

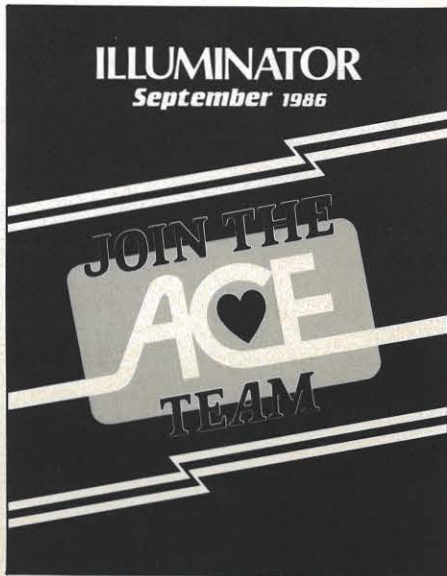
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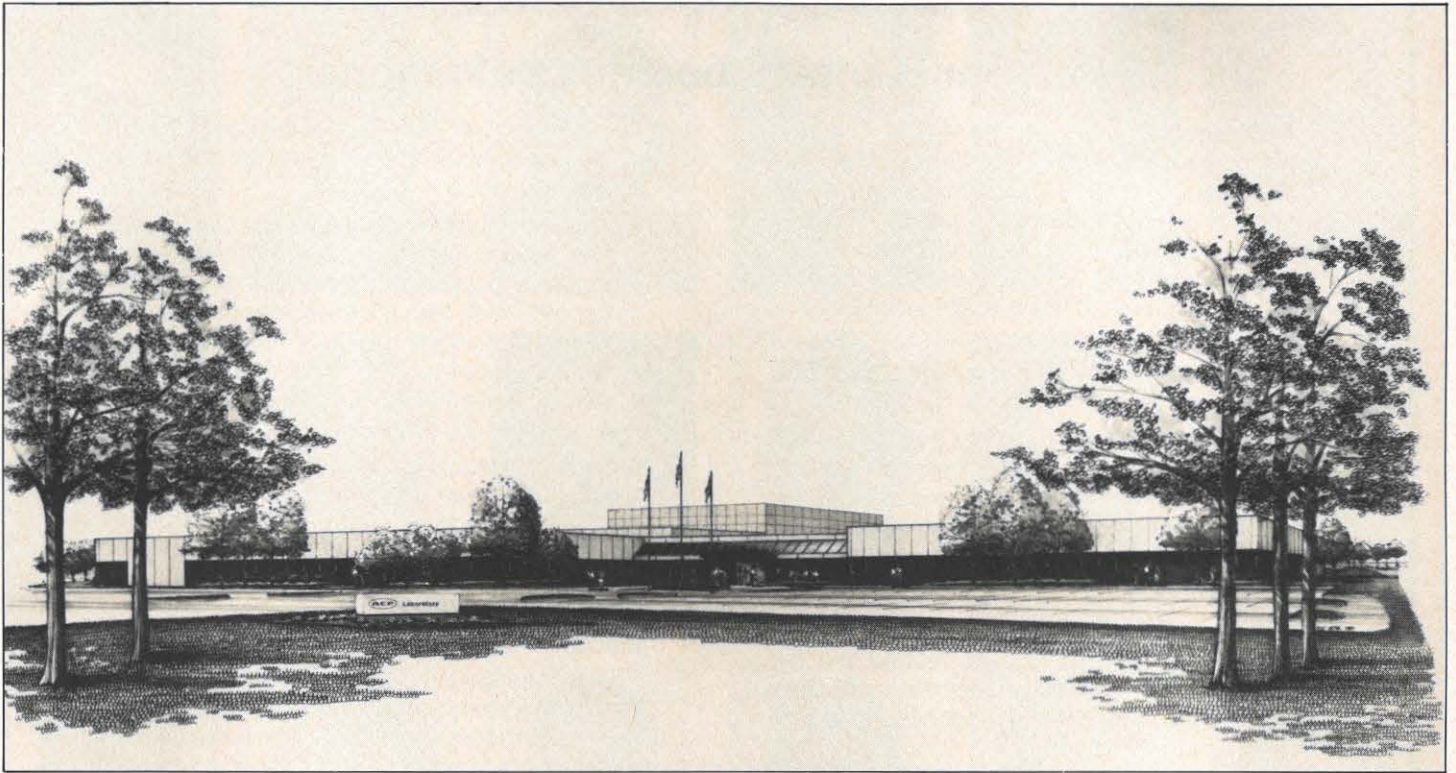
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VPU — value per unit

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Ground broken for AEP engineering laboratory



Artist's rendering of AEP's engineering laboratory to be built in Groveport, Ohio.

Ground was broken last month for American Electric Power's new \$15 million, 78,000-square-foot engineering laboratory in Groveport, Ohio.

The large, multi-purpose complex will consolidate onto a 23-acre site three existing facilities now located at three sites in two states. They are AEP's Electrical Engineering Laboratory, Canton, Ohio; its Environmental Engineering Laboratory (formerly the General Laboratory) in Huntington, West Virginia; and its Civil Engineering Laboratory in New Haven, West Virginia. Also to be housed in the new center will be AEP's survey and mapping group, now based in Cheshire, Ohio.

The new laboratory will employ approximately 80 people, most of whom are engineers, chemists and technicians who will be transferred from the existing labs. The construction schedule calls for completion of the project in late 1987.

W.S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, presided at the groundbreaking. Others participating included: Jack Foulk, Franklin County Commissioner; J. Harold Carley, mayor of Groveport; Richard E. Disbrow, president; John E. Dolan, vice chairman - engineering & construction; and David H. Williams, Jr., executive vice president & chief engineer, all of the AEP Service Corporation; James P. Fenstermaker, president, Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company and a Groveport resident; and E.J. Edminister, vice president - operations, Ruscilli Construction, the general contractor for the project.

White said that, upon completion of the laboratory, all of the company's engineering functions would be centralized in Franklin County. Earlier, during the period 1980-83, AEP's other engineering divisions had been transferred to Columbus from New York City and Canton.

He pointed out that the consolidation of AEP's several laboratory functions under one roof would result in increased efficiencies and economies. "This new laboratory, representing the state of the art in electric utility practice, will be one of the largest operations of its kind in the United States," he said.

The new facilities will include an outdoor electrical testing yard, as well as a 6,000-square-foot "high bay" (with 27-foot ceiling) for testing line crew bucket trucks and other electrical equipment and apparatus.

A feature of the new laboratory will be its heating system. It will utilize two electric thermal storage (ETS) systems that use low-cost electric energy during off-peak hours for heating during on-peak hours.

One system features two "Mega-therm Boilers" that will provide heat for the 72,000-square-foot general building. They will heat water under pressure to 250 degrees Fahrenheit for storage in a 40,000-gallon tank. When required for heating, the hot water will be mixed with cooler water and circulated throughout the building.

The second system, for heating the 6,000-square-foot bay area, will use "Deep Heat." Electric resistance-heating mats will be imbedded in sand about two feet below the bay's concrete floor. During off-peak hours, the mats will heat the sand to a range of 70 to 72 degrees to provide radiant heat from the floor throughout the day. □

INFORMATION

Benefit

Personnel offers benefits definitions

Some employees covered by the Aetna Life and Casualty Company through the AEP System's medical plan may have, at one time or another, received an "explanation of benefits" from the insurer that included explanatory notes. In order to promote better understanding of the terms, the Benefits Section of the AEP Service Corporation offers these brief explanations:

- Routine treatment means the service performed was routine in nature and not the result of a specific injury or illness.
- Not medically necessary indicates that the service has been determined by the medical community to be unnecessary, from a medical standpoint, for the treatment of the specific diagnosed illness or injury.
- Non-prescription drug is a medication available without prescription (over the counter); charges for such drugs are not reimbursable.
- Expense exceeds prevailing fee means that the submitted cost for the medical service is in excess of the usual fee charged for that medical procedure in that geographical area.
- Pending means that Aetna requires further information before a review of a claim can be completed.

The statement will indicate whether Aetna is obtaining the additional information or if the employee needs to provide it.

- If a claim payment is reduced due to application of a hospital deductible, the message on the explanation of benefits will indicate that the employee did not comply with the MedVantage Program. An in-patient deductible, therefore, has been assessed. A similar message also will appear in the case of non-compliance with the "second surgical opinion" program requirements.

Whenever an employee or covered dependent believes a claim has been paid incorrectly, he or she should contact Aetna directly and discuss the problem. Aetna's toll-free telephone number is indicated on the explanation of benefits. If the employee still is not satisfied, he may wish to use the claim appeal procedure described in the Protection Program booklet.

The company's medical plan is designed to provide employees and their families with protection against the high cost of health care. For further information about coverage, employees should contact the Personnel Department. □

Statistics show where shareowners live

One out of every four American Electric Power Company shareowners lives in one of the seven states served by the AEP System.

At last count, 74,523 owners of AEP common stock resided in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. This is 25.9 percent of the company's 287,498 shareowners.

The largest number, 34,174, live in New York. While they represent 11.9 percent of all holders, they own 48.7 percent of all shares (94.1-million out of 193.5-million).

Ohio — home of AEP — is runner-up in both categories: 30,205 shareowners and 11.6-million shares. And Florida, with its large number of retirees, is third, with 28,116 owners holding 11.1-million shares.

AEP also has 720 shareowners in foreign countries; 294 of them, or 40.8 percent, live in Canada.

The Leaders

1. New York	34,174
2. OHIO	30,205
3. Florida	28,116
4. California	24,928
5. New Jersey	15,036
6. Illinois	14,527
7. MICHIGAN	12,566
8. VIRGINIA	11,556
9. Massachusetts	9,191
10. Texas	8,109

Others

13. Indiana	7,261
14. West Virginia	7,157
20. Kentucky	3,261
22. Tennessee	2,517

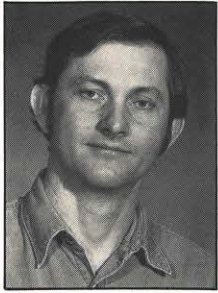
Education award deadline Oct. 10

October 10 is the registration deadline for the 1987 AEP System Education Awards. The 32nd annual competition is open to employees' children who are seniors in high school and plan to enter college in September 1987.

