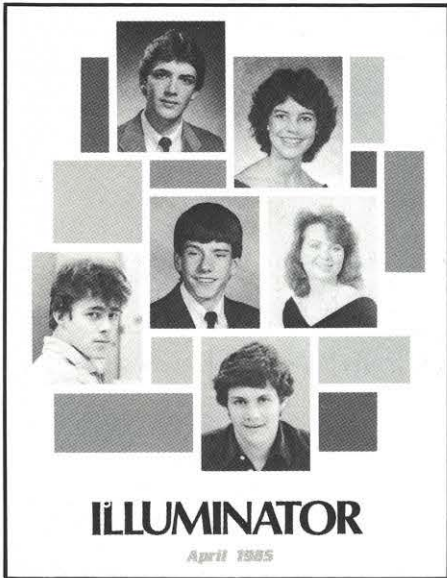


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Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
1/31/85	\$2.0617	.4850	\$2.9918	.3342	\$2.1977	.4550

VPU — value per unit

UCPD — units credited per dollar

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## Annual meeting set for New York

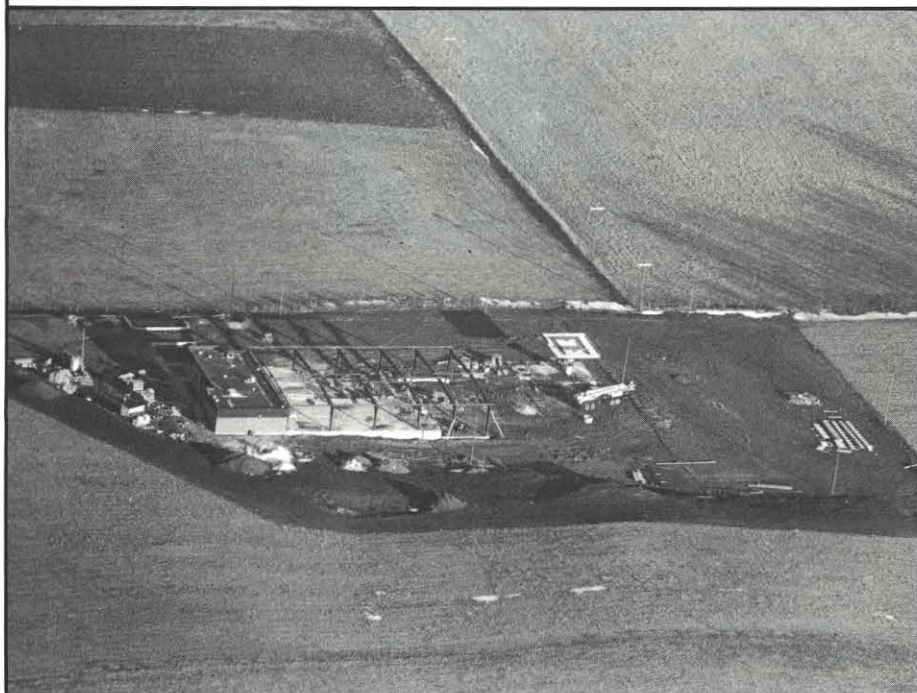
American Electric Power Company's 78th annual meeting of shareowners will be held April 24 in New York City — the first there, in AEP's former home base, in seven years.

It will be the company's 71st annual meeting in New York and its ninth at The Plaza, where sessions were held in 1970-76 and in 1978. The meeting, in the Grand Ballroom, will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Besides reelecting 12 directors and approving the appointment of Deloitte Haskins & Sells as the company's auditors for another year, the shareowners will act on one shareowner proposal. The ballot issue requests that the Board of Directors send to all shareowners, by September, a report on the AEP System's efforts in acid rain control. Introduced by The Corporation of Roman Catholic Clergymen (Jesuits of the Maryland Province), the beneficial owner of 100 shares of AEP stock, the proposal calls upon AEP to report: (a) what action it will take "to control emissions contributing to acid precipitation" prior to regulatory action, (b) "what efforts are under way to eradicate impurities in emissions contributing to acid precipitation, such as efficiency improvements," and (c) "any distinctions between AEP strategy and possible state or federal recommendations." The board opposes the proposal because such information is already being made available and because the report would cause unnecessary expense and serve "no useful purpose."

One director, Frank N. Bien, who retired December 31 as vice chairman — operations of the AEP Service Corporation, will not stand for reelection, and the board's membership thus will be reduced from 13 to 12. He has been a director since 1976. □

## Construction continues on Lebanon facility



Work on the \$1.1 million Lebanon service facility in the Abingdon Division nears the halfway point. It is anticipated that the 18 Appalachian employees now working out of Lebanon will be able to occupy their new quarters by mid-1985. Photo courtesy Lebanon News.

## AEP companies to redeem securities

Three AEP System operating companies will redeem portions of ten different issues of securities worth more than \$69.8 million.

On May 1, Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company will redeem \$5,483,400 of preference stock (54,834 or 10% of the 548,342 shares outstanding in its single issue of \$15.25 preference stock). It will also redeem \$800,000 of its 16-5/8% bonds (due 1991) and \$650,000 of its 15-3/8% bonds (due 1994).

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's bonds to be redeemed on May 1 are \$1 million of its 16-1/2% series (due 1992) and \$400,000 of its 15-5/8% series (due 1991). I&M will also redeem the entire outstanding \$55 million of its 13-7/8% first-mortgage bonds — 21 months before maturity. Notice of redemption will

be mailed to owners about March 29.

And Ohio Power Company will redeem on May 1, \$1.2 million of its 16-1/8% bonds (due 1992), \$1 million of its 15-1/4% bonds (due 1988) and \$300,000 of its 17-5/8% bonds (due 1988).

Also, Ohio Power Co. on June 1 will redeem 40,000 of the 257,760 outstanding shares of its Series A 14% preferred stock — not to be confused with another series of preferred designated "14 percent Series." Terms of the Series A sinking fund call for Ohio Power to redeem 20,000 shares June 1 each year beginning in 1980. It also gives the company the option to redeem an additional 20,000 shares on the same date. Transfer books will be closed April 12-25, after which the notice of redemption will be mailed to holders of the shares to be redeemed. □



**Thanks, folks,  
for jobs  
well done**

# GOOD

A Charleston customer was complimentary of the attention she received from **Lois Cadle**, customer accounts representative C: "Many of the details involved in making a household move can be very frustrating to say the least. Thus, I want to thank you for the kind, patient and concerned attention you gave in helping me with power service at my new address. I have moved several times over the years, both inter- and intra-state, and dealt with many different utility companies. Never have I had any one be so considerate of a customer's circumstances. Appalachian Power is fortunate to have you as an employee. You have done an outstanding job in humanizing a corporate image — not an easy task!"

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This letter was addressed to the Charleston division manager:

"On Friday evening, January 4, and in the early morning hours of Saturday the 5th, you are no doubt aware that a large snow storm hit the Charleston area causing a disruption of power throughout the valley. We called twice to check on how things were going Friday evening, and then when power was lost again after restoration on Saturday morning, had occasion to

check one more time. At all times we were met with courteous responses from the individuals who answered the telephones, something that they are to be commended for in light of what I am sure were trying circumstances during that time."

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This thank you letter was addressed to the Appalachian Power men in Galax:

"I wish to express my sincere thanks to the never ending work that you provide. It gives me great pleasure to know that whenever our power fails that there will always be men like you that give that little shove when the power is off. I refer to those men who were out the night the wind chill factor was below -18 degrees at Bryn Mawr Village. Thank you for restoring the power. I'm sorry you had to come out that night. I really felt for you!"

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This letter appeared in The Bristol Herald Courier and the Smyth County News:

"This past Sunday evening, power was disrupted at my home in Konnarock at 7:45 P.M. At that time, the temperature was -28 degrees, with high winds blowing and about

12 inches of snow on the ground. As I looked out over the nearby countryside, I could see we were the only ones who had lost electrical service. I called Appalachian Power Company in Abingdon and they advised that a crew from Marion would look into the problem. I was told that the crew coming would have to check out a few other calls but should be here in about one hour. Sure enough, in one hour's time they came up our hill, two young men, **Mr. Charles Funk** and **Mr. Gary Hester**. These men had to go a considerable distance over difficult terrain to get to the 'root' of the problem. Where their 4-wheel-drive truck would not go, they had to walk. Those men were tireless in their efforts to restore service under most difficult circumstances. How they were able to cope with those horrible weather conditions, having to climb two power poles in the process, is beyond my comprehension. They were very courteous and cheerful in the process and I simply want to salute them and APCo for this outstanding service that went far beyond the call of duty. One can easily say that it's their job and responsibility to provide service at all times. I say that these fellows and APCo also have to sacrifice and go to considerable risk when Mother Nature elects to do her thing, as she did with the extreme

# WORK

weather conditions that existed here this past Sunday night at Konnarock. My hat is off to them for a job well done, with a special 'thank you' to APCo and its crewmen."

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The following letters are samples of those received in Huntington Division following the snow and ice storm in February:

"Thank you very much for the very professional service during the ice and snow storm. The woman who answered the phone on February 13 was just as pleasant under trying circumstances that one could imagine. I am sure she was bombarded with calls — her voice was quite reassuring! Then your people in trucks — the plain one and the Runyon's Raiders were delightful even in the face of unpleasant circumstances! THE BIG UTILITY COMPANY was indeed quite responsive!"

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"May we take this way of expressing our appreciation for a job well done in restoring our electrical service this past Thursday night. We were without service for about 43 hours during which time we cooked on a wood stove, melted snow for non-cooking purposes,

and had what an 11-year-old granddaughter called 'romantic candlelight dinners'. I know you have many complaints about the time it took to get electricity restored to everyone. I also suspect a lot of you were without electricity during this time. But from at least two Appalachian customers we want to say thank you and mean it. You worked under some pretty bad conditions and we know that and did what we think was an admirable job."

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"Please pass along compliments to the men who worked in the ridiculous weather on February 13 to restore our power. Thank you."

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"Perhaps you all think that no one appreciates what you have to do. We want you to know that we sincerely appreciate the fact that you had to go out in the storm in the night to get our power on. This morning we are warm and drinking good coffee because of you. Thanks guys!"

