

## VIOLENT SUMMER STORMS WREAK HAVOC ACROSS AEP SYSTEM

A series of violent summer storms, with winds up to 100-plus miles an hour, wreaked havoc across the entire AEP System last month placing more than 450,000 customers out of service at one time or another.

Winds of gale force were common in virtually all parts of the seven-state service area, but they peaked at velocities beyond 100 miles an hour in the Roanoke area — “an incredible event”, as one operations veteran put it. Heavy lightning was reported in most areas, and several tornados were sighted.

Hundreds of line crews from the AEP operating companies and neighboring utilities worked around the clock to restore service. In many cases lines were repaired only to be knocked out again by subsequent storms.

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's territory was the first area to be hit. A storm on July 5 put 96,000 customers out of service, including over 40,000 in the South Bend Division and 35,000 in the Fort Wayne Division. One of the storm's “victims” was the 480-foot, 200-ton construction crane being used to erect I&M's new One Summit Square office building. The crane was toppled by the winds and smashed.

The same storm within an hour reached Ohio, where Ohio Power Company lost 56,000 customers, and Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company another 35,000. Thousands more lost service in subsequent but smaller storms.

An even more severe storm hit the Appalachian Power Company sector a few days later. On July 8, approximately 97,000 Appalachian customers in Virginia and West Virginia were knocked out of service. The following evening, the night of the hurricane-level winds in the Roanoke Valley, another storm accounted for another 77,000, including 45,000 who were out of service in the Roanoke area alone. Appalachian estimated the cost of restoring service at about \$2 million.

A second round of storms the following week brought 85-mile-an-hour winds to southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana. On July 16, more than 60,000 I&M and Michigan Power customers were without power due to a severe storm. An estimated 55,000 customers were affected in I&M's Benton Harbor and South Bend Divisions and another 5,000 to 7,000 in Michigan Power.

Another earlier storm in Ohio resulted in the loss of electric service to about 20,000 customers in Ohio Power Company's Portsmouth Division. The company estimated its service restoration costs at \$2.2 million.

Severe storms with lightning and 50-mile-an-hour winds hit the Kingsport Power service area July 9 and 10, leaving 8,000 customers without power. Two contractor crews were called in to help company employees restore service to customers, some of whom were without electricity for 72 hours.

Fourteen AEP system transmission lines were put out of service by lightning during the storms, including four 765,000-volt circuits: Kammer-Mountaineer, Kammer-Marysville, Amos-Baker and Baker-Hanging Rock. Lightning also put Mitchell Plant's No. 2 generating unit out of service when it struck the surge arrester on the unit's transformer.

Frank N. Bien, AEP vice chairman-operations, estimated the total clean-up and repair cost for last month's storms would be \$12.3 million and an additional \$2.7 million for equipment replacement.



Many Appalachian Power customers appreciated the tremendous job performed by company employees in the restoration of service following last month's storms:



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV  
Governor

July 11, 1980

Dear Nick,

West Virginians are, I am certain, very appreciative of the fine work you and your people have done during this period of storms and severe weather.

I hope that you will convey my personal appreciation down through the ranks to all those who have performed with dedication and concern for the safety of our people.

Sincerely,

*John D. Rockefeller IV*  
John D. Rockefeller IV

Mr. Nicholas R. Roomy, Jr.  
Vice President  
Appalachian Power Company  
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### Another letter:

These days it is difficult to feel generous towards any utility . . . but tonight as I walk through my home here in the city I feel so grateful that APCo is here!

We had an outage for 5 hours on Tuesday and again for 20 hours beginning on Wednesday. During that time I remembered the “now historic” ice storm of 1979 and the 3 days that we had to spend at Holiday Inn. Each time as we drove through the streets of this area and saw the debris of these natural disasters, we commented on the enormous amount of work that your crews faced in order to restore service to this area. I won't take up your time by telling you just how much the convenience of appliances and electrical lighting mean to me as a mother and homemaker. I appreciate period furniture and even antique recipes but feel that without electricity our lifestyle would regress unbearably.

Please know that APCo's responsible, dependable service is appreciated. Thank you for your personal conscientious efforts on the public's behalf.

## IT WAS THE ICE STORM OF '79 ALL OVER AGAIN

No area of Appalachian Power Company was spared from last month's violent storms, but the Roanoke Valley was perhaps hardest hit, just as it was in the ice storm of 1979.

Also reminiscent of the ice storm were the thousands of trees uprooted or broken off by lightning and winds, many of which tore down electric lines as they fell. Winds were clocked at more than 100 miles an hour by a wind gauge at the company's Roanoke office, and tornados swept across Raleigh and Summers counties in West Virginia.

Approximately 60 contractor crews were called from a wide area to assist Appalachian employees in the restoration of service following the July 8 and 9 storms. Just as they had done in the ice storm, crews were busy stringing new lines, cutting away trees, replacing transformers, setting poles, ground patrolling distribution circuits and answering phones. Preliminary figures indicate that 55 stations and 159 circuits were lost and 91 poles and 200 transformers were replaced. Customers were without power anywhere from a few minutes up to 48 hours.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, had these words of praise for company employees: “These were most unusual weather conditions that played havoc with large parts of our operating territory. But once again our employees from every area pitched in and did truly an outstanding job in the rebuilding and restoring of service. The company has received many fine comments concerning their performance, and the job they did is greatly appreciated.”

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## AEP SYSTEM NEWS BRIEFS

### C&SOE To Sell Bonds, Preferred

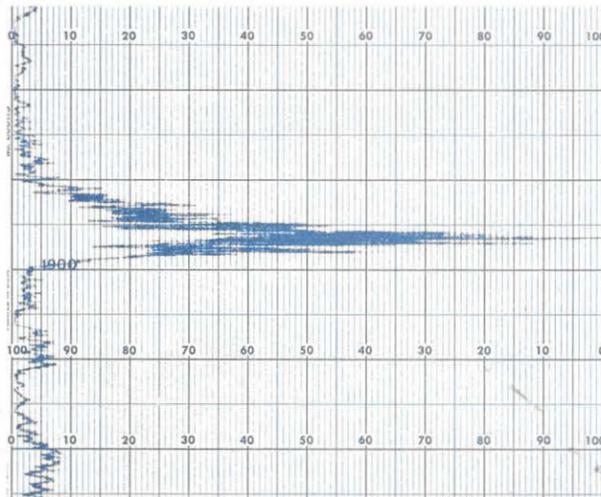
Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company last month announced plans to sell up to \$80 million of first mortgage bonds and up to \$50 million of preferred stock at competitive bidding on or about October 1. The proceeds will be used to repay short-term debt.

### I&M Buys Uranium From Australia

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company last month contracted for a 4.5 million pound supply of uranium from Australia, to be delivered over the nine-year period 1982-90. It represents about half of the fuel needs of I&M's Donald C. Cook Nuclear plant over that period.

The contracts are with two Australian firms: Peko-Wallsend Operations, Ltd. and Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia, Ltd., and each is for 250,000 pounds a year. The uranium will come from the Ranger Project in Australia's Northern Territory, where reserves are estimated at 220-million pounds. Approval of the Australian government is required.

On today's market the fuel would have a value of about \$140 million.



Above is evidence of the wind that swept Roanoke last month, and below is some damage that the high wind left in its wake. The wind graph records wind velocity up to 100 mph, but that wasn't enough shortly after 8 p.m. EDT on July 9 to record the wind atop Appalachian headquarters.



Roanoke Division line crews like this one had their hands full repairing power lines damaged last month by high winds and falling trees.

## MOUNTAINEER UNIT PRODUCES POWER

Mountaineer Plant produced its first electric power July 15 when its 1,300,000 kilowatt unit was paralleled with the AEP System. The unit was brought up to speed to match System voltage and then generated power, on and off, through the balance of that week.

The steam generator was pressurized for the first time on July 17 at 5 PM. After holding load at 600 mw for generator tests, the load was increased to 1,000 mw to check out the slag blower system. This load was held until 1:50 AM on July 19, when the unit was removed from service due to steam generator leaks. The unit was expected to remain out of service for repairs to the steam generator and inspection of turbine generator bearings until July 30.

## WHITE ELECTED C&SOE CHAIRMAN

W. S. White, Jr., last month was elected chairman and chief executive officer of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, the same position he holds with its parent American Electric Power Company and AEP's seven other subsidiary operating companies. AEP acquired C&SOE on May 9.

Ben T. Ray, who had been president and chief executive officer of C&SOE, was elected president and chief operating officer, and Robert J. Grueser, who had been chairman, was elected vice chairman.

At the same time C&SOE enlarged its board of directors from seven to 11 members and elected four new members. In addition to White, they are: Richard E. Disbrow, president of AEP and the AEP Service Corporation, and the Service Corporation's two vice chairman, Frank N. Bien, operations, and John E. Dolan, engineering and construction. At a C&SOE shareowners' meeting June 24, a proposal had been adopted to expand the board.

Also, 12 officers of the Service Corporation, in addition to White, were elected officers of C&SOE.

Certain of the elections are subject to approval of the appropriate regulatory authorities.

## SAVINGS PLAN UNIT VALUES

Date	Value Per Unit	Units Credited Per Dollar
<b>Fixed Income Fund</b>		
1/31/80	1.1756	.8506
2/29/80	1.1831	.8452
3/31/80	1.1915	.8393
4/30/80	1.2002	.8332
5/31/80	1.2095	.8268
6/30/80	1.2188	.8205
<b>Equity Fund</b>		
1/31/80	1.4339	.6974
2/29/80	1.4380	.6954
3/31/80	1.2986	.7701
4/30/80	1.3554	.7378
5/31/80	1.4303	.6992
6/30/80	1.4749	.6780
<b>AEP Stock Fund</b>		
1/31/80	.9423	1.0612
2/29/80	.8811	1.1349
3/31/80	.8506	1.1756
4/30/80	.9980	1.0020
5/31/80	1.0350	.9662
6/30/80	1.0584	.9448

## APCO, PITTSTON SIGN \$41 MILLION ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR W.VA. COAL

Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV last month announced the signing of a \$41 million per year contract for production of environmental quality coal for use at the new 1,300-megawatt Mountaineer generating plant of Appalachian Power Company at New Haven, West Virginia.

The Governor said the contract could result in a \$1-billion contribution to the economy of West Virginia over its potential term of 20 years.

Signing the contract at the State Capitol were W. S. White, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Appalachian Power and American Electric Power Co., and Nicholas T. Camicia, chairman and chief executive officer of the Pittston Company.

Terms of the contract call for Pittston to provide one million tons of environmental quality coal per year for five years, with Appalachian and Pittston each having an option to extend the purchase up to 20 years. Mining this coal will provide employment for about 400 coal miners earning almost \$9 million annually.

