

## C&SOE BECOMES EIGHTH SYSTEM OPERATING CO.

Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company last month became the American Electric Power System's eighth operating company — 12 years, three months and 17 days after the two utilities announced such plans.

Announcement that the two companies had reached agreement on a proposal under which AEP would acquire C&SOE was made on January 22, 1968. Announcement that the acquisition had been accomplished came on May 9, 1980. In between were a dozen years of proceedings before the Securities and Exchange Commission, followed by a successful tender offer to the common stock shareowners of C&SOE: 1.3 shares of AEP common stock for each of theirs.

The NEW American Electric Power System, with the Columbus utility as part of it, is an electric utility system with total assets of more than \$10.2 billion, an aggregate power supply of 21.26-million kilowatts and almost 2.5-million customers. To the former AEP System's 15 major power plants have now been added C&SOE's five (Conesville, Stuart\*, Poston, Walnut and Picway), as well as several smaller generating stations, plus its share of the W. H. Zimmer Nuclear Plant\* now under construction.

Had Columbus and Southern been part of the AEP System during 1979, they would have generated an aggregate of 109.4-billion kilowatt-hours and sold an aggregate of 104.5-billion kwh, and they would have realized total revenues of about \$3.23 billion, with resulting net earnings of \$306.7 million. And they would have had, at year's end, 25,500 employees.

A comparison of C&SOE's size relative to the former AEP System's three largest operating companies is provided by the following tables:

### 1979 Electricity Sales

	Billions of Kilowatt-hours
Ohio Power Company . . . . .	38.9
Appalachian Power Company . . . . .	28.2
Indiana & Michigan Electric Company . . . . .	23.0
COLUMBUS AND SOUTHERN OHIO ELECTRIC . . . . .	9.0

### 1979 Revenues

	Millions
Ohio Power Company . . . . .	\$1,020.0
Appalachian Power Company . . . . .	865.9
Indiana & Michigan Electric Company . . . . .	691.1
COLUMBUS AND SOUTHERN OHIO ELECTRIC . . . . .	416.8

### Assets (Dec. 31)

	Millions
Ohio Power Company . . . . .	\$3,183.2
Indiana & Michigan Electric Company . . . . .	2,604.1
Appalachian Power Company . . . . .	2,413.9
COLUMBUS AND SOUTHERN OHIO ELECTRIC . . . . .	1,448.7

### Customers (Dec. 31)

Appalachian Power Company . . . . .	714,024
Ohio Power Company . . . . .	610,977
COLUMBUS AND SOUTHERN OHIO ELECTRIC . . . . .	457,288
Indiana & Michigan Electric Company . . . . .	441,870

### AEP to Seek Balance of Stock

Meanwhile, AEP has extended, for a third time, the expiration date of its exchange offer (1.3 shares of AEP common for each share of C&SOE common) to the holders of the common stock of the Columbus-based utility. The new date is June 20. The original expiration date had been April 25, which was extended to May 7, then to May 23.

At the same time, AEP told the C&SOE common stockholders that it would shortly file a plan with the Securities and Exchange Commission seeking its approval for AEP to acquire the balance of the C&SOE common still held by individual shareowners. In a letter dated May 16, AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr. said it was the company's intent, "as soon as practicable after the date now fixed for the expiration of the exchange offer," to exchange shares for the remaining stock on the same terms as those in the exchange offer. Elimination of such minority interest in a utility largely owned by a holding company is required by the SEC.

\* — Jointly owned with The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and The Dayton Power and Light Company.

## SUPREME COURT DENIES BLUE RIDGE REVIEW

The U.S. Supreme Court last month denied Appalachian Power Company's request for a review of the company's Blue Ridge litigation against the U.S. government.

Upon hearing of the decision, an Appalachian spokesman said that the company is "very disappointed that the court decided not to hear the Blue Ridge case . . . it would appear that this action by the court will bring our litigation with the government to an end."

Appalachian, which had held a Federal Power Commission license to construct the Blue Ridge pumped-storage project, initially filed a claim against the government in the U.S. Court of Claims in the District of Columbia. The suit was based on the nullification, in 1976, of that license. Appalachian sought damages in an unspecified amount, but equal to damages incurred up to the termination of the license, together with interest and costs.

In its petition, Appalachian claimed that nullification of its license — brought about by an act of Congress making a portion of the New River in North Carolina part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System — had denied the company a vested and valuable property right without just compensation.

Appalachian also alleged that the FPC license constituted a contract between the United States and the company, which was broken by enactment of the Scenic Rivers legislation.

When the lower court rejected Appalachian's bid for a rehearing, the company petitioned the Supreme Court.

## PSC ISSUES FINAL W.VA. RATE ORDER

The Public Service Commission has given final approval to a \$37.7 million increase in Appalachian Power Company's retail rates in West Virginia, which went into effect on an interim basis September 25, 1979.

The company had filed for a \$61.2 million increase on April 27, 1979.

The PSC, noting Appalachian's continuing construction financing needs, poor credit rating and dramatically increased cost of capital since the interim order, increased Appalachian's allowed overall rate of return on rate base from 10.17% to 10.60%.

The PSC also allowed an additional \$30 million of construction work in progress in Appalachian's rate base. This is in addition to the \$160 million of CWIP allowed in rate base in the interim order.

In another finding, the Commission also allowed the continuation of employee discounts for electrical service.

## SCC APPROVES LOAD MANAGEMENT RATES

Appalachian Power Company on May 1 received approval from the Virginia State Corporation Commission for a time-of-day rate experiment as well as a load management rate for residential customers who install electric thermal storage heating equipment and other load management devices.

The company plan to implement similar rates in West Virginia is awaiting the approval of the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Through random sampling, 120 residential customers in Virginia will be chosen to take part in the two-year experiment. Customers selected will be asked to participate in the experiment, which will provide a lower rate for the electricity they use during off-peak hours, and their use will be monitored by special metering and magnetic tape recorders. The customers will also be given a one-time incentive payment to cover inconvenience. A marketing firm will be employed to test customer acceptance of the time-of-usage concept and survey and evaluate customer attitudes.

The experimental time-of-day rates are based on cost-of-service studies and consist of a fixed monthly customer charge, a flat energy charge for all kilowatt-hours consumed during on-peak hours, and a flat energy charge for all kilowatt-hours consumed during off-peak hours.

The load management rate is available to residential customers who install and use thermal storage furnaces and water heaters or other approved load management devices. Approved equipment must have the capability of storing energy during off-peak hours for use during on-peak hours. All electrical usage in a home on the load management rate would be eligible for the special rate. A Time of Use energy meter capable of measuring on-peak and off-peak electrical consumption will be installed on qualified homes.

## VA. FUEL FACTOR TO REMAIN SAME

Appalachian Power Company last month announced that it will not at this time seek a change in the fuel factor presently included in the rates for its Virginia customers. The announcement came as the company filed its 1980 first quarter fuel cost in compliance with the Virginia State Corporation Commission's review procedure.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said that the company's fuel revenues in the first quarter of 1980 totaled \$38.9-million, and this was within 1% of the company's actual fuel expenses for that period.

Vaughan said, "Our current forecast indicates that there is no need for a change in the fuel cost component at this time. We believe our forecast is a good one, but in these times of great inflationary pressures and unsettled energy cost, it is difficult to predict fuel cost, or for that matter any other cost, with precision. In 1979, our forecast of fuel expense was such that we did not have to seek any increase in the fuel component during the year. We hope our forecast of fuel expense for 1980 is as good."



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## SHAY NAMED PLANT HEAD



Cecil E. Shay last month was named manager of the John E. Amos Plant, succeeding J. A. Moore, who retired. Shay had been associate manager of the plant since February 1.

A native of Star City, West Virginia, Shay graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He began his career with the AEP System in 1946 as a test engineer at Ohio Power's Windsor Plant. He was named assistant engineer in 1949 and the following year transferred to I&M's Tanners Creek Plant as results engineer. Shay returned to Ohio Power in 1953 as operations supervisor of the Muskingum River Plant. He became assistant plant manager at Kammer four years later and manager of Windsor Plant in 1965. In 1969 he assumed the job of plant manager of Kammer and Mitchell Plants and was named manager of I&M's Rockport Plant in 1977.



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## INTEREST RAISED ON FIXED INCOME

The guaranteed interest rate for contributions made to the fixed income fund of the AEP System Employees Savings Plan will be increased, as of January 1, 1981, from 10.10 percent to 11.85 percent for the remainder of the decade.

The 10.10 percent rate payable under the contract expiring on December 31, 1989 had been temporarily increased twice in 1980 — to 10.60 percent in January and then to 14.85 percent in April — but these higher rates were scheduled to lapse on December 31, 1980 (see table below). The 11.85 percent rate is a permanent guaranteed minimum rate on new money deposited in the fund during the remaining nine years of the contract as well as on money deposited in 1980.

The table below shows the various interest rates on the fixed income fund that have been in effect since the Savings Plan was established in 1978, along with corresponding contribution periods and expiration dates.

Contributions Made:

From	To	Will Earn	Until
1/1/78	6/30/78	7.85%	12/31/87
7/1/78	8/31/79	8.35%	6/30/88
9/1/79	12/31/79	8.90%	8/31/89
1/1/80	3/31/80	10.60%	12/31/80
	and	11.85%*	12/31/89
4/1/80	12/31/80	14.85%	12/31/80
	and	11.85%*	12/31/89
1/1/81	12/31/89	11.85%	12/31/89

\*After 12/31/80.

## SAVINGS PLAN UNIT VALUES

Date	Value Per Unit	Units Credited
		Per Dollar
<b>Fixed Income Fund</b>		
1/31/80	1.1756	.8506
2/29/80	1.1831	.8452
3/31/80	1.1915	.8393
4/30/80	1.2002	.8332
<b>Equity Fund</b>		
1/31/80	1.4339	.6974
2/29/80	1.4380	.6954
3/31/80	1.2986	.7701
4/30/80	1.3554	.7378
<b>AEP Stock Fund</b>		
1/31/80	.9423	1.0612
2/29/80	.8811	1.1349
3/31/80	.8506	1.1756
4/30/80	.9980	1.0020

## 700 APPLY FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT

Beginning with the first payday in July, some 700 Appalachian Power employees won't have to worry about getting to the bank. Almost 15 percent of the company's employees signed up for the Paycheck Direct Deposit Program during initial enrollment, which ended May 30.

Under the program, the net pay of an employee will be reported directly to the employee's bank and automatically credited to checking or savings accounts. Employees will receive a notification of direct deposit showing the amount of their earnings and deductions as they do now, but there is no check as such.

Other Appalachian employees may sign up for the program at any time by contacting their supervisor.

## AEP FUNDS ACID RAIN RESEARCH

The American Electric Power System last month announced an agreement with Battelle Memorial Institute's Columbus Division in Columbus, Ohio, to conduct research on acid rain. The study began in May and is expected to be completed by August 1. W. S. White, Jr., AEP chairman and chief executive officer, said the purposes of the study are to:

- Determine what is now known about the formation, transport, deposition and effects of acid rain from an environmental standpoint;
- Determine what research efforts are currently under way or planned on acid rain, as well as the scope of these efforts, and
- Determine what additional research efforts are needed to develop factual conclusions and recommendations concerning the environmental causes and effects, whether detrimental or beneficial, of acid rain.

White said existing acid rain dispersion models will be assessed and comments will be sought from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding these models.

Commenting on the need for the study, White said, "This represents an effort to outline just what facts are available now and what evidence is missing in gaining an understanding of the issue of acid rain. We feel strongly that private and government research must be conducted on the causes and effects of acid rain before any untoward action is taken to legislate or otherwise impose mandates that involve massive financial commitments without any assurance of success."

