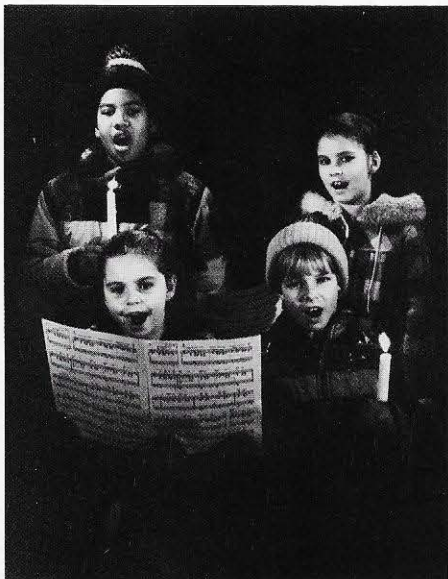




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The sound of carols on the still night air is a meaningful part of the observance of Christmas. Raising their voices in song are: front row, Tiffany Oakes, daughter of Rita Oakes, Roanoke stenographer, and Kevin Likens, son of Wayne Likens, Roanoke general servicer. Back row, Duane Whorley, son of Charlie Whorley, Roanoke line crew supervisor nonexempt, and Jennifer Oakes, daughter of Rita Oakes.

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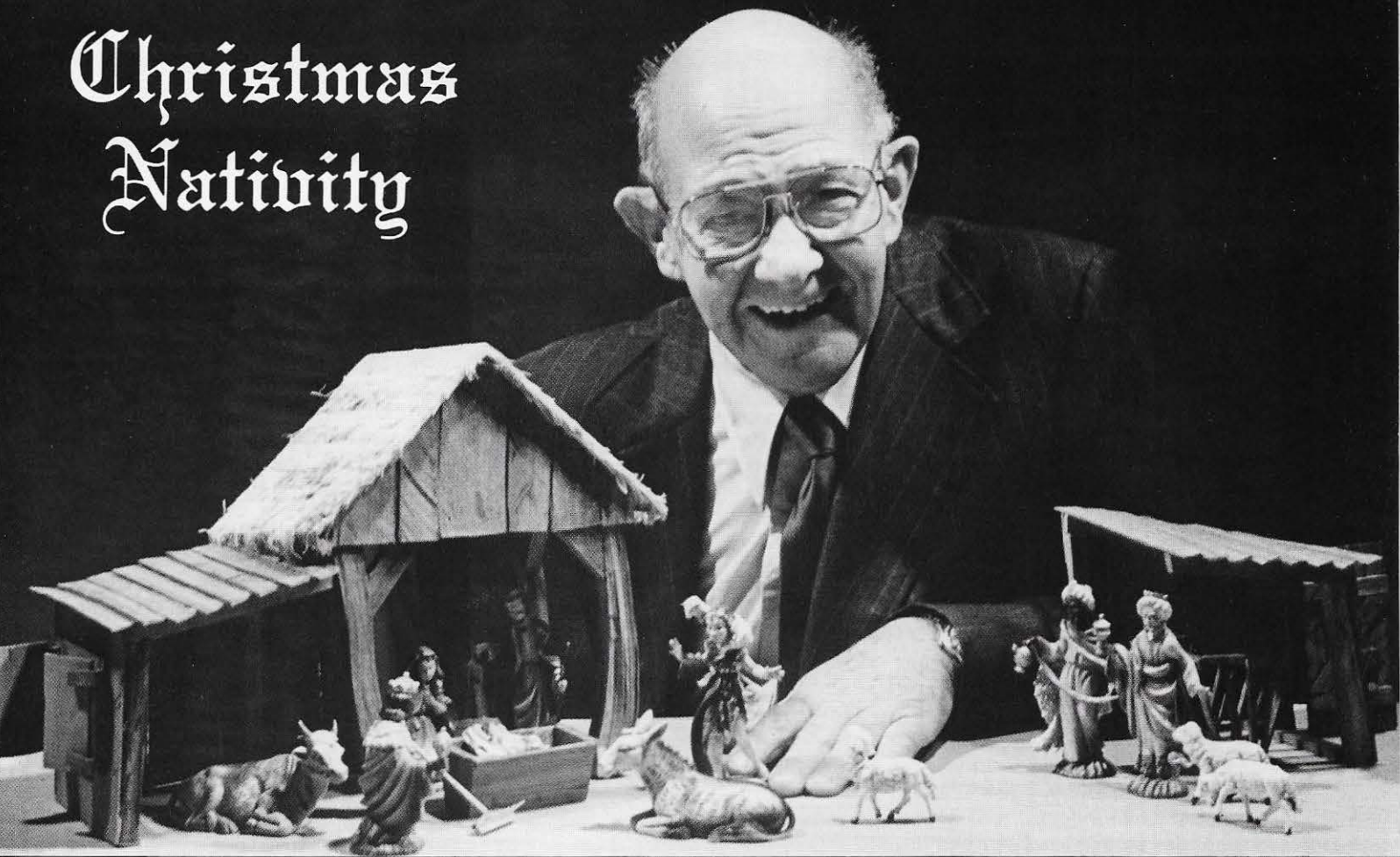
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Christmas Nativity



Jim Mundy looks over one of the stables he made for a nativity scene.

Ever since Saint Francis of Assisi celebrated Mass at a specially constructed manger in 1223 at Greccio, Italy, nativity scenes have been an important part of Christmas celebrations.

By the eighteenth century, building a model crib had become a popular craft in Naples. King Carlo III, fascinated by anything mechanical, built his own lavish nativity scenes for his castle, and the queen and her ladies-in-waiting made costumes for the figures.

This custom spread from Europe to America and Africa and throughout the world and continues to be a meaningful part of the observance of Christmas.

When Karen Burtis and Janet Maxwell, personnel clerks in GO Personnel, Roanoke, made 8-inch nativity figures in a ceramics class, they were unable to find a stable large enough to display them and turned to Jim Mundy, retired employee relations supervisor, for help.

Jim recalls, "I told them I would see what I could do. I went to the library, the Baptist bookstore and other religious stores in town, and even talked to ministers. Surprisingly, nowhere did I find adequate pictures and details of construction. Finally I sketched a design on paper and showed it to Karen and Janet, and they said that's what they had in mind."

Jim continues, "I started looking around for material to use, something that would look aged like a barn. I didn't want to use fresh pine or anything modern. It so happened that my son owned a farm, on which lumbering had been done years ago. There were some scrap limbs and firewood left, including some black walnut. I decided that the walnut was

the right color, so I split the walnut logs and used them to make the stable sides. I made the roof from scrap paneling. "I debated on different treatments for the roof, and finally Linda Naff, T&D clerk A, GO T&D Administrative, Roanoke, suggested using corn shucks. I used a stiff wire brush to shred the corn shucks, and it worked beautifully. I glued the shucks on the roof with rubber cement.

"In order to spotlight Jesus in the manger, I put a 7½-watt night light in the ceiling of the stable. I used a Christmas tree light base, mounted on a block of wood. As a sheath for the light, I used aluminum tubing from a scrap lawn chair." As an added touch, Jim constructed the stable with windows and doors that open.

He continues, "As soon as people saw the stables I made for Karen and Janet, they started asking me to make some for them. Before Christmas rolls around this year I will probably have made as many as 30. I don't make them to sell commercially, just for my friends at Appalachian and members of my family."

Jim notes, "It takes about three weeks off and on to make a stable. It has to be done bit by bit in order to allow time for the glue to set up. "I generally have one or two sheds on the side of the main structure, and some of the stables have a ladder going up to the loft. I've even made a few rakes and three-legged milk stools.

"I don't keep any of the money I charge for the stables. All of it is donated to the Appalachian Chorus (made up of Roanoke Division and GO employees) to help defray their expenses," Jim concludes. He is audio engineer for the Chorus performances. □

APCo requests \$109.5 million increase in W. Va.

Appalachian Power Company on December 5 filed a request with the West Virginia Public Service Commission for a rate increase of approximately \$109.5 million.

This increase in rates will average 25.5 percent above the rates currently in effect for Appalachian's West Virginia customers. The cost to the average residential customer using 850 kilowatt-hours of electricity will increase \$12.31 per month.

In announcing the rate increase request, John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, noted that this will be the company's first filing for a general rate increase in West Virginia since April 1982. The company will ask that the increase become effective on January 4, 1984, but the Commission has historically suspended the effective date of such increases to permit the necessary review and public hearing. Consequently, the new rates will probably not become effective until later in 1984.

Vaughan said that even though Appalachian continues to be among the top companies in the nation in terms of operating efficiency, its financial condition has not improved. "In 1983, Appalachian will fail for the sixth time in the past eight years to have earnings sufficient to meet its common stock dividend requirements.

"The failure to earn at a sufficient level is in large measure attributable to inadequate rates in West Virginia. In the past eight years Appalachian has failed to come anywhere near the rate of return authorized by the Commission."

Vaughan pointed out that the company took stringent cost control measures over the past year in an effort to improve its earnings situation. While such measures did help, the impact was not sufficient to make up for the company's earnings shortfall. He added that stringent austerity programs are temporary solutions and that the permanent solution simply has to be higher rate levels for electric service in the state.

Adequate and improved earnings are essential, Vaughan said, because the

company continues to need access to the capital markets to attract funds to finance its ongoing construction program. "Appalachian is adding new customers, and customer usage continues to increase. Even though our construction activity has slowed because we have no power plants under construction, we still require the construction of many other facilities to meet our customers' needs. The company will spend about \$105 million for construction of facilities in 1983, \$108 million in 1984, and \$192 million in 1985."

Vaughan noted that the company continues to experience cost increases in virtually every area of its operations, even though the general inflation rate has abated somewhat in recent months. Specifically, he singled out several factors that have contributed to the magnitude of this request — continued high interest rates, taxes, and a significant reduction in sales of electricity to other utilities.

"Long term interest rates remain at very high levels. Our most recent bond issue of \$50 million in October of this year was sold at an effective cost to the company of 12.92 percent. That money in part refinanced maturing bond issues on which the cost to the company has been 3.41 and 11.41 percent.

