

## APCO HONORED FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Appalachian Power Company was recently honored by the Southeastern Electric Exchange for its on-going energy conservation research programs.

A specific program — the company's solar assisted heat pump test program — was cited by the SEE in its New Residential Construction category of the annual Energy Efficiency contest for "meritorious achievement in the wise and efficient use of energy".

The SEE is made up of investor-owned electric utilities in 13 southeastern states and the District of Columbia, who work together to promote the common interest of the public and of the member companies.

The solar-assisted heat pump test home receiving the award is located at Daleville, Virginia (a similar home has also been completed near Hurricane, West Virginia). This program won out over 10 other entries from Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The Daleville home was completed in August 1979 and Appalachian immediately launched a two-year research and testing program as part of its residential energy-conservation program known as SAVE (Save America's Valuable Energy). Performance of the home's solar system, space heating, and domestic hot water heating are being monitored.

The home was built with the latest in energy efficiency techniques and contains a heat pump system assisted by 20 flat-plate solar collectors mounted on the roof. The solar system heats water in a 900-gallon storage tank.

The 1980 Southeastern Electric Exchange award is the second in four years that Appalachian has received from the organization. In 1977, it was honored for its Residential Energy Storage program, which was then in a research stage. It has since been approved by the regulatory commissions in West Virginia and Virginia for use by the company's residential customers who want to install the system. It consists of a heat storage furnace and water heater, operating during off-peak hours of electrical use. Customers receive a lower rate for electricity used during these off-peak periods.

These programs and others in which the company is involved have a dual purpose to enable the company's customers to use electricity more efficiently, and to assist the company in improving its own energy-management techniques, which could ultimately help stabilize the cost of electricity.



A duplicate of the Southeastern Electric Exchange award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Petty of Daleville, owners of the solar heat pump test home, by Lewis D. Evans, Appalachian heating and air conditioning engineer, center.

## GILLILAN SAVES CO-WORKER'S HOME



Bostic, left, and Gillilan

The home of Huntington General Service Restorer Lee Bostic, Jr., was saved from burning by the efforts of fellow employee and co-worker Dave Gillilan, line mechanic C.

Lee built a fire in the fireplace that morning for a special reason — his wife Ava and their newborn son, Russell Lee Bostic III, were coming home from the hospital.

Fifteen minutes after Lee left the house to pick up his wife and son, Dave went next door to greet the older Bostic children upon their return from church. He found the house filled with smoke and quickly determined the fire must be in the living room walls above the mantle. He called the fire department and fought the fire with a garden hose, tearing out as much of the wall as he could.

By the time the fire department arrived, Dave had extinguished the blaze. Damage to the Bostic home was estimated to be \$3,500.

"How can one thank a friend for so much?" asks Lee. "He saved my home, and my gratitude is certainly great, but my thanks can never be adequately expressed. It's wonderful to have that kind of friend and neighbor."

## NET EARNINGS INCREASE 14.8%

American Electric Power Company last month reported 1980 earnings of \$2.41 per share, a 7.1% increase over the 1979 figure of \$2.25 despite an increase of 7% in the average number of shares of common stock outstanding.

Net earnings for the year were \$348.6 million, against \$303.6 million in 1979, a gain of 14.8%.

Operating revenues rose 16.1% during the past year. Revenues were \$3.76 billion in 1980, compared with \$3.24 billion the year before.

All of the above figures for 1979 were restated to reflect, among other things, AEP's acquisition of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company last May 9.

## APCO CUSTOMERS SET RECORD FOR ELECTRICITY USE

On January 12, for the first time in history, customers of Appalachian Power Company used more than 100,000,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity during a 24-hour period.

The milestone was reached as cold weather continued throughout the company's Virginia-West Virginia service area.

Actual sales to its customers by Appalachian on January 12 was 100,361,000 kilowatt-hours, exceeding the previous high of 98,651,000 kilowatt-hours on January 5, 1981.

It was on January 5 that customers set an all-time peak of 4,740,000 kilowatts for a one-hour period. They barely missed surpassing that on January 12, demanding 4,730,000 kilowatts during the hour ending 10 AM.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said, "This new peak, which is within 136,000 kw of what the company had projected for its winter peak, confirms our belief that our customers' demand for electricity continues to grow. The peak occurred at a time when some coal operations were shut down and other industries are feeling the impacts of the recession."

For the first 21 days of 1981, the total energy used by Appalachian's customers was up 15.3% over the first 21 days of 1980.

## KINGSPORT POWER SEEKS RATE HIKE

Kingsport Power Company filed a rate increase petition with the Tennessee Public Service Commission on December 31. The filing was in two parts: (1) a request for a rate increase of about \$1.9 million annually, or about 4.2 percent based on December billings, to cover increased local operating expenses and (2) a request to add to local billings the actual amount of a proposed increase in the cost of electric power purchased for resale.

Kingsport's wholesale power supplier, Appalachian Power Company, has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a rate increase to all 21 of its wholesale customers. The proposed amount applicable to Kingsport is about \$6.9 million annually. On January 16 FERC issued an order placing this increase into effect on February 2, subject to refund with interest of any portion disallowed in the final order.

Kingsport Power President John E. Faust said, "We cannot predict what final actions FERC and the Tennessee Commission will take on these requests; but, if the total amounts requested are approved, Kingsport customers will pay about 20 percent more for electric power based on December billings."

Inflationary pressures during the past year, combined with a drastic increase in interest cost, caused Kingsport Power to suffer a net loss of over \$300,000 for the year ended June 30, 1980, which will be the test period used by the Commission in considering the company's request.

Faust pointed out that Kingsport Power Company's present residential rate is lower than the TVA average residential rate and much lower than rates charged by power companies in states bordering on Tennessee. As an example, the December billing for 1,500 kilowatt-hours on the TVA rate is 10.6 percent higher than the Kingsport rate, and in the bordering states rates are from 16.6 percent to 64 percent higher. For 4,000 kilowatt-hours, the TVA rate is 18.5 percent higher and in bordering states rates are from 18.6 percent to 55.7 percent higher. In fact, Kingsport has one of the lowest residential rates in the entire nation.

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## AEP SEEKS DOE GRANT FOR PFBC FACILITY

The AEP Service Corporation last month filed a proposal with the U.S. Department of Energy seeking a \$3.4 million grant to help fund the engineering and design of a pressurized fluidized bed combustion (PFBC) facility at Ohio Power Company's Tidd Plant in Ohio.

DOE is expected to complete its evaluation of the proposal by April. If it is approved, AEP and DOE would enter into contract negotiations.

AEP is a principal partner in the \$250 million PFBC effort, which also involves Stal-Laval Turbin AB, a subsidiary of ASEA, the Swedish electrical equipment manufacturer, and Deutsche Babcock, a West German manufacturer.

The proposed plant would have a generating capacity of 170,000 kilowatts. It would be a combined-cycle power plant, employing fluidized combustion and both gas turbine and steam turbine-generators to produce electricity. The Tidd Plant, site of the proposed facility, is in deactivated reserve. If the PFBC facility is built, it would be operated in conjunction with one of Tidd's two 110,000-kw conventional generating units.

PFBC is an advanced technique for burning high-sulfur coal economically while satisfying environmental standards. It involves the injection of crushed coal and dolomite into a pressurized vessel, where the coal is burned at a relatively low temperature and its contact with the dolomite effectively removes much of its sulfur.

## SAVINGS PLAN UNIT VALUES

Date	Value Per Unit	Units Credited Per Dollar
<b>Fixed Income Fund</b>		
1/31/80	\$1.1756	.8506
2/29/80	1.1831	.8452
3/31/80	1.1915	.8393
4/30/80	1.2002	.8332
5/31/80	1.2095	.8268
6/30/80	1.2188	.8205
7/31/80	1.2285	.8140
8/31/80	1.2386	.8074
9/30/80	1.2487	.8008
10/31/80	1.2592	.7942
11/30/80	1.2696	.7876
12/31/80	1.2806	.7809
<b>Equity Fund</b>		
1/31/80	\$1.4339	.6974
2/29/80	1.4380	.6954
3/31/80	1.2986	.7701
4/30/80	1.3554	.7378
5/31/80	1.4303	.6992
6/30/80	1.4749	.6780
7/31/80	1.5715	.6363
8/31/80	1.5896	.6291
9/30/80	1.6288	.6139
10/31/80	1.6613	.6019
11/30/80	1.8388	.5438
12/31/80	1.7856	.5600
<b>AEP Stock Fund</b>		
1/31/80	\$ .9423	1.0612
2/29/80	.8811	1.1349
3/31/80	.8506	1.1756
4/30/80	.9980	1.0020
5/31/80	1.0350	.9662
6/30/80	1.0584	.9448
7/31/80	1.0585	.9447
8/31/80	.9922	1.0079
9/30/80	.9635	1.0379
10/31/80	.9993	1.0007
11/30/80	.9533	1.0490
12/31/80	.9855	1.0147

HOW TO READ THE ABOVE CHART: The first column lists the days on which unit values are figured; the second shows the market price or value of each unit on that day; and the third indicates how many units you could have bought for \$1 on that day. For example, if the market value or "value per unit" of the Equity Fund were 50¢ on the valuation date (last day of each month), then "units credited per dollar" would be 2.000. This also holds true for the AEP Stock Fund and the Fixed Income Fund.

## HOW DENTAL PLAN WORKS

The AEP System's new Dental Assistance Plan goes into effect for eligible employees March 1 with three features unique among the company's various health-related benefit plans.

