

AEP SYSTEM RANKS SECOND IN GENERATING EFFICIENCY

The measure of efficiency of steam-electric generation is the heat rate: the number of heat units (Btu's) of fuel required to produce one kilowatt-hour. Such a measure can be applied to an entire power system, a power company, a power plant or an individual generating unit.

The American Electric Power System had an outstanding year in steam generating efficiency in 1976, when stacked up against the electric power industry. According to industry records recently compiled by the AEP Service Corporation's Statistical Division, based on last year's operating performance:

- The AEP System, with a heat rate of 9,636 Btu's per kwh, ranked second among all of the nation's holding company systems; only New England Gas & Electric, at 9,614 Btu's, was better.
- All four of the System's operating companies with power plants were among the "Top 8" utilities in heat rate in the country.
- Eight of the System's coal-fired plants ranked among the "Top 30" generating stations in the U. S.
- And eight of the System's generating units were among the "Top 35" units in the nation.

In addition, the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation placed third in generating efficiency among all utilities; its two plants, Clifty Creek and Kyger Creek, were sixth and 18th, respectively, in that category, and five of their 11 generating units were among the 50 most efficient. (AEP engineered and designed them.)

Canal Electric Company, with only one generating unit operating at a heat rate of 9,165 Btu's, was first among all utilities. The leaders among such operating companies were:

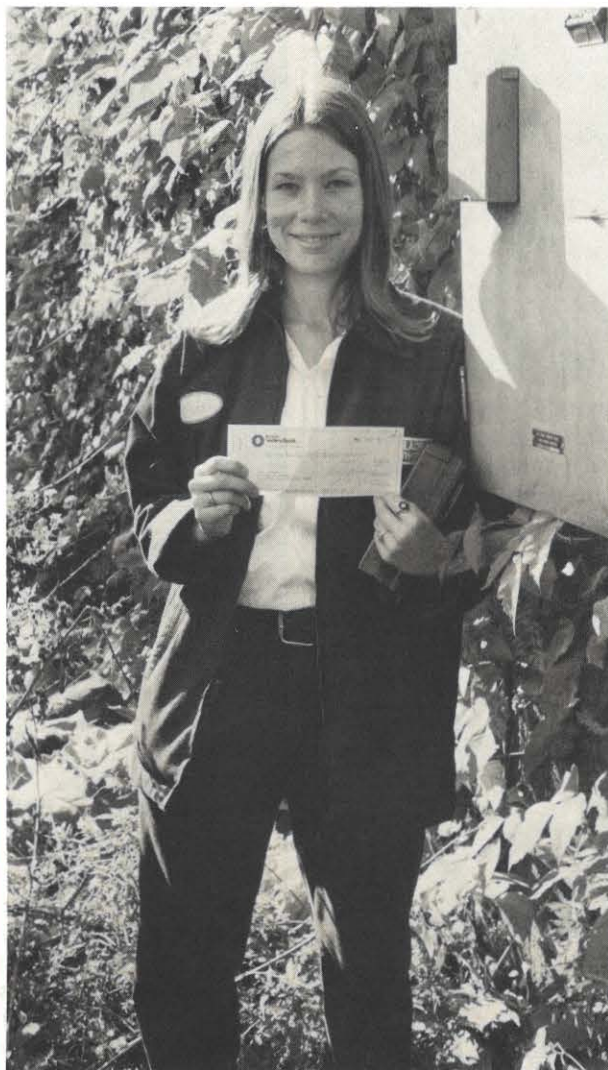
The Top 8 Utilities

Rank	Company	Btu's
1.	Canal Electric	9,165
2.	Duke Power	9,315
3.	Ohio Valley Electric	9,418
4.	Appalachian Power (AEP)	9,489
5.	Kentucky Power (AEP)	9,502
6.	West Penn Power	9,662
7.	Indiana & Michigan Electric (AEP)	9,666
8.	Ohio Power (AEP)	9,718

Here is how the AEP System and OVEC plants placed among the nation's most efficient stations:

Rank	Plant	Btu's
6.	Clinch River (Appalachian)	9,203
7.	Breed (Ind. & Mich. Elec.)	9,253
11.	Clifty Creek (OVEC)	9,369
12.	Cardinal (Ohio Power)	9,383
14.	Philip Sporn (Appal. / Ohio Pwr.)	9,408
18.	Kyger Creek (OVEC)	9,481
19.	John E. Amos (Appal. / Ohio Pwr.)	9,489
22.	Big Sandy (Kentucky Power)	9,502
24.	Kanawha River (Appalachian)	9,548
27.	Muskingum River (Ohio Power)	9,591

Best of the System's individual units last year was Philip Sporn Plant #5, which had a heat rate of 9,112 and ranked 12th in the nation. All three units at the Clinch River Plant had good ratings, ranging between 9,190 Btu's (15th place) and 9,222 (20th).



KATHI SAUNDERS GETS REWARD FOR FINDING STOLEN BANK BAG

October 17 started out as a routine day for Charleston Meter Reader Kathi Saunders. But before the day was over, Kathi was \$1,000 richer.

She was reading her third meter of the day — at Vince Paterno's Pontiac dealership on the corner of Washington and Court Streets — when she stepped on a bag. Taking a closer look, she found a deposit slip and some checks in a bundle. Suddenly she remembered reading about the robbery of Kanawha Valley Bank and realized this disarray of papers was part of the loot.

Kathi, incidentally, used to work for the bank. She said if she hadn't worked there, she may not have recognized the transaction records. "It looked like someone tried to throw them in the dumpster and missed," she said.

Frightened and nervous, Kathi threw the bag to the ground. She ran to where her boyfriend was working nearby and told him of her find. He told her to report it to the bank and let them check it out. She did, and one of the bank vice presidents and a guard accompanied her back to the scene. They found the bank bag with some of the materials still inside and other checks and deposit slips strewn around on the ground.

The bank had run an ad in the local newspapers, offering a \$1,000 reward for anyone who recovered the contents of the bag or for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who committed the robbery. What does Kathi plan to do with the reward money? "I'm just going to put it in the bank," she smiles.

SCC GRANTS APCO \$25.7 MILLION RATE INCREASE

The Virginia State Corporation Commission on October 14 granted Appalachian Power Company a \$25.7 million rate increase. The order made permanent the \$13 million surcharge which the company had been collecting since August 1, 1976, and granted approximately \$12.7 million of the \$30.4 million rate increase the company had requested on March 18, 1977.

The decision gives the company an opportunity to earn an overall 9.14% rate of return.

On October 24 Appalachian filed revised tariffs based on the \$25.7 million annual increase granted by the SCC. The tariffs went into effect November 1, 1977, after approval by the SCC.

APCO RECEIVES REFUND DELAY FROM CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the U. S. Supreme Court has ordered a stay of refunds which Appalachian Power Company was to have made to its West Virginia customers October 29 as the result of a rate increase decision by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

Justice Burger's order stays the refund "pending consideration of the application, together with the response to be filed by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, by November 7, 1977, until further ordered" by Justice Burger or the Supreme Court itself.

Justice Burger's order was the result of an application which Appalachian made to him on October 21, asking for a stay of the refund date so that the U. S. Supreme Court could review the PSC's decision.

The refunds were ordered by the PSC in a rate case Appalachian filed March 31, 1975. The PSC order, issued May 6, 1977, and amended July 29 and August 30, required the refunds to be made 60 days following the August 30 amendment.

In other action, the West Virginia Public Service Commission has suspended the effective date of the \$84.7 million rate increase Appalachian requested in September. The new rates would have become effective on October 13. In suspending the effective date of the new rates, the PSC stated the company's filing didn't conform to new rules established in May.

On October 17 Appalachian filed a portion of additional information requested by the PSC and the remaining material was filed October 24. Once the PSC accepts the supplementary filing, the remaining five days of a 30-day notice period will begin running. When they elapse, a 120-day suspension period — required before the rates can be put into effect under bond — will begin.

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The 369 employees of the General Office Transmission and Distribution Department set a safety milestone of 1,500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury at 9 AM on September 12. The record began August 14, 1975, and is continuing. E. C. Rankin (left), transmission and distribution manager, is congratulated for his department's achievement by E. L. Munday, Jr., Appalachian vice president.

PSC OKAYS CLOSING OF CABIN CREEK

The West Virginia Public Service Commission on October 7 issued an order which will permit the closing of Cabin Creek Plant.

On June 30, the PSC had issued an order permitting Appalachian to temporarily close the plant on July 1 but denied the company's request to put the plant in a "deactivated reserve status". The order stated, "It is the intention of this Commission that the Cabin Creek Plant be in a state of readiness to generate electricity upon notice of two to four hours."

Since the company had been operating Cabin Creek under a compliance plan approved by the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission in 1973, calling for the plant to achieve compliance by closing no later than July 1, 1977, Appalachian found itself in a dilemma as to which regulatory body to obey.

Appalachian sought and received from the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia a preliminary injunction prohibiting the West Virginia Public Service Commission from enforcing its order that the plant be kept on standby.

After receiving the final order from the PSC on October 7, work began on putting the plant into a deactivated reserve status. Employees will be offered jobs at other locations.



The 301 employees of Bluefield Division completed 500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury on September 6. The record began October 31, 1976, and is continuing. A certificate of merit for outstanding achievement in accident prevention was presented by E. L. Munday, Jr. (right), Appalachian vice president, to McKinley Cornett, Jr., Bluefield engineering supervisor, who accepted on behalf of division employees.

SAVINGS PLAN DETAILS DELAYED

Because of delays encountered in obtaining Securities and Exchange Commission review of the prospectus for the American Electric Power System Employee Savings Plan, employee information programs describing that plan have been postponed until late November. Presentations had been scheduled for late October across the System.

