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Cover

Robert Robinson, motor winder 3rd class at Central Machine Shop, removes wedges from a vertical pump motor stator. See story on Central Machine Shop on pages 14-16 of this issue.

Savings plan unit values

Date	Value Per Unit	Units Credited Per Dollar
Fixed Income Fund		
1/31/81	\$1.2907	.7748
2/28/81	1.3001	.7692
3/31/81	1.3106	.7630
Equity Fund		
1/31/81	\$1.7132	.5837
2/28/81	1.7508	.5712
3/31/81	1.8171	.5503
AEP Stock Fund		
1/31/81	\$1.0145	.9857
2/28/81	.9748	1.0259
3/31/81	1.0064	.4936

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.

Variable interest rate set for fixed income fund

A new, variable interest rate has been established for contributions made into the Fixed-Income Fund of the AEP System Employees Savings Plan during the nine-month period of April-December 1981.

The new rate will vary, month to month, pegged to the discount rate on 90-day U.S. Treasury bills. However, while the rate can and usually will be higher than the fund's most recent set rate of 11.85 percent, it will not be lower.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, with which AEP has its contract for the Fixed-Income Fund, announced the improved interest rate in a letter to the company in March.

Interest rate for April, under the new procedure, was 13.23 percent. Assuming rate changes in ensuing months, the adjusted rate will be applied to all contributions made after April 1 and not just to future contributions. Conceivably, nine different rates could apply for the nine months of 1981 that the plan is in effect.

Employees will be advised of the new interest rate each month.

Approximately 77.6 percent of employees' investments in the Savings Plan are in the Fixed-Income Fund. The other two funds, the AEP Stock Fund and the Equity Fund, are not affected by the change in the Fixed-Income Fund.

Camp Kilowatt opens for season

Camp Kilowatt, on the shore of Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia, opened last month and should remain open through the first week of November.

Any active or retired employee of the American Electric Power System, family and guests, may camp on a first come, first served basis. No reservations will be accepted. Guests must be accompanied by an employee.

For a brochure containing directions to the camp and additional information about the facilities, contact Rob Glenn on extension 2413, Roanoke.

Retirement contribution options explained

Employees who were participants in the AEP System Retirement Plan prior to 1978 will have an important decision to make during June.

They must make a one-time election to decide what they want done with the contributions they made to the plan, through the years, plus accumulated interest. Actually, they will have four options, as outlined later.

Employees who were in the contributory plan (which went out of existence when the company began paying the full cost of the Retirement Plan on January 1, 1978) will receive a letter the first week in June explaining the program's options. Attached to the letter will be the employee's personalized "pension benefit statement" and an election form on which to designate the disposition of contributions.

In addition, employees who were contributing to the plan prior to 1955 will receive a second election form, this one covering contributions made to a former group annuity plan, discontinued 26 years ago.

Deadline for all decisions is June 30, after which they are irrevocable.

Statement helps decision

The personalized benefit statement will provide the data necessary to help the employee in his decision. Its computations are based on the employee's present age, years of service and salary, and assumes retirement at age 65, normal Social Security eligibility and, conservatively, continuation of present salary until retirement.

Part I of the statement shows the employee's estimated Retirement Plan annual income at age 65 under the current plan formulas without regard to any refund of contributions. It also provides, as a matter of information, a comparison of what the amount would have been if the benefit formula had not been improved last January 1.

Part II shows the amount of the employee's contributions to the Retirement Plan and the amount of interest accumulated (as of September 30, 1981). It also estimates the amount that would accumulate if the money were transferred to the AEP Employees Savings Plan and earned in-

terest or dividends at an assumed 10 percent (compared with the Retirement Plan's 5 percent) until age 65, and it estimates the annual income from a 15-year annuity purchased with such funds at the time of retirement.

Finally, Part III provides three comparisons of estimated total retirement annual income (including both Retirement Plan and Social Security) at age 65: (1) if the contributions are refunded in cash; (2) if the contributions are transferred to the Savings Plan and a 15-year annuity purchased at retirement, and (3) if the contributions are left in the Retirement Plan. Each of the three totals is also expressed as a percentage of the employee's salary (as of January 1). (The statement points out that income from the annuity would be in addition to any regular Savings Plan distributions, as well as the fact that the totals exclude any Social Security benefits available to the spouse.)

The four options

The ballot that each eligible employee will receive is titled "Election With Respect to Disposition of Employee Contributions." It lists the employee's four options and instructs him to check the appropriate box. They are as follows:

Option 1 — Do not disburse any cash. Leave my total contributions in the Retirement Plan.

Option 2 — The total accumulated contributions are to be paid to me in cash in one sum.

Option 3 — The total accumulated contributions are to be transferred to the AEP Savings Plan and invested as indicated.

Option 4 — My own employee contributions are to be paid to me in cash in one sum, and the interest earnings are to be transferred to the AEP Savings Plan and invested as indicated.

If the employee elects Option 3 or 4, then he must make a further election: which one or more of the three Savings Plan funds should the money be invested in? The three are the AEP Stock Fund, the Equity Fund (made up of a number of selected securities) and the Fixed-Income Fund. An employee's money may be put 100 percent in one fund, 50 percent in each

of two or 33⅓ percent in each of all three. (Of course, the employee must be a participant in the Savings Plan itself before he can opt for either of these two avenues.)

The second ballot, available only to veteran employees with approximately 27 or more years' service, when signed, authorizes contributions to the former group annuity plan to be handled in the same manner as elected on the first ballot.

Some other points

The letter which all eligible employees will receive early next month will make the following additional points:

- After the employee's election form is processed, the company will send a second letter confirming the election.

- In making their decisions, employees should consider their future financial needs as well as their present financial situation.

- The Personnel Department will not be able to advise an employee in his choice but will be able to clarify information.

- If an employee wishes to transfer his Retirement Plan contributions (or just the interest) to the Savings Plan but is not a member of it, he should contact Personnel in order to join.

- Any such transfers to the Savings Plan will be treated as supplementary contributions and, unlike regular investments in that plan, will not be matched 1-for-2 by the company.

- If the employee elects to take his money out of the Retirement Plan, all of his pension service (including pre-1978) will be figured under the new, improved formula. If he elects to keep his money in the plan, his pension for pre-1978 service will be figured under the old formulas; for 1978-and-later service, under the new formula.

- An employee's contributions to the Retirement Plan are not taxable; the interest on them is taxable. Such taxes can be postponed by putting the interest portion of any refund in the Savings Plan, where the money is tax-free until withdrawn. If not withdrawn until retirement, chances are the tax would be less then.

Working in the land between the rivers



at the foot of the great falls

"Paul would not consider consulting work for a firm in a foreign country. 'Living conditions are rigorous around big hydroelectric developments. I just think after 65 is the wrong time to expose yourself to an entirely new series of diseases and hardships.'"

— Paul J. Johnson in *The Illuminator*, September 1974

"Even more than that, back then I told my wife, Elnora, I would especially not go to South America."

— Paul J. Johnson in a conversation, February 1981

But go he did, this energetic retired superintendent of hydro generation for Appalachian Power, to a giant hydroelectric project on the Uruguay River bordering Uruguay and Argentina. And he doesn't regret a minute of it. In fact, he is excited about the work, the people, the countries, and the contributions he is making.

When Paul retired from Appalachian after 40 years in coal-burning and hydro plants, and as head of the company's hydro operations ("the department grew from just me and a part-time secretary to about 33 people"), he was asked to serve as a consultant to the company.

The Blue Ridge Project was still alive then, although it met its death two years later at the hands of environmentalists, preservationists, and, ultimately, the Congress.

The Smith Mountain Project had been brought to fruition under Paul's guidance, and the company wanted to retain that experience to see Blue Ridge through. Besides, Paul had already been around through the first 10 and the eventual 12 years of company efforts to get Blue Ridge built.

So Paul remained as a consultant until April 1977.

It wasn't long after that when he got a call from Howard Barnes, an old

friend who had retired from AEP and was doing some work with the Charles T. Main organization of Boston. There was a big project building in South America, and the Main people already knew of Paul through his distinguished reputation in the hydro field.

So Paul agreed to meet with Main's chief of construction, and heard for the first time about the Salto Grande hydro project being built by Uruguay and Argentina.

"It was like something out of a story-book. I had never heard of Salto Grande until I got the call. We visited the site, I found that living conditions were good, and many of the ordinary rigors usually found around a hydro site just didn't exist," Paul remembers. One example: he drives through orange, grapefruit, and lemon groves to get to the work site.

He also found that Salto Grande would have a generating capacity of

1,890,000 kilowatts, which is three times larger than Smith Mountain and considerably more than 20 times larger than Appalachian's next biggest hydro, Claytor. The project will have 14 generators, each with a capacity of 135,000 kw, and there would be two powerhouses of seven units each — one for each sponsoring country. The project will produce 6,640 gigawatthours (6,640,000,000 kilowatthours) annually.

Model of cooperation

The project, according to Paul, is a model of international cooperation (an unusual thing), resulting from a treaty between Uruguay and Argentina and featuring equipment and construction supervisors from all over the world. "But there is only one maintenance and operations group for both plants, which is another splendid example of international cooperation. Although there is an office for each country, cooperation has progressed to the point where the feeling is that there is no need for duplicate computers or dispatch centers. With the 765 miles of 500,000 volt lines serving the project finished, this marks the first time the electric systems of these countries have ever been paralleled."

Well, obviously Paul took the job, and has spent most of 1979 and 1980 working on it at the site. He left again in late February for possibly the last stint, and will return in December. He first worked as start-up consultant and then as operations and maintenance consultant.

The project is located in the "Between the Rivers" area which is largely agricultural. The nearest cities large enough to be considered load centers are Montevideo, Uruguay, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Paul lives five miles from the project site in Salto, Uruguay, in the Grand Hotel Salto. The project name (as well as the city and hotel) means Falls, or Great Falls, which once existed on the Uruguay River but have now been submerged by the hydro reservoir.

Salto has a population of 65,000, and across the river is Concordia, Argentina, with a population of 100,000 — "both good size for this part of the world," Paul adds.

Perceived political instability was one reason Paul had said earlier that he would never work in South America.

"But their forms of government, while they may not be to our liking, are stable, the people peaceful, and violence extremely rare," he explains.

However, living costs are higher for many items, particularly manufactured items. "Cosmetics are four or five times higher than here, and gasoline is at least \$4.00 a gallon in Uruguay and \$2.00 in Argentina. People just don't have most of the things we take for granted here. The rate of inflation has been 100% in Argentina for several years, and 40-50% in Uruguay."

Commenting on his life there, Paul said that three blocks from his hotel is a Baptist Church. "The first time I went there, I guess I was the first Southern Baptist who had ever set foot in that church. That was quite a thing for them — and for me."

As for speaking Spanish, Paul says his grasp of the language is described by natives as "bastante" — enough. Other languages are also used on the job, particularly by the construction people from other countries. "For months I had breakfast with a Japanese engineer who could only say 'good morning' and 'how are you?' in English. But we enjoyed having breakfast together rather than eating by ourselves," Paul says.

"When we're in South America, we're there," Paul adds, saying that even the news he gets comes from foreign sources — the Buenos Aires Herald, an English-language newspaper published seven times a week, with a British editor, and BBC radio. "We can't even get Voice of America."

But he is most enthusiastic when he talks about the acceptance of him and his wife, Elnora, who has visited twice for four- and five-month stretches. In 1979, Paul observed his 70th birthday on the job, and the people there threw a party for him. "And in 1980, when Elnora and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, they threw another big party for us, with 70 people attending."

Time and again during a conversation with Paul, he returns to the project itself, which is the engineer in him coming out. He says that the project was first envisioned early in the 20th Century, and was studied twice more before the Main company made a more comprehensive study and

recommendation in the early 1970's. Construction will be completed in 1982, and by 1986 both countries will be sharing equally in its output — for now Uruguay will receive only 16% to serve its load.

"But the commission that acts as owner was so absorbed in promoting the project that they never prepared to operate it. They had visions of being an international power agency and looked on TVA as a guiding star. But TVA had experienced engineers to run their projects. There was no one with previous experience on this project. In fact, most had never been in a power plant.

"So, the responsibility of preparing to start up and putting the plant in production fell on the consulting engineer — me. That's an unusual responsibility. In cases like these, the owner is usually responsible. But this owner had no expertise. So we had to find people who would operate the project until the owner's trainees could take over."

Rejuvenating experience

As Paul looks back on his experiences in Uruguay, he says that it has not all been fun — "I have worked very hard and been on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

"But on the other hand, I have enjoyed it very much. I do a tremendous amount of walking and climbing stairs in the job. Consequently, I feel as good, if not better, than when I retired."

He also has another interesting observation about the job. "You know, my training is as an engineer, and I like to get out. Years ago Smith Mountain, and then Blue Ridge, were rejuvenating things for me. Then along came this project at the right time. It has gotten me back into the woods, so to speak."

But would he go back or continue to live in Uruguay? "Well, people there envy Americans and want to visit or live here. After you have lived there, you really appreciate the American way of life, even though it has been nice there. Our system might not be perfect, but to me, it is great."

And so saying, Paul Johnson began preparing for one more trip to the land between the rivers at the foot of the great falls — or, as he puts it — back into the woods.

AEP bases future on coal, White tells shareowners

Approximately 475 persons attended the 74th annual meeting of shareowners of American Electric Power Company April 22 at Marion (Ind.) High School.