## BYLLESBY-BUCK SET GENERATION RECORD

A new monthly generation record of 17,570,000 kwh was set at the 68-year-old Byllesby-Buck Hydro Plants during April. This surpassed the previous monthly high of 17,541,000 kwh in March 1975.

Byllesby-Buck employees are to be congratulated for their long hours spent keeping generation on line when high water was experienced during this period.

In 1979, Byllesby-Buck set a new yearly generation record of 149,406,000 kwh.

## ACCEPTED OIP PROPOSALS

Abingdon Division	1
Beckley Division	9
Bluefield Division	8
Charleston Division	9
Huntington Division	15
Logan-Williamson Division	13
Lynchburg Division	6
Pulaski Division	6
Roanoke Division	15
John Amos Plant	6
Clinch River Plant	1
Glen Lyn Plant	0
Kanawha River Plant	9
Philip Sporn Plant	0
Central Machine Shop	4
Centralized Plant Maintenance	0
GO Accounting	16
GO Customer Services	3
GO General Services	3
GO Hydro	0
GO Land Management	0
GO Operations	4
GO Personnel/Executive	3
GO Public Affairs	0
GO Purchasing	0
GO Transmission/Distribution	6

Total accepted by General Office for processing as of May 15. . . . . 137



# MOVING UP



**Oscar O. Casto**, former maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant on May 1.



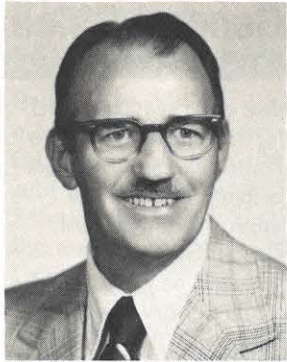
**Frank N. Reynolds**, former maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant on May 1.



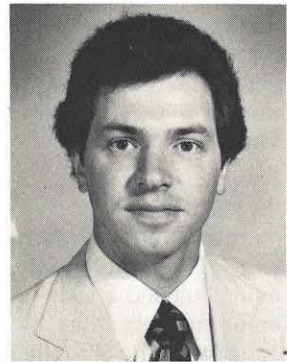
**Donald J. Dickerson**, former line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor non-exempt in Roanoke on April 5.



**Douglas V. Roach**, former meter electrician A, was promoted to meter supervisor non-exempt in Bluefield on February 16.



**H. K. Evans**, former head T&D clerk, was promoted to Beckley division right-of-way maintenance inspector on June 1.



**N. J. Weddle**, former Point Pleasant commercial engineer, was promoted to power engineer in Huntington on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



**Stephen C. Wilhelm**, former electrical engineer, was promoted to station engineer senior in GO T&D Station, Huntington, on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Potomac State.



**R. D. Blevins**, former engineering technologist supervisor, was promoted to general line supervisor in Pulaski on May 1. He succeeds Everette Crawford, who is on long-term disability leave. Blevins has studied electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools.



**D. L. Adams**, former power engineer in Pulaski, was promoted to Wytheville area supervisor in the Pulaski Division on June 1. He succeeds E. B. Suthers, who has elected early retirement. Adams holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



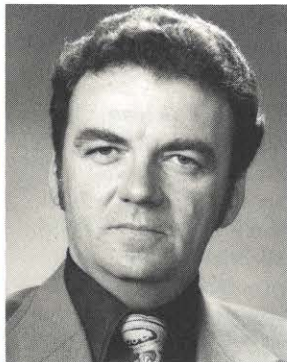
**R. E. Semones**, former engineering technologist, was promoted to engineering technologist supervisor in Pulaski on May 1. He succeeds R. D. Blevins. Semones holds an associate in applied science degree in electrical engineering technology from Virginia Western Community College. He also studied electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools.



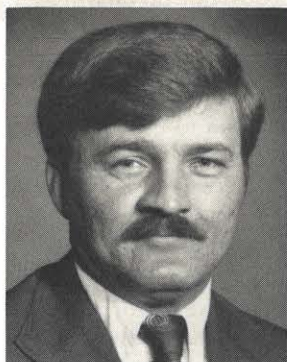
**R. E. Lyons, Jr.**, former customer accounting supervisor non-exempt in Galax, was promoted to customer accounting supervisor exempt in Pulaski on May 1. He succeeds F. W. Myers, who transferred to Christiansburg.



**Walter H. Gilmore**, former assistant shift operating engineer, was promoted to shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant on May 1. He succeeds Lon R. Brewer, who retired.

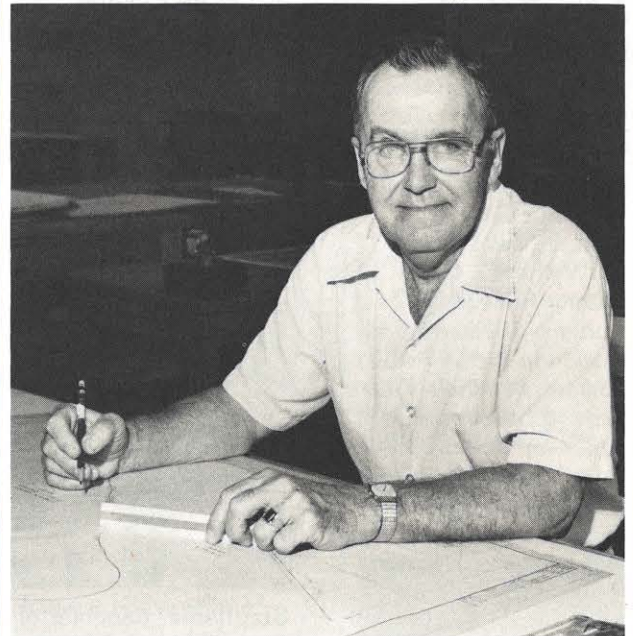


**James R. Barnette**, former unit supervisor, was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant on May 1. He succeeds W. H. Gilmore.



**Ernest R. Justice**, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Clinch River Plant on May 1. He succeeds J. R. Barnette.

# HARRISON DROVE HALF MILLION MILES TO WORK



Twenty seven years, seven automobiles, 40 sets of tires and a half million miles after he joined Appalachian, Hollis Harrison, Huntington drafter A, elected early retirement June 1.

Hollis says, "When I came to work in 1953, I already owned my home in Gallipolis, Ohio. The road was good, the drive was easy, I had a good car, so I elected to remain in Gallipolis and commute every day — 80 miles round trip.

"During these past 27 years I have used seven automobiles — a 1947 Ford and 1953, 1956, 1965 and 1969 Pontiacs. My 1970 Volkswagen presently has over 173,000 miles on it but has required no major repairs."

Even more impressive is the fact that Hollis has never had an accident and has never been late for work. In fact, he is usually early. Some 20 years ago, he traveled 80 miles TO work because of high water.

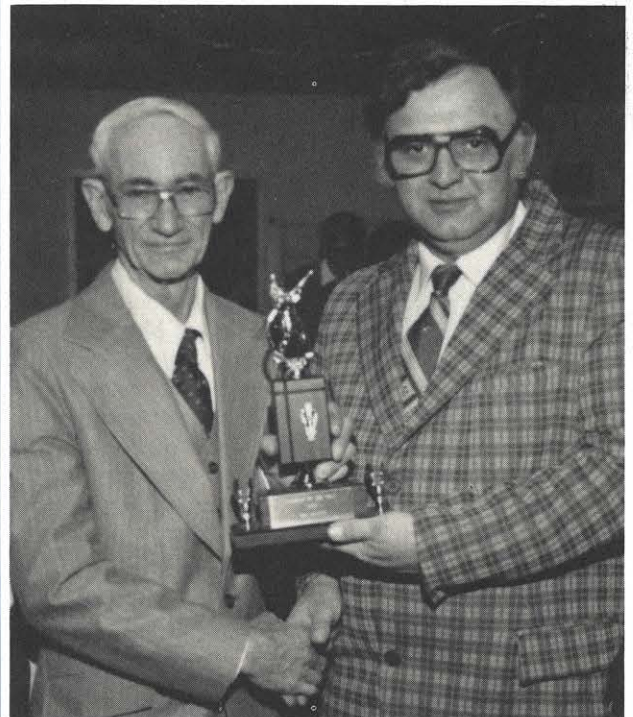
Increases in the cost of gasoline had some bearing on Hollis' decision to take early retirement. He also wanted to stay closer home to care for his wife Virginia, who has become an invalid.

Hollis says, "I'm just plain tired. It's been a long haul and I'm looking forward to retirement. I plan to tend garden, look after some rental property and catch up on 30 years' fishing." Hollis is an amateur photographer, collects firearms and likes to grouse hunt and fish.

The Harrisons have three children and seven grandchildren.

# APCO PEOPLE WORK SAFELY

For the second time this year, Appalachian Power employees have worked over 1,000,000 consecutive hours without a disabling injury. The latest record started April 1 and was reached May 7.



George Levitt, left, chief of the Green Valley-Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department, presents a trophy to Bluefield Stores Attendant Tom Martin, who was selected fireman of the year. A three-year member of the department, Tom has been reelected to his second term as president.



# POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

## Abingdon

**Eva**, daughter of Line Inspector Jack Leonard, was one of 34 Wytheville Community College students selected for inclusion in the 1979-80 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges". She will pursue a bachelor of science degree in medical technology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

**Sharon Gobble**, stenographer, represented the Washington County Chapter, National Secretaries Association (International), as committee chairman for Secretaries Week.

**Hugh**, son of Commercial Engineer W. H. Ferguson, Jr., was named to the National Honor Society at Abingdon High School.

**Frankie**, wife of Arthur Self, Clintwood meter service mechanic, was named chairman of this year's "Breath of Life" Bike-A-Thon and Walk-A-Thon by the Virginia Chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



**Virginia Lynn**, daughter of Customer Services Representative Frank Hanson, received several honors at Lebanon High School. She was inducted into the National Honor Society, received the Spanish II award for having the highest grade average, voted vice president of next year's junior class, named varsity basketball cheerleader for 1980-81 and was selected as a top ten finalist in the Miss Lebanon High School beauty pageant.

## Beckley

**Rosie**, wife of D. S. Bozo, customer service representative, was presented a "high quality service award" by the Agricultural Stabilization Service (ASCS). She has been a program assistant in the Raleigh-Wyoming County ASCS office for more than 30 years.



**Stephanie**, daughter of C. J. Howard, Rupert line mechanic A, was selected for inclusion in the 1979-80 edition of "Who's Who In Music". She is a senior at Greenbrier West High School.

For being one of the top four salesmen in the nation for a Ford Lincoln-Mercury dealer last year, **Godfrey Pryor** was awarded a trip to Mexico City for him and his wife Loretta, accounting representative C.



**Thomas Lee**, son of Service Supervisor R. L. Hardy, placed third out of 33 contestants in state competition at the Leadership Conference of the Distributive Education Clubs of America. Competing in the general merchandising events at the manager-owner level, Tom was required to take a written test at Marshall University and to perform a sales demonstration and handle a managerial problem in human relations in a downtown Huntington store. Tom, a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School, is completing his second year in distributive education at Raleigh County Vocational Technical Center. As part of his training, he was employed for one year at Wender's Wholesale Distributors. For the past six months he has worked at Lilly's

Crown Jewelers learning retail and service techniques.

**June Winner**, personnel clerk A, was elected to a three-year term as secretary of the Appalachian Bible College Ladies Auxiliary.

## Bluefield



**Dottie Lawless**, secretary-stenographer, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Keystone-Northfork Woman's Club. She previously served as president from 1976-78.

**Jane**, wife of Division Office Supervisor Kenneth Jackson, was a delegate from the Bluewell Woman's Club to the 74th annual convention, West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs. She is corresponding secretary for the Bluewell Club.