Employees already in the Medical Plan will automatically be enrolled in the new dental plan at no cost to them, and their dependents covered under the Medical Plan will also be covered under the dental plan at no added cost.

Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company has been selected to administer the Dental Assistance Plan. "The selection was made after a thorough study of major insurance companies," Gene B. Hale, AEP vice president — personnel, said, "and we believe that this company will be very responsive in handling our employees' claims."

One of the new plan's features is that claims will be submitted directly to the insurance company by the dentist. The employee will take a claim form to the dentist's office at the time of his or her appointment, and the dentist will fill it out and mail it to the insurance company. When the claim is paid, both the employee and the dentist will receive back an "explanation of benefits" form. The system is designed to be fast and efficient.

Another feature is that questions can be called directly to the Claims Department of the insurance company on a toll-free "800" telephone number. Either the employee or the dentist may use it to get quick answers.

A third feature is a provision known as "predetermination of benefits," which allows both the employee and the dentist to know, in advance, what services are covered and what payments will be made for treatment performed. The idea is to avoid surprises.

It works this way: (a) if the cost is expected to be over \$100, the dentist informs the insurance company of the proposed treatment by itemizing the services and charges on the claim form provided by the employee, then (b) the insurance company determines the amount the plan will pay and informs both the employee and the dentist of its payment decision. The rest is up to the employee and the dentist.

The new Dental Assistance Plan was announced December 19 in letters to all eligible employees. Further information will be mailed to employees within a few weeks. Included in this material will be new pages for employees' Protection Program binders, new claim forms and other explanatory information.

Employees should rely on this information for a complete understanding of the new plan. Meanwhile, the accompanying table provides highlights of the plan's design.

### Summary of Dental Assistance Plan Coverage

Individual deductible per calendar year . . . . . \$25  
Maximum family deductible per calendar year (three family members) . . . . . \$75

\$25 Deductible			
Preventive Payable at 100% of R&C <sup>1</sup>	Restorative Payable on a scheduled basis <sup>2</sup>	Prosthetic Payable on a scheduled basis <sup>2</sup>	Orthodontic (only for dependents under age 19) Payable at 50% of R&C <sup>1</sup>
Diagnostic and preventive:	Anesthesia	Restorative: Gold foil	Orthodontic: Diagnosis Appliances Treatment Adjustments
Oral examinations and cleaning	Restorative: Amalgam	Gold inlays	
X-rays	Silicate	Porcelain	
Test and lab exams	Acrylic	Crowns	
Emergency treatment	Root canal therapy	Installation of bridge-work and dentures	
Fluoride application	Treatment of gum disease		
Space maintainers	Repair of bridgework and dentures		
	Oral surgery (including extractions)		
\$1,000 Calendar Year Maximum <sup>3</sup>			\$750 Lifetime Maximum <sup>4</sup>

1. R&C — "reasonable and customary": charges are considered "reasonable and customary" if they do not exceed the amount normally charged for similar dental services in the area where the services are performed.
2. "Scheduled basis": Each dental procedure has a pre-determined benefit level. The benefit level is designed to assist in the payment and generally will pay a large part of the cost.
3. The maximum amount payable for each individual for all incurred dental expenses, excluding orthodontic service, is \$1,000 for each calendar year.
4. The lifetime maximum amount payable for orthodontic expenses is \$750 per individual.

## AEP SALES OF 111.6 BILLION KWH SETS RECORD

Customers of the American Electric Power System used 111.6-billion kilowatt-hours of electricity in 1980 — a record.

Sales of electricity last year were 6.4 percent higher than in 1979, when 104.9-billion kwh were sold. All categories of customers showed increases in usage except the industrial sector, which dropped 5.2 percent — a direct reflection of the business downturn experienced last year, particularly in the automotive industry.

AEP's retail sales of 74-billion kwh were  $\frac{3}{10}$ ths of 1 percent below the 74.2-billion kwh of such sales the year before, thanks to the industrial decline. On the other hand, wholesale sales (sales to other electric utilities, municipal utilities and electric cooperatives) were up 22.2 percent, from 30.7-billion kwh to 37.6-billion kwh, more than offsetting the overall retail performance and making possible the 6.4 percent gain in total sales.

A breakdown of the figures follows:

Customer Category	Thousands of Kwh	Pct. Change from 1979
Residential . . . . .	22,324	5.1
Commercial . . . . .	13,287	6.0
Industrial . . . . .	37,087	-5.2
Other retail . . . . .	1,345	4.4
Total retail . . . . .	74,043	0.2
Wholesale . . . . .	37,577	22.2
Total energy sales . . . . .	111,620	6.4

Because of American Electric Power Company's acquisition of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company as its eighth operating company, last May 9, all of the above kwh figures have been stated as if C&SOE had been part of the AEP System during all of 1979 and 1980 so as to provide an appropriate comparison.

## C&SOE OPERATIONS INTEGRATED INTO AEP SYSTEM

Electric power operations of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company were integrated into the American Electric Power System at the stroke of midnight as the new year began on January 1.

Donald P. Nofsinger, vice president — system operation of the Service Corporation, who directed the operation, described it as the first of its kind in electric power industry history.

With the changing of wires and the pushing of buttons to actuate newly installed electronic equipment at the AEP System power control center in Canton, operational control of the C&SOE system was switched to there from its Columbus operating center. The latter facility will now be used as one of four regional power-control centers of the seven-state AEP System.

C&SOE has been part of the AEP System since May 9. However, actual integration of its operation into the AEP System had to wait approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which set January 1 as the effective date.

With the changeover, monitoring and control of all electric energy generated by C&SOE's power plants or received over its 10 transmission interconnections with neighboring, nonaffiliated companies, as well as the dispatching of power to serve its major load centers or for transmission to other companies, are now handled by the advanced, computer-operated control center in Canton.

While the actual change took only a matter of moments, the planning, engineering and installation work that preceded it took more than two years. Teams of engineers and operations personnel handling the task were directed by Nofsinger and W. Robert Kelley, earlier C&SOE's vice president — electric operations and now AEP's assistant vice president — system operation.

"It all went very smoothly," Nofsinger reported.

## 29% OF DIVIDEND NONTAXABLE

American Electric Power Company on January 23 announced that an estimated 29 percent of the \$2.23 of dividends paid per share of AEP common stock in 1980 is not taxable as dividend income for Federal income tax purposes.

The Company said that a more exact determination of the nontaxable portion of the year's dividends would be made and submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for approval when the company files its 1980 income tax return next September. If the IRS review results in a determination different from that of AEP, shareowners will be so advised at that time.

## ISNER RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS



The thing that came to Bob Isner's mind after 34 years with Appalachian involves innovations in tools. "I am very pleased with the improvement in tools and equipment the company provides for employees since the time I started to work for Walter 'Juice Harp' Strickland in the line crew. I was especially pleased when the aerial bucket trucks came on the scene," Bob said.

Bob retired on February 1 as an engineering technician senior in Charleston. "I have many fond memories of working with Strickland, Walter Price in the trouble shop, Felix Reed, line foreman, and Gordon Moir, records supervisor. We all worked well together, helping each other. It was just like a family," Bob said.

One experience stands out in Bob's mind. "During my time with the company, I had only one lost-time accident. That happened during the first week I was hired, in June 1946, when I tangled with some poison ivy. I have stayed away from the ivy ever since that time," Bob said.

Bob's retirement elicited this comment from R. E. Myers, engineering technologist supervisor, "Bob and I have been together for several years. He has been an outstanding employee throughout his tenure here. I was impressed mostly with his kindness and unselfishness to everyone. We will certainly miss him and wish him many years of happy retirement."

Bob said he retired early in order to have more time to devote to hunting and fishing. In that regard he plans to get a jump on turkey season. "I'm going to spend this summer looking for a place to take Art Burdette and Dick Huffman where they can get a turkey next hunting season," Bob said. Art is engineering supervisor, and Dick is general line supervisor.

Bob and his wife Margaret will continue to live at 517 Spotswood Road, South Charleston.

## C&SOE NOW WHOLLY OWNED BY AEP

Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company is now wholly owned by American Electric Power Company.

At the close of business on December 31, the last of the holders of C&SOE common stock who had not yet exchanged their shares for AEP common — the mechanism by which the acquisition was carried out — automatically became AEP shareowners and ceased to be C&SOE shareowners.

Elimination of the minority interest was ordered by U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Duncan in Columbus in an enforcement order issued December 19, and AEP chose December 31 as its effective date. The order had been requested by the Securities and Exchange Commission after its approval, in October, of AEP's plan to acquire the remaining shares.

Interestingly, completion of the stock acquisition took place the same day that C&SOE's electric operations were integrated into the AEP System, at the stroke of midnight as the year 1980 came to a close.

Thus ended an acquisition proceeding that had begun on January 22, 1968, when AEP and C&SOE jointly announced their plans for it — 12 years, 11 months and nine days earlier.

## QUEEN SEES SMOKE, GIVES AID IN FIRE



J. D. Queen, Wayne area service restorer in the Huntington Division, made an unscheduled stop around 11 a.m. on January 5. And it's lucky for the residents of a house on U.S. 52 that he did.

As he was driving to a job assignment that morning, Jimmy noticed smoke coming from the roof of a home. He rushed to the door and knocked. Inside were Mrs. Ralph Cox, who was holding her baby, and a next-door neighbor. Jimmy told them that the roof was on fire and that they must leave immediately. About that time another neighbor came running over to warn of fire after seeing the wood stove pipe topple on the roof.