Aside from electing the 15 incumbent directors and confirming the reappointment of Deloitte Haskins & Sells as AEP auditors for 1981, the shareowners also approved a company proposal to sell new shares of AEP common stock in connection with Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company's Employees Thrift Plan (similar to the Employees Savings Plan in effect throughout the AEP System).

The shareowners rejected, by large majorities, five shareowner proposals. Two of them were presented in the meeting's proxy statement, the other three from the floor. A third resolution in the proxy statement, calling upon the company to make no contributions to schools restricting contacts between them and U. S. intelligence agencies, was not voted

upon due to lack of a motion.

One of the two formal proposals turned down urged AEP "to develop conservation and alternative energy programs" and "to review plans for completion of the Zimmer (Nuclear Plant) reactor" (in which C&SOE has a 28.5 percent interest), and at the same time commended AEP's decision to suspend its nuclear plant site study in Virginia. The other called upon AEP to "suspend all engineering and feasibility studies of pumped storage at Brumley Gap, Virginia" until its need and merit had been established.

The three floor resolutions that were rejected pertained to halting construction of 765,000-volt transmission lines, divesting of AEP's western coal operations in favor of improving its eastern coal operations, and considering further programs in the area of energy conservation.

In his remarks, AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr. reiterated that AEP "at least for the remainder of the 1980s and the early 1990s" was basing its future on coal. In calling for U. S. dependence on its own "bedrock" of energy resources — the domestic supplies of oil, gas, uranium and particularly coal — he pointed out that

the so-called "alternative" sources (solar, windmills, geothermal, biomass, fusion, small hydro, cogeneration, magnetohydrodynamics and others) are still at least a quarter of a century away before they can contribute in any significant way to the nation's energy needs.

He said that AEP's power generation, now about 87 percent coal-fired, would increase to 87.8 percent coal-fired by 1985 after the System's next major generating unit, the 1.3-million-kilowatt Unit 1 at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Rockport Plant, goes in operation.

Turning to the economy in the AEP System service area, White acknowledged that it had been "deeply affected by the problems" of the auto and steel industries. "But... our communities have the skills, the resources and the will necessary for economic progress," he said. "We need to assist them to the extent we properly can."

55 Michigan scholars named

Fifty-five employees of the American Electric Power System are attending the 26th annual AEP System management program at the University of Michigan.

The four-week course, conducted by the university's Graduate School of Business Administration, runs from April 20 through May 14.

Attendees from Appalachian are: Chester Burdette, Jr., engineering supervisor, Charleston; Ben Donevant, personnel supervisor, Logan; Tobie Eaton, superintendent of R/e & R/w, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke; and Doug Forbes, safety director, GO Personnel, Roanoke. Also, Robert Kincaid, field maintenance superintendent, Centralized Plant Maintenance; Dallas Love, production superintendent — operations, Philip Sporn Plant; Charles Powell, performance supervisor, Mountaineer Plant; David Synowiec, operations superintendent, Mountaineer Plant; and Phil Weaver, communications supervising engineer, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke.

Ronald Harrison, office supervisor, is attending from Kingsport.



In light of the United Mine Workers strike, a seven-city telephone news media conference to give a firsthand report on the American Electric Power System's coal supply was conducted from Appalachian Power's Roanoke office on April 6. Speaking for AEP was Donald Nofsinger, vice president — system operations (standing at left). Newspeople from publications and broadcast stations gathered in Roanoke, Va.; Charleston, Huntington and Wheeling, W.Va.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Columbus and Canton, Ohio, to hear Nofsinger and ask questions. The multi-city telephone "conference call" was an innovation and several newspeople commented favorably about it.

Electric utilities push for changes in Clean Air Act

Congressional debate on the Clean Air Act is expected to begin this spring, meaning busy times are ahead for all of the nation's electric utilities, including the American Electric Power System.

During the 1970s the U.S. greatly increased its knowledge and understanding of air-quality problems and air-pollution-control capabilities. Government and industry also came to grips with the economic, energy, environmental and other social costs of air-pollution-control programs, and with the degree to which health standards are scientifically based.

Passage of the Clean Air Act in 1970 improved air quality significantly in most of the nation. At the same time it imposed substantial costs on consumers. However, in the three years since the 1977 passage of amendments to the act, air-quality improvements have been marginal but their cost to the taxpayer has risen dramatically.

Even though provisions of the original Clean Air Act proved effective in protecting the air quality at manageable costs, major revisions in the act are now needed to remove the most unreasonable requirements added in 1977. The electric utility industry has called for a plan to fine-tune the remainder of the act to reflect the knowledge and experience acquired over the past decade to make it socially cost-effective.

The government affairs organization of the Edison Electric Institute will present much of the industry's side of the story, working through its Clean Air Act Issue Group. Chairman of the group is A. Joseph Dowd, senior vice president and general counsel of the AEP Service Corporation. The committee is now distributing copies of the industry position paper, "Necessary Clean Air Act Amendments Affecting Stationary Sources."

The EEI paper proposes a number of changes in the act. Priority changes designated by the committee are the consideration of costs and benefits and cost-effectiveness analysis; revisions in the programs dealing with the

prevention of significant deterioration and the impact of existing sources on visibility; revision of the provisions concerning state-implementation plans; elimination of the percentage-reduction requirement for new plants; emergency exemptions; coal conversions; ambient air-quality modeling and general administration of the act, including review of technical data and judicial proceedings.

Dowd's group is made up of 18 industry representatives throughout the country.

"The group's members are lawyers, engineers, environmental specialists, and government affairs and public affairs people," Dowd said. "Now that our position paper has been completed, the committee will begin the selection of potential EEI witnesses for hearings this spring and preparation of the necessary testimony."

Since outset of the acid rain controversy, the electric utility industry has contended that it is far from clear that deposition of acid particles, much less utility emissions, are solely or even primarily responsible for any adverse ecological impacts. Certain lakes in the northeastern U.S. and eastern Canada are currently undergoing acidification, but the electric utility industry makes the point that there are substantial gaps in current scientific knowledge and conflicting evidence regarding the nature of acid deposition.

"One main thrust in this issue is to guard against any immediate adoption of additional regulatory controls on the nation's utilities before we know what is causing the problem," Dowd said.

The efforts of AEP and the rest of the electric utility industry to influence the outcome of the debate on the Clean Air Act amendments have wide-ranging implications. The final regulations will determine where power plants can be built, how much pollution-control costs will be, the future role of the states in enforcing air-quality regulations, and whether or not the nation meets its objective of fully utilizing our abundant coal supplies.

"The major goal of the EEI effort is to compel EPA to give consideration to competing factors such as economic, energy and inflationary impacts,

thereby introducing a much-needed balance and rationality into what is, today, essentially, a single-mission status," Dowd said.

All indications point to an active spring and a long, hot summer on Capitol Hill.

Carson named Sloan Fellow



Carson

R. Daniel Carson, Jr., administrative assistant to the president of Appalachian Power, has been selected an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He will begin a 12-month course of study at the Institute in June, leading to a master of science degree in management. He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech, a masters in business administration from Lynchburg College, and is a registered professional engineer in both Virginia and West Virginia.

Carson is one of 57-mid career executives from the United States and abroad who were nominated by their organizations and selected for this year's program, which is observing its 50th year in 1981-82.

Fire destroys engineering lab

A fire of undetermined origin virtually destroyed the AEP civil engineering laboratory at New Haven, West Virginia, on April 12.

There were no injuries, but estimates of the physical damage range from \$300,000 to \$500,000. The lab's functions of studying the performance and behavior of concrete and other building materials will be conducted at temporary facilities at the nearby Mountaineer Plant.

Everything's coming up roses



Hill

Less than two weeks after leaving the company, Dunbar Hill was back at the Roanoke Service Center, catching up on all the news and telling his former co-workers what it's like to be leading a life of leisure.

"Hey, Dunbar, where'd you get those threads?," one of his friends called out when they spotted him nattily dressed in a suit and tie. Another one hollered, "Hey, Dunbar, (Dennis) Brumfield called and wants you down in a hole (underground)." "Sorry boys, I've traded in my hard hat and work clothes and this is what I'm going to be wearing from now on," he said with a grin.

Dunbar retired May 1 as station mechanic C in Roanoke but had been off work on five weeks' vacation prior to that.

He admits, "The first week I was home, every time the phone would ring I thought it was me being called in to work. Now I'm beginning to get used to the idea of staying home."

"My wife works at Roanoke College and no doubt will stay there until she is 62. She has 20 years' service but isn't planning retirement at this time. She already expects me to have din-

ner cooked when she gets off," Dunbar laughs.

"I had a lot of fruitful years serving as custodian until transferring to the station department in 1972. I am young in station work and I wished I could have stayed a few years longer so that I could have made a better contribution to the service of the company.

"My work in the station department has just been fascinating. I had the pleasure of working in several areas of the division and went to Lynchburg various times."

"When I get my chores straightened out and a few errands run, maybe I will settle down and get some things going that I have planned. My pet hobby is growing flowers with my wife. We grow chrysanthemums (for which he has won a number of blue ribbons and best in show awards), roses and other flowers in season. If things work out favorably for us, we would like to open a florist shop in Salem. I dearly like to meet the public, and with my wife's support and that of my daughter, who will help us, we may be able to get this pet project of mine off the ground.

"I want to spend some time with social programs designed for the elderly, although I am to be classified with the elderly now. But I think there is a lot I can do for the community in city-sponsored programs. I am a deacon in the Shiloh Baptist Church and sing in the choir and gospel chorus. I'm going to continue to work with the youth program there, and I might just knock some dust off my old baseball spikes and help some of the younger men coach little league baseball and football. I did coach for 20 years. And sometimes I am inclined to get back into Scouting. I was cubmaster about 15 or 16 years and received a Scouter's key." A master Mason, Dunbar is junior warden in Salem Lodge 120 F.P.A.M. and chaplain of Chapter 85, Eastern Star.

"And we also expect to travel sometime soon. My wife has relatives in California and Colorado, and I want to go to Hawaii, so we will flip for it and maybe we will go and visit one of those places.

"You know, I am going to miss the fellows and all the personalities I have met here throughout the years. I have enjoyed working at the power company. It has been a second home

to me. The atmosphere is lovely, and I think we are a big family here." With that, Dunbar gets up and says, "I think I'll go shake a few hands before I leave."

A bridge too far

If a film were ever made of Harry Guillian's start with Appalachian, a fitting title would be "A Bridge Too Far."

The time was right after World War II, and Harry had returned to Roanoke. "I went to the unemployment office, and they told me they had a job for me at Richardson-Wayland (Electric Corp.). They directed me to Memorial Bridge. The lady at the unemployment office said to turn left near the bridge and to go to the brick building," Harry remembered.

"I had been in the service and hadn't been in Roanoke for a long time. Anyway, I was thinking about Walnut Avenue Bridge instead of Memorial Bridge. So I went over to Walnut Bridge and turned left. I went to a place that made culverts and inquired about Mr. Richardson. The people there sent me to a brick building nearby.

"That was the Appalachian building, and a man named Richardson *did* work there. I went up to him and said that I had been sent from the unemployment office. He said, 'I don't have anything to do with hiring.' So he took me around to all the department heads. They had an opening in the substation. The supervisor there asked me, 'Have you ever worked anything hot?' I didn't know what he meant, but I was afraid I'd get hurt, so I said no.

"Next, I was taken over to the meter service department. The old gentleman there asked me if I could climb. I said yes, I had done some climbing in the Army Signal Corps. And he said, 'Well, you've got a job.'

"I showed him my papers from the unemployment office, and he said, 'You're in the wrong place.' I went back to the unemployment office, and the girl said Mr. Richardson had been calling, looking for me. I told her I had been to the wrong place but had a job," Harry said.

Harry started in July 1945 as a meter helper A but recalls that titles didn't

mean as much as they do now since everyone did a variety of jobs. He retired early on May 1 as a meter service mechanic A. "Everything was done by hand when I first came to work. The work now is a heck of a lot easier. You've got the equipment to work with. And all the equipment is furnished now. When I started, the only thing that was furnished was a Phillips screwdriver. We had to buy our climbers. If I hadn't had some money from the Army, I couldn't have started work," Harry said.

The pay was none too magnificent either. "When I started, Appalachian was paying 67 cents an hour," he said. But he added, later, "Looking back, I've enjoyed it. I liked it from the time I started. Then, money was money. You could buy something. And as far as the men and supervisors, they don't come any better."

Harry has long been devoted to safety, first aid and lifesaving instruction. He said that a hard hat once saved his life. But he vividly recalled one occurrence when he turned out to be a victim.

"At Boone's Mill a long time ago, the company had taken over a private line. We were changing over poles that day," he said. Against his better judgment, Harry said he climbed one pole that looked bad. When he cut the second wire, the pole broke. "It sounded like a shotgun," he said.

The foreman brought over a ladder. "I tried to cut my safety belt, but I was stretched almost flat out, and my strength just left me.

"Instead of the pole falling to the ladder, it kicked out. I swung to the top side of the pole so it wouldn't fall on me. I couldn't unfasten the belt, and when the pole hit the ground, I was straddling it. The belt pulled me into it," Harry said.

With his working days behind him, Harry plans to catch up on the fishing and traveling that recent ill health has deprived him of. "I've been across the United States God knows how many times, but I haven't seen the Grand Canyon," he said. That attraction is on his agenda.

