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## APCo receives national safety award of honor

Appalachian Power Company is the recipient of the National Safety Council's Award of Honor for outstanding safety performance in 1982.

To earn the award, Appalachian's accident rate for 1982 was compared to its accident rate for the previous three years and the average accident rate for the electric utility industry as a whole.

In a letter to Appalachian President John W. Vaughan, AEP Chairman W. S. White, Jr., wrote, "In receiving the National Safety Council's Award of Honor, the employees of Appalachian have demonstrated a dedication to safety worthy of the honor. I would like to congratulate each employee on this impressive achievement. When a national organization recognizes our efforts, we can be assured that we have every right to be proud." □

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### The cover

Tom Throckmorton, head forms and supplies section, GO General Services, Roanoke, has been interested in blacksmithing since a child. Within the last year, he has set up his own shop and spends many leisure hours there. See story on pages 12-13 of this issue.

## Savings plan unit values

| Date    | Fixed Income Fund |       | Equity Fund |       | AEP Stock Fund |       |
|---------|-------------------|-------|-------------|-------|----------------|-------|
|         | VPU               | UCPD  | VPU         | UCPD  | VPU            | UCPD  |
| 1/31/83 | \$1.6025          | .6240 | \$2.1896    | .4567 | \$1.5188       | .6584 |
| 2/28/83 | 1.6188            | .6177 | 2.2460      | .4452 | 1.4850         | .6734 |
| 3/31/83 | 1.6368            | .6109 | 2.3268      | .4298 | 1.5065         | .6638 |
| 4/30/83 | 1.6537            | .6047 | 2.5040      | .3994 | 1.6094         | .6213 |

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.

## APCo seeks \$42.2 million rate hike in Va.

Appalachian Power Company on May 10 filed a request with the Virginia State Corporation Commission for a \$42.2 million general rate increase. The increase will average 9.7 percent above the rates currently in effect.

In order to moderate the continued deterioration in earnings, Appalachian asked that at least a portion of the requested increase, approximately \$9.9 million, be put into effect June 10 on an interim basis. The remaining portion of the request would be effective October 7.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said that the rate increase is necessary to offset cost increases the company has experienced in the non-fuel areas of its operations. The other major factor, he said, is the reduction in Appalachian's sales of electricity to non-affiliated utilities. He pointed out that the company's ability to make such sales in recent years has resulted in lower rates for its Virginia customers. Now, however, such sales have decreased dramatically, and the company's rates are inadequate. He emphasized that Appalachian is not seeking an increase in the rate of return the SCC found appropriate for the company in its ruling of February 23, 1983.

Vaughan also said that although inflation rates have slowed somewhat in recent months, cost increases are continuing in many areas for Appalachian. The rates currently in effect are based on cost levels experienced by the company in 1981.

"Last year, Appalachian again did not earn its dividend requirements," Vaughan said. "This is the fifth year in the last seven years that this has been the case, and our examination of results for the first part of 1983 indicates that this condition is continuing. Furthermore, over the past seven years, the company has not earned in any year the overall rate of return authorized by the SCC."

The company's financial performance since 1975 has been totally inadequate and has resulted in a continuation of less-than-desirable securities ratings for Appalachian, Vaughan said. Such ratings mean that sources of borrowed funds are

restricted and the company must pay higher interest rates than would be the case if Appalachian were in better financial condition. This is especially important for Appalachian because it has been necessary each year to raise funds in the capital markets to finance its required construction program. He said the company is planning to raise \$90 million through the sale of securities during the latter part of this year. An inadequate level of earnings increases the cost of such financing, he said, and that increases the price customers must pay for electricity.

Vaughan pointed out that Appalachian has responded aggressively to the circumstances it faces. "We implemented a major new austerity program late last year despite the fact that we have been operating with austerity budgets for a number of years now," he explained. "The new program involves reductions in management salaries, a re-examination of and delay in construction programs, reductions in the labor force, and a general broad-based belt tightening. While this has had some effect on our financial results, it does not provide enough relief and cannot be continued indefinitely."

Vaughan said that Appalachian's continuing record of excellence in operating efficiency saves its customers millions of dollars each year. "For instance, the company's plant availability record was 86.8 percent in 1982, well above the industry average. Higher plant availability enables Appalachian to use its most efficient, least costly, generating plants. It also permits the company to defer or eliminate the construction of expensive new generating plants to meet future customer demand."

Vaughan added that Appalachian also is among the leaders in the United States in the efficient operation of its coal-fired generating plants. The company's heat rate (a measure of the Btu's of heat required to produce a kilowatt-hour of electricity) has consistently been among the best in the industry.

This excellent record of generating plant performance, coupled with the anticipated stability of fuel costs in the short term enabled the company to reduce its rates in Virginia on April 1, 1983.

"However, the fact remains that we did experience considerable increases in costs in many other areas of our opera-

tions during 1982." Vaughan said that during 1982 Appalachian had to sell \$60 million of first mortgage bonds with an effective interest cost of 16.3 percent. This was used to refinance two maturing debt issues from earlier years which carried interest rates of 3.75 percent and 11 percent. In addition an issue of \$30 million of preferred stock was sold in the first quarter of 1982 at an effective cost of 15.74 percent.

"I believe our record shows that we have done an excellent job of keeping costs down," Vaughan said. "We operate every aspect of our business as efficiently as possible, and as a result our customers' rates are quite reasonable. Even with the increases the company seeks, Appalachian's rates would still remain well below the rates of most other electric utilities in Virginia and nearby states." □

## New River hydros set generation records

New generation records were set at Claytor and Buck Hydros on New River in April for the second consecutive month.

Claytor Hydro generated 50,356,000 kilowatt-hours (kwh) compared to 44,755,000 kwh in March. Buck Hydro generated 7,010,000 kwh, surpassing the old record of 6,383,000 kwh.

Byllesby Hydro, also on New River, generated 12,914,000 kwh, breaking its previous record of 11,321,000 kwh set in March 1975.

The new records were set in the 30-day month of April while the old records were set in the 31-day month of March. □

## Alexich, Struyk elected to new posts

Admiral Milton P. Alexich last month was elected vice president — nuclear engineer of the AEP Service Corporation and a vice president of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. I&M is owner-operator of the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Michigan, the AEP System's only operating nuclear generating station.

Also, Alexich and John R. Struyk, vice president — engineering administration, were elected directors of the Service Corporation. All elections were effective June 1. □

## 5,000 needy families helped in APCo's neighbor program

Appalachian Power Company's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program developed to help needy customers with their electric bills during this past winter was a success.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said, "When we announced the program last December, we expressed our concern about the adverse economic problems affecting our service area. At that time, unemployment was ranging from 8 to 20 percent, federal energy funds were almost exhausted and a colder than usual winter was expected.

"While the winter turned out to be milder than anticipated and additional federal funds for the low income energy assistance program were later made available, the more than \$303,000 raised through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program eased the financial burden of nearly 5,000 families in need of assistance," Vaughan noted.

He expressed appreciation to the 22,158 individuals and organizations that contributed more than \$153,000 to the program. Vaughan also praised the Department of Social Services in Virginia and the Department of Welfare in West Virginia, the agencies which took applications and certified recipients' eligibility. "Without their expertise and hard work, the program simply could not have succeeded," he said.

In Virginia, 8,875 individuals and organizations contributed \$66,517. This amount, plus an additional \$75,000 from Appalachian stockholders, went toward the electric bills of 1,900 Virginia families.

In West Virginia, \$86,574 donated by 13,283 individuals and organizations, along with an additional \$75,000 from Appalachian stockholders, helped 3,059 West Virginia families with their electric bills.

All money collected by the program has been credited to the recipients' electric accounts and the fund's bank accounts in each state have been closed out. All that remains is for Deloitte Haskins & Sells, a certified public accounting firm that volunteered its services, to audit the Neighbor-to-Neighbor fund. This audit should be completed during June.

Vaughan concluded, "We feel that by any measure the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program was a success, and we're proud to have joined many of our customers in this worthwhile project." □

## Retirees may delay AEP Savings Plan distribution

As an employee nears retirement, he must make a variety of decisions that affect his future. Now, with a new change in the AEP System Employees Savings Plan, an employee facing retirement has more flexibility with respect to one such decision.

Provisions of the Savings Plan were recently amended to allow a participant who is retiring to delay receiving his total plan distribution to any time up to age 70½. Previously, a person retiring had to receive a lump sum distribution at retirement.

Robert H. Strahan, director of compensation and benefits for the AEP Service Corporation, explained, "Most retirees

use their Savings Plan distribution either to purchase an annuity to ensure a steady income or to invest in stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit or the like for capital growth. This change now gives the retiree an opportunity to make that important investment decision when he feels market conditions are right for him."

The revised rules require that the employee's election to delay his distribution must be made prior to retirement. At that time, the employee may choose when in the future he wishes to receive the distribution, or he may wait until later to make that decision. However, the final evaluation date for any delayed distribution must always be at least two months prior to the month in which the retiree reaches age 70½. This ensures that the participant's final distribution occurs in accordance with current Internal Revenue Service requirements.

Retirees who elect to delay their distribution continue as participants in the Savings Plan, but may no longer contribute to the Plan or withdraw from it, except for final distribution in a lump sum. □



A 1941 Dodge truck formerly used at Appalachian Power Company's Cabin Creek Plant has been donated to the West Virginia Department of Culture and History. It is on display at Camp Washington-Carver, Cliff Top, West Virginia, along with other examples of American transportation, including a covered wagon and a 1907 fire pumper.

# Adding humor to the workday

When anything amusing happens at John Amos Plant, Equipment Operator Larry Boling is usually among the first to hear about it. Employees know that if they tell Larry, more often than not he will dash off a cartoon version of the incident.

Larry has the ability to portray the humor in a given situation without embarrassing anyone. He notes that "when something happens to someone, if I put two people in the cartoon, it sort of softens it. I don't think I have ever offended anyone. The employees get a kick out of the cartoons, and I think it helps morale. It brings us closer together."

Larry began cartooning soon after he came to work at Amos in 1971. He had taken art classes in school at Dunbar High and studied some commercial art and advertising at a special county-sponsored school. His father, who works at a Charleston area plant, used to ask Larry to draw something to illustrate some persons or situations at his plant. He would take Larry's creations to work, where they would be circulated around for the enjoyment of everyone.

When Larry dashed off his first cartoon version of some amusing incident at Amos, it wasn't long before his expertise became common knowledge. He is frequently asked to draw a cartoon "to order".