"I feel that I was lucky to be coming down the road at the right time," Jimmy said. "Someone else did see the fire, it's true. But that might not have been in time. I feel I helped a good bit, and I feel good about what I was able to do."

There were no injuries, but the home was a complete loss. Only some living room furniture was saved. Once all the occupants had left the burning house, a pick-up truck was pushed away from the house.

Jimmy called the fire department on his truck radio. The fire department had to travel about 18 miles to reach the house. In the meantime, little could be done since the water line at the house had frozen.

The cause of the fire was apparently the wood stove or flue, according to Jimmy. This is fairly common during the winter. "I have had at least seven fire calls in the last month and a half, and I've had two fatalities from fires in Wayne County within the past month. One was a 17-year-old boy and the other a man in his forties," Jimmy said. "Just about every fire I've been out on (as restorer) has had a wood burning stove or an open fireplace. People should check and know what they are doing before they build fires in them."

# POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

## Abingdon

**D. D. Taylor**, customer services manager, was elected vice president of the Abingdon Rotary Club.



**Amy**, daughter of M. L. Croft, customer accounts supervisor, was a winner in the primary category in the Abingdon Elementary School PTA cultural arts contest.



**Jill**, daughter of M. L. Croft, captured first place in the Elks national hoop shoot competition in Washington County. This win advanced her to regional competition for 10-11 year olds, where she was first runner-up. Over 4,500 students competed in the regional contest.

## John Amos



**Venetia**, daughter of Ray Haga, civil construction assistant I, Putnam Coal Terminal, was selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A junior at Winfield High, she is a member of the Flag Corps, band honor society, photography club and was selected

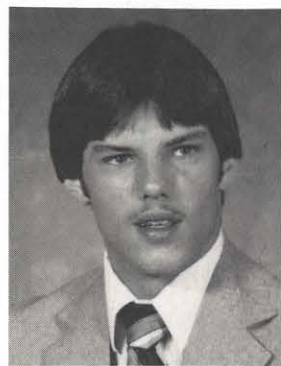
for "The Society of Distinguished American High School Students" Venetia was chosen "most humorous" by her classmates and has received outstanding leadership awards.

## Beckley



**Kevin Garlow**, junior clerk, graduated magna cum laude from Concord College with a regents bachelor of arts degree. He was listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities"; a member of the student advisory council and made the national dean's list.

**Gina Lynn**, daughter of Records Supervisor Archie Riner, and **Kathryn**, daughter of Customer Services Manager D. L. Kendrick, were selected by the faculty at Woodrow Wilson High School for induction into the National Honor Society.



**Mark**, son of Line Crew Supervisor W. J. Groseclose, has been nominated by Congressman Nick Joe Rahall for appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. A senior at Woodrow Wilson High, Mark has also been selected as a member of the All-Coalfield Conference football team.

**D. L. Kendrick**, customer services manager, is president-elect of the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce.

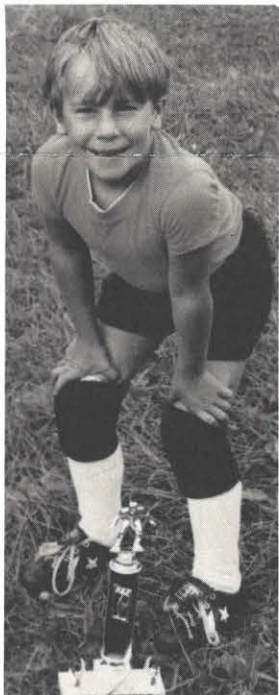
Division Manager **T. A. Rotenberry** and Administrative Assistant **Ray Vest** were re-elected to the board of directors of the United Fund of Raleigh County, Inc. Rotenberry will also serve as board president.



**Bruce**, son of K. S. Lazenby, GO right-of-way supervisor, was elected Raleigh County prosecuting attorney. He had been associated with the Beckley law firm of Bowers, Hodson, Herderson and Richmond and was appointed to serve an unexpired term as Raleigh County magistrate.

## Bluefield

Division Manager **W. B. Belchee** was elected to the board of directors of the Pocahontas Coalfield Centennial Celebration and to the board of managers of the Greenwood Park Methodist Home.



Six-year-old **Brent**, son of Jim Surface, GO T&D Station engineering technologist, played for the Strikers in the Bluefield Area Soccer Association. His team went undefeated in regular season with 8 wins but was beat in the championship game by one point in overtime.

## Charleston

**Dale Thayer**, St. Albans line mechanic B, was awarded the green belt in Ko-Sutemi Seiei-Kan, a part of the Southern West Virginia Karate Association.

Customer Services Manager **Lloyd Pomykata** was named to serve in an advisory

capacity on the State of West Virginia's weatherization program.



**Melissa**, daughter of Customer Accounts Supervisor Pat Taylor, was named to the All-Kanawha County cheerleading squad. She was one of 12 selected from 34 participating teams.

## General Office

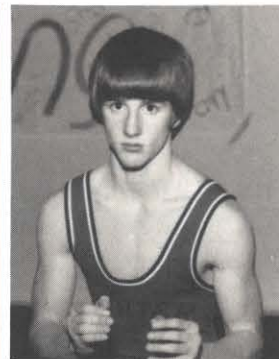
**Vicki**, daughter of F. F. Webb, control electrician A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Cave Spring High. She is also captain of the drill team.

**Adina**, daughter of LeRoy Dalton, hydro operations superintendent, GO Hydro, Roanoke, is a member of the Patrick Henry High School band which won a first-place award in the Peach Bowl Parade. The 132-member band won the top award in a category for high school bands larger than 76 members. **Mrs. Dalton** was a chaperone for the trip.



**Philip**, son of E. R. Biggs, general stores supervisor, GO Purchasing, Roanoke, won the 105 lb. weight class in the Big Orange Christmas Wrestling Tournament. Eight high schools participated in the event. A junior at Cave Spring High, Philip has been elected to the National Honor Society.

**Jerry**, husband of Judy Caldwell, right-of-way clerk A, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, was reelected to his fourth term as fire chief of the Catawba Volunteer Fire Department.

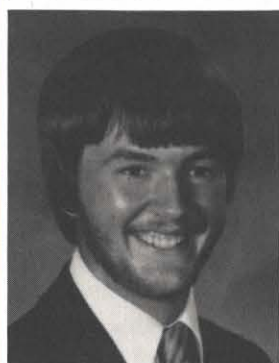


**Terry**, son of Joe Plunk, manager hydro generation, GO Hydro, Roanoke, won the Blue Ridge District wrestling championship in the 112 lb. category. He is a ninth grader at William Byrd High.



**Tim**, son of R. E. Ferrell, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Abingdon Regional Dispatch Center, was selected to the all-star team of the Abingdon Parks and Recreation soccer team for the 1980 fall season.

## Huntington



**Stephen Michael Grose** represented Milton High School on WOWK-TV's "High-Q" show last month. Juniors and seniors from various high schools compete during the program. Stephen is a member of the all-conference football team, all-state chorus, National Honor Society president, Math Club president and was selected as best offensive and defensive lineman for the season at Milton High. He is the son of Lyle Grose, station crew supervisor NE, and Peggy Grose, customer accounts representative B.

## Kanawha River



Maggio, left, and Crawford

**Mike Maggio**, stores attendant senior, was elected president of the East Bank Alumni Association due to his never tiring efforts to raise money for a scholarship fund. Named alumnus of the year was **L. D. Crawford**, sergeant major of the Marine Corps and brother to Administrative Assistant Jeanne Sheets.

## Logan-Williamson

**Richie**, son of Frederick Wagner, engineering technician senior, won a Bulova watch, donated by Lilly's Crown Jewelers, during halftime of a Logan High School basketball game.

**Jeff**, son of Line Inspector Ronnie Horne, was named to the *Williamson Daily News* all-area football team as a member of the offensive team. Jeff, a 190 lb. senior on the Williamson High Wolf-pack team, was honored not only for his consistently fine performance as offensive guard but also for outstanding defensive play.



**Frank**, son of Division Superintendent Harry Ruloff, was nominated to the United States Air Force Academy by Congressman Nick Joe Rahall. At Logan Senior High, Frank is public relations chairman and board chairman of the Key Club; yearbook staff photographer; member, National Honor Society and Spanish Club. He is also photographer

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## Logan

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for the local production of the "Sound of Music"; a member of the Logan County Amateur Radio Club and performed in "The Aracoma Story".

## Lynchburg

**Zane**, son of Retired General Serviceman Parks Snead, assumed his new duties as president of American National Bank in Logan, W.Va., last month.

**Sergeants Ronald and Martha Burch** have left for their next tour of duty with the Army in Anchorage, Alaska. She is the daughter of George Stone, T&D clerk on LTD leave.

## Mountaineer

**C. E. Rife**, coal equipment operator, was elected chief of the Rutland, Ohio, Volunteer Fire Department.

## Pulaski

**Jeanette Frazier**, customer accounts representative B, was elected district youth director of the Austinville Church of God of Prophecy.

Retiree **Kelly Buckland** was elected chairman of the agricultural stabilization and conservation committee of Pulaski County.

Division Superintendent **R. B. Kilgore** was elected an elder of Pulaski First Presbyterian Church and appointed chairman of the administrative committee.

**Jennie**, wife of Line Inspector W. P. Brewer, Jr., was appointed to the pastor-parish relations committee at Aldersgate and Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Churches. She is recording secretary of that committee.

