

CHOKING VICTIM SAVED BY HEIMLICH MANEUVER



Chris White, right, and Doris Crawford reenact the Heimlich maneuver which Chris used to save Doris' life last month. According to the American Council of Life Insurance, food strangulation is the sixth-leading cause of accidental deaths, killing about 4,000 people a year.

It started out as an ordinary lunch period. Doris Crawford, utility worker at John Amos Plant, joked with fellow employees as she bit off meat from a pork chop bone. Someone said something funny; Doris laughed and inhaled at the same time, and suddenly the bone went down her throat.

Making a hasty exit to the restroom, Doris tried to drink some water and found she could get very little down. Her breath was getting shorter as she raced across the hall to the Personnel office for help.

Chris White, personnel assistant, quickly followed Doris back to the restroom, where she was bending over a lavatory bowl, choking and trying to dislodge the bone. Telling Doris she thought she could help, Chris wrapped her arms around Doris, under the sternum. Getting a firm grip on her own wrist, Chris began pulling in and up on Doris' chest. Both women were badly frightened. Doris because her breath was getting shorter, and Chris because it seemed to her the procedure wasn't going to work. Finally, after eight or ten times, the bone came out.

After the incident, Doris said that the bone was close to her windpipe and she was scared because she didn't know how much longer she could have continued to breathe. She was so weak she didn't remember much of the rescue effort.

"What I do know for sure," Doris declared, "is that people don't pay much attention to things until it involves them personally. But when the chips are down, they can really appreciate some of the things learned in safety meetings. Most people, even if they bother to read these things, don't really understand the procedures until they see them performed."

Doris has since shown her sister how to perform the Heimlich maneuver because she has small children and one of them had gotten choked recently. Chris, in relating the event to her family, also demonstrated the method to her daughter and family. She said, "I didn't remember the name of the method. All I know is that it worked."

She continued, "It goes without saying that both Doris and I are happy. She that the bone was expelled, and I because I was able to help her by putting to use something that we had reviewed in our very last safety meeting a month ago."



THIS SANTA IS FOR REAL

When T. G. Brabson, Abingdon engineer B, started growing a beard three years ago, practically the entire growth was snow white. As the Christmas season approached, people throughout the division began requesting his services as Santa. By wearing his usual wire-frame glasses and adding a little bleach to his beard, Tom was a natural.

Tom plays Santa for the Abingdon Christmas party, a role he enjoys and plays to perfection. "Many of the youngsters are surprised when they grab hold of my beard, give it a jerk and it doesn't come off. But it sure is hard on my face," Tom laughs.

From the smile on Trevor Lee Gill's face, it's obvious what he thinks about Tom's performance as Santa. Trevor is the son of R. D. Gill, Abingdon stores attendant.

ABINGDON DIVISION FACILITIES DAMAGED BY FLOOD WATERS

Heavy rainfall on November 5 and 6 sent streams out of their banks, inflicting between \$35,000 to \$45,000 in damages to company facilities in the Abingdon Division. Most of the damage was confined to the Smyth County area.

Volunteer rescue teams evacuated some 400 residents in the Marion and Chilhowie areas. More than 100 homes were totally destroyed in the deluge and 55 others sustained major damage. Ten mobile homes were washed away and another 54 were partially destroyed. Damages to industrial firms and business establishments pushed the total damage estimate to over \$13 million.

Company crews restored service to all but 200 customers in the Chilhowie area by 6 PM November 6. The remaining services were restored on November 7 when flood waters receded.

BURGER ORDERS SECOND STAY OF W. VA. REFUND

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court has issued a second order staying the refund Appalachian Power Company had been ordered to make to its West Virginia customers by the West Virginia Public Service Commission on August 30, 1977.

The order means that Appalachian, which appealed the PSC order to the U.S. Supreme Court, will have until early January 1978 to file its jurisdictional statement with the Court. The jurisdictional statement will contain Appalachian's reasons why the U.S. Supreme Court should hear its appeal.

Any refund, covering the period August 28, 1975 through April 30, 1977, will be delayed until the high court acts on Appalachian's jurisdictional statement. If the appeal is denied, the company will have 30 days from the date of the court action in which to make the refund.

The order further states that if the U.S. Supreme Court decides it will hear the appeal, the refund stay will remain in effect until final action by the Court.

On October 26, Chief Justice Burger granted Appalachian a stay of the refund and gave the West Virginia Public Service Commission until November 7, 1977 an opportunity to respond in this matter. The second stay is another step in the Court's procedures in the case.

LANE RECEIVES ARMY MEDAL



J. A. Lane, Jr., Pulaski T&D clerk (right), is congratulated by Battalion Commander Col. Gary Kelly.

First aid training J. A. Lane, Jr., learned on the job at Appalachian enabled him to save a man's life recently. For his efforts, the Pulaski T&D clerk has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, accompanied by the following citation:

"This is to certify that the Secretary of the Army has awarded the Army Commendation Medal to Sergeant James A. Lane, Jr., for heroic service while serving as a drill instructor with Company B, Second Battalion, 318th Regiment, 2nd Brigade (BDT), 80th Division (Training) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on 15 August 1977.

"During a march to the company area, Sgt. Lane identified a trainee heat casualty and rendered immediate first aid until transportation to the hospital could be arranged. During the trip to the hospital, the trainee stopped breathing. Sgt. Lane immediately began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until the trainee began breathing on his own. The quick action by Sgt. Lane prevented any serious injury or death to the trainee. Sgt. Lane's actions reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the U.S. Army Reserve and are in the highest traditions of military service."

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BRIERS WILL JOIN OPCO

George E. Briers, Jr., manager of Cabin Creek Plant, will join Ohio Power Company as assistant plant manager of the Kammner/Mitchell complex, effective January 1.

A native of Hinton, West Virginia, Briers holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University. He began his career at Cabin Creek in 1951 as a junior mechanical engineer and was a mechanical engineer, results engineer and plant engineer before being promoted to assistant plant manager in 1961. He became manager in 1969.

Cabin Creek Plant has been placed in a deactivated reserve status.

APCO WINS SEE AWARD

Appalachian Power Company won an award in the residential retrofit category of the First Annual Southeastern Electric Exchange Energy Efficiency Competition. The award was presented to Lawson Bailey, customer services manager, at the SEE's Marketing Division Conference in Birmingham, Alabama.

Appalachian's entry was the residential energy storage research and development program launched last winter, which involves field testing Electric Thermal Storage central space conditioning and hot water heating for residential use in 30 homes in the Virginia area served by the company.

SMALLER BILLS, WARMER HOMES

As a result of Appalachian Power's Insulate Now, Pay Later program, a number of homes throughout the company's service area will face the oncoming winter with added protection.

As of October 31, 1,725 customer inquiries about APCo's residential insulation financing program had been received, according to Charlie Wagner, residential services coordinator in the General Office Customer Services Department, Roanoke. From these, 502 applications have been approved for credit and 143 loans actually completed.

The AEP System has set aside \$7.5 million for the residential insulation plan, and Appalachian Power has been allocated \$2.6 million of that. Wagner says the program was started to encourage energy conservation and to cut down on customer electricity bills.

Appalachian will loan up to \$750 to insulate a home, with the finance charge calculated at an annual percentage rate of 8%. Customers can take up to three years to pay, and there's no finance charge if the loan is repaid within 90 days. Company representatives in each division are available to help customers evaluate their insulation needs, and the actual work can be done by either a contractor or the customer.

The financing plan is designed for customer-owned and occupied single-family houses, duplexes, triplexes or four-family residences. Customers don't have to heat their homes electrically to qualify.



KEPNER NAMED COMMITTEE MEMBER

Jack W. Kepner, executive assistant to the executive vice president of Appalachian Power Company, last month was appointed to the Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Committee. The appointment was made by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research at VPI&SU and the Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Committee were established by the Virginia General Assembly in its 1977 session. Committee members include representatives of appropriate state agencies, institutions of higher education, the coal and rail industries, utilities, coal miners and the public.

The Center will develop a master's degree program in energy production and conservation research; develop programs of continuing education and in-service training for persons who work in the field of coal or other energy research, development or production; and conduct research in the fields of coal, coal utilization, migrating natural gasses and other energy-related work.

SAFE WORKERS

The 229 employees of Pulaski Division completed 500,000 consecutive manhours without a disabling injury November 14. The safe manhour record began October 13, 1976, and is continuing.

AEP SYSTEM NEWS BRIEFS

Engineering Changes Announced

Major changes last month in the Service Corporation's Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Division resulted in the election of a new vice president and 12 other promotions and appointments, and the creation of one new division and two new sections.

Richard F. Hering, who had been chief mechanical engineer and assistant vice president, was elected vice president — mechanical engineering of the AEP Service Corporation.

Electrical Engineering is now divided into three divisions: New York Electrical Engineering, Canton Electrical Engineering and Electrical Research & Development. Richard A. Byron, who had been assistant chief electrical engineer, was promoted to chief electrical engineer and named head of the New York Electrical Engineering Division. Brendan A. Ware, who had been head of the former Electrical Research Section, was promoted to head of the newly created Electrical Research & Development Division, which will concentrate on the development of extra-high-voltage transmission technology and environmental safeguards in the electrical area. And J. David M. Phelps will continue to head the Canton Division.

In Mechanical Engineering, two new sections were created: Cycle Evaluation & Performance and Analytical Research & Development.

John E. Dolan, senior executive vice president — engineering, in announcing the moves, said that they reflected the company's interest "in moving our younger people into positions where they can get the benefit of the experience we have in this company."

With respect to the new Cycle Evaluation & Performance Section, he pointed out that it reflected increased emphasis on boiler and turbine technology.

MEN SHARE WORK IDEAS

Several Appalachian Power employees were contributors to the November/December issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

W. F. Moore, operations information supervisor, and C. W. Haas, regional dispatcher, both of General Office Operations, Roanoke, co-authored "Simplified Method For Inter-Company Billing".

J. A. Beasley, winter second class at Central Machine Shop, wrote "Insulated Block Saves Motor Test Time".

G. W. Abshire, instrument maintenance supervisor; W. L. Clay, engineer B; and S. Z. Parsons, performance engineer, all of Amos Plant, collaborated on "Adds Manual Control For Stock Coal Feeders".

R. F. Shoemaker, plant performance supervisor, and C. A. Powell, performance engineer senior, both of Amos Plant, described "New Heat Rate Computer Based On Air Flow".

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

Bluefield

John Davidson, T&D clerk A, two gallons.
Nell Nunnery, secretary-stenographer, two gallons.

General Office

Judy Johnson, stenographer, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, one gallon.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN REVEALED

The Securities and Exchange Commission last month gave the green light to the American Electric Power System Employees Savings Plan, which goes into effect January 1. Within days of this action, employee information programs were undertaken throughout the System to introduce it.

