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The Cover

The Charleston APCo employees' entry placed third in the bed race sponsored by the Charleston Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The winners were determined by the length of time it took for the teams to push the beds through traffic in downtown Charleston. A crowd of 2,000 viewed the race, which raised more than \$800 for muscular dystrophy. Appalachian's team was made up of (starting at left, counter clockwise) John Coleman, automotive mechanic B; Dallas Dunn, head custodian; Charlie Schnell, head meter reader; Pat Taylor, customer accounts supervisor; and Eddie Stone, customer accounting supervisor. Reddy Kilowatt was portrayed by Tony Nutter, meter reader. Others who participated were: Anthony Lloyd, line mechanic C; Chad, son of Pat Taylor; and Matt, son of Karen Smith, office messenger. Charleston Division employees received a citation of merit for their participation from MDA National Chairman Jerry Lewis.

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
5/31/83	1.6691	.5991	2.4926	.4012	1.5943	.6272
6/30/83	1.6863	.5930	2.5878	.3864	1.4817	.6749

VPU — value per unit

UCPD — units credited per dollar

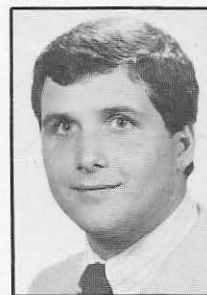
HOW TO READ THE ABOVE CHART: The first column lists the days on which unit values are figured; the second shows the market price or value of each unit on that day; and the third indicates how many units you could have bought for \$1 on that day. For example, if the market value or "value per unit" of 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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Friedrich loaned to United Way

Brian Friedrich, Charleston electrical



engineer, is serving as a loaned executive to the United Way of Kanawha Valley during July and August.

Appalachian Power is one of several companies in the valley which are providing

employees to work full time to assist in the annual fund raising campaign. Friedrich will assist in developing and conducting campaigns within the commerce and industry group. □

Fleeman saves victim of motorcycle crash



Jerry Fleeman used first aid techniques learned in company classes to save the life of a young boy who was hurt in a motorcycle crash.

When Pearisburg Meter Reader Jerry Fleeman started out on a routine electric service reconnection assignment last month, he was unaware that before the evening was over he would save the life of an 11-year-old boy.

Jerry recalls, "I was on my way to Narrows via the old road, which has a lot of curves. I was following a motorcycle, which suddenly went out of control, crashed into the guard rail, and sailed a few feet in the air. The driver of the motorcycle was thrown off, and his son

was thrown over the rail.

"When I reached the victims, I saw that the man's head was cut, but he was nowhere near the bad shape his child was in. Since I could work on only one at a time, I had to work on the worst one. Both the boy's arms were laid open, his ear was cut, and a piece of his leg was gone.

"I always thought I would keel over if I saw something like that, but I found out I was strong after all. I did what I had learned in the company first aid courses. First of all, I got the boy's mouth open to get the blood out. Then I ripped the lining out of my winter coat, which I kept behind my truck seat, and stopped the bleeding. I kept his arms down tight by his sides so no more blood could seep out.

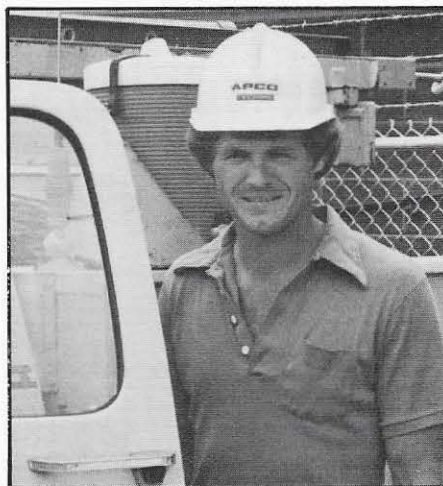
"I told the first person who came by to call a rescue squad as quickly as possible. The man was taken to the hospital and released, but the boy was in surgery most of the night. The next morning I called the hospital to check on him, and he was in stable condition. Later I went to see the boy, and he was doing fine. His parents thanked me for my help." □

Steve Chapman saves man's life

A truck accident victim is alive today because of the quick action of Steve Chapman, line mechanic C in the St. Albans area of Charleston Division.

Steve was driving on Route 214 at Alum Creek, West Virginia, when he witnessed a truck go out of control and land upside down in a creek. When Steve reached the overturned vehicle, he found the unconscious driver hanging upside down in the water. The driver regained consciousness soon after Steve removed him from the truck.

"The guy had on his seat belt; otherwise, chances are he would have been killed," Steve notes. As it turned out, all the victim received were minor cuts and bruises. □



Steve Chapman saved a truck accident victim from drowning.

200,000th electric heating customer added to APCo lines

Appalachian Power Company began serving its 200,000th residential electric heating customer during June.

"The trend toward electric heat is growing," noted Appalachian President John W. Vaughan. "During the past 12 months, 67 percent of all new homes completed in our service area used electric heat. For the first five months of 1983, this trend went up to 69 percent."

Vaughan added that the 200,000 electric heating customers represent 30 percent of all of Appalachian's residential customers. He pointed out that 113,000 of those customers are in Virginia and 87,000 are in West Virginia.

Vaughan said that the increased use of electric heating reflected a growing awareness of its benefits by customers, as well as advances in heating equipment and processes. "The efficiency of the electric heat pump is well documented," he said, "as is its ability to cut heating costs. In the summer, the heat pump provides its users with a bonus: high efficiency central air conditioning." A third of the electrically heated homes completed this year use heat pumps.

A U.S. Department of Energy publication reports that the add-on heat pump, which can be added to most existing forced air furnaces regardless of fuel type, can lower the cost of heating a home using such equipment anywhere from 25 to 45 percent.

Vaughan said that other kinds of electric heating offer different advantages to users. For example, American Electric Power has long been researching ways to serve customers while keeping the need for expensive new generating facilities as low as possible. "One way this can be done is to shift the load to the off-peak hours of 11 P.M. until 7 A.M.," Vaughan said. "An effective way that residential customers can do this — and take advantage of special low off-peak rates — is with the use of Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) furnaces and hot water tanks."

He explained that ETS furnaces are designed to store heat during off-peak

hours and to release it when needed during on-peak times. □

Tax-deferral option accepted by 33% of employees

The new voluntary tax-deferral option of the AEP System Employees Savings Plan, which allows an employee to shelter part of his income from current income taxes until distribution, was termed a success by Robert H. Strahan, director of compensation and benefits of the AEP Service Corporation. The option was offered to all Savings Plan participants during the month of June.

The option, which went into effect on August 1, was accepted by 33.4 percent of the 14,537 System employees in the plan. Final statistics revealed that the average employee invests 7.2 percent of his salary in the plan; and, of the employees who elected the tax deferral option, their average contribution rate was 8.9 percent.

Tests on the initial elections (which are required by IRS) showed that a full 16 percent deferral was permissible for employees in the higher paid group. These tests will be repeated periodically and, if a reduction in deferral is required, higher paid employees who are affected will be individually notified.

To participate in this option at the outset, employees had to have made their election by July 1. However, other plan participants can elect to participate in the future according to regular plan rules. □

APCo sales low despite new summer peak demand

Very high temperatures combined with extremely high humidity resulted in the AEP System and four of its operating companies, including Appalachian Power, setting all-time internal summer peaks last month.

At 2 P.M. EDT July 21, the AEP System reached a peak of 14,234,000 kilowatts. The System's previous internal summer peak of 13,803,000 kw was set on July 9, 1981.

At 3 P.M. EDT July 20, Appalachian Power had a peak demand of 4,140,000 kilowatts. This peak exceeded by about one percent the previous summer high of 4,089,000 kw, set in July 1981.

At 2 P.M. EDT the following day, Appalachian had a new peak demand of 4,260,000 kw.

As the term "peak" indicates, customers' use of electricity usually starts at a relatively low level, climbs to the daily high point and then falls away as temperatures drop.

"Despite our new summer peak, our actual 1983 sales of electricity remain relatively low," explained John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian. He said sales for the first six months of 1983 are about four percent below the same period of 1982. "These new peak demands, however, demonstrate why the company must maintain its construction program to be ready to meet our customers' needs for electric power on the hottest and coldest days." He noted that the company has a \$100-million construction and maintenance program for this year. □

Proposed acid rain legislation could cost AEP \$5.1 billion

The American Electric Power System reports that a new study, using a standard industry formula, shows that proposed "acid rain" legislation would cost some of its residential customers up to \$700 per year. The average increase would be \$265 per year.

The AEP figures are part of a new 24-company study which uses a standard approach to gain a more realistic estimate of the costs that acid rain legislation would impose on the public. The new study is based on a format developed by the Edison Electric Institute, a national trade association of investor-owned utilities, and approved by National Economic Research Associates, Inc., an internationally recognized economic consulting firm.

Costs were based on compliance with Senate Bill 768 proposed by Sen. Robert T. Stafford (R-Vt.) that would require an 8-million-ton reduction in sulfur-dioxide emissions by 1995.

To comply, AEP would have to install flue-gas-desulfurization facilities (scrubbers) on seven generating units, switch to lower-sulfur coal for two units and

prematurely retire six units. AEP said emissions also would be reduced through the normal retirement of 16 units by 1995.

The total capital cost of this compliance program would be \$5.1 billion, including \$2.6 billion for scrubbers and \$2.5 billion to replace capacity prematurely retired.

The increase in annual costs would reach a peak of \$1.143 billion by 1995.

W. S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, said, "The costs of such irresponsible or ill-conceived acid rain legislation would impose a tremendous burden on an area that is struggling to cope with the effects of the recession.