Deliveries of the coal to the Mountaineer plant will start on September 1 from Pittston's Rum Creek mine complex operated by its Elkay Co. unit, near Logan, West Virginia. The coal will be moved by C&O Railroad to Appalachian's Putnam coal terminal, presently under construction on the Kanawha River downstream from St. Albans, and then by barge to Mountaineer.

White said the Pittston coal will enable the plant to comply with Environmental Protection Agency standards of a maximum of 1.2 lbs. of sulphur dioxide per million BTUs burned without the use of scrubbers. He noted that all coal burned at the Mountaineer plant will be washed, ensuring consistency of quality which will assure a high level of availability of the boiler unit.

## APCO REQUESTS \$23.6 MILLION INCREASE IN VA.

Appalachian Power Company on July 14 filed with the State Corporation Commission of Virginia a request for a \$23.6-million or 7% overall increase in rates from its 349,000 retail customers in Virginia.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said that the increase is needed to help offset costs associated with the commercial operation of the company's new 1,300,000-kilowatt coal-fired Mountaineer Plant at New Haven, W. Va., as well as a new 100,000-kilowatt unit at the company's Smith Mountain Pumped Storage and Hydro-electric Project on Roanoke River in Virginia.

The Smith Mountain unit went into commercial operation on June 26, and Mountaineer is scheduled for commercial operation in September. The company is asking that the increase be placed into effect when Mountaineer Plant goes into commercial operation.

Completion of the \$35-million reversible pump turbine Unit 3 at Smith Mountain which was begun in 1976 raises the generating capacity of the project to 600,000-kilowatts. When the Smith Mountain Dam and Powerhouse were completed in the mid-1960's, four units were installed and space was provided for the later addition of a fifth unit.

Vaughan noted that Smith Mountain has proven to be a valuable source for generating power during periods of peak customer demands, and has also enhanced the reliability of electric service in the region.

The amount of the increase will vary according to the classification and usage by the customer. He said: "The average residential customer using 907-kilowatt-hours a month now pays \$39.91 and this will increase by \$3.46 to \$43.37 — approximately 11½¢ per day."

## APCO FILES \$51-MILLION RATE REQUEST

Appalachian Power Company on July 8 filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a request for a \$51-million increase in rates.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said that the increase is needed to offset the continuing high level of inflation which is impacting every area of the company's business. Additionally, a portion of the increase is related to its new Mountaineer Plant, which is scheduled for commercial operation in September.

The 15% overall increase in rates is being sought from the company's 360,000 customers in West Virginia. The company asked that the increase be made effective August 12, and that if it is suspended beyond that date, the effective date be no later than October 1.

Vaughan noted: "For the past four years, Appalachian has not earned the dividend paid on its common stock, and for most of that time has not been able to sell first-mortgage bonds. As a result, the company has been forced to carry an inordinate amount of short-term debt at a time when interest rates have been at historic highs."

He said that the Mountaineer Plant has a single 1,300,000 kilowatt generating unit, and will burn approximately 3,750,000 tons of coal a year, most of which will come from southern West Virginia. Vaughan emphasized that this was continuing evidence of Appalachian's long-term commitment to coal for the generation of electricity and stressed the benefits that this commitment has brought not only to the company's customers but also to the state. "These benefits in recent years have come into sharp focus when Appalachian's rates are compared to those of utilities having to use oil for generation," he added.

He pointed out that Mountaineer cost \$638-million to build. "This is 2½ times greater than the cost of the last unit of similar size, completed in 1973. This unit, Unit 3 at the John E. Amos Plant, cost \$236-million. The increased costs can be directly attributed to inflation, a 2½-year slowdown in the construction of Mountaineer because of the company's inability to finance the plant, increased environmental protection facilities, and the high cost of money in recent years."

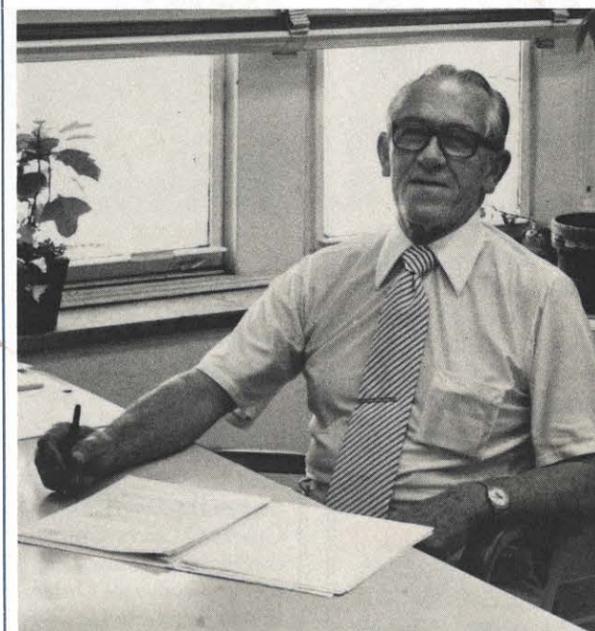
Vaughan said that operation of Mountaineer comes 6½ years after construction began. "In the interim, Appalachian's generating capacity has fallen below the peak demand requirements of its customers. Mountaineer is coming into operation at a most expeditious time. Unless the economy worsens because of the present recession, we are expecting electrical loads this winter to exceed any of the past."

Vaughan gave the following examples of how the increase will affect residential bills: "The residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours a month will have an increase of \$4.32 monthly, and the 1,000 kwh customer, an increase of \$7.57."



Lisa Pritchard (right), daughter of Sandra Pritchard, Kanawha River Plant utility worker A, and Keria Swope (left), granddaughter of Maiga Udris, chemist assistant at Kanawha River, were awarded a certificate of merit for developing an outstanding fair project and for earning the privilege of representing their school at the county social studies fair. Their project was the 1980 Winter Olympics.

## HUTCH HANGS IT UP AFTER 42 YEARS



Henry Hunter (Hutch) Hutcheson, Charleston customer services supervisor, plans to do "as little as possible" after retirement on August 1.

Don't believe it. Hunting, fishing and working around the house are only three of the things he plans to do. Known at work as a man always on the move, Hutch is not expected to change in retirement. "You name it, I like it," Hutch says of his hobbies. In his life Hutch has cut hair, taught tap dancing, painted pictures that hang in his home, carved ducks, wired scores of homes, made hunting knives and done copper smithing. To name a few.

"In all my years (31) with APCo, I have never been associated with a more unique guy than Hutch," H. K. Shabdue said of his relationship with Hutch.

Charleston Division Customer Services Manager Lloyd F. Pomykata observed, "When any assignment was given to Hutch, and he was asked, 'Can you?' his reply always would be, 'I'll be glad to take care of this, don't you worry'."

Hutch's career began in 1938 in Roanoke with American Gas and Electric. He traveled far and wide in Kentucky and West Virginia in those days, staying in hotels and living out of a suitcase. "I was single and enjoyed my travels and seeing the country," Hutch said. "I met a lot of fine people."

In Kentucky, while walking transmission lines, Hutch would come across moonshine stills frequently. Fearing that Hutch and his group of eight to 12 people were revenuers, the moonshiners made Hutch and his group chop wood and help build fires. Usually the hard work was rewarded with a jug of moonshine.

From Kentucky and West Virginia where he bought coal camps, Hutch joined Indiana General Service taking inventory of facilities for tax purposes. Similar work followed as he moved back to Roanoke and then to Wheeling Electric Company, where he married his wife Eleanor in 1942. The Army followed.

Hutch returned home in 1945 and started to work for Appalachian in the T&D Department in Bluefield Division. Hutch became power sales engineer senior in the Commercial Department in Bluefield. And after a transfer to Beckley, Hutch moved to Charleston in 1959 as division heating and building sales supervisor. In 1962 he became division commercial sales supervisor and in 1974 customer services supervisor.

Along the way Hutch graduated from Lewisburg High and Greenbrier Military School. He attended business college in Roanoke and McKinley Institute in Wheeling. He completed the Electrical and Industrial Engineering I.C.S. course in 1955 as well as many company-sponsored schools.

Hutch is well known for his activities outside Appalachian. He has promoted the Greater Charleston Area Home Shows and has worked with the 4-H Club of West Virginia, the Future Farmers of America, the West Virginia Home Builders Association and real estate sales.

Hutch's immediate retirement plans in September include a visit with family in Atlanta and some quail hunting at Fort Pickett in Virginia with his brother-in-law, who has five pointers.

# POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

## Abingdon

Meter Reader **David Foster** was installed as a director of the Abingdon Jaycees.

**Sandra**, daughter of Engineer B John Morefield, was a contestant in the annual Miss Tennessee pageant. Sandra is a senior at ETSU and was Miss East Tennessee State University.

**Sydne**, wife of Division Superintendent J. P. Montague, has been installed as corresponding secretary of the Mattie Rountree Stephenson Woman's Club.



**D. K. Brown**, Lebanon line mechanic A, was named Jaycee of the Year for the second consecutive year by the Lebanon Jaycees. Doug was also named Jaycee of the Quarter in addition to being elected internal vice president of the club.

**Kathryn**, wife of Marion Area Supervisor Joe Weddle, has been elected secretary of the Marion Welcome Wagon. Joe has been installed as a director of the Marion Lions Club.



**Martha Farmer**, Marion junior clerk, was elected president of the Marion Business and Professional Women's Club.

## Bluefield



Residential Representative **Mary Kirby** is president of the Home Economists in Action group for 1980-81.

**Rhonda**, daughter of Line Inspector Dean Stover, received the Grand Cross of Color, the highest honor of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, at the Grand Assembly in Charleston. Rhonda is a member of Welch Assembly No. 18 and was appointed Grand Representative to Florida.

**Marilyn Lackey**, daughter of Earle Wood, retired residential sales supervisor, was reelected executive director of the Concord College Alumni Association for 1980-81. Marilyn was also elected secretary of the Concord College Foundation, Inc., for a second term.

**H. T. Goforth, Jr.**, R/w agent, was installed as third vice president of the Bluefield Lions Club.



**Kelly Ann**, daughter of Terry Simpson, Princeton engineering technician senior, won first place in Southern West Virginia's first annual Cinderella Girl Pageant. She was awarded a trophy, banner, crown and a \$50 savings bond. Kelly placed fourth in the

state competition in Morgantown and won special awards for best tap and best sportswear.



**John Vermillion**, meter superintendent, and his wife **Helen** were installed as worthy patron and worthy matron, respectively, of the Bluefield Chapter 66, Order of the Eastern Star.



**Bruce**, husband of Jackie Houston, Princeton customer accounts representative B, was installed as president of the Greater Bluefield Jaycees and was named Jaycee of the Year. **Jackie** was installed as external vice president of the Jaycees and received a Hilltopper certificate for chapter visitations and attendance at state and region II meetings.

**Larry**, GO communications engineering technologist and Bruce's brother, was installed as a director of the Jaycees for the coming year.