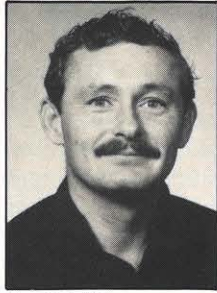
Contestants will vie for 34 awards of \$3,500 each, with \$2,000 to be granted for the first year of college and \$1,500 for the second. All entrants are required to submit standard Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. Those who do not take the SAT in their junior year, or wish to take it again, are required to take the SAT to be given December 6.

Selection of the award winners will be made next year by an impartial educator with no affiliation to AEP. Details and registration forms are available in your local Personnel Department. □

19 employees publish in Operating Ideas



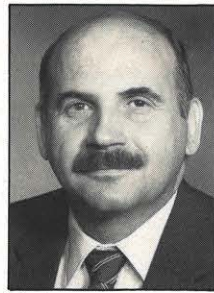
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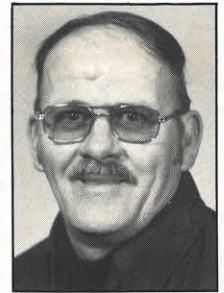
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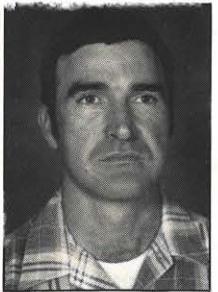
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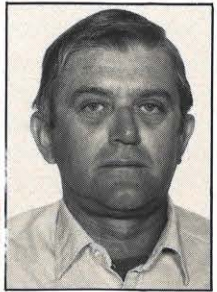
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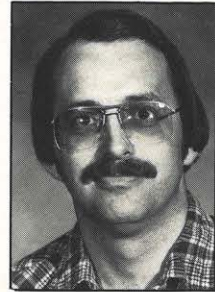
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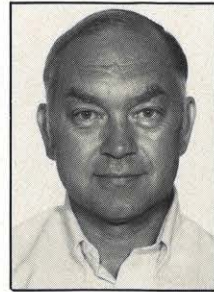
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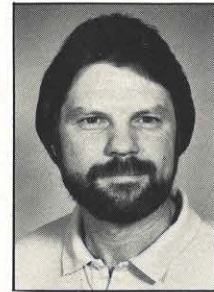
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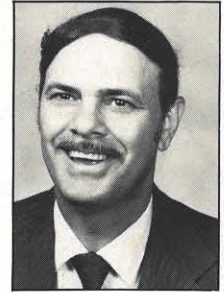
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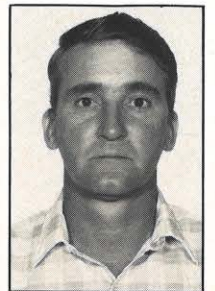
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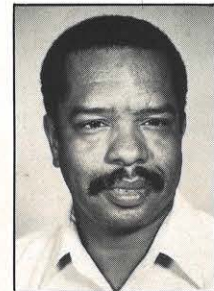
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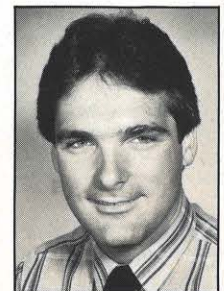
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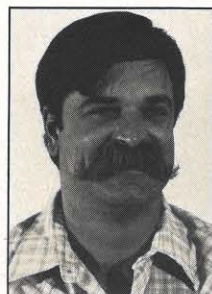
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Articles by nineteen Appalachian Power employees were featured in the May/June issue of *Operating Ideas*.

T.E. Bobbitt, Galax line crew supervisor nonexempt, described a procedure for securing warning lights on the ends of poles so that the lights will not slip underneath the poles while being transported.

W.R. Ashton, performance superintendent, and **C.A. Powell**, operations superintendent, both of Mountaineer Plant, collaborated on an article detailing a revised control system which reduces the amount of cooling air flow required by pulverizer burner groups. The improved method is estimated to save more than \$970,000 annually.

J.D. Schneider, maintenance mechanic A, and **M.D. Sheets**, maintenance mechanic B, both of Mountaineer Plant, explained how emergency lighting batteries are kept fully charged and ready



Schneider

for use since the construction of a storage rack with a 1.5 amp trickle charger.

John Schneider, maintenance mechanic A at Mountaineer Plant, described the use of a stainless steel non-magnetic set screw to lock driving pins in place, preventing damage to AKR 30 GE breakers.

Four GO Hydro employees at Byllesby Hydro described the fabrication of a water jet to remove sediment at hydro intakes. With the new method, the plant

can continue full operation while the silt is being removed. The authors are **Wes Eversole**, **Ronnie McDaniel**, and **Benny Litteral**, all hydro mechanics A, and **Dave Eversole**, hydro mechanic B.

Four Huntington employees — **M.W. Booth** and **A. Ott**, electrical engineers, and **J.H. Linthicum** and **S. Stanley**, meter electricians — described the construction of a digital counter to count the number of pulses generated when checking meter revolutions/pulse ratio so that only one meter electrician is required. Ott has since resigned from the company.

Dennis Harris, performance technician, and **Stephen Greenlee**, performance instrument supervisor, both of Mountaineer Plant, wrote about how the relocation of a Bailey 820 system test panel saves considerable time in troubleshooting, calibration and testing on Bailey combustion controls.

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APCo produces videotape on exporting



Appalachian Power Vice President Richard E. Northup, left, presents a copy of the exporting videotape to West Virginia Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr.

As part of its economic development effort, Appalachian Power Company has produced a 22-minute videotape, "Exporting: Selling Your Products Overseas," on behalf of the West Virginia Export Council. The video features Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., and several West Virginians who are involved in successfully exporting products manufactured in the state. It is intended for viewing by business groups and in educational programs.

Copies of the videotape were presented to Gov. Moore; Thomas McNeil, state superintendent of schools; and Sam Silverstein, West Virginia Export Council president, by Appalachian Vice President R. E. Northup. Northup said that he hopes the program will help encourage additional West Virginia businesses to seek foreign markets for their products. "Exporting is good for everyone," he said. "Customers in other nations can choose from new or expanded product lines, manufacturers can sell more products while they more efficiently utilize their facilities, employees have greater job security and opportunities for advancement, governments have more

tax money to pay for services to citizens and suppliers and vendors enjoy increased sales."

Northup said that while West Virginia is the third-largest exporting state in the United States, "there's plenty of room for other companies."

Gov. Moore, in accepting the videotape, thanked Appalachian for donating its services to produce the program. "As you are aware, one of my primary interests is to provide additional employment for West Virginians. By helping make businesses aware of the opportunities and procedures of exporting, Appalachian and the Export Council are helping us achieve that goal," he said.

Moore pointed out that more than 300 state firms are active in exporting, providing a \$3-billion boost to the gross state product. About \$1 billion of that is provided by coal exports. One-fourth of the coal mined in West Virginia is sold overseas, the governor explained.

Much of the power company's video production was taped at the West Virginia Export Council's World Trade Week seminar in Charleston on May 22.

The video program also features four successful West Virginia exporters. They are C. Ray Daniels, president of Standard Instrumentation, Inc., Charleston; Nils Heinke, vice president of Equipment & Technology, Inc., Elkins; Harold L. Porter, president of Harold L. Porter Associates, Ceredo; and Robert E. Smith, export manager - plastics for Borg Warner Chemicals, Parkersburg.

Also appearing in the program are Roger Fortner, director of the Charleston office of the U. S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, and Angus E. Peyton, Charleston attorney and member of the West Virginia Export Council. □

Sheffield named asst. to chairman

William F. Sheffield has been named assistant to AEP chairman W.S. White, Jr. He had been manager - administration for the AEP Service Corporation's Fuel Supply Department.

Sheffield joined AEP in 1977 as a forecast analyst in the Controller's Department. He served as assistant to the president from 1981 to 1983 and then was named to his most recent post. □

Technical education section expanded

The Technical Education Section of the AEP Service Corporation has been expanded to incorporate responsibility for the AEP System's bi-monthly publication, "Operating Ideas."

New manager of the expanded section is Thomas R. Winenger. He in effect succeeds two section heads, Numa D. "Newt" Balliet, who retired July 31 as manager of the Technical Education Section, and Frank W. Clover, who retired June 30 as editor of "Operating Ideas." The latter function had been a fixture in the Public Affairs Department since 1944.

A senior engineer in the Fossil Plant Engineering Division, Winenger has been with the AEP System for 16 years. □

Mountaineer sets new record daily

The 1.3 million kilowatt Mountaineer Plant, on the Ohio River at New Haven, West Virginia, was continuing its record-setting performance as the Illuminator went to press.

As of August 26, Mountaineer's single generating unit had completed its 409th day of continuous operation — a world record. The plant has produced more than 10-billion kilowatthours of electric energy during this record run and, in so doing, burned more than 3.4 million tons of coal. □

APCO to redeem 100,000 preferred

Appalachian Power Company on November 1 will redeem 100,000 shares of its 1-million outstanding shares of \$4.18 cumulative preferred stock.

The redemption price will be \$25 per share. The accrued quarterly dividend of \$1.045 per share, payable November 1, will be paid by checks mailed to shareowners in the usual manner.

The redemption is being made under terms of the sinking fund established for retirement of the series. These terms require Appalachian Power to redeem 50,000 shares or 5% of the series on November 1 each year, beginning in 1986. In addition, the company has exercised its non-cumulative option to redeem another 50,000 shares on the 1986 redemption date.

Transfer books for the \$4.18 series will be closed at the close of business on September 12 to allow for selection by lot of the shares to be redeemed. They will be reopened on or about September 26, when the notice of redemption is expected to be mailed to holders of record of the shares to be redeemed. Morgan Shareholder Services, New York is the sinking fund agent. □

Pulaski, Wytheville offices receive excellent audits



John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian Power (left), congratulates Pulaski Division Manager Jerry Whitehurst for the excellent ratings on the Pulaski and Wytheville audits.

For the first time in history, two customer accounting offices in the same division have received excellent audits on their operations. Pulaski Division's Wytheville and Pulaski offices were audited for the period December 1, 1982, through January 31, 1986.

The audit by AEP Service Corporation personnel covers such items as cash in drawer, working funds — petty cash, confirmation of expense accounts, verification of accounts receivable, delinquent accounts, and collection procedures, investigative forms and procedures, service orders, and employee discounts.

Ratings given are excellent, good, acceptable, and unsatisfactory. The excellent rating in Pulaski and Wytheville, coupled with the excellent rating given the Princeton office last fall, mark the first excellent ratings obtained by Appalachian Power customer accounting offices since St. Albans was recognized in 1973. To place this achievement in perspective, only one other customer accounting office — Zanesville, Ohio — in the AEP System achieved an excellent rating during the 1970-1986 period.

