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Cover

Tom Fowler, transmission mechanic A in GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, talks into a tape recorder, relating what he finds during aerial inspection of our companies' transmission lines. See story on page 14 of this issue.

Savings plan unit values

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	∀PU *	UCPD
1/31/82	\$1.4280	.7003	\$1.7011	.5879	\$1.1597	.8623
2/28/82	1.4398	.6945	1.6219	.6166	1.1831	.8452
3/31/82	1.4538	.6879	1.6159	.6189	1.2016	.8322
4/30/82	1.4665	.6819	1.6827	.5943	1.2458	.8027
5/31/82	1.4799	.6757	1.6345	.6118	1.2503	.7998
6/30/82	1.4927	.6699	1.6089	.6215	1.2165	.8220
7/31/82	1.5059	.6641	1.5755	.6347	1.2166	.8220
8/31/82	1.5215	.6572	1.7717	.5644	1.3692	.7304

VPU - value per unit

UCPD — units credited per dollar

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.

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PUAV elects three APCo men



James B. Berg, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer for Appalachian Power Company, last month was elected first vice president of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias.

Taking office in January with Berg is Donald L. Macke, executive assistant for Wheeling Electric, who will be second vice president of PUAV.

In addition, Morris E. McCrary will become treasurer, and George E. Laurey assistant treasurer of the association. McCrary is assistant accounting manager and Laurey general accounting manager for Appalachian Power.

Kingsport Power residential usage highest in U.S.

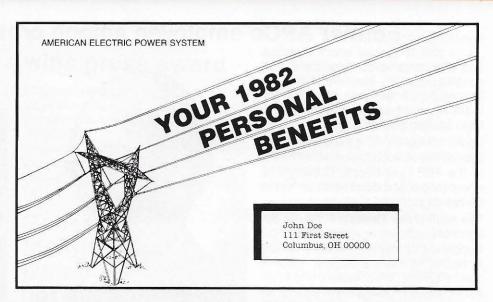
The average residential customer of the Kingsport Power Company used more electricity in 1981 than his counterpart in any other utility in the United States, according to a survey of utility reports received by the AEP Service Corporation's Financial & Regulatory Reporting Division.

Average annual residential use in Kingsport last year was 16,780 kilowatthours, compared with 16,807 kwh the year before. However, usage by customers of most of its nearest competitors dropped at a sharper rate.

Six of the eight AEP System operating companies ranked among the top 50 utilities included in the survey in their average annual residential usage. Kentucky Power Company, with 12,509 kwh, was 11th; Appalachian Power Company, 10,896 kwh, 25th; Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, 10,008 kwh, 39th; Ohio Power Company, 9,716 kwh, 42nd; and Wheeling Electric Company, 9,488 kwh, 47th.

Washington Water Power Company was runner-up to Kingsport Power with 14,700 kwh, and Puget Sound Power & Light Company came in third with 14,626 kwh. In 1980, Puget Sound ranked second, Washington Water Power third.

Among the top 10 companies in the survey, the four ranking second through fifth were all in the Far West; the next five, ranking sixth through 10th, were all Gulf Coast utilities.



In early November employees across the AEP System will receive an indepth personalized statement summarizing their benefits provided by the company.

The statement, to be mailed around November 1, has been designed to show at a glance how the various benefits work together and the value they add to the employee's total compensation package, helping provide financial security to both employee and family.

"I suggest the employee study the statement carefully and review it with his or her family," W.S. White, AEP chairman, said. "If more information is required than is highlighted in the personalized statement, the employee should refer to the Protection Program Manual or consult the Personnel Department."

the following areas:

Health care benefits

The statement will review the company's Comprehensive Medical Plan which covers the employee and eligible enrolled dependents. Hospital expenses, other medical expenses, the deductible feature, out-of-pocket expenses, maximum lifetime benefit and the dental assistance plan will be covered.

If you're disabled

The statement will explain sick leave benefits, which depend on base earnings and length of service. In addition, the statement will show the dollar

amount of benefit the employee is eligible to receive from the company's Long-Term Disability Plan. Also shown will be how other benefit plans work together to provide additional disability benefits.

For your survivors

The specific dollar amount of benefits due a beneficiary of a deceased employee will be listed in the statement. The statement will show both contributory and non-contributory life insurance and benefits from the Employees Savings Plan.

For your future

Also, the statement will report for each employee who is a participant, the market value of his or her Savings Plan account. The value will reflect any withdrawals and/or gains or losses on the funds. The statement will also project the account value 10 The benefit statement will highlight years from now and when the employee reaches age 65.

When you retire

This section will show the employee's retirement date at age 65 and monthly pension benefit available, based on current earnings. It will also show an estimated primary Social Security amount and an explanation of what other benefits continue into retirement.

Former APCo employee among crash survivors

The pilot was killed and three passengers, two of them AEP Service Corporation employees, were injured in the crash of a helicopter at Dublin, Ohio on September 3.

David L. Austin, of Lancaster, Ohio, pilot of the helicopter, under contract to the AEP Fuel Supply Department, was pronounced dead upon arrival at Riverside Hospital, Columbus.

The injured are: Quentin F. Stultz, director of public affairs for the AEP Fuel Supply Department, Lancaster; Bruce A. Beam, AEP vice president - governmental affairs, Washington, and Richard A. Sewell, government affairs representative, Florida Power & Light Company, based in Washington.

As The Illuminator went to press, Stultz was recovering at University Hospital, Columbus, from head and arm injuries. He had been listed in critical condition at first and remains in the hospital's intensive-care unit.

Beam, a resident of McLean, Virginia, suffered a broken leg and facial lacerations. He was treated and released from the hospital. Sewell suffered a compound fracture of the left ankle and facial lacerations and was discharged after surgery and treatment.

The helicopter that crashed was one of two carrying AEP and government officials on an inspection tour of AEP System coal-preparation facilities in West Virginia and Ohio. The government and AEP people had completed a tour of the Windsor Power House Coal Company plant near Wheeling and Ohio Power Company's Muskingum Mine plant south of Zanesville, and were preparing to land at Dublin when the crash occurred. It is being investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The second helicopter, with six aboard, landed without incident just before the crash. Its five passengers were: Edward Graves, administrative assistant to U.S. Senator Walter Huddleston (Dem., Ky.); Hunter Chiles and Michael Kelly, assistant secretaries, U.S. Department of Energy; John Jewett, majority counsel, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and Gerald Blackmore, executive



Stultz

vice president - fuel supply, AEP Service Corporation. The pilot was Russell Taylor, Lancaster.

The two pilots, Austin and Taylor, were employed by Contractors Service and Leasing, Inc., of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their helicopters were Bell 206 Jet Rangers.

Austin had piloted helicopters for Kentucky Governor John Y. Brown and his predecessor, Julian Carroll, and moved to Lancaster from Lexington, Kentucky in 1980. Austin also piloted a helicopter during his three years in the U.S. Army, including one year in an attack Cobra in Vietnam.

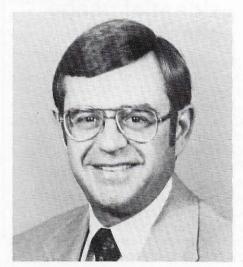
Stultz has 18 years' service with the AEP System, including both Indiana & Michigan Electric Company and the AEP Service Corporation's Public Affairs Departments, serving in the latter as its advertising manager. Beam also has 18 years with the System, first as an attorney for Appalachian Power Company in Roanoke, then as AEP's representative in Washington.



"My God, what an experience."

That's how Bruce Beam summed up his involvement in the helicopter crash. Beam, speaking from his Virginia home where he was nursing his fractured leg and lacerations, said he is very thankful to be alive.

In recalling his thoughts and actions in the moments before and after the



Beam

crash, Beam said, "It looked as if we were going to make a normal landing when the helicopter suddenly veered to the right and nose-dived into the ground. As soon as it veered, I knew we were in trouble. I looked at the pilot for a split second and he was obviously fighting the (control) stick. The whole thing took less than a second."

Beam said he does not remember the helicopter slamming into a row of evergreens. "I only remember hearing that deathly crunch," he said. "Then I went through what must have been a waterfall of fuel."

Dazed from bumps on the head and in pain from a broken leg, Beam said he staggered away from the helicopter with the help of a 17-year-old girl who lived nearby.

After he hobbled from the crash scene a firefighter asked him if he were wet from water or fuel. When Beam replied that it was fuel, the firefighter "ripped my clothes off and drenched me with a fire hose.

"I'm very thankful to him for doing that," Beam said, "because if anyone with a cigarette or something had come near me, I would have been a ball of flames."

Beam praised the witnesses, police officers and firefighters at the scene for their quick action. He also praised the staff at University Hospital for their "concern and professional action."



Persing





Weldon



APCo employees earn PE status

Lila Munsey and Carl Persing, both civil engineers in General Office Hydro, Roanoke, have been certified as registered professional engineers in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Tom Wiseman, power engineer, and O.J. Weldon, electrical engineer senior, both of Beckley, have been certified as registered professional engineers in the State of West Virginia.

Munsey holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Purdue University. An Appalachian employee since 1978, she is the first woman in the company to earn professional engineer certification.

Persing, who joined Appalachian in 1979, is a civil engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Wiseman holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He began his APCo career in 1975 as an electrical engineer.

Weldon, who holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University, began his career with Appalachian in 1976. □

The Illuminator wins press award

The Illuminator, employee publication for Appalachian and Kingsport Power Companies, has received a second place award in the best publication/ magazine category of the 1982 West Virginia Press Associates awards contest.

Generating facilities at Lynchburg Dam not economical

Appalachian Power Co. has requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) terminate a preliminary permit issued for a study of its Lynchburg Dam in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Joe C. Plunk, Appalachian's manager of hydro generation, said the company conducted engineering studies in sufficient detail to establish basic design features and obtain cost estimates. "Evaluation of this information disclosed that it would not be economically feasible to install generating facilities at the site." he stated.

