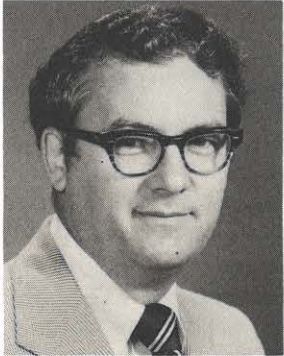


JONES NAMED EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; ROTENBERRY TO HEAD BECKLEY DIVISION



Rotenberry



Jones

James E. Jones, Beckley division manager, has been named executive assistant to the executive vice president of Appalachian Power. Thomas A. Rotenberry, superintendent of real estate and right of way in the General Office Transmission and Distribution Department, Roanoke, will succeed Jones as Beckley division manager. The promotions are effective October 1.

Jones is a graduate of Cornett School of Business and has attended the American Electric Power System's Advance Management Training School at the University of Michigan. A native of Roanoke, he joined Appalachian in 1941 as a clerk stenographer. He advanced through the positions of engineer, area development consultant and administrative assistant to the Roanoke division manager before being promoted to manager of the company's Fieldale area in January 1969. In September of that year he returned to Roanoke as area development director and was promoted to manager of the Beckley division in 1973.

Rotenberry, a native of Broadford, Virginia, holds a junior accounting degree from National Business College and a BS degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has attended the American Electric Power System Management Training Program at the University of Michigan. He joined Appalachian in 1962 as a business trainee in Roanoke. He was a budget and special reports analyst and tax accountant before being promoted to administrative assistant to the executive vice president in 1968. The following year he was promoted to administrative assistant in the General Office Real Estate and Right of Way Department and later was promoted to assistant superintendent. He was named superintendent of real estate and right of way in 1975.

EDUCATION AWARDS INCREASE IN VALUE

Prizes for the 1979 AEP System Education Awards Program have been increased to \$3,500 each, up from \$3,000 last year. Registration deadline is October 2.

The competition, which began in 1955 with a single \$500 prize, is open to AEP System employees' children entering their senior year of high school this fall. Thirty-four prizes will be awarded in 1979, with \$2,000 being granted for the first year of college and \$1,500 for the second.

Entrants are required to submit Scholastic Aptitude Test scores. Complete details and registration forms are available in all company personnel offices.



BEAM NAMED TO NEW AEP POST

Bruce A. Beam, company attorney senior for Appalachian Power, was named director of governmental relations for the American Electric Power Service Corporation, effective September 1. He will establish AEP's first Washington, D. C., office and will report to A. Joseph Dowd, the Service Corporation's senior vice president and general counsel.

W. S. White, Jr., chairman of AEP and president of Appalachian, said creation of the new office was made desirable because of the "increasingly complex relationships between the Federal Government and the electric utility industry.

"Energy in all its ramifications is so much a part of government policy, and electric energy in particular so closely bound up with the regulatory process, that the establishment of a Washington office is now clearly desirable," he said.

A native of Hartford, Connecticut, Beam holds a BS degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Richmond. He joined Appalachian in 1964 as a business administration trainee in Roanoke and was promoted to tax counsel in 1966. He was named company attorney in 1969.

Beam has served on the Virginia Task Force on State Taxation and is a commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

APCO RANKS NO. 1 IN GENERATING EFFICIENCY

Appalachian Power Company ranks No. 1 in steam-electric generating efficiency among all of the multi-plant electric utilities in the United States, while Ohio Power Company and Indiana & Michigan Electric Company also are among the top five. Further, among utilities with only one power plant, Kentucky Power is second best. These facts were learned in a recent study of the heat rates achieved in 1977 by a utilities operating fossil-fuel (coal, oil or gas) generating stations. Heat rate — a measure of the generating efficiency of a generating unit, power plant or an entire electric utility — is the number of Btu's of fuel energy required to produce one kilowatthour of electricity.

Appalachian Power's six coal-fired power plants last year achieved the lowest combined heat rate (9,418 Btu's per kwh generated) — and thus the highest efficiency — among all multi-plant utilities. Ohio Power placed fourth with a heat rate of 9,813 Btu's, and I&M was fifth at 9,833 Btu's.

Even the third-place Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (9,467 Btu's) has an American Electric Power System association: its two power plants were engineered and designed by AEP. Only runner-up Duke Power Company (9,451 Btu's), among the top five multi-plant companies, had no AEP connection.

Among utilities with only a single plant, Kentucky Power came in second to Canal Electric Company (9,079 Btu's) of New England. Kentucky's Big Sandy Plant operated at 9,502.

The most efficient AEP System plant last year was Appalachian Power's Clinch River Plant in Virginia. Its heat rate of 9,207 Btu's was fifth best in the nation. Two other System plants came in under 9,400 Btu's. I&M's Breed Plant (9,368 Btu's) was runner-up on the System and eighth best in the U. S., and the John E. Amos Plant (9,390 Btu's), jointly owned by Appalachian and Ohio Power, was AEP's third best and ninth in the nation.

Ten AEP System and OVEC plants ranked among the top 33 in the country, as follows:

AEP Rank	U.S. Rank	Plant	Btu's Per Kwh	Owner	State
1	5	Clinch River	9,207	A	Va.
2	8	Breed	9,368	I	Ind.
3	9	John E. Amos	9,390	A-O	W. Va.
—	11	Kyger Creek	9,419	OV	Ohio
4	15	Big Sandy	9,502	K	Ky.
—	17	Clifty Creek	9,506	OV	Ind.
5	18	Muskingum River	9,533	O	Ohio
6	20	Kanawha River	9,556	A	W. Va.
7	21	Philip Sporn	9,558	A-O	W. Va.
8	33	Mitchell	9,684	O	W. Va.

Key: A — Appalachian Power Co.; I — Indiana & Michigan Electric Co.; K — Kentucky Power Co.; O — Ohio Power Co.; OV — Ohio Valley Electric Corp.

The most efficient single power plant in the nation last year was Duke Power's Belews Creek Plant, with a heat rate of 8,852 Btu's per kwh.

The compilation of power plant efficiencies, taken from reports made by the utilities to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, was made by the AEP Service Corporation's Statistical Division.

KY. POWER WANTS TO BUY PORTION OF I&M PLANT

Citing a need to develop additional generating capacity by the early 1980s when its projections show customers will be demanding more electricity than can be produced internally, Kentucky Power Company announced plans to purchase a portion of an American Electric Power System generating plant now under construction at Rockport, Ind.

In a filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Kentucky Power sought authorization to invest approximately \$187 million, or 15% of the plant's total estimated cost of nearly \$1.3 billion, for a corresponding share of its generating capacity. Such investment would represent 390,000 kilowatts of additional capacity, some of which is expected to become available by 1981-82.

Rockport will have two coal-fired, 1.3-million-kw units and is being built by Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.

The new PSC filing requested a certificate of convenience and necessity for the 15% interest in Rockport, as well as authority to make bank borrowings in an amount up to \$100 million to help finance the acquisition of Kentucky Power's share of the Rockport Plant.

Kentucky Power will also seek required approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission for these transactions under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

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AEP SYSTEM NEWS BRIEFS

Kentucky Power Picks Carrs Site

Kentucky Power Company has selected the Carrs site, a 2,400-acre tract on the Ohio River about six miles downstream from Vanceburg, Kentucky, as the preferred location for its proposed 2.6 million kilowatt coal-burning plant. The company announced last December it was conducting preliminary studies of two possible plant sites, both in Lewis County.

The target date set for a draft environmental impact statement for the plant is next January.

Some 50 federal, state and local permits must be obtained to build the plant. Completion of the plant is expected during the 1983-85 period.

Bissinger Named To Plant Maintenance Post

H. A. Bissinger, who had been manager of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Tanners Creek Plant, has been named assistant manager of the AEP Service Corporation's Plant Maintenance Division and will move to Canton, Ohio. The appointment was effective September 1.

AEP Annual Report Wins Top Award

The American Electric Power Company annual report has won its ninth top award in the Reddy Communications Annual Report Competition — and its eighth in the past 11 years.

The 1977 AEP report was judged best in Reddy's 39th annual competition for investor-owned electric utilities.

AEP EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN

Date	Value Per Unit AEP Stock Fund	Units Credited Per Dollar
4/30/1978	0.9802	1.0202
5/31/1978	0.9572	1.0447
6/30/1978	0.9898	1.0103
7/31/1978	1.0537	0.9490
Fixed Income Fund		
4/30/1978	1.0216	0.9789
5/31/1978	1.0284	0.9724
6/30/1978	1.0351	0.9661
7/31/1978	1.0424	0.9593
Equity Fund		
4/30/1978	1.1060	0.9042
5/31/1978	1.1206	0.8924
6/30/1978	1.1072	0.9032
7/31/1978	1.1683	0.8559

As of July 1, 1978, the Fixed Income Fund interest rate was increased from 7.85 percent to 8.35 percent, an increase of one half of one percentage point. This new rate is guaranteed for the ten-year period from July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1988. Funds deposited in the Fixed Income Fund on or after July 1, 1978, earn 8.35 percent rate of interest. Funds deposited from January 1, 1978, through June 30, 1978, continue to earn interest at the previous rate of 7.85 percent. As the portion of the Fund earning interest at the 8.35 percent rate becomes larger, the composite interest rate will gradually increase. This change in the interest rate simply means that investments in the Fixed Income Fund will grow at a faster rate over the next ten years.

WHAT IS MEANT BY REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY CLAUSE IN MEDICAL PLAN

The AEP System's medical insurance plan is straightforward: it pays 80 percent of most covered medical expenses, after the employee meets a small deductible. But there is one aspect of the medical insurance plan that often causes confusion. That's the "reasonable and customary" clause, which states that coverage is in fact limited to 80 percent of the "reasonable and customary" cost of service.

When a claim is presented, Aetna, AEP's medical insurer, first establishes that the medical procedures for which payment is being requested were actually necessary. The medical plan will pay for treatment required by the illness or injury if the treatment is professionally accepted as the usual, customary and effective means of treating the problem.

For that usual, customary and effective treatment, there is generally a usual and customary charge. This cost varies from state to state and, in a city like New York, it could even vary slightly from neighborhood to neighborhood. Insurance companies keep tabs on costs of medical services and ask three questions when presented with a claim:

- What is the charge usually made for this service by this doctor, clinic or hospital?
- What is the usual charge for this service in this geographical area?
- Does this charge bear a reasonable resemblance to the cost of treatments that are of similar nature and complexity?

The insurance company establishes reasonable and customary charges by recording information on every claim processed: the treatment, the cost, the geographical location and the physician. Each claim submitted is compared to this schedule, which is continually updated.

Over 85 percent of the claims processed by Aetna qualify as reasonable and customary charges and are immediately processed. If a fee appears to be too high, the insurance company contacts the doctor

and asks for more information — the list of services on the bill may be incomplete, or there may have been complications which raised the cost. About two-thirds of bills questioned by Aetna are settled by asking the doctor's office for more information. On the remaining, unresolvable claims, Aetna pays 80 percent of what it believes to be a reasonable and customary charge. A letter of explanation is sent to the employee with his claim payment.

It's then up to the employee — almost. If the insurance company has said a fee is too high, that's good reason to discuss the claim with the doctor. (It's an even better idea to discuss the costs of a medical procedure, an operation, for instance, before undergoing it.) If it should turn out that the doctor and patient cannot agree on a fair charge, Aetna will pay the legal fees incurred by the employee in arriving at a solution in case of legal action following an unpaid medical bill.

Some hints to keep medical costs down:

- Check with the Personnel Department to make sure a given medical service is covered before incurring the cost.
- If the doctor recommends an elective operation, ask Personnel to obtain a range of reasonable and customary charges from the insurance company.
- Get a second opinion before any elective surgery.

IMPORTANT FEATURES

Here are some of the more important features of AEP's Group Medical Insurance Plan. Further details are available in the Protection Program booklet.

