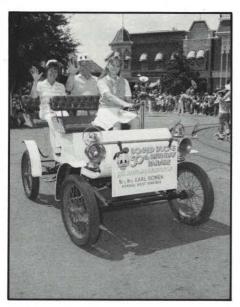


# ILLUMINATOR

August 1984



Earl Bowen, Huntington head meter reader, and his wife Katherine just happened to be in the right place at the right time. As a result, they served as grand marshals for Donald Duck's 50th birthday parade at Disney World, Orlando, Florida, on July 9. When Earl visited the park's city hall that morning to find out what activities were scheduled for the day, an employee asked if he were from West Virginia. (Representatives from each state are chosen each day to ride in the parade.) When Earl replied that he was from Kenova, he was asked if they would agree to be the grand marshals. That afternoon as the parade moved down Disney World's Main Street, West Virginians in the crowd yelled out their hometowns. Afterward, the Bowens were greeted by all the Disney characters, including Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. Says Katherine, "We've visited the park every year since it opened, sometimes twice a year. I guess we're just kids at heart."

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Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
1/31/84	\$1.8180	.5501	\$2.6026	.3842	\$1.6432	.6086
2/29/84	1.8360	.5447	2.5162	.3974	1.5575	.6421
3/31/84	1.8557	.5389	2.5621	.3903	1.5018	.6659
4/30/84	1.8749	.5334	2.5767	.3881	1.5249	.6558
5/31/84	1.8950	.5277	2.4376	.4102	1.4952	.6688
6/30/84	1.9146	.5223	2.4822	.4028	1.6287	.6139

VPU — value per unit

UCPD — units credited per dollar

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As the second half of 1984 gets underway, Operations Improvement Program coordinator Mike Rock faces the perplexing problem of how to plan the second half of a year that has already made a shambles of his carefully developed year-long goals.

"We optimistically increased our goal for 1984 to \$3.5 million, hoping that employees would respond to the need for continued good management of our company's resources. Well, we obviously failed to take their capabilities fully into account because we met that goal at the end of the second quarter," Mike happily reports.

He credits the greatly increased participation of employees to a greater awareness of the program brought about by additional emphasis by local management and the "OIP Olympics" competition.

Another problem that Mike had to respond to during the first half of the year was a much higher than anticipated participation by people within various "teams." "We hoped teams would be able to meet their goals by year end, but look at some of these scores," he says, holding up a score sheet. "Fully one-third of the twenty-seven teams have exceeded one hundred percent of their goal and four have soared well beyond that level," he points out.

Because of the extremely high scores of some teams — General Office Marketing and Customer Services is the  $\,$ 

leader with 1,148 points — an entirely new award had to be created to keep other teams in the competition.

"It became obvious before the end of the second quarter that a couple of teams could dominate their categories and take all the awards for the rest of the year," Mike reports. "To keep this from happening, beginning with the second quarter, we have added a new quarterly 'bronze medal' for the team in each category earning the most points during the quarter."

With the summer Olympics taking place in Los Angeles, Mike says he hopes the activities there will help keep Appalachian employees aware of their own Olympics and help keep the level of participation high.

As the OIP Olympics program ended its second quarter, winning teams in each category were as follows:

Silver Medal winners for the highest scores to date: Operating Division Category: Lynchburg Olympians with 158.1 points; Power Plant Category: Central Machine Shop (CMS) High Jumpers with 690.5 points; and General Office Category: Marketing and Customer Services (M&CS) Big M\*A\*C\*S with 1,148 points.

Bronze Medal winners for the most points during the quarter itself: Operating Division Category: Beckley Bullwhips with 61 points; Power Plant Category: CMS High Jumpers with 473.6 points; and General Office Category: M&CS Big M\*A\*C\*S with 1,068.8 points. □





## APCo produces economic development tape

Appalachian Power has long been recognized for its aid to communities within its service area in their efforts to expand and improve their industrial bases.

Recently, one of the ways the company has been helping is through the production of short videotape programs which point out why companies seeking new plant sites should consider communities in Appalachian's service area.

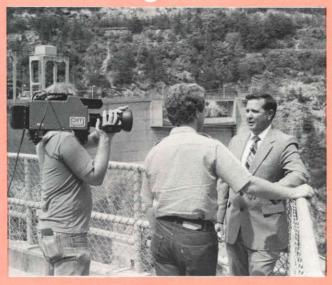
While about 75 education, business and local government leaders looked on, Pulaski Division Manager Jerry R. Whitehurst last month presented the most recent of these productions to Montgomery County Board of Supervisors Chairperson Mary R. Fessler. The presentation took place during a special preview showing of the "Montgomery County (Virginia) Story" in Blacksburg, Va.

The most recent economic development tape produced by the General Office Public Affairs Department featured Miss Virginia 1983, Lisa Aliff, who narrated the 12-minute production. Also appearing on the tape

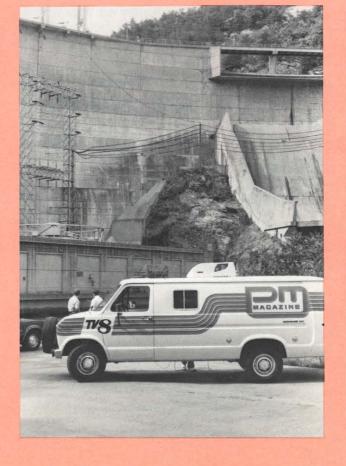
were Dr. William E. Lavery, president of Virginia Tech; Donald A. Gresh, vice president and general manager of Harvey Hubbell, Inc.; Davis Walker, director of industrial relations of Litton's Poly-Scientific Division; and Betty Thomas, administrator of Montgomery County.



## PM Magazine to feature Smith Mt. Dam



Two PM Magazine segments about Appalachian Power's Smith Mountain Dam will appear on WXEX-TV, Richmond/Petersburg, Va., during August. Roving Reporter Joe Flannagan of Channel 8 (center) interviewed Joe Plunk, manager hydro generation (right) while videotape was shot in and around the dam. One segment will feature the dam; the other will be on lake recreation.



# Zimmer to be 1300 mw plant; AEPSC to serve as project manager

The Zimmer Plant will be built as a 1.3-million-kilowatt generating station, and the American Electric Power Service Corporation will serve as project manager.

Announcement of these two developments and others was made at an August 1 news conference held jointly by officials of the three owner companies — The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company and Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company.

Last January, the companies had announced their intention to convert Zimmer from nuclear fuel to coal operation. The nuclear facility, 97% completed at the time, would have had a generating capacity of 800,000 kw.

They said that the decision to proceed with the planning, engineering, design and construction of a 1.3-million-kw unit was based on intensive studies of a number of possible coal-fired alternatives carried out by Ebasco Services, Inc. and National Economic Research Associates, both of New York.

The new work to convert Zimmer to coal will cost approximately \$1.7 billion by 1991. The companies said additional engineering studies will determine the existing equipment to be used in the conversion.

The converted plant will be similar to the very successful series of four 1.3-million-kw units put in commercial operation on the AEP System during the past 11 years. Two such units are in service at the General James M. Gavin Plant in Ohio and one each at the John E. Amos and Mountaineer Plants in West Virginia. As of July 1, these units had collectively generated almost 250-billion kilowatthours of electric energy.

In addition, two other similar units are under construction at the AEP System's Rockport Plant in Indiana, the first of which is scheduled for operation late this year.

John E. Dolan, vice chairman-engineering and construction for the Service Corporation, emphasized the following factors in the decision:

 The converted plant will make use of a design that is proven, for which the major engineering has been completed and for which major components can be made available at prices substantially lower than obtainable today;

- The unit will have heat-conversion efficiency rates better than the average for each of the three companies. AEP's 1.3-million-kw units have availability and heat rates that are among the best in the world;
- According to Ebasco's evaluation of the plan, substantial savings will result from the fact that a major portion of the engineering work has already been done and the fact that major equipment components, including the turbine-generator and coal-fired boiler, have already been engineered and designed;
- And a 1.3-million-kw unit provides the lowest cost per kilowatt of capacity of the various options studied.

Dolan said that the design of Zimmer offered "a unique opportunity" for its conversion from nuclear fuel to coal operation. "The existing turbine-generator, condenser and cooling tower at Zimmer match extremely well the low-pressure cycle requirements of the 1.3-million-kw series of units already in place — and operating beautifully — on the AEP System," he said.