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

AEP MAY BUY NEW MINE

The American Electric Power System is considering the possible acquisition of Valley Camp Coal Company's Mine No. 1 adjacent to the System's Windsor Mine north of Wheeling, West Virginia.

The consolidation of the two properties, if consummated, could extend the life and increase the recovery of proven coal reserves and make possible a significant increase in production. The two mines are currently producing at the rate of about 1.6-million tons a year and employ about 1,000 persons.

Any offer to purchase that may be made would be subject to: (a) the findings of a feasibility study, (b) approval of the American Electric Power Company board, (c) approval of the boards of Valley Camp Coal and its parent, Quaker

State Oil Refining Corporation, and (d) approval of various regulatory authorities, including the Securities and Exchange Commission.

AEP DIVIDEND GOES UP

An increased quarterly cash dividend of 53¢ per share of common stock was declared last month by the Board of Directors of American Electric Power Company. The previous dividend rate had been 51½¢ per share.

The dividend will be paid December 9 to shareowners of record November 10.

The Board action means that AEP will have paid a higher annual dividend each year for 25 consecutive years. The company payout this year will be \$2.07½, compared with \$2.01½ in 1976. The increase raises the current annual dividend rate to \$2.12, against the previous \$2.06.

AEP SYSTEM NEWS BRIEFS

Williams Elected Senior VP

David H. Williams last month was elected senior vice president-operations of the American Electric Power Service Corporation and was given administrative responsibility for all Service Corporation functions in Canton. Both actions were effective immediately.

Williams, who had been vice president-operations, moved to Canton when he re-joined AEP in April. At that time he was given responsibility for the operation and maintenance of all System coal-fired power plants.

In his new position he assumes direct responsibility for the System Operation Department and the Canton offices of the Personnel and Office Services Departments. Other Service

Corporation functions in Canton will report to Williams on a day-to-day basis, but will continue to report functionally to their respective managements in the New York office.

Bilderback Promoted

George Bilderback has been named manager-employment and manpower development, AEP System Personnel Department. He had been manager-employee training and development in that department.

He will continue to have responsibility for management and skills training programs across the System, and with his new appointment will assume added responsibility for Equal Employment Opportunity programs, affirmative action plans and recruitment activities.

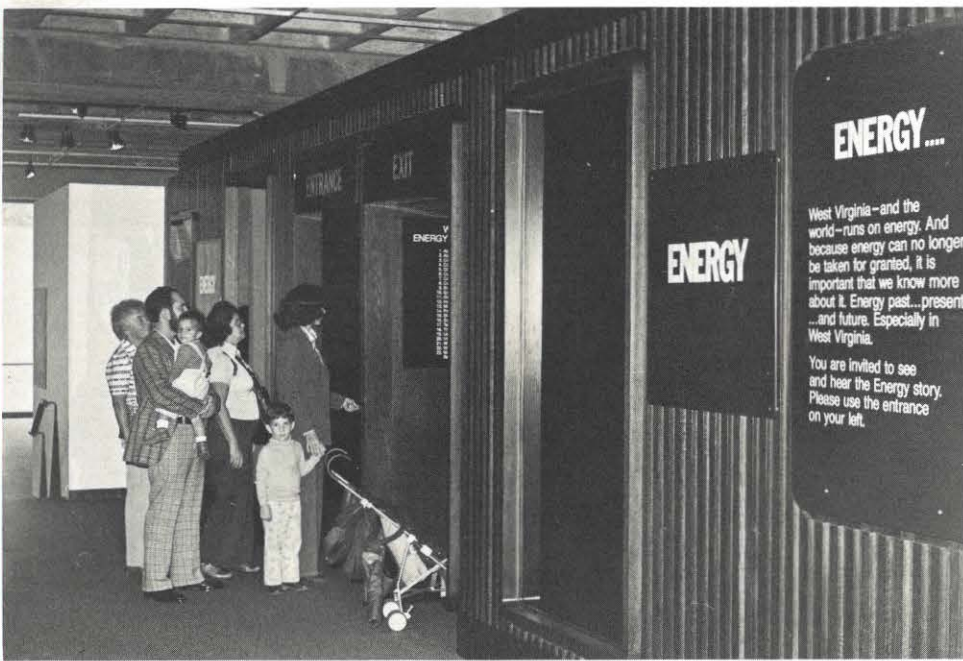
Changes Made In Fuel Supply

Blair A. Ross, vice president — administration in the AEP Service Corporation's Fuel Supply Department, will return to the System Planning Department, and Robert D. Rine will become general manager — administration in Fuel Supply. Both moves will be effective November 7.

Ross had left System Planning in 1973 to join the then-expanding Fuel Supply group. He then went to Lancaster, Ohio on an interim basis to assist the department in its consolidation and transfer there late last year, and is returning to New York at his own request. In his new position he will serve as special assistant to the senior vice president — system planning. He will have particular responsibilities in long-range resource planning and system analyses of advanced technology developments.

Rine, who like Ross had gone to Lancaster from New York, in his new assignment will carry out a number of the responsibilities formerly handled by Ross. In addition, for the time being, he will also retain his responsibilities as general manager for engineering and planning in the Fuel Supply Department.

ENERGY EXHIBIT OPENS IN CULTURE CENTER



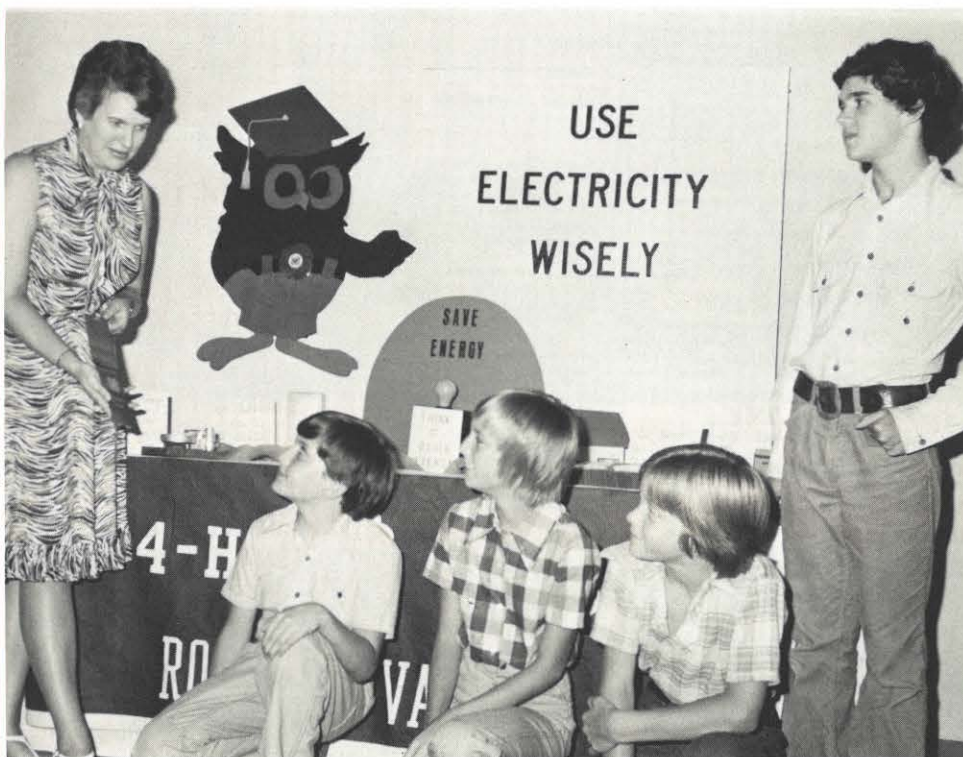
West Virginia's vital role in developing our nation's needed energy supplies is the theme of an exhibit which was dedicated recently in the Museum of the Science and Culture Center, Charleston, West Virginia.

Featuring a space odyssey "time tunnel" connecting two theaters — one devoted to "energy past" and the other to "energy present and future" — the exhibit was donated to the state by 23 companies engaged in coal, electric, natural gas and petroleum activities. Included in the sponsors are Appalachian Power and Wheeling Electric Companies.

Visitors to the exhibit first view a narrated picture history of the state's early days when coal was "king" and petroleum was an Indian medicine. Coal's dominance is followed as Captain Wilson discovers natural gas along the Kanawha River in 1815 only to be abandoned as a nuisance. Then the prominence of oil is depicted through the Rathbone Well in 1842 which was historically followed by the boom town of Burning Springs. Nostalgic photos of West Virginia's first street lighting, trolley cars and appliances are traced. And the future is viewed through proposed uses for coal, electric and petroleum.

The audience can participate in the Energy Exhibit. Machines record answers to questions about energy, key aspects about the current energy situation and overall impressions about the Culture Center itself.

The exhibit is open to the public Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 9 PM and weekends from 1 PM to 9 PM.



This energy display, constructed by the 4-H Electric Energy Group in Roanoke, won blue ribbons in competition at the Virginia State 4-H Electric Congress and the Craig County Fair. It also won blue and purple ribbons and a plaque as the best club exhibit at the Roanoke County 4-H Achievement Day. In keeping with the exhibit's theme, "Use Electricity Wisely", students constructed models of houses to illustrate proper insulation and models of a range, refrigerator and water heater to emphasize the wise use of those appliances. A card in the center of the display asked viewers to offer other ideas on energy conservation. The owl's eyes lit up and blinked simultaneously with the bulb in the center of the display. The owl's arm also moved, pointing to "Use Electricity Wisely". Margie Cahill, Roanoke residential representative, standing, assisted the 4-H Energy Group with the display. Members of the group include, l. to r., John Rhodes, Breckenridge Junior High; Tracy Wills, Andrew Jackson Junior High; John Perry, Penn Forest Elementary; and Andrew Burbo, Cave Spring High.

