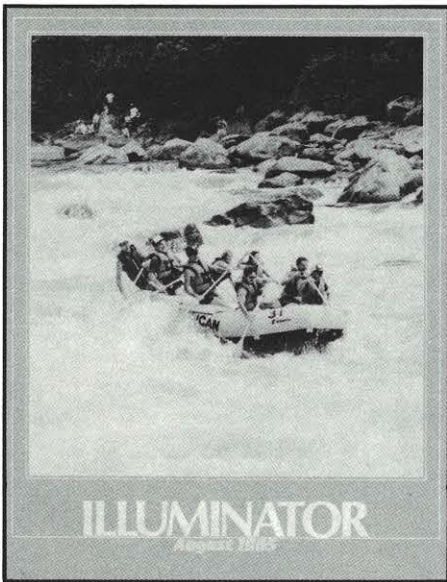


ILLUMINATOR

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If you're looking for a new way to enjoy the outdoors, you owe it to yourself to try whitewater rafting. One Sunday last month, a group of 89 Appalachian Power employees, family members, and friends experienced the thrill of maneuvering the whitewaters of the lower New River. The outing was arranged by Danny Gray, GO Environmental Affairs, Roanoke, through North American River Runners, Inc., of Hico, W. Va.

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AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
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4/30/85	2.1263	.4703	3.0325	.3297	2.2991	.4349
5/31/85	2.1491	.4653	3.2147	.3110	2.4785	.4034
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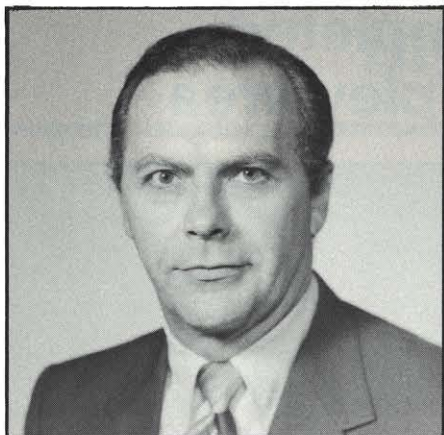
VPU — value per unit

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Northup

Rhodes, Northup are elected vice presidents of Appalachian Power

Appalachian Power Company last month elected two new officers: H. E. Rhodes, Roanoke, as vice president-operations, and Richard E. Northup, Charleston, as vice president, both effective August 1.

Rhodes will be principally responsible for the coordination of operations of the company's generating stations, including both its coal-fired and hydro plants, as well as for its marketing and customer services, purchasing, and environmental affairs functions. Northup, in Charleston, will serve as Appalachian Power's principal corporate officer in the State of West Virginia.

As vice president-operations, Rhodes will succeed the late Gene M. Gillock, who died July 8. As vice president in West Virginia, Northup fills an office last held by Nicholas E. Roomy, who retired in 1983.

Rhodes has served as Appalachian Power's personnel director the past two years. He joined the company as an electrical engineer in the Charleston Division in 1962, having previously worked as a co-op student in the Point Pleasant office while attending college. Rhodes worked as a commercial representative and power sales engineer in the Charleston and Huntington Divisions and, in 1972, was transferred to the Kanawha River Plant as personnel supervisor. He was promoted to the Roanoke General Office as labor relations supervisor in 1974, then became assistant personnel director in 1982 and director in 1983. He is a graduate of the University

of Cincinnati with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

Northup, for the past two years, has been executive assistant to the president, with offices in Charleston. Earlier, for eight years, he had been Appalachian Power's environmental affairs director. He joined the company in 1969 at its Philip Sporn Plant. Northup was graduated from Rio Grande College in Ohio with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He also did graduate work at George Washington University.

Both Rhodes and Northup attended the American Electric Power System management program at the University of Michigan. □

Audit completed on Neighbor Program

More than \$155,000 was raised through Appalachian Power Company's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program to ease the financial burden of families in need of assistance to pay their electric bills during this past winter.

In Virginia, 4,836 individuals and organizations contributed \$42,863. This amount, plus an additional \$37,500 from Appalachian stockholders, went toward the electric bills of 1,318 Virginia families. In West Virginia, \$37,677 donated by 4,912 individuals and organizations, along with an additional \$37,500 from Appalachian stockholders, helped 1,309 West Virginia families.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells last month completed its audit of the Program and has confirmed to the company that the funds were properly handled. □

Appeals court ruling will allow recovery of transmission cost

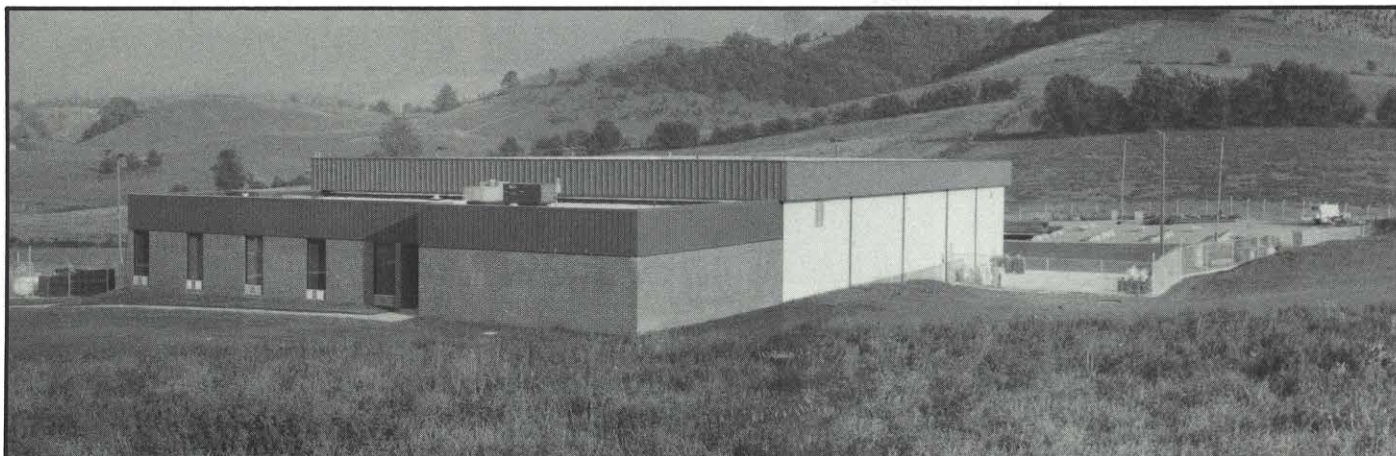
The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, Richmond, Virginia, on July 25 affirmed a lower court decision that will allow Appalachian Power Company to begin collecting, from its West Virginia customers, a rate increase of \$1.6 million, annualized, associated with the AEP System's new transmission agreement.

(The agreement reapportions among the AEP System operating companies the total costs associated with the ownership of transmission lines based on each company's demand relative to the System's total demand, thus bringing its investment in the lines into proportion with its use of them.)

The ruling is the latest step in a proceeding that began in January when Appalachian Power, together with American Electric Power Company and four other subsidiaries, Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, Kentucky Power Company, and Ohio Power Company, sought relief from a West Virginia Public Service Commission order denying Appalachian Power permission to recover such costs. Their suit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, Charleston, asked for a preliminary injunction. It was granted but then stayed pending resolution of certain issues by the higher court. The companies have now asked the court to lift the stay.

The next step is for the District Court to address the merits of the federal preemption issue raised by them in their original suit. The companies had contended that the West Virginia PSC did not have jurisdiction over the System's agreement covering interstate transmission, but rather that it fell under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The FERC earlier had accepted the agreement for filing as a rate schedule, to become effective last January 22, subject to refund. □

Lebanon service facility completed; new building planned for Ripley area



Appalachian Power's new service facility near Lebanon, Virginia.

Following completion of Appalachian Power Company's new \$1.25 million Russell County service facility last month, open houses were held for the Russell County Board of Supervisors and the families of active and retired Lebanon area employees.

Located on a four-acre site off of U.S. 19 adjacent to the proposed Route 19 bypass east of Lebanon's corporate limits, the 12,500 square foot structure is a pre-engineered metal building with a masonry facade. According to Abingdon Division Manager R. D. Carson, Jr., the new center represents a marked improvement in the company's ability to provide service to its Russell County customers. The improvement results from a consolidation of the previous facilities and a more central location within the service area. The new center's design is also more conducive to an efficient operation. Carson noted that the center accommodates stores, garage, and other related support facilities. He said, "The substantial investment the company made in this facility will produce not only immediate benefits but will enable it in the long term to better serve a growing Russell County."

Construction of another new service facility — near Ripley, West Virginia — was announced last month. Huntington Division Manager Fred Helm said the company plans to invest approximately \$1.25 million in the facility, including the

land. The building site is a four-acre tract on Route 33 west of Ripley. The new structure will replace Appalachian's present leased quarters.

"The new facility will house our transmission and distribution crews, and space will be provided to accommodate some customer services operations at a future date," Helm explained. Nine Appalachian employees will work out of the new office initially. The company presently has three facilities in the Ripley area, and they will be consolidated at the new site. This will enable Appalachian to serve its Ripley area customers in a more cost-effective manner.

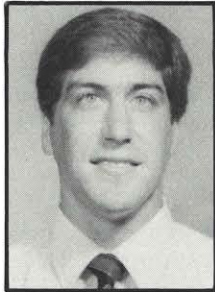
The site, less than a mile west of Ripley, will include a 7,400 square-foot building containing offices and a storeroom and garage. There will be separate covered parking for company vehicles and a storage area for transformer and pole inventories. The garage and storeroom portion of the facility will be a pre-engineered metal building with sandstone-colored finish on the outside. The office portion will be of masonry construction faced with brick. Both will be trimmed with dark brown facia around the top. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-1986. □

Congratulations, Abingdon employees

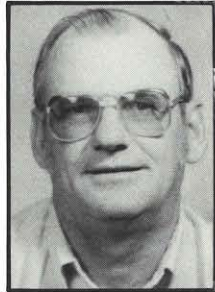
The 202 employees of Abingdon Division were treated to coffee and donuts last month in recognition of their having completed 1,500,000 consecutive hours without a disabling injury on July 9. Their climb towards this safety pinnacle began September 19, 1981.

