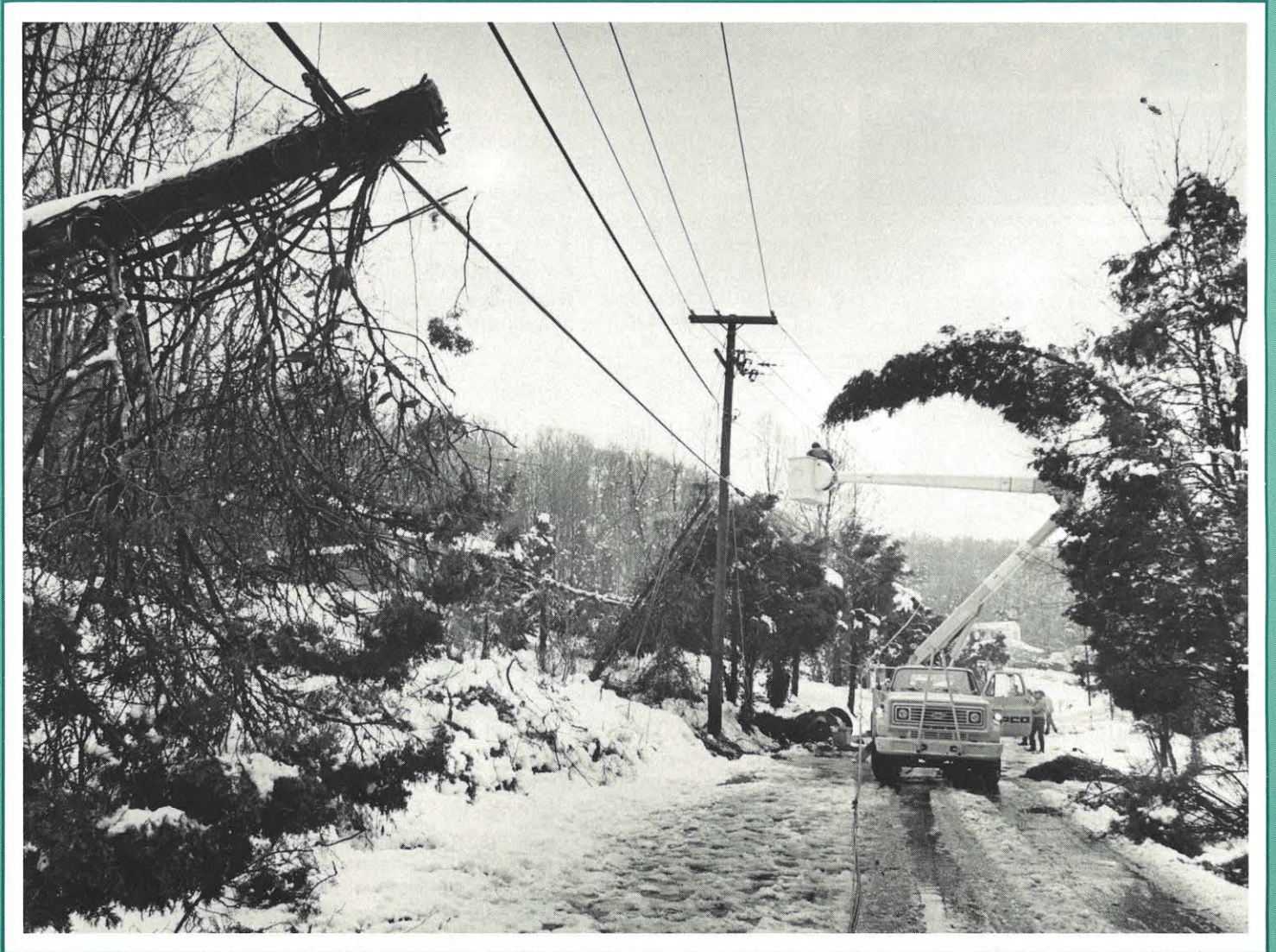


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An Appalachian Power line crew works to restore power near St. Albans, West Virginia, after a heavy snow caused trees and limbs to snap electric lines. See story on page 3. Photo courtesy Earl Benton, Charleston Daily mail.

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2/28/87	2.6775	.3734	5.1423	.1944	3.7315	.2679

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.



'S no April Fool's joke

## Storm blankets much of AEP System



Mike Young, Charleston line mechanic C, and Line Crew Supervisor Delt Crozier take a break near the end of their second 30-hour shift in three days following a major snowstorm the weekend of April 3-5. Photo courtesy Craig Cunningham, Charleston Daily Mail.

Winter made a final post-season appearance last month — in the form of a major spring snowstorm — and left an estimated 262,000 customers of six AEP System operating companies without electric service for varying periods.

Only customers of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company and Michigan Power Company escaped the storm system that struck Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia during the weekend of April 3-5 and dumped as much as 40 inches of snow on southern West Virginia.

Hardest hit by mother nature was Appalachian Power Company, where snow accumulated to depths of up to 40 inches and caused approximately 40,000 customers to lose power during the three-

day period. The Bluefield Division recorded the most snow, 20 to 40 inches, and experienced outages to approximately 5,500 customers. The Huntington Division received only 13 inches, but reported the most outages — 17,500. Other snow depths and outage figures for Appalachian Power include the Abingdon Division, with 18 to 36 inches and 3,750 customers without service; Beckley Division, with more than 18 inches and 2,750 customers affected, and Charleston Division, with 20 inches of snow and 14,000 customers without power.

Ohio Power Company's service area experienced the most severe outages. Snow depths ranged from three inches in the Lima Division to 22 inches in Ironton,

and left some 63,000 customers without power. The Newark Division was hardest hit, with approximately 22,500 customers losing electric service.

Service to an estimated 133,000 Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company customers was affected by the 12-plus inches of wet snow that fell on central and southern Ohio April 4. Outages began Saturday morning and continued to occur throughout all three C&SOE divisions as weather conditions worsened.

More than 26 percent of Kentucky Power Company's 148,000 customers lost power as a result of the 32 inches of snow that fell in eastern Kentucky. The Hazard and Pikeville Divisions were severely affected.



Kingsport Power Company reported scattered outages to 1,900 customers in the wake of the 10 to 16 inches of snow dumped on the area by the storm. Wheeling Electric Company also experienced scattered outages to 5,000 customers, lasting from one to 48 hours.

Even though I&M was spared the storm, 13 of its crews worked throughout the weekend to restore power to Ohio Power and Columbus and Southern customers. Five crews worked in Ohio Power's Newark and Portsmouth Divisions, and eight assisted Columbus and Southern crews. □

## Crews did tremendous job in restoring electric service

Many Appalachian Power employees will remember for a long time the weekend of April 3-5. As the thick, wet snow began to wreak havoc with electric lines, dozens of crews began the long, tedious task of working around the clock to restore service.

Jim Looney, Grundy area supervisor, admits, "We could not have done it without the great support we received from everyone. We had help from people such as the Bluefield construction crew, GO System crews, contract crews, and line crews from other areas.

"Workers actually waded snow up to their waists, carrying crossarms and materials to make repairs to the Grundy-Bull Creek 34.5 kv line which serves Harman Coal Company.

"The weather conditions were extremely difficult during the weekend and, up until Monday, we would get lines put up that would be out again in only a short time due to the heavy snow and tree limbs. I don't know what we would have done without the help we received from the Buchanan County Highway Department. I actually saw snow drifts 6-7 feet deep. Road crews opened numerous roads, allowing our crews access into some of the more remote areas."

Hobart White, Welch general line supervisor, states, "The bombardier and bulldozer which were sent to us during the

snow storm were a salvation. Without them, it probably would have taken us a week to restore power to some of our customers in the remote sections of McDowell County."

Restoration of service, in some instances, required more than a little ingenuity. In the Point Pleasant area, a tree fell through a line, downing a pole and 800 feet of wire. There was no way possible to get a truck through the snow and debris, and hand carrying a pole two miles was too great a task. As an alternative, the downed wire was attached to a tree as a makeshift pole until the work could be performed properly.

"This may not be the worst storm we've had," says Charleston Line Crew Supervisor Delt Crozier, "but it's right up there with the worst." When the heavy snow doused power in hundreds of far-flung locations, crews had to locate the problems first before they could fix them. This meant walking the lines through 20 inches of slick, wet snow over steep terrain in pitch dark.

"You just do it," says Leonard Hudson, Charleston line mechanic C. "You don't think about being tired. I mean, these people are out of power. What are we going to do? Go home?"

Crozier adds, "It's understood that you work when you're needed. That's no big deal." It's his job to make sure that fatigue doesn't make the work any more hazardous than normal. "We have strict safety regulations that are always followed. That's one thing we never let happen. We may be tired, but we never get sloppy."

Customers were generous in their praise for the people who worked so long and hard to restore electric service. A sample of the letters received are shown below. □

"To all the linemen who worked so hard to keep our electric on due to the big snow, thank you. Not just once or twice but thanks a million for being so nice!"

"I want to thank everyone at Appalachian Power for the long hours and good service during the recent unusual snow storm this last weekend. We were without electrical power for more than sixty hours. The explanation was obvious, of course, as we drove the roads just after the storm and saw the great number of trees falling

across the power lines. Being without electric power for the greater part of three days just made our household appreciate what we take for granted. Those in the Hogue household want everyone at APCo to know we are grateful!"

\* \* \*

"Just a note to say thank you for all the hard work you did during our recent snow storm and power outage. We say bravo to you and are grateful. Have a good day!"

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"I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude for your diligent work during the recent snow storm. I am thankful for your much hard work in repairing and restoring our electrical service. We are so accustomed to having electricity that we tend to take you for granted. Thank you for your hard work all year long."

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"Thank you for the wonderful service you provide in maintaining electrical power to the Kanawha Valley. I understand power was lost in several areas in Kanawha and Putnam Counties this past weekend. Your response and action to restore that power is highly commendable and appreciated. Please express my gratitude to your emergency work crews for a job well done!"

\* \* \*

"We thank and commend your employees in our area for the service we receive. In times of power outage, such as the recent snow, these people do a superb job. Our own power was not affected but these fine people have certainly put in long hours in inclement weather and we certainly appreciate it. Read in the paper recently about some man upset because a tree was cut on his property by a crew trimming for you. Seeing the devastation to trees from the snow, one would wonder if property owners should not be required to keep trees away from power lines themselves if they object to the trees being cut.

"Not only is a power outage dangerous to customers in cold weather but it is extremely dangerous to APCo employees to be out, particularly at night when lines are down and it is pouring the snow. Don't know that any of us sitting inside have the right to expect this sort of service." □



## SCC issues order on APCO's 1986 rate increase request

On April 16 the Virginia State Corporation Commission issued its order in Appalachian Power Company's 1986 rate increase request.

