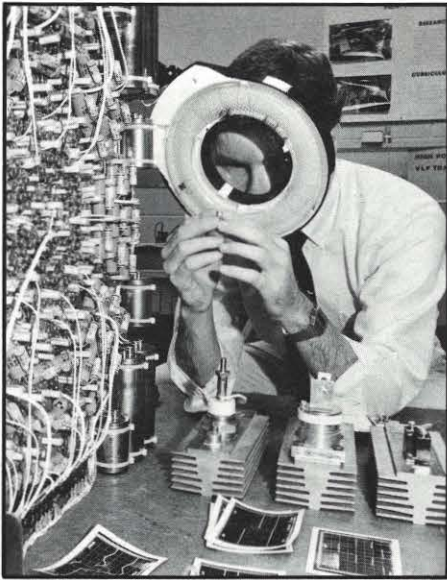


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Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
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4/30/84	1.8749	.5334	2.5767	.3881	1.5249	.6558
5/31/84	1.8950	.5277	2.4376	.4102	1.4952	.6688
6/30/84	1.9146	.5223	2.4822	.4028	1.6287	.6139
7/31/84	1.9351	.5167	2.4399	.4098	1.6894	.5919
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VPU — value per unit

UCPD — units credited per dollar

HOW TO READ THE ABOVE CHART: The first column lists the days on which unit values are figured; the second shows the market price or value of each unit on that day; and the third indicates how many units you could have bought for \$1 on that day. For example, if the market value or "value per unit" of the Equity Fund were 50¢ on the valuation date (last day of each month), then "units credited per dollar" would be 2.000. This also holds true for the AEP Stock Fund and the Fixed Income Fund.



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# White elected president of CIGRE

W. S. White, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Appalachian Power and Kingsport Power Companies, has been elected president of CIGRE, the worldwide association of companies and organizations involved in the high-voltage transmission of electric energy.

White, who is also chairman and chief executive officer of American Electric Power Company, is the first American to hold the international presidency in CIGRE's 63-year history. He had been president of the U.S. Committee of CIGRE the past two years.

Seventy countries from the six inhabited continents are represented in CIGRE — the acronym for La Conférence Internationale des Grands Réseaux Electriques a Haute Tension (The International Conference on Large High-Tension Electric Systems). Makeup of its membership includes delegates from all of the North American and European countries, including Russia, as well as China, Japan, India, South Korea and such other nations as Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq, Thailand, Niger, Togo and Zimbabwe. Most of the members represent electric utilities (both investor- and government-owned), electrical equipment manufacturers, research organizations and engineering universities.

CIGRE was founded in 1921 in Paris, which remains its headquarters and the site of its biennial meeting. Its purpose — then and now — is to provide a forum for the international exchange of engineering and other technical information and operating experience on high-voltage power systems.

White has been with the American Electric Power System his entire 36-year working career since graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University as an electrical engineer. He was executive vice president and operating head of Appalachian Power at the time he became, in 1972, senior executive vice president — operations of the Service Corporation. He was elected vice chairman — operations of the Service Corporation in 1975 and, the following year, chairman and chief executive officer of American Electric Power Company and all of its subsidiaries.

He is a member of the prestigious National Academy of Engineering; vice rector of the Board of Visitors of VPI; a trustee of Battelle Memorial Institute, and a director of Irving Bank Corporation and Irving Trust Company, New York.

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The seven-state American Electric Power System, which White has headed since 1976, operates the largest high-voltage transmission network in the United States and is the most interconnected electric utility in the world. Through the years, it has assumed a role of world leadership in the development of power-delivery systems and was the first, among other major steps, to:

- Conduct lightning research on transmission lines — 1926;
- Install ultra-high-speed, high-voltage circuit-breakers — 1935;
- Perform electronic line relaying — 1951;
- Operate at the transmission level of 345,000 volts — 1953;

- Use helicopters for major transmission line construction — 1960;
- Adopt the "barehand" technique for live-line maintenance — 1960;
- Build aluminum "guyed-V" transmission towers — 1961, and
- Operate at the transmission level of 765,000 volts — 1969.

Today, the AEP System is operating a transmission network of 21,500 miles of line, including approximately 1,850 miles at 765,000 volts, the nation's highest-capacity circuits. It is interconnected via high-voltage lines with 24 other electric utilities at more than 100 locations in nine states. Further, AEP and ASEA, the Swedish manufacturer of electrical equipment, are involved in a major research and development program on ultra-high-voltage transmission — up to 2-million volts — at an outdoor laboratory near South Bend, Indiana. □



# END OF

There is an eerie quiet about the place — a quiet not usually associated with a power plant. From across the road, a visitor can see what is left of the building and just barely hear the voices of the demolition crew.

Ohio Power Company's Philo Plant — built in 1922 as one of the AEP System's "super-plants" — today looks as if it has been on the losing end of a war. Little by little, piece by piece, it is being torn down.

But Philo is not alone. Ohio Power's Windsor Plant has been torn down; Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Twin Branch Plant is being dismantled, and Appalachian Power Company's Cabin Creek Plant is scheduled for demolition next year. They have all outlived their usefulness but not their history.

It is no coincidence that these plants should come to the end of the line at approximately the same time. And why not? They were built as part of the same era, served the system together for many years, and now are being torn down in another era.

The cause of this spate of demolitions lies in the System's sufficient generating capacity — thanks to the introduction of a number of new and more-efficient plants in recent years — coupled with Environmental Protection Agency regula-

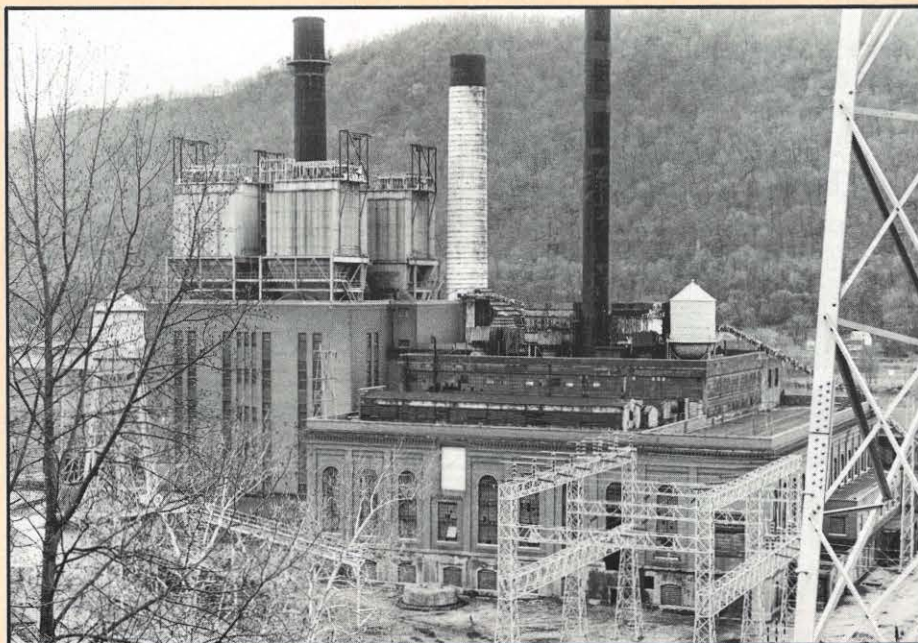
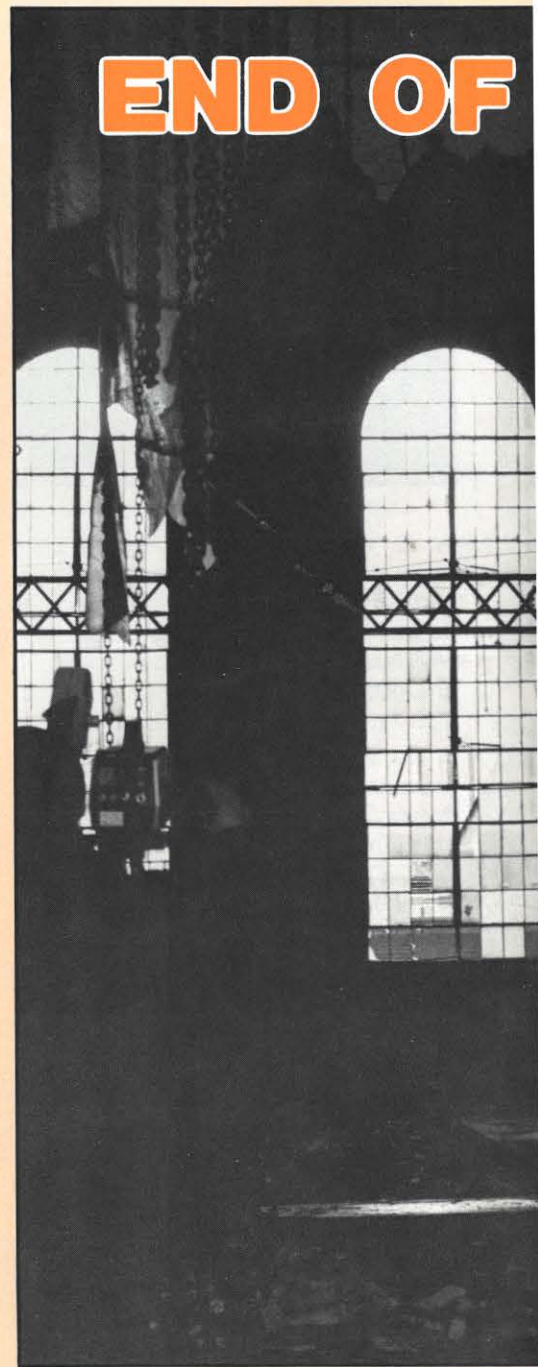
tions that make the operation of older plants economically impractical.

If Philo and Twin Branch were among the first super-plants, then Windsor can be called their father. (Also constructed simultaneously with Philo and Twin Branch were Scranton Electric Company's Stanton Plant and Atlantic City Electric Company's Deepwater Plant — both of which are no longer part of the System.)

The Windsor Plant was built in 1915-17 near Wheeling, West Virginia, under a partnership agreement between an Ohio Power predecessor company and West Penn Power Company. It represented the first case of joint ownership and operation of a generating station.

It began commercial operation December 1, 1917, and, throughout its lifetime, made industry history in many ways and served as a kind of proving ground for plant personnel who would find themselves working at the newer plants as they came on the line.

Plans to build the Philo Plant were announced by American Gas & Electric (AEP's forerunner) September 6, 1922, and work began November 20. From its location south of Zanesville, the new super-plant would serve communities throughout the state. It would be the middle anchor in the System and eventually interconnect with Windsor on the



Appalachian Power Company's Cabin Creek Plant is scheduled for demolition in 1985.

east and Twin Branch on the west (being built at the same time in northern Indiana).

