

APCO MUST SPEND \$1 BILLION IN NEXT THREE YEARS TO MEET NEEDS OF CUSTOMERS

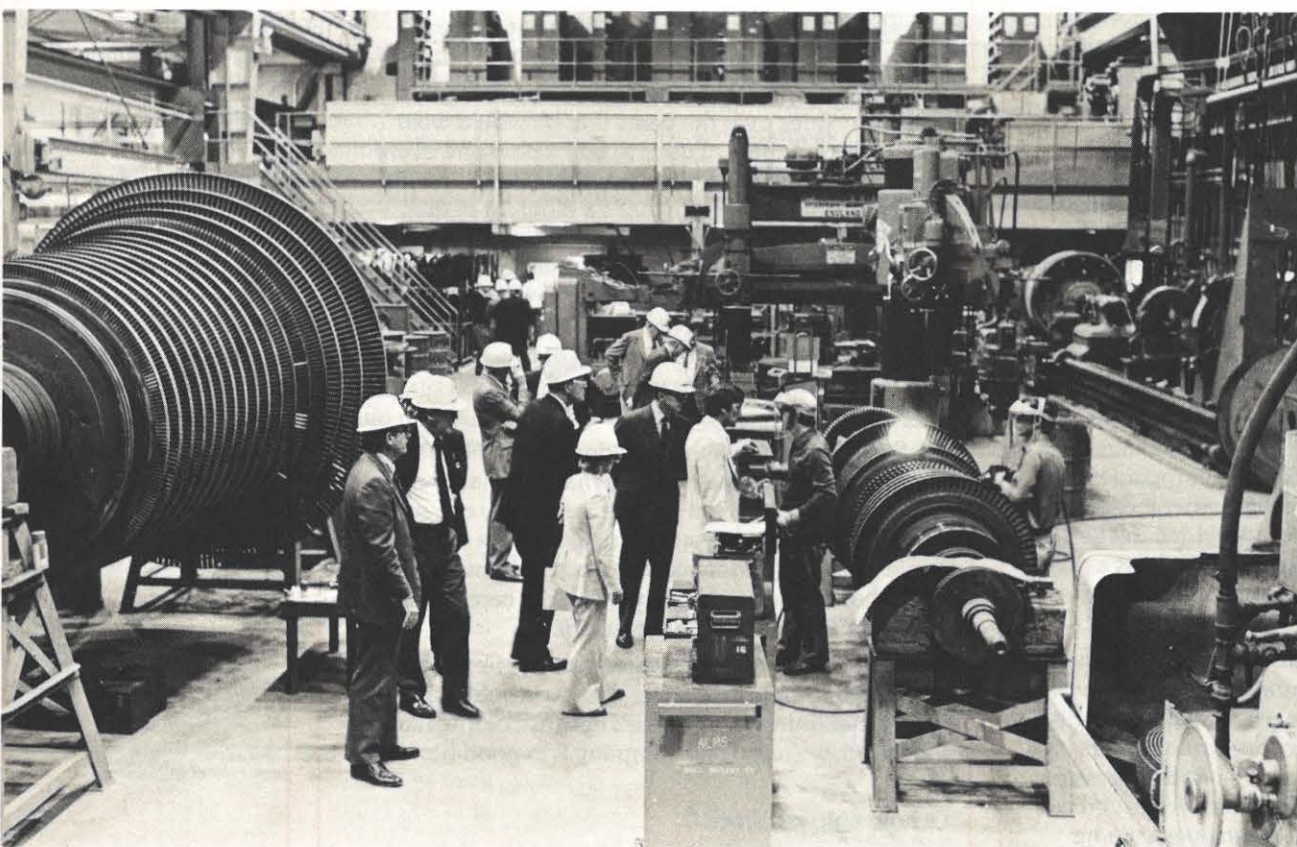
A solution to the energy problem that does not include the "supply side of the energy equation" is no solution at all, American Electric Power Company Chairman W. S. White, Jr., told an audience of Charleston area civic leaders last month. He was in West Virginia with AEP's Board of Directors, who toured the John E. Amos Plant, Central Machine Shop and Cedar Coal Company's operations.

White pointed to recent studies by the National Electric Reliability Council which indicate inadequate reserve capacity in some areas of the country as early as 1979 and "in our own East Central pool by 1981".

"The American Electric Power System, including Appalachian Power Company, is going to have to expand its power generation and transmission systems to keep pace with our customers' requirements for electricity. And coal is going to represent the lion's share of such expansion," he said.



Virgil Adams (left), assistant manager at Amos Plant, talks with the newest directors on the AEP board, Ann Zwinger and Herbert Markley.



The AEP directors tour Central Machine Shop, located adjacent to Amos Plant.

Supporting the NERC report, White said, was a just-completed ten-year load forecast by the System Planning Department. "The bottom line shows that Appalachian's internal load will approximately double, to 46.4-billion kilowatthours by 1987. That computes out to an average annual growth of 7.3 percent."

White said that the projection takes into account the effect of conservation efforts by all classes of customers, including gradual improvements in homes and the anticipated improvements in appliance efficiency.

While those factors would tend to reduce consumption, White said, there were other factors which would inevitably increase it: the continued population growth; the substitution of electricity for diminishing supplies of oil and gas; the rapidly expanding activity in the coal mining industry and the stimulation of commercial activity as a consequence; and the anticipated expansion of the economy generally.

"What this means is that, if Appalachian's load is going to double in the next ten years, its generating capacity is going to have to double in the same period," White said. He noted that Appalachian today is depending on its sister companies in the AEP System for a portion of its power supplies. "It will not be able to do so indefinitely because the loads of those companies also are growing."

White then listed the several projects being undertaken or considered by Appalachian to strengthen its capability: the new 1.3-million kw coal-fired plant near New Haven, West Virginia, scheduled for completion in 1980; one of two potential 3-million kw pumped storage projects in western Virginia, for which preliminary permits have been sought and which in any case would not be in operation before the late 1980s; an additional generating unit, "undoubtedly coal-fired", to be started "in the not too distant future".

"All of which leads me to my next topic: Appalachian's request of just two weeks ago for a retail rate increase of \$84.7 million."

"We had to, we had no choice . . . Simply stated, if Appalachian is to continue to provide electric service to its customers, it must add new generating capacity, it must complete the installation of the required pollution-control equipment, and it must be able to continue to buy or mine the coal it needs — and to do all of these things it must be able to pay for them."

Still on the subject of money, White went on: "Altogether, over the next three years, Appalachian must find the means of paying for a construction budget of more than \$1 billion. What other company has ever been required to make such an investment in this state over such a period of time?"

"Now, lest there be any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the intent of my remarks — dealing largely with problems, the problems of energy in general and the electric utility business in particular — let me hasten to declare that I continue to be optimistic and to nurture only the highest hopes for West Virginia and its future, just as I do for Appalachian Power and American Electric Power and their future."

Concluding, White tendered this pledge to the people of West Virginia: "We pledge to bend our every effort to see to it that you, our customers, continue to receive the electric energy you require, when and where you need it, and at the lowest price compatible with maintaining the integrity of the service and without compromising its future supply."

AN OPEN LETTER TO EMPLOYEES



I ask each of you to join me in a recommitment to our company's long-standing safety policy: "No operating condition or urgency of service can ever justify endangering the life of anyone."

Our safety performance for the first nine months of 1977 is a cause of grave concern. We experienced 27 disabling injuries, some of them serious, including the tragic loss of two of our fellow workers.

Let me urge each of you to develop an enthusiasm for accident prevention. We must do whatever it takes to stop accidents from occurring. This is not an impossible task. In fact, 14 of our 21 General Office departments, divisions and plants have not had any disabling injuries during 1977.

Several safety milestones have been reached this year. Abingdon and Bluefield Divisions and Central Machine Shop attained 500,000 manhours without a disabling injury. General Office T&D reached 1,500,000 safe manhours last month, and General Office Accounting earlier this year achieved the impressive record of 4,500,000 safe manhours.

I am aware that we have a backlog of work to be performed in every location, and perhaps you feel a sense of urgency in getting the job done. However, you, as employees, are the company's most valuable asset, and there should never be any shortcuts taken when it comes to doing the job safely.

Each of us must demonstrate, and all of us must sincerely believe, that "safety begins with me". I urge you to make safety your personal responsibility.

John W. Vaughan

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Executive Vice President

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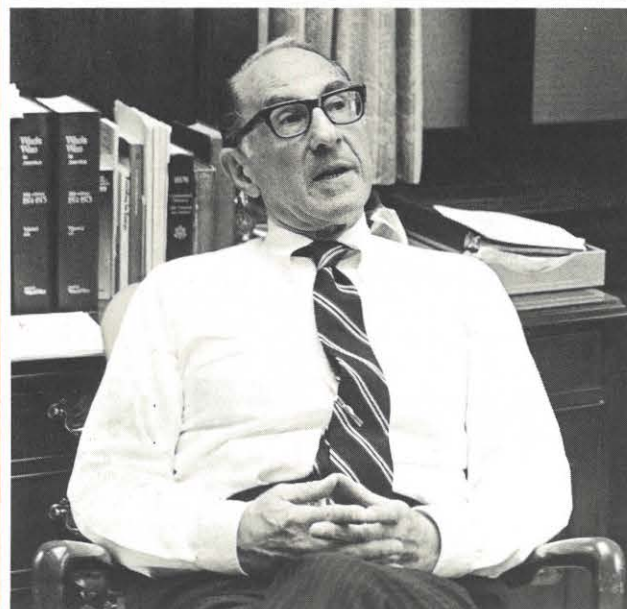
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WASHINGTON BECKONS TO RETIRING AEP VICE CHAIRMAN HERBERT COHN



Look at Herb Cohn through a kaleidoscope and these images appear:

- A young lawyer fresh out of Harvard Law School (and before that, Yale), caught up in the sweaty, heady excitement of New Deal Washington;
- A poker dealer, wearing a green eyeshade and doing "very well" as he supplements his 1930s government lawyer's salary;
- A naval officer, walking around a Royal Air Force base in England on D-Day, wearing a .45 on his hip and watching air armadas flying southward;
- An articulate spokesman for American Electric Power and the electric utility industry, testifying urbanely before Senate committees;
- A pin-striped, buttoned-down, red-striped tie fashion plate; covered up with a disreputable raincoat which he, to his satisfaction, has learned is not as dirty as John D. Rockefeller III's;
- And, finally, a retiring vice chairman of AEP and vice president and/or director of 20 of its subsidiary companies, leaving his native New York to return to his beloved Washington.