In recognition of their superior performance, customer accounts employees and their spouses were treated to a dinner recently. □

Operating Ideas

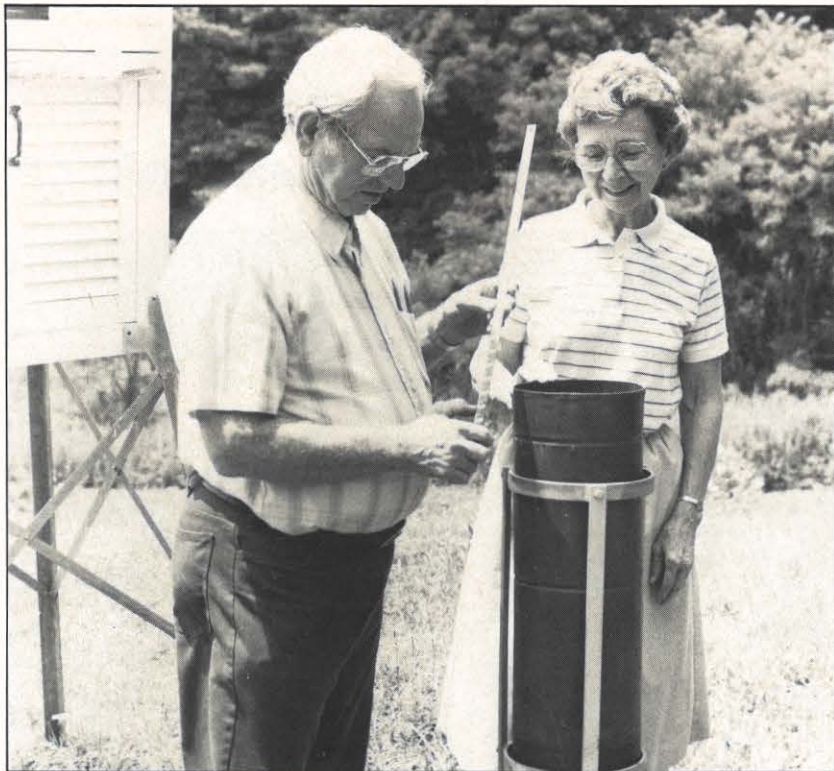
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Morris Barbour, hydro mechanic A, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain, described a method to alleviate quarterly maintenance on the riveted enclosures of the air compressor inter-coolers, saving \$2,600 annually.

Tom Puckett, senior buyer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke, told about the establishment of contracts with several primary and secondary carriers that allows the company maximum discounted freight rates for all locations. This new system is estimated to save approximately \$91,500 annually.

Gordon Parker, building maintenance superintendent, and **E.A. Argabright**, HVAC assistant, both of GO General Services, Roanoke, installed a certified water meter in line with the evaporative condensers in the Roanoke General Office HVAC system. The meter is read monthly by Argabright in advance of the city's meter reading date, and the company is receiving a credit against its sewer billing for the water lost to evaporation.

Don Jones, equipment inspection superintendent at Central Machine Shop, wrote that a local vendor, on one week's notice, can supply tooth material for the repair of turbine oil deflectors. Previously, the material was available only through the original turbine manufacturer, resulting in a much higher cost and long delivery time. □



Joe and Helen Minor check rainfall at their weather station.

Weather watcher at Boone

For more than 30 years, Joe Minor of Boone, North Carolina, has been providing a vital service for Appalachian Power Company. Yet he's known personally by only one employee and by voice to just a few others.

What is this vital service? Minor keeps watch on the weather and reports it to the General Office Operations Department in Roanoke, particularly when there's rain, snow, or ice.

Another weather watcher for Appalachian is Mrs. Brian Kirby, Jr., of Helton, N. C. Mrs. Kirby, a school teacher, took over the job in 1981 from her mother-in-law, Mrs. Lydia Kirby, who was a weather observer for Appalachian for more than 27 years.

"Boone and Helton are located within the Appalachian mountain range at the headwaters of the New River, and this region experiences relatively large amounts of precipitation in comparison with the drainage areas downstream in Virginia," explains Jerry Zwart, operations engineer senior. "Minor and Kirby provide up-to-date precipitation rates as well as current air temperatures. They also tell us the amount of snow and ice on the ground and this, together with the ambient air temperature, gives an indication of the expected melt rate. Their reports are very useful in explaining the behavior of the New River.

Zwart continues, "We can predict expected runoff from their information. The runoff forecast is then routed downstream through three of our hydroelectric plants — Byllesby, Buck, and Claytor — in order to utilize the water most efficiently. Their reports give us the necessary lead time to prepare for additional water."

Minor, owner of Minor's Printing at Boone, started his work as a weather watcher while an employee at *The Watauga Democrat*. He recalls, "We decided to carry a weather column, and a man who lived behind me in the next block was doing readings for the National Weather Service. I talked him into giving me the information for the paper, too. When he

left, the weather station was moved on my lot, and I have been doing it ever since. Both Appalachian and TVA were interested in the precipitation and asked me to furnish them this information.

"My day begins at 7 a.m. when I take a reading of any precipitation that fell during the night. If it is as much as .40 of an inch, I telephone Appalachian's Operations Department. Or sometimes they will call me if they've heard that it has rained a lot. I take another reading at 6 p.m. which is also reported to Appalachian. In addition, I record the low temperature of the day, the high, and the present reading. This information is called in to the weather bureau in Asheville."

Minor adds, "If I'm busy at the shop and am late getting home, my wife Helen will take the readings. And, if we're going to be away from home, our daughter Jan and her husband will do it for us."

Minor's equipment seems simple for all the technicalities involved in the work. Two thermometers give him the daily readings — one that tells the low and present temperatures, another to tell the high. After taking the reading, he resets the thermometers and starts the process over again.

To check for precipitation, Minor uses a canister that stands 24 inches tall. When it is full, two inches of rain have fallen during the day.

For snow, the method is even simpler — a yardstick. "Except when there's more than three feet of snow, I use a four-foot yardstick," Minor jokes.

Minor concludes, "All those folks in the Operations Department are real nice to talk to. I don't know all their names since I don't have to call often. But I do send in a report on precipitation to Edsel Johnson, operations manager, at the end of each month. Then I just sit back and wait for more rain!" Johnson states, "Minor and Mrs. Kirby are very dedicated and we appreciate what they do." □

Logan's miracle baby

When Wanda and John Skidmore's daughter was born last December 11, they named her Angela Joy because it was the closest name to 'miracle' they could think of. The ensuing months proved that the name was indeed appropriate.

The Skidmores' son Andrew was delivered six years ago without any complications, and it was expected that the second birth would follow suit. However, when Wanda entered her 23rd week of pregnancy, her doctor discovered that she suffered from a rare and difficult-to-detect condition of an incompetent cervix.

Wanda recalls, "I was rushed to the hospital and underwent a cerclage, a surgical procedure to suture the cervix in an attempt to prevent premature delivery. The following day, however, I went into labor, and the doctor tried to ready me for the fact that this baby was gone. When she was delivered that night at 10:15 p.m., I heard her cry, and I was really happy...relieved. But I still didn't think she would live although I kept hearing the nurses say that the baby was pink. Two nurses kept her alive by 'bagging' her. They were doing what a machine respirator would do. (One of the nurses was Jan Boggs, daughter of Oscar Thompson, Logan station mechanic A.)

John, Logan administrative assistant, says, "Angela weighed only one pound and eight ounces (690 grams), but the doctor considered her a viable child because she had good respiratory and heart rates. He made arrangements to have the baby transferred to the Charleston Area Medical Center's Neonatal Unit."

At CAMC, she was placed immediately in 25 percent oxygen, placed on monitors and intravenous therapy, and considered a high-risk infant.

During her four-month stay there, she battled several infections, pneumonia and anemia. When she weighed only two and one-half pounds, she underwent a blood and spinal tap. And, at five pounds and ten ounces, she had bilateral surgery for an inguinal hernia.

The Skidmores have nothing but praise for the Neonatal Unit. John says, "There were twelve other infants there at the same time Angela was, and I knew that



John, Andrew, Angela, and Wanda Skidmore pose for a family portrait.

their families were going through the same experience we were. I had such a feeling of helplessness. I am sure there are a lot of things we probably will forget, but I will never forget the first time I saw Angela. She looked like a little kitten in a great big box. There was no cartilage in her ears; they were just like paper. They were developed but didn't stick out because they were so thin. I'm just grateful that there are doctors and nurses who have this kind of calling... to care for premature infants such as ours."

Wanda adds, "One nurse was real special and would call us real often to let us know how Angela was getting along. One time she called and said she just wanted us to know that our pumpkin was off the respirator. Whenever the phone rang in the middle of the night, I always made John answer because I was afraid it would be bad news."

John adds, "I knew the company had good medical insurance, but I didn't really know how good until this happened. Other than worry about Wanda's and the baby's health, I couldn't help but think about how much all of this was going to cost. We would have done whatever it took to get Angela the medical treatment she needed; but, when I came home

and looked at the benefits booklet and found out that I only had to pay \$1,000, it was a humbling experience! The cost for her first four months in the hospital was nearly \$102,000, and the double hernia operation was another \$2,500."

Angela weighed four pounds and four ounces when she was allowed to go home and was on an apnea monitor, which the Skidmores learned to operate. She must return to the Neonatal Clinic every two months for a checkup as well as undergo regular eye examinations because of the necessary oxygen therapy.

Angela has grown to a whopping eleven and a half pounds now, and her current challenge is learning to like creamed spinach, according to John. The doctor has assured the Skidmores that, by the time Angela is two years old, she will be the same size as other children her age.

John concludes, "We really appreciate the concern our friends at church and at work have shown over the past few months. We couldn't have gotten through this without their prayers and support." □

School days in Germany

Three weeks as a German exchange student this summer has convinced Scott Parker that "you can make really good friends in a short time." The son of Gordon Parker, building maintenance superintendent, GO General Services, Roanoke, Scott was part of a group from Northside Senior High School who went to school in Remagen, Germany, under a program sponsored by the National Exchange Service. A group of German students had visited Northside previously.

Scott relates, "Although knowing the German language was not a prerequisite, it was certainly advantageous. I take German in school and listen to German broadcasts on my short wave radio, but I could actually tell that I was getting better at the language in just three weeks over there.