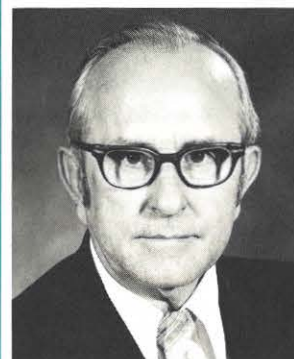
MOVING UP



Melvin R. Swisher, former maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor for Centralized Plant Maintenance, effective September 16. He succeeds J. T. Scott, who transferred to Southern Ohio Coal Company.



James E. Webb, former stores attendant, was promoted to the exempt position of residential representative in Charleston, effective October 1.

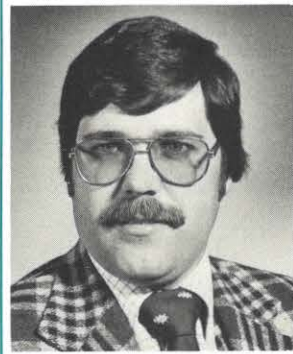


William Hubert King, former engineer B, was promoted to line inspector in the Williamson area of Logan-Williamson Division, effective September 1. He succeeds Bernard L. Curry, who will retire December 1. King attended Pikeville Junior College.



Q. H. Wickline, former T&D clerk A, was promoted to the exempt position of

residential representative in Huntington, effective October 1.



W. P. Roeser, former engineering technician, was promoted to the exempt position of commercial representative in Huntington, effective October 1. He succeeds J. M. Wysong, who will retire December 1. Roeser holds a bachelor of arts degree from Marshall University.



Worley H. Grizzel, former line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE at Gate City in Abingdon Division, effective October 29.

OIP PRIZE WINNERS NAMED

Division, plant and general office employees were selected as winners in the Operations Improvement Program sweepstakes for the third quarter.

Winners of \$75 U. S. Savings Bonds were J. L. Marshall, Pulaski residential representative senior; R. F. Shoemaker, Amos plant performance supervisor; and T. W. Throckmorton, senior reproduction machine operator, GO General Services, Roanoke.

Two of the proposals selected as winners had co-authors. Therefore, \$37.50 each was awarded to Barbara Markham, customer accounts representative A, and Pat Taylor, credit and contract supervisor, both of

Charleston, and E. S. Freeman, utility supervisor, and H. G. Gillespie, plant engineer, both of Glen Lyn.



Marshall



Throckmorton



Markham



Taylor



Freeman



Gillespie

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

Abingdon

Robin Higgins and Virginia Lynn Hanson were chosen as football and basketball cheerleaders at Cleveland Junior High School for 1977-78. Robin is the daughter of Danny Higgins, maintenance mechanic A at Clinch River. Virginia Lynn is the daughter of F. M. Hanson, customer services representative, and the granddaughter of A. J. Conley, unit supervisor at Clinch River.

Fillmore McPherson, Jr., retired division manager, was named to the board of visitors of Emory and Henry College.

Gordon Craig, customer services representative senior, accompanied three Washington County youths to Richmond to attend the 27th annual State 4-H Electric Congress.

Mozelle Steffey, wife of A. C. Steffey, Clintwood line mechanic A, attended the 25th reunion of the 1952 graduating class of Dickenson Memorial High School.

Anita Mullins, daughter of Garnet Mullins, Clintwood customer accounts representative C, was selected a member of the 1977 Clintwood High School marching band. **Allison Steffey**, son of A. C. Steffey, is a member of the school's football team.



Mary Ruth Hughes, daughter of Administrative Assistant J. C. Hughes, was elected president of the freshman class at King College. She was also chosen a member of the school's symphonic choir.

D. K. Brown, Lebanon line mechanic A, was chairman of the 1977 punt, pass and kick competition held at Lebanon football field.

Beckley

Anita Mann, daughter of C. H. Mann, drafter A, was elected treasurer of the senior class and secretary of the student council at Shady Spring High School, where she is a senior.

Mike Dyke, son of R. E. Dyke, Oak Hill line mechanic A, won second place in the local punt, pass and kick competition for 10-year-olds.

Stenographer **Eileen Worley** was elected treasurer of the Woodcliff Garden Club.

Bluefield



Marlene Sexton, daughter of Engineering Technologist W. C. Sexton, was selected to appear in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for 1976-77. A senior at Graham High School in the distributive education program, she is studying practical nursing at Tazewell County Vocational School and will be a licensed nurse upon graduation.

David Martin, son of Pineville Area Supervisor Jack Martin, was elected president of the junior class at Pineville High School.

Charleston

James P. Griffith, son of Line Supervisor R. R. Griffith, was selected as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Over one million students in the country participate in the Merit Program annually.

Jody Jividen, son of Residential Representative Lindy Jividen, was runner-up in Nitro's 10,000 meter run. He ran the 6.2-mile course in

33:58. Jody is a member of Marshall University's Cross-Country Team.

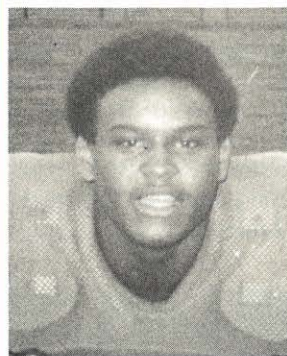
Robert Lee Bird, a senior at Herbert Hoover High School, was named to "Who's Who Among America's High School Students". **John Bird**, a sophomore, won the first-place trophy for the 15-year-old division at the West Virginia Track and Field Championship Meet. They are the sons of Meter Reader Robert Bird.

E. J. Shaver, Jr., division office supervisor, is a member of the Winterization Project Advisory Committee of MULTI-CAP (Multi-County Community Action Against Poverty, Inc.).

General Office



W. Lewis Young, Jr., husband of Doris Young, statistical analyst in GO Rates and Contracts, Roanoke, is listed in the 1977-78 edition of "Who's Who in Finance and Industry". Lewis is on an extended leave of absence from his job as vice president and director of research for Dominion Bankshares Corporation while pursuing graduate study in business administration at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is also listed in the 1976-77 edition of "Who's Who in the South and Southwest".



Waverly Thornhill was voted "offensive star of the week" for his super job of blocking during the William Fleming vs. Northside football game, which Fleming won 29-28. The son of Waverly Thornhill, Jr., express driver in GO General Services, Roanoke, the Fleming senior has also played linebacker and defensive tackle.

Helen Sabo, stenographer in GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, is secretary of the Abbs Valley-Boissevain Elementary School PTA for 1977-78.

E. D. Sayers, Jr., right of way maintenance coordinator in GO T&D, was elected president of the Mountain Lake Right-of-Way Management Council, Inc.

Kingsport

John E. Faust, executive vice president, is chairman of the Commercial Division of the 1977 Kingsport United Fund campaign.

Logan-Williamson

Fred Wagner, Logan Engineering, was selected co-chairman for the 20-year reunion of the 1958 graduating class of Logan High School.

Volunteer workers in the Logan County United Fund campaign include Retirees **W. E. Bivens** and **William H. Honaker**; **Howard J. Collins**, personnel supervisor, and **Justine Foglesong**, wife of Division Records Supervisor Howard Foglesong.

Ruby Henritze, widow of T. L. Henritze, will represent the Southwestern District of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs at the Federation's nominating committee meeting in Charleston next month.

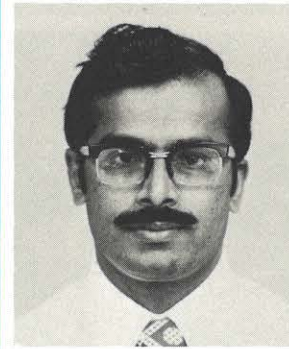
Edith Williams, Logan PBX, was appointed president of the Missionary Society of Shaffer Chapel AME Church, Omar, W. Va. She had previously served two terms as president.

Ruby Richmond, wife of Division Superintendent James L. Richmond, won the ladies golf championship at Logan Country Club.

Lynchburg

Stephen L. Jamison, administrative assistant, is Public Service Division chairman for the 1977 United Way of Central Virginia campaign. **W. David Crews**, personnel supervisor, is working with the Industrial Division, and **A. C.**

Channaiah, engineering technologist supervisor, served on the 1977 budget committee.



A. C. Channaiah is president of the India Association of Lynchburg. The 40-member group plans social and recreational activities for Indian families in the area.

Cathy Davenport, daughter of Division Manager J. Robert Davenport, is serving on the Youth Council of the Blue Ridge Presbytery.

David Crews, son of W. David Crews, was elected president of the Red Cross Club at Brookville High School.

Stephen L. Jamison, representing the Timbrook Jaycees, was co-chairman of the 1977 Virginia P. G. A. Open, featuring Comedian Bob Hope. Proceeds of the tournament went to the Virginia Baptist Hospital building fund. Members of the Appalachian-sponsored Explorer Scout Post, including **David Crews**, served as caddies for the exhibition round of Bob Hope.



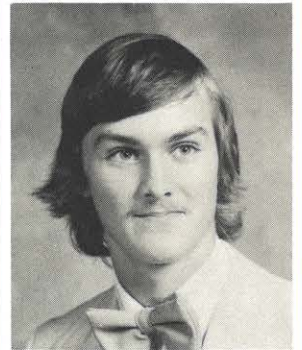
Fred E. Austin, line crew supervisor NE, was promoted to major in the Virginia Army National Guard. He is an active member of the 116th Brigade Headquarters, Staunton, Virginia.

Pulaski

Scott Kilgore, son of Division Superintendent R. B. Kilgore, has joined the staff of the *Southwest Times* to report news from Pulaski County High School. The PCHS senior is on the staffs of the school's literary maga-

zine, annual and newspaper. Scott was awarded seventh place in the Civitan International Essay Contest and received a \$25 savings bond and a plaque which will be presented to the high school in his behalf.