Appalachian, in its original request filed in March 1986, asked for a \$32.9 million increase in base rates or a 6.74 percent increase in annual revenue. At the same time, the company sought a \$12 million, or 2.46 percent, decrease in revenue as the result of lower fuel charges. The fuel decrease was approved by the SCC effective May 1, 1986.

Subsequently, the Commission allowed Appalachian to place a \$29.4 million increase in effect in May 1986 on an interim basis, subject to refund. In January of this year, a hearing examiner recommended that the company be awarded a \$16.6 million base rate increase.

In the final order, the Commission adopted the hearing examiner's recommendation, which means that the company was granted an annual increase in rates of \$16.6 million for the period May 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986. However, the Commission went one step further

and revised the rates effective January 1, 1987, to reflect the change in tax rates brought about by the Tax Reform Act of 1986. After that date the company's base rates will produce on an annual basis \$8.15 million more than before the increase was requested.

Virginia customers will receive a refund on the higher rates paid since May 1, 1986, plus interest. The refund is to be in the form of a credit on customer's bills prior to July 15. □

## Clinch, Charleston win annual AEP safety competition

For the fifth consecutive year, Clinch River Plant won the small plant category in the AEP System safety competition. Charleston Division won the large division category for the third straight year.

Charleston's safety record began February 14, 1985, and, on April 4 of this year, employees achieved the 1,500,000 safe workhour mark.

Clinch River Plant also won the small plant category in 1977 and 1978. The last disabling injury there occurred on October 16, 1981. □

## Neighbor program is most successful in four years

Appalachian Power Company's 1986-87 Neighbor to Neighbor program was the most successful in four years, according to President John W. Vaughan.

Neighbor to Neighbor raised over \$163,475 to help more than 2,780 needy families in Virginia and West Virginia pay their electric bills during the winter months. Contributions were up more than 24 percent over 1985-86, when \$131,500 was raised.

The program, which concluded on March 31, is funded by voluntary contributions from customers and Appalachian stockholders. Stockholders match customer contributions up to \$75,000, with a maximum of \$37,500 each in Virginia and West Virginia. More than 9,800 customers and businesses in the company's service area joined Appalachian as partners in the 1986-87 program.

"The growing response to the Neighbor to Neighbor program is a tribute to the generosity of our customers," Vaughan said. "To all of those who joined in this worthwhile project, we'd like to say thank you."

The contributions are distributed by the West Virginia Department of Human Services and the Virginia Department of Social Services, who determine the eligibility of those receiving energy assistance.

Appalachian Power shares the administrative costs with these two organizations so that all funds go directly to assist those in need. Deloitte Haskins & Sells, a certified public accounting firm, donates its services to audit the Neighbor to Neighbor fund. □



Pictured after the presentation of the AEP safety awards for 1986 are, l. to r., H. E. Rhodes, Jr., vice president-operations for Appalachian Power; Floyd H. Taylor, Jr., Charleston division manager; George E. Briers, Clinch River plant manager; Doug Forbes, safety manager of Appalachian; and W.S. White, Jr., AEP chairman.

## Attention graduates!

Employees, spouses, or children graduating from high school, college, or technical school will be recognized in the July issue of The Illuminator.

Information and photos of graduates should be turned in to your local Illuminator reporter no later than May 22. All photos will be returned following publication. □



## DiLorenzo succeeds Burton as secretary of AEP companies



John F. DiLorenzo, Jr. last month was elected secretary of 29 companies of the American Electric Power System, including its eight operating companies. Earlier, in March, he had been elected secretary of

a 30th company, the AEP Service Corporation.

In all of these new posts he succeeded John R. Burton, effective May 1. Burton retired April 30 after 13 years as secretary of the various System companies. He also was vice president and deputy general counsel of the Service Corporation.

DiLorenzo, who had been assistant secretary of most of the 30 companies he now serves as secretary, will continue as vice president and associate general counsel of the AEP Service Corporation, as well as assistant secretary of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and its subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation. □

## Charleston celebrates two safe years



Charleston Division's 345 employees were recognized with a breakfast for completing two years without a disabling injury. On April 4, they also achieved the 1,500,000 safe workhour mark.

## Central Machine Shop hosts EEI task force meeting

Central Machine Shop hosted Edison Electric Institute's (EEI) central maintenance shop task force meeting on April 6-8. Thirty-eight members representing 19 companies attended.

The task force, which reports to EEI's prime movers committee, holds two meetings per year. Its functions are: (1) to provide for a technical information exchange of central maintenance shop procedures, tooling information, and repair techniques; (2) to investigate and develop improved methods for making central shop repairs to all types of power plant equipment, resulting in improved power plant availability and reduced maintenance costs; and (3) to contribute reports and presentations to the power station subcommittee at its regular meeting. □



One of the highlights of the task force meeting was a tour of Appalachian's Central Machine Shop, where numerous work demonstrations could be observed. From l. to r., are Bob Foster, general manager-production, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, New Jersey, and chairman of the EEI central maintenance shop task force; Mike Costic, manager-central machine shop, Public Service Electric & Gas Company, and secretary of the task force; and Harold Rulen, manager, Appalachian's Central Machine Shop and AEP's representative on the task force.



# Mine water treatment program gets crystal clear results

(Fourth in a series)

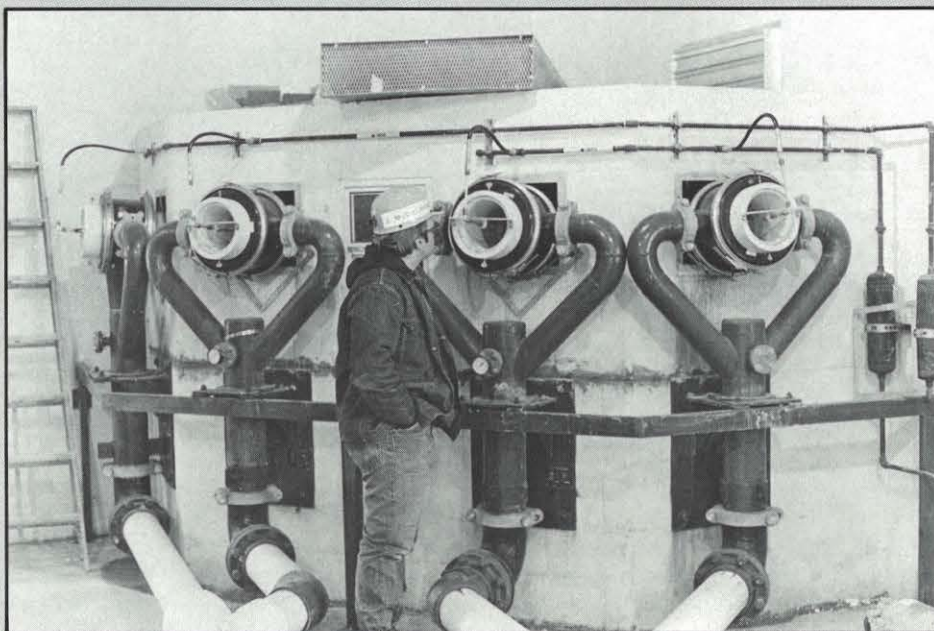
**W**hat kind of concern do the American Electric Power System's mining operations have for the environment? The answer is crystal clear.

For over a decade, AEP's mining companies have helped set the industry standard when it comes to sound environmental practices. In addition to eliminating hazards and maintaining a safe workplace underground, AEP constantly is searching for new and better ways to maintain the delicate balance of land and water above ground.

Perhaps the most significant problem encountered by AEP's six mining operations — which include five underground mines and one surface facility — concerns acid mine drainage. When water and oxygen come in contact with pyrite (iron sulfide), which occurs in varying amounts in coal, the resulting products are ferrous sulfate and sulfuric acid — commonly known as acid mine drainage. If the affected water is not neutralized, the acidity and deposits such as iron could kill existing plantlife and fish in nearby streams. Iron deposits also can discolor a stream bed and create an unpleasant appearance.

In order to control acid mine drainage properly, AEP took the initiative years ago and began developing a system of acid mine drainage (AMD) treatment plants. These plants, now in operation at all of AEP's mining operations and the Conesville coal-preparation plant, treat water that is pumped out of the underground mines as well as water that comes in contact with coal or refuse on the surface. A unique situation exists at Southern Ohio Coal Company's Martinka No. 1 mine in Fairmont, West Virginia. In addition to operating one of the first AMD plants on the AEP System, Martinka also employs the newest AMD treatment facility.

"With the continuing expansion of the mine, there was an increasing need for a new AMD plant," said Jim McCalment, senior environmental engineer at Martinka. "From day one, we've talked about having a new treatment plant at its present site (near the small community of Colfax) because it's the most advantageous spot.



Jim McCalment, senior environmental engineer for Southern Ohio Coal Company's Martinka No. 1 mine, inspects the Turbojett system at the Martinka AMD plant. Used commercially for the first time in the United States, the Turbojett system replaces several mixers and aerator tanks in the water-treatment process.

The plant has been located above the lowest area of the mine, which allows us to take advantage of the gravity factor and reduce underground pumping costs."

Built at a cost of \$2.2 million, the new Martinka AMD plant — placed in operation in January 1986 — employs the latest in acid mine drainage treatment technology. The ultra-modern facility is capable of handling up to 3,000 gallons of water per minute, or five times the capacity of the mine's first plant. The new plant also raises Martinka's total capacity to 6.5-million gallons of water per day, and it ensures that the mine will continue to meet the strict standards set by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. Careful treatment of the water is critical at Martinka No. 1 because the finished product is discharged into Guyses Run, a small tributary of the Tygart River.

"When we had only one plant," McCalment explained, "it was a strain on the system and difficult to conduct our regular maintenance. We had to continue treating the water throughout our maintenance schedule, so we were stuck with re-routing the water into holding ponds. Now we are able to shut down the old plant when necessary for maintenance."

A unique feature of the new AMD plant is that it was designed to run for the most part without human help. The "brain" of the facility is a computer, incorporating eight programmable logic controllers. The computer automatically tells two vertical turbine pumps when to lift water 225 feet from the mine to the raw water holding pond, routes the water through the plant and even handles the discharging of the clean, treated water into Guyses Run.

According to McCalment, "the computerized system has eliminated a whole room full of electronic hardware such as relay switches. It allows you to make changes in a couple of hours that previously would have taken a whole day."

Since the new AMD plant at Martinka handles only water that is pumped from the mine, the facility's system is designed to remove suspended solids, iron and manganese. It also corrects the pH of the water and ensures that the water is acceptable in clarity before it is discharged.