FERC had issued the company a preliminary permit effective on May 1, 1981, which allowed the company two years in which to complete its studies.

Report shows energy savings directly benefit **AEP** customers

American Electric Power System power plants have earned the reputation for leadership in generating efficiency and in providing reliable electricity to seven-million people in seven east-central states.

Rather than rest on its laurels, AEP continues to look for ways to deliver electric energy at the lowest possible cost to its customers.

A recent Service Corporation report addresses one aspect of this effort: Efficiency enhancing activities of four major departments — Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering. System Operations and System Planning. The report shows annual savings and carrying charges associated with projects carried out during the past two years.

Areas covered in the report were: (1) investments in design changes focusing on enhancement of energy efficiency (Example: implementation of sliding pressure boiler operation at the Gen. James M. Gavin Plant - a comparatively simple modification of control values and piping in the boiler steam circuit); (2) investments in which improved energy efficiency was a recognized by-product (Example: new buckets (turbine blades) on John E. Amos Plant Unit 1); and (3) transmission projects which significantly reduce system electrical losses (Example: Culloden-Wyoming project — whereby a new 765,000-volt transmission line in southern West Virginia's Wyoming County strengthens reliable electric service to AEP customers there).

For the first two categories the energy savings far exceed the annual carrying charges incurred by the company. The associated capital investment of about \$90 million delivers more than \$50 million each year in energy savings. Such savings directly benefit the AEP customer by helping inhibit the increase in electric rates.

The third, transmission projects, covers investments which are necessary to ensure a reliable electric supply. Energy savings do not fully offset the costs of these items, but significant energy gains can result. This category produces energy savings projected at more than \$110 million over the lives of the projects.

AEPSC office in New York to close

The AEP Service Corporation's New York office will be closed by September 30, 1983.

That was the news conveyed to New York supervisors and employees on October 6 in an announcement delivered personally by W.S. White, Jr., chairman of the board and chief executive officer, and John E. Dolan, vice chairman - engineering and construction.

White and Dolan met with the supervisors of the New York office to inform them of the decision, and each employee received a letter signed by White setting forth the reasons for the decision.

A number of the New York employees will be offered an opportunity to relocate to AEP's Columbus office to fill vacancies in engineering and design and related areas.

Liberalized retirement and termination programs will be offered to those who cannot accept relocation offers or for whom openings are not available in the Columbus facilities. Information concerning retirement and termination programs will be available within a week to 10 days, White added.

White noted that AEP's original relocation plans called for the company to maintain three engineering centers in New York, Columbus and Canton, Ohio. The New York center was to provide the support for new power plant development.

"A mere four years ago," White said, "we were forecasting load growth of approximately 6.1 percent per year and faced the need for a new 1.3-million-kilowatt generating unit or the equivalent each year to 18 months."

Today, he continued, "presents a vastly different picture," which he described as follows:

"Our present forecast for load growth over the balance of the decade and into the next is less than half that forecast in 1978. Furthermore, current

economic circumstances have led to a decline in the important industrial and sale-for-resale kilowatthour sales to extremely depressed levels. In fact, industrial sales have fallen to levels not experienced since 1965, and the end to the downturn does not yet seem in sight. We have reduced and will be reducing still further our construction programs. Most important, we see no imminent need for any additional generation beyond the Rockport units." Two coal-burning, 1.3million-kw units are under construction at Rockport, Indiana, and are currently scheduled for completion in 1984 and 1986.

White also noted that, while most economic forecasts point to a recovery starting later this year or early 1983, "no one expects the recovery to be robust or across the board." At the same time, he added, "this recession has been particularly hurtful to the Midwest." As a result, he continued, "many experts forecast a rather lengthy period of economic adjustment in the Midwest, extending well into the future."

Racine Unit 1 goes commercial

The first of two hydro-electric units in the AEP System's newest generating facility, the 48,000-kilowatt power-house built by Ohio Power Company at the U.S. government's Racine Dam on the Ohio River, was placed in commercial operation on September 24. It had been in test operation for a week. The second unit is scheduled for operation in about two months.

The \$90 million powerhouse contains two 24,000-kw generating units, together capable of producing 235-million kilowatthours a year — the equivalent of the annual electricity requirements of about 23,400 average residential customers on the AEP System. Racine is the first hydro facility of its type on the Ohio River and the second in the United States.

Each generating unit is contained within a bulb-shaped housing under water, beneath the powerhouse, providing both improved plant design and ideal environmental conditions. The

turbine's blades are 25 feet in diameter and rotate at the relatively slow speed of about one revolution per second. The two Kaplan-type turbines were manufactured by Escher Wyss of Switzerland, a Sulzer affiliate, and its two generators by Elin Union AG of Austria.

The new hydro plant raised the System's total power supply capability to 22,474,000 kw. □

Costly PCB regulations go into effect

New U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations covering "PCBs" went into effect September 24.

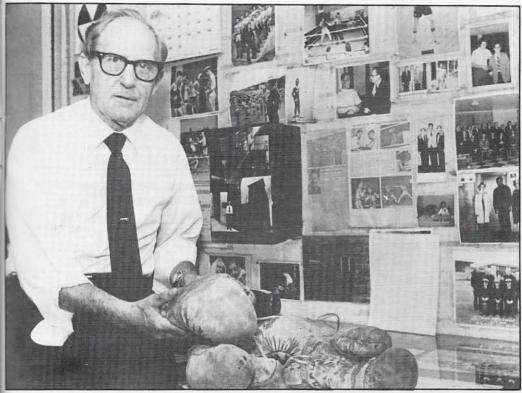
Among other things, the regulations require the replacement of certain pieces of electrical equipment contraining polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) according to a step-by-step schedule.

First, the rules require that all transformers containing dielectric fluid with more than 500 parts per million of PCBs be replaced by October 1, 1985 if they are located where a leak could contaminate food for humans or feed for animals. Until they are replaced, the EPA is requiring weekly inspections to check transformers for leakage and that companies keep detailed records of inspections and repairs made on such equipment.

Second, the EPA set October 1, 1988 as the deadline for utilities to halt use of PCB-insulated capacitors in areas where the public could be exposed to them. The agency said utilities could continue using such capacitors in restricted areas. The Edison Electric Institute has estimated that this regulation will require the replacement of about half of the 2.9-million PCB capacitors now in use.

No PCBs have been manufactured in this country since 1977. Distribution, use and disposal of PCBs is regulated by the EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

In love with boxing



Emmett Jacobs' office in the Boxley Building houses a wealth of boxing memorabilia.

For more than 50 years, Emmett Jacobs has been in love with boxing.

The husband of Mary Jacobs, retired personnel assistant in GO Personnel, Roanoke, Emmett fell in love in 1928 at the age of 15, shortly after coming to Roanoke from his native Pittsylvania County and lying about his age to take a job in the maintenance department at American Viscose. Soon after, Emmett began to box at a gymmanaged by the late Joe Hanna.

He stepped up his boxing in the summer of 1932 when the Viscose plant closed. Emmett found himself with obligations and no means of meeting them.

"I got some pro fights — anything to make a little money. And it was a little bit," he recalls. "I weighed about 115 pounds and fought as a bantamweight. I wasn't very good, but I managed to get some good fights. I remember one time I fought the semifinal bout in the old American Legion auditorium. We had a packed house, but you know what I made? Three dollars and thirty-five cents. But that was pretty good money then, especially when I had no regular job."

Fortunately for Emmett, Viscose was closed only a short time, and he re-

turned to his old job, no longer forced to depend on boxing purses for a livelihood.

Since those days, Emmett has been closely associated with boxing. Since 1957, he's served as chief inspector for the Virginia State Athletic Commission in Southwest Virginia for all boxing and wrestling shows.

Emmett fought as an amateur and professional. He participated in 32 fights, winning 20 and scoring seven draws.

He also served as manager, trainer, referee, matchmaker and promoter. He coached young boxers, along with Fred Smith, at William Fleming High School just before serving in World War II. In later years, Emmett worked closely with Paul Vest of the Police Athletic League's boxing teams.

Emmett calls many of boxing's top names and former champions — Angelo Dundee, Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Rocky Marciano and Muhammad Ali — his friends.

At 5 feet 7, 155 pounds, Emmett remains a well-conditioned athlete as he approaches his 70th birthday. He looks much the same as he did during World War II, when he served as a

physical instructor at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. He still works out several times a week at the YMCA.

While in San Diego, Emmett came to know golfing great Sam Snead, a fellow instructor. "No, I didn't play golf with him, and he didn't box with me, but we did play a lot of checkers," he recalls.

Emmett remained in the Naval Reserve for a number of years after his discharge and coached various reserve teams in local recreation leagues.

After the war, he returned to his old job at Viscose and had worked himself up to manager of the labor department when the plant closed for good in 1958. Since that time, he has managed the Boxley Building in downtown Roanoke. The building's basement houses his office and it, along with his home, is loaded with boxing memorabilia

Emmett especially enjoys discussing boxing in the early 1950s, when the sport peaked in Roanoke. "We had some great cards in those days. We packed 'em in at the American Legion and at Maher Field. There were many good fights around here. We were breeding 'em.

"I would like to see boxing like that brought back. But it would take time and a lot of hard work. It would take a good athletic club and some capable coaches, but it could be done."

Emmett says he believes a good professional fight card would draw well in the area.

Emmett and his wife Mary don't have any children, but he has shown great interest in youth sports for many years. And though he's past retirement age, he continues to take an active role in community and church affairs.

Despite his love of boxing, it appears Emmett has enjoyed a full and well-balanced life. "When he (Emmett) finally takes the 10-count, there will be many, many people whose lives he has touched much the poorer," says a long-time friend. "There haven't been many like him around."

Story and photo courtesy Roanoke Times & World News.

RETIREMENT

AEP's Ted Nagel retires, laid groundwork for 765 kv system

An American Electric Power institution retired September 30.