**Jack Martin**, Pineville area supervisor, was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the Pineville Lions Club.

**Elizabeth**, wife of Residential Representative Bud Ryan, was installed as treasurer of the John Chapman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She attended the 35th annual meeting of the Southern District of the National Society, DAR, last month.



**Brenda**, wife of Weldon Holliday, line mechanic A, was elected president of the newly-organized Equant Delarettes Club.

## Charleston

**Barbara Ann**, daughter of Electrical Engineer Tex Baker, has been commissioned a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. After completing her indoctrina-

tion at Newport, Rhode Island, last month, she is stationed at Philadelphia Naval Hospital, Pennsylvania.

**Kim**, daughter of Station Crew Supervisor Rex Hayes, has been selected for membership in the National Junior Honor Society at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, where she is an eighth grader.

**William II**, son of Engineering Technician Bill Bostic, was awarded a plaque in recognition of outstanding academic performance for resident advisors at Marshall University. He is a junior, majoring in accounting.

**Dawn**, daughter of Jerry Corder, line mechanic B, was selected as a majorette at Marmet Junior High School, where she is a rising ninth grader.

## Central Machine Shop



**Jeff**, son of John Beane, production supervisor-welding, was selected to play forward for the fourth grade South Charleston all-star basketball team. His was the only fourth grade team to go undefeated, winning 13 games. The team won first place in four division tournaments. Jeff was also chosen for the coaches' AAU all-tournament team.

## Clinch River

The 1980 Pioneer, Lebanon High School yearbook, was dedicated to **Jo Hanson** in recognition of the inspiration she has given to the students over the years. The daughter of Unit Supervisor A. J. Conley, Jo taught Spanish and English at the school before going on sick leave.

## General Office

**Joe Sult** was selected for membership in the National Junior Honor Society at Fairview Junior High School.

**Cathy Sult** was selected as a Bluefield High School cheerleader for the 1980-81 school year. They are the children of Ellis Sult, transmission inspector, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield.

**Polly**, wife of Fred B. Mitchell, Jr., transmission line supervisor, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, was elected to the Pulaski Town Council.

**David**, son of Jack Walters, customer accounting administrator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, fulfilled a long-time ambition when he completed the 26-mile, 385-yard Boston Marathon in April. A 1966 AEP Educational Award winner, David completed his education at Duke University and Duke Medical School, where he was active in several sports, including track.

Residing in Boston, where he is chief surgical resident in the Boston University Hospital Program, provided him an opportunity to compete in the grueling marathon. David's comment to his wife after the traditional bowl of Boston baked beans was, "Susan, if I ever mention running in another marathon, please shoot me!"



**Angela Ferrell's** drawing of pollution with the theme "Behind the Gates of Tomorrow" won first place in Abingdon Elementary School, second place in Washington County and second place in the Southwestern District of the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers Association. Her drawing is now being judged for state recognition in the cultural arts division. She is the daughter of R. E. Ferrell, Abingdon regional dispatcher.



**Timothy**, son of Abingdon Regional Dispatcher R. E. Ferrell, was one of 70 students chosen from eight elementary schools to participate in the Washington County All-County Chorus.

**Andy**, son of Hydro Maintenance Superintendent Scott McDonald, and **Adena**, daughter of Hydro Operations Superintendent LeRoy Dalton, are members of the Patrick Henry High School Band which participated in field show and marching competitions at the Kentucky Derby and Niagara Falls. The band won first place in all three competitions.

**Blake Blackwell** was elected co-president of Woodrow Wilson Junior High School for 1980-81. He also won the mile run in the Roanoke City Junior High track meet with a time of 5 minutes 14 seconds.

**Scott Blackwell** was elected student council representative at the University of Virginia. He is also chairman of the University Guides and has been selected to live on the "lawn" during his senior year, a privilege accorded outstanding students. They are the children of J. Emmett Blackwell, employee relations supervisor, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

**James E. Jones**, executive assistant, was named to the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

**Mike**, husband of Linda Kolnok, general records clerk A, was elected incoming president of the Hollins Lions Club.

**Jerry Saunders**, statistical accountant, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was elected first vice president of the Roanoke Chapter of the International Management Council. **Vernon Willis**, general records control supervisor, GO Accounting, was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors.



## Huntington

**Tonja**, daughter of Paul Dornon, auto mechanic A, is a majorette for the Fairland High School Band, Proctorville, Ohio. A younger daughter, **Teresa**, is a cheerleader and competed in national competition held in Orlando, Florida, in February.



**Mike**, son of Lyle Grose, station crew supervisor NE, and Peggy Grose, part-time customer accounts representative B, has received several honors at Milton High School, where he is a junior. Mike is a member of the National Honor Society; participated in "Know Your Government Day" in Charleston, W.Va.; sings in the school choir and was selected for all-state chorus; participates in Talented and Gifted Children activities. He was elected to West Virginia Boys' State, voted best defensive lineman on the football team and is first baseman on the baseball team. Mike also sings with a church musical group called "The Messengers".

## Kanawha River



Eight-year-old **Timothy**, son of Woody Sagraves, maintenance mechanic A, was a winner for his age group and came in second overall in the Pinewood Derby sponsored by Cub Scout Troop 141, Charlton Heights, W.Va.

## Kingsport

**Bruce**, son of Customer Services Manager Carl Bacon, will represent Lynn View High School as a delegate to the annual American Legion Boys' State at Tennessee Technological University.

**John Faust**, president, has been named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world". He was nominated by the Kingsport Rotary Club, which contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in his name.

## Logan-Williamson

**Lorrayne Corea**, Williamson secretarial-stenographer, was elected to the board of directors of the Tug Valley Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International).

**Eddie**, son of Logan Planner Fred Wagner, won first place in the history division of the Logan County social studies fair for his project, the Family Tree. A sixth grader at Justice Grade School, Eddie will compete later this year in the state social studies fair.

**Andy Abshire**, Madison line crew supervisor, and his wife **Kaye** tied for second place in the J&S Lanes Bowling Tournament. They are members of Andy's Restaurant bowling team.

Williamson Area Superintendent **Paul Owens** was elected vice president of the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**Angela**, daughter of Division Superintendent Harry Ruloff, Jr., won first place in the anthropology division of the Logan County social studies fair for her project, the Cherokee Indians. A fifth grader at Dehue Grade School, Angela competed in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade levels of the fair. Her project was also judged second place for best overall. She will compete later this year in the state social studies fair. Angela has also been selected one of the top cheerleaders

in the Logan County Buddy League basketball tournament.

Elected officers of the Williamson Area Girls' Club, K-Appa-K, were: **Gerri Layne**, president; **Pat Cox**, vice president; **Pat Prater**, secretary; and **Ruth Boothe**, treasurer.

## Pulaski

**J. B. Brillheart**, administrative assistant, was named to fill the unexpired term of the vice president of the Pulaski Commercial and Professional Association.



**R. T. Wingate**, area service restorer, was elected to the Independence Town Council.



**A. L. Graham**, customer services supervisor, was re-elected to the Pulaski Town Council.

**Mel**, wife of H. L. Honeycutt, Claytor maintenance mechanic A, was appointed resolution chairman of the Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and elected director of District I. She is a member of the Radford Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

**Jackie**, wife of Galax Area Service Restorer R. C. Sharp, has been presented the President's Pen Award by Riegel Textile Corporation for outstanding job performance. The Sharps will join other winners of the award for an all-expense-paid trip to Atlanta. Jackie, an RN, is head nurse, editor of The Fries Textile News and is zero defects coordinator at the company's Fries Plant.

**R. C. Sharp**, who served as wagon master of the New River Wagon Train for 14 years, has made a cassette tape about the

origin, customs and progress of the wagon train for the Archives of Folklore at East Carolina University. **R. W. Dalton**, Galax line crew supervisor NE, is currently wagon master.



**C. S. Farris, Jr.**, stores attendant, was elected president of the Wurno Ruritan Club.

**Melissa**, daughter of H. M. Jennings, records supervisor, was elected to the varsity cheerleader squad at Pulaski County High School for 1980-81.



**S. J. "Red" Johnson**, Galax line mechanic A on LTD leave, has been elected president of the Southwest Virginia Health Systems Agency for 1980-81. Red has been on the board since the agency was organized in 1976 and was chairman of the project review committee in 1979. He is also on the Planning District 3 Sub-Area Health Council.

**Vicki**, daughter of Retiree R. P. Lawson, was mistress of ceremonies for the Tiny Miss and Pre-Teen Pulaski County Pageant. **Darlene**, daughter of Shirley Moon, customer accounts representative B, received the Miss Personality trophy.



**Claud K. Kirkland**, retired division manager, was named the business executive of the year by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce. In accepting the

award, he told the crowd of 350, "Those who know me, know I usually have something to say, but this is an exception. I accept this award with a great deal of gratitude and much humility. Pulaski and Pulaski County are our home, and if we can contribute a little to make it better, I feel we have done our part. That is what life is all about."



**Eunice Kidd**, wife of Retiree O. B. Kidd, was elected worthy matron of Order of Eastern Star, Pulaski Chapter No. 113.



**Steve**, son of Hillsville Meter Reader S. R. Collins, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in ceremonies at the First United Methodist Church in Galax. A member of Boy Scout Troop #188, he is a sophomore at Carroll County High School.

**Greg**, son of Engineering Technician B. W. Hicks, and **Mike**, son of Area Service Restorer R. G. Musser, were inducted into the National Honor Society at Carroll County High School.

## Roanoke

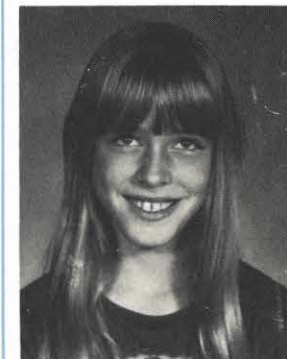
**Jamilia**, daughter of Ralph Casey, meter service mechanic A, won red ribbons for her forestry and baking projects in West Central District Junior 4-H competition. A fifth grader at Rocky Mount Elementary, she is a member of the Four Leaf Clover Club.

**Frances Harville**, customer representative B, was elected secretary of the Fieldale branch of TOPS.

## Philip Sporn

**Janet**, daughter of Norman Mora, maintenance mechanic B, was selected for inclusion in the 1980 edition of "Who's Who In Music In America". A senior at Eastern High School, she has played the alto saxophone for eight years, was in the marching, concert, pep and jazz bands for four years, and a section leader for three years.

**Carl "Buck" Tennant**, maintenance supervisor, bowled a 624 series at Mason County Bowling Alley. He is on the Valley Haven Stables Team of the Sporn Bowling League.



**Kim**, daughter of Oscar Casto, maintenance supervisor, was the senior division winner of the Mason County 4-H conservation poster contest. Her entry will now advance to state competition. Kim is vice president of the Four Corners 4-H Club and a seventh grader at Wahama Junior High.

## DOSS RETIRES FROM NAVY



Jasper Doss, Roanoke line crew supervisor, has retired after more than 23 years' service in the Naval Reserves. He was a 1st class petty officer in Company E, Unit CB-23. Doss was stationed at Pearl Harbor when World War II began and saw action in numerous countries during 4½ years active duty in the Army.



# SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Patricia Canterbury to **Robert S. Wiseman**, son of Bill Wiseman, Beckley engineering technician senior, April 26.



Sandra Woods to **Gregory Harrison**, son of Elizabeth Harrison, secretary-stenographer, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, March 28.



**Karyn Cantees**, daughter of Naomi Cantees, Logan-Williamson customer accounts representative B, to Alan K. Stagg, March 20.



Linda Marie Brown to **Randolph W. Driskill**, son of Earl R. Driskill, Lynchburg residential representative, May 3.