Roanoke



Gary R. Martin, son of Roy M. Martin, meter service mechanic A, graduated summa cum laude from Danville Community College with an associate degree in applied science degree in police science. Named to "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges", he will further his education at Averett College.



Dale Ragland, son of Bob Ragland, drafter A, won first place in the age 12 bracket of the local punt-pass-kick contest. He received a gold trophy for his winning score of 260½ points.

Cindy Owen, daughter of Engineering Technologist Tom Owen, was selected a cheerleader for the Cave Spring Falcon Pee Wee Football League.

Jennifer Ratcliff, daughter of Martin L. Ratcliff, administrative assistant, made the varsity cheerleading team of Staunton River High School. She was also chosen by her classmates to compete in the school's fall festival queen contest.

Martin Ratcliff was elected a member of the board of directors of United Human Services Transportation System, Inc. He also served as a judge in the recent Roanoke Valley Junior Miss pageant.



The 175 employees of Abingdon Division reached 500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury on August 19. The safety record began on March 9, 1976. Department heads and area representatives observe as Division Manager J. R. Whitehurst, left, presents a certificate of merit for outstanding achievement in accident prevention to Division Superintendent R. M. Bondurant. Framed copies of the award were given to each of the operating areas within the division.



Pictured following the Lynchburg Division golf tournament at Lake Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia, are: first row, l. to r., Earl Driskill, residential representative; Jack Collins, engineering technologist senior, low net score; and Jim Martin, line inspector, low gross score. Second row, Dave Crews, personnel supervisor; Bill Robertson, station mechanic A; Randy Golladay, meter service mechanic D; and Elmer Johnson, retired. Back row, Steve Jamison, administrative assistant; Conner Foster, retired; Jesse Ashworth, residential representative; and Bob Hooper, retired.



Following a luncheon in Abingdon's Greenway Haven Party House last month, Abingdon Division Manager J. R. Whitehurst briefed division retirees and their spouses on company activities.



Explorer Post 406, sponsored by Appalachian Power in Roanoke, has been reactivated. The Explorers will be learning about engineering. Appointed to serve as leaders are, l. to r., Dave Bush, meter supervisor, assistant Explorer advisor; Dave Nance, electrical engineer, Explorer advisor; Marion Paitsel, right of way agent, and Cecil Hill, technician senior, both members of the advisory committee. G. S. "Pete" Nease, advisory chairman, is not pictured.



Winners of Huntington Division's Columbus Day Golf Tournament at Riviera Country Club are, front row, l. to r., M. A. Lynch, engineering technologist supervisor, fourth flight; J. G. Burnside, records supervisor, fifth flight; and R. K. Horne, engineering technician, Williamson, sixth flight. Standing, l. to r., Monte Huffman, retired residential representative, first flight; G. B. Trent, retired electrical engineer, Logan, second flight; and R. E. Morrison, engineering technician senior, third flight. The tournament had 43 entries from Huntington, Logan-Williamson, Philip Sporn Plant and Ashland.



New officers of the Appalachian Chorus include, from left, Linda Naff, librarian; Tom Hubbard, business manager; Helen Honaker, director; Jim Zimmerman, president; Doris Young, historian; Kay Smith, vice president; and Hazel Camden, secretary. Not pictured are Luggum Turner, treasurer; Fred Hornbeck, pianist; and J. A. Mundy, audio director. The 32-member chorus, composed of division and general office employees in Roanoke, will present a Christmas concert at Roanoke's Tanglewood Mall as well as for several civic groups and the active and retired employees in Roanoke.



Eight teams participated in the Upper Kanawha Valley Softball League organized this year by employees at Kanawha River Plant. The plant team, composed of 20 players from 19 to 55, includes both male and female employees as well as several employees' sons. The team finished the season in fourth place with a record of 15-15. Unit Supervisor Leon Peal and Barge Attendant George Williamson alternated as manager. Unit Supervisor Bob Meadows and Shift Operating Engineer Arvle Frye were coaches. The leading pitcher, Mike Rosenbaum, maintenance mechanic C, had a 7-1 record. Team members include, kneeling, l. to r., Jim Hall, Mike Rosenbaum, Robert Sparkman, Larry Green, Leon Peal, Troy Simley and George Williamson. Back row, l. to r., Terry Copley, Jim Bennett, James Craig, Arvle Frye, Jim Workman, Jim Poore and Keith Briggs.

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



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



Teresa Lynn Harris, Abingdon junior clerk, to Dennis T. Minnick, September 17.



Beverly Ann Maggio, daughter of Michel G. Maggio, stores attendant senior at Kanawha River Plant, to Lt. William Michael Anderson, September 10.



Catherine O'Donovan to Benjamin S. Hylton, son of Bobby S. Hylton, Bluefield line crew supervisor, September 10.



Rosemary Richmond Moran, daughter of James B. Richmond, Beckley station crew supervisor, to Glen Wayne Adams, September 30.



Jaynea Lynn Snyder, daughter of Samuel R. Snyder, GO transmission line supervisor, Abingdon, to Donald W. Petty, September 10.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon
Anthony Todd, son of Larry J. Dean, Gate City meter reader, September 26.

Beckley
Crystal Gail, daughter of George E. Hall, Rupert line mechanic C, September 21.

Jeremy Cain, son of Jerry L. Vest, Oak Hill customer accounting supervisor NE, September 30.

Central Machine
Jonathan Patrick, son of James E. Villars, machinist 1st class, October 1.

Centralized Plant Maintenance
Robert Waitman, son of Robert M. McCune, maintenance mechanic B, July 8.

Angela Mae, daughter of Benny R. Wolfe, maintenance mechanic B, September 16.

Clinch River
Dwayne A., son of Danny B. Belcher, utility operator B, August 17.

General Office
Matthew Lee, son of Bobby L. Harvey, transmission inspector, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, August 12.

Jennifer Brooke, daughter of Stephen F. Ramsey, transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, September 9.

Glen Lyn
Leslie Brent, son of Robert C. Atwood, maintenance mechanic C, September 16.

Kingsport
Sheri Lynn, daughter of Gary L. Williams, line mechanic C, September 18.

Project 1301
Christopher Alan, son of Randy L. Arnold, construction accountant B, September 16.

Todd Ryan, son of Raymond H. Taylor, civil construction assistant I, August 7.

Megan Marie, daughter of Samuel E. Longanacre, electrical construction assistant II, October 8.

Pulaski
Allison Marie, daughter of William L. Akers, Hillsville meter reader, October 9.

Davina Dawn, daughter of David Irvin, Christiansburg meter reader, September 19.

Roanoke
Joseph Brandon, son of Ronnie L. Wray, Fieldale stores attendant, October 3.

WOHLFORD EARNS CPS RATING

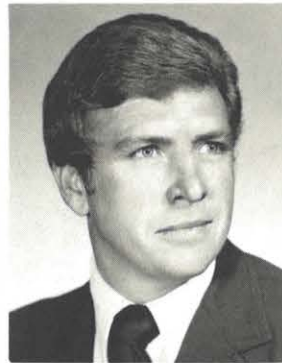


Glenda W. Wohlford, secretary to Claud K. Kirkland, Pulaski division manager, has attained the rating of Certified Professional Secretary. She passed the two-day, six-part examination in May of this year and was honored at the recent executive night banquet of the New River Valley Chapter of The National Secretaries Association (Int.).

The examination is developed and administered by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, composed of representatives from management, business education and the NSA. The program was established to promote the CPS designation as the recognized standard of proficiency in the secretarial profession.

Glenda holds an associate degree in secretarial science from Wytheville Community College and is a charter member of the New River Valley Chapter, NSA.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS VEST



D. Ray Vest, Beckley administrative assistant, is one of seven former Woodrow Wilson High School football players selected to be included in the Woodrow Wilson Hall of Fame. They were honored at a dinner prior to field ceremonies at the Woodrow Wilson-Welch football game on September 9.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1958 to perpetuate the names and memories of outstanding football players and to encourage and stimulate interest in the school's football program. Jack Groseclose, Beckley line mechanic A, was tapped for the honor in 1976.

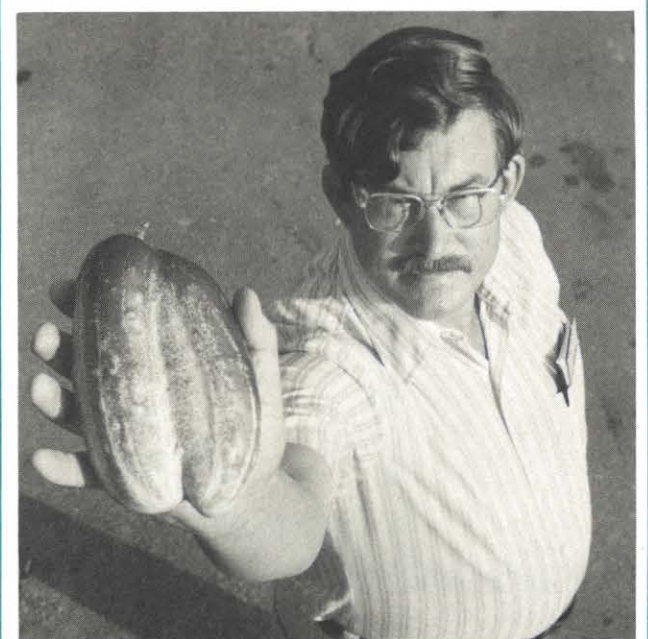
Ray played football in junior high and was a three-letter man at Woodrow Wilson, playing the position of guard. He was co-captain of the Flying Eagles team in 1957 and attended West Virginia Institute of Technology on an athletic scholarship. He was a regular player on the Tech Golden Bears team for three years.



Madeline Ryan Chaffins was presented the "best in show" award for her artistic arrangement in the Graham High School flower show, "Nature's Splendor" sponsored by the Horticulture Department, FFA and Home Economics Department, FHA. Madeline is the daughter of C. R. Ryan, Bluefield commercial representative.