Division Manager Dan Carson challenged employees to continue working safely in order to reach two significant safety milestones in 1986: five years without a disabling injury, which will occur in September, and 2,000,000 safe work hours, which will occur the following month. □

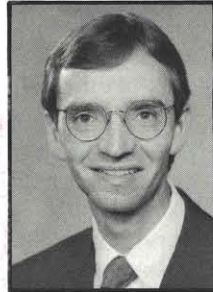
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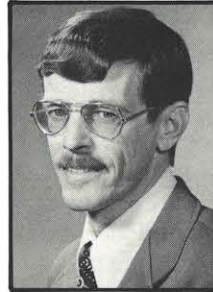
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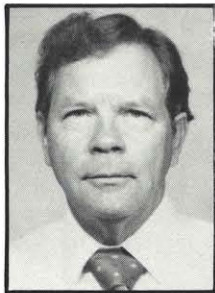
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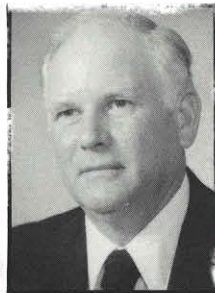
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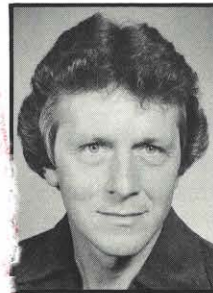
Blevins



Rasnick



Askew



Wells

The innovations of eight Appalachian Power employees were highlighted in the May/June issue of AEP Operating Ideas.

Jim H. Alouf, Pulaski energy services engineer, described a new method to determine the appropriate tariff schedule for commercial and industrial accounts. This new method eliminates the time delay in sending information to the Roanoke General Office for computer analysis. It can also eliminate the time needed for manual calculations.

Ralph S. Jones, Pulaski line crew supervisor, wrote about a device made from a scrap piece of hot stick material which employees

use to remove vines from electrical facilities. The device saves time and improves safety for the worker.

George Laurey, general accounting administrator, and **Roger Law**, classification and accounts payable supervisor, collaborated on making changes in the AEP accounts payable system which will result in an estimated annual savings of \$100,000 a year.

R. D. Blevins, Pulaski general line crew supervisor, described a working model which demonstrates proper grounding techniques. Employees can now actually see how protective equipment and grounds work.

H. H. Rasnick, Gate City line crew

supervisor, wrote about a stand fabricated for the wire payout reel which allows the wire pulling operation to continue uninterrupted.

Paul Askew, hydro plant supervisor, GO Hydro, Claytor, related that heat shrink insulation can be used on rope ends and eye splices to keep them from unraveling. The biggest benefit from this idea is increased safety for employees.

Tom Wells, Huntington station mechanic A, outlined changes made in an oil recloser maintenance rack which has cut maintenance time in half compared with the previous method of laying the recloser on a table to perform maintenance. □

INFORMATION

Benefit

Express Pharmacy Services

As previously announced, a new prescription drug program will be available September 1 to active and retired employees and family members covered by the Aetna Comprehensive Medical Plan. The new program is called Express Pharmacy Services and offers the convenience of mail-order long-term maintenance prescriptions at a substantial cost saving.

Previously, the procedure for receiving an insurance payment for prescription drugs required the employee to purchase the prescriptions at a retail pharmacy and later submit the charges to Aetna. The employee would then receive a reimbursement check for 80 per-

cent of the cost, after meeting the \$100 calendar year deductible.

Under the new plan, the employee orders prescription maintenance drugs through Express Pharmacy Services in a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope. After the prescription has been filled, it is delivered directly to the employee's home and the 20 percent co-payment is charged to his or her MasterCard, VISA, American Express or J.C. Penney credit card.

Costs are less through the new service because the employee pays only 20 percent of the wholesale price of each drug, which is much lower than the retail price. Additionally, the pharmacy sub-

stitutes generic drugs whenever possible, adding even further to the saving. Employees also have the benefit of no annual medical plan deductible for prescription drugs purchased through the program.

The mail-order drug program is designed to be used for the purchase of maintenance drugs, which are taken on a daily basis for an extended period of time and can be ordered ahead of time. Maintenance drugs are used in the treatment of chronic or long-term conditions, such as anemia, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart conditions, high blood pressure and ulcers. □

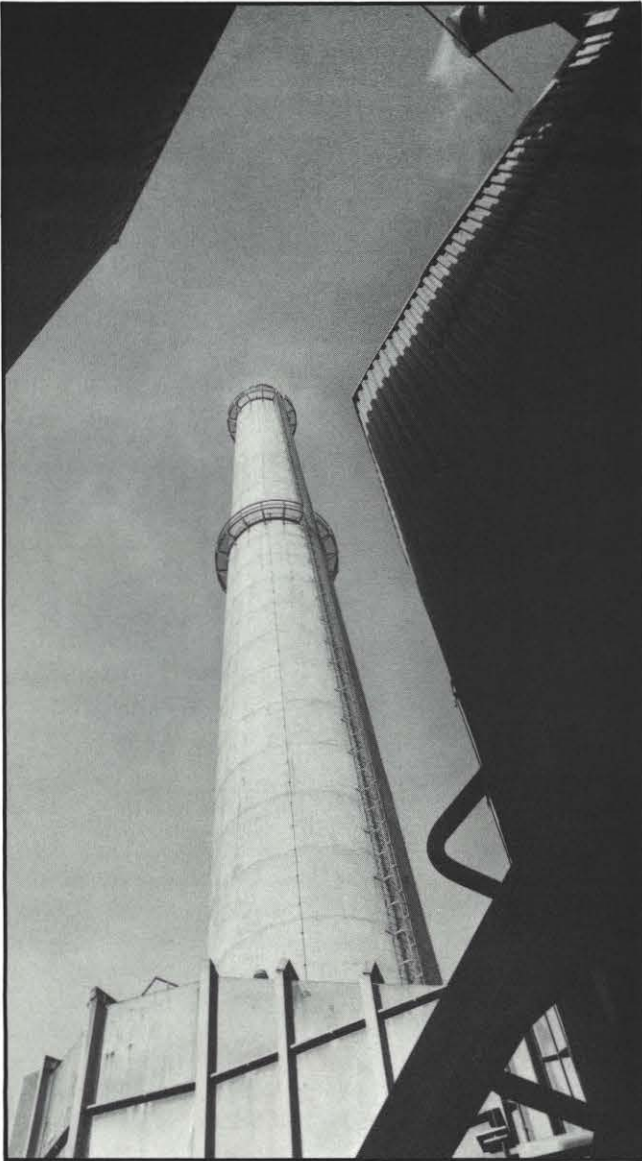
Retiree withholding for insurance

AEP System retirees soon will have a new, more convenient, way to pay their group medical and/or life insurance contributions. Beginning October 1, most retirees will no longer pay for their coverage with a personal check. Instead, their contributions will automatically be deducted from their monthly retirement checks.

Not all retirees, however, qualify for this service. Some have higher group insurance contributions due to having higher levels of life insurance coverage. As a result, some contributions will exceed the limit the federal government allows as a deduction from retirement checks (10 percent of the gross pension amount). Retirees whose

contributions exceed the limit will continue to pay with a personal check.

Retirees will receive a letter explaining the new withholding feature in more detail. □



A Question Of Height

Complying with proposed tall stack regulations still up in the air

A review of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's new "tall stack" regulations, published July 8, indicates that significant reductions in sulfur-dioxide-emission levels may be required at three of the AEP System's 18 coal-fired plants. These are Ohio Power Company's Kammer Plant, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's Tanners Creek Plant and Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company's Poston Plant.

However, due to ambiguities in the regulations, as well as the need for further review and interpretation, it is difficult to assess the ultimate effect of the new rules on the three plants. It is possible, with certain interpretations, that one or more of the three may be shielded from the impact of the regulations. Also, with the likelihood that the regulations will be appealed, there is the possibility that they will undergo further change in the future.

One other plant, C&SOE's Conesville Plant, may be required to make modest reductions in SO₂ emissions from its Units 5 and 6; its first four units, however, are not affected.

The AEP System's three newest coal-fired plants — Rockport, Mountaineer and Gen. James M. Gavin — are covered by the new regulations. However, it appears that they will not be affected or, if so, minimally. Rockport is jointly owned by I&M and AEP Generating Company; Mountaineer by Appalachian Power, and Gavin by Ohio Power.

All of the System's 11 other coal-fired plants are "grandfathered" under the regulations — i.e., they are exempt because they were "in existence" prior to 1971, the statutory cut-off date in the applicable section of the Clean Air Act.

Contrary to popular misconception, the new regulations do not require actual stack heights to be reduced. Rather, they invoke a legal fiction by pretending that plant stacks are shorter than they actually are and then require the refiguring of emission limits based on the fictitious lower heights.

The various state air-pollution-control agencies have until next April to adopt revised SO₂-emission limits for plants affected by the revised rules. □

Low-cost hydroelectric power: whose customers should benefit?

Five American Electric Power System companies operate 67 hydroelectric generating units at 17 dams on six rivers in five states.

The oldest, Appalachian Power Company's Reusens Dam on the James River near Lynchburg, Virginia, began operation in 1903. The newest, Ohio Power Company's Racine Dam powerhouse on the Ohio River near Racine, Ohio, started up in 1982.

The 17 hydro facilities range in generating capacity from 1,000 kilowatts (three are that size) to 565,000 kw for Appalachian Power's Smith Mountain Dam, a combination pumped-storage and run-of-the-river development on the Roanoke River southeast of Roanoke, Virginia.

The hydros have a total generating capacity of 836,000 kw (including 245,000 kw of pumped storage), or 3.7 percent of the System's total. In 1984, they generated a total of 1.4-billion kilowatt-hours of electric energy, or 1.3 percent of the System's total.

And they are covered by 12 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses — wherein lies this story.

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Five of the System's 12 hydro licenses are scheduled to expire in 1993. While that's eight years away, applications for re-licensing must be filed within the next five years — and the current regulatory climate for the re-licensing of investor-owned hydro projects is unsettled at best.

The hydros next in line for re-licensing are: APPALACHIAN POWER — Byllesby, 20,000 kw, and Buck, 10,000 kw, both on the New River (because these dams were built and are operated in tandem, they are covered by a single license); Niagara, 3,000 kw, on the Roanoke River, and the aforementioned Reusens, 12,000 kw, all in Virginia. INDIANA & MICHIGAN ELECTRIC COMPANY — Twin Branch, 3,000 kw, and Buchanan, 2,000 kw, both on the St. Joseph River but in Indiana and Michigan, respectively.

The remainder of the AEP System's hydro plants do not come up for re-licensing until the next century. Four of them, in fact, were re-licensed in recent years: Appalachian Power's 76,000-kw

Claytor Dam on the New River in Virginia, and Kanawha Valley Power Company's three hydros on the Kanawha River in West Virginia: Winfield, 19,000 kw, Marmet and London, 16,000 kw each. (Kanawha Valley Power is a subsidiary of Appalachian Power.)