"My host family, the Ölschlägers, have one son, Michael, who is seventeen. I attended school with him and sat in on his classes — English, French, geography, chemistry, physics, biology, history, and physical education. The schedule is staggered, and sometimes we stayed from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other times to 3 p.m. Each day they have a different schedule. What was really strange was that the students stay in the same room and different teachers go around to the classes. At home, we are used to changing rooms for each subject."



Michael Olschlager, his parents, and Scott Parker.

Scott continues, "The school we went to is 800 years old and used to be a nunnery. The outside hasn't changed much, but the inside has been renovated. Some nuns are still there. A couple teach, and others fix meals and take care of the gardens on the grounds.

"I knew a lot about Germany from my language class, but the trip was enlightening, too. I expected some sort of discontent with Americans because of World War II, but actually it was the reverse. They actually thanked me as an American for ridding their country of the Nazis.

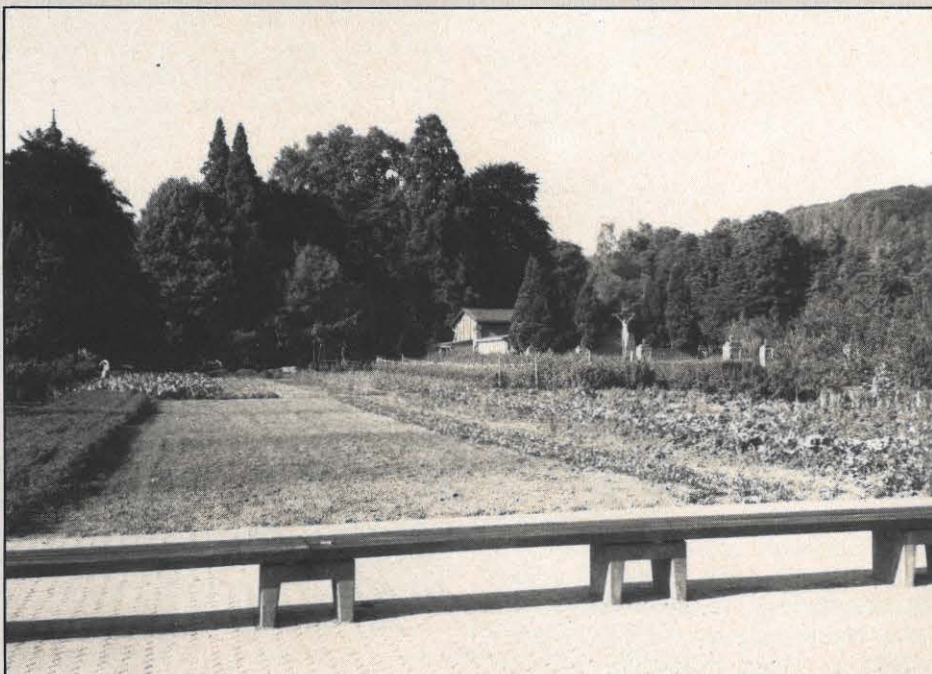
"The German lifestyle is more relaxed than ours. "They don't seem to be workaholics like people in America. During the day they always make sure there are opportunities to relax. But

whatever the Germans do, they do right. For instance, their gardens are weeded and trained up, and they always make sure they don't slack off on their jobs.

"Another thing I noticed is that the Germans are family oriented. In America the teenagers want to get with their friends, but in Germany teenagers spend more time with their families. Going on side trips is a part of their lifestyle. They go from country to country like we go from state to state."

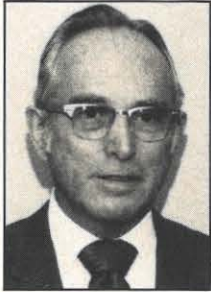
Scott adds, "The Germans eat pretty much like we do, although they have native dishes. But they never put ice in their drinks. Their beer and wine is always warm, and they drink warm mineral water, not tap water. I might add that it is normal for parents to serve alcoholic beverages just like we do soft drinks. I went to some teenage parties, where they had a beer keg. Actually, I think it helps prevent teenage alcoholism. Having the beer readily available cuts down on the excitement of drinking."

Some of the places Scott visited while in Germany include Wurtsburg, Bonne, Cologne, Frankfurt, and the Black Forest. He's looking forward to April, when Michael is coming to Roanoke as an exchange student at Northside. □

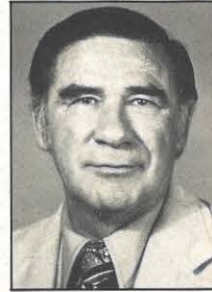


A view of one of the gardens on the grounds of the 800-year-old school at Remagen.

Friends We'll Miss



Hylbert H. McClung, 83, retired Bluefield engineering aide, died August 4. A native of Sun, West Virginia, he had broken service before being permanently employed in 1938 as a clerk. He retired in 1968. McClung is survived by his wife Helen, 404 Red Deer Apartments, Red Deer Drive, Hurricane, WV; one son; one daughter; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.



Paul Spiggle Dunn, 63, retired property representative senior, GO Land Management, Roanoke, died August 14. A native of Bland, Virginia, he was employed in 1948 as a clerk intermediate in Abingdon and elected early retirement in 1985. Dunn is survived by his wife Rose, 702 Colonial Road, Abingdon, VA; one daughter; two grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.



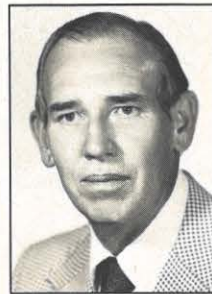
Paul D. Harlan, 77, retired Huntington line supervisor, died August 3. A native of Rome Township, Ohio, he was employed in 1928 as a groundman and retired in 1966. Harlan is survived by his wife Claryce, 1720 17th Street, Huntington, West Virginia, and one son.



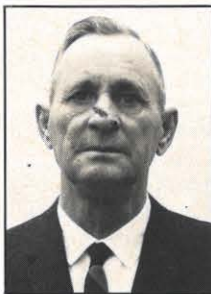
O. E. "Bud" Francis, 78, retired Glen Lyn Plant unit foreman, died August 4. A native of Monroe County, West Virginia, he was hired in 1941 as a laborer and retired in 1970. Francis is survived by his wife Eunice, Route 1, Box 701, Petersburg, WV; one son; two daughters; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.



Clarence E. Firebaugh, 81, retired Roanoke line foreman, died August 16. A native of Botetourt County, Virginia, he began his career in 1929 as a groundman and retired in 1970. Firebaugh is survived by his wife Mary, 6705 Northside High School Road, Roanoke, VA; one son; one daughter; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers; and three sisters.



Paul Hancock, 63, retired Beckley general line crew supervisor, died August 27. A native of Tams, West Virginia, he joined Appalachian in 1945 as a clerk junior and elected early retirement in 1985. Hancock is survived by his wife Lib, 226 Vine Street, Beckley, WV, and two sons.



Richard C. "Dick" Nichols, 79, retired Pulaski line foreman exempt, died August 28. A native of Speedwell, Virginia, he had broken service before being permanently employed in 1937 as a lineman. He retired in 1972. Nichols is survived by his wife Ruby, 311 Lake Street, Pulaski, VA; one son; two grandchildren; one sister; and one brother, Jim Nichols, retired Claytor Hydro maintenance mechanic B.

James H. Bearhs, 58, Philip Sporn Plant maintenance mechanic A, died July 24. A native of Meigs County, Ohio, he joined the plant in 1952 as a laborer and has been on long term disability leave since 1978. Bearhs is survived by his wife Phyllis, 43250 Pomeroy Pike, Pomeroy, Ohio, and two sons.

Wyatt Franklin Chadwell, 65, retired Philip Sporn Plant maintenance supervisor, died July 29. A native of Trimble, Ohio, he began his career in 1949 as a maintenance man and elected early retirement in 1983. Chadwell is survived by his wife Mary Virginia, Route 3, Pomeroy, Ohio; three sons; and eight grandchildren. His son, Paul, is a utility worker A at Philip Sporn Plant. His son, James, is a maintenance mechanic A at Gavin Plant.

Marie Barlow Dunn, 84, retired Bluefield PBX operator senior, died August 6. A native of Maybeury, West Virginia, she was employed in 1927 as a telephone operator and retired in 1966.

Promotions

Allen C. Tinnel, performance supervising engineer, was promoted to maintenance superintendent at Kanawha River Plant on August 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Jon F. Williams, Roanoke energy services engineer, was promoted to Logan-Williamson marketing and customer services supervisor on September 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Clemson University.

David M. Gordon, electrical engineer, was promoted to electrical engineer senior in Lynchburg on July 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University and is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Raymond T. Carroll, performance engineer senior, was promoted to ash supervisor at John Amos Plant on August 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Larry K. Myrick, transmission engineer, was promoted to transmission engineer senior, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State University.

Stanley M. Hill, computer operation supervisor senior, was promoted to data processing supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, on September 1. He holds an associate in applied science degree in management from Virginia Western Community College.

Simon L. Herman, Jr., station operator A nonexempt, was promoted to regional chief operator exempt, GO Operations, Kingsport, on June 1. He attended Gadsden State Junior College.

C. Nick Comerose, engineering technologist supervisor, was promoted to general line crew supervisor in Bluefield on May 1. He holds an associate in science degree in electrical engineering technology from Bluefield State College.



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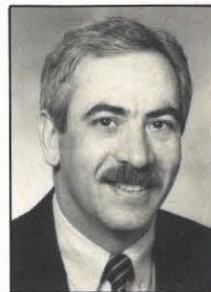
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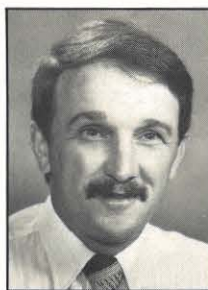
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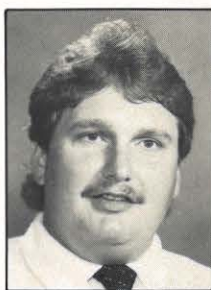
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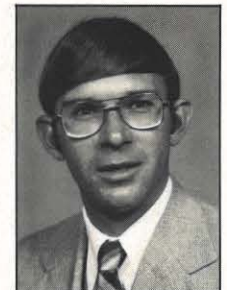
McKinney



Richardson



Wiseman



Riddle

W. Paul McKinney, Jr., line crew supervisor nonexempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in Welch on August 1.

