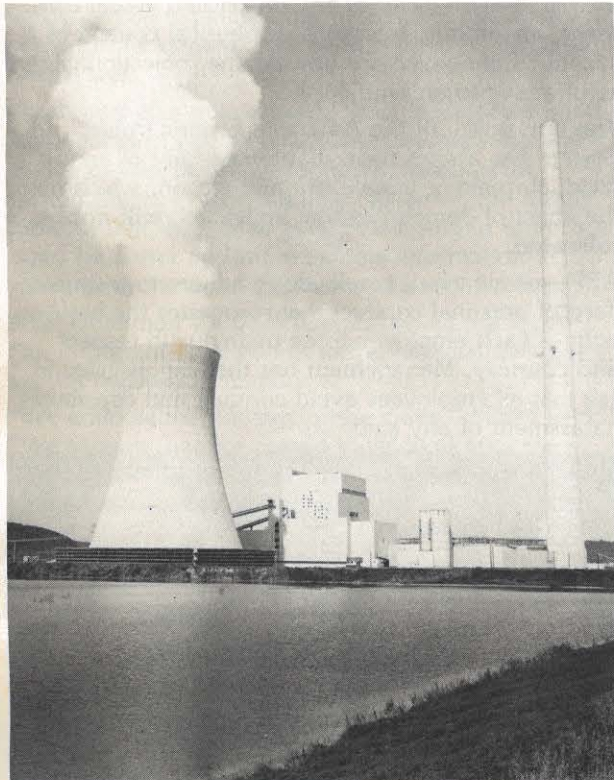


MOUNTAINEER PLANT GOES COMMERCIAL



Appalachian Power Company's Mountaineer Plant at New Haven, West Virginia, was placed in commercial operation September 15 at 12:01 a.m. This coal-fired generating plant has a capacity of 1,300,000 kilowatts.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said that commercial operation of the plant followed a testing period of about 60 days. He added, "The unit has been relatively free of start-up difficulties and those problems which were encountered were manageable. Since August 10, the unit has been available for service all but a few hours. Because of this outstanding test operation period, the decision was made to place the unit in commercial operation on September 15."

Construction of the plant was begun in early 1974. Later that year, work on the plant was slowed, due to Appalachian's worsening financial condition. Work was accelerated in mid-1977, and the plant's turbine was first rolled on July 9, 1980.

The plant is estimated to cost \$638-million, of which \$119-million, or 19%, is for environmental protection facilities. Included are electrostatic precipitators with an efficiency of 99.7%, a cooling tower to provide the plant with a closed circuit water system, and other measures. The plant will burn coal with a sulfur content to permit it to comply with air quality regulations, which limits sulfur emissions to 1.2 pounds per million Btu heat input.

The unit will consume some 3-million tons of coal annually, most of it from the coalfields of southern West Virginia.

The 1.3-million kw unit is the fourth such unit to be constructed on the American Electric Power System, and the second in West Virginia. The other is located at Appalachian's John E. Amos Plant, Morgan's Landing.

The addition of Mountaineer Plant raises Appalachian's generating capacity to 5,885,000 kilowatts.

APCO GRANTED INTERIM RATE HIKE IN VA.

Appalachian Power Company last month was granted a \$22.3 million interim rate increase by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. The increase, averaging 6.7% for all of its customers in Virginia, was placed in effect September 15 and is subject to refund, pending a full hearing next year.

Appalachian had filed a request for a \$23.6 million or 7% overall increase with the SCC in July. After review of the company's filing, SCC staff recommended a \$22.3 million increase.

The increase is needed to help offset costs associated with the new 1,300,000 kilowatt Mountaineer Plant at New Haven, West Virginia, which went into commercial operation on September 15, as well as a new 100,000-kilowatt unit at the company's Smith Mountain Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project on Roanoke River in Virginia.

SAVINGS WINNERS GET \$50 BONDS



AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr. checks the name of the winner of the grand prize in the U.S. Savings Bond Sweepstakes drawing with Thomas Abate, (right) Manhattan area manager for the U.S. Treasury.

Seven Appalachian Power employees and one Kingsport Power employee won \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds in the AEP 1980 Savings Bond Sweepstakes and Canvassers' drawing.

The Appalachian winners were: T. W. Wolfe, T&D clerk A, Bluefield; Clyde Wysor, general line supervisor, Bluefield; Randy B. Forrester, line mechanic C, Abingdon; W. O. Vaughan, personnel supervisor, Pulaski; Joyce Cook, GO general records accountant, Roanoke; R. D. Carson Jr., administrative assistant to the President; J. M. Wright, customer services supervisor, Roanoke.

J. L. Kesterson, residential representative, was the \$50 bond winner in Kingsport.

In a year in which most industrial and utility companies have reported drops in participation, the AEP System managed to more than hold even.

In all, 24 AEP System employees won savings bonds in the Sweepstakes Drawing. Twenty employees won bonds in the Canvassers' Drawing.

The winner of the grand prize, a trip for two to the island of St. Maarten, was Louis Michel, an engineering assistant in electrical engineering in New York.

ETS PROGRAM UNDERWAY IN VIRGINIA DIVISIONS



Ralph Fern (right) of Abingdon, Virginia, is the first Appalachian Power customer to purchase an ETS furnace for installation in his new home, now under construction. A. C. Hutton, Jr. (left), Abingdon residential representative, presents Fern a Save America's Valuable Energy (SAVE) certificate.

A new load management and conservation program, which could result in lower electric bills for some customers, is now underway in Appalachian Power Company's Virginia service area. Fourteen dealers are participating in the ETS program at present.

The program was announced by Appalachian last December, and the Virginia State Corporation Commission has given approval to the company's load management rate, which is lower than the regular residential rate. Appalachian's plan to implement the program in West Virginia has been authorized by the Public Service Commission and will begin as soon as the rate schedule is approved.

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

Use of ETS equipment in the home will provide major benefits to both the customers and Appalachian because such use would take place during off-peak hours. For the customer, benefits would include a lower monthly electric bill resulting from the off-peak rate, as well as a quality heating system. For Appalachian, benefits could include both a reduction in and a delaying of its need to build new power generation and transmission facilities, and improved operating costs due to the greater use of high-efficiency generating units in the off-peak hours.

An ETS furnace is a combination electric furnace and heat storage unit. At night, heating elements in the storage furnace raise its interior temperature up to 1,400°F. This heat is stored in refractory-type bricks until it is needed. Then a blower pulls in the return air, which is directed through the layers of heated bricks. The air, now heated, then is recirculated through the home's duct system. A thermostat controls a damper that regulates the amount of air to be introduced into the heat chamber and thus controls the temperature of the warm air that exits the ETS device.

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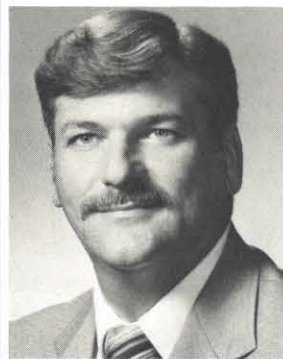
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MOVING UP



Randy E. M. Chambers, former personnel supervisor at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Breed Plant, was named personnel supervisor at the John Amos Plant on September 1. Chambers succeeds E. C. Bradley, who was promoted to assistant labor relations supervisor, GO Personnel, Roanoke. Chambers holds an associate degree in management technology from Indiana University.



Estel W. DeHart, former maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Glen Lyn Plant on September 1.



Robert J. Robinson, former environmental engineer, was promoted to environmental staff engineer in GO Executive, Roanoke, on September 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and math from West Liberty State College.



W. S. Stewart, former area service restorer, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division on September 13, succeeding C. E. Fowler, Jr.

APCO To Sell Bonds, Preferred

Appalachian Power Company plans to sell up to \$80 million of first mortgage bonds and \$40 million of preferred stock at competitive bidding on or about October 29. Proceeds will be used to repay short-term debt.

AEP SYSTEM NEWS BRIEFS

Falcone, Dixon Promoted

Dr. Charles A. Falcone has been elected vice president — computer applications of the AEP Service Corporation. As director of the Computer Applications Department in New York he succeeded Anthony F. Gabrielle, who accepted a management position in electronic data processing with Gulf States Utilities Company, Beaumont, Texas.

According to President Richard E. Disbrow, Falcone will continue to be responsible for coordination of corporate research and development activities and will continue to serve as chairman of the research and development task force.