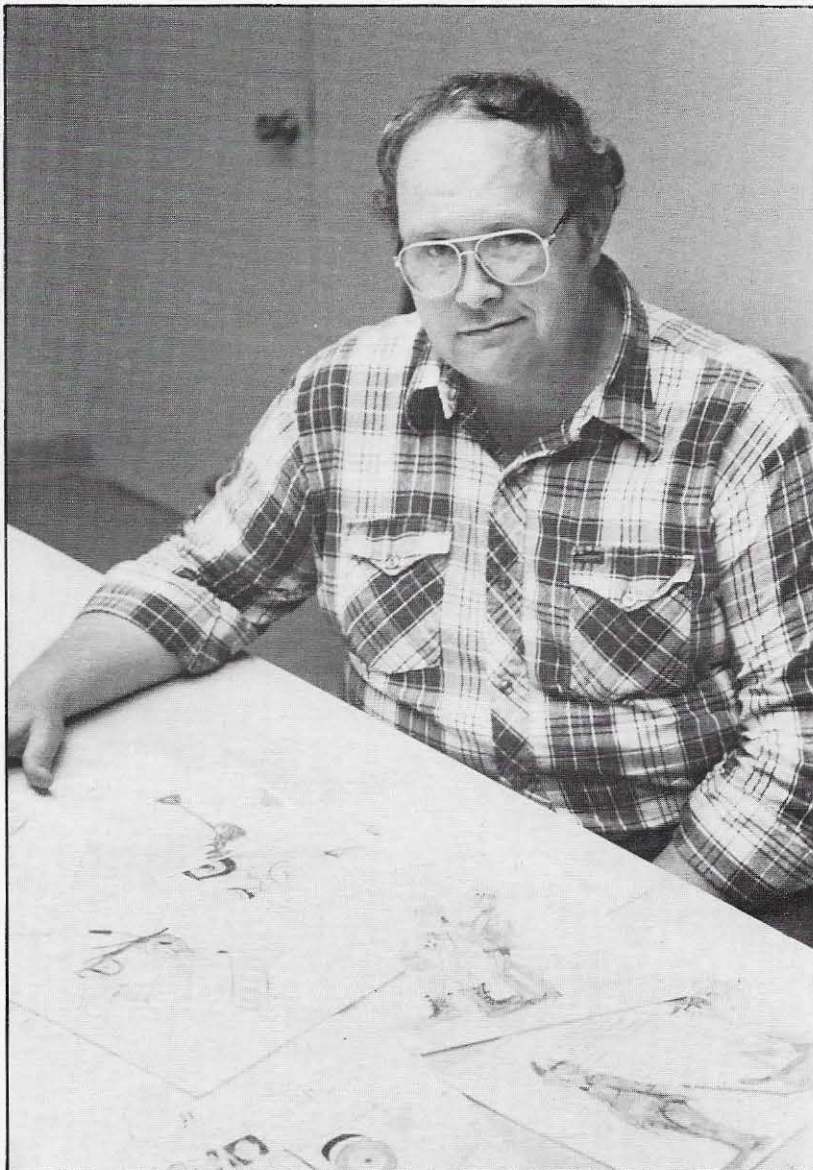
"Most of the time the guys come up with their own ideas of what they want the cartoon to be," Larry says, "but it is much easier if they just fill me in on the details and let me use my own imagination. In my characterizations of people, I just exaggerate how they appear to me."

Larry says that a number of employees who once worked at Amos and transferred to other plants call back and ask for cartoons. "I try not to turn anybody down," he adds. "Although it only takes about 20 minutes to draw a cartoon, sometimes I let the requests build up before I take time out to do them."

Larry often draws cartoons for his children to color. "Sometimes their teachers will call and ask me to make cartoons for them," he says. "And my wife occasionally has me draw some for her to use in teaching Sunday School."

He first draws his cartoons in pencil, then inks and colors them when he has more time.

Among Larry's cartoon subjects are a



Larry Boling shows some of the cartoons he has drawn.

true blue transported rebel who still longs for the south, a fellow bowler who got carried away and kicked the ball return at the bowling alley, and a co-worker who mistakenly brought the wrong horse home.

When some Amos employees took an engineer from Switzerland deer hunting with a bow and arrow, it was the subject of a cartoon that was hilarious to those familiar with the details behind the drawing.

So was the one of a luckless employee receiving a citation from a grim officer. The story goes that he got tired of a car following him so closely and proceeded to shine a flashlight in the other driver's eyes, only to find out the man behind him was a game warden.

There's another one of the conscientious supervisor out on a hunting trip, leaning up against a tree, thinking about Unit 3 tripout while a deer peacefully grazes just behind him.

Another cartoon depicts an employee who was so nervous about being called in the manager's office that he forgot which door he came in and mistakenly walked into a closet.

Once a group of employees, out together in a boat, lost a hat, pair of glasses and a dental plate. Larry's rendition of a fish, wearing the hat, glasses and teeth, hitchhiking his way to a rock festival with his fin stuck out, made the men accept their losses a little easier. □

Braving 19° temperature one morning this past January, Line Mechanic Kenneth Belton and Area Service Restorer Richard Wingate, both of Galax, pulled their boat through the snow as they headed for a day of fishing on the New River.

Within a half hour, Kenneth had caught an 18¾ pound, 40½ inch citation muskie. Instead of taking it to a commercial taxidermist for mounting, Kenneth took the fish to his home workshop, built especially for that purpose.

Kenneth, who has been doing his own taxidermy for about eight years, admits he got into the hobby because "I hunt and fish all the time".

He says, "I took a correspondence course from Northwestern School of Taxidermy in Omaha, Nebraska, which took about six months to complete. I would read the material, get something to practice on, mount it and send in pictures so they could see if I had done everything right."

Kenneth points out that the better care taken of game in the field, the better it will look on the wall. "You should never cut the throat of a deer that you want mounted because it causes unnecessary sewing that will later have a tendency to pucker," he says. "Keep birds' feathers free from stain. It is very difficult to remove mud from white feathers and

virtually impossible to remove blood stains. And fishermen should be careful not to break fins, which will take away from the finished mount."

Kenneth says that a catch should be frozen within 12 hours in order to keep it from deteriorating. "When I get ready to work, all I have to do is thaw it out. That way it is fresh when I work on it."

Animal specimens first have to be skinned and the flesh, fat and bones discarded. Nothing but the skull area remains intact. The skin is placed in a preservative solution or the solution has to be rubbed into the skin. Inaccessible areas, such as wing tips and the skull, have to be injected with the preservative.

# The fine art of taxidermy





Kenneth usually makes his own interior or body for the specimens out of excelsior or tow. However, he buys deer head interiors commercially prepared. After the interior is put into the skin and sewed up, the specimen has to be positioned the way he wants it to dry.

When Kenneth first started taxidermy, it took several days to tan a deer hide. The hide had to be packed in salt 2 to 3 days and then put in a tanning solution from 5 to 15 days, depending on the thickness of the hide. Now he buys a quick tanning preservative. "I can put the preservative on a deer hide and tan it in the same evening," he says. "It tans itself as it is drying on the mount."

After drying, Kenneth brushes the speci-

men and, if required, hand paints some areas. "Feathers will retain their natural color but the beak and feet of any kind of fowl have to be painted," he notes.

"In preparing fish it is important that you make a record of the coloring because the natural color fades rapidly. The coloring of fish has to be painted and then shellacked. I keep blending colors until I get as close as possible to the natural color." Glass eyes are used on all specimens.

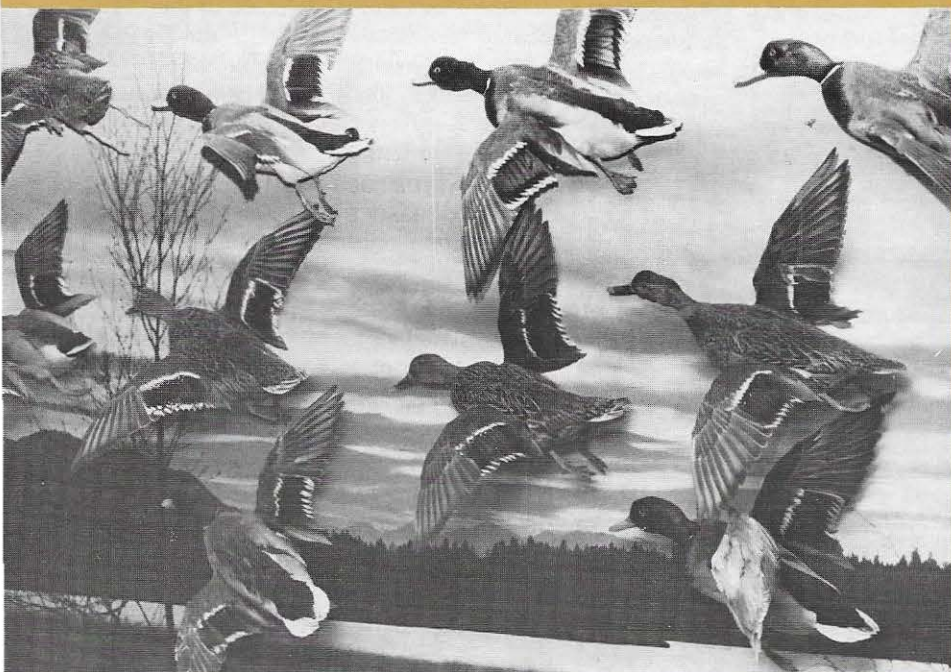
Some of Kenneth's specimens are a Canadian goose, several species of duck and fish, deer heads, squirrels and a boar. "My ducks are my favorites," he adds.

When the Beltons built a new house a

few years ago, they papered one wall of the den with a lake mural. Kenneth placed 12 mounted mallard ducks on the wall, in a flying formation, and the effect is striking. His wife Kay says, "We get more comments on that wall than anything else."

For the present, Kenneth confines his taxidermy efforts to his own catches and those of friends he hunts with. "I usually just charge them for the material I use. Materials are very high, though, and since I get most of mine from a company in North Dakota, the postage, shipping and handling is almost as high as the material. If I count my time, I don't make anything.

"Later on, when I retire, I figure taxidermy will be something to piddle at." □



## Ralph Naff



Ralph Naff, who retired June 1 as a right of way agent in Roanoke, was hired after World War II to work on a survey crew. He recalls, "This was a time when the company was very heavily into rural extension. When we surveyed for a line, it was the first electric service in the area. At that time the only people with electricity in the rural areas lived right along the main highways — 220, 460 and 221."

His APCo service was interrupted by a second stint with the military during the Korean War. "That time when I came back, I didn't sign anything," he laughs. In 1956 Ralph went into dealer sales in the then Commercial Department. "We had three home economists in Roanoke and one in Fieldale. I worked closely with them. Of course, we had a lot of demonstrations. We worked with dealers promoting electric appliances.

"In 1972 the dealer sales and electric heat program disbanded, and I went to division T&D as a right of way agent. I've enjoyed this work, being outside, making your own appointments," he says.