Michael K. Richardson, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Welch on August 9.

Harold C. Wiseman, St. Albans area superintendent, was promoted to Huntington Division line superintendent on August 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia.

Marshall S. Riddle, Jr., station mechanic A, was promoted to station crew supervisor nonexempt in Lynchburg on August 2.

Abingdon

Virginia Humphrey from junior clerk to T&D clerk C.

John Amos

Burl Hunter from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Billy Marcum from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Roger Plymale from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Guy Null from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Beckley

Darlene Peck from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B.

Hank Bostic from junior clerk to T&D clerk C.

Bluefield

Sandi Brooks from junior stenographer to stenographer.

Van Hall from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Welch.

Bill Hudson from department assistant-marketing & customer services to marketing & customer services advisor.

Central Machine Shop

Bill Vandale from welder 2nd class to welder 1st class.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

Ron Wagner from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

Tom Hawley from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

Charleston

G. L. Turley from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

General Office

R. F. Hill, Jr., from utility worker A to hydro mechanic D, GO Hydro, Roanoke.

A. W. Spangler from transmission station mechanic B to transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

J. R. Rayburn from transmission mechanic D to transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington.

H. M. Poage, Jr., from data processing operator B to data processing operator A, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Joseph A. Ryder, Jr., from engineering technician to engineering technician senior, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

William P. Wilhelm from engineering technician to engineering technician senior, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

Kanawha River

John Conn from utility worker A to coal handler.

Kingsport

Kate Bailey from cashier C to customer accounts representative C.

Mountaineer

Rhonda Wood from junior clerk to plant clerk C.

Roanoke

Bill Klick from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

Lou Ann Price from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

Jennifer Aker from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C, Rocky Mount.

Philip Sporn

Sandra Hawley from plant clerk C to plant clerk B. □

Caudle, Adkins take new posts at Amos



Caudle



Adkins

S. Von Caudle has been promoted to manager of the John E. Amos Plant. He succeeds Cecil E. Shay, who retired on September 1. Succeeding Caudle as assistant plant manager is R. Wayne Adkins, who was performance superintendent.

Caudle holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University. He has attended the American Electric Power System Management Program at the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration. He also is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia.

Caudle joined Appalachian in 1954 as a mechanical engineer at Welch and transferred that same year to Kanawha River Plant as a test engineer. He held the positions of assistant results engineer, results engineer, and personnel supervisor there before transferring to Cabin Creek Plant in 1969 as assistant plant manager. Caudle returned to Kanawha River Plant as assistant plant manager in 1974 and transferred to the John E. Amos Plant as assistant plant manager in 1981.

Adkins holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He began his utility career in 1968 as a performance engineer at Kanawha River Plant. He transferred to Amos Plant in 1970 and has since held the positions of performance engineer senior, performance supervising engineer, production superintendent - operations, and outage coordinator. He was promoted to performance superintendent in 1983. □

Newcomers

Abingdon

Susan Nunley, temporary junior clerk.

John Amos

Richard "Luke" Eater, custodian.

Beckley

Lee Venable, Jr., electrical engineer.

Edward Wills, parttime meter reader.

Bluefield

Nina Farmer, temporary junior clerk, Princeton.

Barry Vaughan, meter electrician C.

Danny Neely, department assistant - marketing & customer services.

Brenton McMillion, energy services engineer.

Charlie Gregory, parttime meter reader.

Central Machine Shop

Conrad Kevin Gibson, machinist 3rd class.

General Office

Clifford Sherrod, transmission station mechanic D, GO T&D Station, Charleston.

Stanley H. Young, III, transmission station mechanic D, GO T&D Station, Charleston.

Kanawha River Plant

Alan Snodgrass, utility worker B.

Kingsport

Debby Ryans, cashier C.

Lynchburg

Michael Taylor, energy services engineer.

Pulaski

Perry Henson, junior clerk, Christiansburg.

Roanoke

Brian Martin, electrical engineer.

Michael Campbell, electrical engineer.

Melinda Woolwine, parttime junior clerk.

David Swisher, department assistant-marketing and customer services, Fieldale. □

Retirements



"I have always enjoyed my work, and I think I learned something new every day," claims **Cecil Shay**, who retired September 1 as manager of the John E.

Amos Plant, the largest generating station in the American Electric Power System. "I was interested in all phases of electrical engineering and quite interested in electronics when I was at West Virginia University and interviewed with Westinghouse. But that was about the time of World War II, and I went into the Army as soon as I got out of school." While in service, Shay spent ten months as a German prisoner and was released at the end of the war. He continues, "When I came home, my uncle who worked at Windsor Plant told me they were looking for engineers so I went up and interviewed. Paul Schneider, who later was manager at the Logan, Sporn, and Cabin Creek Plants, hired me. Windsor was an old plant, built in 1916 and then modified and added on to. It had all kinds of equipment, and I learned a lot at that plant. I have always tried to take the attitude — and persuade other people to do likewise — that if you have an equipment failure or problem of some kind, you need to find the cause and correct it so it doesn't happen again. The most interesting periods in my career and the ones that gave me the most satisfaction

were helping to set up the organization in new plants. I was involved in the startup of Tanners Creek, Muskingum River, Kammer and Mitchell Plants, and I was assigned for short periods of time at Sporn, Clifty Creek, and Cook." Shay was, in fact, manager at Windsor, Kammer, Mitchell, and Rockport before becoming manager at Amos in 1980. He continues, "No matter where you go, you find good people in any of the AEP companies. And I think Amos has as good a group of people as any plant I have worked in. Overall, I believe AEP has a good future with the reserves they have now and the new plants coming on." Shay continues, "I really don't have a lot of plans for retirement. My wife and I may go south in the winter but neither one of us would like to live there year-round. We have a daughter and a son, and we're going to be grandparents for the first time around December." □



"The most satisfying experiences I have had were the times when I was able to help someone," says Clintwood Meter Service Mechanic **Arthur Self** about his more than 35 years with Appalachian. "The customers always came first with me. I was always honest with them and did the best I knew how. I don't think I would have the reputation I do today if I hadn't done that. A lot of people who don't know my name just call me 'Mr. APCO.' I've always felt that my wife Frankie worked for the company too because, for years, she took trouble calls

at home. Even now people will call from time to time." Arthur continues, "I never did apply for a job with the power company; they came after me. There weren't many jobs in Dickenson County, and Appalachian has been a good company. I'll miss the people and the public because I dealt with them for so long." Arthur says he has no plans for retirement but will have plenty to do. "My family is going to come first now." He has one son and three daughters, one of whom was an AEP educational award winner. □



When **Earl Robertson** leaves his post as data processing supervisor in GO Accounting, Roanoke, on September 1, it will be his second retirement this year. His first was from the U.S. Army Reserves in May. A B24 pilot during World War II with 35 missions to his credit, Earl ended his military service with the 2174th USAG, retiring as captain. His honors include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Army Commendation Medals, the Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, and several

campaign ribbons. He also was recognized several years ago as the most outstanding senior NCO during summer camp at Fort Meade. At Appalachian, Earl helped set up General Office Accounting's computer operation in 1956 and has watched it progress through the years. "It's a good company, and I've met some fine people here," he states. "But, after 44 years and 10 months of service, it's time to move on and give the young folks a chance. I'm looking forward to a new experience." □

Retirements



"My time at Amos Plant was an experience I truly enjoyed," states Maintenance Mechanic **Clayton Groff**, who retired June 1. "Farming is my first love," he says, "and for 35 years I farmed and raised cattle and chickens on 60 acres in Scott Depot. Now most of my acreage is covered with houses instead of corn." Clayton had 4,000 chickens at one time, earning him the title of "Egg Man of St. Albans." He adds, "I came to Amos for greater economic stability, but I was apprehensive about working so closely

with a large group of people. It was quite a change from the solitude of farming," but I quickly learned that I was working with a fine group of people. I particularly enjoyed my time in the Maintenance Department because I could see what I had accomplished!" Because of limited mobility from a leg injury, Clayton spends a lot of time reading and enjoying his pets. His retirement plans include remodeling his home and helping his wife with her upholstery business. □



"I have enjoyed my work at Appalachian; I wouldn't have stayed over 40 years if I hadn't," states **Herb Davis**, transformer specialist, GO T&D Station, Huntington, who elected early retirement on September 1. He continues, "I was hired as a junior clerk because of my experience in office work. Later on I earned a degree in electrical engineering through ICS." Herb served with the U. S. Army during World War II and married an English girl. He says, "Since 1967, we have been going back to England about

every year. She has two sisters that we visit, and we also rent a car and travel around. What we intend to do now is visit other parts of Europe. I especially want to take a boat trip to see the Scandinavian fjords." Herb enjoys gardening and woodworking, and one of his retirement projects will be remodeling his daughter's home. He also is a Red Cross volunteer and a volunteer with the Retired Service Council. He retired from the National Guard as a captain after 35 years' service. □



A month-long stay in Hawaii is the way **Jack Skelton**, Charleston T&D clerk A, plans to celebrate his September 1 retirement. "After that, I don't have any definite plans. My wife will continue to work for a while so I'll just take one day at a time. I have a parttime contracting business, which will keep me busy. I enjoy doing just about anything outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, and sailing. Probably in the next two or three years we will move someplace, maybe to southern California." During World War II,

Jack served with the combat engineers in General Patton's Third Army. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. The Skeltons have one son, one daughter, and four grandchildren. □



"The company has been good to work for, and I have met a lot of wonderful people," states **Oscar Leonard**, Philip Sporn Plant shift operating engineer, who retired September 1. He continues, "I was looking for steady work when I came here 35 years ago. I taught flying at Ohio University for three years before the program faded out; and, if I had stayed in flying, I would have had to go out West." Oscar was a B24 heavy bombardment pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He still has a

commercial pilot's license although it is currently inactive. Oscar relates, "I have a lot of hobbies to keep me busy during retirement: golf, astronomy, and TV repair. My wife and I have a mobile home, and we are going to travel some. We may go to Florida for a month this fall, and next year I hope to travel out West to Yellowstone National Park." Oscar is a member of the York Rite Masonic Order, Blue Lodge Chapter Council Commandery, and the American Legion in Pomeroy. □