A prospectus and information booklet have been distributed to all eligible employees. Also, the Personnel Department is prepared to provide detailed explanations of the plan and to answer any questions. **The Illuminator** is presenting here only a very brief outline of some of the highlights of the plan.

First, the plan offers automatic savings — the employee can have from 1 to 10 percent of his base salary deducted from each paycheck. Deductions from 1 to 6 percent, inclusive, are called basic contributions; deductions over six percent are called supplementary contributions. The company will match all basic contributions 50¢ on the dollar and employees will have nonforfeitable rights to the company's contributions three years after the end of the year in which the contributions are made, or upon death or retirement.

Bankers Trust Company is trustee for the plan and will maintain separate accounts for each employee.

Contributions can be invested in three funds. An employee has a choice of putting all his money in one fund, splitting it between two funds, or putting a third of his contributions in each fund. All company contributions, however, go into the first fund, which is:

- An AEP Stock Fund. This fund consists entirely of AEP common stock, initially purchased in the open market. After shareholder approval is obtained in 1978, stock may be bought directly from the company.

The other two funds are:

- An Equity Fund. This fund consists of a portfolio of common stocks designed to reflect the performance of Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Stock Index.

- A Fixed Income Fund. Contributions are deposited with Equitable Life Assurance Society, which guarantees repayment of principal and payment of interest at an absolute minimum effective annual rate of 7.85 percent through 1987.

Dividends paid on the stock held in the AEP Stock Fund or the Equity Fund will be plowed back — reinvested in additional stock.

Any employee who is 20 years old and has one year of service is eligible to join. He may sign up at any time, but the Payroll and Personnel Departments need two weeks to process enrollment forms, which are available from Personnel.

On enrollment forms the employee will designate:

- The percentage of his base pay to be deducted
- The allotment of that money among the three all to one, half to each of two, or one-third among the three.
- His beneficiary.

- Once in a 12-month period, he may change the allotment of future or past contributions, or both, among the three funds. Twice in a 12-month period, he may change the amount of his deduction, or he may suspend deductions temporarily at any time.

There are three ways in which an employee can withdraw money from the savings plan:

- Upon termination of employment, retirement or death. At retirement (normal or early) or death he has complete right to all company contributions made to his account and to all money earned on those contributions. That is, he is completely vested. Upon termination of employment he receives a cash payment of all his contributions, all earnings on his contributions, and all vested company contributions and earnings. He may elect to receive his shares of AEP stock in stock or cash.

- Periodic partial distribution. During the month of November 1981 an employee may ask to receive without penalty a payment of all contributions made to his account during the year 1978 — the year for which he will become vested at the end of 1981. Payment will be made to him early in 1982. That payment will include all contributions he made in 1978, all earnings on those 1978 contributions through 1981, all company contributions made to his account in 1978, and, again, all earnings through 1981 on those contributions. In November of 1982, he may again ask for periodic distribution, this time for the year 1979, and so on.

- Withdrawal. It is possible to withdraw money from an account, but there may be some loss of company contributions or a requirement to suspend all contributions for a few months.

The plan, according to O. P. Cornelison, Appalachian personnel director, requires careful consideration. There are complicated rules governing vesting, *i.e.* the time when the employee is entitled to all money the company has deposited in his account. There are tax rules to be considered when the money is actually handed over to the employee. And the performance of two of the three investment funds depends on the performance of the stock market.

"Remember, it's money," says Cornelison. "Talk this plan over with your banker or your tax advisor and discuss it with your family. Ask the Personnel Department for clarification of even the slightest detail that you don't understand. We're offering you all the help we can. For those who want to start participating January 1, we need enrollment forms in by December 12."

HARD HAT SAVES HILL FROM INJURY



Ron Hill, area service restorer in the Hamlin area of Huntington Division saw stars recently — lucky stars he calls them.

Ron was restoring service to Bear Fork Road near Yawkey, when a neighbor reported a flash atop the pole in front of his house. Investigation revealed an arrester which was apparently flashing over to the pole. Ron climbed the pole with the intention of cutting the arrester in the clear until repair work could be done.

A five-pound portion of the arrester, which later was found to be broken, fell and struck his hard hat. Pieces were imbedded in the hard hat and others fell on his shoulders.

Because of the safe practices Ron has developed over his 11 years with the company, serious injury or death was avoided in this incident. He says, "Many times we get so use to doing things that we forget exactly why we do them. The practice of wearing a hard hat is so natural to me that it's just like putting on a coat."

GOOD PEOPLE ARE WHERE YOU FIND THEM



Dr. Jack E. Snider, left, vice president for college relations, and Luther Houchins during a Board of Visitors session on campus at King College.

The road to the college campus was long and winding for Luther Houchins, Clinch River Plant personnel supervisor. Finally, after several years of work and military service, he enrolled in Cornell University and earned a bachelor of science degree.

In later years he has recruited for Appalachian on trips to some of the great schools of the country as well as some of the lesser known. His experiences have led to the conclusion that "good people are where you find them — there are brilliant students in community colleges just as there are in the Ivy League, big ten or independent schools".

Luther was in "on the ground floor" when Southwest Virginia Community College was established in 1966 and served the College Board as president, vice president and treasurer over an eight-year period. The college opened its doors in 1967 and has established an outstanding reputation in its field. Luther says, "The educational, social and economic impact of SVCC on this four-county area is almost unbelievable. These good results will be a stepping stone to future progress."

Luther is currently serving his second term on the Board of Visitors of King College, Bristol, Virginia. He notes, "King is a Christian institution of high academic excellence. It is most noted for preparing students for advanced degrees in the fields of theology, medicine, law and education leadership. The ratio of students to professors is 10 to 1, and most professors have a doctorate."

Luther adds that both institutions he has served have done a super job in providing scholarships for those who need financial aid. He also likes the friendly atmosphere and mutual respect between students and faculty at both colleges.

He concludes, "Colleges that produce the caliber of graduates these schools do makes both hiring and training easier. So you see I'm more than a little selfish when I look behind the doors of college classrooms."

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

Abingdon



J. J. Roseberry, retired area supervisor, was named "Odd Fellow of the Year" at the annual banquet of McCabe Lodge No. 56 I.O.O.F., Abingdon. He was selected for his outstanding work in the lodge and community. Roseberry, a past district deputy grand master, has served the lodge in every official capacity.



David Blankenship, son of J. D. Blankenship, station mechanic A, was selected to be included in the 11th edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Abingdon High School, David was selected for his academic and overall achievement and community service.

John Amos



Rebecca Goff, daughter of Irene Goff, stores clerk, was installed as worthy advisor of Hurricane Assembly #38, Order of Rainbow for girls.

Beckley

Elizabeth Mullins, daughter of Division Office Supervisor J. L. Mullins, was chosen to represent Woodrow Wilson High School at a three-day citizenship seminar at Cedar Lakes. She was sponsored by the Civitan Club.

Julie Palen, daughter of Residential Advisor Sandra Palen, was chosen a cheerleader at Institute Elementary School for 1977-78.

Bluefield



Ken Roberts, power engineer, was appointed adjutant of the American Legion McDowell County Post No. 8. He was also appointed by the national headquarters to serve on the National American Legion Committee.

Ben Donevant, customer accounting supervisor, was elected vice president of the Welch Kiwanis Club. He was also named to the Salvation Army advisory board.

Sandy Jackson, daughter of Division Office Supervisor Kenneth Jackson, was elected treasurer of the Spanish Club at Bluefield High School.

Randy Turpin, son of Equipment Service Representative Jim Turpin, was appointed to the executive board and a team leader of Pioneers for Christ at Lee College.

Bill Belchee, division manager, was reelected chairman of the finance committee and to the board of trustees at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Gwen Stewart, daughter of Line Crew Supervisor Rex Stewart, is a flag girl for the Pineville High School Minutemen Marching Band.

Evelyn Martin, wife of Pineville Area Supervisor Jack Martin, attended the state convention of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Parkersburg. She is service chairman of the Preceptor Chi Chapter.



Brian Phipps, son of Scotty Phipps, line mechanic B, was the All-Star quarterback for the Princeton Peanut Football League and was selected as "most valuable player" for the Moose Peanut team. **Scotty** coached the Moose Peanut team, which came in third in league play.

General Office

R. D. Coffman, right of way agent, GO R/e & R/w, Roanoke, was elected chairman of the church board of the Williamson Road Church of the Brethren.

Glen Lyn



Tammy Neely, daughter of Assistant Shift Operating Engineer Paul Neely, was crowned homecoming queen of Peterstown High School. She is drum major; co-editor, school paper; reporter, National Honor Society; secretary, Interact and student government; vice president, senior class and band; co-pianist, choir; and a member of the Pep and French Clubs.



Donna Thompson, daughter of Unit Supervisor Don Thompson, was crowned homecoming queen of Narrows High School. She is a cheerleader; treasurer, Girls' Monogram Club and Future Business Leaders of America; president, Pep Club; editor, yearbook; and mem-

ber, Ecology Club, National Honor Society, Interclub Council, SCA, Keyettes, volleyball team and Student Advisory Council.

Kanawha River



Bonita Beth Hartman, daughter of G. R. Hartman, assistant shift operating engineer, was named an attendant to Miss Mustang of Marmet Junior High School.

Kingsport

Clarence Bryan, retired executive vice president, was elected vice president pro tem of the Greater Kingsport Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons.

James L. Kesterson, Jr., son of Residential Representative J. L. Kesterson, was named district executive of the Wilderness Road District, Sequoyah Council, Boy Scouts of America. The district is comprised of Lee and Scott Counties in Virginia and Hancock County, Tennessee.

Lea Ferrell was elected secretary of the Jackson Elementary School 4-H Club. **Kimberly and Lori Ferrell** were elected student council representatives at Dobyns-Bennett High School. They are the daughters of Head T&D Clerk Roy Ferrell.

Service Clerk **Paul Miller** was awarded a second-class commercial radio license after successfully passing a three-hour examination administered by the Federal Communications Commission.

Logan-Williamson

Angela Walls, daughter of James E. Walls, Logan station crew supervisor, was chosen a member of the Band Council at Logan High School.

Lorrayne Corea, Williamson secretarial-stenographer, was elected treasurer of the Tug Valley Arts Council, Inc. She served as treasurer for the recent King Coal Festival.

Gerri Layne, Williamson customer accounts representative A, was chosen treasurer and social chairman of Preceptor Theta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. She is also cochairman of the coordinating committee of the five local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi.

Ruby Henritze, widow of Thomas L. Henritze, served on a committee to make plans for the observance of Veterans Week in Logan County.

Paul C. Gosney, retired Madison area supervisor, was named Rotarian of the Week by the Madison Rotary Club. A Rotarian for 37 years, he has served as president, vice president and secretary and was honored for "service above self" for many years.

Lynchburg

David Crews, son of Personnel Supervisor W. David Crews, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Brookville High School.