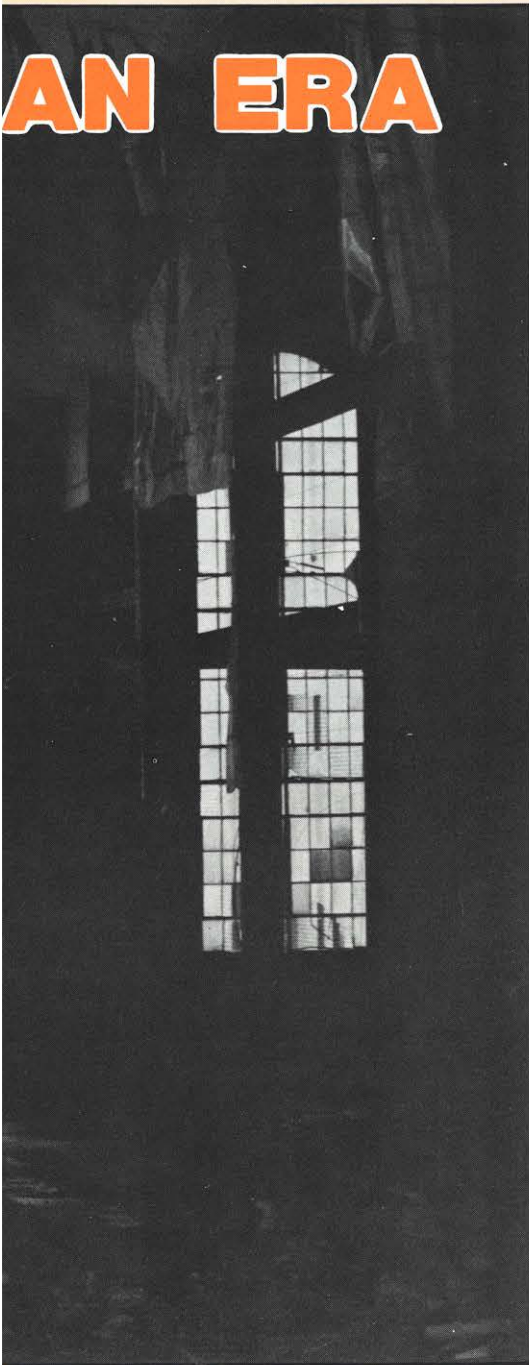
Both Philo and Twin Branch were engineered and designed by the Chicago firm of Sargent & Lundy, which also had designed the first two sections of Windsor.

Philo's first 40,000-kw turbine, served by four boilers, was placed in operation in 1924 and was the first to use steam at a temperature as high as 685 degrees F. That same unit (Unit 2) also was the first to use steam at a pressure as high as 500 p.s.i.

As super-plants, interconnected with each other, Windsor, Philo and Twin



# AN ERA



Cabin Creek, while not built by AEP, was brought into the System in the 1920s with the acquisition of what is now Appalachian Power Company. It was built on the Kanawha River in West Virginia in 1914 by Virginia Power Company and was originally to have been a "standby steam plant" for a hydro plant on the New River near its confluence with the Bluestone River.

However, like the understudy who suddenly becomes a star, the plans for Cabin Creek became a top priority when the Water Power Act of 1913, passed by the West Virginia legislature, made the company's Bluestone plans impractical. Cabin Creek was swiftly redesigned for increased capacity and placed in service — at 15,000 kw — in 1914.

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The business of building a power plant belongs to the engineers and architects, but when it comes time for a plant to come down, that is Purchasing's department.

The wrecker's ball may not be a very dignified end for these pioneering plants, but the demolition is certainly no hap-

azard undertaking. According to Howard Ull, manager of purchasing and stores in the AEP Service Corporation's Purchasing Department, "every bit as much attention" must be paid when taking them down as was paid when they were constructed. The demolition crews must "anticipate what could go wrong — and prevent it from happening."

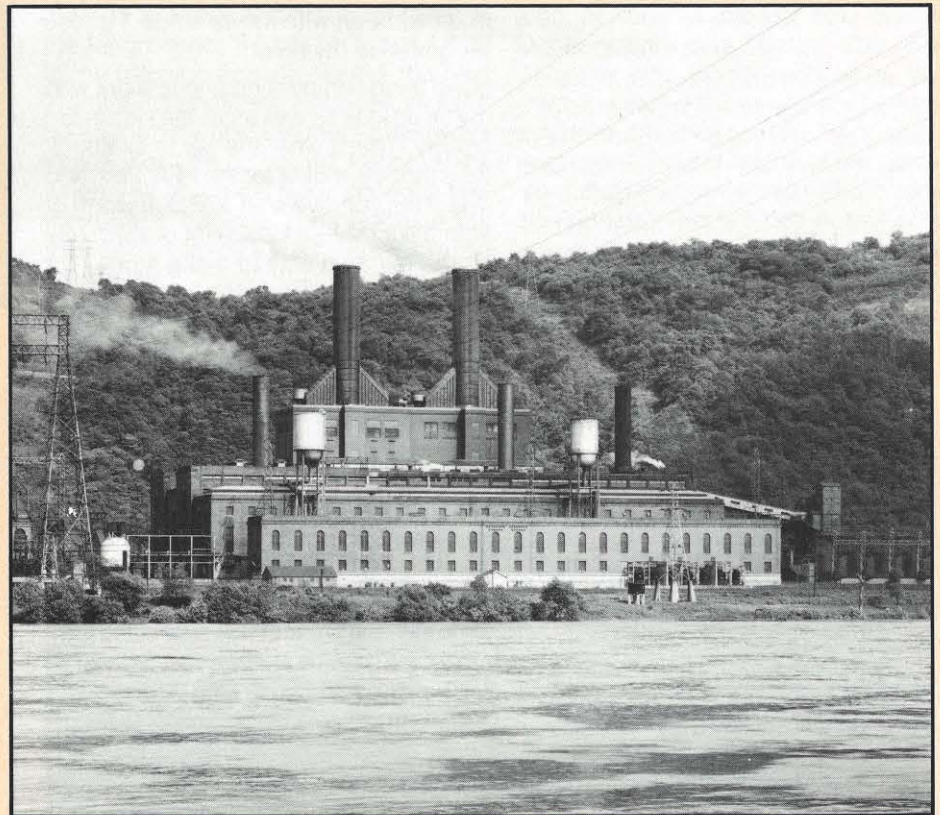
"The retired power plants have also been able to supply AEP with one final service. There has been enough useable equipment and scrap metal in them to help offset the cost of taking them down," Ull said. "We've been very fortunate in that we've been able to realize some income from all the plants."

And when a plant is taken down, it is completely gone. The site must be graded and backfilled to one foot below grade level and all lower elevations must be filled so as to prevent sinkholes at some point in the future.

At Windsor, where demolition was completed earlier this year, all that is left of that exciting era in AEP's history — the era of the super-plants — is an empty field. □

Branch provided the customer with such benefits as greater economy through distribution of loads among all plants, utilizing the most efficient stations and generators to the maximum and carrying peak and emergency loads on the less efficient units. In addition, the load could be distributed to the other plants in the event of a breakdown at one.

Twin Branch made history in 1949 with the completion of its Unit 5 — the first 150,000-kilowatt unit on the AEP System. That same unit is about to make history in another way when it is shipped to Brooksville, Florida, to become the center of one of the largest cogeneration projects in the country.



Ohio Power Company's Windsor Plant, built in 1915-17 near Wheeling, West Virginia.



# Mason County Fair



Roger Clark

**"The best fair we have ever seen" was the summing up of the popular verdict of the exhibition which packed our streets with thousands upon thousands of visitors from every quarter, October 15-16-17, as had never been called together before in the streets of our pleasant little city. In no fair in this section has there ever been a better display of choice fabrics and delicate handwork. Dainty garments, articles of household ornaments and wearing apparel received general admiration. While the tables loaded with jellies, preserves, wines, marmalades, etc., would create in any but a melancholy dyspeptic, an immediate appetite. This department was fatal to old bachelors, it carried too rare an aroma of home for the peace of mind. The various other departments were of equal excellence, but we have not time to itemize."**

**— The Point Pleasant Register  
October 30, 1873**

Some 111 years later, the Mason County Fair is not only thriving but boasts more exhibits than the West Virginia State Fair. "The only thing the state fair has that we don't is a race track," claims Roger Clark, Mountaineer Plant maintenance mechanic A and Mason County Fair president.

There were 34,399 paid attendees at this year's Mason County Fair, held August 7-11. Senior citizens and patients



at state hospitals and nursing care units were admitted free. There were 6,095 exhibits, 20 contests, 10 main entertainment shows and 14 shows other than main entertainment.

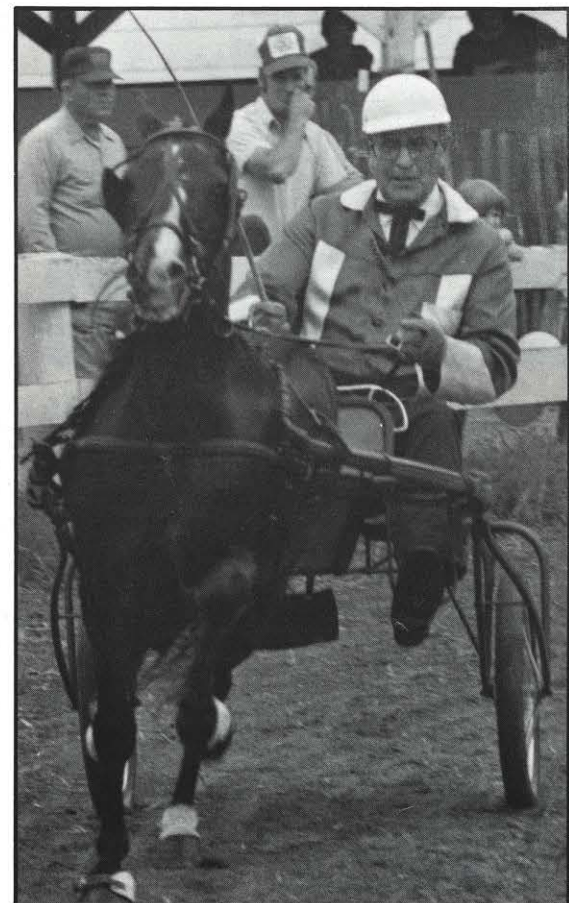
"I'm a city slicker," Roger says, "and I had never been to the Fair until 1973. A member of the Fair Board invited me up. I was given responsibility on the first day, and I've been with it ever since. I guess it's gotten in my blood!

"One thing I enjoy is getting to work with my three kids as well as all the kids in the county. That's what the fair is all about. It's a money-maker for the FFA, FHA and 4-H. This year we sold \$70,500 worth of animals for these kids. A lot of them rely on the fair as a way to make money for college."

Roger continues, "All the food booths are operated by non-profit organizations, most of whom depend on fair profits for their budget. For instance, 75 percent of the money in the Rotary Club budget is made at the fair. Their ice cream really goes over big as hot as it is this time of year."

Roger adds, "Working with the fair gives me a lot of self-satisfaction in that I accomplish something. The fair gets bigger every year. I like to see people out there enjoying the shows and exhibits and laughing. I enjoy meeting people." Roger confesses, "I don't remember names too well, so I wear a badge that says, 'Hi, I can't remember your name either'."

The main volunteers for the fair are the board of directors, officers, and a junior fair board selected from FFA-FHA. Ed Roush, also a maintenance mechanic A at Mountaineer, is a fair board member.





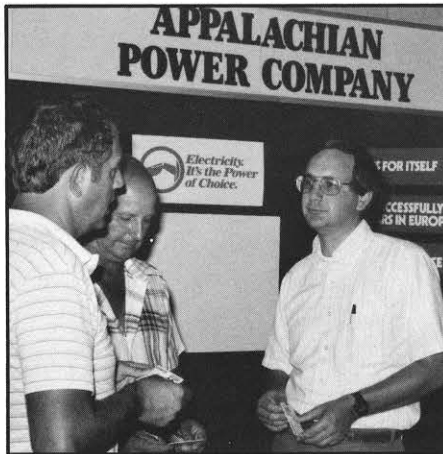


Jimmy Bouser, whose father, Ralph, is a maintenance mechanic A at Ohio Power's Gavin Plant, is president of the junior board.