"A major portion of the request — some \$42.1 million — relates to the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981. In order to comply with provisions of that legislation, the company must normalize, or pass through over a 30-year period, the investment tax credit that resulted from the act. Changes in the West Virginia corporate income tax laws since the company's last general rate filing account for an additional \$1.6 million of the request.

"Another significant factor is the reduction in recent months in the sales of electricity to non-affiliated utilities. Our ability to make such sales has historically meant lower rates for our West Virginia customers. But those sales have decreased dramatically for a number of reasons brought on in large measure by the recently changed economic conditions within the industry.

"Our record shows that we have done an excellent job in keeping costs down," he said. "We operate every aspect of our

business as efficiently as possible, and as a result our customers' rates are very reasonable — lower than the national average. Even with this increase, our customers' rates will remain well below the rates paid by customers of many other electric utilities in this part of the country." □

Kingsport resident elected AEP director

Toy F. Reid of Kingsport, Tennessee, last month was elected a director of



American Electric Power Company. His election increased the membership of the AEP board to 14.

He is an executive vice president and a director and member of the ex-

ecutive committee of Eastman Kodak Company, and general manager of its Eastman Chemicals Division, with headquarters in Kingsport.

Reid has been with the Eastman Kodak organization for 35 years, having joined Tennessee Eastman Company in Kingsport as a chemical engineer in 1948. After serving in management posts with Holston Defense Corporation and Carolina Eastman Company, he rose to vice president of Tennessee Eastman in 1972 and to senior vice president in 1973. He was elected a vice president of Eastman Kodak and appointed assistant general manager of its Chemical Division in 1974, then elected and appointed to his present posts in 1979.

He is a director of Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company, First American National Bank — Eastern, Holston Valley Hospital and Medical Center, Kingsport Area Community Chest and Junior Achievement of Kingsport.

Born in South Carolina, Reid received bachelor of science degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering from the University of South Carolina and the University of Illinois, respectively, and a master's degree in chemical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a registered professional engineer in Tennessee. □

APCo to sponsor Neighbor program

Appalachian Power Company will again sponsor its Neighbor to Neighbor program to assist needy customers in paying their electric bills during the coming winter months. The program will be administered in Virginia by the Department of Social Services and in West Virginia by the Department of Human Services.

"The Neighbor to Neighbor program will provide a vehicle through which the company's employees and its more than 740,000 customers in Virginia and West Virginia can voluntarily contribute to this worthwhile activity," said Appalachian President John W. Vaughan. "Appalachian will match those contributions on a dollar to dollar basis up to \$37,500 in each state. The company's contributions will come from its stockholders, not ratepayers."

Vaughan pointed out that even though the economy in the company's 19,000-square-mile service area in southern West Virginia and southwestern Virginia is showing some signs of improvement, financial hardships are not yet over for many families. "Appalachian remains sensitive to the needs of its customers, and the Neighbor to Neighbor program is a means through which we and others can assist those in need."

Benefits from the program will be available to qualifying customers in 31 counties of southwestern Virginia and 21 counties of southern West Virginia in which the company provides service. "The contributions from customers in Virginia will be distributed in Virginia and those from customers in West Virginia in that state," Vaughan said.

Appalachian's customers will begin receiving notices explaining the program and how they may contribute to it with their January electric bills. Customers wishing to make a contribution should indicate the amount in the space provided on their electric bill and add that amount to the total due for electric service. Or, if they prefer, they may write a separate check made payable to the Virginia Department of Social Services/Neighbor to Neighbor Program or the West Virginia Department of Human Services/Neighbor to Neighbor Pro-

gram. Each contributor will receive a receipt.

Vaughan added that those customers who wish to contribute before they receive notification in their electric bills may send a check now, properly identified, to any Appalachian office. "Every dollar contributed to the Neighbor to Neighbor Program will go toward helping the needy," he said.

Vaughan pointed out that last winter more than \$303,000 raised through the Neighbor to Neighbor program eased the financial burden of nearly 5,000 families in need of assistance. □

AEP Ash Section invited to relocate

Employees of the Ash Utilization and Research Section of the AEP Service Corporation's Materials Handling Division in Charleston, West Virginia last month were invited to transfer to the company's new headquarters in Columbus between June 15 and September 1, 1984. □

Blue Ridge field office to be closed

Appalachian Power Company will close its field office on U.S. 58-221 east of Independence, Virginia, on December 31.

The office was established in 1963 as headquarters for members of the Engineering and R/e & R/w Departments who were involved in site studies and acquisition of land for the company's proposed Blue Ridge Hydroelectric Development.

Construction of the project was blocked in 1976 when President Gerald Ford signed a bill putting 26.5 miles of the New River and its South Fork into a wild and scenic river status.

Since that time, the office has been used by members of the Land Management Department as headquarters for the disposal of the 16,348 acres of land purchased for the Blue Ridge Development. As of October 31, 83.6 percent of the acreage had been sold. The disposition of the remaining acreage will be

handled from the land management office in Roanoke. □

Social security changes to take effect in 1984

A number of changes in the Social Security program will take effect in 1984. Two of them relate to the benefits paid to retirees; others relate to payments made into the Social Security system. Among them are:

1. The nation's 36-million Social Security recipients will receive a 3.5 percent increase in benefits beginning January 1. The increase had been scheduled for last July 1 but was delayed by the Congress as part of the system's bailout plan.

2. Retirees will be permitted to earn more money before starting to lose part of their Social Security benefits (\$1 for each \$2 earned over the ceiling amount) according to the following scale:

- Retirees under 65 — maximum earnings of \$5,160 a year, compared with the present \$4,920.
- Retirees 65 to 69 — maximum earnings of \$6,960, compared with the present \$6,600.
- Retirees 70 and over — no limit on earnings (no change).

3. The Social Security tax will be applied to an employee's annual earnings up to \$37,800, compared with the present maximum of \$35,700. This will raise the maximum employee tax by \$140.70 to \$2,532.60. The higher ceiling is expected to affect 8-million wage earners and raise an additional \$2 billion annually.

4. Employers will make a larger percentage contribution to the Social Security system — their share rising from 6.7 to 7 percent of the employee's salary. Employee contributions will remain at 6.7 percent in 1984 but will go up to 7 percent in 1985, thus restoring the traditional 50-50 sharing of Social Security taxes with the employers.

5. Self-employed workers will pay a Social Security tax of 11.3 percent, compared with the present 9.35 percent. This increase is expected to generate another \$13.1 billion a year for the troubled system. □

AEP Energy Services



(11th in a series)

AEP Energy Services, Inc. The name may not be familiar to many people since it is a relatively new company. However, the company hopes its name will soon be well known throughout the world.

The company, a subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, was established April 21, 1982, after its formation was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

AEP Energy Services sells to non-affiliated companies, on a profit-making basis, a number of services now provided by the AEP Service Corporation and the operating companies of the AEP System. (The services available to the System from the Service Corporation, of course, are rendered on a non-profit basis.)

For more than 75 years, AEP had built a power supply system that ranks at or near the top among all U. S. electric utilities in power generation, power delivery, kilowatthour sales, power plant efficiency and coal production and use. But, of greater significance, AEP had also built a reputation for leadership in pioneering new technology in all phases of the electric energy business.

With all this hands-on experience, it was only natural that American Electric Power would want to offer such expertise to anyone who could use it in this country and abroad.

AEP Energy Services is directed by Dorman M. Miller, vice president. A 43-year AEP System employee, he retired

as vice president-marketing & customer services of the AEP Service Corporation on March 1 and was named to the new post.

"Through AEP Energy Services, the talent and expertise that engineered, designed, built and operate the AEP System can provide clients with a variety of services in such areas as system planning, engineering, design, construction management, system operation, transmission and distribution, research and development, and testing," Miller said. "We can also help in such diverse areas as performance analysis; fuel supply, transportation and conversion, and rate research and design. Our highly skilled engineers, designers and technicians offer clients the benefits of management and technical experience plus — and this is where we have the advantage over our competition — operating experience. Our people understand the needs and challenges of seeing a project through from concept to long-term operation."

The company to date has made more than 30 proposals to do work for utilities and organizations in South Korea, Pakistan, India, Mexico, British Columbia, Colombia, Greenland and Italy and for a number of domestic utility companies. The company has also joined with other consulting firms bidding on work offered through the U. S. Departments of Energy, Defense and Commerce. In addition, the company has been actively involved in several projects such as: testing of generators and electromagnetic interfer-

Design capability is one of the many benefits AEP Energy Services offers its clients.

ence, engineering services for materials handling at power plants, railway electrification, the design of a coal-desulfurization process, fly ash utilization, technology transfer, the design of high-pressure nuclear reactor valve-testing facilities and the sale of computer programs.

Generation

AEP Energy Services can provide a wide range of services in evaluating existing systems and recommending improvements in operation and maintenance. For new generating units the company can provide all the services necessary to turn the need for new capacity into a fully operational unit, including plant-siting studies, on-site supervision of construction and coal specifications for performance and environmental requirements.

Transmission and Distribution

Power delivery is the vital link in the energy supply system. It is in this area that expertise is essential to improving efficiency and operation. "The AEP experience includes designing and building 117,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines, including 2,000 miles of 765,000-volt transmission lines — the highest capacity, most flexible and most reliable power-delivery system ever built," Miller said. "Much of the equipment in common use today throughout the country was pioneered on the AEP System."

System Planning

AEP Energy Services knows that the efficient, economical production and delivery of electricity begins with planning. Using the latest computer-based models, the company can provide forecasting and planning services for applications ranging from specific power suppliers or regions to interconnected power systems. AEP engineers work with clients to develop forecasts of future demand for electricity and the size and scope of generation and transmission facilities necessary to meet that demand. They also develop budget requirements and corporate strategies.

System Operation

Balancing system output with customer demand presents additional opportunities for efficiency. By constantly fine-tuning operations, the AEP professionals have made the AEP System one of the most efficient in the nation.

These professionals understand the challenges of power supply reliability, minimizing interruptions and achieving optimum use of generating units and transmission lines.

AEP Energy Services can help clients meet these challenges by providing services in all areas of power control, operations engineering, system protection and system measurement. These services include complete design of new control or energy-management centers, including equipment selection and data-base development and management.