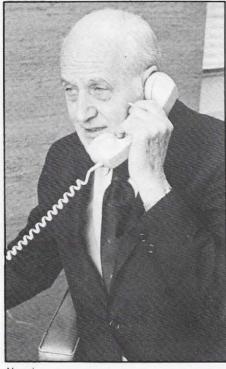
Theodore J. Nagel—senior executive vice president, assistant to the chairman, former head of System Planning, highly honored electrical engineer and planner, CIGRE official, reliability expert, "blackout" consultant and world traveler—took his leave from the AEP Service Corporation that day, closing down a 43-year career with the company.

He will remain, however, as a parttime consultant into 1984.

During Nagel's almost four-and-athird decades of service, AEP grew into its current position as the nation's largest investor-owned producer of electric energy and the world's mostinterconnected utility system. It didn't just happen, however. "Ted" planned it that way.

For 17 of his 43 AEP years, he was responsible, as head of System Planning (it was, at first, a division, later a department), for studying and forecasting AEP's coming customer energy requirements, then planning and recommending the facilities—the major generating plants and transmission lines and stations-required to meet such needs. Included in the overall planning, too, were the scores of high-voltage interconnections with neighboring utilities (which now number 103) that gave added strength and reliability to both the AEP System and the other utilities.

Looking back at his planning days, Nagel recently recalled, "We were heavily involved in transmission and interconnections, our greatest strength today. Without them we would not have the dynamic power system and reliable service that we enjoy today." When he left System Planning in 1976 to assume the post as assistant to the chairman, the groundwork had been laid for much of the AEP System's initial 765,000-volt transmission network—the highest-capacity power-delivery system in the world. Over the past six years, as the



Nagel

senior assistant to W.S. White, Jr., chairman, he has been involved in a number of projects, principally in the area of long-range planning.

Nagel was instrumental in the formation of the East Central Reliability Coordination Agreement group — ECAR for short, and served as the chairman of its Coordination Review Committee for six years, 1970-76. He then served for two years as chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), of which ECAR is one of nine regional group members.

Earlier, in the aftermath of the great Northeast electric blackout on November 9, 1965, Nagel had been summoned to Washington by Chairman Joseph Swidler of the then-Federal Power Commission to help look into its cause—and its cure. (At the time, he and 314 others from across the AEP System were in Roanoke, Virginia, attending the annual AEP Management Meeting.) From there he was given the assign-

ment of writing the report on the reliability of the nation's electric power supply that led to the industry's reliability coordination effort in the United States and Canada.

Ted's colleagues on the FPC committee paid him the ultimate tribute in the form of a one-of-a-kind plaque, presented for his efforts. It reads: "Presented in recognition of your progressive leadership, pre-eminent scholarship and superhuman patience as principal author and editor of that lighthearted best-seller, 'Reliability of Electric Bulk Power Supply'... appreciatively and respectfully subscribed to by your fellow committee members."

But other honors of a high order also came to Nagel. Just last month, at a retirement dinner in his honor in Columbus, Nagel learned that the System's newest major substation, in the Stanley Valley near Kingsport, Tennessee, would be named the Nagel Station in his honor. Earlier in the same month, in Paris, France, he was named international chairman of the System Planning and Development Committee of CIGRE, the international organization for planning and developing large high-voltage electric systems.

Nagel is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the prestigious organization to which he was elected in 1973 in recognition of his "contributions to the engineering of large electric power distribution systems and to reliability-of-service concepts." And he is a Life Fellow of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and a co-winner of its coveted William M. Habirshaw Award, which he shared in 1979 with his colleague. Howard C. Barnes. retired assistant vice presidentengineering of the AEP Service Corporation, in recognition of their contributions to the development of 765,000-volt transmission.

He served in the U.S Navy for four years during and after World War II,

where he rose to the rank of lieutenant-commander. While in service, he met his wife, "Dee," a captain in the Women's Army Corps, in Germany. They are the parents of a son, Philip, and a daughter, Pamela Wickman, both in Vermont, and have three grandchildren.

The Nagel plans for the future call for more of Ted's planning—travel, not systems. Inveterate travelers, they've been to Europe and South America, as well as to the bottom of the Grand Canyon on the back of a mule.

Chances are, a large proportion of their trips will be to Vermont. Grand-children, like magnets, attract grand-parents. \Box

APCo station named for Ted Nagel

The American Electric Power System's newest extra-high-voltage transmission station has been named the Nagel Station.

W.S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, announced last month that a new station now under construction in the Stanley Valley area near Kingsport, Tennessee, has been named in honor of Theodore J. Nagel, who retired September 30 after more than 43 years of service with the AEP Service Corporation in New York. At his retirement he was senior executive vice president and assistant to the chairman.

A bronze plaque, to be mounted at the station, is inscribed:

NAGEL STATION named in honor of Theodore J. Nagel distinguished engineer & planner who devoted 43 years to the American Electric Power System 1939-1982

The 500,000/138,000-volt station, owned by Appalachian Power Company, is scheduled for completion in late 1983. It will serve as an interconnection with the Tennessee Valley Authority, which is building an eightmile transmission line to it.

You won't find better people than those at APCo



McClure

For Sylvia McClure, Charleston customer accounts representative A, it doesn't seem like it's been 40 years. "But it has," Sylvia said, "and the time has really flown by. I imagine that's because I enjoyed my work and all the people here so much!"

Sylvia started her Appalachian career as a clerk in May 1942, after graduating from Duvall High School and attending the Charleston School of Commerce. She became a senior bookkeeper in 1954, general clerk-commercial in 1963 and customer accounts representative A 1.1 years ago. "Before I came to the company, I'd always heard it was a good place to work. I found that the stories were true and stayed for an entire career!

Sylvia remembers a peculiar problem she encountered while she was a general clerk-commercial. "Our largest customer, FMC Corporation, hit a million dollars in charges for electricity one month. Actually, we were all ex-

In fact, Appalachian was the first and

the only place I worked."

cited, because it was the first time it had happened in Appalachian. But we had a problem evidently no one had thought of. There wasn't any way to put it into the computer — it was limited to six-digit entries at the time. The people in accounting somehow took care of it, though, but it was really humorous at the time."

Sylvia fondly recalls the employee social gatherings in the Charleston Division over the years. "We used to have a lot of swimming parties, and that's where I got to know many really fine people. In fact, I don't know where you'll find better people than at Appalachian. I know I'll miss them when I leave, but I plan to come back to visit from time to time."

Sylvia has some travel planned for her retirement, including a visit to the World's Fair in the very near future and to Hawaii later. In addition, there'll be a lot of long visits to Florida while the rest of us are still up here shoveling snow!

APCo is ahead of its time in benefit plans

Since Records Supervisor Heber Stafford's retirement October 1, there remains only one employee in the Bluefield Division who was hired in the 1930s. That's Morris Yost, line superintendent, who has elected to work past his normal retirement date.

"After going to West Virginia Business College, I went to work for a lumber company in Princeton," recalls Heber. "But I put in my application at Appalachian, and when Charlie Whitman went to reading meters, I got his job as office boy."

During his 45-year career, Heber worked as a payroll clerk, assistant payroll supervisor, T&D clerk senior, supply and building maintenance clerk and transportation records and office supply clerk. He was promoted in 1968 to the position he held at retirement.

"Having worked in payroll like I did,"



Stafford

Heber says, "I always felt like the company was a little ahead of its time in almost every program. When I first started to work, we had a sickness and accident policy which paid you up to \$40 a week when you were off sick. That took care of your hospital bill, which was then about \$5 a day. When they came out with the pension plan in 1940, that was a great progressive step for our company. Then there was the hospitalization plan in 1945 and the LTD program in the '60s. Our hospitalization plan has changed several times, and it is now a very good one. The most wonderful thing, though, has been the savings plan.

"You think about retirement in your younger years and wonder what you are going to do," Heber notes. "I have no particular plans but attending sporting events is one of my big hobbies. My brother and I never married, and we like to travel to see baseball, basketball and football games. The Cincinnati Reds in the National League and Baltimore in the American League are my favorite teams. We have been to the World Series about five or six times.

"I used to like to ride the trains, and I really miss them," Heber adds. "We

could go to Cincinnati on the train for the weekend and arrive back home on Monday mornings in time to go to work."

Heber is a former chairman of the board at Grace United Methodist Church and currently serves as treasurer. He will continue to make his home at 213 Pine Street in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Bill's main hobby is TV, radio repair

By the time William Ostrom joined Kanawha River Plant as a helper in 1953, he had served seven years' active duty with the U.S. Army in two wars. He was with the 80th Infantry Division in Germany during World War II and was recalled during the Korean Conflict.

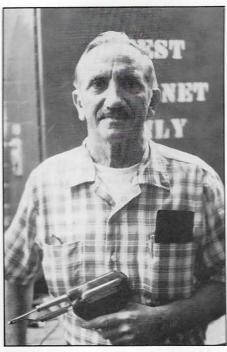
"During the last hitch," Bill recalls, "I went to radar school for a year and spent the remainder of my time as a radar repairman."

After his discharge, Bill attended Coyne Electrical School and then landed a job with an aircraft company in Baltimore. He remembers, "The doctor I went to for my physical before going to work was the father of Henry Skaggs, who was then plant manager at Kanawha. He asked me why I was going to work in Baltimore, and I told him I couldn't find anything around here. Dr. Skaggs asked me if I would like to go to work at Kanawha. When I told him I would, he said he would talk to Henry and get me a job. And that's how I came to work for Appalachian."

Bill moved up to junior maintenance man in 1960 and maintenance mechanic B four years later. He remained in this position until electing early retirement on October 1.

Bill notes, "After working with these men for over 29 years, it will take a while to adjust to not getting up and coming in every morning."

It was through a friend at Kanawha that Bill transferred from the Army Na-



Ostron

tional Guard to the Air National Guard. When he retired from the Guard in 1980, Bill had risen to the rank of master sergeant.

