

ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY AT AMOS VISITORS CENTER



Hillis Youse, right, shows display to retired Amos Plant Manager J. A. Moore and Assistant Manager Virgil Adams.

Archaeologist Hillis Youse last month donated some of the artifacts unearthed on the Amos Plant site for a display at the plant's visitors center.

In 1968 when construction on Amos Plant was just beginning, Youse and other members of the Kanawha County Chapter of the West Virginia Archaeological Society asked permission to conduct digs on the 400-acre area beside the Kanawha River to salvage whatever artifacts were there before the ground disappeared under a sea of concrete.

Among the things that Youse's group found in the next two years were spear and arrowheads dating from 6900 BC and evidence that the Kanawha Valley is one of the most fertile areas in the country for such expeditions.

What makes this valley such an archaeological hotspot, Youse said, is the stratification of the layers of earth. That is, as each ancient civilization along the river was destroyed by flood, and almost all of them were, they were buried one on top of the other by sand and clay.

This way, digging from top to bottom resulted in a kind of reverse chronology of what Indians had been there and what kind of tools they had.

Lots of areas exist with as many artifacts as there are here, Youse said, but most of what's found in them has somehow been jumbled so badly among different civilizations it's often difficult to tell what relics go with which occupation.

Even though these things did not give Youse any trouble, he did have problems of another kind. It seems that between finding so much at the Amos site and then spending eight more years digging at a profitable Hansford site in upper Kanawha County, the presentation Youse made to the Amos Plant was 10 years coming.

"There are so many other places to be investigated, it's easy to pass up the job of getting all this assembled and recorded," said Youse, a 74-year-old retired DuPont engineer. He's been working on the Amos report off and on for the last several years, he said.

What Amos finally got was a representative sample of the thousands of artifacts unearthed at the location. Included in the find were spearheads, ground river stones used as hammers, flint digging tools, mill stones, nut-cup stones for cracking nuts, ax-heads, chisels, wedges, scrapers and drills. Most were made of flint. The most recent finds were from about 1650. Date testing is done with carbon.

No extraordinarily valuable jewelry or art was uncovered because Youse said, "these people were too concerned with just staying alive to worry with such foolishness".

Among the more unusual finds were some tools that had never been recognized as artifacts before — nodules of hematite used to smooth out cords or fibers used in making clothing or rope, Youse said. "Hematite was the nearest thing the Indians had to metal. It was also used for other tools."

Very few actual arrowheads were discovered because Youse said the bow and arrow wasn't used around there until about 500 AD and most of the Amos find is much older than that. Many dozen spearheads dating from 4790 BC were found, and Youse said they were made by the second oldest civilization known in North America, the people of the Middle Archaic period. These were the people who came north as the glaciers of the Ice Age retreated about 14,000 BC, Youse said. Before then, the Kanawha Valley from Point Pleasant to Gauley Bridge was just a big lake.

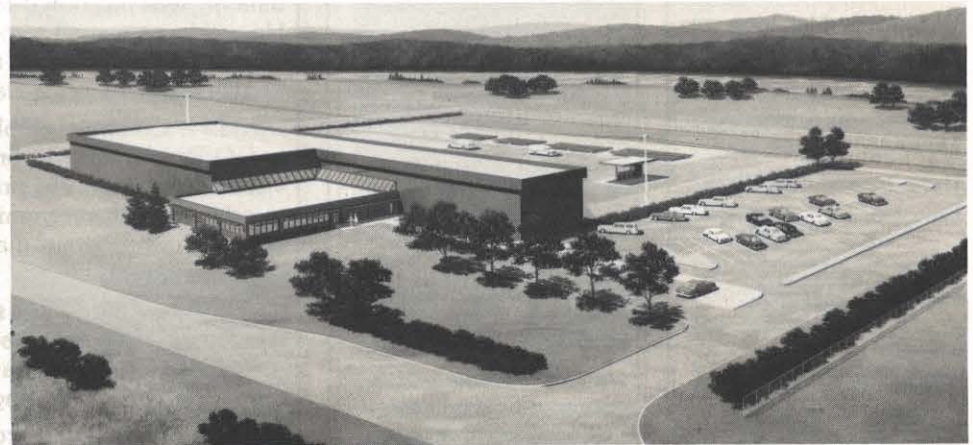
As the last glacier began to melt around where Columbus, Ohio, is now, the Ohio River was formed, Youse said. Eventually the water in the Kanawha Valley started to drain into the river at Point Pleasant, and as soon as the area here was habitable the ancient Indians who left the spearheads in what became Putnam County followed the large game animals north," he said. "At least that's what we presently think happened."

If the diggers at Amos could have gone deeper than the 15 feet they went, Youse thinks they could have found more than the 10 layers they did. "But that's where we struck water. If we'd gone any deeper, it would have gotten more complicated and very expensive."

Not that Youse needs any more artifacts than he has now. From the 30 or 40 different sites he's worked, he's accumulated quite a collection of crudely honed tools and weapons. "I'm way behind schedule," he said. "I hope to get rid of a lot of them in just this way, through donations. If I live to be 100, I may just get done."

Story courtesy *Charleston Daily Mail*.

NEW KPCO SERVICE BUILDING WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY



Construction has been started on a new \$2.3 million service building for Kingsport Power Company. The 40,000 sq. ft. building, to be located on an 18-acre site on Riverport Road in Kingsport, will help increase efficiency in providing service to customers by combining several operations of the company now housed at three separate locations.

The new one-story brick and metal building, delayed many years by financial considerations, will provide space for the line and service, meter, engineering and records functions of the T&D Department as well as automotive repair and storeroom. A pole yard and outdoor storage area will be adjacent to the building. Completion is scheduled for May 1981.

C. A. "Dave" Davidson is resident engineer for the project.

MEEK USES EMT TRAINING TO AID WRECK VICTIM



An unidentified Logan resident received prompt medical attention following an accident because Logan Tracer Thomas Meek is trained to respond in emergencies. The incident occurred as Tommy, a licensed emergency medical technician, was leaving the office.

Tommy recalls, "I heard a collision but did not know what it was. I drove about 100 yards from the office to an intersection and saw that a pickup truck had hit a car on the driver's side. The driver was thrown across the seat of the car. He had glass embedded in his face and around his eyes and a cut on the side of his head. He was bleeding and had possible internal injuries in the lower trunk area. In pain and in shock, he could not respond to my questions."

Tommy continues, "Being on the scene before an ambulance arrived, I applied bandages and did what I was able to do until the emergency crew got there. Afterwards, the victim was removed to the hospital."

In addition to being an EMT, Tommy also serves as a member of the Chapmanville, W.Va. Volunteer Fire Department. Whether on duty as an EMT or fireman, Tommy puts in many hours of volunteer service each month.

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AEP SYSTEM NEWS BRIEFS

Hunter To Head AEPSC Office In New York

Robert S. Hunter, who was elected executive vice president of the American Electric Power Service Corporation on June 2, will be the company's senior officer in the New York office following this summer's relocation of most of the senior management to Columbus, Ohio.

Hunter was elected executive vice president — construction and New York engineering. In this newly created post he will continue to direct the System's major construction program and its nuclear power activities, and, in addition, will take on the new responsibility of administrative supervision of the New York office by August.

Also elected Service Corporation officers on June 2 were Robert W. Jurgensen, assistant vice president and chief nuclear engineer, and Frank V. Sweeney, assistant vice president — construction.

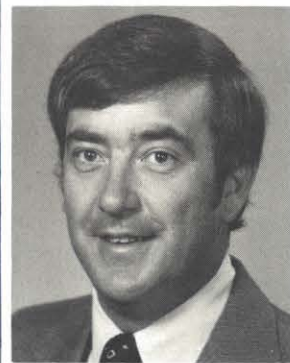
Cook Terminal Gets Award

The Illinois Lung Association has selected the AEP-affiliated Cook Coal Terminal at Metropolis, Illinois, as the recipient of the association's annual White Hat Award.

The award is given in recognition of the "good guys" who voluntarily refrain from polluting the air, and do not wait until forced by legal action to comply with regulations," according to Jerry Drewes, director of program development for the association.

Cook Coal Terminal was one of 11 sites in the state recommended by the Illinois EPA to receive such recognition.

CUSTOMER SERVICES DEPT. RESTRUCTURED



Crabtree



Wagner

To meet the changing demands of the business and to be more responsive to customers' needs, Appalachian Power's General Office Customer Services Department has been restructured, effective June 1.

Charles M. Wagner, Jr., residential services coordinator, was promoted to customer services director. He will have overall responsibility for coordinating service and applications to existing and new conventional customers of all classes.

David H. Crabtree, employee benefits administrator in GO Personnel, was promoted to customer services coordinator. His primary responsibility will be to administer the companywide residential conservation services program mandated by the 1978 National Energy Act.

J. D. Porter, residential services coordinator, was reassigned as customer services coordinator. He will direct the various company residential load management programs, including electric thermal storage.

J. A. Dunham, commercial-industrial services director, was reassigned as energy services director. He will be responsible for coordinating service and applications for major and critical load customers of all classes.

W. T. Pugh, residential services coordinator, was reassigned as customer services training coordinator and will be responsible for departmental training requirements.

KINGSPORT RATE HIKE APPROVED

The Tennessee Public Service Commission has approved a rate increase for Kingsport Power Company amounting to \$2,311,000 or about 6.8 percent. This represented 84.2 percent of the \$2,745,000 Kingsport Power had requested and placed into effect on January 1, subject to refund. The PSC allowed Kingsport an overall rate of return of 12.14 percent.

Kingsport Power President John E. Faust said a refund, which will average less than \$3.00 for residential customers, will be credited on July billings.

AEP ASKS OKAY TO GET ALL C&SOE COMMON

AEP last month filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a plan for the elimination of the minority interest in the common shares of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company. AEP's exchange offer to the holders of common shares of C&SOE, which began March 28, expired at 5 p.m. on June 20.

W. S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, indicated that, based on the most recent information furnished by AmeriTrust Company, the exchange agent, it appeared that more than 95 percent of the C&SOE shares have been deposited under the exchange offer. AEP had announced on May 9 that it had received deposits of more than 88 percent of the shares and that the exchange offer was effective as of that date, with C&SOE becoming the eighth operating subsidiary of AEP.

White said that the plan, which must be approved

by the SEC, provides that, upon its effective date, the holders of certificates for common shares of C&SOE — other than AEP — will cease to have any rights as shareholders of C&SOE. AEP then will become the owner and holder of record of all of the C&SOE common.

AEP will continue under the authorization previously granted by the SEC to offer 1.3 shares of its common stock for each such share of C&SOE, White said.

APCO MEN AID WRECK VICTIMS

Four GO Land Management employees were at the right place at the right time last month to give assistance to victims of a motorcycle accident. They were Ted Bartlett, property representative B; Paul Dunn, property representative senior; Gus Cromer, property supervisor, and Joe Wilson, land management supervisor.

Joe relates the incident for *The Illuminator*: "Ted, Paul, Gus and I were returning to Independence, Va., from near Mouth of Wilson, where the Highway Department is planning to construct a new bridge which will be located on property owned by Appalachian. As we approached the intersection of highway 58 and Virginia secondary highway 711, we observed a truck and car near the intersection. As we approached closer, we saw a black motorcycle in the ditch. A man was lying next to the motorcycle and a young lady about 25 feet further. Several people were standing on the porch of a country store and two other people were standing on the edge of the highway looking at the victims but not offering any assistance.

"Paul, who was driving, stopped the car and we ran back to the accident victims to see if we could provide any assistance. Ted took off his shirt, folded it, and placed it under the head of the man, who was lying in the grass and weeds. I stayed with the man, who had regained consciousness, until the lifesaving crew arrived about 15 or 20 minutes later. Gus used his body to support the other accident victim, who was in a half sitting position, until the crew arrived."

Joe continues, "During this period Ted was moving from one victim to the other to assist Gus and I in trying to treat them for shock, giving them reassurance and making them as comfortable as possible. Paul stayed at the store building to make sure the crew had proper directions and to alert the police officials. The sheriff and a deputy arrived on the scene about ten minutes after we did and called the state police on the radio.

"When the lifesaving crew arrived, we assisted in placing an air splint on the man's leg and a canvass splint on his daughter's leg. The victims were then placed in the rescue vehicle, which departed for the hospital in West Jefferson, North Carolina.

SAVINGS PLAN UNIT VALUES

Date	Value Per Unit	Units Credited Per Dollar
Fixed Income Fund		
1/31/80	1.1756	.8506
2/29/80	1.1831	.8452
3/31/80	1.1915	.8393
4/30/80	1.2002	.8332
5/31/80	1.2095	.8268
Equity Fund		
1/31/80	1.4339	.6974
2/29/80	1.4380	.6954
3/31/80	1.2986	.7701
4/30/80	1.3554	.7378
5/31/80	1.4303	.6992
AEP Stock Fund		
1/31/80	.9423	1.0612
2/29/80	.8811	1.1349
3/31/80	.8506	1.1756
4/30/80	.9980	1.0020
5/31/80	1.0350	.9662

MOVING UP



James H. Looney, former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in the Grundy area of Bluefield Division on June 1.



A. B. Herald, Jr., former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in the Princeton area of Bluefield Division on June 1.



Maxwell K. Spraker, former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in the Welch area of Bluefield Division on June 1.



Junior E. Chapman, former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in the Pineville area of Bluefield Division on June 1.



John Edward Scott, former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in Bluefield on June 1.



James H. Harris, former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in the Tazewell area of Bluefield Division on June 1.