Communications

The nature of a power supply system dictates the need for an effective communication system. Data must be transmitted quickly to be used to the best advantage.

AEP engineers have designed and built a communication network covering more than 50,000 square miles in seven states. This system provides data and voice communication capabilities through microwave, and common and private carrier transmission.

Using the latest technology available, the AEP personnel responsible for this system can design a new communications system or improve an existing one.

Environmental Programs

One of the most dynamic and challenging areas in electric power supply is environmental control. Developing technologies and changing regulatory requirements present new challenges for electric utility systems. A thorough knowl-



Dorman Miller discusses AEP Energy Services.

edge and understanding of compliance requirements and control equipment performance are essential to achieving environmental goals in an effective manner.

"AEP has gained that knowledge and understanding through its experience in developing control strategies and operating control equipment to meet standards for air and water quality and solid-waste disposal," Miller said.

Research and Development

Research and development are the foundation of an efficient and reliable electric system. It is through R&D efforts that advances are made in power system operation and control, energy utilization and conservation, environmental protection and coal mining, delivery and reclamation.

Here too, many of the facilities commonly used today in the generation and delivery of electricity were pioneered on the AEP System.

The AEP experience in research and development includes such diverse areas as pressurized fluidized bed combustion (PFBC), the Otisca (waterless) coal-cleaning process, magnetohydrodynamics, ash utilization, ultra-high-voltage transmission, thermal storage and time-of-day rates.

AEP Energy Services can also assist clients with R&D projects by providing access to AEP's laboratories and testing facilities. These projects may cover such

areas as electrical engineering, system planning, mechanical engineering, plant engineering, nuclear engineering, coal, materials handling, environmental protection, customer services, rates and computer applications.

Testing

AEP Energy Services can provide clients with a wide variety of professional testing and laboratory services at various AEP facilities, including an environmental laboratory, an electrical research laboratory, a coal laboratory, and a civil engineering (concrete and soil) laboratory, as well as an ultra-high-voltage test center jointly operated by AEP and ASEA.

Fuel Supply and Transportation

As the nation's largest coal user, the AEP System has constantly sought to find better ways to mine, prepare, transport and burn coal. It is through progress in these areas that improvements in plant operating efficiency, production availability, maintenance costs and environmental quality have been achieved.

The AEP experience includes operating 18 deep mines and 12 surface pits in three states; designing, building and operating coal-washing and coal-handling facilities, and coal research and analysis. The experience also includes: award-winning reclamation programs; operation of Big Muskie, the world's largest walking dragline machine; the nation's only automated computer-controlled electric railroad, and being among the first coal producers in the U. S. to install longwall mining systems.

Training

In addition to the engineering and consulting services available, AEP Energy Services can provide personnel training programs necessary to implement new facilities or operations. These training programs can be custom-designed to suit the client's needs in such areas as power plant training, safety and maintenance training, technology transfer and management development.

Administration

Finally, AEP Energy Services also offers consulting services in several administrative areas, including computer information systems, human resource management and purchasing and inventory control.

With American Electric Power now able to share its expertise with other electric utility companies by "selling" its services on a contract basis, it is in a position to help other companies solve problems in their own operations and thereby increase their efficiency and reliability. □



DOLLHOUSES

Should Santa's elves get behind with last-minute orders for dollhouses, they could find an able helper in Jo McBroom, Huntington T&D clerk C. Jo has made two dollhouses, complete with handmade furniture, for herself.

She explains, "Once I helped a friend make a dollhouse and really enjoyed it, so my children bought me a kit for my birthday. When I got that house finished, I got another kit for Christmas." She laughs, "I have two granddaughters so maybe there was a method to their madness!"

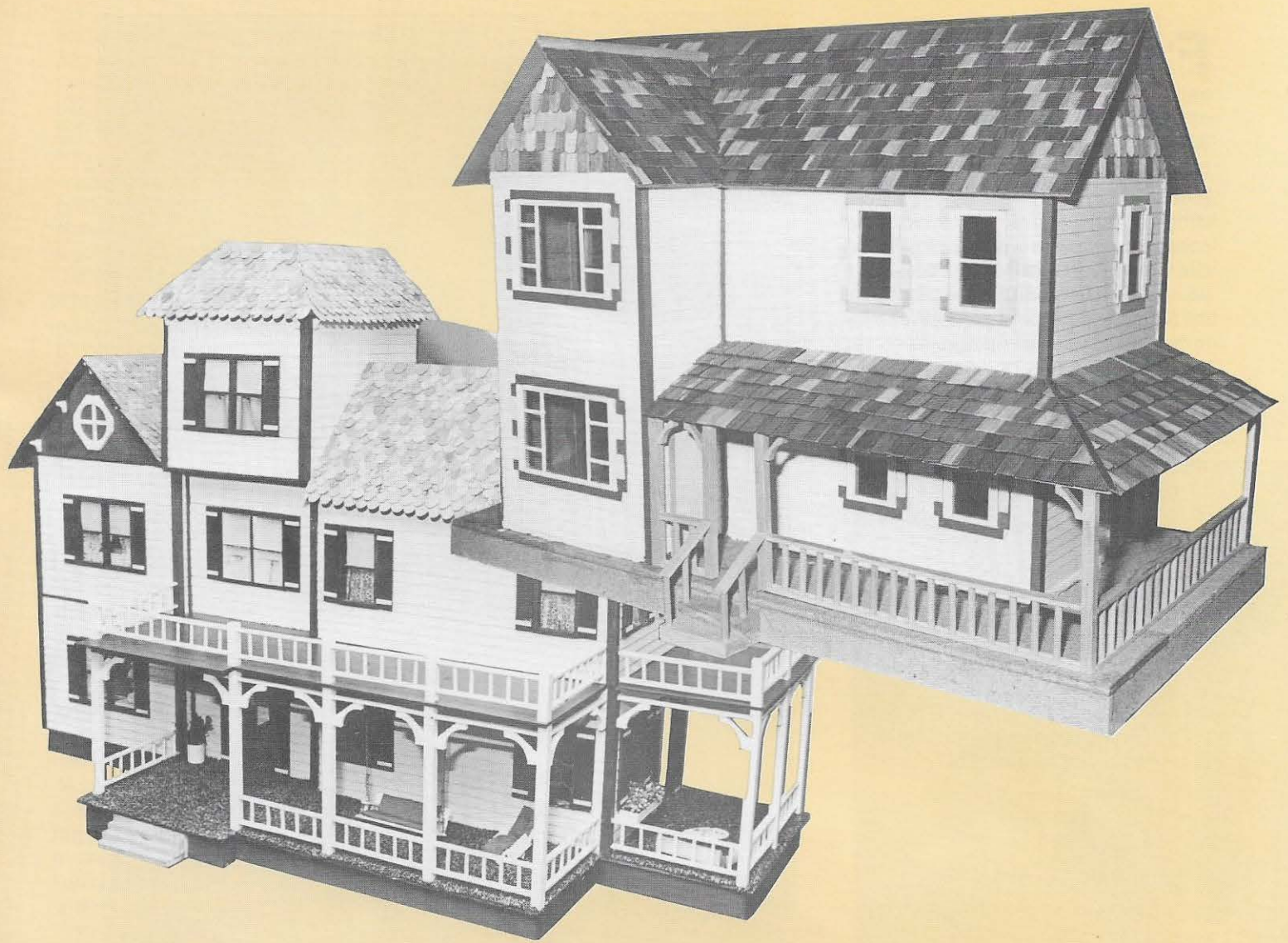
Jo continues, "On the first dollhouse, all the pieces were cut and marked. On the second house, I had to measure everything. About 25 pages of instructions came with it. The second one actually went faster than the first; it only required a couple of weeks to put together. Even though the houses are entirely different, the knowledge I gained

on the first helped me to know how to put the second one together."

Jo adds, "My children bought me two or three pieces of furniture for the houses, and I thought, 'hey, I could make that'.

"I get my ideas for furniture by looking at pictures or a model. For instance, the table in one of the houses is like my dining room table. I made the table out of Balsa wood and shaped it with a sharp knife and a file. The living room suite, which is my own design, was hard to make. I had to glue on the pieces of upholstery."

Jo continues, "I fixed a nursery in one room and even made a quilting frame for the attic. I get ideas by remembering some of the things my mom had in her house."



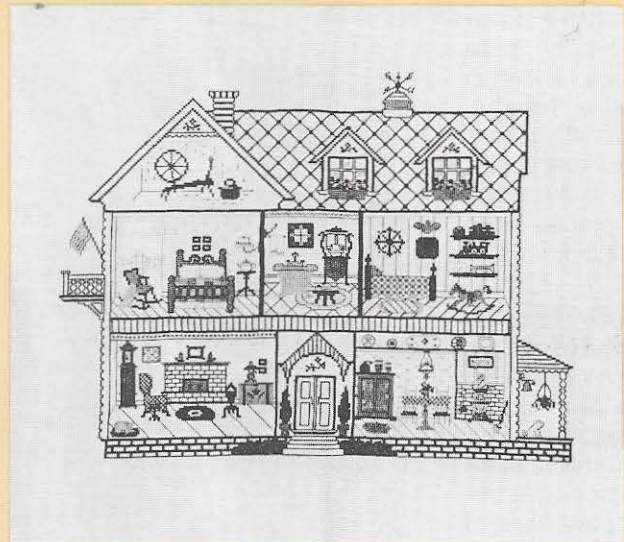
are for big girls, too

One of Jo's houses features old fashioned cabinets in the kitchen, complete with flour bin. She also made flower boxes, a swing and lounge chair for the front porch of one model.

Jo notes, "I work on the houses in the evenings after I get home from work. Sometimes I get so wrapped up in them that it might be two o'clock in the morning before I realize it.

"It took about six weeks on and off to get curtains made for the house and paper the walls. The one house has 2100 individual shingles which had to be glued on.

"You can really get a lot of money and time tied up in a project like this," Jo concludes. "But the two houses will go to my granddaughters one day. They're only 7 and 3, so they're a little too young to take care of the dollhouses now." □



From 7:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. four days a week, Robert L. Johnson, Sr., is a transmission and distribution representative, GO T&D, Bluefield. During his off-duty time, it's not unusual to find him and his wife, Edwina, riding with their motorcycle group, the Retreads.