Wesley Garner, meter service mechanic, is Scoutmaster of Troop 12 at West Lynchburg Baptist Church. This is the 51st consecutive year the troop has been chartered.

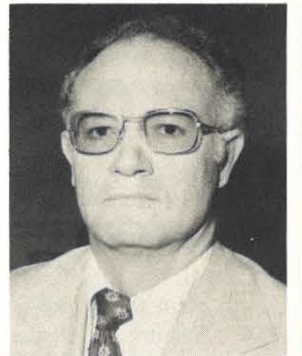
James W. Dalton, station mechanic B, was elected secretary of the Terrace View Church Sunday School for the third consecutive year.

Stephen L. Jamison, administrative assistant, was named to the board of Kaleidoscope, a fall festival held annually in Lynchburg.

Loyd T. Smith, retired administrative assistant, was inducted, as a member of the class of 1927, into the "Old Guard" at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Pulaski

P. C. Payne, Jr., meter electrician A, was ordained a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Pulaski.



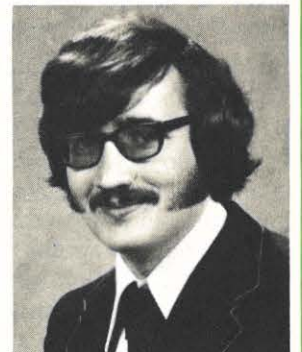
D. S. Pratt, engineering technologist, was elected president of the Men of the Church at Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church.

New officers of the Hillsville Employees' Benevolent Association are: **T. D. Alderman**, line mechanic A, president; **R. C. Jenkins**, line crew supervisor NE, vice president; and **J. W. Collins**, T&D clerk A, secretary-treasurer.

Elected officers of the Christianburg Employees' Benevolent Association were: **J. E. Rice**, line mechanic A, president; **G. W. Johnson**, junior clerk, vice president; and **E. A. Bishop, Jr.**, line mechanic B, treasurer.

Heading the Pearisburg Employees' Benevolent Association are: **D. M. Davis**, area supervisor A, president; **J. L. Dunn**, T&D clerk A, vice president; and **Hazel Walker**, customer accounts representative B, secretary-treasurer.

Roanoke



Bennett Shuff, customer accounts representative B, was elected president of the Woolwine Ruritan Club for 1977-78.

Maynard Handy, engineering technician, was elected treasurer of the Martinsville-Henry County SPCA for 1977-78.

Jo Ann Rakes, T&D clerk C, was reelected treasurer of the board of directors for the Fieldale Community Center for 1977-78.

Kerry Ingram, daughter of Lewis Ingram, general servicer, was elected ninth grade representative to the homecoming queen's court at Fieldale-Collinsville High School.



Bill Loope, station mechanic A, has been presented a life membership in the Virginia Jaycees. A member of the Botetourt Jaycees since 1969, he has served the chapter as president, secretary and state director. He is a past vice president of Region XII in the state organization and was recently awarded the exhausted rooster pin upon reaching his 36th birthday.



Glynn Loope, son of Bill Loope, has been tapped for membership in the Order of the Arrow, national Scout honor campers association. A member of Troop 472 in Cloverdale, Glynn is a Star Scout and has 16 merit badges and 10 skill awards to his credit.

HUNTERS SCORE

John Amos

Ken O'Neal, unit supervisor, 6-point buck.

Jerry Tucker, maintenance mechanic A, 7-point buck with bow and arrow.

Bert Grimm, maintenance mechanic B, 4-point buck.

Charleston

Sharon Woodrum, meter reader, two boars and one goat.

Glen Lyn

Sandy K. Pennington, maintenance superintendent, 125 lb., 4-point buck with bow and arrow.

SIMMONS FAMILY SPONSORS PERU EXCHANGE STUDENT



From left, Judy Simmons, Charlie Simmons and Rosario "Charo" Vallara'n.

Rosario Vallara'n, 17-year-old exchange student from Lima, Peru, is making her home with the family of Charlie Simmons this winter while attending the 12th grade at Salem High School. Charlie is executive assistant to the executive vice president of Appalachian Power.

The Simmons' are sponsors for Rosario, nicknamed "Charo", through the American Field Service, an international organization.

Charo relates, "I first learned of the organization through our school bulletin board. I had to take tests or phases as we call them. The first phase is a written exam of general knowledge, which consisted of math, English and news affairs. If you failed this phase, you would have another opportunity to pass by going for an interview. This interview was of the same nature as the written exam, and it is given because some students freeze on a written test and pass on the oral. The second phase was a group discussion. A topic was chosen, and you were to discuss it with the group to see how much the student knew about that country where they were going. The third phase was a personal interview where questions were asked about myself, what I thought of my family, how much I depended on my parents, etc. The next phase was a family interview and a medical examination. The officials came to my house to see my family life-style so they could match the same life-style in the United States. The final phase was writing an autobiography, and a friend had to write something about me. These were sent to New York along with other information on me."

The Simmons' had qualifications to meet also. Judy Simmons recalls, "We became interested in the AFS organization when my sister was a member of the Keyette Club in high school. Their group sponsored AFS weekends, which consisted of all the exchange students gathering in one city in Virginia. These students stayed in the homes of families, and this is what got us interested. We had to send information about ourselves and our house, along with pictures to New York. After approval, we were sent five applications of students, and we selected Charo. After the selection, New York contacted her."

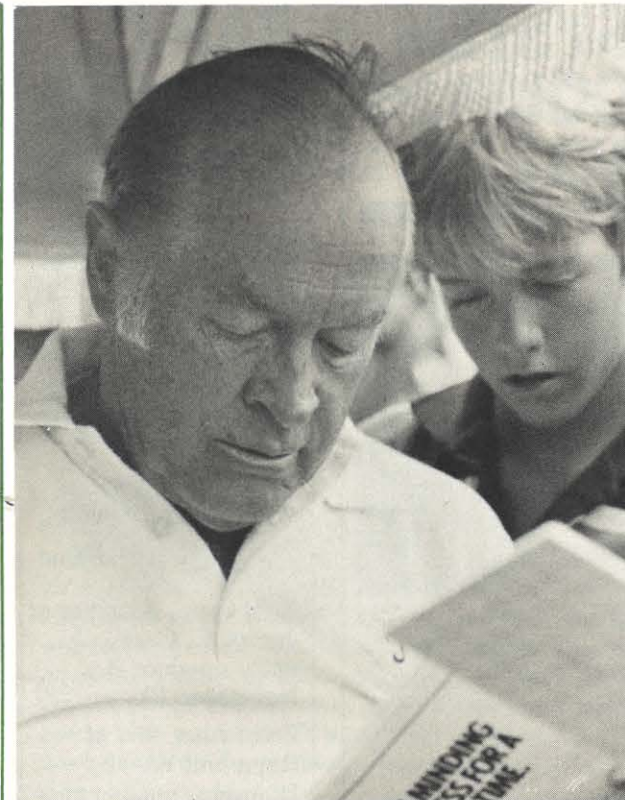
Charo speaks fluent English. She says, "All the students in my country must learn a second language while in grade school. English happens to be the popular second language. Next came French and then German. We have different institutes of language, and on our free time we go to these institutes two hours every day. I have always liked English because we live near a museum which is visited by tourists, and I would love to go there and hear them speak. My father, who is a transportation supervisor for a petroleum company, speaks English well, but my mother only speaks Spanish."

Comparing Roanoke to Peru, Charo says, "The weather is a big difference. It is too cold here. The lowest it ever gets in Lima is 48 to 50 degrees. The land is flat as compared to the mountains here. Also, you have different housing styles, and the materials and construction are different from ours. Our schools are private and Catholic. I went to an all girls school. We go to school for 11 years instead of 12. We do not have a credit system, and you have to take all courses offered to graduate. You can't pick your subjects like you can here. Your schools have cafeterias while we have to bring our own lunches."

Charlie says, "I tease her a good bit about what a great liking she has for our hamburgers and french fries. And I've teased her until it has become a standing joke between us about the fact that she doesn't like peanut butter. I have assured her she cannot be an all-American child until she does like it."

He continues, "In her country they have maids and it is considered terrible if a man does anything in the way of housework. She thinks it is strange if I even do something like help clear the table. I've been telling her she needs to convince my wife Ethel, but Charo says she is becoming convinced there isn't anything wrong with it!"

Charlie adds, "My attempts to explain football to her have met with a total lack of success. But she is looking forward to basketball season because that is a sport she does understand. The Peruvian team was a South American champion last year."



LYNCHBURG EMPLOYEES MEET BOB HOPE

Lynchburg employees crossed paths with Bob Hope when the famous comedian was a guest at the 1977 Virginia P. G. A. Open at Ivy Hill Golf Course in Forest, Virginia. Stephen L. Jamison, Lynchburg administrative assistant, was co-chairman of the event.

Steve relates, "The Timbrook Jaycees had spent a lot of long hours in preparation for the State Open, and we were pretty excited that Bob Hope was to play golf the afternoon of September 14, attend a reception in his honor later, and then perform at a show for the benefit of Virginia Baptist Hospital's Building Fund. About 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the 13th, as we were setting up tables and tents at Ivy Hill in preparation for the next day's events, I received a long distance phone call from Hope's secretary. She asked if we had someone who could take down a few one-liners that Mr. Hope would need for his performance. Standing next to the pool at Ivy Hill, I was not exactly equipped to take down the jokes. I called Anna Lackey in Bob Davenport's office and asked if she would mind staying and taking down a few jokes over the phone."

Anna chimed in, "I thought Steve was kidding. I just didn't believe Bob Hope's secretary was going to call and dictate the jokes he was going to use in his show. But sure enough, she called in a few minutes and did just that. I didn't know whether to laugh after each joke or just take the dictation. I did interrupt her long enough to tell her I thought they were funny but not half as funny as they would be when he said them."

She continues, "I asked her if she really worked directly with Bob Hope and she said, 'All the time. He's a joy to work for'. Mrs. Nichols dictated for about an hour and, when I typed them up, there were about seven pages of his famous one-liners. By that time it was about 7 o'clock, and Steve had returned to the office. He said he was afraid to come back after volunteering my services, but I really enjoyed doing it."

Anna adds, "Even more exciting was the opportunity, after his performance, to have breakfast at Ivy Hill with Mr. Hope and a few of the other people who had worked on the project. Steve introduced me to Mr. Hope, and I couldn't believe we were standing there chatting with the world-famous comedian. He was aware I had taken the dictation for his program and thanked me for helping him and Virginia Baptist Hospital. He made sure his secretary had asked for my address so he could send me a memento of his visit to Lynchburg. Later I received a letter from him, along with six glasses inscribed in gold, 'Thanks for the memory — Bob Hope.' There was a cartoon profile of him on them."

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Lassie J. Horton, tracer in Logan-Williamson, to **Harlan Brent Muncey**, October 22.