Also, Tod O. Dixon, head of the Computer Systems Division, Canton, Ohio was promoted to deputy director of the Computer Applications Department and will assist Falcone in over-all

management of the System's data processing activities. For the time being, Dixon will also continue to direct operation of the Central Computer Center in Canton.

Sullivan Joins Service Corp.

William J. Sullivan last month joined the Service Corporation's Insurance & Pension Department as manager of corporate insurance.

During the past five years Sullivan held the post of manager of insurance at Hobart Corporation in Troy, Ohio. Prior to that, he was employed by Abbott Laboratories and State Farm Insurance Company.

Sullivan will be located in Columbus although the remainder of the department is not scheduled to relocate to Columbus until next summer. He replaces John S. Kenney, who resigned.

Hall To Head PUAV

O. C. Hall, president of Wheeling Electric Company, last month was named president-elect of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias. Presently serving as first vice president and a member of the executive committee, Hall will succeed Paul M. Horst, Jr., as president of the association on January 1, 1981. Horst is vice president of Potomac Edison Company.

James B. Berg, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of Appalachian Power Company, was re-elected as treasurer of the association. Morris E. McCrary, assistant accounting manager of Appalachian Power, was re-elected assistant treasurer.

PUAV is made up of investor-owned electric utility companies operating in Virginia, West Virginia and neighboring states. The purpose of the association is to promote the interests of both the public and the member companies.

COMPANY REAFFIRMS ITS POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

There has recently been considerable publicity about sexual harassment on the job. The company continues to have a firm position on this matter. The policy, which is a part of the company's affirmative action program, is as follows:

The American Electric Power System is committed to providing any employee or applicant a work environment that is free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment includes any unsolicited verbal comment, innuendos, questions or physical contact of a sexual nature which are unwelcome, objectionable, or offensive to an employee.

The firm policy of the American Electric Power System has always been that harassment of an individual, male or female, for any reason, which has the effect of demeaning that individual, **will not be tolerated.**

AEP expects every employee to adhere to a standard of personal conduct that recognizes the basic right of each employee to be treated with respect and courtesy. Management has the responsibility to see that all employees avoid conduct that constitutes harassment of any kind.



The Huntington Division was awarded a President's Certificate of Excellence for a safety audit conducted July 28-August 1. Requirements for safety certification are having an average grade of 3.5 or better and having an incidence index lower than the AEP index for comparable periods. Huntington's average grade was 4.05 and the division's incidence index was 0.424 compared to AEP's rate of 0.710 for the period August 1, 1979, through July 31, 1980. Division Manager F. O. Helm, left, accepts the award on behalf of Huntington employees from Nick Roomy, Appalachian vice president.

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ACID RAIN STUDY RELEASED

"It is difficult to show that acid rain has caused significant damage to the environment in the U.S." That's an observation made in the report, issued last month, on an acid rain study conducted by Battelle Memorial Institute's Columbus Laboratories for the AEP Service Corporation.

In discussing the difficulties of establishing the effects of acid rain, the report summary noted, "One can see some signs of recent erosion of rocks in New Hampshire or damage to vegetation in New York, which can be explained on the basis of the acidity of rain. But the damage can be explained by other factors as well."

The report also pointed out, "It is difficult to demonstrate convincingly by direct measurement that the acidity of rain has significantly increased in the United States in recent times. However, the trends indicate that there may be a problem, and there is a need for better and more reliable information to make environmental decisions on a rational basis."

AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr. called the study "an important contribution to the national dialogue on this particular situation."

"We endorse the findings of the study," White said. "We suggest that concerned individuals take the time to read the study and use its factual materials as the basis for future decisions."

Battelle had been commissioned in June to assess and summarize current knowledge on the subject of acid rain. Battelle conducted an extensive review of the international literature and numerous field interviews with scientists, government officials and citizens throughout the northeastern United States, southeastern Canada and northern Europe.

The study findings are contained in a 21-page summary of a multi-volume report. The report was coordinated by Dr. Joseph H. Oxley of Battelle, working with a team of nine staff members.

The report's authors wrote, "There is a need to know more about the separate effects of the various components in rain on the ecosystem, not only the acid and alkalis present, but trace amount of toxic materials as well."

In addition, they noted, "There are other factors involved in the effects attributed to acid rain. The role of organic acids has generally been neglected in past work. The reactions of pollutants with natural products in the affected region need to be studied. The factors leading to the natural acidity of some lakes need study. Prior environmental insults to affected regions need to be documented."

Against that background, the report continued:

"Further analysis of existing data bases and further investigation of the mechanisms of long-range transport of acidity are needed to improve the ability to predict long-range transport. There is insufficient information on nitrogen oxide behavior in plumes. Longer-term operation of the current monitoring networks is essential, and private industry initiative in this area should be encouraged. The health effects of acid rain and acid fog need to be established with much greater certainty. Also needed is effort on the role acid rain plays on the corrosion of materials. Finally, more effort is needed in field research and monitoring of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems."

As explained at the time the study was announced, the objectives of the study were to:

- Determine what is known about the formation, transport, deposition and effect of acid rain from an environmental standpoint.
- Determine what research efforts are currently underway or planned on acid rain.
- Determine what additional research efforts are needed, if any, to permit rational conclusions and recommendations concerning the environmental causes and effects of acid rain.

The report notes that, in the past 50 years, man-made emissions of sulfur oxides have increased but that the exact degree of increase is uncertain. Also, the amount of man-made nitrogen oxide emissions has increased at a relatively high rate in recent years. The report points out that there is less certainty about other emissions, both natural and man-made. Natural emissions — for example, hydrocarbons from forests and ammonia from various sources — are thought to be substantial.

And, the report adds, "If new standards — based on the impact of such emissions — are to be established, there is substantial need for refining the existing emissions data."

"Our purpose in sponsorship of the study was to develop a base of information that could serve as the foundation for a rational discussion of this situation," White said. "We believe the report does just that. In the months ahead it can serve as the key resource tool for anyone interested in objectively assessing the situation and the need, if any, for corrective action."

ACID RAIN HAS BECOME POLITICAL ISSUE

One thing is certain in the current acid rain controversy. Something is causing some lakes in the Adirondack Mountains to lose their life, while others nearby are affected to a lesser degree or not at all.

What is boils down to is that the pertinent data are "confusing and conflicting," in the words of Dr. Ralph M. Perhac, director of environmental assessment for the Electric Power Research Institute.

Dr. Perhac, who has made the same observation in Washington and other areas, was one of several speakers last month when the Edison Electric Institute conducted a workshop in Columbus on acid precipitation. The meeting attracted about 50 legislative, environmental and public affairs representatives of electric utilities in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Similar workshops are being held across the country.

The workshop's purpose was to outline to utility representatives some of the charges against the industry, scientific findings to date and what to expect out of Washington in 1981 when the Clean Air Act comes up for study and probable modifications.

Dr. Perhac, whose EPRI organization already has spent \$9 million in acid rain research and plans to spend another \$5 million annually over the next five years, said there are more unanswered questions than answered ones. "There are just too many variables," he said. "We don't understand cloud content and why acid content changes from one storm to another."

He added that the acid problem may come from soil — not clouds — in the vicinity of the affected lakes.

Dr. Douglas C. Bauer, a former AEP employee and now EEI's senior vice president for economic and regulatory analysis, regards acid rain as a political issue.

He described how Washington views the acid rain phenomenon, the evolution of clean air regulations and the need for company programs to offset the "political problem." He reminded the audience that Washington's intent to "do something" about acid rain is increasing, that the Clean Air Act is up for review in 1981, and that the utility industry should not hesitate to tell people what it is doing to lessen air pollution.

William H. Megonnell, EEI senior environmental advisor, characterized many of the actions of Eastern Congressmen as "typical act now, study later" efforts. He also said a continuing effort by the Environmental Protection Agency will be to play one area, or one segment of people, against each other.

Edwin Anthony, of the National Coal Association, likened the acid rain controversy to the nuclear power issue. "The acid rain issue will be used to help prevent a rollback of air regulations in 1981," he said.

The general consensus of the EEI panelists was that legislators will adopt new regulations in 1981 without waiting for scientific studies to be completed.

Perhaps Dr. Perhac summed it up best: "The regulator is in a difficult position."



Kanawha River Plant was awarded a President's Certificate of Excellence for a safety audit conducted July 15-17. Requirements for safety certification are having an average grade of 3.5 or better and having an incidence index lower than the AEP index for comparable periods. Kanawha River's average grade was 4.29 and the plant's incidence index was 0.0 compared to the AEP rate of 0.691 for the period July 1, 1979, through June 30, 1980. Appalachian Vice President Nick Roomy, left, presents the award to Kanawha River Plant Manager J. A. Bennett.