"Our board of directors are involved as chairmen of just about everything we have when it comes to exhibits," Roger explains. "We have a board of directors meeting as well as a general meeting of the fair members once a month. All of the major decisions are made at the board meetings, including budget and rule changes. At the general meeting, people tell us what needs to be done to improve the fair the next year."

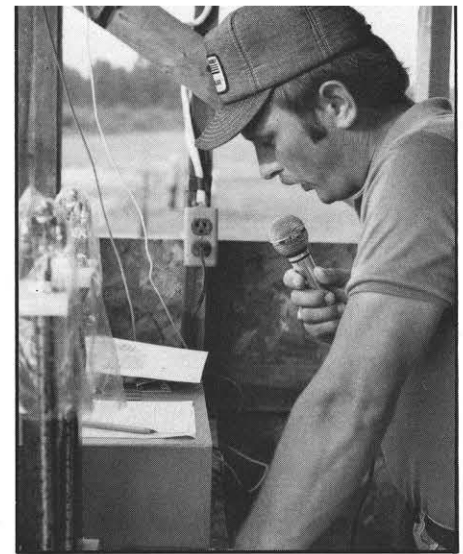
"One of the biggest improvements this year," Roger says proudly, "is our carnival. In the past we had only 7 to 10 rides, and you had to pay for each one. A family with several children could spend a lot of money in a hurry. This year the only charge was the \$4 gate admission, and the kids could ride 17 rides all day without any charge."

Roger takes vacation from the plant



during Fair Week and practically lives at the fairgrounds. "I come in around 6:30 in the morning and stay until 2 the next morning. Sometimes I stay all night. It takes a lot of work, and there are always things that can go wrong. People think when you volunteer your services that things just happen automatically, but they don't. It takes a lot of planning and a lot of work."

Roger's wife Twila is responsible for renting the commercial exhibits and



Roger McKinney



concessions, a project that starts in January and runs through Fair Week. "I'm the type person who likes to be involved in the things my husband and children are involved in," Twila says. "I was assistant secretary of the fair one year, but I dropped that when I took over the rentals. The fair has gotten so big now that we work at it 365 days a year. But we love doing it. I guess we've just crazy!" □



Twila Clark





## Appalachian employees show they care

Who cares about their community? Appalachian Power employees obviously do, as they responded generously to United Way campaigns conducted in two locations across the system. Campaigns in other areas were just getting under way at presstime.

Appalachian's Lynchburg office was a Pacesetter company in the Central Virginia United Way campaign. Administrative Assistant Mel Wilson, who chaired the company drive, reports that 127 division employees pledged \$9,298. This represents a 20 percent increase in employee contributions over last year.

Appalachian was also a Pacesetter company in the Roanoke Valley United Way campaign. According to Private Secretary Jackie Scruggs, chairperson of the Employee Benevolent Association, 891



Lynchburg Administrative Assistant Mel Wilson, right, accepts an award for Appalachian Power Company from Virginia Attorney General Gerald L. Baliles for the company's participation in the Pacesetter Division of Central Virginia's United Way campaign. The Lynchburg Division increased its contributions 20 percent over last year, which was the largest among all companies with \$50 or more per capita.

Roanoke/General Office employees pledged \$73,743, with \$59,182 designated for the United Way. Ninety-six

percent of the Roanoke/General Office employees pledged this year, with the total amount pledged up 31 percent. □

### New Oak Hill office



Appalachian Power customers had an opportunity to tour the company's new office at 130 Main Street, Oak Hill, West Virginia, during open house last month. The 25 Oak Hill employees moved into the new office, located in the former King Coal Chevrolet Building, on June 25. Beckley Division Manager Tom Rotenberry says, "Combining our Customer Services and T&D employees in one location will help us meet our customer service requirements more efficiently. Prior to this move, our T&D employees were headquartered at the Scarbro Substation."

### Mountaineer Plant sets second performance record

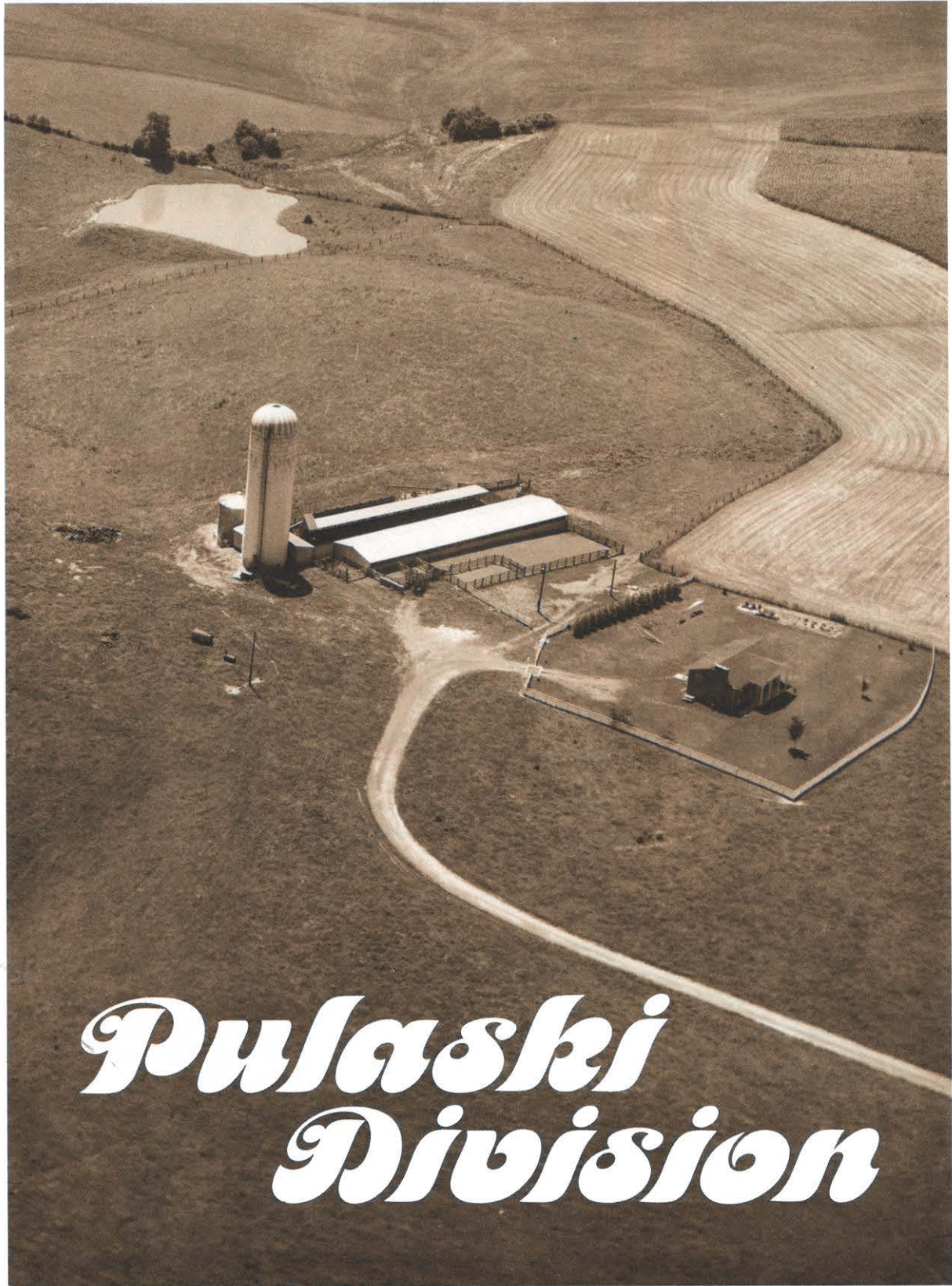
At two minutes past midnight on September 24, Appalachian Power Company's Mountaineer Plant set a second performance record: the longest run for a supercritical unit on the American Electric Power System. The old record of 308 days, 15 hours and 53 minutes was held by Amos Plant Unit 1.

On July 28, Mountaineer's 1300 megawatt unit set a new AEP record for continuous operation by a coal-fired unit of its size and type. The previous record of 251 days, 15 hours and 33 minutes of continuous operation had been held by Ohio Power's General James M. Gavin Plant Unit 1.

Mountaineer's record-setting run, which began on November 20, 1983, was continuing at presstime.

Plant Manager W. M. Robinson said, "I want to express my appreciation to each and every employee for his contribution in establishing a new record for continuous operation of the unit. This is a job well done." □





***Pulaski  
Division***



(Eighth in a series)

If Bluefield was the nerve center of the original Appalachian Power Company, then the area that now comprises the Pulaski Division was its backbone.

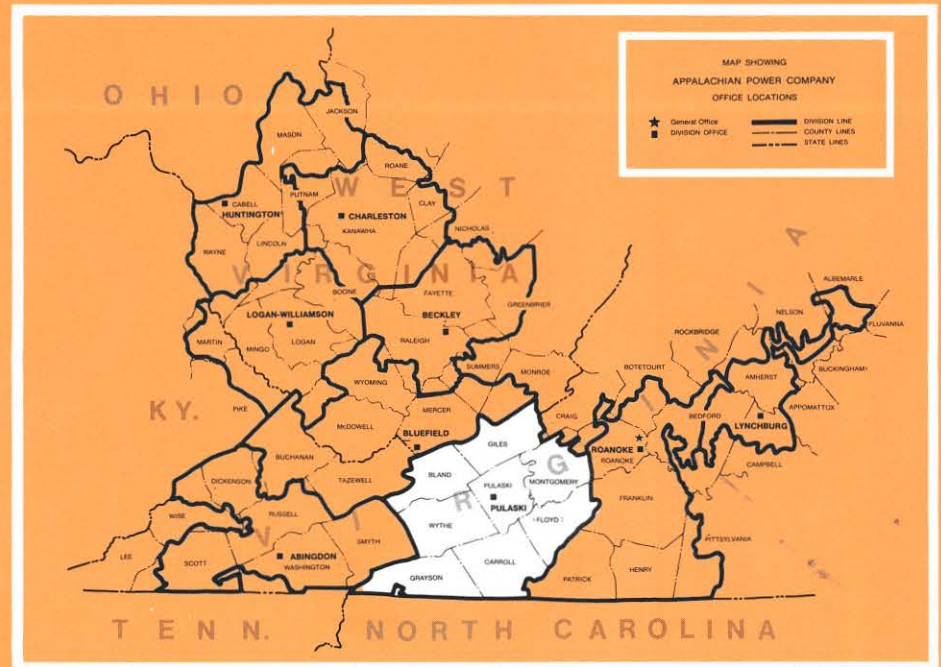
The story of electricity in the Pulaski Division starts in 1896 with the construction of a steam plant at the Wytheville municipal building. Its generator had a capacity of 100 kva. In 1902 the Stone Electric Light and Power Company built a 100-kva plant on Reed Creek near Wytheville.

About 1910, when the New York engineering firm of Viele, Blackwell and Buck and the Chicago investment firm of H. M. Bylesby and Company initiated plans to incorporate an electric utility to serve the coal mining industry around Bluefield, the New River was surveyed for potential hydroelectric sites.

