is pervasive, he said: it governs what fuels can be mined, and the quality of fuels that can be burned; it affects siting of coal-fired and nuclear plants, and of transmission lines as well. "We need," he declared, "to reassess environmental goals in the light of other national interests and achieve a balance which will permit the development of electric power supply and our general industrial base in a practical manner."

He told the analysts that financing growth will remain a problem unless and until the consumer realizes that "the day of cheap energy in any form has passed, and that his interests lie in assuring the availability of a reliable energy supply . . ." and that "such assurance can no longer be given without periodic and significant increases in the price paid for electric power." Regulators too have a duty, White said.

They must "recognize their responsibility in protecting the public interest by providing rate structures which will permit the orderly expansion of electric power supply."

In tooling up for the job, White said, AEP invested more than \$3.5 billion in the years 1970-75 for generation, transmission, environmental protection, and fuel supply, and in 1976 and 1977, will invest another \$650 million annually. Although 1970-75 was a period of both recession and inflation, and included a period of an oil embargo, the System was able to maintain its traditional financial performance. In 1970-75 net earnings rose 68 per cent, and earnings per share went from \$2.30 to \$2.44, while the number of shares outstanding rose from 50.8-million to 80.4-million.

The fact that the AEP is in a strong position "does not mean the problems are all behind us. The future remains cloudy. It could be cleared in a major way if we were to evolve a national energy policy consistent with other national imperatives."

MOVING UP



Vaughan

Musgrave

Warren O. Vaughan, former statistical accountant in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, was promoted to administrative assistant to the executive vice president of Appalachian, effective November 1. He is a business administration graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

James C. Musgrave, employee relations administrator in General Office Personnel, Roanoke, will become personnel supervisor of the River Transportation Division of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, Cedar Grove, W. Va., on December 1. He succeeds Norwood O. Morrison, who resigned.

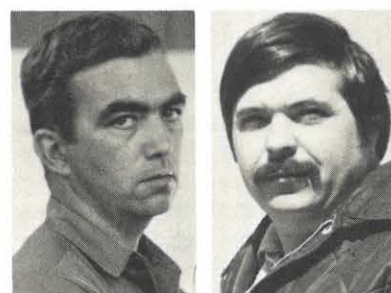


Riddle

Ernest

Burchel Riddle, former auto repairman A, was promoted to automotive maintenance supervisor in Hazard, effective August 1.

William W. Ernest, former assistant shift operating engineer, was promoted to shift operating engineer at John E. Amos Plant, effective October 1. He succeeds L. E. Hollins, who was reclassified for health reasons.



Brewer

Waugh

Lon Robert Brewer, Jr., former unit foreman, was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer at John E. Amos Plant, effective October 1. He succeeds W. W. Ernest.

Donnie L. Waugh, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit foreman at John E. Amos Plant, effective October 1. He succeeds L. R. Brewer, Jr.

New vice president elected, duties realigned in Fuel Supply

Election of a new vice president and a realignment of duties in the Service Corporation's Fuel Supply Department were announced last month. The changes reflect the new organization which is being set up in Lancaster, Ohio. The move is reported elsewhere in this issue.

William E. O'Connell was elected vice president — mining operations, to be responsible for all coal production on the System, including both deep and surface mining. He had been manager of surface operations, and had maintained his office in Cumberland, Ohio. The election took place October 28.

In other changes, **Blair A. Ross**, who had been vice president — fuel production, will become vice president — administration.

Peter R. Steenland, vice president — fuel procurement, will be assigned other duties in the Service Corporation. For the time being he will remain in that post to assist in the relocation offices.

Robert D. Rine, formerly manager of mine operations and development, will become head

of planning and engineering for the Department.

William H. Dickson, who has been personnel director in the Albany office, will become personnel and industrial relations director.

All changes are effective November 8.

O'Connell has been manager of surface mines since he rejoined the Service Corporation in October, 1974. He had originally worked for Central Ohio Coal Company, the System's surface mine company, from 1952 to 1971.

Ross, a Service Corporation veteran of 16 years, started with the System Planning Division as an electrical engineer.

Rine joined the AEP System in 1940 in Ohio Power Company's Transmission and Distribution Department.

Ohio Power was also the starting place for Dickson. He joined the company as a personnel assistant in 1966.

Abingdon Division retirees brought up-to-date on company activities



J. R. Whitehurst, division manager, discusses company activities with a group of Abingdon Division retired employees.

Twenty-seven Abingdon Division retired employees and guests attended a luncheon at the Greenway Party House in Abingdon recently. Management realizes that retired employees continue to be a vital part of the company due to their years of dedicated service and influence in the communities, so the purpose of the program was to inform attendees of recent changes in company operation and to discuss areas of mutual concern.

After a greeting and opening remarks by J. R. Whitehurst, division manager, the group viewed the anniversary film, "We've Come A Long Way Together". Several retirees remembered taking part in the early construction activities as depicted in the film.

T. W. Abolin, Clinch River plant manager, discussed changes in

power generation and gave a brief operating history of the plant. R. A. Sheffey, Jr., supervising engineer, reported on load and distribution growth within the division. P. V. Kelsey, customer services manager, reported on the growth of total electric schools, mining developments, industrial growth and kwh growth within the division. J. B. Frier, personnel supervisor, discussed recent changes in the company's medical plan and its relation to medicare. He distributed new medicare and Social Security booklets to each retiree.

Attending were E. W. Henson, J. S. Sutphin, Shirley Miller and Fred Poe from the Marion area; I. G. Coley and Ralph Carter from the Gate City area; Nellie and Ward Gillenwater, Paul Roe, George Wood, Fred Rosenbaum and John Elgin from the Abingdon area.

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Retiree plans more church work



Hays

Clark Hays, Hazard working foreman, elected early retirement October 1 after 32 years' service without a serious accident or lost time injury.

A native of Pine Top, Kentucky, Clark began his career in 1944 as a groundman and was a lineman before being promoted to working foreman.

In his spare time, Clark raises cattle and works on his farm. He is a member and assistant moderator of the Old Regular Baptist Church and plans to devote much of his time to church work and visiting hospitals. He's also planning to do some hunting and fishing.

Clark and his wife Lettie have 7 children and 11 grandchildren.

Gardening, carpentry will fill Red Stone's hours in retirement

Dale Blizzard "Red" Stone, lineman A in the Montgomery area of Charleston Division, elected early retirement October 1. He had been on long-term disability leave since June, 1971.

"Red" worked part time for Appalachian on several occasions before becoming permanently employed in 1936 as a laborer. He recalls that in 1928 he worked at Big Clear Creek and lived in a tent. He helped build the line from Stop 8 to Institute as well as the Cottageville line. "Our old truck had solid tires, and it sure was rough riding. Back in those days, even on the main highway, the truck would sink



Stone

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Appalachian Power

Abingdon

B. D. Burkett, meter reader, Marion.

Beckley

Rodney W. Jeffry, meter reader, Whitesville. **James W. Mann**, meter reader.

Bluefield

Elsie I. Hale, office messenger. **Faye L. Hankins**, clerk-trainee.

Cabin Creek

Johnny M. Simpson, master maintenance man.

Central Machine

David C. Harpold and **Alexander Anderson**, machinist 2nd class.

Charleston

Essie C. Ford, Jr., lineman helper, Montgomery.

Clinch River

Randall L. Garner, **George Gharabeigie**, and **Gilbert H. Christenberry**, performance engineer. **Stephen H. Osborne**, **Marvin D. Cain**, **Norman T. Spencer, Jr.**, and **Darrell J. Perkins**, utility man B.

General Office

Michael E. Howard, personnel assistant, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

David H. Hargro, utility man B.

Lynchburg

Crista M. Dillard, clerk-trainee.

Philip Sporn

Jeffrey C. Lewis, **Judy K. Pocklington** and **Okey W. Livingston**, utility man B.

Cedar Coal

Robert F. Lawrence, surface foreman, Denny Surface Mine. **Pamela Elaine Fitzwater**, clerk-typist. **Harold J. Mason**, section foreman, Coal Fork II. **Bruce G. Wood**, **Harold L. Zimmerman** and **David Arden Crawford**, rodman. **Sharon L. Holbrook**, secretary. **William A. Petty** and **Donald E. Roach**, section foreman, Slaughters Creek I. **Calvin C. Fisher** and **Carl D. Brown**, section foreman, Coal Fork I. **James Midkiff**, section foreman, Grace II. **James H. Smailes, Jr.**, chief watchman. **Ernest R. Johnson**, section foreman, Grace III. **James A. Foster**, environmental technician assistant. **Paul Stover**, surface foreman, White Oak.