With the retirement of Herbert B. Cohn on September 30 as vice chairman of AEP and as vice chairman and chief administrative officer of the AEP Service Corporation, the latter company's Office of the Chairman now comprises the chairman and chief executive officer and three vice chairmen. Functions formerly reporting to Cohn now report to Richard E. Disbrow, vice chairman and controller, with the exception of the Legal Department, which now reports to Chairman W. S. White, Jr.

Cohn remains, however, as a director of the parent AEP and a member of the AEP Board's Executive and Finance Committees.

As it is for so many others, retirement for Cohn means not an ending but a beginning. Almost immediately following his departure, he will be "Of Counsel" to the Washington law firm of Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, a firm whose letterhead includes John Quarles, late of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. ("Of Counsel" means that he is available to members of the firm, and they to him.)

In addition, Cohn will finish out his term as chairman of the National Association of Electric Companies and expects to spend some time with other industry committees, including the Public Utility Law Section of the American Bar Association, of which he is a former chairman, and to continue his activities in the world of energy.

In Washington, Cohn expects also to exercise "grandfather rights" to a seat in a Monday night poker game — the same game in which he participated during his early days in the capital. Many of the same players are still on hand for the weekly shuffle-and-bet session, which proves that, contrary to Thomas Wolfe, you can indeed go home again. The old green eyeshade he

wears — at his desk and at the poker table — is a reminder of his days at Harvard Law School, whose venerable dean, Roscoe Pound, constantly wore one. Herb says he took it up not only because juniors tend to admire models, but also because it is restful if one reads a great deal, as he does.

Cohn worked for the Securities and Exchange Commission during his Washington days, from 1936 to 1948 with time out for World War II, and rose to become chief of its Office of Opinion Writing.

In those early Washington days, Herb and seven other young attorneys shared a house in Maryland called The Castle, complete with turrets, overlooking the Potomac. He was the highest paid of all of them, earning \$3,200 a year, but they had a butler, cook and housekeeper, and parties for as many as 200 people every weekend, kept seven cars, and Herb's share was \$150 a month. Talk about the good old days.

That was in his bachelor days. By the time he married Miss Kathryn Coe of Little Rock, Arkansas, and their daughter Elizabeth was born (she is now a physician in Cleveland), war had come and Herb was in the Navy. He was based for a while at Quonset Point, Rhode Island, except for the one day when he presented his orders at the Norfolk Naval Base at the very moment his new outfit was packing up for a new assignment — in Quonset Point. Then to Argentina, Newfoundland — "not a pleasant place in mid-winter" — then to England, where he served in the same group as Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. ("a legitimate hero," in Herb's words), then Washington, peace, discharge as a lieutenant commander, and a return to the SEC.

October 1, 1948 turned out to be a significant day for AEP. That was the day on which Herb Cohn, fresh from the SEC, started work as a senior counsel for the company, and W. S. White, Jr., fresh out of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, started work as an engineer for the company. Both subsequently moved on to further responsibilities.

Cohn, in fact, was elected a vice president and named chief counsel of the AEP Service Corporation in 1954, executive vice president — administrative and corporate services in 1967 and, finally, vice chairman and chief administrative officer in 1972. In the meantime, he was also elected a director of the parent AEP in 1966 and its vice chairman in 1972.

Cohn's legal work and his familiarity with not only the regulatory machinery and personalities but also the Washington legislative community made him the logical choice to present AEP's position on appropriate matters in the national forum. And he did that so well that the entire electric utility industry happily soon found him as its spokesman through the NAEC, Edison Electric Institute and a number of ad hoc groups, such as the industry's Clean Air Coordinating Committee of recent vintage. Also, he is a charter member and former chairman of EEL's prestigious Legal Committee.

With all of his association with government, however, Cohn never felt any urge to enter politics. Instead, he says, he often thought that the job of teacher in a "good" — the emphasis is his — law school would in many ways be the ideal life. It would be intellectually stimulating, hard work and an association with young people, all values that he prizes.

On a personal level, he denies assertions made by some colleagues over the years that he would wear a hat until it fell apart. "I used to buy a new one every four or five years," he asserts stoutly. What about the old raincoat he wears? Ah, that's a different matter. "Yes, people do say it's dirty," he admits. "But one day, while I was having breakfast, I saw John D. Rockefeller walking down the street, and I told my wife that his raincoat was dirtier than mine." Herb once wore an overcoat for a period of two or three days, didn't like it, and has worn raincoats with zip-in linings ever since.

For all of the images in the kaleidoscope, Cohn remains first of all an electric utility man. "It makes me feel good," he says, "that we in this industry can make substantial contributions to the quality of life of the people we serve. When we stay up at night worrying, that's what we worry about: how to take care of our customers." He adds this valedictory:

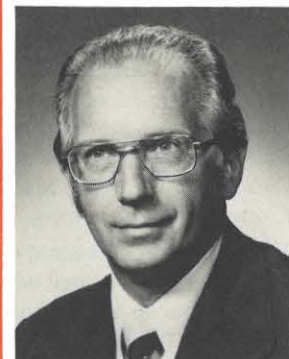
"I think each one of us can take pride in our individual contributions; they are greater than we could make in any other industry, and that's because of the nature of the work we're in. The company is in good hands today.

"I'll hold onto my stock."

CHANGES MADE IN GO T&D



Minnich



Cassady

Two organizational changes in the General Office Transmission and Distribution Department, Roanoke, became effective October 1.

O. R. Minnich, former distribution superintendent, was named engineering superintendent. His new assignment includes expanded responsibilities for engineering and functional guidance of engineering activities in the divisions.

Rex L. Cassady, former line supervisor in the Benton Harbor Division of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, moved to Roanoke as distribution superintendent. He will be handling a new activity within the GO T&D Department which involves the coordinating of distribution, construction and maintenance activities in the divisions.

A native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Minnich holds an electrical engineering degree from the University of Cincinnati and is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia.

Cassady is an electrical engineering graduate of Purdue University.

APCO SEEKS \$84.7 MILLION RATE INCREASE IN WEST VIRGINIA

Appalachian Power Company, on September 12, filed with the Public Service Commission for an \$84.7 million rate increase from its West Virginia retail customers. The increase represents an average 40% above rates recently approved by the PSC, or 27% above the rates presently being paid by its West Virginia customers.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of the company, said, "The increase is being requested because of the continued rising cost of operation as well as the need to improve the company's earnings and enhance Appalachian's ability to attract the funds needed for financing its construction program."

Vaughan said that of the \$84.7 million rate increase request, \$15 million is directly related to the company's investment in its new plant under construction at New Haven, W. Va. Another \$10.1 million results from certain owning and operating costs associated with the new electrostatic precipitators at the John E. Amos Plant and \$26 million of the total request is required to cover the company's anticipated fuel expense.

Vaughan pointed out that the requested increase would not be applied uniformly to all customers. "The proposed increase has been applied to the company's various rate schedules giving consideration to the cost of providing electric service to each class of customer — residential, commercial, and industrial."

He explained that rates will vary from community to community "because, for the first time, the company plans to surcharge the local business and occupation tax to its customers in the communities where the tax is levied."

Examples of increases over rates currently being paid by residential customers are as follows: a customer using 800 kilowatt-hours will have an increase of \$6.81 a month; for 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month, the increase will be \$8.19; for 2,000 kilowatt-hours a month, \$14.61; and for 3,000 kilowatt-hours a month, \$20.54.

In making the announcement, Vaughan said that the company's customers continue to demand increasing amounts of electricity, and pointed to several new all-time summer peaks set during July. For the first seven months of 1977, every class of customer showed an increase in use of electricity over the same period of 1976 — residential customers 14% higher, commercial nearly 10%, industrial more than 2%, and mine power, over 1½ percent.

"Another dramatic illustration of the continuing growth in demand for electricity occurred on January 17, 1977, when customers established an all-time peak demand of 4,329,000 kilowatts, an increase of 8.7% over the peak demand of the previous winter. With a generating capability of 4,645,000 kilowatts, our reserve margin was virtually nonexistent.

"Furthermore," Vaughan added, "our projections indicate these customer demands will continue to grow on the order of 5 to 6 percent a year. With the increasing unavailability of natural gas and the cost and supply problems associated with petroleum, coupled with the thrust of President Carter's energy program, it seems clear that this growth trend will continue unabated.

"Obviously, with the capacity situation we faced last winter and will face this winter, Appalachian would be in an intolerable position if it could not draw on the generating resources of other companies in the American Electric Power System."

