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AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
1/31/86	\$2.3389	.4275	\$3.7117	.2694	\$2.9059	.3441
2/28/86	2.3620	.4233	3.9736	.2516	3.0887	.3237
3/31/86	2.3874	.4188	4.1952	.2383	3.2630	.3064
4/30/86	2.4117	.4146	4.1455	.2412	3.0279	.3302
5/31/86	2.4376	.4102	4.3627	.2292	3.0799	.3247
6/30/86	2.4629	.4060	4.4441	.2250	3.1686	.3156
7/31/86	2.4894	.4017	4.1898	.2386	3.5090	.2849
8/31/86	2.5160	.3975	4.5045	.2220	3.7421	.2672
9/30/86	2.5420	.3934	4.1383	.2416	3.2777	.3051
10/31/86	2.5692	.3892	4.3668	.2290	3.6452	.2743
11/30/86	2.5957	.3852	4.4757	.2234	3.6382	.2748
12/31/86	2.6233	.3812	4.3578	.2295	3.4096	.2933

VPU — value per unit

UCPD — units credited per dollar

HOW TO READ THE ABOVE CHART: The first column lists the days on which unit values are figured; the second shows the market price or value of each unit on that day; and the third indicates how many units you could have bought for \$1 on that day. For example, if the market value or "value per unit" of the Equity Fund were 50¢ on the valuation date (last day of each month), then "units credited per dollar" would be 2,000. This also holds true for the AEP Stock Fund and the Fixed Income Fund.



Roy Painter, transmission station mechanic A, left, and Joe Coley, electrical engineer, both of GO T&D Station, work in the Cloverdale Station near Roanoke.

Thanks for a job well done

Two major winter storms swept across Appalachian Power Company's service area late last month, bringing record low temperatures and as much as 24" of snow in some localities.

The severe weather conditions forced school cancellations, and many businesses and industries either opened late or not at all. Driving conditions were extremely hazardous at times, and state police urged motorists to stay at home unless absolutely necessary that they get out.

It was business as usual at Appalachian's offices, plants, and other work locations, however. Knowing that they were needed to keep the electricity flowing so that customers could have heat, light, and power, most Appalachian employees willingly braved the elements and were on the job at their regular times. The integrity of the company's transmission and distribution system remained intact,

for the most part, with only scattered outages in a few areas.

"This kind of dedication and willingness to work has been a trademark of our employees throughout our history," says Appalachian Power President John W. Vaughan. "We live in an electricity-oriented society; and, when electricity goes off, life nearly comes to a standstill. Our ability to supply our customers with continuous and reliable electric service is always challenged and made more difficult by severe weather conditions. Yet it is always in these times of adversity that the dedication and skills of all our employees rise to the occasion.

"I wish I could personally thank each of you and express my appreciation for the part you played last month in the continuation of this reliable service. Since this is not physically possible, I hope you will accept these comments as a measure of my appreciation for a job well done." □

APCo opens new Rocky Mount office

Appalachian Power Company's new \$1.5 million facility near Rocky Mount opened to the public on December 22.

The 20,000 square-foot masonry and steel building is located on a six-acre tract on Route 40 near the intersection with Route 122. The company has consolidated operations into the new, more efficient facility from its downtown Rocky Mount office building, which the company first occupied in 1942, and from a storage area north of town.

The new building includes a drive-through payment window, an inside customer service area along with offices and work spaces for employees, storage space, and a garage for company vehicles. An open house will be held early in 1987. □

AEP mines produce 11.7-million tons in 1986

AEP System coal mines, all of them operated by subsidiaries of Ohio Power Company, produced 11,673,474 clean tons in 1986. One mining company set a record.

Windsor Power House Coal Company went over the 1-million-ton level for the first time on a five-day work-week basis. Its Windsor Mine produced 1,023,830 tons, against 969,756 the previous year. The only other time that Windsor exceeded the million-ton milestone was in 1943, when it was operating six days a week to support the war effort.

Among the three active mining companies, Southern Ohio Coal Company produced the most coal: 7,272,696 tons. Its Meigs Division (in Ohio) turned out 4,847,535 tons: 2,701,610 at Meigs No. 2 Mine, 1,075,882 at Meigs No. 1 Mine and 1,070,043 at Raccoon No. 3 Mine. The other division, Martinka (in West Virginia), produced 2,425,161 tons. The Meigs No. 2 and Martinka tonnages were close to their respective records.

Central Ohio Coal Company, the System's only surface-mining operation, mined 3,376,948 tons at its Muskingum Mine, slightly more than in 1985. □

Net earnings exceed \$500 million

For the first time in its 80-year history, American Electric Power Company last year exceeded \$500 million in net earnings for a calendar year.

The earnings of \$507,171,000 represented an increase of 21.1% over the 1985 figure of \$418,651,000. However, the latter amount included two actions taken in 1985 by a subsidiary, Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company: a write-off in connection with its investment in the Zimmer Plant and a provision for loss relating to its investment in the Poston Plant.

Had it not been for these two developments, 1985 net earnings would have been \$497,706,000, and the increase in 1986 would have been 1.9%.

Earnings per share were \$2.62, against \$2.19 in 1985, an increase of 19.6% or 43 cents. Before the write-off and provision for loss, however, the 1985 earnings per share would have been \$2.60, and the 1986 increase 0.8% or 2 cents.

W. S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, explained that the modest increase in earnings was attributable generally to "the continued weakness in the industrial sector in some of the area served by the AEP System and to a decline in profitability from wholesale sales to other utilities, reflecting the present highly competitive market for such transactions." He added, "These effects were offset, however, by lower interest costs." □

AEP to redeem \$233.6 million of high cost bonds

Continuing its program of reducing interest costs, the AEP System within the next two months will redeem three entire issues of high-cost first-mortgage bonds totaling more than \$233.6 million.

Approximately half the total is represented by Ohio Power Company's \$116.4 million of 16½% bonds due 1992. They will be redeemed March 1 at 106.05% of their principal amount. Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, New York, is the redemption agent and trustee.

Also on March 1, Appalachian Power Company will redeem its \$20,230,000 of 12½% bonds due 1990. The redemption price is 103.75% of the principal amount. Bankers Trust Company, New York, is the redemption agent and trustee.

Then, on April 1, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company will redeem \$97 million

of 16½% bonds due 1992. Redemption price will be 106.19% of the principal amount. Irving Trust Company, New York, is the redemption agent/trustee.

All three redemptions are being made under terms of the bonds, which permit such action to be taken prior to maturity. □

Sales and revenues "flat" for 1986

The best word to describe the AEP System's energy sales and operating revenues in 1986 is "flat."

The System sold more electricity (1.1% more) in 1986 than in 1985, but its operating revenues declined a tad (0.1%).

Sales of energy totaled 101.58-billion kilowatthours, compared with 100.51-billion kwh the previous year. It was the sixth time in the past eight years that sales surpassed the 100-billion-kwh level, the two exceptions being the recession years of 1982-83.

For the year, residential and commercial sales, as well as wholesale sales, mostly to other utilities, all showed gains. However, industrial sales were down (4.4%) for the second straight year and had the effect of flattening total kwh sales. The table below shows this result:

	1986 Sales (billions of kwh)	Change from '85
Residential	23.23	1.9%
Commercial	16.07	3.2
Industrial	34.19	-4.4
Other retail	1.33	0.0
Wholesale	26.76	6.9
Total	<u>101.58</u>	1.1

Operating revenues closed in on the \$5 billion mark for the third straight year, but as in the previous two years fell just short — \$4.84 billion. This figure was 0.1% less than 1985 (\$4.85 billion) and, in fact, 2.2% less than 1984 (\$4.95 billion).

Here again, the residential and commercial sectors were up and the industrial sector was down. But revenues from wholesale customers were down despite the fact that wholesale kwh sales were up. This fact reflects the competitive nature of the wholesale energy market, which has resulted in price cuts to such customers. This table shows the breakdown:

	1986 Revenues (millions)	Change from '85
Residential	\$1,482	2.5%
Commercial	949	3.6
Industrial	1,369	-2.8
All other retail	71	1.8
Wholesale	822	-3.3
Total from kwh sales	4,693	0.1
Other operating revenues	150	-5.7
Total operating revenues...	<u>\$4,843</u>	-0.1

New laws affect retirement age, benefit plans

Two new pieces of legislation, one of which went into effect January 1, are likely to affect the way Americans and their employers look at retirement.

New amendments to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, effective January 1, generally forbid mandatory retirement of most employees at *any* age. Earlier amendments had raised the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70.

The new law means that employers of 20 or more people may not require anyone who is age 40 or more to retire unless the employee:

- is physically or mentally incapable of performing the job, or
- is singled out under the act as a "bona fide executive" or "high policymaker."

To qualify for the latter exception — under which an employer may require an employee to retire at age 65 — the employee must have been in his or her position for at least two years immediately prior to retirement and be entitled to a nonforfeitable, employer-provided retirement benefit of at least \$44,000 a year.

The other change involves retirement benefits. Under current law, employers are not required to take into account an employee's service beyond the normal retirement date in determining pension benefits under the employer's basic pension plan. The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 changes that.

Beginning January 1, 1988, benefit plans may not permit the cessation of an employee's benefit accrual or the reduction of the rate of an employee's benefit accrual because of age. In other words, an employee will continue to accrue benefits until he or she retires. In the case of an employee whose benefits had stopped accruing at age 65, such accrual, though not retroactive, will resume. The same thing applies to contributory plans, where allocations to an employee's account had been stopped or reduced because of age.

The effect of the changes on the AEP System is not expected to be great, according to Gene Hale, senior vice

president-personnel of the AEP Service Corporation. The trend, both at AEP and nationally, has been for people to retire early. In fact, 80 percent of AEP's retirees in 1986 elected early retirement. As of December 31, only 60 AEP System employees were working past age 65. □

Six selected for AEP Management Program at OSU

Six men from Appalachian Power Company are among the fifty-four System employees selected to attend the 1987 American Electric Power System Management Program at The Ohio State University from April 26-May 22.

They are: Daniel L. Adams, Roanoke line superintendent; J. Larry Dickerman, Lynchburg division superintendent; Wallace D. Jamison, power dispatching superintendent, GO Operations, Roanoke; Bud C. Jones, engineering superintendent, GO T&D, Roanoke; Ronald L. Poff, civil engineering superintendent, GO T&D, Roanoke; and Jimmie L. Fariss, hydro operations superintendent, GO Hydro, Roanoke. □

Employees may use any designated counseling center

Persons who wish to take advantage of Appalachian Power Company's new Employee Counseling Program may visit *any* of the designated counseling centers, not just the one(s) listed for their particular area, according to Ed Bradley, personnel director of Appalachian.