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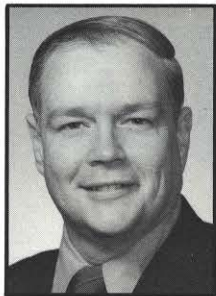
Humans are not the only ones who appreciate Appalachian's employees. The following letter, sent to

the Roanoke division manager, was signed with a pawprint by Ashes Kitty-Cat:

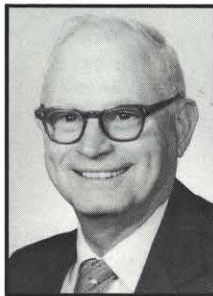
"Thank you for rescuing me. I was sure scared up in the top of that 80-foot tree. For 48 hours I waited for someone to rescue me, but no one came. My owner called everyone she could think of to get me down. She called the SPCA, the County Fire Department, the County Police Department, Animal Control, Public Works, The Roanoke Times, tree surgeons, and even an exterminator — without any luck! I was hungry and cold and cried constantly. All the neighbors in the area came and showed their concern, but they couldn't get anyone to help. APCo, thank you so-o-o very much. Purr-r-r." □



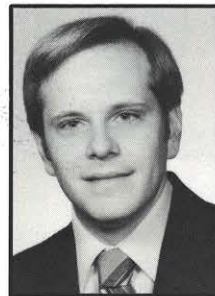
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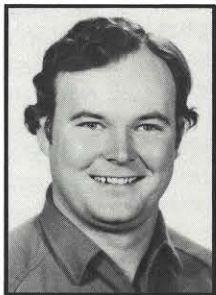
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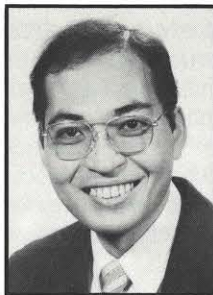
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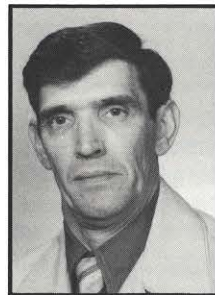
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Matheny

The innovations of six Appalachian Power employees were highlighted in the January/February issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

**R. W. Adkins**, performance superintendent; **G. C. Williams**, production superintendent-maintenance; and **G. W. Massey**, plant engineer, all of John Amos Plant, collaborated on a way to manually open failed burner line dampers on pulverizers.

Each 800 megawatt unit has six coal pulverizers, all of which must operate at or near full capacity to achieve full load on the unit. Each pulverizer has six coal burner lines to feed coal to the boiler furnace. Since a failed damper cannot be removed for repairs with the unit in service, the affected burner line

previously would be blanked and the pulverizer put back into operation. Each shut-off burner line caused a reduction in pulverizer capacity; and, if more than two lines on the same pulverizer required blanking, that pulverizer could not be used at all. Loss of a pulverizer would cause an average 100 megawatt curtailment of unit output.

When four of the six burner line dampers failed on one of the Amos unit 2 pulverizers, the new method of manually opening the dampers resulted in a savings of \$145,000.

**John Nuckles**, Charleston line mechanic C, devised a way to extend the life of a Burney Hytool hand press by replacing the rubber band with a 5½-inch strand of guy

wire and a 2½-inch spring.

**Amando Hernandez**, electrical engineer in the GO T&D Meter Department, Charleston, built a calibrator for transmitters which are being installed in connection with the AEP automatic generation remote control terminal units in steam plants. The calibrator not only increases test accuracy but also saves time.

**G. A. Matheny**, maintenance mechanic B at Amos Plant, described a way to repair rotary slide gate valves, eroded by fly ash, by boring out the worn set and inserting a new steel ring seat machined from an eight-inch steel pipe. Previously, worn valves were replaced with new ones. □



# The Hummel Collector

"Someone gave my wife and I a Hummel figurine as a Christmas present, and we liked it so much that we started collecting them," relates Frank Ryther, fire protection inspector at Philip Sporn Plant. "That was in 1966, and now we have around 125 to 130 Hummels."

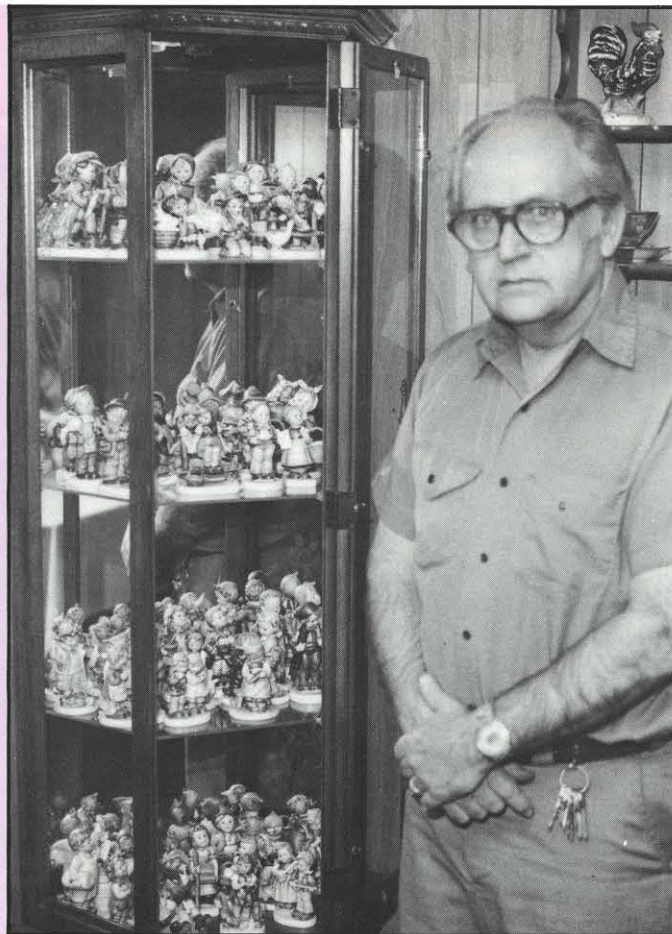
Frank continues, "We didn't get into this for investment, just as a hobby. But, at today's prices, we have close to \$17,000 worth. Every year, for insurance purposes, we make a list of what we have and take it to the jeweler and have it verified."

He adds, "We collect the smaller figurines, anywhere from 4 inches to 6 inches. Inflation has taken its toll. When we first started collecting, the figurines ran anywhere from \$15 to \$25. Now they are from \$60 to \$90."

"We have all the annual plates, which started in 1971, and the figurines to match. The first plate cost \$25, but now the cheapest you can get is \$100. Keeping the original box that the plate comes in increases the value, so we have boxes for all our plates. When we were in Las Vegas on vacation, the 1971 plate that we bought for \$25 was selling for \$3,000."

Frank notes, "We look ahead for the next three or four years to see what the annual plate will be, and then we start searching for the figurines to match. We have so many now that we have to take a list with us to keep from duplicating something we have."

"When people think of Hummels, they usually think of figures of boys and girls. But we have some unusual ones, like an old game rooster, that you very seldom see. I have been to several auctions, thinking I might find some Hummels cheap, but I have never been that lucky. The most expensive piece we have is the umbrella girl and boy, and even that was a bargain. A friend of ours, whose wife



Frank Ryther poses with some of his Hummel collections.

died, let us have the figurine for what they paid for it years ago."

Frank adds, "We have two glass cabinets filled with Hummels as well as some in the dining room. Keeping them clean is not a problem though because we have an electric heat pump, which doesn't make dirt."

He concludes, "In a little over four years, I am going to retire, and we are wondering how we are going to get all these to Colorado Springs, Colorado, without breaking. That's where we intend to make our home." □



## About Hummels

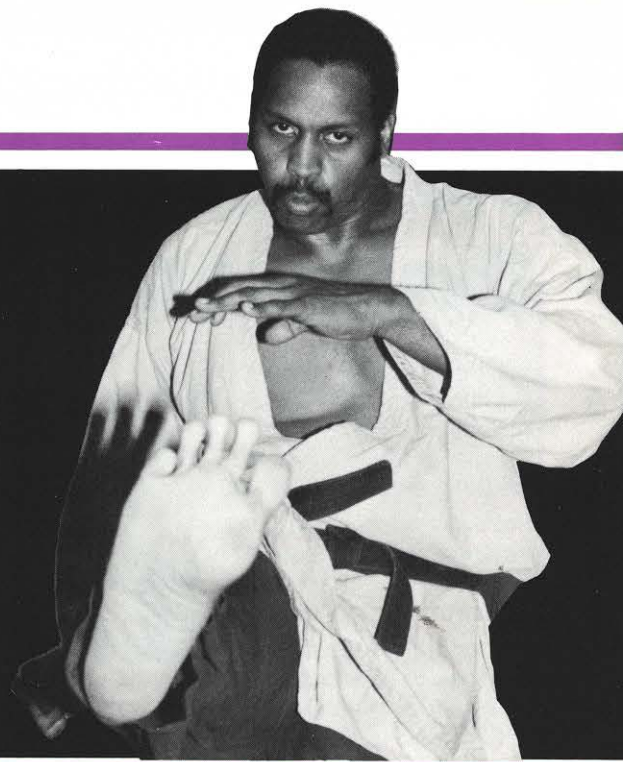
World-famous "M. I. Hummel" figurines are made by the noted German ceramic and porcelain manufacturer W. Goebel Porzellanfabrik under exclusive license from the Convent of Siessen, Germany.

They are creations of sketches by the late Bavarian artist Berta Hummel who, as Sister Maria Innocentia, a Franciscan nun at the Convent of Siessen, personally supervised the sculpting of the original three-dimensional clay models and the unusual pastel coloring. Today, "M. I. Hummel" figurines are considered genuine collectors' items.

All "M. I. Hummel" figurines are handcrafted and handpainted over glaze with specially designed paint. The figurines are then rebaked after painting to make the colors more permanent — a process which gives these figurines their soft coloring.



# Just for kicks



"I became interested in karate in 1969 when I was still in high school," recalls Marvin Poindexter, maintenance mechanic A at John Amos Plant. "There was a class at the South Charleston Armory, and I started running and working out with the members. Then, after graduation when I went in service, there was a karate class on my base in California. Off and on I would work out with the instructor."

Marvin continues, "When I came back home in '72, I didn't have anything particular to do, and I looked for some kind of athletic activity. A good friend of mine, Bob Long, was teaching karate at the St. Albans YMCA. I decided to enroll and liked karate so much that I have stuck with it ever since."