"It is even more disturbing to think that our customers may have to pay these costs when no one can guarantee that this multi-billion dollar gamble will produce any benefits," he said.

The company said the costs of complying with the proposed acid-rain legislation would vary among the eight companies. The highest increases would be experienced by customers of Ohio Power Company and Wheeling Electric

Company. Acid rain legislation would cost these customers about \$700 more per year.

Ohio Power would have to install scrubbers on three generating units and prematurely retire four units. Customers of Wheeling Electric Company would also pay for the costs of this program since Ohio Power generates the electricity used by it.

Conversely, costs for customers of Appalachian Power Company would not increase because of acid-rain legislation. Appalachian Power would be able to comply with the proposed standards through the normal retirement of four generating units prior to 1995.

The following table shows the estimated average increases in annual household costs that would result from proposed acid rain legislation:

	Increase in Annual Household Costs
Appalachian Power	\$ 0
Columbus and Southern	
Ohio Electric	\$ 76
Indiana & Michigan Electric	\$378
Kentucky Power	\$166
Kingsport Power	\$ 0
Michigan Power	\$378
Ohio Power	\$699
Wheeling Electric	\$699
AEP System	\$265

The results of the new study are basically consistent with a prior acid-rain control cost study developed by AEP last year. The previous study had estimated the costs of complying with a different legislative proposal that would have required a 10-million ton reduction in sulfur-dioxide emissions by 1990. In the new study, the company adapted its compliance strategy to the lesser emission-reduction requirement and the longer compliance deadline contained in the latest legislative proposals.

In the previous study, AEP had estimated it would need to install scrubbers on 16 units, switch to lower-sulfur coal for four units and prematurely retire seven units. No generating units were scheduled for normal retirement in the previous study. The estimated capital cost in the previous study were \$7.165 billion. □

A space age news conference

In many ways it was a typical news conference. Acid rain experts with the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) made opening statements about the impact proposed legislation could have on electric rates in the Midwest. Print and broadcast reporters then asked a wide range of penetrating questions.

The atypical part of the news conference was the distance between the EEI panel and the reporters. The panel was in Washington, D.C., and the reporters were in Roanoke, Huntington, Fort Wayne, Columbus, and other locations throughout the Midwest.

Space age technology made the conference possible, with video via satellite making the experts accessible to reporters hundreds of miles away.

The video originated in a Washington studio, its signal transmitted to two satellites (Westar IV and Satcom IV) that beamed the signal to earthbound dish antennae. From the antennae, the signal was fed into local television monitors for viewing.

Reporters used toll-free telephones to talk to members of the panel. This interactive video news conference via satellite was a first for EEI-member companies and for most of the reporters.

Following the video conference from Washington, reporters attending conferences at several locations throughout the AEP System were linked by telephone to Columbus, Ohio, where AEP's A. Joseph Dowd, senior vice president and general counsel, answered questions about the proposed legislation's impact on the operating companies' service areas. □

Visitors Center popular with tourists



Smith Mountain Visitor Center attendants Jack Towler, left, and Henry Dooley have worked at the center since it opened in 1967.

Jack Towler and Henry Dooley have fielded every question imaginable about the Smith Mountain Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project, located on the Roanoke River in Virginia. Both of the Visitors Center attendants have been on the job since the center overlooking the Smith Mountain Dam opened in 1967.

"Many of the questions are foolish, as you can imagine," Henry says. "Occasionally, we'll get people who are really interested in electricity and in the units themselves. But the typical questions are: how we built the dam, how we acquired the land, how the river was handled when the dam was being built, and how much current it generates and where it goes."

"One real crazy question we get — I've had people ask me this while standing on the overlook facing the dam — is, 'Is the lake a man-made lake?'" says Jack. "You'd be surprised how many times that question has been asked."

When the facility was new, throngs of visitors came to the dam site. "At the start, we had 2,000 one Sunday. We ran about a thousand on weekends the first few years," says Henry.

The annual total topped 50,000 during the early years. Now, it averages in the 40,000 range. Through July 10 of this year, 1,013,762 persons had toured this center.

Other than the visitors register near the entrance to the center, no formal record is kept of the hometowns or home countries of visitors. "From our own observation, conversations with visitors, and from going through the register from time to time, we can say that we have had visitors from just about every country in the world. Part of this is due to families visiting their children attending school in the United States," Henry says.

Located on the mountainside overlooking Smith Mountain Dam, the visitors center features animated displays. One utilizes sound, light, and motion to explain the workings of the dam and lake system. There is a large terrain map showing in three dimensions the lake area along with roads, communities, hills and valleys, as if viewed from an altitude of 25,000 feet. On the walls are illuminated pictures of lake activities as well as a drawing explaining how electricity is generated in coal-fired power plants.

From the center, visitors may walk by ramp to an esplanade and overlook for a spectacular view of the dam and gorge. The center is open daily from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Washington's Birthday.

Both Jack and Henry speak about the Smith Mountain and Leesville projects with the perspective gained from actually witnessing the concrete rise from the river bottom. Henry worked at the Leesville site as a guard for a subcontractor before being employed by Appalachian.

"In December 1956 the core drilling started. I started in January 1957 in construction for the civil engineering department. We cleared the sides of the gap," Jack recalls.

"A lot of people want to know about the shanties on either side of the gap. They house the main control points or precision bench marks used during construction. Surveyors still use the marks to check the alignment of the dam's arch," Jack adds.

All the attendants' duties are not apparent to the casual observer. "We have some people who come in from the heat during the summer, see us sitting in this air conditioning and say, 'Boy, I wish I had your job.' They don't realize we are responsible for cutting the grass and all the housekeeping here," Jack says.

"We get a lot of compliments on the building, both its design and its condition. One woman who's been here several times never fails to say that we have nice clean restrooms," Henry says.

"One lady said, 'I can see where my money's going.' I asked her, 'What do you think about it?' She said, 'It's OK.' I just told her that if it were the government, she'd pay through taxes. If it were private, she'd pay through admission. Here, you pay through rates."

"In all these years I've had only one person say he thought it was a waste. Most people say they are well pleased and that it's the best kept public place they have ever been to," Jack concludes.

"There's always plenty to do," Jack adds, as he heads up the walk to the overlook. □

Recollections of a POW

Pulaskians know Andy Graham as a member of town council and marketing and customer services manager for Appalachian Power. From November 1942 until January 1945, however, he was a 'kriegie', a prisoner of war held by Germany. Andy was, in fact, the 39th American prisoner of war captured by the Germans.

"The kriegie's life was an empty, monotonous routine. Bewildered as to our future, hungry from working till night, we passed our days dreaming of home," he says.

"Moods of depression came in cycles, developing from lack of freedom, self-pity, cramped living conditions and the uncertainty of the future. Excessive brooding caused some men to go 'around the bend', while others occupied their minds with reading, studying, walking around the prison grounds, and doing assigned room chores such as cooking," relates Andy.

"I was always an optimist and looked forward to the day American troops would arrive, and we could walk out of the prison camp."

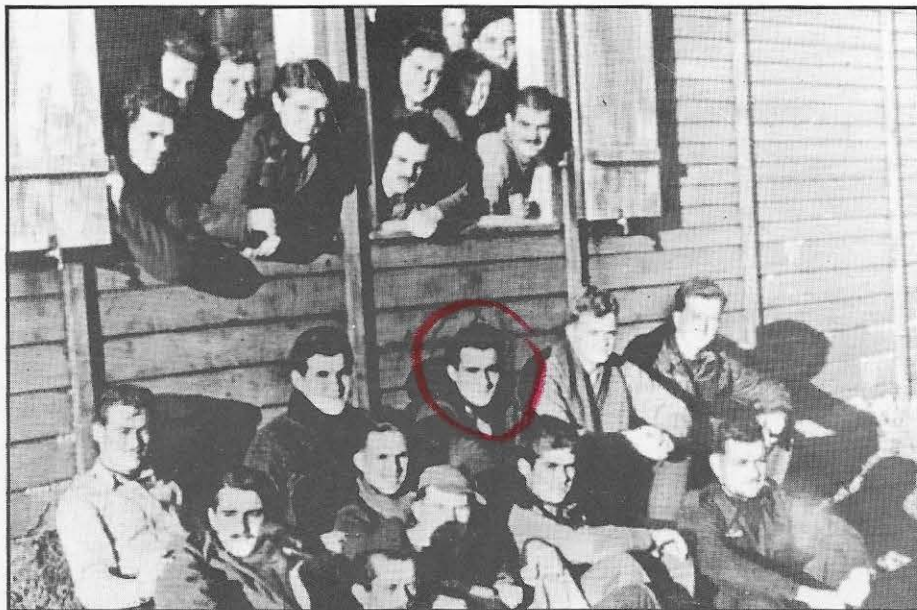
Andy didn't just sit around waiting, however. He was placed in Stalag Three. For movie fans or history buffs, Stalag Three was the setting of the "Great Escape".

Andy recalls, "We were kept with British POW's. Three escape tunnels were being dug. We called them Tom, Dick and Harry. In August of 1943 the American soldiers were separated from the British. Two of the tunnels had been discovered. The British kept building the third. On Easter 1944 the English made their break."

But the Germans began to round them up. "Of the approximately 85 British airmen who escaped, the Germans shot about 50. We were allowed to bury them and have a monument to them in the camp. The others were returned to camp, but a couple did manage to get away.

"We were constantly preparing for escapes. With all the prisoners of war, we had a couple thousand cigarettes we used to barter with Germans to obtain parts needed to build a radio, so we were in contact with the outside world. The Germans would broadcast their news over a loud speaker," Andy says.