Kentucky Power

Ashland

Kent A. McClanahan, meter reader. **Pamela Hodgson**, junior clerk, GO Purchasing. **Rita Clark**, meterman junior, GO Meter.

Big Sandy

Michael Zane Bush, utility man B.

Kingsport

Kenneth Hickman, lineman D.

Retiree Pearl Lester says employees were top notch

Pearl Lester, Jr., Huntington planner, retired November 1 after more than 35 years' service.

A native of Wayne County, W. Va., Pearl began his career in 1941 as a janitor at the old Kenova Plant. He was a pumpman and turbine auxiliary equipment operator before transferring to Huntington in 1954 as a mechanical maintenance helper.



Lester

He has since held the positions of meter service helper, PBX operator, T&D clerk and T&D clerk senior.

About his service, Pearl says, "Nothing stands out in my mind except the high grade of employees I have worked with during my service to APCo. I worked several jobs during that time, some I enjoyed better than others, but with each I found the employees to be the same — top notch."

Pearl coached Little League and Babe Ruth Leagues for 15 years and has coached pitchers at Ceredo-Kenova High School. In his earlier pitching days, he was scouted by the Cincinnati Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Looking toward the future, he says, "I have made no definite plans — unless my wife has and hasn't let me know yet. We do plan to visit our son Ronald, who is executive director of Rutgers University." Pearl and his wife Pauline have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Who can solve the button mystery?

Remember the old game, "button, button, who's got the button?" Chris White, Amos Plant personnel assistant, has two copper buttons and would like to enlist the help of *ILLUMINATOR* readers to solve the mystery of who had the buttons and when.

Chris paid a 10-year-old boy \$1 for the two buttons, which he said he found near a ditch in a wooded area of Kanawha County, W. Va. The unusual appearance and the date 1780 on the buttons sparked her curiosity and led her to research the library and history books at home. So far, the questions remain unanswered.

Is it possible these buttons were originally on the uniform of some Revolutionary War soldier? What family or military unit does the crest represent?

Chris has learned that in colonial times buttons were hard to come by and most were imported from France. Many wealthy people had their initials engraved on their buttons, and some bore the family coat of arms.

During the Revolution, French, Prussians, Hessians and Austrians were involved in the war for independence in America. Chris has been unable to pinpoint any fighting that took place in the area where the buttons were found. One of the buttons had a thread or two still in the shank, which leads her to believe they must have been used at some time during the past 196 years.

There are collections of military buttons in museums throughout the country, and Chris doesn't intend to quit searching until she finds out.

If you have information or an idea about the origin of these buttons, you may write Chris at 2141 21st Street, Nitro, W. Va., 25143, or in care of Amos Plant.



Who had this button and when?

WE REMEMBER



Covey



Jordan



Older

Marshall Garner Covey, 62, Roanoke Division meter supervisor, died unexpectedly October 2. A native of Eufaula, Alabama, he began his career in 1937 as a meter helper in Roanoke. Covey is survived by his widow Eleanor, 3544 Robyn Road, Roanoke, Va., one son and two brothers.

Theodore Franklin Jordan, 72, retired Charleston lineman A, died September 28. A native of Legg, W. Va., he was employed in 1935 as a lineman in Charleston and took disability retirement in

1967. Jordan is survived by his widow Lessie, 7001 Valley Brook Drive, Charleston, W. Va., and three daughters.

Carl T. Older, 82, retired Charleston relay engineer, died September 23. He began his career in 1921 as a water meter tester with the old West Virginia Water and Electric Company and took disability retirement in 1954. Older is survived by his widow Ava, Chapel Route, Gassaway, W. Va., one son and one daughter.

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PHILIP SPORN

Richard S. Probert, son of W. J. Probert, assistant plant manager, graduated from Ohio University at the end of the summer term with a BBA degree in accounting.

Barry W. Hart graduated from Ohio University at the end of the summer term with a major in management. **Brett A. Hart** graduated from Ohio University with a major in recreation management. They are the sons of G. C. Hart, instrument maintenance man B.

ABINGDON



Campbell

Sammy Campbell, husband of Lois Campbell, Abingdon Customer Services, was elected president of the Abingdon Kiwanis Club.

Marlene Mitchell, Customer Services, won first place for her marigolds and second place for her sweet pickles in the Abingdon Tobacco Festival.

Hunter Thayer, engineer B, and **Jim Hughes**, administrative assistant, were appointed to the Abingdon High School advisory committee.

Vickie Carr, daughter of Valentine Carr, records supervisor, was a member of the supporting cast for the "Fighting Parson", a historical pageant presented at the site of Blacks Fort in Abingdon. She played the part of an Indian.

Garnet Mullins, Clintwood Customer Services, is a Sunday School teacher at Clintwood United Methodist Church. His daughter, **Karren Lynn**, is a varsity cheerleader at Clintwood High School.

Ernestine Hibbitts, Clintwood Customer Services, was elected an intermediate Sunday School teacher at Rugsby Freewill Baptist Church, Coeburn, Va.

John Kahle, commercial engineer, is chairman of the property committee for Highlands Home, a group shelter for temporary care of children in emergency situations.

W. H. Ferguson, Jr., commercial representative, is a member of the executive committee of the Forward Step Program of Abingdon United Methodist Church. The program is designed

to erase church indebtedness and establish a capital fund drive for new property and renovation of existing property.

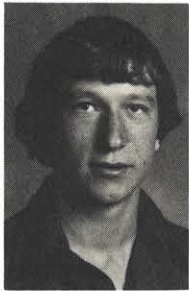
L. C. Angle, Jr., power engineer, passed the Virginia state board examination to earn his real estate license.

PULASKI

C. G. Powers, area T&D clerk, was reelected historian of the Wythe County Kiwanis Club.

New officers have been elected for the Employees Benevolent Association in these areas of Pulaski Division: **Hillsville** — **T. E. Bobbitt**, lineman A, president; **J. W. Collins**, meter reader, vice president; and **S. L. Sisson**, T&D, secretary-treasurer. **Christiansburg** — **D. R. Woolwine**, lineman A, president; **J. S. Nowlin**, lineman C, vice president; **B. D. Phillips**, lineman A, secretary-treasurer. **Wytheville** — **R. V. Dalton**, customer representative A, president; **Jeanette C. Frazier**, customer representative C, vice president; and **W. P. Umberger**, area serviceman, secretary-treasurer. **Pearisburg** — **D. M. Davis**, area supervisor A, president; **J. L. Dunn**, area T&D clerk, vice president; and **Hazel T. Walker**, customer representative C, secretary-treasurer.

CLINCH RIVER



Skeen

Johnny Swaine Skeen, Jr., son of J. S. Skeen, coal equipment operator, was selected to appear in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Lebanon High School, he has been a member of the National Honor Society, French Club, Science Club and basketball team and president of the Student Cooperative Association. He was a representative to American Legion Boys' State and attended the Model United Nations for High Schools at Southwest Virginia Community College this past summer. A certified Virginia emergency medical technician, Johnny received the Outstanding Young Junior Rescue Squad Man of the Year award for 1976. He plans to attend Clinch Valley College.

David Stuart Watson, son of Tom Watson, maintenance supervisor, caught a 3-lb., 4-oz. bluegill in a pond near his home. Although it was just short of

being a Virginia record catch for bluegills, the fish will be mounted on David's wall.



David Jonas, son of Don Jonas, Clinch River Plant chemist, was named to the Junior All-Stars in the Lebanon Little League because of his performance with the League's Dodgers. David proved his versatility by playing right field for the All-Stars in post-season play.

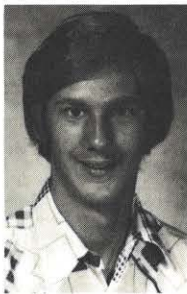
HAZARD



Yost

Worley Yost, Jr., engineering supervisor, was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers for his outstanding efforts in leading the Kentucky River Chapter to become increasingly active in carrying out the goals of the state and national professional society. Under Worley's leadership, the local chapter received an award for the highest per cent increase in membership in the State of Kentucky. He was also instrumental in revitalizing the Women's Auxiliary, which recently awarded a scholarship to a local engineering student at the University of Kentucky.