"The pH level of the water (which denotes the degree of acidity or alkalinity) must be between 6.0 and 9.0 before it ever leaves the plant," McCalment pointed out. "The strictest standards have been set because





Once a refuse area has reached the end of its "life" at an AEP coal-mining operation, it is reclaimed and returned to its natural, productive state. At Martinka's Powell refuse area, a bulldozer operator grades an area prior to seeding.

Guyses Run is such a small stream. When we were designing this plant, we had to make sure that we could meet those standards."

If water pumped from the mine can't pass the initial tests for clarity of pH, it is pumped to a raw water holding pond before it begins its journey through the treatment plant.

Once the water is pumped into the plant, chemicals such as ferric chloride, caustic soda and a polymer are introduced to facilitate the treatment process. The main feature at this point is a bank of four Turbojett mixers, which, according to McCalment, are being used commercially for the first time in the United States.

"These mixers replace several mixers and aerator tanks such as those found at the old plant," he noted. "There is an instantaneous reaction inside the Turbojets, and a good pH correction time between the feeder and the meter at the end of the chamber."

Much like the original Martinka AMD plant, the new facility also incorporates the use of a "Hydra-rake" sludge-handling system in its settling basin. Each "Hydra-rake" segment is comprised of two-inch, perforated pipes around which the sludge from the treatment process settles. Pumps in the basement of the building next to the settling pond then draw off the sludge.

Leaving the settling basin, treated water continues down a channel where it is checked for pH factor and clarity before it enters a "polishing pond." It is then

checked one final time prior to its discharge into the stream. "If any water passes through this point that doesn't meet the standards, an alarm will sound and the plant will shut down," said McCalment. "We should never hear this alarm."

**W**oven tightly into AEP's intricate mine water treatment program is the careful handling of refuse from coal-preparation plants at the mining operations and the Conesville prep plant. Since all coal mined at AEP mines is cleaned, the handling of prep plant refuse poses another major challenge.

According to McCalment, the challenge here is two-fold. First, careful planning is a necessity to ensure that the refuse areas remain safe places for workers to operate. Second, and equally important, is the proper controlling of seepage and runoff water, which again falls under the category of "acid mine drainage."

"We look at four major factors here at Martinka when we deal with refuse," McCalment said. "We have to keep our costs down so we don't drive up the cost of our coal, and we've got to handle refuse in the most efficient manner possible. We also have to control seepage and water runoff and we've got to make sure the employees have a safe, stable pile to work on."

To illustrate the immense nature of this task, McCalment said that Martinka alone handles approximately 1.8-million tons of prep plant refuse per year. The majority of

the material is a mixture of clay, rock and small particles of earth.

Before the first truckload of material ever makes its way to a refuse site, however, a series of environmental controls are built in. In order to control seepage, a series of drains have been installed under the entire area. The drains catch water that seeps through the pile and channel it into one of a series of holding ponds. The water is pumped from the ponds into one centralized holding pond, then into the AMD plant, where it is treated and discharged.

Also, a series of collection ditches surround each refuse area, which catch the surface runoff water and send it to the same holding ponds.

"The proper construction of the refuse pile is important because it helps you catch all the water that comes in contact with the area," McCalment noted. "The entire pile is constructed in a series of benches so the water doesn't come crashing down from the top and wash everything out."

To complete the environmental circle, AEP's mining companies also reclaim each refuse area when it reaches the end of its planned life. After the area is graded to a natural contour, grasses are planted to return the land to its productive state and to control erosion.

It all adds up to genuine concern for the environment at AEP's mining operations and the Conesville prep plant. Environmental questions are being answered, and the results are indeed crystal clear. □



# 44 bowling teams compete in Roanoke Invitational Tourney

Thirty-six men's teams and eight women's teams competed in the annual Roanoke Invitational Bowling Tournament, held March 14 at Viking Lanes. AEP System locations represented include Bluefield, Abingdon, Lynchburg, Amos Plant, Glen Lyn Plant, Charleston, Kanawha River Plant, Pulaski, Huntington, and Roanoke.

The top men's team, the Gutter Busters from Roanoke, had 3102 pins to capture the \$190 first place. Racking up the highest number of pins in the women's competition were the Hot Wires from Roanoke, who won \$45 for their score of 3263.

Other men's teams placing in the money were: Bluefield's Kilowatts, 3037 pins, \$140; Roanoke's Brew Crew, 3015 pins, \$90; Roanoke's Pin Poppers, 3000 pins, \$65; New River Electric, 2980 pins, \$40; and Bluefield's Nightshift, 2960 pins, \$20.

The winning women's teams were Roanoke's APCO

Mates, 3086 pins, \$35; and Roanoke's Gutter Dusters, 3064 pins, \$25.

Individual prize winners for the men were: Ray Mullen, high set handicap (668), \$25; Randy Nicewonder, high game scratch (246), \$25; and Charles Vest, high game handicap (260), \$20. Randy Minnix and John Moore tied for high set scratch (615) and split \$30.

Individual winners in the women's competition were: Ann Calhoun, wife of Rick Calhoun, high game scratch (222), \$6; Raylene Riley, high game handicap (251), \$6; Patsy Chitwood, daughter of J. J. Chitwood, high set scratch (635), \$6; and Dixie Howard, wife of Roy Howard, high set handicap (691), \$6.

The invitational bowling tournament is employee-sponsored. Don Powell was the coordinator, assisted by Ernie Perdue, Tommy Anderson, and Pat Short. Ruth Santopolo was coordinator for the women's division. □



The Hot Wires of Roanoke captured the top spot in the women's competition. Team members are, kneeling, l. to r., Sherry Sink and Patsy Chitwood. Standing, Linda Johnson, Ann Calhoun, and Reva Chitwood.



Members of the Gutter Busters, which won the men's competition, are, standing, l. to r., Dave Crickenberger, Jim Zimmerman, and Jim Gallatin. Kneeling, James Merritt and Charles Vest.



# Weddings

## Hughes-Plant



Catherine Rebecca Plant to **Arnold Hughes**, February 14. Arnold is the son of Marshall Hughes, Clintwood line crew supervisor.

## Eads-Miller



Amanda Lea Miller to **Gregory Eads**, Beckley department assistant-marketing and customer services, March 7.

## Conley-Dent



Lisa Gail Dent to **Michael E. Conley**, Glen Lyn Plant utility worker B, March 21.

## Simon-Eden



**Kimberly Anne Eden** to Bruce David Simon, April 11. Kimberly is the daughter of John A. Eden, Jr., supervising computer graphics technician, GO T&D Computer Graphics, Roanoke.

## Mann-Campbell

**Angela D. Campbell**, Glen Lyn plant clerk C, to C. Todd Mann, March 24.

## VanMatre-Diddle



**Ann Elizabeth Diddle** to Kevin Wayne VanMatre, November 7. Ann is the daughter of George VanMatre, Philip Sporn Plant equipment operator C.

# Births

## John Amos

Stephanie Nichole, daughter of **Roger Halstead**, maintenance mechanic A, March 22.

Kenneth, son of **Edward Nester**, utility worker, March 29.

Justin Anthony, son of **Dempsey Casto**, coal equipment operator, April 10.

## Bluefield

Andrew Wayne, son of **Randy Powell**, Pineville line mechanic C, March 11.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

Charles Garrett, son of **Charles Watterson**, maintenance mechanic B, March 15.

Shanda Renee, daughter of **Gary Jividen**, maintenance mechanic A, March 26.

## Charleston

Brandon Lee, son of **Kenneth Smith**, Montgomery collector, March 5.

Anthony Vaughan, son of **Doug Paitsel**, meter electrician C, March 27.

Ryan Christopher, son of **Denzil Smith**, line mechanic D, March 21.

## General Office

Joshua David and Brittany Anne, twin son and daughter of **David Wright**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Bluefield.

Alexander Stone, son of **Dale Moore**, rate analyst, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, April 8.

## Kingsport

Shane Matthew, son of **Debby Ryans**, cashier C, March 26.

## Logan-Williamson

Thomas Michael, son of **Randy Roberts**, Williamson line mechanic A, and **Diana Roberts**, Williamson customer accounts representative B, March 18.

Nathan Scott, son of **Timothy Varney**, Logan meter reader, March 24.

## Lynchburg

Kelley Leigh, daughter of **Terry Knight**, records supervisor, March 14.

## Roanoke

Evan Curtis, son of **Barry Graham**, meter electrician C, March 26.

## Philip Sporn

Hallie Renae, daughter of **Richard Carter, II**, equipment operator B, March 20.

Jordan Cara, daughter of **Ivaunna Lidel**, chemist assistant, February 19.

Heath Adam, son of **John Nelson**, maintenance mechanic B, March 24.

John Curtiss, son of **John Barton**, equipment operator B, March 25. □



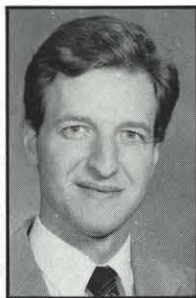
# Promotions

**Dan A. Drayer**, electrical engineer, was promoted to electrical engineer senior in Abingdon on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Gannon College.



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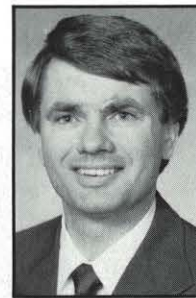
**Thomas C. Schmaltz**, environmental engineer, was promoted to environmental engineer senior, GO Environmental Affairs, Roanoke, on February 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from Madison College and a PhD in botany from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.



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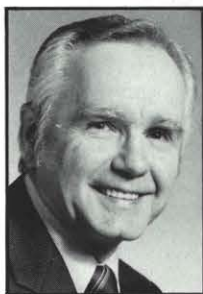


Pickens



Heslep

**Harry A. Pickens**, assistant yard superintendent, was promoted to yard superintendent at Philip Sporn Plant on April 1.



Pippin

**Roger Lee Heslep**, accounting staff assistant, was promoted to electric plant accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business, accounting major, from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. He is a CPA in the State of Virginia.



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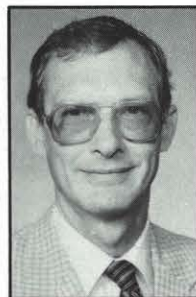
Ham

**Jack Pippin**, customer accounts clerk A nonexempt, was promoted to Kingsport marketing and customer services representative exempt on May 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from East Tennessee State University.



Counts

**Paula L. Goddard**, T&D clerk A, is being promoted to Beckley records supervisor, effective June 1. She holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Concord College and attends the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.



French

**Charles E. Flowers, Jr.**, tractor operator, was promoted to assistant yard superintendent at Philip Sporn Plant on April 1.