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The current problem with the re-licensing procedure stems from interpretation of the federal law governing hydros (the Federal Water Power Act of 1920, which became the Federal Power Act in 1935.) The act's purpose was to promote the development and use of the electric power potential of the nation's waterways, and its Section 7 gave preference to state and municipal systems obtaining initial licenses to build hydros at undeveloped locations. In practice, however, most of the early projects, except for several large federal projects, were developed by investor-owned utilities — including predecessor companies of Appalachian Power and I&M.

When a license expires (usually after 50 years), the act calls for a comprehensive review by FERC before a new one can be issued. When there is more than one applicant, the license must be awarded to the one with the plan "best adapted" to the water resources of the region.

It was the **Bountiful** case in 1980 (involving the Weber River Hydro Project licensed to Utah Power & Light Company) that stunned the investor-owned utility industry. In that case, FERC ruled for the first time that state and municipal utilities should receive preference at re-licensing (if all other factors were equal) as well as at initial licensing. Then, in 1983, the **Merwin** case (involving Pacific Power & Light Company's Merwin Dam in Washington), FERC reversed itself and ruled that preference did not apply against the existing licensee at re-licensing.

Nonetheless, by the beginning of 1985, municipal electric systems, claiming preferred status, had filed applications involving 11 hydro projects up for re-licensing. By 1994, a total of 177 — out of the 366 licenses held by investor-owned utilities — will have come up for re-licensing.

Thus, the issue is now in litigation, and clarifying legislation is before the Congress. The AEP System and other in-

vestor-owned utilities are supporting two bills in the 99th Congress, which they trust will resolve the problem.

One bill (S. 426), introduced in the Senate by Senator Malcolm Wallop (R.-Wyo.), has 30 other sponsors. The other (H. R. 44), introduced in the House by Rep. Richard Shelby (D.-Ala.), has 166 other sponsors, including seven from the AEP System service area: INDIANA — Dan R. Coats (R., Fort Wayne); OHIO — Bob McEwen (R., Hillsboro), Clarence Miller (R., Lancaster), Michael Oxley (R., Findlay) and Ralph Regula (R., Navarre), and WEST VIRGINIA — Allan B. Mollohan (D., Fairmont) and Nick J. Rahall II (D., Beckley).

Both bills would require that (a) a re-licensing decision be based on merit and (b) an existing licensee not be deprived of a project it had built and owns unless it is shown that it had failed to operate the project properly or unless a competitor had a better plan. The bills further provide that, if the existing licensee does not receive a new license, it be paid just compensation based on the project's current value. Since the present law provides that compensation be based on depreciated book value with respect to the original cost of a project, usually 50 or more years old, some municipalities have found very attractive the chance to buy an investor-owned hydro project at a bargain-basement price.

Although there is widespread support for the position of the investor-owned utilities, public power interests also have introduced bills in the Congress, and a legislative battle is expected. The Edison Electric Institute is spearheading the investor-owned utilities' effort and is backed by business groups, unions, consumer groups and a number of state public service commissions. Such support is based on their belief that the benefits of low-cost hydroelectric power should continue to be reflected in lower rates for the many customers of the utilities that built the projects and, on the other hand, that the project should not unfairly be taken at bargain prices — through a quirk of the law — for the benefit of the relatively few customers served by municipalities. □

Volunteer for Literacy

A recent article in the Huntington Herald Dispatch pointed out that illiteracy is a problem which may affect between 20 and 25 percent of West Virginia's population. According to the 1980 census, more than half a million West Virginians who are 18 years old or older have completed less than 12 years of schooling and more than 300,000 West Virginians 25 years old or older have completed 8 years of schooling or less. The majority of these people are considered functionally illiterate.

According to Jo Ann King, functional illiteracy is not having enough reading and writing skills to be able to exist in one's own culture. The wife of Huntington Personnel Supervisor Bob King, Jo Ann is waging a small but effective battle against the problem by serving as a volunteer tutor with the Tri-State Literacy Council.

She explains, "I signed up for a 10-hour training course after seeing an advertisement in the local paper. Most people are amazed to learn that there are so many people who can't read. There are about 100 tutors in the tri-state area, and there is a waiting list of prospective students.

"Normally there is one student per tutor; but, when I went to my student's home, her sister wanted to learn, too, so I took her also. We meet twice a week for three hours — an hour and a half for each person."

Jo Ann continues, "One sister completed the eighth grade; I'm not sure how far the other one went in school. They could read very simple words but they wanted to learn how to pronounce the big words. After I got into teaching, I found there are a lot of other things they don't know. One of them doesn't know the alphabet, the months of the year, or how to tell time. Even at that, my students are a little more advanced than some. Some students don't know even how to hold a pencil or form a letter.

"We are supposed to get into cursive writing, too. And I've even taught a little math because one didn't know anything about that. Just simple little things that we



Jo Ann King demonstrates the method she uses to teach illiterates to read. The situation is simulated to protect the anonymity of her students.

take for granted, like reading a grocery ad, store signs, or filling out forms, they couldn't do."

Jo Ann adds, "I really didn't know what to expect when I signed up as a volunteer. I didn't realize the level of poverty I would be working in. The circumstances where I teach are such that I never know what to expect. We have our good days and our bad days. Some teachers use the public library, which is a better environment. But one of my ladies has a small child, and she couldn't get a baby sitter so I just go into the home.

"Some things I teach them they don't remember, and this is frustrating. But they are eager to learn, and that is encouraging. They are reading better now, but they still have a long way to go. There are four books in the program; and, when those are completed, the students are supposed to be on a fifth grade reading level."

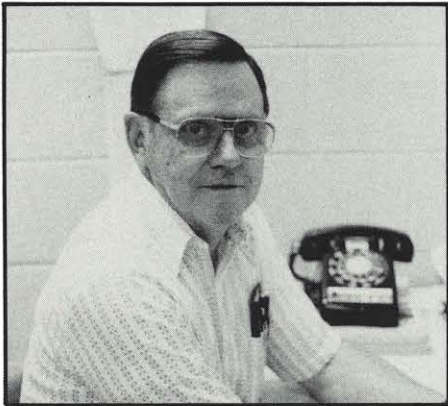
The teaching material used was devel-

oped by the late Frank C. Laubach, a literacy pioneer who carried the slogan "Each One Teach One" into 100 nations. He founded Laubach Literacy International, which conducts literacy programs in the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Near East, and India.

Jo Ann notes that the literature for the program costs \$26, and the students are supposed to pay for it if they can. "There are no fund raising efforts by the Literacy Council, and we don't get too much financial support. All our work, of course, is volunteer. Instructors are desperately needed, especially for the rural areas."

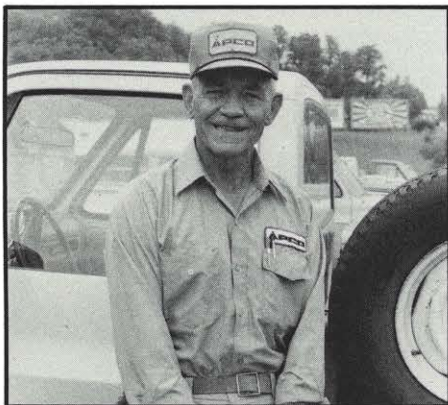
She concludes, "I may need a little rest when I finish with these students, but I probably will get back into teaching. Just knowing that there is a waiting list of people who want to learn to read makes me want to continue as a volunteer. Bob has been very supportive of my work and gives me a boost when I get discouraged."

Retirements



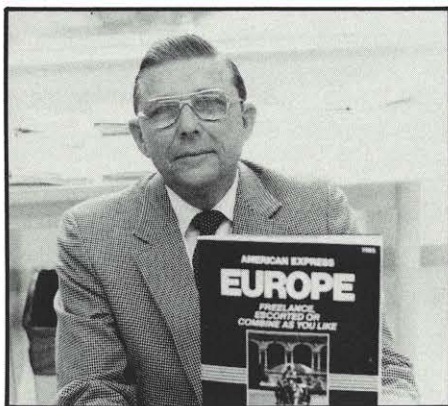
"The only way to keep stepping up was to keep moving," recalls **Willie Grubb** about his early days with the power company. Starting as a junior bookkeeper for AEP Construction in 1957, he worked at the Clinch River, Mitchell, and John Amos Plants. In 1970 he transferred from Construction to Operations and was Amos stores coordinator at the time of his retirement on August 1. "We plan to sell our property at Eleanor, West Virginia," Willie relates, "and move back to Abingdon, Virginia, where we own a

farm. But I'm going to have to remodel the house there before we move in so that will occupy a lot of my time for a while. I plan on doing a lot of fishing and want to visit the kids quite a bit. They are scattered all over the country." The Grubbs have two sons, three daughters, and eight granddaughters, including two sets of twins. One of Willie's hobbies is woodworking, and he has made numerous items for his family. "I've made sets of play furniture for my two youngest granddaughters," he notes. □



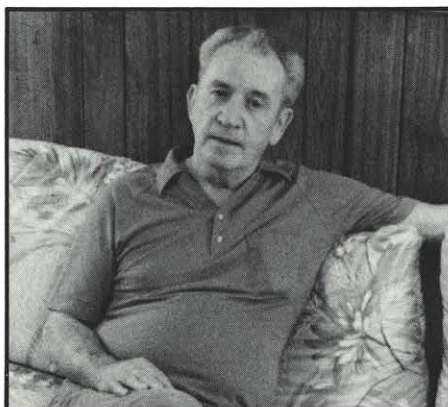
"The power company has been my life," claims **Harry Smith**. "I started working for Appalachian when I was in high school, cutting right of way in the summertime. After serving three years in the Marine Corps during World War II, I went to work in 1946 as a groundman and have been here ever since — except for one year's active duty during the Korean War." Harry was a meter reader in the Tazewell area of Bluefield Division before retiring on August 1. He continues, "I have enjoyed being out with the custo-

mers, and that is what I will miss the most, outside of my co-workers. But this last winter was so bad that I made up my mind I was going to retire. I'm looking forward to sitting inside this winter, looking out." Harry adds, "I traveled all day long on my job, so I'm going to do very little traveling in retirement. But I'd go hungry for fishing so I expect to do a lot of that. I also like to garden and attend sports events." He is a member of the Tazewell County Sportsman's Club. □



"It is great to have a second chance," states Charleston Personnel Supervisor **John Frazier**, who retired August 1. "I worked for Appalachian between '39 and '42 and left. I was reemployed by the power company in '46, for which I always have been grateful." John served in the Army during World War II and received two decorations: the Bronze Star and British Empire Medal. He adds, "I've always been proud of winning third place in the AEP **Operating Ideas** competition several years ago. So many nice

things have happened to me, but the nicest thing in the power company was meeting a young secretary. On August 6 we will be married 37 years." John concludes, "The only definite plan we have at the moment is to take advantage of the wonderful trip that was presented to us by our two daughters: a 15-day all-expense-paid trip to 7 European countries. I know I will miss my association with all my friends not only in Charleston but other divisions." □