A prospectus issued in May 1911 for the new Appalachian Power Company stated the company's objective "to construct and operate certain water powers, distributing systems and to acquire and extend certain local utilities in Virginia and West Virginia."

Buck, Bylesby and Claytor (or locations in their vicinity) were among the several sites deemed suitable for development.

When Buck and Bylesby hydros came in service in August and October 1912, respectively, it marked the first central station generation and transmission of electricity in southwest Virginia. Electric power was transmitted from the hydros to the Bluefield area on an 88,000 volt line. Initially, however, transmission had



been in the opposite direction. When Appalachian contracted to supply power to 24 Pocahontas Fuel Company mines, Appalachian acquired the coal company's small generating plant at Switchback, West Virginia. When the line was completed, power generated at Switchback was transmitted for construction equipment at Buck and Bylesby.

The completion of Buck and Bylesby hydros and, later the Glen Lyn Plant, ushered in the era of 24-hours-a-day electricity.

Wytheville became the first town in Appalachian's old Virginia District to receive service from Buck and Bylesby.

The transmission line consisted of aluminum lines strung on wooden poles. These were replaced by steel towers in 1922.

Northward, near the West Virginia line, the Narrows Electric Light and Power Company was organized in 1911. The president of the company had a water-powered flour mill. Lines were built from the mill to Narrows and extended to Pearisburg, where the first lights were turned on in 1911.

Giles Power Company, named after the county, bought the Narrows company in 1918. The mill continued to produce power until high water washed out its dam. In the meantime, however, the old Appalachian Power Company had built the Glen Lyn coal-fired steam plant. The plant, which was the first large industry in Giles County, went into operation in 1919 with a 15,000-kilowatt capacity. Additions to the plant were made in 1920, 1924, 1927, 1944 and 1957. The plant currently has a generating capability of 335,000 kilowatts.

Giles Power was able to resume operations when it built a single-pole line from Glen Lyn through Narrows to Pearisburg under contract with Appalachian. In 1923 Giles Power sold its rights to Appalachian. Twelve years later the old Pulaski district had its beginnings when Appalachian bought the generating facilities in Pulaski and Wytheville.

By the time that Appalachian Electric Power Company was organized in 1926 and started expanding service in the Pulaski area, small electric plants had already been acquired in Galax, Christiansburg and other towns.

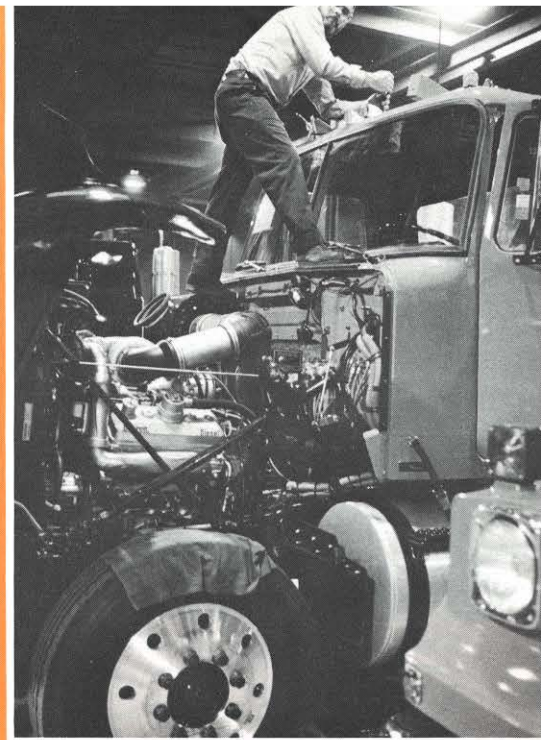
Buck Hydro, completed in August 1912, was the first of two hydros constructed on New River in Virginia by the old Appalachian Power Company.







Lee Jeans, Pulaski, produces 8,000 pair of jeans per day. The company's biggest seller is children's jeans, but a new "fashion line" of maternity jeans was introduced recently.



Volvo White Truck Corporation, Dublin, manufactures 37 trucks per day.

### Claytor Hydro

Although construction was not started in earnest on Claytor Hydro until the late 1930s, it was envisioned as an inevitable part of the Appalachian system. When the Glen Lyn Plant was built in 1919, the transmission line to Roanoke was constructed through the Claytor site in order to tie in with the future hydroelectric plant.

New River Development Company began acquiring land for the Claytor project in 1923. On June 25, 1925, the New River Company filed a declaration of intent to build the dam with the Federal Power Commission. This was the beginning of a legal controversy that lasted 15 years.

Appalachian had taken assignment of

the original declaration of intent but contended that the hydro was subject only to state regulation and not to federal regulation since the river at the site was not navigable. Forty-one states were to join Appalachian and Virginia in the legal fight over navigability. The U.S. Supreme Court decided the case on December 19, 1940, in favor of the federal government. In doing so, the high court wrote new law on the issue of navigability. The old interpretation was that rivers had to be navigable *in fact*. The Supreme Court, in the Claytor case, found that the New River would be navigable after reasonable improvements.

The result was that Appalachian was required to obtain a license, which was granted on May 22, 1943, retroactive to

July 1, 1931.

Meanwhile, construction of the Claytor Hydro had been completed in 1939 at a relatively modest sum, by today's standards, of \$11 million. Barely a year had passed when the New River experienced the flood of record. The 123-foot-high dam withstood the swollen river and has been in service ever since. Containing four identical units totaling 75,000 kilowatts, Claytor was for years the largest hydro on the system, until the Smith Mountain project was built in the 1960s.

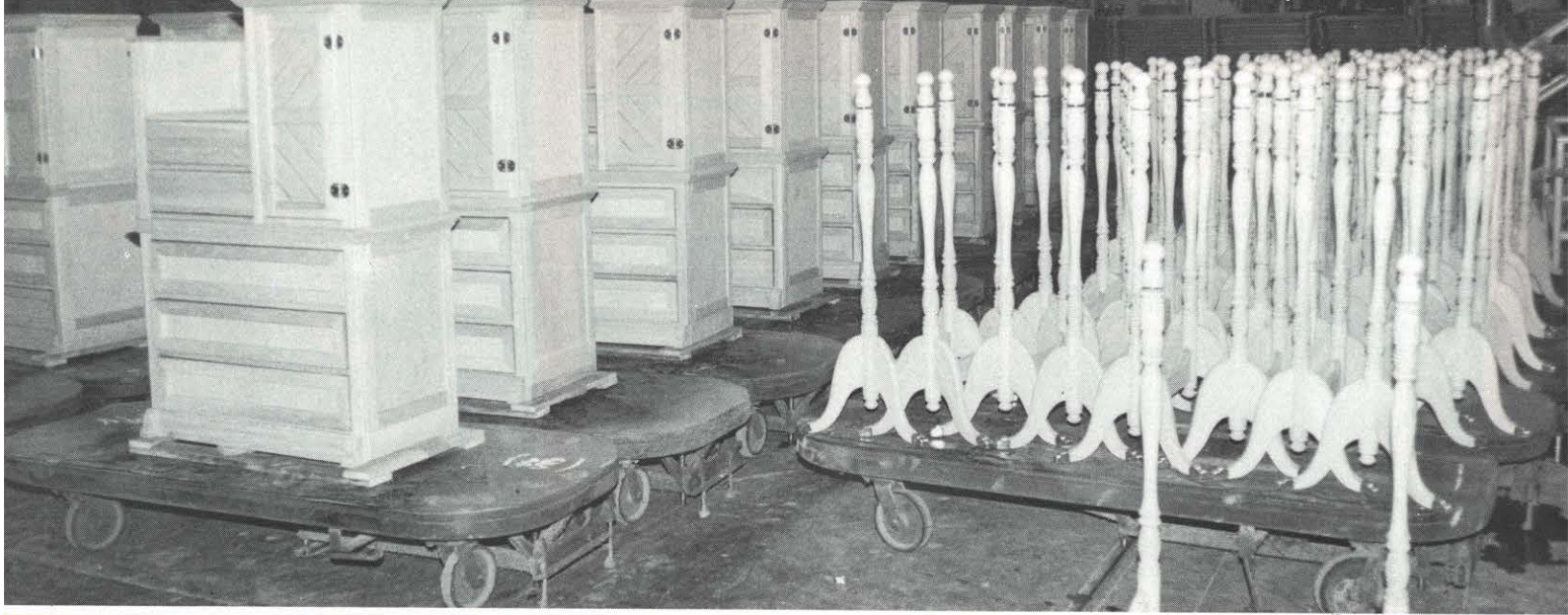
### Early exploration

In 1654 the New River was discovered by white men just a couple of stone throws from the tailrace at Claytor. In that year Abraham Woods and an ex-

The Old Fiddler's Convention, Galax, was originated in the spring of 1935 when a few members of the then-new Moose Lodge #733 needed something to raise funds and promote publicity. In the early years contestants came chiefly from Carroll, Grayson and adjoining counties in Virginia and North Carolina. Now bands and individual performers come from big cities, college campuses and every place where the old music is loved and played.







Pulaski Furniture Corporation ranks 21st in the United States in volume of furniture shipped. The company's "Keepsake" line is the only furniture line in the country that has sold over 1-million pieces.

ploration party reached the mouth of the Little River, where it empties into the New. Woods named the big river Woods River after himself, though the name was later changed to New.

In 1745 the Virginia government supported many land companies in an effort to settle the rich river bottoms along the western waters. One of the first areas chosen was what is now the Claytor Lake region in Pulaski County. It was here that John Buchanan, surveyor for the Woods River Land Company, founded a settlement of members of the religious Brotherhood of the Euphrates,

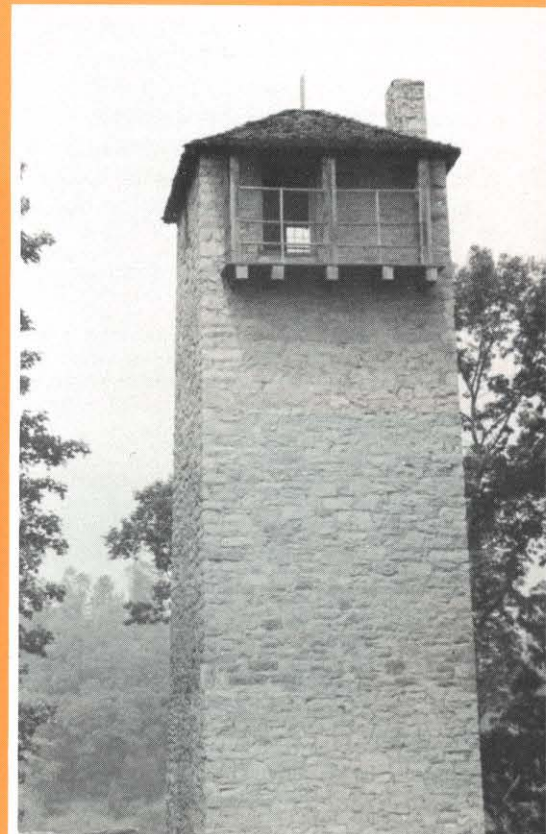
called Dunkards. Another pioneer in the area was William Ingles, who made the first settlement at what today is Radford. Settlers were not finding their new life easy. In addition to the rigors of frontier life, the settlers were handicapped because they could not get any military support from England. The king had ordered all settlers on western waters to give up their lands and move back to the eastern watershed.

As a result, William Christian, master of Dunkards Bottom, who had led previous troops against the Indians, helped organize a fighting force among the settlers.