KINGSPORT



Bacon

Brent Bacon, son of Carl S. Bacon, power engineer, was elected president of the junior class at Lynn View High School.

Woodrow Smith, accounting supervisor, was elected treasurer of the Evening Civitan Club.

Wayne Mullins, lineman A, won second place in a bass fishing tournament on Douglas Lake with a total catch weight of 6 lb. 1 oz. He also caught the largest single bass, which weighed 4 lb. 12 oz. Wayne received a cash award of more than \$230.

ASHLAND

Jetta Wright, wife of R. S. Wright, wage and salary supervisor, was elected parliamentarian of the Ashland City Council, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Waldo S. La Fon, executive vice president, was reappointed to the Kentucky Pollution Abatement Authority by Governor Julian Carroll. He will serve through June 7, 1980.

BECKLEY

Woodrow Holbrook, residential representative, was appointed to the board of directors of Junior Achievement of Raleigh County, Inc.

Alvin T. Warner, auto repairman helper, won second place in the Dobro contest at the Ralph Williams Old Time Fiddlers Convention, Camp Creek, W. Va.

Chip Keatley, son of K. K. Keatley, area serviceman, is a starting defensive back for the Virginia Tech "Gobblers" football team.

D. Ray Vest, administrative assistant, was named chairman of the board of directors of the United Fund of Raleigh County, Inc.

GENERAL OFFICE



Waid

Sally Waid, daughter of R. A. Waid, right of way agent, GO Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke, was homecoming queen for Lord Botetourt High School. A senior, she plans to attend Bluefield College.

Robert E. "Toby" Slaydon, right of way agent, GO Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke, was elected to a four-year term on the board of deacons at Calvary Baptist Church. He is also on the board of ushers.

ROANOKE

Gene French, engineer B, and his partner Dickie Byrd took second place in the Smith Mountain Fall Bass Classic with a catch totaling 22 lbs., 15 oz. They were awarded trophies and a \$500 purse.

William A. Rose, electrical engineer, was appointed to the City of Roanoke Electrical Board of Examiners.

Robert D. Webster, division manager, was elected a member of the board of directors, Roanoke Valley Development Corporation; National Alliance of Businessmen Advisory Board; and to a three-year term on the

board of directors of Roanoke Valley Industries.



Connie Renee Altice, daughter of Billy L. Altice, Roanoke planner senior, was crowned Miss Mount Pleasant of 1976. She was awarded trophies, \$25 cash, \$10 gift certificate and other prizes. She is in the second grade at Mount Pleasant Elementary School.

BIG SANDY

B. J. Jobe was elected a board member of the Tri-State Electronic Technicians Associations.

BLUEFIELD

Dave Kendrick, Welch area superintendent, and **Ben Donevant**, Welch customer accounting supervisor, were selected by the McDowell County United Way board of directors to serve as first vice president and second vice president, respectively, and head up the industrial, mining and township divisions for the 1976-77 campaign.

Elsie Loyd, wife of James Loyd, customer accounting supervisor, was presented the 1976 honorary life membership by the Women of the Church of First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield. A member since 1928, she has served as Sunday School officer, departmental supervisor and teacher as well as taking an active part in the women's work and fulfilling many other church duties. Mrs. Loyd was installed as secretary of the Women of the Church at their annual meeting.

Connie Lou Rice is treasurer of the senior class at Princeton High and vice president of Future Business Leaders of America. **Leisha Sue Rice** is captain of the Flag Girls at Princeton Junior High. They are the daughters of Mary Lou Rice, customer accounts representative C.

Oscar Adams, customer services manager, and **Carol Shockey**, personnel supervisor, were installed as members of the Bluefield Kiwanis Club board of directors. Oscar is immediate past president of the club.

Jim Harmon, engineering supervisor, was second place winner in the annual Frostbite Golf Tournament at Richwood Golf Club.

Harold Cutlip, draftsman senior, was third place winner in the seventh annual Bluefield Daily Telegraph golf championship at Fincastle Country Club.



Dawn Corder, daughter of Jerry Corder, Charleston lineman C, made the All-Star Corps in the Upper Kanawha-Fayette-Boone Counties Little League Majorette Festival. She is a majorette in the Marmet Corps.

CHARLESTON



Hawkins

Bernard Hawkins, husband of Corintha Hawkins, St. Albans customer accounts representative C, attended a two-day briefing and tour of the Strategic Air Command Headquarters. The invitation was extended by the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and the U. S. Air Force to civic leaders in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Bernard is president of the N. A. A. C. P. in Charleston. The purpose of the visit to SAC was to give the civic leaders some idea of the military developments that have been made to keep the U. S. on firm ground in the struggle to remain a strong country.

John C. Frazier, personnel, was named to the Charleston Metro Advisory Board of the National Alliance of Businessmen.



Freda Smith holds the potato she and her husband Claude grew which was judged grand champion in a contest on six garden vegetables, sponsored by Farmers Federal Savings & Loan Association throughout West Virginia. Their champion weighed 2½ pounds and measured 9 inches long and 11 inches in circumference. Claude is an area serviceman at Montgomery in Charleston Division.

LYNCHBURG

Jaya Channaiah, wife of A. C. Channaiah, electrical engineer, received United States citizenship on July 5 in a special ceremony with President Ford at Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello, in Charlottesville, Va.

B. J. Pearson, residential advisor, and **Paul R. Keys**, right of way agent, were appointed to a special task force for the United Way of Central Virginia to contact members of the professional group.

W. David Crews, personnel supervisor, and **Raymond E. Thomas**, lead draftsman, will be advisor and associate advisor, respectively, for the company-sponsored Explorer Scout Post.

Richard L. Booth, son of W. L. Booth, Jr., electrical engineer, was promoted to administrative assistant to the vice president of Nuclear Fuel Services, Rockville, Md.

Joyce Brown, daughter of Clyde Brown, custodian, was selected as a member of the orientation committee for Cedar Crest College. Joyce, a senior, coordinated programs and social events for the incoming students.

Leonard Thomas, son of Raymond E. Thomas, lead draftsman, is quarterback for the 1976 Heritage High School football team.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON



Perry

Taylor

Dawna Jean Perry, Logan Customer Services, is a member of the 1976-77 West Virginia Women's State Bowling Tournament championship team. Jean, who bowls for Whites Armature, is team captain. The team competed against 739 others from around the state to capture the title. They recorded a scratch total of 2,582 pins. Jean competed in three leagues during the season, and her teams captured first place in each. She recorded a high game of 254 pins and currently carries an average of 167. Jean's team won third place, handicap, in the recent West Virginia Bowling Proprietors Association Tournament.

Floyd H. Taylor, Jr., division manager, was saluted as "citizen of the day" by Aracoma Drug Company during its radio program, "Daily Time Capsule", on a local station. He was commended for his "efforts on behalf of the community in which you live", citing specifically his work as immediate and past president of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce and his work with the Arts and Crafts Fair.

Mrs. Floyd Taylor was elected golf chairman of the Logan Country Club Women's Association.

Angela Copley, daughter of Retiree Price Copley, was elected treasurer of Williamson High School's sophomore class. She is also a majorette with the WHS majorette corps.

Lorrayne Corea, Williamson T&D, was elected a member of the board of directors of the "All West Virginia City Board". She is also a director and membership chairman of the Tug Valley Arts Council and chairman of the community education advisory committee for Southern West Virginia Community College.

HUNTINGTON



King

David King, son of Personnel Supervisor R. A. King and a senior at Marshall University, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Yamaha and a Yamaha trombone of his choice. Ten colleges throughout the United States each selected ten students to participate in the competition. David's brother, **Danny**, was also a participant from Marshall University. David will use his scholarship to attend graduate school at Marshall.

Two receive PE certification

D. W. Howell, electrical engineer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, has passed examinations to become certified as a professional engineer in the State of Virginia. And **R. Daniel Carson, Jr.**, civil engineer senior, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, was certified as a professional engineer in West Virginia.

Howell graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1972 with a BS degree in electrical engineering and was employed by Appalachian that same year.

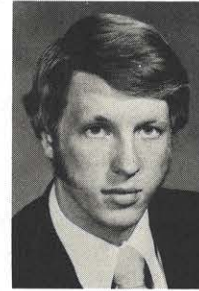
Carson, a 1970 graduate of VPI&SU with a BS degree in civil engineering, began his career in August of that year. He passed examinations to become certified as a professional engineer in the State of Virginia in 1975.