The converted steam cycle will be the functional equivalent of AEP's existing 1.3-million-kw coal-fired units. Highpressure and reheat turbines identical to those on the AEP units will be added. The existing turbines will form the low-pressure portion of the cycle.

The officials said Zimmer will be a valuable addition to the power supply of the three companies because it will be one of the most efficient and lowest operation-cost plants in their respective power systems.

They emphasized that the capacity would be required to meet electric energy needs of the customers of the three companies by the time the plant is completed in 1991. Generating reserve margins for all three utilities are expected to be below 10 percent by 1990.

The AEP Service Corporation will carry out the project management for the conversion, including the engineering, design and construction management. As the project becomes operational, AEP will provide continuing engineering

support and plant operator training. All of this work will be under the direction of an owners' committee.

The plant will be operated by CG&E under the direction of an owners' executive operating committee. Zimmer is the seventh in a series of coal-fired units jointly owned by the three companies but separately operated by one of them, resulting from a power-supply arrangement they entered into in the late 1960s. The other units are at the Beckjord Station, also operated by CG&E, at the J. M. Stuart Station, by DP&L, and at the Conesville Plant, by C&SOE.

As a 1.3-million-kw plant, Zimmer will burn approximately 3.5-million tons of Ohio coal a year. Arrangements for a supply of Ohio coal have not yet begun, the companies added, but there is sufficient time before it will be needed.

Also, Zimmer will employ state-of-theart environmental control features, including: (a) high-efficiency electrostatic precipitators to collect flyash before it enters the plant stack; (b) a flue-gas desulfurization system (scrubbers) to limit the emission of sulfur dioxide, thus permitting the use of high-sulfur, lowcost Ohio coal, and (c) the existing cooling tower to prevent the discharge of heat into the Ohio River.

CG&E, DP&L and C&SOE said they are prepared to provide the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio a complete explanation of the conversion plans and to keep the commission fully informed.

In concluding their announcement, the company officials emphasized, "Zimmer presents a unique opportunity for nuclear-to-coal conversion as well as a positive opportunity to burn Ohio coal while meeting the state's future energy needs in an environmentally acceptable manner."

CG&E owns 46.5 percent of Zimmer; DP&L 28.1 percent, and C&SOE 25.4 percent. These companies were represented, respectively, at the press conference by: William H. Dickhoner, president; Peter H. Forster, president, and W.S. White, Jr., chairman.



Dorcas Moncer, front, leads a group of senior citizens during an exercise class at Highlawn Baptist Church.

# Exercise for fun and fitness

"You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing." Members of the senior citizens group at Huntington's Highlawn Baptist Church recite this maxim at the beginning of each exercise class. The recitation continues with, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."

Then Dorcas Moncer cheerfully and skillfully leads the group, calling out each maneuver over a background of soothing music. The exercise class was formed shortly after Dorcas retired last year as a customer services clerk A in Huntington. She explains, "Our senior citizens chairman tries to keep us active, and she brought in a representative of the Frankel Foundation from Charleston to see if anyone was interested in starting an exercise class. My hand went up because I had been thinking about joining a fitness center, and it would be perfect for me. I had no idea I was going to be the leader of the parade! But when we met the next time, someone from the group was asked to be the leader, and everybody said, 'Dorcas, Dorcas, Dorcas'. I said, 'no, no, no'. But I have really enjoyed it."

Dorcas continues, "We meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at nine o'clock at the church. It takes about an hour to go through the routine. We have anywhere from ten to twelve people; sometimes we have eighteen.

"First we start out with a good buildup to get our heart rate up, then we slow down. We use a 24-inch long stick to do some stick exercises. We have one exercise in which we ring the stick, and I can really tell the difference in the grip in my hands."

Dorcas makes up her own routine, using exercises from the book "Be Alive As Long As You Live" by Lawrence Frankel and Betty Richard.

She notes, "The exercises make us more supple. We can bounce up and move around better. All of the seniors just can't get over it. I know I can really tell the difference in my bowling since I've started exercising."

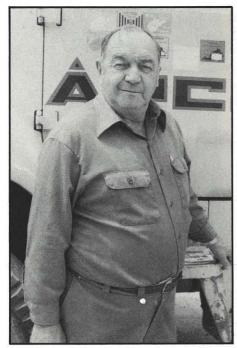
Some of the participants get more out of the class than just exercise. One member, a widow, finds the fellowship of the group a good antidote for loneliness. Another member, also a widow, says, "It's easy to just sit and feel achy and sorry for yourself, but I do this and I've also started walking 20 minutes a day."

The seniors have recently added other activities after their morning exercise. On the second Monday of each month, they go out for breakfast and fellowship. On the third Monday, the seniors visit shut-ins and then have lunch together.

Dorcas speaks for the entire group when she says, "We just have a lot of fun!"  $\square$ 

# Retirements

#### Tom Morehead



"I have traveled many miles and worked on many transmission lines during my employment," states E. L. "Tom" Morehead, who was a transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, before retiring August 1.

Tom adds, "I was in contact with many people and places in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee and enjoyed the friendship of my co-workers since we lived away from home during the work week."

Tom notes, "Appalachian has provided me with good benefits for many years, especially the savings plan, and will continue to help me during my retirement years.

"My family and I have enjoyed the Christmas parties, safety dinners and summer picnics provided by the company in previous years because it allowed us to visit with the employees as a family.

"After retiring, I hope to visit with family and friends, fish, hunt and travel with my family. Many thanks to Appalachian Power Company and its employees for allowing me to work and be a part of them. I wish them continued success."

Tom served with the 25th Division Headquarters Battery, 89th Field Artillery Battalion in the Asiatic Pacific Theater during World War II. □

#### Jim Spivey



"My brother, who used to be a lineman for Kingsport Power, told me the company was hiring people to put in street-lights to Gate City. He thought there may be ninety days' work; and, since I was laid off from my job, I put in an application," recalls Jim Spivey.

"Once the whiteway was put in, I transferred to the station department," Jim continues. "It was pretty rough work in the early days, but I enjoyed it. We rebuilt the substations two or three times, work that is now done mostly by contractors."

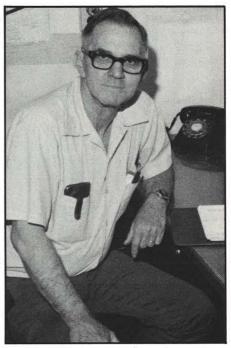
Jim took long term disability leave in 1972 and elected early retirement August 1. He was a station mechanic B at Kingsport. "It has really helped to have the LTD benefit to depend on," Jim states. "I don't know how we would have made it otherwise."

Because of health problems, Jim is somewhat restricted in his activities. He raises a big garden with the help of his two sons, who live nearby.

Until recently, Jim spent much of his time looking after his menagerie of rabbits, pigs, pigeons, bantams and Pekingese dogs. Now he has only a few bantams left, "but they still need tending to," he concludes.

The Spiveys reside at Route 1, Gate City, Virginia, and attend West End Baptist Church. □

#### Bill Dean



"In all my years' service, I've never missed a paycheck, and that's something my family and I have been thankful for many times over," states Bill Dean. He was an engineering technician at Philip Sporn Plant before electing early retirement August 1.

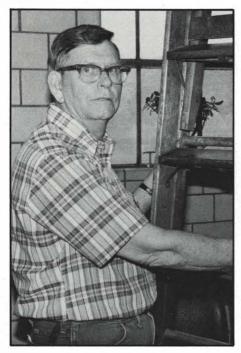
"During my thirty-three and a half years with the company, I made a lot of friends and met some very interesting people. I've always been impressed by the constant changes in technology. The company is always looking for a better way to produce electricity."

Bill adds, "I guess I've always stayed close to the philosophy that any job worth doing is worth doing right. I don't think I'll miss the work, but I know I'll miss the people.

"I've got a woodworking shop that I'll spend a good bit of time in. The employees in the Performance Department bought me a bandsaw as a gift when I retired. My wife Imogene and I have four grandchildren, who live in the Middleport, Ohio, area, and they keep us well entertained."

Bill served in the United States Army's 104th Infantry Division during World War II and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. A heavy metal helmet he was wearing saved his life when he suffered a head wound.

#### Jack Jessee



"Some people have mixed emotions about retirement, but I'm looking forward to it," states Jack Jessee, Jr., who retired August 1 from his job as custodian at Glen Lyn Plant.