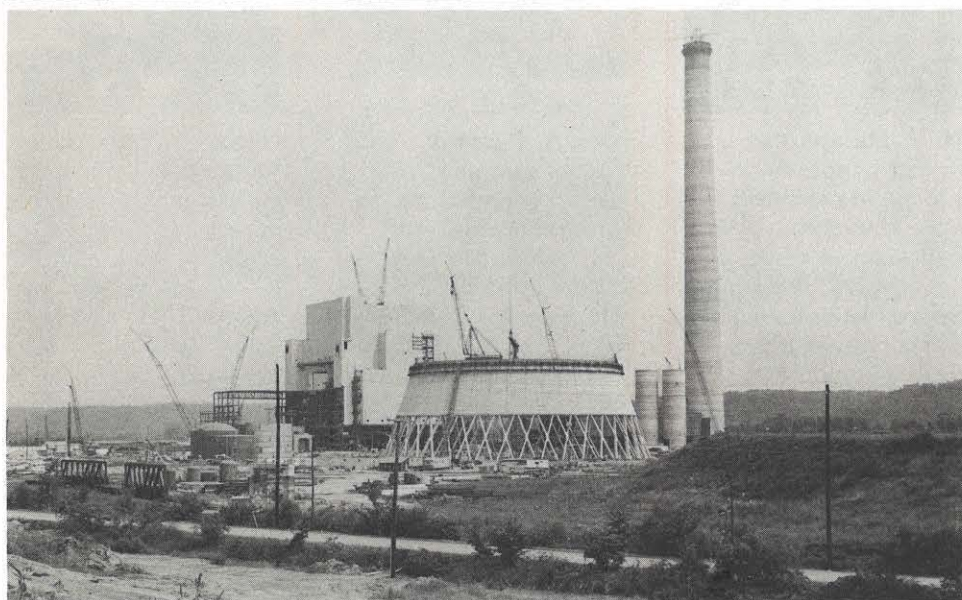
- Each employee has a \$250,000 lifetime maximum benefit. This benefit can be restored with the submission of evidence of good health.
- Although the annual deductible is \$50 per person, no family is required to meet a deductible of more than \$150 per year. This applies to families with at least four members.
- Once the deductible has been met, the plan pays 80 percent of most covered expenses. The employee pays only the remaining 20 percent.
- As soon as an employee pays out \$1,000 in covered medical expenses, including his deductible, in any one year, the plan pays all remaining covered medical expenses completely, providing 100 percent coverage for the rest of that year and all of the next year. The employee pays only the deductible for that second year. Since this benefit was added in January 1977, 40 System employees and their families have benefited from this full medical care feature.
- Maternity expenses are not subject to a deductible and are otherwise treated as any other covered medical expense.
- The Company presently pays 100 percent of the cost of the employee's medical insurance premium and 75 percent of the cost of the premiums for dependent coverage. The Plan costs the Company about \$8.5 million System-wide annually, amounting to one of the most expensive AEP benefit plans.

NEW CLENDENIN STATION IN USE

Charleston Division's new 25 mva Clendenin substation went into operation July 9. Power was interrupted for some 3,000 customers in the area from 10 minutes to 5½ hours while conversion was being made. Some 60 line mechanics and 21 vehicles were used during the process.

C. O. Carlini, Charleston division manager, said the work carried out along U. S. 119 from Elkview to Walton also includes some 50 miles of distribution lines converted to higher voltage. He notes, "The new equipment will enable us to better serve the growing demands for electricity in the Pinch-Cleldenin area." In the Pinch area a new substation transformer and a half mile of new line and associated equipment will be installed to increase the load-carrying capacity and reliability of the distribution line.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING ON MOUNTAINEER PLANT



More than 2,000 construction employees are at work on Appalachian Power Company's 1,300 megawatt Mountaineer Plant, taking shape on a 600-acre site near New Haven, West Virginia, on the Ohio River.

Concrete foundation work is nearly completed on the unit, turbine room and boiler room. The erection of structural steel is about 93 percent complete, with 17,050 tons already in place. The stack, which will one day tower 1,103 feet high to protect air quality, is already at an elevation of 989 feet. The x-shaped support legs of the cooling tower are in place and its hyperbolic shape is beginning to form. Twelve of 90 concrete veils have been poured.

Work is being performed on the hanging of collector plates and installation of the rapping systems on each of the four precipitator units. The precipitators are designed to remove 99.7 percent of the solid particulates from the plant's stack emissions.

Earth moving equipment is at work backfilling the coal yard to its final elevation. Foundation and concrete work are complete on the coal barge unloader, reclaim tunnel and coal stations #5 and #6. Progress is being made on the structural and mechanical aspects of each. Basic foundation work is on schedule for the coal stacker and conveyor systems.

Across Route 33 from the main plant site, grid and concrete foundation work is well under way on both the 765 kv and 138 kv switchyards. In addition, the bottom ash pond is being brought to grade and its clay liner being placed.

Ragnar-Benson, Inc., is the general contractor for the construction. Other contracts awarded are: Paul Coffey Construction Company, site preparation; Bristol Steel & Iron, steel erection; L. K. Comstock, Inc., electrical; Marley Cooling Tower, cooling tower erection; Union Boiler, precipitator construction; and CSI Contractor Service, Inc., general work.

Construction of the plant was announced in January 1974, but later that year Appalachian was forced to stretch out work because of the company's poor financial condition. Had work proceeded as scheduled, the plant was expected to cost \$420 million. Because of the delay, the plant is now estimated to cost not less than \$625 million.

The initial turbine roll is planned for the summer of 1980, with the plant going into commercial operation by the winter of 1980-81.

JOHN AMOS PLANT BEING READIED FOR OLD MAN WINTER

January 10, 1978. The first time ever that Appalachian Power had to appeal to its customers to voluntarily reduce their use of electricity to help ease a critical shortage in generating capacity caused by severe weather conditions.

The biggest contributing factor was frozen coal which clogged the chutes at the 2900 megawatt John E. Amos Plant. Plant Manager J. A. Moore recalls, "Our coal handling operation that week was half way between a disaster and a catastrophe. A considerable amount of rain fell the weekend before, followed by extremely cold weather in the zero range. The miners were on strike and we had to use coal from our stockpile. The wet coal froze in the chutes, plugging about everything around the stations."

He continues, "Generation on both units 1 and 2 varied greatly and unit 3 had to be removed because we could no longer run coal into the silos. The afternoon of January 10, the entire plant generation was 453 mwh net because of our inability to run coal into the plant."

Bernie Schmidt, control technician senior, recalls, "We had men in the chutes with jackhammers, literally busting themselves to clean the chutes out. We have several electric radiant heaters, and we scattered them out and tied them to the chutes in the station. It was pure hell around here for a couple of days. Everybody dug in. They really gave 150 percent effort!"

Problems such as these should not occur this winter because of a general winterization program at all of Appalachian's generating plants.

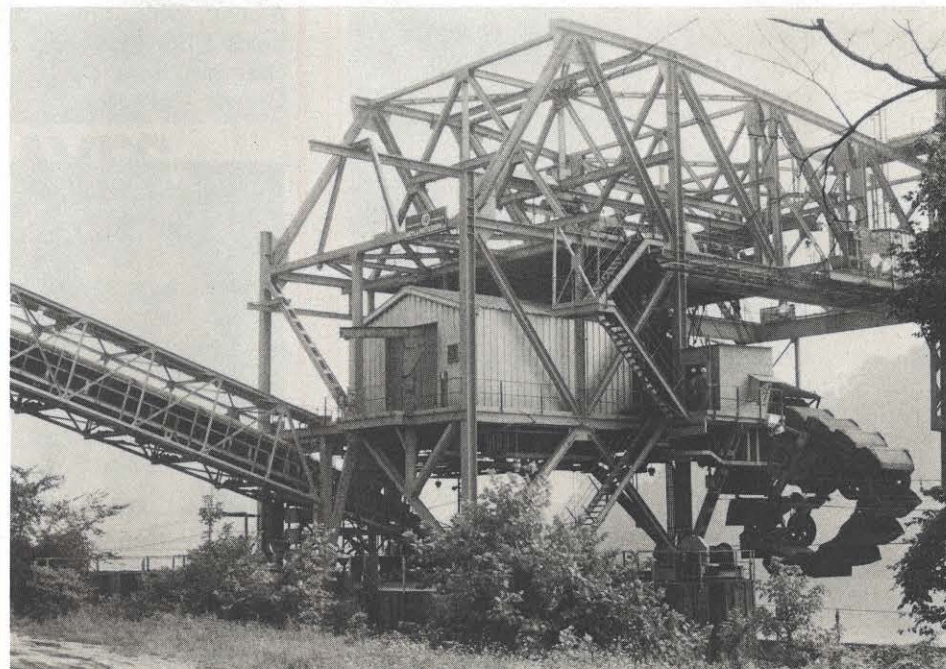
At Amos, for example, certain points on the coal conveyor system have been enclosed and heated so the coal can be warmed as it moves along the conveyor.

Jim Hart, Amos yard superintendent, says, "A coal cracker has been installed at the coal car dumping station to break up big chunks of coal that might be frozen in coal cars." He adds, "Of the 14 coal transfer stations at the plant, nine will have undergone some type of winterization before cold weather. At station 7, which is the key transfer point for all coal coming into the plant, heaters have been installed and the entrance and exits sealed. This station was not enclosed the morning of January 10 but was enclosed with canvas by midnight that night."

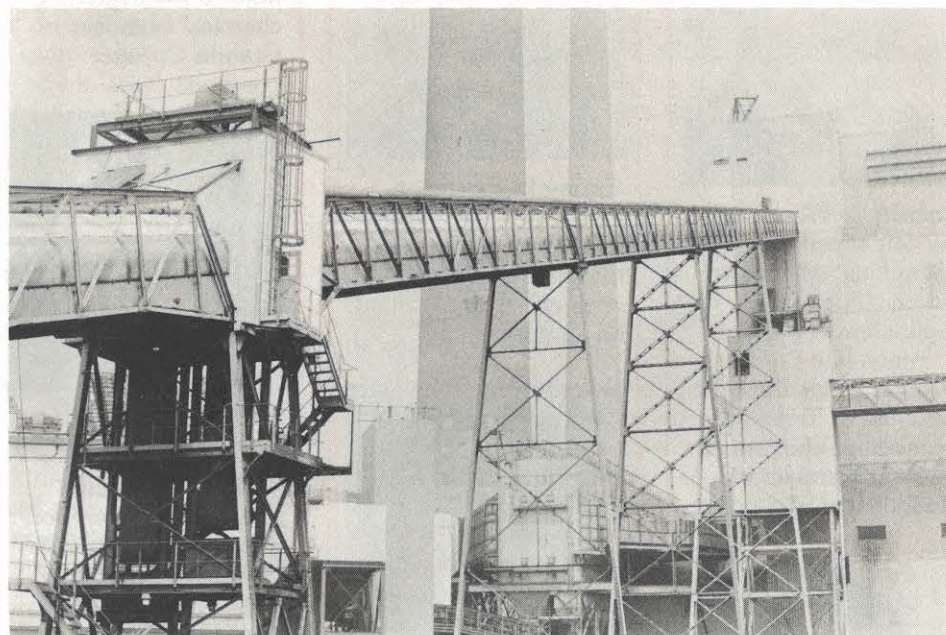
A car thawing shed with radiant heaters on each side can thaw four rail cars of coal at a time. Depending on how much they are frozen, a car can be thawed in four minutes or as long as half an hour. This equipment has been used since the second year of operation at Amos.

Schmidt notes, "We use antifreeze to put on the conveyor belts until the temperature rises to where we can use salt brine. After the stations were enclosed last winter, we didn't hardly have to use any at all. I ordered 18 drums this year, which includes enough for all the vehicles at the plant and what we have to use on belts."