The Ohio Indians were defeated in a battle at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, in 1774. Embittered by the failure of the English troops to join in the assault and by the refusal to let the militia cross the Ohio to the Indian towns, the Fincastle frontiersmen drew up their grievances and declaration of defiance of the British government.

The Shot Tower, operated at Jackson's Ferry from 1807-1824, has been designated a National Historical Mechanical Engineering Landmark.

"The Long Way Home" outdoor historical drama at Radford depicts Mary Draper Ingles' escape from the Shawnee Indians and her 850-mile trek through the wilderness to her home on the New River. Photo courtesy Donnie Walls, Radford News Journal.







The Wytheville State Fish Hatchery annually produces 150,000 catchable size trout for stocking purposes.

Meeting at Lead Mines (presently Austinville) on January 20, 1775, William Christian was chosen chairman of the committee that drew up the famous Fincastle Resolutions. Colonel Christian was later killed while fighting Indians in Kentucky. Christiansburg, county seat of Montgomery County, is named in honor of this courageous patriot.

The Revolution scarcely under way, another believer in the cause of freedom appeared on the scene. Count Casimir Pulaski, a young Polish nobleman who fled his native country rather than live under tyranny, came to America in 1777 to help fight for freedom. While leading a cavalry charge against the British at Savannah, Georgia, he was critically wounded and died aboard an American ship in the harbor on October 11, 1779. Sixty years later, when a new county was formed in southwest Virginia, it was named in honor of this man who loved freedom more than life itself.

Post-Revolution days found settlers flooding into the region and laying the foundation for the area's economic wealth. Although farming was important, it soon became second-place to livestock raising because of the rolling hills and the abundance of rich bluegrass. In fact, the first cattle reportedly ever shipped across the Atlantic to England were "Pulaski beef" which rated top prices on the foreign market.

With the construction in the early 1850s of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad from Lynchburg to Bristol, the area was opened for shipping products. Besides farm products, the railroad carried iron ore which was smelted in big stone furnaces, the remains of which can still be seen in many parts of the Pulaski

Division. This railroad in 1881 became a part of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company. Eight years later it was reorganized as the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, now Norfolk Southern.

#### The Future

"Pulaski Division is where it all began so far as Appalachian Power is concerned," says Division Manager Jerry Whitehurst. "The beginning made history then, and we are still making history today. This division is larger in area than any other in the company (about the same as the combined states of Delaware and Rhode Island). It has diversified industry and is made up of people who historically have made this area attractive as a place to

live as well as an attractive place for industry to locate and prosper. Just about all communities we serve have set aside land for industrial development. No doubt this will contribute toward the growth we expect." □

#### Statistics

(12/31/83)

Area served — sq. miles.....	3,167
Customers .....	83,656
Miles of line	
Transmission .....	533
Distribution .....	6,437
Employees .....	226
Payroll .....	\$5.3 million

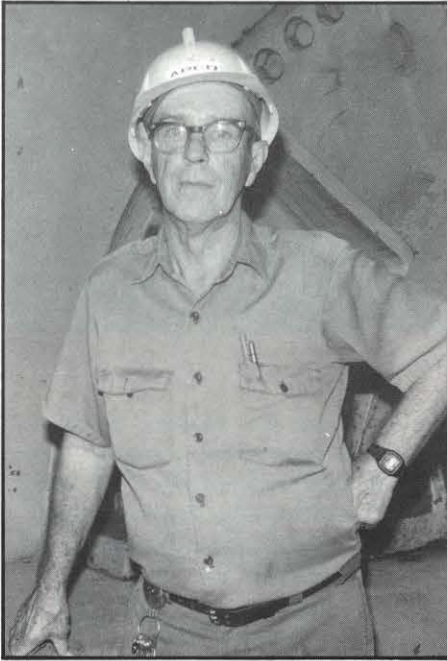
Nautilus Sports Medical Industries, Inc., at Independence is the leading manufacturer of physical fitness equipment.





# Retirements

## Harold Johnson



"I was sitting on the front porch not too long ago when a retired friend of mine came by and asked me what I was doing. I told him I was practicing retirement," laughs Harold Johnson.

Harold was an assistant shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant before electing early retirement October 1.

"I figure working till age 60 is long enough," Harold explains. "I have worked shift work ever since I have been with the company, and I have missed out on a lot of things over the past 33 years. I decided to retire while I am still in good health."

Harold continues, "I have a three-year-old granddaughter that I want to spend some time with and an 80-acre farm in Montgomery County that has been unattended too long. I don't have too many hobbies, but I am sure I will find something to do. I enjoy working on small engines and automobiles.

"My brother is retiring two days after me," Harold says. "He has a summer home in the Ozarks, and he has invited me to come down and fish. If I don't get to go this year, I will next summer."

Harold and his wife Mary have two sons and reside in Lebanon, Virginia. □

## Hurd Mason



"I really don't want to leave, but the time has come," says Hurd Mason, who retired October 1 as stores and garage supervisor in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division. "I have mixed emotions because I have worked with a fine group of people all these years, and I hate to leave them."

Hurd served in the Army during World War II and joined Appalachian shortly after being discharged in 1946. "I've always worked in Fieldale," he says. "We had only fifteen people here when I came. When the district was formed in 1949, new people were brought in and departments set up. Over the years I have had the opportunity to work with people who have grown with the company. I have seen the distribution system and revenue grow. And I've watched the Danville area grow with a lot of industry Appalachian helped to bring in."

About the future Hurd says, "We really don't have any plans. We won't take any long trips, just short trips to the beach and places like that. When our son was growing up, we managed to take him somewhere every year, and we got traveling out of our system. My hobby is gardening, and I expect to continue that." Hurd is active in the Fieldale Baptist Church. □

## Bill Denny



"Thirty-six years and nine months is long enough for anybody to work," says Bill Denny, Abingdon line construction and maintenance representative, who elected early retirement October 1.

He continues, "I started out in 1948 as a groundman in the old Bluefield-Clinch Valley District and did line and service work about seventeen years. I have enjoyed every bit of the work, especially my last job."

Bill adds, "I never had a lost time accident, and I never lost a day's pay. The company has been good to me, and we have good benefits, too, especially our medical plan. I found that out when I had heart surgery two years ago."

Bill claims to have no special plans for retirement. "I told my wife we will just take things a day at a time. We intend to do a little traveling, and I hope to do some church work." He is a former deacon in the Abingdon Bible Church. Bill adds, "I am a jack-of-all-trades around the house, and I like to hunt and fish."

Bill served six years in the Marine Corps, with more than four years overseas at such places as Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, Guam and China — all without receiving a scratch. He recalls, "I was hitchhiking to Honolulu when Pearl Harbor was bombed." □



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## Boone Booth



"Appalachian has provided me with a secure job for the past 36½ years," declares J. W. "Boone" Booth, who was a line mechanic A in Princeton before electing early retirement October 1.

He continues, "Years ago I worked at a sawmill; and, if you lost a day's work, you came up short. I happened to think of Appalachian and went to the Welch office and asked Sank Smith for a job. I told him, 'I want a job this morning, and I'm not going to take no for an answer.' He told me I'd have to have a doctor's examination first, so I didn't go to work until the next day."

Boone adds, "What I liked about my job was that I did something different and went somewhere different every day. I enjoyed work so much I could hardly take a vacation. The last ten years, however, have been an exception because of health problems. I don't know what I would have done without our medical insurance."

Boone and his wife Elsie enjoy camping and expect to do more traveling now. "We hope to spend part of our winters in a warmer climate. We also want to spend more time with our son, daughter and four grandchildren." □

## Martha Horne



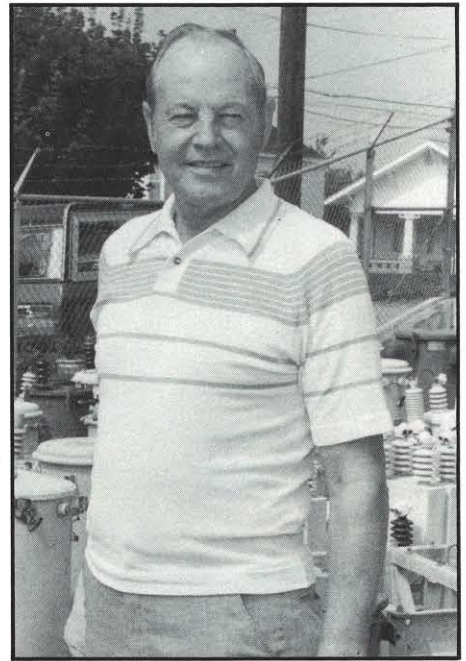
"In my job with the company, I have always been of service to customers. Just to stop this all of a sudden would be strange, so I want to do some volunteer work in the church or at a hospital," says Pulaski Marketing and Customer Services Advisor Martha Horne, who retired October 1.

"Not only will I miss the people, but I will miss being identified with Appalachian. For a while, it will seem almost as if I have lost my identity. My roots go very deep because my daddy and an uncle also worked for the company."

Martha adds, "I am so proud of the company, always have been, and it has opened many doors for me. When you say you're from Appalachian, people will listen and they expect quality." Martha continues, "I was so pleased to participate in the company's 50th anniversary movie. It meant a lot to me."

She notes, "I enjoy working with all ages and all economic strata, and this job gave me that opportunity. I'm not glad to go or sad to go. It just seems to be the natural thing to do at this point. I am ready now to proceed with plans made for spending the rest of my life." □

## Bob Crowder



"All my life I have been planning to retire at 60," says Bob Crowder, Princeton area service restorer, who retired October 1. "It's going to be just great to stand and watch the snow and know I don't have to get out in it."

He continues, "I started out in 1947 in the Bluefield line crew and came to Princeton in 1955. The work has been steady, and I have never missed a payday. I have always been treated right, and that was a big thing to me."

"When I was hired, I was told I would be on call 24 hours a day, and that is exactly what happened. When the electricity goes off, it has to go back on. When I was younger, I really enjoyed working, but over the years the wear and tear of the elements have taken their toll."

Bob adds, "The savings plan is the greatest benefit the company has ever offered. I just wish it had started earlier. If a man doesn't touch his contributions, by the time he reaches my age he will be financially independent."

Bob concludes, "I think I am going to enjoy retirement. I have some chores lined up, but I plan on hitting that little white golf ball as often as I possibly can. And my wife and I may do a little traveling." □



## Ken Estep

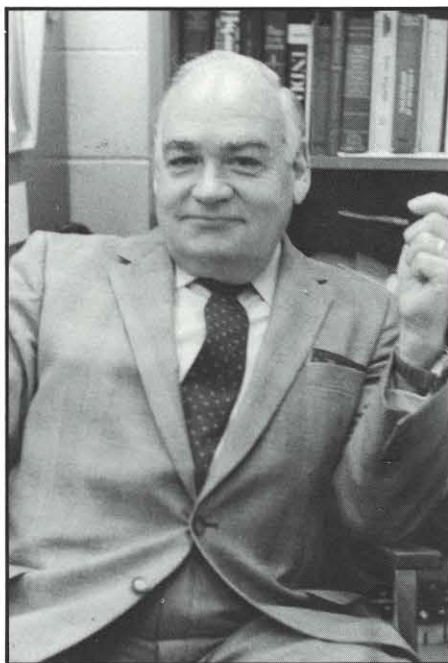


"I'm kinda looking forward to it," says Charleston Line Crew Supervisor Ken Estep about his October 1 retirement. "Not that I want to quit work, but I want to be able to do my thing my way. My main goal is to forget about what time I have to leave or what time I have to get back to go to work," he laughs.