He adds, "I have thought a lot about what I am going to do. We haven't made any big plans, just to do as we want to. We go to Myrtle Beach every year on vacation. I have a lot of things around the house to do. I have a garden larger than I need, so I share with my son, daughter and neighbors."

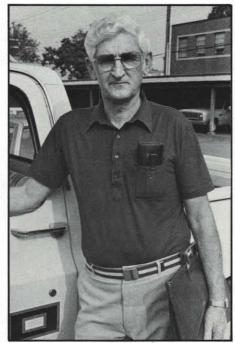
An elder at the Glen Lyn Church of Christ, Jack notes, "I try to work some for the Lord, too."

He concludes, "Appalachian is a good company to work for, and we have a good benefit program."

Even though Jack has retired, he will have a constant reminder of his years at Glen Lyn. "I can see the plant from my home," he notes.

During World War II, Jack was an airplane mechanic with the Army Air Corps. □

#### Don Hopkins



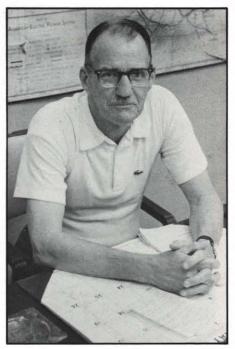
"Ever since I have been with the company, my plans have been to retire at age 60 and move to Florida," relates Huntington Customer Servicer Don Hopkins. "The Lord has blessed me with good health; so, when the time came, I decided to go ahead."

Although his official retirement date is August 1, Don left on vacation the middle of June and has already moved to his new home in Orange City, Florida. "I will be close to my 83-year-old mother, who has lived alone since 1961. One of my sons, who will retire from the Marine Corps next year, is planning to come to Florida, as well as my daughter. If everything goes right, basically the whole family will be there.

"I am a fisherman, and I'm going where I can get up in the morning and walk to the river in five or ten minutes. I can be at the ocean in a half hour. We're going to take life easy and relax for a while before we get into anything."

Don concludes, "I hate to leave all these men and women, who are just the same as brothers and sisters because we worked together all these years. I know I will miss them. I haven't missed a payday in 40 years, and very few people can say that. The company has been good to me."

#### Keith Evans



"The company has been good to me, and I have had a very enjoyable career," says Keith Evans, who was a line construction and maintenance representative in Beckley before electing early retirement August 1.

Keith's first job was in the T&D Department as a junior clerk. "We handled all the trouble work and crew assignments back in those days," he recalls. "Today that job is called dispatcher."

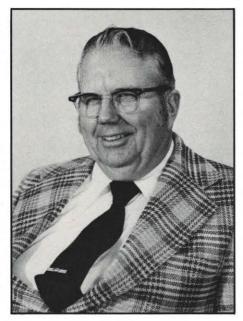
Keith relates, "When I came to work in 1947, we had company softball and bowling leagues, which I really enjoyed." He currently bowls in the Men's Major League and Twilight Handicap League.

Keith notes, "My wife will retire the first of the year, so we really haven't planned anything too big until then. We will do a little traveling, and I will play some golf. Actually, we will take things day by day and see what comes up. The four grandchildren will give me plenty to do."

Keith served with the Army's 83rd Infantry Division during World War II in the European Theater. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Presbyterian Church. □

# Newcomers.

#### **Buster Dunford**



An electric utility career spanning more than 33 years came to a close August 1 for Arthur William "Buster" Dunford, Glen Lyn Plant custodian. He was employed as a plant guard in 1951.

Buster's plans for retirement include gardening, playing music and barbering. He has been a licensed barber for 25 years.

Buster and his wife Rose make their home at Route 2, Narrows, Virginia. They have one son and two daughters.  $\square$ 

#### Carroll earns PE status

R. T. "Tom" Carroll, performance engi-



neer at John Amos Plant, has been certified as a registered professional engineer in the State of West Virginia.

Carroll, who joined Appalachian Power in 1978, holds a bachelor of sci-

ence degree in civil engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.  $\hfill\square$ 

#### Abingdon

**Jeffrey Bush** and **Mark Smith**, line mechanics D, Lebanon.

#### Bluefield

Roger Puckett, stores attendant. Mark Blankenship, station mechanic D.

#### Charleston

Barbara Billings, office messenger. Kenneth Posey, electrical engineer. David Kessler, engineering technician. Pamela Spaulding, junior clerk, Montgomery.

#### Clinch River

William Comer, Philip Musick, Robert Delauder and Michael Sims, utility workers B. David Bailey, performance engineer.

#### Glen Lyn

Barry Akers, utility worker B.

#### Kanawha River

Roy Carroll, Glen McMillion, Alfred Martin, Donald Shamblin and Stephen Holstein, utility workers B.



Monnie McMillan, daughter of Pulaski Retiree Charley Rhett, bachelor's degree in communication disorders, Radford University.

Rick Painter, son of Tosh Painter, station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, master of divinity, Southwestern Seminary.



Robert Scott Pleasant, son of L. C. Angle, Jr., retired Abingdon power engineer, doctor of veterinary medicine degree, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Betsy Unangst, daughter of the late George Unangst, former Charleston T&D superintendent, master of science degree in business policy, Columbia University.

#### Pulaski

Lindsey Smith, energy services engineer. Russell Carter, electrical engineer. Kenneth Gunn, department assistant-marketing and customer services, Hillsville.

#### Roanoke

Kenneth E. Brant, II, and David L. Key, Jr., electrical engineers. Gerald Swanson, Alfred D. Willoughby, and Billy R. Hanes, parttime meter readers. Lou Ann Price, junior clerk. Victoria J. Altice, junior clerk, Rocky Mount. Shirley Garman, parttime junior clerk. □

# Jones promoted to captain

Roanoke Power Engineer Roger L. Jones



has been promoted to captain in the Virginia Army National Guard. He is battalion communications and electronics officer for the 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry Brigade.

Jones joined the National Guard after two years active duty with the "All American" 82nd Airborne Division. In 1978, he graduated with honors from Officers Candidate School and received an award for leadership. He has since served as infantry platoon leader, weapons platoon leader, company executive officer, commander of the 212th Signal Unit.

#### Service (con't from page 22)

#### Lynchburg

5 years: Billy Habel, line mechanic B.

#### Pulaski

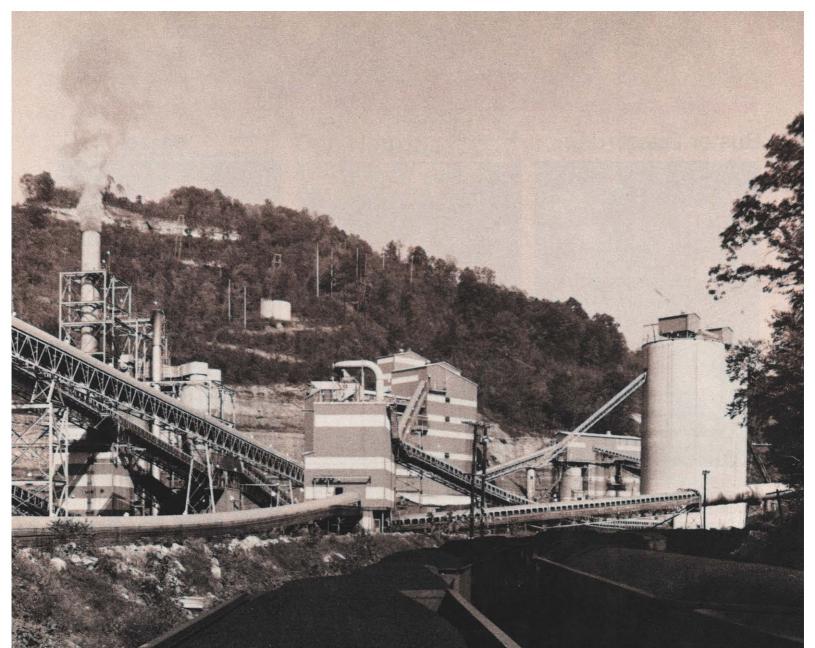
5 years: Mary Etta Greene, personnel clerk C. Eddie Newman, line mechanic C, Hillsville.

#### Roanoke

15 years: Sybil Taylor, customer accounts representative B. David Bush, energy services supervisor. 5 years: Randy Hartberger, line mechanic B.