**William C. Ham**, automotive mechanic A, was promoted to automotive supervisor nonexempt in Beckley on March 14.

**Harold W. Counts**, T&D clerk A, was promoted to Abingdon records supervisor on April 1. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in business and economics from King College.

**K. E. "Gene" French**, engineering technologist, was promoted to Roanoke records supervisor on April 1. He attended Wingate Junior College.

## Abingdon

**Brenda Price** from junior stenographer to stenographer.

## John Amos

**Teresa Spurgeon** from junior clerk to plant clerk C.

**William Vannatter** from equipment operator C to stores attendant.

**William Scott** from equipment operator C to equipment operator B.

**Rodney Waugh** from equipment operator C to equipment operator B.

## Bluefield

**Mark Lineberry** from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Princeton.

**Timothy Craig** from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Peterstown.

**Tim Honaker** from junior clerk to T&D clerk C.

**John Reeves** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Welch.

**Clarence Belcher** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Welch.

## General Office

**John Dalton** from hydro mechanic D to hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Roanoke.

**Jake Divers** from customer accounting accountant junior, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to property representative assistant, GO Land Management, Roanoke.

## Glen Lyn

**Danny Mitchem** from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

**Chester Blevins** from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

## Huntington

**Michele Spencer** from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

**Danny Sheppard** from line mechanic A to area servicer.

**Walter Walker** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

**Sharon Burton** from meter electrician C to meter electrician B.

## Pulaski

**Richard Hall** from station mechanic B to station mechanic A.

**Eddie Newman** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Hillsville.

**Vanessa Black** from telephone operator (division) to customer accounts representative C.

**Martha Burnette** from office messenger to telephone operator (division).

## Philip Sporn

**Steven Mace** from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A. □





## AEP dedicated to improv

American Electric Power is dedicated to improving its financial performance and increasing its common stock dividends, AEP Chairman W.S. White, Jr. told share-owners attending the company's 80th annual meeting April 22 at the Charleston Civic Center.

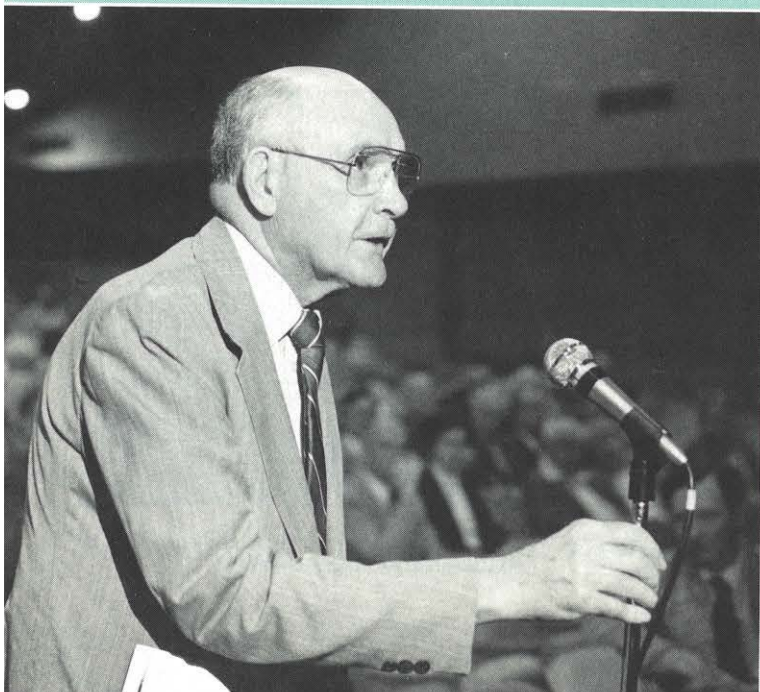
"The commitment to improving financial results is company-wide," White said. "Every manager is aware of this goal and is dedicated to achieving it. This joint effort is already beginning to show positive results, and we can see some of them in the success of our 1986 marketing activities.

"At this meeting last year I emphasized that sales growth is the key to our future

financial performance. We have a very aggressive program underway to stimulate that growth. Aggressive, creative marketing, in fact, is the AEP watchword for the remainder of this decade."

The AEP chairman cited the positive factors affecting the company's well-being: "AEP's healthy cash generation, together with a modest construction program and a stable interest rate environment, have provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen our balance sheet," he said. The redemption and refinancing of high-cost debt, as well as not issuing new common stock, have been the focus of AEP's financing program, he explained. In connection with the electric utility

industry's efforts to develop clean coal technologies, White discussed the issue of federal acid rain legislation. "I believe that the 100th Congress is going to be less receptive to the kinds of bills we have seen in the past. In this respect, the change to Democratic control in the Senate has produced some positive results. Importantly, West Virginia's Senator Robert Byrd is once again the Senate majority leader. He understands the disastrous effects that proposed massive expenditures would have on the economies of industrial America. He is on record as favoring an approach that continues to use the prevailing Clean Air Act but enhances it with new clean coal







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technology to bring about additional reductions in sulfur emissions . . . We believe the appropriate answer, in the face of current uncertainties, lies in continued research and the further development of clean coal technologies such as our PFBC process."

In closing, White reiterated AEP objectives, "Our marketing and financing activities should make significant contributions to improved earnings. As earnings improve, the company will be in a better position to resume its pattern of dividend growth that our shareowners expect and deserve." (AEP's annual dividend has remained at the \$2.26 level for the past six years.) □

## Meeting Sidelights

The only issue before American Electric Power Company shareowners at their annual meeting April 22 in Charleston was a proposal calling upon the Board of Directors to issue a report on AEP's plans to reduce sulfur-dioxide emissions from its coal-burning power plants. The proposal, presented by six religious organizations and opposed by the board, was soundly defeated, 10,879,144 for and 104,718,551 against. It was the third consecutive year that the proposal had been presented and, because it received only 9.4 percent of the vote, cannot be offered at next year's annual meeting, according to Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

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Total attendance at the annual meeting was 335 — the smallest turnout since 1973 and approximately 100 fewer than attended the previous annual meeting in Charleston in 1979.

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The day began with 13 directors on the AEP Board and ended with 12. Upon adjournment of the annual meeting, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., former governor of Virginia, stepped down from the board, retiring after eight years' service. The other 12 incumbent directors were reelected. □





# Retirements



"I was a Christian man when I came to work at the power company, and I've always felt the Lord had something to do with getting me the job. I guess that's what gave me the determination to stay. I was with Appalachian for 36 years, so that's pretty fair sticking," says **R. E. "Buck" Stone**. He was a maintenance mechanic B at Kanawha River Plant before electing early retirement on May 1. Buck continues, "We don't know how long we will be in this world, but I have a lot of hopes for retirement. I love to garden and tinker with carpentry and,

since last June, I have been the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Hamlin in Lincoln County. I have taught Sunday school all my Christian life and have preached occasionally, but this is the first time I ever pastored a church. I'm also attending the Nazarene Bible School in South Charleston, which will take four years to complete. When I finish school, I will have a district license which will enable me to perform marriages and other duties." Buck and his wife Betty have two sons and four grandchildren. □



"Most of my 35 years with the company have been rewarding, interesting, and a lot of fun," says **John Randall, Jr.**, Kingsport marketing and customer services representative senior, who elected early retirement on May 1. "I've had a variety of jobs, starting as a storeroom attendant, then meter reader and appliance repairman before taking my current position. I've been affiliated with Kingsport Power for 61 years because my father, John A. Randall, Sr., was meter supervisor until his death in 1957." John and his wife

Mary Ann have two children and one grandchild. They are expecting two more grandchildren this summer. They enjoy camping, boating, fishing, and other outdoor fun and look forward to spending time at Watauga Lake, where they keep their travel trailer and pontoon boat. They hope to spend the cold months in Florida. "I'm really going to miss my friends here at the company," John says, "but I'm looking forward to retirement." John is a World War II and Korean War veteran. □



"When you get to be 65, you're ready to go," claims Roanoke Streetlight Attendant **Sam Smith**, who retired on May 1. He continues, "During World War II, I was with the Army artillery. And, after being discharged, I went to work for Richardson-Wayland Electric Corporation, who does contract work for Appalachian. We were traveling around a lot, and I wanted to stay home so I put in an application with the power company." Sam, who had more than 36 years' service, says, "I have enjoyed every bit of it. The company

has been good to me. I especially appreciate the employee savings plan, and I certainly recommend it to everyone. Rushie and I expect to enjoy retirement although we don't have any particular plans. We both like to travel so we will be doing as much of that as we can. I work a lot in my garden and yard, and I also enjoy hunting and fishing." The Smiths have two daughters and one grandson. They will continue to make their home in Roanoke. □



"I have been here at Kanawha River Plant for 14 years, and I wish I had come earlier," says Stores Clerk **Elsie Allen**, who elected early retirement on May 1. "I will miss it, but my husband Dick has been retired for two years, and he is anxious for me to be home with him. There are so many different things I like to do that I don't think I will be bored. Dick has a woodworking shop, and I love it as much as he does. I would just as soon have a band saw in my hand as a sewing

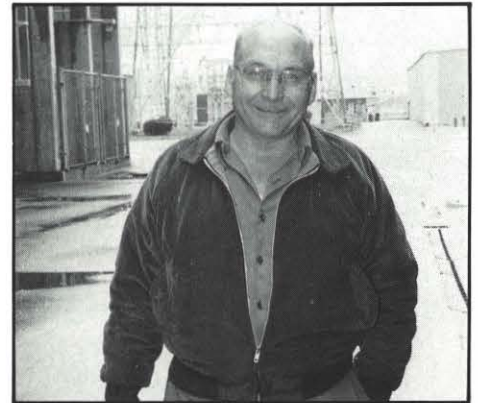
machine! I enjoy macrame and crocheting, and I'd like to try my hand at quilting. The main thing is to be free when we want to go somewhere. We have three children and three grandchildren. One son is in Virginia Beach, VA; another son in Richmond, VA; and our daughter in Cleveland, OH. They transfer so much that we've gotten to see several different places by visiting them." The Allens make their home in Shrewsbury, WV, and attend the Community Church there. □



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"There are a lot of memories in 37 years here," states **Kenneth 'KO' Rollins**, Philip Sporn Plant yard superintendent, who elected early retirement on May 1. "One thing I am particularly proud of is that, in all the years I've been here, there never has been a unit to run out of coal. A lot of plants can't say that." Before KO came to work at Sporn in 1951, he was employed by Owens Corning Fiberglass in Newark, Ohio. "I wanted to work someplace where I wouldn't get laid off," he declares. "I've

enjoyed working at Sporn. I like the people, and you couldn't ask for better bosses than I've had. As for retirement, I'm going to do a little bit of a lot of things and not very much of anything. I have a 55-acre farm and raise beef cattle and hay. I also have 3 tractors, which we pull with at fairs." KO and his wife Catherine have 3 sons, 2 daughters, and 9 grandchildren. They plan a visit with their son in Illinois this month, followed by a visit with their son in New Orleans. □