**Brenda R. Hughes**, Kingsport cashier B, to **John D. Nance**, Kingsport electrical engineer, April 2.



Karen Lynn Umberger to **F. G. Sauls**, Abingdon meter reader, April 16.



Tersa Louise McFall to **Grover Alexander Goolsby, III**, Lynchburg line mechanic C, February 29.



**Brenda G. Wheeler**, winder 3rd class, Central Machine Shop, to **Robert C. Wilkinson**, April 4.



Holly Lynn Jennings to **Terry Clay St. John**, son of Charlotte St. John, Lynchburg personnel clerk A, May 10.



**Anna Mary Queen**, daughter of Frank E. Queen, Logan-Williamson right-of-way agent, to Samuel Lee Capua, October 24, 1979.



Cathie Richardson to **A. J. Tamagni**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, April 19.

Naomi K. Ball to **Michael C. Witt**, Amos Plant utility worker, May 9.

Yvonne McKown to **Mark Patton**, Charleston line mechanic D, April 26.

# BABY PARADE

**Abingdon**  
Stephen Garrett, son of **J. J. Stanley**, Clintwood line mechanic D, March 6.

**John Amos**  
Austin Sherrod, son of **Calvin L. Moore**, utility operator B, April 11.

Valerie Ann, daughter of **Okey V. Redman, III**, control technician junior, May 3.

**Bluefield**  
Mark Antoine, son of **John M. Coleman, II**, line mechanic A, April 28.

**Charleston**  
Leonard H., III, son of **Leonard H. Hudson, Jr.**, line mechanic D, April 22.

Robert H., Jr., son of **Robert H. Wilson**, station mechanic C, April 19.

Amber Marie, daughter of **Clifford N. Wolfe**, drafter B, April 20.

James Travis, son of **Jeffrey G. Parsley**, meter reader, May 8.

James Lonny, son of **James L. Pannell**, station mechanic D, February 15.

**General Office**  
Bryan Geoffrey, son of **William A. Bosta**, rate analyst, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, April 22.

Jonathan Robert, son of **Joan Ayers**, senior key entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, May 2.

Curtis, III, son of **Kathy Legans**, junior stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, April 23.

**Glen Lyn**  
Samantha Marie, daughter of **Larry Richard Bowers**, utility operator, April 15.  
Troy Wayne, son of **Arnold W. Ferguson**, auxiliary equipment operator, April 29.

**Lynchburg**  
Dawn Renee, daughter of **S. A. Fletcher, Jr.**, line mechanic D, April 24.

**Mountaineer Operations**  
Lori Beth, daughter of **B. L. Adams**, stores attendant, March 31.

Brandy Lynn, daughter of **F. Lee Gangwer**, utility operator A, April 23.

Clinton L., son of **Carl L. Horn**, assistant yard superintendent, April 22.

Deanna L., daughter of **Daniel L. Morrow**, coal handler, April 18.

**Pulaski**  
Jesse Randolph, son of **C. E. Burnett**, Claytor maintenance mechanic B, April 29.

Matthew Brent, son of **E. B. Altizer**, Christiansburg line mechanic D, April 20.

# CROUSE PLANS FLORIDA VISIT



"I think it's time to quit when I forget and come to work on holidays," laughs Walter Lee Crouse, who elected early retirement June 1. The Bluefield general servicer came to work on Washington's Birthday this year and didn't realize it was a holiday until no one else had showed up by 8:30.

A native of Canebrake, West Virginia, Walt was employed in 1945 as a serviceman B and held the positions of lineman C and B, serviceman A and meter serviceman A before being promoted in 1971 to the position he held at retirement.

After a trip to Florida, Walt plans to catch up on chores around his house and do electrical work in his hobby

shop. He is a member of the Kazim Temple, Roanoke, Virginia; Masonic Lodge, Grundy, Va.; and attends the Little Prater Church of Christ. Walt and his wife Juanita have four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Crouses will continue to reside at Route 4, Box 128, Grundy.

# APCO WORK IS FAMILY AFFAIR



Working for Appalachian Power is a family affair for relatives of Gleason Kyle "Smitty" Smythers, who retired June 1 as Pulaski residential representative.

Smitty says, "My father, Robert Smythers, worked at Buck Hydro and I was raised there. I worked for Appalachian in the summers, beginning when I was 13 years old, carrying water for crews that were cutting rights-of-way for transmission lines. My brother, Tenson, works at Byllesby Hydro and my sister, Virginia, works in the Pulaski accounting section."

Smitty was hired as a clerk in 1937 and during his 43 years' service worked as a meterman C, clerk intermediate, clerk senior, T&D clerk senior, dealer sales representative and residential representative.

Looking toward retirement, Smitty relates, "I hope to travel some and will probably do some fishing and gardening. But I don't really have any definite plans. I'll just take one day at a time."

A World War II veteran, Smitty is a 15-year member and past president of the Pulaski Lions Club; past Sunday School superintendent and past member of the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church. He

and his wife Lattie will continue to reside at 132 Fifteenth Street, Pulaski.

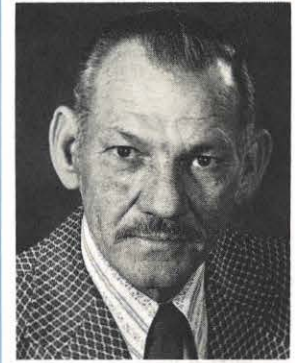
# FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



**Donald L. Buckingham**, 72, retired transmission station foreman, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, died April 28. A native of South Bend, Indiana, he began his career as a wireman helper for Indiana & Michigan Electric Company and retired June 1, 1972. Buckingham is survived by his widow Phyllis, 2536 Chatham Street, Roanoke, Va., and one son.



**James Martin Loyd**, 66, retired Bluefield customer accounting supervisor, died May 2. A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, he was employed in 1935 as a clerk and retired June 1, 1978. Loyd is survived by his widow Elsie, 320 Frederick Street, Bluefield, W.Va., and one sister.



**Roland Staten**, 54, Logan-Williamson stores attendant senior, died May 16 of cancer. A native of Borderland, West Virginia, he began his career in 1951 as a laborer in Williamson. Staten is survived by two sons, one daughter, his father, one brother and three sisters.



## McMAHANS LABOR WITH CHURCH GROUP IN MEXICO



W. C. "Mac" McMahan, manager of Huntington Division's Point Pleasant area, and his wife, Velma, recently traveled to Mexico on a church-sponsored work project.

Here is Mrs. McMahan's account of their trip to the village of La Huertilla in the state of Oaxaco, about 300 miles south of Mexico City:

"We arrived just at dinner time. For our coming, they had killed a not-so-fatted goat which had been roasting in a pit in the ground. This was a special occasion for the villagers, and especially for us and the children, many of whom had probably never seen the ceremony of the unearthing.

"During our stay, our diet consisted mainly of black beans, rice, tortillas (unsalted and unleavened), eggs, meat (a total of four times), and fresh fruit, which was greatly appreciated.

"Their meals were farther apart and somewhat transposed from ours. The evening meal was more like our breakfast with a locally baked, slightly sweet bun, called "kisses," coffee and fruit. After some testing to make sure our hostesses would not be offended, we added some of the soups, cereal and other instant foods we'd brought with us.

"Sleeping accommodations lacked much that first night. The villagers, some living in concrete block houses with dirt or cement floors and others in "wicky-ups" made of sticks, offered the very best they had. Even so, some of our group slept on a cot, concrete floor or board with only a blanket for protection from the cold. For others, it meant taking the only bed or beds in a household void of bed linens. Mac and I shared such a room with another couple. After our luggage arrived with sleeping bags, we were able to sleep warmly and a little more comfortably.

"We had been told to bring bathing suits as we would have to bathe in the river, which we found almost dry. It looked as though any bath would have to be in dust. We did find a few water holes about a foot deep and it was here that we bathed and did our laundry. The village women also did their laundry here and goats, donkeys and the few cattle also watered from the shallow pools.

"Much to our disappointment, we learned that our primary project of supplementing the community's water supply would not materialize. Because of state water-right laws and inactivity of the Mexican State government, we could not get started on the water project. Village leaders were anxious to show the government that work had started, so most of our group, with about 50 of the villagers, went to the dry river bed and began to move and pile large stones to clear a path for the time, if and when, that the state engineer would come with equipment to complete the project.

Community leaders suggested other projects they felt beneficial and these much needed projects were started.

"One was a water storage tank on the mission church property, requiring the talents of masons and concrete workers. We hauled large river rocks, sand, gravel and water to the work site, dug the footers and mixed mortar or concrete, as needed. The completed tank will hold about 3,500 gallons of water and can be filled by truck or as a collecting tank during the rainy season. It will enable the church community to store water, when it is available, for use during those periods when it is very scarce.

"One man from our group, aided by a villager, designed and built seven benches with backs for the small church. During the construction, the villager was learning so the carpenter's tools were given to him in hopes he can earn an income as a carpenter.

"Village leaders asked for assistance in wiring their town hall. The building was about four years old, and even though conduit had been installed at the time of construction, no electrician could be found to complete the wiring. Mac and an electrician worked on this project. The mayor of the village gave our group a turkey in gratitude for the wiring job, and it was roasted in a pit in the ground and served to us for our last meal there.

"The little church building, a new multipurpose building, which included one room housing our men while we were there, and another smaller building, which served as the dining hall and crafts room, were also wired for electricity.

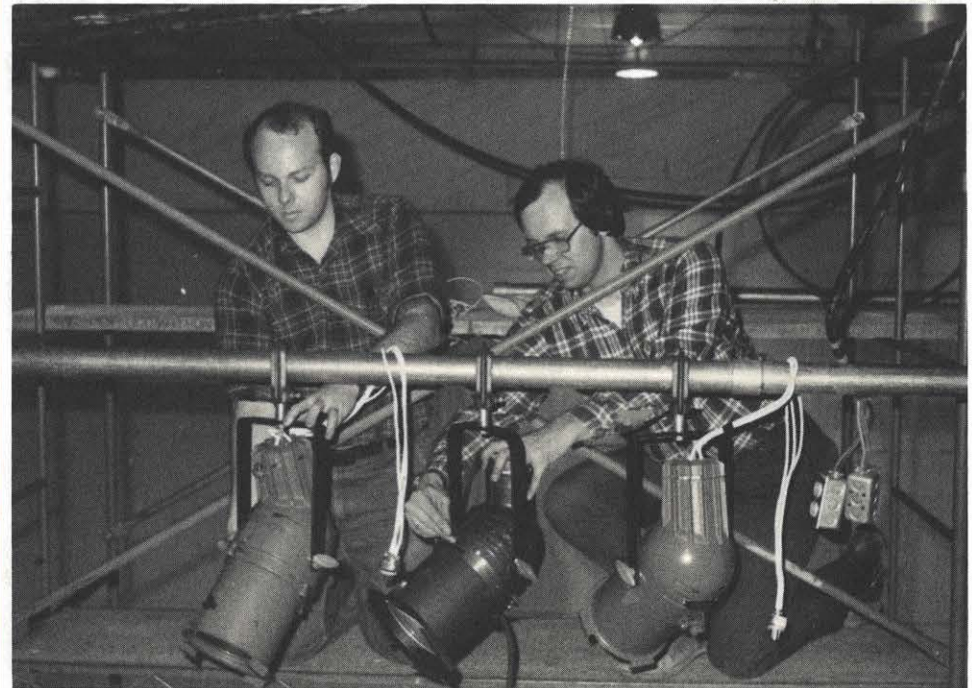
"Three other women and I taught macrame in the hopes that it would become a cottage industry with a cash income for the very poor. These descendants of the Mestec Indians seemed to have little or no handicraft skills. To our surprise, most of the women didn't even know how to handle sewing shears to cut the cord when they came to the macrame classes.