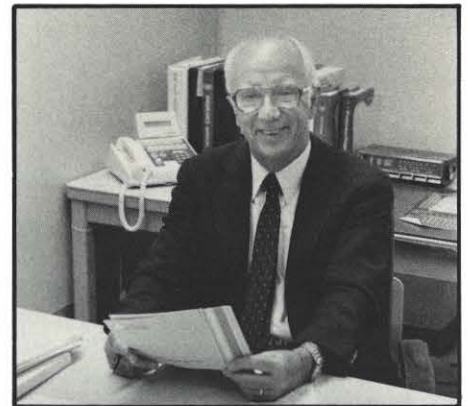


"It has been an exciting career, but 33 years of swing shift were enough for me," claims **Walt Gilmore**, who elected early retirement on June 1. He was employed in 1952 as a utility operator at the Radford Army Ammunition Steam Plant and transferred to Clinch River in 1958 as a boiler operator C. He was promoted to shift operating engineer in 1980 and held that position until retirement. "There was a lot to learn, going from a small plant to a large one," Walt recalls. "I was at Clinch when the first fires were put in the boiler. Just about

everything that could happen at a power plant I have been involved in." Walt grew up near Christiansburg and, in anticipation of retirement, bought a home there last year. The Gilmores' plans include some travel — possibly a cruise down the Mississippi River, something Ellen's always wanted to do, and a visit to John Kennedy's grave in Arlington Cemetery because Walt loves history. Walt served in the Navy during World War II, and his tour of duty included 7 months in Russia. □

"I started out with the company when I was 19, and I have certainly enjoyed my long career," claims Roanoke Division Personnel Supervisor **Ira Peters**, who retired August 1. "One of the highlights was my close association with employees, first in their selection and hiring, then watching them progress, and finally in handling retirement details. There has been a continual upgrading in our benefits as well as our methods and procedures." Ira continues, "For the next three years I will be spending 20 percent

of my time as national coordinator of a stewardship education program for the Church of the Brethren. But I still plan to stay active in local affairs." He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Valley and a past Lt. governor of the 2nd Division of the Capitol District of Kiwanis. He is also on the boards of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Roanoke Valley and the Pastoral Counseling Center of Roanoke Valley. "Doris and I plan to play golf and perhaps take a trip abroad next year." □



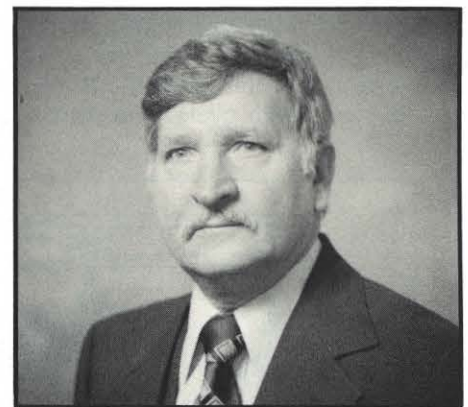
When **Paul Dunn** says he is going home to 'Retirement' he means it literally. Paul's 178-year-old home in Abingdon was named 'Retirement' by its builder, Captain Robert Craig, in 1808. Paul began his utility career in 1948 as a clerk in Abingdon. After a short time in the then Commercial Department, he was made an administrative assistant. He was promoted to area development consultant in 1969 and, in 1977, transferred to GO Land Management, Roanoke, as property representative. He held this position until retirement on August 1.

Paul helped purchase, and then resell, land connected with the company's ill-fated Blue Ridge Project. "I completed 37 years with a clean safety record," he says — no small accomplishment for a person who drove over 2,000 miles per month. He adds, "If I want another career, I have my Virginia real estate license. I expect to help my wife Rose, who has an antique shop in former slave quarters on our property. My hobbies are golfing, fishing, and entertaining my grandson." □



"What I enjoyed the most was my association with employees, particularly the people in the accounting office," claims **Bill Lindamood**. "It just isn't recognized what a job the accounting people do. They are up front with the public and are the only contact most customers have with the company." Bill was customer accounting supervisor nonexempt in the Gate City area of Abingdon Division before electing early retirement on July

1. He began his career in 1945 as a clerk intermediate. "I worked for the late Joe P. Gills, who was then manager of the old Bluefield-Clinch Valley District. In 1948, the late Charlie Wagner and I opened the Clintwood office, and the following year I helped open the Gate City office." Bill concludes, "I'm glad I have been a part of Appalachian. I wish all my friends the most of the best." □



Zimmer: conversion

For the past year, since August 1984, the AEP Service Corporation has been performing the preliminary work to convert the William H. Zimmer Plant from its initial design as a nuclear station to a 1.3-million-kilowatt coal-fired plant.

The plant's three owners — The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company and the AEP System's Columbus and Southern Electric Company — last August selected the Service Corporation to manage the licensing, engineering, design, construction and start-up of the converted plant. Their objective is to duplicate to the extent practicable the design of the AEP System's own series of six 1.3-million-kw generating units.

Zimmer's existing generating equipment is uniquely suited for conversion to a conventional 1.3-million-kw steam cycle. The plant's

low-pressure turbine and generator match the low-pressure cycle on the existing 1.3-million-kw units. Thus, Zimmer can be converted to burn coal by adding a coal-fired steam generator (boiler), high-pressure and intermediate-pressure topping turbines identical to those on the existing AEP System units, as well as a new generator. The accompanying diagram shows the steam cycle for the converted plant, including both the new equipment and the existing equipment that will be used.

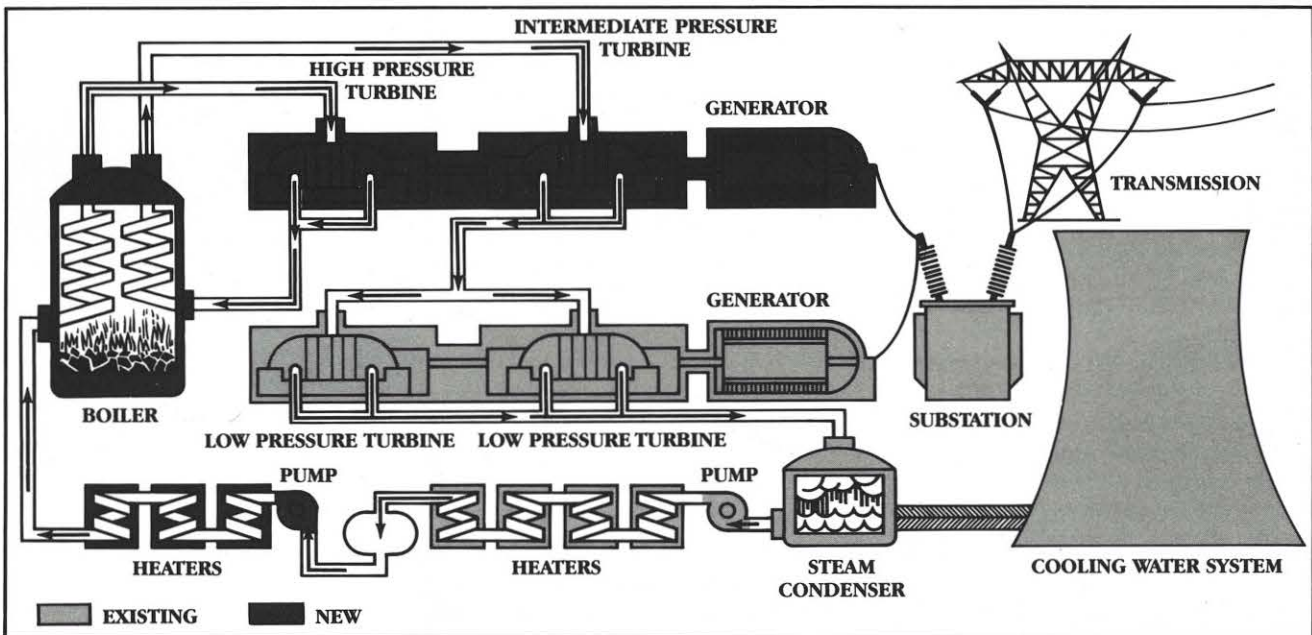
Electricity from Zimmer will be needed to meet the electric energy needs of the three companies' customers by the time the plant is completed, projected for 1991. Even with the modest rate of growth (now forecast at 2 percent to 3 percent per year) in electricity demand anticipated by the companies, generating reserve margins for all three are expected to

be below 10 percent by 1991 without Zimmer.

("Reserve margin" is the difference between the amount of energy a company is capable of providing and its highest, or peak, demand for energy. Reserve margins of 20 to 25 percent are usually considered adequate in the utility industry to ensure system reliability.)

By converting Zimmer and using an existing plant site and transmission lines, the companies eliminate the added cost and environmental impact of developing a new plant site and building new transmission lines.

The majority of the work conducted to date includes the preparation of information for the necessary environmental permits, engineering studies to determine equipment size and location, and the development of an overall project schedule and cost budget. More than 20



Steam cycle for the converted Zimmer Plant.

from nuclear to coal

permits must be applied for and received from federal, state and local authorities. In preparation for such applications, the companies have initiated studies to collect data about present environmental conditions around the plant site.

A meteorological and ambient air-monitoring network began collecting data on August 1, 1984. When one year of data is collected, it will be analyzed by an independent consultant, Enviroplan, to determine the air-quality impact of a coal-fired Zimmer plant, using mathematical prediction modeling techniques. This information will be incorporated in a permit application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

A variety of water-related studies have been, or will be, conducted to measure current water-quality conditions near the site. WAPORA, Inc. has performed a terrestrial and aquatic sampling study to document fish and plant species in the area, and Battelle Memorial Institute has studied a mussel bed near the site. Both reports are now being analyzed.

Also, the AEP Service Corporation has completed a hydro-logic backwater analysis to determine the effect of the conversion on the flow of the Ohio River during high-water conditions.

The primary step in the licensing process is obtaining a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Toward this end, the owners have retained Dames & Moore, another independent consultant, to analyze all environmental studies conducted for the project. Dames & Moore will then prepare an environmental information report that will be submitted to the Corps of Engineers. This report, as well as input from the public, will be used by the

Corps to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS). The draft will cover a variety of subjects, including air and water quality, solid waste disposal, socio-economics, construction and operation of the plant, alternatives and the need for power.

Based on current schedules, the Corps proposes to issue its draft EIS for public review next May. Following such review, the Corps will issue a final environmental impact statement, which will identify the anticipated effects the project will have on the environment.