Ken adds, "I worked for Indiana & Michigan Electric Company for five years, but West Virginia is my home and my wife is from Virginia, so we decided to come back here. I have very much enjoyed my years with the company. The company has been good to me. I haven't missed a meal, a payday, or a payment to my creditors." Ken continues, "My wife and I traveled in campers and looked for years until we bought a place on Smith Mountain Lake a couple of years ago. We really love it there, and we have no desire to travel any place else."

He concludes, "I love to garden, work in the yard, hunt and fish. I do wiring, plumbing, carpentry, and have built a few houses. But my biggest hobby, if nothing happens, will be trying to catch strippers at the lake." □

## Toby Slaydon



"I came to work for Appalachian right after coming back from my honeymoon," recalls R. E. "Toby" Slaydon, Roanoke line construction and maintenance representative, who retired October 1.

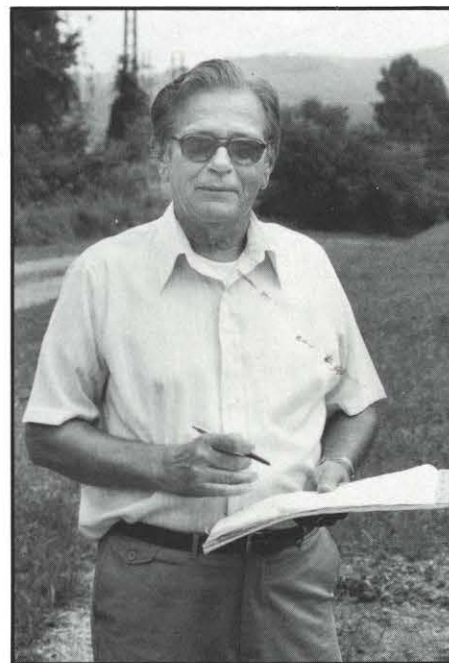
During his 37-year career, Toby worked in the Roanoke Engineering and Commercial Departments and GO R/e & R/w.

"I don't have any particular plans right now for retirement," Toby says. "My wife Blanche bought me a new Buick as a retirement gift. After she retires from teaching school next June, we want to take a cruise."

Toby continues, "We traveled rather extensively when I was potentate of Kazim Temple in the Shrine." He is a past master of Lakeland Masonic Lodge 190 and Cave Spring Masonic Lodge 230. He was also a charter member and a past president of the Ogden Civic League. At Calvary Baptist Church, he is a deacon and member of the board of ushers and board of finance. He is also past president of the Hunt Bible Class.

"I intend to continue my golfing," Toby says. "Maybe now that I have time I can improve my game a little bit. I also have about two years' work on my yard and house to catch up on." □

## S. E. Robie



"I am looking forward to retirement," says S. E. Robie, "but I'm going to miss the people I worked with all these years. They are almost like family." Robie retired October 1 as right-of-way maintenance coordinator senior, GO T&D Forestry Control & Utilization, Charleston.

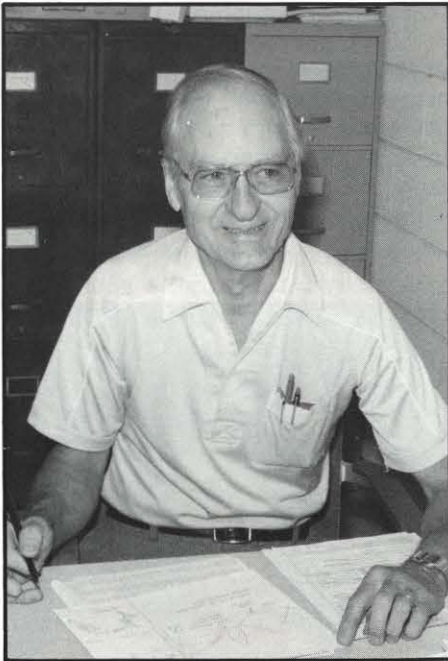
Robie began his career in 1948 as a R/w agent in Charleston Division and transferred to the Forestry Section in 1968. He adds, "Our section has total responsibility for the system transmission R/w maintenance as well as providing guidance to the divisions.

"Being involved with aerial spraying, I have had some interesting experiences. If I had kept a diary describing my experiences with the general public, I might have been able to write a best seller."

Robie claims to have "no spectacular plans" for retirement. "My wife and I will probably travel some, and I will pursue several hobbies. I enjoy hunting, fishing, woodworking and restoring antique furniture. I hope to devote more time to church activities, and I plan to take up golf. That is one of the things I have always wanted to do but never had time before now." □



## Ashby Hodges



"I have worked here 27 years, and I can't help but have mixed emotions about leaving," says Ashby Hodges, Lynchburg engineering technician senior, who retired October 1.

"Everybody says it, but it is true. Appalachia is a fine company. People make up the company, and we have good people from top to bottom. I have had some great experiences, and I made a lot of friends both in and outside the company." Ashby adds, "I'm really proud that I worked all these years without a lost time accident or chargeable vehicle accident."

He continues, "I appreciate the company's benefits program. I found it necessary to use the medical benefit at times. Overall, our benefits are excellent, and I really appreciate the savings plan."

After Ashby's wife Virginia retires at the end of the year, they plan to visit their daughter in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and see more of this country.

"Other time will be spent on gardening and painting the house inside and out," Ashby says, "as long as it does not get in the way of my fishing." He is an elder and trustee of the Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church and a member of the American Legion. □

## Stricklen earns wings



W. H. Stricklen, left, and his grandson Mac get ready to take a flight.

W. H. "Strick" Stricklen, Point Pleasant general line supervisor, fulfilled a lifelong dream when he received his private pilot license in March.

Strick began taking flying lessons in 1946 under the GI Bill but had only six hours' flying time before he found it necessary to quit. After helping three sons through college, Strick and his wife decided it was time to accomplish what he began 38 years ago. He took ground school and flying lessons through Amburgey Aviation, Mason County Airport.

"Flying is good medicine and relieves stress. I would recommend it to anyone," Strick notes. He especially enjoys flying with his wife and grandchildren. Grandson Mac helps in pre-flight checks and navigation. □

## Newcomers

### John Amos

Rodney Orem, utility worker.

### Beckley

Hank Bostic, junior clerk.

### Centralized Plant Maintenance

K. W. Fleming, J. L. Scott, Jr., and L. W. Peck, maintenance mechanics B.

### Charleston

Duke Hitchcock, meter reader. Tim Barnette, line mechanic D. Bob Richardson, tracer. Jim Wrench and Carl Hundley, engineering technicians. Lisa Hughes, office messenger. Eric Beane, station mechanic D. Bill Hager, custodian.

### General Office

Beth Malone, junior clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke. Travis Williams, office messenger, GO General Services, Roanoke.

### Glen Lyn Plant

Jerrell Wayne Peck, custodian.

### Huntington

B. K. Eads, D. K. Greene and L. J. Brickey, technicians, AEP General Laboratory. William King, engineering technician.

### Lynchburg

Dennis Smith, Jr., engineering technician. C. G. Stanley, Jr., meter reader.

### Mountaineer

Adalee Hart, utility worker.

### Pulaski

Kevin Ellett, station mechanic D.

### Philip Sporn

John Pauley, control technician junior. □



## W. Va. Fair grand champion

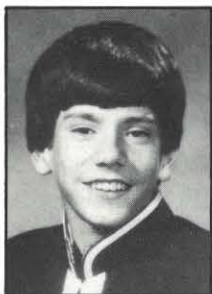


Nikki, daughter of Mountaineer Plant Maintenance Mechanic Ed Roush, took grand champion honors in the junior pony division at the West Virginia State Fair. Nikki, a member of the Hill-Billy 4-H Club, entered in six classes with an average of 15 participants per class. During two days of competition, she brought home three first-place awards, one second, one third, and one fourth. Nikki also won grand champion 4-H pony and high point pony at the Mason County Fair open horse show. Photo courtesy Point Pleasant Register.

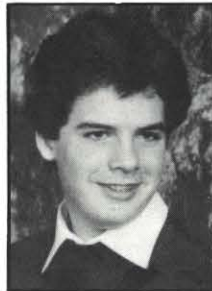
## General Office

**John W. Vaughan**, president of Appalachian, has been named by Governor Robb to a two-year term on the Industrial Services Advisory Board. He has also been named to the board of directors of the Virginia Manufacturers Association.

**Tim**, son of R. E. Ferrell, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Abingdon, and grandson of E. E. Ferrell, Clinch River Plant shift operating engineer, has been selected to appear in the 18th edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". A senior at Abingdon High, Tim received the Rotary International ARION award from the Abingdon Rotary Club for outstanding musical achievement during his junior year.



**Bob**, son of Butch Rhodes, personnel director, GO Personnel, Roanoke, was named an outstanding Beta Club member at Breckenridge Junior High School. He served as secretary of the organization. Bob was also awarded a school letter for academic achievement.



**Billy Lee**, express driver, GO General Services, Williamson, was president of the reunion organization for the fifth triennial reunion of Liberty High School. □

## John Amos

**Buck McDaniel**, safety coordinator, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of directors of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. □

## Abingdon

**John Blankenship**, station mechanic, was appointed district chairman of the Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Lions Club of Virginia.

**Darrell and David**, sons of John Blankenship, finished in record time to win the "Down River Rat Race". This annual event is promoted by the Sullivan County-Bristol Jaycees and is sponsored by Radio Station WQUT and Mello-Yello.

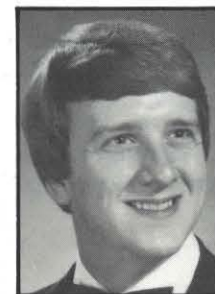
**Bob Heil**, personnel supervisor, was appointed chairman of the Commercial Business Division of the Washington County United Way. □



**Tammy Neely**, daughter of Paul Neely, retired Glen Lyn Plant shift operating engineer, master of science in music education, Radford University (3.67 average).



**Jackie Scruggs**, private secretary senior, GO Executive, Roanoke, associate in applied science — management, Virginia Western Community College (cum laude).



**David Turpin**, son of Jim Turpin, Bluefield energy services engineer, bachelor of science in electrical engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. □



## Central Machine Shop

**Don Jones**, equipment inspection superintendent, won a trip for two to the Grand Ole Opry as first prize in a fiddling contest sponsored by WQBE radio station. The contest, held at South Charleston Recreation Center, helped promote "Super Sunkist Sunday" for Muscular Dystrophy.



Eight-year-old **Nicole Lachel Robinson** beat out 27 other contestants to capture the Junior Miss Charleston Sternwheel Regatta Pageant title last month. She is the daughter of Robbie Robinson, winner 2nd class. □

## Mountaineer

**Alexander**, son of Alexander Gillies, maintenance supervisor, graduated in August from basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. A senior at Point Pleasant High School, he is a member of the West Virginia Army



National Guard. □

## Huntington

**June Deal**, senior laboratory technician, AEP General Lab, is a presidential appointee for a one-year term on the board of directors of the Marshall University Alumni Association. □

## Charleston

**Steve Cook**, meter electrician A, was promoted to staff sergeant in the West Virginia Air National Guard.

**Delmer Cavender**, Montgomery office supervisor, was elected to the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce board of directors. □

## Pulaski

**Ted Aaron**, electrical engineer, is industrial drive chairman of the Pulaski County United Way campaign. **Jim Alouf**, energy services engineer, is one of six industrial group leaders.