"A dentist from Pennsylvania who traveled with us and one of the women from

our group treated a number of patients for infected teeth and gum problems. There were few cavities among the children because there is little sugar in this area. Probably most of the gum disease is caused by poor diet. He did extractions in very crude surroundings, out-of-doors, with mothers holding their children, some even nursing them, and with other children and family members looking on. Not once was there a cry of pain uttered even though there may have been some.

"When we returned to our comfortable home with our many luxuries, we could only give thanks for a tall glass of water with the tinkle of ice, enough nourishing food to eat, and a comfortable bed on which to get a good night's rest — and pray for guidance to a more simple lifestyle, so that all God's children can have these things which we take so for granted."

## LOGAN EMPLOYEES WORK WITH COMMUNITY THEATRE



Greg Clark, left, and Bob Archibald work on lighting for a coming performance of "The Sound of Music" by the Appalachian Community Theatre.

Twice yearly a group of about 50 Boone County, West Virginia, citizens get together and produce "big name" musicals at the Boone-Madison Civic Center. Collectively, they are known as the Appalachian Community Theatre (ACT), an amateur nonprofit organization.

Bob Archibald, Logan-Williamson Division engineering supervisor, has served as lighting director of ACT for two years. Bob says, "ACT is usually allotted one and a half weeks of time at the civic center. The performances are given during the last five days of this period. This means we must work evenings and weekends during the first four days after the center is opened to us, sometimes until 1 or 2 AM, raising sets and wiring and aligning lights."

This year Bob has gotten some assistance with the lighting task from Greg Clark, Madison area supervisor. Greg notes, "There are a lot of talented people in our area. Both young and old get involved with each production. This spring, the "Winnie The Pooh" musical was primarily for children and all but one cast member was under 14 years of age. In "Hello Dolly", the major production last fall, the cast was primarily adult. The construction of such facilities as the Boone-Madison Civic Center and the participation and enthusiasm displayed by the local residents in community projects such as ACT are indicative of the development and growth being experienced in this area."

Ralph Bragg, area service restorer, is also actively involved with ACT productions.

Boone County school children are bussed in to see the performances, and the productions are opened to the general public in the evenings for a small admission.

Bob and Greg are already working toward this fall's production of "The Sound of Music".



Serving as officers of the Roanoke Retired Employees Association for 1980 are, l. to r., J. B. Whitmore, past president; E. C. "Dutch" Rankin, president; Owen Hawkins, vice president; Mary Mills, assistant treasurer; and Paul Hartman, treasurer. Not pictured is Glada Fleshman, secretary.



# VETS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



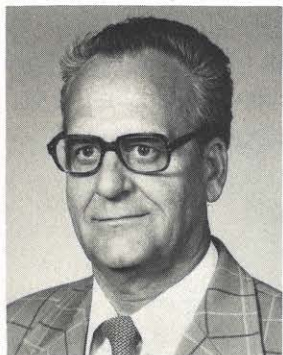
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Roanoke  
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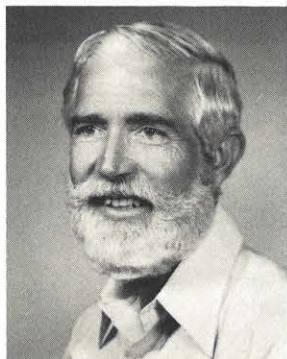
Lena Hensley  
Head T&D Clerk  
Kingsport  
35 Years



M. K. Spraker  
Line Crew Supv. NE  
Bluefield  
30 Years



A. B. Purdy  
Station Staff Eng.  
GO-Roanoke  
30 Years



Jack Riddle  
Eng. Technologist  
Beckley  
30 Years



J. E. Brown  
Inst. Mechanic A  
Glen Lyn  
30 Years



E. W. DeHart  
Maint. Mechanic A  
Glen Lyn  
30 Years



C. D. Yeager  
Maintenance Supv.  
Philip Sporn  
30 Years



H. M. Smythers  
Commercial Eng.  
Roanoke  
25 Years



Nancy Caldwell  
Sr. Telephone Op.  
Abingdon  
25 Years



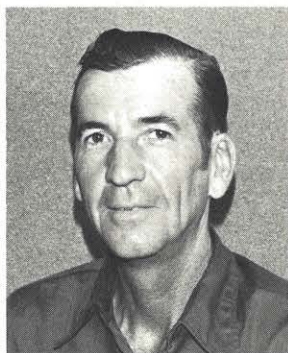
L. C. Houchins  
Personnel Supv.  
Clinch River  
25 Years



D. R. Mann  
Area Serv. Restorer  
Bluefield  
25 Years



W. A. Perdue  
Cust. Serv. Rep.  
Bluefield  
20 Years



D. H. Spencer  
Shift Op. Engineer  
Mountaineer  
25 Years

**Beckley**  
10 Years: **I. P. Snodgrass**, engineering technician.

**Bluefield**  
20 Years: **Virginia Belcher**, customer accounts representative A.

**Clinch River**  
10 Years: **H. B. Hall**, unit supervisor.

**General Office**  
15 Years: **J. E. Jamison**, relay engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

**Huntington**  
5 Years: **R. L. Watson**, meter reader, Point Pleasant.

**Kanawha River**  
15 Years: **L. A. Johnson**, engineer B.

**Mountaineer**  
10 Years: **K. D. Cooper**, utility operator  
**A. R. D. Martin**, personnel assistant. 5 Years: **M. S. Frankowiak**, barge unloader operator.

**Philip Sporn**  
10 Years: **S. R. Larch**, maintenance engineer senior. **D. J. Love**, production superintendent-operations.

# NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

**John Amos**  
**Sharon Bailey**, **Terry Lilly** and **Stephen Terry**, utility workers. **Lionel Egnor**, **Kenneth Jividen**, **Robert Guerrant**, **Brenda Randolph** and **Fred Pressley**, maintenance mechanics **D. Clarence Wheatley, Jr.**, **Rodney Dillon** and **Twyla Dixon**, control technicians junior. **Robert Summers**, custodian.

**Beckley**  
**Randal Robertson**, residential representative.

**Bluefield**  
**Tom Gentry, Jr.**, line mechanic D, construction. **Darrell Carter** and **Richard Richmond**, line mechanics **D. William Graham**, line mechanic D, Tazewell. **Gary Moody**, line mechanic D, Princeton. **Lewis Crouch, Jr.**, **Jerry Phillips** and **John Osborne**, station mechanics D.

**Charleston**  
**Andrew Chapman**, line mechanic D. **Denise Drenner**, meter reader.

**General Office**  
**Raylene Riley**, junior stenographer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke. **Peggy Rogers**, junior clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Michael Sykes**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Charleston.

**James Mays**, surveyor assistant-rod, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. **Jerry White**, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Kenneth Boggs**, utility helper, GO Operations, Charleston. **Cheryl Carter**, electric plant clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

**Huntington**  
**K. W. Henson**, tracer. **H. D. Sowards**, area service restorer, Ripley. **Shirley Price**, junior clerk.

**Kingsport**  
**David Wells**, meter reader.

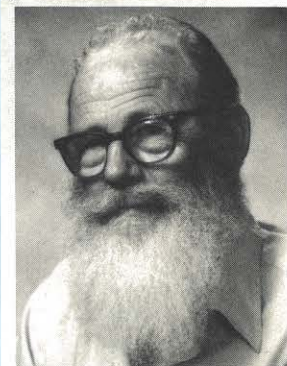
**Mountaineer**  
**G. R. Collins**, **M. D. Sheets**, **M. R. Dawson**, **W. O. Huffman**, **M. H. Ward**, **F. L. Arbaugh**, **R. W. Kelvington**, **M. Blevins**, **F. Gilkey**, **R. E. Stocker**, **M. J. Trent**, **T. A. Taylor**, **H. J. Carry**, **J. M. Pitts** and **G. W. Casto**, maintenance mechanics. **C. J. Booten**, performance technician. **T. A. Campbell**, **E. E. Kitchen**, **D. W. Gillespie**, **R. S. Crawford**, and **C. R. Houdashelt**, utility operators **B. G. M. Garnes**, **R. Penn**, **A. R. Marcum**, **P. Kropa**, **J. Bowman**, **L. M. Bissell** and **H. D. Dale**, utility workers. **C. L. Randolph**, **T. L. Hamilton**, **A. A. Plants**, **D. L. Morrow**, **M. R. Stafford**, **C. Wagner**, **H. C. Legg**, **T. L. Smith** and **T. L. Mays**, coal handlers. **M. E. Leary**, custodian.

**Pulaski**  
**T. E. Aaron**, commercial engineer.

**Roanoke**  
**Gary Williams**, meter reader. **Michael Swalley**, customer accounting assistant. **Betty Damiano**, junior stenographer. **Alexis Jones**, electrical engineer.

**Philip Sporn**  
**Daniel Casey** and **Jean Ganes**, utility workers **B. Howard McDaniel**, control technician junior.

# BRABSON CLOSES 27-YEAR CAREER



"I'll sure miss the kids", claims Tom Brabson, who has played Abingdon Division's Santa Claus since 1975. The T&D employee elected early retirement June 1.

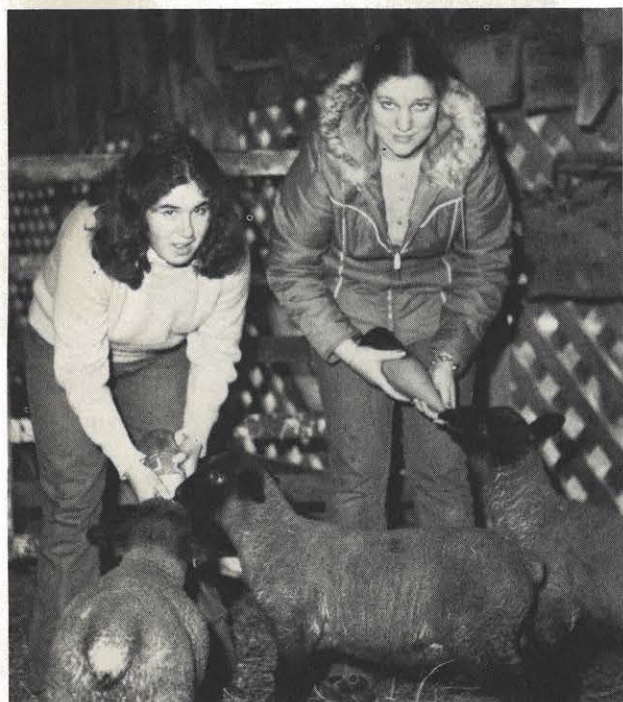
A native of Franklin, North Carolina, Tom began his career in 1953 when Abingdon was still a district. He holds a degree in agricultural engineering from Michigan State University and plans to pursue farming as "both a hobby and a job".

Tom used to have a pet pig who was trained to help him with the chores. The pig met him each evening when he got home from work, just like a faithful dog. Tom would load a basket of corn on the pig's back and the pig would follow him around until all the other animals were fed. The pig, of course, got the first ear of corn.

Tom rose to the rank of master sergeant while pulling a six-year hitch in the Marine Corps. He served in the Pacific Theatre and says he "hopped every island from the United States to China and back". According to Tom, "the most misnamed of these islands was Christmas Island, which is only two degrees below the equator and hotter than blue blazes." He adds, "The best thing I can remember about this period was that it allowed me to meet Eunice, who became my wife in 1944." The Brabsons have two children, both living in the Washington County, Virginia, area.



## BUCHANANS HOST CHILEAN STUDENT



Carolina Pinto, left, and Anna Buchanan feed lambs at Anna's grandparents' farm.