"I have no plans in mind for retirement other than to keep busy doing nothing. I have no great hobbies other than working around the house. I would like to check into volunteer hospital or church work." □

## Fred Reese

"Appalachian has been pretty good to me," says Fred Reese, who was a maintenance mechanic B at John Amos Plant before electing early retirement June 1.

Fred worked in the West Virginia coal mines for six years before serving in the Navy during World War II. "I was in about every major battle in the Pacific," he says, "and have eight battle stars. As a matter of fact, I came back home on a ship that had been hit by two suicide dive bombers.

"After the war, I went to Ohio and worked for the Timkin Company about three years. I had a brother-in-law who worked at the old Cabin Creek Plant, and he talked to me about getting on there. I went for an interview and in about three weeks I was hired. I started to work in May 1948 as a laborer.

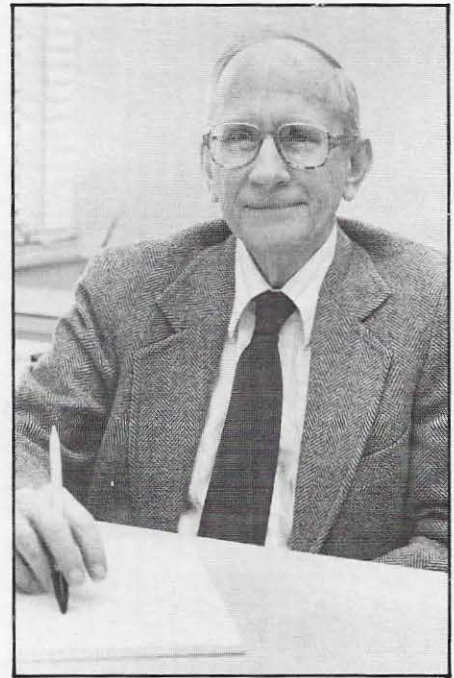
"At one time Cabin Creek was the best plant in the whole system," Fred says proudly. "We had some really good maintenance men and operators there." Fred remained at that plant until it closed in 1977, then transferred to John Amos as a maintenance mechanic C. He has been on long term disability leave since October 31, 1980.

Presently recuperating from a major operation, Fred has no particular plans for retirement. "I love to work outside and hunt and fish," he says, "and I would love to travel if I were able.

"I have a little garden which will keep me busy this summer, and fiddling around with my metal detector gives me exercise. I've found a few rings and a little bit of silver, enough to pay for the detector." □



## Tom Lunsford



"I feel very fortunate to have worked for Appalachian for the past 44 years and 9 months," says Tom Lunsford, Jr. He retired June 1 as purchasing supervisor in GO Purchasing, Roanoke.

Tom began his utility career in 1938 as a clerk in the Roanoke District Stores Department. He transferred to the then System Purchasing Department in 1951 as an administrative assistant and was promoted to purchasing supervisor in 1968. During his years with the company, the department has expanded from 6 to 22 employees, who handle purchasing for Appalachian, Kingsport and Kanawha Valley Power Companies.

"Fellow employees have added much to my job satisfaction during the years," Tom says, "and I am very grateful for their help and support. I am looking forward to retirement even though I have no firm plans at this time. I don't anticipate any difficulty finding plenty to keep me occupied."

He adds that "the employee savings plan is the best thing that has come along. I wish the company had started it sooner." □



## Tex Purdy

"It's difficult for me to realize how so many years have gone by so fast when some of the days were so long," laughs Tex Purdy, who retired June 1 as station staff engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. "Many times we worked 24 to 36 hours without leaving the job so a day appeared to be a long time."

During his 33-year career, Tex has worked at every Appalachian plant except Mountaineer, and all the hydros and divisions. "I guess I have worked in every major transmission station that we have in Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport," Tex notes. "I know about as many people in the other companies as I do here."

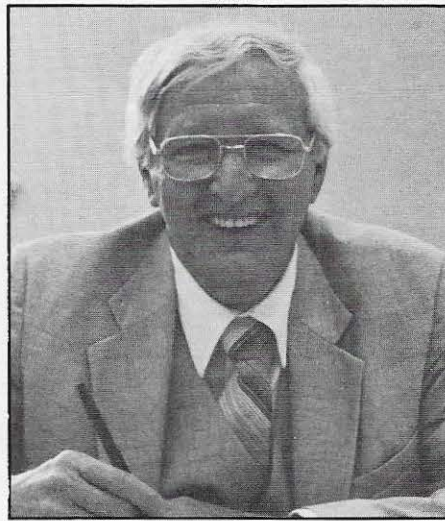
In the early years, Tex's job consisted of testing new equipment, such as relays and controls, and wiring them up for operation. After coming to Roanoke, he was involved in relay calculations and settings and designed grounding for all stations. He also tested bucket trucks and other equipment.

For the past 10 years Tex has taught a class on earth resistivity measurement at West Virginia University and just last month taught one at Purdue University. He has been active in IEEE, serving on the substation working committee.

Tex says, "I have planned for everything up until now, but I don't see making plans for retirement. I'll just let that come along." Some of his time may be spent working with his new home computer and participating in his favorite activity, hiking. □



## Woody Holbrook



"There has been a lot of ups and downs during my 37 years with the power company," says Woody Holbrook, "but thank goodness there have been more ups than there have downs and these are what I will remember."

Woody, who retired June 1 as Beckley marketing and customer service supervisor, has spent his entire career in that department, first in Williamson, then Huntington and, since 1970, in Beckley.

He adds, "In the days when we were selling electric heat and appliances, I won every trip in the book — New York; Havana, Cuba; Virginia Beach and Nags Head. These were the things that made us work hard because it gave us the opportunity to play hard."

"Appalachian became a part of my life. There will always be nostalgia as I go through the 'golden years'. I have no regrets of spending my career with Appalachian; but, when you know beyond any reason of a doubt that you have more behind you than you have in front of you, it's time to leave and smell the roses.

"I am not going to be in a hurry to make a decision on what I will do during retirement. I want to be sure when I do that it will be right. I do like to garden and play golf and I'm a little bit fanatical about lawn care," he says with a laugh.

"If I had any advice to leave any employee, young or old, it would be this saying which I have carried in my wallet for years: 'If you work for a man, for heaven's sake, work for him. Speak well of him and stand by the institution he represents.'" □

## Art Sneed

"You can't stay around a company 43 years without feeling a part of it," says Art Sneed, who retired June 1 as operations staff engineer, GO Operations, Roanoke. "You look forward to retirement until the time comes, but then you are reluctant to leave your friends."

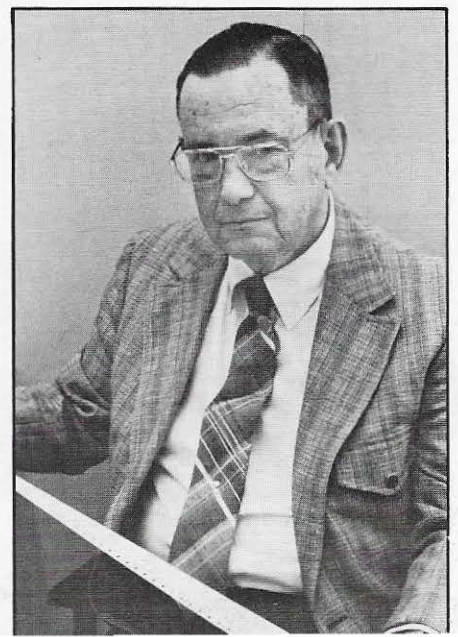
An electrical engineering graduate of VPI, Art began his career in 1940 at Kentucky Power's Hazard Steam Plant.

During World War II, he entered the Army Signal Corps as a commissioned officer. "I spent three years in the Headquarters Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, Ohio, doing communications, radar and electronics work," Art says. Originally assigned to the Army Air Corps, he transferred to the Air Force when it became a separate branch of service. He stayed in the Air Force Reserve 25 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

After returning from service, Art worked in Welch and Pulaski before coming to Roanoke with the-then System Operations. "Since I have been in Operations," Art says, "I have seen a lot of advancement in the power field and got to participate in some of the tests. In the earlier days I traveled a lot and visited other companies in the AEP System.

"Now that I'm retired, I'd like to visit some of the places I've been while on company business, such as Abingdon and Charleston, and take the time to look around."

Art collects recordings of unusual country music and does his own repair work on appliances, TVs and cars. □



# The Kingsport Power Story

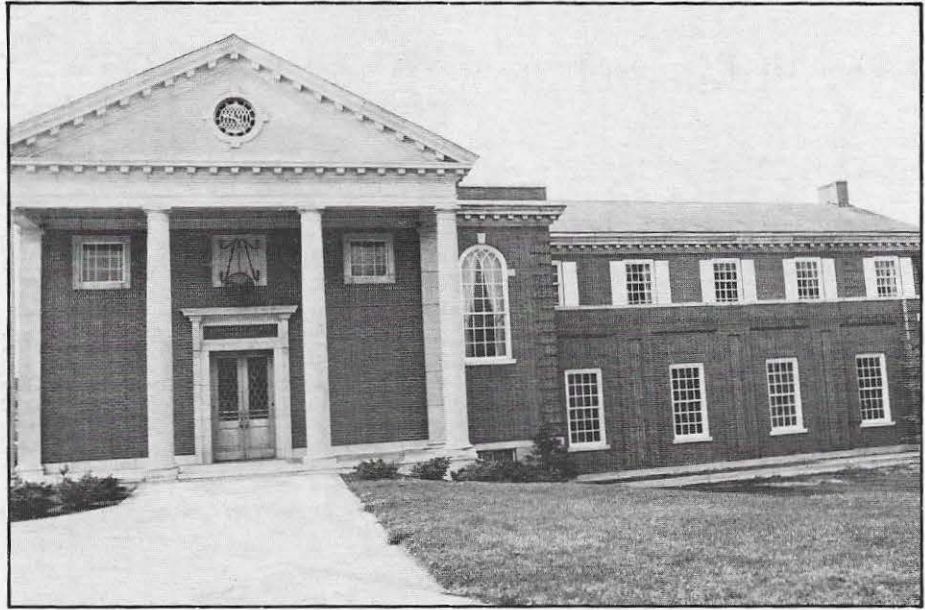
(5th in a series)

Kingsport Power Company is a David among the Goliaths. In terms of revenues or assets or miles of power lines, it is indeed the smallest of the American Electric Power System's eight operating companies.

Yet Kingsport Power is unique, with three outstanding claims to fame:

- Its residential customers use more electricity, on average, than those of any other utility in the nation.
- The first residential electric heating installation on the AEP System was in Kingsport.
- And the company is the only investor-owned electric utility in the State of Tennessee, almost surrounded by the federal government's giant Tennessee Valley Authority.

Essentially, Kingsport Power serves but one community, the city of Kingsport, and its surrounding area. The city lies tucked away in the northeastern corner of Tennessee, just south of Virginia and about 45 miles west of North Carolina.