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"I've worked with a lot of good people here at Appalachian over the years, and I've enjoyed it," says **Bill Jackson**, Charleston engineering technician senior, who elected early retirement on May 1. "My father and two uncles also worked for the company; and, between the four of us, we had 163 years' service. That should be some kind of record." Bill continues, "I started out at the Cabin Creek Plant, then served in the Navy during World War II. I was in on the invasion of southern France, Italy, Iwo

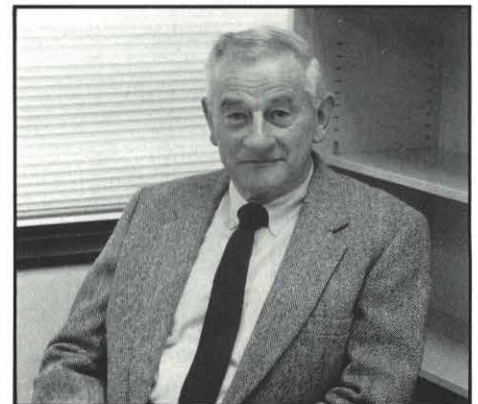
Jima, and Okinawa, and was about 200 miles off the coast of Japan when the A bomb was dropped. I didn't come back to work for Appalachian until 1952, when I was hired as a meter helper." Bill's plan for retirement is to take things one day at a time. "I like to do any kind of carpentry, and I'm a pretty good electrician so I could go to work the first day I retire if I wanted to — but I don't want to," he laughs. "I'll just do whatever is necessary around the house." Bill and his wife Frances will continue to live in Charleston. □



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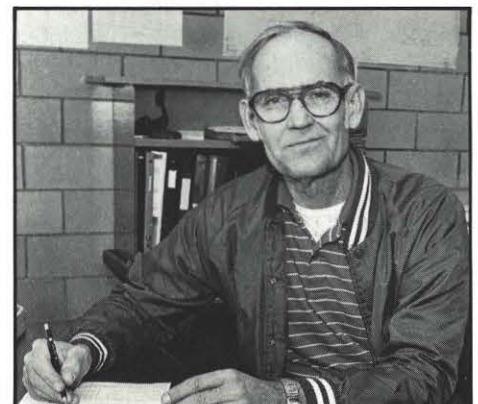
A utility career spanning more than 40 years came to a close on May 1 with the retirement of **Gordon Warrick**, Kingsport automotive supervisor NE. Gordon joined Appalachian in 1947 as an auto mechanic C in Roanoke. "I give my brother-in-law, Fieldale Retiree Alonzo Beheler, credit for helping me get the job," Gordon states. "He kept talking to the company about me until I got out of service." Gordon transferred to Kingsport Power in 1955 and was promoted to garage foreman in

1960. "I'm real pleased with the company's retirement program," Gordon says, "and the employee savings plan. That came along at just the right time for people like me who had only a few years left to work. The only plans my wife Virginia and I have are to visit our daughter and her family in New Hampshire and our son and his family in Chicago. We also plan to spend some time at Myrtle Beach." Gordon served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. □

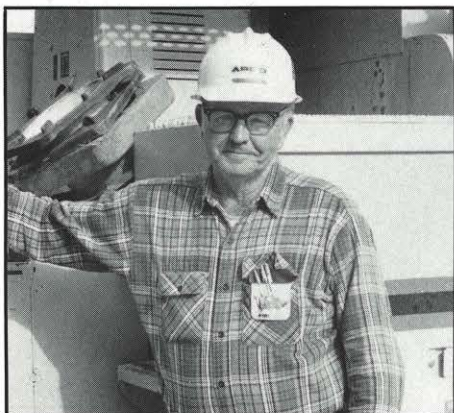


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A utility career spanning more than 41 years came to a close on May 1 with the early retirement of **William H. Stricklen**, Point Pleasant general line crew supervisor. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, he was employed as a laborer and moved up through the classifications of lineman C, B, and A; working foreman; and line foreman before being promoted in 1978 to the position he held at retirement. A Navy veteran, Wimpy and his wife Dorthea have three sons. □







After more than 40 years' service, **Jesse Overbay** has hung up his hard hat for the last time. The Abingdon line crew supervisor NE elected early retirement on May 1. He says, "This is the only place I ever worked. I started as a groundman B, making 80 cents an hour. In the early days, senior employees rode in the cab, and the rest of us on the back of the line truck with the material. There were times when I almost froze! When I was a serviceman, the company listed my home phone as the emergency number for

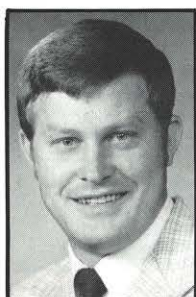
nights, weekends, and holidays. My wife Annie took many calls while I was out and called the station operator so he could contact me by radio. One night she took 23 calls. She was awfully patient to put up with me, and I thought of her as my right arm." As for the future, Jesse and Annie expect to travel some. He has a farm at Glade Spring and raises cattle, and he enjoys trading guns. Jesse is a member of the Glade Spring Baptist Church and the advisory board of Neff Technical Center. □



"One of the most enjoyable jobs I had was helping with training programs," says **Jim Reid**, distribution supervisor in GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke. "I developed the 40 KV Gloving Program, the Live Line Tool and Line Inspectors' training. I also developed Job Demonstrations for Progression for Line Mechanics for AEP. It is great to be able to pass on my experience to the new employees." Jim had 40 years' service before electing early retirement on May 1. He adds, "I've enjoyed working with all the superintendents and line crews throughout the company. I did

safety and T&D audits and got acquainted with a lot of wonderful people." Keeping busy during retirement is not going to pose any problems. "We moved into a new house last year and there is still a lot of outside work to do. I like to bowl, too, and I live near three golf courses which I intend to visit regularly. I'm also a captain and company commander of the Virginia Defense Force in Lynchburg." A member of the Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science and the VFW, Jim served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II and in the Korean War. □

## Paragon earns PE rating

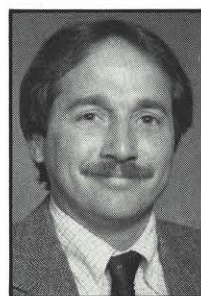


Tony Paragon, station engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Bluefield, has been registered as a professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

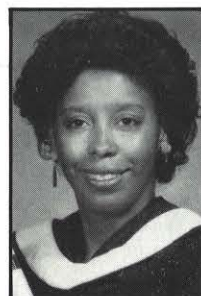
Paragon graduated from the University of Virginia with a

bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He was employed in 1977 as an electrical engineer in GO T&D Station, Bluefield, and promoted to his current position in 1986. □

## CAP 'N GOWN



**Davie Key**, Roanoke energy services engineer, masters degree in engineering administration from George Washington University.



**Angela Michelle**, daughter of Thomas W. Kincaid, Jr., Huntington station crew supervisor NE, associate of applied science in child development, Fairmont State College. □

## United Way establishes W. David Crews Award



The United Way of Central Virginia has established the W. David Crews Memorial Award in memory of the late Lynchburg personnel supervisor. The award, a plaque, will be awarded annually to the United

Way agency evaluated as most effective by the Allocations Committee.

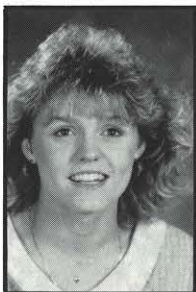
Crews, who was active in the United Way of Central Virginia for many years, served as vice president of allocations for 1985 and 1986.

In addition, a memorial page honoring Crews is in the 1986 United Way annual report. □

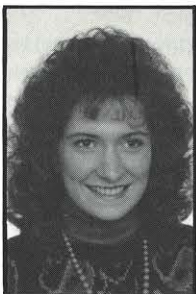


# Who's News

## Kanawha River

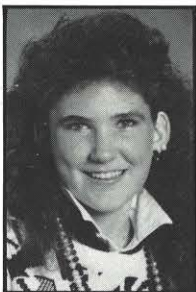


**Tracy**, daughter of Audra Pauley, secretary, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Herbert Hoover High School.



**Cynthia**, daughter of Mike Siemiaczko, assistant plant manager, has accepted a \$400 scholarship to study electrical engineering at West Virginia Tech for the 1987-88 school year. She is a senior at Gauley

Bridge High School.

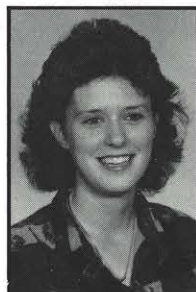


**Angela**, daughter of Mike Siemiaczko, won first place at the Fayette County Social Studies Fair for her project entitled, "Lifestyles of Amish People." She is a freshman at Gauley Bridge High School. □

## Bluefield

**Roger Jones**, marketing and customer services supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Bluefield United Way. He served as one of nine divisional chairmen during the 1986 fundraising campaign, with his division attaining the highest goal, 210 percent. □

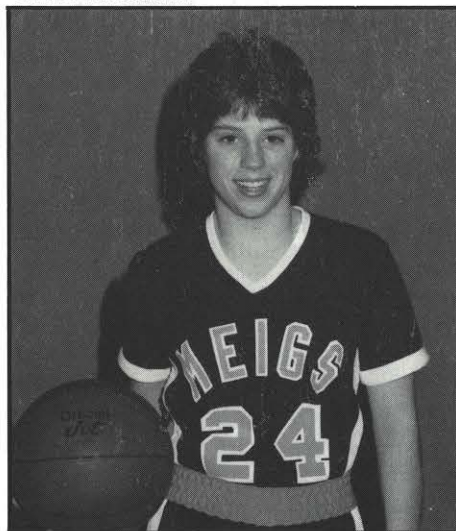
## Philip Sporn



**Dana**, daughter of Doug Draper, production superintendent-operations, was selected as a member of the West Virginia All-State Chorus. She is a senior at Wahama High School.



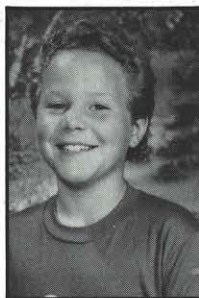
The wife and son of Thomas Dawson, utility worker A, won awards in the 1987 USA Karate Championship held at Huntington East High School. **Ann (Myong Sun)** won first place (Kata) forms, first place (Kumite) fighting, and second place in (bow) weapons fighting. **Little Tom** placed fourth in weapons. Ann and Little Tom qualified for regional competition and will participate in the nationals this summer in Columbus, Ohio. **Tom** will fight in the Men's Senior Division of the nationals.