Fishing is a more immediate concern. "We're going to Morehead City this month," he said. He made a vow about one trip, "I plan to be in Hawaii on December 7th this year." Harry was stationed at Hickam Field there on that memorable date 40 years ago.

An apple a day keeps John fit



Ingram

If an apple a day does, indeed, keep the doctor away, then Ballard John Ingram should never have to worry about getting sick.

John, who retired May 1 as Kingsport meter mechanic A, will be spending much of his time operating the cold storage apple house he built in the summer of '78. "My wife Jane stays busy in the apple business all the time, especially from Thanksgiving through Christmas. One day this year we both worked up there about two hours and deposited about \$900 from sales. That was about the biggest day we have had.

"It all started in 1972. While on a weekend visit with my brother in North Carolina, I picked a couple of bushels of apples from his orchard and brought them home with me. This was more than we could use so Jane gave some to our neighbors. Soon they were wanting to know if they could buy more apples so I returned to N.C. and got 50 bushels.

"I have over 500 regular customers each year and the number just keeps growing by word of mouth. I never advertise, and I have customers from as far away as Alabama. I stock three varieties — golden delicious, red delicious and stayman winesap. My apples are hand picked and graded select, there are no culls."

When he isn't working at the apple house, John expects to help wire an addition to his church, Oak Grove

Baptist. And, of course, there will be more 'time' for his hobby of collecting pocket watches.

"I have 20 pocket watches now, including a Hamilton Watch Company 'Billy Boggs Special' and one built by the Dueber Watch Company of Canton, Ohio, in 1910. I've been trying to buy a watch from Bill Bolton for 20 years and finally got it this past Christmas. It is a Waltham 23 jewel with a 25-year warranty case.

"I either keep the watches in the lockbox or a secret place in the house. I have found that they hold up a lot better if you keep them running. I sell one occasionally, but the value of my watches goes up all the time. You just can't go out and pick up watches like I have."

With all those watches, John obviously would never have an excuse for not being on time. He is proud of the fact that he was never late for work during his 35-year career. "I live about five miles from Kingsport and once I walked almost here when there was a big snow. I started about 1½ hours ahead of time, but I made it."

Another thing John is proud of is his family — one son, three daughters and two granddaughters. His eyes light up as he shows off their photos and talks about them. "We've got a son and daughter in California, a daughter in Knoxville and one in Atlanta. So we're hoping to visit them before too long."

Gone fishin'



Swain

"For 32 years and a month, I have been doing for Appalachian so now I decided to do something for myself," says Catherine Balou Swain, who elected early retirement May 1.

The former Roanoke cashier B adds, "I am going to bed as late as I want and get up when I want to. Since my mother is confined, I want to be able to do more for her and just enjoy my husband, daughter and son-in-law. And, most of all, I just want to sit on that river bank and fish. I'm even going to take a frying pan along!"

"My husband has been retired nearly a year, and we are planning to take a cruise. But Hawaii is the first place I have in mind going. I'll be going to New York with my cousin and from there fly to Hawaii.

"And, of course, I'll be going to baseball games, which we always do in the summer. I've been to Cincinnati, Baltimore, Columbus and lots of other places just to watch the games.

"I have enjoyed working with the company all these years and I'll miss all my bunnies. My co-workers come and go so fast I can't remember their names so I just call them bunnies. I am their big mama bunny and I hate to leave them, but I gotta go.

"I'll also miss my customers. There are some I have to take care of — write their checks and run tapes on what they have already spent so they

can deduct it from their checkbooks. You would be surprised the number of people who just come in and put their checkbook on the counter and ask you to deduct their payment. The first of the month is our busiest time, and we usually see the same people every month. Some you really like and enjoy talking with.

"There is one thing I would love to know — who is hi sweetie? Every month for more than 12 years, we cashiers have been receiving a note in the mail addressed to 'hi sweetie'. We know it's a retired employee because of the envelope it comes in. There's just the note, though, and no check or bill. We think he pays his electric bill at one of the banks and uses the return envelope to mail the note. Wondering who it is has driven Alice Johnson and me crazy.

"You know, when I started out with the company, we had a cafeteria for company functions such as retirement dinners and supervisory meetings. I was head cook, waitress and chief bottle washer. I also assisted the home economists. This building was completed in February of 1949 and I was hired in March, so I like to tell people I came with the building.

"Now, I'm happy to be leaving 'my' building."

Al will follow the sun

"I have done a good bit of everything, from digging ditches on up to wiring switchboards, transformers, breakers, all kinds of station equipment. Maintenance covers a multitude of sins — just anything that comes along," says Alton Barlow in talking about his 32½-year career with Appalachian.

Al was one of a nine-member gang headed by D. O. Wissler. "I have worked all over the system — Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and Ohio. Whenever trouble occurs, we've got to go.

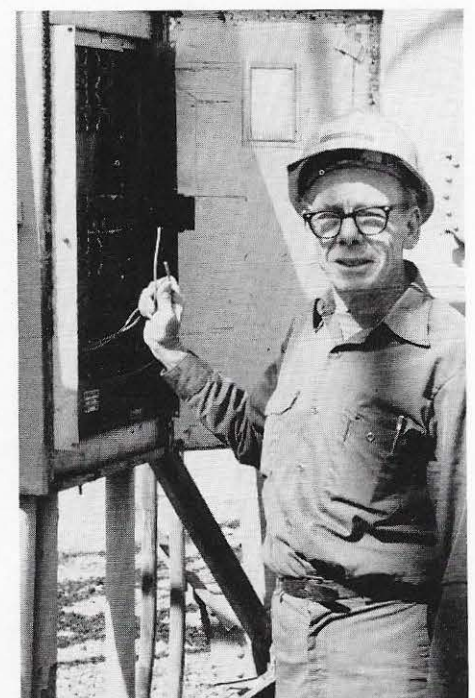
"The biggest things that stand out in my mind are the two floods I was in at Sprigg and Hazard. It was a mess wading in the mud, cleaning up. On something like that you get into every-

"Another thing, too, is the ice storm of '79 here in Roanoke. I worked all the stations — Kumis, the one that had the blowup; Matt Funk; Cloverdale; Starkey. The Clearbrook Station we had to pull out and put back in the middle of the night. I think that was worse than those two floods even though there wasn't as much damage to the public. I guess I worked 30 or 35 hours at a time. That was when I decided I didn't need any overtime because the government took all my money."

All that is behind Al, as of May 1, when he retired as station mechanic A in GO T&D Station, Roanoke, "I kinda hate to go, but time has slipped up on me.

"I have been too busy for hobbies, I'm not a fisherman or sailor, but I like to travel. I have a trailer and plan to do some 'trailing' — go out and see what the other man is doing. I've been several places. On one trip I went from New Orleans all the way to South Dakota.

"My wife Ethel and I plan on staying where it is warm. She has a cousin who spends the winter in Mexico and we thought maybe some time we would go down with them. We've got one son and two grandchildren here and another son in Bland. This fall I expect we'll go up to Stoney Fork, just across the mountain from the son in Bland, and stay a couple of months in the National Forest."



Barlow

I just want to serve my Lord

"Work wise, the best move I ever made was to come with Appalachian," says Carl Schmidt. "Actually, I've been working since I was seven years old. I used to work in a butcher and grocery store handling orders and stocking shelves. As a matter of fact, I'm a baker and cook by trade. My dad took me out of school when I was 16 to help him. If he had help, he had to pay someone out of his own wages so he took my brother when he was 16 and taught him the baker trade and then he took me."

When Carl became older, he went to work for the Norfolk and Western Railway and then for Hercules before joining Appalachian as a meter reader in Pulaski in 1945. He rose through the ranks as a collector, bookkeeper, customer service clerk, utility clerk and customer accounts representative A before being promoted to customer accounting supervisor in Pulaski Division's Christiansburg office in December 1971. Carl went on LTD leave last August and retired May 1.

"I enjoyed collecting," Carl says with a laugh. "I probably was known as a hardhearted person in Pulaski, but I just couldn't see people not paying their bills. Most of the time it was people who could pay and just wouldn't. The people who had a hard time really tried to pay their bills. I also enjoyed auditing with Niles and Niles back when they used to get their help out of the office. It gave me a chance to get out of my office and meet new people. I made a lot of friends all over Pulaski, Bluefield, Roanoke and Lynchburg divisions."

"My work at Christiansburg was just about the same as it was in Pulaski, except in a supervisory capacity. I trained new employees — we had quite a big turnover due to college students' wives — and I worked with customers, took high bill complaints, and the like.

"Since I am home now, I do a lot of cooking to make it easier on my wife Colleen. I still do a lot of cooking and baking but I have to run her out of the kitchen. She says, 'I don't do it that way'. My specialty is fruitcake. I used to make 100 pounds of fruitcake each year, and gave most of it away. I still make a few for friends, like Ken Stowers (former auditor), who gets

the largest one — 8½ lbs. He always wants an extra pound of pecans in it. He has already put in his order for this year."

As for the future, Carl hopes one day to visit relatives in Solingen-Ohlig, Germany, with whom he has corresponded for years. "My son works for Eli Lilly and goes over there several times a year, and he always spends a weekend with them. When I go over there, I want to take a train ride through the Swiss Alps."

Although he only spent five years with the NW, railroading apparently is in his blood to stay. Carl is a member of the Pulaski Model Railroad Club, which bought the building and leased the land when the NW closed its Pulaski yards. They went to work establishing a permanent HO layout, complete with town, station, landscape, track and switching equipment. The building is also sort of a museum, with old railroad equipment displayed in it. The members also found some old mine equipment, including axles, wheels and rails, and fashioned a caboose and engine, which they named Dora Junction

Railway. They ploughed through blisters and sore backs and all the rest to lay quarter mile oval track with a crossover, work siding and engine house track. Carl also has a model railroad layout in his basement, on which he spends an average of about two hours a week.

"There's something wrong with anybody who retires and says they can't find anything to do," Carl says. "I'm so busy I can't even find the time to work on my railroad like I want. But the main thing I want to do is serve my Lord."

A member of the Main Street Baptist Church in Christiansburg, he is a deacon, member of the library committee, member of the outreach visitation committee and president of the Highlands Association Baptist Men. "I also do lay preaching and work on the detention ministry for the Baptist Men. My wife says I have too much to do and asks me why I don't stay home, but it's just hard to turn anybody down when they ask me to work for the church. Right now I'm praying about whether to be put in as Sunday School superintendent."



Carl Schmidt's retirement schedule is so busy that he's finding little time to enjoy working with the model train layout in his basement.

Jimmy trades paying bills for retirement

As of May 1, the only bills James Carlton Oliver will be paying will be his own. It is on that date that he retired as classification and accounts payable supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

"I was hired by Ed Stalker, assistant office manager, in June 1938," Jimmy recalls. "I had taken courses at National Business College with the idea of locating a job with the N&W Railway as a male stenographer. But many graduating students from NBC were being hired to perform temporary assignments for Appalachian, so this was the line of least resistance in securing employment.

"The temporary assignment was working with Marty McGlone from the New York office, establishing original cost dollars applicable to the then FPC electric plant accounts. Up until that time all transactions had been entered into ledgers in bulk with no breakdown as to the functional account involved.

"In the early 40s, I spent 13 months in Kingsport, working on another special assignment headed by K. W. Leslie, another New York employee. We were attempting to enter data into McBee punch cards to establish a ready reference of the physical location and description of materials associated with a given pole location. This was probably the first attempt taken by the AEP System to 'mechanize' records. This activity was halted due to war clouds that were brewing over our country.

"In July 1943 I received my call to report to service and spent 30 months in the Army in training and in the European Theater. I was lucky enough to be assigned to an office job, based on my civilian experience, and the worst hazard I incurred was to get speared by a sharp pencil.

"After my tour of duty, I returned to work in 1946 and was placed in the electric plant section for a short period of time. I became head of the classification and accounts payable section in 1949 and in 1956 was made head of the classification group as a result of interchange of duties



Oliver

with the leader in that group. In November 1968 I was made classification and accounts payable supervisor. I was privileged to attend the AEP management program at the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration.

"My wife Elinor retired from Appalachian last May and she's had a whole year to rest up. I told her the other day that she'd have to give me a year to rest up and then we'd talk about doing some things. We plan to spend some time completing our house on Smith Mountain Lake as well as repairing and renovating a cabin cruiser which sank and remained submerged for a number of months. We also intend to do some much needed repairs and additions to our present home at 635 Clearview Drive, Vinton."

The Olivers are members of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church and Roanoke Lodge #197 Elks Club.

A legend in his time

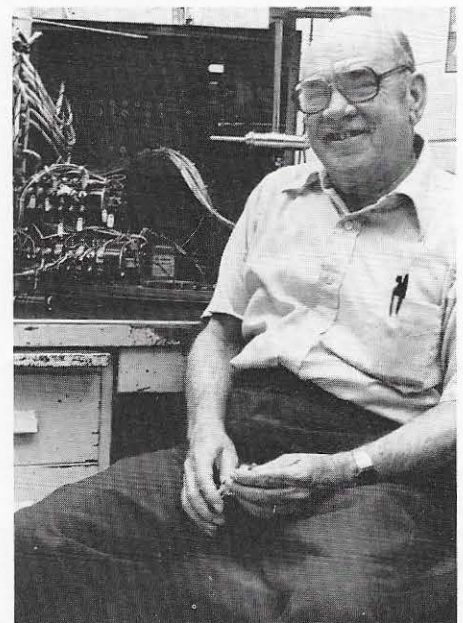
The Roanoke Meter Department won't seem the same without William Marco Mills, who has spent the past 42 years of his life there. Billy, who was an electrical engineer before electing early retirement May 1, was a great factor in the development of the department. Some of the testing boards he built are still in use.