J. L. Marshall, Jr., former commercial engineer, was promoted to power engineer in Pulaski on July 1. He succeeds D. L. Adams, who was promoted to Wytheville area supervisor. Marshall studied electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools.



G. R. Smith, Jr., former engineering technician senior, was promoted to Pulaski Division r/w maintenance inspector on June 1.



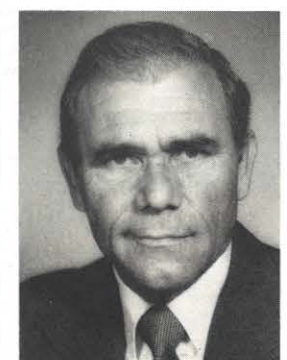
R. S. Trigg, former engineering technologist supervisor, was promoted to electrical engineer senior in Charleston on May 1. He succeeds R. N. Sanney, who was promoted to St. Albans area superintendent. Trigg holds an associate degree in engineering technology and a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology from Bluefield State College and a master's degree in engineering from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.



J. P. Smolder, former engineer B, was promoted to engineering technologist supervisor in Charleston on May 1, succeeding R. S. Trigg. Smolder attended the University of Charleston and West Virginia State College.



K. C. Morris, former engineering technologist in Point Pleasant, was promoted to technologist supervisor in Huntington on July 1. He succeeds B. C. Hoover, who retired.

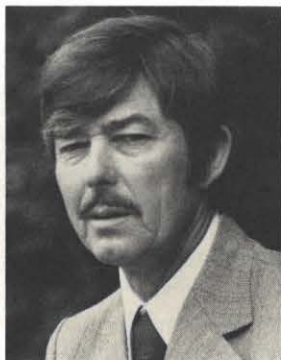


C. E. Fowler, Jr., former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was

promoted to division right-of-way inspector in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division on June 1.



M. G. Harmon, electrical engineer senior, will be promoted to engineering supervisor in Huntington on August 1, upon the retirement of Homer Hagaman. Harmon holds bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is a registered professional engineer.



Robert Clarke Withers, former line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE in the Lovingston area of Lynchburg Division on June 14. He succeeds W. E. Moss, who elected early retirement.



Leonard R. Bird, former engineering technician in Charleston was promoted to test specialist in GO T&D, Charleston, on June 1. He holds an associate degree in industrial technology and a bachelor of science degree in education from West Virginia State College.



Edward C. Bradley, former Amos Plant personnel supervisor, was promoted to assistant labor relations supervisor in GO Personnel, Roanoke, on July 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Xavier University.

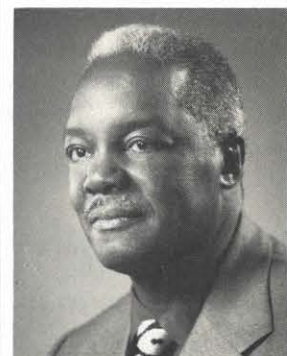


Stephen L. Jamison, former employee relations administrator, was named employee benefits administrator in GO Personnel, Roanoke, on June 1. He succeeds D. H. Crabtree. Jamison holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration-marketing from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



Claude E. Hylton, former personnel assistant senior, was promoted to personnel administrator-GO in the office of the GO personnel supervisor, Roanoke, on June 1. He holds an associate degree in business administration from National Business College.

CLYDE BROWN RETIRES



Lynchburg Custodian Clyde Manassell Brown, who retired July 1, took great pride in his work throughout his 28 years' service. With the exception of three years when he worked at the Mayflower Service Center, Clyde was located at the Main Street office building. He kept the office building in good condition, especially the asphalt tile floors which shine like glass.

Clyde recalls, "Back in the early days when we had a maintenance man for each floor in the building, the manager called me in his office one day and asked how I kept my floor so much more shiny and cleaner than the other maintenance men kept theirs. I told him I used a wet mop, detergent and hot water to get up the loose grime and to bring out the wax shine on the floor."

He continues, "On another occasion a manufacturer's representative came in one night and demonstrated his cleaner to strip the wax off the tile floor. The new cleaner made soft bubbles and dried before we could get it up. The representative asked me if we had a case of Ajax cleaner. We used this to clean up the mess that had been made, and the man asked me not to tell the supervisor that he had to use Ajax to do the job."

Clyde has no particular plans for retirement except for doing some work on his home and visiting his children who live out of state. Three of his four daughters have already completed college and the youngest one is still attending. His daughter, Barbara, was an AEP educational award winner in 1966.

PUMPED STORAGE: EFFICIENT PEAK DEMAND POWER SOURCE

At a time when the nation is seeking less expensive sources of power generation than oil and gas, a pumped-storage hydroelectric project can offer an attractive alternative. Not only does this type of development use two of the nation's most abundant natural resources — water and coal — it can also improve an electric utility's overall cost effectiveness while providing peak demand power to customers.

A pumped-storage generating project utilizes two reservoirs, one located some height above the other, connected by huge pipes, called penstocks. Located at the lower end of the penstocks is a power-house containing water wheel generators.

Emergency or peak power demands can be met within a matter of minutes by directing water from the upper reservoir down the penstocks. This water spins the generators and produces electricity almost instantly. The water then continues on into the lower reservoir. When the peak or emergency is over, the water is then pumped back into the upper reservoir to be ready when needed again.

More energy is needed to pump the water uphill than is generated when it runs down (pumping uses about 3 kilowatt-hours compared to about 2 kw-hrs of generation), but its value lies in **when** the electricity is available to customers. This additional use of electricity is also mostly offset by the use of large coal-fired generating units to supply the energy for the pumps.

Any illusion of waste is further mitigated by the unique complimentary relationship between pumped storage facilities and coal-fired plants. Coal-fired units provide the pumped-storage project with the power it needs to pump water uphill at night and on weekends when demands for electricity are relatively low. And the pumped-storage facility provides the coal-fired units with an opportunity to more efficiently utilize their output during these off-peak hours.

These large coal-fired units are designed to operate around the clock, day after day, to meet the extensive "base load" demands across the System — those that occur during both peak and non-peak periods. Because these units are designed for base load service, it is difficult and expensive to shut them down and restart them. Without the pumping load, these units would have to be throttled back and run at reduced output. Their efficiency would drop, and their cost per kilowatt-hour of production would go up.

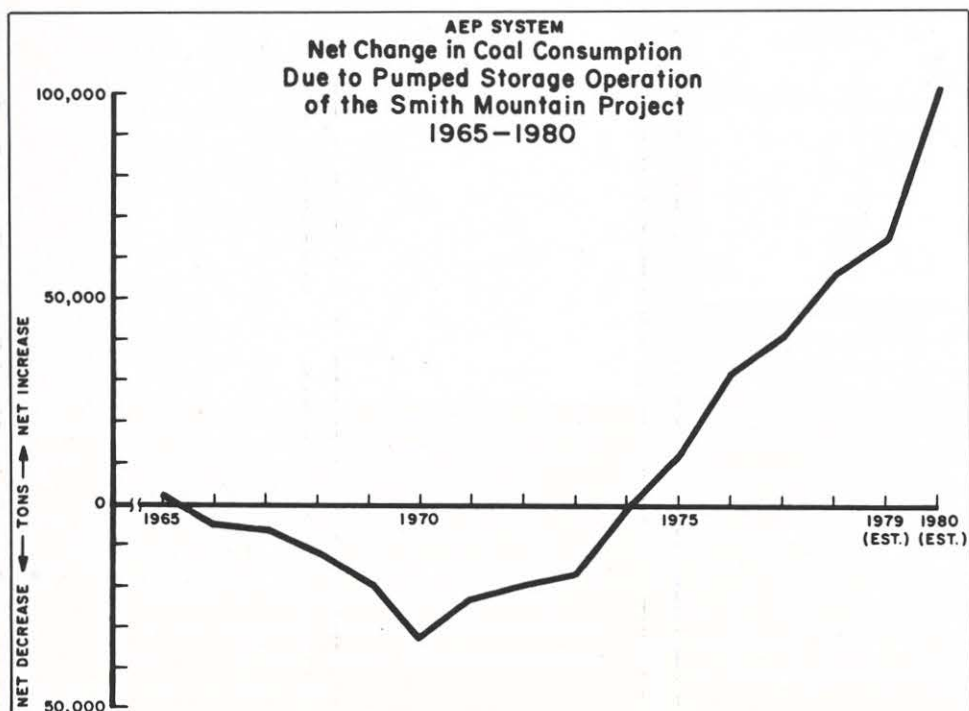
The pumping half of the pumped-storage cycle allows the AEP System's more efficient coal-fired units to operate steadily at higher output levels. The energy that a pumped-storage project stores in the form of water in an elevated reservoir is released during peak periods, making it possible to avoid or minimize the operation of the older, less economical coal-fired units on the System.

The large base-load units on the AEP System — including those with 1.3-million kilowatt and 800,000-kilowatt capacities — can't carry the entire load themselves 24 hours a day. During the workday when washing machines and vacuums are running at home, when elevators, copiers and electric typewriters are in use at the office and when mechanical devices are humming or blasting away in factories, the System has to turn to sources of extra power. A pumped-storage plant provides this kind of "peaking power."

Some critics contend pumped-storage could result in a decrease in coal consumption by the AEP System, arguing that the pumping power would be generated by nuclear units. This is not true, insofar as it applies to the AEP System.

Because it costs less to operate a nuclear plant than a coal-fired one, and because it is less adaptable to load changes, the nuclear plant is called on first to meet the base-load requirements of the AEP System — even before the most economical coal-fired plant. As the load drops, therefore, it is always the coal-fired units that are available to supply the pumping energy requirements of a pumped-storage project.

Even though energy generated during peak periods by falling water in a pumped-storage plant displaces a certain amount of coal-fired energy during the time of day it is generating, it still results in a net increase in coal consumption. Thus, instead of burning coal in smaller, less-efficient units during peak periods, last year for example, AEP generated an equivalent amount of energy by operating its Smith Mountain pumped-storage and hydroelectric project in Virginia. In so doing, slightly more coal was consumed by the more efficient units during off-peak periods when the water was pumped uphill at Smith Mountain. (See graph below). Thus, coal-fired generation used to help meet peak demands also has an important job during off-peak hours.



More coal is consumed, in fact, over the life of the pumped-storage project than would be if all of the peaks through the years had to be met exclusively with coal-fired capacity, without any help from pumped-storage. More coal consumed means more coal mined, and more coal mined means more coal-mining jobs and a better economy in the AEP System service area.

The operating efficiencies of pumped-storage are only part of the total economic picture. It requires a large investment to construct a power plant today — an investment that must be taken into account in determining overall cost effectiveness. With the rapidly increasing costs of building environmentally acceptable steam-generating plants, a pumped-storage project can frequently be built at a lower average cost per kilowatt, depending on the characteristics of the site that is selected.

Because pumped-storage uses lower-cost off-peak generation to supply its pumping energy, the cost of the added fuel consumption is partially offset. And because of its greater reliability and lower construction cost, it helps reduce the overall cost of power generated.

That, in turn, helps keep down the cost of electric service to everybody.

APCO AWAITING PERMIT TO MAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BRUMLEY GAP

Right now there is one pumped-storage project on the AEP System — Appalachian Power Company's 605,000-kilowatt* Smith Mountain development. But, during the 1980's, AEP and Appalachian hope to start construction on a second pumped-storage facility to provide Appalachian with the added generating capacity it needs to help meet increased customer demands in the future and to add much-needed peaking capacity to the System as a whole.

It is for this reason that an application was filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a preliminary permit to study the feasibility of a pumped-storage facility in a location in southwest Virginia known as Brumley Gap.

At present, the Smith Mountain development, along with a few older, less efficient coal-fired generating units and several small hydroelectric plants, provide the System with its only sources of valuable peaking power — the extra power needed when demands for electricity are especially high.

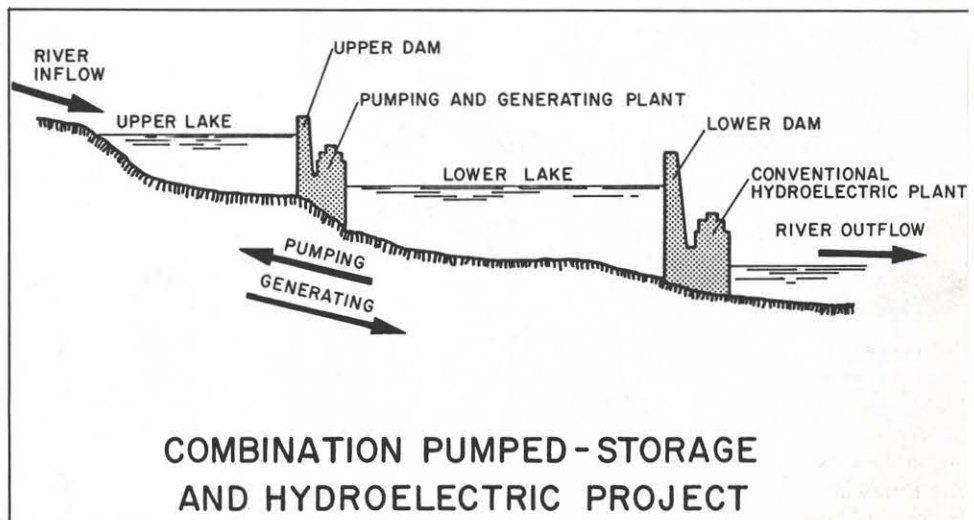
To maintain a good capacity mix of base load, intermediate and peaking power, a system like AEP should have peaking capacity equivalent to about 15 percent of its total installed generating capability. AEP's current sources of peaking power, however, provide only about 9 percent of total System capability. After completion of presently planned generating units in the late 1980's, this figure will drop to about 7 percent. Should any of the older units be retired from service in the future, AEP's peaking capacity would be reduced even further.