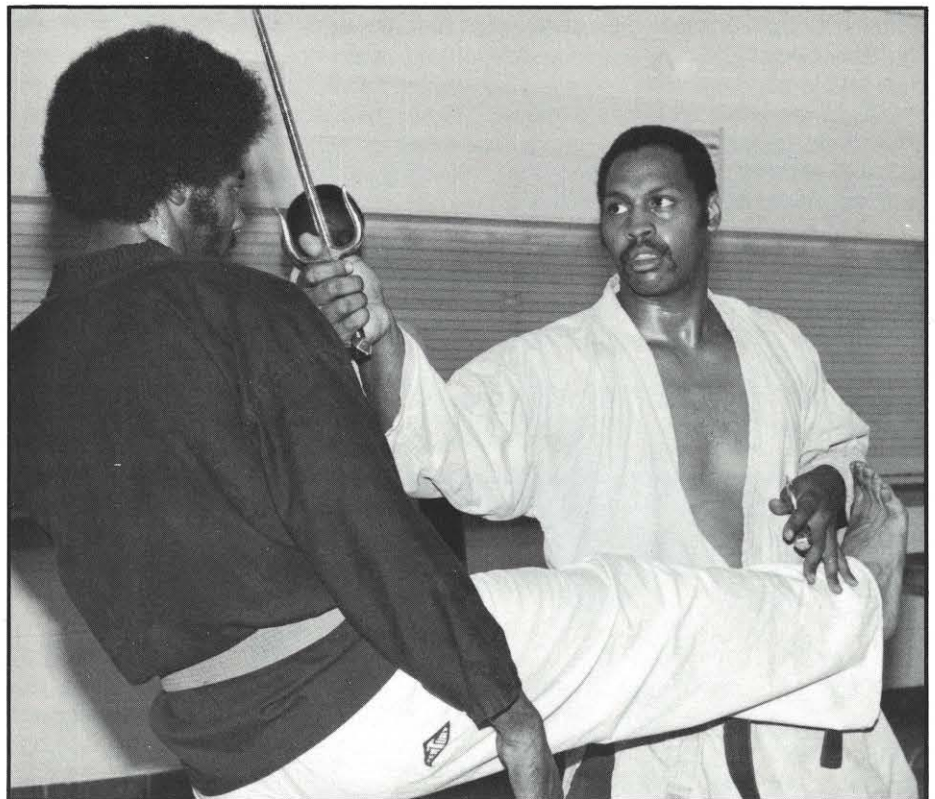
"I believe it was around 1975 when I got my black belt. I continued to work out in Bob's class and help him instruct. Then another friend, Ron Wilkerson, began teaching karate for the handicapped at the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center. One day he asked me if I would be interested in helping him there."

Marvin notes, "Up until that time I had never been around a handicapped person. I thought about it and decided it would be a learning experience. Some of the people didn't have limbs, were blind, or were confined to a wheelchair. But I found out quickly that you should never show any pity to a handicapped person because he highly resents it. I had to learn to be delicate with them, yet

try to treat them normally. I worked with Ron about two years.

"The community school in my neighborhood asked if I would be interested in teaching karate there. I gave it some consideration before agreeing because once I get into something I like to stick

with it. I decided it might help the young people get off the street. I saw a lot of the kids standing on the corner smoking marijuana, getting high, so I thought maybe they would join if I got a class going. It has worked to some degree. I didn't get all of them off the street, but some of them have seen it is a waste not



Marvin Poindexter



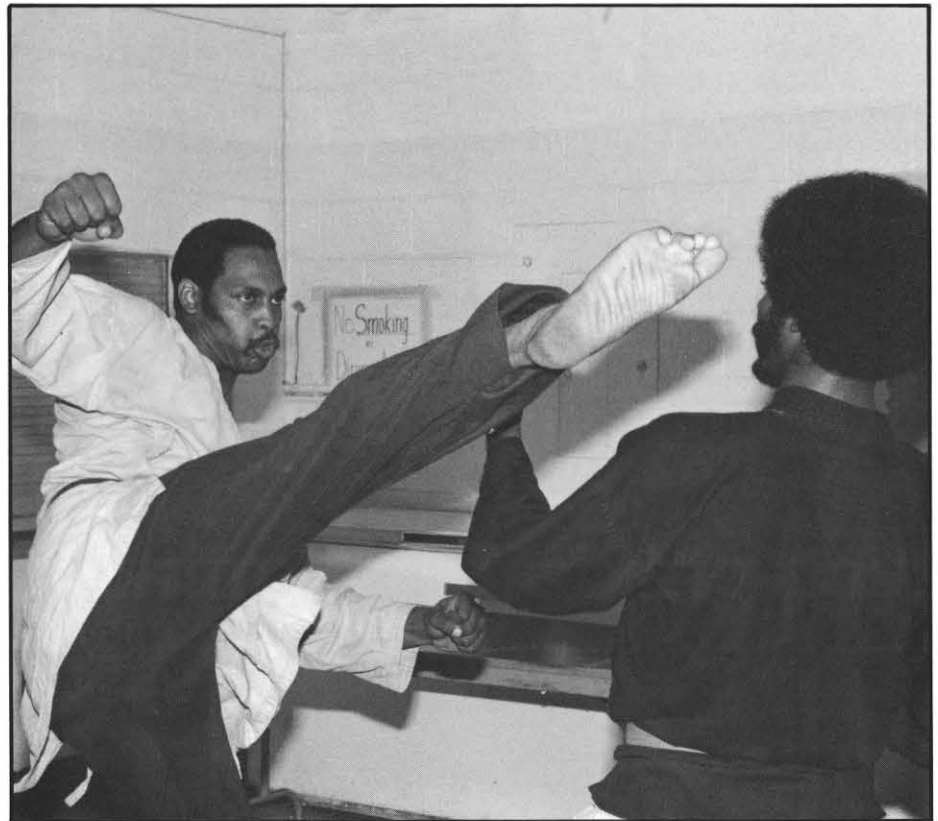
using their minds when they could be learning." Marvin states, "It would have been worth it to me if I had gotten only one.

"Karate makes your reflexes quicker. It makes you have more discipline, and it makes you take pride in things. It certainly has helped me a lot because I used to have a very hot temper. I learned that martial arts can be dangerous, and it's not something to play around with. You have to have complete control of yourself.

"I stress to my class that God put us on this earth, and He meant for us to be brothers and have love for one another — not to destroy each other. I encourage them to be proud of the things they do, whether it is associated with karate or their job or their life. The true meaning of karate is the philosophy of self control and discipline behind it. The purpose of karate is to try to unite oneself with all things around you. It is not getting out there and trying to mangle someone."

Marvin notes, "Some instructors focus their full attention on tournaments, but I don't. Some of my students don't want to compete, just to learn, and I respect their wishes. Some others, of course, are interested in competing and have won some trophies. We don't win all the time, but we win some. Everybody has good and bad days.

"Karate is not all cake and ice cream," Marvin emphasizes. "At times you feel like you just can't go on any more, but that is when you should try harder. You



just have to take heart and keep on pushing. If you accomplish your goal in karate, it will help you to accomplish your goal in life."

He adds, "My oldest daughter tried karate and didn't like it, but my younger one really enjoys it. She has nice kicks and is not afraid of anything."

Marvin has this advice to anyone inter-

ested in enrolling in a karate class. "There are a lot of commercial schools around, and I would suggest that a person visit several before making a decision. Some schools are just there for the dollar. You should ask around in the neighborhood and try to find an instructor who has the respect of his students. It wouldn't hurt to talk personally with several instructors, write down what they say, and then compare notes on each one. I would definitely find out where the instructor got his black belt and check to see if he is legitimate. In other words, I would check out a karate class on the same principles as I would a car or a house. I want to know before I become involved." □







Skipp Kropp with his Cessna 172.

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## The thrill of flight

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"My dad worked for an aircraft division of General Motors, and I have been around aircraft since I was a youngster. I guess I've wanted to fly ever since I could say the word airplane," relates E. L. 'Skipp' Kropp, environmental affairs director for Appalachian Power.

He continues, "I talked about it for years and years and years. In the spring of '84, my wife Vicki said 'either do it or quit talking about it.' So I went out to the airport and signed up with Executive Air for flying lessons. I received my private pilot license last November and will start school for my instrument rating in April."

Last fall, Skipp and another pilot bought a 1977 Cessna 172, which they rent to other pilots through Executive Air. "That just about covers the maintenance on the plane," Skipp notes. "About six weeks after we bought the plane, the engine had to be rebuilt. Since that time we've had real good luck with it."

Skipp continues, "I just like being up in the sky. I always have. I think one of the things the private license has done to heighten the enjoyment is that now I feel like I am in control of my situation. I can go when I want to go rather than look out the window of an airliner somebody else is flying."

He adds, "I have been taking my three-year-old son, Brad, up for a long time. Our daughter is two months old, and she has been up twice. She falls asleep whenever the engine starts. We will take a trip to Ohio to have her christened, and that will be our first family outing."

Skipp concludes, "I have every intention of giving my son the opportunity to have his license by the time he is 17. He likes flying so much now that Vicki tells him, 'if you're not a good boy, you can't go flying this weekend.' That will straighten him up for a while." □



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# Electrical safety taught to firemen

Because he is a volunteer fireman, Station Mechanic Harold Gillenwater can present electrical safety programs from two viewpoints.

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Fire departments in Kingsport Power Company's service area are being trained in electrical safety through the efforts of Station Mechanic Harold Gillenwater, who has been a volunteer fireman for 23 years.

Harold explains, "During a training session for our station crew, we viewed a videotape program from Potomac Electric Power Company entitled 'Stay Alive'. When I saw the section on substation fires, I realized this would be good information to give to the fire departments which serve our property. Then I saw Columbus & Southern's 'You Could Be A Fatality' videotape program, which is really an eye-opener.

"Working through Bud Lingar, personnel assistant, and Bob Caldwell, station supervisor, we received permission to make a presentation to the City of Kingsport Fire Department. I have had six two-hour sessions with the Kingsport Department, and their chief has requested that the program be presented to all of his personnel. In fact, some of the captains would like me to hold additional sessions on each segment of the program. I have also presented the program to eight of the volunteer fire departments in the area, and I am getting the word out through the Sullivan County Volunteer Fireman's Association."

Harold continues, "We have had very favorable response. The firemen realize that I know what their job is, and I can expand on points in the videotapes and relate them specifically to the fire service. We power company employees realize the potential hazards of electrical equipment, but the tapes open everybody's eyes.