J. Fred Johnson, recognized as the "father" of Kingsport, was consulted in the design of the Kingsport Utilities (now Kingsport Power) office building so that it would harmonize architecturally with other buildings in the area.

It is a relatively young city, having been incorporated in 1917. However, the community's history dates back to the Revolutionary War, when a village was established on the banks of the Holston River.

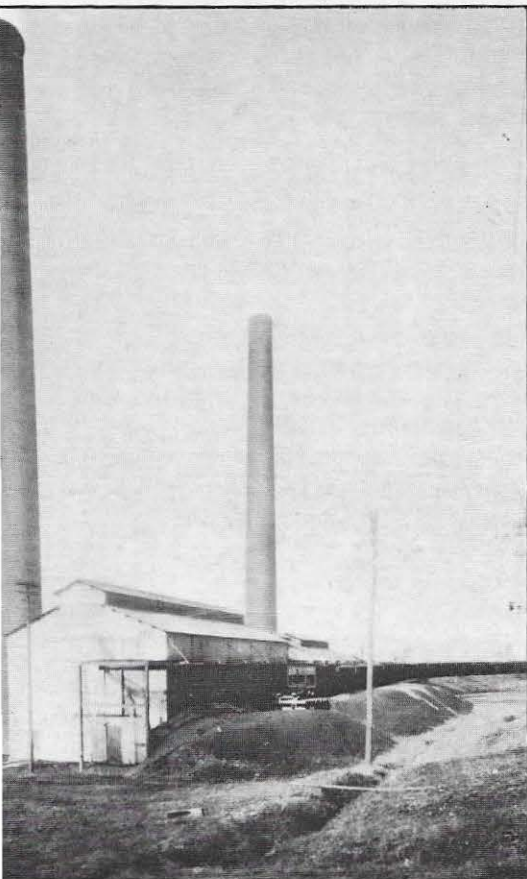
Daniel Boone first passed through the area and the nearby Cumberland Gap in 1769. President Andrew Jackson, on his way from his home in Nashville to Washington, stopped many times at the Netherland Inn, which is still standing in the western end of Kingsport.

In 1802 William King established a boatyard and dock on the Holston River, known then as King's Port, for the purpose of shipping salt, iron ore and other produce. But for the next 100 years the village changed very little. Then in the early 1900s, the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad was completed from Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Elkhorn City, Kentucky. This railroad, known today as the Clinchfield Railroad, opened the coal fields of Kentucky and Virginia to the ports of Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia.

Since there was an abundance of level land along the railroad in the Kingsport area, the investment firm that had built the railroad decided to develop the area into an industrial community. A local resident, J. Fred Johnson, conceived the idea of building a model industrial city. The services of a well-known city planner, George Noland of Cambridge, Massachusetts, were engaged to plan a city of wide streets, room for industry along the railroad and river, and housing on the surrounding hillsides.

Predecessors to such present industries as Tennessee Eastman, J. P. Stevens, Mead Corporation and Kingsport Press began construction, and the resulting influx of workers soon caused the sleeping village to awaken and spring up overnight.

The first industry was the Clinchfield Portland Cement Company, later Penn-Dixie Cement, which arrived in 1909. Since no electric power was available within a 25-mile radius, the cement plant built its own generating plant. A separate corporation was established by the ce-



The Kingsport Utilities steam generating plant, first built to supply electricity for the Penn-Dixie Cement Company, was closed and sold for scrap in 1954.

## Statistics

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Area served — square miles .....      | 220         |
| Population of area .....              | 86,300      |
| Customers .....                       | 34,608      |
| Miles of line (circuit miles) .....   | 1,138       |
| Employees .....                       | 105         |
| Annual payroll (1982) .....           | \$2,573,228 |
| State & local taxes paid (1982) ..... | \$1,948,862 |



A Kingsport Utilities line crew in the early days of the company.

ment company to distribute electricity to the houses and other industries in the new town. Between 1911 and 1917 the generating plant was enlarged several times to keep pace with the community's growth.

In 1917 the City of Kingsport was incorporated, and Kingsport Light and Power was reorganized as Kingsport Utilities, Inc. From 1917 until 1925 the city's growth was rapid, and the leaders of the new town realized that, to keep abreast of the rapid development, a reliable source of electric energy must be found.

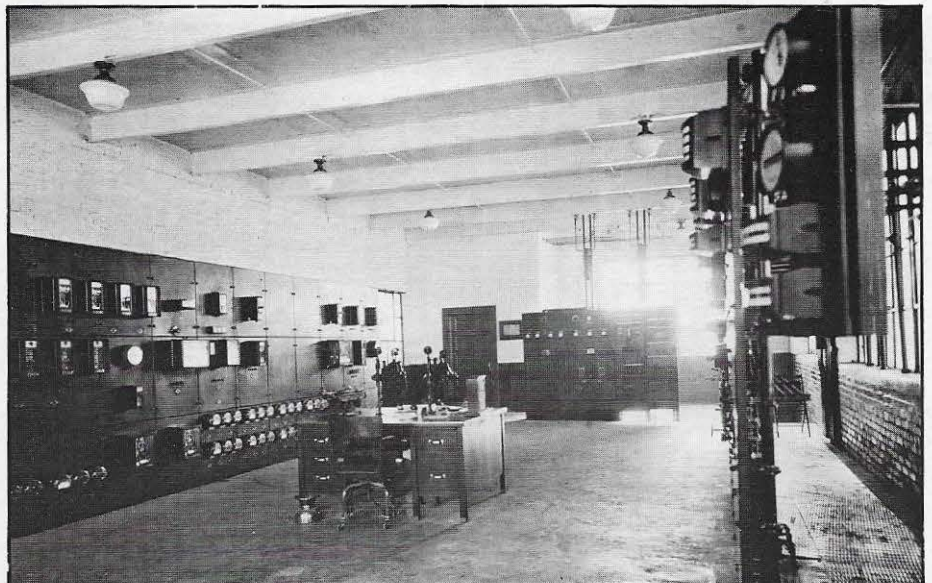
Consequently, on December 21, 1925, Kingsport Utilities was sold to the then American Gas and Electric Company (now American Electric Power Company). The following year a 132,000-volt 65-mile transmission line was constructed to Kingsport from Switchback, West Virginia, the location of a major substation of Appalachian Power Company (then Appalachian Electric Power Company). The line was put in operation in early 1927. Meanwhile, the old cement company power plant was used less and less and finally put in reserve for emergencies. It was last used during the Korean War, then was shut down and sold for scrap in 1954.

In 1964 the name of the company was changed to its present Kingsport Power Company. The company has grown from its beginning in 1917 to 34,608

customers in a 220-square mile operating area today. Almost 70 percent of Kingsport Power's residential customers use electric home heating. The first such installation was in 1946 — almost 37 years ago — in the home of the late Dr. Raymond Steadman, a Kingsport physician. The company's residential customers today use more electricity per capita (an average of 15,453 kwh in 1982) than the customers of any other utility in the nation. The Tri-Cities metropolitan area, which includes Kingsport as well as Johnson City and Bristol, is one of the top 100 retail markets in the country.

Kingsport Power, Tennessee's only investor-owned electric utility, lies in the midst of several Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) power distributors. A TVA dam, Fort Patrick Henry, is located on the edge of the city. Ironically, Kingsport Power provided power for the construction of this dam in the late 1950s.

Kingsport Power purchases its electric energy requirements from Appalachian Power, which with six coal-fired plants and 10 hydroelectric dams, has a generating capacity of almost 5.9 million kilowatts. □



This is how the operator's control room in Kingsport Utilities' 132 kv Holston Substation looked in 1928.



"Blacksmithing is something I have wanted to do since I was very young, but I just never had the opportunity to pursue it until the past year," says Tom Throckmorton, head forms and supplies section, GO General Services, Roanoke.

## A Link With The Past

"I think what fascinates me about it is that blacksmithing or wrought iron work dates back to early civilization. Throughout history all trades were dependent upon the blacksmith for their tools. In more recent years, of course, the blacksmith put himself out of business because he built machines that could do work faster and more efficiently than he could produce by hand.

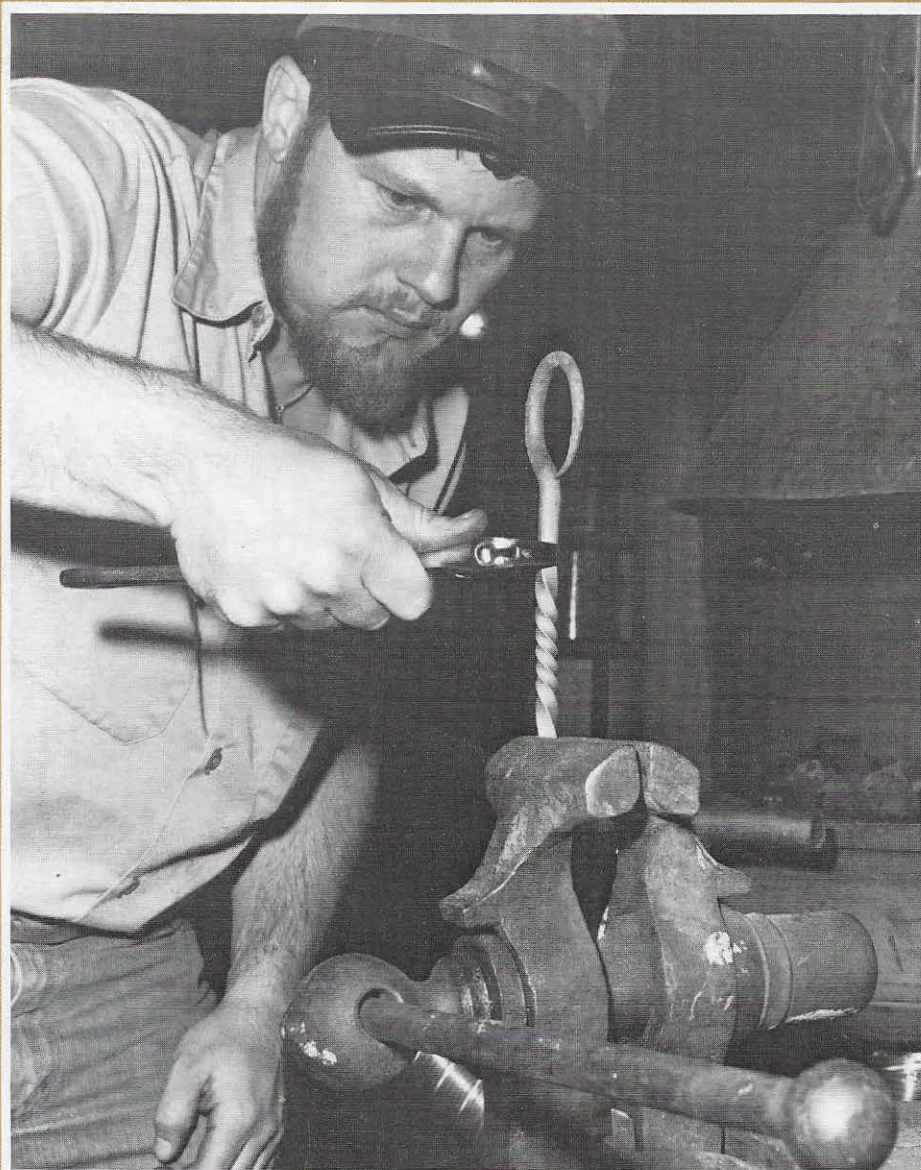
"As a matter of fact, the blacksmithing art was dying very rapidly by the close of the last century due to mass production. Since then the blacksmith has been more oriented toward repair work than producing new goods."