Except for a slight Spanish accent and her difficulty with a few English words, 16-year-old Carolina Pinto could pass for a typical Southwest Virginia teenager. Carolina lived with the family of W. B. Buchanan, Jr., the first quarter of this year and attended Giles High School with Buck's daughter Anna.

Buck, area service restorer in the Pearisburg area of Pulaski Division; his wife Mary, and their children, Phil, Kenny, Tommy, Anna and Ella, accepted Carolina into their family as a daughter and sister. Sally Hedrick, Pearisburg customer accounting supervisor NE, also has an interest in Carolina. Sally is married to Mary Buchanan's brother George, and Carolina refers to her as Aunt Sally, as do the Buchanan children.

Carolina and Anna became acquainted through correspondence as a result of a project in Anna's Spanish class. They became interested in becoming exchange students and, through the Open Door Student Exchange, Carolina was able to come and live with the Buchanans while attending Giles High School as a sophomore.

In explaining how her name is pronounced, Carolina said, "My first name is spelled the same as your neighboring state but is pronounced Carolena. My last name, Pinto, is pronounced the same as the bean and the small Ford automobile."

While at Giles High, Carolina assisted the teacher and other students in the Spanish class. In her hometown of Santiago, Chile, she is enrolled in a private British school, which is Catholic. She said, "Our school in South America is more difficult than the school here. We go to school from March through November and our hours are from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Our teachers change classes during the day instead of the students. Only about 30 out of 100 students are able to go to colleges or universities. The others usually attend vocational schools."

Carolina has been studying English since she was in kindergarten and speaks Spanish, English and French. There are 25 to 30 holidays during the school year, and there are no snow days to make up because Santiago is located in a valley where it never snows. The headmaster of her school was born in England, and it is his duty to select three students from Carolina's class to continue their education at Oxford University in England. Carolina is in contention for this honor.

Carolina's mother and father are separated, and she lives with her mother and two younger brothers. Her mother works for a tourist agency; and, as a result, Carolina has done extensive traveling. She has been to Europe, Korea and Australia and this was her seventh trip to the United States. Her father has a small flying service, a furniture store and manages his father's tobacco company.

Carolina explained that their eating habits are different in that they have four meals a day. They

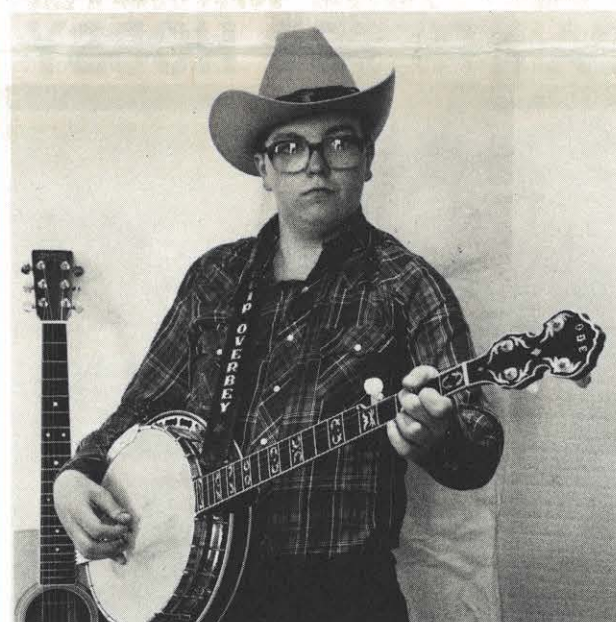
have an early light breakfast. The largest meal, lunch, is served at 1 PM. There is a meal at 5 PM called tea, consisting of a beverage and sandwich, and around 9 PM they have a light supper. Wine or beer is served with some of the meals. "There is no age requirement for buying alcoholic beverages but you have to be 18 to drive an automobile," Carolina noted. She was not aware of any alcohol or drug problem in their school. On Saturdays or Sundays their family gets together to eat and visit. The group consists of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. "It's not unusual to have 30 to 40 family members," she related.

A bright and interesting young lady, Carolina has an outgoing personality. She also has many interests she likes to talk about. She has been skiing since she was very young and has broken bones in her legs on seven different occasions. There is a possibility she will make her country's Olympic skiing team. Carolina says her home is only 30 minutes away from the Andes Mountains, where she skis, but also points out that she is only 45 minutes away from the beach.

She explained, "If you will look at a map of South America, you will see that my country is very narrow." As a result of her father's flying service, Carolina has been flying small aircraft for about two years. She also does hang-gliding, collects stamps, loves to write letters and poetry. She has already had a book of poems published.

Carolina has returned home to South America but plans a return visit to the Buchanans next month. Anna is looking forward to attending school in South America with Carolina as part of the exchange program. Buck says, "This has been a new and pleasant experience for us. We really enjoyed Carolina." Mary added, "We love her like our own."

## OVERBEY DREAMS OF NASHVILLE



Choosing between a go-cart or a banjo can be tough when you're 12 years old, according to Phillip Overbey, son of Kingsport Service Crew Supervisor J. W. Overbey. Phillip could have either one but not both.

He finally decided that a go-cart would probably provide only short-term enjoyment while a banjo might possibly give him a lifetime of pleasure. After a year of taking banjo lessons, Phillip started taking guitar lessons and now, just two years later, teaches banjo and guitar to several students. He also plays the saxophone with the Ketrion High School Band and can also play the fiddle and mandolin.

Phillip, who last summer performed with a bluegrass group, "The Ridgerunners", says, "I can hardly wait for school to be out for this summer so we can get our group reorganized and start playing for area clubs. I enjoy playing more than anything else; I practice several hours every day."

Phillip now owns a regular flat-top guitar as well as a 5-string banjo, and the instruments are valued at several thousand dollars.

J. W. says, "His mother and I encourage Phil because we feel he has a natural talent for music. He has dreams, as do many others, of someday going to Nashville and breaking into the big time. We are doing everything we can to help him achieve his goal."

## HERNANDEZ IS NEW CITIZEN



Edith and Amando Hernandez.

Amando B. Hernandez, electrical engineer in GO Meter, Charleston, last month was sworn in as a citizen of the United States.

Amando came from Manila, Philippines, in 1974 to live with his sister, Dr. Elena Cendana of Kanawha City, West Virginia. He worked part-time as an attendant at the Montgomery General Hospital while attending West Virginia Institute of Technology. After graduation in August 1978, he was employed by Appalachian.

Amando explained that it took him about a year to complete the necessary applications for citizenship after he had completed the required five years of residency.

He met his wife Edith through a mutual friend and they were married in 1976. Because she did not come to the U.S. until 1975, she will not be eligible for citizenship until May 1981. A graduate of Far Eastern University in Manila, Edith is a medical technologist at the St. Francis Hospital in Charleston.

The temperature ranges from 78° to 85° year-round in the Philippines, and it was quite a change for Amando to come into the West Virginia hills and be faced with four seasons. He does enjoy living in that area, though, and endures the winter in anticipation of the wonderful warmth of summer.

Things Amando particularly likes about the U.S. are the interstate system and the way Americans are able to go where they wish, the freedom of speech, and the opportunities to shop. He says, "Although Manila boasts of supermarkets, people there still enjoy being able to shop at the open marketplaces. The meat that is sold in the open market is killed and sold the same day so storage is no problem. Pork and beef are staples in Manila, along with rice and fish. It is so convenient to live here (the U.S.) where you can purchase anything you need and are able to do what you want to do."

Amando was taught the dialect of Tagalog in his province. Upon entering grade school, English became the prominent language. Amando explained that each province in the Philippines has its own dialect and if you travel to another province you would not be able to communicate. He was pleased to note that even though Americans have different accents they are able to communicate without problems because of one common language.

Amando feels that the Philippines is ten years ahead of the United States in inflation. "The cost of clothing is much higher. However, the majority of the population has clothes tailor made and only a very few buy ready made garments. Everyone dresses very well in the Philippines," he noted. "I do enjoy shopping for clothing here because there is such a variety. If something does not fit or if you do not like it, you do not have to buy it. In the Philippines, if you do not like your new garment after it is made, you still have to buy it because you have already paid one-half down on its purchase."

Amando's father, a retired physician, and his mother now reside in Kanawha City and hope to become citizens after their waiting period is over.



## GROSS CHEERS FOR ROCKETS



Lynda Gross, plant clerk C at Central Machine Shop, has been selected as a cheerleader for the West Virginia Rockets football team. This is the first year the team has been a member of the American Football Association. Other teams in the Eastern Division are the Carolina Chargers, Jacksonville, Kentucky and West Virginia. An exhibition game was played May 24 and the first game on May 31.

Lynda says, "I didn't even hear about tryouts for the Rockets' cheerleaders until Saturday evening, March 29, the first day of tryouts. The final day was Sunday. I decided to go watch, with very little intention of trying out myself. Girls trying out were to wear a leotard, have their own music and a dance routine, and I had none of these.

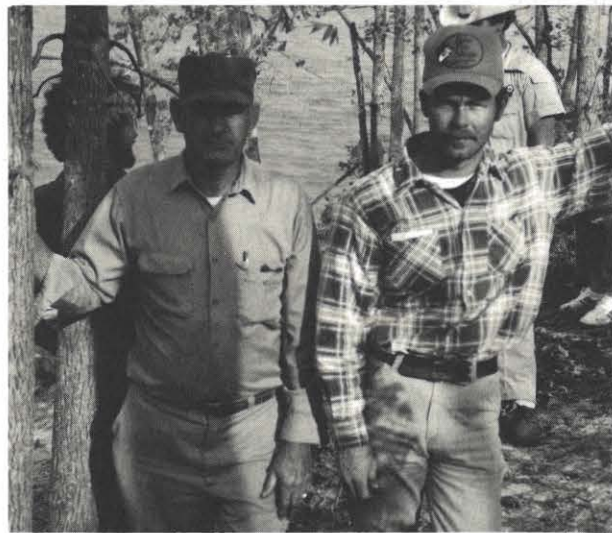
"After arriving, I started talking with one of the girls who had just tried out and she started to talk me into trying. I told her I didn't have a leotard. 'Wear mine,' she said. 'Well, I don't have a routine,' I responded. 'That's okay. Let's go make one up real quick.' 'What about music?' I asked. 'Oh you can just use mine,' she replied."

Lynda confides, "I have had 12 years of dancing, was a dance assistant at a dance studio in Cross Lanes and taught disco dancing for the Kanawha County Board of Education so it wasn't real hard to come up with a routine. I just decided if I didn't try out, I wouldn't make it. So 45 minutes later, I was on stage, as nervous as a person could be.

"The winners were to be notified the following day, so we all went home awaiting the phone call on Monday. Later that evening the phone rang and I told my daughter I was just too tired to talk on the phone. When she told me it was Bill Miller with the W.Va. Rockets . . . shock! I went to the phone and he told me I had made it as a West Virginia Rockette.

"The instructor for the Rockettes is Connie Dawson. She is terrific and expects us to be the same. It is hard work but loads of fun. We only attend the home games this year, but we will appear in parades and do public appearances in the area. I'm looking forward to a very exciting year," Lynda concludes.

## TOP FISHERMEN



Claude Woods, left, and Dave Traylor.

In February a group of fishing enthusiasts in the Huntington office decided to do more than just talk about their sport. Arrangements were made for a bass fishing tournament on May 10 at Cave Run Lake in Morehead, Kentucky, and fellow employees were invited to participate. Cash prizes were offered for the largest fish and the largest number, by weight.

Twenty men left on Friday evening, May 9, for Morehead. Early on Saturday morning ten boats, with two men each, departed the banks. Twelve hours later, only six fish had been caught. "They just weren't biting, the timing was wrong," commented one fisherman.