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
8/31/80	1.2386	.8074
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
8/31/80	1.5896	.6291
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
8/31/80	.9922	1.0079



Appalachian Power Company is the recipient of an award from the U.S. Treasury Department for patriotic service in connection with the company's 1979 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign. A plaque from the Treasury Department was presented by John W. Vaughan (right), president of Appalachian, to General Services Manager R. A. Youngman, who served as coordinator of the campaign.

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

Abingdon

Retired Division Manager **Fillmore McPherson, Jr.**, was reelected to a four-year term on the board of trustees of Johnston Memorial Hospital. He was also elected vice president of the board and chairman of the executive committee.



R. N. Trent, engineering technician senior, was reelected president of the Abingdon High School PTA for 1980-81.

Toby, wife of Station Mechanic J. L. Cook, and **R. N. Trent** are serving on the board of directors of the Abingdon Elementary School PTA.

Beckley

Walter, son of **W. M. Leach**, line mechanic A, was selected as a member of the Beckley Eastern Little League All-Stars.

Administrative Assistant **Ray Vest** was named manager of the Shady Spring Little League All-Star team. His son, **Mike**, was selected as a second baseman on the All-Star team. Another son, **Brian**, was a member of the W. K. Ward Realty team which won the Shady Spring Minor Little League Championship and Round-Robin Tournament. The team finished the season with 15 wins-0 losses.

Division Manager **T. A. Rotenberry** was named chairman of the major gifts division of the Raleigh County United Fund, Inc.

Bluefield

Paula, daughter of Paul Kelsor, part-time custodian, is a member of the Princeton High School pom pom squad.

Hobart White, Welch general line supervisor, was elected correspondent for the *Voiture* 1171, 40 & 8 of Welch.

Dottie Lawless, Welch secretary-stenographer, is chairman of the 1980 Cystic Fibrosis "breath of life" campaign in the Town of Keystone. Dottie, who is president of the Keystone-Northfork Woman's Club, attended the seventh annual summer conference of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs.



Paul, son of Jim Sutphin, GO station mechanic A, won six awards in the Mid-Atlantic Powerlifting Championships in Newport News, Va. A member of the Bluefield YMCA Weightlifting Club, Paul competes in the 181-pound class. Among Paul's awards were Champion of Champion's Award and first place in the overall competition. He set state records in the squat and in the total weight lifted in the squat, bench and deadlift.

Charleston

Charlie Ross, engineering technician senior, was elected president of the PTA at the Ford Elementary School in Dunbar. He also has completed his first year of coaching a team of 12-year-old boys, which won the Dunbar Little League Minor Division championship.

Nick Roomy, vice president of Appalachian Power, was elected vice president and president-elect of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

General Office

Brenda, wife of Dave Barger, engineering technologist, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, won a racquetball tournament during First Baptist Church's "Day With the Family" tournaments.

Glen Lyn



Rebecca Wills, daughter of Unit Supervisor James White, has been appointed manager of medical group practice by West Virginia University. The Group Practice, located in the out-patient department of the WVU Medical Center, provides a primary care facility for patients in West Virginia and surrounding states. Ms. Wills graduated magna cum laude from Concord College with a BS degree in business administration and marketing and in August of this year received a master's degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Huntington



Roger, son of **Jim Irons**, meter service mechanic C, played with the Ceredo-Kenova Little League All-Stars, which won the District I baseball championship in the West Virginia State Tournament. He pitched two shutouts, striking out 27 players and allowing only one walk and five hits.



The girls' softball team coached by Point Pleasant Meter Reader **Robert Watson** won first place in the 16-18 age bracket in the West Virginia State Championship Softball League for 1980. Bob has been coaching girls' softball for eight years.

Lynchburg

Retired Administrative Assistant **Loyd Smith** has been appointed to the world community committee of the Rotary Club.

Division Manager **J. R. Davenport** has been appointed to the employer-employee relations committee of the Rotary Club.

Fred Clarkson, Jr., line mechanic A, was elected president of the Governors Club, a booster organization for Nelson County High School sports.

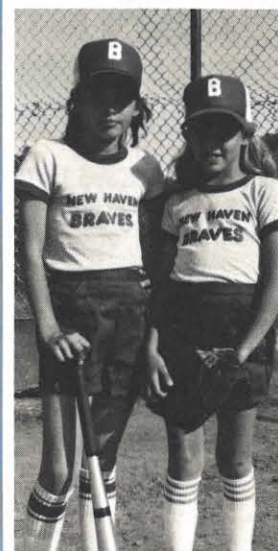
Richard, son of **W. L. Booth, Jr.**, electrical engineer senior, was promoted to technical manager of the Erwin, Tennessee, facility of Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.

Residential Representative **Betty Pearson** was appointed to the family resources committee of Campbell County.

Commercial Engineer **Herbert M. Figg, Jr.**, was appointed chairman of the Lynchburg Exchange Club's annual pancake jamboree. He was also appointed chairman of the committee for Lynchburg's Veterans Day program.

Personnel Supervisor **W. David Crews** was appointed by the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce to the steering committee of the annual Career Awareness Day program.

Mountaineer



Heidi, 10, (left) and **Tonya**, 8, daughters of E. Roger Smith, unit supervisor, played on the New Haven Braves Midget girls softball team that won first place in a seven-team league and second place in the July 4 tournament sponsored by the Middleport, Ohio, Youth League. The team was coached by Roger and by Joyce Moxley, wife of Harold Moxley, AEP Construction, Sporn Plant.

Pulaski



Gress

P. T. Gress, commercial representative, has been reelected high priest of Royal Arch Chapter No. 39, A.F. & A.M. Retiree **O. B. Kidd** was appointed principal sojourner. Division Office Supervisor **J. H. Basham** and Retiree **R. J. Blair** were elected second vice president and lion tamer, respectively, of the Pulaski Lions Club.

Leslie Anne, daughter of Junior Clerk Rose Mary Meadows, won the Hensel Eckman YMCA good sportmanship award for the summer of 1980.

Mary, wife of Division Manager J. R. Whitehurst, exhibited her oil pastel paintings at the New River Valley Fine Arts Center in September. A meet-the-artist reception was held one Sunday during the month.

Roanoke

Robin Lynne Reynolds, daughter of Geraldine Pearman, meter electrician C, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a bachelor of science degree in education-recreation and will be assistant director of activities at Boca West Club, Boca Raton, Florida.

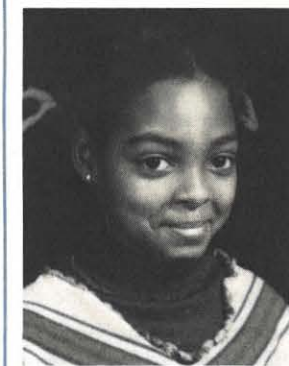
Helen West, personnel assistant senior, was elected program chairman for the William Byrd High School Choir Boosters Club. Her daughter **Teresa** was elected president of the William Byrd High School Chorale and the Future Teachers of America and vice president of the New Life Club.

Personnel Supervisor **I. B. Peters**, as outgoing president of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Valley, will serve a one-year term on the board of directors.

Cindy, daughter of Engineering Technologist Tom Owen, is co-captain of the Cave Spring Jaycees sandlot football team cheerleaders.

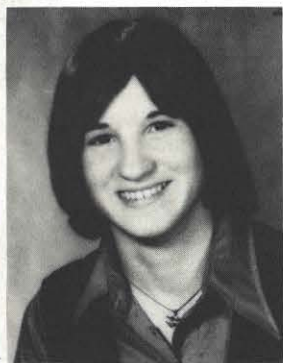
Amy, daughter of J. E. Nichols, Fieldale general line supervisor, was selected as a member of the 1980 flag squad at Fieldale-Collinsville High School.

Kevin, son of M. R. Lawson, Fieldale line mechanic C, was a member of the Henry County All-Star baseball team which finished fifth in the state Dixie Youth Tournament.