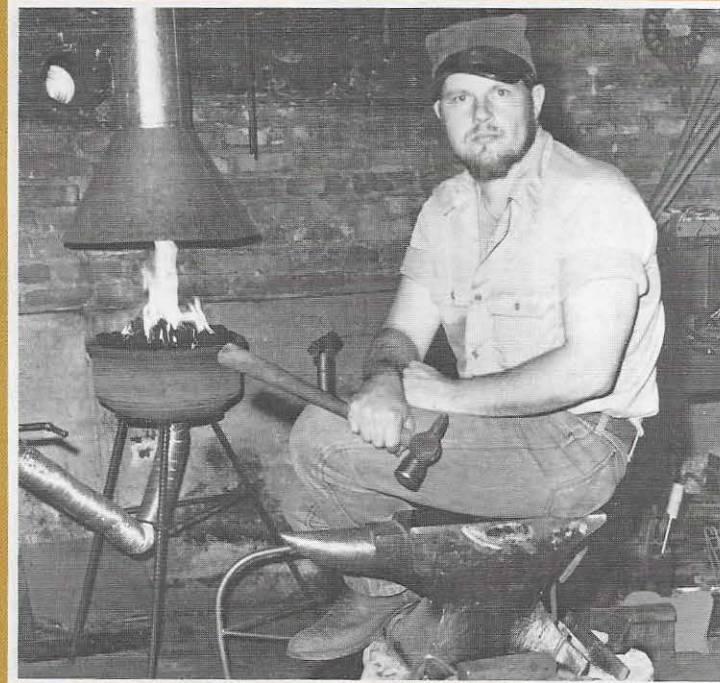
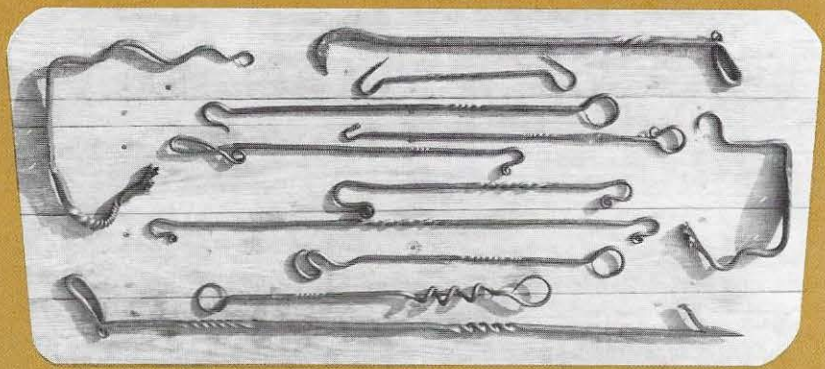
Tom adds, "There are about four or five good books in print today which give a good historical account of blacksmithing as well as cover most of the basic blacksmithing techniques and methods. They have been a tremendous source of help for me, but there is no substitute for just getting in the forge and working. There are no short cuts to it at all.

"Actually, blacksmithing does not require a tremendous investment. The main things are a forge, bellows, anvil and hammers. My anvil is an antique — I bought it from Frank Frango, Sr., retired transmission station supervisor, GO T&D, Roanoke."

Tom continues, "Sketching should be a big part of blacksmithing. Planning is just as important as doing the work because every hour you spend at the drawing board can probably be saved at the forge. You can't wait until after the metal gets hot to decide what you are going to do with it.

"The first thing you have to do in blacksmithing, of course, is build a forge fire. I use good quality soft coal for this. There are different degrees of heat which are required when you are working metals.





Forging temperature ranges anywhere from a bright cherry red to a light yellow one.

"The second thing is the selection of the material that you are going to work with. I have no problem finding material because we are primarily a wasteful society," he notes. "We are abundant in scrap materials of all sizes, shapes and quality. Probably my number one source is castoffs from the automobile industry — old cars and industrial scraps. Most any large industry has steel from time to time that is not useable for it, that is available. You can form most any size metal you can find into something useful.

"Most people identify blacksmithing with the ringing of the anvil. When you are working with iron, a blacksmith intentionally strikes the face of the anvil about every five or six blows. It not only relieves the tension in your arm but it also springs the hammer back up ready for the next blow to the work. If you hammer repeatedly without any relief, you become tired easily."

Tom says that no two pieces of hand

forged iron are ever identical. "As far as accomplishing a basic task or making a certain design, it all comes from the creative imagination of the blacksmith doing the work.

"All of the work I have produced has been for my household and friends. Some of the things I've made are decorative fireplace tools, kitchen tools, plant hangers, pot hooks and sculpture hooks.

"The dragon head hanger I made took about six hours to complete, which is the longest I've spent on any one item. The dragon's teeth were cut with a chisel.

"I could not make a living out of it because of the time required to make just one item," Tom adds. "I have to appreciate it as an art form instead of a trade. Blacksmithing certainly makes you appreciate the modern day conveniences.

"The pieces I have made are entirely done by hand, using no modern machinery, just a hammer and anvil. I have made various cutting tools which are used in the hardy hole on the anvil. I could make hammers, but why spend 9

hours making one when I could buy it for \$2 at a flea market?"

Tom has his forge set up in an old-two car garage in southeast Roanoke. "Not many people know I am doing it yet, but those who do enjoy coming and watching. The young children especially get really excited about seeing iron taking shape and being formed into something useful.

"My son is very much interested in blacksmithing, and he likes to come over and make things. He has made some fireplace pokers and lots of tent pegs for his Boy Scout troop. My wife thought I was crazy when I first started, but we are using a lot of things I have made in our house."

Tom concludes, "I really get a lot of personal satisfaction and pleasure out of doing it, and I definitely intend to continue. It's very relaxing, also, because you can vent all your frustrations on the anvil. But most of all I enjoy it because it is a link with the past. I know I can produce most anything that I care to make." □

# WEDDINGS



Jones-Chafin



Gibbins-McCrary



Matthews-Wright



Caldwell-Smallwood



Tucker-Austin



Griffith-Cooper

Deborah Kay Chafin to **David Thomas Jones**, Abingdon energy services engineer, April 30.

**Julie Anne McCrary** to Lt. Thomas Leslie Gibbins, April 9. Julie is the daughter of Morris E. McCrary, Jr., assistant accounting manager, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

**Kimberly Kaye Wright** to Dan Matthews, April 9. Kimberly is the daughter of Tivis M. Wright, Abingdon general servicer.

Susan Eileen Smallwood to **Curtis Gene Caldwell, Jr.**, April 23. Gene is the son of Curtis G. Caldwell, supervising clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

**Sonya Adair Austin** to Danny Ralph Tucker, May 7. Sonya is the daughter of Fred Austin, Lynchburg line crew supervisor exempt.

Gina D. Cooper to **Donald W. Griffith**, April 16. Donald is the son of R. R. Griffith, Charleston division superintendent.

**Tammy Loretta Hall** to **David Michael Hastings**, Kanawha River Plant maintenance mechanic C, April 30. Tammy is the daughter of James A. Hall, Kanawha River Plant unit supervisor.

J. Darlene Tingler to **James E. Sullivan, Jr.**, Central Machine Shop personnel supervisor, May 7.

Jann Robinson to **Jeffrey H. Rasnick**, April 9. Jeff is the son of John O. Rasnick, Abingdon station mechanic A. □

# BIRTHS

## Abingdon

Sarah Annette, daughter of **Debbie Belisle**, engineering technologist, April 27.

## John Amos

Courtney Dawn, daughter of **Scott Jenks**, utility operator A, May 1.

Kristan Renee, daughter of **Richard Rutledge**, utility worker, May 6.

## Beckley

Jane, daughter of **Jeffrey Rogers**, engineering technician, May 12.

## Bluefield

Aaron Matthew, son of **Russell Calfee**, engineering technician senior, April 30.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

Deanna Lynn, daughter of **Harry Bartles**, maintenance mechanic B, May 8.

## General Office

Harold Lee, son of **Robbie Rhodes**, cash clerk B, Go Accounting, Roanoke, April 30.

Kelley Jean, daughter of **Curtis Tatum**, r/w maintenance coordinator, GO T&D Forestry, Roanoke, May 8.

Jason Lee, son of **Jimmy Wagoner**, electric plant clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, May 13.

Victoria Grace, daughter of **Joe Campigotto**, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington, March 3.

John Samuel, II, son of **J. Sam Hartman**, personnel assistant, GO Personnel, Roanoke, May 4.

## Huntington

Linsey NiCole, daughter of **Mike Shafer** relay technician senior, April 4.

## Mountaineer

Brigitte, daughter of **Carolyn Lambert**, stores clerk, September 26, 1982.

## Pulaski

Holli Jeanette, daughter of **Jeanette Frazier**, Wytheville customer accounts representative B, April 15.

Adam Wayne, son of **Wally Brockmeyer**, line mechanic A, April 16.

Brandon Robert, son of **Doug Atkins**, Hillsville line mechanic C, April 24.

Alena Ann, daughter of **Pam Hayes**, customer accounts representative C, April 25.

# FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



**Frank C. Lake**, 78, retired Huntington stationman B, died April 21. A native of Wayne County, West Virginia, he came to work in 1933 as a relief pumpman at Kenova Plant and retired January 1, 1970. Lake was preceded in death by his wife.



**Gail P. Buck**, 60, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance mechanic B, died of a heart attack April 19. A native of Pomeroy, Ohio, he was employed in 1951 as a laborer and had been on LTD leave since December 30, 1980. Buck is survived by his widow Addie, 33120 Children's Road, Pomeroy, Ohio; one daughter and one son.



**John K. Morgan**, 60, retired Bluefield groundman, died April 26. A native of Roderfield, West Virginia, he began his career in 1948 as a laborer at Welch and elected early retirement June 1, 1965. Morgan is survived by his widow Avelee, Hemphill, W. Va.; one son and two stepsons.