## John Amos



**Donnie**, son of Unit Supervisor Donnie Waugh, pitches and plays shortstop for the South Putnam Little League Twins, who have won two consecutive championships. Donnie, who has a .420 batting average, won six games this year as pitcher, including a no-hitter, a one-hitter and three

shutouts. He is also a member of the South Putnam Little League All-Star Team.

## Central Machine

**Karla**, daughter of Jerry B. Goodwin, welder second class, has been chosen as a majorette for South Charleston High.

## Charleston



**Lisa**, daughter of Retiree Charles Carrico, is first chair alto saxophonist in the East Bank High School band and lead saxophone player and soloist in the jazz ensemble which won honors in the all-county, Ohio and West Virginia jazz festivals this year. She recently returned from New York City, where she played for the East Bank High chorus at the New York City Music Festival. A rising senior, Lisa is an A student and member of the National Honor Society and Student Council.

## General Office

**Judy M. Caldwell**, right-of-way clerk A, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, has been reelected secretary of the Catawba Elementary PTA for the 1980-81 school year.

**Teresa and Terry**, daughter and son of Joe C. Plunk, manager, hydro generation, Roanoke, and **Teresa**, daughter of Helen West, Roanoke personnel assistant senior, are among members of the Vinton Baptist Church Youth Choir making a one-week mission tour to Lewiston, Maine.

**Mitzi**, daughter of Ralph Naff, Roanoke R/e & R/w agent, will serve as director of three musical concerts in Lewiston.

**Russell**, husband of Brenda B. Colston, stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, has been elected state director of the North-

west Jaycee Chapter for 1980-81.



**Bryan**, son of John A. Donaldson, statistical accountant senior, GO Accounting, Roanoke, played on the All Stars, North Roanoke Recreation Club's 1980 Pee Wee Championship Team. The team compiled a 15-2 record in winning regular season and tournament championships.

**R. L. Brooks**, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke, placed fourth in the S. M. E. Motorcross Park in Dillwyn, Va., last month. Brooks, riding an RM 125 CC Suzuki, received a trophy.

**Larry Fulp**, special reports supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was honored at a dinner meeting in Norfolk, Va., for his service and leadership as international president of the International Management Council. For the past 12 years, Larry has chaired major management educational functions and has been president of local, state, regional and international divisions of the organization. He has taught management seminars, workshops and classes in human relations and personal improvement through self-development. In addition, he has delivered public addresses, appeared on TV management forums and served as moderator of inter-city state governmental political organizations. Larry was also presented other special awards at this recognition dinner from the Roanoke chapter and the Carolinas, Virginia and California divisions.



**Tracy Denise**, daughter of Veronica Reed, secretary-stenographer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke,

graduated with honors from William Fleming High School. She was awarded a track senior plaque, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority scholarship, Manasseh Cutter freshman scholarship and NAACP community service award.

## Huntington



**Mitchell**, son of Maxie Finnegan, meter reader, has graduated from basic training at Lowery Air Force Base in Denver, Colo. Mitchell will be stationed at Chicksands Air Force Base near London, England.

**Charles**, husband of Personnel Assistant Freda Edwards, has been named honorary Mountaineer brigadier in the West Virginia State Militia.



**Kristen**, daughter of Area Service Restorer Ronald Hill, was named Miss Flame by the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department and reigned during a celebration and parade sponsored by the unit. She was also first runner-up in the Miss Lincoln County pageant. Kristen is co-captain of her school's varsity cheerleading squad and a member of the varsity track team.

## Kingsport

**Lori**, daughter of Roy Ferrell, records supervisor, and a rising senior at Dobyns-Bennett High, has been elected to the executive board of the Student Council and has been named to the varsity cheerleading squad.

## Kanawha River



**Nora**, daughter of Raymond C. Fletcher, conveyor operator, and ninth grade student at East Bank Junior High, received the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award. She is pianist for the school chorus, yearbook editor, newspaper staffer, tennis team captain and member of the National Junior Honor Society.

## Logan-Williamson



**Thomas Adams** toured Europe this summer with the United States Collegiate Wind Band. He visited many famous places, including Mozart's birthplace and Beethoven's home, and attended concerts and performances in various British and European concert halls and opera houses. Thomas, who graduated from Chapmanville High School in June, was selected to the all-county band for four consecutive years and to the all-area band for three years. The brother of Michael Adams, Logan line mechanic C, he has accepted a scholarship from Eastern Kentucky University, where he will major in music.

## Lynchburg

Customer Services Manager **W. W. Ford, Jr.** has been appointed by the E. C. Glass High Band Boosters Club to be chairman of the sixth annual Lynchburg classic Parade of Champions. His son **Billy** plays first trumpet in the E. C. Glass

marching band.

**Mae**, wife of Retiree Saylor Gilbert, compiled a new history of the Virginia Extension Homemakers Council and presented it at the VEHC annual conference. She is a past president of the organization.

## Mountaineer Construction



**Pat**, son of Construction Office Manager Bill Pethel, was elected leader of the soil conservation group at the 39th West Virginia Conservation Camp at Camp Caesar, sponsored by the Nechaclima Garden Club. He was also selected as one of ten to serve as junior leaders at next year's camp and was awarded a plaque.

## Pulaski

**Lori Dianne**, daughter of Residential Representative J. L. Rakes, was awarded the Sign of the Star, one of the highest achievements in the Junior Girl Scouts.

Line Inspector **W. P. Brewer, Jr.** recently took part in a United Methodist Church mission to the British West Indian island of Montserrat.

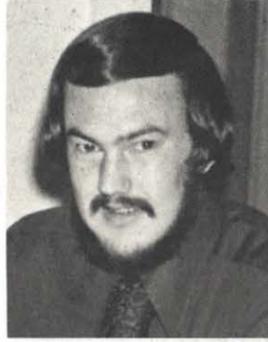
## Roanoke



**Kenneth**, son of Janet Craighead, meter electrician C, is a member of the Town's Tigers T-ball team which won a first place trophy from the Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Department. Each team member received medals from the Recreation Department and their sponsor.



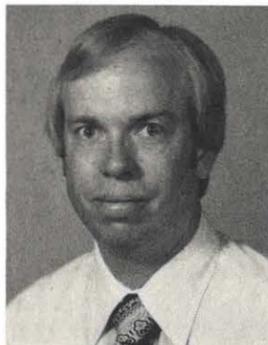
**Curtis**, son of Stuart Meter Reader J. B. Wood, has been named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students." A rising senior at Patrick County High School, Curtis works for WHEO Radio, Stuart.



**George, Jr.**, son of Wanda Harbour, cashier C, graduated magna cum laude from Patrick Henry Community College with an associate in applied science degree in business management.

**Duane Martin** played T-ball for Roanoke County's Cave Spring Indians, and **Shane Martin** played for the Cave Spring Giants in the sandlot division. They are the sons of Sandra Martin, meter clerk A.

## POWER PEOPLE EARN DEGREES



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

## FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



**Ochael B. Wood**, retired Kingsport private secretary, died June 18. A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, she began her career in 1926 as a bookkeeper and retired September 1, 1968. Wood is survived by her husband John, 605 Colonial Heights Road, Kingsport, Tenn.



**Otto Bressler**, 85, retired Bluefield appliance serviceman B, died July 3. A native of Speyer on the Rhine, Germany, he began his career in 1926 as an electrician at Pulaski and retired January 1, 1960. Bressler is survived by his widow Elli, 1135½ Penmar, Bluefield, West Virginia, one son and one daughter.



**Charles F. Ellison**, 79, retired Beckley area serviceman, died July 19. A native of Ballengee, West Virginia, he had a 10-year period of broken service with the company before being permanently employed in 1934. He retired April 1, 1963. Ellison is survived by his widow Nona, Scarbro, W.Va.; two sons and two grandchildren. His son Kyle is Beckley line and station superintendent.



**Robert Clyde Sharp**, 61, area service restorer at Galax in the Pulaski Division, died July 5 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Carroll County, Virginia, he was employed in 1940 as a laborer at Byllesby Hydro. Sharp is survived by his widow Jacqueline, Route 5, Box 214, Galax, Va., two sons, three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, one sister and three brothers. His brothers are all Appalachian employees: B. Q. Sharp, Byllesby hydro plant supervisor; K. M. Sharp, Pulaski station crew supervisor; and M. D. Sharp, Hillsville customer accounting supervisor NE.



**June Hatton Davis**, 88, retired Huntington receptionist, died June 6. A native of Catterlettsburg, Kentucky, she began her career in 1916 with the Camden Interstate Electric Railway Company, an Appalachian predecessor, as a collector of streetcar receipts. Davis retired in 1957.

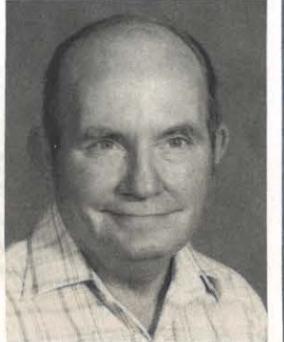


**Sylven S. Snidow**, 69, retired Roanoke garage foreman NE, died July 15. A native of Norcross, Virginia, he began his career in 1937 as a mechanic in Roanoke and retired October 1, 1972. Snidow is survived by his widow Virginia, 3330 Woodland Drive, Roanoke, Va. and three sisters.



**John W. Craig**, 74, retired Roanoke head T&D clerk, died July 3. A native of Martinsville, Virginia, he was employed in 1929 as a clerk-stenographer and retired April 1, 1971. Craig is survived by two sisters, three nieces and one nephew.

## CARL RICHARDS RETIRES



After a trip west to California and Las Vegas, Carl E. Richards, Clinch River Plant shift operating engineer, plans to settle into early retirement in Richmond, Va. Carl's two sons, a daughter and grandchildren live in that area.

"I plan to enjoy sports in the area, see some pro football games in Washington," he said. "I like to surf fish and will do this along the coast when I have time."

Carl's career started in March 1937 as an electrician helper in the Construction Department at Logan Plant. At the plant Carl worked on the installation of Unit A, an advanced turbine generator on which Philip Sporn was chief engineer. The late Philip Sporn was president of Appalachian and American Electric Power Companies.

Carl was boiler auxiliary operator A at Logan Plant until he was transferred to the Kanawha River Plant in 1954 as a control operator. Four years later he transferred to Clinch River as an assistant shift operating engineer. In 1971 he became a shift operating engineer.

# SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Teresa Lyn Hill to **Noah Jackson Jessee, III**, son of N. J. Jessee, Jr., Glen Lyn Plant custodian, June 8.



Darla Leatrice Jennings to **Kenneth Dwayne Meadows, Jr.**, Glen Lyn Plant utility operator, June 21.



Pamela Gail Bledsoe to **Michael A. Adams**, Logan-Williamson line mechanic C, May 24.



Linda Gay Phillips, Abingdon junior stenographer, to John Kegley, June 7.