"I started working for the company on a parttime basis when I was a senior in high school; and, the day after I graduated, I walked into the petty cash office," recalls **Adele Williams**, Kingsport customer accounts clerk A. On September 1, after 41 years' service, Adele joined her husband Nick in retirement. "I am elated," she says, "even though I really enjoyed it here. I'll miss my co-workers and some of the customers, too. We plan on taking things day by day. Nick and I

will continue to be active in the Fellowship Freewill Baptist Church. Because I have always worked, I love doing anything about the house, even yard work and cooking. I like to embroider, and my neighbor is going to teach me to do needlepoint. I'd like to learn how to press and dry flowers, too. I have a large family — there's 100 of us when we get together at Christmas — and we plan on visiting family members until we get tired. We may spend the winters in Florida." □



"The closer it gets, the more anxious I am to go," said **Gib Hart** two months before his September 1 retirement. An instrument mechanic A at Philip Sporn Plant, Gib recalls that "they were getting ready to put unit 3 on the line when I came. I was fortunate to get such a good job; and, all in all, my 35 years' service has been enjoyable. I have had quite a bit of sickness; and, without the company's good medical benefits, I probably would have been broke many times." He continues, "My wife will work a few

years yet, so we don't have a lot of retirement plans. I hope to visit my brother who lives in Maine, and I want to spend a lot of time fishing, which I love. I also enjoy taking pictures of wildlife. I never did have a desire to kill deer, but I like to photograph them. The swimming pool we put in three years ago gives us a lot of pleasure. We really enjoy it when our grandchildren visit. We have five sons — twins in Texas, one in Georgia, and two in Ohio — and six grandchildren." □



Getting to know his home state of West Virginia is one of the things Logan Records Supervisor **Howard Foglesong** has planned following his September 1 retirement. "I've seen a lot of the state," he says, "but there are a few places I haven't been as well as some I want to go back to see. I don't plan on taking any long trips." Currently a resident of Chapmanville, Howard is moving to a 70-acre farm at Horner to be near his daughter. "Playing around the farm is my

hobby," he says. Howard served in the U.S. Army during World War II and began working for Appalachian on a survey crew in Charleston during the summer of 1948. "I went to Point Pleasant when it became a district in January 1949," he recalls. "The next year I left to go to West Virginia University, where I earned a degree in electrical engineering. I rejoined the company in 1955 at Logan and have been here ever since. I like the company. It's been alright." □



A career spanning nearly 47 years came to a close on September 1 with the retirement of **Carl Gibson**, right of way supervisor, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke. He joined Appalachian in January 1940 as a groundman and three months later transferred to Fieldale. He became Fieldale District right of way supervisor in 1950 and in 1959 transferred to Roanoke in the-then System R/e & R/w Department. He was promoted in 1971 to the position he held at retirement. Carl was faced with the challenge of helping secure

right of way for two of the company's hydro construction projects — Smith Mountain and the ill-fated Blue Ridge project — as well as numerous UHV lines — Jackson's Ferry-Cloverdale, Axton-Jackson's Ferry, Joshua Falls and Cloverdale. Carl and his wife Doris have planned a few trips, including a reunion with his former shipmates aboard the U.S.S. Boise, a light cruiser which saw heavy action during World War II. The couple has one son and four grandsons, who live in Spartanburg, S.C. □

Who's News

Huntington

Steve Carpenter, Point Pleasant area manager, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Mason County Development Authority.

M. A. Fotos, division superintendent, has been appointed Appalachian Power's representative to the Marshall University Community College advisory committee.



Karla, daughter of Karl Click, Point Pleasant meter reader, was crowned Mason County Fair Queen. She will reign for the coming year, representing Mason County at fairs and festivals across West Virginia and in neighboring states. Photo courtesy The Point Pleasant Register.

The family of **Lenora Brickey**, lab technician, AEP General Lab, won several prizes at the recent Lawrence County Fair. Lenora took first and second place in the breeding characteristics category of dairy alpine goats less than one year old. Her husband **Roscoe** won first place for taste and appearance in both the light amber and dark amber honey categories as well as first place in the favorite cake recipe category for his chocolate zucchini honey cake. The cake also will be entered in the Ohio State Fair. Eight-year-old daughter **Crystal** won first place for her cabbage patch doll cake decoration and second place for her chocolate chip cookies. Sixteen-year-old daughter **Laura** won first place in cooking in the easy living category (to

be entered in the Ohio State Fair), second place in sewing in the dressy dresses category, and second place in creative writing in the poems and short stories category.



Courtney Vest



Tara Dunn

Courtney, daughter of Office Supervisor Jerry Vest, and **Tara**, daughter of Meter Reader David Dunn, attended the International Cheerleading Foundation (ICF) Camp at Marshall University. Although they were members of the youngest squad at the camp, they won several honors in competition with 120 junior and senior high girls. Their awards included: first place - preliminary competition (blue ribbon), two 110 percent ribbons; two sparkle and shine ribbons; outstanding improvement ribbon; Creativity in cheering ribbon; first place overall excellence (blue ribbon); and outstanding skills and gymnastics ribbon. They also won second place in the junior high division, competing against 110 squads, and qualified for the nationals in Nashville, Tennessee. Tara, a sixth grader at Gallaher Elementary, was chosen most outstanding cheerleader of the entire camp. Courtney, a fourth grader at Altizer Elementary, was selected outstanding fire patrol person in her class last year. □

Logan-Williamson



Greg, son of George Copley, Logan line mechanic A, was a member of the 1986 state Babe Ruth championship team. The Logan Babe Ruth Team also was state champ in 1983 and 1984. □

Abingdon

Isaac Webb, III, Gate City area supervisor, has been selected as chairman of the United Way of Southwest Virginia 1986-87 campaign.

Clark Peck, retired records supervisor, has been elected sergeant at arms of the Abingdon Rotary Club.

Shirley, wife of Don Landreth, engineering technologist supervisor, has been elected clerk of the Washington County School Board. □

Beckley

Michael, son of Janet Hood, Rainelle customer accounts representative B, has been named the recipient of the Rainelle Woman's Club annual scholarship given to a deserving graduate of Greenbrier West High School. He will attend Marshall University.

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

David, son of Glenn O'Neal, station crew supervisor exempt, has been accepted to West Virginia University's School of Dentistry, beginning this fall. He plans to specialize in orthodontics.



Cindy, daughter of Paula Goddard, T&D clerk A, has been named an Academic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council. Nominated by her English teacher, Cindy has a 3.3

grade point average. She will be in the eighth grade.

Nine-year-old **A. J.**, son of Oak Hill Meter Reader Susie Hall, received three trophies at the Dave Barksdale Basketball Camp. The trophies were awarded for winning the one-on-one contest, lay-ups, and hot shot contest. □

Centralized Plant Maintenance



Dena, daughter of John Manley, maintenance supervisor, has been named an Academic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council. Academic All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or

better grade point average. They are selected upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Dena is a sophomore at Meigs High School.

Micah Renea, daughter of Dave Somerville, maintenance mechanic B, won third place in the 13 to 18-month-old division of the pretty baby contest at the Gallia County Fair.



Joey, son of Don Gritt, maintenance mechanic B, won reserve champion in the pacing pony class in the Mason County Fair. He also won three blue ribbons for horsemanship and one red ribbon for halter class. At the Kanawha County 4-H horse camp, Joey received a blue ribbon for horsemanship and a white ribbon for pacing pony class. □

Kingsport



Tonya, daughter of J. T. Bruner, line mechanic B, was selected Little Miss Fest during Kingsport's Fun Fest '86 last month.

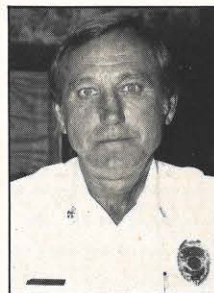


Marcella Knox, executive secretary, represented Kingsport Power as a contestant in the annual Downtown Kingsport Ms. Hayseed contest.

Greg Smith, staff assistant, was selected to participate in the 1986-87 Leadership Kingsport, a year's training program to develop individuals who are motivated to assume community leadership positions. □

Roanoke

Ron, son of Carolyn Gordon, engineering technician assistant, won the championship in the 13-15-year-old category of the Scott & Bond Tennis Tournament in Bedford.



Bev Mitchell, part-time meter reader, completed rigorous written and oral examinations and conducted several demonstrations to qualify as district chief of the City of Roanoke Fire Department. He will

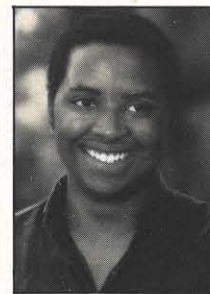
be responsible for supervising nine companies and thirty-eight fire personnel. □

Pulaski

Larry Rakes, marketing and customer services representative senior, and Ralph Jones, line crew supervisor non-exempt, finished second in the Virginia Bass Federation Region 4 tournament. The win qualifies them for the Virginia State Classic on October 25 and 26 at Claytor Lake, when the top 70 fishermen in the state will be competing.

Winning was a family affair at the member-guest tournament at Thorn Spring Golf Club in Pulaski County on July 28. Dennis Grubb, husband of Barbara Grubb (LTD), and his cousin, Bill Grubb of St. Simons, Georgia, took first place in the second flight. Barbara's nephew, Mike Walker, and his partner, Duane Mink, took second place in the second flight. The third flight was won by brother-in-law C. Jim Haga of Salem and his partner, Ralph Duncan of Michigan. Another brother-in-law, W. O. Waller of Pulaski and his son, Bill, of Clayton, North Carolina, took first place in the sixth flight. □

Lynchburg



Jerome, son of Ami Watson, customer accounts representative A, has been selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for the second consecutive year. Only six percent of the

nation's junior and senior high school students are included in "Who's Who" every year and less than one-half of one percent are honored for two years. Jerome is a June graduate of Heritage High School. □

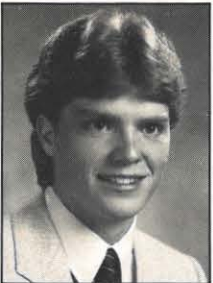
Charleston



Larry White, line crew supervisor, has been elected president of the Roane County Board of Education for a two-year term.

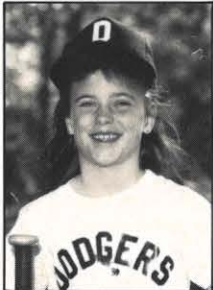
Jack Shaver, administrative assistant, was elected vice chairman of the American Red Cross Central West Virginia Chapter. □

General Office

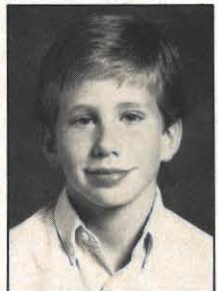


Phillip, son of Phil Weaver, communication supervising engineer, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke, was selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among High School Students." He entered the freshman class at Emory and Henry College this month.