He notes, "In the Employee Counseling Program brochure given to each employee, the counseling centers are listed by areas for ease of identification. Each center is within an hour's drive from at least one work location. If an employee feels more comfortable visiting a counseling center farther away from home, he or she is free to do so. Participants should remember, however, to identify themselves as an Appalachian Power employee or family member."

Additional copies of the Employee Counseling brochure are available in each Personnel Department. □

OIP winners listed

The top six Operations Improvement Program proposals for the fourth quarter of 1986 have been selected. The winners are:

"Maintaining continuity of neutral when splicing underground cable" submitted by **G. M. Goad**, Pulaski maintenance mechanic A, and **R. D. Tickle**, Pulaski area supervisor. Their suggestion was to place a hose clamp around the cable on the concentric neutral or shield on each side of the cut and tighten with a "T" handle.

"Information system access procedure revision" submitted by **W. A. Toler**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke. His proposal eliminates the need for a job ticket by using an RPF program and storing the information in the ROSCOE/librarian via our IBM 5285.

"Precipitator rapper control replacement" submitted by **R. W. Strope**, John Amos performance supervising engineer; **J. D. Lester**, Amos instrument maintenance supervisor; **M. S. Duncan**, Amos performance engineer senior; and **D. J. Dudenas**, AEP Service Corporation. Their suggestion eliminates opacity spikes due to non-uniform rapping and allows the unit to stay in compliance with EPA regulations during periods of low power precipitator operation resulting in prevention or delay of a forced unit outage.

"Replacement of tension splices on 765 kv lines utilizing a helicopter" submitted by **Sam Burchette**, transmission superintendent, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. He described the use of a specially equipped helicopter to replace seven No. 8 static wire preform tension splices with compression splices on 765 kv lines.

"Customer Accounts Section - monitoring workload status" submitted by **R. C. Shepard**, customer accounts supervisor, and **W. S. Crawford**, office supervisor, both of Lynchburg. This is a supervisory tool for making decisions relating to work reassignments, training needs, overtime, etc.

"Magnetic transfer ribbons", submitted by **Ann Huffman**, office services supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, was a proposal concerning the changing of vendors supplying magnetic ribbons. □



A specially equipped helicopter sprays a slurry of calcium carbonate and water on the lake's surface.

Lake liming restores acidified waters

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on environmental research in the AEP System.

The causes and consequences of acid rain — and, indeed, the best methods of controlling it — have been the subject of debate for the past decade. But, while the debate goes on, a new corporation has been formed to do something about acidified lakes in the United States.

Living Lakes, Inc., was founded in Washington, D.C. a year ago. Its purpose: to demonstrate that cost-effective lake liming and management techniques can restore acidified waters so that their fish populations may be restored and maintained. The program calls for restocking fish in limed lakes and then monitoring both the waters and the fish afterward.

Living Lakes is an independent company, but it was created through funding and support from a number of electric utilities and coal companies. Also involved in the effort are federal and state representatives, fishermen, landowners, conservationists and interested individuals.

AEP is an enthusiastic supporter. Its participation stems from its strong conviction, often stated, that acid rain-control legislation should not be enacted until ongoing studies of the phenomenon have helped to fill in the gaps of scientific knowledge essential to a rational solution to the problem. As W.S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, expressed it, "In the interim, as the Clean Air Act continues to produce improved air quality and as the new clean-coal technologies are demonstrated and put into full-scale use, mitigation measures to help ameliorate acidic conditions in certain bodies of water can be taken. The liming of lakes is an outstanding example of such a low-cost measure."

The concept of liming to reduce acidity is not new. Homeowners spread lime on their lawns to counterbalance acidic soil. America's farmers have been using limestone for years to neutralize acidity in the soil caused by their use of fertilizers. And, in Sweden, the government has limed approximately 20,000 lakes and streams in that country.

Living Lakes limed 15 lakes last year — in the Adirondack Mountains in upper New York and in the Berkshire Mountains and on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. It plans to treat a similar number this year. More than 65 bodies of water are being studied as possible treatment sites.

Once a body of water is identified, it is evaluated against Living Lakes' criteria. It must:

- historically or currently support fish populations;
- have an adequate fish habitat and food resources;
- retain the same water for more than six months;
- not be affected by acid mine drainage;
- not be naturally acid — i.e., a bog system, and
- not have unacceptable metal concentrations.

In other words, as A. Joseph Dowd put it, the lake "should be one susceptible to success." Dowd, AEP senior vice presi-

dent and general counsel, is a leading spokesman on the subject of acid rain for the nation's electric utilities.

In its first year of operation, Living Lakes limed only lakes and ponds. It has plans, however, to lime several streams in Maryland in its 1987 program.

The liming is done with a specially equipped helicopter (although boats also may be used), which sprays a slurry of calcium carbonate and water onto the surface of the lake in a precise pattern. Each lake is divided into one or more "treatment zones," and each zone then is treated with the slurry. The actual "dose" is measured on the basis of such factors as water depth, mineral content and acidity, determined in a pre-treatment survey.

The mixture settles and dissolves, and the lake is ready for recreational activities almost immediately.

As a necessary part of the program, Living Lakes and its field work contractor,

International Science and Technology, have been dealing with state agencies and fishermen's organizations. In fact, approval from the appropriate agency is required before liming of a lake can begin.

The result of this outreach aspect of the program, Dowd said, has been a "high degree of receptivity" among fishermen and the fish and wildlife agencies.

AEP contributed \$500,000 to Living Lakes in 1986 and has budgeted \$750,000 for 1987. Chairman White serves on the Board of Directors of Living Lakes, and Dowd is a member of its Operating Committee.

Coincidentally, Paul Emler, Jr., director of field operations for Living Lakes, is the son of Paul W. Emler, retired senior vice president - customer services of the AEP Service Corporation, and the nephew of Thomas A. Miskimen, staff engineer in AEP's Environmental Engineering Division. □



The helicopter pilot makes his approach toward a lake to be limed.

Pauline Whitaker Hiner started her volunteer work several years after she retired. Since then, Hiner, now 92, has accumulated more than 2,885 hours of volunteer service. Most of it has been at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Salem, Virginia. Hiner goes to the hospital twice a month as a member of American War Mothers, a national organization.

The women visit patients on the wards and give them handmade lap robes and handmade "ditty bags," which are cloth bags with drawstrings used to keep personal articles. They also distribute such items as combs, toothpaste, and candy to the veterans. The group pays for the gifts by holding rummage and bake sales and raffling handmade quilts.

"I used to make several hundred dollars for the organization," said Hiner, recalling how she and other members of the group used to solicit donations in exchange for carnations at churches on Mother's Day. The churchgoers wore red carnations if their mothers were alive and white ones if they were not. Hiner said she did this for 15 to 20 years.

"She is just the most cheerful person. She comes in smiling and always happy," Madolin Thomas, assistant chief of volunteer services at the VA, said of Hiner. "These ladies have to walk from building to building here, quite a distance. She's the oldest one, but she keeps up with the group. She's a real inspiration to the other volunteers. It amazes us that at her age she's able to do so many things." Thomas also said Hiner has a good sense of humor and is a low-key person. "She just goes ahead and does her job. Really a super person." Thomas said Hiner also is a representative on the VA Volunteer Services Advisory Board and always attends the quarterly meetings.

Hiner hasn't always been able to do volunteer work. Her husband, the late Lucian S. Hiner, died five months after they were married in June 1918. At the time of her husband's death, Hiner was pregnant. Their son, Lucian W. Hiner, was born the following April.

He was 5 months old when Hiner went to work as an accounting clerk for the old Roanoke Railway and Electric Company. Hiner and her son lived with her family, and her mother and sisters took care of the baby while she worked. She was able



Pauline Hiner

Vivacious volunteer

to send her son to Roanoke College; and, after graduation, he entered the Air Force and later earned a law degree. He is a deputy commissioner for the Virginia Industrial Commission in Richmond.

Hiner, who has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, retired from Appalachian Power Company in 1959 when she was 65. At the time, she was "the first woman employee in the Roanoke District to retire at normal retirement date," according to *The Illuminator*. She received many promotions in her 40-year career with Appalachian, retiring from the Commercial Department.

From 1959 until 1965, when she began her work with veterans, Hiner stayed busy traveling and with church work.

A member of Calvary Baptist Church since 1926, Hiner has held numerous leadership positions in the Women's Missionary Union, Victory Bible Class, Round Table Book Club, and Mission Center Board.

Frances Childress, librarian at Calvary and president of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Library Association, has known Hiner at least 50 years. "She's so cheerful and so interesting because she's interested in and does so many things.

She travels all the time. She reads a lot and has given us quite a few gifts of books," Childress said.

Reading is Hiner's hobby. She gives her magazines and books to either the hospital or the church when she's finished reading them. The church then gives any duplicates to other churches to start libraries.

Hiner said her secret to life is being active. Except for a bout with typhoid fever when she was 9, Hiner said she's always been healthy. She said disposition also is important in staying healthy. She said when people tell her she always seems so happy, she replies, "I don't have any better sense than to be happy." Besides, she added that her mother used to say, "Why worry? If you can do something about it, do it. And, if you can't, why worry?"

In addition to going to the veterans hospital, Hiner does all her own yard work and climbs up a ladder to wash her windows," said Ruth Collins, her neighbor. □

Story by Judy Williams; photo by Jerri Nolan-Rogers, Roanoke Times and World News.