Barbara A. Rayburn to **Hughlen J. Jones**, Charleston drafter C, June 14.

Dawn Renee Pack to **Bryan K. Ward**, Amos Plant utility worker, June 20.

Mary Faye Funk, Abingdon electrical engineer, to John A. Seneker IV, June 28.



Donna M. Crable to **Steven L. Payne**, son of E. M. Payne, stores supervisor A, GO T&D Stores, Roanoke, June 28.



Jacqueline Kay Byers to **Henry Thomas Goforth, III**, son of H. T. Goforth, Jr., Bluefield right-of-way agent, May 31.



Rosana Maria Burgess to **Charles B. Hinchey**, Amos Plant performance supervising engineer, June 7.



Renee Farmer to **Stephen Settle**, son of Glenn A. Settle, Abingdon customer accounting supervisor, June 6.



Jacquelyn L. Rice, Philip Sporn plant clerk C, to William J. West, July 5.



Pamela Denise Fultz to **Robin Gwen Fraley**, Clinch River Plant utility worker B, June 10.



Cindy Templeton, Kingsport junior clerk, to C. Glen Wright, June 7.



Debbie Hall, Kingsport cashier, to Larry Salley, June 14.



Tamela Shawn Scarberry to **Ronald E. Fite**, Logan-Williamson electrical engineer, July 4.



Debra Gaye Wirt to **Rees T. Bowen, III**, son of Rees T. Bowen, Jr., Bluefield line crew supervisor NE, June 28.

Linda T. Cawley, drafter C, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, to **Danny L. Gray**, civil engineer-hydro, GO Hydro, Roanoke, June 21.



Theresa Kirby, daughter of James A. Kirby, Beckley T&D clerk A, to Ronald Paterson, June 21.



Sherri Gordon Franklin to **Charles Howard Bradshaw**, son of Aubrey L. Bradshaw, meter electrician B in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division, June 14.

Gilda M. Sovine to **Everett M. Buckley**, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic A, June 23.

Jean S. Pilarcik, general records clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to **Giles S. Fisher, Jr.**, Roanoke tractor trailer driver, June 7.

# BABY PARADE

John Amos John R., III, son of **J. R. Sutphin, Jr.**, maintenance mechanic D, June 13.

Bethany, daughter of **Willard H. Crites, Jr.**, control technician junior, June 1.

Thomas, son of **Terry A. Burdette**, maintenance mechanic B, June 26.

Jeremiah, son of **Matthew K. Dow**, utility worker, June 23.

Ava Marie, daughter of **Charlie W. Reed**, coal handler, June 27.

**Beckley** Christopher, son of **Alvin Warner**, meter electrician D, June 20.

**Bluefield** Eric James, son of **Jesse James Ruble**, line mechanic C, May 29.

Timothy Allen, son of **Ralph V. Kupner, Jr.**, line mechanic D, July 3.

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# KAY HUDSON RETIRES EARLY



Kathleen "Kay" Hudson, Lynchburg T&D clerk A who elected early retirement August 1, takes pride in the work she performed for 37 years.

"I have had the most interesting job in the company in working with the outside crews and contractors," she said. "I've felt very close to our outside crews, and I feel that I have been a help to each of them on numerous occasions."

Kay was employed as a clerk and stenographer in 1942. In the early days, before the expansion of the T&D Engineering Department, Kay would figure the increased load on the distribution system when a customer would install an electric range, water heater or clothes dryer. Kay calculated the voltage drops and made recommendations to the engineering section for increasing wire sizes and transformer capacities. "There was a time when I made field checks of the distribution facilities with the line supervisor for serving these new loads," she recalled.

A member of the administrative board of Memorial Methodist Church, as well as many other church committees, Kay plans to remain active in church life. Flower and vegetable gardening combined with several civic and professional club memberships should keep Kay occupied in retirement.

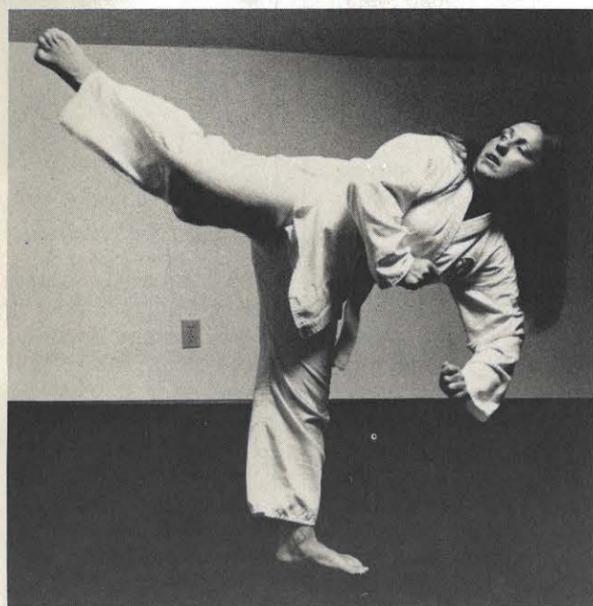


Chester and Alice Talley celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary June 20. He retired in 1963 as Charleston district manager. The Talleys, who reside at 2157 Imperial Point Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, have one son and two grandchildren.



Elinor and Coy Marshall were honored by members of their family and close friends at an informal party on their 50th wedding anniversary May 29. Coy retired in 1968 as regional chief dispatcher, GO Operations, Logan Station. The Marshalls are the parents of two daughters.

## JOYCE WRAY EYES BLACK BELT GOAL



Tae Kwan Do, a martial art better known as karate, has become a test not only of courage but keen skill for Joyce Wray.

According to Joyce, the wife of Ronnie Wray, stores attendant senior in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division, "in karate one must master the techniques needed to render an attacker helpless. The idea is not to kill but to incapacitate the attacker."

Joyce, a former elementary school teacher, recalled that a college roommate influenced her interest in karate. Her roommate held a brown belt, and watching how easily she could defend herself convinced Joyce that she must learn the art. "Marriage right after college and three children set my plans back a little," Joyce admits. But her fascination for karate continued, and a year ago she signed up for her first class.

"Nancy, a friend of mine who was already in the program, demonstrated for the new students that it's speed and the surprise element, not the size, that counts. She fought six matches that night, all against men superior in size and strength, and won every match. She is small and, looking at her size, I thought that any of the men would have easily won the match," Joyce stated.

To score points, a student must get in so many kicks and punches to the opponent. A kick to the ribs or knee, for instance, or a blow to the head are important in a match. "It's light contact, of course, up to black belt so there is little chance of getting hurt," Joyce explains.

The degree of skill is measured in the color of the belt. White belt is a beginner, then yellow, green, red, brown and black. There are three degrees in yellow belt, and Joyce is a third degree. "It's called high degree," she said. "I've already tested for green. There is a certain skill needed by the student to attain each degree in any belt. My instructor says that I'm doing well enough to earn a green belt soon. Usually it takes about three years before a student is ready to test for green."

One mandatory skill needed to advance to green belt is to break a 2x4 board with a kick of the foot. Joyce scored well. "I didn't think I could do it. Over and over in practice my attempts failed. The instructor tested us recently in Danville, where I'm taking the classes. I gave it everything I had — a fast, snapping kick and the board flew in two."

Technique is important. "If you kick the wrong way it will break your toes. You must kick with either the ball of the foot or the heel with the toes drawn back," Joyce notes.

Even though Joyce has been in the program only a year, husband Ronnie has learned firsthand how proficient she has become. "When I returned home recently following a match, Ronnie asked me to show him what I had learned, and he walked up and grabbed me. I placed my hands on his side and turned quickly, throwing him to the floor. I didn't think it would hurt him, but he landed on his hip. Getting up he said, 'that's the last time I'll ask you to show me anything'. He limped around for about a week," Joyce said laughingly.

"The vigorous exercise is a nice feature about karate, too. It helps to tone the muscles and keep

you in all-around better shape. It gives one a more secure feeling in today's world. I think it's particularly important for women to be able to defend themselves. Not only are we taught the pressure points on the body to strike or kick, we are taught to ward off blows and holds of a would-be attacker," Joyce reveals.

"My goal is to become as good as each of my instructors," she concludes. One of Joyce's instructors is a third degree black belt and the other a seventh degree black belt, the highest degree in karate.

## TUNES FROM THE PAST CAPTURE JACKSON'S INTEREST



Although Evelyn Jackson denies knowing why she collects them, she has a collection of music boxes comparable almost to an orchestra. The boxes are in all shapes and sizes, play all types of tunes including classic, folk, Strauss waltzes, opera and even "The Lady in Red".

Evelyn is the widow of Opie Jackson, former Huntington meter serviceman B, and the aunt of Charlie Hoschar, Huntington head T&D clerk.

In 1941, her first year working in the old bookkeeping department of the Huntington Publishing Company, Evelyn received a Christmas gift from three of her co-workers. It was a musical powder box that played the bouncy tune, "Lady In Red". Another music box, a gift from her mother, stimulated Evelyn's interest and she found herself looking more intently at an item she once took for granted.

In her travels she was a compulsive visitor to antique shops as any friend who traveled with her can testify. While looking for hard-to-find items in glass and various woods from various periods it was only natural she encountered music boxes that she felt compelled to give a home.

Friends soon learned of her new interest and the girl who "was difficult to buy for" became easier to buy for — at least for a while.

As her interest widened the collection grew and included more than the long familiar powderbox that tinkled out a tune with the lifting of a lid.

"But you find them in other places besides antique shops." She bought a symphonion in a gun shop and since has acquired 14 discs that play German, French, English songs and even "The Washington Post March."

(A symphonion is a type of box with studs on small wheels rotating by projecting points on a metal disk resembling a phonograph record.)

Most music boxes have metal cylinders revolved by clockwork. The small pegs on cylinders are placed

to engage and twang the graduated teeth of a steel comb mounted in a frame. The teeth are tuned to the pegs, arranged to pick the notes of a tune with simple accompaniment.

Unfortunately the clockwork is a special type requiring a specialist to repair.

Examining her collection spurs a natural urge to set them all in play at once, some playing the same tune in a different key, some different tunes. The result would (probably) be a pleasing sound, for all its apparent incoherence. The tones are usually soft.

It is impossible to play all of them at one time, however. A few are in need of repair.

"It is difficult to find someone knowledgeable enough to repair the older boxes."

But if one music box goes out, the Jackson house need not be silent.

There are others. Not all are in the obvious shape of a chest. Several orchestral instruments are represented, including a banjo, a guitar, a violin (it plays "Humoresque"), and various versions of the piano.

The newest in the Jackson collection is an old-fashioned copper cabriolet, complete with steering wheel and side lanterns. As it plays "Tiajuana Brass" the hood of the carriage lifts; it plays by winding the crank in front — much like a T-model Ford. The hood going up and down makes a special thump thung sound of its own, much like an old Ford.