Robyn, daughter of Sybil Taylor, customer accounts representative B, was selected as the champion gardener in Huff Lane Elementary School for her gardening efforts and a booklet she compiled on 4-H vegetable gardening. She was awarded a certificate of recognition and a blue ribbon by the Cooperative Extension Service of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Philip Sporn



Theresa, daughter of Joseph Thompson, maintenance mechanic A, was selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for the second consecutive year. She was also awarded the Rio Grande College Bob Reese memorial scholarship. At Kyger Creek High School, Theresa was National Honor Society treasurer, Student Council secretary; school newspaper editor; volleyball team captain; member of the Kewanettes, and lettered in track.

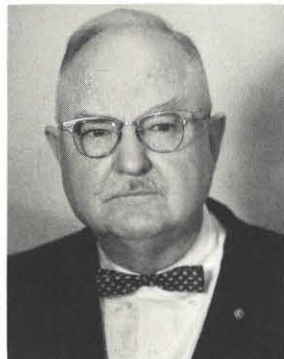
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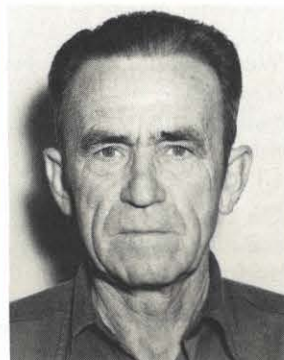
Sergei Summers, electrical engineer senior in the Williamson area of Logan-Williamson Division, has been registered as a professional engineer in the States of Kentucky and West Virginia.

Summers, who holds an electrical engineering degree from West Virginia University, was employed as an electrical engineer in Logan in 1971.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



Ira F. Gillikins, 83, retired merchandise bookkeeper senior in Charleston, died August 6. A native of Otway, North Carolina, he began his career in 1933 as a ledger balance clerk and retired December 1, 1962.



Denver Guy McCallister, 66, retired truck driver-groundman in Charleston, died September 5. A native of Garrets Bend, West Virginia, he was employed in 1945 as a groundman and retired January 1, 1976. McCallister is survived by his widow Inis, Box 931, Sod, W.Va., seven daughters, three sons, 18 grandchildren and three sisters.



Sidney H. Jean, 76, retired Charleston general serviceman, died September 23. A native of Eldorado, Arkansas, he was employed in 1933 as an electrician at Logan and retired January 1, 1969. Jean is survived by his widow Vivian, 5403 McCorkle Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia; three sons and two daughters.



Javen T. "Jaybird" Harrold, 98, retired groundman B in the Williamson area of Logan-Williamson Division, died September 12. He was the oldest living retiree of Appalachian Power. A native of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, he was employed in 1923 as a fireman at the Sprigg Power Plant and retired February 1, 1947. Harrold is survived by his widow Mary Lou, Taylorville, West Virginia; one son, seven daughters, 15 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren. One grandson, Jerry Akers, is an area service restorer in Matewan.

RAYMOND ELLIOTT RETIRES



Raymond A. Elliott, maintenance mechanic A at Glen Lyn Plant took early retirement on October 1, six months shy of 30 years with Appalachian.

Raymond, a native of Smyth County, Virginia, has been taking care of the Glen Lyn Plant since his first days with the company. He started as a laborer in April 1951 and worked up through the ranks to maintenance mechanic A.

His plans? "I plan to take life easy and do a little fishing as time permits," Raymond said. He and his wife Mary have three children and two grandchildren. Raymond is a member of the Glen Lyn Christian Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

CAUDILL DESIGNS SEAL



Raleigh County, West Virginia, has its first official seal thanks to Kathy Caudill, daughter of H. H. Farley, Beckley engineering technologist.

Kathy, who has worked as a commercial artist and is now a self-employed artist, learned of the County Commission's desire for a seal through the Beckley Arts Group.

Kathy, who ordinarily paints portraits and landscapes, submitted sketches to the Commission last February. A final decision to accept her seal was made this summer. She volunteered for the project and was not paid.

The enlarged county superimposed over the outline of the state's borders contains the caption "Raleigh County 1850." She rejected the Sir Walter Raleigh theme in favor of the crossed pick and shovel, denoting the importance of coal mining.

NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

Bluefield
Joseph Turner and **Vernon Crouch**, tracers. **Rex McCoy**, meter reader, Pineville.

Charleston
Jon Steinmetz and **Jeanne Talhouk**, electrical engineers. **Alan Caldwell**, utility worker A, Kanawha Valley Power.

Clinch River
Ian Buskill Dye, Jr., filter plant operator and sampler.

General Office
Helen Williams and **Jill Chisom**, junior stenographers, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Thomas Ayres, III**, senior staff writer, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke. **Bruce Tolson**, electric plant clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Mark Taylor**, **Clay Peters, II**, and **Robin Camper**, tracers, GO T&D Computerized Drafting, Roanoke. **Warren Boswell**, engineering technician, GO T&D Meter, Charleston.

Walter Lucas, right-of-way agent senior, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Charleston. **Carolyn Drain**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke. **Martin Seay**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. **Timothy Gardner**, transmission engineer, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

Charles Mills, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Huntington.

Emmett Lawrence, surveyor assistant-rod, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. **Leo Tingle, Jr.**, and **Barry Arrington**, right-of-way agents, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke. **Scott Icard**, governmental affairs representative, GO Executive, Charleston.

Michael Neal, electrical engineer-hydro, GO Hydro, Roanoke. **Grover Ham**, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke. **Glenn Echols**, operations engineer, GO Operations, Roanoke.

Huntington
Loren Michels, auto mechanic A.

Kanawha River
James Scott, utility worker.

Lynchburg
Bradford Scott, meter reader.

Pulaski
J. O. Blevins, engineering technician. **D. W. Abernathy**, electrical engineer. **Katherine Coleman**, residential advisor, Pearisburg.

Roanoke
Cathy Ferguson, junior stenographer. **Judith Walters**, junior clerk. **John Dudley**, meter reader.

Philip Sporn
Howard Duncan, performance engineer. **Tony Roach**, **Mary Keeler** and **Charles Sargent**, utility workers B.

ABEL ENDS CAREER



Jesse M. Abel, maintenance supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant, will now devote full time to maintaining his home. Jess ended over 30 years with Appalachian on October 1.

His retirement plans include a mixture of relaxation, travel to the beach, visiting with relatives in Indiana, plumbing and electrical projects around the house, and playing the organ.

Jess started his career in July 1950 as a maintenance mechanic D and worked his way up to maintenance supervisor in 1970.

Jess said the company has been "very good" to him over the years. The hardest part of retirement, he said, is leaving behind all the close friends.

Jess lives at Box 222, 7th Street, New Haven, W.Va.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

Huntington
H. R. Burcham, auto mechanic A, two gallons.

Kanawha River
Richard Harless, utility worker, one gallon.

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Julia Anne Simpson, daughter of Marvin C. Simpson, Kingsport executive assistant, to Carl Davis, August 16.



Cynthia Goodwin to **Wayne Alexander**, electric plant clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, September 20.



Helen Carol Graham, daughter of Thomas A. Graham, Kanawha River Plant maintenance mechanic C, to Joseph Leonora, August 9.



Darlene Bohon to **Samuel David Williams**, son of W. S. Williams, Roanoke T&D clerk A on LTD leave, August 28.



Beverly Hill to **Randy Kitchen**, Kanawha River Plant auxiliary equipment operator, August 16.



Carolyn Sue McDonald, daughter of Lovell McDonald, John Amos Plant maintenance supervisor, to Bradley Stephen Helmick, August 16.



Jan Fay Jones to **Kevin Carter**, junior key entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, August 23.



Diane Hanley, daughter of Thomas Hanley, Logan-Williamson residential representative, to Ervin Hensley, June 21.



Carol Sue Whittaker to **Thomas Rick Ould, Jr.**, Glen Lyn Plant utility worker A, August 16.



Vada Pauline Dillow, daughter of William Dillow, Glen Lyn Plant maintenance mechanic B, to John Richard George, August 30.



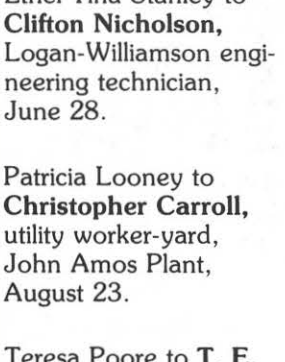
Rebecca Jane White, daughter of James M. White, Glen Lyn Plant unit supervisor, to Mark E. Wills, August 16.