"A prisoner listening to the radio would write down the news in shorthand and



Andy Graham (seated third from left in back row), the 39th American prisoner of war captured by the Germans, awaits liberation.

pass it around the various compounds. We had a map and marked the various fighting fronts on the map with a string.

"With all the various skills available in the camp, we set up committees to plan escapes. Mining engineers were in charge of tunneling. Tailors repaired worn-out uniforms, turning them into German uniforms. Artists made false passports. But there was little chance of escape.

"I wasn't abused too much, but food was in short supply; and, toward the end, sanitary conditions were terrible. Occasionally the captors would arbitrarily shoot someone," states the former Army Air Corps lieutenant. "Andy was 21 at the time of his capture.

He served as a bombardier and was shot down on his third mission. He arrived in England on September 9, 1942, and was shot down on November 9. But his group was the first to fly over Germany with a bomb load.

They were bombing submarine pens, flying at a low level in southeastern Germany (now part of Poland). Andy, the co-pilot, and the navigator were blown out of the plane when it was hit by the enemy fire. The other seven members of the ten-member crew of the B-17 were killed.

The three who were blown out of the plane were captured almost immediately. Dazed by his capture and the speed with which a strange new life and lost freedom confronted him, the realization came

graphically to Andy. The ugly truth that complete mental, physical, and emotional readjustment was necessary became a stark fact.

Toward the end of the war, no more tunnels were dug at Stalag Three. Then, early in 1945, they were ordered to march. For four days in sub-zero weather, the prisoners marched toward Munich. Their clothing did little to protect them from the cold.

They stayed at a location near the German city, which offered little protection to the men. Then, a short time later, they were liberated by General Patton's Third Army.

Andy, a Floyd County native, returned to Virginia and went back to college at Virginia Tech. He was hired by Appalachian Power in 1948 and sent to Pulaski.

Andy has served on the Pulaski Town Council over 14 years. "I think I've served long enough. At this point in time, I'm not planning to seek another term. I've always believed you should do what you could for your country and the town you live in to make it better when you leave than when you arrived," Andy says.

In April, he traveled to Chicago for the Stalag Three convention. Every five years for the past twenty-five years, former POW's have gathered and reminisced about the camp where Andy spent two years and eight months of his life.

Story courtesy Pulaski Southwest Times. □

Linda Gale Oliver takes another step toward stardom



Linda Gale Oliver, center, performs with her band, Misty. Since this photo was made, she has a different steel player — Toby Hedge, who used to play lead guitar for George Jones.

"I have dreamed of being an entertainer ever since I was a little girl," confesses Linda Gale Oliver, classification and accounts payable clerk C in GO Accounting, Roanoke. "I used to put on pretend shows at home.

"A friend of mine taught me how to play the guitar and banjo when I was eleven years old, and I performed on the "Top of the Morning" television show in Roanoke by the time I was thirteen. Then my uncle, who used to book people like Mac Wiseman and Bill Monroe, got Red Smiley to put me on his show."

Next, Linda Gale performed at the Danville Barn Dance, a radio show in the format of the Grand Ole Opry Show. She performed with Clyde Moody, an Opry star, and then on Moody's television show in Durham, North Carolina, all before she reached age fourteen. WHY, then a country radio station, started managing her, and she did club shows, promo shows for restaurants, and a show with the Wilburn Brothers at a fair in Lebanon, Virginia. She formed her own band, the Country Sounds, and was playing for schools and clubs by the time

she was fifteen. Later she reorganized the band, calling it Linda Gale and the Starlighters. They stayed together seven years.

At the age of twenty-one, Linda Gale made a recording of 'You're Gonna Lose Him' by Joe Vernon. "I was disappointed in the quality of the recording and the services I got from the company for the \$500 my family put out," she says. "But I still sold all three hundred records."

About six months before Mel Street made it big, Linda Gale performed on his show in Bluefield, West Virginia. Then she got out of the music business for a while.

About a year ago, after her marriage to Richard Oliver, she began singing again with her new band, Misty. Richard thinks Linda Gale is the best female singer in country music today, but then he may be prejudiced. He's also her road manager, local booking agent, and songwriter.

Richard contacted Elbert Clive Street, Mel's brother, and asked him to listen to a demo tape Linda Gale had made. Once Street heard the tape, he arranged

for Linda Gale to go to R. C. Recording Studio in Nashville and cut a record, using Nashville musicians. "The lead guitar player for the record plays for Bill Anderson," Linda Gale says, "and some of the others play for George Jones. Ronnie Cochran is the producer of the record."

She continues, "My record is due to be released the first week in August by Upland Records in Bluefield, West Virginia. 'Country Love Songs' is on the 'A' side, and 'Holding Hands at Midnight' is on the 'B' side. The words for both of these were written by my husband. When we were dating, Richard started putting his feelings for me down on paper. When I was looking around for original material, I put music to some of the things he had written."

While Linda Gale awaits public reaction to her record, she will be performing at clubs in Roanoke, Lynchburg and Radford, Virginia, and Hickory, North Carolina. She has recently signed Street as her personal manager. □

Curb service for the elderly



Conner Foster has been a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program since his retirement nine years ago.

Conner continues, "Meals on Wheels receives most of its money and support from more than 60 churches in the Lynchburg area. It also receives contributions from civic clubs, trust funds, and individuals. We have always tried to emphasize that all money collected for Meals on Wheels goes for food. The United Way provides administrative costs, and the Commission on Aging is subsidizing some recipients.

"The meals are prepared by the Lynchburg General Hospital, Virginia Baptist Hospital, and the Lynchburg Vending Company. They are delivered by both men and women volunteer workers from local churches. Each person has no more than 15 trays to deliver, so it is not a chore for anyone."

Conner concludes, "These daily visitors provide more than hot food. They provide assurance to the elderly that somebody out there cares, somebody knows they are alive and in need. Most of the recipients are so lonesome that they would love for us drivers to come in and talk, but the meals would get cold if we did. All we can do is pass a few words and move on." □

"I have always been fairly active in my church and community, so when I had a little extra time, I began to look around to see where I could best serve," says Conner Foster. "The Meals on Wheels program seemed to be right for me."

Conner has been a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for nine years, ever since his retirement as an administrative assistant in Lynchburg. He also serves on the organization's board of directors, and one of his assignments is providing snow drivers. "Last winter I had a group of volunteers with 4-wheel-drive vehicles, and we were able to make deliveries except for the day we had a 15-inch snow. One of my snow drivers was Jim White, retired Lynchburg division manager."

Conner adds, "Normally about 150 persons are served hot meals five days a week. Many of the recipients are incapacitated and unable to prepare their own meals, but they are financially able to pay for them. Others cannot pay the full price of \$2.25, but they insist on paying something because they don't like charity. We grant them the privilege of paying whatever they can."



Conner Foster, right, delivers a meal to an elderly couple in Lynchburg.

The Ohio Power Story

(7th in a series)

Ohio Power Company is a microcosm of the American Electric Power System. Much of what can be said to describe the AEP System would apply to Ohio Power as well — only the scale would be different. For example:

- Geographically, both have service areas that stretch from the hills of Appalachia in the south and east to the midwestern flat lands in the north and west.
- The service areas encompass everything from quiet rural areas and small-town America to the urban industrial heartland cities.
- Generation is primarily coal-fired and comes from some of the nation's biggest power plants. Much of the coal burned comes from Ohio and West Virginia.
- AEP is justifiably proud of its many industry "firsts," and many of these involve Ohio Power facilities.

In the years immediately following Thomas Edison's invention of the incandescent light, numerous small electric companies sprang up in towns across the nation. However, these small companies were unable to keep pace with rapidly expanding markets and technology. The solution: consolidation into larger, more efficient electric utility com-

panies. That's how Ohio Power got its start.

The earliest identifiable ancestor of Ohio Power — as it is known today — was the Tiffin Edison Electric Illuminating Company, which threw its first switch in Tiffin on Christmas Eve in 1883. It was the third city in the world to enjoy incandescent lighting. A month later, that company lighted the St. Paul's Methodist Church, the first public building to have electricity. Edison himself marked the occasion by presenting the church with a chandelier that still is in use today.

When AEP was founded as the American Gas and Electric Company in 1906, its only Ohio properties were utilities serving Canton and Bridgeport. In the next decade, other small Ohio utilities — including Ohio Light & Power Company, which by then was serving Tiffin and a dozen or so other Ohio towns — were merged into a company that in 1916 was named Central Power Company. In 1919, the name was changed to Ohio Power Company and in 1921 the firm's General Office was established in Canton.

Today, Ohio Power competes with Appalachian Power Company for the distinction of being the largest company in the AEP System. Ohio Power historically has led the System in terms of generating capacity, kilowatt-hour sales, assets, operating revenues and net income. It is second to Appalachian Power in terms of size of service area, number of customers and miles of lines.

Although it has fewer customers and a smaller service area than Appalachian Power, Ohio Power's sales and generation are higher because a number of key industries are in its service area — especially in Canton, Lima and the Ohio River Valley. Its industrial customers include the big electric steel producers in Canton and major aluminum operations on the Ohio.

The company's service area sprawls across the length and breadth of the state, with division headquarters located in Lima, Tiffin, Canton, Steubenville, Newark, Zanesville and Portsmouth. This area stretches from Indiana eastward to the Ohio River at Steubenville and then plunges to the southernmost parts of the state at Portsmouth and Ironton, also on the Ohio. The typical Ohio Power community is a small city, population of from 5,000 to 40,000, where the local econ-

omy is based on a mixture of manufacturing and agricultural interests.