Calling the roll on the collection:

One 100-year-old box resembling a Bible was converted from an old photo album. There are various style pianos including a baby grand and a small upright that plays "The Sting." It was brought from Switzerland by her sister; another piano was given to her by a friend.

A box with a bust of Chopin atop plays "Romance" by that composer; it is not considered an antique because it is only 25 years old. A small chest with drawers has a secret compartment with a key to hide objects; unfortunately the owner forgets how to open it.

A small silver casque plays three songs — a Viennese waltz, "Artists Life," Schubert's "Serenade" and "Bluebells of Scotland."

Those with Swiss movements have a better tone, but Switzerland does not have the market cornered.

One made in India has been carved and etched by craftsmen who specialized in this kind of work. The Oriental countries look on this as a handicraft, not an industry.

There are cigarette and jewel boxes — some that play a tune on being opened; others are operated by crank with small paper rolls resembling those of a player piano.

A picture of Jesus plays "The Lord's Prayer." A spinning wheel plays "No Place Like Home."

The smallest is one-half-inch wide and one inch long bearing a miniature cuckoo clock; it dangles from a pearl studded keychain.

All — or almost all — subjects are included: A jug plays "Little Brown Jug," while three little nuns in white play "Dominique"; a Christmas tree plays "Silent Night." What else would a teapot's tune be other than "Tea For Two"? A coffee pot yields up "Let's Have Another Cup of Coffee."

A little wooden church — tuneful of course — is complete with a steeple containing a bell.

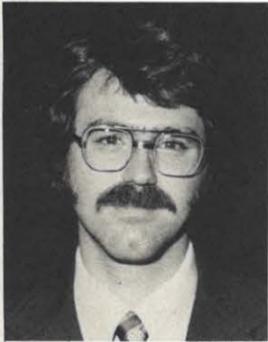
You may wonder — and even ask — if the little music boxes all come out at midnight to play and carry out their own story, much as in the Tchaikovsky "Nutcracker Suite." Evelyn does not know the answer. She says she does not stay awake.

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## MOVING UP



**Nand K. Lambha**, former performance engineer, was promoted to performance engineer senior at Philip Sporn Plant on June 1. He holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio University.



**Gregory D. Hines**, former performance engineer, was promoted to performance engineer senior at Philip Sporn Plant on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio Northern University.



**H. L. Back**, former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to service supervisor in Lynchburg on July 1. He succeeds B. C. Connelly, who is on LTD leave.



**Douglas W. Cooper**, former line crew supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in the Stuart area of Roanoke Division on July 1.



**Stephen Z. Parsons**, former plant engineer, was promoted to performance supervising engineer at John Amos Plant on May 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.



**Gregory W. Massey**, former performance engineer, was promoted to performance engineer senior at John Amos Plant on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.



**Ronald L. Poff**, former civil engineer, was promoted to civil engineer senior in General Office T&D Station, Roanoke, on July 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



**R. E. "Toby" Slaydon**, former right-of-way agent, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, was promoted to Roanoke division right-of-way maintenance inspector on June 1. He succeeds C. L. Musselman, who is retiring.



**Melvin O. Wilson, Jr.**, former Roanoke residential representative, was promoted to Lynchburg administrative assistant on August 1. He succeeds Jerry Vest, who was promoted to Huntington division customer accounts supervisor. Wilson attended Concord College.



**Margie L. Cahill**, former Roanoke residential representative, was promoted to customer services assistant, GO Customer Services, Roanoke, on August 1. She holds a bachelor of science degree in home economics from Madison University.



**Paul E. Smalley**, former electrical engineer, was promoted to meter engineer senior in General Office T&D Meter, Charleston, on July 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

## DARRELL SPICER RETIRES



**Darrell Ray Spicer**, Roanoke customer service representative, elected early retirement August 1 after 34 years and nine months with Appalachian Power.

Darrell was first employed in 1945 as a groundman B. He held the positions of truck driver, lineman C, B and A, meter reader, collector and credit representative before being promoted to customer service representative in 1975.

## MUSS RECALLS EARLY DAYS



It was in August 1945, the same month that Carlos L. Musselman was discharged from the Army after seeing extensive action in Europe, that "Muss" was hired as a "grunt" on a Roanoke survey team.

Now, 35 years later, Muss, Roanoke right-of-way maintenance inspector, has elected to take early retirement.

Muss had had no specific plans about applying at Appalachian. 'I was riding one of the city buses into Roanoke, and a gentleman I didn't know asked me if I was in the Army. I said, 'No, I've just been discharged.' And he said, 'I understand that Appalachian is looking for people. You should give them a try,'" Muss said.

Muss's career had a very rocky start, to put it mildly. "I was hired

and fired the same day," Muss said of his first day. Muss went into the draftsman room that first morning and stood around while his survey crew loaded up and left him. The superintendent told him to get out and go home. Muss called Ammon Sears, a member of the survey crew, who told him to come back the next day.

The next day was not better. In fact, worse. It was an instant replay. "So help me, the same thing happened again. I walked in the second morning, the crew loaded up and walked out without saying a word," Muss said. So it was back on the bus. "By this time I didn't know whether I was coming or going," Muss said. He called Ammon again and was told to report again.

On the third day the party chief said, "Come on, you're supposed to go with me," according to Muss. "The funny thing is the company paid me for both of those days. That's how I got my start," Muss laughed.

After two years on the job Muss had advanced to party chief. He was promoted to engineering aide in 1954, and then line inspector in 1967. He was promoted to his last position in 1969.

"Travel is definitely in our plans after retirement," Muss said. "Sickness has kept Margie and me from traveling much for the past two years. We hope to make up for that now."

One of their trips will be to Plymouth, England, to visit with the Coleman family with whom Muss developed a close friendship during World War II. Several members of the Coleman family visited the Musselmans earlier this year.

The Musselmans have a son, two daughters, and 3 grandsons. They are members of Connely Memorial Church, where Muss has been active for the past 25 years. He is a past Sunday School teacher, past Sunday School superintendent for Adults and Juniors, past president of "Brotherhood", a member of the board of deacons for 7 years and served on numerous committees. He is a 3rd degree Mason in Lakeland Lodge 190 in Roanoke.



Minnie and Karl Evans celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 16 with a surprise reception given by their daughter and cousins. Karl retired in January 1964 as chief plant dispatcher at Cabin Creek Plant. The Evans' are the parents of two daughters, the late Florine Becher and Rosalie Kozma. They also have six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

## BABY

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**Bluefield**  
Sandra Dawn, daughter of **Robert Hamilton**, line mechanic C, July 6.

**Central Machine Shop**  
Jessica Dawn, daughter of **Steven Stotts**, welder 1st class, June 30.

**Centralized Plant Maintenance**  
Joshua Glen, son of **Samuel Cover**, maintenance mechanic B, June 5.

Regina Jo, daughter of **Roger Manuel**, maintenance supervisor, June 22.

**General Office**  
Leon Paul, son of **Walter Paul Smith**, engineering technologist, GO Hydro, Roanoke, July 7.

Jeremiah Anthony, son of **Toni Johnson**, engineering technician, GO Operations, Roanoke, June 20.

Matthew Franklin, son of **Sue Bonham**, electric plant clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke, May 17.

**Kanawha River**  
Eric Sean, son of **Garry Smith**, equipment operator, June 20.

**Logan-Williamson**  
Kristin Michelle, daughter of **John C. Freeman**, engineering technician, July 17.

**Mountaineer**  
Erin Michelle, daughter of **James Pitts**, maintenance mechanic, June 23.

Jeffrey Martin, son of **Jeffrey Tyo**, utility operator A, July 1.

## DEVIL'S TRIANGLE OK BUT LINEBERRY PREFERS BLUEFIELD



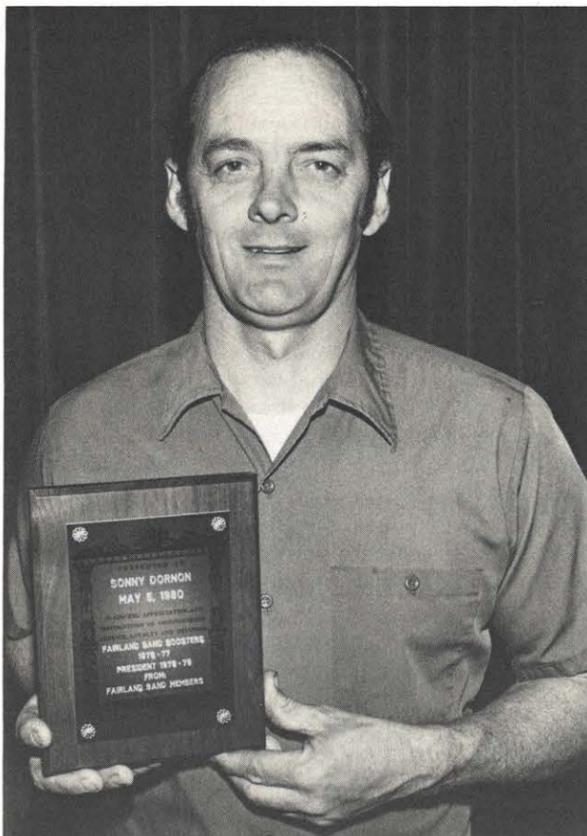
It's a long way from the Bluefield YMCA to the notorious "Devil's Triangle" region of the Atlantic Ocean off the Grand Bahama Islands. But both places have water, and that's what attracted Mark Lineberry, son of Gene Lineberry, Bluefield general servicer. Mark was taking a course in scuba diving at the local YMCA in April when he came across a magazine ad on the Devil's Triangle diving trip.

Mark's initial interest in the trip deepened and he decided to join the group. Next stop was West Palm Beach, Florida, the point of embarkation for the 23 divers and six crew members. What followed were five days and six nights on the boat "Impossible Dream."

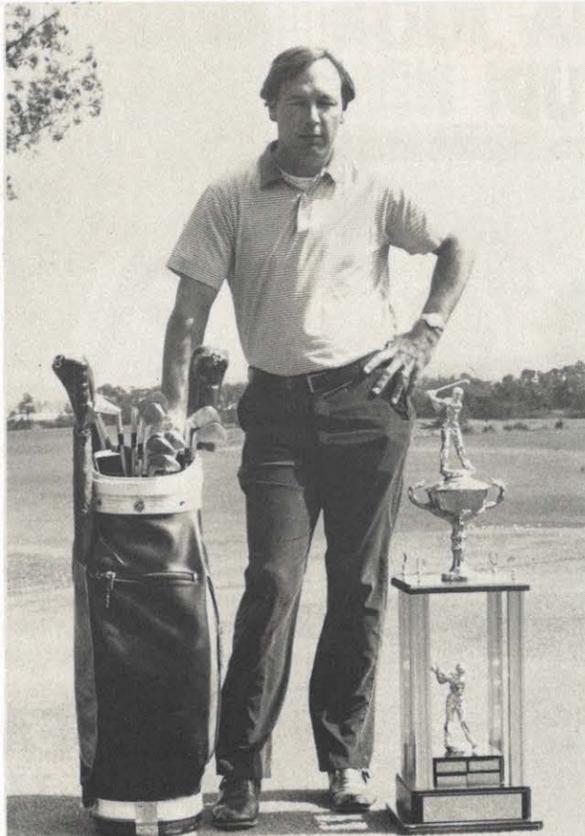
Of the 20 dives that followed, clearly the most fascinating was the one night dive, according to Mark. Outfitted with Sylume lights strapped to each diver and hand-held lights, the group illuminated a shadowy realm of brightly-colored coral and Moray eels, stingray, barracuda and shark.