**Wade Franklin Sage**, 80, retired system transmission man A, GO T&D, Bluefield, died April 17. A native of Wythe County, Virginia, he began his career in 1923 as a lineman and retired January 1, 1966. Sage is survived by his widow Effie May, 1505 Princeton Avenue, Princeton, W. Va.

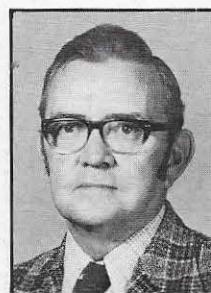


**Robert L. Howery**, 69, retired transmission man A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, died April 14. A native of Montgomery County, Virginia, he was employed in 1950 as a system lineman B and retired May 1, 1976. Howery is survived by his widow Myrtle, Route 2, Box 157, Christiansburg, Va.; two sons and one daughter.



**William Bates McGlothlin, Jr.**, 54, meter service mechanic B in the Marion area of Abingdon Division, died of an apparent heart attack May 12. A native of Pulaski, Virginia, he was employed in 1953 as a meter reader. McGlothlin is survived by his widow Peggy, 338 Clinton Avenue, Marion, Va.; one son and two daughters.

**Frederick J. Stalker**, 48, John Amos utility operator A, died April 28 of an apparent heart attack. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was employed in 1972 as a utility man B. Stalker is survived by his widow Frances, 315 Joseph Street, South Charleston, W. Va., and two daughters.

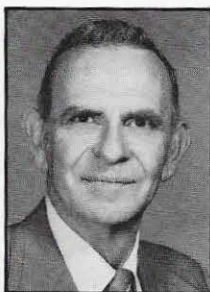


**Harvey Edgar Brown**, 68, retired maintenance mechanic A, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain, died May 7. A native of Dorothy, West Virginia, he began his career in 1942 as a special guard at the Cabin Creek Plant and retired December 1, 1979. Brown is survived by his widow Blanche, Route 3, Box 227 B, Gretna, Va.; and one son.

**Kathryn E. "Katie" Wilkerson**, 64, retired Charleston secretary-stenographer, died May 3. A native of Minden, West Virginia, she was first employed in 1937 as a clerk-stenographer and worked ten years. She rejoined the company in 1957 and stayed until taking early retirement September 1, 1980. Wilkerson is survived by her husband Herman, 158 Oakwood Road, Charleston, W. Va.; one son; two granddaughters and one half-sister.

**Henry L. Higgs**, 69, retired maintenance foreman at Radford Steam Plant, died April 21. A native of Giles County, Virginia, he was employed in 1949 and retired April 1, 1974. Higgs is survived by his widow Ora, 265 Economy Street, Christiansburg, Va. □

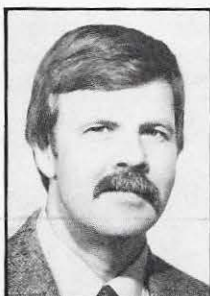
# PROMOTIONS



**Stevenson Carpenter**, Beckley engineering supervisor, was promoted to manager of the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division on May 1. He succeeds W. C. McMahan, who elected early retirement. Carpenter holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology and has attended the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.



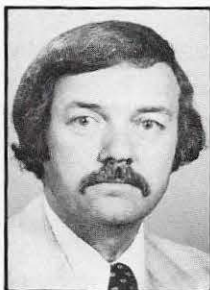
**William A. Rose**, electrical engineer senior, was promoted to Roanoke meter superintendent on May 1, succeeding David Bush. Rose holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



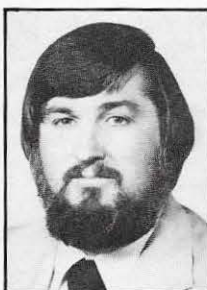
**Ronald L. Jamison**, electrical test supervisor, was promoted to station supervising engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



**John H. Tucker**, electrical engineer, was promoted to electrical engineer senior in Roanoke on May 1, succeeding William A. Rose. Tucker holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Military Institute.



**Jerry L. Dodson**, drafter A, was promoted to drafting supervisor, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, on March 1. He succeeds Richard J. Stinnett, who elected early retirement.



**Donald R. Dent**, station engineer senior, was promoted to station design supervisor, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, on March 1, succeeding G. G. Wilhelm, who elected early retirement. Dent holds an associate in science degree and bachelor in applied science degree in electrical engineering technology from Bluefield State College.



**Michael E. Howard**, worker compensation assistant, GO Personnel, Roanoke, was promoted to personnel supervisor of Kanawha River Plant on May 1, succeeding Wayne Carter. Howard holds a bachelor of science degree in social welfare from Shepherd College.



**Lee H. Vaught**, meter engineer senior, was promoted to meter supervising engineer (lab), GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, on March 1, succeeding John E. Beall, who elected early retirement. Vaught holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.



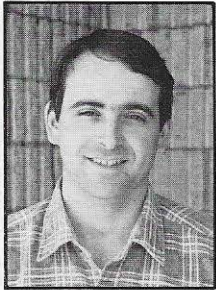
**David T. Bush**, meter superintendent, was promoted to Roanoke energy services supervisor on May 1, succeeding Daniel E. Vaught. Bush holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Military Institute.



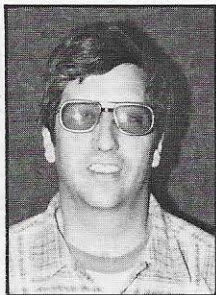
**James H. "Jay" Johnson, III**, station construction supervisor, was promoted to station supervising engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, on March 1. He holds an associate in applied science degree from Roanoke Technical Institute.



# Kingsport JA company wins awards



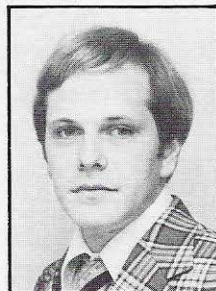
**Carl R. Scaggs**, assistant yard superintendent at Mountaineer Plant, was promoted to yard superintendent at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Rockport Plant, effective April 1. Scaggs has been attending Parkersburg Community College, working towards an associate degree in mechanical engineering.



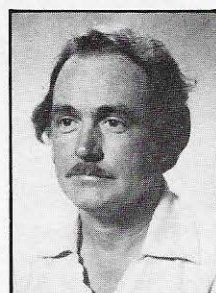
**Ralph E. Life**, plant performance superintendent at Mountaineer Plant, was promoted to operations superintendent at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Rockport Plant on April 1. He holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



**Duane T. Phlegar**, outage coordinator at John Amos Plant, has been promoted to maintenance superintendent at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Rockport Plant, effective June 1. Phlegar holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio Northern University.



**Gregory W. Massey**, performance engineer senior, was promoted to plant engineer at John Amos Plant on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. □



**Jack Williams**, area service restorer, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in the Wytheville area of Pulaski Division on April 23.



JA Director Mark Dewitte, left, presents Patti Taylor with her award as young businesswoman of the year.

CONDUCTORS, the Junior Achievement company sponsored by Kingsport Power, had a most successful year. CONDUCTORS received \$1,926 for their sale of desk pen sets, cheese boards and window cleaner and was able to return to their stockholders 89 cents per share on an original investment of \$1 when the company was liquidated March 24.

At the annual Future Unlimited banquet of the Kingsport Junior Achievement program, CONDUCTORS was recognized as the fifth best of 17 companies. Two Junior Achievers from CONDUCTORS received special awards: David Woody, vice president of marketing, was named young businessman of the year and Patti Taylor, vice president of personnel, was named young businesswoman of the year.



David Woody, left, receives his award as young businessman of the year from JA Director Mark DeWitte.

# WHO'S NEWS

## Clinch River

**George "Sweet Pea" Munsey**, maintenance mechanic B, and his partner John Talbert won second place in the two-man canoe division in the second annual Honaker Redbud Festival Canoe Race. □

## Logan-Williamson

**Tammy Renee**, daughter of Eugene Hatfield, line crew supervisor, was selected for the majorette squad at Eastern Kentucky University. Currently a senior at Belfry High School, she has been a member of its majorette squad for four years, serving as co-captain her sophomore year and captain her junior and senior years. She was selected as Miss Majorette for two consecutive years at the Fred J. Miller Summer Camp at Marshall University. She has been a member of the band committee for three years and plays the clarinet during concert season. Tammy has been awarded many trophies in twirling events, including state competition. □

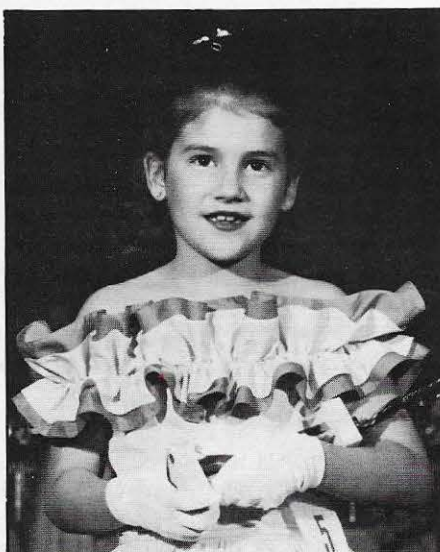
## General Office

**Brad**, son of Robert Staton, right of way administrator, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, won first place in history day competition at Hollins College. The theme of the competition was "War as the Turning Point in History", and Brad did extensive work on his family genealogy. A sophomore at Salem High School, Brad placed second in state competition.

**Maryellen**, daughter of Dan Janosko, civil engineer senior, won first place in a statewide contest sponsored by the Virginia State University Music Department for high school solo and ensemble. She played a flute solo, "Papillion", while in competition in the orchestra instrument solo division of the contest. Maryellen is a member of the Roanoke Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Chancel Orchestra of First Baptist Church, Roanoke. She has been guest flutist for the

eastern regional meeting of the National Christian Women's Club. A sophomore at Roanoke Valley Christian School, she is a flute student in the preparatory division of music at Roanoke College.

**Michael**, son of Ed Bradley, labor relations supervisor, GO Personnel, Roanoke, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Cave Spring Junior High.



**Melanie**, nine-year-old daughter of Betty Lou Carter, editor of publications, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, was awarded a trophy for being a finalist in the Miss Preteen Roanoke Valley contest. □

## Mountaineer

**Dave Martin**, personnel assistant, was elected vice president of the Mid-Ohio Valley Industrial Emergency Planning Council and to the board of directors of the Ripley Rotary Club. □

## Charleston

**Darrance Woodrum**, marketing and customer services advisor, assisted the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce in developing the "All West Virginia City" program for 1983. "All West Virginia City" is a self-appraisal program for assisting communities in analyzing their particular situations and then formulating plans for improvement, thereby gaining recognition for the community effort. The program stresses the appraisal, reporting and recording of a town or city's progress during a calendar year. □

## Central Machine

**Jim Sullivan**, personnel supervisor, was elected treasurer of the Charleston Chapter, American Society for Personnel Administration.

