

AEP SELECTS BUILDING SITE



An architect's rendering of the AEP Service Corporation's new headquarters building along the Scioto River in downtown Columbus, Ohio. At right is the U.S. District Court; at left, Nationwide Plaza.

American Electric Power's new headquarters building in downtown Columbus — a 32-story, eight-sided tower — will be located near the Scioto River in the northwest portion of the main business district.

The office site is on the west side of Marconi Boulevard between Long and Spring Streets, a block southwest of the headquarters of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company. To its west is the Scioto, and on both the north (Spring Street westbound) and south (Long Street eastbound) is U.S. Route 33.

Chairman W. S. White, Jr. said that it is anticipated that the groundbreaking will take place next spring and that the building will be occupied in early 1983. He made the announcement July 29 at a press conference in the office of Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes.

The site is a 5.3-acre parcel being acquired from Nationwide Development Company, an affiliate of Nationwide Insurance Company. The latter's headquarters, Nationwide Plaza, and the new Ohio Center, both on North High Street, are northeast of the AEP location. Two blocks south and two blocks east is the intersection of Broad and High Streets, the center of the city and traditionally the center of the state.

While final design of the new building is not completed, it is anticipated that the structure will be approximately 400 feet high. At that height it would be the fifth tallest structure in Columbus, exceeded by the 624-foot State Office Tower, the 555-foot Lincoln-LeVeque Tower, the 485-foot Nationwide Plaza and the 438-foot Borden Company building (location of AEP's present temporary office at 180 East Broad Street).

John W. Galbreath & Co., Columbus, will be the project manager, and Abramovitz, Harris and Kingsland, New York, architects.

Acquisition of the land will be completed following core drilling and other preliminary steps, White said. Cost of the land is \$4 million. Cost of the building, however, will not be known until final design plans are completed and contractors' bids accepted.

While details have yet to be worked out, White said that present plans call for a structure of 760,000 square feet with parking for some 1,000 cars. The eight-sided building will be designed to provide maximum energy savings in its heating and cooling, which will be electric. This is achieved through a

reduction in the ratio of wall area to floor space in contrast to the wall space involved in a rectangular or square structure. The design will also emphasize window placement and glass glazing to add to the building's energy efficiency.

Plans also call for a typical floor of about 24,000 square feet. The floors will be placed so as to be oriented toward the river and the central core of downtown Columbus.

The building will have a masonry exterior to harmonize with other structures in the area and the anticipated High Street development to the South.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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August 26, 1980

Mr. John W. Vaughan, President
Appalachian Power Company
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Dear John:

As this summer rapidly approaches its end, I thought that I would take a moment to reflect on the performance of Appalachian Power and its employees during the numerous storms and weather-related outages during the past several months. On a Systemwide basis, this has been a most difficult and costly period.

Beginning on July 5, 1980, the American Electric Power System has been continually plagued by severe weather conditions costing a total of almost \$15 million and affecting over 675,000 customers, with some of our customers enduring two and three outages for several days or more. Our employees restored service to our customers as quickly and safely as possible. Through this period, our employees performed admirably, displaying a dedication to their jobs that was certainly beyond normal expectations and a high sense of service to the public.

I have heard of many cases of employees' working around the clock, of employees' working under very difficult conditions, and of employees' helping and assisting customers in matters unrelated to our business. This demonstration of the dedication of our employees to the concept of providing reliable electric service is most gratifying.

Across the System the news media, our customers, the Governor of West Virginia, and several regulatory agencies have already expressed their gratitude for the efforts of our employees. To this, I would like to add the appreciation of the office of the Chairman and my personal thanks to the employees of Appalachian Power. Since I cannot thank each individual, please convey these thoughts to your employees.

Sincerely,

W. S. White, Jr.

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VA. FUEL FACTOR TO REMAIN SAME

Appalachian Power Company last month announced that it will not, at this time, seek a change in the fuel factor presently included in the rates for its Virginia customers.

The announcement came as the company filed its 1980 second quarter fuel cost and projected fuel cost through March 1981 in compliance with the Virginia State Corporation Commission's review procedure.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said: "If the current factor remains in effect through March 1981, we anticipate that there could be a difference of only about 1% between fuel revenues and expenses."

He went on: "We have not had to make any interim changes in our forecasts since the annual forecasting procedure went into effect almost two years ago. Although it is difficult to make accurate cost predictions in this inflationary period, we have to date had a good degree of success and this in turn has brought a stability to a major portion of our customers' electric bills."

FERC URGED TO ISSUE PRELIMINARY PERMIT FOR BRUMLEY PROJECT

Appalachian Power Company last month urged the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue a preliminary permit to the company to study the feasibility of constructing a pumped storage generating facility in southwestern Virginia.

The company urged FERC to issue the permit in responding to a report by Energy Systems Research Group, Inc. (ESRG), prepared for an intervening group, the Coalition of American Electric Consumers, which opposes the project at Brumley Gap, Virginia.

The answer to the ESRG report, filed by Appalachian with the FERC, concluded that "several of its (ESRG) assumptions are so flawed as to make its use for any purpose meaningless."

Appalachian had filed an application for a preliminary permit to carry out studies to determine if the pumped storage project, which would involve initial installation of capacity in the 1990's, is feasible economically and necessary as part of the American Electric Power System of which Appalachian is one of eight operating electric companies. The AEP System serves more than seven million people in seven East-Central states.

The ESRG report contended the project is not necessary and is "conceptionally wasteful."

Appalachian's response noted the intervenors "continue to confuse the issues before the Commission in connection with a decision on an application for a preliminary permit with the factors the Commission must consider when it issues a license."

In criticizing the ESRG report itself, the Appalachian answer pointed to these flaws:

- The ESRG report admits its authors did not carry out a load forecast study for the AEP System. Rather, the ESRG report based its assumption about system load growth of two percent per year during the next 20 years on its "cumulative experience" in making similar unsupported forecasts of other electric utility companies and on a "preliminary" analysis of two of the System's companies, both in Ohio. The basis for the load forecast extrapolations and the "preliminary" study of the two companies is not explained.

- In assuming that the AEP System's load growth can be reduced to one percent a year during the next 10 to 20 years through conservation measures, ESRG did so, not on the basis of any kind of analysis of the AEP System, but rather simply on extrapolation of forecasts it made of other electric companies. Appalachian's answer noted that this, "too, must be treated as an untested assumption."

- The ESRG report assumed the project would involve installation of maximum capacity for the project at the outset. Appalachian's answer noted "the initial phase of installation of this project may well involve significantly less capacity than the ultimate capacity of the project."

- Another ESRG assumption challenged by Appalachian involved the AEP System's daily load shapes — the peaks and valleys throughout the day of customer demand for electricity. Appalachian pointed out ESRG assumed the 1979 load shapes would remain the same throughout the ensuing years and pointed out "in fact, the . . . load shapes experienced during 1979 are not typical of the System's current experience and certainly cannot be assumed as being representative of the future daily pattern of the AEP System's load. No analysis was made of the effects of variations in load shapes, although the ESRG Report does acknowledge that this is a critical parameter . . ."

- Concerning ESRG's contention that the Brumley Gap project is "economically unsound," compared with alternative capacity expansion programs, Appalachian's response contended that ESRG's com-

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SUMMER PEAK

Customers of Appalachian Power Company demanded a record high amount of electricity for a one-hour summer period August 11 exceeding the previous peak which had been set on July 16.

The new peak of 4,051,000 kilowatts exceeds by 5.4% the peak for the summer of 1979 and by 16,000 kilowatts the peak set this past July 16.

AEP SYSTEM NEWS BRIEFS

Roomy Appointed

A 26-member West Virginia Coal Commission, an outgrowth of President Carter's Commission on Coal, has been appointed by Governor John D. Rockefeller, IV.

Among the members is Nicholas Roomy, Appalachian Power Company vice president. The Commission is dedicated to the strengthening and promotion of the West Virginia coal industry.

Former APCo Employee Is AEPSC VP

Joseph H. Vipperman last month was elected vice president and controller of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Vipperman, controller since 1978, is also a director of the Service Corporation.

He joined Appalachian Power Company in 1962 as an electrical engineer. Following three years with the U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command, he returned to Appalachian Power as a senior distribution engineer until 1970, when he was transferred to the Service Corporation as a senior operations engineer.

Vipperman was named administrative assistant to the senior executive vice president — operations in 1972,

became assistant controller in 1975 and deputy controller in 1977.

Vipperman is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and holds a master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was a Sloan Fellow.

Ray Elected AEP Director

Ben T. Ray, president and chief operating officer of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, in July was elected a director of both American Electric Power Company and the AEP Service Corporation, its subsidiary. His election increased the membership of the parent company board to 13.

AEPSC Elects New Officers

The American Electric Power Service Corporation in July elected three new officers, all in the Fuel Supply Department, Lancaster, Ohio, and all effective August 1.

J. P. (Jack) Apel was elected vice president — regulatory affairs, coal; William G. Bell, Jr., vice president — coal transportation, and Thomas G. Frost, vice president — coal procurement.

Apel had been vice president — environmental of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company before his transfer to the Service Corporation. Bell had been vice president — coal procurement and transportation. And Frost had been manager of financial analysis in Fuel Supply.

Gerald Blackmore, executive vice president — fuel supply, said that the new assignments are part of a realignment of responsibilities reflecting the complexities and importance of coal on the AEP System. He pointed out that fuel costs today represent 55 percent of AEP's total operating costs. Already the nation's largest coal consumer, AEP is expected to burn up to 66-million tons a year by 1990.



John W. Vaughan, left, president of Appalachian Power Company, presents an AEP Certificate of Merit to Clinch River Plant Manager T. W. Abolin in recognition of Clinch employees working 500,000 hours without a disabling injury from January 17, 1979, to June 27, 1980.

BRUMLEY

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parison is invalid since "an appropriate comparison of alternatives should have used the Brumley Gap project as a substitute for an equivalent amount of other types of capacity."

- ESRG study contended Appalachian should accept an alternative of purchasing an offered one-half interest in a pumped storage project planned by Virginia Electric and Power Company in Bath County, Virginia.

Appalachian pointed out AEP participation in the Bath County project would have brought pumped storage capacity on line well ahead of the time when the System will require it to meet anticipated demand. Appalachian pointed out this would require raising some \$250 million of new financing in 1980, over and above AEP's other capital expenditure requirements, something the company is just not in a position to do.

Since the ESRG report is flawed, Appalachian urged FERC to proceed with issuance of the preliminary permit at its next scheduled meeting in August.



Abingdon Division employees are the recipients of three safety awards. For having worked 1,000,000 hours without a disabling injury from September 13, 1977, to May 19, 1980, they received an AEP Certificate of Merit and the Edison Electric Institute Safety Achievement Award. The division also earned a President's Certificate of Excellence for a safety audit conducted June 16-20. Rex L. Cassady, right, Abingdon division manager, is congratulated by John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian Power.

HOLD CHECKS UNTIL 1ST

AEP System retirees are requested to wait until the **first of the month** to cash their monthly AEP pension checks — even if they receive them in the mail before that date.

In an effort to ensure that retirees have their checks in hand by the first of the month, Irving Trust Company, the pension plan trustee, in recent months has been mailing out the checks five days before that date. Although the checks are dated the first of the month, some retirees have managed to cash them earlier, resulting in a cash flow problem at the bank.