**Jennifer Couch**, a member of the Meigs High School girls basketball team, won the Coach's Award for 1986-87. She was a starter for three years and named to all-conference, all-district, and honorable mention all-state. She also won the conference for two years. Jennifer was also a volleyball starter for three years and made the all-conference and all-district teams. In softball, she was a starter for

four years and named freshman rookie of the year. She won conference three years and all-conference her junior year. The daughter of Bob Couch, shift operating engineer, Jennifer also was a delegate to Ohio Girls' State and an All American Academic Scholar. She is in the National Honor Society and carries a 3.8 grade point average. □

## Centralized Plant Maintenance



Eight-year-old **Micah Nester**, who bowled in the Gallipolis Bantam League, Gallipolis, Ohio, completed the season with the highest average, highest series, and highest game. She also won the most

improved bowler award. Micah bowled in the Regional Nine Tournament at Woodfield, Ohio, and had the highest girl's game and highest girl's series in her age group. She is the daughter of Mike Nester, maintenance supervisor.



**Dena**, daughter of John Manley, maintenance supervisor, has been selected to attend Buckeye Girls' State at Ashland College in June. She will be sponsored by Farmers Bank through American

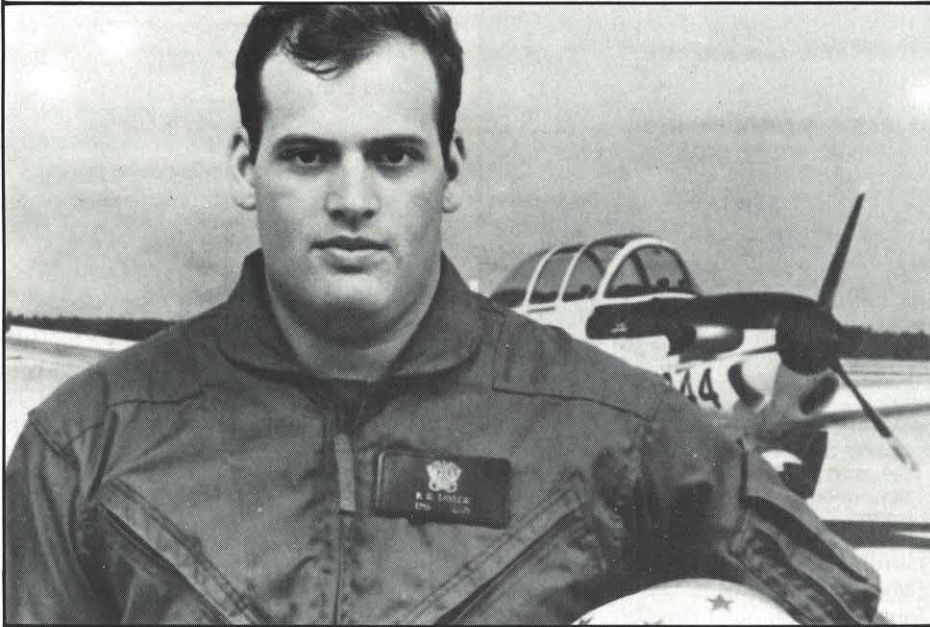
Legion Auxiliary 39 in Pomeroy, Ohio. At Meigs High School, Dena has been a cheerleader, member of French Club and Student Council, and a library and office assistant. She is active in the Teenage Institute and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. □

## Kingsport

**Teddy**, son of Wilford Gaines, line mechanic B, was inducted into the Math Hall of Fame at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, where he is a second grader. □

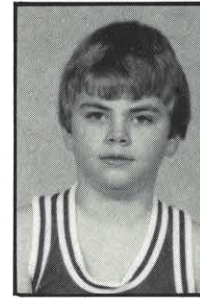


## Taylor receives Navy wings

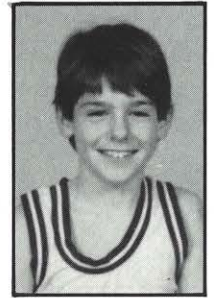


Barry Taylor has received his Navy wings of gold, designating him an unrestricted Naval aviator. He will be assigned to fly helicopters at Point Mugu, California. In recognition of Barry's superior performance during flight training, he was placed on the Commodore's list and was presented a certificate of merit. This distinction is achieved by only two percent of the students who complete helicopter training each year. Barry is the son of Mountaineer Plant Stores Supervisor Jim Taylor.

## Roanoke



Ragland



McMillan

The North Roanoke Hawks, coached by **Bob Ragland**, drafter A, and **Wes McMillan**, line mechanic A, won first place in the Botetourt Invitational Pee Wee basketball tournament. They won four consecutive games in the 16-team tournament. The Hawks also won the Vinton Christmas Classic with five consecutive victories and were runners-up in the Roanoke County playoffs. Their season record was 25 wins and 4 losses. **Kevin McMillan**, Wes' son, played guard for the Hawks and **Shannon Ragland**, Bob's son, was team mascot.

**Rob Glenn**, energy services supervisor, is the recipient of the Outstanding Young Man Award from the Roanoke Jaycees. The award is presented annually for outstanding service to the community. □

## Huntington



**Curt Clonch**, Point Pleasant customer accounts servicer, and his wife **Reba Kay** were chosen sweetheart couple of the year for 1987 by members of the First Church of the Nazarene, Gallipolis, Ohio. They received roses, a free dinner, and crowns.

## John Amos



**Heather Dawn**, daughter of John McLaughlin, Jr., maintenance mechanic B, was crowned Miss Junior West Virginia and will represent the state in the Miss Junior America finals to be nationally

televised from Beverly Hills, California, this fall. Her prizes include \$500, color television, 24" 10-speed bicycle, watch, camera, crown, trophy, roses, and a sash. She also won the screen test performance award, rating in the top 200 of 40,000 screened. Heather is in the seventh grade at Elkview Junior High School and is a student council representative.

**Buck McDaniel**, safety coordinator, has been appointed by the Putnam County Commission to the newly formed Putnam County Ambulance Service Advisory Board, Inc. The board's primary responsibilities will be to provide for the improvement, advancement, and development of emergency medical services within Putnam County.





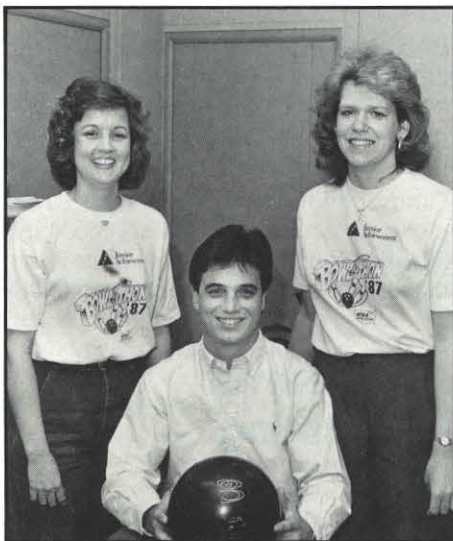
**Shelly Beth**, daughter of Ray Ridgeway, meter reader, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1986 in recognition of her outstanding ability, accomplishments, and service to the

community. A junior at West Virginia University, Shelly is majoring in philosophy and political science. She currently is serving a semester-long internship at the office of the attorney general, Economic Resources Division, in Charleston.



**Donna Watson**, marketing and customer services advisor, has been selected by the Point Pleasant Junior Woman's Club as 1986 club-woman of the year. A member of the club for five years,

Donna is vice president and chairman of the home life committee.



Barbara Rider (left), junior clerk; Jim Markovitz, energy services engineer; and Judy Shafer, stenographer, participated in Bowl-A-Thon '87 sponsored by Junior Achievement of The Ohio Valley, Inc. The special project raised over \$18,500 in pledges to assist Junior Achievement's economic education programs in the Tri-State area. □

## General Office

**Scott**, son of Gordon Parker, building maintenance superintendent, GO General Services, Roanoke, was selected for membership in the National Honor Society at Northside High School.

The Roanoke County Sheriff's Department is conducting a DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in elementary schools to prepare children for increasing pressures to try drugs in junior and senior high. In a recent *Roanoke Times & World News* article about DARE, two employees' children were among those featured. **Christy**, daughter of Roger Smith, office equipment and supplies supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, read an essay on drug abuse to her classmates at Mount Pleasant School. **Tricia**, daughter of Bill Willhite, Roanoke general servicer, was pictured with her comments about the program.

**Ronnie Kelley**, fleet maintenance supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, was named bowler of the year in the Power Keglers Bowling League.



**Angela Lynn Crosier**, a sophomore at Glenvar High School, received the first place award in the Roanoke County Invitational Math and Science Fair Senior Science Division. She also

received the first place award in the Glenvar High School competition. Her award included a \$100 Savings Bond from the PTA, \$10 from the Science Club, and a \$50 Savings Bond from the Student Council Association for student's choice award of best interest and creativity. Her project, entitled *The Wonder of the Bonsai*, included samples of soil makeup, trees of different varieties, methods of bonsai growth development, samples of grafting, a poster and written report. She is the daughter of Harold Crosier, data processing operator B, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

**Andrea Lynn**, daughter of Harold Crosier, has been accepted by the Medical College of Virginia's Pharmacy School beginning with the fall semester.

**Jane**, wife of William Haddad, regional

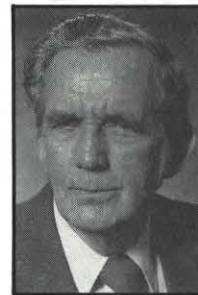
dispatcher, GO Operations, Roanoke, was elected to a second term on the board of directors of the Science Museum of Western Virginia. **Dan Carson**, executive assistant, GO Executive, Roanoke, was elected a new member of the board.



**Chris**, son of S. A. Schultz, senior relay specialist, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, was presented an "award of special recognition" for exceptional dedication and volunteer service by the Science Museum

of Western Virginia. Chris, a ninth grader at William Byrd Junior High, is the first president of the museum's youth volunteers. He volunteers two days a week during the school year and almost fulltime during the summer. He assists with Scout camp-ins, Sunday science demonstrations, and summer camps and workshops.

## Logan-Williamson



**Ralph Bragg**, retired Madison area servicer, has been appointed to fill a vacated position on the Madison City Council.



**Angie**, daughter of Harry Ruloff, Jr., division superintendent, is a member of the Logan High School cheerleading squad which won first place in the Region 8 Class AAA competition. She has been selected as a cheerleader for the West Virginia Institute of Technology. Angie also is the recipient of the President's Honorary Scholarship from WV Tech. □

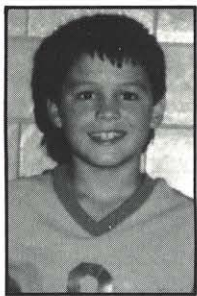


## Abingdon



**Jim Hill**, drafter B, has been elected master of Abingdon Masonic Lodge No. 48 A.F. & A.M. for 1987. Jim, right, was presented the master's gavel by immediate past master Mark Sutherland.