Retirements

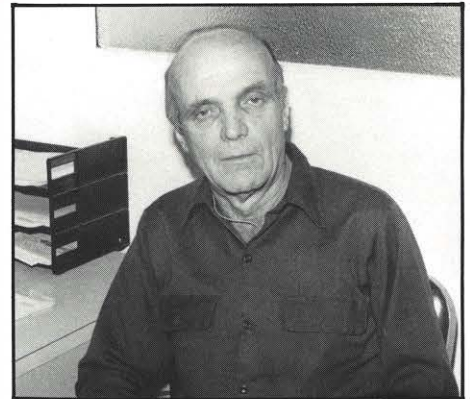
Darrell Hoffman's ambition of retiring at age 60 was fulfilled on February 1. An instrument maintenance supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant, he had more than 36 accident-free years of service. "I worked for Sollitt Construction Company while Sporn was being built," Darrell recalls. "When I got laid off from Sollitt, I thought I would take the winter months off. But I got a letter asking me to come for an interview at the plant and had only one day's break before going back to work. I have enjoyed working with the people here at the plant because they are so

cooperative. I'll miss them. My wife plans to work a couple more years so I don't have any retirement plans right now. I enjoy the outdoors and like to garden, hunt, and fish. The button buck and doe I got this year brought my total to 31. The only year I didn't get one was in 1970, when I fell out of a tree and broke my ankle." Darrell is a member of the Guiding Star Advent Christian Church in Letart and American Legion Post 140 in New Haven. He has one son, one daughter, and one grandson. □



"I've been very well satisfied here, but I'm looking forward to going," said Troy Sayre about his February 1 retirement. "Taking early retirement at 62 is something I've always wanted to do." Troy had more than 35 years' service before retiring from Philip Sporn as an instrument mechanic A. "I was in the Army during World War II and then worked for the railroad and a hosiery company. I came to Sporn in 1951, looking for a job closer home." He started out in the Utility Department as a laborer, then moved to the

Yard Department as a coal handler. He also worked as a helper in Maintenance and results helper in Performance before being promoted to instrument maintenance mechanic in 1956. "I liked Performance the best because there is no shift work," he declared. Troy is proud of the fact that he had no disabling injuries during his career. He raises beef cattle on his 185-acre farm at Leon, West Virginia, and expects that will occupy much of his time in the future. □



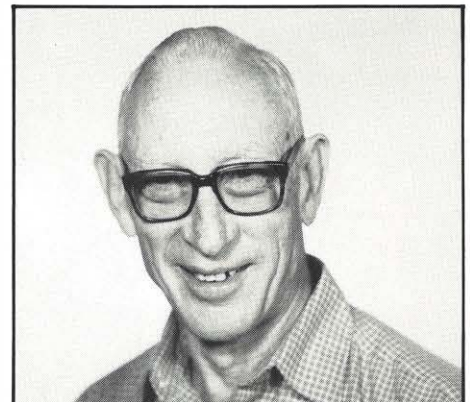
"It all has been pretty enjoyable," says Gate City Line Crew Supervisor Harry Rasnick about his 40-year utility career. "The company has been nice to me. It has put food on my table and helped me raise my kids — two girls and a boy." Harry served in the Army's 101st Airborne Division during World War II and started to work as a meter reader at Gate City shortly after his discharge. Gate City was then part of Kingsport Utilities (now Kingsport Power). He is proud of the fact

that he had no disabling injuries or vehicle accidents during his service. After his early retirement on February 1, Harry plans to take things one day at a time. "My wife and I will travel some. We got out West a lot and expect to go back some more. I enjoy hunting and fishing, and I raise a few cattle and tobacco." The Rasnicks have six grandchildren, including 5-year-old twins. They plan to continue living at Snowflake, Virginia. □



"I have worked 35 years for money, and now money is going to work for me the rest of the time," says Roger Fairfield, Charleston electrical engineer senior, who elected early retirement on February 1. Roger had 28 years of service, all in the North Charleston office. "I would like to thank some of the people who helped me along the way for whatever success I have had — Opie Allen, Don Newman, Heavy Prowse, Speed Young, and C.C. Beard, Jr.," he says. "Travel, fishing, and photography are my big interests. I am

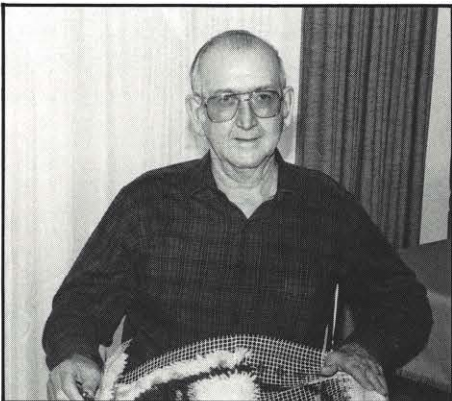
hoping this year to go to the Canadian Rockies and, as soon as I can arrange it, to Alaska. As I have gotten older, I have done less and less of fishing so I hope to get back into that. When I came to West Virginia to work, I started taking slides. I had an old camera and an old projector, and one of the things I treated myself to is a new projector. I am reorganizing all my slides, which is a tremendous job because I have 1700 or 1800 to wade through." □





When **Anna Robinson's** first husband died in 1971, she suddenly was faced with entering the job market after 30 years as a homemaker. The call from Appalachian offering her a job couldn't have come at a better time. "My children were grown by then, and it seemed like a good opportunity," Anna recalls. On February 1, after 16 years' service, Anna retired as a custodian in Roanoke. "I'll miss my good people," she says. "I know almost everyone in the building, and they've all been nice to me. There are a

lot of things at home I want to do, and my husband Robert and I expect to travel a lot. I have 5 children, 22 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. One daughter lives in Maryland, and now we'll be able to spend more time with her. We want to go to California, too, and possibly the Bahamas. I belong to the Women's Auxiliary at Sweet Union Baptist Church and expect to be more active now. I also want to help my neighbors more, particularly those who are elderly." □



Harold Parks, Labanon area T&D clerk A, believes he has a lot to be thankful for — 37 years' service with a wonderful company, a loving wife to nurse him back to health following paralysis, good insurance to cover nearly \$75,000 in medical expenses, and the long term disability program for income until he retired on February 1. "I was eligible to take the early retirement program offered in 1983, but I wanted to keep on working," Harold recalls. "It wasn't too long after that that I had my stroke. I was paralyzed from the

neck down, and they said I would never walk or talk or anything else. I've come a long way since then." Confined to a wheelchair, Harold watches soap operas, hooks rugs, and does needlework to keep busy. "I exercise with weights on my arms and legs every morning," he adds. "In the summer, I'm able to go to Sunday School and church. We go out to eat and to the mall in Bristol just to get out. Quite a few of the men I worked with come by to see me, and I always look forward to their visits." □



"Once in a while I run into people I haven't seen for years, and the first thing they ask is, 'Are you still working?' Then they start telling me how wonderful it is to be retired. Since retirement comes so highly recommended, I've finally decided to give it a try," says **Betty Sneed**. A purchasing special clerk in GO Purchasing, Roanoke, Betty had nearly 45 years' service in that department before electing early retirement on February 1. She continues, "My uncle thought Appa-

lachian would be a good place for me to work so he persuaded me to put in an application although I already had a job. I was hired to take the place of a male stenographer who had to go in the Army. I have enjoyed it here because I've worked with a lot of nice people. I hate to leave but the time has come. For a while, I think I'll just loaf and sleep late. I plan to join the XYZ's, a retiree group at my church, and later on I hope to travel. I enjoy doing needlework and crafts." □



"I have been planning on retiring at 62 for a long time, and I'll lack six months of being 62 when I leave on February 1," says **Howard Lasley**, Clinch River Plant yard superintendent. "I was the first probationary employee to start at this plant," he recalls. "I worked for the Virginia Department of Highways before I came here, making 80 cents an hour. I started at Clinch for \$2.18 an hour. I have enjoyed my work, and I know I'm going to miss the people. I've worked with almost

everyone because they all come through the coal yard before they go into the plant." Howard's plans for retirement include camping, fishing, hunting, and pitching horseshoes. He has 20 trophies to show for his pitching skills. "We love to go camping," he says. "We get the same spot at Riverside Campground every year and leave the camper there all summer." A Navy veteran of World War II, Howard is a member of the Baptist Church and VFW. He and his wife Stella have a son and a daughter. □

"I think the best thing about retirement will be doing what I want to do when I want to do it," says **Bobby Tillis**. A customer accounts servicer in Point Pleasant, Bobby had nearly 40 years' service before electing early retirement on February 1. He continues, "I'm just going to take things day by day for a while. We may go down South for a while this winter. I used to bowl, and I may get started in that again. I also want to do some fishing and work around the house... just whatever comes to mind." Bobby served in the U.S. Army during World War

II and joined the company as a meter reader in 1947, the year following his discharge. He was a collector before being promoted to customer services representative in 1976. "The power company has been a good place to work," Bobby states, "and I think our savings plan is really nice. I believe everyone should take advantage of it." Bobby is a member of American Legion Post 23 and Moose Lodge 73, both in Point Pleasant. He and his wife have 2 sons. □



"I grew up on a farm, and we didn't have electricity. When we got it, I thought it was the best thing that could happen to somebody, and I wanted to be a part of it. That's why I went to work for Appalachian, and I haven't regretted it," says **Basil Vassar**. Basil, Tazewell marketing and customer services representative senior, had nearly 39 years' service before electing early retirement on February 1. "When I started to work in the New Business Department, we would go out in the community and have meetings

and find out how many were interested in signing up for electricity. Then I'd get right of way and work up new lines. I've held several jobs, but all of them have involved dealing with customers. Really, I've grown up with the customers. As for the future, I'll just take it one day at a time. Nancy and I will do some traveling here in the States. I love to hunt and fish and fool around in the woodshop." Basil is a deacon and on the building and grounds committee of his church. □



"I have enjoyed my years with Appalachian, and I will miss all the people I've worked with," says **Bill Houchins**. Bill, meter electrician A in GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, elected early retirement on February 1 after more than 36 years' service. He began his career in 1950 as a meter service helper in the Roanoke Division Meter Department, then transferred to GO T&D Meter, which was located in Charleston at that time. He returned to Roanoke four years later when the department was moved to its present location at Walnut Avenue. About

the future Bill says, "Keeping busy has never been a problem for me. I elected early retirement so that I can spend more time with my wife Rebecca and son John and do some of the things we like to do. We spend a lot of time at our summer cottage on Smith Mountain Lake. We enjoy boating and skiing, and there are a lot of improvements to our place that are long overdue. We also expect to travel some." An Air Force veteran, Bill is a member of the Bonsack Methodist Church. □



"Appalachian is a great company to work for, and I've certainly been treated good. I don't know any place I would have enjoyed working any more," states **Jim Drenan**. A line crew supervisor at Milton, Jim had 38 years' service before electing early retirement on February 1. He adds, "I've been in Roanoke many times teaching in the line mechanic training schools, and the folks there always made me welcome." Jim and his wife Betty are considering going to Florida for the rest of the winter. He notes, "For

the past 32 years, I've been going to Canada to fish. We catch them by the boat load, and I give them all away. I've never had even a bite because I don't like fish!" Another of Jim's hobbies is collecting caps; he now has around 250. "I'm getting ready to sell the coin collection I found in Europe during the war," he says. "The newest coin I have dates 238 A.D. Everyone seems to think they're very, very valuable. Even the Smithsonian wants to look at them." □





"Appalachian is one of the finest companies that a person could ever work for, and I mean that sincerely," says **Homer Greene**, Beckley head meter reader. "I have had some of the finest bosses you could ever have, and I couldn't have asked for a better crew to work with. I love my people." Homer had nearly 40 years' service before electing early retirement on February 1. He continues, "Meeting our customers was what I enjoyed the most. Once you get to know them, they are the finest people in the world."