Vaughan went on: "This very tight capacity situation points out the absolute necessity for continued construction of the new 1,300,000 kilowatt plant at New Haven, W. Va. The plant, which is estimated to cost \$635,000,000, will be operational in the winter of 1980-81 if the company is able to continue its construction."

The company also has an urgent need to construct new high voltage transmission lines, distribution facilities, and other service equipment, he added.

He stated that, over the next three years, Appalachian faces a construction budget of more than \$1-billion.

The attraction of investment funds for these and other needs, Vaughan continued, has been made difficult and more costly by deratings of the company's senior securities following earlier rate decisions.

"It is our goal to regain an 'A' rating for our senior securities, and we are, therefore, seeking an overall rate of return of 10.06% on our adjusted average West Virginia rate base in our application. We have been actively seeking rate relief in all jurisdictions this year. An increase from the company's wholesale customers went into effect July 1, and the company is awaiting a decision on a retail rate increase request in Virginia. These, coupled with approval of our West Virginia rate increase request, will go a long way toward improving the rating of the company's securities.

"In the long run, the beneficiary of such an action will be our customers, because we will be able to get funds at less cost. Customers will also benefit from continued reliable electric service, which the granting of this rate increase will help provide," Vaughan concluded.

COMPANY BOARDS HOLD ELECTIONS

Herbert Cohn retired last month from a total of 33 AEP System posts spanning the System alphabet from Appalachian Power Company to Wheeling Electric Company. While he will not be succeeded in his Service Corporation posts, the boards of directors of the subsidiary companies elected the following to fill vacancies created by Cohn's retirement:

A. Joseph Dowd, senior vice president and general counsel of the Service Corporation, was elected vice president of Appalachian Power, Indiana & Michigan Electric, Kentucky Power, Kingsport Power, Michigan Gas Exploration, Michigan Power, Ohio Power and Wheeling Electric Companies. He also was elected a director of Appalachian Power, Kingsport Power and Ohio Power.

John Tillinghast, vice chairman-engineering and construction of the Service Corporation, was elected a vice president of Franklin Real Estate and Indiana Franklin Realty, and a director of Central Ohio Coal Company, Franklin Real Estate, and Indiana & Michigan Electric.

Richard E. Disbrow, vice chairman and controller of the Service Corporation, was named vice president and director of Ohio Electric Company and a director of Central Appalachian Coal, Kanawha Valley Power, Southern Appalachian Coal and Southern Ohio Coal Companies.

Frank N. Bien, vice chairman-operations of the Service Corporation, was elected a vice president and director of Indiana & Michigan Power and Twin Branch Railroad Company.

John E. Dolan, senior executive vice president-engineering of the Service Corporation, was elected a director of Kentucky Power.

And John R. Burton, vice president and associate general counsel, was named a director of Michigan Gas Exploration and Michigan Power.

KINGSPORT POWER CUSTOMERS LEAD NATION IN USE OF ELECTRICITY

Residential customers of Kingsport Power Company use more electricity per capita than those of any other utility anywhere.

In 1976, for the first time in history, an AEP System company's average annual residential use of electric energy — 17,173 kilowatt-hours — was the highest in the nation, and thus the world. It was also the first time since the advent of cheap, hydro-based power in the Far West than an "eastern" utility had achieved the top rank in such usage.

Nevada Power Company, which had been first in recent years, fell to second in the usage standings. Interestingly, Kingsport's residential customers in 1975 had used an average of 15,663 kwh, then in 1976 raised their usage to 17,173 kwh (an AEP System record), an increase of 9.6%, while those of the Nevada utility in 1975 had used 17,441 kwh but declined 7.5% to 16,231 kwh last year.

A major factor in Kingsport's rise to the top, after many years as the runner-up, is its relatively high percentage of electrically heated homes, by far the highest on the AEP System. As of July, almost 18,000 of Kingsport's residential customers — or 62 out of every 100 — enjoyed electric heating. Across the entire System, at that time, there were close to 323,000 electrically heated homes, 19% of all residential customers.

The average Kingsport residential customer paid \$388.56 for his electricity last year, against \$342.24 in 1975. The average price per kwh was 2.26¢, compared with 2.19¢ the previous year.

The top 10 among the nation's utilities in average home usage of electricity in 1976 were:

Rank	Utility	Kwh
1.	Kingsport Power Co. (AEP)	17,173
2.	Nevada Power Company	16,231
3.	Puget Sound Power & Light Co.	15,601
4.	Tennessee Valley Authority	14,750
5.	Washington Water Power Co.	14,223
6.	Portland General Electric Co.	13,787
7.	Idaho Power Company	13,522
8.	Houston Lighting & Power Co.	13,146
9.	Gulf Power Co. (Southern Co.)	12,913
10.	Pacific Power & Light Co.	12,876

SEC APPROVAL AWAITED ON AEP EMPLOYEES SAVINGS PLAN

An application for approval of the proposed American Electric Power System Employees Savings Plan has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and approval is expected in mid-October. At that time, employee information programs will be conducted across the System to explain details of the plan.

The Savings Plan was first announced in employee information programs earlier this year. The plan, which will offer employees automatic payroll deductions and a choice of three investment possibilities, will be effective January 1, 1978. Enrollment forms and complete information will be available at the information programs to be held in October.

The plan has been approved by the boards of directors of the Service Corporation and other AEP subsidiary companies.

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

Abingdon

Toby Cook, wife of J. L. Cook, station mechanic C, and **R. N. Trent**, engineering technician senior, are serving on the Abingdon Elementary PTA board of directors for 1977-78.

Betty Fullen, daughter of Fred Fullen, Building Service, is a varsity cheerleader at Patrick Henry High School.

Karen Mullins, daughter of Garnet Mullins, Clintwood Accounting, is a varsity cheerleader at Clintwood High School.

Ralph Carter, retired Gate City area serviceman, was elected general secretary of the First Baptist Church, Gate City. **Lois Carter** is an assistant teacher in the adult division and was named a member of the Personnel Committee. **L. G. Cook**, Gate City area supervisor, was elected a teacher of the 12th grade class.



L. F. Valley, Jr., son of the late Leon F. Valley, former Lebanon area supervisor, received \$3000 for suggesting a method to improve efficiency in clerical job assignments between the Materials Handling Shipping Office and the Production Record Office. He is supervisor of the Production Record Office, Acid Division, Tennessee Eastman Company. The award was the largest presented during the second half, eighth-period program.



Deborah Ann Fraley, engineering technologist, was selected as an "outstanding young woman of America for 1977". She holds a BS degree in electrical engineering technology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, is active in her church and is "Big Chief" of Virginia 4-H.

Beckley



W. J. Groseclose, Jr., line mechanic A, was elected president of the Woodrow Wilson High School Football Hall of Fame for 1977-78. He was a member of the Hall of Fame in 1976.

Kathryn McDonald, daughter of J. R. McGinnis, division superintendent, received her nurse's stripes during exercises at West Virginia University.

Bluefield



Jackson Farley, son of Jay W. Farley, Jr., engineering technologist, was selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students" Jackson is a senior at Graham High School.

Ella Mae French, wife of Bernard French, station mechanic A on LTD leave, is chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Campaign for a four-region area.

Martha Lou Rich, widow of M. E. Rich, former records supervisor, and her daughter-in-law, **Robbie Rich**, were recognized as "Homemakers of the Week" by the *Tazewell County Free Press*. An article in the paper described the women's activities and gave a history of their home, which was built by Martha Lou's grandfather.

Donna Ferguson, riding her two-year-old quarter horse, *Misty Morning Light*, won third place in Juvenile Western Pleasure and fifth place in the 4-H Open Class at the Cherry River Festival Horse Show. She is the daughter of Lvonne Ferguson, Welch customer accounts representative B.

Rhonda Stover, daughter of Line Inspector Dean Stover, holds the office of Religion in the Welch Assembly No. 18, Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Jackie Houston, Princeton customer accounts representative B, was a special booth hostess at the Bluefield Coal Show. **L. W. Robinette**, power engineer senior, was co-chairman of the electrical services committee.

Ray Heldreth, retired customer services representative A, and **Lane Whitley**, retired electrical engineer senior, were co-chairmen of the properties and services committee.

Charleston

Jennings Fulkner, administrative assistant, was reappointed to a two-year term on the board of directors of the American Cancer Society. He was also reappointed to the board of directors of the Kanawha County Community Council.

Employees serving in the Kanawha County United Way Campaign are **C. O. Carlini**, division manager, captain of the Major Firms A Division; **Lloyd F. Pomykata**, customer services manager, chairman of the Communities Division; and **Jennings Fulkner**, chairman of the Residential Division.

General Office

Warren O. Vaughan, administrative assistant to the executive vice president, was appointed chairman of the Construction Division in the Roanoke Valley United Way Campaign.

Glen Lyn

Bill Evans has passed the examination to become a Certified Public Accountant. He is an internal auditor with the Richmond Corporation, Richmond, Va. **Gerald Evans** is one of 70 students accepted in the 1977 class of the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy. They are the sons of George L. Evans, performance engineer senior.

Huntington

Deborah Hayes, daughter of Catherine Hayes, mail clerk, was graduated from Tennessee State University with a BA degree in English.

Kanawha River



Sheets



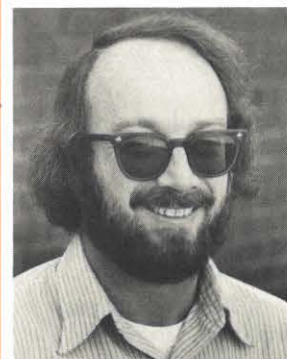
Bostic

Perry Sheets and **Tracy Bostic** won several first-, second- and third-place ribbons in the butterfly, back, free, IM and relay for their Montgomery swim team. The team came in third place in the Greater Charleston Swim Association's city meet. Perry is the son of Jeanne Sheets, administrative assistant, and Ed Sheets, coal procurement engineer, AEP Fuel Supply,

Charleston. Tracy is the daughter of Jim Bostic, maintenance mechanic A.