"The Air National Guard goes to different places on active duty missions," Bill says, "and I'm going to try to go with them once a year. In between times, if there are places I want to go, I'll just go to an air base and get on an Air Force plane and go there. You can do that if there is space available."

Bill just recently returned from a reunion with former members of the 80th Infantry Division with whom he served in World War II. "We're just like a big family when we get together," he adds. "Next year our reunion will be in Albany, New York."

Bill is a member of the Eagle Club, American Legion and Air Force Sergeants Association. He has taken some television repair courses and enjoys working on TVs and radios in his spare time. "I do it more or less as a hobby," he adds. "I don't want to do it for a business. I also like to garden."

Bill and his wife Ruby have two sons—one at home and the other close by in Charleston. They will continue to live in Cedar Grove, W.Va.

The secret is planning says world-traveler Charlie Yearout

Charlie Yearout will be the first to admit that traveling can be habit-forming.

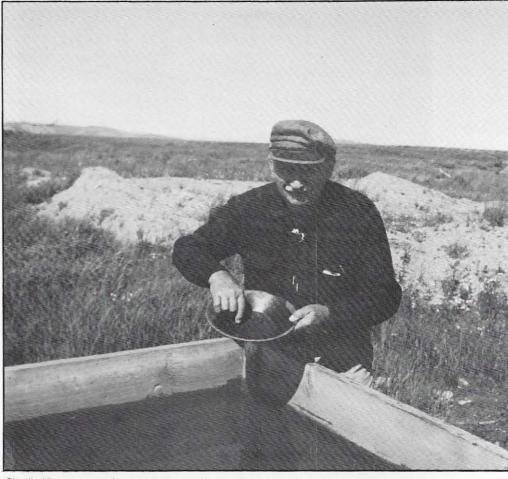
He and his wife Jo took their first trip abroad while he was still employed as GO safety coordinator in Bluefield. "We went to Europe and bought a car and spent about a month traveling around on our own. We only had two reservations when we landed," Charlie recalls. "And it only took one trip for traveling to get in our blood." In the ten years since he retired, Charlie and Jo have visited five continents of the world and sailed the seven seas. And they have used every mode of transportation — ship, plane, bus and rail.

Traveling by cruise ship is particularly appealing to the Yearouts. They have cruised the Nile River and through the Greek Islands and the islands off the coast of New England. Their biggest cruise, which stopped at 24 ports around the world, lasted 102 days. With special permission from the People's Republic of China, they joined an optional tour into Kwang Chow, Kweilin, and Peking, where they viewed the Great Wall of China along with many other sights.

"When you're on a ship for 102 days, your fellow travelers get to be homefolks," Charlie notes. "We've traveled with people from Hollywood, the president of the World Bank, and even one of the astronauts. A lot of these people have been signed on for lecture purposes so it gives you good people to talk with. You sorta pick their brains a little bit.

"When we went around the world, there was only one other couple from West Virginia on board. We got to be real good friends and they have visited our home since then."

The Yearouts' most recent adventure was a 15-day tour to Alaska in July. Cruising the Inside Passage from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Juneau, Alaska, their first port of call was Ketchikan, the Salmon capital of the world. They viewed, among other things, the Mendenhall Glacier, said to be the largest accessible by road; the Denali National Park; the Alaskan pipeline; flew over the Arctic Circle in-



Charlie Yearout pans for gold in Nome, Alaska, the gold rush capital of the Arctic.

to the realm of the Midnight Sun; and even had the opportunity to pan for gold in Nome, the gold rush capital of the Arctic. One of the most interesting things, Charlie said, was riding the narrow-gauge White Pass and Yukon Railroad — the path of the gold rush sourdoughs.

"Our son has a travel agency in Houston, and he arranges all our trips," Charlie adds. "One nice thing about having somebody experienced plan your trips is that we get to do a lot of unusual things."

Even though the Yearouts have traveled extensively, Charlie is quick to point out that it is something most people can afford to do. The secret is planning for it. "While some people like to take a lot of small trips, we like to save and take a big trip once a year," Charlie says. "We have picked up a lot of pointers on how to get the most for our travel dollar, and we'd be

glad to share them with anyone who might be interested."

Regardless of where you're going, Charlie recommends reading about the area beforehand because it makes the trip a lot more interesting.

"I read seven books about Alaska before we went up there and even gave two programs on it, including one to the Bluefield Girls Service Club." Charlie enjoys photography as a hobby and has given a number of slide programs on his travels to various civic clubs in the Bluefield area. Does he have any idea where they might go next? "Well," Charlie concludes, "I wouldn't mind going to Australia and New Zealand."

Evelyn Orren is volunteer withRaleigh County Special Olympics



Evelyn Orren

When Beckley Drafting Tracer Evelyn Orren was in high school, a teacher asked for volunteers to help with the Raleigh County Special Olympics. Evelyn answered the call and, eight years later, she still serves as a volunteer and loves every minute of it.

Currently a member of the advisory board, she also coaches soccer and works with the children at the meets.

"We do not have a lot of children with physical handicaps," Evelyn says. "In fact, we just have one wheelchair patient. The children in our group either have a behavioral disability or are mentally impaired. We have quite a number who go to special education schools."

Evelyn adds, "Parents who are not affluent tend to hide their children if they are handicapped. But I believe they need to let their children get out in public and associate with others because parents aren't always going to be at hand."

Evelyn explains that there are four olympics a year — spring, summer, fall and winter. Scheduled events include running, softball throws, frisbee

throws, high jumps, long jumps, soccer, swimming, basketball and, in the winter, skiing.

"Our spring meet was held in Beckley at the Park Junior High stadium. We went to Parkersburg for the summer meet in June. Last February the special olympics for skiing was held in Maryland. We do not participate in the fall olympics."

During running events in the local meets, Evelyn runs right along with the children, keeping them going with words of encouragement. "I try to give whatever the child seems to need," she says. "If the children see others beating them, they want to quit right then. I tell them they can beat me; and, when they do, they feel good.

"Every one of our kids gets a ribbon no matter how he or she does. At one olympic last year, I gave out the first place ribbons; and, when I saw the children's faces light up, that meant more to me than anything." She adds, "I got ribbons all through high school, and they didn't mean a thing to me. My parents didn't care, either. But

these kids' parents were right the beside them, and there was so millove I cried.

"At the last special olympics, the p

ents came up afterward and said the kids were already talking about not year's olympics because it give them something to look forward to the local meets in order to attend the local meets attend

the local meets in order to attend a state olympics. We try to choo children who haven't been to a state olympics before. We don't was to take the same kid over and over to cause we want everyone to have chance."

There are about 120 children from ages 7 to 18 or 19 in the Raleic County group. "This was the first yewe have allowed adults," Evel notes, "and there were about 40.

"We had 4 adults and 14 childre who went to the state olympics. We must have funding for each person we send because we pay for ever thing they do."

Evelyn coached a soccer team for 1 and 14-year-old boys at the local prior to becoming a coach for th special children this fall. "There rea ly isn't any difference between the two groups," she says, "except that takes these special children a le longer to learn."

It might be that Evelyn's patience to work with these children stems from the fact that she has a taste of wha it's like to be handicapped herself.

"When I was 17, I was in a car wreck and my neck was broken. I spent one and a half months in the hospital, flat on my back in traction, and then I had to wear a brace on my back for four months. I had never even been away from home before the accident, and I grew up fast in a month and a half.

"Everything I do now is for living, because I realize what it would be like not to be active.

"I get a great deal of personal satisfaction out of working with the special children," Evelyn concludes. "But every time I see my four-year-old son Derek playing, I can't help but give thanks for the fact that he is normal and healthy."

Racing is for everyone says Bluefield Roadrunner Jess Ruble

"My road racing is almost like another job," says Bluefield Line Mechanic Jess Ruble. "It's definitely a sport that requires time if you are going to be good at it.

"I was taking Tae Kwon Do and thought it would help build my endurance if I started running. It turned out that I liked running better than the karate," he confides.

"One of my buddies and I entered the 6.2 mile spring run at Pipestem State Park last year. I went mostly to see if I could run 6 miles nonstop and won a third place trophy in my age group. Well, it was like a bug had bitten me. I really started running after that.

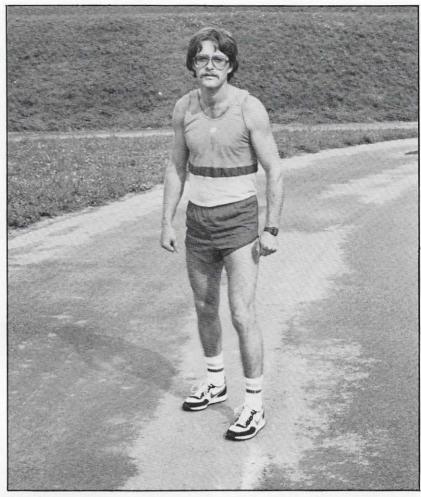
"Right now I am just a beginner. I haven't won a race yet, although I have come in second a lot and most everywhere I race I win in the 20-29-year-old age group. The only thing holding me back now is my time. The boys who are beating me are mostly high school runners who train every day. I have run 10,000 meters in 36 minutes, which is a real good time considering that I haven't been into it very long."

Jess has competed in 28 races throughout the state, from Parkersburg to Beckley, in the last year and a half. They have ranged in distances from one mile to the 12.5 mile Oak Hill to Fayetteville race. "Just recently I ran in the Bluefield, Virginia, Mid-Autumn Festival five-miler. For the second consecutive year, I won my age group and came in fourth over-all.

"You don't peak in long distance racing until age 25 to 28," Jess adds, "and I'm 25. As a matter of fact, the fellow who wins a lot around here is 30 years old."

Jess continues, "Most runners are white collar workers. A lot of the blue collar workers don't get into it because their jobs take a lot out of them. I know I have it tough some days. If we have hard physical work during the day, I still have to go ahead and train in the evenings. If I don't train every day, I'll really miss it on the weekends when I'm racing.