If the mere mention of motorcycle group conjures up images of the old Marlon Brando Hell's Angels type movie, put your fears to rest. Bob is quick to point out, "It's not that type of group. We do try to create a good public image. Wherever we have had a rally or dinner, we have always been asked to come back. One time when a group of us pulled up in front of a gift shop, the lady who worked there was a little apprehensive. She said she was relieved when the helmets came off, showing the gray hair. Stopping where people are around is sure to promote some interesting conversations, and I always enjoy talking to people."

The Retreads is an international motorcycling club that claims 20,000 members — all over 40 years old. Retreads is a social group that promotes biking as a hobby for responsible adults. Bob notes, "There are no strangers in the Retreads, only friends you haven't met."

Bob was instrumental in the formation of a Retreads group in Roanoke, where he lives. He says, "I knew about the Retreads organization and whenever I would meet somebody, I would tell them about it. When we had our first get-together, there were only three couples. Now when we meet, there are always 40 or more people and sometimes it is hard to find places large enough for us to eat."

Bob continues, "We don't have officers as such, but we do have one man in Virginia who is designated as a state representative because we have to have one. We don't have to be a member of the American

Motorcyclists Association Club, but it is encouraged because AMA tries to promote good things for motorcycling by lobbying and so on. There are several in the state who are area coordinators. It's just too much for one state representative to try to do everything by himself. I'm area coordinator for the Roanoke Valley."

Bob adds, "When people think of motorcycle riders, they immediately think of chopper riders. I know a lot of the chopper riders, and they are nice fellows but some don't look too good. The appearance of the Retreads helps set us apart. All of us ride the touring bikes with bags, radios and other accessories. Our motorcycles are big, mostly 1000 to 1300 cc. The average price is \$6,000 to \$8,000, and most of them are fairly late models.

"Retreads come from all backgrounds — white collar, blue collar, active, retired, male and female, black and white. Many are grandparents. As far as I know, there are only two other Appalachian employees who are Retreads: DeWynn Adams, station mechanic A, GO T&D, and Lacy Wallace, Tazewell area service restorer."

Bob has been interested in motorcycles ever since he was in high school, when he got his first motorized two-wheeler — a whizzer motor bike. "The next two I had were Indians," Bob says. "All the rest have been Harleys except for my one Honda. My 1982 Honda interstate is the main one we tour on. It has everything you need like saddle bags, tour pack, windshield farring, an AM-FM radio, and CB, which we use for connection between motorcycles. I also have a 1978 Harley Davidson electroglide touring bike, and I don't plan on ever getting rid of that one. It is a 75th anniversary edition. In fact, I'm going to get a side car and have it color matched."

Although Edwina does not drive a motorcycle, she is just as enthusiastic about riding as Bob is and goes on most of the rallies the club has.

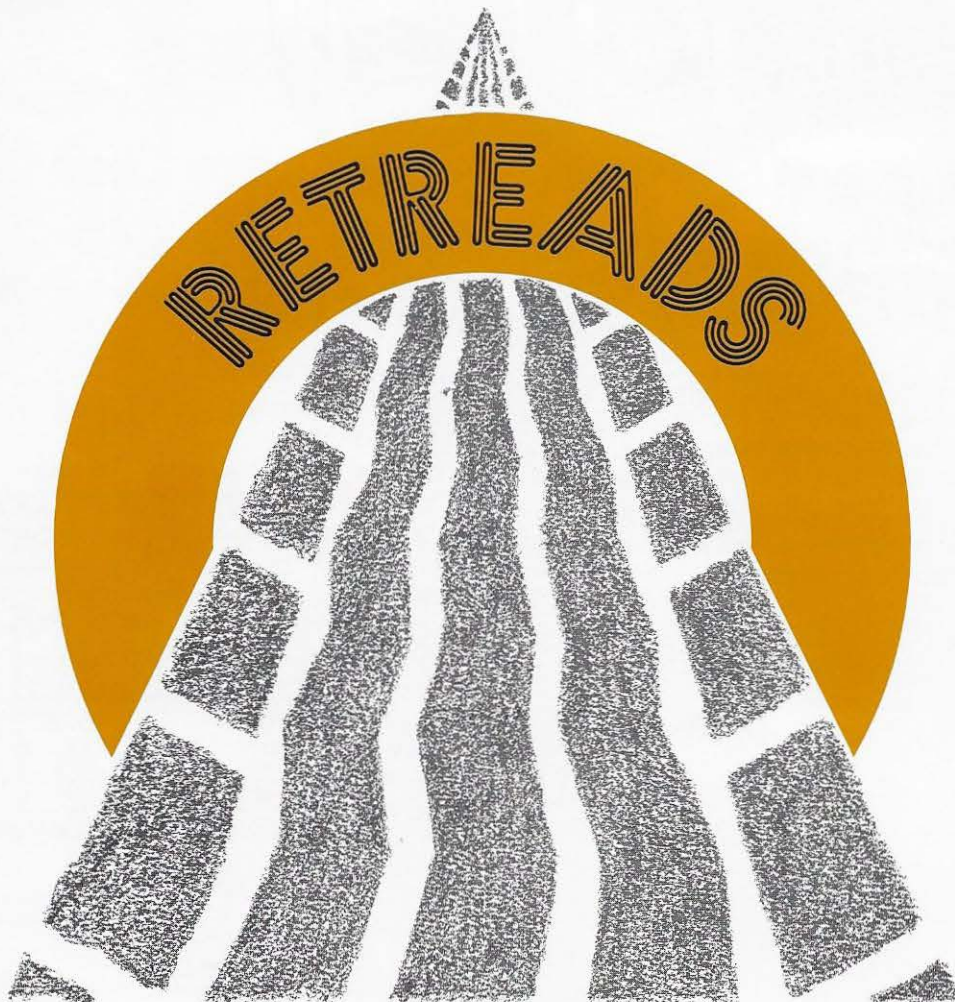
Bob laughs as he recalls, "The first date I had with Edwina, I went over to her house on a motorcycle, and her daddy wouldn't let her go. Fortunately, he went to bed early and her mother let her go out with me."

Edwina notes, "After we were married, we sold Bob's motorcycle to buy furniture

for the house. Then when the children were growing up, it was hard to get away and leave them, so we didn't ride for a few years. But after the children were grown, we had more time for ourselves so we started riding again. Our son and his wife ride with us a good bit now. Our daughter enjoys riding, too."

The Johnsons take frequent pleasure trips on the motorcycle and attend rallies throughout Virginia as well as other states. They recently returned from a trip to western New York, Niagara Falls and Canada, where they attended an international rally.

In March of this year, Bob rode to the motorcycle





Bob and Edwina Johnson

rides in Daytona Beach, Florida, with two friends. "I left home at 3:20 A. M.," he notes. "It was 45 degrees out and pouring rain. I was driving down I-581 to meet my two companions across town, and I thought that if anybody saw me they would think I was crazy. But I had on my warm riding gear, my rain gear, and I was dry, warm and happy, going down the road listening to my FM station. The ride that day was 15 hours to Daytona Beach, about 780 miles. You might think that would tire you out. However, I had been to Pensacola, Florida, in the Oldsmobile with the cushy velour seats the week before, and that was also a 15-hour trip. I was more tired of sitting on that trip than I was to Daytona."

Bob adds, "When Edwina and I ride together, we try to cover not more than 400 miles a day. We usually stop every hour or so to have a coke, rest, eat or whatever.

"Riding a motorcycle is just a pleasant experience. You see so many more things that you don't see when you are cooped up inside a car. You're out in the fresh air and have a 'free' feeling. People always ask what I do when it gets bad weather, but after you have been riding long enough, you find out how to dress to keep dry. You carry the proper equipment. We came back from Canada one time in the rain, when all the cars on the Pennsylvania Turnpike were pulled over, but we could see good, and it was no problem.

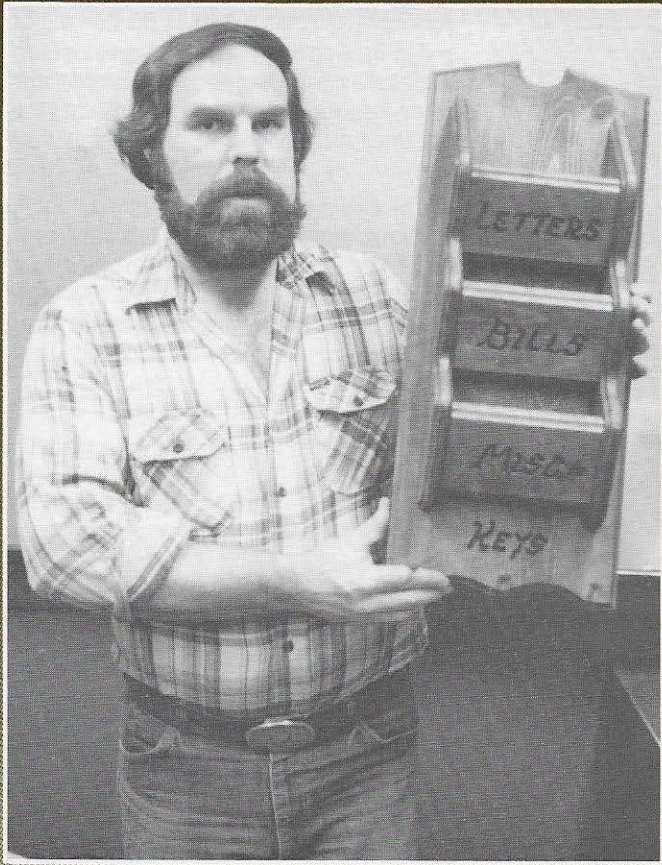
"Edwina and I both realize you can get hurt on a motorcycle but you can on just about anything. I like to fly, too, and I don't quit flying or driving a car because I can get hurt. On a motorcycle you really have to practice defensive driving. There is no room to be showing off on the motorcycle and stay safe.

"The oldest rider at the New York international Retreads rally was 85, so I'm not going to give it up until I have too," Bob concludes. "I'm going to get a side car so my grandchildren can help me get my leg over the saddle when I reach that age!