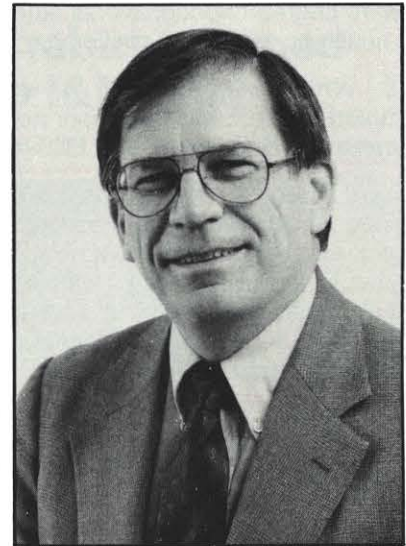
Major construction is expected to begin in early 1987, after all permits required prior to construction are received. Construction is expected to take place between 1987 and 1991, with the peak construction period in 1989.

It is estimated that as many as 2,000 workers may be employed at Zimmer during the peak period. Total construction payroll could reach \$300 million.

An estimated 350 people will be employed at the plant when it is operating, with an annual payroll of more than \$15 million.

Because Zimmer will be equipped with state-of-the-art environmental-control features, including both scrubbers and precipitators, it will be able to burn approximately 3.5-million tons of high-sulfur coal a year. This could result in more than 1,500 Ohio coal-mining jobs.

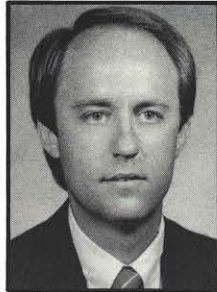
The coal-fired Zimmer Plant will be one of the most efficient and lowest-operating-cost plants operated by the three owner companies. It will give customers further assurance of an adequate and reliable power supply and, at the same time, decrease dependence on older, often less economical plants. □



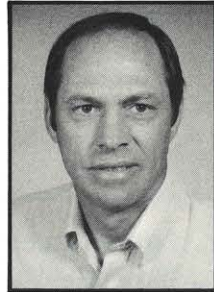
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Promotions

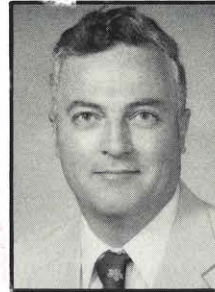
Dave Martin, personnel assistant at Mountaineer Plant, was promoted to personnel supervisor at Central Machine Shop on July 1. He holds an associate degree in mechanical engineering technology and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the West Virginia Institute of Technology and a masters degree in occupational safety and health from Marshall University.



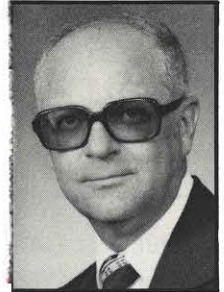
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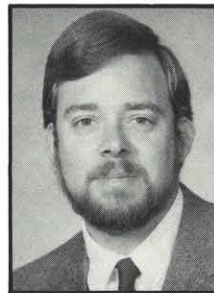
Goforth

A. S. Whitt, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor non-exempt in Huntington on June 15.

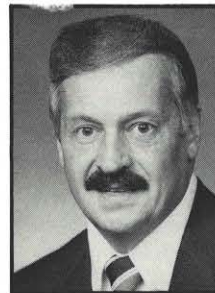
Richard J. Street, Jr., Pulaski electrical engineer senior, was promoted to distribution staff engineer, GO T&D Administrative, Roanoke, on July 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



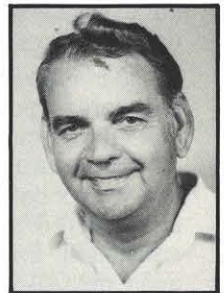
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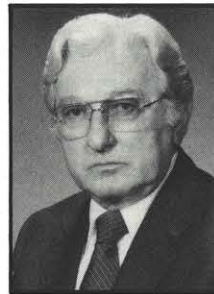
H. T. Goforth, Jr., right of way agent senior, was promoted to building supervisor in Bluefield on July 1.

Dianna N. Bishop, Roanoke customer accounts representative B, was promoted to customer accounting supervisor nonexempt in the Oak Hill area of Beckley Division on August 3. She attended Wytheville Community College.

Paul J. Kehrer was promoted from communications engineer to communications engineer senior, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke, on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



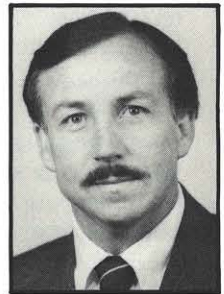
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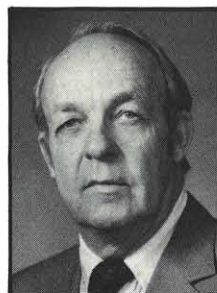
Ratcliff

Harold Lanter, engineering technologist, was promoted to engineering technologist supervisor in Bluefield on July 1. He holds an associate in science degree in electronics from Bluefield State College.

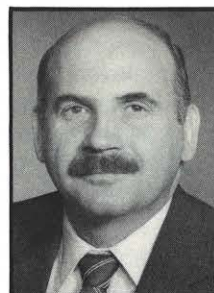
R. E. Dennis, line crew supervisor, was promoted to general line crew supervisor in Roanoke on July 1.

Alex Yazdani, engineering technologist supervisor, was promoted to electrical engineer senior in Bluefield on July 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

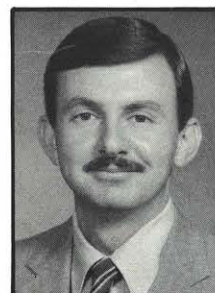
James Nickels, Jr., was promoted from right of way and maintenance inspector to line construction and maintenance



Kinzer



Parker



Crawford

representative in Kingsport on June 1.

Delta Purky, customer accounts representative B, was promoted to customer accounting supervisor nonexempt in the Gate City area of Abingdon Division on June 29. She holds an associate in science degree in business administration from Mt. Empire Community College.

Martin L. Ratcliff, Bluefield marketing and customer services supervisor, has

been named marketing and customer services manager, GO Marketing and Customer Services, Roanoke, effective September 1. He attended Virginia Western Community College and Bluefield State College and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration through International Correspondence Schools. He has also attended the American Electric Power System Management Program at the Ohio State

University Graduate School of Business Administration.

Charles Kinzer, engineering technician nonexempt, was promoted to engineering technologist exempt in Bluefield on July 1. He attended West Virginia Wesleyan.

Gordon R. Parker, building supervisor, was promoted to the newly created position of GO building maintenance superintendent, GO General Services, Roanoke, on August 1.

William S. Crawford, Jr., meter reading supervisor, GO Marketing and Customer Services, Roanoke, was promoted to Lynchburg office supervisor on August 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Jimmie P. Surface, relay specialist, was promoted to relay specialist senior, GO T&D Station, Bluefield, on May 1. He holds an associate in applied science degree in electrical technology from Bluefield State College.

Steven H. Ferguson, statistical analyst, was promoted to allocation analyst. GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, on May 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in math from Radford University.

Beckley

Loretta Pryor from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B.

Bluefield

Bob Edwards from engineering technician to engineering technician senior.

Tony Mitchell from surveyor assistant to engineering technician assistant.

Doug Hoosier from tracer to engineering technician.

Tim Ratliff from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Grundy.

Gary Stiltner from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Grundy.

Charleston

Robert Wilson from station mechanic C to station mechanic B.

Dennis Blake from line mechanic A to area servicer, St. Albans.

Calvin Woods from meter electrician D to meter electrician C.

Kim Booher from cashier B to cashier A.

Melinda Chandler from junior clerk to meter reader.

Pat Kugler from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

Arlen Breeden from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, St. Albans.

General Office

David Baumgardner, Jr., from transmission station mechanic B to transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

Gary Johnson from hydro mechanic D to hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Claytor.

Glen Adams from transmission station mechanic B to transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Charleston.

Charles Gross, Jr., from transmission station mechanic D to transmission station mechanic C, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

Michael Connor from transmission station mechanic D to transmission station mechanic C, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

Robert Stover from transmission station mechanic B to transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Charleston.

James A. Wheeler from engineering technologist to distribution coordinator, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

Linda Shepherd from equipment operator B to equipment operator A.

Randall Rose from equipment operator C to equipment operator B.

Gregory Lee from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

Huntington

Pamela Otworth from junior clerk to T&D clerk C.

Robert Walters from engineering technician to engineering technician senior.

Kanawha River

L. K. Settle from utility worker A to coal handler.

Kingsport

Roy Kern from line mechanic A to engineering technician.

Lynchburg

Fred Bryant, Jr., from tracer to engineering technician assistant.

Pulaski

Pam Hayes from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B.

Roanoke

Randy Dudding from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Mike Price from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

Ike Spangler from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

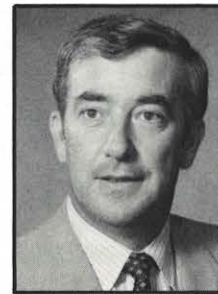
Philip Sporn

Henry Johnson from equipment operator C to equipment operator B.

Marvin Friend from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A. □

Crabtree named to I&M post

David H. Crabtree, marketing and customer services manager for Appalachian Power, has been named marketing and customer services director for Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. He will succeed Jim Hughes, who has elected early retirement effective September 1.



A native of Smyth County, Virginia, Crabtree holds a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering and a masters degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has attended the American Electric Power System Management Program at Ohio State University.

Crabtree began his utility career in 1968 as an agricultural sales engineer in Pulaski. He was named heating and builder sales representative in 1972 and transferred to the Roanoke General Office in 1973 as administrative assistant-area development. He was promoted to environmental engineer in 1975, employee relations administrator in 1977, employee benefits administrator in 1978, and customer services coordinator in 1980. He was named Bluefield customer services supervisor in 1981 and returned to Roanoke General Office in 1982 as marketing and customer services manager. □

Who's News

Central Machine

Tammy Renee, daughter of James Turley, semi-tractor trailer driver, received a certificate of outstanding achievement from the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States for outstanding performance in the 1984-85 Planters-AAU Physical Fitness Program. Only ten students at Ordnance Elementary in Point Pleasant received this award. Tammy was outstanding in all categories, including boy's pushups, girl's pushups, situps, three-quarter mile run, and standing broad jump.

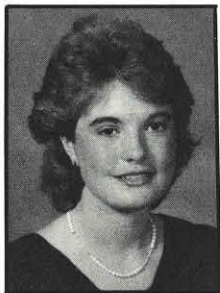
Steve, husband of Debra Caldwell, personnel clerk B, was named the 1984-85 West Virginia high school track coach of the year by the West Virginia Athletic Coaches Association. The award was presented at halftime during the North-South All-Star football classic at Charleston last month. Steve is a teacher and coach at Dunbar High School.