The AEP Service Corporation's Insurance & Pension Department would appreciate the cooperation of all retirees in this matter.

ALLISON RETIRES EARLY



When Marshall Allison turns 62 on September 7, it will be the first birthday in 27 years he has not celebrated while employed at Appalachian.

Marshall retired on August 31 as stores attendant in the Bluefield Division. He started his career with Appalachian as a janitor in 1953 and has since held the positions of clerk junior and material clerk.

Once a member of the Bluefield State College Big Blues football team (1946-48), Marshall's outside interests include auto mechanics. He plans to pursue that hobby more vigorously in retirement. Also, with six children, trips to visit them and grandchildren are planned.

Marshall is active in St. Luke's Church of God in Christ.

SPORN MEMORIAL ROOM OPENED IN NEW YORK OFFICE

"I can never change my involvement in American Electric Power. It is completely integrated in my life."

Philip Sporn, the late retired president of American Electric Power Company, made that statement late in 1976 when he was 80 years old and the company was just 10 years younger. Two years later he died, but the spirit of what he stood for in the electric power industry has remained as "integrated" in the life of AEP as the company was in his own life.

In tribute to that spirit, a Philip Sporn Memorial Room has been installed in the 14th floor library of the Service Corporation's New York office and is open for all employees to visit.

The room, a mini-museum of Sporn memorabilia, philosophy and history, was officially opened recently by his widow, Sadie. The couple's son, Arthur D. Sporn, a New York lawyer, his wife, Muriel, and their son, Jon Robert, also participated.

In remarks on the occasion, AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr., paid tribute to his former mentor and a predecessor as chief executive, citing his dynamic leadership of both the company and the industry. White pointed out that the room would help in the preservation of Sporn's lifetime of work as represented by the thousands of papers and other items it would house, and expressed the hope that it would serve as an inspiration to AEP's newer employees, especially the engineers.

Also on hand for the opening were two of Sporn's longtime colleagues, V. M. (Don) Marquis, retired vice president and assistant to the president, and Dorothy Miesse, who had been Sporn's secretary during his AEP tenure and after his "retirement." Marquis had worked for more than a year on plans for the room, sorting and cataloguing the papers, books and memorabilia, and advising on their presentation. Much of the materials came from the files kept by Miss Miesse.

Marquis and two others had served on the Sporn Room planning committee appointed by White. T. J. Nagel, senior executive vice president and assistant to the chairman, was chairman of the committee, and William W. Corbitt, vice president — communications, its third member, was the writer/producer of the project.

Robert Webster, a New York designer, was responsible for the design of the room and supervision of the installation of its contents by Today's Displays, a display house. And Sean Hynds, AEP lighting engineer, designed the room's lighting.

In a display case in the center of the room are various medals awarded Sporn during his career and other mementos, including his old slide rule and drafting instruments. File drawers at each end of the display table contain his papers.

Two built-in bookcases house a representative cross-section of the thousands of books in Sporn's personal library. All of the books in the collection, including the 10 authored by Sporn himself, are available for loan to employees through the library.

Each of the room's four walls focuses on a different aspect of Sporn's character: integrator, leader, pioneer and man. Visitors can begin reading the large-type panels on any side of the room without losing the thread of the Sporn saga.

A series of three maps on the wall, "The Integrator," shows how the AEP System grew from the time Sporn joined the company as an electrical engineer in 1920 to his election as president in 1947, then to his retirement as a director in 1969. On display here is his book, *The Integrated Power System*.

From the many possible examples of Sporn's leadership, six were chosen to be highlighted on "The Leader" wall: his unrelenting drive for a national energy policy, his lifetime advocacy of nuclear power, his role in founding the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and the East Central Area Reliability Coordination group, his part in development of the Cardinal Project, and his history as a dissenter — one who wasn't afraid to question or criticize anyone or any organization, including his own industry, if he felt it necessary.



AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr., and Philip Sporn's widow, Sadie, at dedication of Philip Sporn Memorial Room.

"The Pioneer" wall lists all of the major pioneering accomplishments on the AEP System during Sporn's 49-year tenure with it — from the first use of reheat in a generating unit boiler (Philo Plant Unit 1) in 1924 to the birth in 1969 of Big Muskie, AEP's dragline and the world's largest mobile land machine.

Philip Sporn, "The Man," was a person who had many varied interests outside his career. The fourth wall lists the honors and awards (including 13 honorary degrees) he received, the 10 branches of government service he was involved in and the numerous memberships he held. His family life, involvement in education and work with Israel are also highlighted.

Engineer. Businessman. Scientist. Consultant. Author. Critic. Humanitarian. Intellectual. Husband. Father. Friend. The Sporn Memorial Room shows that, like the power system he helped to build, the man's life was a totally integrated one.

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
6/30/80	1.2188	.8205
7/31/80	1.2285	.8140
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
6/30/80	1.4749	.6780
7/31/80	1.5715	.6363
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
6/30/80	1.0584	.9448
7/31/80	1.0585	.9447



John W. Vaughan, left, president of Appalachian Power Company, presents an AEP Certificate of Merit to T. W. Old, GO T&D construction and maintenance manager. GO T&D employees worked 500,000 consecutive hours without a disabling injury from September 13, 1977, to May 19, 1980.

REGISTER FOR EDUCATION AWARDS

October 10 is the registration deadline for the 1981 AEP System Education Awards Program. The competition is open to children of employees from across the AEP System who are seniors in high school and plan to enter college in September 1981.

The total number of prizes to be awarded in 1981 has been increased from 34 to 36, and the program has been expanded to include children of employees from Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, AEP's newest operating company.

Contestants will be vying for awards of \$3,500 each, with \$2,000 to be granted for the first year in college and \$1,500 for the second. All entrants are required to submit Scholastic Aptitude scores. Those who did not take the SAT in their junior year, or who wish to take it again, are required to take the SAT to be given December 6, 1980.

Final selection will be made early next year by an impartial educator who has no affiliation with AEP. Selections will be based on secondary school evaluations, Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and personal data provided by the contestant.

Complete details and registration forms are available from your local Personnel Department.

WEST VIRGINIA RATE INCREASE SUSPENDED

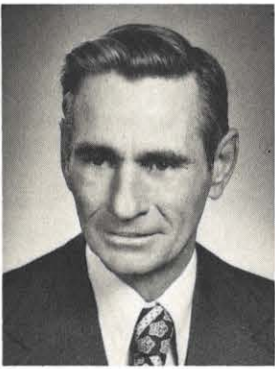
The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has suspended until December 10 the effective date of Appalachian Power Company's proposed \$51-million rate increase.

In its filing last month, the company had asked that the increase be made effective August 12; or, if it were suspended, the effective date be no later than October 1.



Harry E. Ruloff, left, Logan-Williamson division superintendent, is presented an AEP Certificate of Merit by John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian Power. Division employees worked 500,000 hours without a disabling injury from February 3, 1979, to June 23, 1980.

MOVING UP



H. L. Back, former line crew supervisor NE, was promoted to Huntington service supervisor on July 1. He succeeds B. C. Connelly, who is on LTD leave.



Gary Holbrook, former auto mechanic A, was promoted to Huntington garage supervisor on August 1. He succeeds T. R. Templeton, who retired.



Gregory G. Adkins, former coal equipment operator, was promoted to assistant yard superintendent at Amos Plant on August 1.



R. E. Alley, former engineering technician, was promoted to engineering technologist in Pulaski on July 1. He holds an associate in applied science degree in electrical engineering technology from New River Community College. Alley succeeds R. E. Semones, who was promoted.



David H. Altizer, former electrical engineer, was promoted to relay engineer senior in GO T&D Station, Bluefield, on August 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Military Institute.



Harry A. Wilton, Jr., former engineer B, was promoted to engineering technologist in Charleston on August 1. He attended Beckley College and studied electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools.



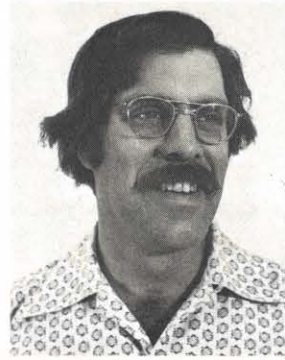
F. C. Garrett, II, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Clinch River Plant on August 1. He succeeds D. E. Campbell, who was promoted.



S. C. Amos, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Clinch River Plant on September 1. He succeeds A. J. Conley, who retired.



Thomas D. Metcalf, former stores attendant non-exempt, was promoted to plant stores assistant senior exempt at Mountaineer Plant on November 1, 1979. He attends Rio Grande College.



Allen T. Downie, former assistant chief civil construction for Mountaineer Construction, was promoted to ash supervisor at Mountaineer Plant on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Ohio University.



C. E. Anderson, former maintenance mechanic A at Philip Sporn Plant, was promoted to utility supervisor at Mountaineer Plant on April 1.



Clifford R. Messer, former maintenance supervisor at Cardinal Plant, was transferred to Mountaineer Plant in the same capacity on September 1, 1979.



Gerald W. Arnold, former utility supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant, was transferred to Mountaineer Plant in the same capacity on June 1.



James W. Gress, former maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Mountaineer Plant on June 1.



J. L. Babiak, former chemist at Philip Sporn Plant, was promoted to performance engineer at Mountaineer Plant on August 1, 1979. He holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



James B. Blank, former electrical construction assistant II for Mitchell Construction, was promoted to plant engineer at Mountaineer Plant on October 1, 1979. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University and Pittsburgh.



Patrick C. Hale, former performance engineer at Cardinal Operating Company, was promoted to performance engineer senior at Mountaineer Plant on November 1, 1979. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio Northern University.



George W. Shamblin, former harbor boat operator non-exempt, was promoted to assistant yard superintendent exempt at Mountaineer Plant on July 1. He attended Morris Harvey College.

BECKETT ENDS 45-YEAR CAREER



Jack Randolph Beckett, station operator A, GO Operations, Turner Regional Dispatch Office, retired September 1 after nearly 45 years' service.

Jack began his career in 1935 as a laborer at Logan Plant. He worked through the various classifications of boiler operator before being promoted to shift supervisor in 1956. He transferred to GO Operations in 1961 as a system station operator A and transferred to the Turner Office in 1966.

Jack has been a

member of the Masonic Lodge for 29 years and in his spare time refinishes furniture for his family. Retirement plans include doing some light traveling. Jack and his wife Bertha have three children and four grandchildren.

ARNOLD CONLEY RETIRES



Arnold Conley, Clinch River Plant unit supervisor, plans to "take it easy for awhile" and garden, play golf and fish after his retirement on September 1.

Arnold went to work for Appalachian over 37 years ago as a coal handler at the Logan Plant just down the road from his hometown of Chapmanville, West Virginia.

Arnold was a well-known figure in his hometown, having been an outstanding player on the high school basketball team. He says that his team was the first high school team in the country to run a fast break.

A two-term councilman in Chapmanville, Arnold also served as mayor in 1955-57. It was about that time, while Arnold was on duty at the plant, that the Guyan River overflowed its banks and flooded. The plant was out of operation for a month.

Arnold and his wife Ida Rose have two children and three grandchildren.

WINEBRENNER ELECTS EARLY RETIREMENT



Relaxation, enjoyment and a long-awaited vacation in Hawaii are included in the future plans of William D. Winebrenner, Philip Sporn Plant stores attendant, who elected early retirement August 1.