Homer continues, "My plan for retirement is to enjoy myself. I've made preparation for it, and I'm looking forward to it. I am a small engine hobbyist and a big ginsenger. I would rather do that than eat! We will be visiting my in-laws out of state from time to time but we don't anticipate any major trips. We are thinking seriously about relocating out in the country at Flat Top next to our son. We also have three daughters, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild." Homer is an ordained deacon with the Freewill Conference. □



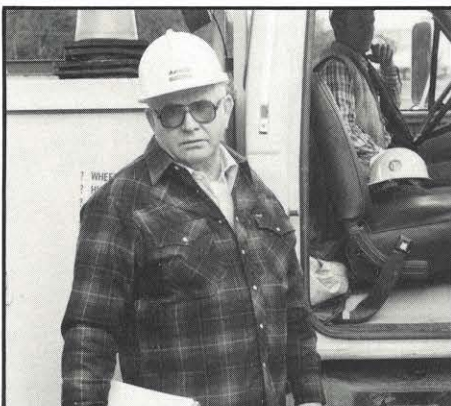
"I am looking forward to it with some reservations," says Huntington Building Supervisor **Dick Smith** about his February 1 retirement. "It seems like I have been working in some category since I was 12 or 14 years old." He adds, "In my 39 years at Appalachian, I have been given opportunities to expand. I started out in the Billing Department and was in the Commercial Department when the total electric concept first began. For the past 12 years, I have been building and maintenance supervisor. The company has been good to me. It helped educate

my children and taught me safety that I could apply in my everyday life." Dick continues, "Phyllis and I have friends in Florida and Arkansas we want to visit, as well as our son in Alexandria, VA, and our daughter and grandchildren in Massachusetts. We also are going to the Virgin Islands in April. My biggest hobby is swimming and exercising at the YMCA. I enjoy gardening and yard work, too." Dick is a member of the Westmoreland United Methodist Church, American Legion, and VFW. □



Philip Sporn Plant Maintenance Supervisor **Leland Bumgarner** credits the employee savings plan for helping him realize his longtime dream of retiring at age 63. "That's the best thing the company ever offered," he says. "I couldn't have retired now (February 1) without it. Sporn has been a real good place to work. We're just like family here, and I love everybody. We've had some hard times but some fun, too. I've always tried to do my best and treat everyone fairly who worked for me. I've enjoyed being in maintenance, and it's been

more interesting since I have been a supervisor." He continues, "I have four children, and they have a lot of plans for me — remodeling and things like that. One of my sons works in the AEP Civil Engineering Lab and another son and son-in-law work for Southern Ohio Coal. My wife Florence and I want to travel out West and to Florida. We'd also like to take a trip to Hawaii. I was in Pearl Harbor while I was in service but never got off the ship." Leland enjoys playing golf and is a past president of the New Haven Lions. □



"I read somewhere that the greatest asset a man can have is his memory. I have mine filled with the friends I've made here," says **Joe Claytor**, Tazewell line crew supervisor exempt, who elected early retirement on February 1. "I participated in a lot of lineman and underground schools, and I don't go anywhere that I don't know someone. I'll miss meeting the men and fellowshiping with them." Another of Joe's memories is an incident which occurred during a major snow storm. "We had worked from Thursday until Sunday restoring power. Three

widows called in to say they still didn't have service, and I went to check. The last home I went to, the lady was sitting at the kitchen table with her Bible open. She grabbed me and hugged me and said, 'my prayers have been answered. I was just praying for the Lord to teach me to wait.' When I went home I told my wife that paid me for all the rough times we'd had." Joe is a lay leader in the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and a member of the VFW and Masonic Lodge. □

Ronald Givens, Charleston customer accounts servicer, plans to head south to Florida as soon as possible after his February 1 retirement. "We have a place at Moore Haven," he says, "and we've been making three or four trips a year down there. Now we can go and stay longer." Ronald served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II and joined Appalachian in 1947, the year following his discharge. "My uncle worked here at the time, and I heard through him that the company was looking for people.

I started as a laborer on the line crew, then I read meters and collected for a while," Ronald says. "The service rep job is the one I liked the best. I think people make the difference on your job. I have had good relations with everyone. I have no regrets. In fact, I have enjoyed it." Ronald is a Mason and Shriner and enjoys playing golf and fishing. "I'm also a licensed electrician, but I plan on slowing down on that work now, too," he says. □



"There is no company better than Appalachian as far as benefits and working conditions," claims Tazewell Area Servicer Cecil Rhudy, who elected early retirement on February 1. "I really have enjoyed working here the past 40 years. It's been a good experience, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. I think it's time now to let someone else take over. At one time I was taking care of 9,600 customers myself. When you drive a truck an average of 125 miles a day and take care of that many customers, you

don't have time to stop." Cecil adds, "I'm retiring to a farm, but I'm not going to do that much farming. We hope to do some traveling. One son lives in South Carolina and the other son in Tennessee so we'll be going to see them." Cecil is a Sunday School teacher and treasurer of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church and treasurer of the Tazewell Circuit. He also is president of the Tazewell Lord's Acre Sale Committee. He is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. □



Beckley employees perform first aid on customer

A customer who had a heart attack in the lobby of the Beckley office was given another chance at life because of the quick action of employees.

Kevin Duffy, head cashier, relates, "The man came into our vestibule area in the front of the building and waited about five minutes before entering the lobby. He reached in his jacket pocket like he was going to get out a bill; then he stopped, took a deep gasp for air, and fell to the floor. I hollered for the girls to call an ambulance and ran around the desk to see if he was conscious.

"The week before I had been through Archie Riner's CPR class so it was fresh in my mind. I checked his vital signs, and by that time Archie (records supervisor) and Tom Massey (T&D clerk) came down the stairs. One of the girls had called Archie, and he was there in less than a minute."

Archie says, "I sent Tom in to find something to put under the man's head and shoulders to elevate them. At the same time, I checked his breathing. I would give



L. to r. Archie Riner, Kevin Duffy, and Tom Massey.

him a breath, then he would breathe a couple of times on his own and stop again. I gave him breath at least three times. By then the ambulance crew had gotten there, and they took over."

He continues, "I have been teaching first aid over 34 years, and this was my first real emergency. I didn't even stop to think. People talk about being reluctant to give mouth to mouth; but, at a time like that, you don't even think about it. When you think someone is dying, you just don't stop to worry. It wasn't until it was all over that I realized I had known the man for over 30 years. Many years ago we were

in a dancing class together."

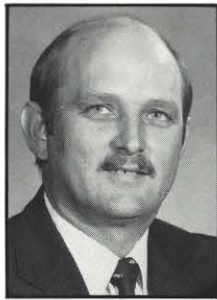
Kevin adds, "If Archie hadn't been there, I believe I could have handled the situation because the CPR class was so fresh in my mind. This experience shows how valuable the CPR class is for office employees, too. Usually we think of the people who work in hazardous jobs as the ones who need it the most."

The customer, who they later learned had had five heart valve bypasses, lived about 24 hours. His son sent a thank you note to Archie, telling how much his family appreciated his efforts. □

Promotions



Thomas



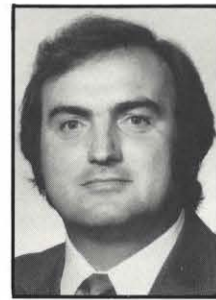
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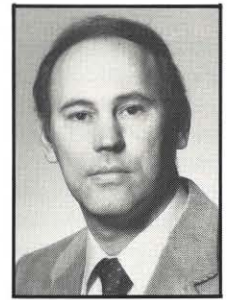
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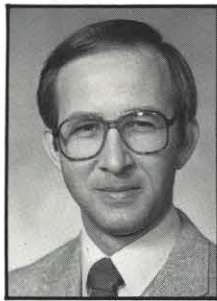
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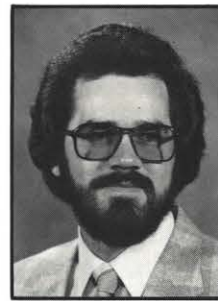
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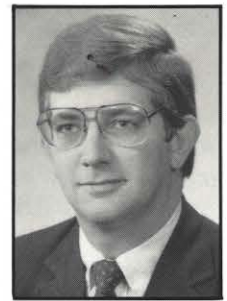
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Webb

John W. Thomas, hydro mechanic A, GO Hydro, Roanoke, was promoted to station crew supervisor nonexempt, Reusens Hydro, on December 1.

Roger McKinney, production superintendent-maintenance, was promoted to Mountaineer Plant maintenance superintendent on January 1. He holds an associate in applied science degree in industrial supervision and management from Marshall University.

Michael Palmer, plant engineer, was promoted to instrument maintenance supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant on January 1. He holds an associate in science degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Warren Miller, engineering technician senior nonexempt, was promoted to transformer specialist exempt, GO T&D Station, Huntington, on November 1.

Lewis Wood, production supervisor, was promoted to production superintendent at Central Machine Shop on December 1.

Jay McClung, Jr., power equipment mechanic 1st class, was promoted to production supervisor at Central Machine Shop on December 1.

William A. Bosta, administrative assistant to the president, GO Executive, Roanoke, is being promoted to rates and contract engineer, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, Fort Wayne, effective mid-February. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a masters in industrial management from Lynchburg College.

Terry L. McMahan, electrical engineer senior, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke, was promoted to administrative assistant to the president, GO Executive, Roanoke, on February 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Robert W. McDaniel, Mountaineer Plant maintenance superintendent, was promoted to manager of Ohio Power Company's Centralized Plant Maintenance Division on January 1. He has attended the American Electric Power System Management Program at the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration.

Jerry Taylor, yard supervisor, was promoted to Clinch River Plant yard superintendent on February 1.

Sheila Painter, personnel assistant, GO Personnel, Roanoke, was promoted to Lynchburg personnel supervisor on January 1. She holds associate in science degrees in secretarial science and business management from Virginia Western Community College and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Radford University.

Isaac J. Webb, III, Gate City area supervisor, was promoted to Bluefield line superintendent on February 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 the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Abingdon

Mark McCormick from station mechanic D to station mechanic C.

Bluefield

Jaime Patena from tracer to drafter C.

Richard Sheldon from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Welch.

Richard Richmond from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Robbie Warner from meter reader to collector.

Alfred Elliott from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

Central Machine Shop

Charlie Shannon from power equipment mechanic 2nd class to power equipment mechanic 1st class.

Laurey elected asst. secretary of APCo

Charleston

Melinda Chandler from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

Clinch River

Jerry Yates from utility coal attendant to coal equipment operator.

Frank Nichols, Jr., from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Rocky Mount.

James L. Spitzer from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Rocky Mount.