Appalachian Power today cannot always supply its customers' peak demands for electric power from its own generating facilities. At times, it has had to meet those needs by importing power from other companies on the AEP System. The added capacity of Appalachian's 1,300,000-kw Mountaineer Plant, scheduled for completion later this year, will improve the situation, but projected increases in customer demand will quickly reduce the company's power reserves to inadequate levels.

AEP's estimates of Brumley Gap's potential indicate that the site could support an installation with a generating capacity of as much as 3-million kilowatts, almost five times that of Smith Mountain. This additional power source would bring AEP's peaking capacity right up to where it should be — about 15-17 percent of its total capability.

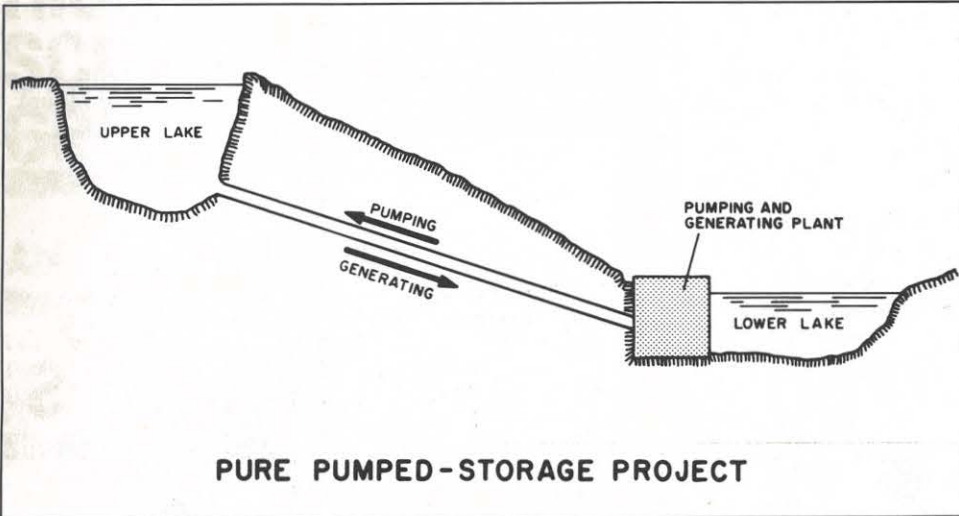
Aside from generating capacity, the proposed Brumley Gap project, if feasible, would differ from Smith Mountain in other ways. Smith Mountain, located on the Roanoke River in Virginia, is a combination pumped-storage and hydro development which produces some generation in the normal run-of-the-river operation. Brumley Gap, on the other hand, would be a "pure" pumped-storage project. (continued on page 5)

*This figure includes a new 105,000-kw unit now in test operation at Smith Mountain.



BRUMLEY GAP

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There would be no run-of-the-river hydro generation since it would not be built on a river. (See drawings on pages 4 and 5.)

The main advantages of "pure" pumped-storage generation are that it can provide a large supply of electric energy without blocking waterways, and it can do so with minimal impact on people and the environment.

The elevation difference between the upper and lower reservoirs at Brumley Gap would be much greater than at Smith Mountain — 1,500 or 1,600 feet against only 200 feet at Smith Mountain. The amount of power produced by hydro generation is dependent both on the quantity of water and the distance the water has to fall. Since the distance the water would fall in the Brumley Gap Project if it is feasible, is so great the reservoirs at Brumley Gap would be much smaller than Smith Mountain's. The proposed upper reservoir, for example, would cover only about 3 percent of the land area of the comparable lake at Smith Mountain. Brumley Gap's natural terrain — a bowl-shaped depression on top of a mountain — also would lend itself to a smaller upper reservoir.

During 1979 some environmental studies were started at the Brumley Gap site, but continuation of these studies, as well as engineering work essential to AEP's and Appalachian's eventual decision of whether or not to proceed, awaits the issuance of a preliminary permit by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. This permit, which Appalachian applied for in August 1977, would give the company a "right of priority" over the site, prohibiting any other utility from conducting similar tests in preparation for filing a construction license.

In February the FERC did take some action on the Brumley Gap proposal. The commission staff issued a "finding of no significant environmental impact" and concluded that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared before the preliminary permit is issued. The FERC staff made its assessment after visiting the Brumley Gap site and evaluating a work plan filed by Appalachian last May describing in detail the work to be performed in the environmental and engineering studies.

In making its recommendation, the staff said that no endangered species, either plants or animals, are known to exist in the proposed project area. It also noted that Appalachian Power has proposed a method of reaching study sites in the area that would minimize adverse impacts on the beauty of the area and that the environmental studies would not adversely impact the resources under study. In fact, the staff stated that "the scientific value of the information generated would outweigh any harm done during its gathering."

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on June 25 voted 4-0 to overrule its staff and postpone until August issuing a preliminary permit relating to engineering, economic and environmental studies to begin on the project.



Bluefield Meter Reader "Butch" Currence is pictured with the women's softball team he coaches, which was the local winner of the women's softball tournament played at Bastian, Va. Currence's team, sponsored by The Carpenter's Shop, defeated teams from Tazewell, Va., Princeton and Monroe County, W.Va., in a five-game winning streak to cop top honors. Ken Mash, husband of Bluefield Customer Accounts Representative Mary Lou Mash, assists in coaching the team. Their daughter, Cindy Mash (front row, second from left), played second base.

STARS AND STRIPES FLOAT PROUDLY OVER APCO OFFICE



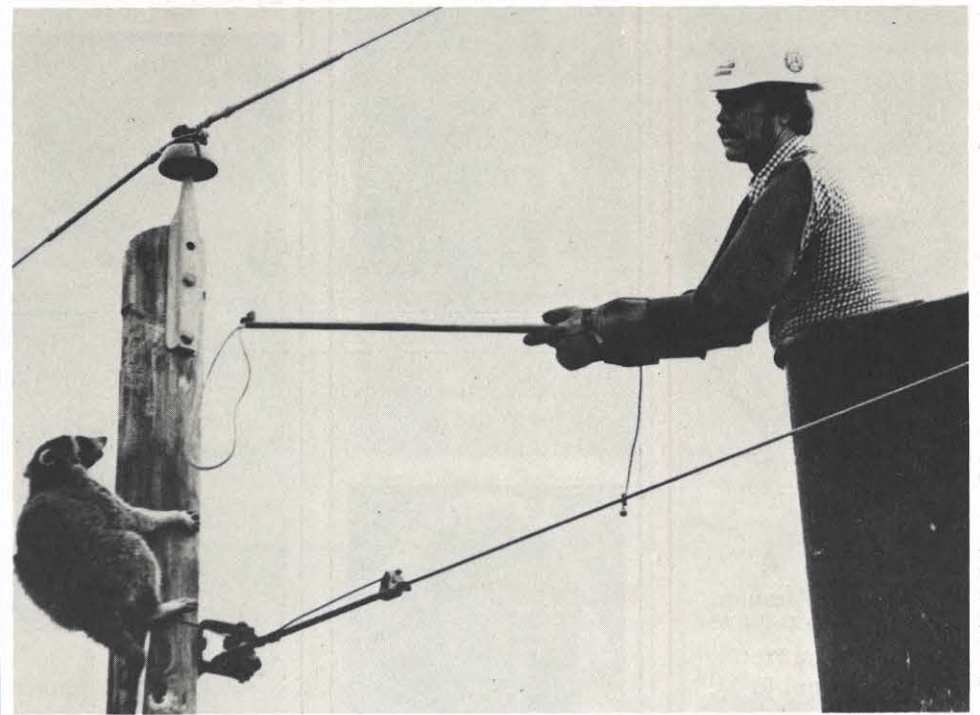
Ron White, left, and Jim Workman, right, display newly installed flag pole swivel to Joan Gibson, Americanism Office Unit 16, Huntington American Legion Auxiliary, and Garland Hatfield, representative of American Legion, Huntington unit.

As the result of a city-wide effort, more flags are flying over businesses and residences in Huntington, West Virginia, than ever before. And the Appalachian office and service buildings are no exception.

As part of the Veterans Administration's 50th anniversary celebration, flags honoring those who served their country in war lined Veterans Memorial Boulevard in Huntington from Memorial Day until July 4. Another effort is underway to have flag brackets and flags placed on all parking meters in the downtown area, with Huntington Publishing Company donating the first 100 flags.

The American Legion has an ongoing program to promote the proper display of the American flag. Toward this end, Building Supervisor Dick Smith secured ball-bearing swivels and, with the aid of Ron White, station mechanic B, and Jim Workman, station mechanic C, installed these on the flag poles for Appalachian. This means that the flag will not wrap around the pole and will be more flexible as it is moved by the wind. As Dick explains, "the flag floats more gracefully". Two local TV channels carried pictures of Appalachian's installation process on their evening news programs.

COON RESCUED FROM POLE



Ralph W. Dalton, line crew supervisor NE in the Galax area of Pulaski Division, used a bucket truck to rescue a raccoon who spent several hours on a power pole. The coon was discovered by a cable television repairman, when he attempted to climb the pole on which the animal was located. After telephone calls to the local SPCA and dog warden, Appalachian was contacted to help in the rescue.

The dog warden provided Ralph with a snare-type rope to enable him to retrieve the raccoon without having to touch it because raccoons don't like to be handled. The raccoon didn't like the game plan, however, and managed to elude the rope. Every time Ralph would drive the raccoon down the pole, the raccoon would go back up the pole to his resting place.

Ten minutes elapsed before Ralph decided that a few taps on the head would help get the raccoon's attention. It did, and amidst the growling and clawing, the raccoon finally did an about face, came down the pole and disappeared into the nearby woods in a hurry.

Photo and story courtesy Galax Gazette.

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Jennifer Lynn Vest, daughter of **Ray Vest**, Beckley administrative assistant, to **Danny Quesenberry**, May 24.



Veronnica Sue Miller to **Thomas Lloyd McGowan**, son of **Harvey A. McGowan**, Huntington line mechanic A, April 19.



Jenna McComas, daughter of **Ray G. McComas**, chief chemist, Clinch River Plant, to **Steven Carrier**, June 21.

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



Sherry Lynn Dunlap, junior clerk at Point Pleasant in the Huntington Division, to **David Matheny**, June 15.

JoAnn Bell to **James E. Holland**, utility worker A, GO Hydro-Smith Mountain, April 16.

Deborah J. Lawson to **Alan D. Hudson**, Amos Plant utility worker-yard, June 7.



Sandra G. Osborne to **R. M. Schronce**, Pulaski drafter C, May 24.



Belva Harless Farley to **W. M. Walls, Jr.**, Huntington commercial engineer, June 1.



Vickie Marie Carr, daughter of **Valentine Carr**, Abingdon records supervisor, to **David Dean**, June 6.



Pamela J. Slater to **William R. Carter**, Charleston line mechanic D, May 24.

Vickie Marie Carr, daughter of **Valentine Carr**, Abingdon records supervisor, to **David Dean**, June 6.



Patricia Scott to **Dewey Williams**, son of **D. H. Williams**, Beckley residential representative, June 14.



Mary Jo Sisson, daughter of **S. L. Sisson**, Pulaski residential representative, to **Dr. Robert Walton Vaughan**, May 31.



Mary Ruth Hughes, daughter of **James C. Hughes**, Abingdon personnel supervisor, to **Michael A. Oley**, May 31.



Lori Halle to **Terry L. Alderman**, engineering technician, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, May 24.



Gayle Joyce Adkins, daughter of **Frances Adkins**, Huntington customer accounts representative C, to **Virgil Bruce Curry**, June 7.



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Cathy Lynn Jordan to **Larry Edward Jackson**, Huntington electrical engineer, May 31.



Tammy Jean Angel to **Terry R. Tucker**, Charleston line mechanic C, February 16.



Kathryn Sue Henderson to **Thomas Kelly Windle**, son of **Ruth S. Boothe**, Logan-Williamson customer accounts representative, May 14.



Patricia Lynn Cox, Logan-Williamson junior clerk, to **Steve C. Salmons**, April 5.



Margaret Honaker to **Gary S. McClanahan**, custodian at Grundy in Bluefield Division, April 15.

Gisela Burkhart to **W. G. Eversole**, Pulaski maintenance mechanic B, April 18.

Deborah L. Barnette to **David J. Kellar**, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic C, May 9.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon Kelli Marie, daughter of **Russell Fields**, automotive mechanic A, May 20.

John Amos Bethany Allison, daughter of **Willard Crites, Jr.**, control technician junior, June 1.

Bluefield Rebecca Dawn, daughter of **James Archer**, engineering technician, May 16.

Central Machine Rachel Diana, daughter of **Paul Dingess**, machinist 2nd class, June 2.

Charleston Charles S., II, son of **Charles Trout**, meter reader, May 21.

General Office Jay Hugh, son of **Judy Smith**, stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, and **Roger Smith**, reproduction head, GO General Services, Roanoke, May 27.

Jessica Kay, daughter of **Bonita Woods**, secretary-stenographer, GO Personnel, Roanoke, June 8.

Anne Carrington, daughter of **R. D. Carson, Jr.**, administrative assistant, GO Executive, Roanoke, May 11.

Kanawha River Jennifer Renee, daughter of **Dennis Young**, maintenance mechanic C, May 3.