Howell

Carson

Mark McGinnis named National Merit Scholarship semifinalist



McGinnis

Mark McGinnis, son of J. R. McGinnis, Beckley division superintendent, has been named a semifinalist in the 1977 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Semifinalists are the highest scoring students in each state, and the number named in a state is proportional to its percentage of the nation's total graduating senior class.

Mark will compete with some 1,500 students throughout the nation for one of 3,850 Merit

Scholarships next spring. To advance to finalist standing, Mark must be fully endorsed and recommended for scholarship consideration by his secondary school principal, present school records that substantiate high academic standing and confirm his qualifying test scores with equivalent scores on a second examination.

If he reaches final status, Mark will then compete with all other finalists for one of at least 1,000 National Merit Scholarships. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000, and they are allocated on a state representational basis.

Mark is a member of the Woodrow Wilson High School basketball, track and cross-country teams as well as the school's Conservation Club, National Honor Society and Select Chorus. He plans to study medicine at West Virginia University.

Miller earns CPS title



Miller

June Miller, wife of W. E. Miller, Pulaski Customer Services, has successfully passed a two-day, six-part examination to become a Certified Professional Secretary. She is administrative assistant to the Director of Learning Resources at New River Community College, Dublin, Va.

The program was established to promote the designation CPS as the recognized standard of proficiency in the secretarial profession.

Navy promotes Bruce Beam



Beam

Bruce A. Beam, company attorney for Appalachian Power and a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, became commanding officer of U. S. Naval Amphibious Construction Battalion 106, Roanoke, Va., last month.

LCDR Beam served most of his active duty time in southeast Asia aboard the heavy cruiser, USS Helena (CA-75).



Marie Waggoner, on her job at Piedmont Airlines in Lynchburg, displays her "woman of the year" award.

ABWA honors Marie Waggoner

Marie S. Waggoner, wife of Lynchburg Division Office Supervisor Robert B. Waggoner, has been named "woman of the year" by the Hill City Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

Marie joined the Roanoke Valley Charter Chapter of ABWA in 1968 and, after moving to Lynchburg, organized the Lynchburg Charter Chapter and was Charter president. She was ways and means chairman, served on the program committee and received two "stars in your crown" awards for the organization of the Hill City and Stewart-Stevens ABWA Chapters in Lynchburg. A past president of the Hill City Chapter, she is now chairman of the ways and means committee. She has been a member of ABWA's Inner Circle since 1973.

Marie is also a member of XiXi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi and the recipient of the Ritual of Jewels and Exemplar degrees. She is a member of Women of the Moose, Woodmen of the World Auxiliary, Winton Country Club Ladies' Golf Association and YWCA Women's Golf League.

System couples united in recent wedding ceremonies



Mrs. B. W. Shuff
(Patricia Ann Clark)



Mrs. Michael Stafford
(Kathryn Bradford)



Mrs. J. L. Altice
(June Marie Brown)



Mrs. C. H. Bondurant
(Rebecca Jo Reed)



Mrs. J. B. Messinger
(Dianna Young)



Mrs. M. A. Dooley
(Susan Annette Pugh)



Mrs. B. K. Harvey
(Patricia Kaye Lawson)



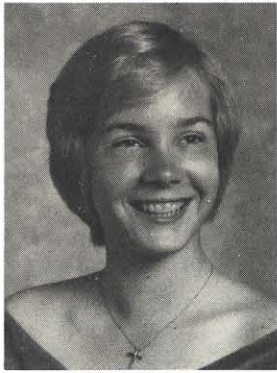
Mrs. W. A. Kesterson
(Julia Scranton)



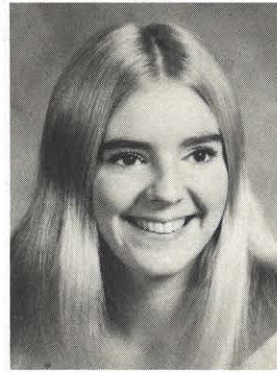
Mrs. J. A. Wilmer
(Elizabeth Hale)



Mrs. J. E. Blackwell
(Anne Beverley Hawkins)



Mrs. A. K. Wright
(Catherine Martin)



Mrs. T. K. Bell
(Carolyn Sue Handy)



Mrs. D. Gillespie
(Marilyn Gay Barr)



Mrs. T. A. McConaghy
(Victoria Lynn McFall)



Mrs. C. R. Hefner
(Barbara Anne Sowden)

Where there's a will . . .

Even broken bones could not prevent Mrs. Olive Sowden from attending the wedding of her daughter to Charles Ray Hefner, son of C. R. Hefner, Abingdon T&D clerk.

On April 17, Hefner, petty officer in the U.S. Navy, was married in Newquay, England, to Barbara Anne Sowden. Only five days before the wedding, Mrs. Sowden fractured both her legs and was immobilized in the hospital.

When the local division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade heard of her plight, they offered to add their ambulance to the wedding fleet. Before the wedding Mrs. Sowden had an operation to put two pins into one of the broken legs. In plaster and pain, she was given personal and medical attention by the volunteer crew, who took her to the wedding and reception.

WEDDINGS

Patricia Ann Clark to **Bennett Warren Shuff**, credit representative at Fieldale, Roanoke Division, September 4.

Kathryn Bradford, daughter of Eula Bradford, Roanoke cashier, to **Michael Stafford**, September 11.

June Marie Brown, daughter of Charles R. L. Brown, Roanoke truck driver-groundman, to **Jerry Lee Altice**, August 20.

Rebecca Jo Reed to **Curtis Huff Bondurant, Jr.**, son of Curtis H. Bondurant, Sr., relay staff engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, September 11.

Dianna Young to **John B. Messinger**, Cabin Creek Plant filter plant operator and sampler, September 18.

Susan Annette Pugh, daughter of Betty Pugh, Roanoke meterman helper, to **Mark Anthony Dooley**, September 11.

Patricia Kaye Lawson, daughter of R. P. Lawson, Pulaski customer accounting supervisor, to **Brian Keith Harvey**, September 11.

Julia S. Scranton to **William A. Kesterson**, son of James L. Kesterson, Kingsport residential representative, August 23.

Elizabeth Hale to **John A. Wilmer**, customer accounts supervisor at Rocky Mount, Roanoke Division, September 11.

Anne Beverley Hawkins to **James Emmett Blackwell**, employee relations supervisor, GO Personnel, Roanoke, August 28.

Catherine Darnell Martin, daughter of the late R. H. Martin, former Lynchburg commercial sales engineer, to **Anthony Keith Wright**, October 9.

Carolyn Sue Handy to **Tim K. Bell**, son of John B. Bell, meter reader at Stuart, Roanoke Division, September 18.

Marilyn Gay Barr, Bluefield customer accounts representative B, to **David Gillespie**, September 25.

Victoria Lynn McFall, Lynchburg clerk-trainee, to **Thomas Alexander McConaghy**, Lynchburg meter reader, October 9.

Barbara Anne Sowden to **Charles Ray Hefner**, son of C. R. Hefner, Abingdon T&D clerk senior, April 17.

Kitty Lynn Templeton to **William R. Smith**, performance engineer at John E. Amos Plant, October 2.

Virginia G. Clendenin to **Randy L. McClanahan**, Central Machine Shop shipping and receiving clerk, September 11.

Susan Lee Honaker to **Michael Kohari, Jr.**, son of Michael Kohari, retired Logan-Williamson equipment service advisor, August 15.

Lisa Ann Akers to **John M. Buckner**, son of J. C. Buckner, Pulaski collector, September 25.

Baking wedding cakes is enjoyable hobby for Charleston housewife

"Cake baking and decorating is a hobby I can recommend to any housewife with a family. You can stay home, raise your family, keep busy and still do something constructive," says Barbara Hensley. "I enjoy it so much."

The wife of Ed Hensley, station operator A in General Office Operations, Turner Station, Barbara thought she might like to try baking and decorating wedding cakes so she enrolled in an adult education class at Garnett Career Center. She liked it so much that she took five additional classes of six weeks each. Barbara now teaches an adult class at St. Albans High School and a class at the Nitro Hobby Shop.

She adds, "I enjoy being able to create things and I had never been able to do anything with my hands before. I can't paint and am not very artistic, but decorating



Barbara Hensley puts the finishing touches on a wedding cake.

cakes is something anybody can do with proper instructions and a little experience."