"When I came here, they were working on a shoestring basis," Billy recalls, "and I started out at 42½ cents an hour. Positions were hard to find but I knew Mr. Chilton, the superintendent then, and I kept worrying him to death until he finally gave me a job.

"When I first started, Dutch Rankin (retired T&D manager) was working here and he taught me to test meters. We used to have to test meters every eight years, and we had to take a block at a time and go from house to house. We weren't furnished cars then so we had to catch a streetcar and ride to wherever we were going to work. We had two kits to carry when we went out, and one was full of bolts. One time Dutch's kit flew open and all the bolts fell down on the step. The streetcar conductor had to wait until Dutch cleaned up all those bolts before he could continue the run.

"Now we sample test one percent of our meters. We test all meters for the Roanoke and Lynchburg Divisions and they are brought into the shop. When I started, we had about 50,000 meters, now we have approximately 130,000.

"We sometimes bring meters in the shop to test for tampering. Occasionally we find adjustments slow and sometimes parts have been removed so the meter won't register. We even found a meter the other day with a little pack of salt inside the cover. The salt is just a joke, it doesn't do any good. Some people put a pack of salt on top of the meter thinking it will slow it down.



Mills

"I remember back in '41 we took over Stuart and we had to rebuild all the lines serving that section. The only thing they had was a big diesel generator setting in a field. I had to go down with Bobby Clark (now deceased) to start that thing. I went up on top, fueled it and lit the wick. The thing started and walked all over that building. It scared me to death.

"I was in the Medical Corps with the 136th Infantry in World War II. We made the initial landing in Japan after they surrendered. I came out of service on the 10th of December and came back to the office in a couple of days, wanting to go to work. They told me I had two weeks' vacation and to go on back home.

"I have enjoyed working here and will miss the people. The company has been mighty good to me, and I can't complain. I have had some pretty bad health the last few years, and they have treated me mighty good on that. I have a trailer down at Smith Mountain Lake, about 20 minutes from here, and my wife Virginia and I will probably go down there for weekends some."

Billy's sister-in-law, Mary Jamison, is payroll records supervisor in GO Accounting, Roanoke. A brother-in-law, Lee Spangler, is a retired chief PBX operator in Roanoke.

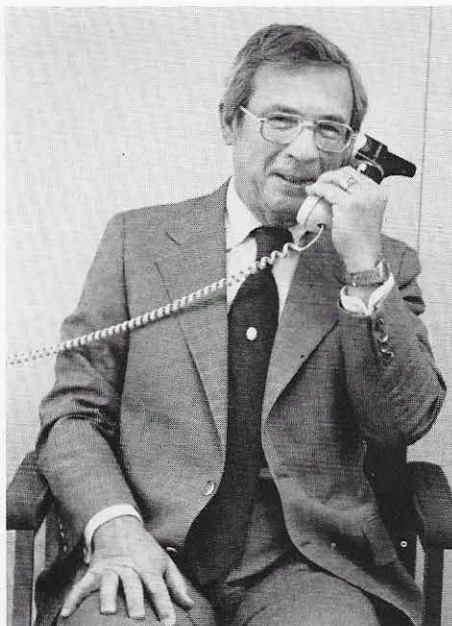
More time for hobbies

"My job has for years interfered with my hobbies," says Winfred Henry Hart, Jr., with a smile, "so that's why I decided to leave early." Retiring on his 60th birthday, May 1, the electrical engineering supervising engineer in GO T&D, Roanoke, will now be able to pursue those hobbies with his wife Lois, also an Appalachian retiree.

"There are so many things I want to do I don't even know where to start. First off I'll have to find out what to do with the refund of my retirement contributions to get maximum yield.

"We have a couple of small trips planned but nothing big until we get organized under the new financial setup. Right now we don't have any notion of where to go, but anticipation is half the fun.

"The first trip we took of any conse-



Hart

quence was to Bermuda. We have made at least one trip a year for 23 years, and in that length of time we have been in essentially all of the countries of Europe and went to East Africa once. Of course, these are the things I would love to do again. I will have the time now but one bad thing about retiring early is that the money is short. Those who go to 65 can better afford it, but by that time you may not be able to do it.

"I am still involved in taking movies of our trips and showing them to organizations around town. This is something we thoroughly enjoy and have been at it for 22 years. We have been back to some places two or three times and have footage from each trip, so I want to go back and rework some of the older movies and redo the background sound. Film base has gotten so horribly expensive. An hour's movie now costs me over \$500 just for film base so I have got to see if the old budget permits that. Incidentally, I have an hour's footage I am holding in the refrigerator that I bought when it was a little bit cheaper than it is now.

"I like woodwork, metalwork and do a little furniture building. As a matter of fact, I have a table in cherry cut out for Lois now. She wants a special table for the hall upstairs, and we collaborated on the design. I have some nice cherry and walnut I have been holding for years ready to go for any project she can dream up.

"I have also become interested in rocks and metals. Under the 138 kv

line on Bent Mountain there is a huge outcropping of Unakite, and I have made some things from Unakite and inexpensive opal. I am learning slowly to work with silver and might just try to take a course in silver smithing. Al Croy and I have been talking about going to Betty Baker, a series of mines near Galax. There are some things to be found down there. As a matter of fact, I picked up a whole lot of garnets down there.

"I am a charter member of the Roanoke Symphony and have been playing second fiddle in the second violin section for all these years. I'm going to stay until they throw me out for lack of practice. We've got a concert with Ethel Merman coming up right away.

"The problem is, I've got too many hobbies," Winnie confides. "You know, Jack of all trades, master of none."

One thing is for certain. There's not going to be a rocking chair in Winnie's future for a long, long time to come.

Waggoner retires early



Waggoner

Melvin Waggoner, Roanoke customer accounts representative A, elected early retirement April 1.

Joining Appalachian in 1948, Mel worked as a meter reader, groundman, collector and credit representative senior before being named in 1977 to the position he held at retirement.

CMS: specialty service at lower cost

One of the ways that American Electric Power is meeting the challenge of cutting costs — without lowering efficiency, quality or dependability — is through Appalachian Power's Central Machine Shop located in the old Ordnance Center in South Charleston, West Virginia.

"Our function is to provide power plants with exceptional skills and equipment that are beyond their normal capability. Individual plants can't afford to have large numbers of people with special skills and expensive specialty equipment waiting around for an occasional major maintenance project to put them to work," explains CMS Manager Harold Rulen. "Within

AEP, however, there are enough plants to keep our people busy."

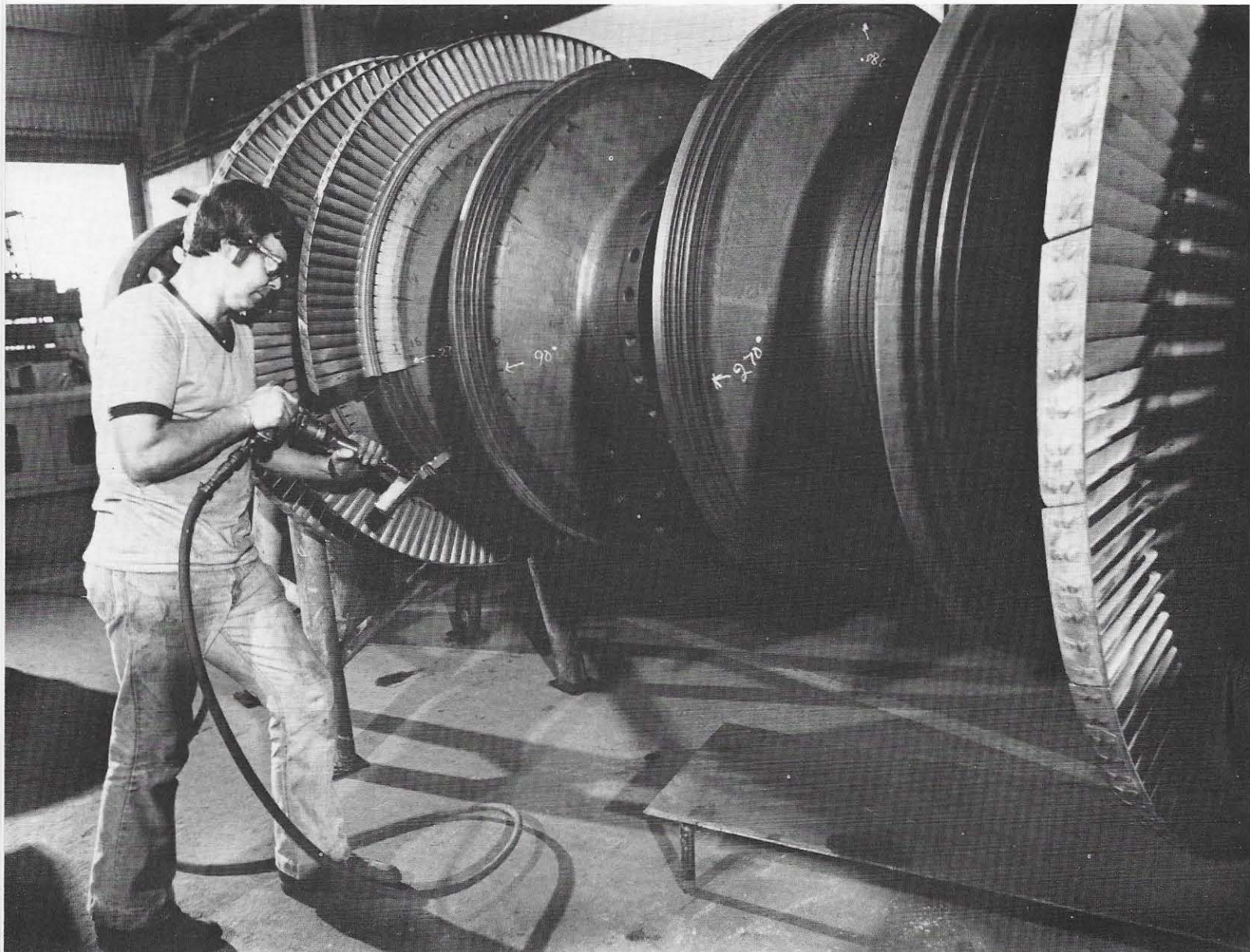
Rulen says his operation is a "natural extension" of the power plant machine shop, a not unexpected description when you consider that CMS traces its lineage to a corner of the John E. Amos maintenance shop where Rulen was once superintendent.

"It seemed so wasteful to pay outside shops to do work we could do as well or better ourselves and for less money," Rulen says. "We started out by buying some equipment so we could rewind our own electric motors and it just grew from there."

As other AEP plants learned of the growing capability at Amos, demand for their services grew. By April 1974, the Amos Machine Shop's expanded capability was formally made available to other AEP plants as the John E. Amos Central Machine Shop. At that time, it moved into its own building alongside the Amos Plant.

Four years later, in 1978, another name change came about when the reference to Amos was dropped and CMS became known simply as Central Machine Shop.

Functionally, CMS reports to AEP's operations organization under Senior Vice President Dave Williams, in Canton, Ohio, receiving work guidance



Dave Arthur, machinist 1st class, removes blade from turbine rotor.

and engineering support from there. Administratively, CMS reports to Appalachian Power's General Office in Roanoke.

The move into its present South Charleston facilities began in late 1978 and was completed in February 1980.

On-site work

The shop's skilled technicians and craftsmen respond rapidly to meet the maintenance and repair needs of AEP plants, and CMS is well equipped to get men and equipment to where they're needed with a minimum of time and effort.

"About a quarter of our working hours are spent at plants," Rulen says. "Depending on the work to be done, often the equipment needing repair or maintenance is brought to our shop. At other times, men, tools, and equipment travel to the plant and the work is performed on site."