Lois Elaine Abshire, junior stenographer in General Office Purchasing, Roanoke, to **Andre Milton Arrington**, October 8.



Diane Erwin to **R. E. Edwards**, maintenance mechanic A, John E. Amos Plant, September 23.

Beverly Josette Bannister to **Eugene A. Smith**, Charleston engineer B, October 29.

Linda Ruth Stone to **Monty Joe Stover**, maintenance mechanic A, John E. Amos Plant, September 30.

Cheryl Ann Thompson to **Cecil E. Brown**, coal handler, John E. Amos Plant, October 29.

Dolly Irene Angel to **Douglas C. Webster**, maintenance mechanic C, John E. Amos Plant, September 24.

BABY PARADE

John Amos
Ronda Lyn, daughter of **Ronnie G. Sergent**, utility operator B, November 3.

Chastity Dawn, daughter of **John S. Kirtley**, maintenance mechanic B, November 9.

Brian Eugene, son of **W. E. Sayre**, maintenance mechanic B, November 19.

Kelly Jane, daughter of **James E. Carey, Jr.**, utility operator B, November 18.

Brent Alan, son of **Raymond W. Doughty**, maintenance mechanic B, November 12.

Bluefield
Brian Edwin, son of **Edwin B. Wimmer**, line mechanic D, November 14.

Central Machine
Travis Shane, son of **Gregory S. Morris**, welder 2nd class, November 19.

Charleston
Erin Nicole, daughter of **Larry O. Samples**, line mechanic A, October 23.

General Office
Jennifer Leigh, daughter of **Raymond O. Repass**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, October 13.

Glen Lyn
Kelly Christina, daughter of **Floyd Leon Ferguson**, maintenance mechanic C, October 26.

Huntington
Lori Ellen, daughter of **D. M. Morris**, line mechanic B, November 3.

Claudia C., daughter of **C. E. Gilkerson**, line mechanic B, October 10.

Sarah Joanne, daughter of **John W. Hughes**, electrical engineer, November 16.

Logan-Williamson
Jaime Gail, daughter of **James Lackey**, line mechanic C, September 23.

Pulaski
Terry Jacob, son of **K. R. Belton**, Galax meter reader, October 21.

Alyson Janelle, daughter of **E. C. Felty**, Wytheville meter reader, October 23.



WATSON FINDS LOST NEPHEW

Two-year-old Gary Dale Arnold, along with his dog and two cats, took an afternoon stroll through the woods recently. Unfortunately, the youngster forgot to tell his mother what his intentions were.

Four and a half hours later, and two and a half miles from his home, little Gary was found by his uncle, Bob Watson, meter reader in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division. The find came after a massive search was undertaken in the Two Mile Creek area of Henderson, West Virginia. Conducted by the Mason County Sheriff's Department, the search also included the West Virginia State Police, the Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, the Valley Volunteer Fire Department and the Mason County Civil Air Patrol, as well as a large number of people from the area.

Their only lead was what appeared to be a small footprint and a dog track in the sand, headed up a hollow. Bob relates, "When I found Gary Dale, he was all smiles because he didn't realize he was lost. I'm just glad we found him when we did because it would have been dark in another 45 minutes."

RETIREMENT WON'T STOP CONTACT WITH PEOPLE



"The best thing that ever happened to me while working for APCo was meeting Bob," declares Virginia Oakley, customer accounts representative A in Huntington before electing early retirement December 1.

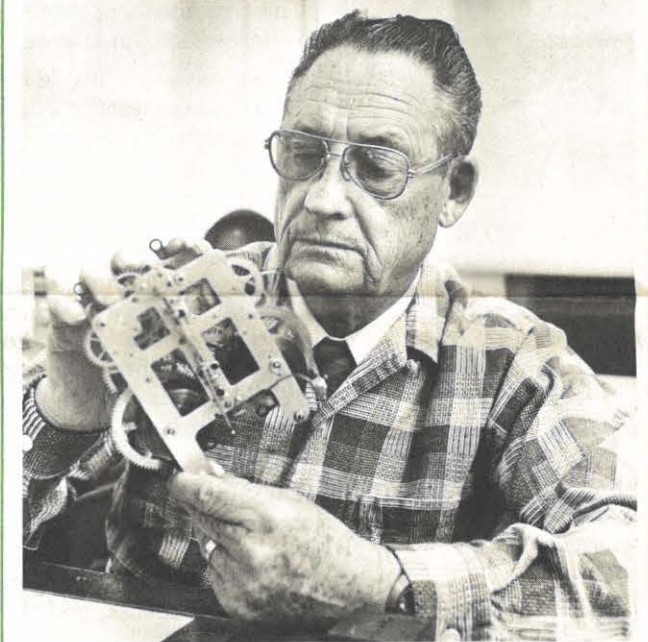
Bob is her husband Robert Oakley, an AEP auditor. It turned out that Retiree Clayton Dunlap, then division meter supervisor, played an unwitting cupid for the pair.

Bob had worked in Logan before transferring to the Huntington Meter Department. When his new supervisor, Clayton, found out Bob attended the Presbyterian Church, he called the local church to inform them of a prospective member. The church secretary in turn called Genny, who was a member. In an effort to welcome the new member to the community, Genny invited Bob to attend church with her the next Sunday. After arriving at the church, she discovered she could not remember his first name. Being alert and trying not to show her embarrassment, she asked, "What do you prefer people call you, Mr. Oakley?" His answer was "Bob", and the relationship grew from there. They were married seven months later, in August 1959.

Next in importance to Genny was the pleasure of customer contact. "I have always enjoyed people, and I don't plan on letting my retirement stop that people contact. I have seen a lot of things change, but people in need or with problems remain about the same over the years. That's what I want to do — help those people."

A good cook and seamstress, both these activities will take quite a bit of her time. "I enjoy creating things, whether it be with cloth or food. I plan to have the kids from the office over for lunch occasionally, and I want to make some new clothes for myself."

HOBBIES WILL KEEP JIM WYSONG BUSY



"I have always been loyal to the company because they gave me a job back when times were hard and jobs were hard to find. That meant something to me, and I have never forgotten it," says Jim Wysong, who retired December 1 as commercial representative in Huntington.

He continues, "I feel privileged to have been in a position to see this company grow and especially to have seen the first high pressure, hydrogen-cooled generator go on line. At one time I would have said there was no way we would ever go above 138 kv lines. Now look at us! Yes sir, it's been an interesting 41 years."

A native of Logan County, West Virginia, Jim began his career in 1936 as a stationman helper at Logan and moved to Huntington as a collector in 1941.

Jim has several hobbies which he plans to pursue in retirement. For the last 30 years he has spent much time tracing his family history. He has discovered relatives in Fincastle, Virginia, western Pennsylvania and Germany. In fact, a statue in Fincastle in memory of Confederate soldiers bears the name of his great-great-grandfather, who fought and surrendered with Lee at Appomattox.

Jim is interested in clocks, especially old ones because he enjoys making the parts from scratch. "You can't buy these parts, so I just sit down and make them." He has rebuilt many clocks for fellow employees and friends.

A 32nd degree Mason, he is chaplain of Lodge #53, A.F. & A.M.; past chaplain, VFW Post #1064; and a member of Royal Arch Mason Chapter #6. A Shriner, he is a member of Beni Kedem Temple. Jim and his wife Frances have four children and five grandchildren.

MY MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS



R. A. "Pete" Armistead, Roanoke Division T&D superintendent.

"I was stationed in Stolberg, Germany, in the latter stages of World War II. In mid-December of '44, I received orders to go to Paris, France, to attend Cite Universitaire for a two-week orientation program. I was one of the officers selected to prepare the troops on what they might expect and how best to fit themselves to resume their places in civilian life.

"When the school ended, it was Christmas Eve. The Germans had mounted an all-out counter offensive, better known as the Battle of the Bulge. The enemy had prepared themselves well, trained spies who not only dressed and looked like Americans but spoke fluent English as well. Many incidents of sabotage and espionage had occurred, and Americans and British alike were alarmed.

"When we left the university in Paris, roadblocks had been set everywhere because of the anticipated counter attacks by the Germans. We were stopped several times on the way back to Stolberg via Brussels. At the roadblocks, we were asked the usual questions to establish our identity: 'Who was Rita Hayworth? What's a Betty Grable? What position does Joe DiMaggio play?' It wasn't until near dark that we arrived in Brussels for an overnight stay.

"After dinner, a friend and I decided we'd stretch our legs and walk downtown. We managed to get about three blocks off the main drag and, from out of nowhere, six British soldiers jumped with rifles ready. Their command rang out, 'Halt or we'll shoot!' Their guns were pointed right at us. I was never concerned we would be legally shot but was afraid someone would be trigger-happy and ask questions later. We were marched up the center of the street, hands held high, and passersby, sure we were Germans, angrily shouted, 'shoot them'. That's not all they shouted either.

"We were taken before the provost officer. After some choice words on our part and letting the British really know what we thought of their way of handling things, they turned us loose about an hour later.

"Christmas Day wasn't much better. We'd hardly gotten back to our room when two German planes strafed our building. They were flying streetlight high with guns flaring wide open . . . But we did get plenty of canned turkey for dinner."



Freda Edwards, Huntington personnel assistant.

"I'll never forget the Christmas of 1946. I had moved to Huntington and worked in the local Western Union office. It was Christmas Eve and I had not heard from my mother in Mt. Hope or my boyfriend, who was in the Army in California, and I was feeling very down.

"I was working the 4 PM to midnight shift, and things were kind of slow. About 10 o'clock I received a call from a local resident who wanted to send a telegram. After taking down the message, we began to talk and I told him how low I was feeling. The man and his wife invited me out to their house for a party which was in progress. I thanked him but declined because of my work schedule and having to return to my sister's house.

"About 11:30 PM the door to the Western Union opened and a nicely dressed couple entered, carrying a tray of food. They had brought some of everything on their table, including punch and a miniature cheese ball. My fellow worker and I ate until we thought we would pop, and we both took some of the tray home.

"That was one time I needed someone, and they came through!"



Faye Amos, personnel clerk A, General Office Personnel, Roanoke.