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Kimberly Anne, daughter of Richard Musselman, station operator, GO Operations, Roanoke, played shortstop and left fielder on the championship Dodgers team in the Stewartsville-Chamblissburg T-Ball League. Richard helped coach the team to an undefeated 9-0 season.



Troy, son of Steve Jamison, compensation and benefits manager, GO Personnel, Roanoke, received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. The award recognizes students who maintained a high scholastic average throughout

high scholastic average throughout

elementary school and scored high on the SRA Achievement Test series. Troy participated in Roanoke City's PLATO program for gifted and talented students. He also received the President's Physical Fitness Award of Merit.



Tom Ruble, engineering technologist supervisor, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, was elected to a one-year term as district governor of District 24-E of Lions Club International. He serves as

a member of the boards of the Eye Bank of Virginia and the Virginia Hearing and Temporal Bone Bank and a member of the Lions of Virginia Foundation. Tom also was elected to serve as chairman of the Virginia Council of Governors, making him the chief executive and administrative officer for the state.

Tracy, daughter of Janie Ollie, senior data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, received an honor roll certificate and an award for library assistance from Huff Lane Elementary School, where she is a second grader.



Christopher Worsham and **Mary Elizabeth Wertz** were crowned Little Mr. and Miss Fourth of July at Gretna's holiday celebration. Sponsored by the Lioness Club, the celebration was held at Gretna High School football field. Both Christopher and Mary Elizabeth won a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a half-dollar Statue of Liberty commemorative coin. They are the son of Kenneth Worsham, hydro mechanic B, and daughter of James Wertz, hydro mechanic A, respectively. □

APCo team wins bed race



An Appalachian Power employees team took first place in Charleston's 4th Annual Muscular Dystrophy benefit bed race which raised \$2,200. This is the second consecutive year that Appalachian placed first, competing against nine other locally sponsored teams. The team's prize was a Gauley Expeditions whitewater raft trip on the New River. Pictured, l. to r., are Pat Taylor, customer accounts supervisor; Emanuel Watts, meter reader; Randy Saunders, meter reader; and Andrea Redden, junior stenographer.

Weddings

Hesson-White



Angala Lee White, Philip Sporn plant clerk C, to Craig Mitchell Hesson, Philip Sporn temporary summer employee, June 28.

Payne-Buffington



Robin Buffington to Richard M. Payne, Philip Sporn Plant control technician, July 19.

Wright-Jones



Terri Jones to David Wright, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Bluefield, June 7.

Bates-Hawks



Anne Hawks, mail clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke, to Charles Bates, August 9.

Powers-Akers



Sonya Sue Akers to Richard Dale Powers, July 5. Sonya is the daughter of Jerry Akers, Sr., Williamson area servicer.

Pugh-Munsey



Pamela Munsey to David Pugh, June 14. David is the son of Joel Pugh, Pulaski supervising drafter A.

Ferrell-Arnold



Joy Angeta Arnold to R. E. Ferrell, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Abingdon, June 14.

Parker-Warren



Sheridan Ann Warren to Henry Wendt Parker, Glen Lyn Plant performance engineer, August 2.

Atkinson-West



Teresa Kay West to James B. Atkinson, Jr., August 2. Teresa is the daughter of Helen K. West, Roanoke personnel assistant senior.

Jasinski-Bartholomew



Amy Leigh Bartholomew to Paul Joseph Jasinski, June 28. Amy is the daughter of John Bartholomew, Huntington service supervisor.

Handley-Lowe



Sandra K. Lowe to Carl F. Handley, II, Gavin Plant performance engineer, June 21. Carl is the son of Carl F. Handley, Amos Plant maintenance supervisor.

Brenda Randolph, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic C, to Douglas Beckett, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic B, August 13.

Robin B. Morris to Robert S. Revels, Amos Plant utility worker, July 17.

Rebecca Jean Barrett to Kenneth R. Hickman, Kingsport line mechanic B, June 21.

Gail Strange to Ronnie K. Hess, Kingsport station mechanic A, July 18. □

Births

Abingdon

Chad Ryan, son of **Danny Hensley**, Gate City meter reader, June 14.

John Amos Plant

Kelly Jo, daughter of **Jeffrey Huffman**, equipment operator B, July 3.

Evan Arthur, son of **Robert Derrick**, equipment operator B, July 1.

Daniel Ray, son of **John Woyan**, equipment operator B, June 16.

Matthew Scott, son of **Rodney Orem**, utility worker, August 17.

Jennifer Marie, daughter of **Raymond Linkenauer**, control technician junior, April 19.

Justin Keith, son of **Teresa Cook**, junior clerk, August 13.

Beckley

Jillian Lee, daughter of **Jeff Rogers**, engineering technician, August 20.

Bluefield

Rachel Michelle, daughter of **Sherry Barker**, Pineville cashier, July 26.

Cori Leigh-Ann, daughter of **Mike Smith**, Welch junior clerk, July 1.

Kayla Louvon, daughter of **Ronnie Cantrell**, Grundy line crew supervisor nonexempt, July 6.

Charleston

Heather Michelle, daughter of **Michael Scott**, electrical engineer, June 9.

Jon Martin, son of **W. M. Castleberry**, automotive mechanic A, June 17.

General Office

Monica Ann, daughter of **J. R. Rayburn, Jr.**, transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission, Kenova, May 27.

Kristin Deanna, daughter of **Gloria Mounts**, classification and accounts payable clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke, May 16.

Samuel Hammond IV, son of **Susan Huff**, classification and accounts payable clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, April 22.

David Sloan, son of **Sherry Hoopes**, centralized cash operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, July 24.

Vanessa Victoria, daughter of **Cindy Saunders**, mail clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke, June 12.

Brittney Chas, daughter of **Tim Rowland**, junior clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke, August 18.

Glen Lyn

Jeffrey Lee, Jr., son of **Jeff Wiegand**, performance engineer, July 4.

Huntington

Richard Calvin, son of **Jim Hill**, engineering technician, June 30.

Brittany Rena, daughter of **Judy Shafer**, stenographer, July 26.

David Karl, son of **Sherry Matheny**, Point Pleasant customer accounts representative B, July 12.

Kingsport

Dustin, son of **Wilford Gaines, Jr.**, line mechanic B, July 30.

Logan-Williamson

Michael Ray, son of **Billy Smutko**, Logan line mechanic B, July 11.

Lynchburg

Daniel James, chosen son of **Larry Dickerman**, division superintendent, March 24.

Mountaineer

Tiffany Jade, daughter of **Cliff Wyatt**, maintenance mechanic A, June 28.

Noah James, son of **Arnold Marcum**, maintenance mechanic B, June 30.

Pulaski

John DeFord, son of **Elizabeth Whitman**, engineering technician, July 24.

James Dustin, son of **Pete Childress**, drafter B, July 30.

Andrew Wyatte, son of **Steve Bell**, Christiansburg line mechanic C, June 20.

Meredith Leigh, daughter of **Ted Aaron**, electrical engineer, July 2.

Philip Sporn

Jordan Mark, son of **Mark Williams**, tripper operator, May 29.

Jamitha Marie, daughter of **Raymond Willford**, utility worker A, June 8.

Kathleen Christine, daughter of **Roger Sharp**, maintenance mechanic B, June 18.

Trisha Ann, daughter of **Robert Keyes**, equipment operator B, July 26. □

50th Anniversaries



Edna and Harry Arnott, retired Beckley customer accounting supervisor, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a dinner party given by their daughter at Pipestem State Park Lodge on August 30. The Arnotts have two grandchildren.

Whites celebrate 71st anniversary



Leafy and Giles White, retired Glen Lyn Plant auxiliary equipment operator, celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on July 21 at their home in Peterstown, West Virginia. The couple have eight children (including two who are deceased), twenty grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Their son, James, is a unit supervisor at Glen Lyn. Giles, 92, and his brother Everett White, 95, are the two oldest living retirees at Glen Lyn.



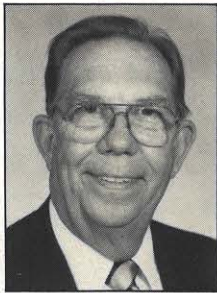
Juanita and Harold "Salty" Lawrence, retired Christiansburg general clerk senior, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 24. He has been retired since 1964.

Edith and James Gilbert, retired right of way agent, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27. The couple has three children and eight grandchildren. □

Service Anniversaries



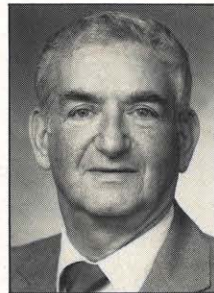
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mk. & cust. serv. rep. sr.
Lynchburg
45 years



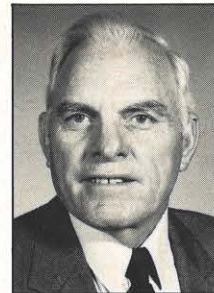
Tom Hubbard
elec. plt. acctg. supv.
GO-Roanoke
40 years



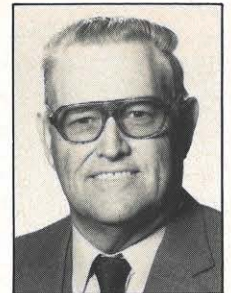
Virginia Metz
sec. stenographer A
Fieldale
35 years



Curtis McCormick
trans. crew supervisor
GO-Bluefield
35 years



Chapman Rutledge, Jr.
line mechanic A
Milton
35 years



J. C. King
meter ser. mechanic A
St. Albans
35 years



Larrie Bucklen
mk. & cust. serv. rep. sr.
Wytheville
30 years



Joe Gates
senior custodian
GO-Roanoke
30 years



Jackie Jessee
maintenance supv.
Glen Lyn
30 years



Emory McGuffin
collector
Oak Hill
30 years



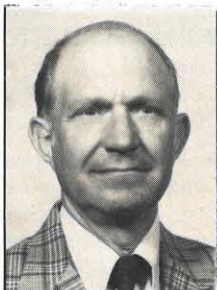
Theodore Stevens
photog./reproducer
Bluefield
25 years