Retiree **Dorothy Whitaker's** lawn was chosen "lawn of the month" by the Sunset Garden Club of Pulaski.

**Fred Myers**, customer accounts supervisor, and **Duane Hix**, stores supervisor, were members of the American Legion softball team which won the regular season, the National League championship and the tournament between the National and American Leagues.

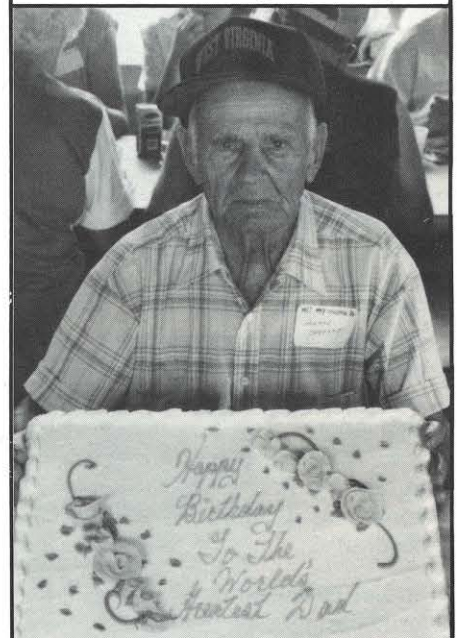
**Carol**, wife of Wally Brockmeyer, line mechanic A, and **Debbie Grubb**, customer accounts representative B, were members of the Bank of Virginia softball team which won the regular season championship and the year-end tournament. The team also traveled to Virginia Beach, where they won a Bank of Virginia tournament. □

## Bluefield

**Dick Bowman**, administrative assistant, will serve as chairman of the public utilities division for the 1984-85 Greater Bluefield United Way campaign.

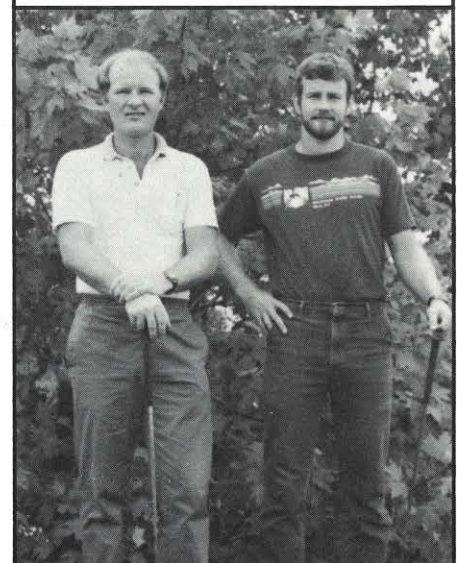
**Pat Banks**, customer accounts representative B, has been elected treasurer of the Preston Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization. □

## 90 years young



**John Howard Jarrett**, retired Cabin Creek Plant boiler operator C, celebrated his 90th birthday at Kanawha River's annual company picnic, held August 4 at Coonskin Park.

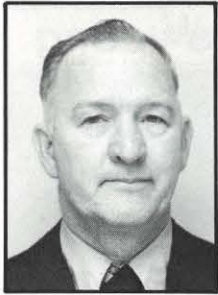
## Golf winners



The team of **Ken Wood**, left, and **John Hendricks**, both of AEP General Lab, Huntington, won the AEP Summer Golf League. Sixteen employees from Huntington Division and the AEP Lab participated. Second place went to **Bob Morrison** and **Chapman Rutledge**, Huntington Division. **Tim Mayes** and **Bob Walters**, also from Huntington Division, captured third place.



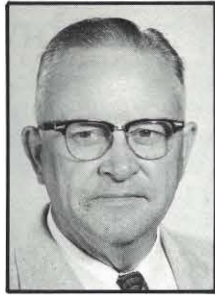
# Friends We'll Miss



Slack



Brandabur



Bing



Sydnor



King



Dalton

**Bobby Jack Slack**, 52, John Amos Plant assistant shift operating engineer, died September 3. A native of Chelyan, West Virginia, he was employed in 1955 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant. Slack is survived by his widow Joyce, 110 Oak Street, Hurricane, West Virginia; two sons; one daughter; and three grandchildren.

**Louise Brandabur**, 67, retired Huntington secretary, died September 5. A native of Richmond, Virginia, she began her career in 1953 as a stenographer and retired July 1, 1983.

**J. T. Bing**, 79, retired Huntington meter service foreman, died September 3. A native of Wayne County, West Virginia, he was employed in 1924 as a meter reader and retired March 1, 1970. Bing is survived by his widow Edna, 3514 Waverly Road, Huntington, West Virginia, and one daughter.

**Elizabeth Sydnor**, 72, retired personnel clerk, GO Personnel, Roanoke, died September 9. A native of Roanoke, Virginia, she began her career in 1951 as a maid and elected early retirement May 1, 1974. Sydnor is survived by two sons, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

**W. Earl King**, 81, retired senior appraisal engineer, GO Valuation, Roanoke, died August 31. A native of Tornado, West Virginia, he joined American Gas & Electric Service Corporation in 1924 as a junior appraisal engineer and retired January 1, 1968. King is survived by two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Leonard Wood Justice**, 60, Williamson meter electrician A, died September 19. A native of Nolan, West Virginia, he began his career in 1946 as a laborer. Justice is survived by his widow Mary Lou, Route 1, Box 214-A-1, Williamson, West Virginia; one son and one daughter.

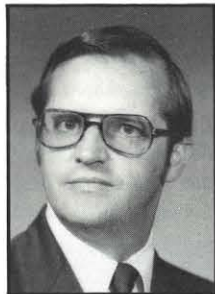
**E. LeRoy Dalton**, 58, hydro operations superintendent, GO Hydro, Roanoke, died September 24. A native of Byllesby, Virginia, he was employed in 1946 as a

meter helper B in Pulaski. Dalton is survived by his widow Betty, 1913 Langdon Road, Roanoke, Virginia; one son and two daughters. □

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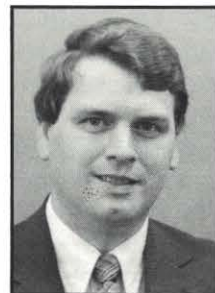
### Mullins is loaned executive

Joe Mullins, Beckley customer accounts supervisor, is serving as a loaned executive to the United Way of Raleigh County during its annual fundraising campaign. Appalachian Power is one of several companies in the Beckley-Raleigh County area which are providing employees to assist in the campaign. □



### Smalley earns PE status

Paul Smalley, meter engineer senior, GO T&D Meter, Charleston, has been certified as a registered professional engineer in West Virginia



Smalley joined Appalachian Power in 1972 as an electrical engineer following graduation from the West Virginia Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He was promoted to meter engineer senior in 1980. □

### Beckley



**Deborah Williams**, daughter of Don Tyler, Whitesville area service restorer, has been selected to be a finalist in the 14th annual Miss West Virginia National Teenager Pageant to be held next June. This pageant is the official state finals to the Miss National Teenager Pageant to be held next August.

**Brian**, son of Ray Vest, administrative assistant, has been elected to the student council at Shady Spring Junior High School.

**Bernie Lough**, line mechanic A, was named "outstanding lifter" in the Nicholas County Potato Festival power lifting competition. He won the under 200 lbs. competition by bench pressing 325 lbs., which was 130 lbs. more than his own body weight. □



# Weddings

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Echols-Dickerson



Hoylman-Fulks



Razzaghi-Stiff



Gearheart-Atkins



Craft-Rhodes



Wilson-Reynolds



Alford-Jividen



LeRoy-Frizzell



Paitzel-Pennington



Kindrick-Dunn



Painter-Spencer



Reese-Bennett



Carma Lee Dickerson to **Timothy W. Echols**, John Amos Plant maintenance mechanic C, August 4.

Sheri Fulks to **Stephen A. Hoylman**, Kanawha River Plant performance engineer, September 8.

**Leigh Anne Stiff** to Kaveh Razzaghi, June 10. Leigh Anne is the daughter of Russell M. Stiff, civil staff engineer, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke.

**Laurie Atkins** to Tim Gearheart, September 15. Laurie is the daughter of Donna Cowling, data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

## Births

### Abingdon

Jennifer Diane, daughter of **Wayne Thomas**, Clintwood customer accounting supervisor, September 14.

### Bluefield

David George, son of **Edward L. Whittaker**, station mechanic A, September 7.

### Centralized Plant Maintenance

Christopher Adam, son of **Harry Pickens**, maintenance mechanic B, August 28.

### Charleston

Zachary, son of **Leonard Hudson**, line mechanic C, August 12.

Stephanie Dawn, daughter of **Ben Selbe**, Montgomery area service restorer, September 2.

### Clinch River

Matthew Paul, son of **John Henry Smith**, maintenance mechanic B, September 2.

### Huntington

Amanda Allyn, daughter of **Janie Cross**, junior stenographer, September 11.

### Roanoke

Catherine Paige, daughter of **Gary Williams**, meter reader, July 31.

### Philip Sporn

Joseph Paul, son of **Sidney Manuel**, maintenance mechanic B, July 26.

Michael Aaron, son of **William Plantz**, plant janitor, July 30.

Jeremy Travis, son of **David Eugene Stroud**, maintenance mechanic B, June 30.

Brooks Henry, son of **Henry Johnson**, utility worker A, August 8. □

**Catherine S. Rhodes** to George F. Craft, II, August 4. Catherine is the daughter of H.E. "Butch" Rhodes, personnel director, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

**Susan Gale Reynolds** to Michael Edward Wilson, June 16. Susan is the daughter of Glenn Reynolds, marketing & customer services director, GO Marketing & Customer Services, Roanoke.

**Brenda S. Jividen**, John Amos Plant stores clerk A, to **Bradford D. Alford**, Rockport Plant maintenance mechanic A, August 4.

**Shirley Frizzell**, Charleston customer accounts representative C, to Mickey LeRoy, September 6.

Theresa Dunn to **Gregory M. Kindrick**, Beckley line construction and maintenance representative, September 8.

Susan Pennington to **Doug Paitzel**, Charleston meter electrician C, July 28.

Pamela Spencer to **Jon Painter**, Pulaski office supervisor, September 1.

Marcia Ruth Bennett to **Keith E. Reese**, Bluefield line mechanic B, July 1.