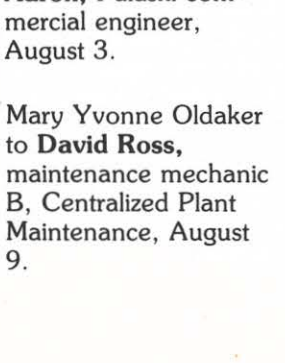
Cathy Carmon to **David Langford**, Beckley residential advisor, August 30.



Ethel Tina Stanley to **Clifton Nicholson**, Logan-Williamson engineering technician, June 28.



Patricia Looney to **Christopher Carroll**, utility worker-yard, John Amos Plant, August 23.



Teresa Poore to **T. E. Aaron**, Pulaski commercial engineer, August 3.

BABY PARADE

John Amos
Melissa Rae, daughter of **John Kirtley**, maintenance mechanic A, August 13.

Amanda Jill, daughter of **Larry McLaughlin**, control technician junior, August 13.

Christina Elizabeth, daughter of **Wy Jean Sharp**, junior clerk, August 26.

Bluefield
Erica Dawn, daughter of **Darren Simpkins**, line mechanic D, August 8.

Jessica Nicole, daughter of **John Weaver**, automotive mechanic C, August 19.

Centralized Plant Maintenance
Samuel Lee, son of **Lewis E. Pulver, Jr.**, maintenance mechanic B, September 3.

Charleston
Christina Jean, daughter of **James B. Stamper, Jr.**, hydro maintenance helper, Kanawha Valley Power, July 27.

Clinch River
Amanda Elizabeth, daughter of **Russell Ferguson**, yard helper, July 31.

General Office
Mandy Lynn, daughter of **W. H. McCall, Jr.**, engineering technologist, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, August 14.

Regina Mary, daughter of **W. W. von Schack**, vice president-administration, GO Executive, Roanoke, August 29.

Wendy Diane, daughter of **Ronnie Polniak**, mail clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke, September 16.

Huntington
William Lawrence, son of **Eloise Baker**, cashier B, September 1.

Kingsport
Summer Nicole, daughter of **C. W. Burke**, line mechanic A, August 15.

Logan-Williamson
Seth Allen, son of **Mark Summers**, Madison line mechanic C, August 6.

Justin Allen, son of **Richard Dean**, Williamson stores attendant, July 25.

MAYFIELD, RICKS SING IN ALABAMA



Two Charleston employees who are members of their church chorus recently took part in a concert tour that included a performance at the National Baptist Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, and some sightseeing.

Teddy Mayfield, cashier A, and Elaine Ricks, customer accounts representative B, were among 10 members of the First Baptist Church of Vandalia, West Virginia, to appear on September 13 at the convention held in the Birmingham Colosseum. The performance generated several requests from people throughout the South for the Vandalia Gospel Chorus to appear and perform.

On the way to Birmingham, the chorus stopped at the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia, for a performance. And on the return trip, the group stopped at Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tennessee, and stood at the point where seven states can be seen.

The chorus has been singing together for years. Teddy and Elaine started singing together as youngsters. The chorus motto is "We Sing That We May Serve," and the words are spoken at the end of each practice session.



The Hurricane High School majorettes won the first place trophy with their dance twirl corp routine in the Mid Eastern Majorette Camp at Morehead State University. Cheryl Dunlap (left), sister of Mark Dunlap, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic D, captured second place in solo routine. Head majorette Lisa Gibson (right), daughter of Willis Gibson, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic A, won first place in marching.

HI NEIGHBOR CLUB SAYS HI TO LEROY



Members of the Hi Neighbor Community Center were so impressed with John Amos Plant Public Affairs Coordinator Leroy Balding's spirit and enthusiasm during a recent tour that they invited him to their center in the community of Cuzzie in Lincoln County.

Leroy was treated to a home-cooked meal of chicken and dumplings, fried potatoes, corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls and a variety of desserts.

Virginia Black, Huntington residential representative, regularly visits the center, giving consumer education presentations. She helped set up the Amos tour when many of the 40 expressed a desire to tour the massive plant in neighboring Putnam County.

Barbara Patton, organizer of the center, maintains an open-to-anyone policy. Activities such as craft and exercise classes, community meetings and speakers are geared to self-help. That is how Virginia Black got involved.

During his visit Leroy showed a film on the Smith Mountain Project and explained the role of pumped-storage generation.

RETIREE STILL MAKES GOOD USE OF SAFETY SHOES



When Saylor Gilbert, retired stationman A in Lynchburg, purchased a pair of safety-toe shoes through the company in 1970, little did he realize how important these shoes would be to him following his retirement two years later.

Soon after retirement, he had new soles and heels put on the shoes and then added golf cleats. During the winter he uses the shoes when bringing in firewood and for walking during icy and other bad weather conditions. In the summer, Saylor wears the safety shoes when using his push lawn mower. He says, "These shoes are good for keeping a firm footing when mowing grass parallel to a bank and for trimming grass on an uneven terrain."

He adds, "When I was hired in 1933, my foreman took a real interest in seeing that I developed good safety habits on the job. He involved me in our safety program and for this I am grateful."



Trophy winners in the Beckley Division Golf Tournament at Grandview Country Club on September 6 were, kneeling (left to right) David Ransom, engineering technician, runner up; B. C. "Wheel" Thomas, Oak Hill area service restorer, championship; and John Thompson, retired meter electrician A, low net. Standing (left to right), Danny Windon, Rupert line mechanic D, low net; Bob Dyke, Oak Hill line mechanic A, longest drive; and Ray Vest, administrative assistant, closest to the pin.



Tammy, daughter of R. R. "Casey" Jones, Bluefield construction supervisor, was the leader in games played, hits, runs scored, doubles and runs batted in for the Graham G-Girls Softball Team, which won the Bluefield, Va., Softball League championship. She is pictured holding the league championship trophy with Coach Tom Holton.



Dave Brammer (left), station clerk A, GO T&D Station, and Dave Barger, engineering technologist, (right), GO T&D Engineering, were members of the First Baptist Slow Pitch Team which was regular season champion in the Roanoke City Slow Pitch Church League. The team came in second in the city playoffs, losing 10-9. The team was also champion of the 17-team double elimination mid-season tournaments. Brammer pitched all five winning games in the tournament. Their team had a 21-4 overall season record, with Barger hitting .600 and Brammer hitting .414.

CARLINI INVOLVED IN CIVIC LIFE



As campaign chairman, Charleston Division Manager Cal Carlini last month kicked off the annual United Way of Kanawha Valley Campaign, shooting for a goal of \$1,880,000.

Carlini, who came to Charleston as division manager five years ago, had served as campaign chairman in the cities of Fostoria, Freemont, Lancaster and Portsmouth, Ohio when he was with Ohio Power Company.

As busy as the United Way fund raising drive will keep him, it is merely the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, of Carlini's civic involvement.

He is currently serving as vice president-president-elect of the Charleston Regional Chamber of Commerce. That title means that he will become president of the Chamber in January. But as vice president of the Chamber currently, he serves as president of the Business and Industrial Development Corporation (BIDCO). BIDCO is the industrial development arm of the Chamber. As such, the corporation can borrow money and use it to develop industrial parks to attract industry and businesses to the Kanawha Valley.

BIDCO, for example, built Rock Branch Industrial Park, which is fully occupied now. The corporation, Carlini said, is looking for land to develop another industrial park.

Carlini is also vice chairman of the Junior Achievement program in the Kanawha Valley. "We've already started developing companies," Carlini said. He said the program, which includes units in Beckley and Parkersburg, is one of the largest in this part of the country with 50 youth companies.

In the Junior Achievement program, high school sophomores, juniors and seniors form companies, sell stock, design and sell products — virtually all the functions that a real company performs.

Both the Charleston Division office and John E. Amos plant have Junior Achievement companies. Both offices supply advisors to the young entrepreneurs.



W. D. Martin (left), electrical engineer, and W. T. Sink (right), relay engineer senior, both of GO T&D Station, took first place honors on September 6 in the double-elimination doubles tennis tournament held at the Salem Civic Center. Second place was won by Gene A. Hylton, general bookkeeper, and Frank Bonds, statistical accountant, both of GO Accounting. Dave E. Trout, wage and salary administrator, GO Personnel, and Doug Bryant, Fieldale customer accounts representative B, won third place. Eight teams in the Roanoke area competed in the tournament.