#### Philip Sporn

15 years: R. R. Thompson, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: J. Lambert, maintenance mechanic B. 5 years: R. L. Kosa, auxiliary equipment operator. L. E. Stewart, training coordinator. □



# Logan-Williamson Division

#### (Sixth in a series)

The 2,000-square-mile service area of Appalachian Power's Logan-Williamson Division has some of the most rugged terrain in the American Electric Power System. In fact, all but five miles of its subtransmission system cannot be approached by mechanized equipment.

The division is also unique in that it operates Kentucky Power's Sprigg area, comprising parts of Pike and Martin counties. The arrangement between Appalachian and Kentucky Power developed historically. The Tug Fork River in the Williamson area is the boundary between the states of West Virginia and Kentucky. In the early days, the electrical system in that area was developed on either side of the Tug Fork without regard for the state line.

Logan

In 1765, the Indian princess Aracoma, daughter of Shawnee Indian Chief Cornstalk, and her white husband, Boling Baker, settled a tribe on a small island in the Guyandotte River near what today is the business district of the City of Logan. Bad days fell on the tribe, first in a scourge of illness and later when the tribe was wiped out in a battle with a troop led by General William Madison. Aracoma died in the battle and, at her request, was buried in what today is Logan.

The first recorded permanent settlement in Logan County was made by William Dingess in 1799, on a 300-acre tract which covers the present site of Logan.

Logan County was created from parts of Giles, Cabell, Tazewell and Kanawha Counties in 1823 and was named for Logan, a son of Chief Wingohocking of the Cayugas. The first name given to the village was Lawnsville. Later, in 1852, the name was changed to Aracoma and, finally in 1907, to Logan.

Electricity came to the Logan area in 1904, when George W. Atkinson and G. R. White formed the Atkinson-White Light Company. Another company was organized in 1911 by S. B. Robertson and Naaman Jackson and was called the Logan Electric Company. In Logan, as elsewhere, electricity was first sold only for lighting. The rate in Logan was originally 50 cents per month for each 16 candlepower lamp burning from sundown until 10 PM. After meters were adopted, a rate of 10 cents per kilowatthour was established.

Opposite page: Pittston's Elkay Mining Company facility in Logan County.



Electrical resistors used in coal mining, made by Guyan Machinery Company in Logan County, are sold throughout the world.

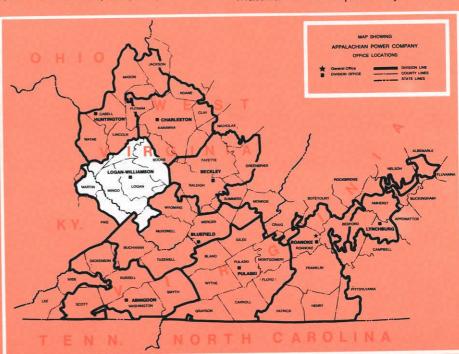
Both The Atkinson-White Light Company and the Logan Electric Company operated in Logan with duplication of lines on the principal streets until 1913, when Godfrey M. S. Tait consolidated the two systems and prepared to enlarge the facilities to take care of the power business he saw coming in the coalfields. A year later the Logan Electric Company was sold to the Logan County Light and Power Company, which had just been incorporated with an authorized capital of \$1,500,000 to build a plant and transmission line to supply the coalfields.

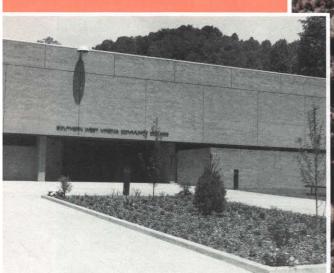
Construction of the original plant of 8,000 kilowatts capacity began in Jan-

uary 1915. It was expected that the 8,000 kilowatt plant would take care of any conceivable demand that might be made. However, the immediate acceptance of the service by coal operators caused the company to install a third 4,000 kw unit.

By 1919, when the Logan County Light and Power Company became a unit of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company, there were 1,080 meters in service.

During 1920 an 88,000-volt line was built between the Logan and Sprigg Plants. All traveling in connection with the line was done on horseback, and all of the material was transported by ox teams,





Logan campus, Southern West Virginia Community College, located at Verdunville.

which were hitched to wooden sleds and used creek beds for roads. Except for 1½ miles of street in Logan, not a foot of road in Logan County was surfaced. One point of the line was only three miles from the railroad, but it was necessary to drag the construction material for this particular section of the line 17 miles.

Repairing breakdowns at substations or on lines was extremely difficult in the early days. At times it was necessary to charter special trains from the railroads. A good illustration of some of these difficulties occurred when two large transformers burned out at the Omar substation. It was necessary to charter a special train consisting of an engine, caboose, box car, flat car and railroad wrecking crane. This train, along with the line crews, several mules and necessary equipment, was in service constantly for three nights and three days.

In 1921, construction was begun on an addition of 15,000 kilowatts to the Logan generating plant. This turbine had scarcely been placed in operation when the load increase justified a second 15,000 kw turbine.

#### Williamson

The part of the Tug Valley surrounding Williamson was the last frontier in the East to be settled by white men. By 1790 the favorite trails from Virginia to the Ohio Valley had been won from the Indians. However, the valley of the Tug remained an Indian hunting ground until after the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1795. This victory opened the valley to white settlers.

Due to the rugged topography of the area, the people lived in a landlocked

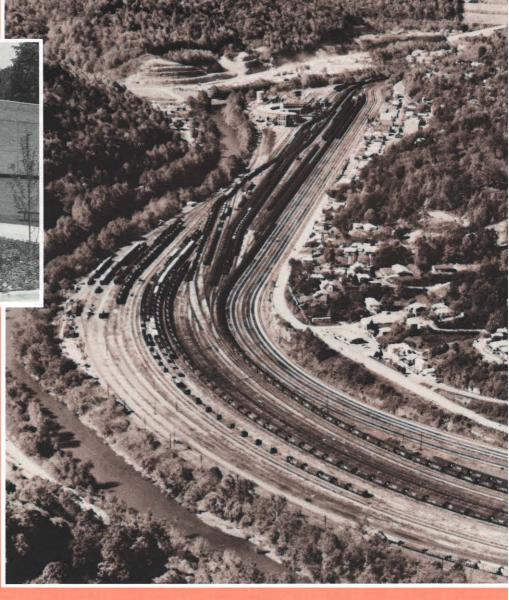
existence from 1800 to 1900. The families who moved into this region settled along the many creeks and the river. Farming and domestic and wild animals provided food for the settlers, with furs, salt, timber, and whiskey being the chief money crops. They became a proud and independent group, sensitive to matters involving personal and political liberties. During this period of history, the famous Hatfield and McCoy feud developed. The Hatfields lived on the West Virginia side and the McCoys on the Kentucky side of the Tug River.

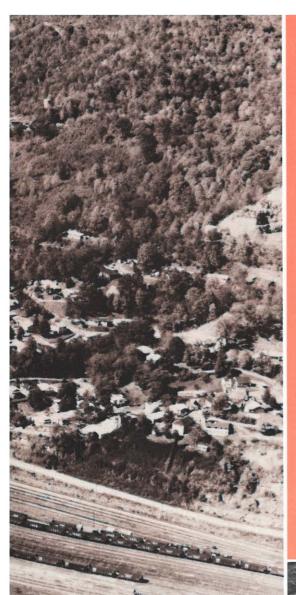
In 1891, Wallace J. Williamson, whose father was a pioneer in the region, laid out the Town of Williamson. He; Taylor Williamson, a Huntington lawyer; and John Q. Dickinson, a Huntington banker, bought about 3,000 acres for the site of the town. It was incorporated in 1892. That same year the Norfolk and Western Railway extended its tracks from the Pocahontas coalfields to Williamson along Tug River and on to Cincinnati and

Columbus, Ohio. Coal mines were developed and people began to concentrate in mining camps and towns along the railway.

When Mingo County was formed in 1895, Williamson was made the county seat. Williamson's first newspaper, The Weekly News, was responsible for establishing the first electric plant in the area. Thomas B. Garner used a small steam-driven generator in 1891 to publish his paper. The generator changed hands several times before being acquired by the Williamson Light and Ice Company. The plant was later enlarged to two 150 kw generators.