Gloria Saunders, plant clerk B, was elected to the commission for development of a community park in London, W. Va.

Kingsport



Harold Gillenwater, station mechanic A, was elected president of the newly formed Sullivan County Fire Association, whose purpose is to improve the fire fighting effectiveness of all volunteer fire departments within the county. Harold has served as president of the Avoca Volunteer Fire Department for several years. His wife **Janet** is secretary-treasurer of the department's Ladies Auxiliary.

Darek Powell, son of Kay Powell, customer accounts representative C, has earned the American Red Cross Junior Lifesaving Certificate.

Logan-Williamson

Paul E. Owens, Williamson area service supervisor, was named a trustee of the United Foundation, Inc., of Williamson.

Joel E. Taylor, son of Division Manager Floyd H. Taylor, Jr., has graduated from Marshall University with a BS degree in medical technology. He accepted a position with Advanced Medical and Research Center, Pontiac, Michigan.

Pulaski

An article by **Dorothy N. Whitaker**, personnel assistant, was published in the September issue of *Response* magazine, a United Methodist Women's publication. The article, inspired by the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, is titled "Love Will Not Be Used Up".

Claud K. Kirkland, division manager, was named to the Vocational Advisory Committee at Pulaski County High School for 1977-78.

R. B. Kilgore, division superintendent, and **W. T. Collins**, division office supervisor, were installed as deacon and elder, respectively, of the First Presbyterian Church.

Charlotte Shrewsbury, wife of Engineering Technologist J. D. Shrewsbury, was elected to a one-year term on the board of directors of the American Institute of Banking.

Scott Kilgore, son of R. B. Kilgore, is a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. As a semifinalist, he must receive the endorsement and recommendations of his school principal, parent confirmation of his school standings and take a second exam to qualify as a finalist.

Roanoke

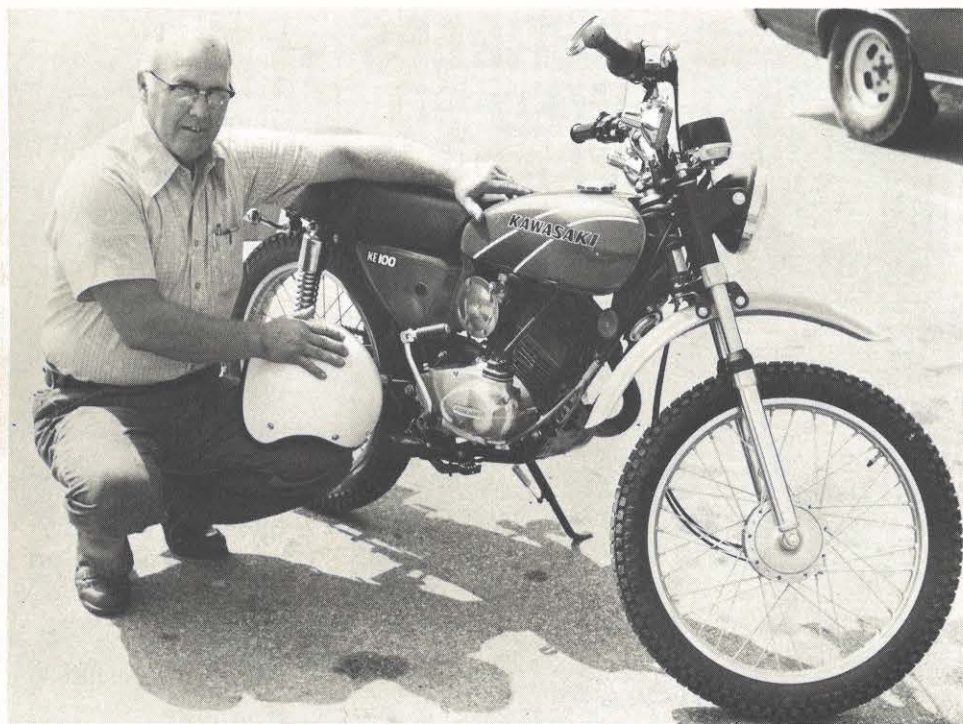


Larry Hawks, a senior at Patrick County High School, visited Mexico City and Acapulco as a member of a tour sponsored by the American Institute of Foreign Study. He is the son of Lawrence Hawks, Stuart driver-ground helper.

Philip Sporn



Danny Wayne Robinson, Jr., won the Little Mr. Meigs County title at the Meigs County Fair in Pomeroy, Ohio. The son of D. W. Robinson, maintenance mechanic B, Danny received a blue ribbon and a \$50 gift certificate from Elberfelds Department Store.



J. M. Campbell, head custodian in Huntington Division's Point Pleasant office, looks over the Kawasaki KE 100 street and trail bike he received as grand prize winner in a contest sponsored by WNST Radio in Milton, West Virginia. John's entry was selected from over 60,000 submitted, and it took him a while to remember signing the slip at the Southern States Store in Point Pleasant. He plans to keep the Kawasaki and ride with his two sons, who already own bikes.



Charleston Division's slo-pitch softball team took second place in the North Charleston Softball Association League with 25 wins, 11 losses. Because summer storms in the area have necessitated overtime work for some of the team members, players from outside Appalachian were used so that games would not be forfeited. Some of the players include (first row, l. to r.) Pat Taylor, Butch Hill, Randy Keller, Gary Hedrick and Cliff Wolfe. Second row, Dennis Green, Bunky Nester, Carl Reveal, Leonard Bird, Wayne Sigmon and Stanley Keller.



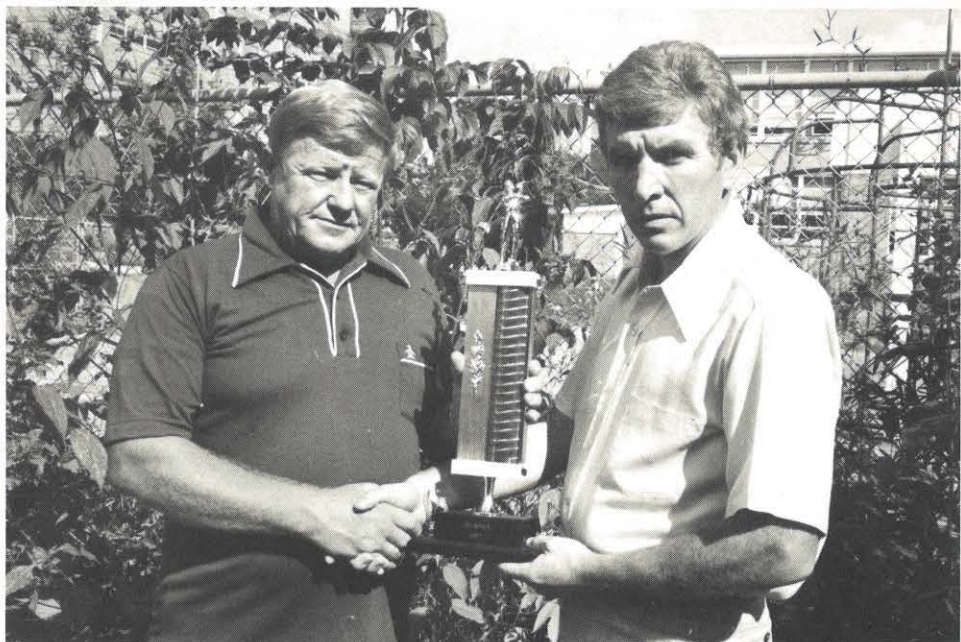
Members of the champion foursome in Huntington Division's Summer Twilight Golf League watch as their captain demonstrates his winning form. From left, B. B. Satpute, electrical engineer; E. A. Jackson, division office supervisor; C. Rutledge, meter mechanic A, and R. E. Morrison, engineering technician senior.



Fred Johnson (back row, left) coached the Abingdon Little League 10-11-year-old all stars to the Central Invitational Tournament championship. The husband of Peggy Johnson, Abingdon personnel clerk A, Fred led the team to victories against Chilhowie, Fairview and Gate City before clinching the win against Bristol Central for the title. In the first game, Rusty Johnson (first row, second from right) struck out 12 batters and gave up only a pair of singles in nipping Chilhowie 3-2. Rusty pitched again in the semifinals, striking out seven batters in Abingdon's win over Gate City. Rusty is the son of Fred and Peggy Johnson.



The team of Robbie Lane, Roanoke line mechanic C; Orville Napier, Roanoke meter service mechanic A; Eddie Purves, Roanoke station mechanic D, and Ted Carroll, GO relays supervisor, captured the championship of the General Office/Roanoke Division Evening Golf League. The handicap league is composed of seven teams made up of active and retired employees, and matches are played on Tuesday evenings at Roanoke's Ole Monterey Golf Club. Calvin Sisson, GO operations analyst A, was named "golfer of the year" and received an award for shooting a 3 under par 32 for 9 holes. From left, Napier, Carroll, Sisson, Lane and Purves.