William Joseph, son of **Allen Tinnel**, performance engineer, June 8.

Logan-Williamson Michael Paul, son of **David Stone**, engineering technician, April 3.

Lynchburg Jason Lorenza, son of **Carolyn Hawkins**, customer accounts representative B, May 23.

Mountaineer Amber Lee, daughter of **Kevin Dennis**, performance engineer, May 29.

Nicholas Reid, son of **David Martin**, personnel assistant, May 25.

Pulaski Elizabeth Falin, daughter of **R. L. Turpin**, station mechanic C, May 26.

Roanoke Jennifer Ashley, daughter of **John Wilmer**, Rocky Mount accounts supervisor, June 1.

OTHO BRAGG RETIRES



Otho Jackson Bragg, Bluefield commercial engineer, retired July 1.

A native of Premier, West Virginia, Otho began his career in 1944 as a right-of-way agent. During his 36 years' service he also worked as a clerk senior, clerk special, rural sales representative, power sales engineer senior and commercial sales representative.

Otho's retirement plans call for catching up on odd jobs around his home which he hasn't had time to do during his working career. He and his wife "Bill" reside at 207 College Avenue, Princeton, W.Va.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

Bluefield William Noble, meter electrician C, two gallons. **Jessie Foster**, Grundy meter reader, one gallon.

General Office **R. D. Coffman**, right-of-way agent, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, ten gallons.

Huntington **June Deal**, lab technician-AEP Lab, three gallons.

WE SALUTE HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Abingdon

Lisa (Prince Coleman), Patrick Henry High. Won 5 first places in Washington County track meet, placed in 5 events in district competition, honors in 4 events in regional competition, 6th in high jump at state competition, all-Southwest Virginia team in high jump and long jump, 1980 Southwest pentathlon champion, lettered in 4 sports, voted most valuable player in basketball and indoor and outdoor track.



Donna (W. S. Kestner), Patrick Henry High. National Honor Society, head varsity cheerleader, Miss Patrick Henry 1979-80.

Mark Lee, (D. C. Landreth), Abingdon High.

John Randall (J. C. Morefield), Patrick Henry High.

Ruth (C. K. Rowland), Marion Senior High.

Karen Lynn (wife of F. G. Sauls), Clintwood High. Treasurer, National Honor Society.

Allison (A. C. Steffey), Clintwood High.



Chip (H. H. Thayer), Abingdon High. Sportsmanship award, most improved senior football player, seven varsity school letters in three sports, senior school emblem award for sports and scholastics.

John Amos

Thomas (Mary Lou Bannister), Winfield High.

John (J. T. Bone), Nitro High.

Terry (P. J. Carter), Dunbar High.

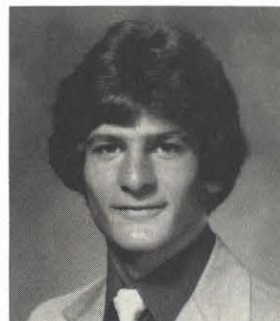


Sandra (J. L. Ferguson), Winfield High. National Honor Society, student body secretary, Distinguished American High School Students, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Douglas (Irene Goff), Hurricane High.



David (C. A. Harrison), Buffalo High. AEP educational award winner, class president four years, student council, National Honor Society.



James Edward (Nancy Hudson), Hurricane High. National Honor Society, citizenship award, athlete of the year award, Joe Varian athletic scholarship award, athletic scholarship to Fairmont College, 1st string all-state football team 1980, played football, track.

Kenneth (Nancy Smith), Winfield High.

Beckley



Charles Ray (Steven-Carpenter), Wood-

row Wilson High. National Honor Society, Who's Who In Music, ROTC scholarship.

Thomas Lee (R. L. Hardy), Woodrow Wilson High.



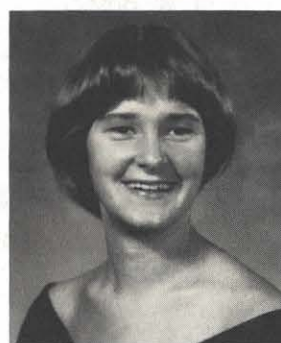
Stephanie (Jack Howard), Greenbrier West High. Top 10 in class, Who's Who In Music, National Honor Society, Rotary Club scholarship.

Lisa Jean (R. W. Martin), Collins High.

David Alan Mitchem (J. A. Kirby), Shady Spring High.



Rodney (Loretta Pryor), Woodrow Wilson High. Who's Who Among American High School Students, Eleganza Social Club scholarship, commissioner of agriculture at Mountaineer Boys' State.



Karen (T. A. Rotenberry), Woodrow Wilson High. Who's Who In Music, one of two W.Va. students selected to tour Europe as member of choir, outstanding choir member award, all-state choir.

Cheryl Ann (D. H. Williams), Woodrow Wilson High.

Bluefield

Greg (Ruth Belcher), Grundy High.



Barry (C. L. Coleman), Grundy High. First place in regional electronic competition, outstanding vocational school student in electronics award.

David (McKinley Cornett), Bramwell High.



Rhonda (R. A. Daniels), Grundy High. John Philip Sousa band award.

Jonathan (J. W. Farley), Graham High.

Robin (R. L. Farley), Princeton High.



Sandra (Tom French), Pocahontas High. Captain girls' basketball team, outstanding basketball player award.

David (Jack Hawks), Tazewell High.

Lisa (Donald Haynes), Bluefield High.



Angela (Sam Hylton), Grundy High. Salutatorian, Who's Who Among American High School Students, outstanding senior girl award, Beta Club, vice president senior class.

Sandra (Kenneth Jackson), Bluefield High.

Teresa Ann (Leland Looney), Grundy High.

Thomas (Roscoe Matney), Graham High.

Jeffrey (E. L. Ramsey), Pineville High.

Gwendolyn (R. R. Stewart), Pineville High.

Janey (wife of J. A. Wood), Grundy High.



Pamela Elaine (Onsbie Yates), Grundy High. Outstanding citizenship award, fourth in class.

Central Machine Shop

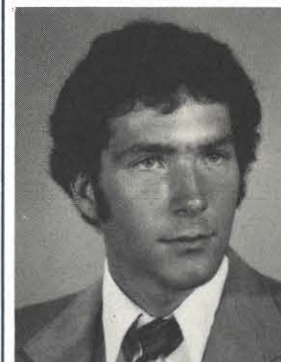
Joseph (Dixie Foster), East Bank High.

Debbie Ann Myers (Joyce White), Clay County High.



Kenneth Allen (R. P. Nickell), Cross Lanes Christian High. Partial scholarship to Bob Jones University, B honor roll.

Charleston



John Glenn (Robert Bird), Herbert Hoover High. Cross country, track, most valuable athletic track award, football, advanced art award, "The Blue Grass Club" best player award, best actor drama award, student council, all-county choir, all-state choir.

Charles (N. J. Caldwell), Charleston High.

Kevin (Mona Sue Charlton), Charleston High.

Margaret (Bob Christenson), South Charleston High.

Jeffrey Scott (Jerry Corder), East Bank

High, Carver Career School.

John (Lyle Hudson), George Washington High.

Victor Joseph (R. E. Martin), St. Albans High.

Gregory (Elaine Ricks), South Charleston High.

William (James Smolder), Charleston High.

Robin Lynn (J. V. Woodson), DuPont High.

Clinch River

Edward, Jr. (E. C. Carr), Lebanon High.

Patricia (R. C. Meade), Lebanon High.

David (T. D. Watson), Lebanon High.

General Office



Ramona (H. R. Ball), William Byrd High. AEP educational award winner, valedictorian, Jefferson Standard Life scholarship, Future Teachers of America award.



Robyn (C. E. Boush), William Byrd High. Beta Club, 3.6 average.

Anita (G. W. Cook), Franklin County High.

Laurie Atkins (Donna Cowling), Patrick Henry High.

Dwain (Anna Craddock), William Byrd High.



Terrie (R. E. Fisher), Roanoke Valley Chris- (continued on page 8)

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tian School. Who's Who Among High School Students, rated superior by The National Federation of Music for 6 years and awarded 2 gold cups, chosen best personality and attitude of senior cheerleaders at Word of Life basketball marathon.

Steven (J. W. Hagerman), Graham High.

Richard (W. T. Hubbard), Cave Spring High.

Herman Louis, III (H. L. Johnson, Jr.), Patrick Henry High.

Sherry Lynn (Judy Johnson), Mt. Pisgah Academy.

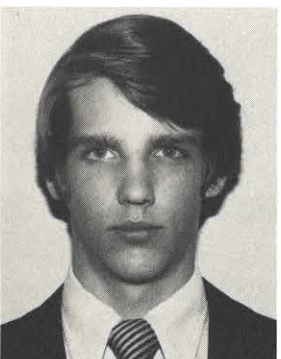


Stacy (N. E. Lam), Lord Botetourt High. AEP Educational award, English educational award, individual achievement track award.

Sylvia (H. H. Lewis), Dobyns-Bennett High.



Kelly Lynn (M. E. Maxey), William Byrd High. Beta Club, France foreign language medal, national French award, French Club president, AATF examinations first place award, 3.5 or above average.

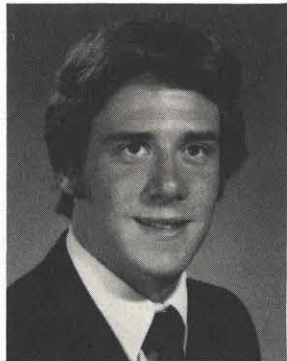


William (R. H. McDearmon), Patrick Henry High. AEP educational award, National Honor Society, state mathematics contest winner.

Penny (R. R. Meador), Bluefield High.



Michele Lynne (L. D. Price), Northside High. Honor graduate, National Honor Society, outstanding attendance award, Virginia Western Community College ecology statistics workshop scholarship.



Terry Ray (Peggy Rogers), Salem High. Honor graduate, Maxwell scholarship to Virginia Military Institute.

Jennifer (Dianne Shank), Patrick Henry High.

Wendy (Patsy Smith), Cave Spring High.

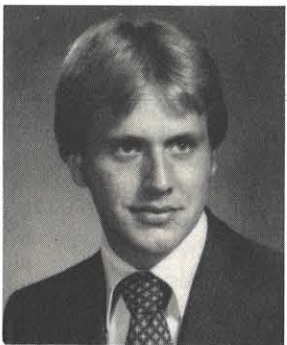
Kimball (R. W. Staton), Salem High.

Bryan (Landon Stepp), Point Pleasant High. All-state football award, all-southern football team, honorable mention all-state basketball, most valuable football player.

Leigh Anne (R. M. Stiff), Lord Botetourt High.

Kevin (A. L. Turner), Salem High.

James Derek (J. W. Wolford), Franklin County High.



Gary (E. J. Wooten), Nitro High. Outstanding senior bandsman, band president, W.Va. University honor band, Glenville State College scholarship, Alderson-Broadus College scholarship, all-state choir, all-county band, Kanawha Valley Youth Orchestra, regional band, Nitro HS select choir, Drama Club.

Glen Lyn

Elbert (R. L. Guy), Peterstown High.

James (L. B. Jackson), Peterstown High.

Walter (R. E. Pendleton, Jr.), Oakvale High.

Robert (S. K. Pennington), Princeton High.

Bryan (C. D. Wiley), Oakvale High.

Brenda (M. L. Wills), Peterstown High.

Huntington

Tina (Ray Armstrong), Milton High.

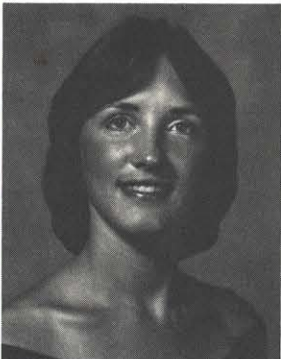
Dianna (L. R. Blain), Point Pleasant High.



Jamma Yvonne Etter (Charles Botts), Paul G. Blazer High. Student Council treasurer, Who's Who National Honor Society, PTA scholarship, Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

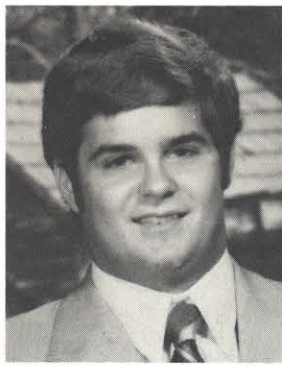
Christina (C. E. Brown), Huntington High.

Adrian (J. W. DeGarmo), Fairland High.



Tonja (Paul Dornon), Fairland High. Math Club scholarship, typing award, honor student pin, graduated 5th in class with 3.827 average, National Honor Society president, Math, Media and Pep Clubs, member concert and marching bands, first chair all-county band, majorette co-captain, class officer, partial scholarship to Ohio University.

Gregory Scott (C. E. Dunham), Point Pleasant High.



Gregory Allen (C. M. Elkins), Hamlin High. National Honor Society, associate editor school yearbook, gifted and talented program, youth representative on administration board, awarded Golden Horseshoe, 2nd place winner in county math field day, AEP educational award winner, football, basketball and track.

Angela (T. W. Kincaid, Jr.), Huntington High.

Katherine Mary (W. C. Rowley), Ceredo-Kenova High.

Kanawha River



Tracy (J. R. Bostic), Valley High. Most outstanding senior girl, National Honor Society, student council, head cheerleader, Miss Greyhound.

Melissa Leigh (R. J. Cruickshank), South Charleston High.

John Bradford (R. J. Cruickshank), South Charleston High.

Tammy (J. A. Hall), East Bank High.