VETS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



P. C. Kelley
R/w Maintenance Insp.
Bluefield
45 Years



Jack Lloyd
Vice Pres. (LTD)
GO-Charleston
40 Years



R. J. Stinnett
Drafting Supv.
GO-Roanoke
40 Years



F. E. Rouse
Maintenance Mech. A
Pulaski
40 Years



Nell Nunnery
Secretary-Stenographer
Bluefield
35 Years



A. O. Hatfield
Buyer
GO-Roanoke
35 Years



C. A. Schmidt
Cust. Actg. Supv. (LTD)
Pulaski
35 Years



J. R. Bailey
Meter Electrician A
Bluefield
35 Years



N. R. Crumbaker
Unit Supervisor (LTD)
Clinch River
35 Years



R. D. Byrd
Meter Reader
Pulaski
35 Years



J. E. Hoffman
Maintenance Supv.
Kanawha River
35 Years



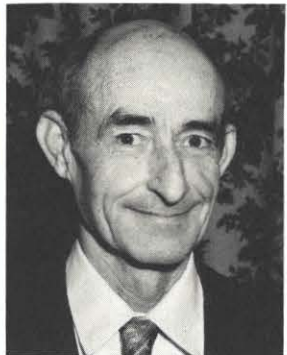
Evelyn Buckland
Secretary-Stenographer
Pulaski
35 Years



Orville Napier
Meter Serv. Mech. A
Roanoke
35 Years



Alvie Napier
Maintenance Supv.
John Amos
35 Years



F. E. Galbraith
Collector (LTD)
Bluefield
35 Years



D. E. Brown
Instrument Mechanic A
Glen Lyn
30 Years



D. L. Garrison
Maintenance Mech. A
Glen Lyn
30 Years



H. H. Carrico
Maint. Supv. (LTD)
Kanawha River
30 Years



E. R. Biggs
General Stores Supv.
GO-Roanoke
30 Years



R. Baumgardner
Line Mechanic A
Huntington
30 Years



Stella Clyde
Secretary-Stenographer
Huntington
30 Years



E. J. Morgan
Shift Operating Eng.
Philip Sporn
30 Years



Janet Wynot
Drafter B
Roanoke
30 Years



W. L. Dudding
Asst. Shift Op. Eng.
John Amos
30 Years



Stuart Foehr
Eng. Technologist
Charleston
30 Years



W. H. Lively
Line Inspector
Beckley
30 Years



T. L. Brotherton
Maintenance Mech. B
Glen Lyn
25 Years



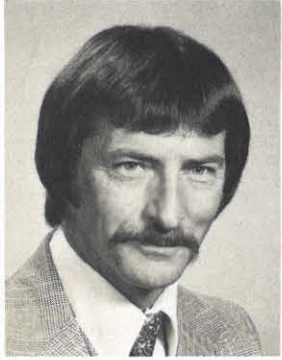
R. D. Coffman
R/w Agent Sr.
GO-Roanoke
25 Years



H. D. Brewer
Trans. Line Supv.
GO-Roanoke
25 Years



Don Jonas
Chemist
Clinch River
25 Years



J. L. Fernatt
Survey Party Chief
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



J. F. Maile
Payroll Control Supv.
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



W. J. Stewart
Asst. Yd. Supt.
John Amos
20 Years



F. O. Oresta
Garage Supervisor NE
Bluefield
20 Years



R. A. Anthony
Customer Serv. Rep.
Roanoke
20 Years

Abingdon

5 Years: **Ernestine Hibbitts**, customer accounts representative
C. R. B. VanHuss, line mechanic A.

John Amos

5 Years: **J. O. Mikeal, Sr.**, stores attendant.
D. A. Raynes, maintenance mechanic A.
J. R. Bailey, maintenance mechanic A.
R. F. Hicks, maintenance mechanic B. 10 Years: **K. L. McDaniel**, safety coordinator. **W. R. Hickok**, instrument maintenance supervisor.

Beckley

5 Years: **S. H. Casto**, meter reader, Oak Hill.

Central Machine Shop

5 Years: **R. L. Williams**, power equipment mechanic 1st class.

Charleston

15 Years: **F. P. White**, customer accounts representative B. **A. K. Walker**, line mechanic A.

Clinch River

10 Years: **J. C. Singleton**, maintenance mechanic B.
F. C. Garrett, II, unit supervisor. **J. E. Fields**, instrument mechanic B. 5 Years: **J. C. Boone**, utility worker A. **J. S. Owens**, maintenance mechanic D.

General Office

15 Years: **Velma Call**, general bookkeeper, GO-Roanoke. **V. W. Boeh**, records storage center clerk, GO-Roanoke. **L. Stepp**, regional assistant chief operator, GO-Sporn Plant. 10 Years: **Joyce Terry**, secretary-stenographer, GO-Roanoke. 5 Years: **Anne Flanagan**, cash clerk A, GO-Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

10 Years: **G. L. Lewis**, maintenance mechanic
C. R. D. Chandler, maintenance mechanic
C. R. L. Wheeler, equipment operator.
D. L. Meadows, maintenance C. **J. H. Ogle, Jr.**, braker.

Huntington

10 Years: **R. W. McComas**, line crew supervisor NE. **R. B. Bias**, station mechanic A. 5 Years: **Ernestine Greenlee**, engineering technician assistant.

Kanawha River

10 Years: **D. F. Burnside**, plant clerk B.

Kingsport

15 Years: **Pauline Harkleroad**, customer accounts representative A. 10 Years: **D. G. Head**, line mechanic A.

Mountaineer

10 Years: **L. E. Hancock**, equipment operator.

Pulaski

15 Years: **E. A. Alley**, stores attendant senior. 10 Years: **E. A. Bishop**, line mechanic B. 5 Years: **J. R. Painter**, line mechanic C.

Roanoke

5 Years: **Mary Smith-Slocum**, station mechanic C.

Philip Sporn

15 Years: **C. F. McDaniel**, instrument mechanic B. 10 Years: **R. K. Arms**, instrument mechanic C.

ABSHIRE RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS



Tommy Abshire had to talk his way into a job with Appalachian and once had to be talked out of quitting after a particularly hard day. But in the end, he stayed over 34 years.

When he took early retirement on October 1, Tommy said. "All the time I spent working with everyone there was enjoyable. I liked them all. There's not a person there that wouldn't do for you if you needed something."

Tommy was working at a hardware store in Roanoke after World War II when he landed a job with Appalachian. "When I worked at the hardware store, we got off at noon on Wednesday. Every week Bill Chilton, then

meter service supervisor, had a visit from me. "This went on for quite a while and finally I said, 'Mr. Chilton, the only way you're going to get rid of me is to put me to work.' He looked at me and said, 'Don't come back for two weeks and be prepared to go to work when you do,' " Tommy remembered.

It was not too long after he started that Tommy recalled almost leaving. Tommy was helping C. T. "Shorty" Rader, in meter service work one day. "We were in Boones Mill, and I had climbed a new blackjack pole. It was hot that day, and the creosote from the new pole was eating me up. I got a bare secondary conductor in each hand. It was like I couldn't move. Somehow I managed to pull loose and step down the pole and said, 'Shorty, take me back to Roanoke. I'm quitting.' Shorty said, 'Now, sit down and cool off a bit before you decide that.' I said, 'No, I'm quitting the company.' Sure enough, he carried me back in. We got back to Roanoke, and I threw my belt on the desk and said, 'McKeever (B. H., deceased assistant meter service supervisor), I'm through.' He finally calmed me down, and I went back to work," Tommy said.

Tommy retired as a meter service mechanic A. Along the way he learned a lesson from R. J. "Moe" Siner, retired Roanoke line inspector. "I'll tell you about Moe. That guy could do anything. He was so good about showing the new personnel how to best go about doing their work," Tommy said.

"Once, a transformer fuse had blown, and the service wire was down. I got the service tied back, placed a new fuse in the lid and got ready to close the cut-out box. Moe said, 'Wait just a minute. I'll give you the hot stick.' I said, 'No need, I've got my rubber gloves on. I'll close it without the stick.' What I didn't know was that the transformer was bad, and when I closed the lid, the fuse went off right in my ear. I could hardly hear the rest of the day. Moe said, 'Do you have any idea why I thought you should have used the hot stick?' From then on, I used it," Tommy said. Tommy plans to do a

lot of work around the house and to visit his daughter Debbie in Ohio, where she is working on a master's degree at Miami University. Tommy also has a son and a grandchild. Then, there are the bird dogs he raises and trains. He will continue to live at 916 Wasena Avenue, Roanoke.