"The PEPCO program consists of five videotapes. The first one is on basic electricity. It shows the effects of certain

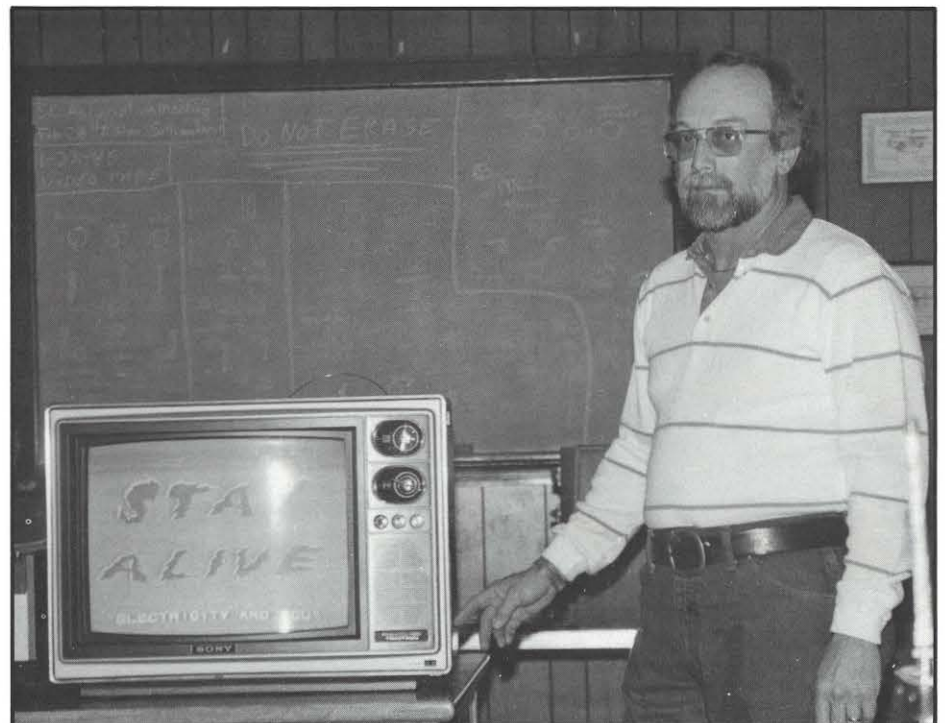
amounts of current on the body. The second tape is on electrical generating stations; but, since we don't have any in this area, I have largely ignored that segment. The next one is on electrical substations and their equipment. The fourth one is on transmission and distribution, which covers overhead and underground facilities. This segment explains in depth the potential hazards of each. The last tape is on residential, commercial and industrial installations. It takes the viewer on tours of plants, showing different types of electrical equipment, and their hazards."

Harold adds, "There are three points I think the program gets across the best. The first is that no piece of fire apparatus

should have a hot stick or rubber gloves on it. For some reason, every fireman wants them. The second point is that an electrical fire on energized equipment poses a hazard. And, finally, the hazard involved for firemen pulling meters. The tapes heartily discourage that.

"The big hazard with pulling meters is a flash burn from an arc. It is not necessary to turn off the power if just one room is involved in a fire. All you need to do is remove a fuse to one particular area. If the power is left on, then the firemen will have lighting in other portions of the house to make the safety check." Harold notes, "I have been involved in very few fires that required complete removal of all the power."

Harold concludes, "For some reason, firemen have an inordinate amount of fear of electricity. This program is extremely good, and it gives us a chance to work closely with emergency service people. In my opinion, both the company and the fire departments benefit. It helps the firemen see potential hazards which may prevent them from getting hurt, and the information presented may help them from damaging our electrical equipment. This is a real plus for good community relations." □



Harold Gillenwater



# Congratulations, AEP ed

Thirty-six sons and daughters of System employees have been selected as recipients of American Electric Power educational awards. The awards were divided as follows: Ohio Power, nine; Service Corporation, seven in Columbus and one in Lancaster; Columbus & Southern, six; five each for Appalachian Power and Indiana & Michigan; and one each for Kentucky Power, Michigan Power, and Wheeling Electric.

Each winner will receive \$2,000 for his or her first year in college and \$1,500 for the second year.

The educational awards program was begun in 1955, with a single cash prize of \$500. The awards, based on grades, test scores, and other information, are administered by the AEP System Educational Trust Fund. They are generated from dividend on AEP common stock and other investments and can be used only for educational purposes.

The winner from Kingsport Power is **Lisa Hunt**, daughter of Line Crew Supervisor Jack Hunt. At Sullivan South High School, she is a member of the Computer Club, treasurer of the National Beta Club chapter, and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". Lisa is in the school's outreach program and attended the Gifted and Talented Program at Tennessee Technological University during the summer



Hunt

of 1982. She plans to major in engineering or computer science at Tennessee Technological University. Lisa's hobbies include water sports, reading, needlework, and listening to music.

The winners from Appalachian Power are:

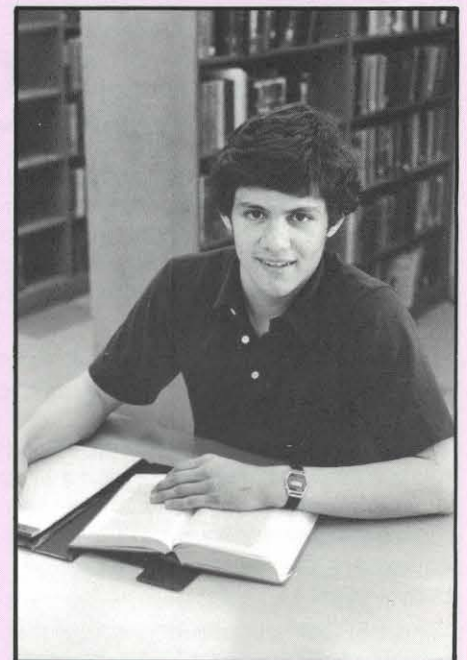
**Rhonda**, daughter of Billy Ball, communication specialist, GO T&D Communications, Bluefield. A senior at Princeton High School, Rhonda is senior editor, yearbook; vice president, Pep Club; president, Junior Civitans; and a member of the National Honor Society, student council, Interact Club, the Stone and Thomas Teen Board, and the Presbyterian Church youth group. She attended Rhododendron Girls State. She also is the recipient of an American Legion citizenship award. Rhonda will major in business administration at Queens College, where she has also been chosen as one of ten Presidential Scholars. The Presidential Scholarship is the highest award an incoming freshman can receive and amounts to more than \$20,000 over the student's four-year college career. Rhonda will also attend law school.

**Shane**, son of Kenneth Hudson, automotive mechanic A, Charleston. He

plans to study electrical engineering at the West Virginia Institute of Technology, where he will enroll in the cooperative work-study program. Shane is interested in the electrical engineering aspects of computer science. He was recently se-



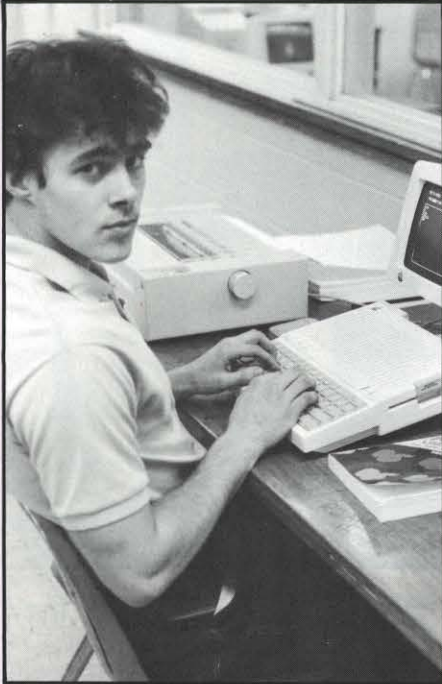
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# Occupational award winners



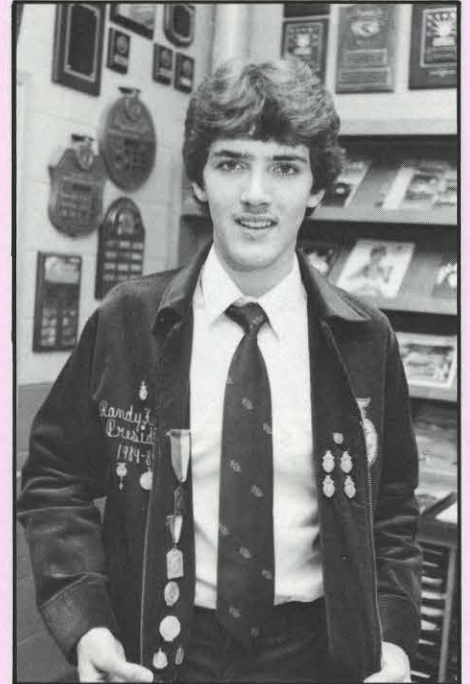
Roach

lected as an Academic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council's Scholar Program and represented Herbert Hoover Senior High School at this year's county math field day and at the SCORES competition at Marshall University. Shane is a member of the school's National Honor Society, French

Club, Key Club, Chess Club, and Junior Achievement Program and was in the ninth grade jazz band. He earned a soccer letter during his sophomore year and has participated in baseball and community leagues for ten years. Shane was named to the "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and received a Bausch and Lomb science award.

**Timothy Roach**, son of Judy Laney, utility worker, Philip Sporn Plant. At Wahama High School, Tim is a member of the Chess Club, Physics Club, Chemistry Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and a weightlifter. He is a National Merit finalist and has received a chemistry award, USAA awards for math and science, and the Holzer Clinic annual science award. He will major in chemistry or biochemistry at Michigan State University in preparation for a career in the medical field, possibly optometry.

**Timothy**, son of R. E. Ferrell, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Abingdon. Following graduation from Abingdon High School, Tim will major in music education at James Madison University. He wants to teach on the college level as well as perform professionally and teach private lessons. In addition to music, Tim also enjoys soccer and basketball.