The Dunbar High School track team, coached by **Steve Caldwell**, won the Class AA Region III track meet at Barboursville, W. Va. Steve is the husband of Debbie Caldwell, personnel clerk B. □

## Bluefield

**Debbie**, daughter of John Davidson, head T&D clerk, received the Best Actress award at the 32nd annual West Virginia State High School Drama Festival.

**Marie**, wife of Retired Meter Electrician "Toots" Nash, was installed as president of the Bluefield, Va., Literary Club.

New officers of the Bluefield Jaycees include: **Larry Houston**, engineering technologist, GO T&D Communications, president; **Paul Kehrer**, communications engineer, GO T&D Communications, internal vice president; and **George Filer**, electrical engineer, state director. □



**Bill Wooldrige**, right, a quarterback for Grundy High School's Golden Wave football team, is presented this year's Mark Vanmeter Scholarship Award by Mark's father, Horace Vanmeter. Mark was an outstanding athlete at Grundy High School before being killed in a vehicle accident in 1981. The award is given to an athlete on the basis of leadership, academics, sportsmanship and all-around athletic ability. Bill is the son of Billie Wooldrige, Grundy customer accounts representative B.

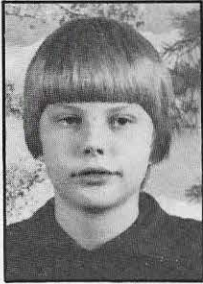
## Huntington

**Jon Atchley**, residential representative, was elected president of the Huntington Jaycees.



Other Jaycee officers elected include: **Elvin Epting**, electrical engineer, secretary; and **Larry Jackson** and **Mark McVey**, electrical engineers, local directors. □

**Richard**, son of Ann Hall, Point Pleasant customer accounts representative C, was one of four students from Mason County to win the Golden Horse Shoe Award, one of the most outstanding honors given to a student in West Virginia. His aunt, Lona Jones, is author of the book, "The Gateway to the Golden Horse Shoe".



## Pulaski



Retiree **Fred Bennington** has been elected president of the Independence Lions Club.

**Ernestine**, wife of Bob Dalton, Wytheville customer accounting supervisor NE, has been elected recording secretary of the Wytheville Woman's Club.

**Joe Weddle**, marketing and customer services supervisor, has been elected third vice president of the Pulaski Lions Club.

Two employees' children won awards in a Blacksburg-Pulaski Middle School track meet. **Renee**, daughter of Shirley Moon, customer accounts representative B, placed first in high jump and set a new school record with a jump of 4'10".

Shirley's other daughter, **Darlene**, took third place in the 440. **Claudia**, daughter of Mike Cox, line mechanic A, placed third in the discus event.

**Kelly**, daughter of Fred Myers, customer accounts supervisor, has been selected for the Pulaski County High School varsity football cheerleading squad for the 1983 season.

**Dan**, husband of Debbie Grubb, customer accounts representative C, was named "outstanding young man" by the Pulaski Jaycees. He has filled most local Jaycee offices, served in a regional capacity and is a candidate for state vice president. □

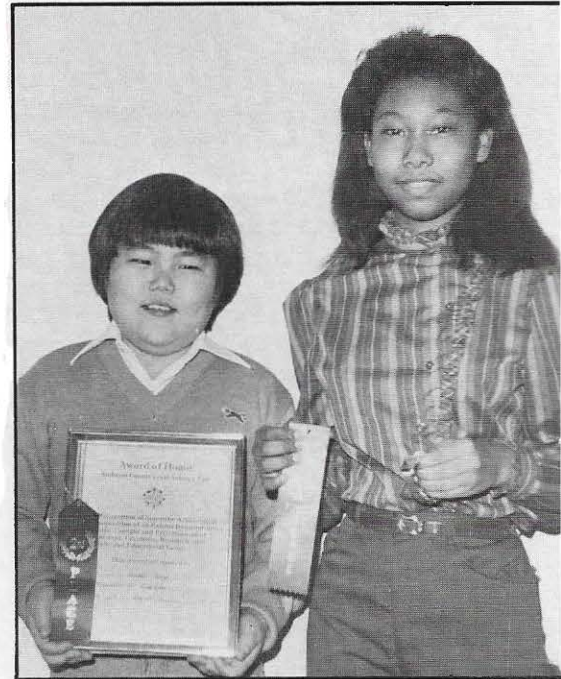


## Lynchburg



**Kaye Mitchell**, station mechanic C, coached a basketball team of 9- to 14-year-olds which won second place in regular season play and first place in the Lynchburg Recreation Department league tournament. The team also won the sportsmanship award at the end of the season. Kaye also participated as a player-coach in the Women's City Bas-

ketball League. Her team was undefeated against six others and won honors as both league champion and tournament champion.



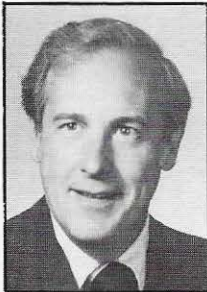
**Ronald and Penny**, children of Don Casey, garage supervisor, won awards at their respective schools. Ronald, an eighth grader at Monelison Junior High, won second place in the Amherst County Science Fair with his entry on the study of earthworms. In addition to a check for \$5, he received a certificate from the superintendent of Amherst County Schools. Penny, a junior at Amherst County High School, won first place in the National Career Guidance Poetry Contest for her poem entitled "In Search of Career". She received a ribbon and wristwatch.

**Sonny White**, division superintendent, was appointed by the Lynchburg City Manager to a three-year term on the Electrical Board of Examiners.

Winners of the Lynchburg Division Spring Golf Tournament, held at Cedar Hills Golf Club, were: **Bill Robertson**, station mechanic A, low gross; **G. C. Golladay**, retired area serviceman, runner-up low gross; **Mel Wilson**, administrative assistant, low net; and **Tom Witt**, meter supervisor, runner-up low net. **Bill** also won an award for closest to the pin, second hole, and **Tom** for the longest tee shot, 15th hole. □

## Roanoke

David, son of Ralph Amos, general line supervisor, was recognized at the Roanoke College Honors Convocation for the following accomplishments: (1) Honor student senior scholar in foreign languages — French. To receive this honor, the student must have at least a 3.2 cumulative academic average and must have completed at least 27 units of credit; (2) French government book prize, awarded annually by the French government to the best and most promising student of French; and (3) Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1982-83.



**Robert D. Webster**, division manager, is serving a one-year term as president of the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**KiKi and Hugo**, daughter and son of Nell Hughes, Fieldale customer services representative, won several ribbons in competition at the Lions Club Field Day held at Drewry Mason High School. KiKi, a fourth grader, won second place in softball toss and dash. Hugo, a second grader, won 1st place in dash; second place in soccer kick and softball throw; and third place in softball toss, running broad jump and standing broad jump.

**Richard Casey**, Rocky Mount meter service mechanic A, bowled on the five-member Casey's Team which won the Tuesday Night Major League Tournament at Vinton Bowling Center. Casey's Team, which competed against 13 teams composed of the best bowlers in the Roanoke Valley, won \$1,050 for its first place finish. This was the second consecutive year that Casey's Team has won this tournament.



Paul Faulkner, right, was the winner of the Cub Scout Pack #36 Pinewood Derby in Floyd, Virginia. His father, Robert Faulkner, Pulaski line mechanic A, left, placed third in the adult division.



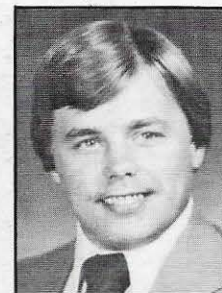
**Polly**, wife of Ted Greer, Stuart line mechanic C, receives a plaque from James Handy on behalf of the Patrick Springs Ruritans in recognition of her being named "mother of the year" by the club. She was also one of three Scouting leaders in the State of Virginia who received the "thanks badge", the highest honor given by Girl Scouts to its adult leaders. The award recognizes devotion to duty and to principals of Girl Scouting beyond normal expectations.

**Rob Glenn**, energy services engineer, was elected to a one-year term as external vice president of the Roanoke Jaycees. □

## Ryder earns PE status

**Joe Ryder**, transmission engineer, GO T&D, Bluefield, has been certified as a registered professional civil engineer in the State of West Virginia.

A civil engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Ryder joined Appalachian in June 1978. □



# A flair for spotting money



Guy Funk, Roanoke garage supervisor (left), hands over the \$2,500 check he found to its rightful owner, Courtney Hoge.

May 5 was a cool, blustery day in Roanoke. Trees swayed, and scraps of paper swirled around downtown. Coincidentally, as Guy Funk stepped from the Second Street Garage to his car to take paychecks to employees at the River Avenue Service Center, he spied another check.

"I could tell right off the bat that it was money," said Guy, Roanoke garage supervisor. "I looked down beside the door of my car, and there it was."

It was a \$2,500 check to Courtney Hoge, who works for an insurance agency in downtown Roanoke. Hoge was contacted and reunited with the elusive check, which had fallen out of his coat pocket while he was at the federal building across the street from the Appalachian garage. Before learning of the whereabouts of the check, Hoge said that he had practically turned his car and office inside out.

Guy and money, at least the kind found by chance, have a long-standing relationship. "I have a flair for spotting money," he said. "I can spot it a mile away." That's an understatement.

The exact spot that produced Mr. Hoge's check was the source of an earlier

"find." The occasion was Christmas eve several years ago. "This time I found a check for \$199. It was an expense check for a man who worked for a government agency in the federal building.

He called the newspaper to tell them what happened, and there was a story about how an APCo man saved Christmas for him," Guy said.

"On another occasion I found a pocketbook loaded with money. What attracted my attention was the \$100 bill sticking out of it. Once at Campbell and Jefferson downtown I spotted a small purse in a crack in the sidewalk. In both of these cases the purses contained identification, and I contacted the owners," he said.

Guy laughed about one incident in which he discovered cash and no identification. "Over in southwest Roanoke one day, when I was working in Engineering, Perrow Peters (now retired) and I were in an alley looking at a pole transformer. I saw some money under his foot, he was standing right on it, so I said, 'Come on over here.' When he moved, I reached down and picked up nine neatly folded \$1 bills. He was fit to be tied," Guy

recalled.

"Once when division T&D worked out of Walnut Avenue, I was driving a car and pulling off the company property. I spotted a wad of bills in a money clip. I could tell it was a lot of money. I told the fellow riding with me to jump out and get the money. Just about that time a man came around the corner and picked up the money. Then he started just peeling those bills off," he said.

Several months ago he returned a pocketbook containing money, which he found at the Second Street garage, to a company employee.

"As I recall, the first money I ever found was when I was 12 years old. It was at Pollard and Lee streets in Vinton. I saw a \$5 bill in the street that looked like it had been ironed. So I swung around a utility pole and just swooped it up. Five dollars back then was a lot of money. I ate hot dogs and went to the show that day. I spent for a week on that money," he said, with a smile.