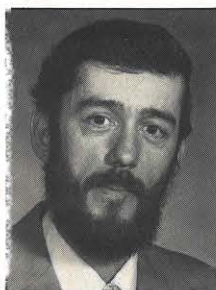
Howard Stovall
station crew supv.
Abingdon
20 years



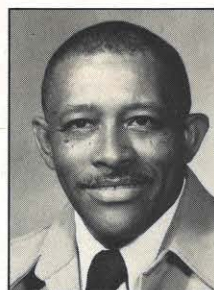
Sonny Alley
eng. technologist
Pulaski
20 years



Arnold Anderson
equipment serv. adv.
Pulaski
20 years



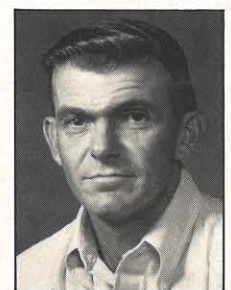
Al Gillies
maintenance supv.
Mountaineer
20 years



Vern Wooten
stores attendant A
Beckley
20 years



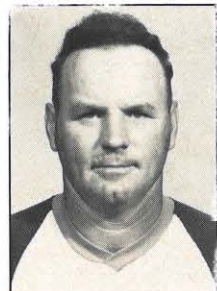
Joe McCarroll
head meter reader
Kingsport
20 years



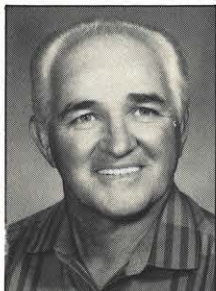
G. C. Wooten, Jr.
station crew supv. NE
Logan
20 years



Jimmy Price
line crew supv. NE
Lebanon
20 years



Arlie Parsons
area servicer
Wytheville
20 years



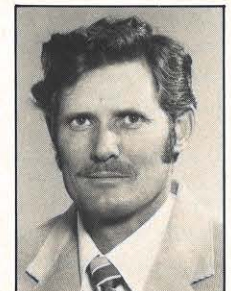
Bob Barley
line crew supv. NE
Beckley
20 years



Garnett Taylor
maint. mechanic A
Clinch River
20 years



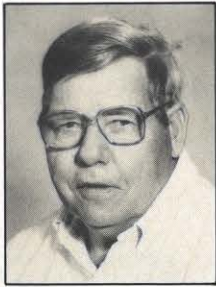
Bud Bouldin
coal equipment op.
Glen Lyn
20 years



Paul Sauls
line crew supv. NE
Marion
20 years



J. D. Farmer
area supervisor
Lebanon
20 years



Frank Harris
custodian
Fieldale
20 years



Willard Kestner
line crew supv. NE
Abingdon
20 years



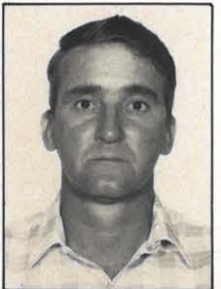
Fred Farley
cust. accts. rep. A
Bluefield
20 years



Ronnie Gill
stores & garage supv.
Abingdon
20 years



Terry Simpson
eng. technician sr.
Princeton
20 years



Ronald McDaniel
hydro mechanic A
GO-Byllesby
20 years

Abingdon

10 years: **Lois Campbell**, customer accounts representative B. **Dan Drayer**, electrical engineer.

John Amos

15 years: **Joseph Milbee**, maintenance mechanic A. **James T. Bone**, maintenance supervisor. **James A. Taylor**, maintenance mechanic A. **Carl F. Handley**, maintenance supervisor. **Basil Meadows**, control technician senior. **Philip Chatting**, performance technician supervisor.

Bluefield

10 years: **Russell Calfee**, engineering technologist supervisor. 5 years: **Howard Mullens**, line mechanic B (LTD), Tazewell. **Donnie Bailey**, line mechanic C. **Brian Harmon**, meter reader. **Grundy Joe Johnson**, station mechanic C. **Jack Hash**, meter reader.

Central Machine Shop

15 years: **Jim Turley**, semi-tractor trailer driver. 10 years: **Dave Harpold**, machinist 1st class.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

10 years: **T. D. Shrewsbury**, maintenance mechanic B. 5 years: **T. Brannan**, personnel clerk B. **D. L. Downey**, maintenance mechanic B.

Charleston

15 years: **Sue Pryce**, secretary. 5 years: **D. K. Paitsel**, meter electrician C. **R. M. Saunders**, meter reader.

Clinch River

20 years: **Larry Null**, maintenance mechanic A. **Jimmie Musick**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **Edgar Taylor, III**, equipment operator B. **James Marshall**, stores attendant. **Connie Helbert**, plant clerk B.

General Office

40 years: **Henry Howell**, statistical analyst, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke. 20 years: **Jerry Wimmer**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. 15 years: **Gary Ronk**, operations analyst A, GO Operations, Roanoke. **Cecil Martin**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. 10 years: **Robert Witcher**, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke. **Rick Streeter**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Gary Bannister**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke. 5 years: **Dale Moore**, rate analyst, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke. **Gregory Hedrick**, engineering technician, GO T&D Communications, Huntington. **Jeff Brubaker**, accounting staff assistant II, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

5 years: **Benjamin Flurie**, performance engineer.

Huntington

5 years: **Patrick Hurst**, station mechanic C.

Kanawha River

10 years: **D. W. Wills**, maintenance mechanic B.

Kingsport

15 years: **Bob Ruecroft**, electrical engineer senior.

Logan-Williamson

15 years: **E. E. Drummer**, station mechanic A, 10 years: **Mark Summers**, line mechanic A, Madison. 5 years: **Janet Todd**, station mechanic C. **Williamson**.

Lynchburg

10 years: **Tom Bondurant**, line mechanic A.

Mountaineer

10 years: **Jerry Davenport**, ash technician. **Mike Martin**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **Jamie McClanahan**, barge handler.

Pulaski

10 years: **Wally Brockmeyer**, line mechanic A (LTD).

Roanoke

15 years: **Betty Pugh**, meter electrician C. 10 years: **David Horne**, meter reader. 5 years: **Michael Kosinski**, electrical engineer.

Philip Sporn

10 years: **John Riley**, tripper operator. **Guyla Roush**, secretary. **Mark Williams**, tripper operator. **John Taylor**, maintenance mechanic A. □

English earns CPS rating



Janice English, stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, has earned the designation of Certified Professional Secretary. She successfully passed an examination administered by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, a department of Professional Secretaries International (PSI). A graduate of National Business College, English joined Appalachian in 1982 as a junior stenographer and was promoted to her present position in 1984.

High school ring found after 19 years

Lynchburg Meter Electrician Wendell Bogle is looking forward to going to his 20th class reunion this fall. "I've never been to one, but I'll go this year. I've got something to tell them," he says.

Wendell, a 1966 Rustburg High School graduate, thought he lost his class ring while he was stationed in Alaska with the Air Force. He found out just two months ago that the ring was lost in the summer of 1967 during his stint at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois.

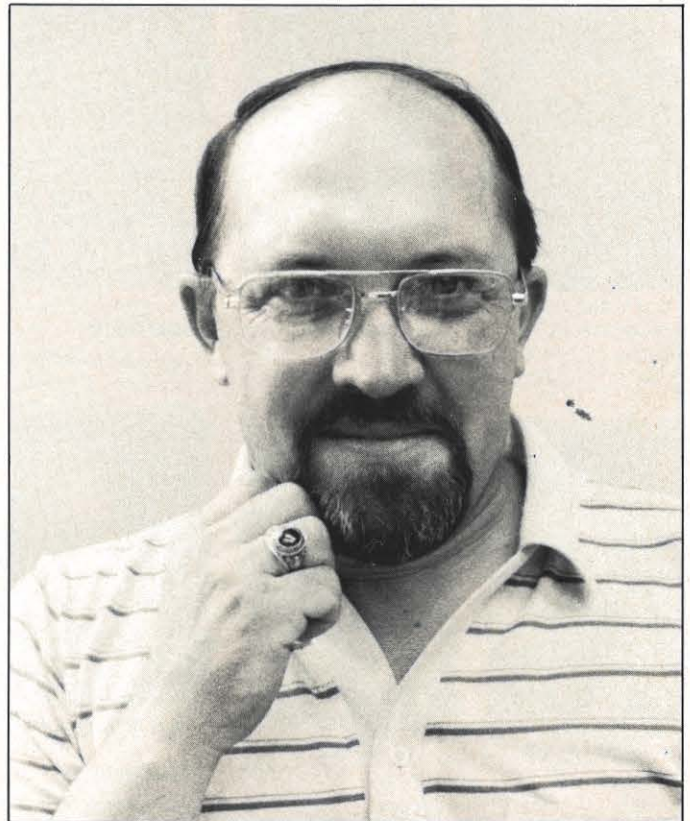
For the past 19 years, the engraved gold band has rested in a jewelry box in El Paso, Illinois, and sometimes on the finger of Jack York, who recently found the initials W. B. on the inside of the ring.

"I was doing tree work at Chanute in 1967 and found it underneath a tree," York told a Lynchburg News reporter in a telephone interview. He knew the ring belonged to someone who graduated from Rustburg, Va., because of the exterior engraving, but he didn't see the interior initials. York added, "Rustburg, Va., was the only thing I had to work with, and I thought I'd never find the owner. I took care of it; and, since it was the same size as mine, I wore it sometimes.

"One day I just happened to dig it out with some other things. The sunlight hit it just right, and I saw the initials. I grabbed the phone and started dialing. I called directory assistance for Rustburg High School." York talked to someone at the high school who in turn contacted Wendell's niece.

"I was floored to find out someone had found the ring and wanted to return it after all these years. A class ring is kind of special, and I couldn't wait to talk to him. I couldn't believe it," Wendell states. "I called York, who promised to insure the ring and mail it. The ring was wrapped in tissue inside a Band-Aid container and enclosed in a sturdy brown box when it arrived."

Even though a jeweler appraised the ring at a couple hundred dollars, York said he didn't consider keeping the ring after



Wendell Bogle wears his class ring again after 19 years.

finding the initials. "I knew it wasn't mine, and I didn't feel right wearing it. I'd return anything like that. I'd like to see a little more honesty in the world."

Wendell says, "He's an exceptional person to do this. I'd like to meet him." Wendell's wife Rachel says, "There aren't many people like that." □

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