"In the course of our motorcycling hobby, we have made many friends throughout Virginia and up and down the east coast that we would not have had the privilege to have known otherwise. To us, Retreads has been a vehicle to friends and many enjoyable experiences." □



Bob's 1982 Honda interstate has saddle bags, tour pack, windshield farring, an AM-FM radio and a CB.



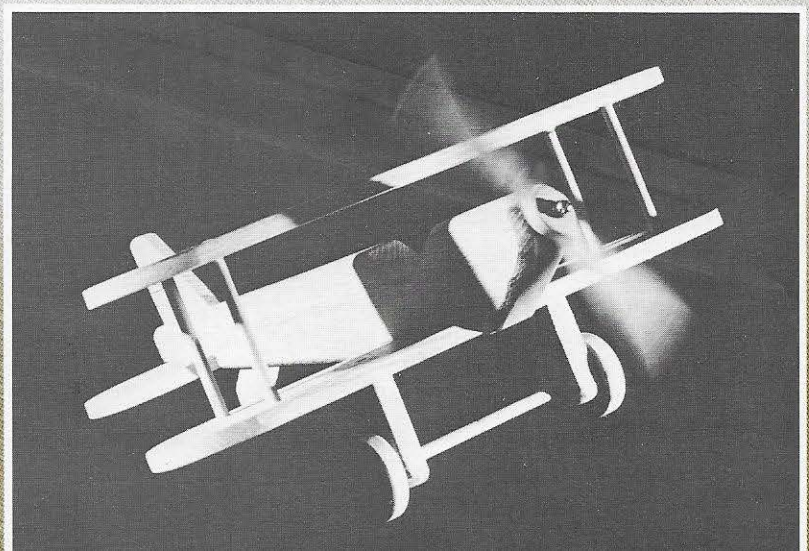
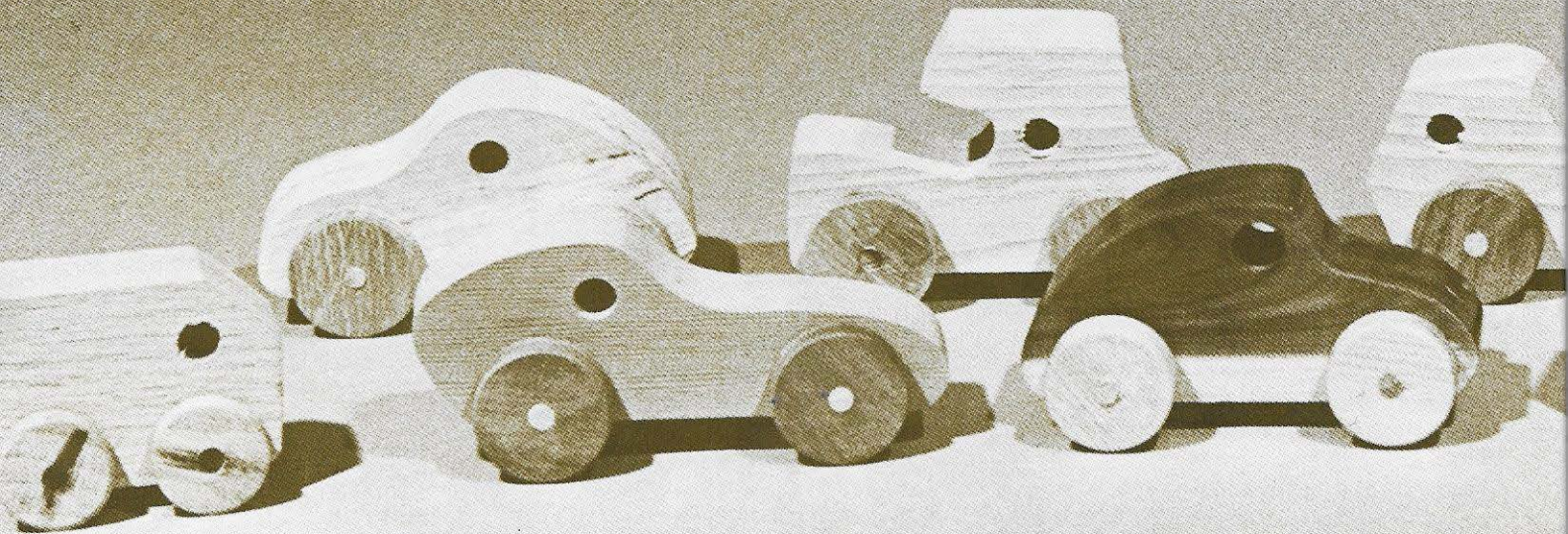
Handmade toys once were common presents for children at Christmas. Parents made toys the same way they earned their living, with their hands, and they used natural materials that were abundant — wood from the forest, corn shucks and apples from fields and orchards, and cane from the river.

By the light of fireplace and kerosene lamp, fathers whittled toys and games. Mothers shaped wet corn shucks into dolls, sometimes sculpting the faces in apples. These gifts cost parents only a few hours of sleep and gave children days of joy.

Most of these toys disappeared once the children were grown or when store-bought toys became affordable. But, fortunately, the skills to make them were handed down from one generation to another.

Bill Burgess, Kanawha River Plant utility worker A, learned how to make toys and other items from his father, who was a carpenter. "I have a woodworking shop in my basement and work in there whenever I have free time," he says. "I have been doing this off and on for about ten years. It's a good hobby for me in the winter."

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Bill adds a personal touch to his Christmas giving by making other items such as bread boxes, potato and onion bins, napkin holders, picture frames, sconces, candle holders, towel racks and cutting boards. Often he is asked to make these for others to purchase as gifts.

"I don't advertise because when you start doing woodwork like that, it takes up all your time and is not a hobby. I was laid off for a year before I came with Appalachian, and I made and sold quite a few things then. I made so many bread boxes that I even dreamed about them."

Bill continues, "I start by making a pattern. I have a couple of books I can order patterns out of, but I like to make up my own designs. If I see something I like and it is not the right measurement, I change it a little bit.

"I'm making a quilt stand for my wife, and I cut that pattern in wood. For other things, I just use dimensions. Once I lay out the pattern, it's just a matter of cutting it out, sanding it, and finishing it. My dad always used to say that the better finish you get, the better woodworker you are.

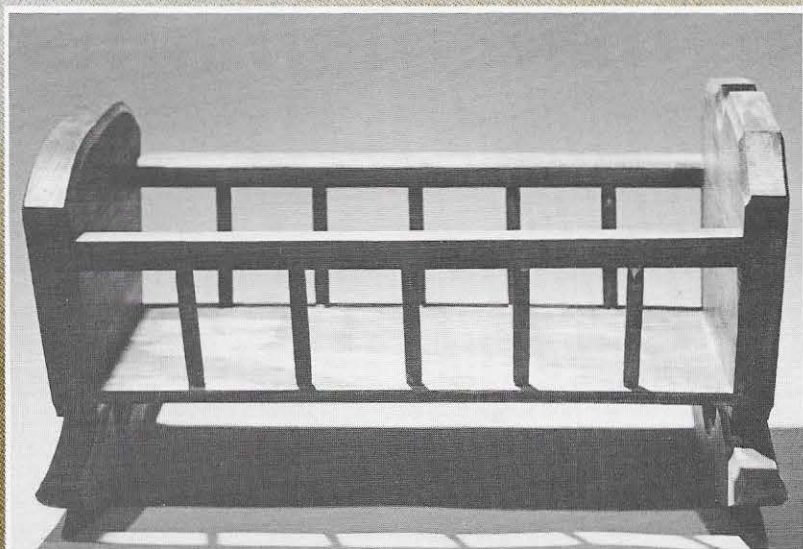
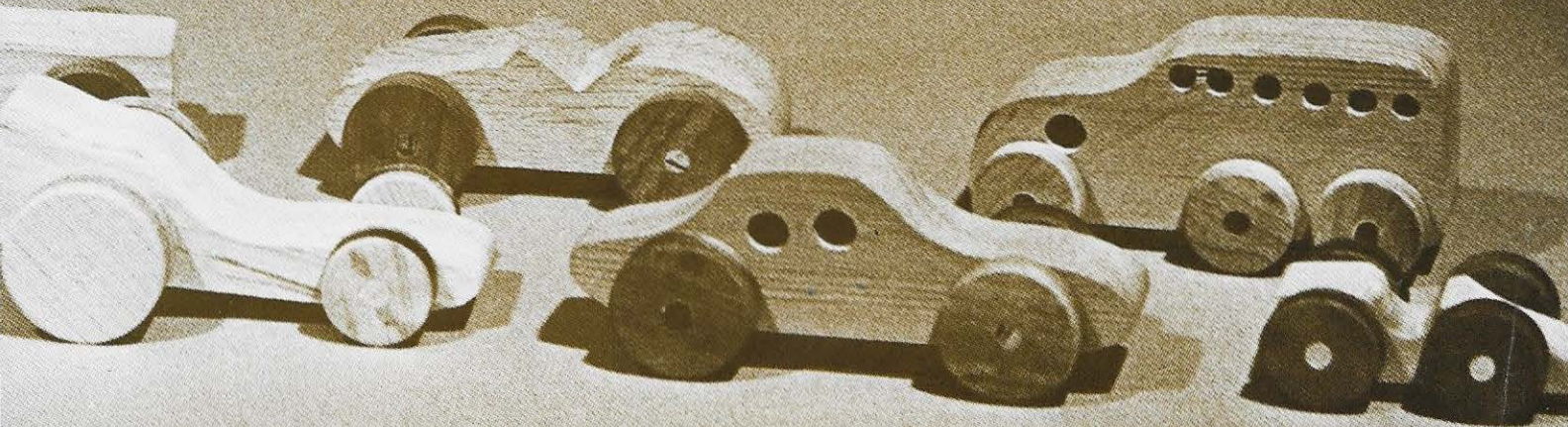
"I particularly like to work on a lathe, and I use all kinds of wood — walnut, white oak, cherry, sassafras, maple and pine." Picking up a toy airplane, he says, "I made this out of a pallet that came into the plant. And I made a doll cradle out of a mahogany pallet that had Japanese motors on it. I buy some wood and cut some and dry it myself. A friend of mine has a sawmill, and I get some wood from him."