**Scott**, son of Junior Stenographer Beverly Reynolds, was chosen blue ribbon citizen at Critzer Elementary School, where he is a fourth grader.

**Lee**, son of G. R. "Buddy" Smith, Jr., division right-of-way maintenance inspector, was named manager of the Huntington, W.Va., United Parcel Service.

**Audra**, wife of Customer Accounts Supervisor J. H. Basham, received a

\$50 savings account, stadium blanket and set of steak knives in a drawing during the grand opening at the Bank of Speedwell's Pulaski Branch.

**Rose Mary Meadows**, junior clerk, was elected to the Pulaski County Republican Committee.

**Barbara Marshall**, T&D clerk A, was named to the advisory committee of the Pulaski County High School business education department.

**S. J. "Red" Johnson**, line mechanic A on LTD leave, was re-elected to a three-year term as vice chairman of the New River Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors.

**F. W. Myers**, Christiansburg office supervisor, was elected to his second three-year term on the board of directors of the Hensel Eckman YMCA.

**F. H. "Tater" Anderson**, line mechanic A, was elected assistant chief of the Galax Volunteer Fire Department. **C. V. Burnette**, meter reader, was named lieutenant of company 2.

**T. M. Lineberry**, Galax meter reader, was elected vice president of Briar Patch Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

**R. A. Bryan, Jr.**, line mechanic B, was elected vice president of Baywood Elementary School PTA.

**J. L. Rakes**, customer services representative, was elected to a three-year term as deacon of the Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

**R. G. Musser**, area service restorer, was elected assistant chief of the Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department. **B. W. Hicks**, engineering technician, was elected captain.

**F. W. Young**, head T&D clerk, was elected chairman of the administrative board at Mountain View United Methodist Church.

**A. S. Jackson**, customer accounts representative B, was elected reporter for the Laurel Fork Volunteer Fire Department and secretary-treasurer of the Laurel Fork Booster Club. His daughter **Tammie** was awarded a trophy for winning the ten-year-old girls' basketball free throw contest held by the Carroll County Recreation Department.

Elected officers of Wytheville Lodge No. 82 A.F. & A.M. were Retiree **L. A. Sharpe**, senior warden, and Customer Accounting Supervisor **R. V. Dalton**, junior deacon. Meter Reader **G. W. Johnson** was named membership officer of the Christiansburg Jaycees.

Junior Clerk **Jean Curtis** was elected first vice president of the Christiansburg Woman's Club.

Administrative Assistant **J. B. Brillheart, Jr.**, was named youth coordinator of the Pulaski First United Methodist Church.

**Gary**, son of Retiree Dorothy Whitaker, was named group manager of Springs Mills Lancaster Complex at Lancaster, N.C. He will have overall responsibility for five plants in the complex.

## Roanoke



**Donald Williams**, engineering technician, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service while serving as weapons platoon sergeant and acting first sergeant of Detachment 1, Company A, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry, 116th Infantry Brigade from July 21, 1979, to September 22, 1980. This is the second such award to be given in the battalion in 21 years. Don also was promoted to first sergeant.

Retiree **Prince Thornton** was named assistant secretary of the board of Goodwill Industries of Greater Virginia, Inc.

Dressed as a robot, **Kenny**, son of Meter Electrician Janet Craighead, won a \$25 gift certificate from Roanoke-Salem Plaza for the most original Halloween costume.

**Helen West**, personnel assistant senior, was elected secretary of the finance committee at Vinton Baptist Church. Her daughter **Teresa** was elected president of the Youth Council.



**Patra**, daughter of Kim Wright, drafter B, is a member of the cheer-leading group which won first place in the Roanoke Valley competition.

## HUNTERS SCORE

**Glen Lyn Bobby Clemons**, equipment operator, 125 lb. doe.

**Huntington Ron White**, station mechanic B, 10-point buck, 110 lb. (dressed).

**Kingsport J. B. Quillin, Jr.**, customer services representative, 100 lb. 4-point buck.

**Pulaski R. D. Byrd**, meter reader, 150 lb. spike buck. **F. H. Anderson**, line mechanic A, 160 lb. 8-point buck. **H. B. Shepherd**, line crew supervisor NE, 120 lb. 8-point buck. **B. R. White**, customer accounting supervisor NE, 120 lb. 8-point buck. **R. E. Semones**, engineering technologist supervisor, 100 lb. doe. **R. M. Schronce**, drafter C, 8 lb. turkey hen. **D. A. Phillips**, engineering technician, 12 lb. turkey gobbler and 100 lb. doe. **F. W. Young**, head T&D clerk, 90 lb. doe and 12 lb. turkey hen.

**Roanoke Marshall Andrew**, son of Emma Clark, station mechanic C, 7-point buck.

## NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

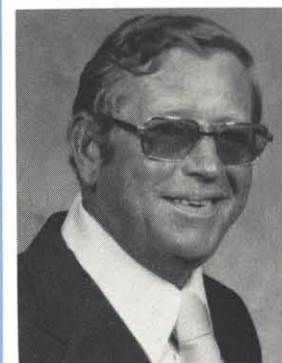
**Abingdon Katherine Shipley**, junior clerk, Marion.

**Beckley Verna Love**, electrical engineer.

**Bluefield Keith Reese** and **Dewey Hill, Jr.**, line mechanics D, Petersburg.

**Philip Sporn C. H. Zuspan, Jr.**, control technician junior. **V. L. Nazarewycz**, plant clerk B.

## FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



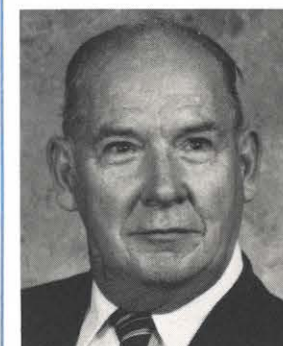
September 1, 1971. Stone is survived by his widow Tilda, Route 14, Box 215, Salisbury, North Carolina; one son, Clifford H. Stone, maintenance mechanic C at Amos Plant; and five daughters.



**Alfred Charles Fife**, 83, retired Logan-Williamson station foreman, died January 3. A native of Putnam County, West Virginia, he joined the company in 1924 as a groundman at Logan and retired July 1, 1962. Fife is survived by two sons, two daughters and ten grandchildren.



**Jack H. Martin**, 65, retired Cabin Creek Plant turbine operator A, died January 6. A native of Shrewsbury, West Virginia, he began his career in 1943 as a laborer and retired July 1, 1977. Martin is survived by his widow Mabel, 129-5th Avenue, Glasgow, W.Va.; one daughter and three sons.



**Melville J. Hartley**, 72, retired meter superintendent, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, died January 15. A native of Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada, he began his career in 1923 as a meterman with Indiana & Michigan Electric Company and retired July 1, 1973. Hartley is survived by his widow Margaret, 2549 Inglewood Road, Roanoke, Virginia, two sons and a stepdaughter.

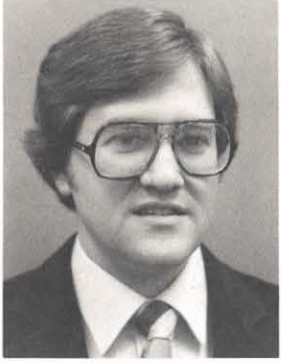


**Ralph J. "Moe" Siner**, 66, retired Roanoke line inspector, died December 21. A native of Vinton, Virginia, he began his career in 1936 as a groundman and elected early retirement March 1, 1977. Siner is survived by his daughter, brother, grandson and great granddaughter.



**Henry Lee Stone**, 72, retired Cabin Creek Plant junior maintenance man, died December 26. A native of Slaughters Creek, West Virginia, he was hired in 1944 as a janitor and retired

## MOVING UP



**Harold Wiseman**, former electrical engineer, was promoted to Charleston power engineer on December 1, succeeding Barry Snodgrass. Wiseman holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



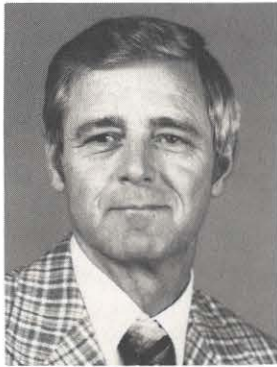
**O. P. Taylor**, former office supervisor, was promoted to Charleston customer accounts supervisor on December 1, succeeding E. J. Shaver, Jr., who was named administrative assistant. Taylor holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from West Virginia State College.



**Barbara Markham**, former customer accounts assistant non-exempt, was promoted to the exempt position of Charleston office supervisor on December 1, succeeding O. P. Taylor. Markham attended Capitol City Commercial College.



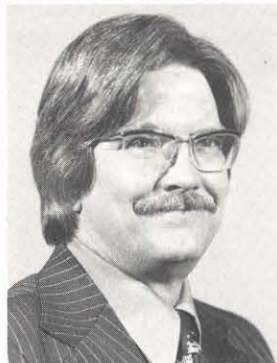
**Stephen Schultz**, former electrical engineer, was promoted to relay specialist senior, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, on December 1. Schultz holds an associate degree in electrical engineering technology from Roanoke Technical Institute.



**Winston Martin**, former electrical engineer, was promoted to station construction representative senior, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, on December 1.