A native of Meigs County, Ohio, Winny began his career at Sporn in 1952 as a utility worker and advanced through the various maintenance mechanic positions before being named in 1978 to the position he held at retirement.

Co-workers describe Winny as a religious man, respectful of authority but known to play an occasional, good-natured practical joke.

Winny is president of the Meigs County United Methodist Men and devotes a lot of time to their activities. He also enjoys playing golf, fishing and working in his garden.

Winny and his wife Dorathy have two daughters and one son.

HOMER BRAGG PLANS TO TRAVEL



Homer E. Bragg Jr., Charleston customer accounts assistant, remembers the red carpet treatment from new rural customers in the good old days. "The customers could not express their appreciation enough for having electricity," recalls Homer, who retired on August 31. Frequently, he was invited in to share homegrown vegetables, milk and butter.

Of course, the good old days had another side. "In the old days you were supposed to work 40 hours per week but ended up working 60 to 70 hours without additional pay or meal allowances," he remembers.

Homer spent over 42 years with Appalachian, starting in 1937 as a messenger boy in the accounting department. Despite this long period of time, Homer has earned a reputation for having a great memory for details. "He possesses a remarkable memory which has come in handy in many cases. Homer says he can remember job-related instances, customers and places 40 years back," says Pat

Taylor, customer accounting supervisor.

Homer had this observation about his memory. "I guess it's God-given, but oddly enough I am not able to do this except on job-related matters," he said.

Homer became customer accounts assistant in 1968 after 10 years as credit supervisor. For the previous two years he had been head meter reader. In all his years Homer never missed a day due to illness. The only day he missed otherwise followed a car accident in which, Homer says, the other driver was at fault.

At age 62 when retirement benefits and Social Security exceed his take-home pay, Homer asks, "Why work?"

In the past several years Homer and his wife Evelyn have traveled extensively: Europe four times, the Caribbean three times, Hawaii once and the West Coast twice. So, travel plans figure in his retirement though European travel will be limited due to rising costs.

With a master electrician's license, Homer plans to do some electrical work. And he plans to do some hunting and take up golf. Oh, yes, he just bought a new camera and wants to indulge his camera bug-itis.

CHARLESTONIANS GO TO GERMANY



Kathleen and Brook Miller

Two retired Charleston employees and their wives were members of a Friendship Force contingent of 254 from Charleston and Richmond, Va. who visited Germany in May.

George Unangst, former division superintendent, and his wife Betty, and Brook Miller, former auto repairman A, and his wife Kathleen stayed in the homes of residents of Gelsenkirchen, a city of 330,000 in the Rhine-Ruhr metropolitan area. George retired last January. Since retiring 10 years ago, Brook and Kathleen have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and to Hawaii, Canada and the Virgin Islands.

One day, George and Betty lunched with the director and the chief engineer of RWE, the largest privately owned electric utility in Germany. RWE has extensive strip mining operations as well as reclamation projects. The company is also committed to nuclear generation despite some public opposition.

Virtually all urban distribution is underground, and RWE officials mentioned that the cable failure rate with synthetics such as polyethylene increases rapidly with age.

Both couples found Gelsenkirchen, which was completely destroyed during World War II, to be well landscaped, clean and hospitable. Several deep shaft mines are located in the city. But the only visible sign of mining is the projection of the elevator shaft. Subdivisions are well buffered from nearby interstates. Lot layout and terracing is so well-conceived that the 50-by-50-foot lots do not appear small.

Though unable to speak German, the Unangsts found the language no barrier. In fact, one day a man stopped them on the street. "He had attended Notre Dame in 1956 and spoke very fluent English. He said the reason he stopped us was that he just wanted to practice his English," George said.

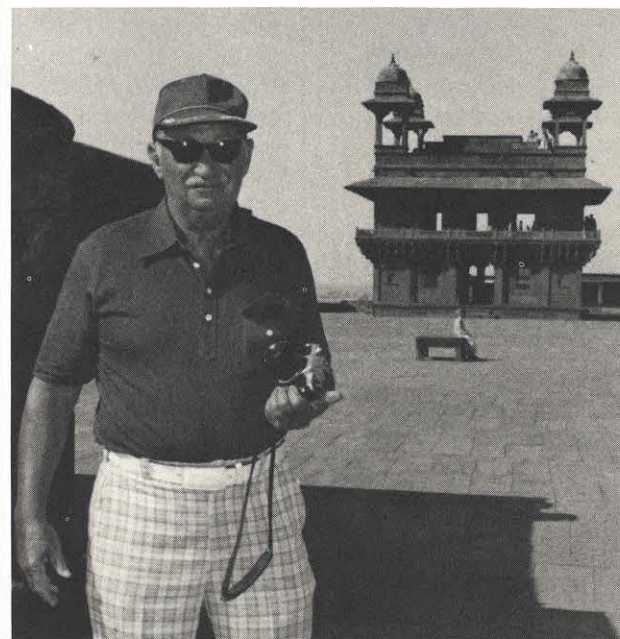
The Millers' host was also associated with the electric utility industry. They stayed with Dr. and Mrs. Gunthur Juranek. He is an executive with Coal and

Power Company, which employs some 150,000 persons.

The Millers took a four-day excursion by bus to Dusseldorf, Cologne, Bonn, Koblenz where they boarded a boat for a six-hour cruise on the Rhine River, Heidelberg, through the wine-making district and to Wurzburg.

"This was a very rewarding and learning experience for us," the Millers said.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 100 DAYS



C. B. Yearout visited the deserted city of Satehpur Sikri in India, built by Akbar the Great.

C. B. Yearout, retired GO safety coordinator in Bluefield, and his wife Jo have found a superlative way to enjoy retirement — a 100-day cruise around the world. In early January this year, the Yearouts departed from Port Everglades, Florida, for a visit to 21 countries, stopping at 24 ports.

Charlie says, "Fascinating people, ancient cultures and unique lifestyles highlighted the cruise. We enjoyed the languid loveliness of Tahiti and Moorea, the sun-sparkled beaches of Fiji, plus the mysteries and magic of Papua, New Guinea, where 500 different dialects are spoken. With special permission from the People's Republic of China, we joined an optional tour into Peking, Kwang Chow and Kweilin, where we viewed the Great Wall of China along with many other sights. We then flew to Bombay, where we rejoined the cruise."

He continues, "In India we were enchanted by the strange, sweet songs and the varied lifestyles." The Yearouts sipped tea in Sri Lanka, heard Swahili spoken in Kenya and Tanzania and enjoyed the holiday ambience of Durban, where South Africans vacation. And while at the South American resort of Montevideo, they enjoyed the samba tempo of the scintillating nightlife.

Charlie concludes, "We spent three wonderful months following the sun to one shore after another. And basking in the sun aboard the SS Rotterdam was as exciting as the shore visits."



T. A. Rotenberry, left, Beckley division manager, is congratulated by John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian Power, for the division having earned a President's Certificate of Excellence in a safety audit conducted June 2-6.

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

Abingdon

Dave Taylor, customer services manager, has been named a director of the Abingdon Rotary Club for 1980-81.

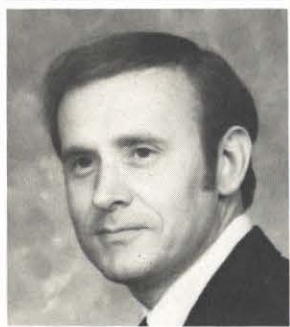
The annual Abingdon Division golf tournament was held on July 26 at Holston Hills Country Club in Marion. The winners were: Retiree **Rufus Bondurant**, with a low handicap score of 84; **Bob Sheffey**, Abingdon T&D, and **Ronnie Kirby**, Marion line section, tied for low net score of 82; **Mike**, son of Jim Nickols, line crew supervisor non-exempt, Marion, was noncompany low net winner with a score of 79; **Chip**, son of Hunter Thayer, engineering technologist, and **Mark**, son of Don Landreth, engineering technologist, tied for low handicap with 86.

Junior Clerk **Martha A. Farmer**, president of the Marion Business & Professional Women's Club, represented the club at the state convention in Norfolk, Va.

Beckley

Matthew Saunders, tracer, was elected president of the C&C Club for the year beginning on August 1. He will represent the 23 Engineering employees who are members of the club.

Bluefield



Daniel, son of Tazewell Area Supervisor Clyde Farley, received the outstanding governor award for outstanding administrative achievement as a Civitan district governor at the Civitan International Convention in San Diego, California. Farley served as governor of the West

Virginia Civitan District during 1978-79 and was named distinguished governor that year.

David Stowers received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University and has accepted a position with Conoco Oil Company. He will continue studying electrical engineering in graduate school.

Robert Alan Stowers has been promoted to assistant pharmaceutical laboratory technician at A. H. Robbins Drug Company, Richmond, Va., and is working toward a bachelor of science degree in business at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Helen Stowers has retired after 33 years with two jewelry stores in the Bluefields and is moving to Tampa, Florida. They are the sons and wife of the late Robert Stowers, former stationman.

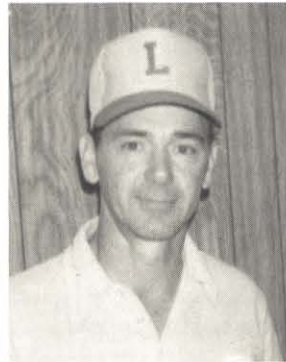


Stephanie, daughter of Grundy Line Crew Supervisor Larry Stiltner, was chosen prom queen at Harman Elementary School. She has been a basketball and football cheerleader for three years and was a member of the girls' basketball team, 4-H Club and Girl Scouts.



Brent, son of Secretary-stenographer Linda Wiley and Glen Lyn Maintenance Mechanic Sonny Wiley, was winner in the 12-year-old category in the area, Pitch, Hit and Run Contest. Brent, a pitcher and shortstop, played on the Princeton Little League All Star Team which won the area and district championships.

Clinch River



Ira Owens



Mark Owens



Donald Perry

Ira Owens, instrument maintenance mechanic A, was chosen coach of the Lebanon Little League All Star team this season. His son **Mark** was an outfielder on the team. And **Donald**, son of maintenance mechanic A Larry A. Perry, was the All Star catcher.

General Office

Richard Anderson, load research and allocation analyst, GO Rates and Contracts, coached the North Roanoke Recreational Club's team to the Little Minor League post-season tournament championship. His son, **Richard, Jr.**, pitched and played first base and outfield for the team. His record included one no-hitter and one one-hitter.

Randall, son of Wayne E. Webb, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, has graduated from Cave Spring High School.

C. Michael Thacker, hydro engineer senior, GO Hydro, Roanoke, played defensive end in the fourth annual Cave Spring High School alumni football game.



Roddy, son of Operations Coordinator I. R. Goins, was chosen as a member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. A rising junior at William Byrd High School in Vinton, Roddy is a member of the Beta Club and French National Honor Society, received the French award for leadership, started on both offense and defense for the district champion JV football team, played on the district runner-up JV basketball team, and was on the varsity track team.



A. L. Stebar, automotive transportation supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Electric Utility Fleet Managers Conference. The Conference consists of investor-owned electric utility companies in all states east and contiguous to the Mississippi River and represents a fleet of over 45,000 vehicles.