**Kathy**, daughter of Jim Cook, station mechanic A, portrayed Maria in Abingdon High School's production of "West Side Story." Others in the cast included Jim's son, **Jimmy**, and **Howard**, son of Wanda Payne, customer accounts representative C.



**Brian**, son of Mel Leaman, Marion line mechanic C, was a member of the basketball team which won the championship in the Marion Recreation League. The team was coached by Mel, assisted by

Barry Blevins, Marion line mechanic A.

**Farah Williams** won first place in the K-3 Division of the Gate City Elementary School talent contest. **Freddie Williams** won second place in the 4-6 Division. They are the children of Phyllis Williams, Gate City junior clerk.

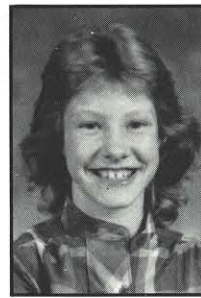
Abingdon employees who were invited to the Johnston Memorial Hospital Blood Bank donor appreciation dinner in recognition of its 2- to 7- gallon donors included **Cliff Hawley**, **Howard Stovall**, **John Morefield**, **Larry Brown**, **Al Scott**, **Dan Drayer**, **Fred Fullen**, **John Moore**, **Bob McGlocklin**, **Harold Counts** and **Dave Jones**. **Cliff Hawley** received special recognition for donating 7 gallons of blood. **Jerry Belisle**, husband of **Debbie**, was recognized for donating 5 gallons.

**Kevin**, son of Gary Stoots, Marion meter reader, won third place in the chemistry division at the Marion High School Science Fair and competed in the Southwest Regional Science Fair at Clinch Valley College. □

## Lynchburg

The board of directors of First National Bank and Trust Company of Tulsa has elected **James A. White** as the bank's president and chief operating officer. The son of Retired Lynchburg Division Manager James White, White formerly was executive vice president responsible for credit policy and administration. □

## Charleston



**Amber**, daughter of Mark Patton, line mechanic B, won first place in the Highlawn Elementary Social Studies Fair for her presentation on the life of Adolph Hitler. She is a fifth grader. □

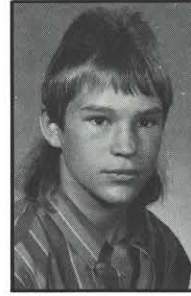
## Pulaski



**Tracy**, daughter of John Collins, Hillsville area T&D clerk A, has been selected to attend the 1987 Governor's School for the Gifted. She is a rising senior at Carroll County High School. Tracy will spend

four weeks on the University of Richmond campus beginning on July 5. Only 200 students are selected for the Governor's School, which is designed to provide intellectually challenging and enriching experiences for rising 11th and 12th grade students who are judged academically, vocationally, and/or artistically gifted. □

## Beckley



**David**, son of Elizabeth Nixon, customer accounts representative C, has been selected as a national leadership and service award winner for 1987. In recognition of his academic achievements,

David's biography will appear in the 1987 United States Achievement Academy national yearbook. He is a sophomore at Shady Spring High School.

Named to the All-Coalfield Conference basketball team were: **Jeff**, son of Dave Reeves, Oak Hill meter reader; **James**, son of Jim Elswick, line and station superintendent; and **Rob**, stepson of Bob Dyke, Oak Hill area servicer. Jeff is a senior at class AAA Oak Hill High School. James, a senior at class AA Shady Spring High School, also was named to the Region III, Section 2 All Tournament team. Rob, a sophomore at class A Fayetteville High School, also was named to the New River Valley Conference team.

**Bob**, husband of Office Supervisor Jean Lavender, has been promoted to district sergeant of Company D, Beckley detachment of the West Virginia Department of Public Safety.

**Cindy**, daughter of Paula Goddard, T&D clerk A, placed second in the 1987 Fayette County spelling bee. She is an eighth grader at Meadow Bridge School. □

## Allen earns CPA rating

Steve Allen, Kingsport office supervisor, has successfully passed all four parts of the Certified Public Accountant's examination to earn the CPA rating.

Allen holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Milligan College. He joined Kingsport Power in 1980 as a customer accounts representative C and was promoted to customer accounts assistant the same year. He has been office supervisor since 1985. □



## Thayer earns black belt in karate



Jamie Thayer, left, was promoted to black belt in karate by Grand Master Don Madden, right.

Jamie, 13-year-old son of Dale Thayer, Charleston line mechanic A, has completed the requirements for a black belt in karate. He was promoted by Grand Master Don Madden, 8th Dan in Ko-Sutemi and senior head coach of the USA karate team.

National statistics show that only one in ten students ever excel to the coveted rank of black belt.

Jamie began training at the age of 6 at the Southern West Virginia Karate Club. He made a reputable showing in his first competition in 1982, taking second place in Kata. He took third in Kumite that year at the Tri-State Championship and first in the same division at the West Virginia State Championship. He also qualified for National Competition in New Jersey but was unable to attend.

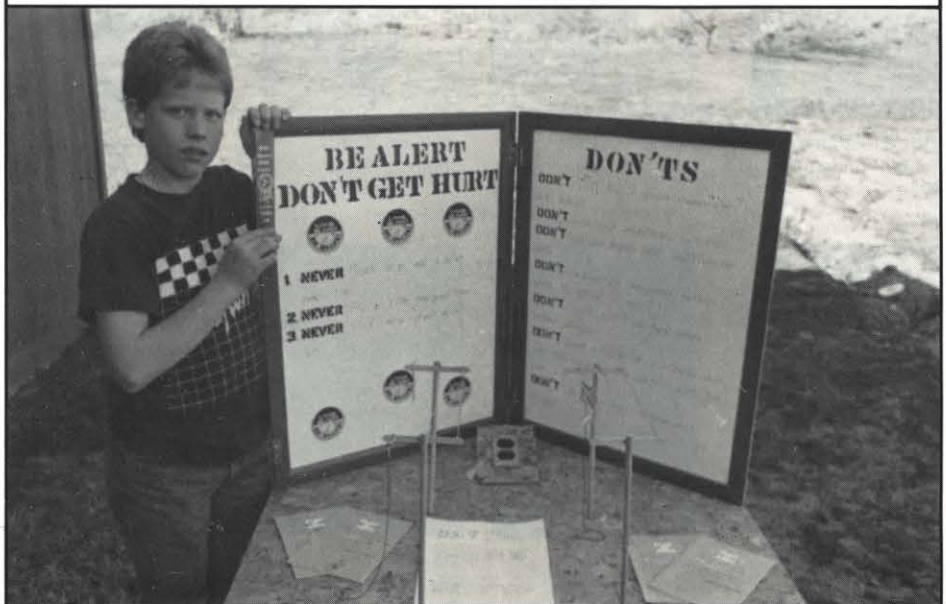
Jamie, a seventh grader at Walton Junior High School, plans to continue his martial arts with the goal of becoming an instructor. His father, Dale, is a second degree black belt. He took charge of Jamie's training when the family moved to Roane County. □

## Bertram wins trophy for restored Corvair



John Bertram, Huntington electrical engineer, tied for a third place trophy in the Post-War Convertible Class at the Nationwide Custom and Hot Rod Auto Show for his 1964 Corvair Monza convertible. The Corvair, which was produced from 1960 through 1969, utilized an aluminum, air-cooled, flat six-cylinder engine mounted in the rear with dual carbs and fully independent front and rear suspension. John has put a lot of work into the car, which he has owned for two years. He also is restoring a 1961 Corvair.

## Bloss is science fair winner



Gregg Bloss won a second place red ribbon in Wayne Elementary School's Science Fair with his project on electrical safety, entitled "Be Alert, Don't Get Hurt." A fifth grader, Gregg entered his project in the inter-disciplinary category. He is the son of Tom Bloss, Huntington station mechanic A.



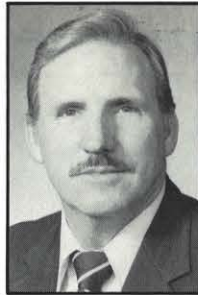
# Service Anniversaries



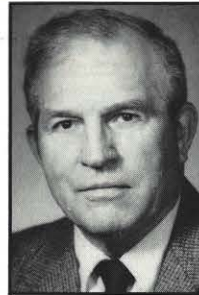
**Lloyd Humphrey**  
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Beckley  
40 years



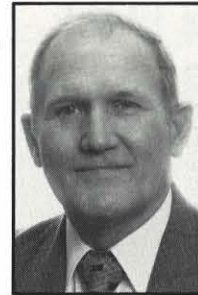
**Gleaves Shrader**  
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Pulaski  
40 years



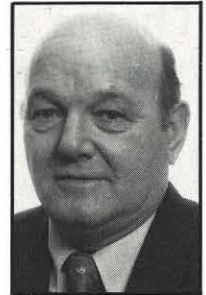
**Jim Turpin**  
power engineer  
Bluefield  
35 years



**Tom Witt**  
meter supervisor  
Lynchburg  
35 years



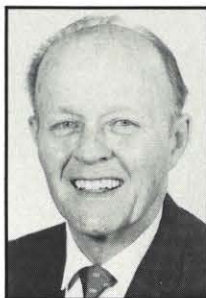
**Noel McMillan**  
maint. supervisor  
Clinch River  
35 years



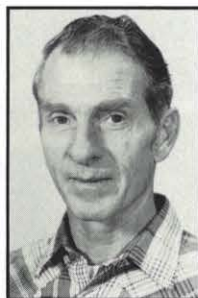
**Edward Carr**  
maint. supervisor  
Clinch River  
35 years



**Gilbert Smith**  
trans. sta. supv.  
GO-Huntington  
35 years



**Bill Jackson**  
eng. technician sr.  
Charleston  
35 years



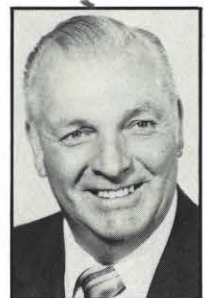
**Junior Whittaker**  
unit supervisor  
Glen Lyn  
35 years



**Ed Boush**  
stores acctg. supv.  
GO-Roanoke  
30 years



**Betty Freeman**  
secretary  
Glen Lyn  
30 years



**Bob Burnam**  
mk. & cust. serv. rep.  
St. Albans  
30 years



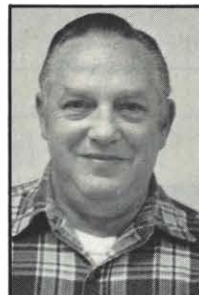
**Robert Gilland**  
maintenance mech. B  
Philip Sporn  
30 years