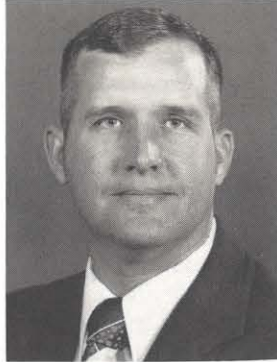


**Clyde D. Lavinder**, former electrical engineer, was promoted to station construction representative senior, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, on December 1. He holds an associate degree in electronics from Roanoke Technical Institute.



**Charles C. Beard, Jr.**, former distribution supervising engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, was promoted to senior engineer, AEP Service Corporation, Columbus, on February 1. He holds bachelor of science degrees in electrical engineering and

mechanics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



**Gilbert Christenberry**, former performance engineer senior, was promoted to production superintendent-maintenance at Clinch River Plant on December 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University.



**Ann Huffman**, former office equipment and supplies coordinator, was promoted to office services supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, on February 1. She succeeds Lauren Himes, who elected early retirement.



**Roger Smith**, former head reproduction section nonexempt, was promoted to the exempt position of office equipment and supplies coordinator, GO General Services, Roanoke, on February 1, succeeding Ann Huffman.



**Wallace Jamison**, former assistant power dispatching supervisor, was promoted to power dispatching

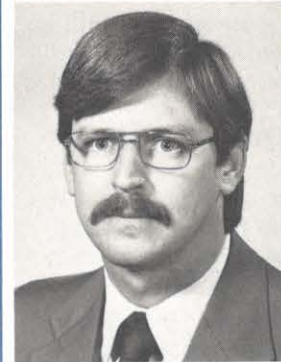
supervisor in GO Operations, Roanoke, on January 1. He attended Roanoke Technical Institute and holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



**Randall Agnew**, former operations engineer senior, was promoted to assistant power dispatching supervisor in GO Operations, Roanoke, on January 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



**Paul Roush**, former assistant regional chief dispatcher, was promoted to regional chief dispatcher in GO Operations, Roanoke, on February 1. He succeeds W. E. Ferrell, who retired.



**Joseph F. Whitehead**, former regional dispatcher, was promoted to assistant regional chief dispatcher in GO Operations, Roanoke, on February 1.

## KPCO COMBINES CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS, SERVICE FUNCTIONS



Bacon



Harkleroad

The customer service and customer accounts functions for Kingsport Power Company were combined into one department effective January 1.

The new customer services department is headed by Carl Bacon, who was promoted to customer services director. The customer accounts section is headed by Woodrow Smith, customer accounts supervisor, and Ron Harrison is office supervisor. Pauline Harkleroad, customer accounts clerk A, was promoted to the exempt position of customer accounts assistant.

Several other promotions and job title changes have also been made in the new department.

## SAFETY FIRST SAYS HARDMAN



Tom Hardman thinks the highlight of his 35-year career with Appalachian is something he did not get. He worked all those years without a disabling injury.

"I'm grateful for the safe working atmosphere and the attitude of fellow employees and the company that helped me work 35 years without a disabling injury," said Tom, a Charleston ground helper, who retired at age 63 on February 1.

Tom is well known in Charleston Division for his homemade hunting and wire skinning knives. He also left these impressions on supervisors. "Tom is among the most sincere and dedicated employees in the company. Since I have known him, he has always carried out his job assignments in a helpful and cheerful manner," said Haskel Jones, division line superintendent.

Dick Huffman, general line supervisor, had this to say, "I've known Tom for a long time. However, I've only had the pleasure of supervising him for a year. I sincerely believe that he always gave the company his best. He has been a good worker and very dependable, particularly on emergency calls."

Tom's retirement plans include indulging his hobbies, fishing and hunting. And he and his wife Roxie plan to visit their son Larry in Tell City, Indiana.

The Hardmans make their home at 3526 Washington Street West, Charleston. They have two children and three grandchildren.

# SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



**Sherry Lynn Johnson**, daughter of Judy Johnson, stenographer, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, to Irlant E. Moore, Jr., December 21.



**Shelia Annette Pullen** to **Dwane Foster**, Amos maintenance mechanic C, November 29.



**Terri Hammock** to **William David Parcell**, son of W. R. Parcell, station mechanic A at Fieldale in the Roanoke Division, December 6.



**Lisa Hope Holley**, daughter of Marjorie Holley, Lynchburg customer accounts representative B, to John Wyndol Ewers, Jr., January 3.



**Patricia Bruce**, junior stenographer, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, to **Fulton E. Greenway, Jr.**, January 9.

**Patricia Kropka**, Mountaineer utility worker, to **E. R. Thompson**, January 9.

**Vicky Barton**, Mountaineer plant clerk B, to **L. O. Nazarewycz**, Mountaineer equipment operator, October 24.

**Shirley Birdwell** to **Hubert L. Gue**, Huntington line mechanic D, January 3.

**Shirley Jeanne** to **Melvin Waggoner**, Roanoke customer accounts representative A, January 4.



**Loyd and Augusta Smith** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 26. They have one son and two grandchildren. Loyd was administrative assistant in Lynchburg before retiring in June 1970.



**Austin and Alma Wilson** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 12 at the home of a son in Fries, Virginia. The couple has 8 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Austin retired in October 1973 as a meter reader at Galax in the Pulaski Division.

# BABY PARADE

**John Amos**  
Anna Jo, daughter of **James Carey, Jr.**, utility operator A, December 10.

**Chessie Nicole**, daughter of **George Rhodes, Jr.**, ash technician junior, December 18.

**Bradley Michael**, son of **Christopher Hickman**, utility worker, November 27.

**Jeremy Lee**, son of **Jerry Hodges**, maintenance mechanic C, December 28.

**Michael Stewart, II**, son of **Michael Criner**, coal equipment operator, December 28.

**Bluefield**  
**Brad Joseph**, son of **Emmett Freeman, III**, Welch meter reader, December 25.

**Christopher Steve**, son of **Gary McClanahan**, Grundy custodian, December 29.

**Charleston**  
**Karla Vanessa**, daughter of **Charles Schnell**, meter reader, December 30.

**General Office**  
**Jennifer Elizabeth**, daughter of **Michael Kline**, electrical engineer-hydro, GO Hydro, Roanoke, January 4.

**Huntington**  
**Tracey Leigh**, daughter of **T. E. Wells**, station mechanic A, December 3.

**Russell Lee, III**, son of **Russell Lee Bostic, Jr.**, general servicer, December 12.

**Pulaski**  
**Rebecca Ashley**, daughter of **Kathy Bopp**, secretary-stenographer, December 11.

**Roanoke**  
**Kristina Michele**, daughter of **W. E. McMillian**, line mechanic C, November 28.

**Jacob Ridgeway**, son of **Joy Gailey**, junior clerk, January 4.

**Philip Sporn**  
**Brooke Nicole**, daughter of **John Halstead**, auxiliary equipment operator, December 4.

**Alisha Katherine**, daughter of **Gregory Hines**, performance engineer senior, December 4.

# MOREFIELD PAINTS FOR PLEASURE



Each of us has admired the works of Michelangelo and Da Vinci, but few would attempt to paint or create as they did.

Not John Morefield, Abingdon engineering technologist. "Don't worry about it," John says. "I've been painting since junior high school, mostly because I believe painting is for pleasure. You only have to please yourself."

"A lot of people have the idea that painting is hard or that it requires a lot of equipment. This is not necessarily so," says John. He believes today's paints — oil-base and acrylics — are easy to work with, even for beginners. "And sometimes, you can do a picture in one weekend; of course, you gain momentum with each attempt, too."

John begins painting by making a rough sketch on paper. "After getting the right proportions, and deciding on perspective, I transfer the image to the canvas with carbon paper. I then fill in the background very carefully — this is a critical step. After the background is completed, I begin the detail coloring, and the painting seems to materialize before my eyes," says John.

John's preference seems to be landscapes. "One reason for this is that it takes me out of doors," he says. "And for me, I suppose landscapes are easier."

His art is a useful teaching tool, too. "My church school class of 10- to 13-year-old children gives me the opportunity to use my talents. At this age, the kids relate better to pictures. They seem to take in more with their eyes than they do with their ears. And my pictures seem to help them overcome their shyness enough to participate in class discussions," John says.

John did not have formal art training. "But I feel that anyone, with or without training, can find some level of painting that he would find fun to do and from which he would obtain satisfaction. I believe art is in the eye of the beholder," John says.

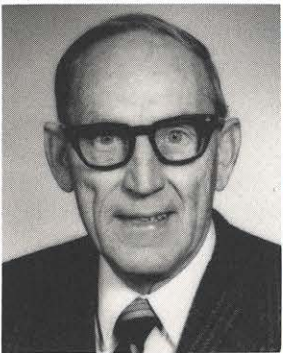


Lorrayne Corea, secretary-stenographer in Williamson T&D, admires the plaque she received upon being named a "Distinguished West Virginian". She was nominated by Williamson Mayor Sam Kapourales for the honor, which recognizes individuals throughout the Mountain State for exceptional contributions to the areas in which they live and serve. Some of Lorrayne's activities over the years which led to her award are: chairman, Salvation Army advisory board; secretary-treasurer, Tug Valley Arts Council; treasurer, Action In Mingo and 1971 King Coal Festival; president, South Williamson PTA and Williamson High Booster Club; sponsor, Junior Woman's Club; vice president, Williamson Garden Club; honorary member, Preceptor Theta Chapter Beta Sigma Phi; nominated first lady — Bicentennial by Junior Woman's Club; chosen citizen of the month by Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce; and Boy Scouts of America den mother award.