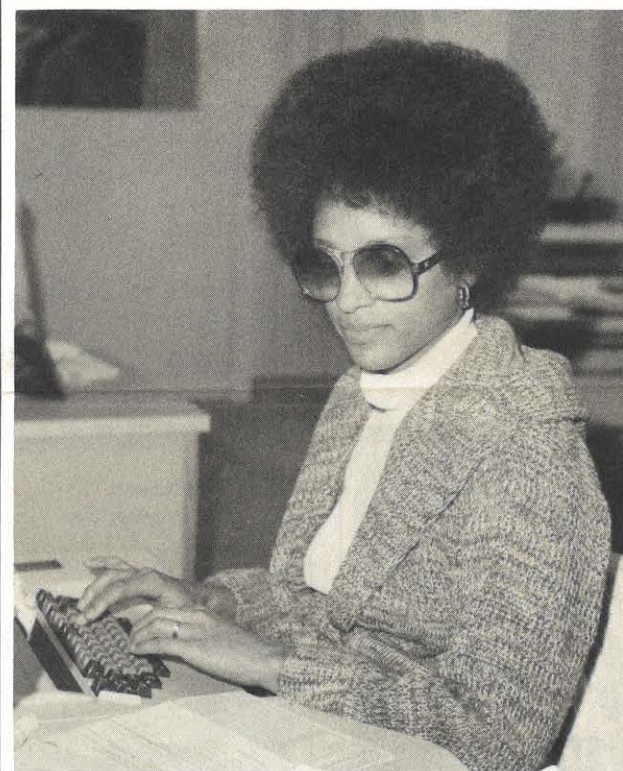
"My most memorable Christmas was the Christmas of 1961. My father was accidentally shot by a relative while groundhog hunting in Lexington, Virginia, during the Labor Day holidays. The bullet destroyed his breastbone, punctured both lungs and tipped his heart. There was shrapnel from his waist up. In fact, there is still shrapnel in his body that works out from time to time.

"We went through seven days with the doctors telling us he wouldn't make it through another night. Later my father told us that when he found himself slipping into death, he kept seeing his four-year-old son and would say to himself, 'I'm not ready to die because I have that four-year-old who needs me'.

"My father was in the hospital an additional two months before being released. Still he had to recuperate and could not work because he was paralyzed from the waist up. It looked like there wasn't going to be a Christmas for my two sisters and brother because my father had been the only breadwinner.

"I had just recently gotten married and wasn't worried about Christmas for myself, but I was worried especially about my little brother. He was promised Santa Claus would bring him a bicycle for Christmas and there was no way my family could make the payments for it. That is when the kindhearted employees of Appalachian Power stepped in and helped. They had been giving blood, which my father needed badly, and here they were again when my family needed it. One of my close friends knew my father had laid away the bicycle for my brother. I don't know who started the contribution for my family, but two weeks before Christmas the employees in the Accounting Department, where I was working at the time, presented me with an envelope containing about \$100 and a food basket. On Christmas eve my close friend came out to the house with my brother's bicycle. She had paid for the balance on the layaway. This gift kept the faith there was a Santa Claus.

"There has never been a way I could thank everyone for what they did. I guess half the employees have probably forgotten about that Christmas, but I will never forget!"



Janie Ollie, key entry operator, General Office Accounting, Roanoke.

"The Christmas that I'll always remember was in 1963, the last time my family was together. That Christmas had so much love and joy in it I could never forget.

"My father died when I was four years old, and I never dreamed my mother would die when I was nine. I think perhaps she knew because that Christmas she got me everything I asked for — an organ, a watch and a doll. I remember because I just gave her a 29-cent brush, which she seemed thrilled to get. On Christmas day we just sat around singing and having a good time with the presents we received. At that time I still believed in Santa Claus. I didn't find out there wasn't a Santa Claus until I moved in with my brother and his wife after my mother's death. My brother's wife made sure I knew who Santa was the next Christmas.

"Back in the 60's, I believe Christmas meant a lot more to people than it does today. It used to snow every Christmas and I used to get up early on Christmas morning to see what I had gotten. These days one has to give a number of gifts to satisfy a person and then sometimes giving a lot is not enough because they want more."

VETS GIVEN SERVICE AWARDS



T. M. Roberts
Civil Supv. Engineer
GO-Roanoke
40 Years



A. W. Stair
Res. Serv. Coordinator
Kingsport
40 Years



Kathleen Hudson
T&D Clerk A
Lynchburg
35 Years



R. E. Thomas
Drafter A
Lynchburg
30 Years



E. L. Baker
General Servicer
Lynchburg
30 Years



E. M. Payne
Stores Supervisor
GO-Roanoke
30 Years



M. A. DeHaven
Eng. Technician Sr.
Pulaski
30 Years



C. H. McCallister
Eng. Technician Sr.
Huntington
30 Years



G. B. Badger
Ground Helper (LTD)
Charleston
30 Years



Eulalia Footo
T&D Clerk A
Bluefield
30 Years



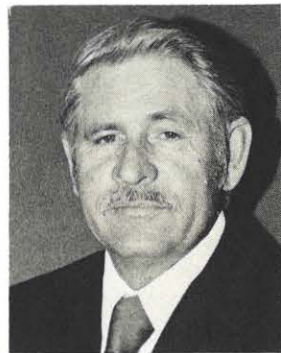
H. S. Jimison
Meter Electrician A
Logan-Williamson
30 Years



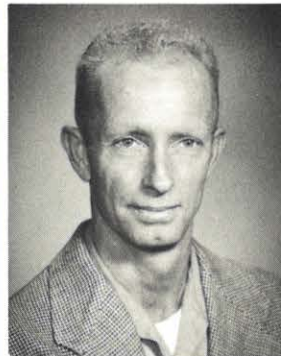
A. M. Jones
Stores Attendant
Charleston
30 Years



H. M. Jones
Area Service Restorer
Abingdon
30 Years



J. L. Ingram
General Servicer
Roanoke
30 Years



E. L. Adkins
General Servicer
Logan-Williamson
30 Years



A. C. Hutton, Jr.
Residential Rep.
Abingdon
30 Years



B. J. Stoneman
T&D Clerk A
Pulaski
30 Years



W. A. Ohlinger
Maint. Mechanic A
Philip Sporn
25 Years



P. E. Taylor
Harbor Boat Op.
Philip Sporn
25 Years



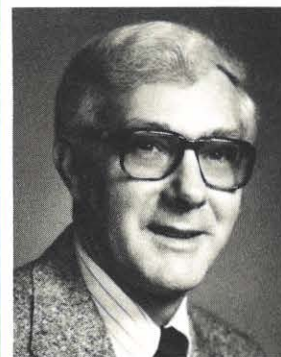
J. R. Bailey
Unit Supervisor
Philip Sporn
25 Years



D. E. Cavender
Cust. Acctg. Supv.
Charleston
25 Years



G. W. Abshire
Inst. Maint. Supv.
John E. Amos
25 Years



A. B. Crews
Head Meter Reader
Lynchburg
20 Years



C. R. Wooten
Safety Director
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



R. E. Herndon
Per. Supv. Eng.
John E. Amos
20 Years



W. L. Grubb
Asst. Stores Supv.
John E. Amos
20 Years



W. T. Durrett
Line Mechanic A
Charleston
20 Years

Abingdon
10 Years: **T. L. Russ**, line mechanic A.
John E. Amos
5 Years: **Nancy Hudson**, plant clerk B.
P. J. Carter, coal equipment operator.
L. W. Wilkinson, maintenance mechanic
A. T. D. Racer, utility operator A.
B. J. Clark, utility operator
A. F. A. Baier, control technician senior.
Beckley
10 Years: **D. F. Richmond**, station mechanic A.
5 Years: **Sandra Palen**, residential advisor.
Bluefield
5 Years: **Thomas Reed, Jr.**, meter reader.
Linda Hess, customer accounts representative
C. Calvin W. Belcher, Jr., T&D clerk A.

Charleston

10 Years: **R. J. Sullivan**, line mechanic B. **L. G. Oxyer**, line mechanic B. 5 Years: **D. S. Tittle**, T&D clerk B.

General Office

30 Years: **Mildred Smith**, customer accounting clerk A. 10 Years: **C. R. Tennant**, regional assistant chief operator, GO-Huntington. **R. L. Hill**, engineering technologist, GO-Bluefield. **Linda Frith**, general records clerk B, GO-Roanoke. 5 Years: **Judy Smith**, senior key entry operator, GO-Roanoke. **Gayle Smith**, electric plant clerk B, GO-Roanoke. **Carolyn Hankins**, stenographer, GO-Bluefield. **F. H. Beck**, reproduction machine operator, GO-Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

15 Years: **Lee Martin**, maintenance mechanic D. 5 Years: **Harry Johnson**, utility coal handler.

Kanawha River

5 Years: **Gary E. Morris**, instrument mechanic D. **Elsie I. Allen**, stores clerk A.

Lynchburg

5 Years: **L. W. Ring**, stores attendant.

Pulaski

10 Years: **C. L. Smith**, line mechanic A. **J. K. Westmoreland**, line mechanic B. **N. G. Via**, line mechanic B.

Roanoke

10 Years: **R. D. Johnson**, meter service mechanic C. **R. W. Dillon**, line mechanic A. 5 Years: **R. L. Ferguson**, customer accounts representative B.

Philip Sporn

10 Years: **F. J. Ryther**, fire protection inspector. 5 Years: **W. L. Morgan**, equipment operator.

POE PLANS TRIP TO MEXICO



Ann Solomon Poe, customer accounts representative B in Abingdon Division's Marion office, retired December 1 after nearly 32 years' service.

A native of Green County, Tennessee, Ann began her career as a temporary employee in 1946. "I didn't have any idea, or intention for that matter, of working for the company for such a long period of time," she recalls. "Fred Poe, dealer representative in the Marion area then, came by the house and said Shirley Miller, then local office supervisor, needed help on a temporary basis. Well, this led to the job and now to my retirement." At that time, the Marion area was under the Pulaski District. Accounting Supervisor James M. Brown talked Ann into becoming a full-time employee.

Ann continues, "Retirement for me holds forth a great deal of enjoyment and promise. The retirement benefits will enable me to travel and do the things I have pushed back for so long. In fact, my husband Woodrow and I are planning a March trip to the Kan Koon resort area in Mexico. A lot of people who retire say they don't know what they are going to do. I don't have that problem. I told Woodrow that I may hire someone just to help me around the house."

Ann's philosophy of life and dedication to the company were summed up by D. D. Taylor, Abingdon customer services manager, at a recent meeting. He said, "I hope that by the time I retire I have the same attitude and enthusiasm about my job, our customers, the company and life

in general that Ann Poe has. We all wish her the very best in retirement."

DIVISION SUPT. RETIRES



"I have enjoyed working with the company and, most of all, the employees through the years. If I hadn't, I wouldn't have spent 40 years of my life with them," says R. M. Bondurant, who retired December 1 as Abingdon Division superintendent.

Rufus went to work for the C&P Telephone Company in Bluefield, West Virginia, as a cable splicer after graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He relates, "I worried them to death at the personnel department in Bluefield during this time until Appalachian put me on the payroll."

Hired as an electrical engineer, Rufus and C. L. Shockey were assigned the task of numbering all the poles in Wyoming County. "This was the time the company started into the new numbering system and we were numbering all of the poles in the Bluefield District."

Rufus' utility career was interrupted twice for military service. He was a signal officer for the 308th signal group in the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II. His group, located on the Burma Road, was responsible for providing communications for the famed "Flying Tigers" Rufus was discharged as a captain, only to be called again in 1951 to serve as a signal officer in Korea.