**Bessie Wilson**  
sec.-stenographer A  
Point Pleasant  
30 years



**William Smith**  
regional dispatcher  
GO-Charleston  
25 years



**Paul Houdashelt**  
stores attendant  
Philip Sporn  
20 years



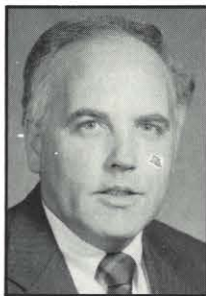
**Bill Prillaman**  
meter electrician A  
Fieldale  
20 years



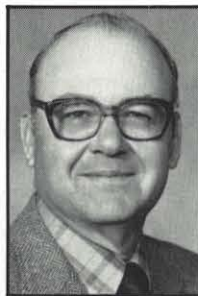
**Sammy Glover**  
maint. mech. B (LTD)  
Clinch River  
20 years



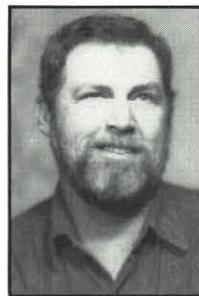
**Mickey Gibson**  
line mechanic A  
Wytheville  
20 years



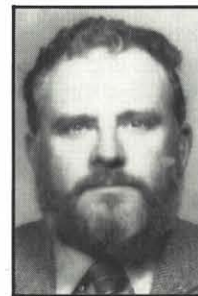
**James White**  
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GO-Roanoke  
20 years



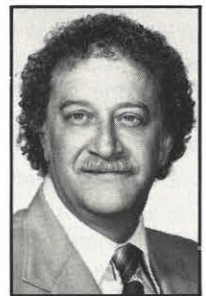
**Dennis Patrick**  
station crew supv. NE  
Roanoke  
20 years



**Sheldon Taylor**  
station mech. A  
Pulaski  
20 years



**Jim Blankenship**  
line crew supv. NE  
Pulaski  
20 years



**Don Tyler**  
area servicer  
Whitesville  
20 years



## Abingdon

10 years: John Henderson, meter electrician A.

## John Amos

15 years: Thermon Taylor, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: Terry Burdette, maintenance mechanic B. 5 years: Terry Workman, control technician junior. Bobbie Scroggie, performance engineer. Johnnie Muck, utility worker.

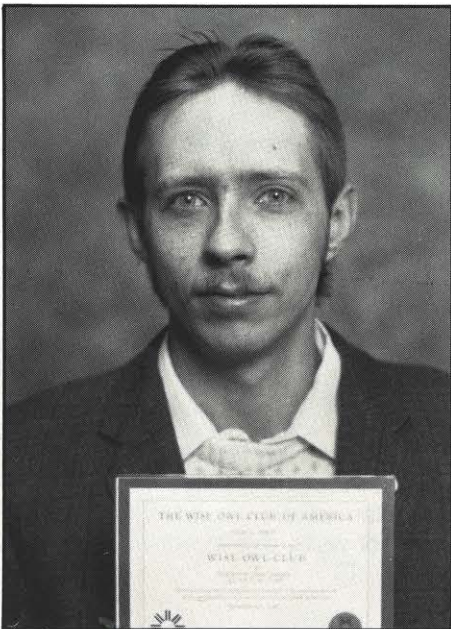
## Beckley

10 years: Matthew Saunders, drafter B.

## Bluefield

20 years: Richard Brewster, T&D clerk A. 5 years: Jaime Beckelheimer, meter reader, Princeton.

## Fraley receives Wise Owl award



Robin G. Fraley, equipment operator B at Clinch River Plant, is a firm believer in the value of wearing safety glasses.

Fraley was preparing to rod-out the #15 coal feeder to restore coal flow to plant pulverizers when air pressure within the feeder blew loose the broken door, striking him on the left side of the face. The impact broke his safety glasses and bruised his jaw and cheekbone. Had Fraley not been wearing the safety glasses, serious, if not irreparable, injury would have resulted to his left eye.

Because of his experience, Fraley has been awarded membership in The Wise Owl Club of America, sponsored by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. □

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

10 years: D. W. Dye, maintenance mechanic A. V. J. Samms, maintenance mechanic A.

## Clinch River

30 years: Alfred Lambert, maintenance mechanic C. 5 years: Bobby Mullins, equipment operator C. Woodrow McClanahan, II, utility coal attendant. Gregory Mullins, utility coal attendant.

## General Office

40 years: Edith Rusher, staff assistant, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke. 20 years: Winston Carter, drafter A, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke. 15 years: Brenda Colston, secretary-stenographer B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. Alfred Brown, Jr., transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Marmet. 10 years: Howard Poage, Jr., data processing operator A, GO Accounting, Roanoke. Gary Johnson, hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Claytor. Sharon Beck, secretary-stenographer B, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke. Lois Arrington, purchasing entry operator A, GO Purchasing, Roanoke. 5 years: Riad Siada, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Huntington.

## Lynchburg

15 years: Don Casey, automotive supervisor. 5 years: Danny Pollard, automotive mechanic B.

## Mountaineer

10 years: Will Darnbrough, maintenance mechanic A.

## Pulaski

15 years: Carol Sherman, customer accounts representative C, Christiansburg. 10 years: Gary Edwards, meter electrician A. Kenneth Belton, line mechanic C, Galax. Chester Robinson, meter reader, Galax.

## Roanoke

15 years: Victoria Rutledge, secretary-stenographer A. Andrea Thompson, T&D clerk B. 5 years: Joey Smith, line mechanic C. Dwayne Moorman, line mechanic C. Robert Gardner, meter reader. Frank Nichols, Jr., line mechanic A, Rocky Mount.

## Philip Sporn

10 years: Charles Miller, personnel assistant. Jane Little, equipment operator B. Richard Gilmore, barge handler. □

# Newcomers

## John Amos

William Meester, Jr., performance technician junior.

Frank De Stefano, performance engineer.

## Beckley

Gerald Martin, engineering technician.

Roger Pierce, department assistant - marketing and customer services.

Darrell Akers, automotive mechanic B.

## Bluefield

Jim Viers, parttime meter reader, Grundy.

Randy Bishop, parttime meter reader.

Walter Graham, line mechanic D, Tazewell.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

J. H. Durst, maintenance mechanic B.

## Charleston

Stephen O'Dell, department assistant-customer accounts.

## General Office

Edward McCraw, Jr., office messenger, GO General Services, Roanoke.

Sherry Duncan, junior stenographer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke.

Michael Wilson, station operator D, GO Operations, Huntington.

Susan Doss, personnel trainee, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

James Broughman, surveyor assistant, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke.

## Huntington

Rodney Cunningham, line mechanic D, Point Pleasant.

Deborah Greene, T&D clerk C.

Dale Whited, parttime custodian, Ripley.

Kristi Casto, junior clerk, Point Pleasant.

## Kanawha River

Steven Crist, utility worker.

## Kingsport

Rick Parker, departmental assistant. □



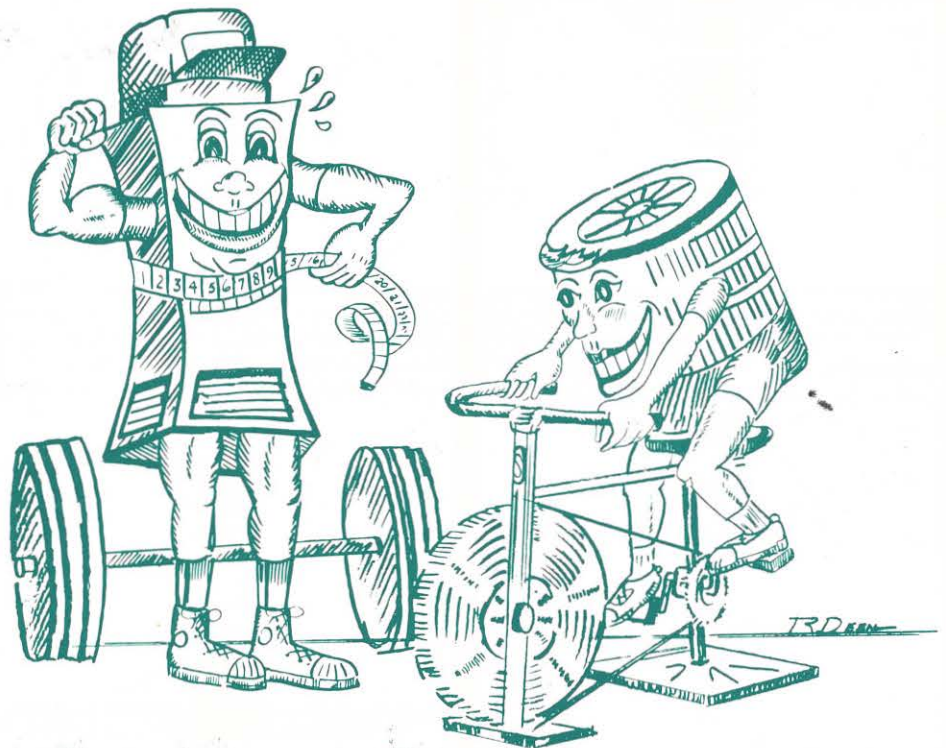
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**T**here's good news for Appalachian Power employees considering the installation of a new electric heating and/or air conditioning system in their homes. Such equipment can be financed through the company at a new, low rate of 9 percent interest per annum. This special offer applies only to loan applications made through December 31, 1987.

Glenn H. Reynolds, marketing and customer services director, said that the maximum amount that can be financed is \$5,000 or the actual cost of the equipment and installation. Equipment and installation costs covered are:

- ETS space heating and off-peak water heating.
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- Minor ductwork-plenum modifications required in equipment replacements.
- Necessary wiring including thermostats and the upgrading of the service panel and entrance cable if required as a direct result of the installation of the HVAC equipment.



With the low interest rate offered employees, there's no better time than now to get your home's heating and cooling system in shape.

- Humidifier and electronic air cleaner if included as a part of the HVAC installation.

Reynolds added that all loans must be approved by division marketing and customer services managers. The period of loan cannot exceed 10 years. Any unpaid balance would be due and payable by the employee upon retirement from active service or a decision by either party to terminate employment or the sale of the

property.

Reynolds also reminded employees that Appalachian will loan them up to \$750 for home insulation with a finance charge of 8 percent. Employees can take up to three years to pay, and there's no finance charge if the loan is repaid within 90 days. The plan covers insulation for ceilings, floors or walls, plus storm windows and doors. □

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