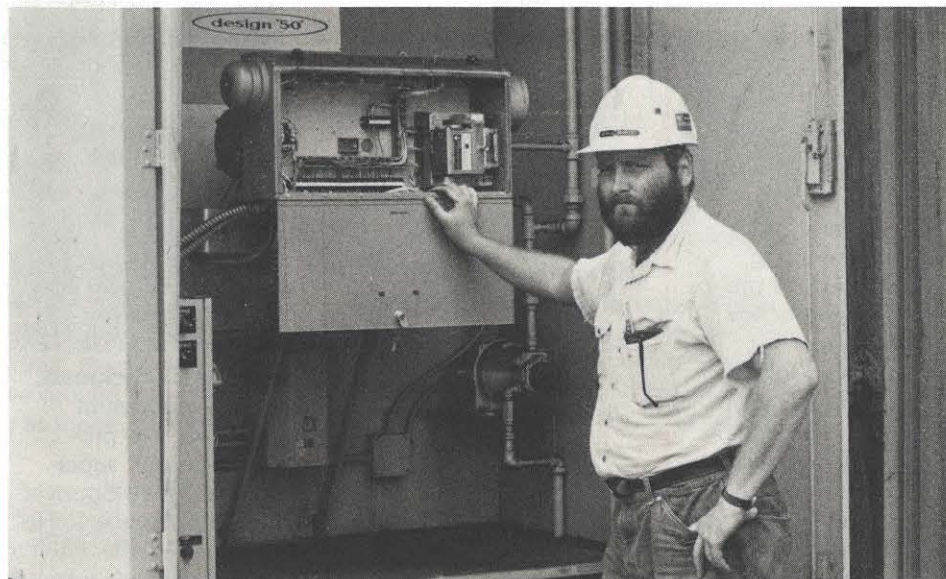
Moore concludes, "The winterization program at Amos we hope will be completely finished by December of this year. I think it will greatly enhance our capability."



This view shows a typical open conveyor coming from the river.



This closeup of No. 9 belts going into Amos Plant shows how the conveyor has been enclosed.

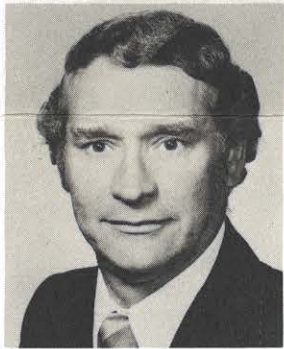


Bernie Schmidt stands beside the controls for a 2,000,000 btu oil-fired furnace which heats one of the stations.

MOVING UP



Wayne T. Pugh, former Huntington Division administrative assistant, was promoted to public information coordinator-nuclear in General Office Public Affairs, Lynchburg, on September 1. He holds a BS degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In his new position, Pugh will provide information on the company's studies of the possibility of building a nuclear generating plant in central Virginia.



Ronald E. Wentz, production superintendent-operations, will be promoted to operations superintendent at John E. Amos Plant effective October 1. He succeeds A. J. Trawick, who earlier was named assistant manager of Mountaineer Plant.



R. W. Adkins, performance supervising engineer, will be promoted to production superintendent-operations at John E. Amos Plant effective October 1, succeeding Wentz. Adkins holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.



Preston W. Hall, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Amos Plant on August 1.



Louis J. Karschnik, former assistant shift operating engineer, was promoted to shift operating engineer at Amos Plant on August 1.



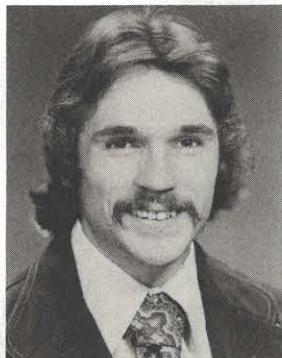
Jimmy L. Ferguson, former unit supervisor, was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer at Amos Plant on August 1.



Steven Z. Parsons, former performance engineer senior, was promoted to plant engineer at Amos Plant on August 1. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.



D. J. Love, former performance supervising engineer, was promoted to production superintendent-operations at Philip Sporn Plant on September 1. He succeeds J. J. Sebo, who transferred to the AEP Service Corporation, Albany, Ohio. Love holds a BS degree in chemistry from Rio Grande College.



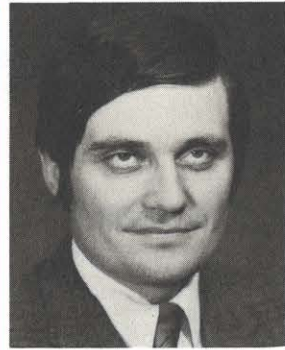
R. G. Workman, former chemist, was promoted to performance engineer senior at Philip Sporn Plant on September 1. He holds a BS degree in chemical from Rio Grande College.



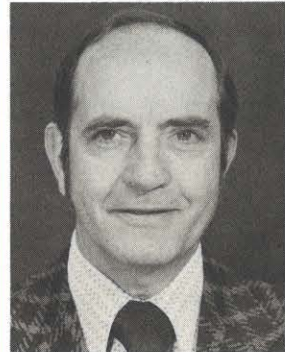
Walter R. Couch, former unit supervisor, was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn Plant on August 1.



Burton C. Hickman, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant on August 1. He succeeds W. R. Couch.



N. R. Humphreys, former performance supervising engineer, was promoted to plant performance superintendent at Philip Sporn Plant on August 1. He holds a BS degree in industrial technology from Ohio University.



R. M. Cooke, former performance engineer senior, was promoted to performance supervising engineer at Philip Sporn Plant on August 1. He succeeds N. R. Humphreys.



Wayne L. Carter, former supervisory assistant, was promoted to training coordinator at Philip Sporn Plant on August 1. He holds an associate in arts degree in management from National Business College and is attending Marshall University.



Charles H. Evans, former plant performance superintendent at Philip Sporn Plant, was promoted to plant engineer (electrical) at Central Machine Shop on August 1. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Ohio University.



Don A. Parsons, former machinist 1st class, was promoted to production supervisor at Central Machine Shop on September 1. He succeeds Don Runnion, who resigned.



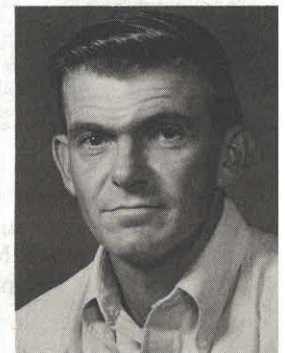
James C. Musgrave, former personnel supervisor at the River Transportation Division of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, was promoted to personnel supervisor of Mountaineer Plant on September 1. He holds a BS degree in advertising and retailing from Marshall University and has attended the American Electric Power System Management Training Program at the University of Michigan.



Gary G. Watson, former Logan service supervisor, was promoted to Logan-Williamson Division line and station superintendent on August 1. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. Watson succeeds M. A. White, whose promotion was announced in the August issue of *The Illuminator*.



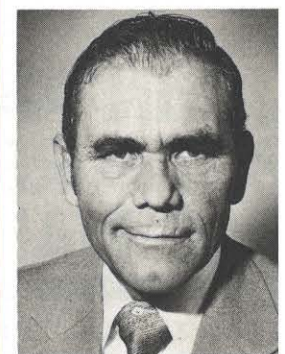
Harold E. Garrett, former meter electrician A, was promoted to service supervisor at Logan in the Logan-Williamson Division on August 1. He succeeds Gary Watson.



Grover C. Wooten, Jr., former station mechanic A, was promoted to station crew supervisor NE in the Logan-Williamson Division on August 5.



Ruth J. Noe, former plant clerk A, was promoted to office supervisor at Clinch River Plant on July 1. She succeeds J. T. Burnton, who retired.



C. E. Fowler, Jr., former area service restorer, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE at Point Pleasant in the Huntington Division on June 10.

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GEORGE GULL, FATHER OF APCO MICROWAVE SYSTEM, RETIRES



"I started working for Appalachian as a maintenance worker at Danville, Virginia, in 1936. I did everything from painting a transformer to digging ditches," recalls George M. Guill, Jr., who elected early retirement August 1. He was assistant to the communications superintendent in General Office T&D Communications, Roanoke.

George continues, "In 1939 I was transferred to Turner Station near Charleston, West Virginia, as an operator. In 1942 the company was looking for someone to do the radio interference and carrier current communication work in Charleston Division. At that time they were considering radio, and I had my first class FCC license so I got the job. I installed the first FM radio system in Charleston. In 1949 I was transferred to Roanoke and put in charge of the V.H.F. radio system. We started out with one base station and ten mobile units. Now it has grown to 900 mobile units and 55 base stations."

George, who in 1945 had recommended the company install a microwave system, notes that he was in charge of installing microwave to every location where we now have it. "The first microwave system was installed between Canton and Zanesville, Ohio, to the Philo Plant, which is now out of service."

His most recent accomplishments were installing company-owned or leased telephone systems in several locations. George says, "I have enjoyed my work and the outstanding employees I have been associated with over the years. As far as communications is concerned, I have done just about everything. I will miss the contacts with vendors and manufacturers. I have been very lucky and fortunate over the years. When I got out of high school, I wanted to work for a big company . . . and I have!"

An amateur radio operator, George plans to spend a lot of time talking on his radio. His call letters are W4VAN. "Through the years I have spent many hours talking with Graham Claytor and Harold Turner, former vice presidents of the AEP Service Corporation." His retirement plans include travel, golf, photography, following the stock market and attending shareholder meetings and possibly some consulting work. He is a member of Roanoke's First Baptist Church and the American Radio Relay League.

George has had a CB license ever since they were authorized by the FCC but it was only recently that he became the owner of a CB. And then only because a Lincoln Continental town car came with the radio! In case any of his friends want to chat, George's CB handle is "the yellow goose" and the call sign is KXT 7528.



BEATTY LEAVES STOREKEEPING WORRIES BEHIND

"Maybe I can quit worrying about poles and wire and if the company is going to get material in when it's needed or run out," says Alfred W. Beatty, who retired September 1 as Roanoke Division stores supervisor.

Al estimates that while he was stores supervisor he ordered in excess of 100,000 poles alone. "Even with all the material ordered, I feel I've been very fortunate to have enjoyed my work one hundred percent. If I had it to do all over again, I think I would do the same."

Al logged more than 43 years' service with Appalachian, most of which was spent in stores work. He was employed as an office boy in 1935 and was assistant storekeeper and assistant stores supervisor before being promoted to stores supervisor in 1953.

Al worked for Mick-or-Mack for two years before a friend helped him get on at Appalachian. He recalls, "When I went to work, you could hardly buy a job. Curtis Roberson, now retired GO properties representative, was a good friend of mine. He was Jack Hancock's secretary at the time. I guess I worried Curtis to death about a job, and he finally got me on. He was in charge of us office fellows then."

"Curtis told me one of my duties would be to get W. I. Whitefield's cigarettes each morning. He said that Mr. Whitefield would peck on the desk when he wanted me to come in. He used a quarter to get my attention, and I would take it across the street to the old Garland Drug Store each morning for two packs of Phillip Morris."

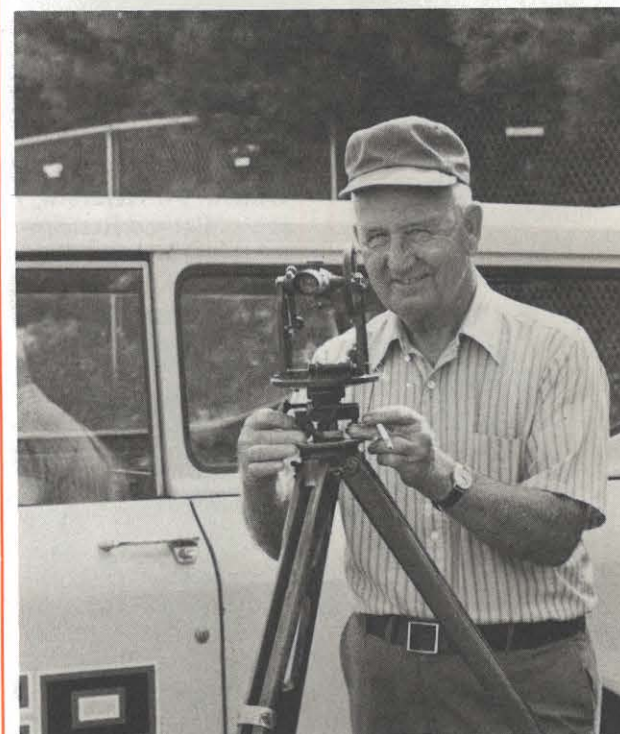
Al served as a storekeeper in the Navy during World War II. He says, "After schooling in stores work, I was told that I would be assigned to a mine sweeper. Somehow the disbursing officer in charge managed to pull some strings. There were ten of us that left the school together, and we were kept on base the entire time. About the closest I got to a mine sweeper was when the crew was paid each month. I wasn't looking for any medals — heck no — I just wanted to get out!"