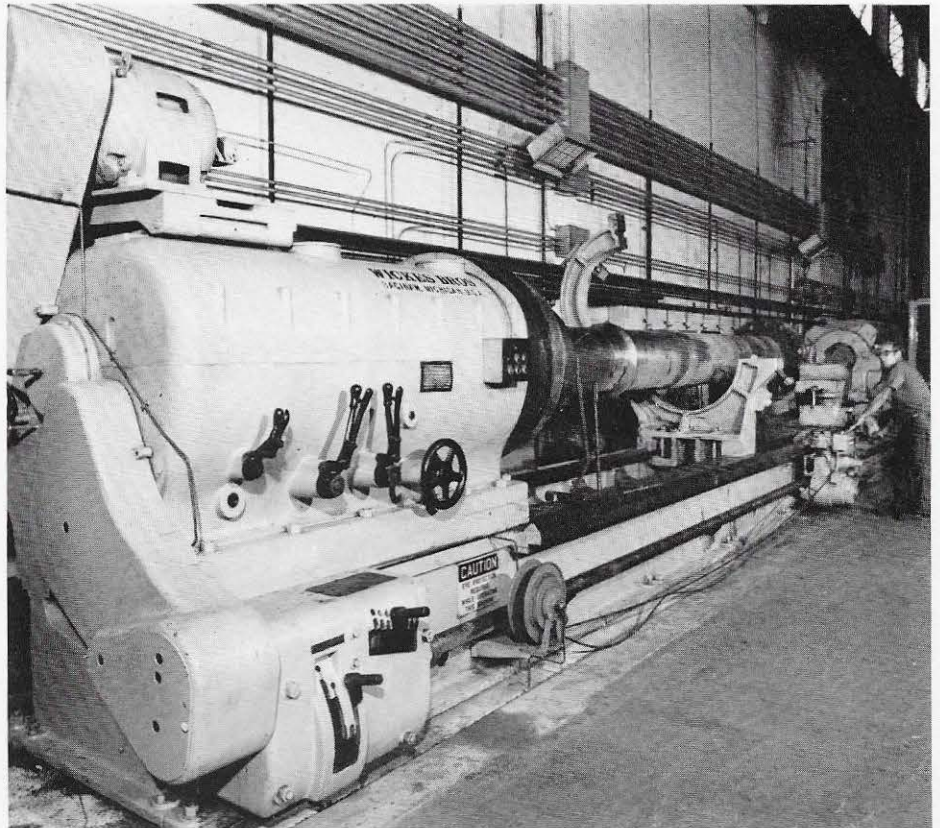
To facilitate travel to and from plants, CMS operates its own long-haul tractor-trailers with a carrying capacity of up to 40 tons, and the shop can handle even larger loads by using its rail facilities.

"We don't get involved with all the machine work at plants," Rulen continues. "We're only called in when the plant doesn't have the equipment or specialized manpower to do the job.

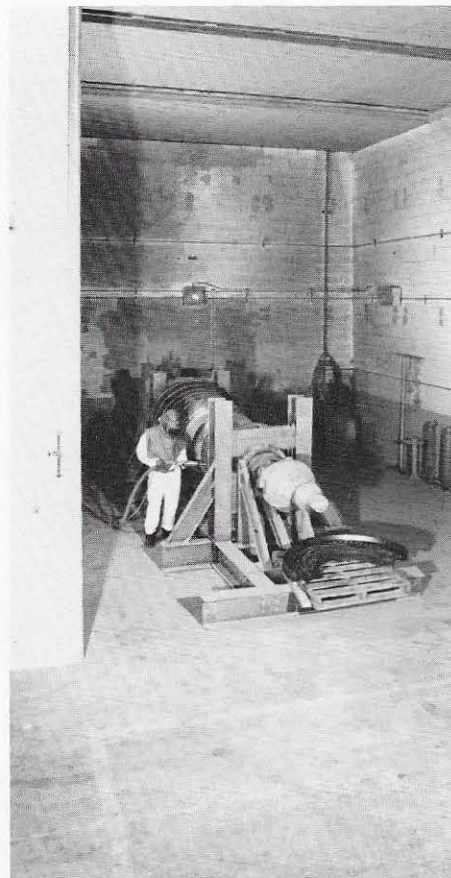
"We are, however, continually adding to our inventory of expertise and equipment," Rulen acknowledges. "We have to be able to do the job better... or cheaper... or, in many cases, both. When we do, our client's customers benefit directly."

CMS's skilled employees are performing a wide array of tasks as a walk through the shop suggests. The work being performed ranges from that requiring a 200 ton crane to maneuver huge steel objects weighing tons to others requiring almost limitless patience and dexterity because of almost microscopic tolerances.

Like the power plants themselves, to the first-time visitor, the most striking impression comes from the sheer size of the building and much of the equipment it houses. Nearly three football games could take place at



Ray Casto, machinist 1st class, machines Winfield hydro generator shaft on 40' Wickes lathe.



Sandblasting Kammer unit 3 high pressure turbine rotor.

the same time within the walls of CMS and a punt could send the ball 90 feet high before hitting the ceiling.

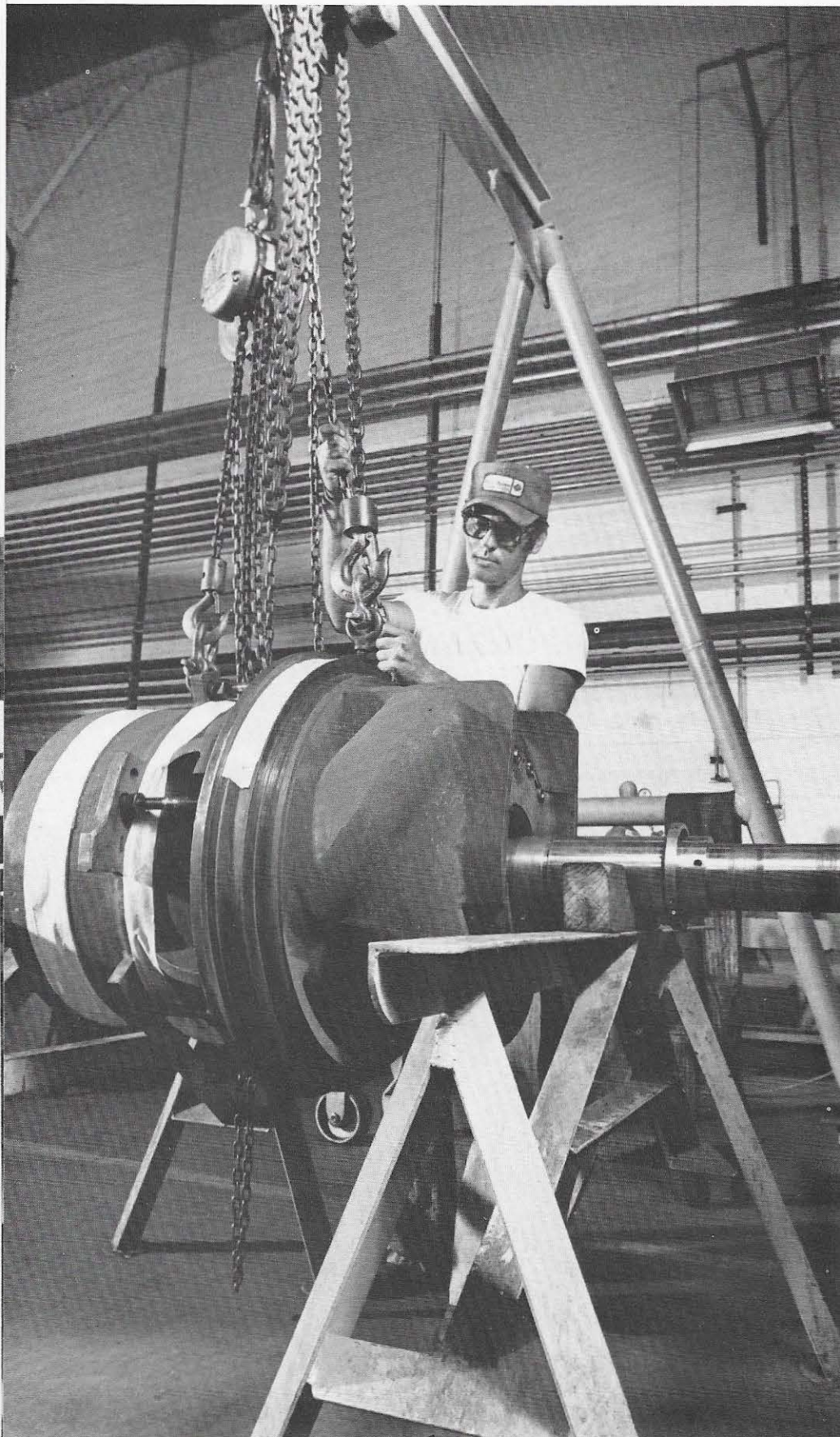
Rotors weighing up to 176,000 pounds greet the visitor upon entry to the shop from the office area. These giant, high precision turbine parts go through a blast-cleaning operation in a special room nearby which sports a movable roof to facilitate the 200-ton overhead crane spanning the 300-yard-long main bay.

Also nearby — when it's not in use at a plant — is a large precision, low-speed balancing machine that helps insure that rebuilt and repaired rotors are perfectly balanced before they are returned to the power plant.

The balancing machine is portable and either in-shop or in-plant use can reduce balancing costs to about a quarter of what outside vendors normally charge.

In fact, CMS's ability to return damaged and worn turbine rotors to active service is one of its greatest cost-saving contributions to the system.

The shop also performs non-destructive testing of machines to determine their structural condition. "Because of the importance of discovering sur-



Jay McClung, power equipment mechanic 1st class, hoists completed boiler feed pump assembly in work horse for prep and storage.

face and internal flaws in metal before they can cause operational or safety problems, we stay abreast of all advances in the metal testing field," Rulen says. One of the shop's newer metal testing techniques is the use of a computer-assisted, ultrasonic procedure that pinpoints even minute internal flaws in turbine rotors. "Such knowledge allows repairs to be made, when feasible, preventing multi-million dollar rotors from being scrapped prematurely," he says.

All of CMS's nondestructive testing equipment is portable and can be transported to generating plants.

Specialty skills

The specialty skills employed by CMS are welding, machining, motor winding, power equipment mechanics, and nondestructive examination. A tour of the shop gives a good overview of the many ways these skills are put to use for the AEP System.

In the motor shop, motors up to 13,500 horsepower can be totally rebuilt, tested, and phase balanced before being returned to service.

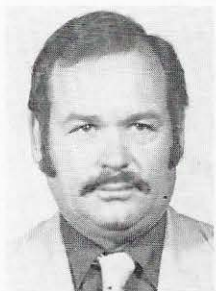
The machine shop offers plants many specialty services as well as normal machining operations. These include a variety of turning, boring, milling, drilling, grinding, metal spray and shaping jobs.

CMS's welders routinely take on both simple jobs and those requiring special skills and great patience, such as building up turbine steam path nozzles prior to machining. This demanding process involves slowly replacing worn-away steel by building up layers of weld to return the part to its original size and shape.

"Our greatest strength — and contribution to the System — is the variety of skills our employees possess and the effort they put into their work. Next is our growing inventory of equipment. And, third, is our dedication to a single industry and system which allows us to sharpen our skills and select the equipment best suited to meeting our customer's needs," Rulen explains.

"Because of our unique position — I know of no other machine shop of this caliber dedicated to a single company — we are able to work hand-in-glove with AEP's plants to provide a rapid, dependable, and reliable response to their needs," Rulen says.

PROMOTIONS



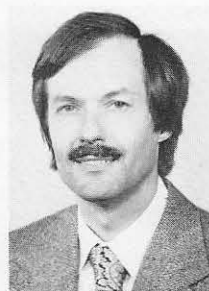
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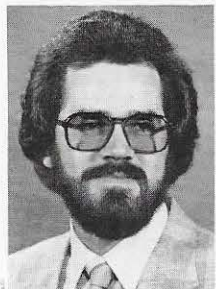
B. Jones



Mullen



E. T. Jones



Taylor



Lasley



Wilmer

Mack Saunders, Jr., Pulaski station mechanic A, was promoted to the exempt position of regional chief operator, GO Operations, Jackson's Ferry Station, on April 1.

Paul Pauley, customer services supervisor, will be promoted to Bluefield customer services manager on June 1, upon the retirement of Oscar Adams from that position. Pauley studied electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools and holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Morris Harvey College.

David Crabtree, residential conservation services coordinator, GO Customer Services, Roanoke, will be promoted to Bluefield customer services supervisor on June 1, succeeding Paul Pauley. Crabtree holds a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering and a masters in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Bud Jones, distribution engineer senior, was promoted to electrical engineering supervising engineer in GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, on May 1. He succeeds Winnie Hart, Jr., who elected early retirement. Jones holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia

Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Ray Mullen, data processing operator A, was promoted to the exempt position of computer operation supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, on April 1. He attended East Tennessee State University.

E. T. "Shorty" Jones, Jr., Roanoke office supervisor, was promoted to customer accounts coordinator, GO Customer Services, Roanoke, on May 1.

Jerry Taylor, coal equipment operator, was promoted to utility supervisor at Clinch River Plant on March 1, succeeding Howard Lasley.

Howard Lasley, utility supervisor, was promoted to yard superintendent at Clinch River Plant on April 1. He succeeds Herbert Roush, who is on LTD leave.

John Wilmer, Rocky Mount customer accounting supervisor non-exempt, was promoted to the exempt position of Roanoke office supervisor on May 1, succeeding Shorty Jones.

NEWCOMERS

Abingdon

James Skeen, line mechanic D, Lebanon. **Jonathan Scales**, meter reader, Gate City. **Mike McKinney**, customer services advisor. **Gary Bunch** and **Diana Marshall**, meter readers, Clintwood.

Beckley

Sheila Elder, junior stenographer. **Brenda Hall**, junior clerk.

Bluefield

Robert Gruver, division stores assistant. **James McQuail, Jr.**, customer services advisor.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

Dennis Stranahan and **Frederick Surbaugh, Jr.**, maintenance mechanics B.

Charleston

Henritta Williams, junior clerk. **Charles Ross**, line mechanic D. **Danny Ellars** and **Darrance Woodrum**, customer services advisors. **Michael Boxley**, stores attendant. **Victoria Kovach**, junior stenographer.

General Office

Cathy Griggs and **Adonica Addington**, general records clerks C, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **David Parrish, Jr.**, associate programmer, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Dennis Roberson**, junior clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke. **Joyce Quam**, junior stenographer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. **Harold Grayson**, R/w maintenance coordinator, GO T&D Forestry Control & Utilization, Charleston.