In fact, the experiences Guy has had with "found" money are too numerous to mention. One thing for sure: if he can find the owner, he will. "If anybody appreciates it, I'm glad to help," he said. □

# SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



Keith Lazenby  
r/w supervisor  
GO-Charleston  
45 years



Harley Dove  
trans. mech. A  
GO-Roanoke  
35 years



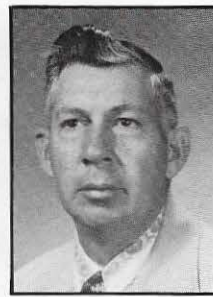
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cust. serv. clerk A  
Huntington  
35 years



Carl Elkins  
mkt. & cust. ser. supv.  
Huntington  
35 years



Lewis Thomas  
energy serv. tech.  
Lynchburg  
35 years



Bennie Thompson  
shift op. engineer  
Clinch River  
35 years



Jim Kirby  
T&D clerk A  
Beckley  
35 years



Robert Miller  
line mech. A (LTD)  
Huntington  
35 years



Richard McKinney  
trans. sta. supv. (LTD)  
GO-Bluefield  
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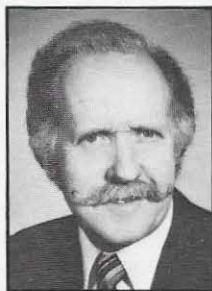
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cashier A  
Huntington  
30 years



Ralph Mudgett  
civil eng. supt.  
GO-Roanoke  
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Red Coffman  
chemist asst.  
Glen Lyn  
30 years



Leslie Erwin  
meter reader (LTD)  
Huntington  
30 years



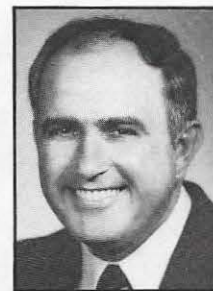
Virginia Black  
mkt. & cust. serv. rep.  
Huntington  
30 years



Joseph DeGarmo  
asst. sec. mgr. (LTD)  
AEP-Huntington  
25 years



Lucille Stewart  
cust. accts. rep. A  
Bluefield  
20 years



Fred Austin  
line crew supv. E  
Lynchburg  
20 years

## Abingdon

5 years: **Helen Findley**, customer accounts representative C.

## John Amos

15 years: **Robert Adkins**, outage coordinator. 10 years: **Duaine Cowley**, maintenance mechanic A. **Lloyd Gibson**, maintenance mechanic A. **Gregory Dunlap**, stores attendant. **Gary Clark**, maintenance mechanic A. **John Birchfield**, maintenance mechanic A. **Herbert Miller**, maintenance supervisor. **Donald Parsons**, maintenance mechanic C. **Peter Carter**, maintenance mechanic C. **Ronnie Freeman**, maintenance mechanic C. **Arnold Beller**, maintenance mechanic B. **Tommie Bell**, maintenance supervisor. **Larry Tolley**, maintenance supervisor. 5 years: **Mary Cash**, custodian.

## Beckley

10 years: **John Hall**, meter reader.

## Central Machine Shop

10 years: **Gene Perry**, production supervisor. **Carlton Asbury**, winder 1st class. **Bob Spencer**, machinist 1st class. **Jay McClung, Jr.**, power equipment mechanic 1st class. 5 years: **Pop McGee**, machinist 1st class.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

5 years: **D. S. Connolly**, maintenance mechanic A. **W. M. Whittington**, maintenance mechanic A.

## Clinch River

15 years: **Jimmy Cox**, plant clerk A. 5 years: **Russell Ferguson**, utility coal attendant. **Ronald Harrison**, stores attendant.

## General Office

40 years: **Robbie Sink**, customer accounting clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 15 years: **Dave Baumgardner, Jr.**, station mechanic C, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Warren Miller**, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Station, Huntington. **Roger McComas**, station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Huntington. **Dwight Kirby**, station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Huntington. **Stephen Keaton**, transmission station supervisor NE, GO T&D Station, Bluefield. 10 years: **Janie Ollie**, senior data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Joan Ayers**, senior data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 5 years: **Thomas Runyan**, station operator B, GO Operations, Huntington. **David McElraff**, station operator B, GO Operations, Abingdon. **William Crawford, Jr.**, meter reading supervisor, GO Marketing & Customer Services, Roanoke. **Sheila Farmer**, cash clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Lisa Lackland**, stenographer, GO General Services, Roanoke.

## Huntington

10 years: **Larry Blain**, auto mechanic A, Point Pleasant. **Matthew Harmon**, engineering supervisor. **Charles Thompson**, meter electrician B. **David Morris**, line mechanic A. 5 years: **David Radcliff**, meter reader. **William Bradford**, electrical engineer.

## Kahawha River

10 years: **W. D. Richards**, maintenance mechanic A. **T. L. Cooper**, conveyor operator. 5 years: **C. W. May, Jr.**, auxiliary equipment operator. **P. R. Galloway**, maintenance mechanic C. **R. D. Kitchen**, auxiliary equipment operator. **S. S. Pritchard**, maintenance mechanic C.

## Kanawha Valley Power

15 years: **Teddy Pendleberry**, hydro utility operator.

## Lynchburg

10 years: **Bill Hensley**, line mechanic A.

## Mountaineer

5 years: **Carl Pettry**, stores attendant. **Bill McCarley**, stores attendant.

## Pulaski

15 years: **Jimmy Johnson**, meter reader.

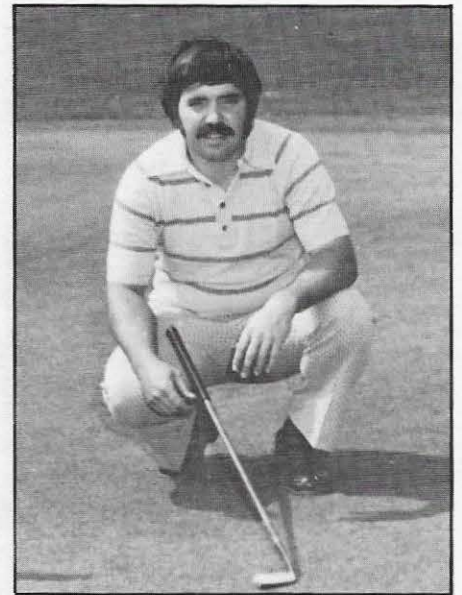
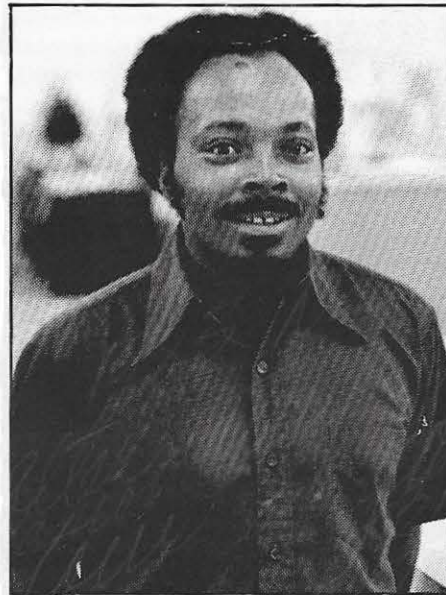
## Roanoke

5 years: **Harold Stephen Foster**, automotive mechanic A.

## Philip Sporn

5 years: **Richard Connolly**, auxiliary equipment operator. **Daniel Harvey**, maintenance mechanic C. □

# 2nd annual APCo golf tourney held at Pipestem



Harold Cutlip of Bluefield, right, and Chester Robinson of Galax, left, tied for first place in the 2nd Annual APCo Golf Tournament.

Thirty-seven employees participated in the 2nd Annual Appalachian Power Company Golf Tournament last month at Pipestem State Park, Pipestem, West Virginia. The tournament was organized by Jim Nisbet, Logan-Williamson marketing and customer services supervisor.

Cash prizes were awarded those placing first, second and third in each flight. Harold Cutlip of Bluefield and Chester Robinson of Galax tied for first place in the championship flight with a 77. Bob Thomas of Beckley came in third with an 83. Other flight winners were: 1st flight — Bill Akers, Pulaski, 84; Dave Ranson, Beckley, 88; and Ralph John-

son, Huntington, 89. 2nd flight — Merve Anderson, Bluefield, 91; C. R. Wilson, Logan, 93; and Billy Ball, Bluefield, 97. 3rd flight — Mike Jones, Point Pleasant, 92; Dan Tickle, Pulaski, 94; and Steve Carpenter, Point Pleasant, 94.

Special prizes awarded included: fewest putts — Jack Howard, Beckley; longest drive #1 — Harold Cutlip, Bluefield; longest drive #10 — Doug Bryant, Point Pleasant; most birdies — Steve Carpenter, Point Pleasant. Also, most pars — Harold Cutlip, Bluefield; most bogies — Woody Ball, Bluefield; closest pin #8 — Dave Ranson, Beckley; and highest score — Gary Watson, Logan. □

# Two honored as secretaries of the year

Two Appalachian Power women have been selected as secretaries of the year by their respective chapters of Professional Secretaries International (PSI). Linda Kegley, stenographer in the Abingdon Marketing and Customer Services Department, was chosen by the Washington County Chapter, PSI. Lois Rounion, retired Bluefield secretary-stenographer, was selected by the Bluefield Chapter, PSI.

The chapter award is bestowed annually with the selection of secretary of the year determined from a point system, based on PSI activities, education and business experience. The selection is made by three judges representing the fields of education, business and secretarial.

A graduate of Southwest Virginia Community College with an AAS degree in secretarial science, Linda joined the Washington County Chapter in 1979 as a charter member. She has served as its recording secretary, president elect and president. She also has served on various committees and was chairman of the seminar committee for spring 1983. Linda represented the Washington County Chapter at division level competition for secretary of the year in Blacksburg, Virginia, last month.

Lois is a charter member of the Bluefield Chapter and has served two terms as



Rounion

vice president, two terms as president, and parliamentary advisor for several successive presidents. Other activities include assisting in the organization and chartering of PSI chapters in Williamson, Morgantown, Princeton and Beckley, W. Va., and Richlands, Va. She has also served the West Virginia Division PSI as vice president two terms, president two terms and in the capacity of parliamentary advisor.

Lois was named first secretary of the year of the West Virginia Division and has

received her chapter's honor twice prior to the 1983 award.

Lois is currently on the staff at Bland Street United Methodist Church, Bluefield, working as part-time secretary and as secretary to the administrative board. She is also secretary of the board of the Bluefield Community Association. □



Linda Kegley, left, accepts the secretary of the year award from Linda Carty, right, chairman, secretary of the year committee, Washington County Chapter, PSI.



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