When Rufus returned to work following World War II, the company's rural electrification program was in full swing. "I am glad to have been a part of this early development and to witness and be a part of the tremendous

growth the company has experienced during recent years. There is no way you could compare our old equipment to the hydraulic devices we have today. We are doing barehand work and, of course, we have the compatible units system. Probably my greatest satisfaction was to see the growth of the Abingdon Division and to finally realize my dream of having the T&D operation under one roof. This came about when the new Abingdon Service Center was completed in 1975."

He continues, "Today we have an intelligent group of employees. They are aware of what is going on and they want to know why we are doing certain things instead of just doing them. However, I would like to see more company loyalty and I would also like to see employees take advantage of opportunities when they are offered to them."

"I have had a chance to look at the company retirement benefits and find them to be above average when comparing them with benefits of other companies. I just wish the company had offered a savings plan years ago, and I would like to recommend the plan to all employees. It will be a hedge against inflation and mean a lot in later years."

Rufus has no specific retirement plans. "I have all kinds of chores around the house, my stamp collection of 15 years, woodworking and golf to keep me busy."

MCGRAW RETIRES EARLY



Euel Quincy McGraw, maintenance mechanic B at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement December 1.

A native of Winifrede, West Virginia, Euel began his career at the

plant as a laborer in 1944. During his 33 years' service, he also worked as an electrical maintenance helper D, C, B and A, transformer maintenance helper and transformer maintenance man.

An officer in the Slaughter's Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Cabin Creek, Euel enjoys gardening, hunting and fishing. He and his wife Nora have made no definite plans for retirement but may go to Florida next year. The McGraws have ten children, eight of whom are still living, and three grandchildren.

SCOTTY MACLEOD RETIRES



Taylor Alexander "Scotty" MacLeod, Pulaski station mechanic A, retired December 1.

A native of Dublin, Virginia, his first connection with Appalachian was as a concrete inspector during construction of Claytor Dam. He was employed in 1946 as a clerk intermediate and during his 31 years' service worked as a rodman, maintenance-man helper and stationman C, B and A. He has been on long-term disability leave since May 1972. Scotty says, "Appalachian is a good company to work for. I enjoyed working."

He continues, "I like to hunt and fish, but I am now pretty much restricted to fishing because of my health." A member of Dublin United Methodist Church, he has served on its administrative board and is a member of Henry Clay Lodge #280, A.F. & A.M. Scotty and his wife India have two children and three grandchildren.

DOUGLAS JOINS RETIREES



Garnet Lee "Doug" Douglas, maintenance mechanic A at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement December 1.

A native of Chelyan, West Virginia, Doug began his career at the plant as a laborer in 1942. During his more than 35 years' service, he held the positions of mechanical maintenance helper, mechanical maintenance man, mechanical maintenance mechanic B and master maintenance man.

Doug and his wife have one son.

CURRY RETIRES EARLY



Bernard Lester Curry, line inspector in Logan-Williamson Division, elected early disability retirement December 1.

A native of Load, Kentucky, B. L. began his career in 1945 as a groundman. During his more than 32 years' service, he also worked as a lineman, serviceman and engineer B.

A Master Mason, B. L. is a member of O'Brien Lodge No. 101, A.F. & A.M., and Williamson Chapter No. 40, R.A.M. He enjoys gardening and woodworking in his spare time.

B. L. has two children and three grandchildren.



A fish fry was held in the garage of Charleston's Virginia Street office last month to put emphasis on safety awareness and honor those physical workers in the division who have had no disabling injuries for over a year. Going through the buffet line are, l. to r., Anna Cyphers, Pat Cummings, Marge Parkins, Charlie Bias, Mattie Day, Mona Sue Charlton and Tessa Roe. Serving are John Frazier, division personnel supervisor, and C. O. Carlini, division manager.



New officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Bluefield Employees' Benevolent Association. Seated, from left, Robert Farley, engineer B, chairman; Frances Marcum, secretary, secretary; and Fred Farley, customer accounts representative A, treasurer. Board members (standing, from left) are Al White, photographer and reproducer; Leon Poskas, GO senior electrical engineer; Roscoe Matney, engineering technologist, outgoing chairman; Bobby Ratcliffe, meter electrician A, and Paul Dalton, garage supervisor.



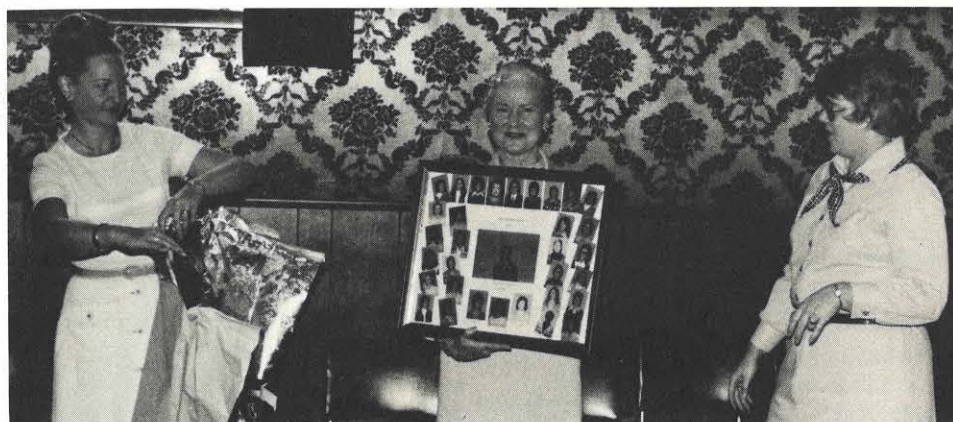
Officers of the APCo Employees' Benevolent Association in Pulaski are (seated, l. to r.) J. R. Boulton, residential representative, secretary; F. G. Fowler, Jr., drafter B, chairman; and R. H. Love, engineering supervisor, treasurer. Standing, S. L. Sisson, right of way agent, and Pamela Hayes, junior clerk, directors. Not pictured are Beverly Reynolds, junior stenographer, and R. E. Semones, engineering technologist, both directors.



Officers of Anco, the Junior Achievement organization sponsored by Charleston Division, are (front row, l. to r.) Laura Hennekes, vice president-manufacturing; Ronnie Adkins, vice president-personnel; and Jamie Karns, president. Employees serving as JA advisors are (back row, l. to r.) Harold Wiseman, electrical engineer; Greg Park, electrical engineer; Leonard Bird, engineering technologist; and Charles Walker, residential representative. One of the products Anco will produce this year is a draft dodger (pictured above), a three-foot roll filled with sand to place at the bottom of doors to prevent air from coming through. They will also manufacture an owl collage, to be used as a wall hanging, and a paperweight made from a plastic cast.



Three Welch employees were selected by the McDowell County United Way to spearhead the 1978 campaign drive. From left, Ben Donevant, customer accounting supervisor, county campaign chairman; Sheila Castle, senior telephone operator, Adkins District chairperson; and Ken Roberts, power engineer, Industrial Division chairman.



The Bluefield Girls' Service Club observed their 49th anniversary with a luncheon meeting at Frankie's LaSalute Club on October 21. Preceding the luncheon, Frances Marcum read a memorial to the outgoing president Lois Rounion, with Joyce Lambert presenting her a gift from the club. From left, Marcum, Rounion and Lambert.

HANSFORD JOINS RETIREES



James Morris "Hank" Hansford, instrument mechanic A at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement December 1.

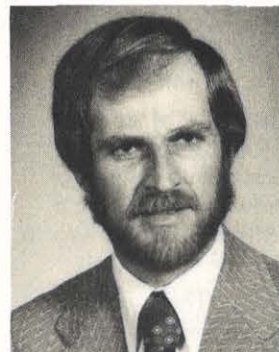
A native of Marmet, West Virginia, Hank began his career at the plant in 1952 as a laborer. During his nearly 25 years' service, he also worked as a results maintenance man and results maintenance mechanic. He studied mechanical engineering through International Correspondence Schools.

Hank and his wife Marian have four children and eight grandchildren. A son-in-law, Alva Kuhl, is a utility supervisor at John Amos Plant.

MOVING UP



Roger T. Manuel, former maintenance mechanic, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Centralized Plant Maintenance, effective November 1.



D. C. Watts, former line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE in Huntington, effective October 15.



Gary Gene Watson, former electrical engineer, was promoted to service supervisor in the Logan area of Logan-Williamson Division, effective October 1, succeeding W. M. Hill. Watson holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.



D. J. Love, former performance engineer senior, was promoted to performance supervising engineer at Philip Sporn Plant, effective August 1. He holds a BS degree in chemistry from Rio Grande College.



Gene F. Holstein, former maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at John E. Amos Plant, effective October 16.



Frank D. Williams, former maintenance foreman at Cabin Creek Plant, was promoted to production supervisor at Central Machine Shop, effective November 1.



Lloyd Linkous, former employee benefits assistant in General Office Personnel, Roanoke, was promoted to assistant personnel supervisor in Bluefield Division, effective December 1.



Roy M. Spencer, former personnel supervisor at Cabin Creek Plant, transferred to Kanawha River Plant in that capacity, effective December 1. He succeeds Ed Bradley, who earlier was promoted to personnel supervisor at Amos Plant. Spencer has a BS degree in chemistry.



William Morris Hill, former service supervisor, was promoted to general line supervisor in the Logan area of Logan-Williamson Division, effective October 1.



Glen E. Byus, former coal equipment operator, was promoted to assistant yard superintendent at John E. Amos Plant, effective September 16. He attended West Virginia State College.

Eugene Hatfield, former line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE in the Williamson area of Logan-Williamson Division, effective September 3. He succeeds Rufus Meade, who was promoted to general line supervisor.

NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

Abingdon

Fred G. Sauls, meter reader, Clintwood. Linda G. Phillips, junior clerk, Clintwood. Paula Smith, residential advisor.

John Amos

Randal L. Allen and Kenneth E. Parsons, performance technicians junior. Richard W. Aeberli and Anthony W. Wallace, maintenance mechanics C.

Beckley

Trina Griffith and Lawrence E. Pritt, junior clerks. Wyatt K. Underwood, meter service mechanic A.

Bluefield

Michael K. Richardson and Roger L. Whittaker, line mechanics D, Welch. Dennis R. Gentry, line mechanic D. Floyd L. Wilson, Jr., station mechanic D. Fariborz Yazdani, electrical engineer. Terry H. Owens, Jr., line mechanic D, Grundy.

Central Machine Shop

Kenneth L. Connett, custodian. Darrell L. Bledsoe, welder 2nd class. Carol A. Henshall and Anita M. Steele, junior clerks. Rich B. Thompson, power equipment mechanic 3rd class.