Nostalgia comes with the meal



Frank Hanson greets two of his luncheon customers.

When Frank Hanson was a boy, the old mill in Lebanon, Virginia, was a gathering place for people who came to town on Saturday. Constructed by a local builder around 1910, the mill continued to do its job until the late 1950s. Its use declined as people turned to more modern methods, and the mill changed hands several times. Finally the original builder bought it as a place to store building materials.

Then one night in 1979, Frank and some friends were discussing “the fact that there was nothing to do or any place to go in town. We decided that what the area needed was a place where people could gather just to have a good time.”

Frank, Abingdon customer servicer, and his two partners set out to find a place to give shape and form to their dream. The old mill was one of the sites they looked at and eventually decided on. They bought the mill in May 1979 and embarked on a lot of hard work.

“At first we thought about tearing the building down. It was in such sorry shape.” Just cleaning up the debris that had accumulated over the years

was a major undertaking. “We hauled away 200 pickup truckloads of lumber and debris.”

After cleaning up, the building was found to be as structurally sound as they had hoped. By then they were hooked on recapturing the character of the place. The three of them worked on the mill during their spare time: vacations, nights and weekends. “We had people who came by on a regular basis just to laugh at us,” Frank recalls. “The things that happened to us were right out of a soap opera.”

But they persisted, and work was finally completed in June 1980. The restaurant they fashioned out of the old mill is a delight for nostalgia buffs. “One of the main features of the restaurant is the bar, which is made of solid redwood from an old water tower used by the railroads during the days of steam locomotives,” Frank says. Due to the high cost of making one, the bar almost never got off the ground. But one of Frank’s partners remembered that his father had some lumber stored in Dublin, Va. The lumber was in beams, 4 inches thick

and 22 feet long. A local carpenter put it together for them, so the bar turned out to be a relative bargain.

Another interesting feature of the restaurant is the salad bar, which is made from a “grain duster”. The duster gathered the hulls and husks from the ground meal while the mill was operating. “It makes a real nice place for our salad ingredients,” Frank notes. A friend made the tables and chairs and another friend painted pictures for the walls.

None of the three had any prior experience in the restaurant business. “The closest we came to having experience was one of my partners pulling KP in the Army. This has been a real learning experience for me and, for that matter, still is. You might say we got a crash course in business management.”

Business has been better than they hoped. In addition to their house specialty — steaks “charbroiled the way you like them” — they offer a wide variety of luncheon selections at reasonable prices. “We’re open from 11 AM to midnight Monday through Saturday. We could do a good busi-

ness on Sunday, too, but we've just got to have a day off." In addition to Frank and his two partners, who work part time, there are 10 full-time employees. From time to time they offer live entertainment. "We like to get some of the better groups but they're tough to get unless they're in the area doing a show somewhere else," Frank says.

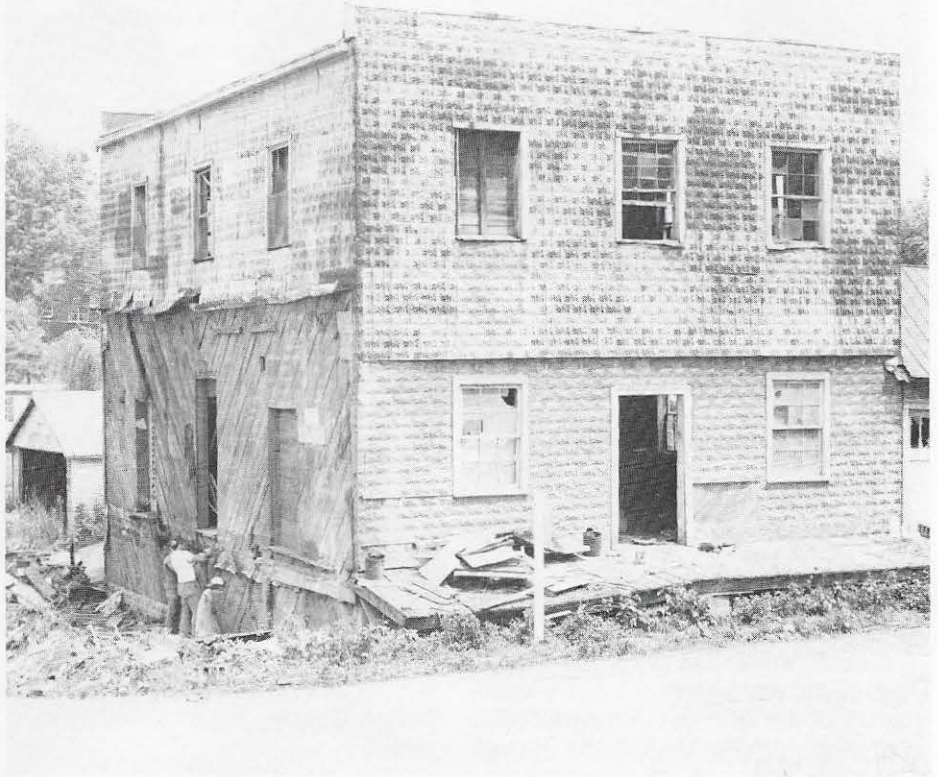
The restaurant is not all restoration and preservation. "People might think that because of our rustic atmosphere that the place is not comfortable," Frank adds. "But we decided to heat and cool our building with electric heat pumps. We're total electric. It's true I'm an Appalachian employee, but I'm also a businessman now, and we went all-electric because we thought it was going to be the cheapest way in the long run as well as the most efficient method of meeting our current needs."

Turning the old mill into a thriving restaurant has involved a lot of time, hard work and money. For those reasons, Frank and his partners take considerable pride in having created a place with a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere.

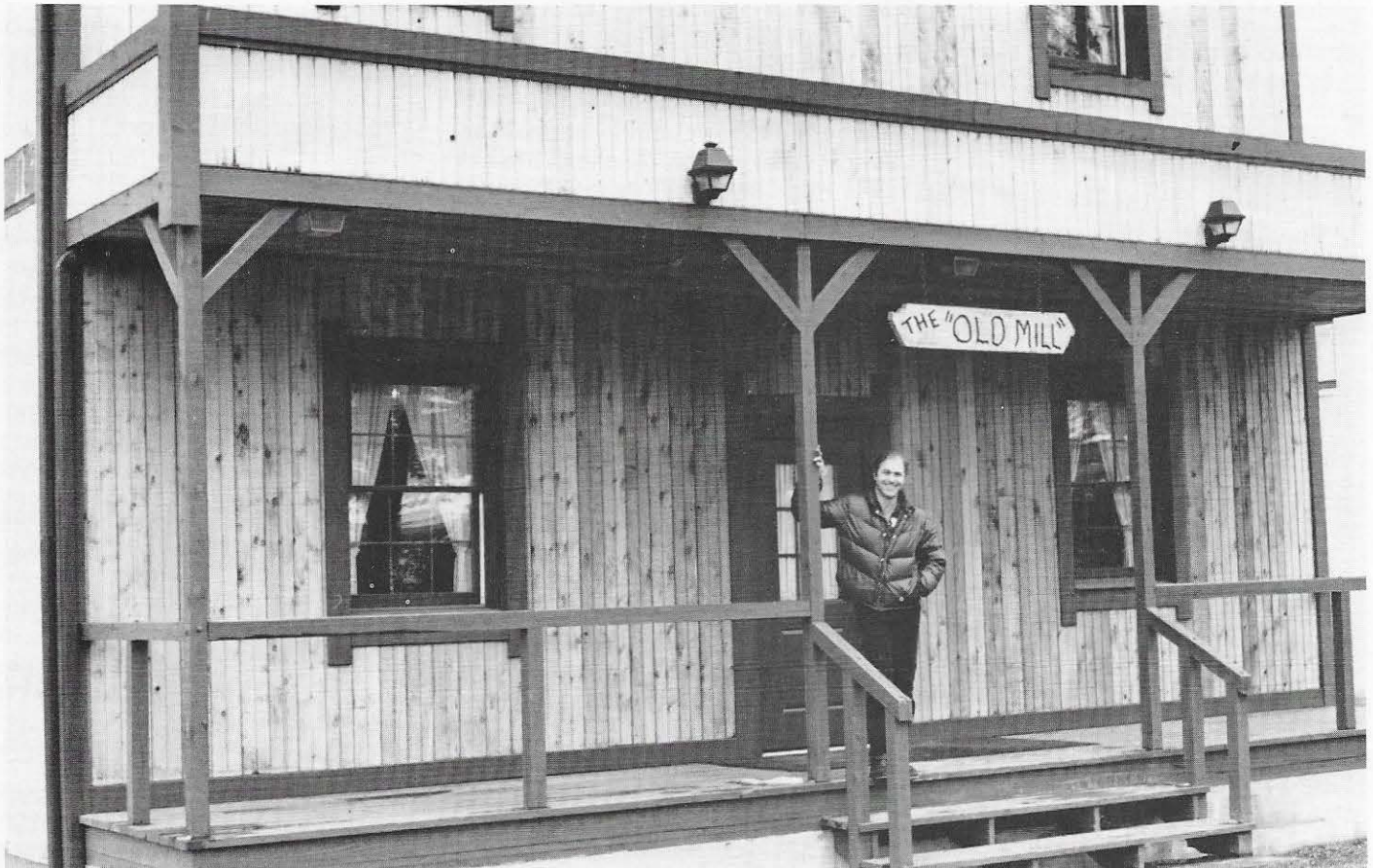
For those Appalachian employees

who have occasion to travel to Lebanon, the Old Mill Restaurant is located on — what else — Mill Street

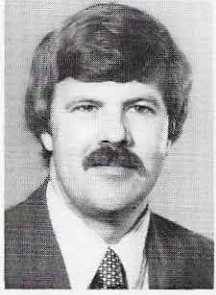
in downtown Lebanon. When east-bound on Route 19, turn left just past the Russell County Courthouse.



It took three men with real vision to turn this dilapidated building into the attractive restaurant below.



26 employees win stock in "Ideas" competition



Jamison



Caldwell



Eaton



Burchette



Shoemaker



Powell



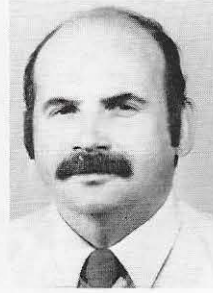
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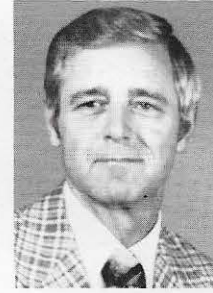
Worstell



Smith



Parker



Martin

Twenty-six employees from five companies of the AEP System won 1,600 shares of American Electric Power Company common stock worth approximately \$25,600 in the 1980 "Operating Ideas" competition.

The prize winners had previously received awards for their articles on operations improvements at the time they were published in the bi-monthly technical magazine during the year, making them eligible for the annual competition.

The top prize of 200 shares of stock was shared by **Ron Jamison**, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, and **Bob Caldwell**, station supervisor for Kingsport Power Company. Their article, "Early Detection Warns of Bushing Problems," appeared in the March/April issue of "Operating Ideas."

Tobie Eaton, GO T&D Real Estate and Right-of-Way, Roanoke, was the year's only double winner.

Runners-up to Jamison and Caldwell were:

180 Shares

Bruce Freimark, Transmission Engineering, AEP Service Corporation, Columbus; **Sam Burchette**, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, and **Eaton** shared this prize for their article, "Pre-Sags Conductors Using Precise Data" (May/June).

150 Shares

Thomas L. Stropki, meter techni-

cian, Ohio Power Company, "Remote Device Checks Major Load Signals" (July/August).

Two Appalachian Power performance superintendents, **Rex Shoemaker**, John E. Amos Plant, and **Charles Powell**, Mountaineer Plant, shared this prize for their article, "Improves Unit Stability at Reduced Loads" (January/February).

Richard Bocock, office supervisor, Amos Plant, "How Auditing Freight Bills Has Cut Costs" (March/April).

80 Shares

L. H. Gould, relay supervisor, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, "Semi-Portable Station Offers Advantages" (May/June).

Thomas Worstell, supervising performance engineer, Amos Plant, "New Water Treatment Protects Cooling Tower" (May/June).

Gilbert Smith, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, "Lifting Device for ASEA Transformer Cooling Fans" (November/December).

70 Shares

Five employees in Ohio Power's Meter Department — **Jack Carr**, **Timothy Schrader**, **Timothy Speelman**, **Kenneth Kroninger** and **Vernon German** — shared this award for their article, "Extends One-Revolution Meter Testing" (September/October).

Gordon Parker, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, "Simpler Tap Changes Repair Saves Big \$" (July/August).

A. R. Witt, maintenance supervisor, Mitchell Plant, Ohio Power, "Removing Heavy Wear Caps from Mill" (January/February).

60 Shares

Tom Seery, staff engineer, Mechanical Engineering Division, AEP Service Corporation, New York, "Moves 44-Ton Tube Bundle of Air" (March/April).

David Crawford, construction contracts engineer, and **Bruce Bennett**, project manager, both AEP Service Corporation, New York, and **Charles Cassell**, construction manager for Ohio Power's Racine hydro project, shared this award for their article, "Super Crane is Giant Erector Set" (May/June).