It takes Barbara three full days to bake and decorate a four-tier wedding cake. Icing the cake requires some 14 to 15 hours. After the cake is baked, she takes a toothpick and marks the cake for decorations, a task which takes several hours. The flowers are all made individually, taking about three hours. "I also make the mints to match the cake, and again this takes a good bit of time."

Ed helps Barbara by "staying up with me at night and keeping me company. Sometimes he helps me deliver the cake to the church and he also helps mind the children." The Hensleys have two children, one in the second grade and a three-year-old.



Stephen L. Jamison, right, Lynchburg administrative assistant, accepts the Consul Award from Thomas Waller of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce. The award is in recognition of Steve's work with the Diplomats, a group oriented to increasing Chamber membership.



Willis Gibson poses with some of the paintings he has produced. He fills orders all over the country for landscapes. His painting of the towboat "J. A. Moore" hangs in the plant manager's office at Amos.

Maintenance Man Willis Gibson creates scenes for fun and profit

Willis Gibson, maintenance man A at John E. Amos Plant, is in the habit of creating a scene. But in Willis' case, his scenes are appreciated by most who look and many who buy. With a piece of board or canvas, a brush and some oils, he can produce a beautiful landscape in approximately four hours.

Willis admits that's not much time to spend on a painting — many artists spend weeks, months or even years on a single painting — but he likes to paint while the oil is wet and blends well.

Willis has always wanted to paint but actually got started seven years ago when he won some trading stamps, which he redeemed for a set of oils. His first work was the recreation from memory of an old mill he had played around as a child.

Most of Willis' paintings are a combination of memory and imagination. In addition, he reworks moulding to create his own particular brand of frames. He has exhibited his work in many area art shows, winning both first- and second-place ribbons. Some of his works are currently displayed at local restaurants, and he hopes to exhibit in a show at St. Albans Mall in the near future.

Willis has had no formal training in art. None of his family engaged in art work, but his 13-year-old daughter Lisa likes to paint with her father.

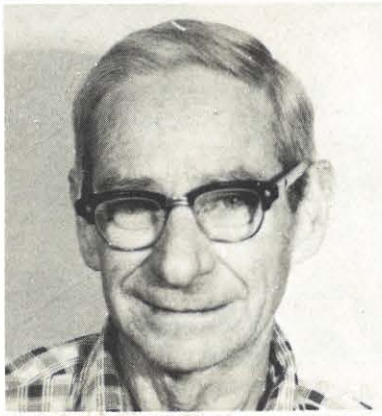
Describing his hobby as very relaxing, Willis says he spends most of his spare time in this favorite pastime. "After all," he says, "I believe a man never grows up. He just gets bigger."

Hammar plans trip to Florida

John Wilber Hammar, master maintenance man at Kanawha River Plant, elected early retirement November 1 because "there's quite a few things I want to do and my health is not as good as it used to be".

A native of Handley, West Virginia, "Dink" began his career in 1950 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant and transferred to Kanawha in 1953 as a junior maintenance man. Later that year he was promoted to maintenance man and became master maintenance man in 1961.

The first thing he plans is "taking care of the honey-dos" his wife has in mind, and then they will take an extended trip to Florida. In his spare time, "Dink" enjoys woodworking and especially likes to make end tables. The Hammars have four children and six grandchildren.



Hammar

Williams elects early retirement



Williams

Ralph Harold "Fuzzy" Williams, shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement November 1.

A native of Highcoal, West Virginia, Fuzzy began his career in 1934 as a maintenance man. After service in World War II, he returned to work as a turbine auxiliary equipment operator and was a turbine operator B and A, assistant shift supervisor and shift supervisor before moving in 1969 to the position he held at retirement.

Fuzzy enjoys all sports, especially hunting and fishing. His retirement plans include pursuing his hobbies and taking care of his youngest son. A widower, he has five children and seven grandchildren.



Looking over some of the souvenirs from their Romanian tour are Sandra Swiney, left, and Debra Dunham.

Roanoke singers make 21-day concert tour of Romania

Forty-five youths and eight chaperones, known as "Sing Out Roanoke Valley, Inc." recently completed a 21-day tour of Romania as singing ambassadors of friendship. Two of the singers were Sandra Swiney, daughter of J. W. Swiney, draftsman senior, GO Operations, Roanoke, and Debra Dunham, daughter of James A. Dunham, commercial and industrial services director, GO Customer Services, Roanoke. The group raised \$44,000 in donations to finance the tour.

During their tour behind the Iron Curtain, they traveled 2,540 miles by bus, presented 13 formal concerts and 8 impromptu performances. Their first stop was a small town in the Carpathian Alps. The group stayed in peasant homes and performed in

concert for the people. The audience included the Communist mayor and the town priest. The mayor and priest were rivals in their "hold over the people of the town", according to Sandra and Debra.

The girls agreed, "The Romanian people were warm and receptive but we learned how much we appreciated our freedom." They added the food was "good, but we drank mostly bottled water and mineral water with Kool-Aid." A typical breakfast consisted of ham or cheese, hard rolls with butter, jam and hot tea. Pork was the main meat.

After an exhausting 24-hour trip from Bucharest, the group arrived back in Roanoke. "Woodrum Airport never looked so good," the girls declared.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Robert Craig, son of **R. B. VanHuss**, Clintwood lineman C, September 30.

Beckley

Amy Renee, daughter of **C. F. Palmer**, stationman C, September 24.

Cabin Creek

Lan Celest, daughter of **Gregory O. Tolliver**, boiler operator D, September 21.

Clinch River

Jacquelyn Denise, daughter of **Donald Lasley**, master maintenance man, August 9.

General Office

Benjamin Miles, son of **Joyce Shaver**, stenographer, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke, September 26.

Kristina Louise, daughter of **Donald R. Torman**, transmission man A, GO

T&D Transmission, Bluefield, September 18.

Hazard

Marsha Carol, daughter of **Judy C. Phillips**, clerk-typist, September 26.

Huntington

Lisa Gail, daughter of **H. M. Rowe**, meter reader, October 7.

Mitzi Dawn, daughter of **Vicki Sowards**, Milton customer representative C, October 11.

Kanawha River

Kevin Michael, son of **Michael J. Rogier**, auxiliary equipment operator, September 16.

Pulaski

Brandon Lee, son of **K. R. Owens**, Hillsville lineman A, October 4.

Roanoke

Eric Lane, son of **M. B. Pitches**, Fieldale planner senior, October 1.



New officers of the recently reorganized Lynchburg Division Retired Employees Association are, l. to r., Joseph W. McCarthy, retired customer accounts supervisor, secretary; R. Conner Foster, retired administrative assistant, president; Lloyd M. Miller, retired customer services supervisor vice president; and Saylor S. Gilbert, retired stationman A, treasurer. Directors elected are Ernest B. Pinkard, retired truck driver-groundman, fellowship and attendance; Robert L. Hatch, retired station and hydro supervisor, program and entertainment; E. Lewis Sutor, Jr., retired accounting supervisor finance; Loyd T. Smith, retired administrative assistant, publicity; and James H. Haley, Jr., retired customer services representative, nominations. The group has adopted a constitution and by-laws and plans to hold quarterly meetings. The Lynchburg retiree association has been inactive for some years and came together again in conjunction with the company's 50th anniversary celebration and showing of the film, "We've Come A Long Way Together".