Charleston

Quinn L. Brown, meter reader. Roger D. Harrison, meter electrician D. Ricky W. VanMeter, line mechanic D.

General Office

Herbert M. Abbott, Jr., utility worker B, GO Hydro, Roanoke. Richard I. Frazier, station mechanic D, GO T&D Station, Huntington. Mark W. McCarty, utility helper, GO Operations, Roanoke. Richard I. Moody, transmission

mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. Mary Mundy, junior clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke. Deborah A. Taliaferro, junior clerk, GO Operations, Roanoke. Philip White, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke.

Huntington

Archie Newell, junior clerk, Point Pleasant.

Logan-Williamson

Deborah M. Bryant, junior clerk, Madison. Darlene Thaxton, junior clerk, Williamson.

Lynchburg

Diantha D. Sprouse, meter electrician D. Raymond E. Copeland, automotive mechanic C.

Pulaski

B. D. Collins, meter reader. R. L. Turpin and R. W. Hall, station mechanics D.

Roanoke

Emma L. Clark and Michael G. Lugar, meter readers. Cathy J. Doyle, junior stenographer. Brian L. Sheetz, line mechanic D. Samuel A. Clements, reservoir groundskeeper.

Philip Sporn

D. L. Patrick, chemist assistant. F. R. Taylor, K. R. Hall, J. L. Crump, K. L. Beckner, E. C. Dempsey, D. M. McEwen, L. D. Huffman, E. K. DeWees and J. D. McDougal, utility workers B.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS

Jimmy W. Pritt, 24, Charleston meter reader, was killed in an automobile accident November 6. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, he was employed in May of this year. Pritt is survived by his parents, three sisters and one brother.

Leonard R. M. Roush, 54, maintenance mechanic B at Philip Sporn Plant, died October 24 of a heart attack. A native of Letart, West Virginia, he began his career as a laborer at the plant in 1952. He had been on long-term disability leave since March of this year. Roush is survived by his widow Myrtle, Route 2, Letart, W. Va., one daughter and one son.

John Steven Sutphin, 77, retired area supervisor A in Abingdon Division, died November 12. A native of Hillsville, Virginia, he began his career in 1922 as a lineman at Pulaski and retired December 31, 1962. Sutphin is survived by his widow Ella, 532 Catron Street, Marion, Virginia.

Edward C. Jordan, 88, retired system supervising transformer engineer in General Office T&D Station, Williamson-Sprigg, died November 8. A native of Newbern, Virginia, he was employed in 1924 as assistant transformer engineer and retired January 1, 1952.

Jordan is survived by his widow Helen, Main Street, Dexter, Ohio.



John Doctor Dalton, 84, retired line supervisor in Bluefield Division, died November 17. A native of Radford, Virginia, he had broken service before being permanently employed in 1923 as a lineman at Welch. He retired March 1, 1958. Dalton is survived by his widow Hattie Lucille, 245 Blue Ridge Drive, Blue Ridge, Virginia, two sons and two daughters, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



William J. Reeves, 69, retired shift operating engineer at Glen Lyn Plant, died November 8. A native of Smyth County, Virginia, he had broken service before being permanently employed in 1929 as a laborer. He retired August 1, 1965, with permanent total disability. Reeves is survived by one brother and one sister.

LILLY "HEARS" FOR DEAF



Beckley Area Service Restorer Harold Lilly has become the "ears" for many of Raleigh County's deaf citizens.

Harold is coordinator of the sign language ministry for the deaf at Prosperity Fundamental Baptist Church. For the past four years he has been translating the minister's spoken words into signs which deaf members of the congregation can understand.

Prior to that time he met a minister who taught a sign language course for the public at the Prosperity church. Harold recalls, "I saw the need. The deaf were not being given the gospel, and they didn't have a social outlet with hearing people." His interest was aroused, and he began visiting the deaf. Then, after completing the church course, he purchased books and spent as much as 20 hours a week teaching himself the sign language. His enthusiasm is vibrant as he describes the deaf "as most lovable people and I love to be around them!"

Harold shares his love for the deaf by teaching others to "sign". He has several co-workers at his church and helped start a new work last year at the Daniels Bible Church. He has also taught night classes at Appalachian Bible Institute. Occasionally Harold is called to help in a communications problem in the community. He has interpreted for the Beckley Police Department and also in court. He related one specific instance.

"During a period when gypsies were robbing many of the area stores, four deaf people were in a store making purchases. A security guard had

them under surveillance, thinking they were gypsies. The guard thought he could detect them talking a foreign language when they were making signs. Harold went into the store and began talking to them in signs. He recalls, "The officer tapped me on the shoulder and asked me if I was with them. This was a case of misunderstanding on the officer's part, and I was able to intercede for the people."

In addition to being sign language coordinator, Harold is chairman of the board of education of the Greater Beckley Christian Schools and a member of the board of directors and trustees of Appalachian Bible Institute.

RUTH NUNNERY ORDAINED



For Ruth Nunnery, the ordination and installation service at Pineville Presbyterian Church in October was the culmination of years of study in preparation for the ministry.

The wife of Raymond Nunnery, Bluefield meter electrician A, Ruth decided upon a career in the ministry after working with youth in churches in Welch and Bluefield. It was while working with youth at Bluefield's Westminster Presbyterian Church that she became a certified director of Christian education through the Presbyterian Church, United States.

Ruth was graduated from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, with a master of divinity degree in May of this year. She also holds a BS degree in elementary education from Bluefield State College, where she graduated magna cum laude in 1965. Before entering seminary, she taught homebound students in the Mercer County school system.

ARTHUR RECALLS EARLY DAYS AT ROANOKE PLANT



When 80-year-old Herman Arthur retired from his job as stationman B in Roanoke Division, he had 48 years' service — more than any other employee at the time.

Herman began his career in 1914 with Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. He says, "I never got further than the fifth grade in school, but that isn't to say good old common horse sense wasn't just as good as a formal education."

After quitting school at the age of 12, Herman hired on with Virginia Iron and Bridge Works. A year later his father asked that he join him in his residential construction business. After a year in home building, Herman went to work as a fireman with N&W Railway. "They found out I wasn't of legal working age and wouldn't let me go on the road unless my parents signed a release. I didn't quit N&W. When my parents wouldn't sign the release, you might say they quit me."

"The funny part of hiring on with the power company was that the job was only supposed to last two weeks and ended up lasting nigh 48 years." C. C. Hogshead, chief engineer at the old Roanoke Electric Steam Plant, hired Herman on a temporary basis to help install new stokers in the boilers. When that was completed, he had him stay another two weeks to assist with installing buses at the plant. Then he hired him on a regular basis to do maintenance.

He recalls several incidents which took place during his career. "We had a fellow there by the name of Frank Coleman, who operated the coal crane. He scooped the coal up and brought it to the boiler. The crane gave way and fell. As luck would have it, the doggone thing landed in soft coal and he wasn't even hurt."

Another time Herman's quick action was credited with saving a worker's life. In doing so, he killed every circuit on the plant, shutting power off to the entire area. "We had some men working on the lines right outside the plant, and an electrical arc sent a flash through the open window. I didn't wait for anything; those men were in danger. I stripped the board as I went out. Peyton Saul, a lineman, had gotten into some live conductors and was hanging in his belt. I wouldn't doubt my doing what I did was what saved him. He was burnt right sharp, but he came back eventually."

There was a cross in signals with the plant operator at Byllesby that almost cost Herman his life. "Instead of the 88,000-volt line being opened and grounded, he closed the switches. The call was made to him in clear form, and he mistakenly closed the switches." When Herman attempted to ground the line, an arc shot out to the hot stick he was holding some four feet away. "It would've killed me if it hadn't been for the wood stick. That operator lost his job over that."

He recalls Wilbur "Buck" Guthrie, retired station foreman NE, as being the "durndest guy about playing jokes on people you ever saw. He pulled many a joke, but his favorite was an old car he had equipped with a Ford coil that he used to shock people with. He'd get that thing all charged up and send one of the new fellows out to his car for something. It'd knock the fire out of them!"

Herman remembers his starting pay of 11 cents an hour, with a 12-hour workday, seven days a week. "That lasted for at least the first seven to eight years I was there, until we got one day off a month. It was hard, but we lived through it. The pay grew each year while the work time shrunk. I wouldn't have wanted to work for any other company. No one could have been better to its employees."

Herman's wife Gwindoleen has been in a nursing home for three years. Now his time is occupied by making visits to see her, doing his own cooking, housecleaning, yard work and washing and ironing clothes. "There's always plenty to do."

He's been an avid chewer of tobacco since the doctor advised him against smoking some 12 years ago. "Any more, since my wife's not here, it's about the only company I have."

He has one daughter and two grandchildren.

PIPPIN REALIZES BOYHOOD DREAM



"A boyhood dream of mine was that one day I would fly an airplane. That dream has finally come true," says Jack Pippin, Kingsport customer accounting supervisor, who recently earned his private pilot's license.

Jack began taking flying lessons in April 1976 at Tri-City Airport. He made his solo flight after 20 hours of instructed flight time. Twenty additional hours were required to obtain a private license but Jack flew 70 hours. During this time he also attended private pilot ground school classes.

Since receiving his private license, Jack has purchased a membership in the Skyrafters Flying Club, composed of 16 pilots who share ownership in two airplanes. His future plans include possibly flying cross-country to visit his son in California.

Learning to fly an airplane is the latest of several goals Jack set for himself. In 1975 he earned a BS degree from East Tennessee State University after 12 years of night classes. He now holds a second degree green belt in karate and is well on his way to earning the black belt.

What about the future? Jack says, "There are so many things I want to do, such as learning to play a musical instrument and improving my golf game, but I have no definite time schedule. I just like to stay busy."