Vicki Lynn, a sixth grader at Arnoldsburg Elementary School, won first place in the school and Calhoun County Social Studies Fair with her project on "The Mind Benders." Vicki explained the different types of drugs and their effects as well as the penalties of being arrested for the possession and sale of drugs. She also attended the West Virginia Social Studies Fair at Marshall University. Vicki won first place in the school and second place in the county writing fair. She is the daughter of Loren Price, semi tractor-trailer driver. □

Abingdon

Cathy Cook represented Lions District 24-F in the vocal division of the Bland music scholarship competition and received a cash award as a finalist in state competition. She earlier had placed first in both county and district contests.

Cathy also received a 4-H Congress scholarship in public speaking after winning first place in both county and district competition. She received a first



place speech award in state competition at the 4-H Congress. Cathy is the daughter of J. L. Cook, station mechanic A.

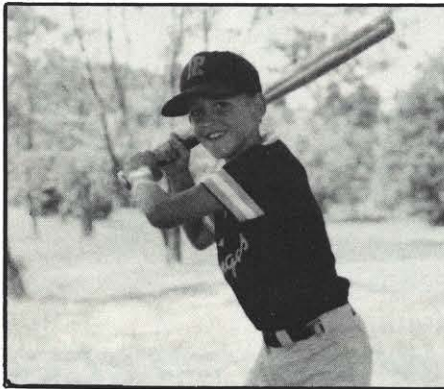
C. V. Talley, Marion area supervisor, has been installed as third vice president of the Marion Lions Club.

R. L. Puckett, Lebanon driver-ground worker, has been selected as a trustee for the Lebanon VFW Post 9864.

Brian, son of F. A. Hicks, meter electrician A, was named to the All-Southwest District baseball team. He plays second base for the Abingdon High School Falcons.

H. W. Clark, Jr., Lebanon meter reader, recorded his first hole-in-one while practicing for the July 4th Husband-Wife Golf Tournament at Lake Bonaventure Country Club. □

General Office



Stephen, son of Rodney Black, tax accounting special clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was voted to the Rookie League All Star team of the North Roanoke Recreation Club for the second consecutive year. Stephen plays first base and pitches for the North Roanoke Rangers, and Rodney serves as head coach. In last year's competition, Stephen pitched a complete game with 12 strikeouts, walking only 3. Stephen also received a perfect attendance award at Burlington Elementary School.

Dave Akers, engineer B, GO T&D Communications, Abingdon, has been elected president of the Glade Spring/Meadowview Elementary School Band Boosters.

Hank Sullivan, programs manager, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, has been named to the campaign cabinet of the United

Way of Roanoke Valley 1985 fall fundraising effort. He will chair a division that represents more than 1,000 firms with fewer than 100 employees each.

Deborah Divers, secretary-stenographer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke, has been elected president of the Alpha Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for 1985-86. □

Kingsport

Misty, daughter of Bill Pyle, line mechanic A, received several school awards: girl's citizenship, perfect attendance, challenge award for extra-curricular work, and a gold seal for being on the honor roll the entire school year. She also won second place in the frisbee throw during field day events.

The children of Gary Williams, line mechanic A, have received several school honors. **John** placed second in the science fair and received a perfect attendance award. **Sheri** received a citizenship award and honor roll certificate, and she also won first place in the 50-yard dash and second place in rope jump during field day exercises. **Amy** is the recipient of a citizenship award from her kindergarten class.

Tonya, daughter of J. T. Bruner, Jr., line mechanic B, received several awards in the Miss Ridgecrest Manor Beauty Pageant: first runner-up, winner of the 9-12 age group talent contest, winner of overall talent award for all age groups, and winner of "queen of queens." She also won the "Little Miss St. Jude" benefit pageant. At Church Hill Middle School, Tonya won the fifth grade 4-H talent competition and won the fifth and sixth grade talent contest in county-wide competition. □

Pulaski

Keith, son of Jean Curtis, Christiansburg customer accounts representative C, won seven awards in year-end ceremonies at Christiansburg Middle School. He received two in mathematics, two in science, a Latin award, perfect attendance award, and the Presidential Academic Fitness Award.

Gary Whitaker has been named vice president-finishing in the manufacturing division of Springs Industries. He is the son of Retiree Dorothy Whitaker.

Bill Mashburn, Jr., Galax marketing and customer services advisor, was elected vice president of the Galax Jaycees.

J. R. Coleman, son of Kathe Buchanan, Pearisburg marketing and customer services advisor, received several honors in year-end ceremonies at King Johnston Middle School. He was voted most reliable and most talented by fellow classmates and was recognized by the faculty for his prize-winning cover design for this year's Autograph Books. He also received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award and social studies, spelling and perfect attendance awards. J. R. received a special award for his fund-raising efforts for Ethiopian famine victims by participating in a scholastic trivia contest, answering 19 out of 20 questions on geography correctly. □

Bluefield

Tim Glover, surveyor assistant, has been elected a state director of the Princeton Jaycees.

Robbie, son of Bob Edwards, engineering technician senior, has been selected as a national leadership and service award winner and will have his biography printed in the 1985 United States Achievement Academy National Awards Yearbook.



Other awards Robert received this past school year are: Woodmen of the World history award; honor roll certificate for maintaining a 4.0 grade average; DAR American history award; the President's Academic Fitness award; and American Legion Award for scholastic, leadership and citizenship. He is a rising tenth grader at Princeton High. □

Roanoke

Steven, son of Sam Williams, Jr., T&D clerk on LTD leave, has been named a 1985 United States National Award winner in basketball by the United States Achievement Academy. The Academy recognizes less than ten percent of all American high school students. Steven is a graduate of Patrick Henry High School, where he played JV and varsity

basketball. He was named to the honorable mention all-metro team this year and was runner-up in the Knights of Columbus one-on-one tournament. □

Kanawha River

During Kanawha County preliminaries of the Hershey Track and Field, **Robert Saunders** took first place in the standing long jump with 7'8¾" and first place in the 4 x 100 meter dash. A member of the Grant Park Playground team,



Robert is the son of Glorinda Rhem, plant clerk A. □

Lynchburg

New officers of the American Legion Post 16, Lynchburg, include **W. Laybon Booth, Jr.**, retired electrical engineer senior, first vice commander; and

Herbert M. Figg, Jr., marketing and customer services supervisor, and **William A. Robertson**, station mechanic A, members of the Post executive committee. American Legion Post 16 is the largest in the Commonwealth of Virginia with 1,600 members.

J. Robert Davenport, division manager, has been elected chairman of the Industrial Development Authority of Lynchburg for 1985-86. The authority was organized to assist industry in obtaining tax-free financing and to ensure that adequate



industrial sites are available. Davenport was also elected treasurer of the board of trustees for Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Jerome, son of Ami Watson, customer accounts representative A, has been selected for national honorary award recognition in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." He is a rising senior at Heritage High School. □

AEP Lab team wins tourney



The Chemical Waste team was the winner of the Huntington Division Bowling League for the 1984-85 season. Team members are, l. to r., Frank Chapman, retired Huntington head custodian; Jim Michnowicz, husband of Tera Michnowicz, general lab supervising technician, AEP Lab; Jackie Bechtle, associate chemist, AEP Lab; Tim Arnold, associate chemist, AEP Lab; and Lannie Rowe, chemist, AEP Lab. The Breakers team was runner-up.

Pulaski golf tournament winners



The annual Pulaski Division Golf Tournament was held at Round Meadow Country Club, Christiansburg. Members of the winning team are, l. to r., Chester Robinson, Galax meter reader; Bill Akers, Hillsville line mechanic A; Don Pratt, Pulaski engineering technologist; and Ray Lester, Christiansburg retiree.

Kegley earns CPS designation



Kegley

Linda Kegley, Abingdon customer services clerk B, has earned the designation of Certified Professional Secretary (CPS), one of the highest honors available in the secretarial profession. She is one of eight women in Appalachian Power to achieve this honor and the first one in Abingdon Division.

To become a CPS, secretaries must meet educational and work experience

requirements as well as pass a two-day written examination covering six major areas of secretarial skills: business law, economics and management, accounting, office administration and communications, office technology and behavioral science in business. Linda passed the exam on her first attempt, a feat accomplished by only a small percentage of applicants. Nationally, only one in four people pass the exam.

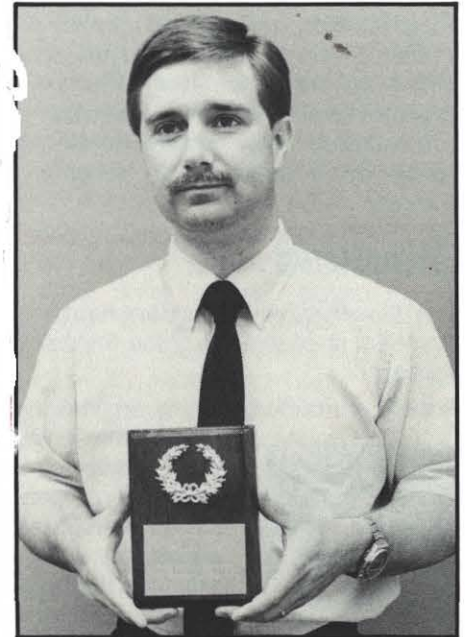
Linda holds an associate in applied science in secretarial science from Southwest Virginia Community College. She is a charter member and past president of the Washington County Chapter of Professional Secretaries International. In 1983, she was chosen as the chapter's secretary of the year.

Recognizing the need for continuing education and self improvement to keep pace with a changing business world, Linda felt that the CPS rating was an attainable goal that would provide benefits both personally and professional. "I knew it would take a lot of hard work," she says, "but I was determined to meet the challenge." □

Charleston



Cal Carlini, division manager, has been elected president of the West Virginia State College Foundation.



Danny Ellars, marketing and customer services advisor, was presented the Founders Award by the West Virginia Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning Association at its annual convention. □

**Class of
1985**



Eric Perry, son of Nolan Perry, Kanawha River Plant shift operating engineer, doctor of veterinary medicine, University of Georgia. □

Friends We'll Miss

Logan-Williamson

Army Capt. **Bruce Akers** has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal at Fort Bragg, N. C. The medal is awarded specifically for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement or service to the United States. The son of Williamson Area Servicer Jerry Akers, Bruce is an equal opportunity staff officer with the 82nd Airborne Division. □

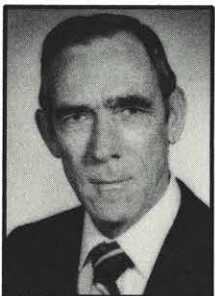
Philip Sporn

Norma Jean Hysell, who graduated from Virginia Bible School in Point Pleasant, was awarded an \$800 nursing scholarship from the Veterans Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, Pomeroy, Ohio. She has been a candy stripper for three years. Norma Jean also received the Robert C. Byrd scholastic recognition award, consisting of a U. S. savings bond and certificate, for having the highest scholastic average in her graduating class. She was also nominated for honorary award recognition and had her biography published in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Norma Jean is the daughter of Norman Hysell, maintenance mechanic A. □



Perkey retires from Naval Reserve

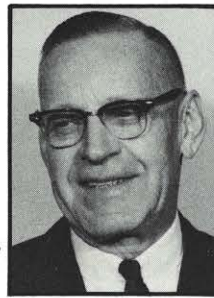
Lawrence E. Perkey, Huntington line crew supervisor exempt, has retired from the United States Naval Reserve as chief construction electrician.