Service emblems awarded to veterans of our companies



J. T. Russell
Accounting
Huntington
40 Years



E. L. Munday
Vice President
GO-Roanoke
40 Years



R. F. Jones
Custodian
Charleston
40 Years



D. K. Craft
Head T&D Clerk
Roanoke
35 Years



W. E. Warren
Stores/Gar. Supv.
Logan-Williamson
35 Years



E. G. Robertson
Data Pro. Supv.
GO-Roanoke
35 Years



M. D. Prowse
General Foreman
Charleston
35 Years



J. O. Heslep
Office Supv.
Glen Lyn
35 Years



A. R. Brashear
Serviceman
Hazard
30 Years



H. H. Rasnick
Lineman A
Abingdon
30 Years



E. L. Dalton
Hydro Op. Supv.
GO-Roanoke
30 Years



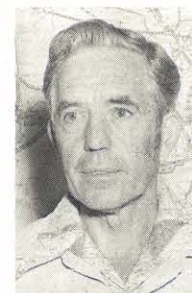
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Meter Serv. Fmn.
Roanoke
30 Years



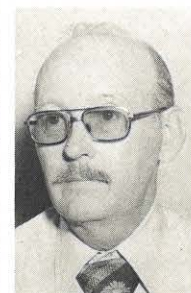
T. A. MacLeod
Stationman A (LTD)
Pulaski
30 Years



W. A. Chaffins
Stores Attendant Sr.
Bluefield
30 Years



Curtis Wallen
Stationman B
Pikeville
30 Years



Mont Cline
Utility Clerk
Pikeville
30 Years



J. L. Ashworth
Residential Rep.
Lynchburg
30 Years



F. R. Harkins
Meter Reader
Charleston
30 Years



M. D. Sharp
Cust. Rep. A
Pulaski
30 Years



C. E. Buck
Area Serviceman
Charleston
30 Years



F. D. Giles, Jr.
Cust. Acctg. Supv.
Lynchburg
30 Years



O. H. Russell
Gen. Rec. Tax
& Sta. Supv.
GO-Ashland
30 Years



R. S. Barton
Unit Foreman
Philip Sporn
25 Years



Elizabeth Harrison
Stenographer
GO-Roanoke
25 Years



C. P. Buxton
Equipment Operator
Philip Sporn
25 Years



R. J. Fairfield
Elec. Engineer Sr.
Charleston
25 Years

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power

John E. Amos

10 Years: **Dannie E. Carte**, Assistant Yard Supervisor. 5 Years: **Bruce Wayne Kayser**, Utility Operator A. **Thomas J. Hancock, II**, Coal Equipment Operator.

Bluefield

30 Years: **W. Arnold Crotty**, Draftsman Senior.

Charleston

10 Years: **C. C. Moore**, Planner Senior.

Clinch River

15 Years: **James R. Barnette**, Unit Foreman. **Ira G. Owens**, Instrument Maintenance Man A. **Daniel R. Higgins**, Master Maintenance Man. **John C. Barrett**, Master Maintenance Man. 10 Years: **Roger C. Meade**, Instrument Maintenance Man C. 5 Years: **Ernest R. Justice**, Equipment Operator.

General Office

15 Years: **W. D. Howell**, Control Wireman A, Roanoke. 10 Years: **R. L. Clinevell**, Transmission Man A, Roanoke. 5 Years: **F. C. Campbell**, Clerk Junior, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

10 Years: **Hobert M. Martin**, Custodian.

Huntington

30 Years: **W. H. Stricklen**, Line Foreman. 10 Years: **R. L. Bostic**, Lineman A.

Logan-Williamson

30 Years: **Joe E. Hatfield**, Line Foreman NE. 10 Years: **Joe L. Pridemore**, Auto Repairman A. **Johnny Varney**, Lineman A.

Lynchburg

10 Years: **Norman R. Fowler**, Planner Senior.

Pulaski

30 Years: **L. H. Patton**, Customer Representative B. 10 Years: **W. P. Umberger**, Area Serviceman.

Roanoke

10 Years: **A. B. Tuck**, Reservoir Foreman NE. **W. G. Feazelle**, Lineman A.

Philip Sporn

20 Years: **C. E. Hannum**, Utility Man A. 10 Years: **N. E. Hysell**, Master Maintenance Man. 5 Years: **D. R. Stout**, Junior Maintenance Man. **R. R. Sisk**, Coal Handler. **J. W. Ohlinger**, Maintenance Man.

Kentucky Power

Ashland

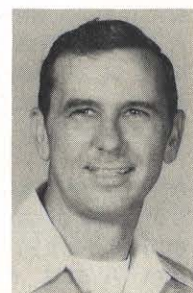
10 Years: **Larry R. Gray**, Lineman A.

Pikeville

10 Years: **Andrew R. Blackburn**, serviceman. **Darwin Caudill**, Working Line Foreman. **Stafford Damron**, Heating Sales Representative.



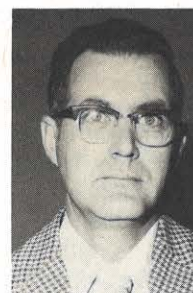
Emma Warren
PBX Operator
Logan-Williamson
25 Years



H. A. Mutter
Sta. Maint. Man A
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



E. A. Childers
Inst. Maint. Fmn.
Big Sandy
20 Years



H. S. Compton
Planner Senior
Pulaski
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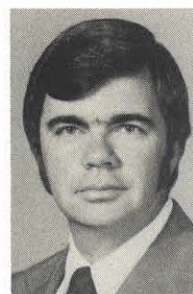
T. J. McComas
T&D Clerk Sr.
Huntington
20 Years



Hazel Sampson
Secretarial-Steno.
Charleston
20 Years



D. E. Murray
Unit Foreman
Philip Sporn
20 Years



N. M. Tyler
Elec. Test Spec.
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



J. A. Johnston
Plant Clerk Sr.
Glen Lyn
20 Years



Arlene Clark
Lab Tech. Sr.
AEP-Huntington
20 Years

SYSTEM BRIEFS

OPCo plans bond sale

Ohio Power Company plans to hold competitive bidding on \$80-million of first-mortgage bonds on November 17.

Half of the proceeds from the sale will be used to refund a 7¼% series of bonds due to mature December 1. Balance of the funds will repay short-term debt.

At the same time, American Electric Power Company will buy 1,333,334 shares of Ohio Power common at \$15 (a total of \$20-million) in connection with the bond sale.



M. M. Mullins
Chief Civil Const.
Project 1301
20 Years



O. D. Hawkins
Auto Repairman A
Lynchburg
20 Years



C. F. Johnson
Cust. Accts. Rep. B
Charleston
20 Years



Betty and Jack Pippin practice some of the karate techniques they learned.

Pippins find physical exercise in karate relaxing after day's work

Jack Pippin, Kingsport customer accounting supervisor, and his wife Betty are firm believers in the benefits of karate.

"It is a proven method of self-defense," says Jack, "but the best part is the physical conditioning and weight control. You don't have to worry too much about that third helping at the Sunday dinner table. In addition, the physical exercise after a day of mental stress is the most relaxing thing I have found."

Jack continues, "Most people who are unfamiliar with karate feel it is only a method of self-defense, but it can improve your powers of concentration and your self-confidence as well. Feeling you would be able to handle a situation makes it easier to avoid confrontation and to ease tension because you realize you don't have to prove anything to

someone else."

Jack enrolled in karate classes last March and Betty, rather than sit at home alone three nights a week, joined the class in May. Jack was recently promoted to blue belt, and Betty has progressed through the white and orange belts.

Jack thrives on keeping busy and learning new things. Last December he graduated from East Tennessee State University after attending night classes for more than 11 years. He is currently taking flying lessons to enable him to obtain his private pilot's license and recently enrolled in a class at ETSU to learn to play the banjo. He concludes, "I feel you are never too old to learn. And if you are doing something you enjoy, learning is that much easier."

Al's Lucky Luke becomes field champion in N. C. competition

Al's Lucky Luke, a Beagle owned by Rufus and Dianna Hurd, became a field champion by winning the 15-inch male class in competition with 70 entries in North Carolina's Lure Beagle Club. (Dianna is a clerk-stenographer in Kingsport.)

To become a field champion, the American Kennel Club requires that a Beagle must win three license trials and earn 120 points. Points are earned this way: For each dog entered in a given class, the winner of that class receives 1 point; the second place dog receives ½ point; the third place dog receives ⅓ point, and the fourth place dog receives ¼ point.

The dogs are paired off and run wild rabbits. They are judged on their accuracy in trailing their game, use of the mouth and nose, and their obvious intelligence. Al's Lucky Luke finished with a total of 5 wins and 161 points.

The Hurds own 10 other Beagles in addition to Luke and train them



Rufus and Dianna Hurd with their field champion Beagle, Al's Lucky Luke.

at the Tri-City Beagle Club, which Rufus serves as vice president. He has been a member of the club for 9 years. Dianna claims she has made many friends in the club in the short time she has been working with the dogs.

Both Rufus and Dianna are looking forward to winning more field trials, maybe even finishing with another champion.

Jim Martin scouts for New York Mets

Jim Martin, husband of Abbie Martin, cashier at Fieldale in the Roanoke Division, is a scout in the Martinsville-Henry County area for the New York Mets baseball club. As such, he covers high school, American Legion, semi-pro Connie Mack League and junior college games in the area.