Tracy, daughter of James S. Reynolds, relay specialist senior, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, attended the National Junior Classical League convention (organization for Latin students) held at the University of Tennessee. A student at Salem High School, Tracy is taking her fifth year of Latin. Her handicraft won first place in the textiles division on the state level and fourth place in national competition

at the convention. She was awarded a "cum laude" certificate and ribbon for her craft work and received certificates for participation in academic contests.

Huntington



Travis Brandon, son of Jack Burris, line mechanic D, won first place in the 3 to 6 months class pretty baby contest at the Mason County Fair.

Todd, son of Marjorie Arnold, T&D records clerk C, received basketball and physical education awards at Enslow Junior High graduation last spring. In June he was named to the Eastern League all-star baseball team. This summer Todd was selected as one of eight all-stars in his division at the Bob Zuffelato basketball training camp in Grayson, Kentucky.

Michael, four-year-old son of D. M. Barbour, drafter B, was presented a Beginner's Tadpole Certificate on completing a YMCA swimming course.

Marketta Crum, Point Pleasant customer service representative C, won awards at the Mason County Fair for her string, wire and yarn work. Marketta won a blue ribbon on string art, a red ribbon on wire art and a white ribbon on yarn art.

William Farrell, Jr., GO T&D transmission mechanic D, was a model during the 1980 Ebony Classic Ball "Touch of Class" fashion show.

Lynchburg

W. L. Hensley, line mechanic A, was selected one of 11 Outstanding Young Men of America in the Central Virginia area. His selection was based on his voluntary service with the Monelison Rescue Squad.

Billy L. Habel, line mechanic D, is head football coach for the Nelson County 9-10 year-old-group, which participates in the Amherst County Little League program.

R. B. Waggoner, division office supervisor, has been appointed chairman of the United Way drive for Lynchburg Division employees.

The Lynchburg Division has received an honorable mention certificate from the Virginia organization of the International Business Association of Business Communicators, for a 22-minute orientation videotape for new employees. **Gary Kazanjian**, video services coordinator in GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, produced the tape.

Mountaineer Construction

Earl Cleland, construction timekeeper, completed an American Red Cross water safety instructor course and is qualified to teach all levels of swimmers, basic rescue, advanced life-saving and swimmer aide courses.

Pulaski



Capt. William L. Horne, son of the late A. F. Horne, former division manager, has assumed command of the Naval Reserve Readiness Command in New Orleans, Louisiana. Capt. Horne has responsibility for all Naval Reserve activities in a portion of east Texas and the entire states of Arkansas and Louisiana.

Philip Sporn



Kenda Kay, daughter of Kenneth Carsey, maintenance mechanic A, was a member of the first-place team and tournament winner in the Middleport Girls' Softball League.

Roanoke



Phyllis Ann, daughter of James Warren, Fieldale mechanic A, graduated with honors from Frankin County High School.

Cheryl, daughter of L. A. Stone, Jr., Fieldale customer representative, graduated from Fieldale-Collinsville High School.

Jennifer Diane, daughter of W. H. Terry, Fieldale engineering technician senior, graduated from Carroll County High School.

F. R. Pilson, Fieldale line mechanic A, coached the Bassett Recreation Pioneers Dixie youth baseball team for the 1980 season. The team was sponsored by Bassett Furniture Industries.



Jozan, daughter of Alma Obenchain, customer accounts representative B, was inducted into the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

Abingdon
Philip Young, residential advisor.

Bluefield
Terry Akers and **Alfred Elliott**, line mechanics D. **Jimmy Rasnake**, line mechanic D, Grundy.

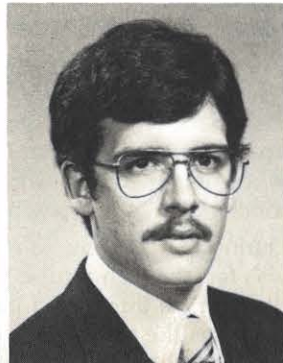
Glen Lyn Vincent Scott, Jr., chemist.

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POWER PEOPLE EARN DEGREES



Wanda Norcross, secretary-stenographer, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, associate in applied science degree in management from Virginia Western Community College.



Bruce A. Tolson, electric plant clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, associate of arts degree in business administration from National Business College (with highest honors).

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

General Office
Robert Lawson, husband of Joyce Lawson, secretary, GO Accounting, Roanoke, 8 gallons.

Eralene Poindexter, senior telephone operator, GO General Services, Roanoke, 1 gallon.

Roy Howard, drafter A, GO T&D Computer Drafting, Roanoke, 11 gallons.

Michael Thacker, hydro engineer senior, GO Hydro, Roanoke, 2 gallons.

Lynchburg
Ralph Bird, Jr., residential representative, 1 gallon.

Pulaski
R. G. Musser, Hillsville area service restorer, 7 gallons.

Roanoke
Sandra McClelland, T&D clerk A, 8 gallons.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



Steven Rex Pruitt, 20, meter reader at Welch in the Bluefield Division, was fatally injured in an automobile accident July 18. A native of Welch, West Virginia, he began his career in 1978 as a line mechanic D. Pruitt is survived by his parents and two sisters.



Dorsel "Doss" Wesley Ayers, 88, retired Roanoke senior power billing clerk, died July 23. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, he was employed in 1910 and retired October 1, 1956. Ayers is survived by a foster daughter, Mrs. Kenneth M. Spicer, wife of the Roanoke line crew supervisor.



John W. Stephens, 75, retired Roanoke electrical engineer senior, died July 27. A native of Macon, Georgia, he began his career in 1929 as a district engineer and retired June 1, 1970. Stephens is survived by his widow Edna, 1514 Watauga Street, Roanoke, Va.; three daughters; one brother and six grandchildren.



Claude Ervin Bell, 71, retired station maintenance man A, GO T&D, Bluefield, died August 7. A native of Bramwell, West Virginia, he began his career in 1938 as an electrician's helper in Welch and retired October 1, 1971. Bell is survived by his widow Clara Mae, 1951 Virginia Avenue, Bluefield, Virginia, and one son.



Winston E. Miller, 65, retired Pulaski Customer Services Department employee, died August 11. A native of Pulaski County, Virginia, he was employed in 1937 as a rodman and elected early disability retirement in February 1977. Miller is survived by his widow June, four sons, one sister, one brother and two grandchildren.



Benjamin E. Bates, 80, retired Bluefield division meter supervisor, died August 18. A native of Somerset, Kentucky, he began his career in 1923 as a helper in the Bluefield Meter Department and retired January 1, 1965. Bates is survived by his widow Irene, 715 Tazewell Avenue, Bluefield, Virginia; one son and two daughters.

Correction
In the obituary on June Davis in the August issue of *The Illuminator*, the date of death should have been July 12.

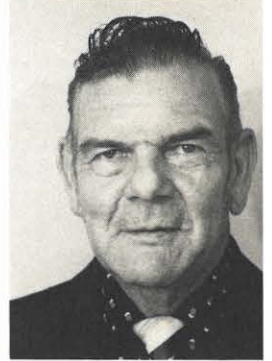
CUSTOMERS WILL MISS KATIE MOST

"I sincerely believe our customers will miss her most," said co-worker Marjorie Parkins about Kathryn Wilkerson, Charleston secretary-stenographer, who elected early retirement September 1. Marjorie continued, "She was always kind and helpful to each person she waited on. There were people who came to the office for help and always asked for her, especially when we worked together in the credit department. I remember one lady who always asked for her; and, after Kathryn would make her a duplicate bill, the lady would always ask for a few paper clips and rubber bands. She used the rubber bands to put around her shoes to hold them on her feet."

Katie began her career with Appalachian in Roanoke at the tender age of 18, after attending National Business College. She recalls that fellow employees took her under their wing to help her adjust to the new duties. "Had this not happened," Katie claims, "I would have ended my career very early with the company." She worked for 10 years before leaving and then rejoined the company in 1950 as a clerk-stenographer. Katie was promoted to stenographer in 1953 and assistant credit supervisor in 1958. Then, in 1968, Charleston Division Office Supervisor Jack Shaver was so impressed with Katie's outstanding performance in credit activities that he convinced her to be his secretary, a position she has held for the past 12 years.

Katie says that travel plans are a few years away when her husband Herman retires. In the meantime, she plans to enjoy her two granddaughters since her son Tom and his wife have just returned to Charleston, where he plans to start a dentistry practice.

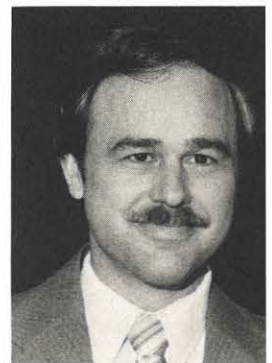
REESE RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS



When Walter Reese was custodian at Cabi Creek Plant, someone welded his sweeping compound bucket to the grating and grease his broom. He says, "This doesn't happen any more, but everyone still has a joke for me, and I enjoy it." Walter retired September 1 as custodian at the John Amos Plant, where he had worked for the past three years.

Now he plans to indulge his fancy for fresh seafood on trips to Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Orlando, Fla. Also coming up are "all the things I have wanted to do for so long and time did not permit". These include gardening, hunting, fishing and working in his church.

EDWARDS EARNS PE STATUS



Dan Edwards II, Philip Sporn Plant performance engineer senior has been registered as a professional engineer in the State of West Virginia.

Edwards joined Appalachian Power in 1974 as a senior engineering technologist following his graduation from Marshall University with a bachelor of engineering science degree. He was promoted to performance engineer in 1977 and to his present position in 1979.

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Leslie Marie Shane to **Stephen Lee Vaughan**, son of John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian Power, August 23.



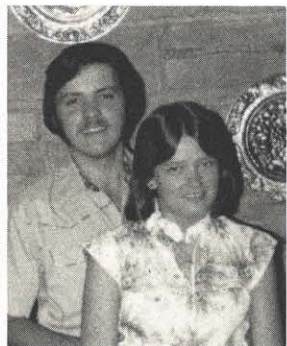
Patricia Boyd, Roanoke junior clerk, to Henry N. Brogan, Jr., July 19.



Sherri Angeline Honaker to **Jack Blackson**, Clinch River Plant utility worker A, July 19.



Tamela Snider to **John Blake**, Mountaineer Plant control technician junior, June 28.



Glenda Sue Fuson to **Timmy Ray Deel**, Bluefield collector, June 20.



Sandra Jacqueline Horne to **David Stuart Watson**, son of Thomas D. Watson, Clinch River Plant maintenance superintendent, July 18.



Kelly Crowder, daughter of Robert Crowder, Bluefield area service restorer, to Terry Andrew Knight, August 2.



Robin Lynn Marshall daughter of Barbara Marshall, Pulaski T&D clerk A, to Grabe Sean Monroe, July 25.



Linda F. Gatens, Amos Plant junior clerk, to Randy L. Parsons, July 18.



Sandra Kay Hall, daughter of Ann Hall, junior clerk at Point Pleasant in Huntington Division, to Mike Lucas, June 6.



Jimmie Dean Webb to **Charles A. Edwards, III**, maintenance mechanic D, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain, August 3.

Dawn Marie Mayercsik to **Anthony Kopec**, Sporn Plant performance engineer, August 2.

Terri Lee Albert, daughter of Charlotte Wagner, Glen Lyn Plant chemist assistant, to Darrell Caldwell, June 28.

Edith Nixon to **Preston Hall**, Amos Plant unit supervisor, July 19.