Claude Woods, engineering technician, received the prize for the most fish with a total catch of four pounds. J. Dave Traylor, line mechanic A, landed the largest, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  pounds.

## PART-TIME MINISTER PAINTS FOR HOBBY



"I started drawing when I was a small boy; and, as time went on, I got better. I would have liked to have studied art but never had the opportunity," says Raymond Neibert.

Whenever the Point Pleasant custodian finds a small picture that appeals to him, he takes a pencil and carefully lays the picture out on a piece of sheet. Then he paints in the enlargement in either oil or watercolors.

"I draw mostly religious pictures because I like them the best," he confides. This is only natural since Raymond started in the ministry about a year ago. He does not have a church of his own yet but has preached in various area churches. Strongly influencing his feelings about religion is the fact that Raymond has had several open heart operations and one complete change of blood.

Raymond also paints flowers and animals and does special paintings upon request. It takes from 12 to 16 hours for him to draw one picture before beginning to paint. He concludes, "I'd be happy to talk about my hobby if anyone would like additional information."

## FRIENDSHIP TOURNEY ATTRACTS 30 TEAMS



Members of the Hot Shots team, which took first place in the men's division are l. to r., Dennis Mullins, Andik Shahbazian, Roger Wright, Ardavaz Shahbazian and Les Pauley.

Thirty teams from West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia participated in the 17th Annual Friendship Bowling Tournament held at the Kanawha Boulevard Recreation Center, Charleston. Jim Young, Charleston garage supervisor, and Vickie Barton, Amos plant clerk B, served as co-chairmen of the event.

The Megawatt League Hot Shots rolled a 2,996 series with handicaps to take the first prize of \$125 in the men's division. Team members are Ardie and Andik Shahbazian, Les Pauley, Dennis Mullins and Roger Wright.

The Kilowatt League Short Circuits scored 2,967 to capture second place for the men. Team members Leland Price, Charles Justice, Stanley Oxley, Elmer Spencer and Jerry Corder shared the \$75 prize.

Megawatt's Five Megs took the third prize of \$50 for their total pins of 2,926. Team members are Jim Harris, Kenny Black, John Goddard, Jim Young and Ken Black.

Taking the top prize of \$85 in the women's division was the Kilowatt League's Trouble Makers, with total pins of 3,030. Team members are Vicky Barton, Nancy Arthur, Sharon Lett, Cindy Martin and Lynda Gross.

The Megawatt League's Goodtimers scored 2,976 to capture the \$50 second prize in the women's division. Team members are Phyllis Kellam, Norma Miles, Madge Walker, Debbie Goddard and Hazel Hawkins.

The third-place prize of \$30 was shared by the Kilowatt League's Shady Ladies team, composed of Mary Wilton, Bonnie Jarrett, Donna Young, Sandy Byus and Pat Matthews.

Individual winners in the men's division were: Jerry Corder, high game (213) and high series (598); Dick Thewes, high game with handicap (230); and James Merritt, high series with handicap (656).

The women's individual winners were: Bonnie Jarrett, high game (218) and high series with handicap (658); Debbie Goddard, high game with handicap (266); and Sharon Lett, high series (548).



Members of the Trouble Makers team, which captured first prize in the women's division, are l. to r., Cindy Martin, Lynda Gross, Vicky Barton, Nancy Arthur and Sharon Lett.



# RAISING BEEF CATTLE WILL BE RETIREMENT SUPPLEMENT



T. R. Templeton, Huntington garage supervisor, got a real thrill when he saw 16 sides of beef hanging in the cooler at Jones Meat Processor, Ona, W.Va., recently. Fourteen months earlier they had been newborn calves on his farm near Chesapeake, Ohio. These were Hereford and Charolais cattle, raised on high protein liquid feed with farm grain. "The largest one dressed out at 700 pounds," says Tommy. "Of course, we're talking about an animal that weighed well over a thousand pounds before he was slaughtered."

Slaughtering is the part Tommy doesn't do. The processor sends a large truck to pick up the animals and slaughters, dresses, cools, cuts and wraps the meat ready for the freezer. Most is sold to a few select customers.

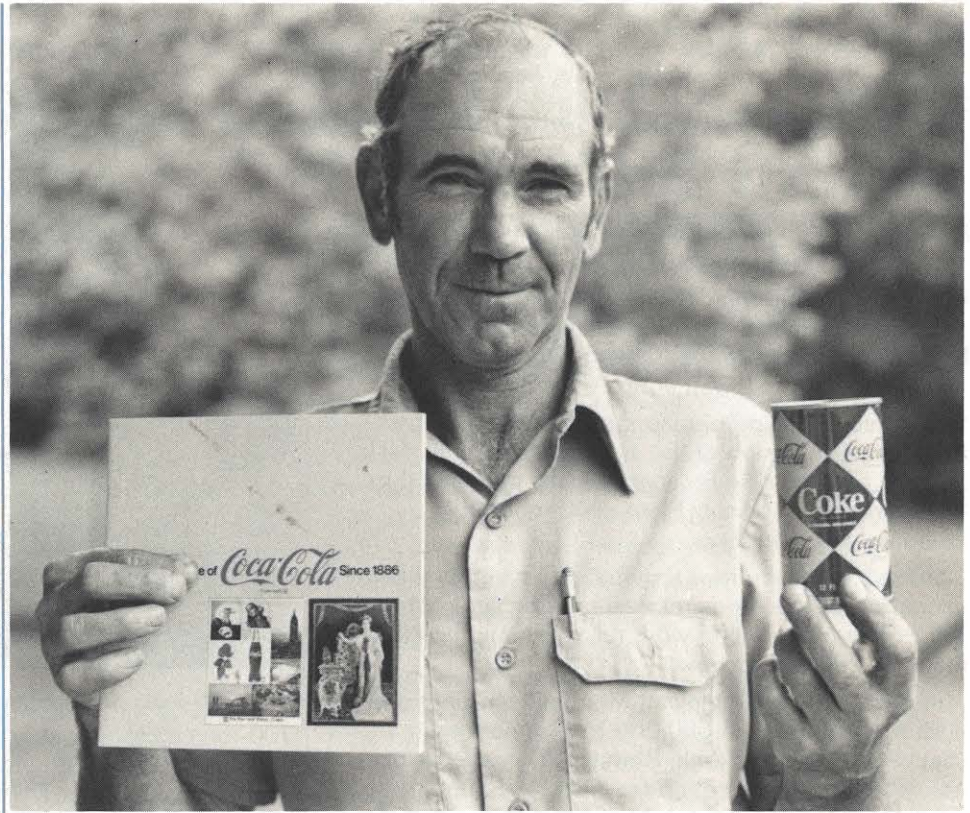
Tommy enjoys a farmer's life and adds, "I'll certainly continue raising beef after retirement. It will be a nice supplement."



Officers of the Reddi-Lite Club, a Roanoke employees social organization, are, l. to r., W. G. Loope, station crew supervisor NE, president; W. G. Feazelle, general servicer, vice president; Janet Craighead, meter electrician C, secretary; Cathy Doyle, junior stenographer, treasurer; and Wayne Sink, electrical engineer, assistant treasurer.

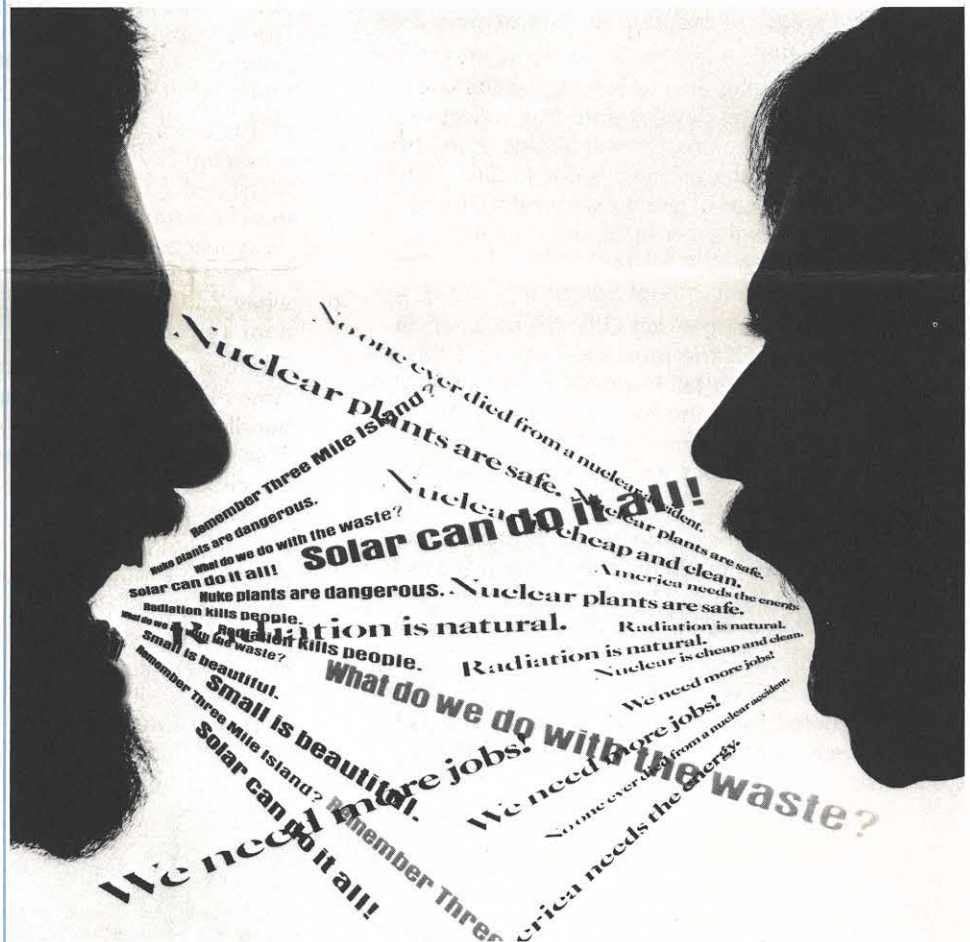


New officers of Central Machine Shop's Activity Club are, seated, l. to r., Phyllis Lovett, winder 3rd class, vice president; Dave Salisbury, machinist 1st class, president; Lynda Gross, plant clerk C, committee member; Greg Morris, welder 1st class, committee member; Connie Dawson, tool crib attendant, secretary-treasurer; and Carol Raynes, machinist 3rd class, committee member. Standing, Troy Miller, NDE inspector 2nd class, and Cliff Garland, winder 1st class, both committee members.



C. E. "Bo" Fields, driver ground helper in the Gate City area of Abingdon Division, doesn't usually go around looking in the bottom of empty Coke cans but he just happened to recently and made a rare find — according to The Coca-Cola Company. Bo discovered a riddle imprinted in the bottom of the can and wrote to the company to find out more about it. He was informed that riddles had been put on other soft drink cans but never Coke. Nevertheless, Bo has the can with the riddle and would part with it "if the price is right". In case you're wondering, the riddle is, "What has panes but no aches?"

Answers: a window



## Which Side Do You Believe?

There are two sides to the issue of nuclear power. Both sides feel strongly that their position is correct—which makes it difficult for Americans to form a responsible position on whether our country needs this source of energy.

Americans are bombarded with conflicting views and statements from numerous self-proclaimed energy experts. Some have even said that nuclear power—which currently provides 12% of the nation's electricity—should be halted altogether.

But consider the *sources* of the loudest anti-nuclear noise. Among those leading the attack on nuclear power are a host of actors and actresses, rock stars, aspiring politicians and others who think America has grown enough.