Valerie Saunders (the late M. I. Hartwell), Dupont High. Co-salutatorian, Who's Who In American High School Students, certificate of commendation for exceptional achievement from Governor Rockefeller, certificate for scholastic achievement from W.Va. Secretary of State James Manchin, National

Junior Honor Society, shorthand speed award, *The Charleston Gazette* scholarship award.



Teresa (Sandra Pritchard), Dupont High. "A" honor roll, received pin for fastest in shorthand secretarial block and plaque for 140 wpm in shorthand.

Joyce Lynn Crawford (Amos Workman), George Washington High.

Kingsport

Michael (E. J. Fugate), Dobyns-Bennett High.

Logan-Williamson



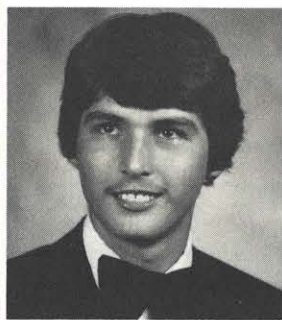
Faith Lynn (E. L. Adkins), Logan Senior High. National Honor Society, award of merit for clerical record keeping, Future Business Leaders of America.

Paul Glenn (N. G. Ball), Logan Senior High.

Edith Lynne (Leonard Crum), Logan Senior High.

Retina LaVerne (Hubert Lester), Williamson High.

Lynchburg



Dennis (F. E. Austin), Heritage High. Outstanding industrial arts student with 4.0 average for 4 years.

Sheryl Harris (C. W. Wynn), Heritage High.

Ellen (D. N. Tomlin), Heritage High.

Tracy (K. T. Triplett), Brookville High.

Terrie (R. L. Tucker), Brookville High.

Jacqueline (C. W. Wynn), Heritage High.

Mountaineer Construction



Teresa Lynn (R. L. Ayers), Wahama High. National Honor Society, Girls' State, honor student, flag captain, concert and pep bands.

Kevin Jones (R. L. Ayers), Wahama High.

Pulaski

Laura Beth (J. B. Brillheart), Pulaski County High.



Rusty Cook (R. W. Frazier), Narrows High. Graduated 6th in class of 109, full NCAA football scholarship at Virginia Tech.



Annette (S. D. Gibson), George Wythe High. AEP educational award, salutatorian, most improved student in physics, DAR good citizenship award, outstanding varsity cheerleader award, senior activity award, George Wythe academic monogram award.

Teresa Anne (R. I. Jennelle), Blacksburg High.

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Pulaski

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Sara Ellen (R. B. Kilgore), Pulaski County High. AEP educational award, National Honor Society, top ten in graduating class of 400, art, social studies and English medals (medals indicate four years of "A's.>").



Cynthia (B. C. Litteral), Fries High. Outstanding senior, forensics award for one act play in state competition.

Michael (R. P. McDaniel), Fort Chiswell High. Top 10 percent of class, Beta Club.

Glenn (D. S. Pratt), Pulaski County High.



David Alan (Joel Pugh), Pulaski County High. Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who In High School Choirs, all-region choir, American Legion Boys' State, National Honor Society historian, attended one-week Washington workshop, Roanoke Valley District championship baseball team, coaches' award for leading RVD batting with .476, Virginia state scholarship to Virginia Tech.

Shelia Hope (M. D. Sharp), Carroll County High.

Mark (J. D. Spraker), Pulaski County High.

Mark Richard (R. D. Tickle), Carroll County High.

Bruce (the late S. C. Weatherman), Pulaski County High.

Roanoke

Shawn Elizabeth (John Bell), Patrick County High.

Lynn (Bill Eller), William Fleming High.

Stephanie Jean Hale (R. W. Dillon), Franklin County High.

Sam (G. S. Nease), Patrick Henry High.

Mark (Betty Pugh), Lord Botetourt High.



Lisa Ann (Jo Ann Rakes), Fieldale-Collinsville High. National Honor Society, DAR award, honor graduate, school service award.

Velvet Annette (Darothy Via), George Washington Carver High.

Philip Sporn

Jeffrey (G. W. Arnold), Wahama High.



Karen (William Brown), Wahama High. Salutatorian, DAR good citizenship award, accounting medal, National Honor Society scholarship, Arion award for music accomplishments.

Cecil Jr. (C. R. Duncan), Wahama High.

Dewey (H. A. Elliott), Point Pleasant High.

Angela (Franklin Martin), Meigs High.

Margo (Franklin Martin), Meigs High.

Glenn (Roy Spencer), Point Pleasant High.

CAREERS AWAIT COLLEGE GRADS

Abingdon

Robert Scott Pleasant (L. C. Angle, Jr.), bachelor of science degree in biology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (magna cum laude). Has been accepted in first class of veterinary medicine at VPI&SU.

Lisa Ann Reedy (Lois Campbell), bachelor of science degree in textile merchandising and other related arts, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Ann (Helen Findley), associate in applied science degree in nursing, Virginia Highlands Community College.

Mary Elizabeth (J. C. Lambert), master's degree in religious education, Southern Baptist Seminary.

Eva Melissa (Jack Leonard), associate in applied science degree in medical technology, Wytheville Community College.

Stephen Allen (Glenn Settle), bachelor of science degree in electronics, East Tennessee State University.

John Amos

Rebecca (Irene Goff), associate degree in nursing, Marshall University School of Nursing.

Beckley

Richard (J. W. Begley), bachelor of science degree in mining engineering, West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Rosemary Moran (J. B. Richmond), associate in science degree in nursing, Bluefield State College.



Elaine (Archie Riner), bachelor of science

degree in mathematics, Concord College (cum laude).

Bluefield



Frances (wife of Fred Adams), bachelor of science degree in vocational technical education, West Virginia Institute of Technology (magna cum laude).

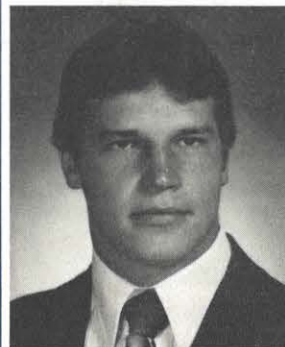


Kelly (R. E. Crowder), bachelor of science degree in secondary education, Concord College (summa cum laude). Who's Who Among University and College Students, national dean's list, Gamma Beta Phi, Alpha Chi honor society treasurer.

Eugene Edwin, Jr. (E. E. Fanning), bachelor of science degree in mining engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Tom (H. T. Goforth), bachelor of science degree in secondary education, Bluefield State College.

Garry Ray (A. B. Herald, Jr.), associate in science degree in mechanical engineering technology, Bluefield State College.



Donald (Kenneth Jackson), bachelor of science degree in accounting, Wake Forest University (magna cum laude). Atlantic Coast Conference award for excellence in scholarship and athletics.

Randall (James Kiser), bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



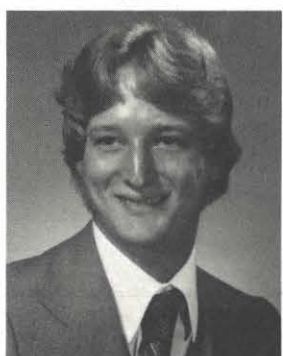
Mary Lou Epperly (Lloyd Linkous), bachelor of science degree in accounting, Radford University. Phi Kappa Phi national honor society cash award and plaque for outstanding graduating senior.

Cynthia (Mary Lou Mash), bachelor of science degree in education, Carson-Newman College.



James Randolph, Jr. (James Turpin), bachelor of arts degree in Biblical education, Lee College. National Register of Outstanding College Graduates, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, senior class chaplain, Alpha Chi and Pi Delta Omicron honor societies, Pioneers for Christ president.

Charleston



Gary (Robert Griffith), bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, West Virginia Institute of Technology (cum laude). Tau Beta Pi engineering honorary and Eta Kappa Nu electrical engineering honorary.

Ronald (D. K. Huffman), bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, West Virginia University. Dean's list.

Gregg (Lloyd Pomykata), bachelor of science degree in physical education, West Virginia University. Accepted by West

Virginia University Graduate School to work toward master's degree in safety management.

James P. II (James Smolder), associate degree in electronics, West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Thomas (Kathryn Wilkerson), doctor of dental surgery — pedodontist, University of South Carolina. Graduated from West Virginia University Dental School and practiced dentistry for five years before being awarded a \$20,000 grant by the University of South Carolina to attend graduate school.

General Office

Bettina (C. C. Beard), bachelor of science degree in psychology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Will continue study towards master's degree at Tech.

Susan (wife of Thomas Blanding), master's degree in elementary school guidance and counseling, University of Virginia.

Gary (R. H. Caldwell), associate in applied science degree in mining engineering technology, Southwest Virginia Community College.

Steve (J. A. Dunham), bachelor of science degree in police science, Eastern Kentucky University.

Vicki (John Horn), bachelor of science degree in business, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Kimberly (James E. Jones), bachelor of science degree in education, Concord College. Majored in English and physical education. Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity president.

Laura (John R. Larew), bachelor of science degree in finance, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Lisa (Jack Meador), bachelor of science degree in environmental studies, Ferrum College.

Richard (Roy Norman Painter), bachelor of arts degree in music, Bluefield College. Chaplain, Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Baptist Student Union music chairman; Bluefield College choir and quartet; Who's Who In

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American Junior College Students; currently youth pastor at Lynn Haven Baptist Church, Vinton, Va.

Lee (E. G. Robertson), bachelor of science degree in recreational administration, Radford University.

Derwood H., III (Edith Rusher), juris doctor degree, University of Richmond's T. C. Williams Law School.

Debra (Frances Smith), associate in applied science degree in business management, Virginia Western Community College.

Elizabeth (wife of Barry Thomas), bachelor of science degree in business administration, Roanoke College (summa cum laude).

Glen Lyn

Carolyn (John Drain), bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Noah J. III (N. J. Jesse, Jr.), bachelor of science degree in finance, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Huntington

Gayle Joyce (Frances Adkins), bachelor of arts degree in elementary education, Marshall University.

Todd (J. W. DeGarmo), bachelor's degree in architecture, University of Cincinnati.

Thomas (James R. Drenan), bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, West Virginia Institute of Technology.



Lucian E. Jr. (Lucian Maynard), registered nurse, St. Mary's School of Nursing. Senior student body president, first male to graduate with honors in 53-year history of school, voted Mr. Congenial.

Douglas Ken (Kenneth Morris), bachelor of arts degree in broadcasting, Marshall University.



Raymond Troy (Raymond Ridgeway), graduated in top 10 percent of class, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn.

Kanawha River

Helen Carol (Thomas Graham), registered nurse, St. Mary's School of Nursing.



David Jarrett (Robert Hardy), bachelor of science degree in accounting and bachelor of arts degree in history and government, West Virginia Institute of Technology (summa cum laude). Student government president, WVIT presidential leadership citation award.



Timothy Nolan (C. N. Perry), bachelor of arts degree in physical education, Harding University. Dean's list, all-conference football.

Lynchburg

Loretta (Joseph Austin), bachelor of arts degree in English, certificate in journalism, Longwood College. Lambda Delta Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Kermit Leroy (Hampton Davis), associate degree in business administration, minor in education, Central Virginia Community College.

Mountaineer



Beth Jo (wife of C. M. Mooney), degree in nursing, Holzer Medical Center School of Nursing. Highest grade point average for three years at the school.

Pulaski

Linda (wife of P. C. Payne, Jr.), associate in applied science degree in nursing, Wytheville Community College.

Roanoke



Cathy (E. C. Baldwin, Jr.), bachelor of science degree in radiologic technology, Roanoke College (summa cum laude). 4.0 average.

Ira Gregory (I. B. Peters), master's degree in social work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Richard W. Jr. (Richard Reese), bachelor of science degree in accounting, Emory & Henry College.

Lynn Reese (Richard Reese, Sr.), certified school psychologist, James Madison University. Received master's degree in psychology in 1978, two years' advanced study for certification.

Philip Sporn



Richard Alan (Robert Couch), degree in

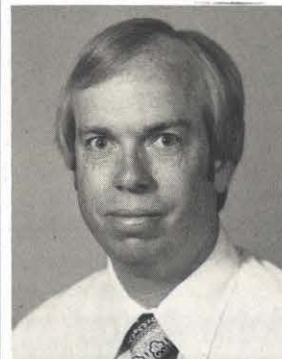
pharmacology, Ohio State University College of Pharmacy (summa cum laude). President, Upsilon Chapter, Rho Chi Society, national pharmacy honorary society; faculty award in recognition of outstanding scholarship and leadership.

Cheryl (Paul Huber), degree in nursing, Holzer Medical Center School of Nursing.

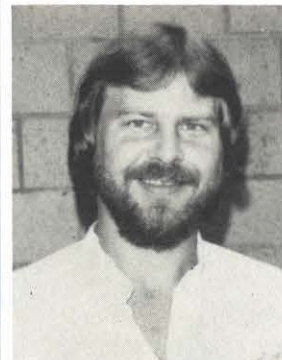


Kimberly (William Ohlinger), bachelor of science degree in elementary education, Ohio University (cum laude).

POWER PEOPLE EARN DEGREES



George S. Arnold, general records clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke, bachelor of business administration degree from Virginia Western Community College.



Gregory L. Brammer, T&D clerk A, Logan-Williamson Division, associate degree in business accounting, Southern West Virginia Community College.



Donald Frank Burnside, Kanawha River plant clerk B, bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Charleston.