"At one time I lifted weights and had built up my frame. I weighed 155



Jess Ruble

pounds when I started racing, and the first year I lost 10 pounds. Now I stay about 140 lbs. and race pretty good at that.

"My diet consists mostly of carbohydrates and I have to drink a lot of water because on long races you use up a lot of fluids. After you get up to 10 miles in a race, you are running on stored fat instead of energy. The runners you see are lean because they use up all their body fat."

Jess adds, "I have to keep a diary of everything I do. If I train too hard during the week, I won't be able to race on the weekends because I will be too tired. I normally run from 45 to 60 miles a week, putting in an hour to an hour and a half in the evenings. I have weight workouts, too, and work out on a stationary bicycle. Most of the time I will warm up with 2 miles at a slow pace. Then I speed up and run 3 or 4

miles at a faster 6:30 mile pace. One day a week I go to the track and do interval work — run a quarter of a mile real fast, and then another quarter of a mile slower so I can catch my breath. This helps when you get into a race because it's something you have practiced.

"Running is for everyone," Jess concludes. "There are separate categories in racing for women, and there are even wheelchair races and parapalegic races. It's just a competition among people of your own kind. You meet lots of people of all ages, and every one of us has something in common.

"When someone starts off running, they might decide not to do it because it's too much work. But if you build yourself up until you get in condition, you'll love running. You'll feel better than you've ever felt before."

'Copters aid in line patrol



Tom Fowler, left, relates the problems found during aerial patrol of transmission lines into a tape recorder.

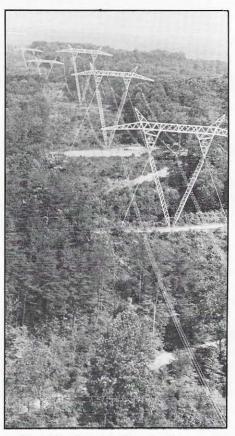
On April 2, 1962, two men left to look for line and structure defects on 53 miles of line in what was then Roanoke District. Two and a half hours later they were back, the line thoroughly inspected.

Obviously, the inspection was not done by men on foot, as was the usual way. These 53 miles of line were patrolled by helicopter, as Appalachian began another phase in its constant search to seek more efficient and less costly ways to supply electricity for its customers.

During that first year, 1600 miles of 34,500, 46,000, 69,000 and 88,000 volt lines were flown by helicopter. Today each of the company's nine divisions use helicopters for aerial patrol, and the General Office Transmission and Distribution Transmission Line Section in Bluefield is responsible for flying 4,495 circuit miles of transmission lines for Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport Power Companies. The flight time for patrolling these lines is estimated at 120.10 hours.

According to Sam Burchette, transmission superintendent, the 765,000 volt lines are flown twice a year and the 500,000 through 88,000 volt lines are flown once a year. "We usually start our Spring inspection

sometime in April or May and the Fall inspection in September or October,"



A view of the Culloden-Wyoming line as seen from the helicopter.

Sam says. "Our Fall inspection this year will be this month."

Sam continues, "Tom Fowler, transmission mechanic A, is the primary person we rely on for aerial patrols although we have others when he is not available. He's been flying patrol for 14 of the 26 years he's been with the company.

"Tom and the pilot fly down one side of the line and come back the other. Flying directly over top of the line does not give you the better view to pick out problems. Tom looks for any condition that could cause an interruption or problem on the line such as damaged conductors, insulators, earth slides or vegetation growth on the right of way."

During the patrol, Tom talks into a tape recorder, relating what he finds. When he returns the tape is played back and unsafe conditions are typed up into a report. Job orders are prepared and sent to Shorty Brewer, transmission general supervisor in Bluefield, or Billie Bishop, transmission general supervisor in Charleston. They in turn will give the job orders to their line supervisors to check out the conditions and clear up the problems.

"If Tom finds a situation that is particularly critical," Sam adds, "he will land as soon as he can, get to a phone and call me. We will dispatch a crew right away. Sometimes there is almost an immediate response to the problem. For example, one time Tom found a 765 kv guyed V tower which had a slack guy because of a broken anchor. A few miles down the line, he saw one of our crews working, so he landed, picked up the supervisor, Billie Bishop, and brought him back and showed him the problem."

Even though the lines are patrolled by helicopter once or twice a year, depending on the size of the voltage, a climbing inspection is still required. Each tower and pole structure must be climbed on a regular basis although not annually.

Five transmission crews are stationed in Bluefield and there is one each at Abingdon, Kenova, Roanoke and Turner. These 72 people are responsible for maintenance and construction of the company's high voltage lines.

Parachute jumping is definitely not a sport for everyone, Pulaski Electrical Engineer Knox Worde admits, but it's number one of his list of leisure time activities.

"I started skydiving while attending Georgia Tech," Knox says, "We had a pretty active club there. When I got out of school, I worked at an airport in North Carolina for a year before joining Appalachian."

Knox has been a qualified skydiving instructor for seven years and has close a stable position so you will not roll or tumble, "Essentially, you use your arms and legs like wings," he says. "Landing is about like falling off a four foot platform so we practice this in class.'

The most expensive thing about parachute jumping is getting started, Knox says. "The only way the Parachute Center makes any money is from the lessons we give and the gear we sell. It runs around \$65 for the instruction and equipment a person needs to

son I have ever seen jump was in his mid-70s. He came to the Center and made his first jump a couple of months ago. He said he didn't have any family any more and that was something he had always wanted to do."

Knox says that it is a rare occasion when someone goes through the training and then backs out at the last minute before making a jump.

"Being with a bunch of friends and participating in a sport like that gives you a good feeling," Knox said. "I

with the

to a thousand jumps to his credit. He has trained somewhere in the neighborhood of 500 to 750 people and has jump mastered (gone up in an aircraft and put parachutists out of the plane) over 1,000. He has been an instructor at the New River Valley Parachute Center at Dublin, Virginia, ever since moving to Pulaski in 1977.

"It takes one day's training - about five hours - before a person can jump," Knox says. "We teach the students the correct way to exit the aircraft, the correct body position to use in falling away from the aircraft, reserve procedures, the correct way to land and what to do if they land in water or in trees. Basically, we teach them how to be prepared for anything that could possibly go wrong. A lot of the things we prepare them for, I have never seen happen in my nine years of jumping.

"Malfunctions on the type of equipment that students use are very rare." Knox adds. "When a person starts jumping, they start out with a static line jump. That is where the main parachute opens automatically as they fall away from the airplane. They make at least five jumps like that. Then they start making free fall jumps, and that's when we start teaching them how to pack a parachute.'

The correct way to exit the aircraft, Knox explains, is to keep your body in make that first jump. The second jump is about \$15. Basically, it gets cheaper the longer you jump.

"If you buy new equipment, you will pay pretty good money for it, but if it is good equipment, it will last a long time. You can easily pay over \$2,000 for a brand new, top-of-the-line, custom color container and parachute, but you can find used gear a lot cheaper."

An experienced jumper who has his own equipment will pay only for the plane ride. "The price for a 9,000 foot jump is \$9.00." Knox says. "The highest altitude we usually go here at Dublin is 10,500 feet, and the price is \$10.50. At 10,500 feet, you get about a 50-second free fall. We normally do eight-man formations from 10,500 feet. The highest I have ever been is about 13,000 feet."

There is a minimum age requirement of 16 for parachutists, and Knox says the New River Center requires notarized parental consent up to the age of 18. "For those who are upper middle age and over, we require them to get an OK from their doctor before jumping," he adds. "The oldest perdon't intend to quit any time soon. When the weather is nice. I am out most every weekend.

"In the wintertime, I cave and rock climb. When the weather turns sours. I head underground. If it is real pretty, I head up in the rocks.

"I just like being outdoors," Knox admits, "and I got involved in caving because it was just something else to try. There is a very active caving club at Virginia Tech. It is the second oldest club in the United States. and that is who I go caving with. A number of the members are also rock climbers.

Now if he could only get them up in the air...



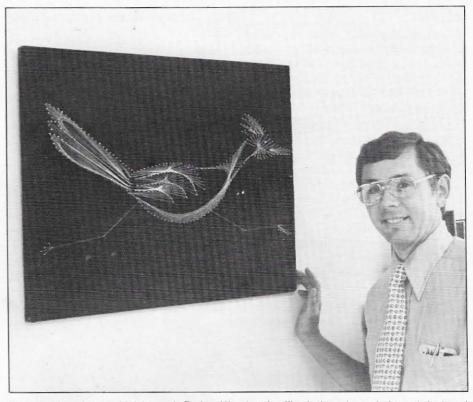
Knox Worde

Wound up in his hobby

Give him some nails, string and a cloth-covered board, and Charleston Energy Services Engineer Rodger Woodrum will make a work of art.

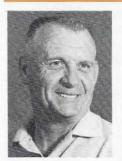
Seven years ago, Rodger made his first string art picture to give as a Christmas gift. "I've done quite a few since then," he says. "It's relaxing for me, and I really like the art form. And I'll tell you a secret — it's a lot easier than it looks."

Rodger generally spends a whole evening preparing the board and putting the nails in place. "That's very important. They must be in the right place and driven in to the right depth," he explains. Subsequent evenings are spent adding the string. Three of Rodger's works grace the walls of the Charleston division headquarters building on Virginia Street. "The only one I still have is here over my desk," he says. "I've given all of the others I've made to friends and relatives. We don't even have any in our home, but I'll bet that after my wife realizes that, it won't be long till I'm asked to make one!"



This string art picture which hangs in Rodger Woodrum's office is the only one he's made he hasn't given away.

PROMOTIONS



Parks



Belcher



Ferguson



Welch



Albaugh



Sayre

Robert Parks, maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Clinch River Plant on April 1, succeeding Con Powers, who retired.

Norris E. Belcher, transmission station supervisor nonexempt in GO T&D Station, Charleston, was promoted to the exempt position of station general supervisor in GO T&D Station, Roanoke, on August 1.