50 Shares

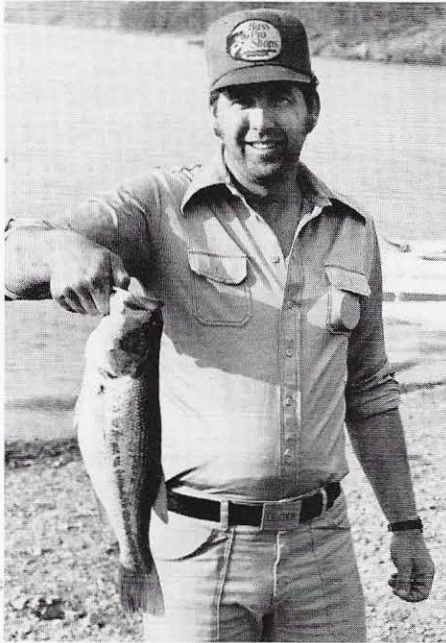
William Daugherty, electrical maintenance supervisor, Mitchell Plant, "Isolates Slagblowers to Save Maintenance" (September/October).

Richard Walker, area manager, Indiana & Michigan, Winchester, Ind., "Designs SF₆ Gas-Handling Manifolds" (July/August).

Tobie Eaton, "Staking the Location of Guy Anchors" (March/April).

And **Wink Martin**, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, "How to Make Station Foundation Repairs" (March/April).

Huntington



Lester Searls, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington, landed the largest bass — a 4 lb. largemouth black bass — in the Huntington Division's second annual fishing tournament held at Cave Run Lake, Morehead, Kentucky. **Lee Bostic**, general service restorer, and **Dave Gillilan**, line mechanic C, tied for total weight of fish caught. Twenty-one employees or family members participated in the tourney. **John Paul**, son of David Machir, Point Pleasant line crew supervisor, placed third in piano at the Academic Festival held at Marshall University. Nearly 1,400 juniors and seniors from 36 high schools in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky competed. John is a senior at Point Pleasant High School. **Tom Wells**, station mechanic A, captured fourth place in the singles novice division at the West Virginia State Racquetball Tournament. Tom, one of 20 representatives from the Racquetball and Health Club of Huntington, played 13 singles and 6 double games in the competition.

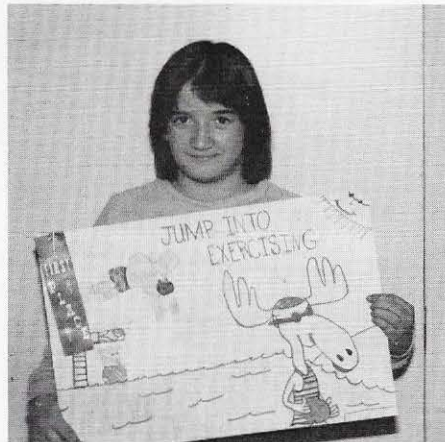
Central Machine Shop

Karen Lynn, daughter of Andrew Zagayko, assistant manager, was inducted into the Andrew Jackson Junior High School Honor Society as

a charter member. She has a 4.0 grade average. Karen also won a first place award for her entry in the anthropology — junior high division in the Kanawha County Social Studies Fair and will compete in the West Virginia Social Studies Fair this month.

Charleston

Mitzi, daughter of Felix Porter, line crew supervisor, won first place in the sociology category in the annual Kanawha County Social Studies Fair. She was also chosen for the Honor Society at Andrew Jackson Junior High School.



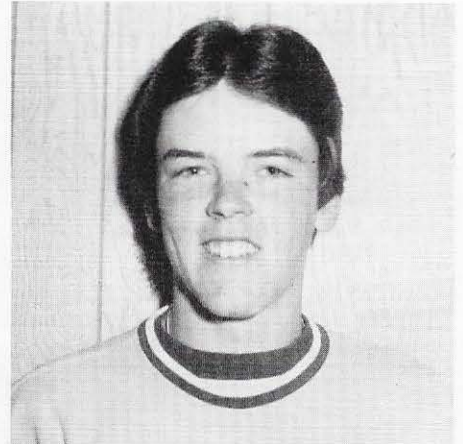
Melissa, daughter of Pat Taylor, customer accounts supervisor, won the first place ribbon in the fifth grade exercise poster contest at Flinn Elementary School. She was also a runner-up in the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus coloring contest.

Pulaski

Larry Bucklen, customer services representative, and his wife **Sarah** were awarded a trip to the Homestead, Hot Springs, Va., to attend Rotary District 757 Conference as representatives of the Wytheville Rotary Club.

Jeffrey Ayers, son of Juanita Dunagan, office messenger, placed first in the sixth grade and second for the entire school in the Pulaski Middle School's spelling bee.

Susan, daughter of John Collins, Hillsville T&D clerk A, won first place for the second grade in a talent show at Hillsville Elementary School.



Greg, son of Barry Hicks, Hillsville engineering technician, was selected for inclusion in the 1980-81 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". He is a junior at Carroll County High School.

Scott, son of Tommy Alderman, Hillsville area service restorer, won third place in the Jaycee State Shootout (dribble and shoot contest) in Martinsville, Va.

Retiree **Clarence Rosenbaum** and his wife **Daphna** were installed as Sentinel and Electa, respectively, of Galax Chapter No. 165, Order of Eastern Star.

Mountaineer



Kelly Manley, stepdaughter of Steve Atkinson, maintenance mechanic A, participated in the 1981 Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar in Washington, D. C., April 26-May 2. At Ripley High School, Kelly is a varsity cheerleader, Forensics Club secretary, and member of student council, Thespians and 4-H. She is also a member of the Grace Gospel Church and plans to pursue a career in law and politics.

Abingdon

Mark, son of Berkley Burkett, Marion meter reader, took second place in both the district and boy's extemporaneous speaking in a forensics meet at Charlottesville, Va. He is a student at Rich Valley High School.

Bluefield

Jeff, son of Herman St. Clair, Jr., was selected to participate in the accelerated senior English class at Bluefield High School. Students are selected on the basis of teacher recommendation, scores on state tests, overall academic average and class ranking.

Philip Sporn

Tina Renae, daughter of Altina Crisp, maintenance mechanic B, won first place in a talent contest held at North Gallia High School with her vocal rendition of "Man From Galilee"

Buck Tennant, maintenance super-

visor, bowled a 609 series in the Ohio State Bowling Tournament.

Peggy Harris, chemist assistant, and **Burton Hickman**, unit supervisor, bowled 510 and 637 series, respectively, in the Sporn League.

Roanoke

Kelly, daughter of Richard Downey, engineering technician, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Staunton River High School.

Teresa, daughter of Helen West, personnel assistant senior, served as youth minister of music at Vinton Baptist Church during March. She participated in the annual music festival sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs and received an excellent rating on two memory pieces and a superior rating for hymns.

Benita, daughter of Rufus Anthony, customer servicer, and **Jozan**, daughter of Alma Obenchain, customer accounts representative B, are members of the Eaglettes cheerleading team which won the 1980-81 Blue

Ridge District cheerleading championship.

The Williamson Road Tar Heels, coached by **Ron Payne** and **Kim Wright**, drafters B, won both the 1981 Roanoke City Junior League and Roanoke District basketball championships. The regular season scoring leader was **Steve**, son of Sam Williams, T&D clerk A on LTD leave. During nine years of coaching the Tar Heels, Ron and Kim have compiled a record of 109 wins, 24 losses. They have captured 3 city junior league championships, 4 runners-up, and 2 Knights of Columbus tournament championships.

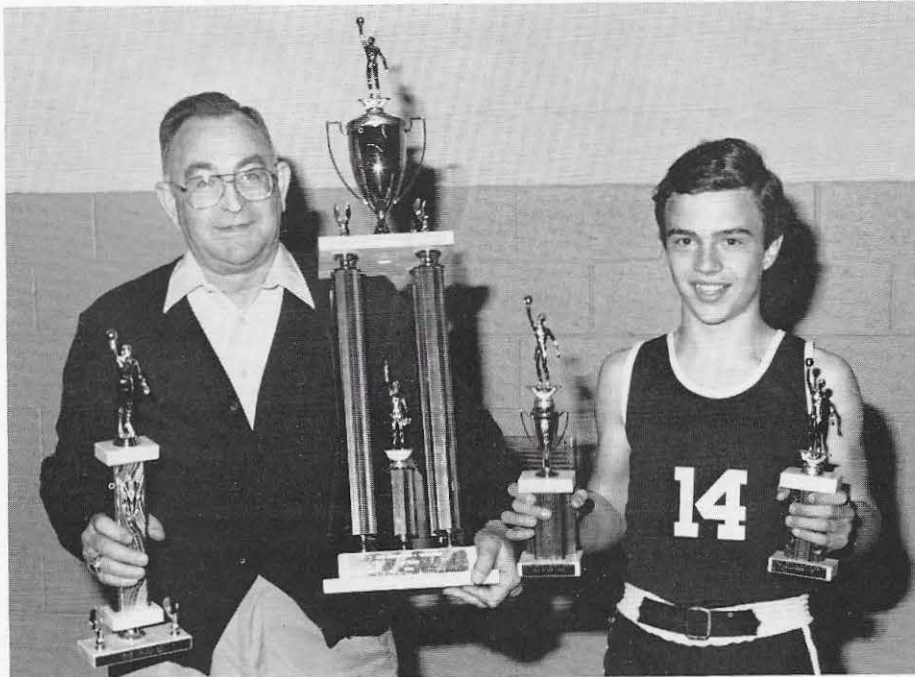
Gary, son of Bob Jones, stores attendant senior, played on the North Franklin County Kings basketball team which won the Franklin County junior league championship.

Bob Jones, stores attendant senior, has received the Command Sergeant Major Award from the Virginia National Guard. A 15-year military man, Bob spent 4½ years on active duty with the Navy and 10½ years in the National Guard. He is 2nd Platoon Sergeant of A Company 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Brigade (Stonewall Jackson's former Brigade).

New officers of the Roanoke Reddi-Lite Club, an employee social organization, are **Willie Feazelle**, general servicer, president; **Carolyn Gordon**, T&D clerk B, vice president; **Wayne Sink**, electrical engineer, treasurer; **Deborah Leigh**, customer services advisor, assistant treasurer; and **Vicki Rutledge**, secretary-stenographer, secretary.

Jody Shropshire, daughter of Shorty Watkins, line inspector, was named Young Career Woman for District II of the Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. A Craig County elementary school teacher, Jody will represent the Roanoke BPW Club and the district in the statewide Young Career Woman competition.

Drew, son of Glenn Reynolds, assistant division manager, won first place in the public speaking contest at the Western Region Exposition sponsored by the Virginia Association of the American Industrial Arts Student Association. Representing Hidden Valley Intermediate School, Drew spoke on the space shuttle.



Jim Farmer, Jr., customer accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, and his son **Jimmy** have completed another successful season as coach and player, respectively, of the Junior League Cave Spring Squires basketball team. For the second consecutive year, the Squires were undefeated in league play. In 1980 they were Roanoke County runners-up and finished fourth in the 16-team Knights of Columbus Invitational Tournament, while compiling an overall 12-2 record. In 1981 the Squires were Roanoke County and K of C tournament champions. They compiled a record of 14-0 while placing three players, including Jimmy, on the all-tournament team. Jim has coached in the Cave Spring recreation program for four years and his teams have compiled an overall record of 44 wins-5 losses.

Kingsport

Paula, daughter of Gale Chase, line mechanic A, won second place in the biological division of John Sevier Middle School's science fair.

Misty, daughter of Bill Pyle, line mechanic A, won second place in an art contest sponsored by her kindergarten class at Gravelly Elementary School.

General Office

Jeff and Jon Siers have been nominated for inclusion in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". Students at Bluefield High, Jeff is a department head at the K-Mart Store and Jon is president of the Art Club and played offensive tackle for the Bluefield Beavers. They are the sons of Arlie Siers, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, and the grandsons of Okey Glover, retired Bluefield stationman A.

The Globetrotters basketball team, coached by **James Bethel**, reproduction machine operator, GO General Services, Roanoke, compiled an 8-2 record to place first in the Recreation Division. Team members include James' son, **Ephriam**; **Chris**, son of Grover Ham, custodian, GO General Services; and **Courtney**, son of Towanda Penn, customer accounting clerk, GO Accounting.



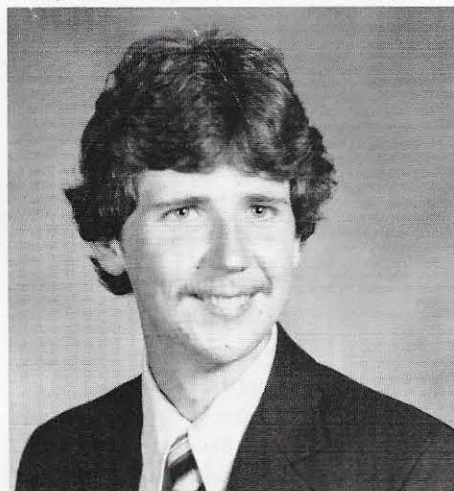
Louwana, daughter of Richard Whitlow, transmission station supervisor, GO T&D Station, Huntington, has graduated from Ohio State University with a bachelor of science degree in natural resources. She made the dean's list for the past two years.