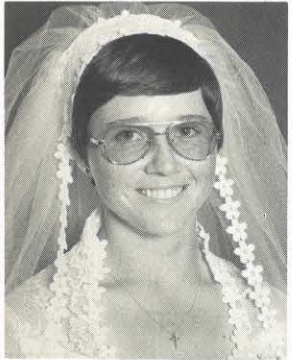


Sixteen employees participated in the Beckley Division Golf Tournament last month at Grandview Country Club. J. W. Begley captured the trophy for low gross, with J. C. Barker as runner-up. J. A. Smith won first place in the handicap with a low net score of 72. Prizes for the longest drive on the par 5 #4 hole and for closest to the pin on the par 3 #7 hole went to David Ransom and Charles Dillon, respectively. Golf Chairman Ray Vest, right, presents a trophy to J. W. Begley, Beckley Division champion for 1977.

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Monica Ferguson, daughter of C. H. Ferguson, Huntington right-of-way agent, to Jackie Neil Rutherford, August 20.



Roseanna Marie Randolph, daughter of Thelma J. Randolph, John E. Amos Plant custodian, to William Hugh White, August 20.



Debbie Casey to **Steven Dalton**, son of Paul Dalton, Bluefield garage supervisor NE, September 3.



Phyllis Marie Eckhardt to **Daryl Kent Compton**, son of Raymond Compton, Jr., Glen Lyn Plant maintenance supervisor, May 21.



Connie Jane Westerman to **John T. Agee, Jr.**, civil construction assistant II, Project 1301, June 4.



Margaret Ann McConnell to **Dennis Nelson Cox**, son of H. W. Cox, Gate City T&D clerk A in Abingdon Division, June 11.



Rebecca Ann Carter, daughter of R. L. Carter, retired Gate City area serviceman in Abingdon Division, to Tom Raade, July 4.



Debbie McLain to **Charlie Burke**, Kingsport line mechanic A, August 19.



Deborah Lynn Saunders to **Douglas Ray Tyree**, utility worker at John E. Amos Plant, August 26.



Sally Swan Roe to **Kent Jackson Howard**, son of Roy F. Howard, drafter A in GO R/e & R/w, Roanoke, August 30.



Patsy Michelle Perkins to **Rod Owen Butler**, son of the late J. K. Butler, former Huntington general serviceman, August 28.



Brenda Sue Barger, Roanoke junior clerk, to **Larry Alvis Slusher**, station operator B in GO Operations, Roanoke, September 3.



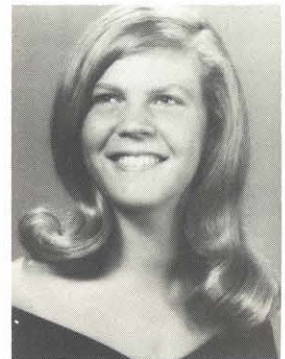
Francine W. Jones to **Damon H. Pearson**, mail clerk in GO General Services, Roanoke, August 27.



Sheila Jean VanDyke to **Larry W. Leonard**, Abingdon lineman B, July 16.



Penny Gail Welch, daughter of Clyde O. Welch, Jr., Bluefield head T&D clerk, to Johnny Ray Belcher, August 23.



Janet Sue Smith, daughter of R. H. Smith, Huntington building supervisor, to William Hugh Coyne, June 25.



Robin Lynn Gwinn to **Donald R. Cremeans**, coal handler at Amos Plant, September 10.



Lisa Marie Mohn to **David Lynn Chapman**, son of J. E. Chapman, Lynchburg line crew supervisor, August 13.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

General Office
M. L. Pollard, supervising engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, five gallons.

RETIREES WED 50 YEARS



Ruby and Roy Foster celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their three sons at Lakeview Motor Lodge in Roanoke. The Fosters, who were married September 1, 1927, also have six grandchildren. Roy is a retired right-of-way agent in General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke.



Bernice and Leonard Fulcher celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their sons, Dr. Clyde L. Fulcher of Lexington Park, Maryland, and Leonard M. Fulcher of Crozet, Virginia. The Fulchers were married in Roanoke on August 24, 1927. Leonard is retired Roanoke Division dealer sales coordinator.

BABY PARADE

John E. Amos
Christina Lee, daughter of **B. E. Casto**, utility operator B, August 25. Emily Renee, daughter of **Keith R. Woodson**, utility operator B, August 21.

Central Machine
Adam Ray, son of **Larry E. Blankenship**, machinist 3rd class, September 13. Shelli Marie and Kelli Sue, twin daughters of **Ernest D. Martin**, machinist 3rd class, September 1.

Charleston
Nichole Leigh, daughter of **Jackie Bruer**, customer accounts representative B, August 26.

General Office
Robert Lee, Jr., son of **Robert L. Payne**, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke, September 1.

Huntington
Kathleen Marie, daughter of **Wayne T. Pugh**, administrative assistant, August 30.

Logan-Williamson
Lisa Ann, daughter of **Glen H. Maynard**, Williamson line mechanic C, August 30.

Roanoke
Jason Paul, son of **Robert P. Lane**, line mechanic C, September 7.

Philip Sporn
Carie Beth, daughter of **R. L. Stewart**, maintenance mechanic C, August 29.

KINGERY RETIRES EARLY



Esker Cleo Kingery, control operator at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement September 1. He says, "I would have worked until age 65, but I would rather retire than transfer to another location due to the closing of Cabin Creek."

A native of Woodville, West Virginia, Esker began his career in 1942 as a laborer and pumpman at the plant. During his nearly 35 years' service, he also worked as a turbine auxiliary equipment operator B and A and assistant control operator.

Esker's plans include hunting, fishing and visiting his family. He and his wife, Janice, have two children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



General Office Accounting Department employees completed 4,500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury at 9 AM on July 25. The record for these employees began on September 3, 1964, and is continuing. E. L. Munday, Jr., Appalachian vice president (right), presents a certificate of merit for the safety achievement to J. B. Berg, accounting manager.

ROANOKE METER EMPLOYEES AID SEIZURE VICTIM



Kurt Sisson, left, and Artis Jacobs

Two Roanoke employees, Kurt Sisson, meter service mechanic C, and Artis Jacobs, meter service mechanic B, spotted a young woman lying on a sidewalk as they were driving south on Broadway toward Franklin Road.

Kurt says, "She was all dressed up, lying there on the sidewalk. We knew something had to be wrong. We turned around and went back to see if we could help. I asked her several times if she was okay, and she didn't respond. Jake ran to the truck to call the office for a rescue squad. While he was making the call, she clammed up on me. She went completely stiff and was trying to swallow her tongue. It took all my strength to pull her mouth open. I hollered for Jake to come help. Holding her tongue down and head back allowed her to breathe better."

At this point, an intern from a nearby clinic walked onto the scene. "He told Jake to get a spoon, which he found at an apartment close by. By this time, she had just about broken my finger," recalls Kurt. The spoon was placed in her mouth and water from the company truck's cooler was used for a cold cloth until an ambulance arrived.

Kurt added, "She was very pretty, and I know if she had woke up with all of us standing over her and me with my fingers in her mouth, she'd probably have had a heart attack."

Why did they get involved? "I reckon we had to," states Kurt. "Nobody else was there. It's the least we could do for someone in trouble."

RETIREE'S NEEDLEPOINT WINS SHOW AWARDS



Paul Harlan displays some of his needlepoint. The rug at extreme left won a first-place award and the pillow won a third-place award in the Tri-State Needlework Exhibit.

Paul Harlan, retired Huntington line supervisor, doesn't care what people think when they hear he has taken up needlepoint. If it's good enough for Rosey Grier and good enough to place in an art show, it's good enough for Paul.

When Paul moved from a nine-room house into an apartment after his retirement 12 years ago, he needed something to occupy his time. While needlepoint was not new to him — he made a footstool about 20 years ago — it wasn't until his daughter-in-law sent him an intricately patterned handbag that he decided to take it up again. At first he thought it would be impossible to finish; but, with encouragement from his wife Claryce, the handbag was completed.

Claryce helped in other ways. She bought needlepoint pillows and never got around to finishing them, so Paul would pick them up.

Rugs have become Paul's speciality, and it was one of these that won first place in the Tri-State Needlework Exhibit held in Ashland, Kentucky. "Rugs," Paul reveals, "never get easier. They are as hard the second and third time as they are the first. Each rug has a basic pattern which is repeated a number of times. You have to figure which way to flip and arrange the pattern so that the finished product appears balanced." He worked on one rug six to eight hours per day for eight weeks.

Paul sells some of his work at art shows, but most is for gifts and home decoration.



Abingdon Division has met the requirements for safety certification by the company and Employers Insurance of Wausau. To be certified, the division had to establish an over-all rating average of 3.5 and have a disabling injury index rate for a designated period prior to the inspection be lower than the AEP rate for the same period. Abingdon's over-all rating was 4.578. Its index rate was .0527 compared to the AEP rate of .9292. Admiring the certificate of excellence presented for the achievement are, from left, Abingdon Division Manager J. R. Whitehurst and E. L. Munday, Jr., Appalachian vice president.