Keefer

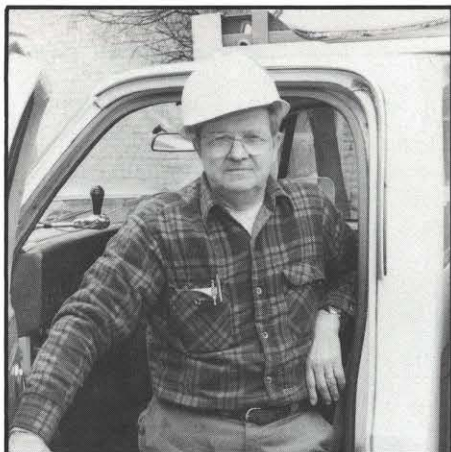
**Randall**, son of Vernon Keefer, line mechanic A in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division. He plans to receive a bachelors degree in electronic/electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology in preparation for a career in the electronics industry. At Point Pleasant High School, Randall was a member of the marching and concert bands for two years, the National Honor Society, and played on an intramural basketball team. Active in the Future Farmers of America, Randall is president of the Mason County Vocational Chapter for 1984-85 and has also served as secretary. He received the State Farmer Degree in 1984 and chapter leadership and scholarship awards. He also performed in the state FFA band and state FFA chorus. For his Supervised Occupational Experience Program (SOEP) in FFA, Randall raised and sold market hogs, beef cattle, feeder calves, dairy goats, and truck crops. He enjoys stamp collecting, intramural sports, spectator sports, hunting and fishing. He is a member of the Mason County Junior Fair Board for 1984-85.



Ferrell



## Hard hat prevents injury to Chambers



Walt Chambers, Logan meter service mechanic A, can speak from experience about the value of wearing a hard hat.

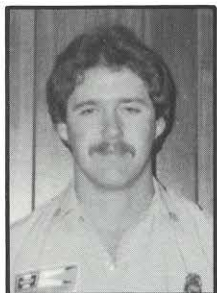
Walt was returning home from a trouble call, when he came upon several vehicles stopped in the road. Trees had been felled across the highway, and motorists were removing them so traffic could pass.

Walt got out of his truck to help; and, while he was working, someone threw a rock approximately 50 feet, striking his hard hat and neck. The force of the impact knocked him to his knees.

Because wearing his hard hat saved Walt from serious injury, he recently became a member of the Southeastern Electric Exchange's Tortoise Club. □

## Volunteer fireman receives award

Sam Craddock, Jr., is one of three members of the Hurricane Volunteer Fire Department who were presented a Community Service Award from the Putnam County Commission. He is the son of Sam Craddock, production superintendent at Central Machine Shop.



The firemen rescued two men who were overcome by paint vapors from a storage tank. They had to use the buddy breathing system — sharing their oxygen masks — with the two men and had to be admitted to the hospital for observation. □

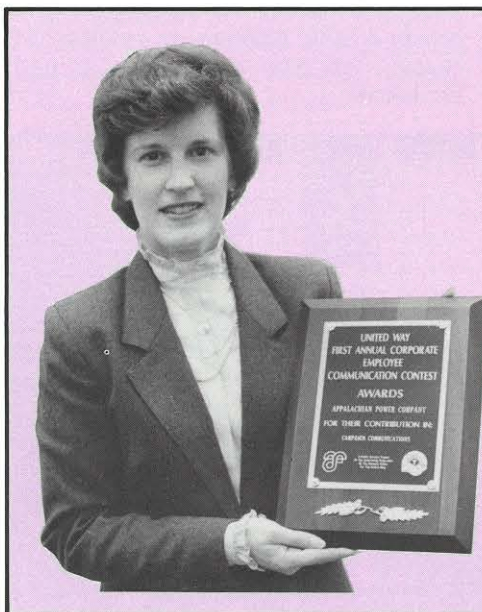
## Achievers market quartz clock



Wednesday Achievers, the Junior Achievement company sponsored by Roanoke Division, manufactured battery-driven quartz wall clocks this year. The Achievers sold more than 100 of the clocks with total sales of \$2,075. One of the clocks was presented to Appalachian President John W. Vaughan. Pictured above are, l. to r., David Garland, vice president-marketing; Traci Williams, vice president-production; Brian Lancaster, president; Vaughan; Kurt Dailey, safety assistant; Linda Moffitt, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering; Henry Sparks, Roanoke electrical engineer; and Amy Ferris, vice president-personnel and corporate secretary. Dailey, Moffitt and Sparks are Appalachian's advisors to the achievement company.

## APCo is United Way award winner

Appalachian Power Company was one of six winners in the United Way of Roanoke Valley's first annual Corporate Employee Communication Contest. The company's winning entry in the campaign communications category included a slide/tape presentation, paycheck stuffer, and bulletin board posters. Pictured with the award is Private Secretary Jackie Scruggs, chairperson of the Roanoke Employee Benevolent Association.





# Retirements

"I've spent the last 40 years within a one-block radius," says **Jane Purdy**, "first, as a student at National Business College and, since 1947, as an Appalachian employee." Jane was fleet office supervisor in GO General Services, Roanoke, before electing early retirement April 1. She recalls, "I walked in Appalachian one day and filled out an application. When I started out the door, the office manager called me back and asked when I could go to work. I either came in the next day or the following Monday." Jane adds, "I have enjoyed

transportation work. It certainly isn't boring because there's something different all the time. I enjoyed working with the leasing aspect. Probably the most frustrating work was keeping records on coal company and construction vehicles and equipment. I feel like I grew up with Amos and Mountaineer Plant. As to the future, I know Paul and I will be doing some traveling because he is active in Masonic work. We both enjoy pier fishing, and I expect I'll get back into sewing." □



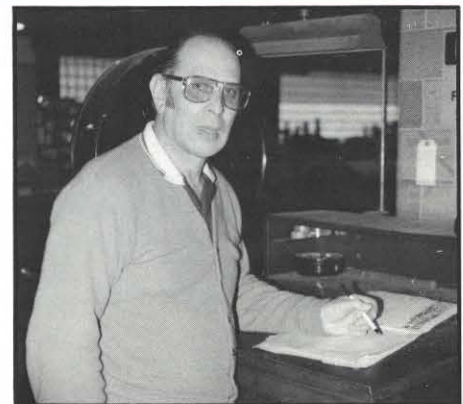
A half century of work at Buck and Byllesby makes Hydro Plant Supervisor **Buford Sharp**, who retired April 1, a walking encyclopedia of information about that area. "My father moved here when I was 14, so I more or less grew up with them. I started here in 1935. My father, brothers and I have an accumulated service of more than 225 years." Although Buford lives in Fries, he recalls that in the early days there was a self-contained community at the hydros. Seven houses were at Buck and twelve

at Byllesby. The school located halfway between the two hydros was also used as a church. "There was a shop up the hollow that had an auditorium upstairs. We used to have plays and dances there." Buford's most memorable experience at Buck came during the 1940 flood of record on New River. "We lost all communications with anybody of authority, and I closed down the plant and secured it. When I crossed the bridge at the plant, water was waist deep with logs going through." □



"Appalachian has really been a fine company to be associated with, and I've worked with some fine people," claims **Wayne Warren**, Logan stores and garage supervisor, who elected early retirement April 1. "I especially remember Lawrence Chatfield and Harold Jackson, both of whom I worked with in the Logan storeroom after transferring over from Logan Plant. These two helped me tremendously, and together they taught me enough so that I was able to advance to assistant stores supervisor before I was moved out of the storeroom

and into other work." He continues, "I've enjoyed my time with the company, and I think our benefits are equal to or better than you'll find at many companies. I think the savings plan is the finest thing that ever happened, and it's a shame that it didn't come along years ago. I don't have any special plans for retirement, but I've always been an avid ham radio enthusiast. I plan to do some woodworking, and I'm into computers now. Nora and I will spend the winters in Florida." □



**William Morris Hill**, general line crew supervisor in the Logan-Williamson Division, elected early retirement April 1 after 34 years' service. A native of Lory, West Virginia, he began his utility career in 1951 as a meter helper and was a

serviceman C and B, area serviceman, and service foreman before being promoted in 1977 to the position he held at retirement. During World War II, Bill served in the U. S. Army. He and his wife Pauline have one daughter. □







"I have enjoyed working at Kingsport Power and will miss the association with my friends," declares Custodian **J. D. Mills**, who elected early retirement April 1. A native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, J. D.'s plans for retirement include visits with relatives in that area. "I hope to spend lots of time fishing, particularly

on South Carolina's Little River," he adds. J. D. and his wife Lena are the parents of one daughter. They will continue to make their home on East Avenue in Kingsport. During World War II, J. D. served with the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific. □

## First aid training pays off at home

"The first thing that came to my mind during those tense moments was CPR," recalls Ripley Line Crew Supervisor Slim Bailey, who recently saved the life of his daughter, Tammy Kaye.

Slim relates, "It happened on February 18, when we were off work for Washington's birthday. About a quarter to six in the morning, my wife Jessie said, 'there's something wrong with Tammy.' We went in Tammy's bedroom, which is in the far end of the house. I was about half awake, and I couldn't really tell exactly what was bothering her, but Tammy has sinus, and I thought maybe she was strangling in her sleep. Tammy was semi-conscious when I got to her, and I couldn't tell whether she was going to make it or not. The first thing that came to mind was to get air into her. I gave her about two or three puffs of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. I didn't think I was doing real well, so I applied it to the nostrils. Then she began to revive a little bit. Her heart was beating good as far as I could tell, so I let her stay there for a while.

"Tammy said she felt okay so later on, after breakfast, we decided to go for a drive. Tammy was sitting in the rocking chair, when she started doing the same thing again. I picked her up out of the chair, laid her on the floor, and applied mouth-to-mouth again. That time she came around real fast. My wife called an ambulance, and we rushed her to the hospital. They took some tests and found out she had had two seizures.

"What I did just came naturally," Slim continues. "Whether that was a big factor in her reviving I don't know, but it didn't hurt. If I hadn't and something would have happened, I would have felt as if I neglected my training. I never had to give resuscitation before, but I don't think I would hesitate to apply it on anybody who needed it. I'd like to emphasize that CPR training is very important to have, whether in the field or at home. Hopefully you never have to use it; but, if you do, the training pays off."

Slim concludes, "I used my first aid training about two years ago on Jessie. We were out on the porch, and she came staggering toward me. I didn't know what had happened, but



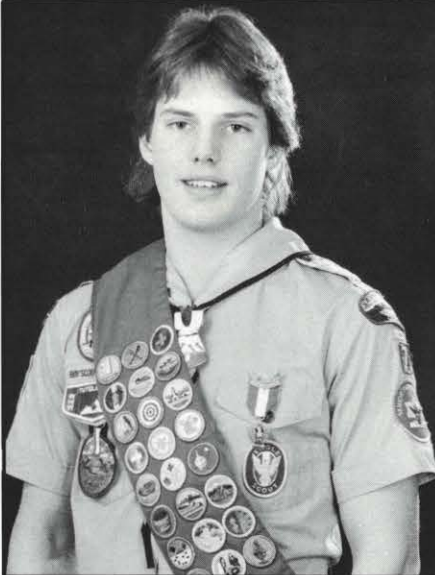
Slim, Tammy and Jessie Bailey.