It was coal mining that stimulated electric power generation. In 1913 the Crystal Block Coal and Coke Company built a 475 kva generating unit at Sprigg to serve some of their coal operations. During the next year as demand rose, the Tug River Power Company was formed by the coal operators who built the Sprigg Plant. In 1915 a new plant





Norfolk Southern's coal marshalling yard at Williamson.

reorganization. The result was the Tug River Electric Company in 1916. The newly named company's first move was to add two 3,750 kw units to the Sprigg Plant and to extend service to Williamson. Power was bought wholesale by the Williamson Electric Company, which had acquired Williamson Light and Ice Company.

Tug River Electric operated until 1911 when it became part of the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company. At the time 24 coal companies as well as Williamson and Matewan was receiving service. In 1920 a tie line was made with Logan.

Kentucky and West Virginia Power became part of American Gas and Electric in 1922. In 1924 the laeger substation was built, connecting this system with the original Appalachian. Two years later, AGE purchased Appalachian and in November 1926 the Appalachian Electric Power Company acquired Williamson Electric Company.

"The Aracoma Story," performed each summer in the amphitheater of Chief Logan State Park, was the first outdoor drama in West Virginia's history.



was built nearby with a 1,500 kva unit and two 500 hp boilers. A 1,875 kva unit was added shortly thereafter. By this time service had been extended to Matewan and several other coal operations.

The need for greater capitalization led to

#### The Future

According to Divison Manager Floyd Taylor, the territory of the Logan-Williamson Division owes its economic well being to coal and endures the economic swings of the coal industry. However, the general trend is upward with the



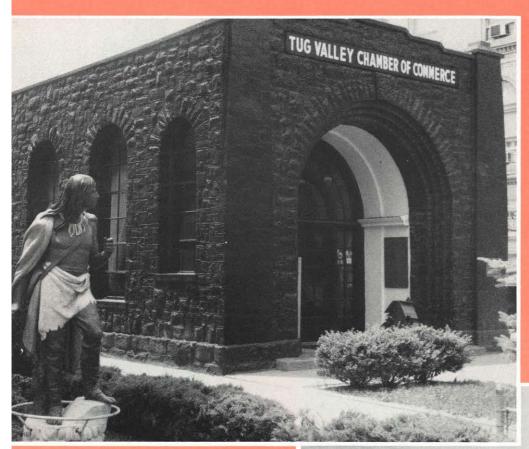
Standing majestically in the family cemetery at Sarah Ann is this statue of Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield, leader of the Hatfield clan of the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud.

nation placing more and more reliance on coal for its energy needs.

The full potential of the area is yet to be achieved. Many challenges, mostly related to the rugged mountain terrain, rural population and flood-prone narrow valleys, must be overcome.

Progress, especially in the last decade, is being made with community leaders and the memberships of the Tug Valley and Logan County Chambers of Commerce giving their attention to flood control, highway improvement, industrial diversity, education, social services and recreational opportunity.

The benefits of Corridor "G", a four-lane highway being developed with ARC matching funds, to replace U.S. 119, between Charleston, West Virginia, and Pikeville, Kentucky, is already evident in the communities of Madison, Danville, Chapmanville and Williamson.



The Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce is located in this building, whose exterior is constructed of coal. A statue of Chief Logan is at left.

The R. D. Bailey Reservoir has significantly reduced the crest on the Guyandotte River through Logan. The Corps of Engineers is now implementing a longrange plan to control the Tug Fork River, which separates West Virginia and Kentucky at Williamson.

The mountaintop general aviation Williamson airport has been developed and expanded under the leadership of local businessmen. The Logan County Airport Authority is waiting the completion of a strip mining operation on a mountaintop site at Ethel to implement a similar facility.

An expanded economy has attracted investments for large shopping malls at Rita in Logan County and Goody in Pike County, Kentucky. Small shopping centers, mini-malls and fast food restaurants have proliferated.

Health care facilities have improved with the construction of a new hospital in Logan. Extended care units have been built at Williamson, Madison and Logan. Owners of the Williamson Memorial are seeking authorization to replace their outdated facility and the citizens of Chapmanville are considering a new facility for that community. Public Service Districts are bringing new or improved water and sewerage facilities to the outlying areas.

All this activity has given the impression of living in the midst of a gigantic construction project.

In keeping with their heritage, Williamson has its King Coal Days, complete with a festival and a street fair, and Logan has its Aracoma Story, an outdoor drama production, presented entirely with local talent.

Although the current coal market slump is having a temporary adverse effect on economic development, business leaders remain confident and continue working toward goals that will stabilize the economy and improve the quality of life. The company makes a substantial contribution both in terms of providing the energy required for expansion and purchasing coal for its generating plants.

High-rise and garden-type housing projects for the elderly and low income have been built at Williamson, Matewan, Chapmanville and Danville in West Virginia and Turkey Creek and Warfield in Kentucky.

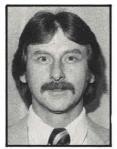
The school systems of Logan, Mingo and Boone counties have all completed new vocational education units.

Early morning mist enshrouds the R. D. Bailey Lake.

# Promotions.



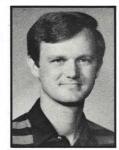




Athey



Brownlee



Givens



Jamison



Kirb



Landreth



Maurer



Riggins



Short



Showalte



Smith

Ronald Charles Adams, line crew supervisor nonexempt, was promoted to service supervisor, Logan, on July 1.

Michael E. Athey, equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor, Philip Sporn Plant, on July 1. He attended Marshall University.

Richard M. Brownlee, equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor, Philip Sporn Plant, on July 1. He attended Marshall University and Ashland Vocational School.

Robert Givens, electrical engineer, was promoted to meter engineer senior, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

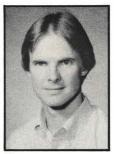
Steve Jamison, employee benefits and worker's compensation administrator, was promoted to assistant compensation and benefits manager, GO Personnel, Roanoke, on July 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Jim Kirby, T&D clerk A, was promoted to service supervisor, Beckley, on July 1.

Donald C. Landreth, engineering technologist, was promoted to engineering technologist supervisor, Abingdon, on July 1.



Stovall



Vinson



Whitaker

Charles M. Maurer, engineering technician, was promoted to energy services technologist, Charleston, on July 1. He holds an associate in science degree in electrical engineering technology from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Mike Riggins, electrical engineer, was promoted to electrical engineer senior, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kentucky.

Reggie Short, engineering technician senior, was promoted to station general supervisor, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, on July 1.

James Showalter, electrical engineer, was promoted to electrical engineer senior, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State

University.

Doris Smith, cash clerk A nonexempt, was promoted to the exempt position of centralized cash assistant, GO Accounting, Roanoke, on August 1.

Howard H. Stovall, engineering technologist supervisor, was promoted to station crew supervisor, Abingdon, on July 1. He holds an associate in applied science degree from Fredrick College.

Mark Vinson, electrical engineer, was promoted to meter engineer senior, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Robert Whitaker, electrical engineer, was promoted to electrical engineer senior, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

# Who's News\_

#### Abingdon

L. C. Angle, Jr., retired power engineer, was elected chairman of the Washington County Historical Library for 1984-85.

C. V. Talley, Marion area supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Marion Lions Club for 1984-85.

Sydne, wife of Pete Montague, division superintendent, was named vice president of the Johnston Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. □

#### John Amos

Angela, daughter of Lester Lusher, unit supervisor, won silver medals in the 50-yard dash and softball throw and a bronze medal in the standing broad jump in the Special Olympics at Laidley Field, Charleston.

Eric Scott, son of Danny Johnson, utility worker, was presented a trophy for perfect attendance from kindergarten through sixth grade at Culloden Elementary School. □

#### **Beckley**



Division Manager Tom Rotenberry has been chosen "Rotarian of the Year" by the Beckley Rotary Club. He was chairman of the club's annual Charity Ball, which raised more than \$5,300 for charita-

ble organizations in the Beckley area. Children of several employees have been selected to represent their respective baseball league "All Star" teams. They are: Mike, son of Paul Elliott, Oak Hill line crew supervisor nonexempt, Oak Hill Little League; Michael, son of Basil Bolen, line mechanic A, Beckley Little League; Roger, son of Dale Pittman, station mechanic C, Shady Spring Babe Ruth (13-year-olds); James, son of Jim Elswick, line and station superintendent, Shady Spring Babe Ruth (14-15-year olds); Jeff, son of Ray Vest, administrative assistant, Shady Spring Babe Ruth (14-15 year-olds); and Brian. son of Ray Vest, Shady Spring Babe Ruth (13-year-olds).