The Ohio Power service area is virtually in the center of the AEP System and shares boundaries with five of the seven other AEP operating companies.

Ohio Power owns all or parts of eight power plants — four of them in West Virginia. The company's 8,380,000-kilowatt generating capacity is anchored by the 2.6-million-kw General James M. Gavin Plant, the System's second largest generating station. Ohio Power also owns, jointly with Appalachian Power, parts of two plants: 867,000 kw of the 2.9-million-kw John E. Amos Plant, the System's biggest, and 750,000 kw of the 1.05-million-kw Philip Sporn Plant. Other plants include: Mitchell, 1,460,000 kw; Muskingum River, 1,425,000 kw; Kammer, 630,000 kw; Cardinal, 600,000 kw, and the new Racine Hydro, 48,000 kw. More than 99.4 percent of Ohio Power's capacity is coal-fired, and 76.6 percent of it is located on the Ohio River. The Gavin, Muskingum River, Cardinal and Racine Plants are in Ohio, while the Amos, Sporn, Mitchell and Kammer Plants are in West Virginia.

The ownership and operation of Cardinal represents a unique chapter in AEP history. This facility is jointly owned by Ohio Power and Buckeye Power, Inc., the power supply organization of Ohio's rural electric cooperatives. Ohio Power built and operates the 1.83-million-kw plant and owns one 600,000-kw generating unit; Buckeye Power owns the balance.

In all, Ohio Power owns almost 39 percent of AEP's total generating capacity.

No mention of the System's generating history would be complete without noting two of Ohio Power's plants — Windsor and Philo — that helped set System and industry standards.

Windsor, constructed in 1917, was the nation's first major mine-mouth generating station. Located on the Ohio River north of Wheeling, it sent electricity over a 55-mile transmission line to serve Canton and its booming industries. Thus was born the "coal-by-wire" concept.

Windsor was a giant in its day. When its first 30,000-kw unit went on the line, it increased the old AGE System's generating capacity by 50 percent. When initial construction was completed in



The chandelier reportedly presented to St. Paul's Methodist Church by Thomas Edison still illuminates the church in Tiffin. This was the first public building in the nation to be served by electricity.

1923, it had six 30,000-kw units, three owned by Ohio Power and three by a non-affiliated utility, West Penn Power Company.

Windsor produced electricity until 1973, and it was razed last year.

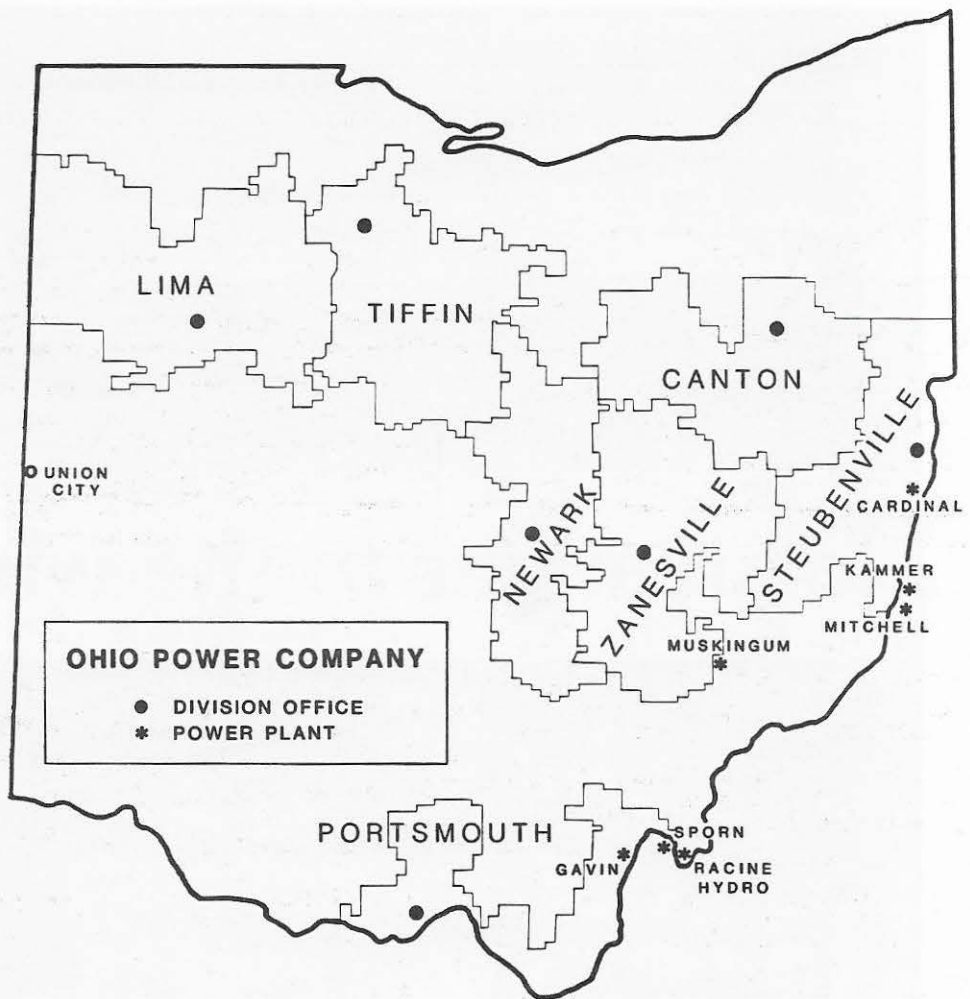
Philo Plant, south of Zanesville, began operating in 1924 and went on to establish its own series of "firsts." Its 40,000-kw Unit 2 was the first to use reheated steam. Unit 3 came on line in 1929 and was the first triple-compound generating unit, as well as the first to have a capacity of 165,000 kw (a far cry from Windsor's 30,000 kw).

Philo's 120,000-kw Unit 6 was brought into service in 1957 and was the first to pass the "super-critical" steam pressure level of 3,206 psi and to employ a double-reheat system. In its day, this unit had the highest steam pressure (4,500 psi) and the highest steam temperature (1,150 degrees) in the nation. Philo served until 1975 and is now being razed.

Nearly half of the coal burned by Ohio Power comes from its subsidiary mining companies: Central Ohio Coal at Cumberland, Ohio; Windsor Power House Coal Co. at Beech Bottom, West Virginia, and Southern Ohio Coal Co., with divisions at Albany, Ohio and Fairmont, West Virginia.

Through its mining affiliates, Ohio Power has been able to add a few more "firsts" to its record. One was the first totally automated electric railroad in the U.S., the Muskingum Electric Railroad, which began hauling coal in 1968 from Central Ohio Coal's Muskingum Mine to a conveyor belt that feeds the fuel to Muskingum River Plant. Another was the world's biggest mobile land machine, the Big Muskie dragline, which was put in service in 1969, also at the Muskingum Mine.

Ohio Power is especially proud of its reclamation work at the Muskingum Mine and the resulting ReCreation Land.



Surface mining began there in 1944 and with it a program of reclaiming the land — decades before state legislation required mined land to be returned to a productive state. The company has won numerous awards for its reclamation work.

Out of this reclamation came ReCreation Land, which was opened in 1964. The company turned 35,000 acres of mined and unmined land into a forest and campground. The area, which includes lakes and ponds, stocked with fish, is open to the public, free of charge, and is a favorite of campers, nature lovers, fishermen and hunters.

Being a microcosm of the entire AEP System, Ohio Power has been hard hit by the current recession. The demand for electric energy has dropped as industrial plants have cut back or shut down due to lack of business.

But the company is working hard to help turn things around. It has a long, successful history of promoting economic and community development and in recent years has intensified its promise to help attract and maintain businesses and industry in its service area.

And looking to the future, Ohio Power's Tidd Plant, long deactivated, could be brought back to productive use as the site of a demonstration plant for a new method of burning coal — pressurized fluidized bed combustion (PFBC). If successful, PFBC could be a major advance in economically reducing sulfur emissions during the generation of electricity. AEP is heavily involved in a four-nation research and development program in PFBC, working with manufacturers and/or governmental agencies in Sweden, West Germany and England.

Thus, Ohio Power's leadership role, ever-present in the past, stands to be continued in the future. □

Statistics

Area served (sq. mi.)	7,316
Population served (est.)	1,541,000
Customers	617,430
Kilowatt-hour sales (1982)	29.4 billion
Operating revenues (1982)	\$1.18 billion
Generating capacity (kw)	8,380,000
Coal burned (1982 tons)	20,970,000
Power lines:	
Transm. (circuit mi.)	6,481
Distr. (pole mi.)	20,655
Taxes, state and local	\$106,525,000
Employees (May 31)	4,531



No stranger to the winner's circle



"Horses have been part of my life ever since I was a kid," claims Mary Jane Tennant. For the past 20 years, she and her husband Buck, a maintenance supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant, have operated Valley Haven Stables, which they built on 120 acres of land outside of New Haven, West Virginia.

The stable houses seven stalls, and at one time the Tennants were keeping 26 horses. They have provided horse riding lessons for area residents and "broke" colts into trainable animals.

Their son raises mainly Appaloosa colts on his farm atop a hill overlooking Valley Haven Stables.

Last fall Mary Jane took a turn in life from showing primarily English horses to investing time and money in thoroughbred horses.

"Our son and daughter like to show horses as much as I do, but Buck is taking a big interest in the racing business. He is as excited over it as I am. There's a lot of work and no pay to showing horses," Mary Jane laughs, "but racing pays off!"