HOW TO BE AN ARTIST WHEN YOU'RE NOT

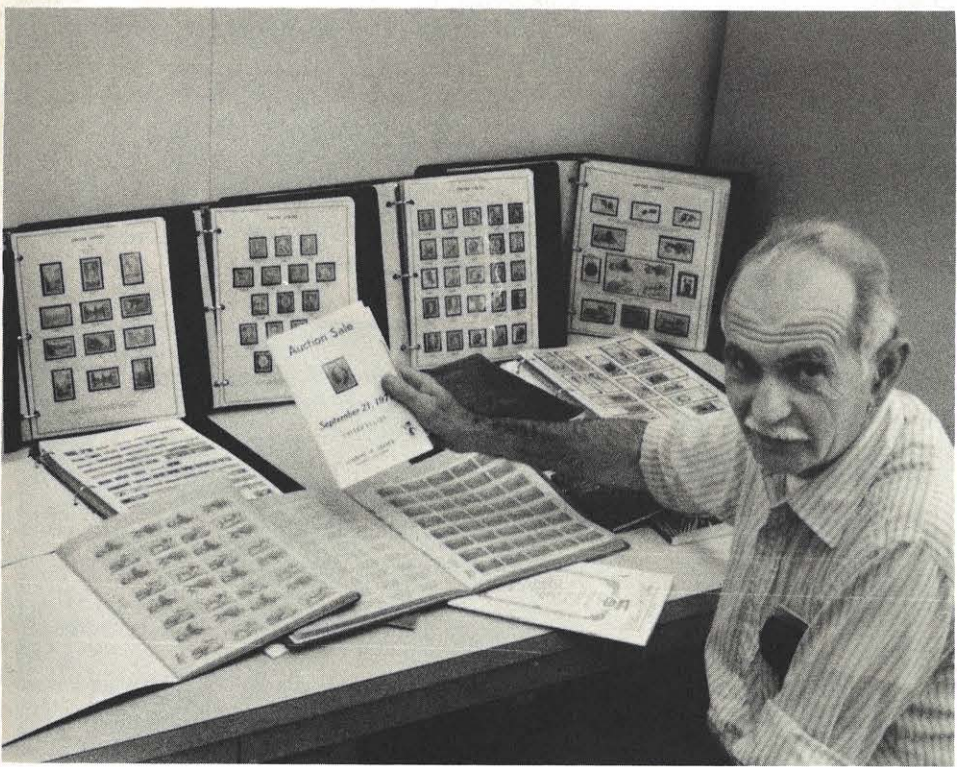


"There's a lot of work involved in oil painting by numbers," declares Charlie Woods, utility operator at Kanawha River Plant. He started this hobby as a child and continued because "it makes those long winter evenings a pleasure".

His favorite painting is the "Last Supper," and he also likes the "Garden of Gethsemane," which is painted on velvet. Charlie makes the frames for his paintings and has given several to friends.

Charlie is also interested in ceramics. His brother has a ceramics shop and his sister-in-law, who teaches the craft, gave him a few pointers. From there, Charlie proceeded to make a Holly Hobby lamp for his daughter, a Motorcycle Smiley lamp for his son, as well as vases and other ceramic pieces.

MOTHER STARTS LOVELACE ON STAMP HOBBY



In the early '30's, Warren Lovelace's mother gave him a stamp she was putting on a letter to mail because he thought it was pretty. The stamp was a 50-cent Air Mail, Zeplin Series 1931, Scott No. C-18. That was how the-then 10-year-old embarked on his hobby of stamp collecting.

For about a year he saved the "pretty" stamps but his interest waned because the most common one then was the two-cent red stamp. When the National Parks Series came out in 1935, Warren's interest was sparked once again. After another year, Warren's interest turned from stamps to girls. It wasn't until 1970, after he had married and raised a family, that Warren started collecting stamps again, this time more seriously.

His collection now totals some 2,000 stamps, a small number in the eyes of a collector. The stamps are worth approximately \$2000 and 30 percent were purchased through dealers.

Warren's favorite stamp is the C-18 he got from his mother, which is now worth about \$70. The prettiest in his collection is the Mineral Series of four diamond-shaped stamps worth about 10 cents each. The most unique is a 13-cent Bell Stamp, which is misperforated — the perforation is through the center of the stamp. His oldest is an 1851 Series, Scott No. 10, worth about \$10. The ugliest is a Zip Code Stamp which looks like it came out of the Sunday comics.

Warren believes that collecting stamps for an investment is a poor policy because rarely ever is more than 75 percent of your investment realized upon selling the collection. He collects for the beauty and art associated with the stamps and the history they relate, as well as the thrill of the hunt.

He belongs to the Kanawha Stamp Club, which meets monthly, and the American Philatelic Society. His daughter is a collector of worldwide stamps and his seven-year-old granddaughter is beginning to show an interest in collecting.

ANDERSON CHAIRS ROANOKE VALLEY JUNIOR MISS PAGEANT



Martin Ratcliff, Roanoke administrative assistant, and Judy Anderson discuss details of the Roanoke Valley Junior Miss Pageant. Judy was chairman of the event, and Martin served as one of the judges.

Judy Anderson, wife of Roanoke Auto Mechanic Tommy Anderson, served as chairman of the 1977 Roanoke Valley Junior Miss Pageant. The Zeta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, to which Judy belongs, holds the franchise on the local program.

"Our work began on this year's show almost immediately after last year's," Judy relates. "There are so many little details: a place to hold the practice session, the pageant itself, school contacts, talks with contestants, posters, ads to be sold, programs to be printed — the list is almost endless."

Judy, who estimates she spent more than 1000 hours of work in preparation for the final event, says, "I like getting involved with something like this. My chapter president told me she wanted me to handle it because she felt I'd get the job done. There were some days I beat the hot pavement for eight hours, selling ads to businesses in support of the program."

The contest is based on more than beauty. Scholastic ability, poise and appearance, youth creativity and performing arts are all considered in the judges' decision. "One of the mothers called after the pageant and said she knew that her daughter was not overly pretty, but she'd grown up more in that month of practice preceding the contest than any other time," Judy added.

A money-making venture for the Zeta Iota Chapter, this year's net profits amounted to \$900. "We're still involved since our girl will be competing on the state level and, hopefully, nationally. She stands a good chance of going all the way with her talents," Judy notes.

She continues, "I'm glad the pageant is over. Half my time has been spent on the telephone since I took this on in May. That isn't easy with children."

An active member of her sorority chapter for ten years, Judy has worked on numerous projects. She has won the chapter program award three times, was named girl of the year four times, and was first runner-up in the 1973 Snowball Queen contest.

JENNIFER PURVES, CHAMPION RIDER



Eight-year-old Jennifer Purves has established herself among the best in horse show competition. The daughter of Eddie Purves, Roanoke station mechanic C, Jennifer has been riding since the age of four and entered her first show when she was six. Her latest accomplishment was winning the Large Pleasure Pony Championship at the Tar Heel Classic Horse Show in Statesville, North Carolina, riding "My Last Duchess". She received a silver cup and blue ribbon. Jennifer is also a former winner of the Reserve Championship Horse Show held annually in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

She has to her credit the Boonsboro Pleasure Pony Championship (1976), the 12th Annual 4-H Pleasure Pony Championship (1975), the Walnut Grove Pleasure Pony Championship (1974 and 1975), and second place in the Roanoke Valley Horse Show (1976).

Jennifer has numerous other first place wins. In all, she has seven trophies and some 40 ribbons. Bobby Camper of Lakeland Stables is her trainer.



The annual Bluefield Division employee/guest fall golf tournament was held October 10 at Fincastle Country Club. Richard Bowman, tournament director (left), presents gift certificates to two of the winners: Oscar Adams, customer services manager, first flight, and Bill Fisher, engineering technologist, third flight. Not pictured is Bob Crowder, area service restorer, second flight winner.

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KENNETH NORMAN BARES FEELINGS THROUGH POETRY

Kenneth Norman, transmission mechanic D in GO T&D, Roanoke, started writing poetry when he was co-editor of his high school newspaper. "I have written between 100-150 poems on black history, nature and inner feelings. Numerous events occur which trigger my mind to work."

Kenneth won several awards for poetry while he was in high school. He has also read his poetry before several groups. "During Bedford's Bicentennial in July 1976, I was invited to read my poetry and I was also invited by the Bedford NAACP Freedom Fund Rally."

Kenneth started writing by reading books. "I liked to read works of James Baldwin, James Weldon Johnson and especially Langston Hughes. He is my idol. I liked what I read, and it inspired me to give it a try."

Has he ever considered becoming a writer? "I really haven't given it much thought. I would like to get copyrights on my poetry or even try to save some of them. But what I would really like to do is write lyrics for a musical group."



Thomas D. Metcalf, construction stores assistant I at Project 1301, won this set of golf clubs as first prize in the Richard's Electric Supply Annual Golf Tournament at the Elks Country Club, Portsmouth, Ohio. The win came as quite a surprise to Tom, since it was the second game he'd ever played. Tom commented, "I had a streak of beginner's luck. This proves that everyone can golf if they apply themselves."

MAKE BULLETS, WILL SELL

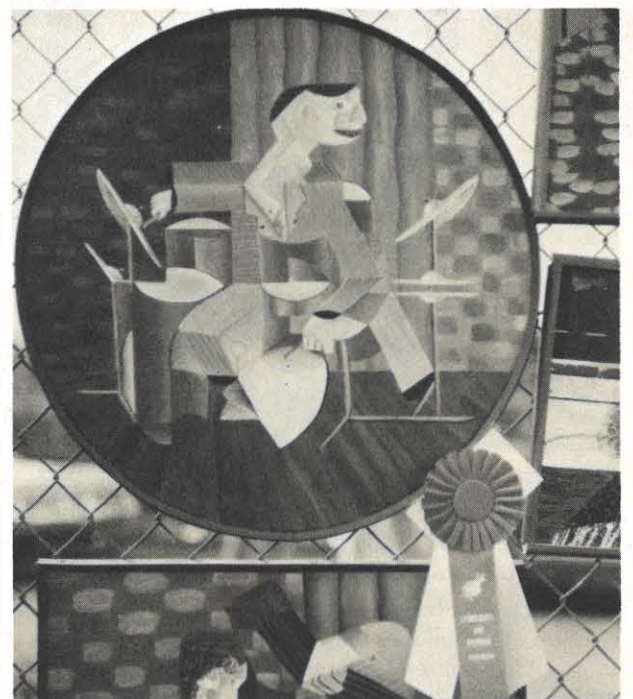


When Curt Murrill's son Chuck received a high powered rifle in 1968, he used shell after shell during practice. This became somewhat expensive and, as a result, Curt developed a hobby of hand loading shot shells for all types of shotguns, rifles and pistols.

A maintenance mechanic B at Kanawha River Plant, Curt has Federal and state licenses to manufacture and sell ammunition for other than destructive devices. He keeps records on the caliber and types of guns he sells ammunition for and the buyers. These records could prove valuable in the event he was ever asked to furnish information to police.

Curt learned to load shells by reading manuals. He was also helped by the dealer from whom he first started buying material. After an Appakan Club shooting match, Curt picks up all the empty shotgun shells for reloading. He usually gathers two or three shopping bags full of shells after each match. (Appakan is a social club at Kanawha River.) Curt also salvages old wheel weights for making pistol bullets. Once he obtained a 600-pound drum of old wheel weights from Goodrich and melted the lead down into ingots for making bullets.

His tools consist of a hand shot shell loader which can be set for any gauge and is equipped with a shot and powder canister. He has a bullet sizer and lubricator and also a tool for loading rifle and pistol cartridges. A member of the National Rifle Association, Curt sells both factory shells and his reclamation shells to friends and neighbors.



Thomas W. Pillow won \$50 during the Kaleidoscope Art Festival in Lynchburg for his oil painting entitled "Combo I" (Drummer Boy). He is the son of Thomas H. Pillow, Lynchburg power engineer.