Basil Bolen, line mechanic A, was elected as manager of the Beckley Little League "All Stars" (Western Division). Dave Tolliver, parttime meter reader, was selected as coach.

Jim Elswick, line and station superintendem, was selected as manager of the Shady Spring Babe Ruth "All Stars" (14-15-year olds). Ray Vest, administrative assistant, was selected as manager of the 13-year-olds. □

#### Bluefield



Debbie, daughter of John Davidson, head T&D clerk, was crowned Miss Mercer County 1984 at the 30th annual Miss Mercer County Scholarship Pageant and won a \$500 scholarship to the school of her choice. She performed a ballet/jazz routine. Debbie, a rising sophomore at Concord College, was a finalist in the Miss West Virginia State Pageant.

Brent, son of Linda Wiley, secretary-



stenographer, and Sonny Wiley, Glen Lyn Plant maintenance mechanic A, was selected for the Big League state tournament in Charleston. Brent, who plays shortstop for the Greater Princeton Little

League Big League team, was chosen from a field of 180 contenders representing ten communities in nine counties

in the southern portion of West Virginia, which makes up District 4 Big League baseball. Brent is the youngest player on the 15-member all-star team of Big League baseball.

Welch Power Engineer Ken Roberts, who has been serving as first vice president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce, will fill the unexpired term of the chamber president, who has resigned.

Evelyn, wife of Jack Martin, Pineville area supervisor, was installed as vice president of the Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. □

# Centralized Plant Maintenance

C. A. Jeffries, maintenance mechanic B, was unanimously elected to his seventh consecutive term as mayor of Eleanor, West Virginia. □

#### Charleston

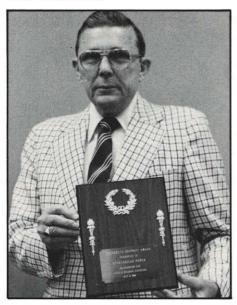
Michelle, daughter of Ron Wilson, customer servicer, received a recognition award for her solar energy project at the annual Marmet Junior High School Science Fair.

Jennings Fulknier, marketing and customer services supervisor, was elected a director of the West Virginia Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning Association. He was also appointed by Charleston Mayor Mike Roark to serve on the city's building commission examining board.

Larry White, line crew supervisor exempt, was elected to a six-year term on the Roane County Board of Education. He is also president of the Geary Elementary School PTA. Last month he attended the national PTA convention in Las Vegas, where he received the "outstanding West Virginia PTA award" for his school. The school has the distinction of being the first to win the award twice. Shawna, daughter of Ray Sayre, meter electrician A, is the recipient of the Phineas F. Bresee Medal, the highest

electrician A, is the recipient of the Phineas F. Bresee Medal, the highest award given by Caravan. Caravan is a church-oriented program in which achievements are earned in mental, physical, social and spiritual categories. Shawna completed a three-year program in less than one year.

Jack Shaver, administrative assistant, received a recognition award for outstanding service to the 1984 Mountain State Health Fair.



On behalf of the Charleston Division, Personnel Supervisor John Frazier received the 1984 Support Award presented by the Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. OIC is a non-profit comprehensive employment training organization that promotes a self-help training program designed for the community to assist unemployed and underemployed in finding meaningful employment. The Division has supported the program for many years.

Division Manager Cal Carlini was elected vice president of the Fund for The Arts.

Personnel Supervisor John Frazier, was named to serve on the West Virginia State College Cooperative Education Program advisory committee.

#### General Office

Joanne, daughter of Arlie Siers, trans-



mission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield, was selected to represent her church and Bluefield High School in The Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Susan Rae, daughter of Bill Franklin,

communication supervisor, GO T&D Communication, Bluefield, was named a United States Achievement Academy national award winner in history, government and English.



Toni, daughter of Curtis Graham, trans-

mission mechanic A, GOT&DTransmission Line, Bluefield, was named a United States Achievement Academy national award winner in business education and cheerleading. She has also been



named an Academic All-American and is a member of the National Honor Society at Princeton Senior High School. Rick, son of Richard Rader, drafter A, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, won the industrial arts award at Hidden Valley Junior High School for outstanding achievement in industrial arts skills. He excelled in drafting, computer graphics and photography.

Jennifer, daughter of Judy Caldwell,

R/e & R/w special clerk, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, has been selected an Academic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council. She received an academic letter



for maintaining an "A" average throughout the eighth grade at Northside Junior High School. She also received science and algebra awards.

Margaret Oxley, retired classification clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was a \$1,000 winner in the Kroger bingo contest.

#### **Bluefield Jaycees honored**



Three GO T&D Communication employees in Bluefield have received Jaycee honors. Bill Franklin, left, was named "boss of the year" by the Greater Bluefield Jaycees. Selection is made on the basis of outstanding and unselfish service to the Jaycees and their programs. Paul Kehrer, right, made the award presentation to Franklin. Kehrer was installed as a member of the board of directors. Larry Houston, center, was awarded the state Jaycees' outstanding local president award. His chapter, the Greater Bluefield Jaycees, was ranked number 9 out of 68 in the parade of chapters. Houston will be chairman of the board of the Greater Bluefield Jaycees as well as a district director in Region VI of the state Jaycees during the upcoming year.

Andy Barham, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Meter, Charleston, has completed a master course in color television servicing and has been awarded a diploma by the National Radio Institute of Washington, D. C.

Stephen, 9-year-old son of Rodney



Black, tax accounting special clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was voted to the allstar team, Rookie League of North Roanoke County. He plays first base and pitches for the North Roanoke Re-

creation Club Rangers, for which Rodney served as assistant coach.

Kevin, son of Richard Haley, utility worker B, GO Hydro, Roanoke, was a member of the Salvation Army A's, which won the Roanoke City Parks and Recreation Tee-ball League with a record of 12-1.



Five-year-old Daniel Lynn Monahan, II, a member of the Atoms team, was the youngest player for Salem youth hockey during the 1983-84 season. He is the son of Daniel Monahan, survey party chief, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke.

Tom Philpott, hydro special clerk, GO Hydro, Roanoke, received Vinton First Aid Crew's annual award as outstanding crew member of the year. □

#### Huntington

**Debbie Hickel**, T&D clerk C, was elected president of the Lambda Chi Omega Sorority in Point Pleasant. **Bessie Wilson**, secretarial stenographer, was elected co-editor of The Clavis, the sorority magazine.



Jon Atchley, marketing and customer services advisor, was presented a West Virginia Jaycee Statesman Award, the highest state Jaycee honor. He is immediate past president and chairman of the board of the Huntington Jaycees.

LaDonna, daughter of Brenda Adkins, stenographer, was chosen as a member of Guyan Valley High School's Flag Corps.

MSgt. Dwight D. Altizer was named the 832nd Air Division Resource Advisor of the Quarter. He was nominated for demonstrating outstanding accuracy in managing the \$5.7 million 58th TTW maintenance complex budget, creating his own software for tracking daily spending. Dwight is the son of Vic Altizer, retired stores attendant senior.

Dorcas Moncer, retired customer services clerk A, was installed as president of Guyandotte Baptist Association of American Baptist Women for a three-year term.

Robert, son of Sharon Burton, meter electrician C, was awarded a blue ribbon for placing first in the 440-yard dash at a

#### APCo bed race team wins trophy



Kimberly Bohnert, center, district director of the Charleston Muscular Dystrophy Association, awards a third-place trophy to members of the Appalachian bed race team. Seventeen beds were entered in the race, which raised over \$1,000 to help support MDA's local patient and community services program. Winners were determined by the length of time it took for the teams to push beds through the roped-off streets of downtown Charleston. APCo's team members are, l. to r., Milford Ziegler, meter reader; Butch Lucas, GO right of way agent; Anthony Lloyd, line mechanic C; Chuck Coleman, automotive mechanic B; Bohnert; Lynn Grayson, GO right of way maintenance coordinator; Paul Kessinger, meter reader; and Randy Saunders, meter reader. Not pictured is the bed rider, Karen Smith, customer accounts representative C.

track and field meet at Russell Middle School. His homeroom class won first place in overall events and was awarded a blue ribbon. Robert also received a math achievement award for most improved student.