Gerolean Marshall Buckner is the author of Book II, Reaching through the Years, in the publication, "Bethel Memory Maker". The book covers the first 50 years' operation of Camp Bethel, sponsored by the Church of the Brethren. Gerolean is the wife of Pulaski Collector J. C. Buckner.



Dorsie Drake, Logan-Williamson right-of-way maintenance inspector, displays the first "Siamese" cukes he has ever seen. The cucumbers are of a pickling variety and were grown in his home garden.

VIRGINIA BLACK IS HONORED



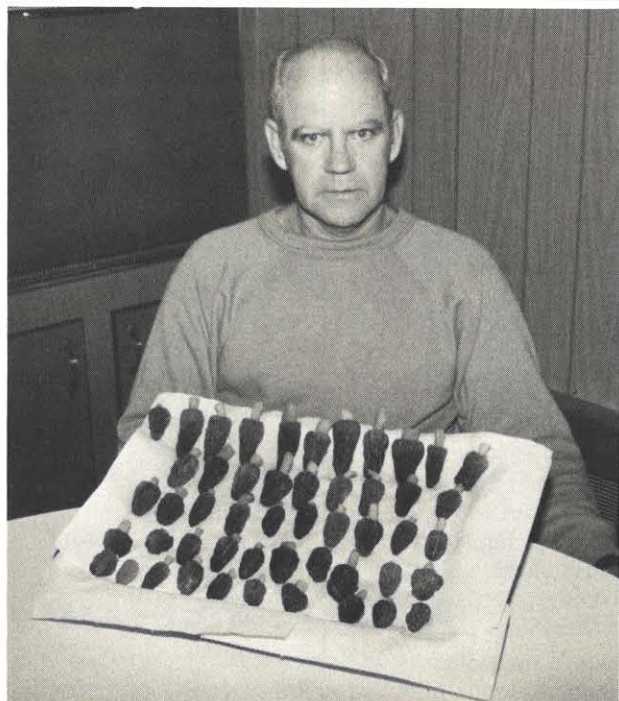
Virginia Black, Huntington residential advisor, was presented a plaque by the Center for Extension and Continuing Education of the University of West Virginia in appreciation and recognition for her work in the Lincoln County area. The plaque, the first ever given in the state of West Virginia, represents the highlight of Virginia's many years of work in 4-H and homemaking.

Dr. Gene Budig, president of West Virginia University, said that through Virginia's efforts, the program in Lincoln County is one of the most "quality programs in the state".

A 4-H leader for many years, Virginia has conducted workshops for children, held food workshops for ten counties, served as president of the Homemakers Council for two years, developed lesson leader training courses for other counties, received the "Friend of 4-H" award and is the first person from Lincoln County to serve on the state visiting committee.

Virginia says, "I have always enjoyed being a part of this program. When you receive an award of this nature, it makes it all seem worthwhile."

MOUNTAINS YIELD TASTY TREAT



C. R. Hudnall, unit supervisor at Kanawha River, enjoys roaming the mountains near his home to gather mushrooms. According to Chuck, the molly

mushrooms are very tasty, and he often brings them in his lunch. The mushrooms are sometimes called vegetable meat because different varieties taste like oysters, beef, chicken, sweetbread and fish.

He warns, "People who have not made a careful study of mushrooms shouldn't gather them for food." Some are edible and some are very dangerous to eat. Any mushroom that turns blue when cut or bruised should be left alone. Edible fungi vary from coral shapes or fluted vases to the usual umbrella form. Chuck gathers mostly the morels which have a long stem and very small head. These are found in patches of eight or ten on top of the mountains.

After Chuck washes the mushrooms, they are split in half, dipped in a milk and egg mixture, rolled in cracker crumbs and fried in Crisco. He usually serves them with french fries.

HOMEMAKERS LEAD BUSY LIVES



Martha Lou, right, and Robbie Rich

Martha Lou Rich, widow of Mark E. Rich, Sr., former Bluefield records supervisor, lives a busy but happy life on her farm in the City of Bluefield, Virginia. The home in which she and her son and daughter-in-law live was built by her grandfather, John L. Neel.

On display in the home are antiques bearing the family history; kitchen utensils of wood and metal, smoothed by years and years of use; weaving tools; an early telephone, a powder horn, a churn, arrowheads found on the farm and other things which lead to a mood of nostalgia.

Martha Lou collects bottles of every sort, coins, political badges from as far back as McKinley, stamps, buttons and old boxes, which she decoupages with cutouts from her mother's scrapbook. She has made afghans for her grandchildren, patchwork for the girls and denim for the boys. She also knits for the family and has done several needlepoint chair seats.

In addition, Martha Lou is an artist. Her toile paintings and her still life in oils highlight the walls of her home. At least once or twice a week she finds time to get on the greens of the family-owned golf course adjoining the farm.

Martha Lou shares her hobbies and domestic responsibilities with her daughter-in-law, Robbie. Their joy and pride in their home and family is evident in their smiles, in conversation and in the knowledge of their tradition. These ambitious ladies fill each day full. Their vitality is exceeded only by their grace.

BERTHA MOORE QUILTS TO RELAX



"I like to work with my hands. It relaxes me and helps me to go to sleep at night," says Bertha Moore, Kanawha River Plant custodian. Working with her hands includes crocheting and making quilts, bedspreads, beads and Latch hook-a-rugs.

Bertha recalls that her grandmother started teaching her how to quilt when she was nine years old. Her favorite quilt designs are the flower garden and the lone star. She plans to quilt a double wedding ring design soon.

How long does it take to finish a quilt? "I just quilt for pleasure, and when you do it for pleasure, you don't do it in a hurry. It normally takes about three months for me to finish a quilt." Most of her finished products are given to friends.

Bertha's interest in quilting has been passed along to her youngest daughter, who also knits. And her husband Ralph helps string beads and has begun making Latch hook-a-rugs himself.

This winter Bertha plans to have an old-fashioned quilting party, inviting friends from several nearby communities.

Bertha adds that she also enjoys fishing as a hobby. Recently she and Ralph were fishing in Virginia with in-laws, and she caught 12 flounder before anyone else even had a nibble.



Two Appalachian employees are members of the Charleston Lassies softball team, sponsored by the Charleston Charlies. Mary Fizer, left, utility worker at Amos Plant, pitches and often plays third base. Karen McComb, right, utility worker A at Kanawha River Plant, plays center field. The Lassies play mostly tournament games and sometimes have eight games a weekend. They slugged their way to second place in a state tournament recently and will play in the regional tournament at Morgantown. They expect to get a bid to the National Invitational Tournament.

VETS GIVEN SERVICE AWARDS



H. E. Bragg
Cust. Accts. Asst.
Charleston
40 Years



G. P. Williams
Engineering Tech. Sr.
Pulaski
40 Years



O. W. Kallmerten
Line Crew Supervisor
Charleston
40 Years



K. S. Lazenby
R/w Supervisor
GO-Beckley
40 Years



P. E. Theis
Acctg. Staff Asst. Sr.
GO-Roanoke
40 Years



H. G. Stafford
Records Supervisor
Bluefield
40 Years



Virginia Oakley
Cust. Accts. Rep. A
Huntington
35 Years



Dorothy Lawless
Secretary-Stenographer
Bluefield
35 Years



H. E. Brown
Maint. Mechanic A
GO-Roanoke
35 Years



B. L. Curry
Line Inspector
Logan-Williamson
35 Years



June Winner
Personnel Clerk A
Beckley
35 Years



L. E. Hopson
Head Custodian
GO-Roanoke
35 Years



J. L. Williamson
Gen. Line Supervisor
Kingsport
30 Years



Vernon Costello
Eng. Tech. Sr.
Charleston
30 Years



Betty Roach
T&D Clerk A
Logan-Williamson
30 Years



Paul Jeffrey
Meter Reader
Logan-Williamson
30 Years



Virginia Rorrer
Stores Clerk A
Pulaski
30 Years



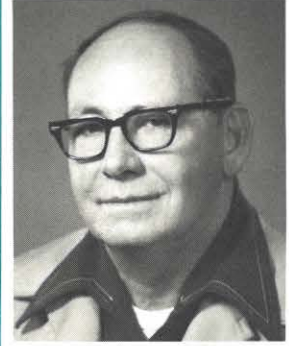
J. L. Kesterson
Residential Rep.
Kingsport
30 Years



S. L. Vealey
Chief Chemist
Cabin Creek
30 Years



J. W. Thomas, Jr.
R/w Agent
GO-Roanoke
30 Years



J. H. Porter
Station Mechanic A
Lynchburg
30 Years



M. G. Phillips
Station Mechanic A
Logan-Williamson
25 Years



B. A. Walker
Equipment Operator
Glen Lyn
25 Years



P. R. Synan
Trans. Mechanic A
GO-Bluefield
25 Years



Frances Marcum
Secretary
Bluefield
20 Years



J. I. Creasey
Inst. Mechanic A
Kanawha River
20 Years



Lois Smith
Cust. Acctg. Supv. NE
Roanoke
20 Years



L. E. Chittum
Control Electrician
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



B. S. Hylton
Line Crew Supervisor
Bluefield
20 Years



J. W. Campbell
Custodian
Huntington
20 Years



W. H. Vance
Drafter A
Bluefield
20 Years

Abingdon

10 Years: **F. M. Hanson**, customer service representative.

Beckley

10 Years: **T. E. Puffenbarger**, line mechanic A, Rupert. 5 Years: **Eileen Worley**, stenographer.

Bluefield

10 Years: **S. A. Shinault**, R/w maintenance inspector. **L. G. Stiltner**, line crew supervisor. 5 Years: **L. D. Hall**, line mechanic B.