### The Issue Isn't Just Nuclear

Nuclear power is not the only thing they oppose. These are often the same people who have been against development of geothermal energy in California . . . stopped new hydro-electric plants in Maine and Tennessee . . . blocked a new oil refinery for southern California . . . opposed new pipelines to deliver natural gas to the East . . . fought the building of more coal-fired plants. And they're the same people opposed to President Carter's plan for developing a synthetic fuels program. One wonders what they are *for*, and how they propose meeting America's energy needs?

For many of these people, stopping nuclear power is but one part of a political objective to slow growth across the board in America.

This no-growth philosophy of the anti-nuclear leadership was clearly expressed by Amory Lovins, one of the world's leading nuclear critics, when he admitted, "If nuclear power were clean, safe, economic . . . and socially benign per se, it would still be unattractive because of the political implications . . ."

### Support For Nuclear Widespread

On the other hand, consider the many organizations that have endorsed nuclear power for America's future. They include: the AFL-CIO . . . the NAACP . . . the National Governor's Conference . . . Consumer Alert . . . and many more. These groups recognize that America's need for electric power is growing at a rate of 4% each year.

Consider also that the health and safety record of nuclear power has been endorsed by a vast majority of the *scientific* community—including such organizations as the National Academy of Sciences, the World Health Organization, the American Medical Association, and the Health Physics Society.

We're not saying that nuclear power is risk free. The truth is that risks are involved in *all* energy technologies. However, the overwhelming scientific evidence is clear: nuclear power is at least as clean and safe as any other means available to generate electricity—more so than most.

Where will Americans get the electricity that is needed if not, in part, from nuclear power? That's the real question in the nuclear debate. It's the one for which the anti-nuclear leaders have no answer.

## Nuclear Power. Because America Needs Energy.

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## APCO'S PUTNAM COAL TERMINAL TAKING SHAPE

The newest coal handling facility in the American Electric Power System, Appalachian Power's Putnam Coal Terminal, is rapidly taking shape at Morgan's Landing on the Kanawha River near the huge 2,900,000 kilowatt John Amos plant.

Scheduled to begin operation in September, the terminal is an extension of the existing Amos coal dock and will allow coal to be economically transferred to the nearby Mountaineer Plant which goes into operation in December.

Construction of the new terminal and a substantial expansion of the Amos railroad yard began in May 1979. The construction work force has numbered as many as 200 employees.

The new 1,300,000 kilowatt Mountaineer Plant will burn approximately 3,500,000 tons of coal each year. According to Bernie Romanoski, manager of transportation coordination for AEP Fuel Supply, "The Mountaineer Plant, because of environmental regulations, requires coal containing no more than 1.2 pounds of sulfur per million BTU."

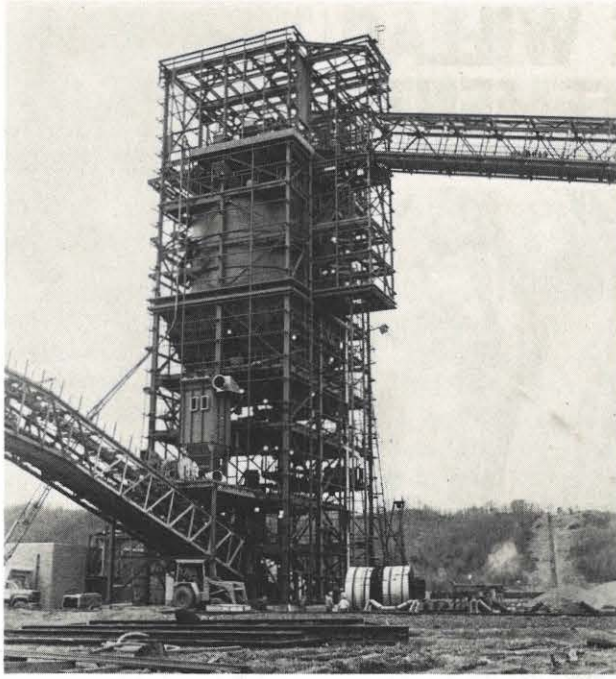
The company has concentrated on finding suitable coal in southern West Virginia and, Romanoski says, "this means a combination of rail and barge is needed to get the coal to where it's needed. The most logical place to transfer coal to barges is where the various rail lines merge coming out of the coal fields. This occurs near the Amos Plant where we already had sufficient property and an existing coal handling operation."

The new coal loading and unloading facility will have special watering devices and dust collectors and all permanent conveyors will be enclosed. Also, as an extension of the existing Amos facility, Putnam takes advantage of previous investments in such equipment as the car dumper, the railroad track and, of course, the 63-acres of land needed for the project.

For the traveler driving along U.S. 35 between St. Albans and Winfield, the most visible part of the installation is a 135-foot tall hopper located about 340 feet from the banks of the Kanawha River. At this hopper, coal can either be routed directly to the barge loader for transport to Mountaineer, or to the storage area.

According to Romanoski, use of the storage area will be kept to a minimum. "It's our plan to transload immediately from rail cars to barges. This will require close timing on the availability of barges, but it can be done."

Approximately 2,300 feet of 60-inch conveyor has been constructed for the new terminal, and, according to civil engineer Ray Haga, nearly half of it — 1,094 feet — connects the Amos Plant with the



The 700-ton coal hopper. 700-ton capacity hopper. At a station on the Amos end of the conveyor, coal unloaded from rail cars can be routed either to Amos or to the Putnam Coal Terminal for use at Mountaineer.

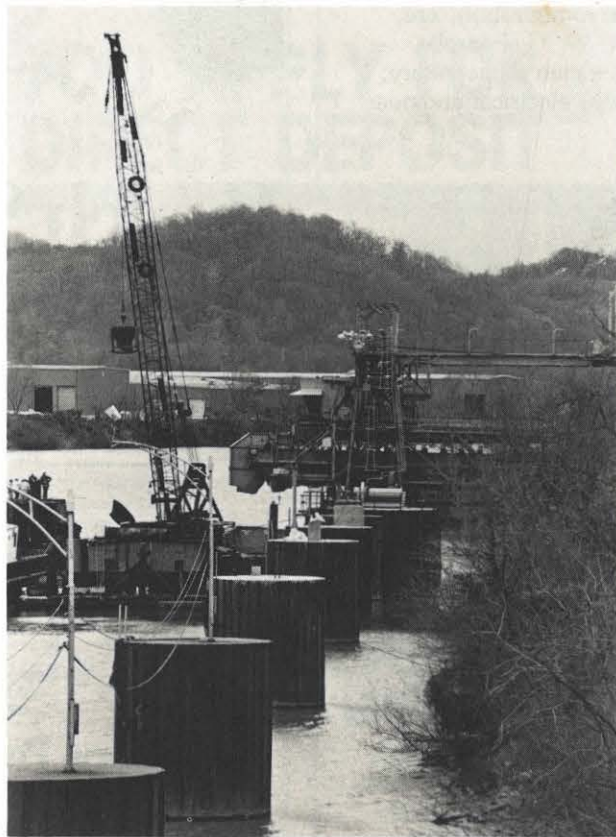
The new barge loader, which Haga says has the capacity to load 3,000 tons of coal per hour, is located 1,080 feet upstream from the coal unloader which has been in operation at Amos since the plant went into service. Several new cells — huge concrete pillars — were constructed in the river to allow barges to tie up securely.

Five miles of new railroad track are being constructed inasmuch as total coal deliveries to the Amos-Putnam complex will be increasing from the present total of 5,000,000 tons per year to an eventual total of more than 7,000,000 tons annually.

In 1981, for example, rail cars will deliver an estimated 5,721,000 tons of coal to the John Amos Plant and 2,050,000 tons to the Putnam Coal Terminal for transloading to Mountaineer. In 1982 and each succeeding year through 1985, projections call for 5,279,000 tons to be delivered to Amos by rail, while 2,300,000 tons are shipped by rail to the Putnam Terminal.

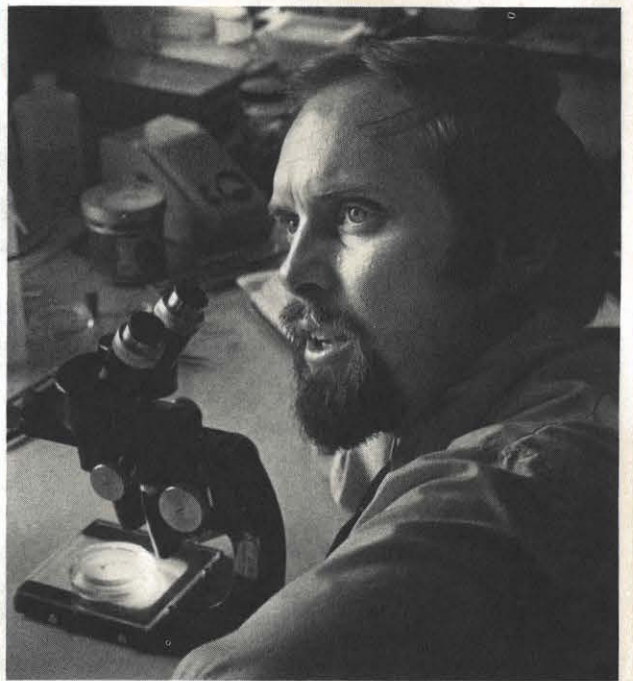
The five miles of new railroad track will give the Amos-Putnam complex adequate siding capacity to handle as many as 750 hopper cars at one time. This would, in approximate terms, give the facility the capacity to house loaded rail cars representing a three-day burn for the Amos Plant.

Construction of the Mountaineer Plant is a definite plus for the West Virginia coal industry, and the construction of the Putnam facility is an economic plus for the St. Albans area as well. Approximately 80 new employees will be hired to operate the coal-handling facility, which will be starting out on a two-shifts-per-day basis.



A view of the new Putnam barge loader, looking upstream from the existing Amos Plant barge unloader.

## BASS' BUG MAY BE CLAIM TO FAME



Dr. Michael Bass, son of Norman Bass, assistant shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant, is riding the wings of a caddisfly to fame.

The 35-year-old biologist usually works with fish rather than insects in his research work at Mary Washington College, where he is a professor. However, on a visit with his folks in Russell County in 1978, he found an unusually large number of interesting specimens. One male caddisfly caught his eye because of its smaller-than-normal size. Closer observation revealed its female mate, which was close by, was correspondingly smaller. Their home was Big Cedar Creek, a tributary of the Clinch River.

When fellow scientists from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University viewed some of Bass' caddisfly specimens, one of them remarked that he observed what he thought was a new species. The caddisfly in question was sent to the Smithsonian Institute's Dr. Oliver S. Flint, Jr., who determined that "Bass' Bug" was, indeed, a newly identified species. The new discovery has been appropriately named for Dr. Bass.

Dr. Bass modestly says, "I was at the right place at the right time. Some people look a lifetime and never find a new species." He also credits his colleagues at VPI&SU who noticed his caddisfly and sent it on to the Smithsonian for evaluation. Meanwhile, the dedicated biologist says, "I've had my appetite whetted. I'll look for other yet unidentified species."



Appalachian Power representatives were involved in the Kanawha Valley Forum Series on "Energy And The Way We Live", which were sponsored by the Community College Component of West Virginia State College during April. The forums were designed to facilitate public discussion of the energy crisis and enable citizens to better understand the cultural context of the public choices we face and the implications those choices have for our way of life. Participating in the forum held in the DuPont area on April 17 was, l. to r., The Honorable Cecil H. Underwood, president of the Princess Coals, Inc., and chairman of the West Virginia Committee on Energy and the Way We Live; Robert Lieb, professor of physics, West Virginia Institute of Technology; Joe Powell, president, W.Va. Labor Federation AFL-CIO; John Flanders, meteorologist, WCHS-TV; and Nick Romy, vice president, Appalachian Power. Charleston Division Manager C. O. Carlini was a member of the committee for the forum series.

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