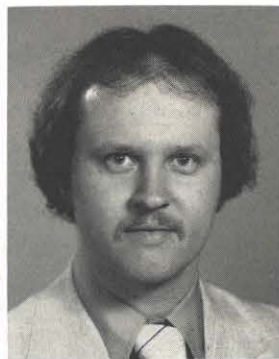
Connie Jo Callahan, Abingdon tracer, associate in applied science degree in drafting and design from Virginia Highlands Community College.



A. C. Channaiah, Lynchburg engineering technologist supervisor, master's degree in engineering administration from George Washington University, Lynchburg extension.



David L. Childress, hydro engineer senior, GO Hydro, Roanoke, associate in applied science degree in electronics technology from Virginia Western Community College.



James E. Craig, classification and accounts payable clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, bachelor of business administration degree from Roanoke College.



Raylene S. Riley, junior stenographer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke, associate in applied science degree in secretarial science from Virginia Western Community College.



James Edward Thompson, customer representative C in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division, bachelor of science degree in business administration from Averett College.



Jerry T. Williams, Jr., electric plant clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, associate in arts degree in accounting from National Business College.

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

John Amos

Anna Dawn, daughter of Assistant Yard Superintendent Narry Kidd, Jr., is a varsity cheerleader and member of the National Honor Society at Buffalo High School.

Beckley



Carol, daughter of Commercial Engineer R. L. Loudermilk, has been awarded the highest honor in 4-H Club work, the all star pin. A sophomore at Concord College, Carol has been active in 4-H for 11 years. She was selected via a statewide election on the basis of 4-H Club work, leadership and character.

Jeffery, son of W. S. Wiseman, engineering technician senior, is the artist for **The Chipmunk**, Crescent Elementary School newspaper. A sixth grader, Jeffery is the recipient of the Crescent School arts award and a service award for his efforts on the newspaper.



Cheryl, daughter of L. D. Lilly, station mechanic B, was presented several awards at the Beaver Elementary School awards day program: best all around girl, presented by the Shady Spring District Woman's Club; best all around class award; most athletic girl and cheerleading award. Cheryl also placed second in the 800 meter run at the Raleigh County Grade School track meet.

Bluefield

Leisha, daughter of Mary Lou Rice, Princeton customer accounts representative C, was a finalist in the ninth annual Miss West Virginia National Teenager Pageant.



Marilyn Lackey, daughter of Retiree Earle Wood, was selected for inclusion in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" for 1980-81. She is director of college relations at Concord College.



Eulalia Footo, T&D clerk A, was installed as president of the Bluefield Deanery Council of Catholic Women for 1980-82.



Marie, wife of Retiree Wade Nash and a second grade teacher at Dudley School was installed as president of Alpha Sigma Chapter, Iota State, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Inc. She attended the Iota state convention in Richmond, Va.

Gail Graham, daughter of Wade Nash and a teacher at Graham Junior High, was installed as corresponding secretary of Alpha Sigma Chapter, Iota State, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Inc.

Gary, son of Line Inspector Dean Stover, was selected to attend Mountaineer Boys' State. He is a member of the National Honor Society at Mount View High School, Welch.

Sarah Martin was inducted into the Junior Honor Society at Pineville High School. **Leigh Ann Martin** was selected as a cheerleader for Pineville Junior High School. They are the daughters of Pineville Area Supervisor Jack Martin.

Division Manager **W. B. Belchee** was appointed chairman of the public utilities division of the Greater Bluefield United Way Campaign. He was also elected to the board of directors and is chairman of the finance committee at Fincastle Country Club.



Evelyn, wife of Pineville Area Supervisor Jack Martin, received the Preceptor Chi Chapter's girl-of-the-year award at the annual Founder's Day banquet held for the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority's four Pineville chapters.

Retired Administrative Assistant **Duke Wright** was elected vice president of the men's organization of Christ Episcopal Church, Bluefield.

Jim Harmon, engineering supervisor, and Retiree **Duke Wright** were winners of the second and fourth flight, respectively, in Richwood Golf Club's Dogwood Tournament.

Central Machine

Kimberly, daughter of Ray Casto, machinist 1st class, was chosen princess of the kindergarten class at Hurricane Grade School.

Karen Lynn, daughter of Assistant Manager Andrew Zagayko, received several honors in the eighth grade at Andrew Jackson Junior High School: most dedicated worker in algebra, Einstein award in science, language arts award, social studies award, outstanding library helper, and elected student government secretary.

Charleston



Hank, son of Judy Elswick, Montgomery customer accounts representative B, won first place in the Charleston Symphony Young People's Concert art contest. His chalk drawing, entitled "The Can Can", was an illustration from the Overture of Orphans and the Underworld.

New officers of the St. Albans Jaycees include: **Dennis Selbe**, line mechanic A, president; **Robert Watson**, line mechanic A, external vice president; and **Darrell Kirby**, son of Wesley Kirby who is on LTD leave, administration vice president. The St. Albans Chapter was named the best chapter in the state for the past year.

Clinch River



David, son of Chemist Don Jonas, won the 110% award for his skills as a member of the Cleveland Middle School eighth grade basketball team. He was also recognized for his abilities in the physical education class.



J. Harold "Doodle" Jessee, unit supervisor, was elected mayor of Lebanon, Va. He has served as a councilman for many years.

General Office

Karen Lynn, daughter of Raymond Totten, property records accounting coordinator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, received a certificate for academic excellence from Northside Junior High School. She also received a superior rating certificate in National Piano Playing Auditions and in the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Samuel, husband of Joyce Lambert, transmission clerk B, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, was elected commander of Riley-Vest Post of the American Legion in Bluefield, W.Va.

Mabel, wife of Retired Payroll Supervisor Sidney Smith, was selected chairwoman of the women ushers for the Windsor Hills United Methodist Church for the month of June. The first woman to be appointed to the Roanoke County Planning Commission, she has been vice chairwoman for three years.

Mark, son of T. F. Puckett, buyer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke, finished 11th out of 50 contestants in a Virginia state chess tournament. On his way to the state finals, he finished first in Bedford County and the elementary school playoffs and took third place in regional competition.

Thomas Ruble, engineering technologist supervisor, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, was elected president of the Edgewood Lions Club.

Elizabeth Barksdale, secretary-stenographer, GO T&D Administrative, Roanoke, walked 15 miles in the March of Dimes "Super Walkathon" for the fourth consecutive year.

A. Q. Croy, distribution superintendent, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke, was appointed district chairman — constitution and bylaws for District 24E of the Lions Club.

James E. Jones, executive assistant, was elected to a one-year term on the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Rosemary, wife of L. R. Buchanan, building supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, was reelected to a two-year term on the

Boones Mill, Va., Town Council.

Bruce, son of Kenneth Lazenby, right-of-way supervisor, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Beckley, has been nominated for prosecuting attorney of Raleigh County, W.Va.



Troy Scott, a student at William Byrd Intermediate, has received several honors: Presidential Physical Fitness Award for the second time, certificate for outstanding scholastic achievement, certificate for participation on the track team, and a blue ribbon for his clay sculpture of an archer. He is the son of Evelyn Scott, personnel clerk C, GO Personnel, Roanoke.



Cindy Scott, a student at East Vinton School, was the recipient of the Snoopy Award for athletic achievement, certificate for patrols and certificate for outstanding scholastic achievement. She also received a superior rating in the International Guild of Music. Cindy is the daughter of Evelyn Scott, personnel clerk C, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn



As a winner of the annual Golden Horse shoe contest sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education, **Sherri Lynn**, daughter of James Smith, maintenance (continued on page 12)

Glen Lyn

(con't. from page 11) mechanic B, participated in an all-day ceremony at the state capitol in Charleston, where the winners were dubbed "knights and ladies of the Golden Horseshoe".

Huntington

Susan, daughter of Line Superintendent L. G. Cook, was awarded the good citizenship medal by the Daughters of the Confederacy upon graduation from Cox Landing Junior High School.

Jim, husband of AEP Lab Technician Teresa Michnowicz, was elected grand knight of the Huntington Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Velma, wife of Point Pleasant Area Manager W. C. McMahan, won first place for her article about a work project in Mexico (see June issue of *The Illuminator*) in the W.Va. state homemakers contest. The article will be submitted by the state public information committee for judging in the national contest.

Kanawha River



Timothy Michael, son of Stores Attendant Timothy White, won first prize for his entry "Peter Rabbit in Mr. MacGregors' Garden" in the Cedar Grove Community School Diorama Contest. The contest, sponsored by the library, was judged by A. James Manchin, West Virginia's secretary of state. Michael was awarded a medal and blue ribbon.

Kingsport

Lori, daughter of Records Supervisor Roy Ferrell, was elected to the varsity cheering squad at Dobyns-Bennett High School.

Michael, son of Superintendent Emory Fugate, was elected outstanding business-

man of the year by Junior Achievement of Kingsport, Inc.

Phil, son of Service Crew Supervisor J. W. Overbey, won second prize of \$25 in the Ketron High School annual talent contest. He played the five-string banjo.

Logan-Williamson

Mark Edward, son of Madison Meter Reader Thomas Hale, Jr., was awarded a trophy as "student of the year" at New Hope Christian School. He was selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, attitude, neatness and attendance.



Personnel Supervisor **Jesse Donevant** was elected president of the Logan Lions Club.

Retired Personnel Supervisor **Howard Collins** was elected first vice president of the Logan Lions Club.

Division Manager **Floyd H. Taylor, Jr.**, and Retiree **Howard Collins** were elected to the board of directors of the Logan County United Fund. Personnel Supervisor **Jesse Donevant** was elected treasurer of the fund.



George Mathis, drafter A, was elected president of the Logan Jaycees.

David Stillwell, electrical engineer, was elected internal vice president for the Logan Jaycees. **Mack Johnson**, tracer, was elected to the Jaycees' board of directors.

Lynchburg

Tracy Leigh, daughter of Kenneth Triplett, engineering technician senior, was selected as a member of the Brookville High School

chapter of the National Honor Society.



Division Manager **J. Robert Davenport** was elected president of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce for 1980-81. He was also appointed to the Junior Achievement board of directors.

Personnel Supervisor **W. David Crews** is serving on the budget committee for the United Way of Central Virginia. He has also been elected to the board of directors of the Lynchburg Chapter, American Red Cross. Crews is a multi-media first aid instructor for the Red Cross.

Retired Commercial Engineer **Elmer T. Johnson** was recognized by the Lynchburg Lions Club for having a perfect attendance record for the past year.

Tim, son of R. C. Withers, line crew supervisor NE, was a first place winner in conservation at the East Central District 4-H Senior Demonstration contest.

Commercial Engineer **H. M. Figg, Jr.**, was elected to the executive board of directors for American Legion Post #16. **W. A. Robertson**, station mechanic A, was elected 1st vice commander.

Mountaineer

Julie, daughter of Personnel Supervisor J. C. Musgrave, has been selected as a varsity cheerleader and tapped for the National Honor Society at Point Pleasant High School.

Mountaineer Construction



Steve, son of Bill Safford, chief of electrical,

coached the Point Pleasant High School Big Blacks football team to a perfect 10-0 season and tied for fourth in Class AAA. The Big Blacks won their first game in the playoffs but lost the semi-finals.

Pulaski



Tammy, daughter of A. J. Parsons, Wytheville line mechanic A, won first place in the 400-meter run in the 17-18 age group at the state Group AA track meet in Harrisonburg, Va. A student at George Wythe High School, Tammy holds the school record in the 400-meter run and is a member of the mile relay team. The mile relay team holds the school record (set at the state meet) and has set records at the 13th Abingdon Relays and this year's New River District competition. Tammy also competed in the AAU Junior Olympics.

Custodian **J. F. Smith** was presented a certificate of appreciation for his volunteer work with students and teachers on various Head Start projects.



Missy, daughter of R. W. Spraker, meter electrician A, competed in the Southeastern United States Regional Chess Tournament, the largest scholastic chess tournament ever held in the eastern part of the U.S. At the end of six rounds of play, Missy led the field in the unrated section and was awarded a trophy as the top unrated elementary chess player in the southeastern U.S. She plays on the 18-member Critzer Elementary Chess Team which placed ninth in the National Elementary Chess Tournament in Minneapolis, Minn.

Roanoke

Fieldale Manager **J. D. Higgins** was elected vice president for 1980 and president-elect for 1981 of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

Nancy, wife of A. L. Bradshaw, meter electrician A, was elected secretary of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.



Michael Williams, son of Elaine Wilkinson, Fieldale T&D clerk B, was awarded a citation by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for his catch of an 8 lb. 8 oz. largemouth bass.

Travis Pitches won first place in the 11-12-year-old category for the Patrick Henry District, BSA, canoe race on the Mayo River. **Bryan Pitches** was selected for the summer honor program for outstanding kindergarten students in the Henry County school system. They are the sons of Mike Pitches, Fieldale line inspector.

Joni, daughter of Stores Supervisor R. L. Isner, was named "treasurer of the year — 1980" by Junior Achievement of Roanoke Valley. She was awarded a trip to the national JA conference at Bloomington, Ind.

Kerry, daughter of Fieldale General Servicer J. L. Ingram, was elected vice president of the senior class at Fieldale-Collinsville High School.



Cale, son of Fieldale PBX Operator Donna Bennett, was awarded six ribbons at the annual Ridgeway Jaycee Field Day. He placed in the dash, standing and running broad

jump, softball and basketball toss and soccer kick. He is a first grader at South Martinsville Elementary.