I blew into her mouth and got her breathing. Normally that is not the procedure to take when you choke, but what other alternative did I have? Jessie said she got relief as soon as I did it. She had been eating popcorn and had gotten choked on a corn hull. □



# Who's News

## Eagle Scout



Timothy, son of Ed Bradley, labor relations manager, GO Personnel, Roanoke, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest in Boy Scouting. A member of Troop 7, Timothy has been assistant patrol leader and senior patrol leader. His service project was 75 hours of yard work for persons in the League of Older Americans who could not do the work themselves. A junior at Cave Spring High School, Timothy is a member of the German Club and the Junior National Honor Society.

## General Office

Roddy, son of Rod Goins, operations coordinator, GO Operations, Roanoke, has been selected to serve as executive officer of the VPI & SU Corps of Cadets with the rank of Lt. colonel and as commander of the elite Ranger Company for the

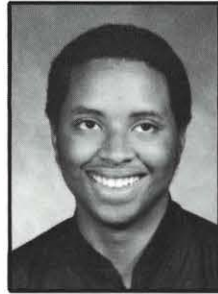


school year 1985-86. Roddy is presently assistant regimental adjutant and training and public information officer of Ranger Company. Roddy, a rising senior with a major in political science, is a dean's list student and a member of Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honor fraternity. He is also a National Reserve Officer's Association bronze medal award winner and has been presented the Army award of academic achievement three times.

He won a three-year Army ROTC scholarship. □

## Lynchburg

Jerome, son of Ami Watson, customer accounts representative A, has been selected to compete in the "academic competition for excellence" program at Heritage High School. The program is comprised of the top academic students,



selected by the teachers, in the fields of math, English, science and history. Jerome will represent his school in math competition against other high schools in the state.

**Greg Thacker**, station mechanic C, was appointed to the board of directors of Standard Gauge Engineering Company, Inc. The company is involved in the construction and repair of railroad tracks. □

## Abingdon

**Jim Hughes**, marketing and customer services manager, has been elected chairman of the industrial development committee of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

**L. C. Angle**, retired power engineer senior, has been appointed crusade chairman of the American Cancer Society of Washington County. **R. M. Heil**, personnel supervisor, has been named campaign publicity chairman. **B. L. Long**, marketing and customer services supervisor, will coordinate the business community activities, and **J. B. Kahle**, power engineer, will coordinate the industrial sector.

**Randy Shutt**, Marion office supervisor, has been named to the budget and finance committee for the Smyth County Chamber of Commerce. □

## Bluefield

**Bill Fisher**, engineering technician, was elected president of the Pocahontas Chapter of the National Historical Railroad Society. □

## Glen Lyn

**Bobbie Jean**, wife of Coonie Spangler, personnel supervisor, has been elected as a representative from Greenbrier Baptist Association to the general board of American Baptist Churches, USA. She has been assigned to the board of international ministries, the public relations committee, and the subcommittee on White Cross. Bobbie Jean is also the first woman to be elected moderator of the Greenbrier Baptist Association of the West Virginia Baptist Convention. □

## Pulaski

**Virginia**, widow of Tom Collins, has been elected an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski.

**J. B. Brillheart, Jr.**, administrative assistant, and **Dan Grubb**, husband of Debbie Grubb, customer accounts representative B, have been appointed to the steering committee for the Town of Pulaski's centennial celebration next year.

Retiree **Carl Schmidt** has been named



Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Christiansburg-Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. He was cited for his dedication to the chamber's membership committee. Carl is

active in Our Saviour Lutheran Church and serves as a volunteer for Montgomery County Hospital, providing transportation for cancer patients.

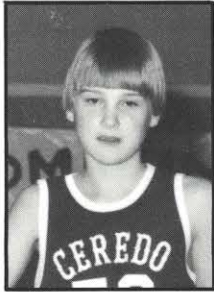
**Mike**, son of Posey Payne, meter electrician A, has been named to the all-state scholastic chess team (high school division). He is a senior at Pulaski County High. **Mark**, son of Sonny Alley, engineering technologist, has been named to the all-state scholastic chess team (middle school division). He is a seventh grader at Pulaski Middle School.

Retiree **Kelly Buckland** has been appointed to the Clean Community Program by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. □

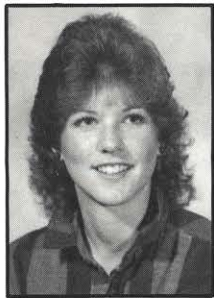


## Huntington

Joshua, son of Larry Caldwell, stores attendant A, was chosen as a member of the C-K All Stars Biddy basketball team. The team played in the West Virginia State Tournament, and Joshua was chosen as a member of the All-Tournament team.



Vanessa Lee, daughter of Glen Hicks, Milton area service restorer, was selected for inclusion in the 1985 edition of "Who's Who in American High School Students". She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honorary, and is secretary/treasurer of S.A.D.D. (Students Against Driving Drunk). Vanessa was a United States national mathematics award winner in 1984 and 1985 and was nominated to the Distinguished Society of American High School Students.



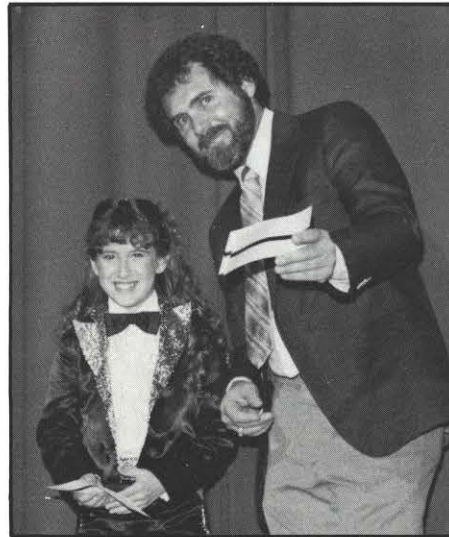
Dawn, daughter of Dan Vaught, marketing and customer services manager, is a member of the Huntington East High School volleyball team which had a 31-0 season record and won the West Virginia state championship.

Steve Carpenter, Point Pleasant area manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the Point Pleasant-Mason County Chamber of Commerce. □

## Beckley

Jack Riddle, engineering technologist, has been elected vice president of the Calico & Jeans Square Dance Club. □

## Kingsport



Tonya, daughter of J. T. Bruner, line mechanic B, received a \$75 gift certificate for winning the novice 4-12 age division in the Tennessee Eastman Recreation Club talent show with a piano medley entitled "Last Date".

Paula, daughter of G. R. Chase, line mechanic A, won several awards in the regional Distributive Education Clubs of America competition: first place in advertising knowledge, written essay, and role playing situations. She was also named



the "best over-all" distributive education student in the region and will compete in the state competition. Paula has been nominated for inclusion in three publications: United States National Journalism Awards, Who's Who in America's High Schools, and National History and Government Awards.

Summer, daughter of Roy Trent, Jr., line mechanic B, won first place in Lincoln Elementary School's second grade spelling bee and will represent her school and grade in the city-wide spelling bee. □

## Bostic wins van from MU



A ticket held by Lee Bostic, Jr., Huntington servicer, was pulled from among 25,000 others on December 29, making him the proud owner of a new "Marshall University" van. The MU cheerleaders sold chances on the van to pay their way to Hawaii, where the Thundering Herd basketball team played in a tournament.



## Charleston

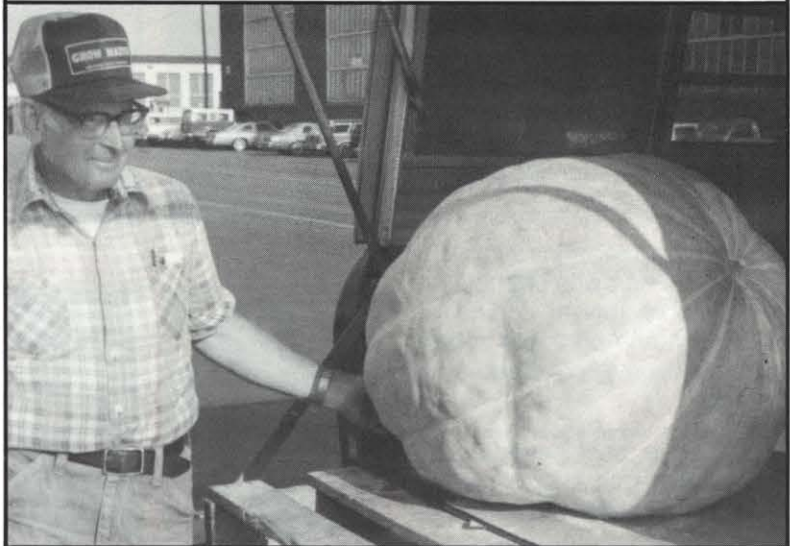
Clyde Marshall, records supervisor, was appointed to the building committee of the newly organized Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Scott Depot. □

### High-flying Eagle



Keith Tyler, a sophomore at the University of Charleston, has scored over 1,000 points on the school's Golden Eagles basketball team. Last year Keith laid the ground work for future all-American consideration by establishing a freshman scoring record of 509 points. Coach Tex Williams says, "Keith has had a great attitude every single day of basketball season. I don't care whether it's practice or game nights, he pulls the rest of the team up to him." Keith is the son of Sandra Wright, Charleston junior clerk. Photo courtesy Charleston Daily Mail.

### Pumpkin man



This 177-lb. pumpkin grown by Nye White, Central Machine Shop stores attendant, was so huge that he had to make a ramp and use a tractor to roll it into the back of his pickup truck to transport to CMS for viewing by his co-workers. He also grew six other pumpkins weighing around 100 lbs. each. The special seed he purchased was appropriately named "big pumpkin".