Last September Mary Jane purchased Silver Cedar, a bay colored thoroughbred raised on Silver Circle Ranch, Nevada. The following month he made first place for six furlong (three-quarters of a mile)

in 1 minute 13 seconds at Waterford Park near Wheeling, West Virginia.

"In his lifetime," Mary Jane says, "Silver Cedar has run 68 times. He has 14 wins, 12 seconds, and 9 thirds. His total earnings are \$22,465. Cedar has been around, too. He has raced in Nebraska, New Jersey, Illinois, Washington, and Montana, for starters.

"I always wanted a race horse but just never thought I could have one because I worked and didn't have the time. Now that I am no longer employed, racing gives me something to do."

The prices of thoroughbreds, depending

on their blood line, start as low as \$1,500. "When buying a horse," Mary Jane says, "you look at its past record, age, confirmation or build and disposition. From there, the thoroughbred must be kept in shape like an athlete.

"Cedar is what I wanted. His gentle nature caught my eye at River Downs in Cincinnati where he raced. I liked this horse right off. My trainer, Leslie Rayburn of Point Pleasant, and a thoroughbred collector himself, helped me purchase Cedar."

"I compare a horse like a human being," Rayburn says. "A thoroughbred must be fed well and legs have to be physically fit." He considers Silver Cedar a "sound" horse.

Mary Jane has purchased another horse, Asphalt Cowboy, a 7-year-old dark bay which was bred in New Mexico. "Asphalt has won 14 races in his lifetime in a higher class, actually, than Cedar. I hope to do real well with him, too. He is good natured and easy to handle."

Mary Jane hopes to acquire a handful of winners with future thoroughbreds. With Silver Cedar and Asphalt, her goal is just starting. □



Buck Tennant hopes for another winner in Asphalt Cowboy.



Mary Jane Tennant poses with Silver Cedar at Valley Haven Stables.

WHO'S NEWS

Abingdon

J. D. Farmer, Lebanon area supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Russell County Chamber of Commerce.

Jama, daughter of Denver Osborne, line mechanic C, was a regional winner in the eighth grade level mathematics contest sponsored by the Virginia Mathematics League and Marion Junior High School.

Carolyn, wife of Doug Brown, line mechanic A, is the recipient of a United States Jayceette Congresswoman life membership award, the highest honor given by the organization. Carolyn is a charter member of the Lebanon Jayceettes and was honored in 1982 as the best external vice president in Virginia. □

Bluefield

Bill Fisher, engineering technician, has been elected to a three-year term on the Junior Achievement of Mercer County advisory council. He will also serve as assistant to public relations.

Bob Edwards, engineering technician, has been appointed big league coordinator for Division II of District IV for West Virginia little league baseball. He also has been named to the protest committee for Division I, which encompasses the upper Kanawha Valley. Bob has been active in little league baseball in the Princeton, W. Va., area for seven years, serving as an umpire and on the board of directors. □

Charleston

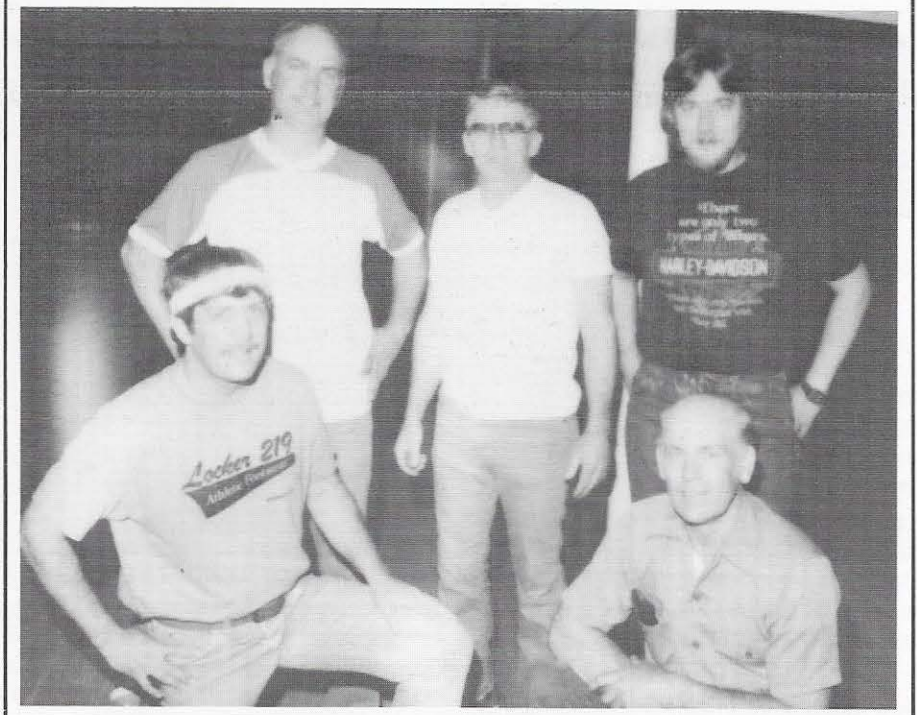
Julie Elizabeth, daughter of Jerry Martin, station mechanic A, has been selected as a majorette at Lincoln Junior High School.

Pat Taylor, customer accounts supervisor, managed the Sissonville Little League Orioles baseball team, which finished the season with a 15-4 record to take second place in the minor league division. His son, Pat, played center field.

Jack Shaver, administrative assistant, has been appointed by Charleston Mayor James E. Roark to the Municipal Planning Commission. □



The Mountaineer Plant team, above, won the final round roll-offs to win the championship in the Philip Sporn Tuesday Night Bowling League. Team members are, l. to r., kneeling, Bill Osborne, coal handler, Wayne Barnett, utility worker; and Rich Kent, control technician. Back row, Ray Proffitt, maintenance mechanic A; Randy Young, maintenance mechanic A; and Kenny Williams, maintenance mechanic B. The Valley Haven #1 team, below, won the second half of the Sporn Bowling League and finished as runner-up in the championship. Team members are, first row, l. to r., Ralph Ross, maintenance mechanic A, and Harold Russell, assistant yard superintendent. Standing, Burt Hickman, unit supervisor; Buck Tennant, maintenance supervisor; and Mel Swisher, CPM supervisor.



Centralized Plant Maintenance

Traci, daughter of Bob Gilbert, personnel/office supervisor, was selected as a cheerleader for St. Albans Junior High School.

Marc, son of Bob Gilbert, was selected for the St. Albans Eastern Little League All-Stars. □

General Office



Tanya Michelle, daughter of Jackie Bundy, transmission special clerk, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, was crowned "Little Miss Elementary" in a pageant sponsored by the Tazewell, Va., Band Boosters. She was selected from 40 contestants in the first, second and third grades.

Kathy, daughter of Doug Leffel, engineering technologist supervisor, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, was selected as captain of the Bluefield Junior High School Band's Flag Squad.

Susan Altizer, personnel clerk A, GO Personnel, Roanoke, received first place awards for two of her entries in the Roanoke Camera Club's monthly contest. The entry themes for the two awards were "Fences" and "Nature Closeups".



Jason, son of Wayne Shafer, work order accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, won first place in the first flight of the Roanoke Valley Golf Association's Junior Tournament at Countryside and Blue Hills Golf courses.

Paul, son of George Laury, general accounting administrator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, won first place in both the Virginia and national Daughters of the American Revolution poster contests with his "I love America" poster. The competition was open to children in grades 1 through 6. Paul is a rising third grader at Crystal Spring School, Roanoke. □



Kanawha River

Tracy, daughter of Audra Pauley, secretary, was presented the seventh grade scholastic award by the National Junior Honor Society at Elkview Junior High in recognition of maintaining a straight A average during the school year. She was also selected for the majorette squad for 1983-84.

Celena, daughter of Donald Burnside, plant clerk B, was selected head majorette at Marmet High for 1983-84. □

Huntington

Wimpy Wickline, Point Pleasant marketing and customer services representative, has been installed as finance officer of Point Pleasant Post 23 of the American Legion.

Mark McVey, electrical engineer, was selected jaycee of the month for June by the Huntington Jaycees. □

Logan-Williamson

Tina, wife of Clifton Nicholson, engineering technician, has been named to the National Dean's list for 1982-83. She is a recent graduate of Southern West Virginia Community College, where she earned associate degrees in general business and executive secretarial science. □

Lynchburg



Dan Shepard, left, receives a plaque from Billy King, golf professional, in recognition of his hole-in-one on the second hole at Blue Hills Golf Club, Roanoke. The son of Dick Shepard, customer accounts supervisor, Dan also had rounds of 95 and 81 to win third place in the 12-15-year-old age group in the Roanoke Valley Golf Association Junior Championship, played at Countryside and Blue Hills Golf Courses.

W. David Crews, personnel supervisor, was recognized by the Metropolitan Lynchburg Chapter, American Red Cross, for 25 years' service as a first aid instructor. He was also reelected to a three-year term on the organization's volunteer board of directors. □

Pulaski



Glenda Wohlford, secretary, was awarded the Keglerette League's high scratch game trophy for the 1982-83 season for her 230 game. Glenda was also installed as corresponding secretary of the New River Valley Chapter, Professional Secretaries International.

Dan, husband of Debbie Grubb, customer accounts representative C, was elected membership vice president of the Virginia Jaycees for 1983-84.

Gerolean, wife of Cecil Buckner, collector, was a winner in the 1983 senior citizen poetry contest sponsored by the continuing education office of New River Community College for her poem, "Perfection - When?"

Harry Jennings, records supervisor, was named to a two-year term as a director of the Dublin Lions Club.