Four incidents stand out in Al's mind as memorable events during his career: the floods of 1942 and 1972 and the times when the storeroom was moved to another location. He recalls, "My predecessor retired, and two months after I took over we moved all the material to another building. Keeping track of it all was a real job. In 1973 we moved into the new service center building, having to move our stock of material again."

"That flood of '42 might have been a blessing for me," he chuckles. "We had a lot of old junk, and in those days you didn't scrap anything. When the flood came, there was so much water damage and mud all over everything that most of the material had to be disposed of." In the 1972 flood, water was about two feet deep in the warehouse.

Al says that he has no definite plans for retirement. "My wife Gladys and I are just going to take it a day at a time." He is a member of the Roanoke Civitan Club and the First Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, where he is a deacon, member of the executive committee, and has been treasurer for 26 years.

GLASS ELECTS EARLY RETIREMENT



"When I came to work in 1946 there were three survey crews and two contract crews. There was very little electricity in the rural areas," recalls Samuel M. Glass, who was a Lynchburg Division surveyor before electing early retirement August 1.

Sam began his career as a transitman. He notes, "The first day on the job, I never had a chance to get into the building. Jim Mundy was in charge of the survey crews. He introduced me around and said, 'I'll see you about 4:30'. It was 12 degrees and there were five or six inches of snow on the ground. I had just come back from the South Pacific where the temperature had been over 100 degrees and I about froze."

Sam adds that when he first came to work, "we used to go into Nelson County and stay at farm houses. When we didn't stay at a home, we stayed at the Scottsville Hotel. In those days we had to cut our own firewood to use at the hotel if we wanted to stay warm."

Sam is proud of the fact that he is still using the same transit today that he started with in 1946. According to some of his co-workers, he doesn't need it. They say he has become so proficient that he can site distances and turn angles without using his transit.

Although Sam is reticent about some of his experiences in past years, not so his co-workers. Jack Collins, engineering technician senior, tells about the time they were up at Nydris Farm where the VanCliefs raise race horses. He said the farm manager's wife and daughter were exceptionally pretty women. One day while, Jack, Sam, Tom Hill and Brian Higgins were working there, the two ladies walked by, followed by some beagles. As the ladies walked out of sight, Sam said, "They sure were beautiful beagles." At that time Sam was interested in rabbit hounds. The other men were interested in the ladies. Jack said, "Sam, if Lady Godiva went by here on her horse, you'd admire the horse!"

During retirement, Sam says, "We're going to travel over the country because my wife hasn't done much traveling." He enjoys gardening, hunting and fishing. A member of American Legion Post 16, he is secretary of the men's Bible class at Flat Creek Baptist Church.

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

Abingdon

Vickie Carr, daughter of Records Supervisor V. T. Carr, received the President's Award for the spring quarter at Virginia Highlands Community College. She had a 4.0 average.

John E. Amos

The South Putnam All-Stars, coached by C. E. "Jocko" Broyles, maintenance mechanic A, and C. E. Lewis, utility operator A, posted a 12-4 record for the season to take the Babe Ruth League championship. Sponsored by the Hurricane Lions Club, the team played in the Shriners Tournament in Huntington and the Babe Ruth Tournament in Ripley. Among the players were **Jimmy Goff**, son of Irene Goff, plant clerk B, and **David Hollins**, son of L. E. Hollins, assistant shift operating engineer. In addition to coaching, Broyles also manages the team.

Beckley

J. A. Kirby, T&D clerk A, and **R. E. Dyke**, line mechanic A, were elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Southern Coalfield Football Officials Association.

John Hall and **Eugene Warner**, meter readers, were members of the NAPA softball team which was invited to participate in the West Virginia State Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament.



Tyrone Hall, son of Meter Reader J. T. Hall, was one of three members of the Beckley Little League Falcons baseball team to receive the Golden Glove award for outstanding fielding.

Bluefield

Ben Bates, retired meter supervisor, and his wife **Irene** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Their son and two daughters were home to celebrate with them.

Helen Vermillion, wife of Meter Superintendent John Vermillion, was installed as conductress of the Bluefield Chapter 66, Order of the Eastern Star.

William M. Heldreth, son of Retired Residential Representative Ray Heldreth, has joined the Technical Systems Planning Department of Detroit Edison Company as a senior engineering analyst. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from The Citadel and a master's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He formerly worked for a Detroit consulting firm.

Cindy Mash, daughter of Mary Lou Mash, customer accounts representative B, was a member of the Dave Shields girls' softball team which went undefeated in league play this summer. She played third base.

Duke Wright, retired administrative assistant, was first flight winner in the annual Richwood Golf Club championship tournament.

Charleston



Robert Lee Bird, son of Meter Reader Robert Bird, was one of ten outstanding paper carriers to be awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Charleston Newspapers. A Charleston Daily Mail carrier for four years, Robert has enrolled as a music major at West Virginia University. He was selected as a trombonist for the WVU marching band and attended a one-week camp for band members in August.

Melissa Taylor, daughter of Customer Accounting Supervisor Pat Taylor, was elected co-head majorette of the Sissonville Chiefs Little League football team.

Cal Carlini, division manager, was elected vice chairman of the Charleston Junior Achievement board of directors. He and four other board members from Charleston attended a fly-in at Indiana University in connection with a JA conference attended by 4,000 persons.

Clinch River



Robert L. Parks, Jr., son of R. L. Parks, maintenance mechanic A, was named outstanding young rescue squad member for 1978 by Russell County Rescue Squad Unit #1. He is enrolled in the nursing program at Southwest Virginia Community College.



Denise McMillan, daughter of Noel E. McMillan, maintenance mechanic A, was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for the second consecutive year. She was also named to "Who's Who In Music" for 1978 and "Who's Who In Band". Denise received a trophy for being the most improved volleyball player, was selected to participate in all-state chorus and was a member of the cast of the senior play at Abingdon High School. Denise was also awarded a \$100 senior class scholarship.

General Office

A. L. Stebar, automotive transportation supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, was elected senior vice president of the Electric Utility Fleet Managers' Conference.

Kingsport

Joyce Potter, private secretary, was reelected corresponding secretary of the Kingsport Altrusa Club.

Lynchburg

R. B. Waggoner, division office supervisor, was a delegate to the 114th annual Elks national convention in San Diego, California. He is Exalted Ruler of the Lynchburg Lodge.

Cathy Davenport, daughter of Division Manager J. Robert Davenport, was one of seven senior high school students from Rivermont Presbyterian Church attending the "Fun in the Sun" youth conference camping program at Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Pulaski

Mary Jo Sisson, daughter of Right of Way Agent S. L. Sisson, has been promoted to assistant credit analyst, Central Region Credit Department, of the Virginia National Bank in Charlottesville. A former AEP Educational Award winner, Mary Jo is a graduate of Wake Forest University and joined VNB last year as a management trainee.

Roanoke

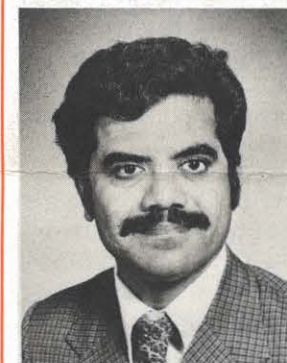


Lynn Reese, daughter of Records Supervisor Richard Reese, graduated summa cum laude from Madison University with a master's degree in psychology. She maintained a 4.0 average.

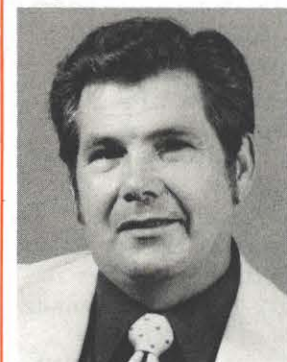
Meryl Bullard, daughter of Engineering Technician Senior Earl Bullard, was inducted into Sigma Alpha Iota, an international honor music fraternity for women. She is a senior at East Carolina University.

Bill Faucette, son of Engineering Technologist Supervisor John Faucette, was selected to serve on the judicial panel of the honor system for the College of Arts and Sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. The judicial panel of students and faculty members hears cases of honor code violations. Bill is a computer science major at the school.

TWO EARN PE STATUS



Satpute



Bradshaw

B. B. Satpute, Huntington electrical engineer, and **Robert W. Bradshaw**, Charleston power engineer senior, have been approved for registration as professional engineers in the State of West Virginia. Satpute, who was employed in 1969, attended Osmania Engineering and did postgraduate work at West Virginia University.

Bradshaw holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology and is working towards a master of science engineering-electrical engineer emphasis at

West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. He began his career in 1958 as an electrical engineer.

BOND SALES GOOD

The returns are in on the 1978 Appalachian Power U. S. Savings Bond Drive.

R. A. Youngman, GO general services supervisor and chairman of the bond drive, reports that 1,395 or 34% of Appalachian employees now participate in the payroll savings plan.

The 1978 bond drive added 149 new savers and 24 current members increased their payroll savings.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

General Office

D. R. Brammer, station clerk A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, three gallons.

MEN SHARE WORK IDEAS

Four Appalachian Power employees shared suggestions for improving performance and saving money in the July/August issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

W. H. Kahle, station crew supervisor, NE; **W. R. Parcell**, station mechanic A; and **W. C. Prillaman**, station mechanic C, all of Roanoke Division's Fieldale office, collaborated on "Power Source For Trip-Testing Reclosers". **W. C. Mitchell**, T&D clerk A in Abingdon Division's Marion office, wrote "Pushes Snow With Forklift".



Lorene Nester (left), wife of Arnie Nester, Clinch River Plant maintenance supervisor, and Nancy Ascue proudly display the award presented the Russell County Extension staff. Both Lorene and Nancy are extension agents. The Russell County staff was one of three in the State of Virginia recognized by the Extension Division at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for outstanding team achievement and for educational program accomplishments in family resources, 4-H, agriculture and community resource development.



Fred Fullen, Abingdon Building Services (background), coached the Meadowview Chargers to a 9-1 record for the season, placing them first in the YMCA-affiliated league.



Sports is bound to be a big topic of conversation around the home of Emma Clark, Roanoke meter reader. In her first year as coach, she guided the Williamson Road Bluejays girl's softball team to a 4-3 record and was awarded a plaque of appreciation. Her son Marshall was awarded a trophy as a member of the Williamson Road Twins baseball team, which posted an 11-1 record during regular season play and had three consecutive wins to take the Roanoke City championship for 11-13-year-olds in the Paul Coffey League.



The customer accounting section in the Charleston office was presented with a plaque for their outstanding contributions to the Operations Improvement Program for the first half of 1978. Employees submitted eight proposals, topping all other sections in the division. Pat Taylor, customer accounting supervisor (right), accepts the plaque from Harold Wiseman, electrical engineer and Charleston OIP coordinator.