General Office

Gary Simmons from associate staff accountant to staff accountant, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Lisa Lackland from stenographer to secretary-stenographer, GO General Services, Roanoke.

Robert Cooper from transportation clerk C to transportation clerk B, GO General Services, Roanoke.

J. W. Hypes from transmission mechanic C to transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

C. H. Daher from transmission mechanic C to transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

Glen Lyn

Harry Johnson from braker to coal equipment operator.

Mark Repass from coal sampler to braker.

Jerry Worrell from coal handler to coal sampler.

Nathan Shrader from equipment operator C to coal handler.

Huntington

Jerry Blake from line mechanic A to general servicer.

Kingsport

Kenneth Hickman from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Logan-Williamson

Billy Smutko from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Madison.

Roanoke

Bill Prillaman from meter electrician B to meter electrician A, Fieldale.

Mike Lugar from station mechanic C to station mechanic B.

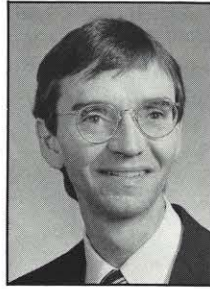
Brian Sheetz from station mechanic B to station mechanic A.

Jack Towler from visitors center attendant to senior visitors center attendant.

Linda Atkinson from drafter C to drafter B.

Philip Sporn

David Jones from utility worker A to equipment operator C.



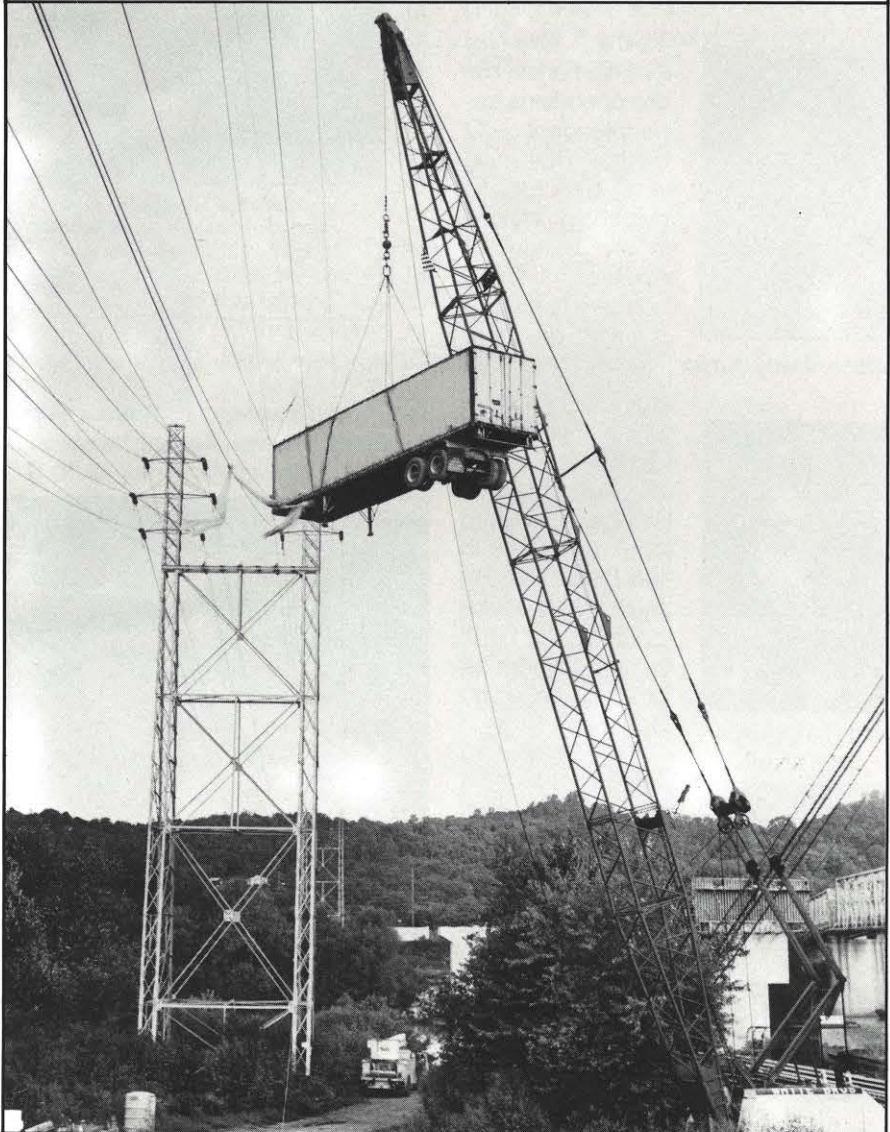
The board of directors of Appalachian Power Company last month elected George E. Laurey as assistant secretary of the company. He is also assistant accounting manager.

Laurey holds bachelor of science and master of science

degrees in accounting from the University of South Carolina. He has attended the American Electric Power System Management Program at the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration.

Laurey joined Appalachian in 1976 as a senior accounting staff assistant. He was promoted to general accounting administrator in 1979 and to his current position on December 1 of last year. He is a certified public accountant. □

Believe it or not



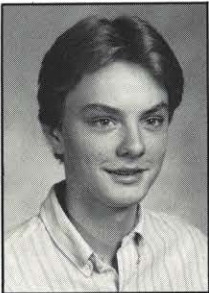
Huntington Division employees were in for a shock when they discovered the cause of an outage on the Bellefonte-South Point 69 kv line in Kenova, West Virginia. A semi-trailer, hoisted into the air by a construction crane, was blown into the electric lines when brakes on the crane boom malfunctioned during a storm.

Who's News

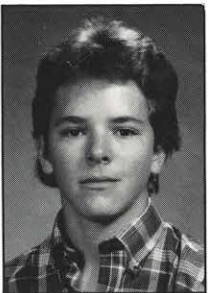
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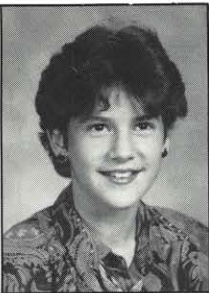
Brian, son of George Laurey, assistant accounting manager, won first place in his division in the regional math contest sponsored by Virginia Western Community College, making him eligible to compete at the state level. Brian is studying algebra II and geometry at Madison Junior High, where he is a ninth grader.



Todd, son of Jimmie Fariss, hydro operations superintendent, GO Hydro, Roanoke, was selected as third chair trombone in the District VI All-Regional Band concert band. He is a ninth grader at Hidden Valley Junior High School.



Mark, son of Mark Swart, hydro mechanic A, GO Hydro, Leesville, was selected as third chair trombone in the District VI All-Regional Band symphonic band. He is a ninth grader at Gretna Junior High School.



Melanie, daughter of Betty Lou Carter, editor of publications, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, was selected as first chair mallet percussion in the District VI All-Regional Band concert band. She is the first eighth grader at Northside Junior High School to receive this honor. □

Roanokers help Salvation Army



Roanoke and General Office employees have a tradition of donating money and canned goods to the local Salvation Army at Christmas. In December, five boxes of food and \$300 were delivered to Salvation Army Captain Satterlee, left, by Frank Bonds, statistical accountant in GO Accounting and chairman of the office safety planning committee.

Roanoke

Richard Downey, engineering technician senior, was elected captain of the Stewartsville First Aid Crew for 1987.



Front row, l. to r., Johnny Poff, Randy Hill, and Scott Willhite. Standing, Cecil Hill, Jr., and Cecil Hill.

The Mount Pleasant Lazers, coached by **Cecil Hill**, engineering technician senior, won the Roanoke County Division IV soccer championship and the Southwest Virginia District championship. This is the third time in five seasons they have

captured the top award. Cecil's son, **Randy**, is team goalie and son, **Cecil Jr.**, is center fullback. **Johnny Poff**, son of Eddie Glover, engineering technician senior, and Jane Glover, electric plant clerk A, GO Accounting, is a forward on the team. **Scott Willhite**, son of Bill Willhite, line mechanic A, is also a forward.

Logan-Williamson

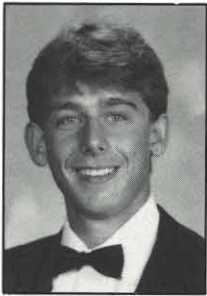
Donna, daughter of the late Paul Gosney, former Madison area supervisor, is the director of the West Virginia Office of Volunteer Services. This is a new division of the Department of Finance and Administration, created by Governor Arch Moore.

Charleston

Jim, husband of Sue Pryce, secretary, has been elected regional executive of the Southern West Virginia Region, Sports Car Club of America. He has held this position twice previously.

Barry Snodgrass, marketing and customer services manager, coaches one of the Passers Division teams in the YMCA's 6- and 7-year-old youth league. His son, **Mark**, is a team member.

Bluefield



Doug, son of Roger Thompson, Tazewell area servicer, has been selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." A Graham High School senior, he is a member of the varsity basketball team and Chess Club.



Debra, daughter of James Payne, custodian, was named snow queen at Pocahontas High School, where she is a freshman.

Pulaski



B. M. Anderson, left, district deputy grand master of the 40th Masonic District, presents the gavel to Mike Cox, worshipful master of Pythagoras Lodge No. 239, Pulaski.

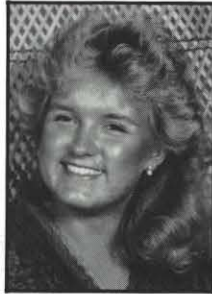
Several employees have been installed as officers of Pythagoras Lodge No. 239 of the AF&AM of Virginia. **Mike Cox**, line mechanic A, is worshipful master; **Gary Edwards**, meter electrician A, is senior warden; **Roy Bond**, line mechanic B, is junior warden; **Steve Albert**, area servicer, is junior deacon; and Retiree **Paul Gress** is chaplain.

Jon Painter, office supervisor, was elected to a six-year term as deacon of the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church.

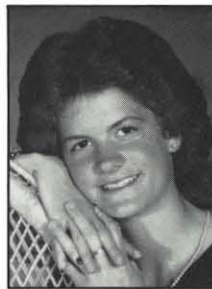
David, husband of Patra Armbrister, was elected to a one-year term as first alternate on the Pulaski County Agricultural

Stabilization and Conservation Service committee.

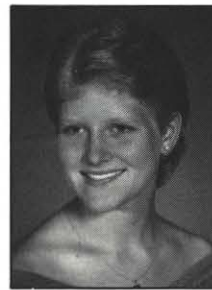
Barry Long, marketing and customer services manager, was elected to the Session of Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church.