Warren Vaughan, personnel supervisor, was named chairman of the Pulaski County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Patricia Harvey, daughter of Retiree Royall Lawson, graduated from the University of Maryland with a PhD in higher education and administration. She is a teacher at the University of Maryland and director of the south campus residence halls.

Lori, daughter of Larry Rakes, marketing and customer services representative, was selected as a member of the Golden

Cougar Marching Band at Pulaski County High. □

Kingsport

Misty, daughter of Bill Pyle, line mechanic A, received several awards during ceremonies at Gravelly Elementary School, where she has completed the second grade. She received a citizenship award, honor roll certificate, perfect attendance certificate, and honorable mention for her entry in the Sullivan County Elementary School art competition.

The children of Gary Williams, line mechanic A, received awards at Gravelly Elementary School's annual field day exercises. **John** was awarded a first place ribbon and honor roll certificate, and **Sheri** won a ribbon for placing first in

the school's kindergarten events.

Travis, son of Gale Chase, line mechanic A, and a fifth grader at James Madison Elementary, is the recipient of the Kingsport Kiwanis Club's good citizenship award. The award is presented annually to the school's most outstanding student. Travis received an award for his work with the school's safety patrol.

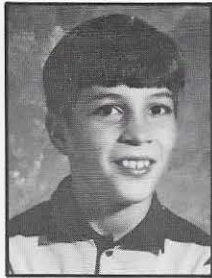
Bill, son of Bennett McAlpine, retired customer services representative, had his article entitled "Drug-Drug Interaction Detection" published in the April issue of *Computers in Healthcare* magazine. Bill, a former AEP scholarship winner, attended Davidson and Amherst Colleges and received his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a computer consultant and teaches in the MBA program at San Francisco State University. □



Randy Agnew, right, power dispatching supervisor in GO Operations, won first place in the championship flight of the annual golf tournament for active and retired employees of Roanoke Division and General Office departments. Calvin Sisson, left, operations analyst A in GO Operations, was runner-up. Winners and runners-up of the other flights were: 1st flight — Jim Salter, Ted Carroll; 2nd flight — tie between J. D. Porter, Noble Marshall and Dewey Henry; 3rd flight — tie between Dick Stinnett, Chester Robison, Jr., and Norris Belcher; 4th flight — Jimmy Jones, Leonard Thomas; and 5th flight — Frank Stiff, Tom Owens. Closest-to-hole winners were: Calvin Sisson, #2; Leroy Hall, #4; Mike Kosinski, #11 and Wayne Pugh, #17.

Mountaineer

Mark Wheeler, son of Tom Metcalf, stores assistant, graduated with honors from Ohio University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He was selected by the associate dean of the college of engineering to have his academic achievements published in the 1982-83 edition of the National Dean's List. He also received the outstanding academic achievement award from IEEE, Columbus section. He is a member of Eta Kappa Mu, electrical engineering honor society. □



Eric



Rachel

Eric and Rachel Ann, son and daughter of Dwayne Ingold, Fieldale power engineer, received first place blue ribbons for their entries in the 1983 Stanleytown Elementary School science contest. Eric, a fifth grader, entered his moth

and butterfly collection. Rachel, a fourth grader, entered a report on windmills and a working model of a typical American windmill.

Division Manager **Robert Webster** has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Roanoke Valley Chapter, American Red Cross.

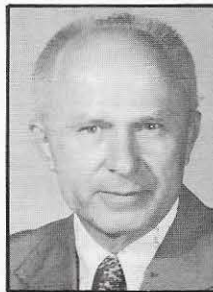
Prince E. Thornton, retired administrative assistant, has been elected president of the board of Franklin County Community Action. He has served on the board for two years and on the advisory committee for nine years. Community Action provides a variety of services and programs to aid the poor and elderly. □

Roanoke

Glynn Loope, who has completed his freshman year at Ferrum College, was elected to the Student Government Senate and president pro-tem of the Senate and served as vice president of the freshman class. He is a member of the Ferrum Political Union, College Democrats, Campus Standards Board, jazz band, and the cross-country running team. During the annual Ferrum Model United Nations, he served the French delegation as ambassador. He has been elected vice president of the Student Government Association in charge of Senate legislation for the 1983-84 school term. In March, Glynn served as student host to Stuart Eizenstat, former chief domestic policy advisor to President Jimmy Carter. During spring break, he was part of a group of Ferrum students who traveled to the Soviet Union. Glynn, the son of Bill Loope, station crew supervisor nonexempt, was one of three freshmen named to "Who's Who Among American Junior College Students."



FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



P. Johnson



W. Johnson



Davis

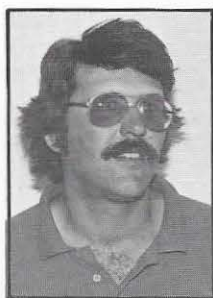
Paul Jennings Johnson, 73, retired superintendent of hydro generation for Appalachian Power, died July 14. A native of Morgantown, West Virginia, he began his career in 1934 at the Cabin Creek Plant and retired September 1, 1974. Johnson is survived by two daughters, one son, one sister, and nine grandchildren.

Willis M. "Bill" Johnson, 79, retired supervisor of properties valuation for Appalachian Power, died July 12. A native of Laceyville, Pennsylvania, he was employed in 1926 as an assistant engineer and retired March 1, 1969. Johnson is survived by his widow Kathryn, 1521 Terrace Road, Roanoke, Va.; one daughter; one sister; and two grandchildren.

Joseph Thomas Davis, 77, retired Lynchburg streetlight attendant, died June 25. A native of Appomattox County, Virginia, he was employed in 1927 as a groundman and retired January 1, 1971. Davis is survived by three sons and one daughter.

Gary D. Rollins, 34, maintenance mechanic A at Philip Sporn Plant, was electrocuted July 12 when he came in contact with a 240-volt circuit while changing a limit switch on a coal sampler. He was working alone when the accident occurred. A native of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, he was employed in 1973 as a utility man. B. Rollins is survived by his widow Ethel, 2915 Brook Drive, Point Pleasant, W. Va., two sons and one daughter. □

PROMOTIONS



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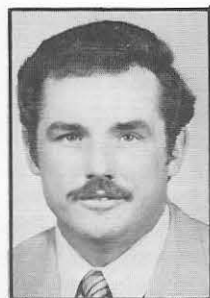
Bragg



Martin



Gearhart



Thacker



Arnold

Myron Franckowiak, barge unloader operator nonexempt, was promoted to assistant yard superintendent at Mountaineer Plant on May 1. He succeeds Carl Scaggs, who transferred to Rockport Plant.

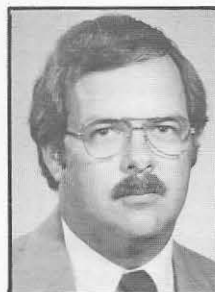
R. Kent Bragg, maintenance supervisor, was promoted to production superintendent at Centralized Plant Maintenance on May 1, succeeding J. Robert Kinnett, who was promoted to manager.

E. Hugh Martin, maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Centralized Plant Maintenance on May 1, succeeding R. Kent Bragg.

Larry E. Gearhart, administrative assistant to the president of Appalachian Power, was promoted to superintendent of the right of way and real estate section of the General Office Transmission and Distribution Department, Roanoke, on August 1. He succeeds J. Tobie Eaton, who was promoted to assistant manager of the Roanoke Division. Gearhart holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and has attended the American Electric Power System Management Program at the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration.

C. Michael Thacker, hydro engineer senior in GO Hydro, Roanoke, was promoted to administrative assistant to the president of Appalachian Power on August 1, succeeding Larry E. Gearhart. Thacker holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Military Institute.

George Arnold, general records clerk A nonexempt, was promoted to customer accounting accountant exempt in



Poff



Jones



Webb



Loudermilk

General Office Accounting, Roanoke, on July 1. He holds an associate of science degree in business from Virginia Western Community College and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Roanoke College.

Eaton named asst. Roanoke division manager

J. Tobie Eaton became assistant manager of the Roanoke Division on August 1. He previously was superintendent of the right of way and real estate section of Appalachian Power's General Office Transmission and Distribution Department, Roanoke.

Eaton, a civil engineering graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, joined Appalachian in 1965 as a transmission engineer in the GO T&D Transmission Section, Bluefield. He held the positions of transmission engineer senior and transmission staff engineer before moving to Roanoke in 1978 as superintendent of right of way and real estate. □

Ronald L. Poff, distribution staff engineer in GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, was promoted to civil engineering superintendent in GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, on August 1. He succeeds Ralph D. Mudgett, Jr., who has elected early retirement, effective October 1.

Bud C. Jones, electrical engineering supervising engineer, was promoted to engineering superintendent in GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, on August 1. He succeeds James Anderson, Jr., who earlier was promoted to engineering manager.

Isaac J. Webb, III, Roanoke electrical engineer, was promoted to Gate City area supervisor in Abingdon Division on August 1, succeeding R. H. Snodgrass, III, who resigned. Webb holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Robert L. Loudermilk, energy services engineer, was promoted to Beckley marketing and customer services supervisor on July 1, succeeding Woody Holbrook, who retired. Loudermilk attended West Virginia Institute of Technology. □

WEDDINGS



Chambers-Harper



Zimmerman-Zito



Marrs-Epling



Maddox-Brown



Damron-Smith



Patterson-Ferguson



Gray-Quillen

Sharon Ann Harper to **Richard L. Chambers**, July 2. Richard is the son of Harry L. Chambers, buyer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke.

Michelle Zito to **T. David Zimmerman**, communications engineer, GO T&D Communications, Charleston, May 7.