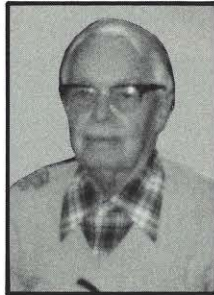
Perkey's 31½-year Naval career included six years of active duty. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and in the Vietnam War. □



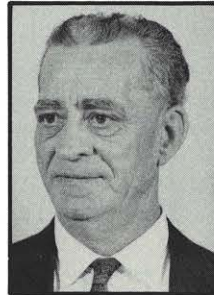
Fulcher



Dent



Burdette



Humphreys

Leonard A. Fulcher, 82, retired Roanoke dealer sales coordinator, died June 21. A native of Albemarle County, Virginia, he was employed in 1928 as a meter reader and retired November 1, 1967. Fulcher is survived by his widow Bernice, 2325 Carter Road, Roanoke, Virginia; two sons; one sister; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert J. Dent, 78, retired Cabin Creek Plant maintenance man, died July 8. A native of Winfield, West Virginia, he was employed in 1942 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant and retired July 1, 1971. Dent is survived by his widow Nellie, 315 — 95th Street, Marmet, West Virginia; two daughters; and one grandchild.

Mark L. Burdette, 86, retired head operating ledger section, GO Accounting, Roanoke, died July 1. A native of Wood County, West Virginia, he was employed in 1925 as a clerk in Charleston and retired May 1, 1964. Burdette is survived by his widow Virginia, 1617 Cliff View Drive, Salem, Virginia.

Ezra A. Humphreys, 78, retired Charleston general serviceman, died July 15. A native of Sissonville, West Virginia, he began his career in 1928 as a groundman and retired September 1, 1968. Humphreys is survived by two daughters and six grandchildren.

John Randolph Tuggle, 70, retired transmission inspector, GO T&D Transmission, died July 20. A native of Bland County, Virginia, he joined Appalachian in 1947 as a system groundman B and retired August 1, 1979. Tuggle is survived by his widow, Martha, P. O. Box 14, Rocky Gap, Virginia. □

Gene Gillock, APCo vice president, dies

Gene M. Gillock, vice president-operations of Appalachian Power, died July 8 after an extended illness.



A native of Roanoke, Virginia, he held a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic

Institute and State University, where he participated in the Cooperative Engineering Program. He also attended the American Electric Power System management and advanced management programs at the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's program for senior executives.

Gillock began his career in 1959 as system operating engineer in Roanoke. He was named system assistant chief operating coordinator in 1964 and system chief operating coordinator two years later. He became operations engineering supervisor in 1968, system operations manager in 1977, and transmission and distribution manager in 1979. He was elected vice president-operations effective August 1, 1982. He also was a member of the board of directors of American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Gillock is survived by his widow Pat, 2222 Cantle Lane, Roanoke, Virginia; two sons; his parents; and four brothers. □

Weddings



Burton-Farmer



Bush-King



Hess-Romans



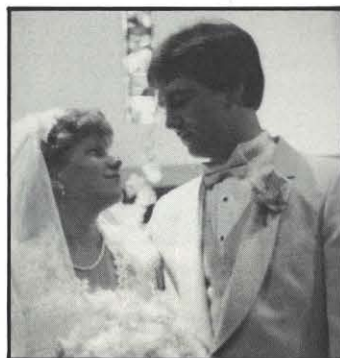
Farmer-Tweedy



Rhem-Saunders



Jeffries-Weddle



Stewart-Crewey



Blessing-Bennett



Boles-Scruggs



Durland-LaGrow

Deborah Denise Bennett to **Jerry Alan Blessing**, Bluefield station mechanic B, June 1.

Patricia Scruggs to **Mark S. Boles**, hydro mechanic B, GO Hydro, Roanoke, June 8.

Laura Jean LaGrow to John Marion Durland, June 22. Laura is the daughter of Cliff LaGrow, regulatory and statistical records supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Martha Simms, Philip Sporn plant clerk C, to Dwayne Kuhn, June 8.

Coraletta Woolcock to **Earl E. Henry, Jr.**, Philip Sporn outage coordinator, June 28. □

Nancy Kay Farmer to Timothy Frank Burton, June 22. Nancy is the daughter of Jim Farmer, Jr., customer accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Deborah Jean King to Joseph Dwayne Bush, July 19. Deborah is the daughter of Ruby D. King, Central Machine Shop junior clerk.

Alice Yvonne Romans to Gregory James Hess, May 11. Alice is the daughter of Haney F. Romans, Huntington T&D clerk B.

Elizabeth Carter Tweedy to **William Steven Farmer**, June 22. William is the son of William C. Farmer, Lynchburg engineering technician senior.

Gloria J. Saunders, Kanawha River plant clerk B, to Willie D. Rhem, July 8.

Patricia Weddle, junior clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to Johnnie William Jeffries, June 15.

Lois Elaine Crewey to Gregory Gene Stewart, May 25. Lois is the daughter of Thomas E. Crewey, assistant plant manager-operations superintendent of Glen Lyn Plant.

Married 65 years



Karl and Minnie Evans celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary with a reception and dinner hosted by the W. S. Hall Sunday School Class at the East Bank Methodist Church. Karl retired from Cabin Creek Plant as chief plant dispatcher. The Evanses had two daughters, both deceased. They also have six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Sixtieth anniversary



Chet Talley, retired Charleston district manager, and his wife Alice recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. They reside at 2157 Imperial Point Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Wed 50 years



James and Vada Crump observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 2 with a reception given by their two daughters. Jim is a retired line foreman in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division.

Golden anniversary



Claud and Lura Fulcher celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception given by their children and grandchildren at the East River Ruritan Building on June 30. Claud is a retired maintenance helper at Glen Lyn Plant. The Fulchers have two daughters and four grandchildren. Their daughter, Dorothy, is the wife of Walter Wade, maintenance mechanic A at Glen Lyn.

Births

Abingdon

David Albert, son of Dan Drayer, electrical engineer, July 1.

John Tyler, son of Johnny Vencill, Lebanon area T&D clerk B, July 3.

James Ryland, son of Ryland Jennings, Gate City line mechanic C, July 16.

John E. Amos

Michael Keith, son of Keith Richardson, equipment operator C, June 17.

Beckley

Ryan Lee, son of Hank Bostic, junior clerk, July 3.

Bluefield

Zachary Justin, son of Willie Noble, meter electrician B, June 1.

Patrick James, son of Joe Turner, meter electrician C, June 25.

James Adam, son of Doug Hoosier, engineering technician, July 10.

Charleston

Stacey Renee, daughter of Terry Mathes, St. Albans meter reader, June 29.

General Office

Kristen Marie, daughter of Beverly Ferrell, stenographer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke, July 4.

Phillip Ryan, son of Paul Pennino, associate staff accountant, GO Accounting, Roanoke, June 9.

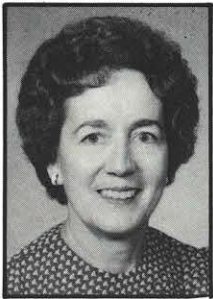
Holly Marie, daughter of Joe Ryder, transmission engineer, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, June 10.

Roanoke

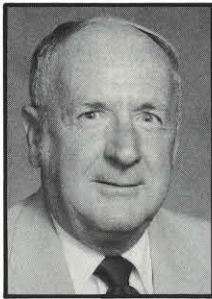
Joshua Bradley, son of Anthony Amos, meter reader, July 10.

Meghan Leigh, daughter of Tim East, Fieldale meter reader, July 15. □

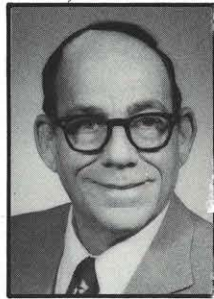
Service Anniversaries



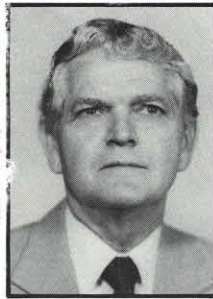
Bea Eakin
sec.-stenographer
Roanoke
40 years



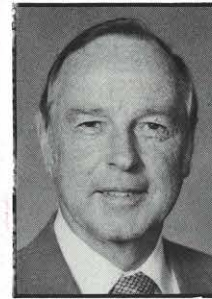
Bill Poff, Jr.
operations coord.
GO-Roanoke
40 years



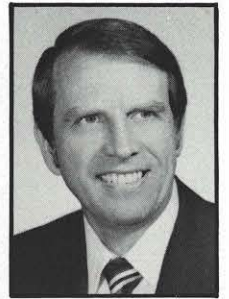
Tom Dickenson
line con. & maint. rep.
Beckley
40 years



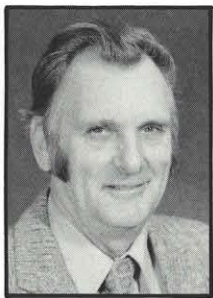
Jerry Whitehurst
division manager
Pulaski
35 years



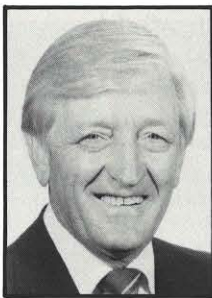
Jim Anderson
T&D eng. manager
GO-Roanoke
35 years



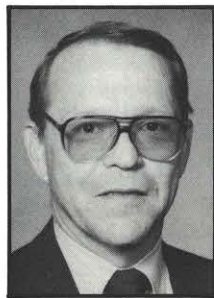
Joseph Higgins
manager
Fieldale
35 years



Robert Hickel
instrument mech. A
Philip Sporn
35 years



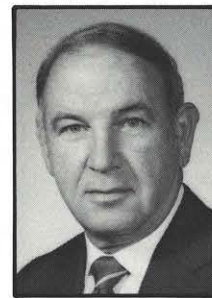
Jack Weaver
eng. technologist
Charleston
35 years