Before Jim became director of the Collinsville Recreation Center, he coached baseball and football at Fieldale's George Washington Carver High School.

Jim's senior year at Fieldale High marked the real beginning of his baseball career. He had a batting average of .495 and won a four-year scholarship to East Carolina University. As a freshman at ECU, he led the team in hitting. His senior year, he hit .360 and made Little All-American. ECU went on that year to win the National Association Inter-Collegiate baseball championship.

"Winning the baseball championship that year was definitely the highlight of my collegiate career," Jim recalled, "but what really sticks in my mind as the most pleasant and gratifying experience was the two back-to-back grand slam home runs I had. They came against the University of Delaware in the play-offs. That's an occasion a baseball player never forgets."

In 1961 Jim signed a contract with the San Francisco Giants. He played his first year of professional baseball in Salem, Va., where he hit .300 for the season and was voted "most valuable player" by the local Sports Writers Association. The following six years Jim played for teams from Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and California.

"Looking at the club rosters recently, I was somewhat surprised to discover there are approximately 140 guys in the major leagues whom I played with or against in the minors."

He recalled a time in 1966 when he could and would have moved up to the big leagues. While leading the Carolina League with a batting average of .370, he tried to break up a double play and sustained a severe shoulder separation. "That same night," Jim added, "the front office called for me to move up. Lying in the hospital with a shoulder separation took care of that."

"Although I played or tried to play for a couple more years, it was never the same. It hurt to throw and bat. My throwing and hitting abilities were never the same as prior to the injury. I have often thought it just wasn't meant for me to play in the majors."

In 1968, Jim was playing for Burlington, North Carolina, where he was hit by a wild pitch which broke his arm. "A kid by the name of Fred Lashley, a name I will always remember, was doing the



Hanging on the den wall of Jim Martin's house are pictures of outstanding as well known baseball players with whom he was associated. Players like Lou Piniella, New York Yankees; Randy Hundley, Minnesota Twins; Mel Stottlemyre, New York Yankees; Johnny Bench, Cincinnati Reds; Gene Tenen Oakland Athletics, to mention a few.

pitching. It was one of his fast balls that nailed me. The last time I heard of Lashley's whereabouts, he was pitching for the Philadelphia Phillies. You might say that game was my swan song. The last game of the season and the last to bat in the ninth inning, I ended up with a broken arm. Most players dream of bowing out with a home run or something else outstanding. My career ended with me writhing on the ground in pain."

"Every minute of professional baseball play was a real enjoyment. The friends I made all

across the United States made worthwhile. Some of the best friends one can make are those made while playing professional sports. Players develop a close friendship as well as mutual respect for one another. Some of my best friends were players who were trying to get my job and, I might add, in some instances I was trying for their position. In professional sports, you soon realize that every game is important. If you don't perform well, there is always someone behind you just as good, perhaps even a little better, to take your spot. Even so, I would do it all over again."



The Bluefield Division Employee-Guest Fall Golf Tournament was held October 11 at the Fincastle Country Club with 28 participants. Winners include (front row, l. to r.) Mike Clayton, runner-up third flight and prize winner for longest drive off # 1 tee; Harold Cutlip, winner first flight; and Bob Crowder, runner-up first flight. Second row, l. to r., Duke Wright prize winner for closest to the pin on par 3, #10 green; Guest Ray Whitt, runner-up second flight; and Harvey Gillespie, Glen Lyn Plant, winner second flight. Not present when picture was taken was Dan Sayers, Bluefield GO, winner of third flight.

Our people at work, at play, in the community



This softball team representing Laurel Cliff Free Methodist Church placed first in the Meigs County, Ohio, Church League for slo-pitch softball this past summer. Team members included some employees at Philip Sporn and Gavin Plants. Front row, l. to r., O. L. "Pee Wee" Wright, coach, Sporn utility foreman; Marvin Friend, Sporn coal handler; Wayne Leiflight and Mike Wright, Gavin maintenance man B. Back row, l. to r., Bob Foster, Randy Hawley, Dennis Gilmore, Ernie Haggy and Greg Eblin. Not present when picture was made were Bennie Wright, summer temporary utility man B at Sporn and son of the coach, and Tom Solsby, Gavin utility man A.



As a part of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce's Appearance Recognition Program, Appalachian Power Company received an award for improving the appearance of its property in the 600 block of Main Street in downtown Lynchburg. One building the company owns in that block is rented to the Metropolitan Bank of Central Virginia, which made extensive improvements to the facade. Appalachian painted the adjacent buildings, which gives an overall improved appearance. James B. White, left, Lynchburg division manager, accepts the award from C. Arthur Middleton, Jr., executive director of the Lynchburg Chamber.

The second annual Charleston Division touch football game was held October 3 at Cabel Field, Charleston, with Engineering outscoring Line 35-21. Cliff Wolfe, Engineering, and Marvin Dillard, Line, headed up the event. Those participating were: **Engineering** — Hughlen Jones, R. H. B.; Bill Harmon, L. H. B.; Cliff Wolfe, Q. B.; Dave Wolfe, Q. B.; Jerry Holt, L. E.; Roger Vannoy, 1 TD, R. E.; Donald Wiseman, L. D. H. B.; Lon Slater, R. G.; Bob Archibald, R. D. E.; Jim Poe, C.; Leonard Bird, R. E.; Mark Dooley, 2 TD, L. E.; Rudy Trigg, 1 TD, R. H. B.; Kenny Hudson, R. D. G.; and Ron Kennedy and sons, head lineman. **Line** — Frank Jones, Q. B.; Terry Banks, 1 TD, L. B.; Tommy Ruffin, 1 TD, R. B.; Burl Miller, 1 TD, R. E.; Pat Taylor, L. D. B.; Dale Thayer, C.; Carl Reveal, L. G.; Ben Selvy, R. G.; Mike Stone, M. L. B.; Denver Wilkinson, R. D. B.; Leroy Miller, R. D. B.; Evert Sparr, R. G.; David Morris, L. G.; Chuck Bibbee, L. E.; Marvin Dillard, L. D. G.; and Bo Chester, S.



New officers of the Pulaski Employees Benevolent Association are, l. to r., R. B. Kilgore, division superintendent, director; J. L. Weddle, power engineer, director; D. S. Pratt, senior engineering technologist, director; Glenna H. Cox, office messenger, treasurer; P. L. Sowers, line supervisor, director; F. W. Myers, customer accounts representative A, chairman; and A. L. Graham, Jr., customer services supervisor, secretary.



Named to serve as officers of the Roanoke Employees Benevolent Association for 1976-77 are (l. to r.) Sheila Painter, clerk-stenographer, treasurer; W. Sam Williams, T&D clerk senior, chairman and Group V representative; W. C. Miller, GO station operator A, co-chairman and Group IV representative; Carolyn Gordon, clerk-stenographer, secretary and Group VI representative. Not present when picture was made were Damon Pearson, GO mail clerk, Group I representative; Djuna Spicer, GO work order cost clerk, Group II representative; Randy Agnes, GO electrical engineer, Group III representative; Lee Vaught, GO meter engineer senior, Group VII representative; and Sharon Caldwell, lineman helper, Group VIII representative.

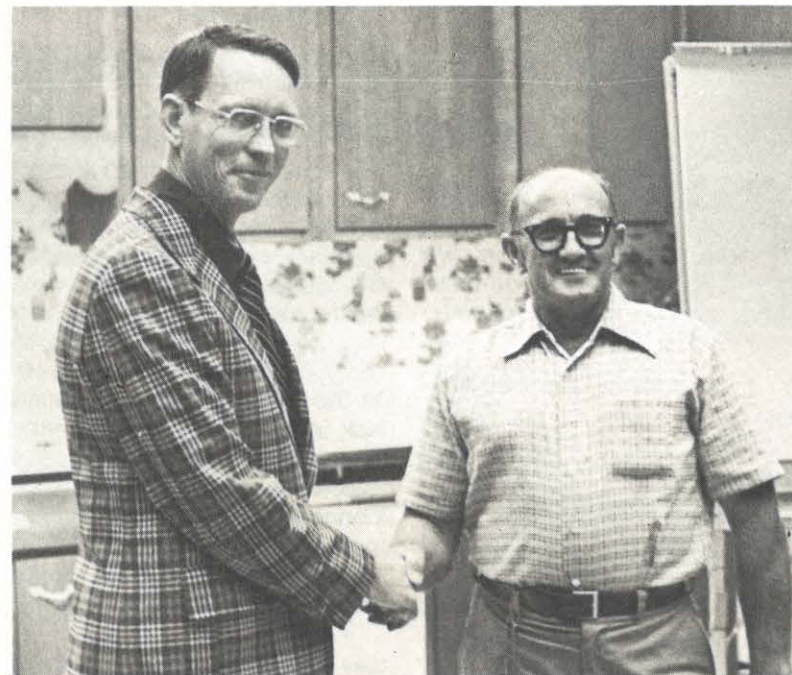
Serving as advisors to Burlapco, the Junior Achievement company sponsored by Appalachian Power in Lynchburg are, l. to r., J. B. Rice, engineering supervisor; William C. Farmer, planner; and Herbert M. Figg, Jr., commercial engineer. Burlapco will manufacture and sell umbrella stands like the one shown in this photo.