Elizabeth Buchanan, daughter of A. S. Buchanan, Abingdon residential advisor, to Robert Heath, July 26.

Diane McCutcheon to **David Laughlin**, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic D, July 4.

Robin Pauley to **Mitchell Crislip**, Amos Plant utility worker, July 26.

Jenny Swartz to **Charles Drastura, III**, Huntington communications engineer, August 16.

Garnet Bostic to **Ralph B. Allen**, retired collector in the St. Albans area of Charleston Division, June 29.



Waddie and Nannie Crouch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 26. He was a lineman A in Lynchburg before electing early retirement in 1967. The Crouches, who reside at 915 Sandusky Drive, Lynchburg, Va., have two sons, one of whom is deceased, and four grandchildren.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Deidra Sharon, daughter of **Fred Sauls**, Clintwood meter reader, July 28.

Justin Alan, son of **R. T. Fields**, Lebanon line mechanic C, July 25.

John Amos

Robert G., II, son of **Robert G. Wellman**, utility worker, July 28.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

Shannon Marie, daughter of **S. O. Jenkins**, maintenance mechanic A, July 31.

James Dominc, son of **Harry Bartles**, maintenance mechanic B, July 16.

General Office

Travis Levi, son of **L. A. Slusher**, station operator B, GO Operations, Roanoke, August 1.

Rusty Lee, son of **C. H. Craig, Jr.**, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Turner Dispatch Office, August 8.

Glen Lyn

Mistie Lynn, daughter of **Jackie Moore**, utility worker A, July 20.

Kimberly Dawn, chosen daughter of **Richard L. Gray**, maintenance mechanic B, July 15.

Huntington

Christy Michelle, daughter of **D. M. Baurbour**, drafter C, April 22.

Kristen Michelle, daughter of **Ronald White**, station mechanic B, August 5.

Lynchburg

Brian David, son of **Billy L. Habel**, line mechanic D, July 14.

Tiffany Rae, daughter of **Dawn E. Fesler**, junior clerk, August 3.

Mountaineer

Mark Curtis, son of **D. B. Synowiec**, operations superintendent, July 24.

Roanoke

Kimberly Dianne, daughter of **Richard W. Jarrett**, Rocky Mount meter reader, June 18.

Philip Sporn

Ginger Rae, daughter of **Jeffrey R. Darst**, coal handler, July 10.

Amber Nicole, daughter of **John G. Hayes**, maintenance mechanic B, August 4.

WELCOME HOME TRAVIS PARSLEY



Bringing a newborn home from the hospital is usually a joyous occasion. This event had special meaning for Charleston Meter Reader Jeff Parsley and his wife Becky.

When the Parsleys brought their son James Travis home on June 16, he had been in and out of an incubator in the intensive care unit of Charleston Memorial Hospital since his birth May 8.

Travis was more than two months premature and weighed a scant 3 pounds and 12 ounces. He was placed immediately in an incubator, and his heart rate and breathing were monitored continuously.

Premature babies are especially susceptible to apnea, which is a temporary suspension of breathing responsible for many crib deaths. Travis experienced apnea many times, but a monitor alerted nurses who stimulated Travis to resume breathing by touching or gently pinching.

During the first couple of weeks of his life, Travis was fed through a tube that had been inserted through his throat and into his stomach. The milk bypasses the taste buds, of course, so the baby cannot taste the milk. Hence, when the tube was removed and he was given his mother's milk in a bottle, he was in ecstasy. His drinking was so intense that he would fail to inhale and exhaust himself. Once, he turned quite blue and had to be placed in the incubator to recover his normal color.

Until she was able to nurse Travis, Becky traveled to the hospital twice a day to take her breast milk for feedings.

Travis got a regular crib in the Intermediate Care Unit on June 12 and four days later made the trip to his new home. The scene was like a Christmas homecoming as relatives gathered for the event.



Sixty-five Roanoke area retirees and their spouses recently toured the Smith Mountain Dam and Visitors Center, followed by a picnic on the grounds. Dutch Rankin, retired GO T&D manager and president of the Roanoke Retired Employees Association, said, "It was a romping success. Most of the ladies had never visited the power plant and they really seemed to enjoy it. The only bad thing was the hot weather (nearly 100°). We used about 200 pounds of crushed ice to help beat the heat. In all, it went over with a bang and the food was delicious." Pictured boarding the chartered bus for the trip are, l. to r., Noble Marshall, retired general records supervisor; Ethel Hawkins, wife of O. A. Hawkins, retired general accounting administrator; and Vonice Gish, retired secretarial-stenographer.

KARATE IS RELAXING WAY TO SPEND EVENING



"A very relaxing and healthy way to spend an evening," agree Jack and Betty Pippin about their hobby of Shitoh-Ryu, a Japanese style of karate. Jack, Kingsport customer accounts representative A, has just been awarded karate's highest honor, the black belt. Betty has just earned the first degree brown belt, only one step away from the black.

Jack decided to try a few lessons in karate just for the physical conditioning but, to his surprise, found it was quite enjoyable. After a few weeks, Betty decided to see what karate was all about. Now, after 4½ years, they practice karate at least four nights per week. Betty says, "I used to have a lower back problem, but since I've taken up karate, the problem has practically disappeared. Sometimes when we go on vacation for a week or two, my back problem will reoccur. But once I start the karate exercises, everything is all right."

Jack is such an avid student of karate that he has gone to California for instruction from Fumio Demura and Minobu Miki, two world famous instructors. Betty and Jack participate in six or eight tournaments a year in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia to obtain additional experience. Jack has won many trophies for his form, free fighting and use of weapons. Betty's numerous trophies have been awarded for her form.

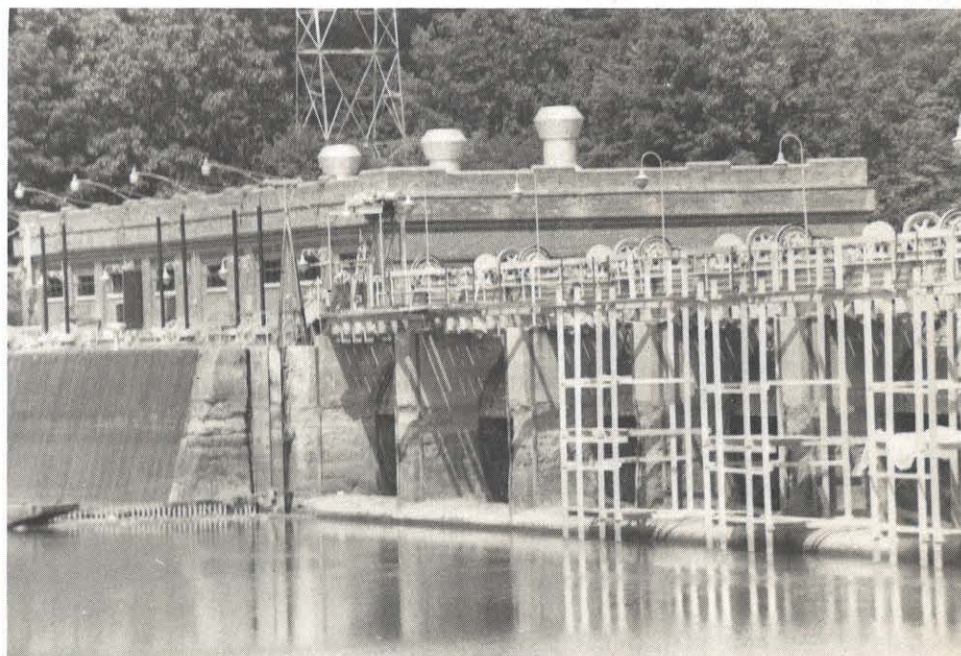
Jack says, "I've never used karate for actual self-defense and I hope I never have to. We are taught to try to avoid or escape from a situation that might lead to a confrontation. However, we are also taught how to use specialized weapons for defense. These weapons are used only in competition and would not be available in case of an attack by an assailant."

He adds, "I have started giving karate instruction to other students, which I plan to continue for the physical and mental benefits." Betty plans to continue to work for the black belt. Both agree that the main benefits of karate for them are the mental and physical conditioning.



Twenty-five members of the Appalachian Chorus gave two performances of Broadway hits in the Amphitheater at Pipestem State Park in West Virginia on August 1 and 2. The Chorus had been contacted last November by Mr. John Faulconer of the Pipestem staff, after he read an article about the Chorus in **The Illuminator**. Choir members raised money to defray their expenses for music, costumes and transportation via a carnival, bake sale and sales of previous concert tapes. Their performances at Pipestem were so well received that they have been tentatively invited back next year. The Chorus, composed of General Office and Roanoke Division employees, is directed by Helen Honaker, secretary-stenographer, GO T&D, Roanoke.

BYLLESBY GETS FACELIFT



After 68 years of producing electricity for parts of southwest Virginia and the coalfields of southern West Virginia, the dam at Byllesby Hydro is showing its age. Although still structurally sound, cracks and general erosion are appearing.

To prevent further deterioration and improve its appearance, Lee Turzillo Contracting Company of Richfield, Ohio, was contracted to give the dam a facelift. Old, deteriorated concrete on the spillway flashboard piers and taintor gate piers has been chipped away, and the piers are being rebuilt to their original neat lines. All loose and deteriorated concrete will be chipped away on the powerhouse intake and angle bulkheads, new concrete is to be poured, and cracks will be filled and grouted. The forebay walkways are also to be refinished. When the work is completed later this Fall, the dam structure will have a new face and the hydro should be ready for another 68 years of service.

Byllesby has survived many floods, including the New River flood of record in 1940, high ice flows, and the constant pressure of water, logs and other debris pressing against her abutments. Even though its age is showing, the generators still grind out electricity to be fed into the system. And twice in the past six years — 1974 and 1979 — the hydro has set all-time yearly generation records.

HOW I LEARNED TO LOVE MY VW DUNE BUGGY



Yes, the men of this world do love their toys.

Kanawha River Plant Utility Worker Richard Harless' prized possession comes with four wheels, a convertible top and painted flames leaping out of the engine. He readily admits that it is his toy.

It all began two years ago with a Volkswagen Dune Buggy, housed over a 1971 pan. New parts came as the budget would allow.

Richard now uses the vehicle to drive to work when the weather is warm. On vacation in his van, Richard frequently pulls the buggy to use on side trips. It's cheaper.

"Everyone needs a hobby. Plus, it's a lot safer than a motorcycle. With the top down, you can see a lot more of the countryside than when driving a regular car," Richard explained.

Does this buggy spend its nights under the stars or in a regular garage? Never. "I'm so proud of it," Richard said, "that I built a little garage for it. More of a utility building, but the car just fits in it."