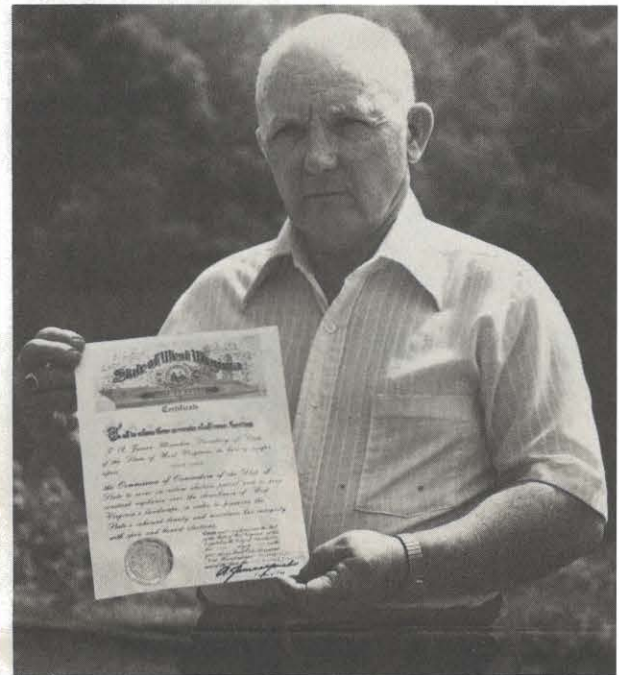
Sons of three Clinch River Plant employees were members of the Lebanon All-Stars which played in the state tournament in Front Royal, Va. Although defeated by the '78 champions, they were heroes at home because Lebanon was by far the smallest town to have a team in finals action. From left, David Jonas, son of Chemist Don Jonas; Roy Perry, son of Maintenance Mechanic B Larry Perry; and Tom-Tom Watson, son of Maintenance Superintendent Tom Watson. Jonas and Perry were outfielders while Watson handled the hot corner at third for the Lebanon entry.



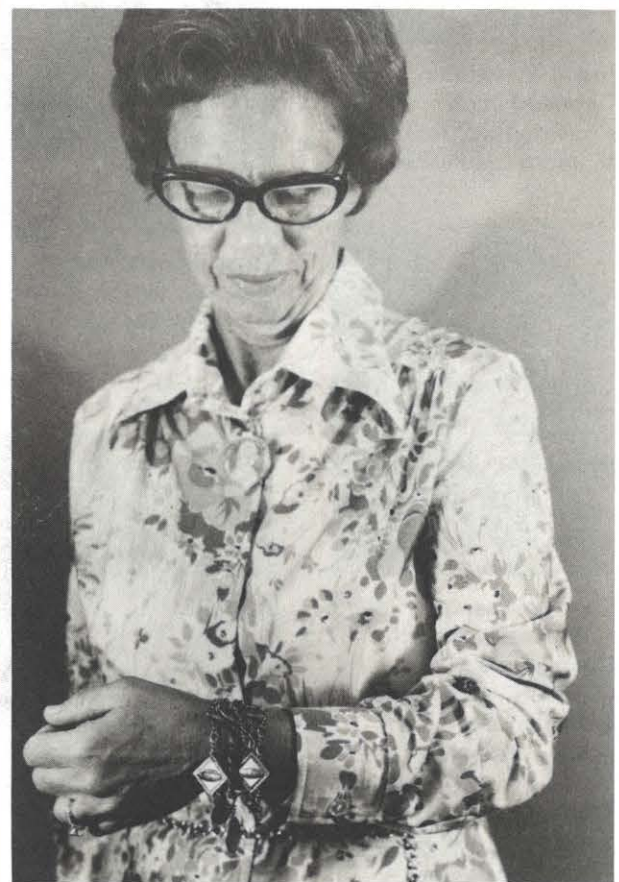
Timothy Ferrell, son of R. E. Ferrell, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Abingdon Regional Dispatch Office, received four certificates of excellence and two superlative awards from Abingdon Elementary School for 1977-78. He was selected as best sport and most mannerly by his fellow students and was named by his teachers as most poetic boy, best boy speller, best all around student and the recipient of the fifth grade mathematics award. He also received a two-year perfect attendance award.



Edison Electric Institute has presented its safety achievement award to the employees of Clinch River Plant, who accrued 1,000,000 safe work hours from February 15, 1975, to March 10, 1978. Admiring the award are, from left, Con Powers, maintenance supervisor; T. W. Abolin, plant manager; and Betty Snead, secretary.



Archie Searls, Kanawha River Plant maintenance mechanic B, has been commissioned Commodore of the Ship of State by James A. Manchin, secretary of state of the State of West Virginia. Searls will serve on active election patrols and keep constant vigilance over the cleanliness of West Virginia's landscape to preserve the state's inherent beauty and maintain her integrity with open and honest elections.



Katryn Wilkerson, Charleston secretary-stenographer, has made a charm bracelet from her eight Appalachian Power Company service anniversary pins. She began her career in 1939 but, because of broken service, has two five-year pins.

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Susan Laine Saunders, daughter of M. L. Saunders, Jr., Pulaski station mechanic A, to James Bradley Alderman, July 22.



Edith McReynolds to **Richard Long**, Kingsport line mechanic A, June 2.



Misty Y. Napier, Beckley junior stenographer, to Terry V. Martin, July 21.



Carolyn Theresa Arata to **Michael Howard Spangler**, son of Charles L. Spangler, Glen Lyn Plant personnel supervisor, July 1.

Judith S. Needs to **John R. Riley**, Philip Sporn Plant coal handler, July 1.

Lynn Macri to **Paul J. Cianchetti, Jr.**, Lynchburg electrical engineer, July 1.



Deidre Lynn Harless to **Stacey Byron Havens**, Bluefield line mechanic D, July 15.



Diahn Lynn Meador to **Russell W. Calfee**, Bluefield engineering technician, July 1.



Tammie Lynn Evans to **James Michael Hannah**, Logan-Williamson meter reader, June 16.



Vicki Aileen Doss, daughter of J. P. Doss, Roanoke line crew supervisor, to Charles Cox Clegg, August 5.



Debora Plymale to **L. D. Thompson**, Huntington line mechanic C, July 1.

Barbara DeFrancesco to **David Tillman Tibbs**, son of Roy A. Tibbs, retired Lynchburg commercial engineer, June 24.



Mary Sharon Nees to **Randolph G. Golladay**, Lynchburg line mechanic D, June 24.



Melanie Ann Munsey, daughter of J. W. Munsey, regional chief dispatcher, GO Operations, Tri-State Dispatch, to Walter Newman Adkins, June 17.



Sandra Lynne Will to **Earl Rucker Driskill, Jr.**, son of E. R. Driskill, Lynchburg residential representative, August 12.

Delores Ellen Wheeler to **James Lewis Craig**, Kanawha River Plant utility operator, July 15.

Carolyn B. Smith, daughter of Clyde M. Brown, Lynchburg custodian, to Kirk J. Lausterer, June 10.

Patricia O'Shea to **Kim Lee Martin**, son of R. W. Martin, Oak Hill area supervisor in Beckley Division, July 15.

Denise M. Talbott to **Sidney J. Manual**, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance mechanic D, June 17.

Florence M. Richmond to **Roger W. Stearns**, Philip Sporn Plant instrument mechanic A, June 25.

Patricia Fender to **R. L. Turpin**, Pulaski station mechanic D, July 21.

Linda Maxie to **Melvin M. Lucas, Jr.**, engineering technician, GO Hydro, Roanoke, July 8.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon **Ashley Kathryn**, daughter of **J. L. Weddle**, Marion area supervisor A, July 11.

John E. Amos **Lisa Marie**, daughter of **Daniel Wolfingbarger**, control technician, July 2.

Ceateetra DeMia, daughter of **William F. Booker**, equipment operator, August 7.

Beckley **Eric Brandon**, son of **Charles R. Dillon**, surveyor, August 9.

Central Machine Shop **Kimberly Dawn**, daughter of **John Dunlap**, welder 1st class, July 26.

Centralized Plant Maintenance **Micha Nicole**, daughter of **Michael R. Nester**, maintenance mechanic A, August 4.

Charleston **Deborah Ann**, daughter of **Anna Cyphers**, secretary, July 24.

Clinch River **Christopher**, son of **Samuel C. Amos**, equipment operator, July 8.

Christopher, son of **David Prater**, yard helper, June 25.

General Office **Kimberly Ann**, daughter of **R. P. Musselman**, utility helper, GO Operations, Roanoke, August 1.

Richard Marshall, son of **R. W. Coeburn**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, July 13.

Alissa Rae, daughter of **D. R. McFann**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission Line, Kenova, June 24.

Kelly Linn, daughter of **Ricky Brooks**, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke, August 11.

Jackson Keith, son of **Debbie Farrar**, junior stenographer, GO General Services, Roanoke, July 31.

Huntington **Jamie D.**, daughter of **Thomas E. Wells**, station mechanic A, July 18.

Logan-Williamson **Joseph Wayne**, son of **Jerry W. Thompson**, Madison line mechanic C, July 26.

Lynchburg **Ivy Shenea**, daughter of **Russell G. Ramsey, Jr.**, meter electrician D, August 3.

Roanoke **Andrea Nicole**, daughter of **Harry J. Berger, Jr.**, Rocky Mount line mechanic D, August 3.

Philip Sporn **Douglas E., II**, son of **Camielle Y. Thompson**, secretary-stenographer, August 3.

NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

Abingdon **Charles Talley**, electrical engineer.

John E. Amos **Freddy Sisk** and **Mary Aliff**, control technicians junior. **Mary Harper**, custodian.

Roxanne Kincaid, junior clerk. **Mark Duncan**, **Kevin Dennis** and **Michael Rock**, performance engineers. **George Bradford, Jr.**, engineer B. **Stephen Edds**, utility worker.

Lyle Ray, **Jack Shirkey**, **Edward Null**, **Rex Eggleton**, **Stephen Horwath**, **David Campbell**, **Benton Marks**, **Robert Hughes** and **Harvey Hines**, utility workers, yard.

Beckley **Judith Smith**, custodian.

Bluefield **Michael Brunty**, Pineville meter reader. **Kenneth Young**, Welch line mechanic D.

Central Machine Shop **Thomas Asbury**, machinist 1st class.

Charleston **Antonio Moss**, **Donald Haaland** and **Gary Higginbotham**, meter readers. **Tonsi Winter**, junior clerk.

Clinch River **Ronald Harrison**, stores attendant. **Tamara Talbert** and **Helen Moretz**, plant clerks C. **Donald Brown**, **Russell Ferguson**, **Marcus Pruitt** and **Thacker Smith, Jr.**, utility workers B. **Robert Mullins, Jr.**, performance engineer.

General Office **Clarence Snyder**, engineering technician, GO T&D Communications, Huntington.

Mark Swart, utility worker B, GO Hydro, Roanoke. **Russell Williams**, operations engineer, GO Operations, Roanoke.

Michael Kline, electrical engineer-hydro, GO Hydro, Roanoke. **Robert Whitaker**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Paul York**, business trainee, GO Accounting, Huntington. **Robert White**, engineering technician, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

Huntington **J. D. Watkins**, meter reader. **Donna Holley**, junior clerk.

Kanawha River **Changiz Azizi**, performance engineer. **James Martin**, utility worker B.

Lynchburg **Shirley Spinner**, cashier C.

Mountaineer Construction **Scott McClung**, civil construction assistant II, Amos FAP. **Dennis Ireland**, mechanical construction assistant II. **Robert Sanders**, civil construction assistant II. **Charles R. Swigger**, civil construction assistant. **Jerry Durst**, construction timekeeper II. **Donna Marr**, junior clerk. **John Malcolm**, construction accountant C, Amos FAP. **James Runyon**, mechanic construction assistant I.

Pulaski **R. L. Kern**, electrical engineer.

Roanoke **Toni Nichols**, junior clerk. **Donna Switzer**, part-time junior clerk.

AGELESS WONDERS FEATURE RETIREE ERNEST LAYNE



From left, Goldie Layne, Lady Bird Johnson and Ernest Layne.

Retired Lynchburg Records Clerk Ernest Layne and his wife Goldie are featured members of The Ageless Wonders, a group of senior citizens in Lynchburg who have toured from Florida to Canada since their organization ten years ago. Ernest has three vocals and Goldie has one, while both are featured dancing the Charleston.

There are 43 members in the group, with an average age of 78. The theme of the show is changed annually; this year's is "Down Memory Lane". They begin rehearsing in November and have the show ready to go on tour in the spring. Last year they performed for Jimmy Carter at the White House.