Serving as advisors to Junior Power-77, the Junior Achievement company sponsored by Appalachian Power in Roanoke, are (from left) Paul Keller, payroll clerk C, GO Accounting; David L. Reed, senior engineering technologist, GO T&D Station; and John M. Wright, Roanoke customer services supervisor. Junior Power-77 will manufacture a pyramid puzzle.



New officers of the Bluefield Employees Benevolent Association are (seated, l. to r.) Jack Bundy, transmission clerk senior, treasurer; Roscoe Matney, planner, chairman; Frances Marcum, secretarial-stenographer, secretary. Standing, Howard Meadows, electrical engineer senior; Mary Lou Mash, customer accounts representative B; Donald Haynes, general clerk-commercial; and Ted Stevens, draftsman, board members. Dave Dodson, senior engineering technologist and board member, was absent when picture was made.



R. R. Griffith, Charleston line supervisor (left), congratulates Glen A. Paul, Charleston meter serviceman A, upon becoming a member of the Wise Owl Club of America, sponsored by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc. Membership is available to employees whose eyes have been saved in accident situations by the wearing of prescribed goggles or other eye protection. Glen was transferring hot service from a customer's defective angle upright to new pipe extension when a short circuit occurred, throwing hot metal on both lenses of his safety glasses.

Eva and G. C. Golladay display the awards they received for their devoted service to the Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department. G. C., area serviceman in the Scottsville area of Lynchburg Division, has been a member of the fire department since 1942 and has served as secretary-treasurer for 20 years. Eva has aided G. C. in his role and has been instrumental in projects benefiting the department over the years. G. C. says, "The fire department depends on me to get there and take care of the electrical equipment and then lend assistance in putting out the fire. The volunteer and company work go hand in hand in this community effort."



James B. White (right), Lynchburg division manager, receives an Outstanding Citizenship Award from George R. Gillette, post adjutant of Post 8184 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The award was given for White's work with Boy Scouts in the Lynchburg area and was the first citizen-youth award given by the Post. Gillette is a collector in Lynchburg Division.

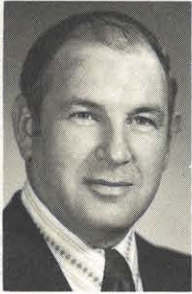


O. L. Robinson, retired Bluefield Division accounting supervisor, proudly displays the grandfather clock he made for his son Scott, who lives in Lexington, South Carolina. The clock is the fifth one Robbie has made since he began his hobby in 1957.



Scott Lovejoy, left, was an outfielder with the Bancroft Minor League baseball team which won the league championship. Michael Lovejoy, right, was a member of the Bancroft Little League baseball team and was chosen to play with the North Putnam All-Stars. He played left field. The sons of Bobby G. Lovejoy, foreman at Southern Appalachian Coal Company's Freeport # 1 mine, both are now playing on the Poca Cherokee Midget football team.

Jack Groseclose tapped for Football Hall of Fame



Groseclose

Jack was a member of the 1951 team which finished the season undefeated and beat Gary High School in the play-offs to win the West Virginia State High School championship. In 1952 and 1953 he was a starter at tackle when the team finished both seasons with identical records of 9 wins and 1 loss.

W. J. Groseclose, Beckley lineman A, was one of six former Woodrow Wilson High School football players to be inducted into the Woodrow Wilson Football Hall of Fame. He was honored prior to the Woodrow Wilson - St. Albans football game in October.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1958 to perpetuate the names and memories of outstanding Woodrow Wilson High School football players and to encourage and stimulate interest in the football program at the school.

On the lighter side, in one game Jack intercepted an opponent's pass, got confused and ran the ball into his own team's end zone, scoring a 2 point safety for the opponents. He was then dubbed "Wrong Way Groseclose" by his teammates and coaches.

Jack's son, Mark, an eighth grader at Beckley Junior High School, is a starter at offensive guard for the Blue Eaglets football team.

Kanawha River's Herbert Hall collects and makes guns as hobby



Herbert Hall shows off the .50-caliber muzzle loading target rifle he made.

"I just like guns," says Herbert K. Hall, Kanawha River Plant utility operator. Herb has been collecting and making guns as a hobby for 22 years and now owns about 30.

His collection includes several antique and muzzle loading guns. One beauty that Herb made is a .50-caliber muzzle loading target rifle. The barrel of the rifle is octagon, 1 1/8 inches in diameter and 44 inches long. He made the stock from a piece of curly maple and varnished it to a mirror finish. The rifle weighs 17.5 pounds and will group 1 1/2 inches at 100 yards. Material for this gun costs \$130, and it took Herb 30 hours to make it. Another gun of which he is particularly proud is a stainless steel .44-caliber cap and ball revolver.

Herb takes great pride in making guns and puts them to good use because he does quite a bit of hunting.

Safe Workers

The 345 employees of Charleston Division completed 500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury on October 8. The climb toward the safety mark began January 14, 1976.

Virginia Rebels include members of Farewell family

The Virginia Rebels, a country and rock group organized in November, 1975, includes two members of Kenneth Farewell's family. (Farewell is a maintenance man at Glen Lyn Plant.) His son, Douglas Farewell, plays the drums, and his son-in-law, Mac A. Thompson, is band leader and plays the bass guitar.

Other members of the group are Jerry Nelson, lead guitarist and second vocalist, and Eddie Pettrey, rhythm guitarist and lead vocalist.

Each of the four Rebels had played with different bands in the area before forming their own group. Most of their playing had been for organizations such as PTA, Firemen's Association, schools and fund raising organizations. The Rebels play for all kinds of occasions, private parties, clubs and stage shows. Douglas is the booking agent, and most of their performances are in and around a 100-mile radius of Princeton.

The Rebels plan to cut a new album in the near future. Mac and Eddie have both written songs which they hope to include in the album. Both men play by ear and have never had a guitar lesson. Douglas, however, played drums in his school band.

In addition to the two or three shows they give weekly, the Rebels also get in at least five or six hours' practice.



Clinch River Plant employees reached 500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury on September 16. In recognition of the achievement they were treated to a "500,000 doughnut and coffee safety break" the following morning. Enjoying their first such event are, l. to r., Ruby Harris Yvonne Harris and Judy Boone, all utility men A.

Virgil Burger will spend summers at beach, winters in West Virginia

Virgil Macil Burger, shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, retired November 1 after more than 48 years' service.

A native of Marmet, W. Va., he had broken service before hiring on permanently in 1929 as a repairman at Cabin Creek. He advanced through the positions of filter plant operator, boiler room man, boiler operator A and assistant shift supervisor before becoming shift operating engineer in 1969.

Virgil recalls, "When I first started to work, we didn't know what safety meant but after a few years we started to stress safety. We used to have first aid teams here at Cabin Creek, and every place we would compete, we would win first place. The first aid teams would hold classes in safety and first aid here at the plant and at other locations within and outside the company."

Virgil plans to buy a home in Myrtle Beach where he will spend his summers. In the winter he will return to his home in Chesapeake, W. Va. He wants to pursue his hobby of doing plumbing and other handyman type jobs. He and his wife Katie Marie will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. They have two children and two grandchildren.



Burger



The Virginia Rebels provided entertainment for the dedication ceremonies for the Mary Porter Plaque recently placed before the Glen Lyn post office, Glen Lyn, Va. (Mary Porter was Glen Lyn's first citizen.) From left, Jerry Nelson; Douglas E. Farewell; Dean Reed, guest; Eddie Pettrey and Mac A. Thompson.

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