Wysong

Payne

For being outstanding citizens, Retired Meter Service Supervisor **Ted Payne** and Retired Commercial Representative **Jim Wysong** have been commissioned as Kentucky Colonels by Governor Martha Layne Collins.

#### Logan-Williamson



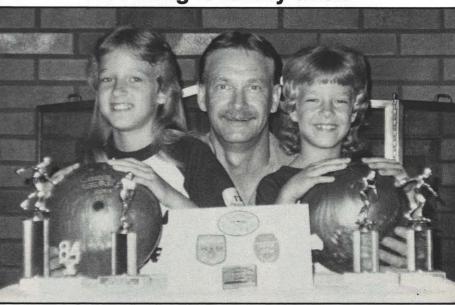
William Moseley, Jr., electrical engineer senior, was elected president of the Williamson Lions Club for 1984-85. □

#### Kingsport

The children of Gary Williams, line mechanic A, received awards at Gravely Elementary School. Sheri won the first grade citizenship award and a first place blue ribbon during field day exercises. John won second place in the school's cross country race in competition with all grade levels.

Paula, daughter of Gale Chase, line mechanic A, won fifth place in the Distributive Education Club of America advertising and display competition in Nashville, making her eligible to compete in the national judging. Paula was awarded a plaque as the most outstanding distributive education member of the year at Dobyns-Bennett High School, where she is a junior. □

#### **Bowling is family affair**



Bowling is a family affair for the Minis Rowes of Huntington. Minis, a collector, and his wife Chris have been bowling for 16 years. Minis bowls three nights a week and received a trophy for most improved average in his league this year. He is also a coach for junior bowlers. Chris bowls one night each week. Their daughters have been bowling for two years. Eleven-year-old Jennifer, left, received a trophy for high game and high average in her league. Seven-year-old Lisa, right, also received a trophy for high game and high average. Her team was the league champion.

#### Kanawha River



George Williamson, III, tractor-conveyor operator, and his son Aaron make a winning combination on the ballfield. George, left, was coach for the Marathon team which captured the first place league championship in the Upper Kanawha Valley Little League with a 13-3 season record. He will now coach the all-star team. Aaron, right, was pitcher and center fielder for the team and knocked the winning hit in the champion-

ship game. His batting average for the season was .551.

Bobby, son of Gloria Saunders, plant

clerk A, captured first place in the 11-12-year-old division of the Kanawha County preliminary to the Hershey track and field meet and second place in the regional preliminaries.



Brad, son of Tim White, stores attendant, was an outstanding player for the Shrewsbury Wildcat Tee Ball team. He hit nine homeruns, had 20 outstanding plays and had 68 runs during the season.



# Weddings







Chaney-Lively



Robertson-Collins



Painter-Rocker



Cravath-Biggs



Turner-Mitcham

Dianna Lynn Dunford to Gregory K. Helm, Glen Lyn Plant utility worker A, June 22.

Charlotte J. Peters to Gary L. Burkhart, John Amos Plant barge unloader, July 14. □

Robbie Lynn Giles to Paul Dustin Garrity, II, June 16. Robbie is the daughter of Frank D. Giles, Jr., Lynchburg office supervisor.

Linda Lou Lively to David Chaney, June 30. Linda is the daughter of Bill Lively, Beckley line construction and maintenance representative.

Robin Dawn Collins to Calvin Edward Robertson, general records clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, June 29.

Helen Charmaign Rocker to Roger Brady Painter, June 9. Helen is the daughter of J. A. Rocker, Kanawha River Plant barge attendant.

Donna Lynn Biggs to Steven G. Cravath, July 7. Donna is the daughter of Bob Biggs, purchasing supervisor, GO Purchasing, Roanoke.

Cynthia Mitcham to Steve Turner, May 26. Steve is the son of Jim Turner, civil engineer senior, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. Terri Kim Turner to **John D. Lester**, performance engineer, John Amos Plant, July 7.

Debra Porterfield to James Raymond Shepard, June 29. James is the son of R. C. Shepard, Lynchburg customer accounts supervisor.

Mary E. Snidow to Richard A. Landers, barge handler, John Amos Plant, July 15.

Kathe Coleman, Pulaski marketing and customer services advisor, to Phil Buchanan, Jr., engineering technologist, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, June 23.

Deborah Lynn Burdette to Michael C. Witt, John Amos Plant barge handler, July 7.

# Births\_

#### John Amos

Lakeisha Nicole, daughter of Robert J. Guerrant, Jr., maintenance mechanic C, June 10.

#### Beckley

Keith Lowell, son of Lowell Anderson, parttime custodian, July 1.

Brett Tristan, son of Bill Rubin, meter reader, July 4.

#### Clinch River

Lanessa Rae, daughter of Clarence David Prater, maintenance mechanic D, June 7.

#### General Office

Ashley Marie, daughter of Carolyn Blankenship, electrical engineer, GO T&D, Roanoke, May 18.

Allen Ramsey, son of **Carl Persing**, civil engineer-hydro, GO Hydro, Roanoke, July 22.

Blair Marie, daughter of William Bosta, rate analyst, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, June 29.

#### Glen Lyn

Lisa Marie, daughter of Larry Bowers, instrument mechanic C, June 8.

#### Kingsport

Christopher Adam, son of J. B. Quillin, Jr., customer services representative, June 17. □

# Friends We'll Miss\_



Roy E. Preston, 72, retired Huntington groundman, died July 9. A native of Ferguson, West Virginia, he was employed in 1940 as a laborer at Kenova Plant and retired December 1, 1970. Preston is survived by his widow Grethel, Route 4, Box 354, Proctorville, Ohio.



Ross L. Warren, 82, retired Cabin Creek Plant maintenance foreman, died June 28. A native of Allegheny, Virginia, he began his career in 1927 as an electrician helper and retired December 1, 1963. Warren is survived by his widow Vivian, Route 1, Box 128, Riner, Virginia, and one son.



Paul W. Parks, 72, retired Bluefield T&D clerk A, died July 8. A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, he began his career in 1939 as a draftsman and retired June 1, 1977. Parks is survived by his widow Thelma, 320 Oakhurst Avenue, Bluefield, West Virginia.



Kyle French, 84, retired system instrument man, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, died July 13. A native of West Graham, Virginia, he was employed in 1932 as a rodman and retired May 1, 1965. French is survived by his widow Sallie, 415 Washington Avenue, Pulaski, Virginia; two sons and one daughter. His son, Gene, is an engineering technologist in Roanoke.



Oral Roscoe "Shorty" Lamastus, 61, retired regional assistant chief operator, GO Operations, Danville, died July 3. A native of Windfield, Illinois, he was employed in 1948 as a maintenance man helper B in Welch and elected early retirement February 1, 1983. Lamastus is survived by his widow Marjorie, Route 3, Box 204, Falls Mills, Virginia; two sons and three daughters.



Coy Edward Marshall, 80, retired regional chief dispatcher, GO Operations, died July 17. A native of Thaxton, Virginia, he began his career in 1928 as an electrician in Logan and retired October 1, 1968. Marshall is survived by his widow Eleanor, 409 Cole Street, Logan, West Virginia, and two daughters.



Lee A. Singleton, 74, retired Clinch River Plant maintenance foreman, died July 6. A native of Tunnel, Illinois, he began his career in 1943 as a maintenance man at Logan Plant and retired July 1, 1975. Singleton is survived by his widow Mary, P. O. Box 4, Route 2, Lebanon, Virginia; one son and two grandchildren.



Orin Leonard Williams, 84, retired Charleston dealer sales representative, died July 20. A native of Sissonville, West Virginia, he was employed in 1924 as an application clerk and retired September 1, 1964. Williams is survived by his widow Bonnie, 88 East Main, Marlton, New Jersey; two sons; one daughter; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Clarence Walter "Walt" Dobbins, retired Glen Lyn Plant equipment operator, died July 24. A native of Athens, West Virginia, he began his career in 1935 as a laborer and retired September 1, 1965. Dobbins is survived by his widow Alma, MR Box 5-A, Murdock Street, Princeton, West Virginia; three daughters; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, and one brother.