Ernest joined the Ageless Wonders in April of this year. He says, "I was hesitant about going, but Goldie and the group kept after me to attend one of the rehearsals. One day I decided to attend; and, after half an hour, the enthusiasm was so great among the group that I joined in. Within a short time I was as enthusiastic as the rest and am now overjoyed to be one of the group. We practice twice a week for four hours. It really keeps me busy because we are either rehearsing or performing, but it is such a joy to be with this enthusiastic bunch. Wherever we go people are amazed to see a group of senior citizens acting like a bunch of teenagers!"

At one performance, a college girl came up to Ernest and said, "I saw you on TV with the Ageless Wonders when I was in college in Indianapolis, Indiana." Another time Professional Golfer Hale Irwin commented on the fact that Ernest was one of the Ageless Wonders, and Ernest retaliated by asking Irwin for his autograph.

When they performed for the Virginia State Democratic Convention, the group presented Lt. Governor Charles Robb and his wife with a baby crib. Robb invited them to his home in McLean; and, when they arrived, Lady Bird Johnson, former first lady and Robb's mother-in-law, rushed out to the bus. She said, "Don't tell me, I know who you are." Ernest replied, "No, you don't know me. I have never met you before." Lady Bird responded, "But I feel like I know you; I've heard so much about the group I feel I know you personally." Ernest recalls that she seemed to be overjoyed to meet them and was "just as down to earth as anyone I have ever met".

Mrs. Johnson invited them to the L. B. J. Ranch in Austin, Texas, to perform at a barbecue. The group plans to leave on tour September 25 and will make scheduled appearances down and back, returning to Lynchburg on October 7.

Ernest is no stranger to music. He sang in a quartet from Euclid Christian Church for four years and traveled all over the eastern United States. He has been directing church choirs since 1947 and is currently director at Perkins Park Christian Church.



AGE NO BARRIER FOR LEARNING TO SWIM

Seventy-seven-year-old Pauline Kingery swims twice each day, dances, hikes, jogs, is active in her church and Eastern Star chapter and, in her spare time, takes "those old folks" at the nursing home to doctors.

The widow of James B. Kingery, former Roanoke collector, Pauline says, "When my doctor told me he could feel little pulse in my legs, I knew I had to do something. So I enrolled in the beginner's swim class at Fallon Park pool. Now when I feel bad, I go out and do things and I feel great."

Pauline has made quite a hit at the pool. The pool manager presented her with a certificate for "outstanding effort". Her neighbor, whose son is also a member of the swimming class, said, "Pauline is a wonderful person. She is an inspiration to us all." She was recently presented an American National Red Cross card for completing the advanced beginner's swim class. "I'm just as proud of it as if I'd won an Olympic award," she smiles.

Pauline confides, "The cutest thing happened. A friend of mine told me her 88-year-old neighbor said, 'What about that old lady out there trying to swim. Isn't that ridiculous?' My friend told her, 'No, I don't think that at all. She's a dear friend of mine, and I think she's to be admired.'"

The only thing Pauline doesn't like about swimming is that she has to show off her body. "I feel half naked in the little skimp," she said in referring to her bathing suit. "Fashions in swimsuits nowadays are nothing like they used to be. They just embarrass me to death. I wish I could make it longer. As a young girl, going on an excursion to Virginia Beach, I wore black rib stockings and a bathing suit that came halfway down to my ankles like bloomers," Pauline recalls.

Swimming has left Pauline's muscles stiff, and many mornings she said she didn't think she'd be able to make it through the day. "The exercise has improved my circulation problem though. I just might throw all my pills away."

When she's not swimming, Pauline spends time with the "old folks". "Sometimes I take them out in the mountains to camp." She doesn't go to public parks to camp because she can't get close to nature there. "I'd as soon camp in downtown Roanoke as to go to a public campsite," she states.

When asked what she likes most, Pauline replies, "hunting of any type. I have a 20-gauge L. T. Smith double barrel that my papa gave me, and everyone is trying to buy it. They don't think I know it's a collector's gun."

MITZIE NAFF PERFORMS WITH WESTMINSTER CHOIR IN ITALY



Mitzie Naff, daughter of Roanoke Right of Way Agent Ralph Naff, is a member of the touring choir from Westminster Choir College which performed in Italy during July. The touring choir has 44 members and Mitzie was one of eight cast in the opera, "Cosi Fan Tutte". Mitzie explains, "In English, it means 'so do they all'. It's a story of two women who were unfaithful to their husbands when they went off to war."

She continues, "When we arrived in Spoleto, Italy, I learned that my luggage was in a storage building across town. There had been a mix-up, and my things were sent to the wrong place." Her problems weren't over once the luggage was found. "I flagged down a cab; and, when he stopped, I realized my Italian wasn't very good after all. He couldn't understand what I was saying. Fortunately, the name I had on my tag gave the address where the choir was staying."

Mitzie offers, "Since my father works for Appalachian, this may be interesting: The electricity in Spoleto — sometimes you had it and sometimes you didn't. It wasn't very dependable. With 30 girls staying at the convent, all with hair dryers, we rarely had electricity."

Spoleto was special for the disco set. She notes, "For a small town, the disco places were very elegant. They were modern in design, with lights shining up through the floors, and featured excellent music. Once, following an evening of dance, a young local was determined to go home with me. He had his hands outstretched as if to say, 'why not'. After repeated no's, I turned a cone of cream upside down in his hand. He didn't ask any more," she laughed.

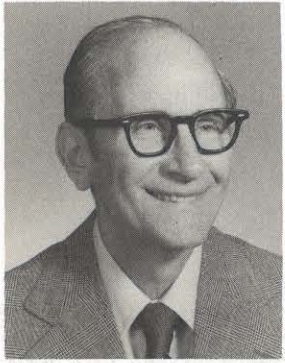
The choir tour was part of "A Festival of Two Worlds" sponsored by Giancarlo Menotti, a 20th century composer. Following the trip to Italy, the group traveled to Charleston, South Carolina, for a repeat performance.

Mitzie recalled a humorous event which occurred while performing there. "The stage was very small. In the process of one of the girls moving about, another choir member stepped on her stage dress and ripped the back completely out. She had nothing on under it, and there she stood."

Westminster Choir College began in the early 1920's as a church choir at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio. The college is now located in Princeton, New Jersey. Mitzie comments, "I think the choir is unique because of its sound. It's 44 students who are non-professional but with a professional sound." That professional sound has caused problems for the group. "In New York last year, we were asked to perform with a well known orchestra; and, during the performance, the New York Music Union picketed us."

Mitzie has performed with the New York, Pittsburgh, Atlanta and Washington, D. C., Philharmonics. The choir has cut a new record, entitled "The Hayden Lord Nelson Mass", with Leonard Bernstein conducting the New York Philharmonic.

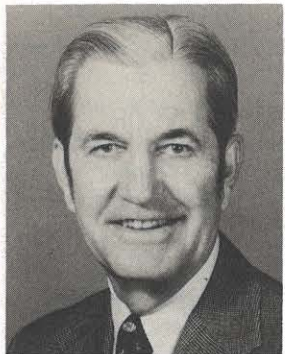
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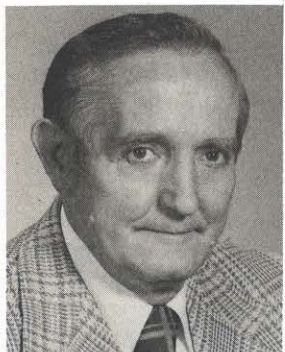
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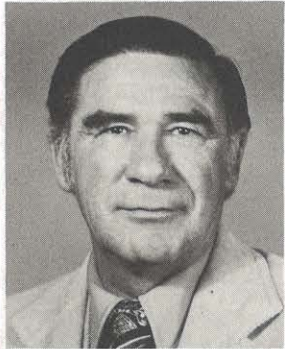
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Records Supervisor
Roanoke
30 Years



S. E. Robie
R/w Maint. Coord. Sr.
GO-Charleston
30 Years



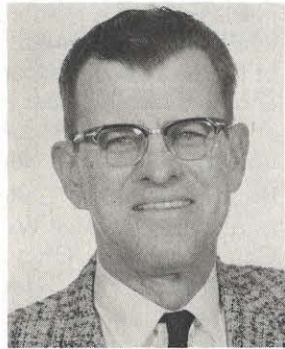
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GO-Roanoke
30 Years



G. R. Moody
Unit Supervisor
Philip Sporn
30 Years



R. M. Bates
Eng. Technician Sr.
Huntington
30 Years



D. C. Oliver
Tractor Operator
Philip Sporn
30 Years



G. F. Cromer
Property Rep. A
GO-Roanoke
30 Years



L. E. Hollins
Asst. Shift Op. Eng.
John E. Amos
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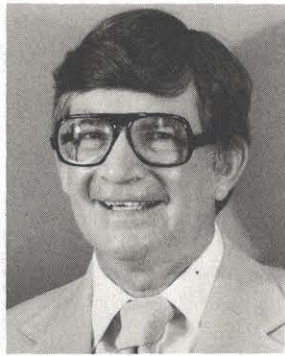
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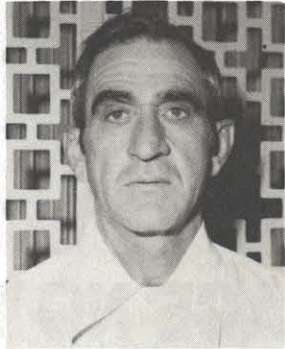
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GO-Roanoke
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C. H. Clayburn
Head Custodian
Pulaski
25 Years



Paul Lloyd
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Kanawha Valley Pwr.
25 Years



T. M. Bass
Area Service Restorer
Pulaski
25 Years



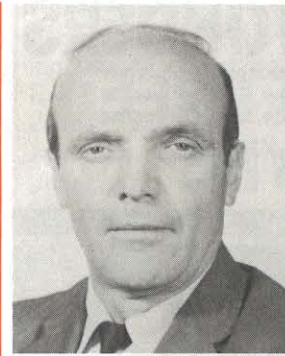
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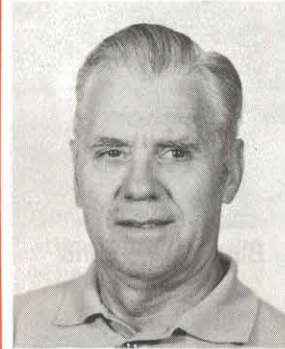
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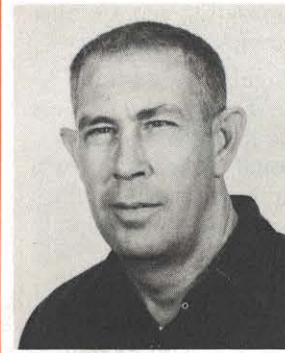
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K. E. Carter
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Philip Sporn
25 Years



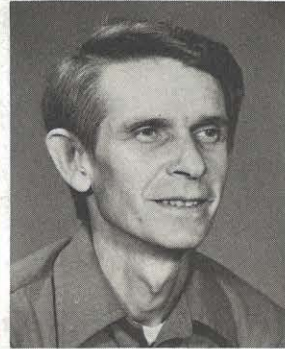
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Abingdon
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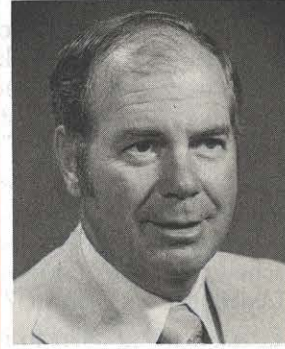
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Maintenance Supt.
Clinch River
20 Years



Harold Rulen
Shop Manager
Central Machine
20 Years



J. M. Rottgen
Maintenance Supv.
Philip Sporn
20 Years



M. H. Stevenson
Performance Engineer
Clinch River
20 Years



G. W. Arnold
Conveyor Operator
Philip Sporn
20 Years



J. C. Scott
Maintenance Mech. A
Philip Sporn
20 Years

John E. Amos
5 Years: **F. J. Elswick, II**, utility operator **A. R. E. Craig**, performance technician. **J. R. Dunn**, engineer B. **B. E. Casto**, utility operator **A. Sharon Lett**, plant clerk B.

Beckley
5 Years: **Joanne Richmond**, customer accounts representative C.