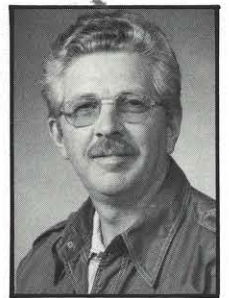
Tom Ruble
eng. tech. supv.
GO-Roanoke
30 years



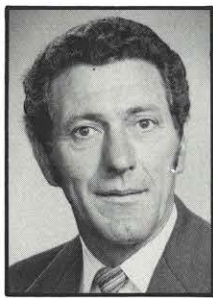
Charles Caruthers
area servicer
Charleston
30 years



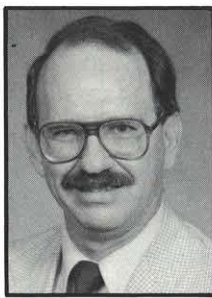
Jack Groseclose
gen. line crew supv.
Beckley
30 years



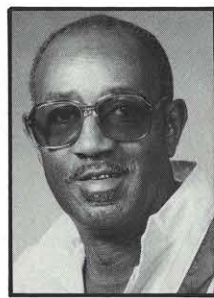
Ken Hylton
trans. sup. con. rep.
GO-Bluefield
25 years



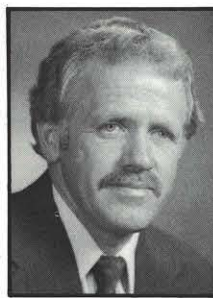
Merve Anderson
station crew supv.
Bluefield
25 years



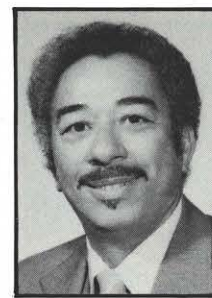
Bob Staton
R/w administrator
GO-Roanoke
25 years



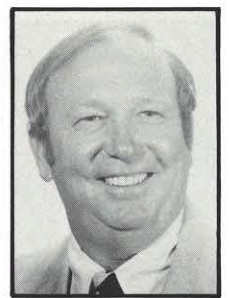
John Hurt
line mechanic D
Bluefield
25 years



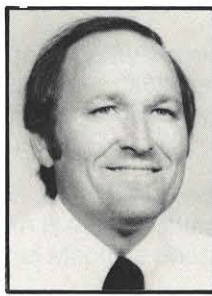
Elwood Mullins
line crew supv. NE
Clintwood
20 years



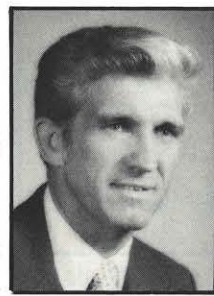
Joe Charlie Thomas
line crew supv. E
Beckley
20 years



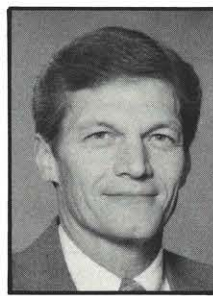
Dale Wolfe
line mechanic A
Charleston
20 years



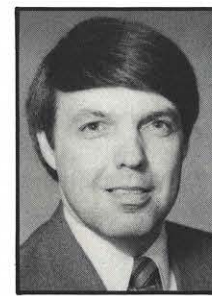
Posey Payne, Jr.
meter electrician A
Pulaski
20 years



Russell Elliott
line con. & main. rep.
Lynchburg
20 years



Richard Reed
meter supv. eng.
GO-Roanoke
20 years



Jim Bevins
prop. rec. acct. coord.
GO-Roanoke
20 years

Abingdon

35 years: **James Lambert, Jr.**, meter electrician A (LTD). 5 years: **Philip Young**, marketing and customer services advisor.

John Amos

10 years: **John Milbee**, equipment operator B. 5 years: **Dwight Kidd**, performance engineer. **Vicky Terry**, braker.

Beckley

10 years: **Eddie Whitmore**, meter reader. 5 years: **Mary Kent**, electrical engineer.

Bluefield

5 years: **Greg Beckett**, collector, Princeton. **Terry Akers**, line mechanic C.

Central Machine

10 years: **Richard Harris**, machinist 1st class.

Charleston

40 years: **Earl Glenn**, surveyor assistant (LTD).

Clinch River

35 years: **Jim Cole**, personnel supervisor. 15 years: **Roger Kiser**, maintenance mechanic B. 5 years: **John Johnson**, performance engineer.

General Office

15 years: **Alan Burtis**, data processing operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Randy Agnew**, power dispatching supervisor, GO Operations, Roanoke. **Roxana Rasmussen**, stenographer, GO Marketing and Customer Services, Roanoke. 5 years: **Jill Chisom**, stenographer, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke. **Mark Taylor**, computer graphics technician, GO T&D Computerized Drafting, Roanoke. **Clay Peters, II**, tracer, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. **Martin Seay**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. **Walter Lucas**, right of way agent senior, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Charleston. **Timothy Gardner**, transmission engineer, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Warren Boswell**, engineering technician, GO T&D Meter, Charleston. **Carolyn Blankenship**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke.

Kingsport

5 years: **Deborah Church**, customer accounts clerk C.

Logan-Williamson

15 years: **Bob Sanney**, manager, Williamson. 5 years: **Ed Flowers**, marketing and customer services advisor.

Lynchburg

5 years: **Richard Fortune**, meter reader.

Pulaski

10 years: **Robert Sawyers**, area T&D clerk A, Wytheville.

Roanoke

15 years: **Gary Sink**, station mechanic A. **Ronald Payne**, drafter B. **Paul Kinney**, meter electrician A. **Richard Downey**, engineering technician senior. 10 years: **Harry Berger, Jr.**, line mechanic A, Rocky Mount. 5 years: **John Mitchell, III**, meter reader. **Posey Dillon**, stores attendant A.

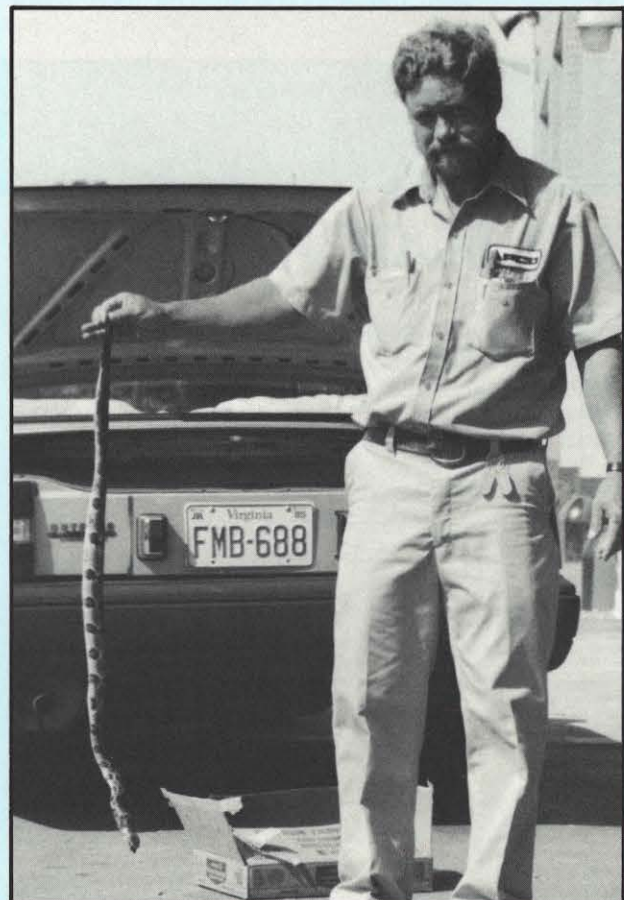
Philip Sporn

15 years: **Dan Edwards**, instrument mechanic C. **Kenneth Longstreth**, unit supervisor. □

All in a day's work

In the performance of their daily duties, power company employees are called upon to assist customers in innumerable ways. Such was the case of Lynchburg Meter Reader Rick Fortune recently.

When Rick pulled into a customer's driveway, he discovered a four-foot rattlesnake lying near an automobile. Rick went to the door of the house to warn the people who lived there, and a woman who was there alone requested his help in killing the snake. The snake had moved by the time Rick got back to the automobile, so a careful search of the yard was necessary before the snake was located and destroyed. □



Hatcher saves daughter's life

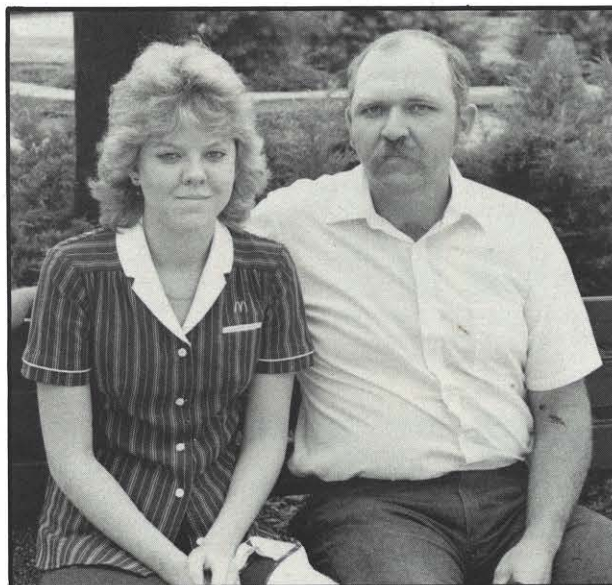
Just one day after taking a refresher course on first aid for choking victims, Okey Hatcher used his training to save the life of his daughter, Michelle.

Okey, maintenance mechanic A at Mountaineer Plant, relates, "The family was eating supper, and Michelle was sitting across the table from me. I looked at her about the time she grabbed her throat. The first thing I thought of was the safety film I had seen since it was so fresh in my mind. I asked Michelle if she could cough or talk, and she shook her head 'no'. (A person who has a completely blocked airway cannot breathe, cough, or speak.) Michelle stood up and walked to the kitchen, and I followed her."

Okey continues, "I didn't get excited because I knew what to do. I turned Michelle around, bent her over, and gave her three sharp blows between the shoulder blades. The first and second ones didn't do any good; but, on the third thump, a thumb-size piece of cornbread fell out on the floor."

He adds, "I don't know the incidence of fatalities caused by choking, but Michelle was helpless. Her face was white. What impressed me most was having the confidence to know exactly what to do. I wouldn't have had it without taking that refresher course. I will never forget it. My wife and other children were watching, but they didn't know what to do."

Okey concludes, "This is the first time I have ever used



Okey Hatcher, right, is grateful for the company first aid training which enabled him to save the life of his daughter, Michelle.

the first aid training I received at the plant. We had cards made up to show us the steps for CPR. I hope I never have to use that, but I feel confident I could do it if I had to." □

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