Central Machine

10 Years: **W. R. Lovelace**, production supervisor.

Charleston

20 Years: **J. K. Bonham**, customer accounts representative. 10 Years: **L. O. Samples**, line mechanic A. **H. C. Surface**, line mechanic A. **D. E. Morris**, line mechanic A. **B. D. Miller**, line mechanic A. **Roger Woodrum**, commercial engineer.

General Office

20 Years: **R. G. Harper**, property representative, GO-Charleston. 15 Years: **Charlotte Lavinder**, public affairs clerk A. 10 Years: **C. L. Urdike**, station mechanic B, GO-Roanoke. **W. C. Reed**, systems and procedures analyst, GO-Roanoke. **Ruth Manning**, supervising key entry operator, GO-Roanoke. **H. D. Cook**, reproduction machine operator, GO-Roanoke. **T. B. Carter**, general bookkeeper, GO-Roanoke. **G. S. Arnold**, general

records clerk A, GO-Roanoke. **D. A. Adams**, station mechanic A, GO-Roanoke. 5 Years: **Betty Kinzie**, classification and accounts payable clerk C, GO-Roanoke. **D. L. Childress**, mechanical engineer, GO-Roanoke. **Linda T. Cawley**, stenographer, GO-Roanoke.

Huntington

10 Years: **J. K. Bradburn**, meter reader.

Kanawha River

5 Years: **R. A. Sparkman**, maintenance mechanic B. **J. A. Scott**, maintenance mechanic C.

Kingsport

10 Years: **J. E. Hunt**, line mechanic A.

Logan-Williamson

10 Years: **Mason Grimmert**, area service restorer.

Lynchburg

5 Years: **W. P. Burnette**, station mechanic C. **R. S. Bird, Jr.**, engineering technologist.

Pulaski

10 Years: **B. W. Hicks**, line mechanic B. **S. A. Malley**, line mechanic B. 15 Years: **J. A. Wilmer**, customer accounting supervisor. **NE. P. L. Humphreys**, line crew supervisor. 5 Years: **M. E. Wykle**, line mechanic C. **H. M. Karnes**, meter electrician D.

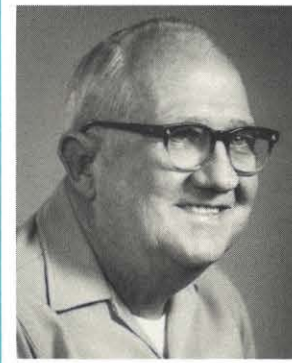
ADKINS WRITES ARTICLE



An article written by Earl Adkins, maintenance superintendent at Kanawha River Plant, will be published in *Electrical World* magazine.

Entitled "Eases Checks on Turbine Standard Movement", the article has already appeared in the March/April 1977 issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*. In it Adkins describes a device he built to check movement of turbine front standards at Kanawha. The concept can be adapted for use with other turbine designs.

SPENCER RETIRES FROM REUSENS



"There are two things I did right in my life," says William B.

Spencer, who retired September 1 as station mechanic B in Lynchburg. "The first was to go in the Army, and the second was to go to work for Appalachian Power Company. I have always been proud that I did both."

Bill, who has been on LTD since April 1975, spent his career with the company at Reusens Hydro. "I came to work for the company on three different occasions," he recalls. "The first two times were temporary until full-time employees came back from the war. I was hired the last time as a temporary employee but now, 30 years later, that seems rather permanent!"

A native of Nelson County, Va., Bill can recall all the floods that passed through Reusens in the past 30 years. "On several occasions we filled sand bags and put them around the doors, but the water never got quite that high after we knocked out the gates."

He continues, "The Reusens Plant has been up there so long now that I am sure the electricity generated there is some of the cheapest electricity the company generates. It's a shame they wouldn't let us build the other project down in Grayson County."

Bill and his wife Betty will remain in the Lynchburg area but there will be trips to visit his stepson and two stepgrandchildren in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



VIRGINIA RORRER RETIRES

"I'm not going to do any more than I have to. I'll probably just sit in a rocking chair and rock," says Virginia Elizabeth Rorrer, Pulaski stores clerk A, who retired November 1.

A native of Dublin, Virginia, she began her career in 1947 as a clerk junior and was a clerk-typist before being promoted to stores clerk in 1966.

A member of Dublin Presbyterian Church, she was organist there for two years and still enjoys playing. Virginia, who served as *The Illuminator* reporter for the Stores Section, also likes to do needlepoint.

NEWLAND RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS



Howard Bennett "Red" Newland, Pulaski Division personnel supervisor, retired November 1.

A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, he attended Bluefield Business College, West Virginia Business College and the AEP System Management Training Program at the University of Michigan. He also studied labor relations and electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools. Red began his career in 1937 as a payroll clerk and was a

clerk senior before being promoted to district personnel supervisor in 1952. He became division personnel supervisor in 1964.

Active in the First United Methodist Church in Pulaski, Red was a member of the administrative board for 26 years, chairman of church financial drive for two years, served two terms as chairman of the visitation committee and served three years on committee on nominations and personnel.

Red entered the U. S. Army in February 1942 and, after graduation from officers' training school in December of that year, was a commissioned officer in the Air Corps. Some of his assignments included serving as commanding officer of the pilot, navigator and bombardier cadet testing center of the Central Flying Training Command Headquarters, Randolph Field, Texas and inspecting administrative, technical training and operational activities of all air bases in the continental United States. He was later assigned as commander of the Inspector General Department of Far East Air Corps Headquarters, Ft. McKinley, Philippine Islands. His duties there consisted of administrative, technical, training and operational inspection of all Air Corps bases in the Far East from Australia to Japan and from the Philippines to Guam and Hawaiian Islands.

Upon release from active duty in 1946, Red remained in the Air Force Reserve, serving as deputy commander of an Air Force group with assigned reservists from Charlottesville, Va., to Bristol, Va. For several years he served in a mobilization assignment with the Air Systems Command Headquarters, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, as manpower management staff officer and liaison officer with Air Force Headquarters Command, Pentagon. He retired from the Air Force with the rank of full colonel in October 1972.

Red's wife Opal was a T&D clerk A in Pulaski before taking early retirement in June of this year.

PEE WEE MYERS RETIRES



Bernard "Pee Wee" Myers, shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant, retired October 1. A native of Marmet, West Virginia, he began his career in 1935 as a laborer during the construction of Cabin Creek Plant.

Pee Wee recalls, "Al Moore, now manager of Amos Plant, and I started work the same day. Those fellows gave us some reception. They were a great bunch of men — worked hard and had a lot of pride."

"In 1952, Henry Skaggs gave me a chance as control operator at Kanawha River, and John Patterson took me to Clinch River as a unit foreman. I have worked with first class people always, like Charlie Coughlin, Al Mehlman, George Huber, Clarence Archer, Ted Abolin and those I mentioned before. At Clinch River we have had so many good men."

In his spare time, Pee Wee enjoys woodworking and building grandfather clocks. A Mason, he attends Lebanon Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Loria have two children and four grandchildren. His retirement plans include gardening and making improvements to his home. There will be occasional visits with his son in New Orleans and daughter in West Virginia.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

General Office
Sharon Higgins, secretary-stenographer, GO Personnel, Roanoke, one gallon.

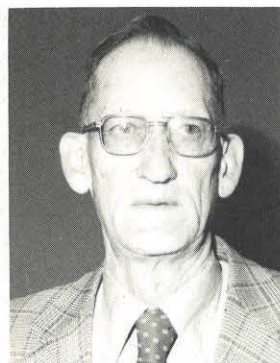
FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



Patricia Gail Phillips, 19, utility worker B at Philip Sporn Plant, died October 12 of accidental asphyxiation. A native of Pomeroy, Ohio, she had been employed on September 8. Phillips is survived by her daughter, parents and one sister.



Volney Penn Reynolds, 46, line crew supervisor in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division, died October 8. A native of Meadows of Dan, Virginia, he began his career in 1953 as a groundman. Reynolds is survived by his widow Pearlle, Route 1, Box 245, Fieldale, Va., one son and one daughter.



Henry Hiett Sumner, 61, Pulaski station mechanic A, died October 5 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Carroll County, Virginia, he began his career in 1941 as a laborer at Bylesby Hydro. Sumner is survived by his widow Polly, 268 Twin Oaks, Pulaski, Va., five sisters and two brothers.



James T. Goggin, 55, area office accounting coordinator in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, died of a heart attack on September 28. A native of Rocky Mount, Virginia, he began his career in 1942 as an office boy. Goggin is survived by his widow Iris (Bunny), 2128 Ruritan Road, Roanoke, Va., and two daughters.



Eldin Roush, 71, retired laborer at Cabin Creek Plant, died October 14. A native of Mason County, West Virginia, he began his career in 1944 and retired September 1, 1965. Roush is survived by his widow Gladys, 138th Street, Chesapeake, W. Va., one daughter, two sons, five sisters, four brothers and seven grandchildren.



Schley H. Eskins, 76, retired Whitesville area supervisor in Beckley Division, died October 28. A native of Chelyan, West Virginia, he began his career in 1926 as a utility man and retired November 1, 1965. Eskins is survived by a son, four sisters and four grandchildren.

NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

Abingdon

J. L. Musick, meter reader. **G. A. Monk**, meter reader, Lebanon.

Bluefield

Kenneth R. Green, engineering technician. **Elvin A. Williams**, station mechanic D. **Charles S. Cardwell** and **Dennis R. Cole**, line mechanics D. **Joseph B. Zachwieja**, tracer.

Clinch River

Frank N. Smith, C. **David Prater**, Earnest **O. Roberts** and **Paul M. Adams**, utility workers B. **Charles W. Helton**, filter plant operator and sampler.

General Office

James R. Atkins, III, and **Andrew K. Barham**, engineering technicians, GO T&D Meter, Charleston.