Connie Jean Epling to Douglas Eugene Marrs, June 11. Connie is the daughter of Francis Epling, Glen Lyn Plant stores attendant senior.

Lisa Ann Brown to Darrell Drew Maddox, June 18. Lisa Ann is the daughter of Dale Brown, Glen Lyn Plant instrument mechanic A.

Carol Denise Smith to **Terry Lee Damron**, Huntington line mechanic C, June 25.

Sara Ellen Ferguson to William Paul Patterson, July 2. Ellen is the daughter of William H. Ferguson, Jr., Abingdon energy services engineer.

Sabrina Gay Quillen to **Charlie D. Gray**, Abingdon line mechanic C, July 16.

Sandra Counts Thomas to **C. Marzelle "Phil" Phillips**, May 21. Phil is the son of Kenneth Phillips, retired Claytor Hydro maintenance mechanic.

Jane Caroline Taylor to **Scott Kilgore**, May 21. Scott is the son of Bob Kilgore, Pulaski division superintendent.

Wanda P. Stump to **Barry W. Hicks**, Pulaski engineering technician, June 18.

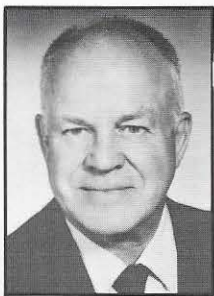
Susan Charlene Williams to **Ricky L. Bowles**, John Amos Plant utility operator B, May 26.

Awana Gaither, data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to John Patrick, III, June 25.

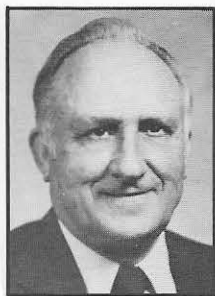
Rita Regina Wade to **Greg Pauley**, Charleston drafter B, July 4.

Leora J. Hutchison to **Bruce E. Cottrill**, Centralized Plant Maintenance maintenance mechanic B, May 28. □

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



Byron Hunt, Jr.
cust. accts. asst.
Huntington
40 years



Andy Graham
mkt. & cust. serv. mgr.
Pulaski
35 years



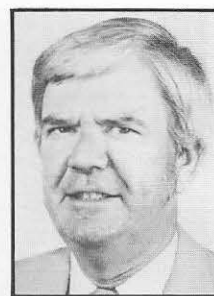
John Hammer
sr. staff per. asst.
GO-Roanoke
35 years



E. C. Robertson
area serv. rest. (LTD)
Beckley
35 years



Pete Akers
station mechanic A
Charleston
35 years



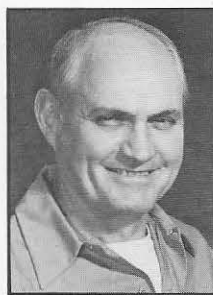
Marion Paitsel
right of way agent
Roanoke
35 years



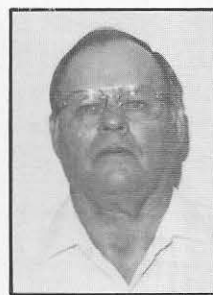
Lucian Bias
eng. technician sr.
GO-Roanoke
35 years



Betsy Holdren
stores supervisor
Glen Lyn
35 years



Carl Petry
maint. mech. B
Kanawha River
30 years



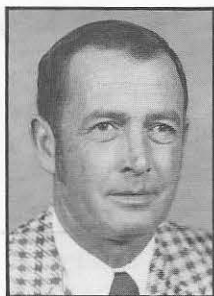
Paul Evans
unit supv. (LTD)
Kanawha River
30 years



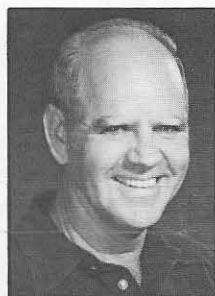
Jim Smolder
eng. tech. supv.
Charleston
30 years



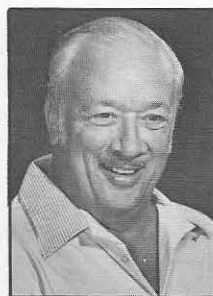
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meter reader
Pulaski
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Jimmie Newman
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Terrald Grady
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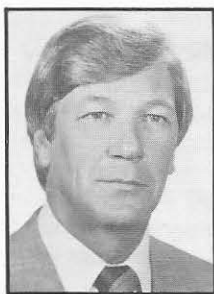
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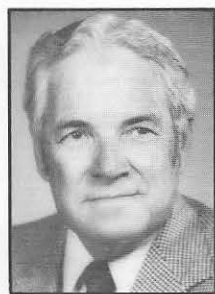
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Kenneth Morris
eng. tech. supv.
Huntington
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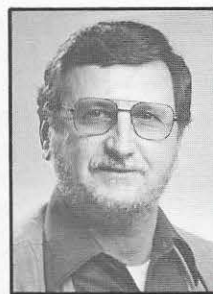
Harold Rulen
manager
Central Machine
25 years



Grady Parker
line & sta. supt.
Lynchburg
25 years



Emmett Blackwell
emp. rel. supervisor
GO-Roanoke
25 years



Loren Phillips
meter elec. A
Kingsport
20 years



Buddy Stowers
line crew supv. NE
Pulaski
20 years



Carol Thompson
personnel clerk A
Glen Lyn
20 years

Abingdon

15 years: **Tom Carter**, engineering technician senior. 5 years: **Charles Talley**, area supervisor.

John Amos

10 years: **Steven Taylor**, control technician senior. **Larry Fisher**, maintenance supervisor. **Kenneth Woodyard**, maintenance mechanic A. **Brian Brewer**, utility operator A. **Stephen Hairston**, performance technician senior. 5 years: **Robert Hughes**, coal equipment operator.

Beckley

10 years: **Paula Goddard**, T&D clerk B.

Bluefield

15 years: **Jim England**, general servicer. **Bob Yost**, engineering technician senior. 10 years: **Essie Ramsey**, line mechanic A.

Charleston

15 years: **Doris Foster**, customer accounting supervisor NE. 10 years: **Pat Hunter**, line mechanic B. 5 years: **Don Haaland**, meter reader. **Garry Higginbotham**, stores attendant.

Clinch River

10 years: **Michael Witt**, unit supervisor. **Danny Belcher**, equipment operator.

General Office

35 years: **Edward Herald**, transmission special clerk, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. 15 years: **Tom Tyree**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke. **Denver McFann**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission Huntington. **Wally Jamison**, power dispatching superintendent, GO Operations, Roanoke. 10 years: **Claude Mayo**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke. **Robert Payne**, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke. **Joyce Lambert**, transmission clerk B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **James Elston**, drafter B, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. 5 years: **Mark Swart**, maintenance mechanic B, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain. **Carolyn Foutz**, payroll clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Larry Driscoll**, engineering technician senior, GO Hydro, Roanoke. **Mike Rock**, methods engineer, GO Executive, Roanoke. **David Morris**, engineering technician GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

Glen Lyn

10 years: **Douglas Smith**, auxiliary equipment operator.

Huntington

10 years: **Paul Dornon**, auto mechanic A. **Barbara Collins**, secretarial-stenographer B. **Richard Frazier**, meter electrician B. 5 years: **Homer Nance**, line mechanic C. **Richard Rice**, customer service representative. **David Gillilan**, line mechanic C. **Michael Mitchell**, line mechanic C. **Randall Ransbottom**, line mechanic C. **James Watkins**, meter reader.

Kanawha River

5 years: **James Martin**, auxiliary equipment operator.

Kingsport

10 years: **Larry Boyer**, engineering technician.

Lynchburg

15 years: **Joe Austin**, line mechanic C.

Mountaineer

10 years: **Leonard Cornell**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **Ted Woods**, maintenance mechanic A.

Pulaski

5 years: **Jackie Lawrence**, line mechanic C. **Randy Cox**, meter reader. **Mike Poore**, T&D clerk B.

Roanoke

15 years: **Thomas Anderson**, automotive mechanic A. **Frances Harville**, customer accounts representative B. **Donald Hale**, engineering technician senior. 10 years: **Donald Powell**, line mechanic A. 5 years: **Frank Stiff**, electrical engineer. **Jeffrey Richards**, line mechanic D. **Toni Roseberry**, cashier B. **Ricky Brooks**, meter reader.

Philip Sporn

10 years: **Vicky Nazarewycz**, plant clerk B. □

RETIREMENT

Ernie Kavinsky



Charleston Customer Servicer Ernie Kavinsky kept customers' needs at the top of his list of priorities right to the end of his career with Appalachian. Eligible to retire in June, Ernie delayed his retirement until August 1.

"I just wanted to stay on and not leave during such a busy time," Ernie explains. "In the summer we're a little shorthanded anyway, and we have to help more people because of the calls we get."

Much of Ernie's job is investigating high bill complaints, and the workload increases with the onset of the cooling season.

Ernie's career with Appalachian spans almost 34 years, and all of those years were spent in positions in which he was in direct contact with the customer. He started in 1948 as a meter reader in Whitesville and became a collector the following year. In 1951 he was named area sales representative and moved to Charleston in 1958 as customer service representative.

Ernie genuinely enjoys helping customers solve problems with their electric service. He has learned to greet people in any of seven languages, a talent that has helped break the ice on several occasions when Ernie visited the homes of customers with different ethnic backgrounds.

Ernie is proud that he once prevented a possible fire at a customer's house. He arrived to make a service call just as a young boy was leaving the house to go to school. No one else was home. When the two went inside, the boy discovered he had left a pan of food cooking on the stove.