# VETS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



Nancy Eskridge  
Cashier Sr. (LTD)  
Pulaski  
40 Years



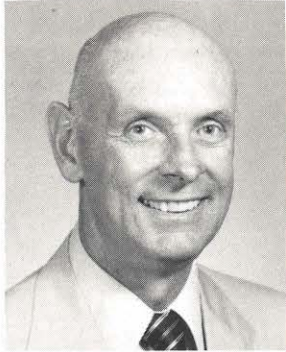
G. T. McClure  
Cust. Service Rep.  
Huntington  
40 Years



L. K. Johnston, Jr.  
Shift Operating Eng.  
Glen Lyn  
40 Years



J. P. McCormick  
Driver-ground helper  
Charleston  
35 Years



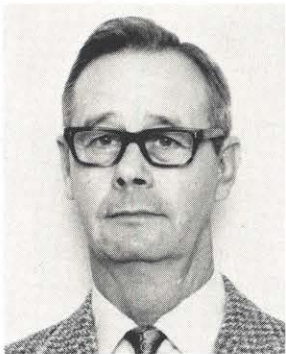
A. L. Stebar, Jr.  
Auto. Trans. Supv.  
GO-Roanoke  
35 Years



C. A. Kelly  
Line Inspector  
Bluefield  
35 Years



W. F. Childers  
Station & Hydro Supt.  
Pulaski  
35 Years



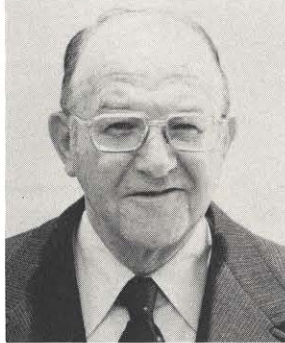
Alonza Hardy, Jr.  
General Servicer  
Bluefield  
35 Years



R. H. Thomas, Jr.  
R/w Agent Sr.  
GO-Roanoke  
35 Years



B. J. Ingram  
Meter Electrician A  
Kingsport  
35 Years



W. Q. Smith  
Acctg. Supv.  
Kingsport  
35 Years



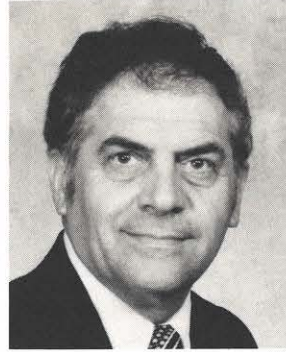
Lorena Terry  
Personnel Asst. Sr.  
GO-Roanoke  
30 Years



T. D. Carroll  
Relay Supervisor  
GO-Roanoke  
30 Years



S. E. Smith  
Driver-Ground Helper  
Roanoke  
30 Years



C. O. Carlini  
Division Manager  
Charleston  
30 Years



Rosie Sandor  
Cust. Accts. Rep. A  
Charleston  
30 Years



R. R. Beckett  
Meter Serv. Mech. A  
Huntington  
30 Years



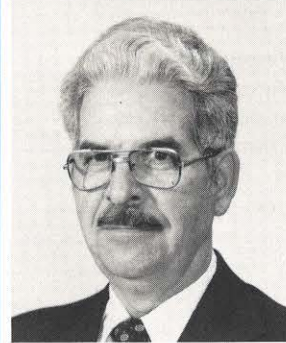
G. M. Adkins  
Stores Attendant  
Roanoke  
30 Years



K. E. Beasley  
Yard Supt.  
Glen Lyn  
30 Years



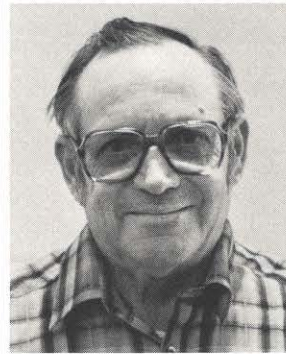
H. P. Jackson, Jr.  
Maint. Mechanic A  
Glen Lyn  
30 Years



O. L. Whitlow  
Coal Equip. Op.  
Glen Lyn  
30 Years



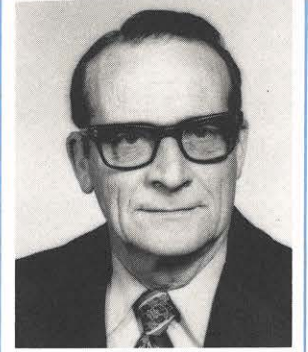
J. H. Oxley  
Chemist Assistant  
Glen Lyn  
30 Years



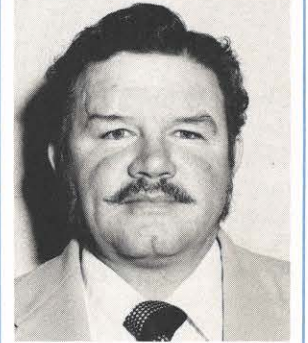
C. E. Kilgore  
Eng. Technician  
Kingsport  
30 Years



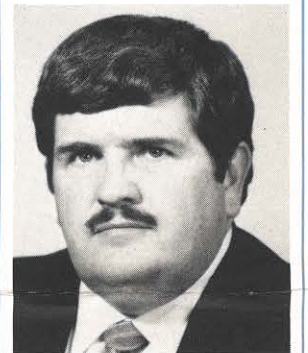
L. J. Karschnik  
Shift Op. Engineer  
John Amos  
30 Years



E. C. Maynard  
Meter Reader  
Huntington  
30 Years



R. T. Bowen, Jr.  
Line Crew Supv. NE  
Bluefield  
25 Years



N. J. Burnside, Jr.  
Operations Coordinator  
GO-Roanoke  
25 Years

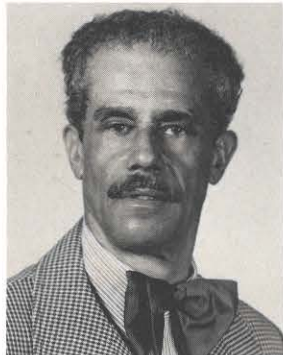


Ivy Layman  
Customer Servicer  
Roanoke  
25 Years



Wanda Nelson  
Cust. Accts. Rep. B  
(LTD)  
Charleston  
25 Years





J. M. Hopson  
Custodian  
GO-Roanoke  
25 Years



S. E. Saunders  
Area Serv. Restorer  
Huntington  
25 Years



M. M. Wolfe  
Performance Tech.  
Mountaineer  
25 Years

**Abingdon**  
15 Years: E. F. Sutherland, drafter A.

**John Amos**  
15 Years: W. R. Camden, unit supervisor. 5 Years: C. A. Winter, maintenance mechanic B. Mary Fizer, stores attendant. Doris Crawford, utility worker. Charles Swisher, utility operator A. J. D. Owens, utility operator A. J. A. Woyan, utility operator A.

**Beckley**  
5 Years: A. T. Warner, meter electrician D.

**Bluefield**  
5 Years: Mark Justice, meter reader. Francis DeBellis, electrical engineer senior.

**Central Machine Shop**  
5 Years: G. F. Adkins, winder 2nd class. C. R. Lovejoy, machinist 2nd class. R. L. Neel, winder 2nd class. R. L. Robinson, winder 3rd class. J. R. Cobb, NDE inspector 1st class. F. N. White, tool crib attendant. Phyllis Lovett, winder

3rd class. Brenda Wilkinson, winder 3rd class.

**Charleston**  
15 Years: L. F. Dent, line mechanic A.

**Clinch River**  
10 Years: L. E. Perry, maintenance mechanic B. 5 Years: J. B. Akers, chemist assistant.

**General Office**  
15 Years: C. H. Jones, transmission mechanic A, GO-Abingdon. R. O. Repass, transmission mechanic A, GO-Bluefield. B. C. Jones, distribution engineer senior, GO-Roanoke. L. Poskas, station engineer senior, GO-Bluefield. 5 Years: Deborah Divers, stenographer, GO-Roanoke. J. D. Zwart, operations engineer, GO-Roanoke. A. G. Phlegar, civil engineer, GO-Huntington.

**Glen Lyn**  
15 Years: F. L. Ferguson, maintenance mechanic B.

**Kanawha River**  
15 Years: Ellis McDaniel, maintenance supervisor (LTD). 10 Years: Woodrow Segraves, maintenance mechanic A. Timothy White, stores attendant. 5 Years: Bernard Balsler, auxiliary equipment operator.

**Kingsport**  
5 Years: R. R. Trent, line mechanic D.

**Mountaineer**  
15 Years: B. H. Shires, assistant shift operating engineer. 10 Years: B. A. Wilson, Jr., unit supervisor.

**Pulaski**  
5 Years: E. C. Felty, meter reader. G. D. Jones, stores attendant.

**Philip Sporn**  
30 Years: W. R. Dean, engineering technician. 15 Years: F. N. Reynolds, maintenance supervisor. 10 Years: N. R. Humphreys, Jr., plant performance superintendent. D. W. Robinson, maintenance mechanic A. M. H. Plymale, filter plant operator and sampler.

## HIMES STARTED PONY EXPRESS



Lauren Himes, office services supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, retired on February 1, ending a career just 69 days short of 41 years. "My association with this company began with a 6-month temporary assignment as a clerk in the Accounting Department, and my salary was \$70 a month. Things sure have changed in 40 years," Lauren says.

From accounting clerk, Lauren was promoted to senior classification clerk. He also served as head of the accounts payable section before becoming office services supervisor.