Bill J. Ferguson, station mechanic A, was promoted to transmission station supervisor nonexempt in GO T&D Station, Charleston, on August 7, succeeding Norris Belcher.

Clyde O. Welch, Jr., head T&D clerk, was promoted to Bluefield records supervisor on October 1, succeeding Heber Stafford, who retired. Welch attended Marshall University.

John W. Albaugh, performance engineer senior, was promoted to plant engineer at John Amos Plant on September 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Delaware.

William E. Sayre, maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at John Amos Plant on September 1.

WHO'S NEWS

Abingdon

Glenn Reynolds, division manager, was named to the board of directors of the Washington County United Way. \square

John Amos

Melinda, daughter of Charles Winter, maintenance mechanic B, was chosen as a majorette and featured twirler for the Nitro Junior High band for the 1982-83 season. □

Bluefield

G.T. Lineberry, II, received his Ph.D. in mining engineering at West Virginia University in August and joined the faculty of the department of mining engineering at the University of Kentucky. The son of Gene Lineberry, general servicer, he will be an assistant professor, engaging in teaching and research.

Blane, son of Jim Barrett, stores attendant, was selected for the 1982 edition of Who's Who in High Schools. A senior at Bluefield High, he is a member of the choir and has appeared on the P.M. Magazine television show.

Jim Barrett won first prize for the best dressed Yamaha at the 3rd annual Yamaha Family Affair at Pigeons Forge, Tennessee. Approximately 2,000 bikes were entered in the competition.

Dixon Jones, engineering technician senior, will serve as first vice commander of Riley Vest Post No. 9 of the American Legion for 1982-83. □

Pulaski

Vicki, daughter of Retiree Roy Lawson, has moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she is manager trainee and fashion coordinator for the J.C. Penney Company. She previously taught at Pulaski County High School and initiated the fashion merchandising classes there.

Retiree Kelly Buckland has been elected president of the Back Creek Watershed, Inc.

Bolen Shepherd, Galax line crew supervisor nonexempt, and his wife Ruby were recipients of the August "residence of the month award" by the Galax Clean City Committee.

Dan Tickle, Hillsville area supervisor, and Johnny Kidd, Galax area supervisor, were presented with reporting awards upon their completion of a Dale Carnegie Course.

Elise, daughter of Pat Yates, Christiansburg customer accounts representative B, was a member of the singing group which won the national talent award sponsored by the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Greensboro. North Carolina.

General Office

Darrell, husband of Mina Dillion, senior telephone operator-GO, GO General Services, Roanoke, graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Western Community College with an associate in applied science degree in automotive technology. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa

Fraternity.

Ann Huffman, office services super-



visor, GO General Services, Roanoke, graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Western Community College with an associate in applied science degree in management.

Mattie, wife of Doug Forbes, safety director, GO Personnel, Roanoke, graduated from Virginia Western Community College with an associate in science degree in general studies.

Lawrence, Jr., son of Helen Terry, chief telephone operator-GO General Services, Roanoke, has been elected president of the Richmond, Va., Jaycees and named the chapter's outstanding young man.

Douglas Allen, son of Doug Forbes, made a hole-in-one on the 175 yard, par 3 #15 hole at Blue Hills Golf Course. He was using a #3 iron. □



A team from the Pineville area won first place in the Bluefield Division's first annual slow-pitch softball tournament. Nine teams from throughout the division competed in the double elimination event. The tournament was scheduled in conjunction with the annual employee picnic, held this year on August 28 at Bluefield City Park. Members of the winning team are (front row, I. to r.): Ronnie McLaughlin, general servicer; Tommy Ellison, meter reader; Rick Mitchell, line mechanic A: and Dave Hill, engineering technician. Back row: Jack Martin, area supervisor A; Randy Powell, line mechanic D; Bill Goode, line mechanic A; Dwight Meadows, general servicer; Tracy Weiss, office supervisor; Steve Gregory, line mechanic C; and Dave Stepp, line mechanic C. Not pictured is Will Stewart, regional assistant chief operator, GO T&D Station.



Jonathan Reed added to his thespian credits this summer by appearing in four Roanoke Valley productions. In the photo above, Jonathan (left) portrays Joe, the local townsman and Brass Band member, in the musical "The Bright Day" performed by the Mill Mountain Playhouse. He also appeared as the British Ambassador in the Playhouse production of "Don't Drink The Water." Jonathan acted as the young civil war veteran in "Ever Singing — 100 Years of Praise" at Calvary Baptist Church as part of Roanoke's Centennial celebration. He also had the role of Ceprano in the Southwest Virginia Opera Society's performance of Rigoletto. The son of Malcolm Reed, building engineer, GO General Services, Roanoke. Jonathan won several thespian awards while a student at Northside High School. He won second place in the 1980 talent show, first place in the 1981 talent show, and was recipient of the most outstanding actor award for 1980-81. He was baritone in the District Six Regional Chorus for two years and in the All-Virginia State Choir one year. He is currently a student at Virginia Western Community College.

Huntington



Melissa, daughter of Art Pugh, Point Pleasant storeroom attendant, was 1982 national champ in plays and skits (creative writing division) in the Teen Talent competition sponsored by the Church

of God. She had earlier won the regional and West Virginia state competitions for her play entitled, "Salvation is the Meaning of Christmas". Melissa and her brother Dwayne participated in the Bible guizzing and their team came in fifth in the nation. Thirty-three states were represented in the competition.

16-week playoff at the Riviera Golf Club. Winners were: first flight-Mike Reed, stores attendant, and Larry Wright, a Kroger employee, runnerup; second flight-Tom Rose, Point Pleasant head T&D clerk, and Don Watts, line crew supervisor nonexempt, runner-up; third flight-T.J. McComas, T&D clerk A, and Chuck Burdette, Point Pleasant engineering technician, runner-up.

An evening of free golf and a banquet for league members capped the APCo golf tournament for Huntington and Point Pleasant employees, held in late August at the Riviera Golf Club. Trophies were presented to Mike Fotos, T&D superintendent, and Fred Schwartz, retired T&D superintendent, who were winner and runner-up. respectively.

The APCo Golf League held its New officers of the Huntington Divi-

sion APCo Basketball League are: Clarence Snyder, engineering technician, president; Steve Wilhelm, electrical engineer senior, vice president; and Karen Denning, junior clerk, secretary-treasurer.

Five employees, all members of the Jaycees, participated in a community project of painting the Huntington Chamber of Commerce building. They are: Larry Jackson, electrical engineer; Joe Haynes, administrative assistant; Elvin Epting, electrical engineer senior; Jeff Weddle, power engineer; and Jon Atchley, customer service advisor.

Joe Haynes, administrative assistant, was elected secretary of the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council (COVIC) for 1983. □

Charleston

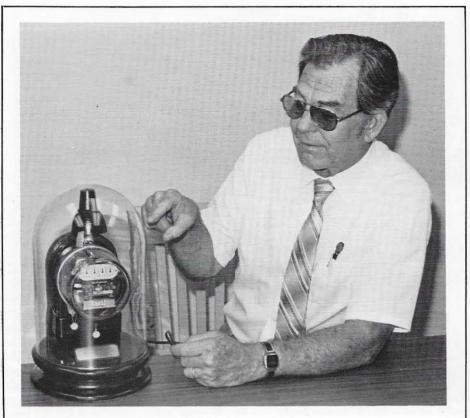


Lloyd Pomykata. customer services manager, was elected president of the Kiwanis Club of Charleston.

Marine Pfc John Woodrum participated in a "combined arms exercise" in the California desert. The exercise was designed to emphasize fire support coordination between air, tank, artillery, mortar and anti-tank missile units. The son of Sharon Woodrum, meter reader, John is based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., as a member of G Battery, 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines.

John Frazier, personnel supervisor, was elected to the West Virginia Safety Council board of directors.

Jack Shaver, administrative assistant, was elected to the board of directors of the Advertising Club of Charleston.



Otis Franklin, Lynchburg meter supervisor, spent six hours and less than \$20 to produce the conversation piece shown above. His idea for the design came from a picture he saw in a brochure which was circulated in the office. Materials used were a dome made in Williamsburg, Va.; pine for the wood base, which he carved; and an old Westinghouse meter that was the third in a generation of OA, OB and OC meters that had been in service since 1924. According to Otis, the meter was the last of its type to be retired in the Lynchburg Division. What makes the piece unique is the small light, located inside the dome above the meter, which causes the meter to operate when the light is turned on.

Lynchburg

Mel Wilson, Jr., administrative assistant, will chair the service industries division for the 1982 United Way Campaign of Central Virginia.

Herb Figg, Jr., customer services supervisor, was elected chairman of the board of deacons for Chestnut Hill Baptist Church. He was also elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Lynchburg Exchange Club and was appointed chairman of the membership committee for 1982-83.

Bill Ford, Jr., customer services manager, was elected co-chairman of the 1982 "Lynchburg Classic." This year's event, the eighth annual, will involve marching competition from ten championship high school bands re-

presenting Virginia and other states. Bill's son Billy is the trumpet section leader for the E.C. Glass High School marching band.

Mountaineer Construction



Seth Stephan, two-year-old son of Cozette Halstead, was awarded second place in the pretty baby contest held at the 1982 Mason County Fair.

Kanawha River

Mary Kathryn, daughter of Michel Maggio, stores attendant senior, reigned as princess in the Court of Regina Maria IV during the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival.

Amos Alan, son of Retired Maintenance Supervisor Amos Workman, was selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1982. An AEP educational award winner in 1969-70, he graduated from Washington & Lee University and Law School at the University of South Carolina. He now practices law in South Carolina.

Glen Lyn



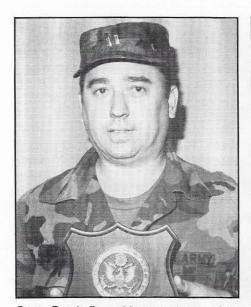
W. Russell Fleshman, stores attenant senior, has been elected president of the Peterstown Rotary Club for 1982-83.