VIRGINIA HOYT RETIRES

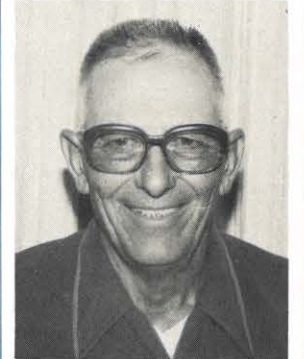


Virginia Hoyt, who was a stores clerk A at Philip Sporn Plant before electing early retirement September 1, recalls the first time she toured the facility. "On my first day of work in July 1955, a group of new employees was taken on a tour. When we came to the switchyard, one of them asked if that was where the electricity was stored until it was sold."

A graduate of Portsmouth Business College, Virginia was hired as a junior clerk. During her 25-year career, she also worked as a clerk-stenographer and plant clerk.

Virginia's specific plans for retirement include resuming organ lessons. She expects to do some needlepoint and make an afghan for each of her five grandchildren. More involvement with her church, the United Methodist Church in Pomeroy, Ohio, is also on the list, as is some short distance traveling.

KIDD WILL GOLF, FISH



Bradie Kidd, Pulaski area service restorer, hasn't done any fishing for several years. But after his retirement on October 1, Bradie will dust off the rod and get out his golf clubs for some enjoyment.

Over 44 years ago Bradie joined an extra gang working out of Pulaski as a laborer. The line foreman was J. S. Sutphin, now deceased. "The first job I had to do was dig an anchor hole between two limestone rocks in Draper's Valley. That was pretty rough digging," Bradie said.

Bradie recalled that the roughest times in the Floyd area occurred during the snowstorms of early 1960 and the April 26, 1978, snowstorm.

During most of his career, Bradie worked as a lineman or area serviceman. He reflected on some of the changes over the years. "The biggest changes have been in tools, equipment and safety. All have improved a great deal. It used to be that you took off across a hill with a digging set and a bag of powder across your shoulder. Back then I doubt if you could set half of the poles with a truck," he said.

Kidd is a familiar name with Appalachian in and around Floyd. Bradie's brother, O. B. Kidd, is a retired area supervisor A from Pulaski. Another brother, the late C. A. "Jack" Kidd, was a line foreman exempt in Christiansburg. And a nephew, J. R. Kidd, is area supervisor in Galax. Bradie's son, Ronald N. Kidd, is a line mechanic A in Roanoke.

MICROSCOPE TO DULCIMER AND THE LIVING IS EASY



From left, Russ, Gary, Marie and Cary Crawford.

What people do away from work tells you as much about them as their profession. When Gary Crawford hangs up his laboratory coat in the AEP General Lab in Huntington where he is a biologist, he goes home to "fret" about his dulcimers.

Having made five dulcimers, one for each family member plus a great aunt, Gary is running out of family to make them for. Gary uses different types of wood in each of them for variety. But he really put his imagination and creativity to work when he made the fifth one, with the square music box for son Russ. The ones for wife Marie and daughter Cary have the same basic design.

The value of each dulcimer is about \$150, Gary figures, considering materials, workmanship and time. But he considers the pleasure derived from making and playing them is priceless.

As you can see, when the Crawfords sit down together, it's not always to eat.



The Carpenter's Shop women's softball team went undefeated in 15 regular season games and four tournament games in the Bluefield, W.Va., city league. The team played in eight tournaments during the year, winning four first-place, one second-place and one fourth-place trophies. The women compiled an overall record of 45-8. Pictured with two of the team's trophies are (from left) coaches Butch Currence, Bluefield meter reader; Patty Taylor; and, Ken Mash, husband of Mary Lou Mash, Bluefield customer accounts representative B.



The Blue Creek Major Girls Softball Team managed by Jim Ryan (back row, right) Charleston line mechanic B, and third coach Greg Hanshaw (back row, left), Charleston line mechanic D, won the 1980 championship in the Elk District Little League. The team record was 17-1. Jim's daughter Jennifer (back row, third from left) played on the team.

JOHNSON PARTICIPATES IN AIR CADET EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Civil Air Patrol Cadet Dawneen Johnson tells her fellow cadets in the Roanoke CAP Squadron about her trip to England last summer.

A visit to Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobeillantysiliogogor in North Wales was only one of many exciting sights and activities a small group of American teenage girls encountered this past summer as participants in an International Air Cadet Exchange.

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobeillantysiliogogor is Welsh for "The Church of St. Marys in a hollow of white hazel near to a rapid whirlpool and to St. Tyselias Church near to a red cave."

The Americans, all members of the Civil Air Patrol, included Dawneen Johnson, the 18-year-old daughter of Appalachian's information services manager, B. Don Johnson, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke.

The Civil Air Patrol, as the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, participates in the annual International Air Cadet Exchange program in behalf of the United States. More than 20 nations in the free world participate in the program, sending their young people here while our teenagers tour their countries, meeting members of their aviation community and visiting aviation and historic sites.

For Dawneen, the adventure began on July 20 when she flew to Washington, D.C. to join the other CAP cadets participating in the exchange. The two days spent in the nation's capitol allowed the cadets and their Civil Air Patrol senior member escorts to see the nation's Capitol, the National Aerospace Museum, the Pentagon and other local attractions.

Cadets visiting European countries left the U.S. on July 22 for Rhein Main Air Force Base in Germany, where they split into smaller groups for traveling to their assigned nations.

For Dawneen, the other five girl cadets and two women escorts in her group, this was a flight to the Royal Air Force base in Lyneham, Great Britain.

"Beginning with our first stop at RAF Sealand, we began the greatest adventure of my life," Dawneen reports. "Not only did we see and do many things that seemed to come straight out of travelogues, but we met some of the most wonderful people in the world."

It was the people that made the trip the soul-satisfying and memorable experience that it was, she says. "We met some famous people, at least in England, such as aviatrix Sheila Scott, a holder of over 100 aviation records and a close personal friend of Amelia Earhart, and the Governor of the British Empire, who hosted our tour of the Tower of London. But, it was the everyday people who took us into their homes and shared part of their lives with us that we'll always love and remember.

"The central theme of the exchange is aviation, so we were never far from it as we traveled from North Wales on one end of England to the Isle of Wight on the other. Soaring in gliders at RAF Sealand, 'air adventure flights' in an early-day Jodel Muskateer G-ATKX at Redhill Aerodrome in Surrey, and tours of various civilian and military facilities were important parts of the tour."

According to Dawneen, less exotic modes of travel were also used. Among these, boats were important as they traveled down the River Dee in Chester and canoed in the Menai Straits. The River Thames was their highway from London to Greenwich where they visited the Observatory and saw the location of the Prime Meridian.

"Of course, no trip to England is complete without seeing the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, the Crown Jewels, Windsor Palace, Stratford-on-Avon, Blenheim Palace where Sir Winston Churchill was born, and the countless other attractions that are available."

Dawneen has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol since completing the 6th grade (the youngest age acceptable) and has advanced through a program of "achievements" to become a Cadet Captain. She is currently serving as deputy commander of the Roanoke Squadron's cadet organization.

Civil Air Patrol, besides providing a cadet program for teenagers, provides emergency services personnel and facilities for local and national emergencies. Its members fly 70 to 80 percent of the hours flown on behalf of the USAF's Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. All of its members are civilian volunteers.

FISHER LIKES FORDS, OLDS, CHEVIES, MERCURYS, ETC.



Dale S. Fisher, hydro maintenance supervisor, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain, has a good start on Heinz 57 varieties — of cars, that is.

"Over the years, I have owned 28 different vehicles, one being a 1954 Chevrolet that I drove every day for 11 years and finally sold for more than I had paid for it," Dale said.

Dale's latest baby is a 1956 Ford pick-up. It was a long courtship. "I spotted this stocker when I first moved to the Gretna area, and it took me over two years to close the deal to buy it," he said. "It was worth my time and effort to get this low mileage (46,000 miles) original. I am the second owner.

Dale's wife Daisy is no mechanic's widow. "After a day's work, my wife and I will go to the garage and work on the truck together. We both enjoy doing it, and I have found it to be a great way to relax and enjoy myself," he said.

"My objective was to have an original 1956 Ford pick-up that I could drive anywhere," Dale said. "My wife and I both agree that we have just that. We would feel confident enough to take off for California in it today."

Dale frequently attends car and truck shows and usually drives a "collectible" to the show. But he leaves it outside. "I have always said that you will find some of the best cars at these shows out in the parking lot," he said.