Most of the dives were made up to 75 feet below the surface. Others, however, reached depths of 140 feet. U.S. Navy divers' charts were used as guides in regulating the depths of dives and length of time underwater. For example, a diver could stay only about 10 minutes at 190 feet without suffering the "bends."

Mark found some time for spear fishing and shell collecting. In all, Mark said the trip was a worthwhile experience. Is he interested in diving professionally? No, just a hobby.



Paul E. "Sonny" Dornon, Huntington auto mechanic A, received this plaque and a \$25 gift certificate from the Fairland High School Band "in sincere appreciation and recognition of distinguished service, loyalty and devotion". He has been active in the Band Boosters for five years, serving as president for the past two.



Dick Shepard, area office accounting coordinator in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, was awarded a four-foot trophy and a set of woods as winner of the Greater Blacksburg Open Golf Championship May 31-June 1. He won the 36-hole medal tournament with a score of 72 par for the two days. Some 200 persons participated in the tournament, including 30 professionals.

## HELP FIREMEN HELP YOU

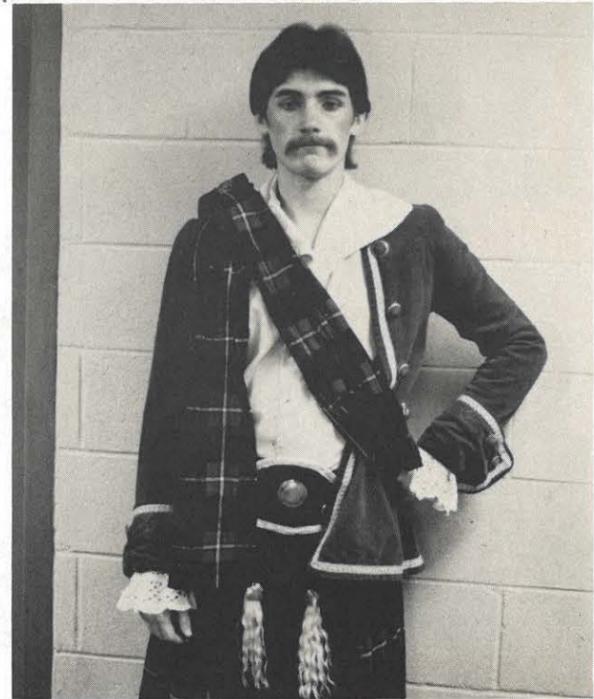


Cathy Batten, Kanawha Valley Power junior clerk, disappeared from view under a firefighter's gear to demonstrate the amount of protective equipment worn by firefighters. Cathy took part in the June safety meeting of Charleston's Virginia Street Office, chaired by Don A. Loy, customer services representative.

Loy had arranged for Captain Wolford of the Charleston Fire Department to present a program about fire generally that included a segment on emergencies in high rise buildings.

Red Ball stickers, part of a national Jaycees effort, were distributed. The stickers are placed on the bedroom windows of children, elderly and handicapped persons to alert firefighters that occupants need help escaping a burning house. On arriving at the scene of a fire, firefighters walk around the dwelling to locate the rooms containing Red Ball stickers.

## ACTING IS FUN FOR TIM TOLER



Tim Toler, reproduction machine operator in GO General Services, Roanoke, appeared in the Showtimers' production of *Brigadoon* at Olin Hall Theater on Roanoke College's campus in June. He played the role of Harry Beaton, a citizen and antagonist of *Brigadoon*. *Brigadoon* is a musical love story of Highland Scots, costumed in kilts and kirtles.

Tim's first start in show business was backstage. He worked stage crew for *The Sound of Music* at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria, Virginia. A school friend asked him to audition for the upcoming musical, *Henry Sweet Henry*, and from that time on Tim's interest in acting was whetted.

Throughout high school, Tim performed in various plays and musicals, including *See How They Run*, *Dark of the Moon*, *A Thousand Clowns*, *The Curious Savage*, *Damn Yankees*, *The Boyfriend* and *Wonderful Town*. A one-act version of *Spoon River Anthology* and *Plaza Suite* were entered in the regional one-act festival, which received superior ratings, enabling the cast to perform at the state festival.

After high school, Tim continued his interest in acting at Graham Junior College. He studied theatre and television arts by taking classes in light, set, costume and stage design and color television production. Tim appeared in *The Crucible* and *Passion, Poison and Petrification*, and also performed in a student-directed play, *Live Spelled Backward*.

Tim later attended Northern Virginia Community College, where he worked in children's theatre. He played the part of Tigger in *Christmas Eve with Winnie the Pooh*.

Following college, Tim became involved in the Little Theatre of Alexandria. This theatre is similar to the Showtimers except, as Tim explained, "the major difference is the hours of rehearsal time in preparation for an opening. The performances of the Showtimers run for four nights, whereas the performances of the Little Theatre run for a month. This is as close to a professional theatre as I've been." For his performance as Joshua in *Watch on the Rhine*, Tim received the James Lazarus award for best performance in a minor role (awarded to one actor per season).

Tim left the metropolitan Washington area for the Roanoke Valley last September. When he auditioned for *Brigadoon*, he first landed a spot in the chorus. Later the director gave him the role of Harry Beaton. In a theatrical review broadcast by WVWR Radio, Roanoke, Bob Crockett commented, "Tim Toler brings a new talent to Showtimers as the rejected lover Harry Beaton. His brief but intense scenes season the Highland brew".

Tim hopes to continue acting in the future, and has an interest in performing in the upcoming Showtimers' production of *Man of La Mancha*.

When asked what enjoyment he gets from acting, Tim replied, "I never really thought about it, but it's a good release of tension and emotion — a chance to work out frustrations. It's just a lot of fun."

## LET SUNSHINE IN SAYS ROANOKE GROUP



Company members of the Sunshine Girls include: front row, l. to r., Elizabeth Barksdale and Sybil Taylor.

Even in the summer, some people need a little "sunshine."

With that thought in mind, Sybil Taylor, Roanoke customer accounts representative B, and nine others formed the Sunshine Girls Club a few months ago.

Most of the members of the new club have belonged to the E. T. Burton Choir of Sweet Union Baptist Church in Roanoke since its formation 12 years ago. As such, they have been visiting and singing at nursing homes for the past five years. "Our visitations to the old and sick are what inspired us to form the new club," Sybil said.

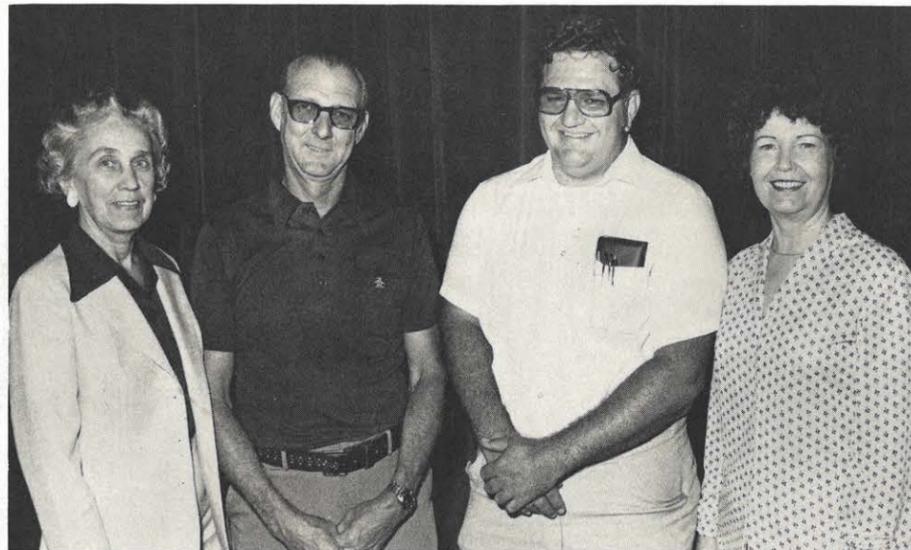
The club members recently visited Burrell Home, which cares for handicapped adults, and left books, puzzles and other items. "These people just get so excited when you walk in to see them," Sybil said. "During a recent visit I thought of the loneliness in the patients' lives and how just seeing these people can make your heart break."

One of the first projects of the club was a bake sale to raise money to furnish one of the rooms at Burrell Home. "Only \$145 was raised, but for a new organization I think we did well," Sybil said. The proceeds were used to buy drapes, bath towels, pictures and other things to decorate the room. Club members donated furniture, also.

"Let the Sun Shine In" is not an original motto, but the members think it is appropriate for what they are trying to do.



Now that Huntington Division has five certified cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructors, employees can be taught this lifesaving technique and safety meeting and inclement weather time can be fully utilized. The men were certified by the Red Cross and the company provided a Red Cross jacket for each. Division Manager Fred Helm, presents CPR certificates to: front row, l. to r., R. B. Bias, station mechanic A, and Charles Hoschar, head T&D clerk. Back row, l. to r., R. L. Sizemore, customer service representative; W. C. McMahan, Point Pleasant area manager; and L. G. Caldwell, stores attendant.



New officers of the Huntington Bowling League are, l. to r., Flo Smith, wife of Homer Smith, line mechanic A, treasurer; T. J. McComas, T&D clerk A, president; L. G. Cook, line supervisor, vice president; and Dorcas Moncer, customer services clerk A, secretary.

## FISH FEAR WAYNE MULLINS WHEN HE GETS OFF WORK



A visit to Wayne Mullins' den erases any doubt about his hobby when he hangs up his line mechanic's gear. Trophies, photos and trophy fish dominate this part of the Kingsport Line Mechanic A's home.

"In my opinion there is no greater thrill than the sight and sound of a largemouth bass taking the bait at the end of a line," Wayne said. "I love to fish, every day if I could."

There is a story that goes with the specimen in the top center of the above photograph. It is a 14-pound Northern Pike that Wayne caught while it happened to be swimming in the Virginia portion of South Holston Lake. Rather common in Northern Virginia, the Northern Pike is virtually unknown in Tennessee. Had the fish been in the Tennessee portion of the lake, it would have been a state record. The present Tennessee record is nine pounds, some five pounds lighter than Wayne's catch.