## Clinch River

Thomas, son of George Munsey, maintenance mechanic B, has been selected to participate in the "Spirit of America" marching band which will tour and perform throughout eight European countries and attend the internationally acclaimed music festival in Kerkade, Holland, this summer. Thomas plays the french horn in the Lebanon High School band. □



## Central Machine Shop



Tommy, son of John Joyce, machinist 1st class, came in first over a field of 44 cars to win the Pioneer District Pinewood Derby. This is the second year he has won the district meet. He will compete in the Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby in May. Tommy is a member of Cub Scout Pack 36 at First Baptist Church, and John serves as Webelos leader. □

## Mountaineer

Alysia, daughter of Denzel Southall, utility worker, won the second place prize of \$15 in the Historical Society's essay contest about the history of Jackson County, W. Va. □





# Promotions

**Coonie Hager, Jr.**, line crew supervisor, was promoted to general line crew supervisor in Logan-Williamson Division on April 1.

**Charles E. Frye**, administrative assistant, was promoted to stores and garage supervisor in Logan-Williamson Division on April 1. He attended Marshall University.

**John R. Skidmore**, marketing and customer services advisor, was promoted to administrative assistant in Logan-Williamson Division on April 1. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from West Liberty State College.

**R. H. "Bob" Love**, engineering supervisor, was promoted to Pulaski division superintendent on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

**Steven G. Allen**, customer accounts assistant, was promoted to Kingsport office supervisor on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Milligan College.

**Knox Worde**, electrical engineer, was promoted to electrical engineer senior in Pulaski on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

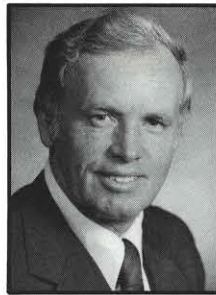
**Lionel D. "Red" Hall**, general servicer, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Bluefield on March 9.

**Harry E. Sutherland**, equipment operator A, was promoted to unit supervisor at Clinch River Plant on March 1.

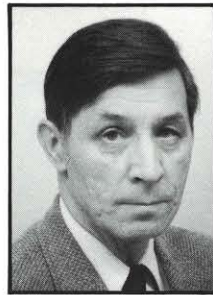
**Carlos "Gene" Peyton**, winder 1st class, was promoted to production supervisor-motor shop at Central Machine Shop on February 1.

**Steve White**, electrical engineer, was promoted to electrical engineer senior in Beckley on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

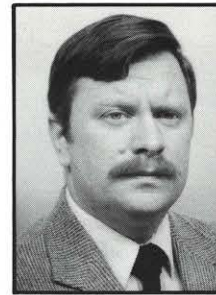
**Michael A. Adams**, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Logan-Williamson Division on March 23. He attended the West Virginia Institute of Technology.



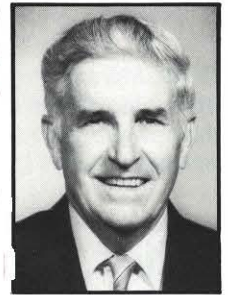
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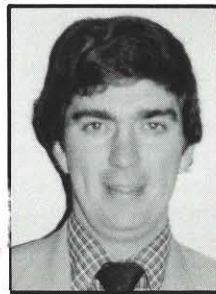
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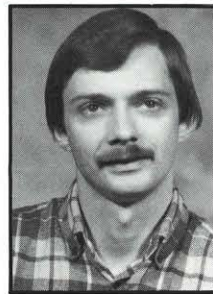
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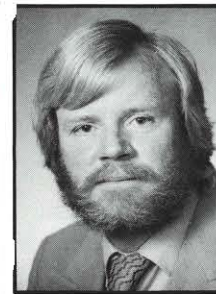
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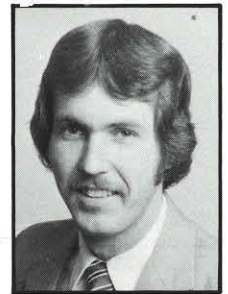
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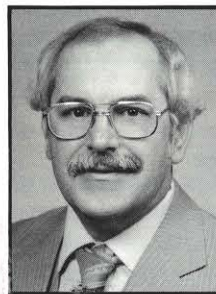
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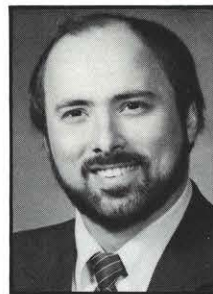
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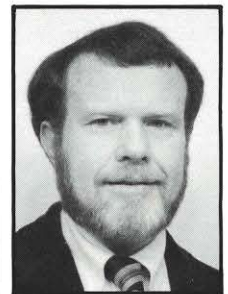
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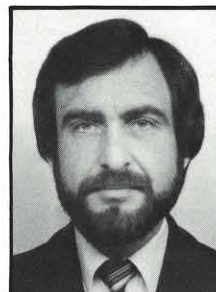
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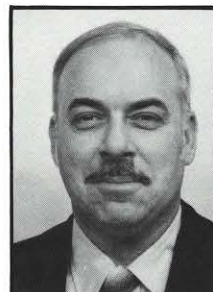
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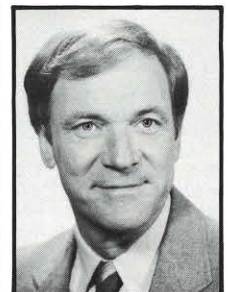
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**Robert N. Sanney**, Charleston station superintendent, was promoted to manager of the Williamson area in Logan-Williamson Division on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

**Dennis W. Carter**, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Logan-Williamson Division on January 19.

**Marion Davis, Jr.**, line crew supervisor nonexempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in Logan-Williamson Division on April 1.

**Faye H. Amos**, personnel assistant non-exempt, was promoted to personnel assistant exempt, GO Personnel, Roanoke, on March 1. She attends Virginia Western Community College.



**Harold Lynn Grayson**, right of way maintenance coordinator, was promoted to right of way maintenance coordinator senior, GO T&D Forestry Control, Charleston, on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in forestry from West Virginia University.

### Abingdon

**William Anderson** from stores attendant B to stores attendant A.

**Ernestine Hibbits** from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B, Clintwood.

### Beckley

**Evelyn Martin** from tracer to drafter C.

**Teresa Wills** from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

### Bluefield

**Scotty Phipps** from line mechanic A to general servicer, Peterstown.

**Paul Hill** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Peterstown.

**Mary Kirby**, from marketing and customer services representative to marketing and customer services representative senior.

**Weldon Holliday** from line mechanic A to general servicer, Welch.

**Richard Sheldon** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Welch.

**Richard Richmond** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

**Stacy Havens** from line mechanic A to general servicer.

### General Office

**Merle Mitchell** from engineering technologist to relay specialist, GO T&D Station, Bluefield.

**Douglas Jacobs** from surveyor assistant to surveyor-instrument, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke.

**Toby O'Neal** from transmission station mechanic D to transmission station mechanic C, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

**Paul Thumm** from transmission station mechanic D to transmission station mechanic C, GO T&D Station, Turner.

**Kevin Pannell** from transmission station mechanic B to transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

### Glen Lyn

**Jackie Moore** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

**Freddie Terry** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

**Larry Mann** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

**David Moulder** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

**Randy Wall** from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

### Huntington

**Danny Sheppard** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

### Kanawha River

**S. M. Peay** from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

**J. L. Craig**, from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

**C. L. Carroll** from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

**D. T. Young** from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

**C. H. Petry** from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

**T. R. Cox** from instrument mechanic B to instrument mechanic A.

**R. D. Stone** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

**J. R. Baldwin** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

**R. W. Spangler** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

**R. A. Sparkman** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

**G. F. Turley** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

### Roanoke

**Frank Nichols, Jr.**, from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

**Harry Berger, Jr.**, from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

### Philip Sporn

**Jill LaValley** from personnel clerk C to personnel clerk B.

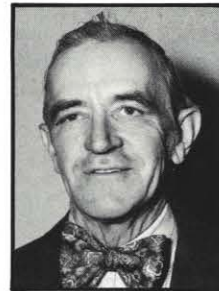
**Jerry Davis** from equipment operator B to equipment operator A.

**Forrest Barnett** from equipment operator C to equipment operator B. □

## Friends We'll Miss



Yearout



Nash



Hash

**Charles B. Yearout**, 76, retired safety coordinator, GO Personnel, Bluefield, died February 24. A native of Williamson, West Virginia, he began his career in 1946 as system safety supervisor and retired October 1, 1973. Yearout is survived by his widow Josephine, 282 Old Bluefield Road, Princeton, West Virginia.

**Wade Luther "Toots" Nash**, 72, retired Bluefield meter electrician B, died March 3. A native of Baileys Switch, Virginia, he began his career in 1936 as a laborer and retired February 1, 1978. Nash is survived by his widow Marie, RFD 2, Bluefield, Virginia; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

**James E. Hash, Jr.**, 62, retired Bluefield surveyor assistant-rod, died March 24. A native of Clinton, Tennessee, he began his career in 1944 as a rodman and elected early retirement in July 1984. Hash is survived by his widow Lillian, 115½ Tulip Street, Bluefield, West Virginia; one son; one daughter; and one grandchild.

**Ola F. Adkins**, 84, retired Bluefield stenographer, died March 11. A native of Williamson County, Illinois, she was employed in 1942 in the Glen Lyn Construction Department and retired in June 1962. Adkins is survived by one daughter and two grandchildren. □



# Births

## Abingdon

Benjamin James, son of **Daniel Harton**, electrical engineer, February 20.

## John Amos

Jeffrey Thomas, son of **Jeffrey Spade**, equipment operator C, February 11.

Carrie Elaine, daughter of **Pamela Barker**, stores clerk C, February 2.

Lehis Ann, daughter of **Gregory Massey**, plant engineer, March 1.

## Beckley

Delilah Nichole, daughter of **David Ransom**, engineering technician, Rupert, March 16.

## Clinch River

Andrea Kristian, daughter of **Jeffery Fuller**, coal handler, March 1.

## General Office

Robert Noah, son of **Susan Sult**, cash clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, February 25.

Joseph Allen, Jr., son of **Joseph Campigotto**, transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission, Kenova, February 13.

Christopher Chance, son of **W. B. Amos, Jr.**, station operator, GO Operations, Roanoke, January 21.

## Huntington

Melissa Jane, daughter of **Tom Johnson**, electrical engineer, February 24.

James Randall, son of **Barbara Chinn**, junior clerk, February 20.

Alyssa Ann, daughter of **David Radcliff**, meter reader, February 13.

## Kingsport

Eric Steven, son of **Steven Allen**, office supervisor, February 22.