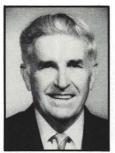


Tom Kennedy, 47, Roanoke line crew supervisor nonexempt, died July 24. A native of Bedford County, Virginia, he was employed in 1966 as a lineman helper. Kennedy is survived by his widow Mildred, 2116 Greenbrier Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia, and one son. □

# Service Anniversaries\_



Fred Helm division manager Huntington 35 years



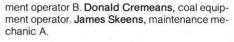
Bob Love engineering supv. Pulaski 35 years



Hubert Shabdue econ. dev. consult. GO-Charleston 35 years



Wayne Webb meter mechanic A GO-Roanoke 35 years



#### Beckley

15 years: Bill Ham, automotive mechanic A. 10 years: Judy Beckett, meter electrician A. 5 years: Steve Neal, automotive mechanic A. Mary Carter, meter reader. Paul Shrewsbury, line mechanic B. Dean Carte, line mechanic C, Oak Hill. Dale Pittman, station mechanic C (division).

#### Bluefield

5 years: David Andrews, drafter C.

#### Central Machine Shop

10 years: **Jerry Beasley**, winder 2nd class. **Don Parsons**, production supervisor. 5 years: **Jerry Goodwin**, welder 2nd class.

#### Centralized Plant Maintenance

5 years: D. G. Neigler, maintenance mechanic B.

#### Charleston

15 years: Paul Jackson, automotive mechanic A. Barry Snodgrass, energy services supervisor. 5 years: Jim Parsley, line mechanic C. Sue Craddock, customer accounts representative C. Charlie Maurer, energy services technologist. Mike Young, line mechanic C. Bruce Burns, line mechanic C.

#### Clinch River

10 years: Arlan Henderson, plant clerk C. 5 years: Sidney McCoy, utility operator A. David McClanahan, maintenance engineer.

#### General Office

40 years: Rosemary Price, private secretary senior, GO Executive, Roanoke. 15 years: John Pauley, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. Richard Coeburn, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. 10 years: Haille Ham, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke. Thomas Boyd, Jr., custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke. Ron Poff, civil engineering superintendent, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. 5 years: Joe Scholl, right of way agent, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Charleston. David Higgins, station mechanic C-GO, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. David Brown, transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission, Abingdon.

#### Huntington

15 years: R. L. Sheffield, station mechanic A. Ronald Pinson, line crew supervisor nonexempt. 10 years: Sandra Pridemore, meter reader. 5 years: Okey Burd, custodian.

#### Kanawha River

15 years: M. G. Maggio, stores attendant senior.

#### Kingsport

15 years: R. S. Caldwell, station supervisor. 10 years: J. B. Quillin, Jr., customer service representative.

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Paul Pauley mk. & cus. ser. mgr. Bluefield 35 years



Henry Farmer, Jr. line crew supv. NE Grundy 35 years



M. W. Roush assistant yard supt. Philip Sporn 30 years



Litt Furr, Jr. T&D adm. supv. GO-Roanoke 25 years



Jerome Quarles line crew supv. NE Roanoke 25 years



Jerry Saunders statistical accountant GO-Roanoke 25 years



Clay Altice line mechanic A Roanoke 20 years



Jim Hill drafter B Abingdon 20 years



Jim Stevens line crew supv. NE Lynchburg 20 years



Marvin Crank area serv. restorer Lynchburg 20 years

#### Abingdon

15 years: Douglas Brown, line crew supervisor NE. 10 years: Sharon Gobble, secretary-stenographer B. 5 years: Lynn Martin, marketing and customer services advisor. Donald Frye, stores attendant. James Garrett, line mechanic B. Richard Harvey, line mechanic B. Gary Hester, line mechanic B.

#### John Amos

15 years: Roger Blankenship, unit supervisor. 10 years: Michael Whittington, coal equipment operator. Clayton Groff, maintenance mechanic C. Cecil Brown, coal equipment operator. Curtis Grant, coal equipment operator. Charlie Reed, coal equipment operator. Richard Brown, equip-

#### Raise \$5,200 for cancer

# Blues Brothers' Brothers are hit

"The whole evening was nothing short of fantastic — it was one big party, thrown in celebration of the good music that is our heritage. Nothing ever came from England sounding like that, and nothing ever will." That's what County Editor Keith O'Dell wrote in his Smyth County News review of the Charity Ball and Soul Revue held in Abingdon last month for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

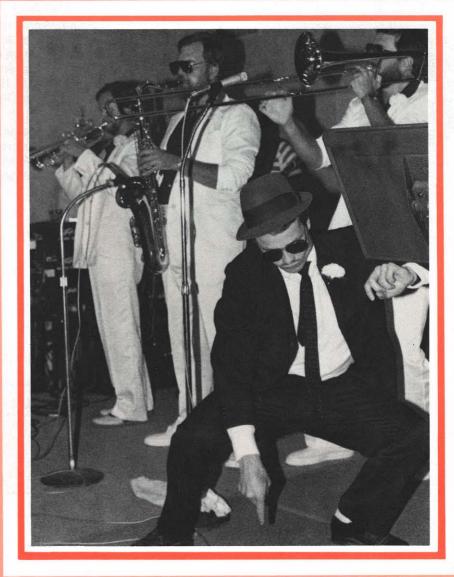
Randall Blues, one of the show's stars, was portrayed by none other than Marion Office Supervisor Randy Shutt. The revue featured two floor shows of '60s soul, rhythm and blues, and beach music performed by the Blues Brothers' Brothers, the Blues Brothers' Sisters, and the Blues Brothers' Brothers Brass. Playing backup for the show was UF-II, a Marion group, which also played Top 40 and rock music for dancing between the floor shows.

The idea for the show, to raise money for the cancer society, originated with Dr. Doug Pote of Marion. Randy recalls, "Doug and his wife mentioned it casually and asked if I would be interested in helping. I said 'oh sure' because I didn't think it would materialize. But it did. They asked me, I think, because I am in the church choir. I guess they were looking for somebody who would be crazy enough to make a fool out of himself and have a good time doing it!"

Randy continues, "UF-II is a good band in its own right, but the Blues Brothers' Sisters and the Blues Brothers Brothers' Brass are made up of talented volunteers. We rehearsed about two or three nights a week for a month before giving our first show in Marion (in March). Of course, the band had to practice a lot more to learn the music. I had never done anything like this before, and the night of the Marion show I was somewhat apprehensive. But it was really a lot of fun, and everybody had a good time."

Randy adds, "It was really enjoyable to see how a show is put on and all that is involved in a production like this. Sherry and Doug Pote did most of the footwork, and the band leader was more or less the director."

The Brothers played before a sellout crowd of 600 in Marion and a sellout crowd of 300 in Abingdon (the Abingdon location was smaller). "We raised \$3,200



With the Blues Brothers' Brothers Brass performing in the background, Randall Blues (Marion Office Supervisor Randy Shutt) gets into the swing of things.

for the Cancer Society in Marion, putting them way over what had been anticipated," Randy notes. He is a member of the board of directors of the society. "And in Abingdon we raised nearly \$2,000."

He adds, "After the show, people came up to say how much they enjoyed it. I can understand how celebrities feel, because when people enjoy something they want to tell you on an individual basis. That makes you feel good, knowing you are doing something people enjoy and raising money for a worthwhile cause at the same time."

Has show business gotten into Randy's blood by any chance? "Well, after the Marion show, somebody asked me to try out for a play but I wasn't interested. But it's hard to tell what might come of the revue. There is talk about taking the show to either Lynchburg or Roanoke if the Cancer Societies there are interested in it," he concludes.

# Christmas cover can be yours



We're looking for the spirit of Christmas. Do you have it? It may be somewhere in your collection of pictures from past holiday seasons or it could be a new one made especially for this competition.

If you have a picture which shows the spirit of the Christmas season, we'd like to consider it for use on the cover of the December issue of The Illuminator. The best photo submitted will be used on the cover; some others will be shown inside the magazine. The competition is open to active and retired employees, their spouses, and children living at home.

A \$75 U.S. savings bond will be awarded to the person submitting the winning photo. A \$50 savings bond will be awarded to each of the five runners-up.

Color slides are preferable although good quality color prints are acceptable. Submit as many entries as you like, but be sure to wrap them carefully and include the accompanying entry blank or a facsimile with each entry. All entries should be submitted to Betty Lou Carter, editor of publications, General Office Public Affairs, Roanoke, no later than October 15.

Winners will be determined by a panel of impartial judges, and their decisions will be final. Members of the General Office Public Affairs Department and professional photographers are ineligible for the competition.

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