VETS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



B. Q. Sharp
Hydro Plant Supervisor
Pulaski
45 Years



T. W. Abolin
Plant Manager
Clinch River
40 Years



A. L. St. Clair
Records Mgt. Supv.
GO-Roanoke
35 Years



G. E. Holdren
T&D Clerk A
Roanoke
35 Years



K. K. Hubbard
Eng. Technician Sr.
Roanoke
35 Years



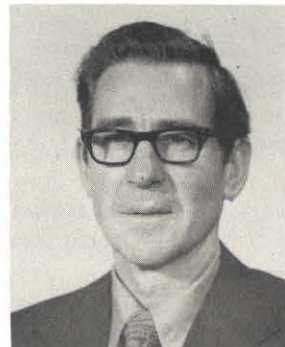
W. W. Holdren
Line Crew Supv. NE
Roanoke
35 Years



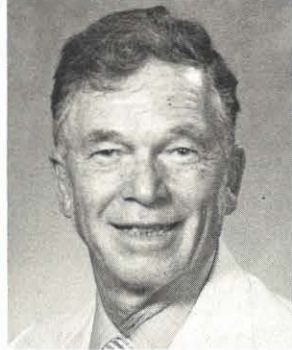
E. A. Clay
Electronic Technician
Kingsport
35 Years



T. H. Hardman
Ground Helper
Charleston
35 Years



R. K. McClaugherty
Chief Plant Dispatcher
Glen Lyn
35 Years



R. E. Leftwich
Line Inspector
Roanoke
35 Years



C. L. Musselman
Div. R/w Maint. Insp.
Roanoke
35 Years



W. R. Naff
R/w Agent
Roanoke
35 Years



G. T. Lineberry
General Servicer
Bluefield
35 Years



J. A. Martin
Line Inspector
Lynchburg
30 Years



R. B. Ratliff
Plant Manager
Glen Lyn
30 Years



F. E. Porter
Line Crew Supv. NE
Charleston
30 Years



Frances Keller
Personnel Asst.
Bluefield
30 Years



D. D. Alexander
Maintenance Mech. B
Philip Sporn
30 Years



C. T. Hoffman
Asst. Shift Op. Eng.
Philip Sporn
30 Years



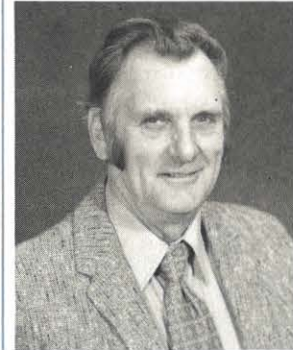
McKinley Cornett, Jr.
Division Supt.
Bluefield
30 Years



J. K. Hutcherson
T&D Clerk A
Roanoke
30 Years



W. D. Brown
Shift Op. Eng.
Philip Sporn
30 Years



R. F. Hickie
Instrument Mech. A
Philip Sporn
30 Years



W. G. Kirby
T&D Clerk A (LTD)
Charleston
30 Years



Jewell Woolridge
Secretary
GO-Roanoke
30 Years



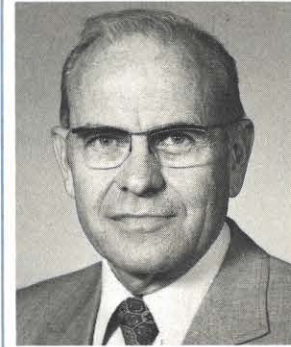
A. W. Rookstool
Asst. Shift Op. Eng.
John Amos
25 Years



G. L. Evans
Performance Eng. Sr.
Glen Lyn
25 Years



Mary Manning
Secretary
GO-Roanoke
25 Years



A. Q. Croy
Distribution Supt.
GO-Roanoke
25 Years



W. S. Williams, Jr.
T&D Clerk A (LTD)
Roanoke
25 Years



C. E. Smith
Equip. Serv. Rep. Sr.
Roanoke
20 Years

Abingdon
5 Years: **R. F. Rose**,
meter reader. **W. H.
Lindsey**, line mechanic
B.

John Amos
10 Years: **B. L.
Schmidt, II**, per-
formance engineer. 5
Years: **S. D. Reese**,
stores attendant. **H. C.
Skaggs, III**, utility
operator. **A. E. D.
Null**, maintenance
mechanic B. **R. K.
Young**, maintenance
mechanic A. **S. N.
Jenks**, utility operator
A. P. A. McLane,
maintenance mechanic
A.

Bluefield
10 Years: **A. M.
Brown**, station
mechanic A. **R. W.
Bruffey**, line mechanic
A. 5 Years: **W. O.
Waldron**, meter elec-
trician B.

**Central Machine
Shop**
5 Years: **R. S. Ash**,
machinist 2nd class.

Charleston
5 Years: **Sharon
Drake**, custodian.

Clinch River
15 Years: **L. E.
Vance**, maintenance
mechanic A. 10 Years:
R. L. Mays, equip-
ment operator. 5
Years: **R. J. Harris**,
maintenance mechanic
C.

General Office
20 Years: **Dale Beaty**,
classification and ac-
counts payable clerk B,
GO-Roanoke. 10
Years: **Roxana
Caudill**, junior stenog-
rapher, GO-Roanoke.
D. R. Torman, trans-
mission mechanic A,
GO-Charleston. **R. A.
Ashley**, station
mechanic A, GO-

Charleston. 5 Years:
Towanda Penn, custo-
mer accounting clerk C,
GO-Roanoke. **Patricia
Darocha**, classifica-
tion and ac-
counts payable clerk B,
GO-Roanoke. **J. E.
Divers, III**, customer
accounting clerk C,
GO-Roanoke. **Phyllis
Dunnville**, data pro-
cessing operator B,
GO-Roanoke.

Glen Lyn
15 Years: **Fairley
Long**, instrument
maintenance super-
visor.

Huntington
15 Years: **R. W.
Holley**, auto mechanic
A (LTD). **C. E. Dun-
ham**, area service re-
storator. 5 Years: **Ruth
Ferguson**, custodian.

Kanawha River
10 Years: **George
Williamson, III**, tractor
operator. **Glenn
Dahlin**, equipment
operator. **John
Rocker**, barge atten-
dant (LTD). **Robert
Schilling**, unit super-
visor. **Phillip Martin**,
chemist assistant. **Ken-
neth Moore, Jr.**,
maintenance mechanic
C.

Lynchburg
5 Years: **Kay
Camden**, customer ac-
counts representative
C.

Mountaineer
10 Years: **D. R. Hall**,
equipment operator.
R. R. Proffitt, mainte-
nance mechanic A.

Pulaski
15 Years: **R. A. Wool-
wine**, station mechanic
A. R. S. Jones, line
crew supervisor NE.

Roanoke
20 Years: **J. E.
Nichols, Jr.**, general
line supervisor. 5
Years: **M. R. Lawson**,
line mechanic C.

Philip Sporn
10 Years: **Raymond
Sisk**, tractor operator.

NEW FACES

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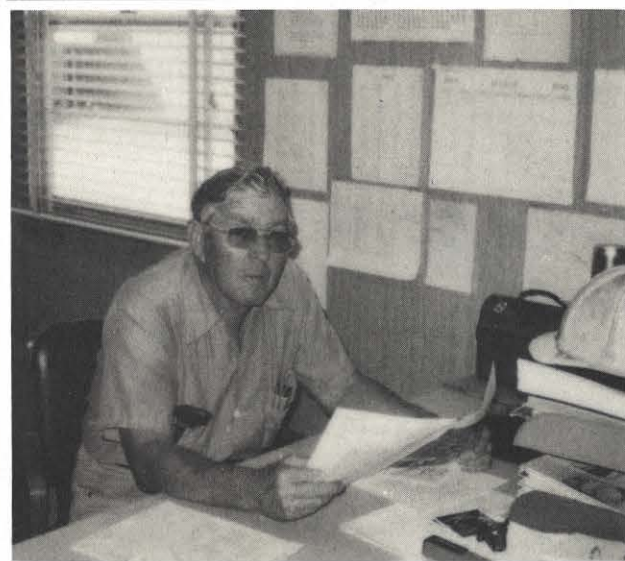
Charleston
Gregory Bird, engi-
neering technician.
Roberta Russell,
junior clerk. **Karen
Smith**, office
messenger.

Kingsport
Deborah Church,
junior clerk.

Pulaski
J. S. Worrell, engi-
neering technician.
J. D. Ogle, meter
reader, Galax.

Roanoke
John Mitchell, III, and
Posey Dillon, meter
readers.

JACK HOLBERT HANGS UP HARD HAT



Nearly every place there was construction on the Appalachian System over the past 28 years, sooner or later you could expect to find Robert D. "Jack" Holbert. Starting out as a junior engineer-civil at Ohio Power's Muskingum River Plant in 1952, he moved to Appalachian's Clinch River Plant in 1957 and to the Smith Mountain Project in 1961. He was assigned to GO Virginia Hydro in 1967 and to Mountaineer Plant in 1975. When he retired September 1, Jack was a civil construction assistant I at Putnam Coal Terminal.

Jack says that the most enjoyable work he did was surveying for the Blue Ridge Project. "We were outside about all the time and the work was a lot different from building facilities, with all the hustle and bustle."

Traveling to visit his children will occupy some of Jack's time during retirement. His daughter lives in North Carolina and his three sons in Colorado, St. Louis and Marlinton, West Virginia. Working around the house, fishing and traveling around the State of West Virginia to visit places he hasn't been are also on the agenda.

OUTHOUSE HEAT A COLE FIRST



Milt Cole claims that he got his start with Appalachian 35 years ago by joking with a receptionist. "In the summer of 1945 I was visiting in Williamson and was walking around sight-seeing on a Monday when I saw the name Appalachian and Kentucky Power. The idea of two companies in one interested me, so I went in and started kidding with the receptionist and asked if they needed any help.

"She referred me to Al Beatty, who was commercial manager at that time. He gave me an application blank, sent me for a physical exam and told me to come to work the next day! So, if you kid with a receptionist, you may get stuck for 35 years," Milt said.

Milt ended his career on August 31 as equipment service representative senior in Huntington. He started as an appliance serviceman B when he landed that first job. And Milt remembers fondly the old days.

"We repaired electric ranges and water heaters, and there was no one else in Williamson doing service work. If a range or refrigerator wasn't operating, it wasn't using kilowatt-hours, and we were trying to get every bit of load we could on the lines," Milt said.

"I was trying to sell electric service to people who had free gas from wells in their backyards. We had all kinds of experiences. I remember once calling on a home, and a bearded man came to the door. When I asked him if I could sign him up for a two- or three-wire service, he said he had gas heat, gas lights, gas refrigerator and a gas stove and didn't need any electric service.

"About that time a young, attractive lady stepped into the doorway and informed him that he could have the gas appliances, but she was going to have electric lights, an electric washing machine and an electric iron. There was no further question. The man signed up for a three-wire service right then," Milt said.

Milt recalls the difficulties of selling electric service then and what led to the heated outhouse. "It was hard to sell electric energy in those days. I was asked to sell electric heat. The closest electric heating installation was in Narrows, Virginia," Milt said. "To make the point that any building could be heated electrically, I found an outside "john" and designed and installed electric heat. This consisted of two heat lamps mounted on a hinged arm. When the customer left the back door of the farmhouse, he turned the switch on. By the time he arrived "at the end of the path," the seat had been warmed. At that point he would swing the heat lamps from over the seat to a position that would keep his feet warm. "This application was documented and has been used by Chromolox in many of their promotional meetings as an extreme example of an electric heating application," Milt said.

Milt was transferred to Huntington in 1963 to supervise the heating and air conditioning department and coordinate Appalachian's heat pump service contract program. (The program was abandoned in 1975 due to a Public Service Commission ruling.)

Those days were ones of heavy promotion. "Those early days were exciting. We had quotas to meet, and we did everything imaginable to promote sales. We even introduced French fries to people and served them free so that we could sell the fry kettles. "We offered prizes and all types of promotions. The company provided incentives for us so that we were able to win fishing trips and various other awards for outstanding sales performance. We worked long hours and had a lot of fun," he said.