Claudia, daughter of Mike Cox, line mechanic A, has been accepted for honorary award recognition in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for 1986-87. This is her second consecutive year for the honor. A senior at Pulaski County High School, Claudia is in the Pep Club and Future Business Leaders of America.



Lori, daughter of Larry Rakes, marketing and customer services representative, has been named a National Award winner in band by the United States Achievement Academy. She has been a member of the Marching Cougar Band for four years, concert band for two years, and symphonic band for two years.



Stacy, daughter of Bobby Semones, engineering technologist supervisor, was selected to be included in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She is a senior at Pulaski County High School.

Jeffrey, son of Larry Dunn, Pearisburg area T&D clerk, has received his CPA rating. He is employed by the accounting firm of Brown, Edwards & Company, Bluefield, West Virginia.

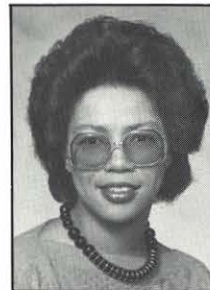
Shari Moore, daughter of Larry Dunn, has been selected for inclusion in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." She is vice president of the Student Education Association at Bluefield State College.

Charles Burnette, Galax meter reader, was elected lieutenant of the Galax Volunteer Fire Department. **Tater Anderson**, line mechanic A, is assistant chief. □

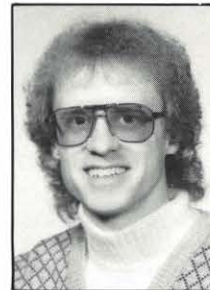
Philip Sporn

Four of the five prizes in the Town of Mason's Christmas lighting contest were awarded to Sporn employees. The winners were: **Bill Thomas**, instrument mechanic A, grand prize; **John Rottgen**, maintenance supervisor, first prize; **Carl Cline**, unit supervisor, third prize; and **Vicky and Lew Nazarewycz**, fourth prize. Vicky is a stores clerk A at Sporn and Lew is a maintenance mechanic C at Mountaineer. □

CLASS OF 1986



Andrea Thompson, Roanoke T&D clerk B, bachelor of science in business administration from Radford University.

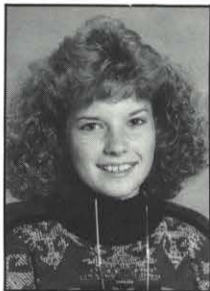


Thomas Massey, Beckley T&D clerk B, bachelor of science in business administration, Concord College.



Paula Goddard, Beckley T&D clerk A, bachelor of science in business administration, Concord College (cum laude). □

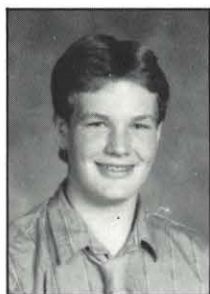
Kanawha River



Angie, daughter of Betty Riddle, junior clerk, has been named co-head cheerleader at Gauley Bridge High School.

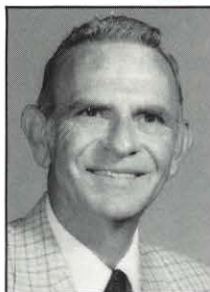


Cynthia, daughter of Michael Siemiaczko, assistant plant manager, was crowned homecoming queen at Gauley Bridge High School.



Paul, son of Clyde May, equipment operator A, passed a math test and was nominated as a United States National Mathematics Award winner. Only ten percent of the mathematics students in the US achieve this honor. Paul is an eighth grader at Montgomery Middle School.

Huntington

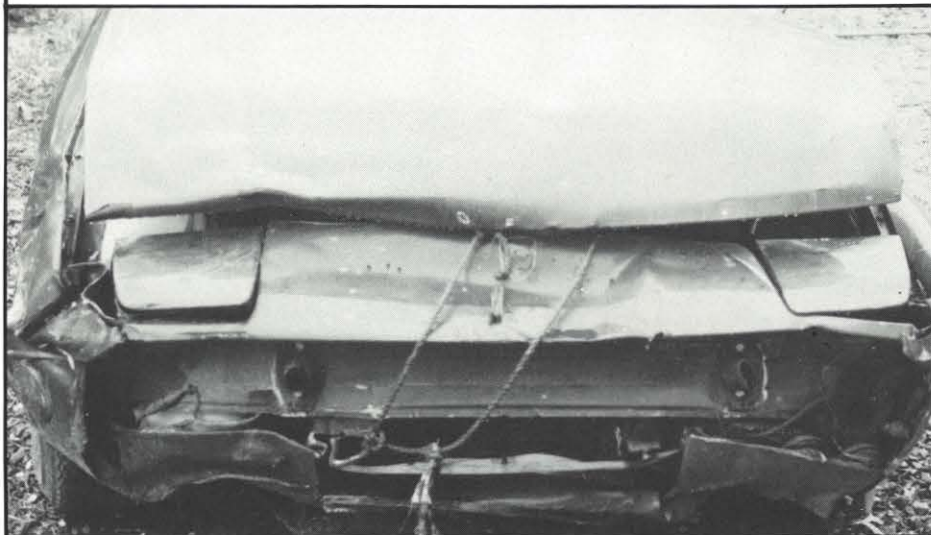


Steve Carpenter, Point Pleasant manager, has been elected president of the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce.

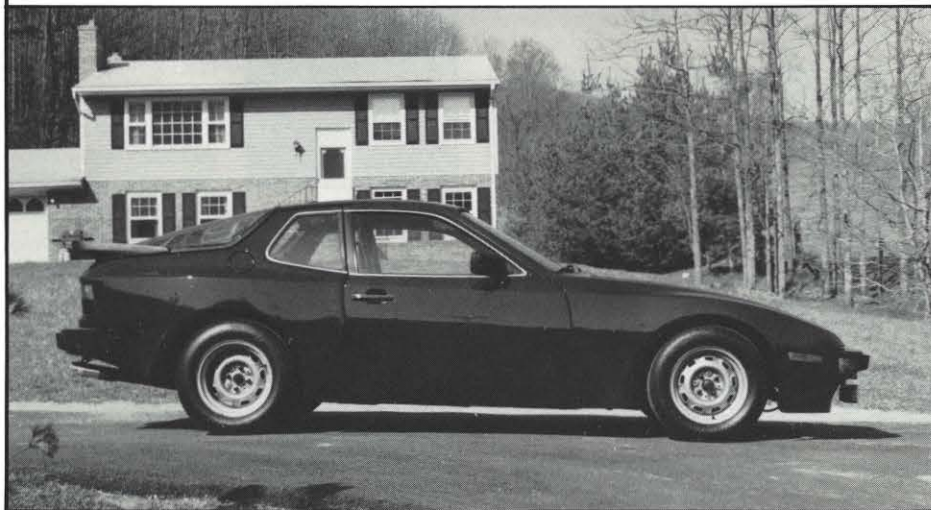
Fred Helm, division manager, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Huntington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Carl Elkins, marketing and customer services supervisor, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Tri-State Home Builders Association.

Hale's car used in TV commercial



When Lonnie Hale converted a wrecked Porsche 924 to the sleek 944 model shown below, he was contacted by WDBJ-TV to use the car in making a commercial for Wimmer Tire Company. Footage of the car was shot on Roanoke's Mill Mountain and has been used during sports events on Sunday afternoons. Lonnie is the son of Mary Ellen Hale, personnel clerk C, GO Personnel, Roanoke.



Abingdon

Cindy, daughter of Berkley Burkett, Marion meter reader, has been named to the all-conference second team in volleyball. She plays for Emory & Henry College.

Holly, daughter of Bill Roeser, administrative assistant, is a member of the Abingdon High School Drama Club which won first place in the Region IV Theatre Festival. The club placed third in state competition at Charlottesville.

Cathy, daughter of Jim Cook, station mechanic A, placed first in girls' broadcasting in the Wise County Invitational Forensic Tournament. She is a member

of the Abingdon High School team.

Three employees have been named to positions in the Washington County Chamber of Commerce: **Jim Hughes**, vice president of economic development; **Bill Roeser**, chairman of the public relations committee; and **J. P. Montague**, legislative action committee. Montague also was named to the boards of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Washington County. □

Weddings

Childers-Harless



Timothy R. Childers, Kanawha River Plant equipment operator B, to Sandra Harless, December 19.

Lecik-Brumfield



Martha Jean Brumfield to Brian Douglas Lecik, Lynchburg engineering technician, December 27.

Manning-Richardson



Sandra Richardson, John Amos Plant stores clerk C, to Eddie Manning, John Amos Plant maintenance mechanic A, December 24.

Walls-Stewart



Michelle Gail Stewart to Mark Patrick Walls, November 21. Michelle is the daughter of Joe Stewart, Central Machine Shop power equipment mechanic 1st class.

Carroll-Dillard

Brenda Dillard to Billy C. Carroll, hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain, December 24.

Births

Abingdon

John Curtis, son of Lynn Martin, marketing and customer services advisor, December 15.

Christopher Darrell, son of Darrell Lee, Marion line mechanic A, December 27.

Huntington

Daniel Edward, son of Donald Ball, engineering technician, January 9.

Kingsport

Kimberly Lee, daughter of Roger Hubbard, servicer, December 19.

Logan-Williamson

Jonathan Gary, son of Mike Adams, Logan line crew supervisor, December 25.

Mountaineer

Heath Ryan, son of Chuck Stanley, performance technician, December 6.

Caitlin Melissa, daughter of Paul Cochran, performance engineer, November 11.

Roanoke

Brandon Lee, son of Donald Hall, line mechanic C, January 9.

Carmen Nicole, daughter of Mark Stegall, line mechanic D, December 30.

Amanda Paige, daughter of J. Lynn Gurley, Jr., line mechanic B, December 31. □

Hull-Hughey



Jewell R. Hughey to John E. Hull, John Amos Plant equipment operator C, December 18.

Slate-Brammer

Margaret Brammer, secretary, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, to Charles Lewis Slate, December 27. □

Wed 64 years



Harold and Mable Brown celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 10. Harold is a retired chief plant dispatcher at Glen Lyn Plant. The Browns have eight children, twenty-five grandchildren, and thirty-three great grandchildren. Their son, Dale, is an instrument mechanic A at Glen Lyn. Their daughter, Gladys Agee, is the wife of Frank Agee, retired maintenance mechanic C at Glen Lyn.

Hunters Score

John Amos

John Zickafoose, maintenance engineer, 9-point, 164 lb. field dressed buck.

Beckley

Don Smith, Rainelle meter reader, 8-point, 150 lb. buck and 100 lb. spike buck (with bow).

Mike Bates, Rainelle meter reader, 110 lb. spike buck.

Gary O'Dell, Rupert line mechanic A, 140 lb., 7-point buck.