VETS GIVEN SERVICE AWARDS



J. W. Vermillion
Meter Superintendent
Bluefield
40 Years



P. E. Peters
Electrical Engineer
Roanoke
40 Years



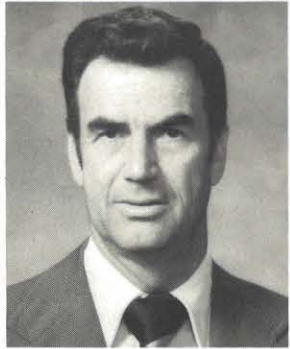
T. A. Kirby
Workers Comp. Asst.
GO-Roanoke
40 Years



G. E. Campbell
Maint. Mechanic A
Cabin Creek
35 Years



V. D. Altizer
Stores Attendant Sr.
Huntington
30 Years



O. C. Hawley
Building Supervisor
Abingdon
30 Years



Edythe Garnand
Customer Serv. Clerk A
Abingdon
30 Years



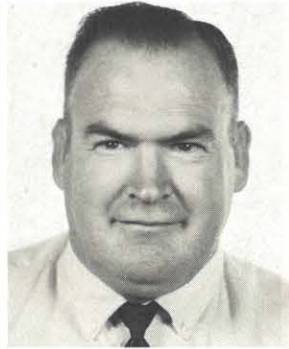
E. M. Jones
Station Mechanic B
Kingsport
30 Years



C. L. Evans
Cust. Acctg. Supv.
Charleston
30 Years



B. C. Connelly
Service Supervisor
Huntington
30 Years



J. D. Spivey
Station Mechanic B
Kingsport
30 Years



R. L. Puckett
Driver-Gr. Helper
Abingdon
30 Years



Sally Hedrick
Cust. Acctg. Supv. NE
Pulaski
30 Years



H. L. Agee
Meter Electrician A
Roanoke
30 Years



R. A. Runion
T&D Clerk A
Bluefield
30 Years



C. E. Smith, Jr.
Meter Reader
Pulaski
25 Years



G. M. Goad
Maint. Mechanic C
Glen Lyn
25 Years



L. C. Bumgarner
Maint. Supervisor
Philip Sporn
25 Years



I. D. Miller
Maint. Mechanic A
Philip Sporn
25 Years



G. E. Holman
Unit Supervisor
Philip Sporn
25 Years



L. D. Price
Right of Way Agent
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



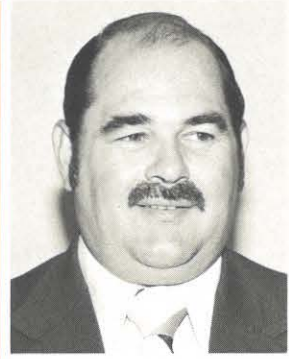
J. H. Palmer
Surveyor Asst. — Rod
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



J. E. Woolridge
Accts. Pay. Supv.
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



E. F. Sult
Transmission Insp.
GO-Bluefield
20 Years



G. R. Garner
Transmission Insp.
GO-Bluefield
20 Years



P. G. Johnston
Right of Way Agent
Abingdon
20 Years



B. W. Mann
Station Mechanic A
Pulaski
20 Years



W. F. Epling
Stores Attendant Sr.
Glen Lyn
20 Years



D. H. Lambert
Regional Dispatcher
GO-Huntington
20 Years

Abingdon
5 Years: **F. D. Fullen**, custodian.

John E. Amos
5 Years: **K. L. Baker**, utility operator **A. G. W. Camp**, control technician senior. **D. L. Ball**, maintenance mechanic **B. C. A. Harrison**, maintenance mechanic A.

Bluefield
10 Years: **R. L. Farley**, engineer **B. C. R. Patton, Jr.**, line mechanic A.

Cabin Creek
5 Years: **F. T. Hannigan**, maintenance mechanic B.

Central Machine
5 Years: **Carlos "Gene" Peyton**, winder 1st class.

Charleston
10 Years: **Corinthia Hawkins**, customer accounts representative **C. W. H. Spencer**, line mechanic A.

General Office
10 Years: **H. C. Webb**, engineering technician senior, GO-Huntington. **W. M. Meade**, regional dispatcher, GO-Roanoke. **Linda Kolnok**, general records clerk A, GO-Roanoke. **J. A. Hawkins**, communications engineer, GO-Roanoke. 5 Years: **R. C. Polniak**, mail clerk, GO-Roanoke. **W. R. McConnell**, electrical engineer, GO-Bluefield. **G. W. Lewis**, stores attendant, GO-Roanoke. **Marcia Kelly**, senior key entry operator, GO-Roanoke. **J. M. DeLong**, station mechanic B, GO-Roanoke. **T. R. Banks**, transmission mechanic B, GO-Bluefield. **D. G. Akers**, communications engineer B, GO-Bluefield.

Huntington
10 Years: **T. S. Bloss**, station mechanic A. **C. W. McCormick**, meter electrician A. 5 Years: **C. C. Chambers**, station mechanic C.

Kingsport
5 Years: **D. W. Statzer**, line mechanic A. **B. J. Pyle**, line mechanic B.

Lynchburg
10 Years: **W. C. Farmer**, engineering technician.

Roanoke
15 Years: **Sandra McClelland**, T&D clerk **A. M. L. Ratcliff**, administrative assistant. 10 Years: **D. R. Brooks**, line mechanic

A. A. L. Atkins, stores attendant. **N. C. Tester**, line mechanic A. 5 Years: **J. E. Stanford**, line mechanic B.

Philip Sporn
25 Years: **H. R. Fry**, maintenance mechanic B.

GOSNEY JOINS RETIRED RANK



Paul Charles Gosney, Madison area supervisor in the Logan-Williamson Division, retired September 1 after more than 41 years' service.

P. C. recalls, "When I came over to this territory, there were no roads. If you lived on Mud River, you tied your mule at the mouth of the creek and walked home. Going towards Pond Fork, the hard road ended just outside Madison. The only things close to roads on Mud River were logging roads. In those days, we didn't try to go in there in the winter. I went in a few times, on a tractor or bulldozer, but back then trouble often had to wait for the spring thaws or summertime."

He continues, "There was only one telephone on the whole of Pond Fork and none in the Mud River section. In case of trouble, I'd use the C&P phone. We had an arrangement that worked pretty good for both of us. I'd install poles, and they'd get on them in short order. You had to work together in those days. Since there were no radios and virtually no phones, I would often go on trouble calls and be gone for two days without anyone knowing where I was."

"When I went to work for the company, I worked for the late T. L. Henritze. It was he, and others like the late R. E. Blankenbeckler and Jack Fife, retired line foreman, who made the most permanent impressions on me. Those old-timers were really dedicated employees."

"When I transferred to Madison, I was the only employee here. I had a small office over by the courthouse. It was really just a hole-in-the-wall. Our collecting was done by the banks and a couple of grocery stores. I collected when in the field on my regular rounds. People would stop me so they could pay their electric bills. I'd get back to the office with money in every pocket."

"I've watched our area grow in the years I've been a part of the company and community. I believe we had about 1,500 customers when I came over here. Now, we're approaching 9,000."

P. C. attended Morris Harvey College and is a graduate of the Logan School of Business Commerce. He is a past president of both the Madison Rotary Club and Madison Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Madison Baptist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Masonic Lodge. He has served 14 years on the Madison City Council. P. C. and his wife Ella have one child.

BROWN PLANS MORE CHURCH WORK



Dana Brown, coal conveyor operator at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement September 1.

A native of Diamond, West Virginia, he began his career in 1942 as a laborer. During his 35 years' service, he was also a utility operator, tripper operator and tractor operator.

Dana recalls, "When I first came to work for the company, we unloaded coal cars with hand shovels. This was hard work, but everyone seemed to enjoy working for the company." He adds, "I have

enjoyed my career with the company and feel it has been a good place to work." He would have worked longer had it not been for the closing of Cabin Creek.

An ordained minister of the West Virginia Gospel Tabernacle Association, he plans to spend more time on church work during retirement. The Browns have four children and 11 grandchildren. One son, Ronald H. Brown, is a coal equipment operator at Amos Plant. They plan a visit with another son, who is a warrant officer in the U. S. Army at Fort Riley, Kansas.

CORKER ENDS 40-YEAR CAREER



"I needed a job and Appalachian Power Company gave me one. I have appreciated that and kept it in mind ever since," says Bernard Buster Corker, who retired October 1 as engineering supervising engineer in GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke.

Bus, a native of Hinton, West Virginia, holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University. He began his career in 1937 as a drafter in Beckley and was an engineer there before moving to the Roanoke General Office in 1962 as senior distribution engineer. He was promoted in 1969 to the position he held at retirement.

A registered professional engineer in West Virginia, Bus is a member of the Elks and St. Andrews Catholic Church in Roanoke. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening and spectator sports. Bus and his wife Mildred have one child and three grandchildren.

CARRICO ENDS APCO SERVICE



Everette Carrico, Williamson general foreman in the Logan-Williamson Division, elected early retirement September 1, bringing to a close more than 44 years of service to Appalachian Power. Everette joined the company as a groundman at Williamson in 1933 but had previously worked as a water boy at the age of 14.

Not one to sing his own praises, one of the few quotes Everette gave for this story was "been here, but gone". His fellow workers, however, were not reluctant to comment.

"He's the only man I know who cleans a squirrel with an ax. This happened in the 1930s on a hunting trip. Everette chopped the head, tail and feet off of a squirrel over the top of a tree stump."

"He's second only to an Indian as he moves about in the woods."

"Before the season opens, Everette goes on a preliminary hunt to spot where deer are feeding so he knows exactly where to go when the season is open."

"In the old days, Everette would install 12 services, including entrance cable, meter and everything needed to complete the job, and often dig eight or ten poles a day."

And back when the crews used to room and board, "Mrs. Viers of the Vance Hotel in Iaeger went out of business trying to feed him. He always had three or four helpings of food."

In addition to hunting and fishing, Everette enjoys gardening and woodworking. He is a state director of the Izaak Walton League; member, Tug Valley Country Club; past president and vice president, Williamson Kiwanis Club, and active in the Boy Scouts of America.

He and his wife Martha have five children. Their travel plans include visiting a daughter who lives at St. Croix, Virgin Islands. The Carricos have built a new home at Rocky Mount, Virginia. Martha's family formerly owned most of the land where Smith Mountain Dam is located. In fact, the stone for their new home came from Smith Mountain.