"One of the first jobs I worked on in Office Services was the establishment of inter-office pony express routes," he says. "I drove all the proposed routes before they were accepted into the system. And I've watched the system expand from primarily transporting accounting records into a fine internal transportation service for all departments in the company. Today, our carryalls and vans move materials as large as street lighting booms or as small as nuts and bolts."

Lauren also developed a system for the collation and insertion of electric service bills and related enclosures for mailing to customers.

Lauren recalls that when he began his job, the reproduction section had one ditto machine operated by a mail clerk. "Today, however, the reproduction services section turns out approximately three-quarters of a million copies each month. The revolution in photocopying and camera equipment has been amazing. We now compose, print, pad and distribute 99% of the forms used by the operating system. Previously, much of this work had been done by vendors," says Lauren.

During his career, Lauren was involved many times with records storage, maintenance and disposal. "Since April 1940, until the establishment of the Records Center in 1972, I moved records seven times from one location to another," Lauren recalls. He remembers vividly the flood of 1972 in the Roanoke area. Records stored in the basement of one building near the Roanoke River were destroyed. "I went over after the water receded and carried records out for a couple of days," Lauren says.

"The company has been good to me, and I like to think I've been good for the company. A lot of credit for my length of service has to go to Marie, my wife. In fact, I had my service pin diamonds mounted into a dinner ring for her," Lauren says.

"I have enjoyed working," Lauren says. "But 41 years is enough work for any company. Now I'm going to do what I want to do." His hobbies include fishing, gardening and woodworking. He will continue to reside at 6539 Wendover Road, Roanoke.

## GILES UPGRADING COSTS \$900,000

The new Peters Mountain Station is the main feature of \$900,000 worth of improvements Appalachian Power has made to upgrade service and improve reliability in Giles County, Virginia, and part of Monroe County, West Virginia.

This substation, named for the mountain peak approximately one mile to the southeast, is located next to Virginia Secondary Highway 643 between the Wayside community and Peterstown, W.Va.

Peters Mountain Station, which steps down 138 kv transmission current to 34.5 kv for distribution, serves the area formerly served from a smaller substation at Wayside. The areas served include Rich Creek, Narrows, Peterstown, West Virginia, Wolf Creek and the rural areas around these communities.

Total expenditures directly associated with the construction of the new station itself amount to \$750,000.

One mile of new overhead line was constructed along Highway 634 in order to most efficiently distribute the power. In addition, another one-mile stretch of existing line was upgraded by replacing existing conductors with larger size wire.

Circuit protective devices designed to automatically isolate portions of the circuit in the event of damage were also installed. The facilities were designed to accommodate the expected growth in load in the foreseeable future. These overhead line improvements cost approximately \$110,000.

Eastern and southern Giles County also came in for improvements. Protective devices installed on circuits served from the Klotz Station near Ripplemead will significantly reduce the areas affected by damage to overhead lines and transformers.

## APCO OFFERS LAND FOR RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAKE

Appalachian Power Company last month offered to donate a 9.4-acre tract of land on Smith Mountain Lake to the Smith Mountain Lake Association for a recreational development, including a community center for lake residents.

The offer is contingent upon the Association preparing and submitting a master plan of development that is acceptable to Appalachian. The plan will include a time frame for raising construction funds and a schedule for implementation.

The action came at a meeting of the board of the Association. Robert D. Webster, Roanoke Division manager, represented the company and informed the board of the proposed donation.

R. Thomas Watts, III, president of the Association, in expressing appreciation to Appalachian for the offer, said that the Association plans to retain a professional planner to design the center and associated facilities. The tract is in Franklin County at the end of Virginia Secondary Highway 978.

Watts said: "We plan to develop a facility that benefits the residents of the Smith Mountain Lake area and one that will further improve the quality of life not only for those who live here, but also for visitors to the lake."

Webster noted that once a master plan has been developed and approved, the deed to the land would be transferred to the Association. The transaction will contain a proviso in which the land will revert to Appalachian if the development is not carried out as stated by the Association.

In his presentation, Webster noted that Appalachian "has been vitally interested in quality development of the shoreline around the two lakes in the Smith Mountain Project since the early 1960's, when construction of the hydro project began.

"The company through the years has been pleased to be able to assist with many worthwhile projects. We commend the Lake Association for its initiative in providing more facilities for the people of the area," Webster concluded.



New officers of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club were installed at the annual Christmas party. They are, from left, Sue Hankins, GO stenographer, president; Joan Leftwich, junior stenographer, vice president; Sue Henry, junior clerk, secretary; and Jo Sparks, junior clerk, treasurer.



If you have H. K. "Herb" Hall's knack for landing fish, you either eat a lot, give away a lot or spend money having a taxidermist mount the best ones. Herb, auxiliary equipment operator, spends a lot of his off-work hours near the Kanawha River Plant where he works. In fact, he has caught 105 large fish in the river back of the plant since April 1976. By staying over after his 4-to-12 shift ended and returning on days off, Herb caught over 150 pounds of fish last winter. He believes it is the best spot in the state. About three months ago Herb decided to take things into his own hands. He took a correspondence course in taxidermy after seeing what Ray Lively, operations superintendent, could do with trophy fish and game. In this photo Herb proudly displays two Walleye Pike he caught and mounted. One weighed 12 pounds and measured 33 inches in length; the other nine pounds and 29.5 inches.



When Paul Dornan, Huntington auto mechanic A, went to the local Red Cross Center to donate blood recently, he was greeted by two co-workers' wives, who helped him through the experience. Rickie Sizemore, left, wife of Rodger Sizemore, meter electrician, is in charge of the blood donors section at the Red Cross. Emily Helm, right, wife of Division Manager Fred Helm, works as a volunteer. Both ladies were happy to see an "Appalachian" face and would like to encourage others to donate also.



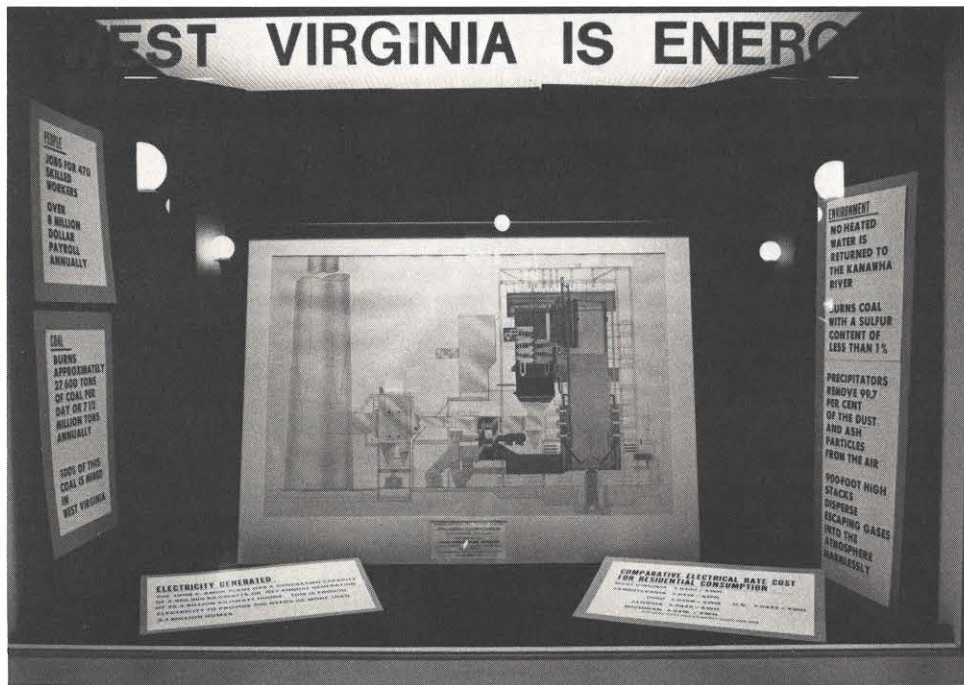
Serving as officers of the Pulaski Employees Benevolent Association for 1980-81 are: seated, l. to r., F. W. Young, head T&D clerk, director; Donna Banks, junior clerk, treasurer; and J. L. Rakes, customer services representative, chairman. Standing, l. to r., J. R. Whitehurst, division manager, director; R. E. Lyons, Jr., office supervisor, director; R. D. Blevins, general line supervisor, director; and Dorothy Beasley, junior clerk, secretary.



A 46 1/2-inch timber rattlesnake killed by Bennie Nicholson, maintenance mechanic A at Kanawha River Plant (left), has taken on a new shape, thanks to the efforts of Mike Smith, equipment operator (right). Bennie killed the snake while ginsenging. He said it had nine rattlers and a button, making it one of the largest and longest he has ever seen. Mike began working with leather in 1975. His brother was taking a leatherwork class at school but it was becoming too expensive. Mike wanted to help, so he bought some books and went to a hobby shop for leather. What started out as a hobby for his brother soon became his hobby as well. Mike says he waited quite some time for the right snake with which to make a belt.



Elected officers of the Welch Employees Benevolent Association for 1980-81 are, seated from left, Dottie Lawless, secretary-stenographer, secretary-treasurer; Sheila Castle, senior telephone operator, chairman; and Max Spraker, line crew supervisor exempt, board member. Standing is Bill Waldron, meter electrician B, board member. Another board member, Richard Crigger, line mechanic D, was absent when picture was taken.



West Virginia Governor John D. Rockefeller, IV, chairman of the White House Advisory Committee on Coal, continues his active promotion of West Virginia as an energy state because of its abundance of conforming coal and low-cost electricity. Displayed in the Rotunda of the Capitol are a model of John Amos Plant (below) and economic data and facts relating to the plant's impact on the state's economy (above).