Looking back, he says, "I only wish I had another 35 years that I could do it all over again."

But now Milt's thoughts have turned to more leisurely pursuits. "I think when you retire, you just have to play it by ear and let things work out," he said. "I've been asked to teach a class in refrigeration and air conditioning, and I'm thinking about that."

Gardening, church work, bowling and some golf filled the leisure hours before retirement. Now, there will be some traveling. "Our first plans were to do a bit of traveling until the increase in gasoline cost put a limit on that. My wife Josephine and I would like to go to Hawaii. We could visit our son in California on the way. We have no definite plans at the moment, but that's what we'd like to do," he said.



Helen and Keith L. Lazenby were awarded a plaque by The Woman's Club of Charleston in appreciation for their chairing the House and Grounds Committee for the past two years. Keith is right-of-way supervisor in GO T&D R/e and R/w, Charles-
ton.

SAUNDERS' TEAM DISTRICT CHAMP



Dennis, left, and Jerry Saunders.

Jerry D. Saunders, statistical accountant in GO Accounting, Roanoke, started coaching in 1973 when his son Dennis began playing midget baseball. After eight seasons the big prize came this year. Saunders' Heights Club team, comprised of ages 13-15, won the Southwest District Tournament championship.

Most of the youngsters Jerry first coached in midget baseball continued to play on his teams in the years that followed. "The team has won many honors, but this year was the greatest because the team won it all," Jerry said. The icing on the season was four victories over the team that won the championship in 1979.

"Dennis played shortstop and pitched for the team. He had a 6-0 pitching record for the year and led the team with a .585 batting average, four home runs, eight doubles and 34 RBIs.

On the way to the District championship, the Heights Club won the Roanoke Valley Junior Boys League regular season championship and the Roanoke City Championship.

"It has been enjoyable working with these boys, and I am looking forward to following them throughout their high school and college careers," Jerry said.

Jerry is quite an amateur athlete himself. He played shortstop on several championship teams in the Roanoke "A" fast pitch softball league. He has bowled in the Power Keglers League for over 10 years and has carried an average of over 170.

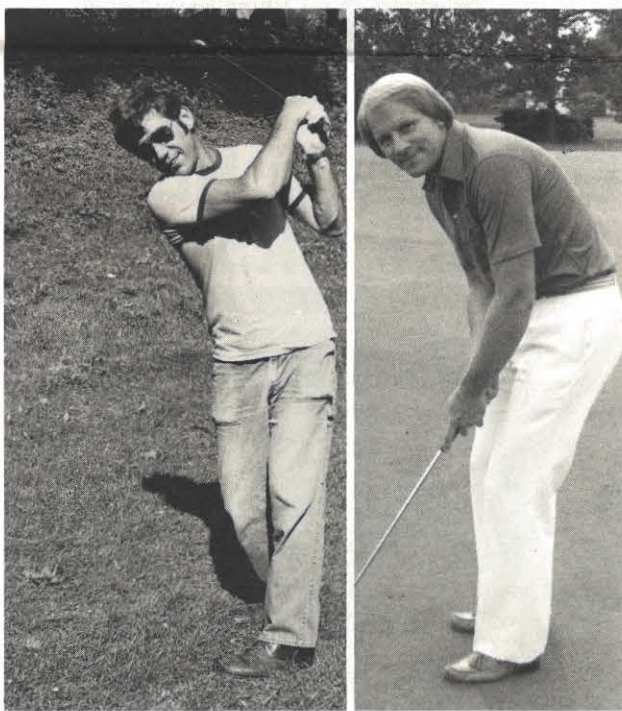


The Surface family of Roanoke played a big part in the success of the Southwest Virginia Bank baseball team. Jim, GO T&D Station relay engineering technologist, was an assistant coach on the team that was regular season Pee Wee champs. Son Chad, 8, left, played in the outfield. Son Brent, 6, right, was official bat boy.



J. B. Woodrum, 17-year-old son of Charleston Meter Reader Sharon Woodrum, won first place in the 250c class in a motorcross race at Ripley, W.Va. Sharon, her husband Jerry, and J.B. enjoy riding on country dirt roads as a family hobby. Jerry also raced in the motorcross open c class prior to an injury earlier this year.

SAY, HOW DO YOU HOLD THIS CLUB?



Jerry Corder, left, and Eddie Stone.

Some 42 Charleston Division personnel showed up at Scarlet Oaks Golf Course in Poca, W.Va. last May to take part in the Charleston Division Golf Tournament.

Many of the players saw a lot of the rough. In fact, the consensus of opinion was that the fairways were too narrow and the rough was too rough. Also there was too much rough.

The object was to take the fewest number of strokes. But from the size of some of the scores, it appeared that the opposite was true.

Eddie Stone, customer accounts representative A, was chairman of the event and walked off with most of the awards. Eddie tied with Meter Reader Joe Sawyer for second place. Eddie also hit the longest drive on the #17 hole and made the fewest putts.

The low score winner was Line Mechanic B Jerry Corder. Collector Gene Caldwell finished in third place.

Don Newman, a retiree, was closest to the pin on the 16th hole. And Jerry Martin, station mechanic A, was closest to the pin on the 11th hole.

IF YOU SEE BEAR, WALK, DON'T RUN



This tale might be titled: All I wanted was a turkey.

It involves Phyllis Lovett, winder third class at Central Machine Shop. She is a devoted hunter, and when spring turkey season arrived, she met some relatives at a cabin in Kumbrow State Park for hunting.

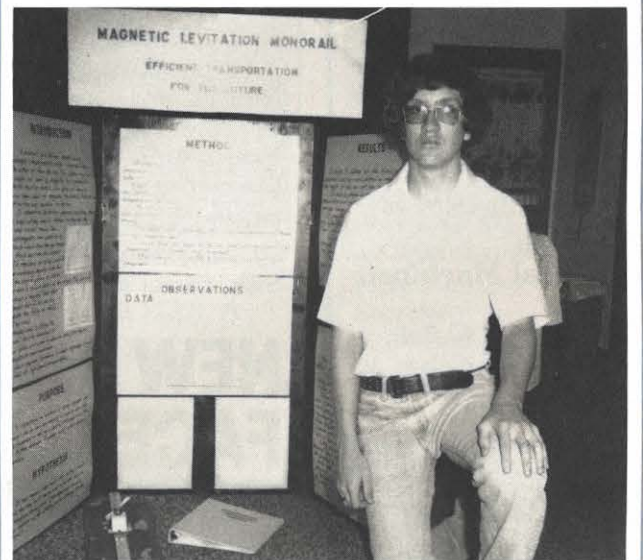
At daybreak on the day of the hunt, everyone parted company and went out in search of gobblers. Phyllis walked about a half mile down an old logging road. It was about this time that she heard a noise nearby, maybe a twig breaking. She passed it off as possibly another hunter. At any rate, she was more alert and tried to be quiet. That was difficult because the woods were very dry.

"After proceeding a bit further along the trail, I stopped to listen," Phyllis said. "Then, there was a sound like a very soft step. Kneeling beside an old tree stump so I could not be readily seen, I peered along the trail. Something black was coming toward me. I exclaimed rather loudly, 'My gosh, it's a bear, and a big black bear it was.

"I stood up. The bear did not move. I did, not running, but at a very fast walking pace," she said.

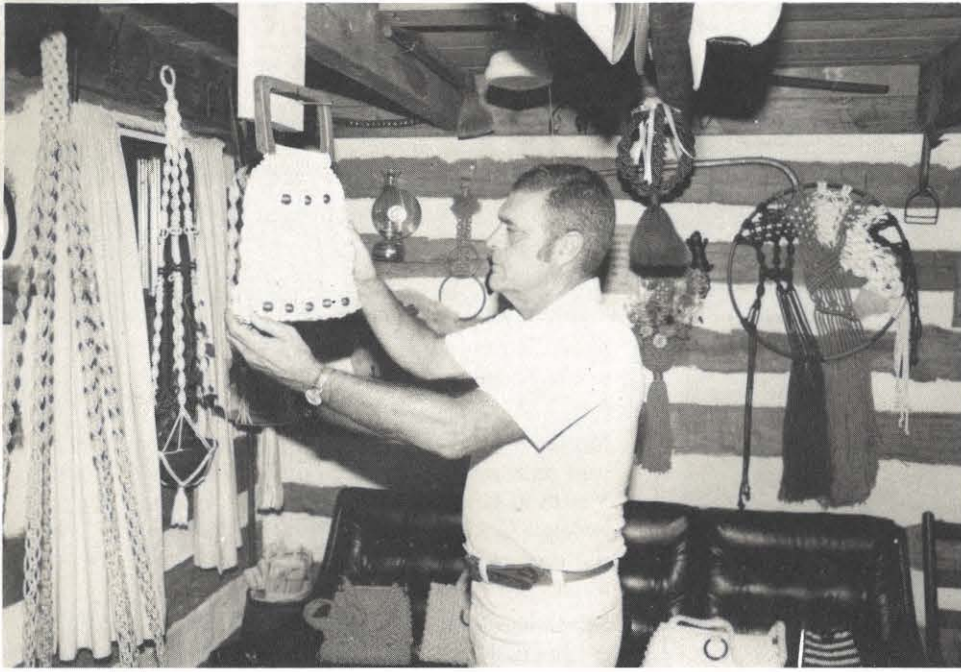
She did not believe it when her companions told her that the bear was just as afraid as she.

"Retracing my retreat later on, I discovered a two-foot-diameter log lying across my path. You know, I hadn't noticed that log before," Phyllis said.



Todd Fowler's project, "Magnetic Levitation Monorail — Efficient Transportation For The Future", won honorable mention in the field of physics at the Bedford County, Va., Science Fair. The project, which consisted of a working model and written report, also won these awards: second place cash award of \$15 in regional competition at Lynchburg College, \$25 cash award from the Society of Civil Engineers of Lynchburg, certificate of recognition from The Department of the Navy, and an award from the National Aeronautical Space Administration, which consisted of a trip for him and his family to Langley Air Force Base, Norfolk, Va., for the award presentation. His project was also selected by a committee of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science to be presented at a two-day seminar at the University of Virginia. This selection carried with it a \$10 cash award. Todd is the son of Norman R. Fowler, Lynchburg engineering technician senior.

SOWERS' MACRAME DECORATES LOG CABIN HE BUILT



While Pulaski Division Line Superintendent Paul Sowers was recuperating at home from laryngitis following the ice storm of January 1979, he became involved in a hobby which has since given him many hours of enjoyment.

Paul's wife Mildred bought a macrame kit with instructions for making a plant hanger. For a lack of something to occupy his time, Paul decided to try his hand and discovered he was quite adept at tying the necessary knots. He attributes his success with macrame to the knot-tying he learned while in the U.S. Navy.

Since that first plant hanger, his hobby has grown by leaps and bounds. He started making gifts for members of his and Mildred's families. And after people saw his work, which is flawless, they started asking him to make various items. Paul says, "I did not start out with the idea of selling items, but it came to the point that I had to at least start charging for the material I was using." He charges \$1.50 for key rings, the smallest item he makes, up to \$50 for hanging tables, the largest item.