Kingsport

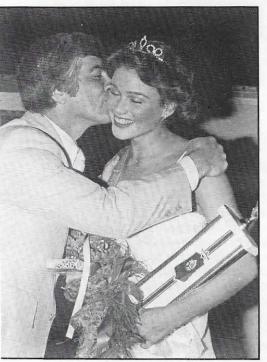
Eddie Land was honored for his outstanding play as shortstop and relief pitcher which helped his Colonial Heights Athletic Commission League baseball team win the league's title with a 14-1 season. He is the son of Meter Reader Glen Land.

John, son of Gary Williams, line mechanic A, and Jimmy, son of Paul Miller, engineering technologist, received awards for being members of the undefeated Lynn Garden Optimist Club T-ball team.

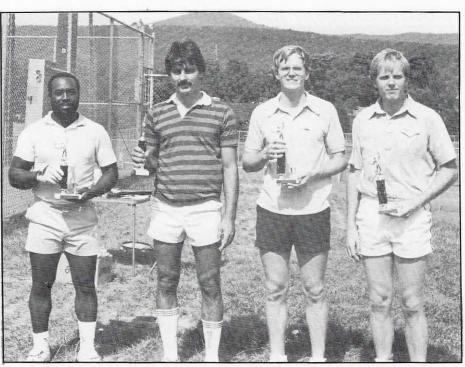
Joan, daughter of John Ingram, retired meter mechanic A, received a master's degree in childhood education from Georgia State University. She is a third grade teacher with the Newton County, Ga., school system.



Capt. Frank Reynolds was chosen class leader of Phase VI Ordnance Officers Advanced Course of U.S. Army Reserves at Camp Pickett, Virginia. Frank, who completed the two-year course in one year, received a letter of appreciation and a plaque in honor of his devotion to duty. He was also selected to participate in Logex 82, NATO exercise. Frank is a maintenance supervisor at Sporn Plant.



Congressman Mick Staton congratulates Kristen Hill upon her selection as the local Tobacco Fair Queen. The daughter of Ron Hill, area service restorer in the Hamlin area of Huntington Division, Kristen will go to Morgantown in January for the West Virginia Fair Festival.



Roanoke-based employees held their annual tennis tournament last month. Jeff Danforth, purchasing and stores staff assistant senior, GO Purchasing, was the singles champion, with Jim Salter, operations engineer, GO Operations, as runner-up. Wes McMillan, Roanoke line mechanic, was the winner in the "B" division singles, with Gary Bannister, station mechanic B, GO T&D Station, as runner-up. In the doubles championship, Chip Gentry, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering, and Jim Salter had the top spot with Sleiman El-Hallal, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, and Jim Cook, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering, as runners-up. In the "B" division doubles, Doug Turner, Roanoke station mechanic B, and Wes McMillan were the winners, with Bob Mickey, engineering technologist, GO T&D Station, and Tom Owen, Roanoke engineering technologist, as runners-up. Pictured above are, I. to r., Gary Bannister, Wes McMillan, Jeff Danforth and Jim Salter.

Roanoke

Lewis Mills, retired power engineer, was presented the "Lion of the Year" plaque by the Raleigh Court Lions Club at the club's annual family picnic. He has been especially active in promoting the "New Virginians," the Virginia Tech group that the club sponsored at the Roanoke Civic Center for a number of years.

Miriam Martindale, customer services representative, received a certificate of appreciation from the Roanoke County-Salem schools in appreciation of her service as chairman of the home economics advisory committee.

Philip Sporn

Jillian Michelle, daughter of Tom



Anderson, auxiliary equipment operator, was first runner-up in the 1-2 year old age group pretty baby contest held at the 1982 Mason County Fair.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS







Jones



Casteel



Stoneman



Markham

Donald Woods Parsons, 75, retired head of the AEP Service Corporation's Construction Division, died August 29. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, he began his utility career in 1936 as a surveyor in Pulaski. He was civil engineer for the construction of Glen Lyn and Tidd Plants and resident engineer for Philip Sporn and Kanawha River Plants before becoming head of the AEP Construction Division in 1950. During the next 23 years he was responsible for the building of 17 major generating stations with a combined capacity of 20,215,000 kilowatts. His retirement on October 21, 1973, came only nine days after the commercial operation of the AEP System's first 1300 megawatt generating unit, John E. Amos Plant Unit 3. Parsons is survived by his widow Elizabeth, 3751 Londonderry Drive, Roanoke, Va., and one daughter.

Lawrence E. Jones, 70, retired Charleston general serviceman, died August 27. A native of Elkview, West Virginia, he was employed in 1934 as a laborer and retired October 1, 1976. Jones is survived by his widow Mary Elizabeth, 1002 Park Avenue, Charleston, W. Va.; one son, one daughter and four grandchildren.

Ralph E. Casteel, 75, retired Kingsport credit representative senior, died September 15. A native of Greene County, Tennessee, he was employed in 1946 as an accounting clerk and retired October 1, 1968. Casteel is survived by his widow Anna Lou, 707 Green Gate Road, Kingsport, Tennessee, and one son.

Bruce J. Stoneman, 57, T&D clerk A in the Galax area of Pulaski Division, died September 15. A native of Wood-

lawn, Virginia, he was employed in 1947 as a meter reader. Stoneman is survived by his widow Sammie, 410 Dobyns Street, Galax, Virginia; one daughter; one grandchild; his father; one sister and one brother.

Barbara Ann Markham, 40, Charles-

ton office supervisor, died September 3. A native of Holden, West Virginia, she was employed in 1962 as a clerk trainee. Markham is survived by her husband, William, 3820 Staunton Avenue, Charleston, W. Va.; one son; one stepson; her mother; one brother; two sisters; and one grandchild.

BIRTHS

Abingdon

Heather Elaine, daughter of Wayne Thomas, Clintwood customer accounting supervisor nonexempt, September 10.

Bradley Ryan, son of Charles Talley, Marion area supervisor, September 13.

John Amos

Casey Anderson, son of Brian Brewer, utility operator A, September 2.

Terrence, son of James Poindexter, barge handler, August 28.

Bluefield

Candace Michelle and Amanda Renee, twin daughters of Vernon Crouch, tracer, September 11.

Katherine Anne, daughter of Daniel Fair, Tazewell line mechanic D, August 25.

Heather Renee, daughter of Don Muncy, Welch customer services advisor, August 6.

Sharon Renea, daughter of John Reeves, Welch line mechanic C, August 18.

Central Machine Shop

Sara Beth, daughter of Terry Cyfers, NDE inspector 1st class, September 1.

Charleston

Jantha Nicole, daughter of Mark Patton, St. Albans line mechanic C, July 20.

General Office

Scott William, son of Russell Wise, Jr.,

distribution staff engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, August 23.

Abby Elizabeth, daughter of Mark White, transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission Line, Roanoke, July 19.

Richard Herrick, son of Gail Durham, secretary, GO General Services, Roanoke, August

Glen Lyn

Russell Brandon, son of Russell Lowe, maintenance mechanic C, August 31.

Huntington

Leigh Ann, daughter of Ron White, station mechanic B, July 18.

Rileigh Michelle, daughter of Jon Atchley, customer service advisor, July 28.

Jennifer TeNeil, daughter of D.M. Barbour, drafter B, July 10.

Kanawha River

Jennifer Renee, daughter of D.W. Wills, maintenance mechanic C, July 30.

Lynchburg

Courtney Renee, daughter of **Gil Kidd**, line mechanic C, August 3.

Mountaineer

Tyler, son of **Jim Pitts**, maintenance mechanic B, June 22.

Jonathan, son of Matt Roush, engineer B, June 22. $\ \square$

WEDDINGS



Hobbs-Sublett



Harris-Traccarella



Mikels-Roach



Allen-Miller



Pollard-Hamilton



McQuail-Wimmer



Crouch-Pennington



Boggs-Mitchell

Mary Agnes Sublett, secretary, GO Rates and Contracts, Roanoke, to Mills Hubert Hobbs, Jr., August 28.

Nancy Traccarella to Michael Harris, July 17. Michael is the son of Everett Harris, Glen Lyn Plant chief chemist

Phyllis Ann Roach to Lloyd Maxwell Mikels, Jr., engineering technician, GO T&D Station, Bluefield, September 4. Phyllis is the daughter of Douglas Roach, Bluefield division meter superintendent.

Pamela Alethea Miller to David Lee Allen, September 18. Pamela is the daughter of Buford Miller, Pulaski property maintainer.

Brenda Jean Hamilton to Danny Luther Pollard, Lynchburg automotive mechanic C, August 28.

Susan Wimmer, Bluefield junior clerk, to James McQuail, Jr., Bluefield customer services advisor, September 5.

Tammy Jean Pennington to Lewis Crouch, Bluefield station mechanic C, August 28.

Anna Dean Mitchell to **Kenneth Boggs**, station operator C, GO Operations, Turner, August 13.

Karen Brown to Robert Jarrell, Mountaineer Plant performance engineer, March 19.

Diana Clendenin to Guy Null, maintenance mechanic C at John Amos Plant, August 5.

Charlotte Ann Frehafer to Lawrence Alan Dusold, Mountaineer Plant performance engineer, March 27.

Scherri Lynn Donovan to Maxwell Ball, maintenance mechanic A at John Amos Plant, July 3.

Cheryl Reid to Paul Galloway, Kanawha River Plant maintenance mechanic D, August 21.

Jennifer Dawn Appel to Richard Scott Ash, Central Machine Shop machinist 2nd class, September 4.

Donna Green to Bradley Moore, John Amos Plant control technician junior, August 21.

Rita Nicewander, Philip Sporn equipment operator, to Stephen Pullen, July 30.

Judy Liberatore, Philip Sporn personnel clerk A, to Charles Gloeckner, July 16.