APCO MEN SHARE WORK IDEAS

Articles by several Appalachian employees were published in the September/October issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

L. J. Karschnik, assistant shift operating engineer at Amos Plant, wrote "Increases Seal Water To Slurry Pumps". B. W. Shrader, engineer B at Philip Sporn Plant, was the author of "How To Protect Instrument Control Tubing". R. F. Shoemaker, plant performance supervisor at Amos, was the author of "Keeps Vital Air-Register Linkages Operable".

Also, S. Z. Parsons, performance engineer; W. L. Clay, engineer B, and S. M. Taylor, control technician senior, all of Amos, collaborated on "Test Box For Precipitator Controls". Sam Craddock, production supervisor at Central Machine Shop, shared "Stores Welding Cable".

MOVING UP



Robert M. Heil, former chemist at Kanawha River Plant, was promoted to safety coordinator in the Safety Section of the General Office Personnel Department, Roanoke, effective October 1. He holds a BS degree in chemistry from West Virginia Institute of Technology.



Jesse B. Aird, III, former engineering technologist, was promoted to Roanoke Division station superintendent, effective September 16. He succeeds W. F. Valley, who was promoted earlier. Aird holds an associate degree in mechanical engineering technology from Virginia Western Community College.



W. T. "Tom" Collins, division office supervisor, will become personnel supervisor of the Pulaski Division, effective November 1. He will succeed H. B. Newland, upon his retirement. Collins has studied bookkeeping through the LaSalle University Extension, office management and business administration through International Correspondence Schools, and attended the American Electric Power System Management Training Program at the University of Michigan.



J. G. Cumbow, former T&D clerk A, was promoted to line inspector in Abingdon Division, effective August 16.



R. D. Blevins, former electrical engineer, was promoted to engineering technologist supervisor in Pulaski, effective September 1. He has completed all divisions of the International Correspondence Schools electrical engineering course.



D. L. Kearns, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant, effective September 1.



Dan G. Edwards, II, former senior engineering technologist, was promoted to performance engineer at Philip Sporn Plant, effective August 1. He holds a bachelor of engineering science degree from Marshall University.

NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

Abingdon
Linda G. Brewer, tracer. **Teresa L. Harris** and **Wanda S. Payne**, junior clerks. **Kenneth W. Gentry**, meter reader.

John E. Amos
Richard A. Lutz, performance engineer. **Harry W. Dickson**, maintenance mechanic. **C. Elizabeth M. Cerf**, co-op student engineer.

Bluefield
Cheryl D. Armistead and **William K. Noble**, meter electricians D. **Tommy Hamilton, Jr.**, line mechanic D, Welch. **Edwin Bruce Wimmer**, line mechanic D.

Central Machine
Thomas D. White, welder 2nd class. **William D. Salisbury**, machinist 1st class.

Centralized Plant Maintenance
M. K. Buckle, G. R. Jividen, P. T. Williams, K. D. Harrison, O. D. Witt, R. M. McCune, T. M. Henry, E. F. Anspach, R. M. Newell, J. E. Snyder, T. L. Reiber, R. L. Duncan, II, L. D. Cantrell, J. E. Garnes and **D. B. Harden**, maintenance mechanics B.

Charleston
Robert H. Wilson, line mechanic D. **Emanuel Watts**, meter reader. **Claudia Eans**, clerk junior, Kanawha Valley Power.

General Office
Maurice Chernin and **Frank A. Harris**, electrical engineers, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke. **William A. Dunn**, office messenger, GO General Services, Roanoke. **David W. Hartberger**, engineering technician, GO T&D Communications, Charleston. **Rebecca J. Lee**, junior stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Bonnie S. Parker**, junior clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Huntington
Ray H. Logan, line mechanic D. Point Pleasant. **Alzelia Johnson**, T&D clerk C. **R. B. Evans**, chemical laboratory technician, AEP Lab.

Lynchburg
Douglas R. Fitchett, electrical engineer.

Pulaski
Cherie C. Stockner, meter reader, Hillsville. **R. T. Faulkner**, line mechanic D, Christiansburg.

Roanoke
Evelyn M. Scott, junior clerk.

Philip Sporn
R. E. Manuel, performance engineer. **G. A. Powers, S. J. Manuel, J. M. Powell, C. E. Edmonds, P. M. Darnell, E. R. DeWees, J. S. Moore, D. G. Marcinko, R. L. Rutan, S. J. Wilson, J. L. Hill, D. E. Willis, P. G. Phillips, R. K. Nicewander, D. A. Gray** and **M. W. Marcum**, utility workers B.

ROANOKERS GRADUATE FROM VWCC



Painter



Burtis

Two employees were graduated from Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, last month.

Sheila Painter, Roanoke personnel clerk C, was awarded an associate degree in business management. She had previously earned an associate in applied science degree in secretarial science from the school in 1973.

Allan W. Burtis, data processing operator A, General Office Accounting, received an associate degree in business administration. Allan's degree came as somewhat of a surprise to him, because he hadn't realized he was eligible. He says, "I

entered Ferrum College in 1963 for a year and then transferred to the University of Virginia Extension. In 1965 I transferred to Virginia Western and changed my major from liberal arts to business administration. I worked part-time and went to school until 1969, when I transferred to Hiram-Scott College in Nebraska. After I had enrolled and paid my tuition, they informed me all of my credit hours would not be transferred so I decided to return to Roanoke. Luckily, I made the right choice because the school folded a few years later.

"Upon returning to Roanoke, I came to work for Appalachian and enrolled at the Roanoke County Educational Center to take a course in computer fundamentals and computer programming. This summer I decided to go back to Virginia Western and take another course in computer programming. I first checked with an advisor, who happened to be the husband of Linda Perdue, payroll special clerk in GO Accounting. He took the time to check my transcripts and discovered I had enough credits to graduate."

APCO MEN TAKE PUAV OFFICES

E. Leonard Munday, Jr., vice president of Appalachian Power Company, was elected first vice president of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias last month. He will take office in January.

James B. Berg, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of Appalachian, was re-elected as treasurer and **Morris E. McCrary**, assistant accounting manager of Appalachian, was re-elected assistant treasurer.

PUAV is an organization of investor-owned electric utility companies operating in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee to promote the common interest of both the public and member companies.

PLANTS SWEEP OIP PRIZES



Johnson



Crawford



Powell

The chances were only 2 in a 100, but plant employees captured all the prizes in the midyear Operations Improvement Program sweepstakes.

Selected by a drawing as winners of \$50 U. S. Savings Bonds were these authors of Operations Improvement proposals: **R. F. Shoemaker**, plant performance supervisor, **Doris Crawford**, utility worker, and **C. A. Powell**, performance engineer senior, all of Amos Plant; and **C. A. Dalporto**, formerly of Kanawha River Plant, and **L. A. Johnson**, engineer B at Kanawha.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



C. A. "Jack" Kidd, 59, line foreman in the Christiansburg area of Pulaski Division, died August 30 of viral pneumonia. A native of Bland County, Virginia, he began his career in 1937 as a lineman. Kidd is survived by his widow Lynwood, 765 Mountain View Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia; one son, three sisters and four brothers. One brother, O. B. Kidd, is retired Pulaski area supervisor. Another brother, B. N. Kidd, is area service restorer in Floyd. J. R. Kidd, Galax area supervisor, is a nephew.



Everett Wisor Smith, 74, retired Pulaski station foreman, was killed in an automobile accident September 16. His widow Josephine died September 28 of injuries sustained in the wreck. A native of Pulaski County, Virginia, he began his career as an electrician and had 38 years' service when he retired March 1, 1968. Smith is survived by twin daughters, three grandchildren, one sister and two brothers. One of the brothers, Stanley C. Smith, is a retired Pulaski line supervisor.



James G. Willhide, 69, retired operations engineer senior in General Office Operations, Roanoke, died September 8. A native of Durbin, West Virginia, he began his career in 1942 as a draftsman in Charleston and retired September 1, 1973. Willhide is survived by his widow Zoe, 3512 Forest Hill Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia; two daughters and one son.



Frank D. Lowman, 82, retired Pulaski appliance serviceman A, died September 9. A native of Pulaski, Virginia, he began his career in 1924 and retired June 1, 1960. Lowman is survived by his widow Ethel, 154 Fourth Street, Pulaski; one sister, one foster sister and two brothers.



David Roosevelt Whittaker, 69, retired area supervisor A at Pearisburg in the Pulaski Division, died September 23. A native of Narrows, Virginia, he had broken service before being permanently employed in 1935 as a lineman at Welch. He elected early retirement December 31, 1971. Whittaker is survived by his widow Kathleen, 1315 College Avenue, Bluefield, West Virginia, and one sister.



Thomas Lynch Henritze, 85, retired line foreman in the Logan area of Logan-Williamson Division, died September 2. A native of Marion, Virginia, he had broken service before being permanently employed in 1935 as a lineman at Welch. He retired April 1, 1957. Henritze is survived by his widow Ruby, 704 Stratton Street, Logan, West Virginia; one son and one daughter.



Mack D. Williams, 58, Kingsport residential representative, died September 16. A native of Scott County, Virginia, he began his career in 1946 as an appliance serviceman B and went on long-term disability leave in September 1974. Williams is survived by his widow Mary Frances, 1248 Caribbean Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee, and two sons.

Albert Oley Cooper, 93, retired coal handler at Cabin Creek Plant, died September 5. A native of Chesapeake, West Virginia, he began his career at the plant in 1942 as a laborer and retired November 1, 1948. Cooper is survived by three sons, three daughters, one stepdaughter and 37 grandchildren.