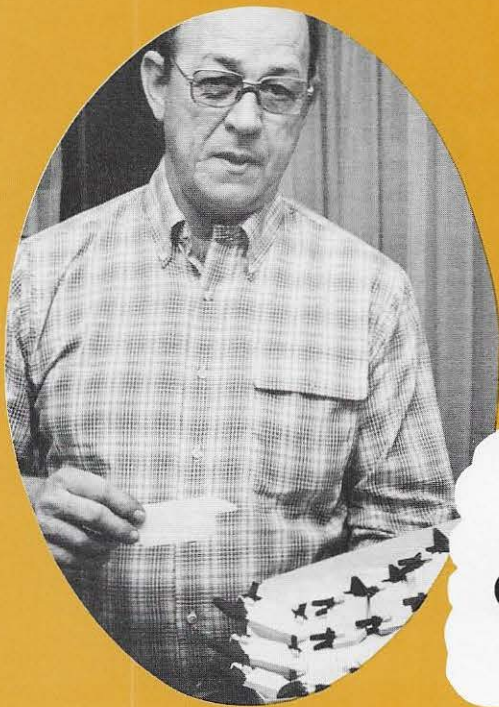
Bill adds, "You are not going to get rich doing woodwork if you do a good job at all. Some things I might spend a half day on or even a day or a week. You can't put a price on the time you spend because nobody would buy it. The big companies with mass production can make things a lot cheaper than I can make them by hand."

Bill concludes, "A lot of people think of woodwork as 'work', but it relaxes me. I get a feeling of accomplishing something by making it with my own hand."

Is Bill passing along his skill to his son? "Jason is just 11 years old. Right now he comes down to the shop and just piddles. Once in a while he makes a bird house. Maybe one day." □

Toy maker





designs I painted on. I'm always thinking up something new."

One of her new ornaments this year is a mouse in a basket. "I got the idea when we went to Williamsburg," Betty recalls. "I saw a mouse in a nutshell and thought I would make some of those. But when we got home, no English walnuts were available at the store. I had some little baskets so I decided to make the mice



Handmade Ornaments

"What I would really like to do is have a Christmas shop," confides Betty Woody. "My daughter-in-law, Leesa, and I love to make Christmas ornaments and we work on them all year long."

The pair were among the 150 artisans who exhibited their wares at the annual Capitol City Arts and Crafts Show last month at the Charleston Civic Center. The show is sponsored annually by the Kanawha City Lions Club for the benefit of charity.

"One year before we started exhibiting at the crafts show," Betty says, "Leesa and I had a sale here in my living room. I made up an advertisement and sent it out to various people and hung it in several places. Actually we did just as well at home, but I like being in the show because my work is more exposed to the public."

One of Betty's specialties is decorating wooden spoons to make ornaments. Her husband Gordon, Kanawha River Plant maintenance mechanic C, helps out in this endeavor. "Gordon cuts the handles off the spoons, sands them, and adds the hangers for me," she says. "Then I brush on an undercoat, draw a sketch of the design on the spoon, paint it, and varnish it. The ornaments all look different because I don't have any pattern. This year I have about 15 different

and put them in the baskets. The mice are made from gray cloth, stuffed with cotton balls."

Other new ornaments are wooden thimbles decorated to look like Christmas bells, pine cones in a basket, and others in the shape of chickens, ponies and sheep. Gordon cuts the animal patterns from bass wood and Betty adds the paint. The sheep all have black painted ears and legs, and the body is made from a wooly material. As a finishing touch, Betty adds a bell and ribbon.

"One customer calls her tree the 'Betty Woody' tree because she has collected everything I have made through the years. Another customer buys ornaments every year for her grandchildren, and she always asks me to put a date on them," Betty relates.

"Every year I say I won't do this again, but I just enjoy it so much that I keep right on. I usually do some small paintings, which people buy as gifts, as well as make wreaths from brooms, grape vines and straw."

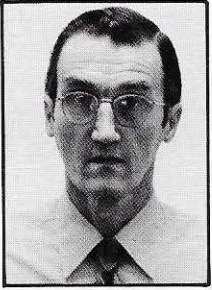
Gordon says, "The wreaths are really beautiful because Betty has a talent for putting colors together. It is really amazing. I don't see how she does it."

For several years, Gordon fashioned an ornament in the shape of a possum from a milkweed pod. "I stopped making them because it took so long, and the pods have to be harvested at just the right time. But it was a good seller, and people are still asking me to make them."

Betty's ornaments are so popular that she has few left to hang on her own Christmas tree. "Our tree does have all handmade ornaments though," she concludes. "We have quite a few that Leesa has made, and my brother has made us several stained glass ornaments. I always say I'm going to make some to keep, but I sell them as fast as I make them." □



PROMOTIONS



Rex F. Shoemaker, plant performance superintendent at John Amos Plant, was transferred to the AEP Service Corporation, Columbus, as a senior engineer on October 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.



Wayne Adkins, outage coordinator, was promoted to plant performance superintendent at John Amos Plant on October 1, succeeding Rex Shoemaker. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

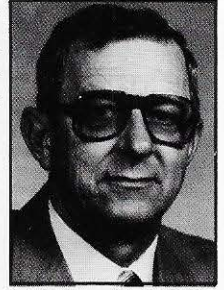


Douglas L. Draper, maintenance supervisor, was promoted to performance supervising engineer at Philip Sporn Plant on October 1, succeeding Greg Hines, who transferred to the AEP Service Corporation, Columbus. Draper earned an electrical engineering diploma from International Correspondence Schools.



Roger L. Jones, energy services coordinator, has been reassigned as marketing and customer services coordinator in the GO Marketing and Customer Services Department, Roanoke, effective November 1. He holds an associate degree in heating, refrigeration and air conditioning technology from Virginia Commonwealth University and a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from Tennessee Tech. □

Charles E. Cook, assistant chief mechanical construction, AEP Construction, Racine Hydro, was transferred to Centralized Plant Maintenance as maintenance supervisor on October 16.



H. Con Breeding, distribution engineer senior, was promoted to electrical engineering supervising engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, on October 1. He succeeds Bud Jones, who earlier was promoted to engineering superintendent. Breeding holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



NEWCOMERS

Beckley

Terry Jones, marketing and customer services advisor. Mike Linkswiler, line mechanic D. David Tolliver, parttime meter reader.

General Office

Timothy Earhart, Civil engineer-hydro, GO Hydro, Roanoke. James B. Hypes, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

Huntington

James D. Hill, engineering technician.

Kingsport

Kate Bailey, cashier C.

Mountaineer

Andrew Vaughan, coal handler. Denzil Southall, Larry Hensley, Danny White, Mike Keller, Shirley Roush and Mike Kapral, utility workers.

Philip Sporn

Ronald Clark, Matthew Miller, Jerry Morgan, Alice Gardner, Charles Hoffman, Mark Kearns and George Van Matre, utility workers B. Larry Johnson, Tracy Lang, and David Foreman, control technicians junior. Lynn Smith, plant clerk C. □

WHO'S NEWS

General Office

Linda Gray, engineering technician assistant, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Western Community College with an associate in applied science degree in civil engineering technology.



Joe, son of Ellis Sult, transmission inspector, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, was named to the 1982-83 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Bluefield High, he is head bass drummer in the school band. □

Kingsport

Paula, daughter of Gale Chase, line mechanic A, was elected to the National Honor Society of Dobyns-Bennett High School, where she is a junior.

Travis, 11-year-old son of Gale Chase, bagged a 50-lb. spike buck during a juvenile hunt by 10-16 year olds at Chuck Swann Wildlife Management area.

Jeffrey, son of J. L. Melton, general servicer, was named a member of the All-State East Choir during competition in Knoxville. A sophomore at North High School, he is a member of the school choir and Jazz Singers.

Joan, daughter of John Ingram, retired meter mechanic A, was named teacher of the year at Porterdale Elementary School, Decatur, Ga., where she teaches third grade. □



John E. Faust, seated, president of Kingsport Power, buys a share of stock in The Electric Company from its president, Brad Dean. Looking on are, from left, JA Advisors Kay Powell, customer accounts clerk B; Debbie Church, junior clerk; Eugene Fields, engineering technician senior; and Howard Hudson, engineering supervisor. A Junior Achievement company sponsored by Kingsport Power, The Electric Company manufactures window cleaner and wagons made from wooden soft drink cases. It is operated by 25 Achievers from 6 area high schools.

Abingdon

Sandy, wife of Dan Carson, division manager, was elected a director of the Virginia Highlands Festival, Inc.

New officers of the Abingdon Employees Benevolent Association are: **Mike McKinney**, marketing and customer services advisor, president; **Don Linkous**, communication specialist, GO T&D Communications, secretary; and **Frank Hanson**, customer servicer, treasurer.

John Blankenship, station mechanic A and past president of the Abingdon Lions Club, was presented the state achievement award at the fall conference for the club's outstanding activities during 1982-83. □

Huntington

Michael Dawson, engineering technologist supervisor, was elected "Jaycee of the month" for September by the Huntington Jaycees. □

Charleston

John Frazier, personnel supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the West Virginia Chapter, Industrial Relations Research Association.

Jack Shaver, administrative assistant, was elected to the board of directors of the West Virginia Human Resources Association. □

Pulaski



Shelley, daughter of Frank Young, head T&D clerk, was selected for membership in "Who's Who of American High School Students". She is a senior at Pulaski County High.

Retiree **Evelyn Buckland** was appointed to the board of the Pulaski County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Retiree **Sebert Sisson** was elected vice chairman of the Carroll County Industrial Development Authority.

Glenda Wohlford, secretary, was selected to serve a one-year term on the secretarial science curriculum advisory committee at New River Community College.



Gleaves Shrader, meter supervisor nonexempt, was elected president of the Dublin Ruritan Club for 1983-84.