Jill Ohlinger, Philip Sporn Plant stores clerk C, to Stephen LaValley, September 4.

Kim Hodges to Mark Robert Dunlap, John Amos Plant maintenance mechanic C, July 23.

Charlotte Janey, former PBX operator, to William Laprade, Jr., drafter B in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division, July 17.



Bone-Kiser



Williams-Youngblood



Robinson-Lawson



Shay-Shanklin



Ballengee-Beasley



Burnette-Galyean



Chaffin-Burcham



Waugh-Shiltz



Whittaker-Shrader



Tolliver-Boult

Sarah Elizabeth Shrader, Bluefield meter electrician D, to Jeffrey Whittaker, August 21.

Jennifer Ann Boult to Shelby Quinn Tolliver, September 4. Jennifer is the daughter of Jim Boult, Pulaski customer services representative.

Valerie Kiser to James K. Bone, July 31. James is the son of James T. Bone, John Amos Plant maintenance supervisor.

Kay Ann Youngblood to Teddy Williams, meter reader in the Hillsville area of Pulaski Division, August 6.

Kathy Lee Lawson to Joseph Robinson, Bluefield engineering technician, August 14.

Donna Shanklin to Greg Shay, Beckley engineering technician, August 21.

Theresa Maxine Beasley to Steven Dale Ballengee, August 6. Theresa is the daughter of Kenneth Beasley, Glen Lyn Plant yard superintendent.

Barbara Jean Galyean to Charles Burnette, meter reader in the Galax area of Pulaski Division, September 3.

Lillian Ruth Burcham to Michael David Chaffin, August 20. Lillian is the daughter of Raymond Burcham, Huntington auto mechanic A.

Judy Shiltz to Rodney Waugh, John Amos Plant utility operator B, August 15.

Wed 50 years



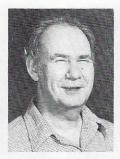


The family of John and Clara Whitmore held a reception in the fellowship hall of Huntington Court United Methodist Church in Roanoke in honor of the couple's 50th wedding anniversary. Married August 15, 1932, they have three sons and two grandchildren. John is a retired senior appraisal engineer in GO Accounting, Roanoke.

SERVICE AUDIVERSARIES



Perrow Peters electrical eng. (LTD) Roanoke 45 years



Sherman Vealey chemist Kanawha River 35 years



Cris Connelly service supv. Huntington 35 years



Lewis Puckett driver-gr. helper Abingdon 35 years



Sally Hedrick cust. acct. supv. NE Pulaski 35 years



Cecil Evans cust. serv. supv. St. Albans (Chas.) 35 years



Clifford Hawley building supervisor Abingdon 35 years



Jim Spivey station mech. B (LTD) Kingsport 35 years



Harvey Agee meter elec. A Roanoke 35 years



Eddie Jones sta. mech. B (LTD) Kingsport 35 years



Robert Runion T&D clerk A Bluefield 35 years



Glen Goad maintenance mech. A Glen Lyn 30 years



Charley Smith meter reader Pulaski 30 years



George Holman stores attendant Philip Sporn 30 years



Leland Bumgarner maintenance supv. Philip Sporn 30 years



Benny Mann station mech. A Pulaski 25 years



Wilmer Grubb stores coordinator John Amos 25 years



Perry Johnston R/w agent Abingdon 25 years



James Palmer surveyor asst.-rod GO-Roanoke 25 years



Donald Lambert regional dispatcher GO-Huntington 25 years



Francis Epling stores attend. sr. Glen Lyn 25 years



Dean Price R/w agent senior GO-Roanoke 25 years



Bobby Hylton general servicer Bluefield 25 years



Gib Cook line superintendent Huntington 20 years



Sandra McClelland T&D clerk A Roanoke 20 years



Martin Ratcliff customer serv. assoc. GO-Roanoke 20 years

Abingdon

10 years: Fred Fullen, custodian.

John Amos

10 years: Kenneth Baker, equipment operator. George Camp, Jr., control technician senior. David Ball, maintenance mechanic B. Charles Harrison, maintenance supervisor.

Bluefield

15 years: Robert Farley, engineering technologist. Raymond Patton, Jr., line crew supervisor nonexempt. 5 years: William Noble, meter electrician C. Kenneth Green, engineering technician.

Central Machine Shop

5 years: Tom White, welder 1st class.

Charleston

15 years: Corinthia Hawkins, cashier A, St. Albans. William Spencer, line mechanic A. 10 years: Warren Strickland, meter electrician B. 5 years: Gary Turley, line mechanic C, St. Albans. Jim Parsley, line mechanic C. Steven Wilmoth, meter reader.

Clinch River

15 years: William Robinson, maintenance mechanic B. 5 years: Clarence Prater, equipment operator.

General Office

15 years: William Meade, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Abingdon. Howard Webb, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke. 10 years: William McConnell, relay engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Bluefield. Twyman Banks, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. Gary Lewis, stores attendant, GO T&D Stores, Roanoke. John Delong, station mechanic A-GO, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. David Akers, communications engineer B, GO T&D Communications, Abingdon, Marcia Kelly, data processing operator B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 5 years: Andrew Barham, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Meter, Charleston. James Atkins, III, engineering technician, GO T&D Communications, Abingdon.

Huntington

15 years: Tom Bloss, station mechanic A. 10 years: C.C. Chambers, station mechanic B. 5 years: Sam Cutler, station mechanic C. D.A. Thacker, line mechanic B.

Kingsport

10 years: Billy Pyle, line mechanic A.

Lynchburg

15 years: Bill Farmer, engineering technician senior. 5 years: Doug Fitchett, electrical engineer. Fred Thornhill, line mechanic A.

Mountaineer Construction

15 years: E.D. Thompson, civil construction assistant I. W.C. Safford, chief electrical construction.

Pulaski

10 years: Kathy Bopp, secretary-stenographer

B. 5 years: Bob Faulkner, line mechanic A. Sherry Haley, customer accounts representative C. Larry Anderson, line mechanic A.

Roanoke

15 years: Audie Atkins, stores attendant. David Brooks, line crew supervisor non-exempt. Nathan Tester, line mechanic A. 10 years: John Stanford, line mechanic A. Ronnie Polniak, meter reader. 5 years: Earlie Hairston, line mechanic C.

Philip Sporn

30 years: Kenneth Carter, harbor boat operator. 15 years: Glenn Icenhower, maintenance mechanic A. Ralph Ross, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: Rita Pullen, equipment operator. David Gray, maintenance mechanic B. David Kesterson, maintenance mechanic B. Lloyd Rankin, senior chemist. Sandra Satterfield, maintenance mechanic A. Steven Jarvis, maintenance mechanic B.

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Beckley

Lowell Anderson, parttime custodian. Tom Kelly, station mechanic D. Gerald Gilkerson, customer services advisor.

Bluefield

Jody Lusk, line mechanic D, Welch. Randy Powell, line mechanic D, Pineville.

Charleston

Troy Coyner and Brian Friedrich, electrical engineers. Shirley Frizzell, office manager. Teresa Lewis, tracer.

Clinch River

Alan Morse, utility worker B.

General Office

Clifford Powell, utility worker B, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain. Sandra Fry, junior data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke. Karl Simpson and Joseph Campigotto, transmission mechanics D, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington. David Zimmermann, communications engineer, GO T&D Communications, Charleston.

Tucker Holdren, classification and accounts payable clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke. Paul Thumm, Larry Lilly and Roger Smith, station mechanics D-GO, GO T&D Station, Turner. James Perry, labor relations assistant, GO Personnel, Roanoke. Clarence Greenlee, express driver, GO General Services, Point Pleasant. Ginger Loyd, office messenger, GO General Services, Roanoke. Jay Bolen, junior clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke. Robert Tavenner, survey assistant-rod, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. Michael Anderson, electrical engineer, GO T&D Meter, Charleston.

Huntington

Timothy Arnold, chemist, AEP Lab. Rebecca Ann Gheen, junior clerk. Richard Pettrey, engineering technician.

Roanoke

Leslie Okes, engineering technician, Fieldale. Regina Breeding, junior clerk, Roanoke.

Philip Sporn

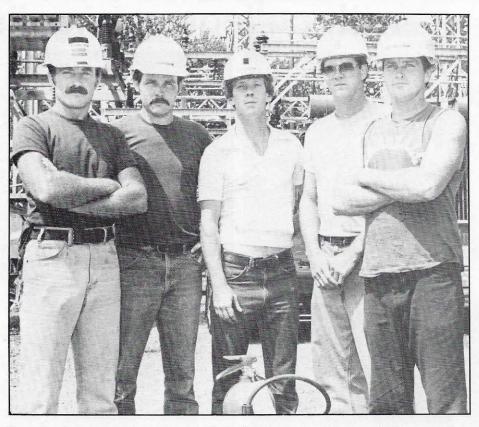
William Starr, performance engineer.

Delivery truck saved by station crew

Prompt action by five Huntington station mechanics prevented the possible loss of an Atomic Distributing Company delivery truck which caught on fire.

The men were working at the Johnson's Lane transformer shop when Allen Frye noticed smoke pouring from under the hood of a delivery truck as it pulled into the curb. Randy Hensley called the fire department while Brent Bias and Ron White ran outside to the truck. When they opened the hood and saw the fire was electrical in nature, Brent ran back inside the shop for a fire extinguisher and told Bill Nash to bring a set of cable cutters. As Ron and Bill cut the leads to the truck battery. Brent extinguished the flame completely but stood by until the fire department arrived.

Cookie Hall, manager for the distributing company, called to express her thanks for the men's help in saving the \$35,000 piece of equipment from serious damage. For their efforts, the employees were rewarded with a case of the truck's cargo — Miller Lite.



These five station mechanics extinguished a fire in a Huntington delivery truck. They are, I. to r., Brent Bias, Ronnie White, Allen Frye, Bill Nash and Randy Hensley.

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