Opie Jackson, Sr., 79, retired Huntington meter serviceman B, died September 3. A native of Monroe County, West Virginia, he began his career in 1926 as a truck driver and retired April 1, 1963. Jackson is survived by his widow Evelyn, 1401 N. Jefferson Drive, Huntington, West Virginia, and four sons.

MOVIE CHARACTER BASED ON FORMER LOGAN FOREMAN

(Editor's note: The following story appeared in the *Logan News*, Logan, West Virginia, following the death of Retiree T. L. Henritze. It was written by Charlie Hylton, executive vice president and managing editor.)

The death last week of T. L. (Hen) Henritze of Logan brought to mind an interesting chapter in his life which many of his closest friends may not remember, although it was the subject of a best-selling novel which was made into a motion picture.

Hen was bossing construction crews for Appalachian Power Company and its predecessors back in the early 1900s and was considered one of the best line foremen in the business. In the depression years of the early 1930s, Appalachian was not doing much construction and Hen was "loaned" to the Pennsylvania Railroad which was electrifying some of its track in Pennsylvania and New York.

One of the men in Hen's crew on the railroad project was a young college graduate who was seeking material for a novel he was planning to write. The young man was given no special treatment by Hen and worked as long and hard as other men in the crew.

When the job was finished, the budding novelist wrote his story. It ran in serial form in the *Saturday Evening Post* — I believe under the title of "High Tension". When the story was made into a movie, the title was changed to "Slim" and it proved to be a box office success.

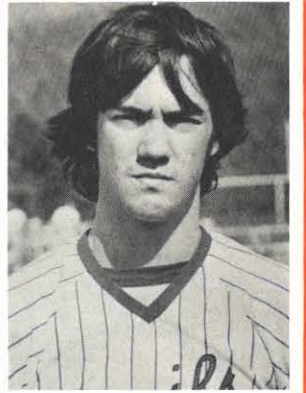
The author gave a prominent role in his story to the foreman of the railroad construction crew and that foreman was actually Henritze, although he was given another name in the story and in the movie.

The story was published in the *Saturday Evening Post* either in 1939 or 1940 and Hen's part in it was publicized in several West Virginia newspapers.

Hen's head was never turned by all the publicity he received. He remained the same crusty line foreman whose work as a construction boss dated back to the days when poles, wire, crossarms and insulators were hauled to the work site by mule and oxen teams. He was of the passing generation who, using the most primitive methods, started the development of the electric power industry into the important utility it is today.



Jeff Hall, 13, son of Jim Hall, Kanawha River Plant equipment operator, made a hole-in-one at Charleston's Coonskin Park. He aced the 85-yard ninth hole with a nine-iron. Jeff probably considers the game to be a simple one — he was playing golf for the first time in his life. From left, Jim Hall and Jeff.



KILGORE PITCHES HIS WAY TO COLLEGE

Steve Kilgore, son of Kingsport Engineering Technician Carl Kilgore, has been awarded a baseball scholarship to King College, Bristol, Tennessee.

A June graduate of Gate City High School, Steve played baseball all four years and had been a starting pitcher since he was a sophomore. He was named to the Southwest Virginia all-star baseball team in both his junior and senior years and was captain of the baseball team during his senior year.

His overall high school pitching record was 18 wins, 2 losses. His equally impressive batting average was .315 in his junior year and .325 in his senior year. He is proud that he helped Gate City win the Southwest Virginia district baseball title in both 1976 and 1977. Both titles were won by defeating Bristol, and Steve was the winning pitcher in both games.

Steve was also a member of the basketball team which won honorable mention in the 1977 Southwest Virginia district tournament.

His plans call for going into business after earning a degree. However, if his baseball ability continues to improve, Steve says he would not be adverse to a stint in the major league.

40 YEARS DOESN'T DIM FRIENDSHIPS



Helena and Nick Roomy

A lot of Guyandotte River has passed under the Water Street Bridge in Logan since graduation night for Logan High School's class of 1937. But not enough to wash away the friendships and memories that bound together the 195 graduates of the class.

After 40 years, a Depression, a world war and a decade of social upheaval, 68 members of the class of 1937 returned to Logan this summer from as far away as California and Connecticut for a reunion.

Keeping up with their former classmates is a hobby of Nick Roomy, General Office executive assistant in Charleston, and his wife Helena. The couple were sweethearts at Logan High.

Nick, who was class president in 1937, saw to it that this fifth reunion was one to remember. Attendees met at the new Cultural Center in Charleston's Capitol Complex, where they were addressed by The Honorable William T. Brotherton, Jr., president of the West Virginia Senate, and Norman Fagan, director of the Science and Cultural Center. They had a guided tour of the Capitol Complex and the Governor's Mansion before going to Logan for dinner on Friday evening. Saturday's activities included golf, reminiscing, dinner and memorial services for the 34 classmates known to be deceased. Their activities received nearly a page of coverage in *The Charleston Gazette*.

Nick, who was predicted to be president of the United States in the 1937 school yearbook, says, "I think we all feel that it's been an opportunity to live in a time when revolutionary changes have been made. It's been an exciting period."

Although the Depression "had a sobering effect on most of us," says Helena, now a history teacher at Charleston High, it did not mean their high school careers were devoid of fun.

"What we did then was a little less glamorous than what kids in high school do now, but it wasn't much different, just more on the quiet side," notes Carol Suitor White. A secretary in Logan Accounting, Carol acts as registrar for the reunions.



TED, TED, HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

If prizes were being given for the biggest bean crop this year, Huntington Meter Service Supervisor T. M. Payne would win hands down. Ted grew what he calls "spaghetti beans" that were 42 inches and longer.

He notes, "They are good cooked most any way, but I like them best fried with bacon grease and onions."

A fellow church member gave him the beans one Sunday morning. Ted recalls, "He handed them to me in a small jar and said, 'I want you to try these'. That night he passed away in his sleep."

Ted plans on having some fun with the beans next summer. "I have a friend who is very proud of his Kentucky pole bean patch. Next year I'm going to slip a few of these beans in his garden and watch his reaction!"



Officers of the Huntington Division Bowling League go over the 1977-78 season schedule. Seated, l. to r., Kathy Honaker, wife of F. G. Honaker, vice president, and F. G. Honaker, GO communications engineer B, president. Standing, l. to r., Maxie Finnigan, meter reader, secretary, and Flow Smith, wife of H. C. Smith, meter service technician A, treasurer.

JOE CARUTHERS IS MASTER AT LATHE



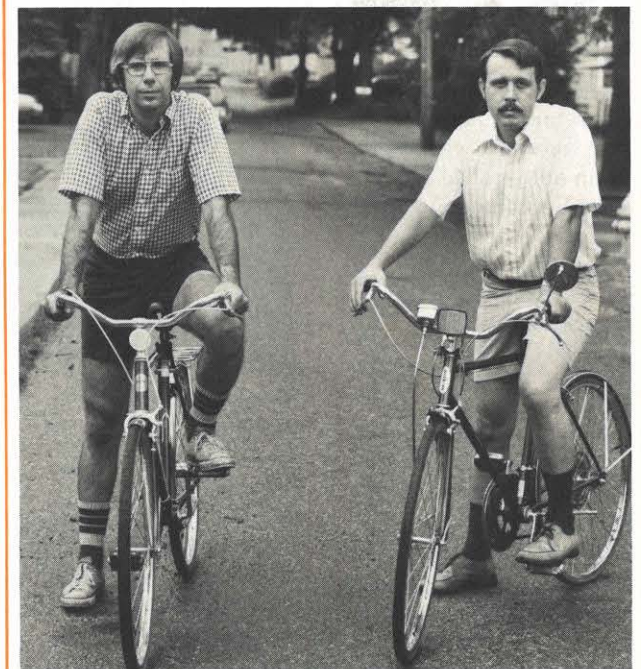
When Joe Caruthers was only six years old, he sometimes accompanied his father to the mine shop at Widen, West Virginia. Then, when Joe was 12, his dad would start a job and let him rough out the material on the lathe. Barefoot, Joe would carry dinner to his dad when he had to work over and would help until he became sleepy.

Now a maintenance mechanic A at Kanawha River Plant, Joe recalls he practically lived at the shop and even had a bed there. When he quit school, his dad put him to work in the machine shop.

Today, on his own lathe at home, Joe turns out beautiful candlesticks, dinner bells and birdhouses of his own design. This summer he was presented a plaque by the Boy Scout Troop in East Bank, W. Va., for helping them build birdhouses as a money-making project. Joe does not sell his handiwork but rather gives it away to friends.

He's also adept at fixing broken toys. Presently he is working on a toy locomotive more than 50 years old, which belonged to the father of J. B. Armstrong, maintenance mechanic A at Kanawha.

PLANT EMPLOYEES ENJOY BICYCLING



Johnson, left, and Shawver

Lewis Johnson, engineer B at Kanawha River Plant, and William Shawver, operations supervisor at Cabin Creek Plant, have been short distance bicycle riders since their days at East Bank High School.

Their first excursion was a 70-mile round trip from East Bank to Oak Hill and back following their school graduation. Now the pair ride mostly on Sundays and often take 30- or 40-mile trips, using secondary roads. Members of their families also enjoy bicycling and ride daily for enjoyment and exercise.

Lewis says, "Bicycling gives you a chance to get out and look at things. It slows the world down." Bill notes, "It's relaxing and not expensive. The only energy it utilizes is your own in the form of healthy exercise."

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