Bluefield
10 Years: **Jacqueline Houston**, customer accounts representative B. 5 Years: **Daniel Currence**, meter reader. **Sharon Shrewsbury**, customer accounts representative C.

Central Machine Shop
5 Years: **D. C. Donohoe**, NDE inspector 1st class.

Charleston
10 Years: **D. L. Tackett**, station mechanic B. **Anna Cyphers**, secretary. **Mona Sue Charlton**, senior telephone operator. 5 Years: **B. K. Carter**, customer accounts representative C. **T. J. Ruffin**, line mechanic C.

Clinch River
20 Years: **Garland Hackney**, coal equipment operator. 5 Years: **Michael Witt**, equipment operator. **Danny Belcher**, utility operator A.

General Office
15 Years: **Katheryn Smith**, electric plant clerk A, GO-Roanoke. **W. R. Franklin**, engineering technologist supervisor, GO-Bluefield. 10 Years: **J. F. Zimmerman**, classification and accounts payable clerk A, GO-Roanoke. **J. H. Dickerson**, station mechanic A, GO-Roanoke. 5 Years: **R. L. Minnix**, data processing operator B, GO-Roanoke. **Anna McCadden**, senior key entry operator, GO-Roanoke.

Huntington
30 Years: **W. E. Chapman**, customer accounts assistant. 10 Years: **L. A. Smith, Jr.**, line mechanic A. **W. K. Baird**, meter reader, Point Pleasant.

Kanawha River
5 Years: **Michael Smith**, auxiliary equipment operator. **Steven Peay**, utility worker A.

Kanawha Valley Power
10 Years: **T. R. Pendleberry**, hydro utility operator. 5 Years: **C. W. Campbell**, hydro utility operator B. **C. W. Richardson**, hydro maintenance mechanic C.

Lynchburg
30 Years: **John Ward**, driver-ground helper. 25 Years: **Charlene Thompson**, secretary-stenographer. 10 Years: **B. L. Jefferson, Jr.**, line mechanic A.

Mountaineer
5 Years: **Cozette Halstead**, stenographer.

Pulaski
5 Years: **E. E. Kirk**, line mechanic D. **M. K. Linkous**, meter reader.

Roanoke
30 Years: **W. E. Collins**, meter service mechanic B. 15 Years: **J. P. Morris**, head meter reader. **G. W. Conner**, meter service mechanic A. 10 Years: **D. E. Vaught**, power engineer. **L. G. Redden**, line mechanic A. 5 Years: **C. Price**, meter reader.

Philip Sporn
25 Years: **J. H. Bearhs**, maintenance mechanic A. **C. E. Searls**, maintenance mechanic B. **C. D. Kennedy**, maintenance mechanic A. **P. E. Forbes**, chemist assistant. 20 Years: **V. E. Hoyt**, stores clerk A. 10 Years: **C. F. McDaniel**, instrument

mechanic B. **Gil Johnson**, maintenance mechanic A. **C. R. Duncan**, maintenance mechanic B. **D. G. Goodnite**, maintenance mechanic A. **G. A. Icenhower**, maintenance mechanic A. **R. R. Ross**, maintenance mechanic A. **G. E. Evans**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 Years: **H. A. Elliott**, auxiliary equipment operator. **R. R. Proffitt**, equipment operator.

ARCHER CLOSSES UTILITY CAREER



Clarence E. Archer, whose AEP career began 41 years ago as an electrician's helper, retired September 1 as one of the System's most knowledgeable power plant individuals.

For the past 14 months, he had served as an administrative assistant on the staff of David H. Williams, senior vice president for all Service Corporation functions at Canton. Clarence had been involved principally in the maintenance and operating costs of System power plants.

Earlier, he had served 20 years as manager of Appalachian Power Company's Glen Lyn and Clinch River Plants and of Ohio Power's Cardinal Plant.

Clarence, holder of electrical and mechanical engineering degrees from the University of Kentucky, began his AEP career in 1937 as an electrician's helper at Welch, W. Va., then a district operation for Appalachian Power.

Eight years later, he moved into power plant operations as supervisor of maintenance at Glen Lyn. There, he became assistant manager in 1951 and manager in 1957. Unit 6 was constructed during his tenure there.

He became Clinch River manager in 1959. "That plant managed itself, almost," Clarence said, "and I became involved in a number of community activities. It was almost impossible to say 'no' to those organizations."

Clarence was named manager of Cardinal Plant while it still was under construction in 1965. "I found that job to be most interesting," he said, adding that the Cardinal job "offered challenges that I hadn't been involved with before." He referred to the co-ownership of the plant, along with Buckeye Power Corporation.

"This was a new idea; a new concept, and I am glad to have been a part of it," he exclaimed.

Other than plans for a short-term consulting project, Clarence is looking forward to a relaxing retirement. On the agenda are a move to the Glen Lyn area, an opportunity to spend more time with his outdoor activities (fishing, hunting and golfing), and frequent winter trips to Florida.

POWERS RETIRES EARLY



"I have tried to the best of my ability to give good service to the company and to our customers," says Carl G. Powers, who was a T&D clerk A at Wytheville in the Pulaski Division before electing early retirement September 1.

A native of Wythe County, Virginia, Carl attended Emory and Henry College and National Business College. He began his career in 1945 as a clerk senior and advanced through the positions of junior, senior and area T&D clerk before moving in 1977 to the position he held at retirement.

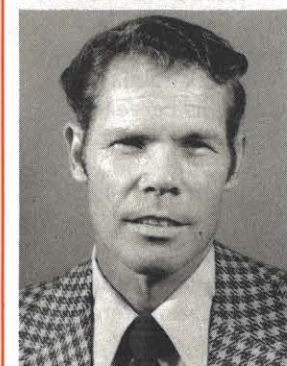
Carl taught a Bible class at the First Christian Church for 25 years and is currently a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. He was one of the first Cubmasters in Wythe County and at one time had 100 Cub Scouts in his Pack. A 30-year member of the Wythe County Kiwanis Club, he has held every office and is now a senior board member and historian. Carl is the recipient of the Legion of Honor and Distinguished Service Award from Kiwanis International. He is a member of the National Heart Association and past chairman of the Wythe County Heart Association. He is also a Past Noble Grand of the I.O.O.F. Carl says retirement will give him a chance to do a lot of things he's never had time for before. He notes, "I will get up and do whatever comes naturally each day and enjoy life." He and his wife Helen are planning a trip to Hawaii.

MOVING UP

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J. E. Woolridge, former accounts payable supervisor in GO Accounting, Roanoke, was promoted to supervisor of transportation accounting for the AEP Fuel Supply Department, Lancaster, Ohio, on June 1. He attended Virginia Southern and National Business Colleges.



Jackie L. Caldwell, former area service restorer, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE in Charleston on August 12.

LETTERS WE LIKE

The following letter was sent to Charleston Division Manager C. O. Carlini by Ralph R. Cowgill, manager of the Kanawha Airport in Charleston:

"On behalf of the board of members of the Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority, I want to thank you and the employees of your company for the assistance which was rendered to our maintenance personnel late Wednesday afternoon, August 2, 1978.

"It is hard to put into words our sincere appreciation for the help which Mr. Don Loy gave us by immediately dispatching two men to Kanawha Airport. One of the three 2400-volt transformers malfunctioned, resulting in a power outage to the Terminal Building. As you can well imagine, our tenants and the traveling public began to register complaints because they were unable to continue business as usual.

"Your men displayed a great deal of professionalism by correctly diagnosing the problem and making a repair before the hours of darkness.

"It is surprising how quickly we were able to return to normal operation and all complaints ceased immediately. In short, it was a "JOB WELL DONE".

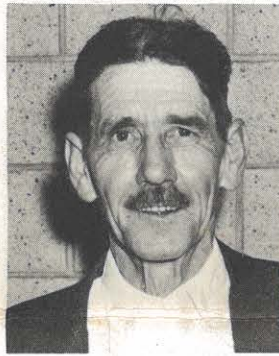
This letter was sent by 91-year-old Joseph B. Swope, Sr., of Kimberly, West Virginia, along with his electric bill payment:

"A word or two: If other utilities had as much honesty and gave half the service you do, it would be a more pleasant world. Your service is not only the best but the most economical of all. One pays you with pleasure rather than a feeling that one is bamboozled."

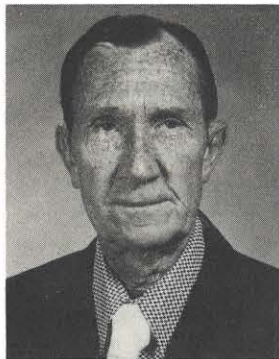
FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



James Ireland Muncey, 56, Roanoke draftsman senior, died July 20. A native of Sprigg, West Virginia, he began his career in 1947 as a power sales engineer junior in Roanoke. He had been on long term disability leave since April 1974. Muncey is survived by one son.



Robert Lee Widner, 78, retired Logan-Williamson truck driver-groundman, died July 31. A native of Marion, Virginia, he began his career in 1925 as a truck driver in Logan and retired February 1, 1964. Widner is survived by a son and a daughter.



Fred R. Runnion, 70, retired stationman A in General Office T&D Station, Turner, died August 2. A native of Lincoln County, West Virginia, he began his career in 1939 as an electrician helper in Charleston and retired October 1, 1959. Runnion is survived by his widow Opal, 5636 Hutton Road, Smithville, Ohio.



Ralph Earl Snodgrass, 59, retired Cabin Creek Plant master maintenance man, died July 21. A native of Spring Hill, West Virginia, he was employed in 1944 as an electrician repairman third class and elected early disability retirement on June 1, 1971. Snodgrass is survived by his widow Mary, Route 7, Box 360, South Charleston, W. Va., and a daughter.



John Henry Quillen, 72, retired right of way agent in General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, died July 31. A native of Scott County, Virginia, he began his career in 1930 as a cash poster in Williamson and retired June 1, 1968. Quillen is survived by his widow Pauline, P. O. Box 278, Abingdon, Virginia.



James Lewis Ferris, 78, retired Roanoke stationman A, died August 4. A native of Hollins, Virginia, he began his career in 1923 as a lineman and truck driver and retired November 1, 1964. Ferris is survived by his widow Maggie, 507 Front Avenue, Salem, Va., two sons and one daughter.



Marty Neal Copley, 25, Logan-Williamson line mechanic A, was electrocuted during a routine switching procedure near Matewan on August 6. A native of Williamson, West Virginia, he was employed in 1973 as a lineman helper. Copley is survived by his widow Victoria, Route 1, Box 227A, Williamson, W. Va.; one son; his parents; four brothers and four sisters.



Charles P. Buxton, 61, Philip Sporn Plant equipment operator, died August 9 after an extended illness. A native of Mason County, West Virginia, he began his career in 1951 as a laborer. Buxton is survived by his widow Geraldine, Route 1, Leon, W. Va., and one daughter.



Kermit Winferd Fisher, 52, Charleston electrical staff engineer, died August 14 after an extended illness. A native of Fairplain, West Virginia, he began his career in 1948 as an engineer senior B. Fisher is survived by his widow Carolyn, 511 Rosemont Avenue, South Charleston, W. Va.; one son, one daughter and two stepsons.



Harry L. Candler, 68, retired Roanoke residential representative senior, died August 20. A native of Lynchburg, Virginia, he began his career in 1941 as a junior power engineer and retired May 1, 1975. Candler is survived by his widow Catharine, 3225 Pasley Avenue, Roanoke, Va.; two daughters, two sons and nine grandchildren.



Earl Parker Owens, 74, retired Pulaski district office supervisor A, died August 21. A native of Pulaski County, Virginia, he was employed in 1936 as a clerk and elected early disability retirement October 1, 1963. Owens is survived by his widow Myrtle, Route 2, Box 240, Pulaski, Va.; one daughter and five granddaughters.