Paul's talent expanded into towel hangers, wall hangings, Christmas and Easter decorations, owls, mini-brooms, whatnot shelves, magazine racks, baskets and women's hand and shoulder bags. Mildred said, "He has made 42 hand and/or shoulder bags. One day I was carrying one he had just finished and a friend kept admiring it. I just emptied the contents into a paper bag and sold it to her." She has kept a record of every item Paul has made and the name of the person who was given or sold the item.

The hand and shoulder bags seem to be Paul's most popular item. He said, "I average about 12 hours labor on each of the bags." It takes from \$6 to \$15 worth of material to make a bag, depending on the size and shape.

One of the most time-consuming pieces Paul ever made was a Christmas wreath. He estimates it took over 500 pieces of cord that were tied individually onto a wire frame. Then each piece of cord was unraveled and brushed individually to get the desired effect.

Paul adds that "I really enjoy this hobby and am convinced it has been good therapy for the arthritis I have in my fingers and hands."

Many of the items Paul makes are used as part of the decor in the "South 40", the Sowers' cabin located on New River in the Delton section of Pulaski County.

In 1972, Paul located some old logs in Floyd County that had been part of a school building dating back to 1815. He moved the logs and started assembling them in November of 1972. After all the logs were in place, Paul wrapped the outside of the cabin in black plastic since he had not put the chinking between the logs and he wanted to work on it during the winter. Paul did work on the cabin throughout the winter months and Mildred said, "We spent our first night in the cabin in June 1973." Paul was assisted with the construction of the cabin by a neighbor, and Paul returned the favor when he helped his neighbor build a modern cabin on the adjoining lot.

Since the original construction, they have added a roof over the porch and built an additional room. In addition to Paul's macrame, the cabin is furnished with antiques, which, except for one, are family heirlooms. Paul and Mildred refinished all the antiques themselves. Some of the antiques are 100 or more years old and none of them under 50 years old.

Mildred is proud of an antique school desk that she used when she was a child. Her mother, Dora Wood Turner, was a school teacher and she taught Mildred the first three grades at home with Mildred using the desk. Mildred did not go to public school until she was at the fourth grade level.

Other parts of the cabin's decor were acquired during the years Paul worked as a lineman. The cabin is equipped with electric heat and two wood-burning stoves. One of the wood burners is built into a beautiful fireplace. Another attraction is Paul's collection of some 70 caps hanging in the cabin. The caps have familiar trade names on them, such as Cat, Wolverine, United, and each has a story as to how it was acquired.

Mildred concluded, "This cabin has always been Paul's dream. It was planned for many years."

BASEBALL CARD COLLECTION PAYS OFF FOR JEFF ARNOLD



A collection of baseball cards started in 1951 by Gerry Arnold, utility supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant, is beginning to pay off for his son Jeff.

Jeff recently sold one of the cards, a 1952 Mickey Mantle, for \$500. Jeff says that this card is one of the top ten in the world and would have been worth a lot more but it wasn't in very good condition for showing. He has quite a few cards worth \$75 but he isn't interested right now in selling. In all, Jeff's collection consists of between 6,000 and 7,000 cards.



Valley Haven Stables I team won first place in the Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League for 1979-80. Proudly displaying their trophies are, l. to r., Bob Bowen, maintenance mechanic B; Burton Hickman, unit supervisor; Buck Tennant, maintenance supervisor, high game and high average; and John Davis, plant staff accountant junior.

DOLLARS AND CENTS? NO, POUNDS AND PENCE

It wasn't the ordinary type of legal tender that the Charleston office received recently. But it succeeded in keeping the power on.

A customer with a back bill of some \$200 was notified to visit the office and make arrangements for payment or face disconnection. The customer came in and talked with Barbara Markham, customer accounts assistant. It was agreed to leave service on with a payment of \$60 on the back bill. The customer said he did not have that amount and promised to return with payment. A couple of days later, he did so. But it was no ordinary check that the man presented as partial payment. The check was made out to his wife and was endorsed by her sister, who lives in Southampton, England. Not the least of it was that the check was written on an account in the National Westminster Bank, Limited, for 12 pounds and 50 pence. Not only was the check nine months old but no one knew how much it was worth in dollars and cents. The customer attempted to clear up the value issue, saying that a local bank informed him it was worth \$27.50 in U.S. currency.

When Mary Mayfield, cashier A, first saw the check, she wanted to give the man \$12.50. As it turned out, the Charleston Division guaranteed the bank \$27.50 in case the check was returned. The man had additional money to cover the difference between the Westminster Bank check and \$60.

The check has not made its way back from England so the assumption is that it is good.

THANKS TO KNIGHT BIRD TAKES FLIGHT



Birds, kite string and power lines don't go together. Add a "knight in an orange truck," however, and all is well.

Charlie Shannon, Roanoke general servicer, is one of the heroes of this tale, along with a 13-year-old Stewartsville boy named David Garraghty.

David and his mother were driving on Virginia Route 757 on July 1 when David spotted something. "Stop. There's a bird caught up there," David yelled to his mother. She didn't, but the bird was still dangling from the line when they returned home about four hours later.

The family's ladder would not reach. The Stewartsville Fire Department did not want to get involved with the power lines. David called Appalachian, and someone agreed to help. David pedaled his bike nearly a mile down the road to meet help.

Sandra McClelland, Roanoke T&D clerk A, remembered the call. "He was a real serious child, trying to do a good deed. I asked him if he was sure the bird was still alive. He said, 'It's not dead. I've been watching it. It's alive.' Before he hung up, he said to 'just tell your man when he comes to look for a kid on a bicycle'," Sandra said.

Charlie drove up and went to work. *The Roanoke Times & World-News*, which printed a story about the rescue operation, referred to the APCo man as "the knight in the orange truck."

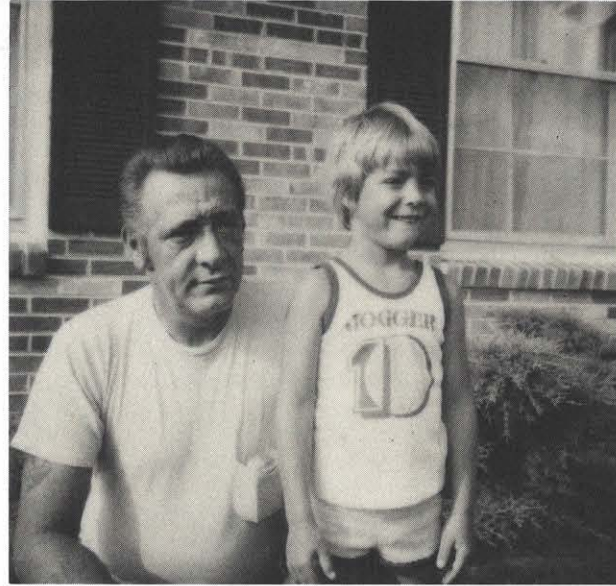
Elevated by a cherry picker, Charlie untangled the killdeer bird by cutting the kite string. "The bird was dangling by one foot when I arrived. I believe it had caught a foot in the kite string before it landed on our lines," Charlie said.

The bird was turned over to David, who pedaled home on his bike. David called Dr. Gerald Buckland, a veterinarian in Vinton, for instructions on splinting the damaged leg. The killdeer was reported to be resting well after a snack of bread and water.

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FUTURE IS NOW FOR JESS SHELLEY



When Jess R. Shelley, station mechanic D, GO T&D Station, Bluefield, finished the multi-media first aid training class on June 2, he tucked away the knowledge in the back of his head for future use.

Little did he know at the time that the future would come so soon. But two days later, Jess' five-year-old son Matthew started to go into what Jess and his wife thought might be an epileptic seizure.

As they were leaving for the hospital emergency room, Matthew ceased breathing and turned blue. Jess stopped his car, took Matthew out and administered several minutes of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until the rescue squad which his wife had called, arrived.

"Had it not been for the first aid class, I would not have been able to do it, and Matthew would have suffocated," Jess said. "I appreciate the training received through the company, and the time involved in the training is not being wasted."

The Shelleys did not learn until about 10 days after the incident that the seizure had been caused by a concussion. Matthew had bumped his head on the front porch while riding his tricycle the night before. There were no signs of the head injury at the time, and the seizure occurred some 14 hours later.

FIRST AID COURSE PAYS OFF FOR SISK



Ray Sisk, left, possibly saved the life of June Maxey, right, with the use of the Heimlich maneuver, which he learned in a company first aid course.

There are at least two people at Philip Sporn Plant who have a greater appreciation for the company's first aid training than they did a month ago.

Ray Sisk, tractor operator, was talking to a group of people when he noticed that June Maxey, maintenance mechanic D, was having difficulty trying to breathe. When June dropped to her knees, Ray ran over and started the Heimlich maneuver on her. After about three tries, June started breathing again. When it was all over, Ray declared that he was more scared than June.

Ray says, "It's a good idea to review first aid procedures in the plant safety meeting. I hope everyone will pay attention in case they ever need to help someone."

ROTENBERRY SINGS WAY ACROSS EUROPE



Karen Rotenberry, third girl from right standing, waves to friends while on a concert tour.

Karen Rotenberry, daughter of Beckley Division Manager T. A. Rotenberry, toured Europe this summer as a member of the concert choir of "America's Youth in Concert — 1980". She was one of four Raleigh County, W.Va., students selected to make the tour, sponsored by the Universal Academy for Music of Princeton, N.J.

Students were selected after a nationwide audition, in which, Karen said, "every state in the union, except Hawaii, was represented this year." Purpose of the program is to demonstrate internationally the high quality and fine character of American youth while enriching and expanding the musical and cultural horizons of the young musicians. Before leaving Beckley, Karen was presented a \$100 check from Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International in recognition of her achievement.

Prior to departure for Europe, the group performed at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and at Carnegie Hall as part of the Hall's 90th birthday celebration. While on tour, the students concertized in Rome, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, Strasbourg, Paris and London. "We had a fantastic time everywhere we toured," Karen said, "but I would have to pick Rome as my favorite — for several reasons but mainly because there's so much history in that place. Next I would choose Innsbruck because it reminded me of home."

Karen continues, "One of the most amusing things to me occurred on our next to the last stop on the tour. We had arrived in Paris and the first thing we saw was a McDonald's. There was a mad rush by a busload of kids for hamburgers and cokes!"

Before her graduation from Woodrow Wilson High School in June, Karen was a member of the school chorus and was the recipient of the "outstanding all-state chorus and is a member of the sanctuary choir at Beckley's United Methodist Temple. Karen, also an accomplished pianist, will major in music education at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

IF DAD CAN'T PLAY, MAYBE SON CAN

Huntington Personnel Supervisor R. A. King, as a youth, envisioned himself seated at the drums in the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey Circus Band pounding out the beat as the big cats roamed and high wire acts performed. Bob, who was a drummer in high school, admits that he did not possess the talent necessary to pursue his dream.

He is still a lover of the Big Top. His office, for example, contains a wealth of circus pictures and memorabilia. And he will entertain listeners with stories about the history of the circus at the slightest suggestion.

Bob was recently "touched" by the Greatest Show on Earth when it toured West Virginia this year. The circus band needed a trombone player for Saturday performances. It just so happened that Bob's son David is a professional musician. David was hired by the circus to play three performances. Afterward David was paid by Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey check bearing the famous circus logo featuring two elephants.

David sent his father a photocopy of the check and the following note: "I know you always wanted to play with Ringling Brothers but never made it. I'm sending you a copy of my check just to show you that I did it for you. Love, David."