Ernie's plans for retirement include fishing, visits to relatives in California, Florida vacations and stops at a farm he owns in Tennessee. □

BIRTHS

Abingdon

Lorie Marie, daughter of **Mike Stevens**, station mechanic C, July 1.

John Amos

Jennifer Margaret, daughter of **Frederic Walker**, performance engineer, June 7.

Holly Briana, daughter of **Matthew Dow**, utility worker, May 6.

Robert Seth, son of **Robert Derrick**, utility operator A, and **Nancy Derrick**, plant clerk O.

Heather Jane, daughter of **Mitchell Crislip**, utility worker, June 27.

Christina Ann, daughter of **Christopher Carroll**, coal handler, July 8.

Christopher Adam, son of **Bryan Ward**, utility operator B, June 13.

Beckley

Jessica Lynn, daughter of **James Brown**, engineering technician, June 25.

Bluefield

Carrie Lynn, daughter of **John Weaver**, automotive mechanic B, June 21.

Ryan Jacob, son of **Joan Leftwich**, stenographer, June 24.

Jason Michael, son of **Dewey Hill**, Princeton line mechanic C, May 24.

Victoria Elizabeth, daughter of **Martin Ratcliff**, marketing and customer services supervisor, July 14.

Central Machine Shop

Natalie Lynn, daughter of **Robert Robinson**, winder 2nd class, February 6.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

John Derrick, son of **Charles Watterson**, maintenance mechanic B, June 16.

Brian Patrick, son of **Ricki Bickle**, maintenance mechanic B, July 4.

Charleston

Rashid Omari, son of **Regina Logan**, Montgomery T&D clerk C, July 7.

Clinch River

Jessica, daughter of **Marvin Cain**, utility operator B, May 19.

Kimberly, daughter of **Sidney McCoy**, utility operator B, May 25.

General Office

Amy Amanda, daughter of **James Rucker**, junior reproduction machine operator, GO General Services, Roanoke, June 6.

Jonathan Louis and Lindsey Nicole, twin son and daughter of **Charles Daher**, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, May 28.

Brandy Lynne, daughter of **Dean Allen**, utility worker A, GO Hydro, Roanoke, June 9.

Connie Leann, daughter of **Connie "Red" Lester**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, May 24.

Huntington

John A. V., son of **John A. McCraw, IV**, Point Pleasant electrical engineer, June 2.

Jennifer Anne, daughter of **C. T. Thompson**, meter electrician B, July 6.

Logan-Williamson

Billy Allen, son of **Billy Smutko**, Logan line mechanic B, February 22.

Jason William, son of **Greg Clark**, Madison area supervisor, February 25.

Ryan Michael, son of **Mike Adams**, Logan line mechanic B, March 16.

Lynchburg

Jeffrey Allen, son of **Rose Reid**, stenographer, May 20.

Michelle Renea, daughter of **Debi Watkins**, junior clerk, June 29.

Mountaineer

Hillary Dawn, daughter of **Ray Fields**, maintenance mechanic B, May 6.

Jennifer Lee, daughter of **Mike Ralbusky**, maintenance mechanic C, May 12.

Michelle Lynn, daughter of **Jim Shiltz**, utility operator B, June 9.

Pulaski

Michelle Lynn, daughter of **Mike Poore**, T&D clerk B, June 26.

Richard Dean, son of **Rose Mary Moody**, T&D clerk C, June 2.

Roanoke

Scott, son of **James Spitzer**, line mechanic C, May 29.

Sarah Jane, daughter of **Jeff Harlow**, line mechanic D, May 14.

Douglas Kurt, son of **Kurt Sisson**, line mechanic B, May 14.

Martina Glendora, daughter of **Faye Burnette**, Fieldale T&D clerk B, April 22.

Philip Sporn

Shannon Marie, daughter of **Lloyd Rankin**, senior chemist, March 27.

Jeremy David, son of **David Hudnall**, maintenance mechanic A, April 28.

Rebecca Anne, daughter of **Mary Pamela Heib**, utility worker A, April 26.

Andrew Garrette, son of **Gregory Hines**, performance supervising engineer, June 20.

Joshua Isaiah, son of **Harold Adams**, maintenance mechanic A, July 10. □

NEWCOMERS

Beckley

Tammy Crouch, junior stenographer.

Bluefield

Larry Beavers, part-time custodian, Welch. Rosie Keaton, part-time custodian, Pineville.

Charleston

Rebecca Blanton, Patricia Newberry and Sandra Wright, junior clerks. Dennis Cassidy, meter reader. Jeanne Talhouk, electrical engineer. Gary Philpot, line mechanic D, Montgomery. Calvin Woods, meter electrician D.

General Office

Mitchell Feathers, utility helper, GO Operations, Abingdon.

Kanawha River

Rebecca Hoover, junior clerk.

Pulaski

Danny Cronk, T&D clerk C, Christiansburg. Jim Alouf, electrical engineer. Bill Mashburn, marketing and customer services advisor, Galax. □



Rex Eggleton shows off one of the northern pike he caught on a fishing trip to Canada in May. Last year he bagged this 6'1", 340 lb. black bear.

Canada: hunters' paradise

Rex Eggleton, coal equipment operator at John Amos Plant, knows firsthand how beautiful the Canadian sunsets are. He also knows when the lakes freeze and when they thaw.

About the middle of May, for the past three years, Rex and seven other men have headed north to spend sixteen days near Hudson, Ontario, a hunter's and fisherman's paradise. The party travels the 3,400 mile round trip via motor coach, pulling five boats.

Rex says, "It takes about a week to organize and pack for the trip. This year we camped in tents, about 22 miles away from the nearest settlement.

"A typical day starts with bear hunting from early morning until 11 A.M., then

fishing until 4 P.M., and hunting again until dark. In that area of Canada, the only trees are white birch and pines, and darkness doesn't settle in until about 10 P.M." Rex continues, "You have to know where the bears are and how to fish. The bears come in to feed on the 'suckers' in the lakes. They fish the stream by throwing the suckers out of the water and onto the bank with their claws.

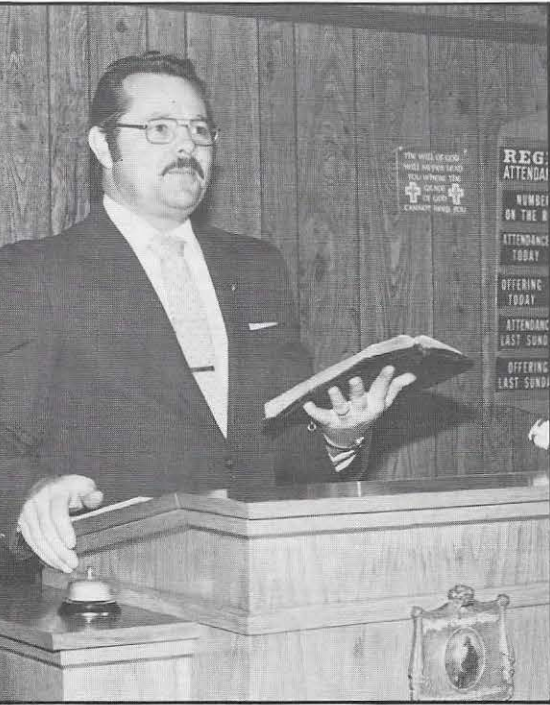
"The water in the lakes is so clear that you can see to a depth of fifteen feet. We use artificial lures, spoons, and jigs, mostly for northern pike, with 17 lb. test line. We are allowed to bring back only six of each species of Canadian fish: northern pike; walleye; white fish; buffalo; and, in some areas, lake trout.

"I have much respect for the Canadian game wardens. They are strict and check often; but, as long as we are legal, they won't hassle us. We always clean up our area well, which is required in Canada. No trash or refuse is allowed to remain at the campsite."

This year the party spent \$280 on gasoline for their boats, and they caught many fish. Last year Rex was lucky enough to bag a 6'1", 340 lb. black bear.

The past three hunting trips in Canada have only whetted Rex's appetite for further adventure. He has a burning ambition to hunt polar bears at Churchill, Canada, near the Arctic Circle. Polar bears, beware! It's only a matter of time. □

Station mechanic is part-time pastor



Paul Baker

"My call to the ministry came during a revival at Boissevain Baptist Church on April 23, 1981," relates Paul Baker, Bluefield station mechanic A.

"During the next six months I checked with several seminaries about their programs and finally chose one in Nashville, Tennessee," Paul continues. In October 1981, he enrolled in a four-year diploma program, majoring in pastoral ministries. To receive a diploma, Paul is required to take four Biblical courses, four theological-historical courses, four practical courses, and four electives. Each course consists of sixteen units, and he must maintain a "C" average or higher to graduate.

A year after his call, Paul was licensed for the ministry by his home church, Boissevain Baptist. Four months later he became the associate pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church in Nemours, West Virginia, serving with the Reverend Ted Cook, supervisor for Paul's final college exams.

Last September Paul was invited to conduct a service at a church on Stoney Ridge, near Bluefield. The church had been without a pastor for nearly two years, so it held Sunday School every Sunday but regular services only once or twice a month. On November 28, Paul became pastor there.

"The church's enrollment isn't large, but it is beginning to grow," Paul says proudly. "My visitations are primarily between the morning and evening services. However, I do some visitations during the week as time permits."

Paul is not paid for his pastoral duties. "I have been blessed with a job at Appalachian, which enables me to provide for my family's needs," he adds.

"I enjoy studying the Bible and letting it study me. I realize I have much room for improvement, and this will come through dedication and experience," Paul concludes. □



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