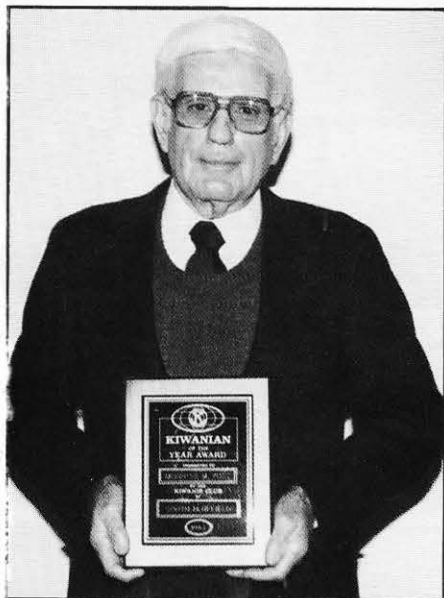
Barbara Marshall, T&D clerk A, won best of show in the annual New River Community College photograph show for her entry of an ocean and sea gulls scene made in Jacksonville, Florida.

New officers of the Pulaski Employees Benevolent Association are: chairman, **Jim Boulton**, marketing and customer services representative; secretary, **Warren Childers**, station and hydro superintendent; treasurer, **Jim Alouf**, energy services engineer; and directors, **Bob Love**, engineering supervisor; **Mary Etta Greene**, personnel clerk C; and **Jon Painter**, office supervisor.

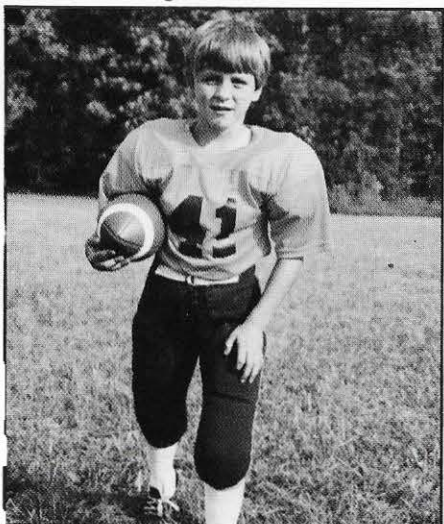
New officers of the Christiansburg Employees Benevolent Association are: president, **Steve Bell**, line mechanic C; vice president, **Ed Mahler**, marketing and customer services representative; and secretary-treasurer, **Danny Cronk**, T&D clerk C.

Vickie, wife of Steve Burlison, electrical engineer, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University with a bachelor of science degree in business management. □

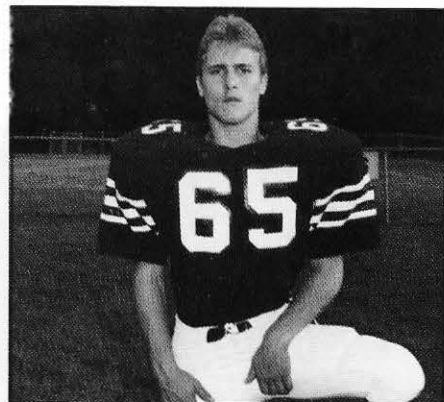
Bluefield



Morriss Yost, line superintendent, is the recipient of the 1983 Kiwanian-of-the-Year award from the South Bluefield Kiwanis Club. He is second vice president of the organization.



Shane, son of Susan Ellison, junior stenographer, scored a 60-yard touchdown in helping his team win the Bluefield City Pee Wee League championship. Shane scored 22 points during the season and played offensive and defensive halfback.



Byron, son of Dave Mann, Peterstown line crew supervisor nonexempt, was named Big 'A' Conference defensive player of the week. A member of the Peterstown varsity football team, he had 10 solo and 13 assisted tackles in Peterstown's 19-0 win over Oakvale. □

Roanoke

Shirley, daughter of Retiree Doc Craft, was appointed head nurse of the new progressive care unit at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Salem. She holds a bachelor's degree in pre-med from Brigham Young University and a nursing degree from Virginia Western Community College.

Bob Webster, division manager, was elected to a one-year term as director of the Blue Ridge ETV Association. □

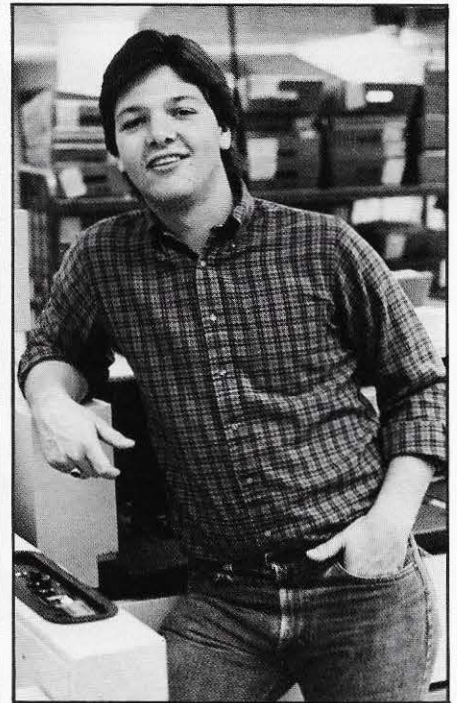
Logan-Williamson

Dr. Thomas Hanley has been named head of the chemical engineering department at Louisiana Tech's College of Engineering. The son of Tom Hanley, marketing and customer services representative, he was an AEP educational award winner in 1963. Thomas holds bachelor of science, master of science and Ph.D. degrees in chemical engineering from Virginia Tech and a master of business administration degree in management from Wright State University. He is the author of over 40 technical papers and presentations. Current research projects being worked on by Thomas include reactor mixing analysis, mass transport, alternate energy reaction engineering, biochemical processes and polymers. □

Roberson stops attempted robbery



MSC manager/postmaster Albert L. Evans, left, presents Cathy Young, RN, a certificate of appreciation from the American Heart Association, West Virginia Affiliate, for her "outstanding service in advancing the heart program and stimulating public support in the fight against diseases of the heart and circulation". Her willingness to spend long hours in preparation for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes has enabled many postal employees to become skilled enough to save someone who has suffered a heart stoppage. Cathy is the daughter of the late Ellis Young, former boiler maintenance mechanic A at Cabin Creek Plant.



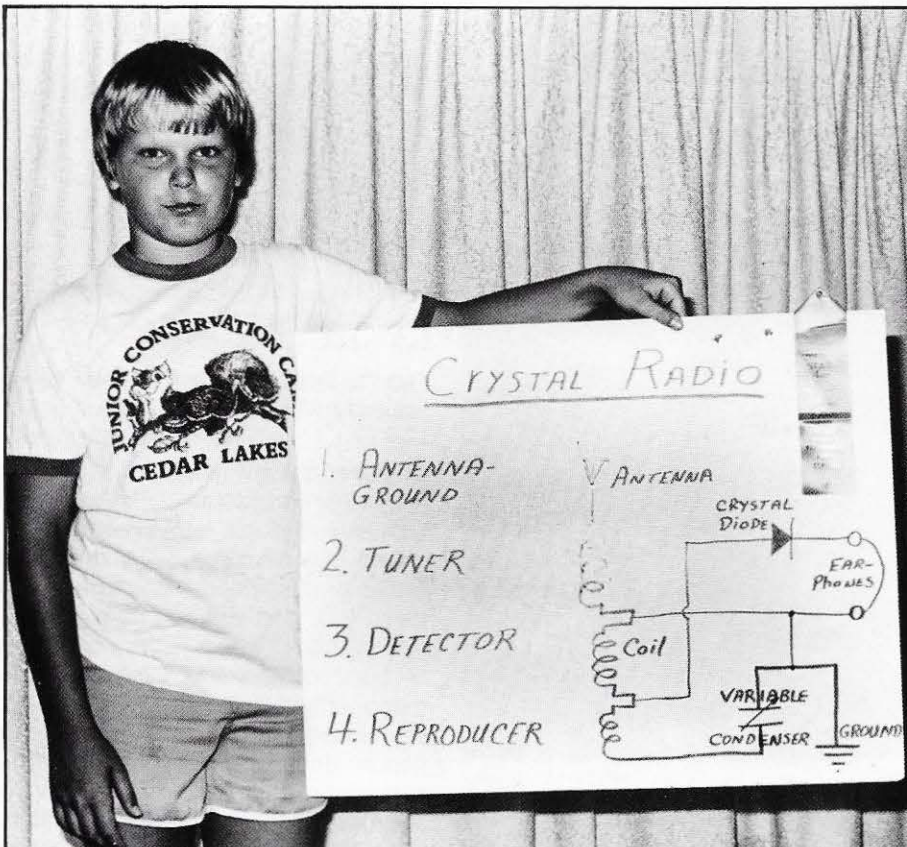
When Dennis Roberson went to a Roanoke bowling alley one Saturday night last month, little did he realize that before the evening was over he would thwart an attempted robbery.

Dennis, a mail clerk in GO General Services, relates what happened. "I had just delivered a ball and turned around when I saw a fellow grab a woman's pocketbook off the bench, stick it in his jacket, and run for the door.

"I took off after him and chased him about three blocks before cornering him in McDonald's parking lot. The police arrived by that time because the management in the bowling alley had called them when the commotion occurred.

"It was just a natural reaction for me to take off after him because nobody else knew what was going on. It wasn't until I got him cornered that I thought about the possibility he might have a gun or knife."

Dennis concludes, "The woman was very appreciative because she had two diamond rings and \$50 in cash in her pocketbook. And I got free games when I went back to the bowling alley." □



Robert Dillow won a gold ribbon for his electronics project in state competition at the West Virginia State 4-H Camp, Jackson's Mill. His project included assembling a crystal radio and giving a talk before a panel of judges. Robert is the son of Harry Dillow, maintenance mechanic B at Glen Lyn Plant.

WEDDINGS



Wood-Loudermilk



McGinnis-Sierzenga



Hatcher-Matthew



Meadows-Caruthers

Carol Anne Loudermilk to **David Lee Wood, II**, October 1. Carol is the daughter of Robert Loudermilk, Beckley marketing and customer services supervisor.

Diane Sierzenga to **Mark R. McGinnis**, October 8. Mark is the son of Bob McGinnis, Beckley division superintendent.

Debra June Matthew to **Gary Hatcher**, Mountaineer Plant performance technician junior, August 13.

Shari Frances Caruthers to **Ronnie Allen Meadows**, Charleston line mechanic C, September 24. Shari is the daughter of Charles Caruthers, Charleston area service restorer.