Kathy, daughter of Customer Service Representative Linwood Stone, was selected for membership in Ferrum College's Alpha Delta Society in recognition of outstanding academic and service achievement. Only seniors in the college's four-year baccalaureate degree program are eligible and they must have maintained an average of 3.5 for all work. Kathy was secretary-treasurer of the Public Affairs and Administration Club and a member of the Student Judicial Council.



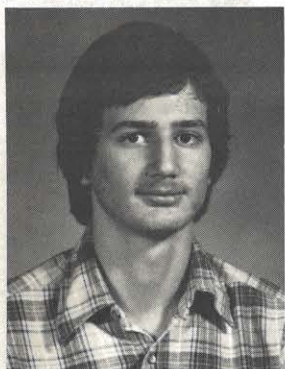
Diane, daughter of General Line Supervisor L. A. Philpott, submitted the winning title, "The Communicator", for the new in-house publication of Universal Communications, Roanoke. Diane was awarded a dinner for two.



Douglas Martin, head T&D clerk, and his wife **Betty** were presented the good sportsmanship trophy award by the Friday Night Mixed Invitational Bowling League, Martinsville.

Kenny, son of Janet Craighead, meter electrician C, received an achievement award in mathematics from Shawsville Elementary School.

Philip Sporn



Steven, son of W. A. Ohlinger, maintenance mechanic A, represented Meigs High School as a delegate to the Ohio Boys' Buckeye State. A junior at Meigs, he is a member of the National Honor Society, baseball and basketball teams.



Karen, daughter of Assistant Plant Manager W. J. Probert, has been awarded a dean's achievement scholarship by Ohio University for the 1980-81 academic year. She is a freshman education major.

Julie and Jenny Clark were elected president and secretary, respectively, of the National Honor Society at Wahama High School. They are the daughters of Unit Supervisor Dorwin Clark.

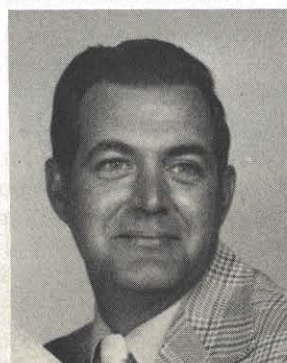
FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



Paul G. Frazier, 73, retired assistant stores supervisor in Huntington, died May 14. A native of Wayne, West Virginia, he began his career in 1928 as a plant clerk at Kenova Plant and elected early disability retirement in September 1953. Frazier is survived by one daughter.



Ruth Bowman Lucas, 75, retired Roanoke secretarial-stenographer, died May 31. A native of Franklin County, Virginia, she began her career in 1943 as a clerk-stenographer and retired January 1, 1970. Lucas is survived by her daughter, one grandson, two sisters and three brothers.



Henry S. Compton, 47, engineering technician senior in the Pearisburg area of Pulaski Division, died June 1 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Shawvers Mill, Virginia, he began his career in 1956 as a junior clerk in Bluefield. Compton is survived by his widow Phyllis, 306 French Street, Pearisburg, Virginia; his mother and four sisters. Jim Gregory, operations engineering supervisor in GO Operations, Roanoke, is a brother-in-law.



Vernon Kent Karnes, 29, Amos Plant coal handler, was fatally injured June 3 in an on-the-job accident. A native of Putnam County, West Virginia, he was employed in 1979 as a utility worker-yard. Karnes is survived by his widow Donna Lynn, Scott Depot, W.Va.; one daughter, his parents, four sisters and four brothers.

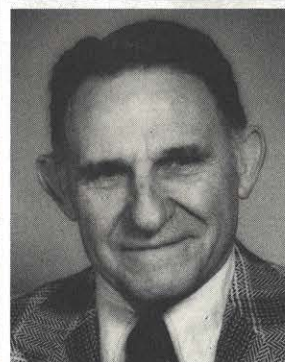


David Craig Johnson, 21, Bluefield line mechanic D, was killed in an automobile accident June 14. A native of Covington, Virginia, he was employed in November 1978. Johnson is survived by his parents and two brothers.



George T. "Speed" Turley, 72, retired Charleston material clerk, died June 24. A native of Lincoln County, West Virginia, he was employed in 1927 as a laborer and elected early retirement July 1, 1971. Turley is survived by his widow Madeline, 2514 Lincoln Avenue, St. Albans, W.Va.

HOOVER ENJOYED WORK, PEOPLE



"I think 45 years is enough. I have no health problems and no complaints about my job, but I just want to do some other things now," says Burch Hoover, who was an engineer technologist supervisor in Huntington before electing early retirement July 1. Burch started with the company in 1935 working the switchboard in the evenings while attending Marshall University during the day. He recalls, "A telephone operator

then had to have experience in dispatching crews in response to trouble calls. The switchboard was an operating center in a sense. We worked through the line superintendent but we had to get the crews to the trouble spots."

Burch's next job was as a rodman. "I loved working with the survey crew, but when the war (WW II) started, we were not building lines. I didn't volunteer for the job, but the company needed meter readers," he states about his next work assignment. Burch has a genuine respect for the people who read meters and feels the experiences during the nine months he was on this job made him appreciate the company even more. "I know what they go through," he says, "the dogs, the people and the fences. I certainly appreciate these employees a lot more from my experience." In those days the meter readers rode street cars and buses to get to the routes.

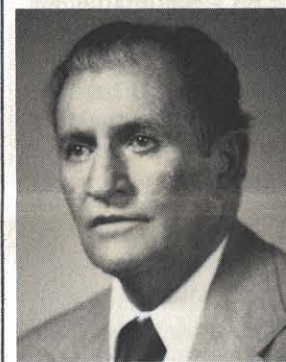
He recalls one incident which occurred during his days on the survey crew. "We had eight men and two vehicles out in the wilds of Wayne County, with no phones and no roads, and we had trouble with both trucks. We broke an axle on one truck; and when we took the second truck to go for help, we broke an axle on that one, too. Bob Morrison and I started to work cross country toward Route 52 so we could hitchhike to a telephone. Bob was due to be married in a week, and his future wife was graduating from high school that evening. He was supposed to be in Barboursville at 6 PM. We walked through the woods and cross country about 10 miles before we got to Echo to make the telephone call. Bob went on so he could make it to the graduation, and I got some men and trucks to come out so we could go back to the disabled trucks and crew. We finally got back at about 2 AM. It was a long day!"

Burch adds, "I feel that I have been very lucky because I have always been satisfied with my work and with my supervisor. I look around and see people who are dissatisfied for one reason or another, but I haven't had that

experience. I have enjoyed my work and the people I have worked with. I feel especially lucky that I have had the opportunities that I have with the company and I feel good, too, because I think I've done a good job for the company."

Now Burch expects to spend considerable time in his woodworking shop and to do some traveling to California, where two of his four children live, and to Texas. He and his wife Betty enjoy camping and fishing on the lakes. Burch also is active in the Baptist Temple, where he serves on the finance board. The Hoovers will continue to reside at 286 Norway Avenue, Huntington.

MR. APCO RETIRES



William Edward Moss, line crew supervisor NE in the Lovingson area of Lynchburg Division, elected early retirement June 1 after more than 40 years' service. He was known as "Mr. Appalachian" in Nelson County and surrounding areas.

Ed was hired as a temporary employee cutting right-of-way in April 1939. When this job was completed a year later, he went to work for Dan & Zimmerman electrical contractors, returning to Appalachian in 1941 as a groundman. Ed transferred to Reusens Hydro in 1942 as a special guard and remained there until entering military service two years later. He returned to work in 1945 as a groundman B and advanced through several positions before being named working foreman in 1962. His classification was changed to line crew supervisor in 1977.

Ed recalls, "In the early days there was a lot of line construction to serve rural areas. Everything was done

by hand. We had to physically carry poles into locations. We used 'A' frames on setting all poles, and the pole holes had to be dug by hand. There is no comparison now to the way a line is built as it was back then. Now we have trucks with all types of hydraulic equipment that can do most anything you want to. This not only saves us physically but saves time, too."

He continues, "When I helped build the Lynchburg-Sherwill distribution line, it brought lights to the rural areas. A refrigerator was put on the line by a customer on Rivermont Avenue in the City of Lynchburg, and the company installed a check meter to see how many kilowatt-hours it would use over a period of time."

In 1964 Ed transferred to Lovingson to head up a three-man line crew and to maintain the distribution and meter work in this area of the division. The crew operated out of an old apple shed rented by the company until a new service center was constructed in 1969.

One of the most memorable occasions of Ed's career was the devastating flood of '69 in Nelson County caused by Hurricane Camille. Many people were killed, possessions destroyed and much damage done to the landscape. He states, "Poles, guys and even the Schuyler substation disappeared as a result of this flood. It all happened in such a short period of time. We worked around the clock for the next several days trying to restore service to customers. The company brought in helicopters to set poles and deliver equipment and personnel to the job sites."

Ed is justifiably proud of his safety record — no disabling injuries and no automotive accidents with a company vehicle — as well as the safety record of his men.

He plans to hunt, fish, and help his farmer friends get up hay and pick apples during retirement. Ed and his wife Laura have four children and seven grandchildren. They will continue to reside in Lovingson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NO LONGER EXCLUSIVELY MALE



Serving as volunteers with the Eleanor Fire Department are, l. to r., Bev Luikhart, Cindy Harrison and Anita Young.

The Eleanor, West Virginia, Fire Department is no longer a man's world. Anita Young, junior clerk at Central Machine Shop, is one of three women who are serving as volunteers. The others are Bev Luikart, Anita's sister-in-law, and Cindy Harrison.

Anita joined the fire department in April, following in the footsteps of her husband, who had been a fireman for three months. She had her first experience fighting a fire just nine days later.

Anita says, "It was about 9 PM on a Saturday night, and we had decided to stay home because it was cold and rainy. The pager went off and at first it really startled me. My husband already had his boots on and was getting his coat when I realized it was a fire. I jumped up, grabbed my tennis shoes and coat and ran barefooted to the truck. On the way to the station I discovered that in all the excitement I had picked up my husband's tennis shoes instead of mine.

"I was assigned to the tanker, and within minutes we arrived at the fire. It was a two-story house that was built over a hundred years ago. We later found out the fire had started somewhere in the wiring.

"Bev, Cindy and I were instructed to stay with the trucks since we had no bunker gear yet. Soon we were involved in laying lines, carrying equipment, and learning the pumps. Cindy, who is an EMT, was busy giving oxygen to those who had smoke inhalation. Bev and I will be taking an EMT class this fall. When we learn the pumps, this will put the manpower on the lines where it's needed most.

"Finally the fire was out," Anita says. "By the time we cleaned the lines and had everything back in the station, it was nearly 4 AM.

"I really enjoy being a part of the fire department. It's exciting, it's rewarding, and it really makes you feel like you're doing your part for the community."



Does luck, like lightning, strike twice in the same place? When the Charleston Federal Savings and Loan Association opened a new branch in St. Albans recently, Eugene Dahmer, meter electrician A, received a \$250 passcard account as a door prize. Several years ago when the association's new office was opened in Charleston, Eugene's wife Betty won a \$50 passcard account. Pictured above is Ann Pettry, St. Albans branch manager, presenting the account to Dahmer.

GARDENING, HUNTING TO OCCUPY RETIREE



Ernest Boyd Suthers, area supervisor A at Wytheville in the Pulaski Division, elected early retirement July 1 after 34 years' service.

A native of Wythe County, Virginia, Ernest began his career in 1946 as a groundman B and worked as a lineman C, B and A and line foreman NE before being named in 1974 to the position he held at retirement.

"I haven't got any big plans" for retirement, Ernest says. "I'll probably travel and visit around some and work at home fixing the place up." He likes to hunt and garden. In fact, he has a team of ponies to work his garden with. Ernest is a 40-year member of the Order of Oaks, a member of the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce and attends Wytheville Baptist Church.

Ernest and his wife Della have four children and eight grandchildren. They will continue to make their home at Route 2, Box 169, Wytheville.



Randy Pierce, son of Paul Pierce, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance mechanic B, and a member of the Wahama High School golf team, has captured several golf honors recently. He finished 4th out of 56 in the regional tournament held at Riverside Golf Course in May and 16th out of 92 playing in the West Virginia High School state tournament at Parkersburg last month. The Wahama team, one of two AA schools to play, finished eighth out of 14 teams. Randy also finished 2nd in the state last year in the high school state tournament. He will participate in the W.Va. junior amateur golf tournament in Huntington later this month.

VARIED INTERESTS WILL KEEP RETIREE BUSY



Elinor Wood Oliver, electric plant clerk A in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, elected early retirement July 1 after more than 35 years' service. Her husband Jimmy is classifications and accounts payable supervisor in GO Accounting.

Elinor recalls, "When I graduated from high school, I came to Appalachian and filed for a job. On the application was a question as to relatives working for the company. At that time I had a first cousin working here. As soon as the supervisor read my application and saw that, he just tore it up and threw it in the waste basket.

"Later on Jimmy went to work for Appalachian and we got married. When World War II happened, Jimmy was sent to Paris, France, and I went to work at the Kroger office. While still at Kroger, someone called and said Harry Gardner would like to talk to me about a job. By the way, Mr. Gardner was the one who had previously destroyed my application. I came down and talked with him, and he told me he thought Jimmy would be better satisfied while in Paris if he knew his 'child bride' was working for 'Uncle App'.

"When Jimmy came back I figured that would be the end of my job with Appalachian, but I decided since I didn't ask for the job they would just have to get rid of me. I waited 35 years and finally decided I would have to make the first move," she laughed.