Another experience on South Holston Lake provided what Wayne calls his most unusual catch. The occasion was a tournament sponsored by the Kingsport Bass Club. In this case the big one did not get away. "I was using eight-pound test line when I got a strike. After one hour I finally landed what is believed to be the largest flathead catfish ever caught in the Mountain Empire area. The fish weighed 42 pounds, was 44 inches long and had a girth of 31 inches," he said.

Wayne's approach to fishing is anything but casual. He is serious and methodical. During the winter months when water levels in lakes are low, for example, Wayne photographs stumps, old foundations and other spots where fish like to be. During the summer when lakes are filled, he pulls out the photographs and heads out to wet a line. Trophies, certificates, prize money and fishing gear prove that he is a match for the fish.

Wayne tries to devote part of each week to fishing. His wife Marsha was a frequent companion until the birth of their first son Justin two years ago. Their second son Wesley was born last December.

The thrill of landing a large fish, of course, is what keeps bass fishermen coming back. But the purpose of bass clubs is to promote conservation and safety. Only the largest bass are kept during tournaments. The rest are returned to the lake. Bass club members also help State Game and Fish Commission personnel study the fish populations in the area lakes.

Wayne is a member and past president of the Kingsport Bass Club and is currently on the club's tournament committee. He is also a member of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, a national organization.



The Lynchburg Employees Golf Association held its spring tournament at Cedar Hills Golf Course. K. R. Eagle, station mechanic C, and J. L. Ashworth, residential representative, tied for low gross score (86) with Ashworth winning the trophy in a sudden death playoff; J. A. Martin, line inspector, had low net score (71). W. A. Robertson, station mechanic A, and James Collins, engineering technician senior, received trophies for the closest pin and longest drive, respectively. Pictured, l. to r., are Martin, Ashworth, Collins and M. A. White, division superintendent and president of the Golf Association, who presented the trophies.



Pictured above are members of the Huntington Comics team, which won the APCo Kilowatt Bowling League for 1979-80. Front row, l. to r., Jo Cole, wife of Milt Cole, and Dorcas Moncer, customer services clerk A. Back row, l. to r., Charlie Burdette, stores supervisor; Corbin Bobbitt, husband of Inis Bobbitt, secretary-stenographer; and Milt Cole, equipment services representative senior.



Abingdon employees finished first among 16 competing teams in the Interstate Handicap Bowling League during the 1979-80 season. Showing off their trophy are: front row, l. to r., J. D. Moore, meter electrician A; D. A. Drayer, electrical engineer; H. W. Counts, T&D clerk A; and Valentine Carr, records supervisor. Second row: l. to r., M. L. Croft, division office supervisor; W. A. Scott, electrical engineer; E. P. Lethcoe, electrical engineer; and L. A. Brown, surveyor.

## KOOL AND THE GANG WIN KILOWATT LEAGUE



Members of Kool and the Gang, which won the Kilowatt Bowling League, are, l. to r., David Cole, Jerry Allen, Preston Hall, Joe Gregory, Marvin Poindexter, Ron Boddy, and Jeff Hodges.

Two teams from Amos Plant captured top honors in the Kilowatt Bowling League for the 1979-80 season.

Kool and the Gang took first place, with the Hot Airs as runner-up. Members of the Kool team are Marvin Poindexter, Maintenance; Joe Gregory, Lorn Walker and Jeff Hodges, Performance; Preston Hall, Operations; and Ron Boddy, David Cole and Jerry Allen. The Hot Airs team included Dick Thewes, Vicky Barton and Mickey Toler, Maintenance; Willis Dudding, Operations; Narry Kidd, Coal Handling; and Jerry Kennedy, Jamie Pierson and Ron Anastasio.

Individual award winners for the men were: Jack Jarrett, Charleston, high average (179) and high actual series (663); Jerry Kennedy, high actual game (253) and high game with handicap (270); Sam Craddock, Central Machine Shop, most improved bowler (+22), and Gary Hess, Amos Plant, high series with handicap (724).

Bonnie Jarrett, wife of Jack Jarrett, swept four awards: high average (149), high actual game (217), high game with handicap (261) and high actual series (511). Sandy Byus, Charleston, had high series with handicap (694) and was most improved bowler (+8).



New officers of the Appakan Club, social organization for employees of Kanawha River Plant, are: seated, Jeanne Sheets, secretary; standing, l. to r., George Williamson, III, vice president; Michel G. Maggio, treasurer; and G. T. Linger, president.

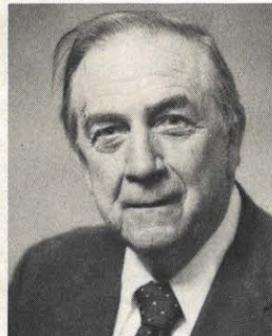
# VETS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



C. M. Powers  
Maintenance Supv.  
Clinch River  
40 Years



F. E. King  
Maintenance Mech. A  
GO-Roanoke  
40 Years



L. C. Angle, Jr.  
Power Engineer  
Abingdon  
40 Years



C. L. Robison, Jr.  
Supv. Cir. Br. Eng.  
GO-Roanoke  
40 Years



A. B. Sneed  
Operations Staff Eng.  
GO-Roanoke  
40 Years



Hardia Ellis  
Maintenance Mech. B  
John Amos  
40 Years



Beatrice Eakin  
Secretary-Stenographer  
Roanoke  
35 Years



W. M. Pancake  
Drafter B  
Huntington  
35 Years



R. H. Phillips  
Station Mechanic B  
Roanoke  
35 Years



G. H. Burns  
Commercial Eng.  
Huntington  
35 Years



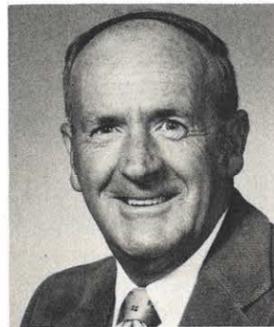
T. A. Dickenson  
Line Inspector  
Beckley  
35 Years



E. V. Glenn  
Surveyor Asst.-rod  
Charleston  
35 Years



G. R. Gillette  
Collector  
Lynchburg  
35 Years



W. B. Poff, Jr.  
Operations Coordinator  
GO-Roanoke  
35 Years



H. S. Taylor  
Line Mechanic C  
Abingdon  
35 Years



L. G. Ramsey  
Station Crew Supv. NE  
Lynchburg  
35 Years



L. G. Dougan  
Personnel Supervisor  
GO-Roanoke  
35 Years



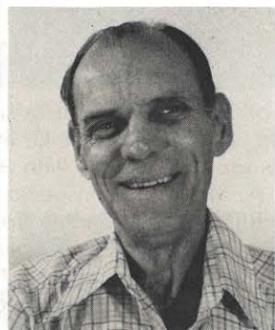
Ray Stamper  
Coal Equipment Op.  
Clinch River  
35 Years



J. M. Cole  
Performance Eng. Sr.  
Clinch River  
30 Years



J. M. Abel  
Maintenance Supv.  
Philip Sporn  
30 Years



G. A. Jeffers  
Asst. Shift Op. Eng.  
Mountaineer  
30 Years



J. D. Higgins  
Fieldale Manager  
Roanoke  
30 Years



J. B. Weaver  
Eng. Technologist  
Charleston  
30 Years



H. A. Pickens  
Asst. Yard Supt.  
Philip Sporn  
30 Years



J. C. Lambert, Jr.  
Meter Electrician A  
Abingdon  
30 Years



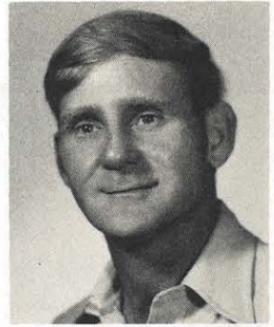
J. Anderson, Jr.  
Eng. Superintendent  
GO-Roanoke  
30 Years



J. R. Whitehurst  
Division Manager  
Pulaski  
30 Years



B. J. Slack  
Asst. Shift Op. Eng.  
John Amos  
25 Years



B. C. Thomas  
Area Serv. Restorer  
Beckley  
25 Years



W. J. Groseclose  
Line Crew Supv. NE  
Beckley  
25 Years



K. W. Hylton  
Trans. Supv. Con. Rep.  
GO-Bluefield  
20 Years



J. W. Hurt  
Line Mechanic B  
Bluefield  
20 Years



A. C. Altizer  
Eng. Technician  
Beckley  
25 Years



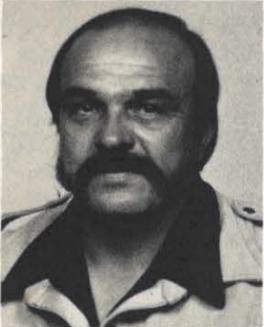
R. W. Staton  
R/w Supervisor  
GO-Roanoke  
20 Years



C. F. Caruthers  
Area Serv. Restorer  
Charleston  
25 Years



G. H. Hesson  
Stores Supv.  
Philip Sporn  
20 Years



J. W. Taylor  
Maintenance Mech. B  
Philip Sporn  
20 Years



Garland Morrison  
Head Custodian  
Bluefield  
20 Years



T. W. Ruble  
Eng. Tech. Supv.  
GO-Roanoke  
25 Years



M. E. Anderson  
Station Crew Supv.  
Bluefield  
20 Years

**Abingdon**

15 Years: E. L. Mullins, line crew supervisor NE.

**John Amos**

5 Years: J. E. Milbee, utility operator A.

**Beckley**

15 Years: J. C. Thomas, line crew supervisor NE. 5 Years: J. E. Whitmore, meter reader. R. L. Lilly, junior stenographer.

**Central Machine Shop**

5 Years: R. D. Harris, machinist 1st class.

**Charleston**

15 Years: L. D. Wolfe, line mechanic A.

**Clinch River**

10 Years: R. L. Kiser, maintenance mechanic B.

**General Office**

15 Years: J. L. Bevins, work order accounting supervisor, GO-Roanoke. R. A. Reed, meter supervising engineer, GO-Roanoke. 10 Years: A. W. Burtis, data processing operator A, GO-Roanoke. R. W. Agnew, operations engineer senior, GO-Roanoke.

**Lynchburg**

15 Years: R. M. Elliott, meter electrician A.

**Pulaski**

15 Years: P. C. Payne, Jr., meter electrician A. 10 Years: D. R. Hall, equipment operator. R. R. Profitt, maintenance mechanic A. 5 Years: R. E. Sawyers, T&D clerk A.

**Roanoke**

35 Years: H. E. Guilliams, meter service mechanic A. 10 Years: G. S. Sink, station mechanic B. R. H. Payne, drafter B. P. M. Kinney, meter electrician A. R. P. Downey, engineering technician. 5 Years: H. J. Berger, line mechanic C.