Dale's interest in vehicles goes back a long way. "My father would get the older boys and myself to play the game of identify the car, make and model as we rode. My grandmother owned a filling station at this time, and I would hang around and ask questions of the customers concerning their car or truck. As a result of this, at age 5 or 6, I could tell you the make and model of 90 percent of the cars you would meet on the road," he said.

Some of his favorites over the years have been: 1963 Ford Fast Back; 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe; 1965 Mercury Caliente Coupe; 1931 Chevrolet Sport Sedan; 1941 Ford Convertible; and, 1948 Chevrolet Convertible.

TOM COX'S NUMBER SEVEN WAS BUILT FOR THE TRACK



The stock car you see above was once a bare frame. Thomas R. Cox, Kanawha River Plant instrument mechanic B, filled in the rest. Everything was handmade, except the top and hood.

Some friends introduced Tom to stockcar racing in 1970. It was love at first sight that has not wavered in the 10 years since. Always interested in anything mechanical, Tom and car racing were naturals.

Tom's car races in the Hobby Class. It's less costly but just as time consuming as far as preparation is concerned. In fact, getting ready and actually racing require three people: Tom, another mechanic to help him, and the driver.

During the season, May through September, races are run twice a week, Friday and Saturday, at tracks within a 150-mile radius.

"I slowed down a little bit after I got married," Tom says with a grin. But his wife Kathy, who is a plant clerk C at Kanawha, became interested, too, and goes with him to all races.

UNTIL A BIGGER ONE COMES, THIS STRIPER WILL DO



Thirty-four pounds of twisting stripes and fins on a 17-pound test line makes for an exhilarating experience, downright thrilling if you like to fish.

K. E. "Gene" French, angler extraordinaire around Roanoke, knew he had a horse of some sort one morning last December on the Roanoke River arm of Smith Mountain Lake.

The Roanoke engineer B described some of the tense moments as he fought to land the big fish. "I only had a 17-pound test. When it hit, I jerked back, and the rod bent straight down. I knew I had something big. I just held my own and let the fish wear itself out," he said. "I hung it in about 15 feet of water, and when I did, it went straight to the bottom. I didn't think I'd ever get it up," he said.

"A fish this big is terribly powerful, and it's hard to hold on to. If you're not careful, it'll jerk the rod right out of your hand. Once you get one this size to the boat, it's a tremendous job to get it in the net and over the side of the boat," Gene said.

The effort left him drained. "Even as much as I fish, I was shaking by the time I got it to the boat. Some of that may have been the sheer strain of holding it so long because of its strength and weight," he said.

It took about six months for a taxidermist to stuff the specimen, so Gene could not show it off until this summer.

Gene's striper weighed 34 pounds, close to a state record, and measured 43 inches in length. His lure? A bucktail gig.

For his effort, Gene received a citation from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Citations are awarded for stripers weighing more than 15 pounds. Gene submits only those catches that weigh more than 20 pounds. Nevertheless, during 1979 he received 19 such citations.



Pictured above are members of the Amos Plant softball team that enjoyed considerable success on the diamond this summer. The Amos team placed second in the Putnam County Sportsman Club Invitational Tournament held on July 19 and 20 in Red House, W. Va. The club held a second tournament on August 16 and 17, and the Amos team improved. It won first place. Pictured left to right in the front row are: B. H. Grimm, Maintenance; S. D. Reese, Stores; and P. M. Farry, Utility. Standing, left to right: D. L. Ernest, Utility; R. A. Richardson, Maintenance — Coal Yard; R. A. Moore, Utility; D. J. Kellar, Maintenance; and J. L. Hodges, Maintenance.

YES, WE DO HAVE BANANAS



You've heard of bananas in the Central American jungles, but on the banks of the Kanawha River? It's true.

Wade Crowl, retired Cabin Creek Plant turbine operator, has been growing the fruit some 16 years. In 1954 a neighbor gave him some banana bulbs, never thinking they would survive. Wade planted them on the river bank behind his house in Belle, West Virginia.

And survive they have. This year Wade has five trees, three of which have bananas on them. His trees are approximately 12 feet high.

Banana trees in West Virginia are not exactly the kind you can plant and forget about. They require a lot of attention. Once the trees bear fruit, they stop producing, but new sprouts come up. Before the first frost, Wade trims off all leaves and cuts back the stock. He then digs up the trees to reset in tubs that are placed in the basement until spring.

"There is a lot of work involved in this, but I'm retired and have the time," he said. "When I see the nice fruit they produce, it's all worth it."

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WHITEY LOVES THOSE RACCOONS



Whitey Barbour, left, his son Ronnie and their English Redtick named John pose with the awards they have won for coon hunting.

Morris "Whitey" Barbour and his son Ronnie are out late at night quite a bit — in the company of dogs. They're not carousing, just coon hunting.

If Whitey had a coon for every trophy or rosette or ribbon he's won over the years, he would be over-run with coons.

Whitey, GO Hydro maintenance mechanic A, started coon hunting at age 12 when he lived in the Smith Mountain Dam area. His love of the sport hasn't diminished. He's been night hunting in competition for about 20 years. Ronnie and he have competed in events in South and North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois and Virginia.

Most of the 106 trophies and 75-to-100 rosettes and ribbons have been won during the past seven to eight years. Ronnie, who is now 20, won first place in the Virginia State Championship Youth Hunt in Hopewell, Virginia, when he was only nine years old.

A night coon hunt takes place between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. Hunters must be out for at least three hours. A judge accompanies each team and keeps score. The scoring is complicated, but, basically, points are awarded when the dog "strikes" the coon (picks up the scent) and when the dog trees the coon. Minus points are levied for various "illegal" acts, such as treeing an animal other than a coon.

"You need a well-bred dog to go coon hunting," Whitey said. There are six or seven good breeds. He said this of his dog John, "John is the best dog I have ever owned. He was good at six months old, when is a very rare quality."

Not all dogs excel at the sport. "Dogs are much like people," Whitey said. "Some are just natural at the sport, and others just don't show any interest."

Coon hunting, if you want to be competitive, is not a low budget undertaking, according to Whitey. John's brother sold for \$3,000, which is an average price for a good coon dog. Prices for the most famous dogs range as high as \$15,000.



R. G. Harper, (left), property representative A, GO Land Management Charleston, won first prize in the 19-year-old and over division of a two-mile race in Charleston's 10th annual Sternwheel Regatta bicycle race. His son John (right) won first prize in the 13-15-year-old division and second place in the slow balancing contest.

INDIGESTION RAPID HERE I COME



From left, Brenda Jividen, Terry Bannister and Mary Lou Bannister.

Thrills and chills might be the perfect description of a ride down the New River Gorge. "Everybody should do it once," Brenda Jividen, Amos Plant stores clerk, said of her August 16 raft trip on the river.

Brenda rode the rapids with her mother and Terry and Mary Lou Bannister. Mary Lou is a clerk in the Amos accounting office.

Rafts were put into the water at Thurmond, West Virginia. Twenty miles downriver was the destination of Hawks Nest. First stop along the way was for lunch after Bologna Rapid. Next was the infamous Indigestion Rapid.

Another stop in the river was a 15-foot-high rock cliff. The cliff is a big attraction for the "river rats," who dove off into the river below. Mary Lou, whose son Terry served as the raft's guide, was finally coaxed into jumping from the cliff. He had been encouraging her to take the trip all summer. "It was an experience of a lifetime," she said afterward.

The enthusiasm that Brenda and Mary Lou brought back to the plant convinced Sherri Frantz, a clerk in the personnel office, to make the same trip with her husband two weeks later.

WHICH BAIT DID BLANKENSHIP USE ON THAT KEY?

The story in Russell County and environs is that Jack Blankenship doesn't need much prompting to pull out his fishing gear. Blankenship, stores supervisor at the Clinch River Plant, has a fish story that doesn't even smell fishy.

It happened this way. "My wife and I were at the Arts and Crafts Festival in Abingdon and ran upon a family in distress. They had locked their only car keys up in the car," Jack said.

"I immediately thought about the old coat hanger trick, but that wouldn't work because the door had a double lock," he said. Not one to take defeat lying down, Jack circled the vehicle and spotted a window that was barely open, just enough, say, to slip a small rod or wire through.

Putting his ingenuity to work, Jack hurried to his car, got out his fishing rod and tackle and returned to the locked vehicle. Slipping the rod through the window, Jack lowered the sinker and hook to the ignition, hooked the key and pulled it out ever so gently.

If this tale has a moral, it might be: Don't lock yourself out unless Jack is nearby.