C. C. Willis, retired Rupert/Rainelle area supervisor, spike buck.

Frances Willis, wife of Retiree C. C. Willis, spike buck.

Basil Bolen, line crew supervisor nonexempt, 4-point, 125 lb. buck.

Jimmy Bolen, son of Basil Bolen, 85 lb. doe.

Michael Bolen, son of Basil Bolen, 80 lb. doe.

Eddie Whitmore, Oak Hill meter reader, 6-point buck and doe.

David Nixon, son of Elizabeth Nixon, customer accounts representative C, 6-point buck.

Nick Nixon, son of Elizabeth Nixon, button buck.

Bluefield

Ocal Smith, line mechanic A, 7-point buck; spike buck; two does; 18 lb. gobbler.

Central Machine Shop

John Burks, winder 2nd class, 130 lb. spike buck.

Paul Johnson, machinist 1st class, 120 lb., 6-point buck and 75 lb. button buck.

Steve McNeely, winder 1st class, 135 lb., 5-point buck and 120 lb. spike buck.

Larry Blankenship, machinist 2nd class, 200 lb., 8-point buck.

Gary Berry, power equipment mechanic 2nd class, 115 lb. doe and 127 lb. doe.

Jeffrey Berry, son of Gary Berry, 130 lb., 6-point buck.

Jim Deem, husband of Anita Deem, plant clerk C, 120 lb. doe and 180 lb., 8-point buck.

Charleston

Terry Moore, meter electrician C, 110 lb. spike buck.

Art Burdette, engineering supervisor, 120 lb., 5-point buck.

John Rader, engineering technician, 130 lb., 7-point buck.

Bill McDaniel, engineering technician, 128 lb., 5-point buck.

Ken Posey, electrical engineer, two 100 lb., 5-point bucks.

Gary McClure, meter reader, 150 lb., 6-point buck.

Rodger Woodrum, energy services supervisor, 100 lb. spike buck.

Tom Craft, equipment servicer, 100 lb. spike buck.

David French, hydro utility operator B, 100 lb., 4-point buck.

Robert Legg, hydro mechanic B, 140 lb., 4-point buck.

General Office

Bobby Daniel, electric plant supervising clerk, 140 lb., 8-point buck.

Tim Maxey, husband of Rhonda Maxey, electric plant accounting clerk B, 8 lb. turkey.

H. M. Bentley, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Tri-State Dispatch, 8-point buck, 3-point buck, doe, and 16 lb. turkey with 4-inch beard.

G. A. Hammons, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Tri-State Dispatch, 4-point buck, 3-point buck, and doe.

J. E. Cook, regional chief operator, Sporn, 8-point buck.

Glen Lyn

Danny Mitchem, utility worker A, 130 lb. spike buck.

Joseph Spencer, stores attendant, 110 lb., 4-point buck.

James Robinett, utility worker A, 164 lb., 6-point buck and 120 lb. doe.

Pulaski

Frank Young, head T&D clerk, 125 lb. spike buck and 105 lb. doe.

Ralph Jones, line crew supervisor nonexempt, 140 lb., 10 point buck, 90 lb. spike buck, 18½ lb. gobbler, and 9 lb. turkey hen.

Mark McGlothlin, meter reader, 85 lb. button buck.

Harry Hubble, meter reader, 140 lb., 8-point buck and 20 lb. turkey.

Kenneth Belton, line mechanic C, 8-point buck.

Richard Wingate, area servicer, doe and gobbler.

Sonny Westmoreland, line crew supervisor non-exempt, 6-point buck.

John Kidd, area supervisor, 6-point buck.

Chester Robinson, meter reader, 8-point buck.

Carl Martin, meter reader, two 8-point bucks and turkey.

Vernon Crouch, drafter C, 120 lb., 6-point buck and 16 lb. gobbler.

Willie Gardner, line crew supervisor nonexempt, 15 lb. turkey hen.

Timmy Coomes, line mechanic C, 150 lb., 7-point buck.

Tommy Alderman, line crew supervisor non-exempt, 13 lb. turkey hen.

Gary Adkins, meter reader, 125 lb., 9-point buck.

Nelson Quesenberry, line construction and maintenance representative, 850 lb., 12-point elk (killed in Montana).

Gary Jones, stores attendant A, 100 lb. spike buck.

C. L. Smith, line crew supervisor nonexempt, 7-point buck.

Bob Frazier, line crew supervisor nonexempt, button buck.

Philip Sporn

John Ohlinger, maintenance mechanic A, 150 lb., 7-point buck.

Harold Russell, assistant yard superintendent, 8-point buck.

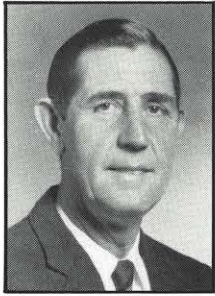
Buddy Peaytt, maintenance mechanic C, 130 lb., 7-point buck. □

Speed skating champion

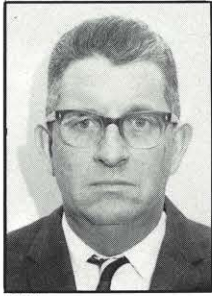


Roanoke Meter Reader Ricky Brooks has won several speed roller skating honors recently. He took first place in his group at the Star City Coca-Cola Challenge in November, and he and his partner, Roger Brim, took first place in the two-man, 1200 meter relay at the same meet. Ricky also took third place in his group in the Gate City Thanksgiving Classic at Greensboro, NC. The Gate City Classic had participants from 11 states on the East Coast. Ricky's training consists of ten hours of skating per week and fifteen hours before regionals and nationals. He will compete in the Regional Championships at Fayette, NC, in June and in the national championships at Lincoln, NB, in August.

Friends We'll Miss



Moser



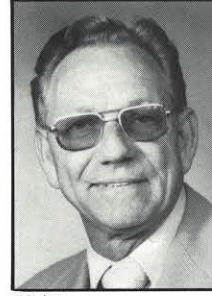
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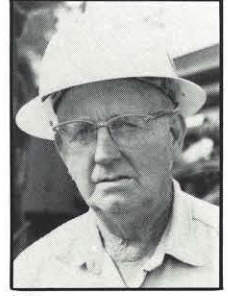
Wysong



Leonard



White



Lilly

Samuel R. Moser, Jr., 61, Marion meter service mechanic E, died on December 30. A native of Smyth County, Virginia, he began his career in 1947 as a laborer and had been on long term disability leave since November 1978. Moser is survived by his wife Mary, Route 5, Box 432, Marion, VA; two sons; and one grandchild.

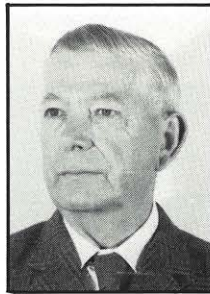
Buford Andrew Widener, 74, retired Bluefield station mechanic A, died January 2. A native of Glade Spring, Virginia, he went to work in 1935 as a laborer at Welch and retired in 1966. Widener is survived by one daughter.

Jim Wysong, 74, retired Huntington commercial representative, died January 8. A native of Logan County, West Virginia, he began his career in 1936 as a laborer in Logan and retired in 1977. Wysong is survived by his wife Frances, 1042 Jackson Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia; three sons; one daughter; six grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Mack H. Leonard, 65, retired Glen Lyn Plant auxiliary equipment operator, died December 29. A native of Carroll County, Virginia, he joined the plant as a guard in 1951 and elected early retirement in 1983. Leonard is survived by his wife Willie, P.O. Box 70, Glen Lyn, VA.

Alfred Haynes White, 66, retired Bluefield photographer and reproducer, died January 10. A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, he began his career in 1946 as a laborer and elected early retirement in 1983. White is survived by four brothers and one sister.

Aubrey B. Lilly, 77, retired Beckley groundman, died January 7. A native of Jumping Branch, West Virginia, he joined Appalachian in 1944 as a clerk and retired in 1971. Lilly is survived by his wife Virginia, 132 Pleasant Street, Hinton, WV; one stepson; and two stepgrandchildren.



Hope

Daniel W. Hope, 80, retired Cabin Creek Plant stores clerk, died January 9. A native of Holly Grove, West Virginia, he was employed in 1950 as a watchman and retired in 1969. Hope is survived by three sons, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Joan K. Bonham, 68, retired Charleston customer accounts representative B,

died December 27. A native of Toledo, Ohio, she was employed in 1957 as a junior clerk and retired in 1980. Bonham is survived by her husband, William, 5514 Staunton Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia; one son; one daughter; and six grandchildren.

Helen L. Handley, 74, retired Philip Sporn plant clerk, died January 2. A native of Portsmouth, Ohio, she was employed in 1958 as a clerk trainee and retired in 1974. Handley is survived by one son, two daughters, and nine grandchildren.

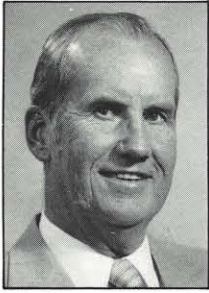
Correction: In the obituaries in the December issue of The Illuminator, Cornelius C. Stanley was incorrectly identified as Cornelius E. Stanley. Stanley began his employment with the AEP System in 1926 rather than 1937 as stated. □

Apple butter sales help needy

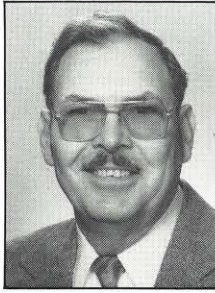


Each year during King Coal Days, members of the Williamson Lions Club make and sell apple butter to raise money for eye glasses for the needy. William Moseley, Jr., Williamson electrical engineer senior (above), helped out during the long hours of stirring required.