**Philip Sporn**

25 Years: Virginia Hoyt, stores clerk A. 20 Years: P. F. Marr, maintenance mechanic B. 10 Years: D. W. Edwards, instrument mechanic C. K. L. Longstreth, equipment operator.

**NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM**

**Abingdon**

Phillip Young, residential advisor.

**John Amos**

Sharon Bailey, utility worker-yard. Lionel Egnor, Kenneth Jividen, Robert Guerrant, Brenda Randolph and Fred Pressley, maintenance mechanics D. Terry Lilly and Steven Terry, utility workers. Clarence Wheatley, Jr., Rodney Dillon, Twyla Dixon and Rex Burns, control technicians junior. Robert Summers, custodian. Eugene Legg, Jr., performance engineer. D. L. Cummings, control technician junior. J. E. Williamson, plant staff accountant junior. Lisa Davis, junior clerk. D. A. Kidd, performance engineer.

**Beckley**

Dale Miller, line mechanic D, Rupert. Orville Linkous and David Langford, residential advisors. Jeffrey Wayne Rogers, engineering technician. Mary Thomas Kent, electrical engineer.

**Bluefield**

William Graham, line mechanic D, Tazewell. Richard Richmond, line mechanic D. Josephine Sparks and Steven Woods, junior clerks. Beth Shrader, junior clerk, Princeton. John Meeks, Jr., station mechanic D. Jack Thomas, Jr., stores attendant. Kimberly Kay Caldwell, office messenger. Kathy Cook, part-time junior clerk, Pineville. Joseph Robinson and John Reeves, line mechanics D, Welch. Reese Cline, stores attendant, Grundy. Larry Jeffries, custodian. Gregory Beckett, line mechanic D, Princeton.

**Charleston**

Wendell Ennis, custodian, St. Albans. Patricia Lloyd, meter clerk C. Michael Stephens and Michael Cochran, tracers. Phillip Laughery and Robert Locke, engineering technologists. Lawrence Meadows, line mechanic D.

**Clinch River**

Jerry Musick, Robin Fraley, Janet Taylor and William Tignor, utility workers B.

**General Office**

Shane Canterbury, engineering technician, GO T&D Communications, Charleston. Debra Morris, tracer, GO T&D Computerized Drafting, Roanoke. Ha Nguyen, electrical engineer. GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke. David Bradford, junior clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke. Gloria Greene, junior clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke. Cheryl Carter, electric plant clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke. Jerry White, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. Raylene Riley and Diane McDaniel, junior stenographers, GO Purchasing, Roanoke. John Kellogg, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Huntington. Michael Nielsen and Robin Camper, tracers, GO T&D Computerized Drafting, Roanoke. Michael Carper, surveyor-assistant - rod, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. Ajaykumar Shah, communications engineer, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke.

**Huntington**  
L. E. Jackson, electrical engineer. Anna Hall, junior clerk, Point Pleasant. T. J. Fitzsimmons, customer accounts assistant. J. R. Wade, engineering technician. E. S. Lawrence, engineering technician, Point Pleasant. Jack Preece, meter reader.

**Kanawha River**  
John Capocéfalo, performance engineer.

**Kingsport**  
Rosanna Hodges, telephone operator. Carolyn Hubbard, cashier C.

**Logan-Williamson**

John Freeman, engineering technologist, Williamson. Mark Jackson, division R/w maintenance inspector, Williamson. William Bradsher, engineering technologist, Logan. Marylene Thompson, meter reader, Logan.

**Lynchburg**

John Bullock, meter reader. Roselle Carpenter, junior clerk. Ronnie Eubank and David Gordon, electrical engineers. Richard Fortune, meter reader.

**Mountaineer**

D. I. Wellman, R. L. Imboden, R. O. Bowling, B. J. Meads, J. R. Stutes, J. W. Rose, O. E. Blain, M. D. Hubbard, N. E. Stover and L. K. Williams, maintenance mechanics. O. J. Walker, control technician junior. G. L. Mohr, performance engineer. T. S. Milhoan, E. R. McDaniel and F. L. Workman, coal handlers. M. L. Reed, R. J. Carter, R. D. Winters, P. W. Ashworth and A. L. Jividen, utility workers. L. M. Lehw, custodian. R. Rhodes and N. L. Tanner, maintenance mechanics. D. A. Dunbar, engineering technician. W. A. Roush, utility worker. B. R. Smith, G. E. Young, R. M. Thompson, B. K. Murrey, M. A. Gilmore and M. E. Seeling, coal handlers. K. K. Hall, performance technician. W. R. Hosaflook, training coordinator. J. R. Jenkins, control technician junior.

**Pulaski**

Juanita Dunagan, office messenger. Dorothy Beasley and Donna Banks, junior clerks. Gary Bolt, residential advisor, Galax.

**Philip Sporn**

Jacquelyn West and Marilyn Stodola, plant clerks C.

**BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL**

**General Office**

Richard Hartless, data processing operator A, GO-Roanoke, four gallons.

## KEEP 'EM ROLLING, TOM



T. R. (Tom) Templeton, Huntington garage supervisor, headed for his farm near Chesapeake, Ohio, on July 31 after 33 years of keeping Appalachian's transportation equipment in good shape.

Tom explained why he chose early retirement. "I think this will provide a few more years that I can enjoy on the farm and time with my family. I really haven't had time to enjoy them as I would like," he said.

One of Tom's most challenging jobs occurred during the April 1977 flood in Williamson. Eight trucks and three cars had to be cleaned and rebuilt in the Huntington garage. "We had to have diphtheria and tetanus shots since the vehicles were contaminated from the flood waters," Tom said. "The vehicles were washed down, and the motors and drive trains were removed, cleaned and repaired," he said. Motors were rebuilt, seats reupholstered and electrical systems replaced. "We were at least a month doing the necessary work, most of which was done on overtime," Tom said. "We were all exhausted by the time the job was finished."

Tom's farm, a portion of the original land that has been in his family for six generations, will play a big part in his retirement. Tom was born and raised there as were his two daughters Tommie Sue and Peggy.

When Tom and his wife June moved to the farm soon after he started work for Appalachian in 1947, they lived in a log cabin that had been built in 1937.

In 1966 Tom and June built a new brick home and added a swimming pool recently. He plans to use the pool when time allows. "We raise cattle. We raise feed for the cattle, fill the silo, bale the hay and all of that. Then we have a home garden, too," he said.

Although Tom has some travel plans, his roots are too deep in Lawrence County to stray too far for too long.

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## MR. 4-H ELECTRIC ENDS 32-YEAR CAREER



During his 32½ years with Appalachian Power in southwest Virginia, Gordon Craig was in the front line of bringing electric power to farms. For those efforts, in 1979, the Southwest District 4-H organization honored Gordon by naming him "Mr. 4-H Electric of Southwest Virginia." Gordon, residential representative senior in the Abingdon Division, entered regular retirement on July 1.

Gordon remembers the early days traveling through Wise and Dickenson counties after he began his career in 1948. "One of my main duties was to show the farmer how he could work easier and more economically by using electricity. We would give the farmer tips on how to do this by personal visits and a publication called *The Appalachian Electric Farmer*," he said.

"There was no doubt about it. We were promoters, at least until the energy crunch when we shifted our direction toward energy conservation. Of course, we had always encouraged farmers as well as other customers to use electricity economically," he said.

One of the sales techniques was known as the "ridge show." Gordon would ride around the roads in a trailer with a public address system advertising the show where the advantages of electric appliances would be demonstrated. People would come from miles around for the entertainment since there was no television.

But the main effort was with individuals, Gordon said. "We worked pretty much on a one-to-one basis with the local people utilizing visits to the home and community meetings. A lot of our sales effort was directed at the \$2-a-month minimum just to get people to sign up for electric service," he said.

He recalled the thriftiness of some of the customers. "People were a lot more cost conscious then. I had one lady who owned a grocery store who would watch her meter, and when she reached the \$2 minimum, she would pull the switch. She absolutely would not use more than that. But the people were glad to see us come, and they were real interested in just getting electricity," Gordon said.

Gordon had an active military career before joining Appalachian. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1939 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in August 1941. After training recruits during the early days of World War II, Gordon made the assault on Utah Beach in the Normandy invasion of Nazi-occupied France. Gordon later saw action at the Battle of the Bulge and defended the Bridge at Remagen in Germany. He retired from the Reserves in 1960 with the rank of Lt. colonel.

Regarding retirement plans, Gordon said, "I'm not going to plan anything, just play it by ear." He added, with a grin, "My wife Margaret may influence what I do some, but not much. Spending some time with my three children and two grandchildren will occupy some of my time."

Gordon is currently secretary of the Burley Tobacco Festival and Farm Show, having served on its board of directors for 20 years. He was a charter member of the Abingdon Lions Club and has been president and parliamentarian. He is also a member of the board of stewards of the Abingdon United Methodist Church.

## HOMER HAGAMAN TO WORK AT HOME



"The term retirement doesn't particularly appeal to me. I prefer to think of leaving APCo as changing jobs, or better yet, striking our tent and embarking on a new venture . . ." That's the way Huntington Division Engineering Supervisor Homer P. Hagaman views the coming years. He ended a 31-year career with Appalachian on August 1.

Two highlights stand out during his career, both involving the late AEP President Philip Sporn. Homer recalled serving as a guide at the new Philip Sporn Plant in 1950 and meeting Sporn personally in June 1961, the day that the Apple Grove high voltage test project was dedicated and energized.

Homer joined Appalachian as an engineer trainee in July 1949 fresh out of the University of Cincinnati. Eight months of training with various departments followed until Homer was assigned to the then Huntington District in 1950. Homer was promoted to district engineer in 1956 and to division engineer in 1964. After several title changes Homer was named engineering supervisor in 1969.

During his career Hagaman served as chairman of the Ohio Valley Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in 1954-55. He is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia and attended the AEP System Management Program at the University of Michigan.

In retirement, Homer can devote more time to his new wood-turning lathe. Screening and enclosing the patio is on the drawing board. When Homer steps out of his shop, he frequently takes a seat at his electric organ, which he is learning to play by reading musical scores.

Music is a big part of Homer's life. He and his wife Frances enjoy dancing, square as well as round. And they will be making their fifth annual trip to Fontana Village in the Smokies in October for the Fontana Fall Jubilee.

## APCO CUSTOMERS SET PEAK DEMAND

Customers of Appalachian Power Company set a new all-time high in use of electricity for a one-hour summer period at 2 PM on July 16.

The peak of 4,035,000 kilowatts exceeded by 5% the summer peak set August 8, 1979. It also exceeded by 1.6% the 3,973,000 kw peak forecast by the company for the summer of 1980. This is the second consecutive summer in which the actual peak exceeded the forecast.

This all-time summer high occurred despite the current economic slowdown being experienced by our economy and despite mass vacations by many coal companies and industries.