Elinor continued, "I'm retiring early so I can do all the things I like to do but have had to squeeze into a very limited time before. I'm going to 'keep house' since for 35 years the house has kept me. This is going to be my most disliked chore. I would much rather be painting the house, doing carpenter work, gardening flowers or doing needlework."

Elinor and Jimmy enjoy dancing and are members of the 100, 200 and 300 Clubs, which hold dances several times a year. They also belong to the Elks Club. Elinor wants to devote more time to her church, Thrasher Memorial United Methodist in Vinton, during retirement. The Olivers reside at 636 Clearview Drive, Vinton.



Mary Susan and Connie, daughter and wife, respectively, of Mountaineer Plant Personnel Supervisor J. C. Musgrave, are very much involved in the Girl Scouting program. Mary Susan, right, recently received the first class award, highest rank in Girl Scouting. Connie, left, has been a troop leader for ten years, the last three with Troop 2640 in Point Pleasant, W.Va.

VETS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



John Hull
Line Crew Supervisor
Charleston
35 Years



J. B. Brillheart
Administrative Asst.
Pulaski
35 Years



M. A. Cole
Eq. Ser. Rep. Sr.
Huntington
35 Years



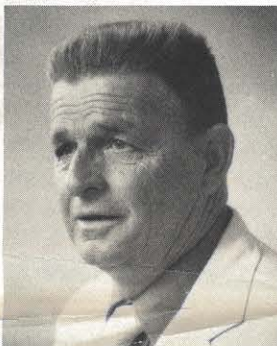
W. E. Sarsfield
Meter Supv. NE
Huntington
30 Years



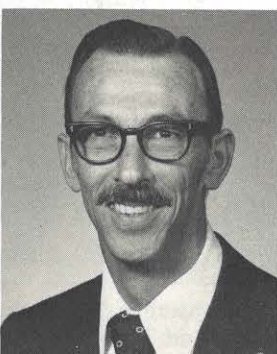
Louise Brandabur
Secretary
Huntington
30 Years



H. B. Shepherd
Line Crew Supv. NE
Pulaski
35 Years



S. R. Snyder
Trans. Line Supv.
GO-Abingdon
30 Years



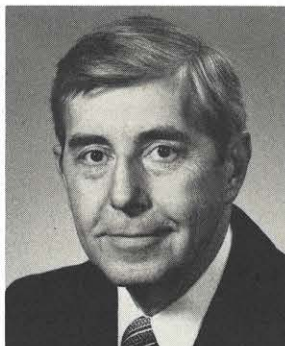
A. G. Thornton, Jr.
Comm. Staff Engineer
GO-Roanoke
30 Years



L. F. Hogan
Street Light Attend.
Roanoke
30 Years



E. T. Jones, Jr.
Cust. Acctg. Supv.
Roanoke
30 Years



J. A. Bostian
Meter Supt.-GO
GO-Roanoke
25 Years



W. C. Smith
Maint. Mechanic A
Glen Lyn
25 Years



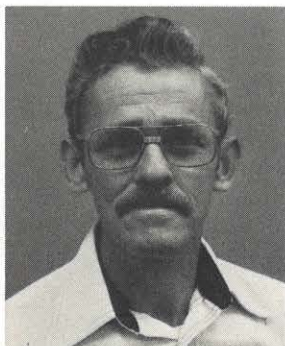
P. D. Slack
T&D Clerk A
Charleston
25 Years



R. T. Eskew
Station Crew Supv.
Abingdon
25 Years



Judith Lester
Statistical Accountant
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



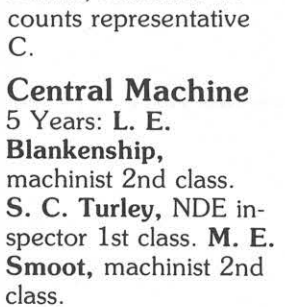
R. L. Fisher
Station Mechanic-GO
GO-Charleston
20 Years



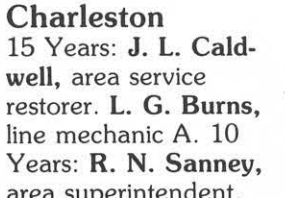
Faye Amos
Personnel Assistant
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



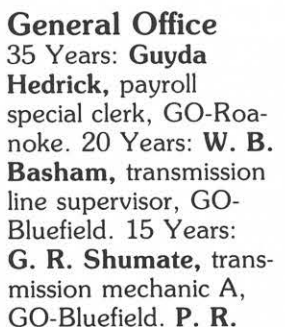
Abingdon
15 Years: **T. M. Wright**, general servicer. 10 Years: **G. R. Stoots**, meter reader.



Bluefield
25 Years: **Lia Pais**, residential advisor. 10 Years: **Kenneth Roberts**, power engineer. 5 Years: **Patricia Banks**, customer accounts representative C.



Central Machine
5 Years: **L. E. Blankenship**, machinist 2nd class. **S. C. Turley**, NDE inspector 1st class. **M. E. Smoot**, machinist 2nd class.



Charleston
15 Years: **J. L. Caldwell**, area service restorer. **L. G. Burns**, line mechanic A. 10 Years: **R. N. Sanney**, area superintendent.

General Office
35 Years: **Guyda Hedrick**, payroll special clerk, GO-Roanoke. 20 Years: **W. B. Basham**, transmission line supervisor, GO-Bluefield. 15 Years: **G. R. Shumate**, transmission mechanic A, GO-Bluefield. **P. R.**

Richardson, general bookkeeper, GO-Roanoke. **Betty Ellis**, senior environmental clerk, GO-Roanoke. **Carolyn Zimmerman**, tax accounting clerk B, GO-Roanoke. **Linda Naff**, T&D clerk A, GO-Roanoke. **J. H. Johnson, III**, station construction supervisor, GO-Roanoke. **Marsena Hartless**, general bookkeeper, GO-Roanoke. **D. R. Brammer**, station clerk A, GO-Roanoke. 10 Years: **B. R. Lewis**, transmission mechanic A, GO-Bluefield. **S. Jacovitch**, engineering technologist, GO-Roanoke. **W. D. Humphrey**, engineering technologist, GO-Roanoke. **E. M. Dooley**, engineering technologist, GO-Roanoke. **B. M. Graves**, maintenance mechanic B, GO-Smith Mountain. **Patricia Milliron**, secretary-stenographer, GO-Roanoke. **B. J. Buehn**, engineering technologist, GO-Roanoke. **E. O. Caldwell**, engineering technologist supervisor, GO-Roanoke. **D. E. Barger**, engineering technologist, GO-Roanoke. **J. W. Thomas**, maintenance mechanic B, GO-Roanoke. **D. W. Sink**, classification and accounts payable clerk A, GO-Roanoke. **B. L. Harvey**, transmission inspector, GO-Bluefield. **Karen Burtis**, personnel clerk A, GO-Roanoke. **Bonnie Worley**, secretary-stenographer, GO-Roanoke. 5 Years: **D. H. Pearson**, mail clerk, GO-Roanoke. **Freda Meadows**, general records clerk A, GO-Roanoke.

Roanoke
15 Years: **K. L. Ashworth**, line mechanic A. 10 Years: **S. E. Martin**, line mechanic A.

FARRIS ENDS 34-YEAR CAREER



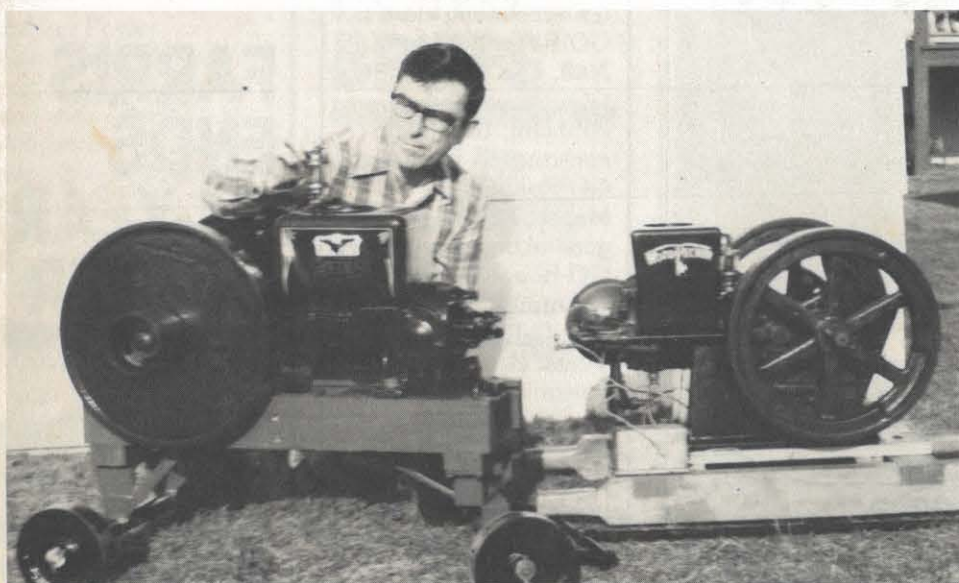
William Frank Farris, who was station mechanic A in Bluefield before electing early retirement July 1, jokes that he was approached by two friends, **Bus and Vernon Kirk**, to come to work for **Uncle App** and play softball on their team. He relates, "I had job offers with two other companies but the opportunity to work for **Uncle App** was great so here I am 34 years later, and I haven't regretted a minute taking the job."

The **Bluefield, West Virginia**, native attended **McLain's Business College**. He began his career as a maintenance man helper B and advanced through the positions of laborer, maintenance man helper A, senior meter reader, station operator B and stationman B and A. **Bill's** retirement plans include visiting nieces in **Florida and California** and then home for duty in the garden and yard. He and his wife **Mary** live at 2008 Ohio Street in **Bluefield, W.Va.**

HUNTERS SCORE

Beckley
P. W. Hatcher, Jr., gavage supervisor, 18-lb. turkey gobbler.

LEWIS' ENGINE COLLECTION OUTGROWING HIS GARAGE



If you want to get George Lewis' undivided attention, just talk to him about engines.

A mechanical construction assistant at Mountaineer Plant, George's hobby is collecting and restoring all kinds of engines. He says, "I have 20 engines in my collection, ranging from a small Maytag washing machine engine to a 5 hp weighing nearly 800 pounds. Not all of these are restored."

George continues, "I bought my first engine and restored it in 1975, and now I need a bigger garage. Engines are getting much harder to find now, probably due to the increasing number of collectors. The engines are usually found on old farms or in rural areas that used belt power on saws, water pumps, and the like. My latest restoration job is a Satley gasoline engine sold by Montgomery Ward about 1925."

George concludes, "I belong to several old steam and gas engine clubs, mostly in Ohio, and look forward every summer to attending as many shows as possible and showing off some of my engines." All his models are 1925 or older.



Everybody's a winner with Operations Improvement — the company and its employees. Eight Beckley Division employees were presented gifts by Division Manager T. A. Rotenberry for submitting ideas in the operations improvement program which have resulted in combined annual savings of more than \$25,000. From left, Wayne Farley, engineering technician senior; Phil Snodgrass, engineering technician; Darrell Allen, garage and stores supervisor; Joann Richmond, customer accounts representative C; Lloyd Humphrey, engineering technologist supervisor; O. J. Weldon, electrical engineer; and J. R. McGinnis, division superintendent. Not pictured is C. C. Willis, Rupert area supervisor A.

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HUNTINGTON EMPLOYEES ASSIST HOLIDAY TRAVELERS



Charlie Hoschar, left, mans the Red Cross emergency first aid unit for holiday weekend travelers. Byron Hunt, right, assists his REACT group in serving refreshments.

I-64 travelers who stop at the rest station near Huntington over the July 4th holiday weekend will find refreshments, first aid care — and the friendly smiles of two Huntington Division employees.

Byron Hunt, customer accounts assistant, is president of the local chapter of REACT, Team C453, which sponsors a booth offering coffee, Pepsi, donuts and cookies for weary travelers. According to Byron, if a driver stops to rest for a short while and takes some refreshment, he will drive more carefully. Over the recent Memorial Day weekend, the refreshment service was available from 6 PM on May 23 to 7 PM on May 26. The booth was staffed around the clock by volunteers.

Charlie Hoschar, head T&D clerk and first aid chairman for the local Red Cross, mans the Red Cross emergency first aid unit at the rest station. Charlie says, "The Memorial Day weekend was not too busy — a case of sun poisoning and a couple of scraped elbows and knees. But while the visitors rested, we talked and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting people from all over the country. It's a great experience. When my tour of duty is over, I'll hate to give it up."

During the Memorial Day weekend, Charlie, Byron and the other volunteers served 4,500 people from 48 out of the 50 states. Many commented this was a "first" and wanted information on how to set up a similar activity.



A stolen purse was returned to its owner in Morgantown, W.Va., recently, thanks to the action of David French, left, and Ted Pendleberry, hydro utility operators for Kanawha Valley Power. The pair found the purse while raking trash at the Winfield Hydro and Hydro Plant Supervisor Jack Jarrett contacted the owner by phone. Jarrett received this note of appreciation: "I want to thank you for taking the trouble to send me my pocketbook that was stolen a couple of weeks ago. I did salvage some of the things that were still in my purse. I come to Charleston quite often and this made me realize there are still some nice people there, and I really appreciate the consideration you took to contact me."



C. K. Rowland (second from left), Marion accounting supervisor, receives a safety award memento from Doug Forbes, Appalachian's safety director. Looking on are Joe Weddle (left), area supervisor; Jim Hughes, personnel supervisor; and Rex L. Cassady, division manager. The awards were presented to Abingdon Division employees in recognition of their having worked 1,000,000 manhours without a disabling injury.