Revonda and Rhonda, daughters of Shirley Bowers, secretary, GO Execu-

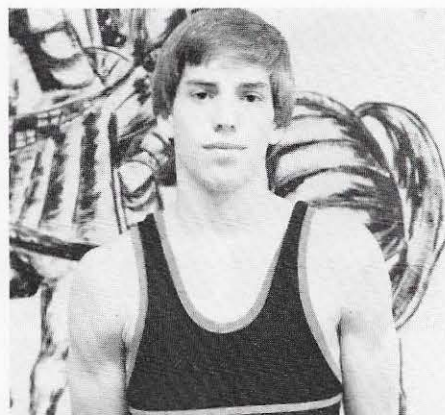
tive, Roanoke, were selected as delegates from Lord Botetourt High School to Virginia Girls' State.

Brian, son of Donald Dent, station engineer senior, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, was a starting forward for the North Roanoke Vikings pee wee basketball team which went undefeated to take the county championship.

Roger Jones, commercial engineer, GO Customer Services, Roanoke, is president-elect of the Roanoke Chapter of ASHRAE for 1981-82.



Gary, son of Tom Morehead, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, was 4-H student of the week at George Wythe High School, Wytheville, Va. He received the "I Dare You" award in 1980 and was recently tapped into the 4-H All Stars. He has won medals and awards in electric, community beautification, automotive, Share-the-Fun, drama, public speaking, craft show, citizen-leadership, achievement and state achievement. Gary won first place in the county and state in 1978 and 1979 for public speaking and received a savings bond and trip to Chicago. While in Chicago, he was selected as a guide for his group. He has also received several scholarships to 4-H Camp and State Congress. Last summer his citizenship leadership program awarded him a week's stay in Washington, D.C., where he studied governmental duties. He has been treasurer, vice president and president of the 4-H Honor Council and this year is serving as an All Star representative on the 4-H Advisory Council. He is contact person for the state student exchange in the United States.



Philip, son of Bob Biggs, general stores supervisor, GO Purchasing and Stores, Roanoke, finished first in the Roanoke Valley District Wrestling Tournament and second in the Northwest Regional and earned the right to go to the state tournament. He was named a member of the All Metro wrestling team, composed of top wrestlers in different weights from seven Roanoke Valley high schools. Philip wrestles in the 105 weight class. He has also been selected to attend Boys' State as a representative of Cave Spring High School.

Kanawha River

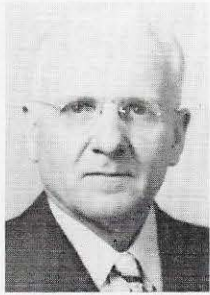


Joe, son of Mike Siemiaczko, maintenance supervisor, took second place at Falls View Grade School and honorable mention at the county fair for his project on "the science of volcanoes". A mixture of vinegar, liquid soap and baking soda in a pipe inside the volcano, made of papier-mache and chicken wire, simulated the flow of lava.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



Mattox



Williams



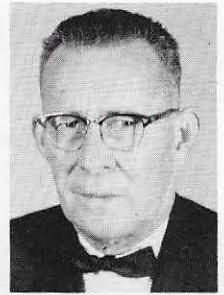
Thornton



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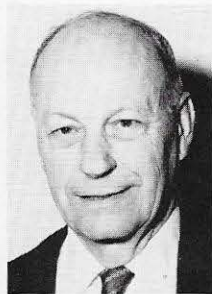
Harris



Warner



Smith



Meadows



Brown

Walter Stuart Mattox, 74, retired property records accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, died March 24. A native of Union Hall, Virginia, he began his career in 1929 as a clerk and retired October 1, 1971. Mattox is survived by his widow Ethel, 3320 Forest Hill Avenue, Roanoke, Va., and one daughter.

Homer Clyde Williams, 85, retired working foreman in GO T&D, Turner Station, died March 5. A native of Dunbar, West Virginia, he began his career in 1924 as a salesman in Charleston and retired July 1, 1960. Williams is survived by a daughter, sister and two brothers.

Andrew Douglas Thornton, 74, retired Claytor Hydro maintenance man, died March 25. A native of Pulaski County, Virginia, he was hired as a laborer during the construction of Claytor and took early disability retirement on October 1, 1964. Thornton is survived by his widow Martha, Route 2, Box 10, Pulaski, Va.; one daughter; one son; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two step grandchildren; one foster grandchild; three sisters and one brother.

Earlie Barton Comer, 71, retired Glen Lyn Plant maintenance man, died March 30. A native of Mercer County, West Virginia, he began his

career in 1941 as a laborer and retired March 1, 1972. Comer is survived by his widow Virginia, Route 3, Box 247, Princeton, W.Va.; one daughter; one son; four sisters; three brothers and three grandchildren.

Robert Thaddeus Ellett, 77, retired Pulaski stationman A, died March 22. A native of Christiansburg, Virginia, he began his career in 1937 as a groundman and elected early disability retirement January 1, 1960. Ellett is survived by his widow Minnie, 417 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Va.; one son and two grandchildren.

Charles Vernon Harris, 82, retired area supervisor in Charleston Division, died March 23. A native of Lincoln County, West Virginia, he was employed in 1916 as a lineman and retired August 1, 1963. Harris is survived by his widow Hester, Gauley Bridge, W.Va., and one daughter.

Ralph Warner, 63, retired production engineer with the AEP Service Corporation's Plant Engineering Division, Canton, Ohio, died April 4. A native of Liberty, West Virginia, he began his career in 1949 as an engineer trainee at Philip Sporn Plant and took early retirement in October 1979. Warner is survived by his widow Jean, Sandy Heights, Route 1, Point Pleasant, W.Va.; a son and a daughter.

Jack Bell Smith, 75, retired Huntington meterman B, died March 20. A native of Lexington, Kentucky, he began his career in 1925 as a helper and retired May 1, 1968. Smith is survived by two daughters and one brother.

Howard Stanley Meadows, 65, retired Bluefield electrical engineer senior, died April 12. A native of Marlinton, West Virginia, he was employed in 1941 as a clerk and retired November 1, 1980. Meadows is survived by his widow Jane, 322 Mountain View Avenue, Bluefield, W.Va.; 3 daughters; 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Clarence Edward Brown, 75, retired head forms and supplies, GO General Services, Roanoke, died April 11. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, he began his career in 1942 as an addressograph operator and retired May 1, 1970. Brown is survived by a son and a daughter.

BIRTHS

Bluefield

Heidi Susan, daughter of Fariborz Yazdani, electrical engineer, March 20.

Tessa Nicole, daughter of David Andrews, drafter C, April 7.

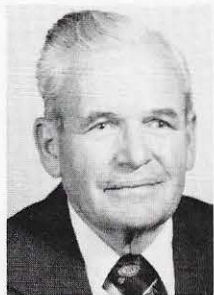
Central Machine Shop

Melissa Ann, daughter of Glenn Withrow, semi-tractor trailer driver, April 7.

Charleston

Little Ray, son of Ray Fletcher, line mechanic D, March 17.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



Randy Lewis
sta. engineer sr.
GO-Roanoke
45 years



Frank Harman
trans. gen. supv.
GO-Charleston
45 years



David Trout
wage & salary supv.
GO-Roanoke
40 years



Golda Johnson
secretary
GO-Charleston
40 years



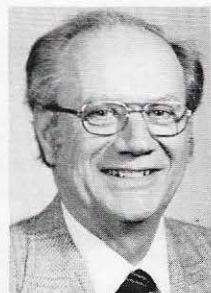
Robert Dehart
trans. mechanic A
GO-Charleston
35 years



William McFall
line crew supv.
Abingdon
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Dick Youngman
gen. serv. manager
GO-Roanoke
35 years



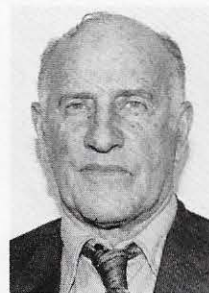
Jim Tapley
asst. sta. supt.
GO-Roanoke
35 years



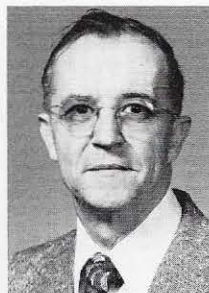
Lucian Maynard
collector
Huntington
35 years



Cliff Dunigan
area supervisor
Pulaski
35 years



Jess Saunders
line crew supv.
Bluefield
35 years



Owen Minnich
T&D eng. manager
GO-Roanoke
35 years



Paul Bernard, Jr.
operations coord.
GO-Roanoke
30 years



Frank Frango, Sr.
trans. sta. supv. (LTD)
GO-Bluefield
30 years



Jean Lavender
div. off. supv.
Beckley
30 years



William Dean
eng. technician
Philip Sporn
30 years



Jim Crane
building supv.
Charleston
30 years



Arnold Turner
maint. mechanic A
Glen Lyn
30 years



Russell Stone
maint. mechanic B
Kanawha River
30 years



James Ball
maint. mechanic A
Philip Sporn
30 years



Charles Lingar
personnel asst.
Kingsport
30 years



Edward Ryan
maint. supervisor
Philip Sporn
30 years



Mary Kirby
cust. serv. rep.
Bluefield
30 years



Jim Arnold
eng. tech. supv.
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Engineers win Power Keglers playoff title

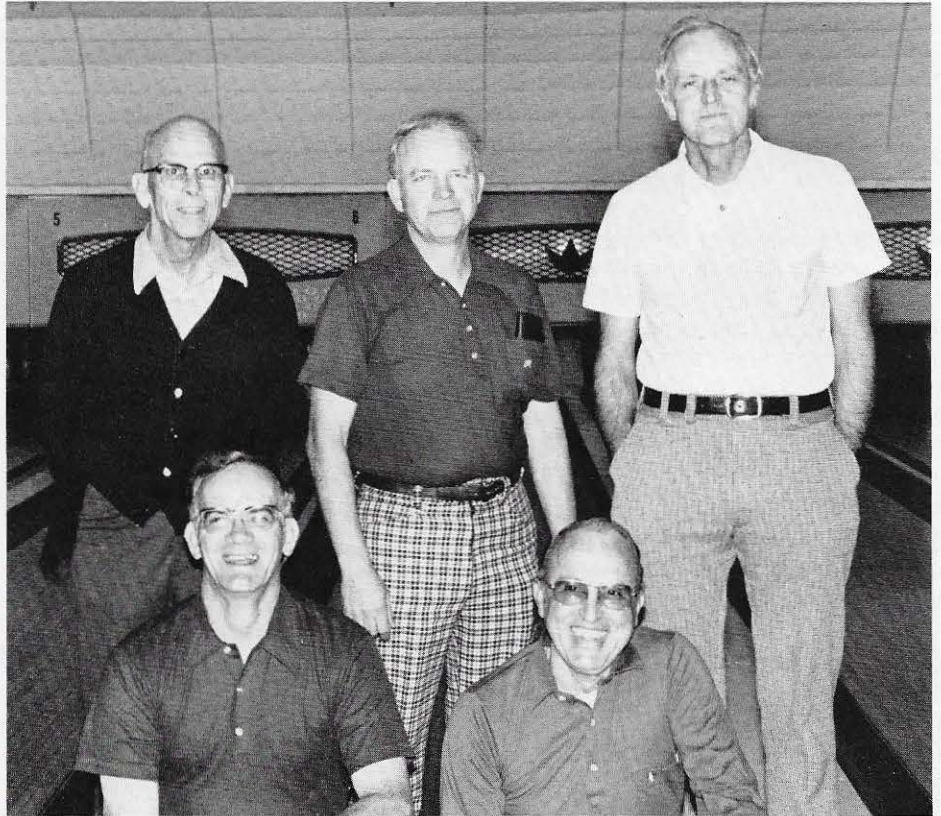
It was utter and total devastation. It was a blowout, a wipeout, an old-fashioned thumping, and all those other sporting cliches for a one-sided victory.

What it was was a 602 game by one man, a 1,105 game by the team, a 3,052-pin series, and a 153-pin margin as Engineers outrolled two other teams for the playoff title in the Power Keglers League of Roanoke.

Engineers had won the first third of the season, and then took the rolloff over the Wildcats, which had won the other two thirds; and the Chugalugs, the wild card team. Rolling during the season for the Engineers were Chester Robison, Leonard Thomas, Marvin Pollard, George Skaggs (the one who rolled the 602 in the rolloff), Aubrey Powell and Bob Bower.

Eddie Allie was captain of the second-place Wildcats, and rolling with him were Glenn Perfater, Wayne Sink, Ronnie Kelley and Tom Parr. The Chugalugs featured Jim Reid, Jim Wheeler, Pete Nease, Jay Johnson, Dave Barger, Wayne McLearn, Russell Wise and Jonny Worley.

Engineers also managed to take most of the team and individual honors for the season. The team had high scratch set of 2,646 and high handicap set of 3,081 (rolloff records were not counted in season highs). Team member Aubrey Powell had high scratch game of 258 and handicap game of 279. Eddie Allie rolled the



Members of the Engineers team, which won the playoff title in the Power Keglers League of Roanoke, are: front row, l. to r., Aubrey Powell and Chester Robison. Back row, l. to r., Leonard Thomas, George Skaggs and Marvin Pollard.

high scratch set of 618 and David Barger had high handicap set of 703. Bill Sheaff's average of 177 was high for the league.

Tommy Anderson was selected bowler of the year, and Robert Ferris

received the ABC Achievement Award.

At a banquet ending the season, Chester Robison was announced as president for next season; Larry Stevens, vice president; and Aubrey Powell, secretary-treasurer.

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