Valerie D. Kelso, junior clerk, GO R/e & R/w, Roanoke. **James R. Merritt, Jr.**, office messenger, GO General Services, Roanoke. **Kenneth L. Norman**, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke.

Huntington **David Thacker**, line mechanic D. **Samuel Cutler** and **Dennis Morgan**, stores attendants. **Mack Stacy**, meter service mechanic D.

Kingsport

Connie M. Tolley, cashier C. **Logan-Williamson** **Anthony P. Mendez**, line mechanic D, Logan.

Lynchburg

F. D. Thornhill, area servicer. **Valerie K. Trent**, meter reader.

Project 1301

Barbara S. Gattrell, junior clerk. **Michael C. Nicholson**, construction timekeeper II. **Ralph M. Sayre, Jr.**, construction timekeeper II, Sporn FAP. **John B. Shuler**, civil construction assistant II. **Don E. Nelson**, receiving/shipping inspector II, Sporn FAP.

Pulaski

Barbara F. Pope, meter reader. **Sherry H. Haley**, junior clerk, Christiansburg. **L. W. Anderson** and **W. F. Felts**, line mechanics D, Wytheville. **R. O. Brumfield**, custodian, Pearisburg. **T. K. Worde**, electrical engineer.

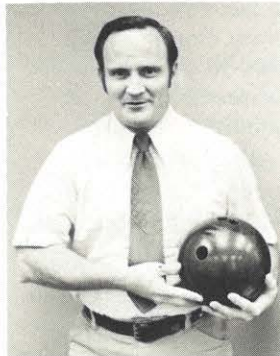
Roanoke

Earlie O. Hairston, line mechanic D, Fieldale. **Douglas S. Turner**, meter reader. **Mary T. Webb**, customer accounts representative B. **Miriam S. Martindale**, residential advisor.

Philip Sporn

L. V. Rankin, chemist. **D. R. Kesterson**, **K. A. Kemenah**, **D. K. Harrison**, **B. H. McCormick**, **G. A. Northup**, **S. K. Satterfield**, **S. K. Jarvis**, **T. A. Benson**, **P. L. Hill**, **C. C. Smith**, **J. H. Forbes, Jr.**, **R. E. Nettles**, **J. I. Jones**, and **G. E. Carson**, utility workers B.

JARRETT ROLLS 671 SERIES



Jack Jarrett, hydro plant supervisor for Kanawha Valley Power, has bowled in Charleston's Kilowatt League for 23 years. But if his first game of the 1977-78 season is any indication, this will be a year to remember. Jack had not bowled all summer. But the first night of the league, he rolled games of 268, 192 and 211, for a 671 series, or an average of 224. His normal average is 170.

RETIREE PLANS HOSPITAL WORK

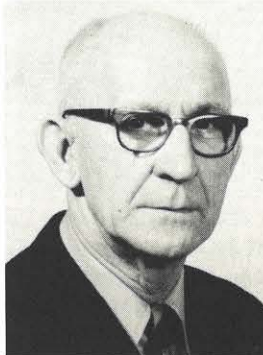


"This has been a good company to work for, and I have really enjoyed my career," says Patricia Angle Hastings, who retired October 1 as plant clerk B at Cabin Creek. "I really enjoyed my work in the storeroom, but the most interesting job was working with the public when I was a cashier."

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Pat attended Capitol City Business College. She began her career at the plant in 1934 as a stenographer.

Pat is treasurer of the Cabin Creek Presbyterian Church and wants to do some volunteer work at local hospitals during her retirement. She and her husband Shirley, who retired from the plant in 1972 as a boiler operator A, also plan to travel later on.

BERNARD GARDNER RETIRES EARLY



"I've worked 45 years and that's long enough for anybody," says Bernard O. Gardner, who elected early retirement November 1. He was a tractor operator at Kanawha River Plant.

Nearly a quarter century of those 45 years was spent at Kanawha. Bernard was employed as a barge attendant in 1953 and was a conveyor operator before being promoted to tractor operator in 1974.

Retirement plans include working on his farm and possibly helping a friend deliver tractors. Bernard and his wife Elizabeth will travel some but not in the immediate future.

ELLIS ENDS 32-YEAR CAREER



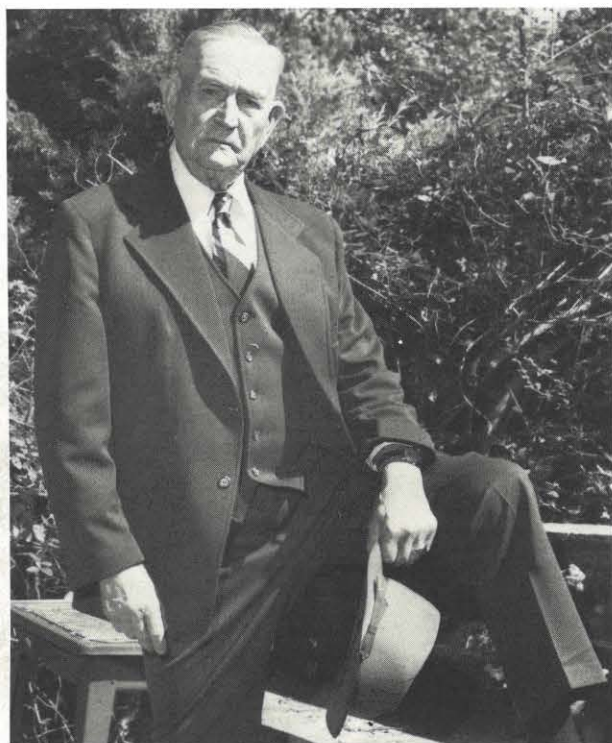
O'Dell Griffis Ellis, boiler operator C at Cabin Creek Plant, took early disability retirement October 1.

A native of Chelyan, West Virginia, he began his career in 1945 as a laborer. "We had to work much harder in the early days than employees do now because so much work was done by hand," says O. G. He cited as examples ash removal and coal handling.

A member of Chelyan's First Baptist Church, he enjoys fishing in his spare time. O. G. and his wife Virginia have three children and four grandchildren. They plan to visit their daughter in Tampa, Florida, as his health permits.

O. G.'s father, George Ellis, retired from Cabin Creek as a boiler operator A in 1954 after more than 30 years' service.

COLEY STILL SPINNING YARNS



Grady Coley's keen sense of humor and propensity for slightly stretching the truth is as much in evidence today as it was when he retired from Appalachian Power 20 years ago. Still active in the Red Hill Community of Scott County, Virginia, Grady seems much younger than his actual 85 years of age.

Prior to his utility career, Grady was employed by Lloyds of America and R. W. Watkins Company of Newark, New Jersey. As field supervisor for R. W. Watkins, he traveled extensively in Scott County. "It was due to all that traveling that I told my wife Betty (Anna Elizabeth) I was going to try to get a job with Kingsport Utilities. I started to work on January 11, 1937, and stayed in the Kingsport area for four or five years. Then the company sent me back home to Scott County to solicit new customers and secure rights of way on the Virginia side."

Grady is proud of the fact he could secure a right of way agreement when no one else could. He recalls, "The company had a great deal of difficulty trying to secure an agreement through some property owned by a man near Abingdon. After several others had tried, I went to see the gentleman. After several minutes of chewing the fat, he said, 'I know why you are here, and I'm not going to give you permission to go through my property just like I wouldn't those other fellows.' I told him there were five or six families living at the head of the hollow, who needed electricity. I asked him what meant more to him — the well being of those families or his property? After a few minutes of thought, the old man said that no one had put it to him in that manner, and I got my right of way!"

Another time, Grady called on a man in Scott County to secure an agreement. He recalls the man "had a white beard down to his belly and was sitting by the fire while his boys were playing checkers". After Grady secured the agreement, the boys asked him if he could play checkers. He replied, "I guess that I'm the best in the whole state, but modesty keeps me from telling you how good I really am." At that point, the old man looked over and said, "I'll bet you can't play a lick." Grady asked, "What makes you say that?" He replied that he never saw a blower who could do anything. "Well, I proceeded to beat the h... out of all three of them."

Such is Grady's philosophy and one of the reasons he is well known in the Scott County area. He has not been content, however, to spend his retirement telling tall tales to the neighbors.

About the time of his retirement, he completed a tunnel from his garage to the house, complete with an elevator that goes into the kitchen. "I wanted that elevator for my old age, and it's still in use. I can come up into my kitchen just one step to the refrigerator, two steps to the stove and four steps to the table, and that's the way I like it!"

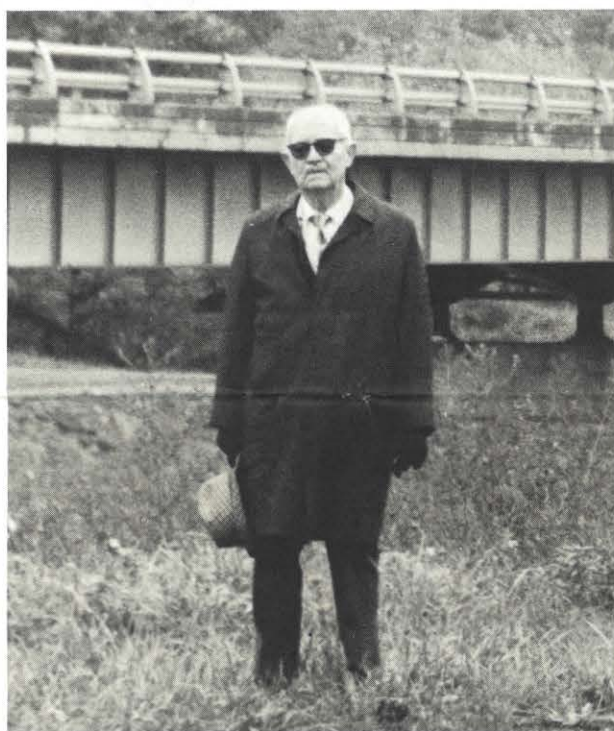
Since his retirement Grady has purchased rights of way on two occasions for Kingsport Power. He grows tobacco each year and cuts it and hauls it to the barn. He also keeps the fence row cleared and puts out enough garden for two families. He even has time to work on some inventions, one of which is a perpetual motion machine. "I've put over \$3,000 into that invention," he declares.