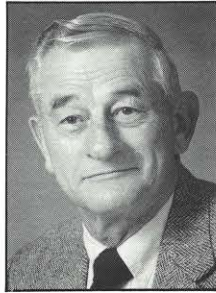
Service Anniversaries



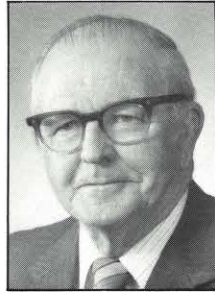
Silas Plybon
line mechanic A
Roanoke
40 years



Sam Dunn
line crew supervisor
St. Albans
40 years



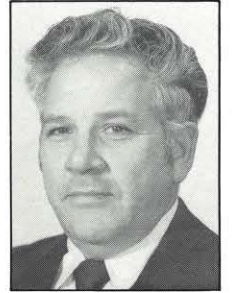
Gordon Warrick
garage supv.
Kingsport
40 years



T. J. Overbay
line crew supv. NE
Abingdon
40 years



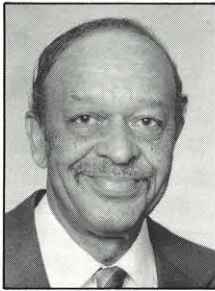
Jack Farley
relay engineer sr.
GO-Bluefield
35 years



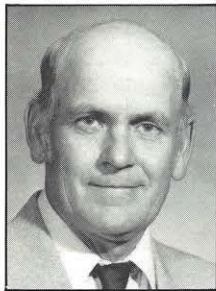
Bobby Clemons
unit supervisor
Glen Lyn
35 years



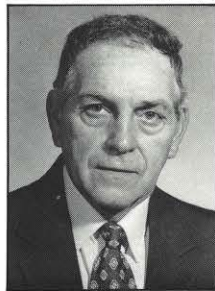
Peggy Edwards
cust. acctg. supv. NE
Rocky Mount
35 years



Warren Hancock
Automotive Attendant
Roanoke
35 years



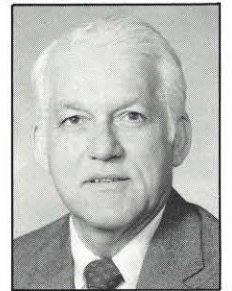
Harold Russell
asst. yard supt.
Philip Sporn
35 years



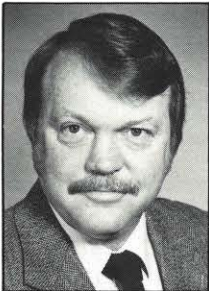
Shirley Hesson
maintenance mech. A
Philip Sporn
35 years



Gerald Clark
maintenance supv.
Philip Sporn
35 years



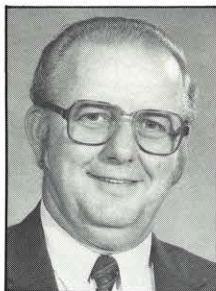
Chester Clower
sys. & proc. supv.
GO-Roanoke
35 years



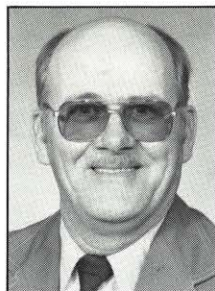
Larry King
asst. reg. chief disp.
GO-Huntington
35 years



Jack Towler
sr. visit. center attend.
Roanoke
30 years



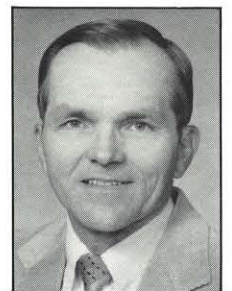
Bill Crump
shift op. engineer
Mountaineer
30 years



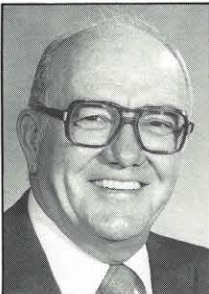
Morris Barbour
hydro mechanic A
GO-Roanoke
30 years



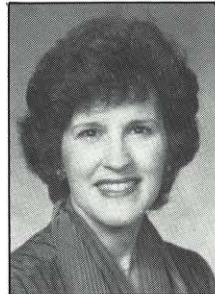
Dwight Meadows
general servicer
Pineville
30 years



Bob Ragland
supv. drafter A
Roanoke
30 years



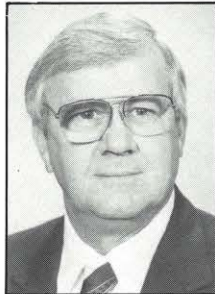
Don Hunnel
plant office supv.
Mountaineer
30 years



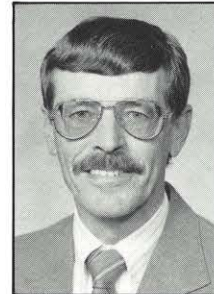
Jackie Scruggs
personnel assistant
GO-Roanoke
25 years



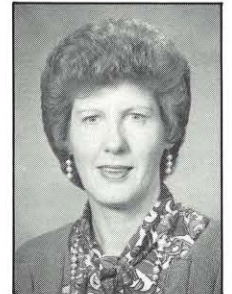
Naomi Sampson
T&D clerk A
St. Albans
25 years



Carl Francisco
trans. sta. supv.
GO-Charleston
25 years



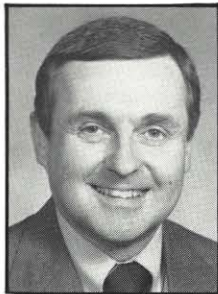
Roger Law
c&a/p supervisor
GO-Roanoke
25 years



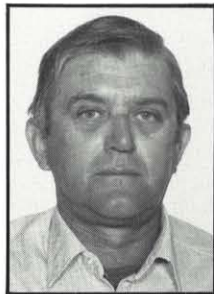
Gail Shaffer
office supervisor
Princeton
25 years



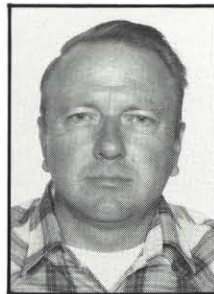
Carolyn Hawkins
cashier B
Lynchburg
20 years



Jack Cummings
cust. accts. rep. A
Roanoke
20 years



Wesley Eversole
hydro mechanic A
GO-Byllesby
20 years



Benny Litteral
hydro mechanic A
GO-Byllesby
20 years

General Office

30 years: **John Duty**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Abingdon. 10 years: **Robert Givens**, meter engineer senior, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. **Charles Drastura, III**, communications engineer, GO T&D Communications, Huntington. 5 years: **Herbert McKinney**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. **James Cook**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Billy Carroll**, hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain. **Ricky Barbour**, hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Roanoke.

Huntington

15 years: **Alzelia Johnson**, T&D clerk B. 10 years: **Steven Chambers**, engineering technician senior.

Kingsport

5 years: **Andy Hall**, electrical engineer.

Logan-Williamson

5 years: **Toby Hatfield**, meter reader, Williamson.

Lynchburg

30 years: **B. J. Wilkins**, marketing and customer services representative.

Mountaineer

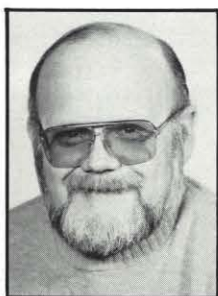
15 years: **Ron Quillen**, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: **Bruce Adams**, stores attendant. **Rich Kent**, control technician senior. 5 years: **Bob Jarrell**, performance engineer.

Roanoke

20 years: **Ronald Horne**, surveyor. 10 years: **Wayne Sink**, electrical engineer senior, Fieldale.
□



Eugene Hatfield
line crew supv. NE
Williamson
20 years



Ron Wilson
cust. accts. servicer
Charleston
20 years

John Amos

15 years: **Paul Coleman**, maintenance mechanic A. **Paul Whitt**, maintenance mechanic A. **Raymond Clark**, equipment operator A. **Daniel Harrison**, maintenance mechanic A.

Bluefield

5 years: **Tim Ellison**, meter reader, Pineville.

Central Machine Shop

10 years: **Ben Jackson**, power equipment mechanic 1st class.

Charleston

10 years: **Dennis Green**, meter reader.

Clinch River

20 years: **Alvin Harrison**, equipment operator A. **Robert Mutter**, maintenance mechanic A.



John Ritchie
hydro mechanic A
GO-Roanoke
20 years



Bill Harmon
station crew supv. NE
Charleston
20 years

Newcomers

Abingdon

Larry Thompson, parttime meter reader.

Bluefield

James Browning, parttime meter reader, Princeton.

Charleston

Tammi Kirk, junior clerk.
Gloria Hall, junior clerk.

General Office

Kirbie Hunley, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington.

Benjamin Murphy, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington.

Huntington

Rodney Bordman, parttime meter reader, Point Pleasant.

Kingsport

James McConnell, meter reader.

Pulaski

David Ramos, meter reader, Pearisburg.

Roanoke

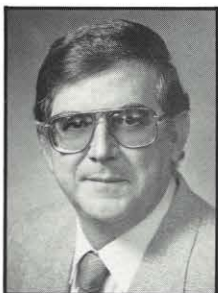
Jeffrey Kennedy, station mechanic D.

Philip Sporn

Carter Lescallette, performance engineer.
Pamela Sullivan, performance engineer.



Charles Evans
auto mechanic A
Huntington
20 years



Dave Chumbley
meter elec. supv. NE
Bluefield
20 years

David Bailey Helen Ball Jeff Blevins Charlie Boggs Gary Bunch Lois Campbell Haze Clark Ricky Corvin Ke
William Gilliam Nancy Goodwin Cliff Hawley Ernestine Hibbits Jim Hill Lester Hill Marshall Hughes L
Denver Osborne Wanda Payne Daniel Phipps Delta Purkey Gaynell Ray Dean Robinson Ron Rose Tommy
Arlen Taylor Robbie Van Huss John Vencill Kathy Widener Phyllis Williams Tivis Wright Phil Young Robert
Sherry Matheny Mavis Weaver Don Ball Regina Cardwell Barbara Chinn Mike Dawson Dallas Finley T
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Jim Dorman Tom Witt Gerald Cook Gary Adkins Lois Cadle Mindy Chandler Pat Kugler Kathy Lloyd
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Pauline Vinceguerra Bert Harold Bob Farley Jackie Houston Bobby Hylton Jim Williams Norma Hankins
Andy Abshire Harold Garrett Bill Horn Glen Maynard Virdell Banks Jenny Aker Billy Altice Susan Booth
Whitney Gordon Kay Guthrie Carolyn Gordon Lynn Hancock Bill Hagerman Mary Ellen Hale Judy Ha
Richard Reese Margaret Slate Lorena Terry Andrea Thompson Joyce Thomas Bill Walker Tim East J
Ronald Jefferson Berk Bowles Nell Hughes Kathy Clark Francis Harville Donna France Howard Mans M
Barbara Cantline David Anderson Hank Bostic Sherry Farley Wayne Farley Johnnie Gwinn Bob Kilgore
Danny Windon Bill Lewis Emory McGuffin Joann Richmond Mary Taylor Vici Totten Cathy Valdes Eliza
Don Abernathy Gary Adkins Tommy Akers Bill Akers Steve Albert Tommy Alderman Sonny Alley D
Nelson Coleman John Collins Steve Collins Dennis Cox Danny Cronk Jean Curtis Larry Dunn Jeff Ep
Sally Hedrick Perry Henson Barry Hicks Les Hill Wayne Hurt Angie Jackson Andy Jackson Jane Jones
Shirley Moon Gene Musser Barry Phillips Jackie Phillips Bills Phipps Tim Pickett Fred Royal Marler Sharp
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