Crystal Lenae Spurlock to **Keith Merritt Gibson**, September 23. Keith is the son of T. R. Gibson, Huntington energy services technologist.

Kelly A. Turley, John Amos Plant utility operator B, to **Terry J. Kidd**, John Amos Plant maintenance mechanic C, October 28.

Carol Sue Foutt to **Joseph M. Leffew**, John Amos Plant coal equipment operator, November 5.

Mary Lizzie Pennix to **Wayne Eric Clark**, Lynchburg drafter C, October 9.

Tina Marie Ayers to **Danny J. Bloxton**, Philip Sporn plant janitor, October 1.

Kathi Allen to **Randy Boggs**, Philip Sporn maintenance mechanic B, October 21. □

BIRTHS

John Amos

Mark A., II, son of Mark Gibson, utility worker, November 5.

Jody Allen, son of John Woyan, utility operator A, November 4.

Kristopher Edwin, son of Richard Brown, utility operator A, October 20.

Christie Leigh, daughter of Raymond Thomas Carroll, performance engineer, October 6.

Central Machine Shop

Neil Ross, son of Alex Anderson, machinist 2nd class, September 6.

Kimberly Allison, daughter of Chris Turley, NDE inspector 1st class, October 15.

Charleston

Robert Franklin, son of Barry Snodgrass, energy services supervisor, October 20.

General Office

Travis David, son of Lyle Adkins, station operator B, GO Operations, Huntington, August 18.

Alexander Robert, son of Glenn Echols, operations engineer, GO Operations, Roanoke, September 5.

Charles A., IV, son of Charles Edwards, III, maintenance mechanic C, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain, September 3.

Matthew Hunter, son of David Jarvis, communications supervisor, GO T&D Communications Huntington, August 3.

Melanie Hollaway, daughter of Thomas J Blanding, industrial engineer, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke, October 11.

Huntington

Jeffrey Charles, son of David Moore, Point Pleasant automotive mechanic A, October 18.

Tara Lynn, daughter of Maxine Lavender, Point Pleasant junior clerk, October 3.

Kanawha River

Eric David, son of Timothy Hunt, auxiliary equipment operator, August 5.

Alana Nicole, daughter of Charles Brown, maintenance mechanic A, October 5.

Kingsport

Stephen G., Jr., son of Stephen Harnsberger, marketing and customer services representative senior, August 21.

Johnny G., Jr., son of Johnny Chandler, line mechanic B, September 12.

Logan-Williamson

Adrienne Leigh, daughter of Eddie Adkins, Williamson line mechanic C, September 3.

Carrie Ann, daughter of Sheila Brewster, Logan meter reader, September 6.

Lynchburg

Kristen Nicole, daughter of Thomas Bondurant, line mechanic A, September 8.

Shannon Renee, daughter of Roy Slaughter, meter reader, August 30.

Mountaineer

Lindsey Ann, daughter of Randy Crawford, utility operator A, August 22.

Pulaski

Joel Andrew, son of Rob Kern, electrical engineer, August 29.

Scott William, son of Dan Adams, Wytheville area supervisor, September 11.

Roanoke

William David, son of David Journell, meter reader, August 24.

Philip Sporn

Gretchen, daughter of Gilbert Craig, Jr., utility supervisor, September 2. □

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



Carl Phillips
r/w agent sr.
GO-Huntington
45 years



John Larew
executive asst.
GO-Roanoke
45 years



Jack Summers
maint. mechanic C
Kanawha River
35 years



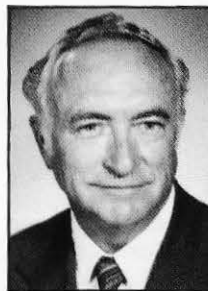
Richard Smith
eng. technologist
Beckley
35 years



J. D. Porter
mkt. & cust. serv. supv.
Roanoke
35 years



Leonard Adams
eng. technician sr.
Bluefield
30 years



Robert Morrison
eng. technician sr.
Huntington
35 years



Jennings Fulkner
mkt. & cust. serv. sup.
Charleston
35 years



John Randall
mkt. & cus. ser. rep. sr.
Kingsport
30 years



Don Loy
energy serv. tech.
Charleston
30 years



Dick Mayes
lab. supervisor
GO-Roanoke
30 years



Everett Harris
chief chemist
Glen Lyn
30 years



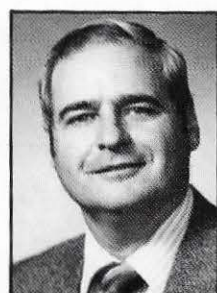
Pat Cummings
personnel clerk A
Charleston
25 years



Satch Howard
area service restorer
Rupert (Beck.)
20 years



Charlotte St. John
personnel clerk A
Lynchburg
20 years



Roscoe Matney
r/w agent
Bluefield
20 years

Abingdon

15 years: **Basil Ballard, Jr.**, line mechanic A. **Marvin Monroe**, line crew supervisor nonexempt.

John Amos

15 years: **Herbert Roush**, unit supervisor. **Nancy Smith**, plant clerk A. 10 years: **Jerry Saunders**, utility operator A. **Jerry McKneely**, car dumper. **Michael Criner**, coal equipment operator. **Carl Weigand**, maintenance mechanic A. **James Sovine**, maintenance mechanic A. **William Johnson**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **Ronald Wright**, maintenance mechanic C. **Ernest Igo**, barge handler. **Dwane Foster**, maintenance mechanic C.

Beckley

15 years: **Larry Lilly**, station mechanic A. **W. K. Underwood**, meter service mechanic A.

Bluefield

5 years: **Larry Mahood**, meter electrician C.

Central Machine Shop

5 years: **Andy Zagayko**, assistant manager.

Charleston

15 years: **Elaine Ricks**, customer accounts representative A. **Clifford Wolfe**, drafter A. 5 years: **Kim Booher**, cashier B.

Clinch River

25 years: **Roosevelt Chafin**, guard. **Bobby Hobbs**, unit supervisor. 10 years: **Clyde Keith**, maintenance mechanic B.

General Office

15 years: **Willie McCall, Jr.**, transformer specialist, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. 10 years: **Debbie Barlow**, secretary-stenographer B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 5 years: **Barbara Collins**, cash clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Richard Anderson**, allocation supervisor, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke. **Phillip Camper**, civil engineer, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke.

Huntington

5 years: **Robert Coeyman**, meter electrician C. **Danny Sheppard**, line mechanic C, Milton.

Kanawha River

5 years: **David Hastings**, maintenance mechanic C. **Ray Burs**, maintenance mechanic C.

Mountaineer

10 years: **Randy Young**, maintenance mechanic A.

Pulaski

15 years: **Raymond Lyons**, office supervisor. 10 years: **Reeves Collins**, meter reader. **Rudolph Bryan**, line mechanic A.

Roanoke

15 years: **Ronnie Kelley**, automotive mechanic A. **Everett Smith**, line mechanic C. 10 years: **William Hankins, Jr.**, line mechanic B. 5 years: **Robert Turner**, meter reader.

Philip Sporn

10 years: **Marvin Friend**, maintenance mechanic B. **Charles Martin**, plant janitor. **Harold Jeffers**, utility worker A. 5 years: **Allen Hamm**, senior chemist. □

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



Williams



Hancock



Hammar

Kenneth Layton Williams, 73, retired Cabin Creek Plant shift operating engineer, died November 13. A native of Hershaw, West Virginia, he began his career in 1936 as a laborer and retired March 1, 1973. Williams is survived by his widow Nellie, 9106 Maryland Avenue, Marmet, West Virginia; one son; three daughters; one sister; fifteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Frank O. Hancock, 84, retired Roanoke stationman helper, died November 6. A native of Franklin County, Virginia, he began his career as a coal handler in the Walnut Avenue Steam Plant, Roanoke, in 1941 and retired October 1, 1964. Hancock is survived by his widow Nancy, 911 Loudon Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia; one son, four daughters, four stepchildren, 15 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. His son, Warren Hancock, is a Roanoke garage attendant.

John W. "Dink" Hammar, 69, retired Kanawha River Plant master maintenance man, died November 17. A native of Handley, West Virginia, he began his career in 1950 as a laborer and retired November 1, 1976. Hammar is survived by his widow Mary Ellen, Pratt, West Virginia; three sons; one daughter; one brother; one sister; and six grandchildren.

Harry A. Davis, 74, retired Philip Sporn shift operating engineer, died November 2. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was employed in 1934 as a laborer at Windsor Plant and elected early retirement August 1, 1972. Davis is survived by his widow Veda, 299 Spring Avenue, Pomeroy, Ohio; one daughter; one son; and two stepsons.

Leslie D. McGraw, 84, retired Beckley line foreman, died November 3. A native of Ramsey, West Virginia, he was employed in 1926 as a laborer and retired March 1, 1959. McGraw is survived by his widow Mary, Princeton Health Center, 315 Courthouse Road, Princeton, West Virginia, and one son. □

The gift of life

Just four weeks after his transfer from John Amos Plant, Engineer Kent Legg saved the life of Mateo Capinpin, a technical assistant in the Instrumentation and Controls Section of the AEP Service Corporation's Mechanical Engineering Division in Columbus.

At the time of the incident on October 31, Kent was in his office in 1 Riverside Plaza. He glanced across the hall and saw Mateo slouched in a chair with his head back.

"His face was deep blue in color — almost purple," Kent recounted. "I went over and saw that his eyes were open, but he wasn't coherent. I then realized that he wasn't breathing. I managed to pull him to his feet and stood behind him and pushed my fist into his lower abdomen (the Heimlich maneuver). He let out a soft sound and began breathing."

Then with the help of Mitch Chapman, another technical assistant, Mateo was made comfortable on the floor. Moments later Rosemary Maikut, the company's nurse, and Columbus paramedics arrived and administered further first aid. Mateo was then transported to Grant Hospital, where he underwent four days of testing by physicians. It was determined that he had suffered a mild seizure. One week later he returned to work.

Kent doesn't consider himself a hero. He just hopes most people would do the same thing he did. "I'm just thankful that Mateo is okay," he said. "I'm happy to have had those safety classes at Amos. You always wonder if you'll have to put to use what you have learned." □



Kent Legg visits Mateo Capinpin at the hospital.

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