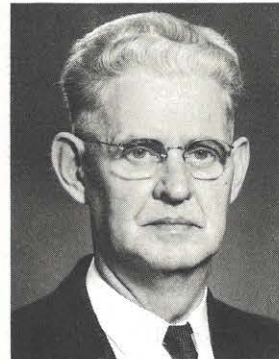
Fred McClure Williams, 79, retired Cabin Creek Plant boiler operator, died July 31. A native of Leewood, West Virginia, he began his career in 1934 as a maintenance man and elected early retirement due to disability on December 1, 1954. Williams is survived by his widow Lillian, Elkview, W. Va., five daughters and two sons.



Clarence Raymond Mills, 72, retired Roanoke customer accounts representative A, died August 25. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, he began his career in 1931 as assistant chief clerk in Roanoke and retired in May 1971. Mills is survived by his widow Nellie, 1928 Carlton Road, Roanoke, Va.; a son and two brothers.



John William "Bill" Sholes, 47, head meter reader in Charleston Division, died August 26. A native of Weston, West Virginia, he began his career in 1951 as a junior meter reader. Sholes is survived by his widow Gilberta, P. O. Box 26, Clendenin, W. Va.



William Wortha Grim, 77, retired Huntington stationman C, died August 29. A native of Kentucky, he began his career in 1933 as a maintenance man at Kenova Plant and took disability retirement July 1, 1961. Grim is survived by his son.

AEP PLANS SALE OF COMMON

American Electric Power Company plans to sell up to 6-million shares of common stock in a public offering this Fall.

The AEP Board of Directors authorized the sale last month. It is anticipated that competitive bids will be received from bidding groups of underwriters on or about November 6 and that the winning group will reoffer the stock to the public immediately.

Proceeds will be used to repay short-term debt.

OIP WINNERS DRAWN

Two red, one blue and one gold tickets were drawn to determine the winners of U. S. Savings Bonds in the first of four sweepstakes to be held in Appalachian Power's 1978 Operations Improvement Program.

Winners of \$25 bonds in the red ribbon category are David E. Steptoe, performance engineer at Kanawha River Plant, and Clarence T. Farmer, former Pulaski Division employee. Charles W. Bacchus, regional chief dispatcher in General Office Operations, Abingdon, is the winner of a \$50 bond in the blue ribbon category. James P. Rose, Bluefield Division right of way agent won a \$75 bond in the gold ribbon category.

Other drawings will be held at the end of both the third and fourth quarters. As the climax of the 1978 program, the winner of a \$250 bond will be selected.



Huntington Division employees were treated to a watermelon feast when they accrued a quarter million safe work hours last month and have been promised sausage, biscuits, apple butter and coffee when they reach the 500,000 mark. The event was staged to encourage safety awareness as the winter season approaches and remind employees that by working together a safe work record can be accomplished. Pictured here enjoying the watermelon are some employees in the Point Pleasant area.

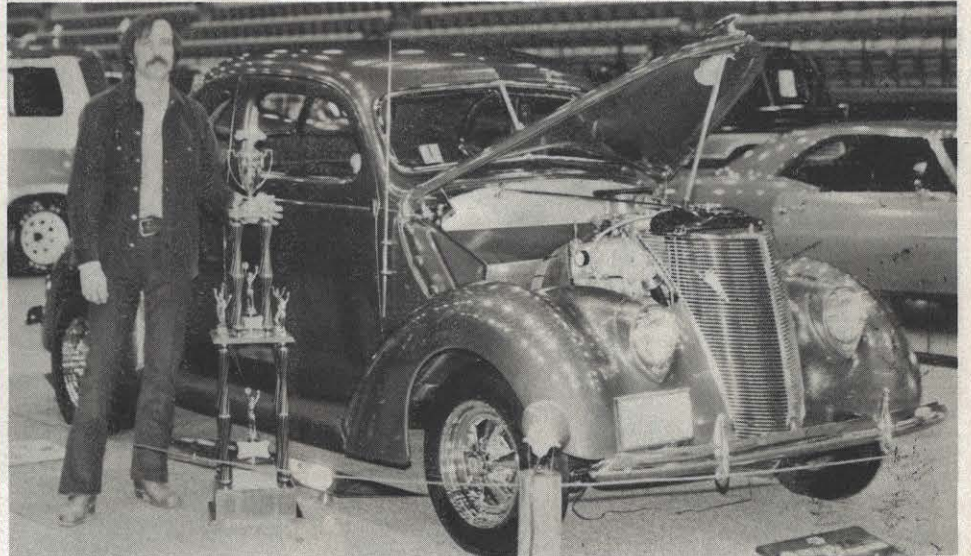


M. A. "Sonny" White, assistant superintendent of the Lynchburg Division (left), is presented a certificate designating him a Kentucky Colonel by Bill Angelo, assistant regional chief dispatcher, GO Operations, Turner. Sonny received the honor for his outstanding work during flood recovery efforts after the Buffalo Creek disaster in 1972 and the Williamson flood last year.



The Yankees, managed by Larry Johnson (back row, right), posted a 10-4 record to win the National League title in the Lynchburg Little League. Larry is the husband of Janice F. Johnson, Lynchburg senior telephone operator.

POPE'S FORD COUPE CAPTURES SHOW AWARDS



Bob Pope, engineering technologist in the General Office T&D Station Section, Roanoke, has totally rebuilt a 1937 Ford coupe bought from an individual six years ago.

The coupe has been entered in two shows, the Vinton Jaycees 5th annual Custom Car Show and the World of Wheels Custom Car and Cycle Show. The car captured two first in class awards, one best upholstery, one best street rod and people's choice trophies at both shows. One of the people's choice trophies is 4 1/2 feet tall.

The car utilizes a highly modified and supercharged small block Chevrolet engine, Chevrolet turbo-hydromatic transmission and Chevrolet posi-traction rear end. It also has Plymouth rack and pinion steering with Oldsmobile tilt and telescopic steering column.

Bob used royal blue "metal flake" paint, which required about 70 coats of hand rubbed lacquer to cover the flakes. The interior of the car and its trunk area were upholstered in ice blue crushed velvet, button and tufted in diamond pattern.

Bob is currently making some minor changes in the coupe so that he and his wife Patti can enjoy driving the car on the street.

BIAS EARNS BLACK BELT IN JAPANESE KARATE



Brent Bias, right.

R. B. Bias, Huntington station mechanic A, has achieved something not many people are willing to work toward . . . a black belt in Japanese karate.

It took Brent almost 3 1/2 years to reach this goal, but he says, "It was worth every bit of the time and trouble." Brent traveled to Cross Lanes, West Virginia, for classes because the Huntington clubs teach Korean karate. His club, the Ko Sutemi Dojo, offers a style called Seiei-Kan.

Brent started attending classes with a friend because he had "always been interested in the sport and wanted to master it. My friend dropped out, but I kept going." Now he is an instructor in the club.

Brent continues, "I have competed in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. A tournament is where you test your skill. Since one of the main objectives of karate is self-control, you must learn how to fight and not hit too hard. Losing control can cost you points and a match."

Besides control, Brent has improved his coordination and the exercise has helped keep him in good condition. "This is why many people get involved," he explains. "We have members ranging in age from 6 to 60s and we all enjoy it."

As for the self-defense aspect, Brent feels, "Karate gives you an edge because you know what you can do." However, he points out that most people who know the art do not talk very much about it. "It develops an inward pride and self-satisfaction," he concludes.

LILLY DEVELOPS STREET INDEX FOR BECKLEY



Beckley Area Service Restorer A. H. Lilly has developed an "easy way" to locate streets within the City of Beckley. He has compiled an alphabetical index listing all city streets and how to find them.

Harold got the idea to develop the index from R. L. "Pete" Graham, line mechanic A. At the time, Pete was working as an area service restorer and mentioned that he did not know where all the streets were located.

"I guess I spent about 30 hours drawing it up," Harold says. "The only reason was for my own satisfaction and to help fellow employees, especially new employees and those who might be relieving on a service truck, to find their way around."

He continues, "Beckley is not a square city, and it is an odd place to try to get around in." Harold says finding streets on a map is sometimes difficult to do. "When you have to hunt a J and a 10, for instance, and then look in real fine print to find the street, you still may not know where it is unless you're somewhat familiar with the city."

In compiling the index, Harold used a city map and listed all the streets in alphabetical order. He then located them in the index by their proximity to a well known street, city landmark or familiar establishment within the city. For example, "A" Street located near Beckley College between South Kanawha and Park Streets.

Besides several Appalachian employees, Harold has given a copy of the index to the local newspaper editor and several realtors are interested in obtaining copies for their salesmen to use.

Although no plans have been made, Harold would be glad for someone to publish and distribute the index. In fact, he has been contacted by a local resident who is very much interested in publishing it.



Charleston Division employees completed 500,000 consecutive safe work hours on July 14. The record for the 350 employees began October 20, 1977. C. O. Carlini, division manager, pointed out that "special recognition should go to our physical group and to our first line supervision, who have been very instrumental in achieving this goal. They have worked since February 13, 1976, without a lost time accident." A pennant signifying the achievement was flown at the North Charleston service center. From left, James A. Cook, line crew supervisor NE; Jerald Corder, line mechanic C; Harold Surface, line mechanic A; and Burl Miller, line mechanic A.



Faye and Roy Gregory

GREGORY RETIRES TO FLORIDA

One word can describe Roy Gregory . . . friendly. Having the ability to make friends easily is a decided asset in Roy's case because he and his wife Faye are planning on "doing quite a bit of traveling" since his retirement August 1 as line crew supervisor NE in Abingdon Division. The trips can be made quite comfortably since they own a fully equipped self-contained motor home.

Roy, who attended Hiwassee College, began his career in 1945 as a groundman B in the then Clinch Valley District. He was a meter serviceman, lineman A and line inspector before being promoted in 1974 to the position he held at retirement.

Roy recalls that once when he was trimming limbs in a tree, one broke, dropping him to the ground. Charlie Bailey, T&D clerk B, remarked that he looked like a "big teddy bear rolling around". According to Roy, even Rufus Bondurant, retired T&D superintendent, couldn't help but laugh at this spectacle since Roy weighed well over 200 pounds.

Roy has been active in the Abingdon Little League baseball program for 22 years . . . and with good reason. He is the father of six sons and one daughter. Roy was chief umpire in the Abingdon area and is serving as director of umpires in Daytona, Florida, where they now reside.

About his nearly 33 years' service with Appalachian, Roy says, "It's a good company. They always have done everything they ever told me they would do."

ROBERTSON GETS ARMY COMMENDATION



Col. John E. Lemley, commander of the 2174th USAG (left), presents a trophy to Staff Sergeant Earl G. Robertson (right).

Staff Sergeant Earl G. Robertson, data processing supervisor in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal. He was honored for meritorious service while serving as Airfield Operations NCOIC, Headquarter's 2174th USAG, 80th Division (Training) in Salem, Va., from August 1976 to December 1977.

Robertson also received a trophy as the most outstanding senior NCO during summer camp at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Robertson is also the holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three oak leaf cluster and several campaign ribbons.

BRYANT BUILDS LOG CABIN



Chlenford "Jeff" Bryant, Kingsport station mechanic A, has realized a longtime dream with the completion of a log cabin on the family farm where he was born. The cabin is located on the bank of the Cow Pasture River, a short distance from its convergence with the James River, in Allegheny County, Virginia.

Jeff says, "Last summer, with the help of my two sons, we cut poplar logs from my father's cattle farm near Lexington, Va. We hauled the logs to the cabin site, close to my father's home, where they were allowed to dry for a year."

He continues, "I did not have any plans for the cabin; however, the size was determined by the length of the logs." The cabin has one 17½ foot square room plus a sleeping loft that is built over about a third of the room. Access to the loft is by a log ladder. The cabin is built completely of logs except for the tin roof. There is presently no heat, but Jeff plans to build a rock chimney and fireplace. He also wants to add a screened-in porch.

Water is available from a well, equipped with a hand pump, outside the cabin door. The cabin also has electric lights, electric range and refrigerator.

Jeff notes that the only problem he had while building the cabin was "keeping the logs level during construction as they were not sawed and were rough and uneven."

The Bryants use the cabin on weekends and during vacations. During the summer, when Jeff's sons and their friends visit their grandparents, they stay in the cabin.

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