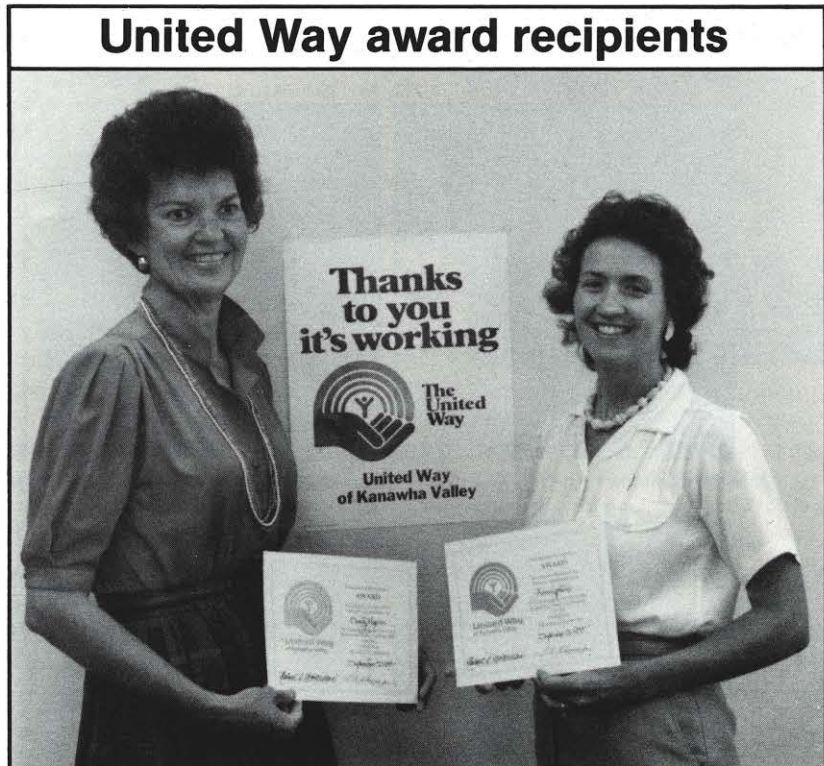
Charlotte D. Alley to **Boyd C. Lively**, John Amos Plant maintenance mechanic A, August 25.

**Judy H. Topping**, Huntington meter electrician C, to Vernon Phillips, August 29.

Karla S. Richards to **Joseph Forbes**, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance mechanic B, August 18.

**Roberta J. Goble**, John Amos Plant coal handler, to **Melvin E. Miller, Jr.**, John Amos Plant assistant yard superintendent, August 18. □

## United Way award recipients



Sandra Myers, left, Charleston marketing and customer services advisor, and Anna Cyphers, secretary, received the United Way Presidential Recognition Award for outstanding service to the Kanawha Valley community. They served on the United Way of Kanawha Valley Allocations Committee, whose responsibility is to review and study the operations of the 27 United Way agencies and evaluate the work that is done with the money provided. The ultimate job of the committee is to determine and recommend what funds human service programs should receive through United Way.



# Service Anniversaries



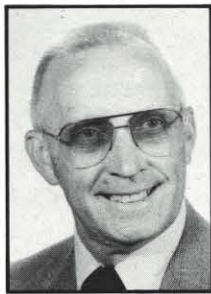
**Jim Dorman**  
eng. technologist  
Lynchburg  
35 years



**Jean Lowther**  
head T&D clerk  
Charleston  
30 years



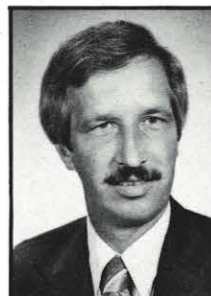
**Haskel Jones**  
line supt.  
Charleston  
30 years



**Bill Bostic**  
eng. technician sr.  
Charleston  
30 years



**Meredith Clarke**  
head mail section  
GO-Roanoke  
25 years



**Tom Holland**  
relay eng. sr.  
GO-Huntington  
20 years

## Abingdon

15 years: **John Blankenship**, station mechanic A. 5 years: **Rodney Hill**, line mechanic B. **Jimmy Stewart**, line mechanic C. **Ronald Kirby**, line mechanic C. **Johnny Stanley**, line mechanic B. **H. Michael Stevens**, station mechanic C.

## John Amos

10 years: **J. D. Berry**, maintenance mechanic B. **E. M. Buckley**, maintenance mechanic A. **B. H. Grimm**, maintenance mechanic B. 5 years: **T. J. Kidd**, maintenance mechanic C. **B. G. Marcum**, maintenance mechanic C. **J. L. Hodges**, maintenance mechanic C. **M. D. High**, maintenance mechanic C. **S. N. Johnson**, maintenance mechanic C. **G. L. Chancey**, maintenance mechanic A. **R. A. Walker**, maintenance mechanic D. **K. L. Richardson**, equipment operator C. **W. J. Scott**, equipment operator C. **R. D. Burgess**, maintenance mechanic C. **R. F. Waugh**, equipment operator C. **D. K. Drake**, equipment operator C. **R. A. Landers**, barge handler. **J. D. Spade**, equipment operator C.

## Beckley

15 years: **Janet Hood**, customer accounts representative B, Rainelle. **Jim Smith**, line mechanic C, Rupert.

## Bluefield

15 years: **George Heartwell**, line mechanic A, Princeton. **Mason Shrader**, automotive mechanic A. **Edward Taylor**, meter reader. **John Walters**, area servicer, Welch. 5 years: **Karl Nation**, electrical engineer. **Gary McClanahan**, custodian, Grundy. **Brenda Marshall**, customer accounts representative C, Welch.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

15 years: **J. E. Snyder**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **S. W. Cover**, maintenance mechanic B. **L. A. Davison**, maintenance mechanic B. **B. L. Howell**, maintenance mechanic B. **A. J. Slusher**, maintenance mechanic B.

## Charleston

15 years: **Metzel Turley**, secretary-stenographer. **Ron Kennedy**, engineering technician senior. **Ralph Harrison**, line mechanic A. 5 years: **Mo Ahangardezfooli**, electrical engineer. **Bill Carter**, line mechanic C.

## Clinch River

10 years: **John Henry Smith**, maintenance mechanic B.

## General Office

15 years: **Sam Canode**, station transformer supervising engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Bill Miller**, regional assistant chief operator, GO Operations, Danville. **John Overstreet**, engineering technologist, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke. **Jonny Worley**, head reproduction section, GO General Services, Roanoke. **Gary McClung, II**, transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke. **Dick Northup**, executive assistant, GO Executive, Charleston. **Conwell Lester**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Jerry Joyce, Jr.**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **John Floyd, Jr.**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Trans-

mission, Bluefield. **Larry Smith**, transformer specialist, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. 10 years: **Randy Perry**, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Roanoke. 5 years: **Nancy Johann**, R/e & R/w clerk C, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke. **Bobby Duncan**, engineering technician, GO T&D Station, Bluefield. **David Kilbane**, meter electrician C-GO, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. **Patricia Brogan**, stenographer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. **Kyle Swim**, engineering technician, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Joe Johnson, III**, engineering technician, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke. **Rhonda Maxey**, electric plant clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Charlene Graham**, data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Robert Cooper**, transportation clerk C, GO General Services, Roanoke.

## Glen Lyn

5 years: **Bob Guy**, maintenance mechanic C. **Jeff Long**, equipment operator B.

## Huntington

15 years: **Donald Simms**, meter service mechanic A. **Herman Burcham**, automotive mechanic A. **Jimmie Queen**, area servicer. 5 years: **Walter Walker**, line mechanic C. **Paul Eaton**, line mechanic C. **Hubert Gue**, line mechanic C. **David Adkins**, station mechanic C. **William Nash**, station mechanic C. **Franklin Ray**, line mechanic C.

## Kanawha River

10 years: **Charles Carroll**, maintenance mechanic C.

## Kingsport

15 years: **Stephen Harnsberger**, marketing and customer services representative senior. 5 years: **Fred Rutherford**, meter electrician C. **Cindy Fluze**, drafter B.

## Lynchburg

15 years: **Clinton McDaniel**, collector.

## Mountaineer

10 years: **Brenda Hamm**, stores clerk B. **John Schneider**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **Martin Fiala**, equipment operator C. **Carl Clark**, senior chemist. **George Gill**, head custodian.

## Pulaski

15 years: **Pete Childress**, drafter B. **Joe Weddle**, marketing and customer services supervisor. **Elwood Bobbitt**, line crew supervisor nonexempt, Galax.

## Roanoke

15 years: **Bill Eller, Jr.**, meter electrician A. 5 years: **Garry Rogers**, line mechanic C, Fieldale. **Ike Spangler**, line mechanic C. **Cathy Fisher**, customer accounts representative C. **Martha Jones**, customer accounts representative C. **Tim Lawlor, Jr.**, marketing and customer services advisor. **Ted Lempeck**, line mechanic C.

## Philip Sporn

15 years: **D. L. Draper**, performance supervising engineer. **D. L. Kearns**, unit supervisor. **B. C. Hickman**, unit supervisor. **G. D. Roark**, maintenance mechanic B. 5 years: **J. R. Ohlinger**, equipment operator B. **J. F. Barton**, equipment operator B. **A. Kopec**, plant engineer. □



# Forbes authors history book

Madeline Forbes is a woman who believes if you want something done, do it yourself. The result of her most recent effort is a history of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, which came off the press just two months ago during the town's Vintennial year.

The wife of Doug Forbes, Appalachian Power's safety manager, Mattie admits to being somewhat of a history buff, but this is her first literary effort in that regard. She explains, "I suppose the idea for the book came after I looked for something at the town library and couldn't find it. I thought it was awful not having a history when the town was so close to being one hundred years old."

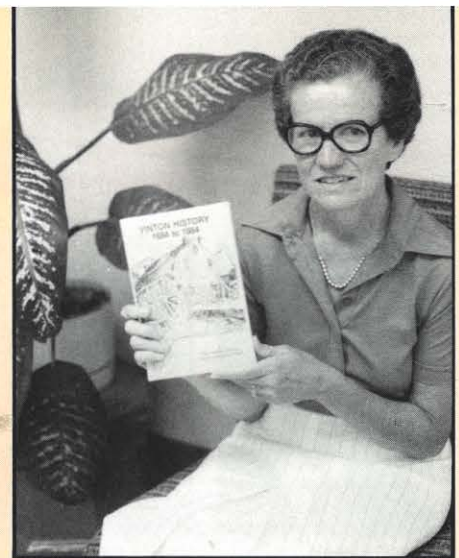
Mattie continues, "I started work on a history about three years ago, and then I found that Irma Moseley, an 89-year-old retired schoolteacher, had been collecting articles about Vinton for years. She had intended to write a book herself but hadn't gotten into it for health reasons. I asked her if she would like to help me, and we started thinking of things that would be of interest in the book.

"I had helped type a book on Bonsack, and that gave me an idea of how to set up the history. We didn't do ours exactly like that book, but it helped. We started researching in the Virginia Room at the

Roanoke City Library, and the librarians there were just wonderful. We told them what we were working on, and they brought material to us. We got a lot of information at the Roanoke County Courthouse, and the TV and radio stations were nice about asking people to call us with information about Vinton. There are a lot of people in the town who are over 90 years old, and we got a few pictures from them. The personal touch meant a whole lot to us. One lady who gave us so much material died before the book came out. That really upset me because she was so looking forward to reading it."

Mattie adds, "About a year ago the Vintennial Committee asked if we would consider publishing the book in time for the Vintennial. The committee paid for publishing the book; and, if there is any profit made, it will be used for activities the town has been having this year in connection with the Vintennial.

"Mrs. Moseley and I got absolutely nothing out of writing the book. We furnished all our own paper, material and gas. It took a lot of my time, and there were times when I felt I would rather be doing things with my family. But Doug and our son David were behind me all the way. Both of them helped proofread."



Mattie Forbes.

Mattie concludes, "The book has been out since the first of August, and more than 1,000 of the 3,000 copies printed have been sold. The books are being displayed in the Vinton banks and some stores. Some people are ordering seven or eight copies to send to children out of town, so we are really pleased.

"Mrs. Moseley told me not too long ago that in about five years I should bring the book up-to-date. I said, 'Mrs. Moseley, I believe I will let someone else do that.' We have a copyright on the book, but someone else could write one from another point of view, which would be interesting. People have called us and said 'you left out so and so' but now, of course, it is too late." □

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