## Logan-Williamson

Sabrina Dawn, daughter of **Dennis Carter**, line crew supervisor NE, March 4.

## Mountaineer

Heidi, daughter of **Warren Ashton**, plant performance superintendent, January 27.

Christian Michael, son of **Ron Cale**, equipment operator B, February 17.

Kathryn Diane, daughter of **Jim Shiltz**, equipment operator B, February 16.

Blair Ellen, daughter of **Carl Matheny**, performance engineer senior, March 9.

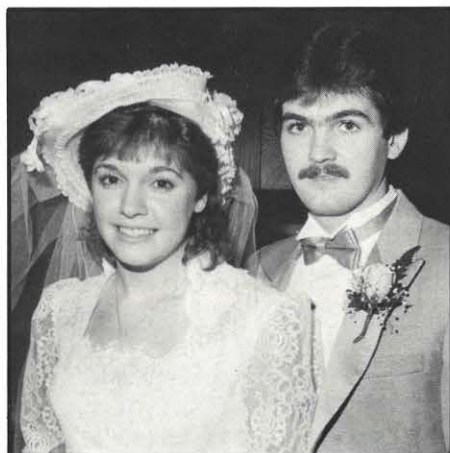
Brandon Michael, son of **Ed Ramsburg**, barge handler, March 2.

Brittany Marie, daughter of **Ralph Bowling**, maintenance mechanic B, February 24.

## Pulaski

Krista Danielle, daughter of **Timmy Coomes**, Hillsville line mechanic D, March 5.

# Weddings



Riggs-Stiltner

Connie Stiltner to **Randy Riggs**, January 19. Randy is the son of **Brady Riggs, Jr.**, meter reader in the Wayne area of Huntington Division.

Pamela Bocook to **Earnest D. Igo**, John Amos Plant barge handler, February 28.

Sharon L. Anderson to **James D. McDougal**, Philip Sporn Plant equipment operator A, February 2.

Teresa Alford to **Terry L. Bishop**, February 16. Terry is the son of **Jack C. Bishop**, maintenance mechanic A, John Amos Plant.

## Golden anniversary



Fred and Glema Burnett observed their golden wedding anniversary November 11 with a reception hosted by their five children. The Burnetts also have fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Fred is a retired maintenance man, GO Hydro, Byllesby.

## Wed 50 years



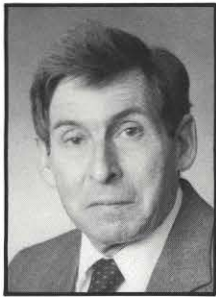
Bill and Frankie Hulme celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 1 in Bethesda, Maryland, with all family members present. They have two daughters, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Bill is a retired records supervisor in Pulaski.



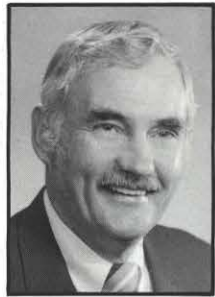
# Service Anniversaries



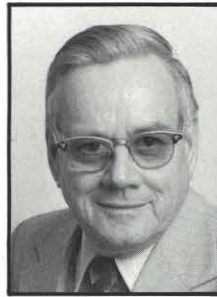
**Joe Clouser**  
pur. & stores dir.  
GO-Roanoke  
40 years



**Douglas Roach**  
meter supt.  
Bluefield  
40 years



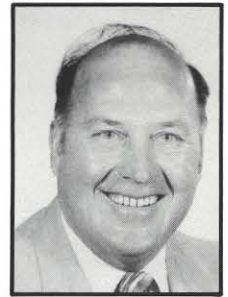
**John Rasnick**  
line con. & main. rep.  
Abingdon  
35 years



**Bill Hall, Jr.**  
maintenance supv.  
Clinch River  
35 years



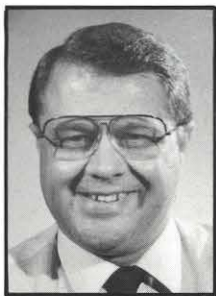
**Charles Ferguson**  
right of way agent  
Huntington  
35 years



**Tom Young**  
area servicer  
Charleston  
30 years



**Bob Kinnett**  
manager  
CPM  
30 years



**Rod Goins**  
operations coord.  
GO-Roanoke  
25 years



**Bill Loope**  
station crew supv. NE  
Roanoke  
20 years



**Fred Myers**  
cust. accts. supv.  
Pulaski  
20 years



**Steven Schultz**  
relay specialist sr.  
GO-Roanoke  
20 years

## Abingdon

35 years: **Stoney Jackson**, stores attendant A.

## Beckley

5 years: **Kevin Garlow**, customer servicer.

## Bluefield

35 years: **Loneda Rose**, customer accounts representative A, Pineville. 15 years: **Walter Belcher**, automotive supervisor NE. 5 years: **Kenneth Britten**, line mechanic B, Welch. **Dave Stepp**, line mechanic C, Pineville. **Gary Stiltner**, line mechanic B, Grundy. **Dennis Zigler**, meter reader, Welch.

## Central Machine Shop

10 years: **Pat McGue**, welder 1st class. 5 years: **Bill Vandale**, welder 2nd class.

## Charleston

5 years: **Barry Barfield**, stores attendant. **Lois Cadle**, customer accounts representative C. **James Jones**, line mechanic C. **Greg Hanshaw**, line mechanic C. **Tony Nutter**, meter reader. **Harry Roberts**, line mechanic C. **Leonard Hudson**, line mechanic C.

## General Office

15 years: **Elridge Peters**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke. 5 years: **Vickie Guard**, communications clerk C, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke. **Tom Parr**, station clerk C, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Pat Greenway**, stenographer, GO Personnel, Roanoke. **Steven Clements**, transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

## Huntington

5 years: **Debbie Hickel**, area T&D clerk C, Point Pleasant.

## Lynchburg

15 years: **Terry Knight**, T&D clerk A. 10 years: **Henry Giles**, meter reader. 5 years: **Fred Bryant, Jr.**, tracer.

## Mountaineer

15 years: **Ken Cooper**, unit supervisor. 10 years: **Myron Francowiak**, assistant yard superintendent. 5 years: **Glenn Collins**, maintenance mechanic A. **Mac Ward**, maintenance mechanic B. **Shirley Roush**, utility worker. **Frank Arbaugh**, maintenance mechanic B. **Ralph Kelvington**, maintenance mechanic B. **Mike Sheets**, maintenance mechanic B. **Dan Morrow**, coal equipment operator. **Rich Housashelt**, maintenance

mechanic C. **Willard Huffman**, maintenance mechanic A.

## Pulaski

10 years: **Jay Cochran**, automotive mechanic A. 5 years: **Mike Ingoe**, line mechanic C, Wytheville.

## Roanoke

15 years: **Ronnie Wray**, stores attendant A, Fieldale. **Frederick Dearing**, automotive supervisor NE. 5 years: **Steven Richardson**, line mechanic C.

## Philip Sporn

15 years: **William Morgan**, instrument mechanic C. **Larry Johnson**, instrument mechanic B. **George Reed**, equipment operator A. 5 years: **Robert Keyes**, equipment operator B. **Dana Hartley**, maintenance mechanic B. □

# Newcomers

## General Office

**Richard Johnson**, electrical engineer, GO Hydro, Roanoke. **Kevin Sigmon**, forestry technician, GO T&D Forestry, Roanoke. **Randy Kirby**, surveyor assistant, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. **Judith Shelton**, assistant programmer, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

## Glen Lyn

**James Robinett** and **Mark Perkins**, utility workers B.

## Huntington

**Stephen Turley** and **Jarrel Leggett**, line mechanics D. **Jesse James Clay** and **Steve Warden**, meter readers. **Michele Spencer**, junior clerk.

## Kanawha River

**John Watson**, engineering technologist.

## Pulaski

**Timmy Coomes**, line mechanic D, Hillsville. □



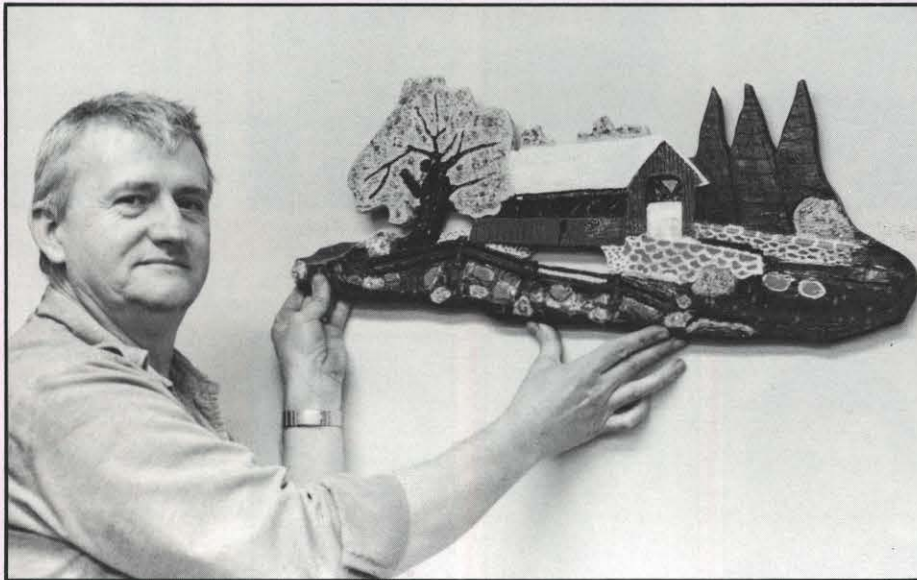
# THE WOODCARVER

"I've always liked to play with wood," Supervisor John Rottgen, "and this past winter I started carving wall plaques."

He continues, "My first plaque was a covered bridge scene. I saw a picture in a book, and I sketched it out freehand on some pine, and started carving. It took me two and a half weeks, maybe thirty hours, to finish. I used wood chisels and an electric mottel tool. To tell you the truth, I kinda surprised myself. After the carving was completed, I painted it with fall colors."

John adds, "The next plaque I carved was a Cape Cod fishing scene, which was quite a bit more complicated. That took about 100 hours to carve. Right now I'm trying to determine just what I can do, so I'm still using pine wood. Later on, I will start using walnut."

John concludes, "I'm looking forward to retirement before too many years. This is something I could do to make a little extra money." □



John Rottgen displays his first wood plaque.

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