C. C. "Curt" Murrill, Kanawha River maintenance mechanic B, (third from left), and other members of the West Virginia Couriers flank West Virginia Secretary of State A. James Manchin. Curt, who sings baritone, said he was surprised when the group was requested to sing for Manchin's staff. Curt was even more surprised to learn that another reason for the invitation was to officially proclaim the singing group Goodwill Ambassadors of Music. Each member of the group was presented a West Virginia State Medallion and will be given a certificate. In addition, the Couriers have been asked to perform each Sunday afternoon for one year on WNST, the radio station in Milton. Members of the Couriers (from left) are Fred Jones, Joe Mundy, Murrill, Sam Cole, Sherry Morris and Mike Morris.



Several locations received safety performance awards at the January staff meeting. Lynchburg Division earned a president's certificate of excellence for successfully completing the requirements for safety certification. Bluefield Division employees were honored for completing 2,500,000 safe work hours and Philip Sporn Plant employees for working 2,000,000 safe hours. Appalachian Power employees were also recognized for completing 1,000,000 hours without a disabling injury. Shown following the presentation are, l. to r., J. Robert Davenport, Lynchburg division manager; W. B. Belchee, Bluefield division manager; Appalachian President John W. Vaughan; E. H. Gloss, Philip Sporn plant manager; and Jack W. Kepner, vice president — operations.



New officers have been elected for the Appalachian Retired Employees Association in Roanoke. They are, front row, l. to r., Lucy Hill, retired Roanoke utility clerk senior, advisor; D. C. Kennedy, retired Roanoke division manager, advisor; Nancy Kos, AEP retiree, secretary; and E. C. Rankin, retired GO T&D manager, ex-officio advisor. Back row, l. to r., Owen Hawkins, retired general accounting administrator, president; Alfred Beatty, retired Roanoke stores supervisor A, assistant treasurer; B. T. Stone, retired GO distribution staff engineer senior, treasurer; and J. B. Whitmore, retired GO senior appraisal engineer, advisor. Not present when picture was taken were: R. A. Armistead, retired Roanoke division superintendent, vice president; Lois Hart, retired GO r/w and r/e office supervisor, assistant secretary; and Elizabeth Sydnor, retired GO personnel clerk, advisor.



Abingdon Division operations improvement program award winners for 1980 were honored at a luncheon. Seated, l. to r., R. D. Gill; J. J. Stanley; D. A. Drayer; Debbie Belisle, OIP coordinator; B. L. Ballard, W. A. Anderson and J. A. Stewart. Standing, l. to r., S. F. Bowling, Jr.; D. H. Spencer; A. M. Taylor; L. C. Angle; H. S. Fogleman; J. P. Montague; W. L. Smythers; J. D. Nickols; A. E. Blevins; and W. S. Kestner.

## JOHN RUSSELL RETIRES



John Russell, Huntington associate staff accountant, retired February 1 after more than 44 years' service.

A native of Huntington, he has attended Huntington Vocational School, LaSalle and the West Virginia University Extension. He is now classified as a senior at Marshall University.

Johnnie began his career with Appalachian in 1936 as a clerk at Logan. He served in the Navy during World War II and returned to work as a clerk in Huntington. He was recalled to military service in 1950-51 during the Korean Conflict. Johnnie worked as T&D clerk, head T&D clerk and records supervisor before being promoted in 1974 to the position he held at retirement.

Johnnie and his wife Lillian have two children. They will continue to reside at 1921 Rural Avenue, Huntington. Retirement will afford Johnnie more opportunity to pursue his interests of church work and reading.

## AEP TO AWARD 5 FELLOWSHIPS

The American Electric Power System Fellowship Program, which since 1964 has provided graduate study in power systems engineering, will award five fellowships for the academic year 1981-1982.

This year's fellowships will be available at Clarkson College of Technology, Cornell University, Polytechnic Institute of New York, The Ohio State University, Purdue University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and West Virginia University.

The fellowships assist qualified students to pursue graduate studies leading to a master's degree in electrical, mechanical or nuclear engineering, with special emphasis on energy sources, energy-conversion systems, transmission and distribution, power system protection and related fields.

Each fellowship stipend includes full tuition and fees, living allowances for individuals and their immediate family, books and a financial award to the Engineering Department of the university.

Program details are available from Howard K. Amchin, director of the Service Corporation's engineering education programs in New York. Deadline for application is March 1.

## PAUL GOODE RETIRES



Franklin Roosevelt was about half way through his second term when Paul O. Goode started work as a laborer for Appalachian. Forty-two years later, on February 1, Paul retired as T&D clerk A in Charleston.

After so many years Paul said, "The thing I am going to miss most is working with such good people. It has been just like a family."

One of Paul's most memorable experiences with the company took place in the early 1940s. A big winter storm deposited waist-deep snow in Charleston, knocking out power for three days. "Several Charleston restaurants stayed open by candlelight to feed the power and phone company repairmen," Paul said.

Keith Thomas, area supervisor in Montgomery, said he will miss Paul as a valuable employee and friend. "First and foremost in my association with Paul, he is a gentleman. His concern and sense of humor have always made working conditions more enjoyable for everyone associated with him," Keith said.

Keith added, "He has always had the concern of customers. He is patient and makes an extra effort to explain and satisfy questions and complaints pertaining to services."

Paul said he took early retirement to spend more time on leisure activities and with his five children and nine grandchildren who live in West Virginia and Ohio.

In the near future you will probably find Paul remodeling his home in Montgomery. Spring will find Paul at his camp in Summersville, boating and fishing for bass and pike in Summersville Lake.

## SAFE YEAR FOR KPCO

Kingsport Power's 110 employees completed 1980 without a disabling injury, the first time in four years this has been accomplished. Since the last disabling injury occurred on December 13, 1979, 226,177 safe manhours have been worked.

## FERRELL PROUD OF SAFETY RECORD



William Earl Ferrell, who retired February 1 as regional chief dispatcher, GO Operations, is proud of the safety record of Turner Dispatch employees. He says, "Since I have been working there, we have had no disabling injuries. I feel like I have worked with the finest group of employees anywhere, and I would like to thank each and every one for making my career a success."

Bill began his career in 1947 as a system substation operator in Charleston. During his more than 33-year career, he has worked as system operator B, regional chief operator and assistant regional chief dispatcher. He was promoted in 1962 to the position he held at retirement.

Retirement will afford Bill more opportunity to visit his grandchildren, fish and hunt. He is a member of the American Legion and on the board of deacons and vice president of the men's fellowship at the First Baptist Church in Dunbar, West Virginia. A widower, Bill has five children. He will continue to reside at 317 25th Street, Dunbar.

## SERVICE IS GOAL, RUDY SAYS



R. E. "Rudy" Leftwich has always remembered some advice he received on starting work for Appalachian in Roanoke immediately after World War II.

Rudy's boss at the time was Meter Superintendent William Chilton. "Mr. Chilton told me that you don't sell anything here at Appalachian but service. I've always remembered that and have tried to do my best to serve our customers," Rudy said.

Since his start in August 1945 in the meter section, Rudy worked as a serviceman, engineering aide and planner senior before becoming line inspector in 1976. He worked on the conversion of downtown Roanoke from overhead to underground service. "Back then there were still a lot of neon signs on most of the downtown buildings," he said. "We did a lot of work at night trying to convert the services."

Rudy, who was born in Roanoke, has a very definite goal in retirement. "My dream is to build a smaller house. Of course, a lot depends on the economy, but I wanted to start my retirement with a goal in mind," he said.

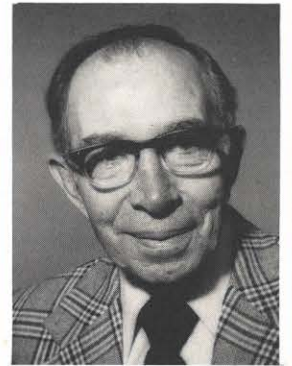
Woodworking is one of his favorite hobbies, and he may take up fishing again. "I'm not sure that I still have enough patience to fish," Rudy said. And hunting is out. "I was shot at enough in World War II. I don't care to get back out in the woods these days," he said.

He concludes, "In the past 36 years, I have seen many changes take place. Looking back, I can see that the changes were probably for the better. I certainly got a lot of pleasure working here. Some of the finest people around are right here at Appalachian. I sure

am going to miss working with all of my friends."

Rudy and his wife Dorothy will continue to make their home at RFD 3, Box 460, Salem, Virginia. They have two children and one grandchild.

## GEORGE ROBERTS RETIRES



George E. Roberts was a mere 23 years old when he set out on his first day of work for Appalachian on April 26, 1939, with an experienced meter reader.

"We were reading a rural route, and we started to drive across the creek. We were almost across when the engine stopped. When the water started coming into the doors, we went out the window onto the top of the car, across the hood and then jumped to the bank. That was certainly a good way to start out," George recalled.

Since those early days, George moved up through the positions of clerk, collector, clerk senior, customer accounts assistant, customer accounts supervisor and, finally, office supervisor at Point Pleasant in the Huntington Division. Looking back over the company where he spent most of his adult life, George said, "I'm glad and proud to have been an employee of Appalachian all these years."

George and his wife Ruth plan to spend some time in Florida this winter, fishing and playing golf. "My wife would rather fish than eat," he said. They will continue to reside at 134 Park Drive, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

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