He also buys and sells timber. "I used to buy, cut, sell and ship to a buyer. Now I just secure the timber and sell it to the buyer and he does the rest." This gives him time for his lifelong hobby, playing Rook.

Grady frequently stops by the Gate City office to see what's going on. "I'm amazed at the way the power business has changed over the years and hope I'm around to help secure some of the right of way on the company's proposed pumped storage project which may be located in Scott County."

He and his wife raised two sons, one of whom is deceased. They also have nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

NEW RIVER BRIDGE TO BE NAMED FOR IRA WILEY



"My work in the company, community and church have been very rewarding," says 87-year-old Ira Wiley.

Ira, who retired in April 1955 as coal and ash handling supervisor at Glen Lyn, joined the company the same day that Unit 1 went into service — July 1, 1919. Ira's career, as it turned out, lasted two months longer than the life of the unit, which was taken out of service in February 1955.

He was elected mayor of Glen Lyn, Virginia, in 1948 and served six consecutive terms. He previously had been a member of town council since the town was incorporated in January 1926, except for one term. Ira has been advised by the Giles County Board of Supervisors that, in accordance with the requests of the citizens of Glen Lyn, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation has been asked to name the new bridge over New River at Glen Lyn the "Ira Wiley Bridge". A plaque bearing his name will be placed on the bridge.

Ira was chairman of the board at Glen Lyn Christian Church from its formation in 1924 until 1976, when he resigned due to ill health. But he maintains his office as elder of the church.

He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge at Narrows, Va., since 1919 and a Shriner for 54 years. He presently is a member of the Kazim Temple in Roanoke.

Since his wife's death in 1970, Ira's son and daughter-in-law have made their home with him. An avid gardener, Ira says that he had one of his best gardens ever this year. He enjoys dividing the produce among his neighbors. He also has a great interest in hunting, fishing and baseball.

PAULINE HINER ACTIVE IN WAR MOTHERS



Pauline Hiner, who looks much younger than her 83 years, says having a good attitude about life is a contributing factor. The retired Roanoke merchandise order and billing clerk adds, "I love people and enjoy being with them. That's important too. I look at it this way. The good Lord put me here for something. I'm just trying to figure out what it is."

Polly was born in Leon County, Florida. "My father was a building contractor and wherever he had a contract, we ended up moving," she recalls. At the age of nine, she had typhoid fever. "There was something about that sickness that apparently helped build up an immunity to other diseases because I've never been seriously ill since. Even when the first flu epidemic struck in 1918, it bypassed me."

Other members of her family were not so lucky. Her brother died one Saturday night of the flu and the following Monday it claimed her husband. "We had been married only five months and I was with child. Those were rough times."

"Soon after our son was born, I went to work for Dr. Mark Faville. My good friend, Clair Mozingo, cashier for Roanoke Railway and Electric, told me about an opening. With a son, I knew I had to work and there seemed to be more permanence with a utility. Harry Vickers, former Roanoke Railway employee, interviewed me for the job. As it turned out, he was a good friend and golfing pal of Dr. Faville. My job lasted from March 6, 1920, until retirement on October 31, 1959. Everything about my career was an enjoyment!"

Active in Calvary Baptist Church, Polly is vice president of the Mission Society and the church's representative on the Missions Center Board. She belongs to a book club, does her own housework, enjoys raising flowers, is a member of the local War Mother's Chapter and still finds time to spend many hours as a volunteer at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salem. She was recently awarded a plaque and certificate for more than 750 hours of volunteer service at the hospital. Polly was also elected president of the Virginia State Chapter of American War Mothers at their convention last month.

"Every Mother's Day, we hold a memorial service and place a wreath of flowers at the grave of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington. It's a moving experience just being there with other representatives from all states in the nation," she notes.

An avid baseball fan, until recent years she and her sister attended all of the New York Yankees baseball games played in Washington, D. C., area.

In addition to her son Lucian, who is employed with the Virginia Industrial Commission in Richmond, she has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

SLAPPE ENJOYS HUNTING, FISHING



When William "Swede" Slappe elected early retirement in 1953, *The Illuminator* stated, "You can be sure Bill Slappe will find plenty of things to do to keep him active." That prediction did indeed come true.

At 87 the oldest Charleston Division retiree, Swede gardens and does repair work on several pieces of property he owns. A member of Wesleyan Bible Holiness Church, he attends every Sunday.

Swede is still an ardent hunter and fisherman and has been going turkey hunting for many, many years. "The funny part about that is, so far as I remember, I have never killed a turkey. I haven't given up," he laughs. In fact, he and his son were planning a turkey hunt the latter part of October. He proudly displays a pike he had mounted following a fishing trip in Tennessee five years ago. He nearly lost his life on that trip when the boat turned over while he was fishing by himself. Fortunately, a son was close enough to pull him out of the water.

Swede drives an automobile but "not after dark". He does quite a bit of traveling, visiting his children, and usually spends the winter with his daughter in Florida. Seven of his nine children are living, and he has ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Swede began his career with West Virginia Water and Electric Company in 1913. "Early after my retirement, I used to do considerable electrical work around town, but I just don't fool with it any more," he states.

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JONES PREPARES TAX RETURNS

Kingsport Power's oldest retiree, 82-year-old W. B. "Deacon" Jones, has this advice for new employees: "Always remember that the customer is the one paying your salary. Try to treat each customer like you would like to be treated."

Deacon began his career with Kentucky Power in 1929 as a salesman. "I remember talking to Mr. H. S. Scott, the division commercial manager, and South Dunn, the district commercial manager, before being hired. I only had 65 cents in my pocket and Mr. Dunn gave me a \$25 advance on my first pay check. I just couldn't believe the improvement in pay, company benefits and the general overall job atmosphere compared to my past jobs. I've never regretted going to work for Kentucky Power.

"Practically everyone had gas lights in Ashland in 1929, so my first job was selling a package wiring job that consisted of a 30 amp entrance switch, a drop cord in the kitchen equipped with a light bulb and a convenience outlet for \$33."

He recalls that Kentucky Power had a contest every two weeks for the salesman who obtained the most orders. "I won several prizes. Once I even held an infant and fed it while the mother signed the sales contract."

In 1934 he left Kentucky Power to work as an appliance salesman for a dealer in Ashland. "I soon discovered I had made a mistake and working for the power company was what I really wanted." The following year he returned to Kentucky Power as a T&D clerk in Williamson and remained there until transferring to Kingsport in 1943. The company started promoting appliance sales again after World War II and Deacon was classified as a dealer sales representative, the position he retained until retirement in 1960.

Until recently, Deacon kept books for several businesses and still prepares income tax returns for individuals. He enjoys gardening and doing yard work. He walks regularly and frequently drops by the Kingsport office for a visit since he lives only five blocks away.

He and his wife Shirley have traveled extensively. Their most recent trip was to Arizona last year to attend a meeting of the World Wide Church of God. They have two daughters, one son and eight grandchildren.



Harold Cutlip, Bluefield drafter B, shot a 141 to capture first place in the 1977 Richwood Golf Club classic, a 36-hole event. He also holds the 1975 club championship title.

SPEED FASCINATES RONNIE KIDD



"Some kids want to be firemen or policemen when they grow up; my desire as a youngster was to drive fast cars. Cars and speed have always fascinated me," says Ronnie Kidd, Roanoke line mechanic B.

A year ago Ronnie got his chance. "A fellow I had met in Ferrum was getting out of the business. One evening, while watching the races at the Franklin County Speedway, I told myself, 'I'm gonna try it'. Two weeks later the car was mine, and the first real race of my life was under way."

Ronnie competes in the hobby class or, as he calls it, the fender-bender class. Only stock six-cylinder engines are allowed.

"A lot of people consider racing for nutty people but that just isn't true. It may sound strange, but racing relaxes me. After a hard week's work, getting out on the track provides an outlet for any frustration or tension. You've heard of people getting uptight, leaving work or home and proceeding down the highway at 100 mph. I'd rather do it on the track."

Ronnie moved up from 19th to 6th position in time trials in just two weeks. "That's just when the problems began. Everything that's happened has been bad.

"During a race in the latter part of last season, I was hitting speeds of 90 mph in the shoots (straight-aways), when a woman driver was tipped and sent sliding sideways down the track. That's the most scared I've been. I was heading straight for her and there was no way to prevent a collision because I was boxed in on both sides. There was nothing for me to do but T-bone her in the side, sending her crashing down the track and, in the process, smashing up the front of my car. Just before the impact, I could see her eyes and, no joke, they were as big as saucers! Luckily, neither of us was hurt."

Even after purchasing another car, a '64 Chevelle, Ronnie's bad luck continued. "I started this year off with a lot of high hopes. The car was in top shape. While coming out of the fourth turn of the first lap, another driver touched my fender, driving me headlong into the retainer wall. At 60 mph, don't think that won't shake you up!" The safety harness left his shoulders and stomach "real sore" but kept him from being seriously injured.

Ronnie is building another race car which he hopes to have ready soon. "It takes money, a lot of sweat, and the help of many good friends to build a racer. If you know of anyone who would be interested in sponsoring me to the tune of \$8,000, let me know," he jokes. "It seems odd to tie up so much money for a hobby, but racing gets into your blood."

So far Ronnie has invested about \$4,000. "Even if I could win every race, the total purse would be less than \$3,000 and there ain't no way you can win 'em all. But for me, it beats playing tennis or golf!"