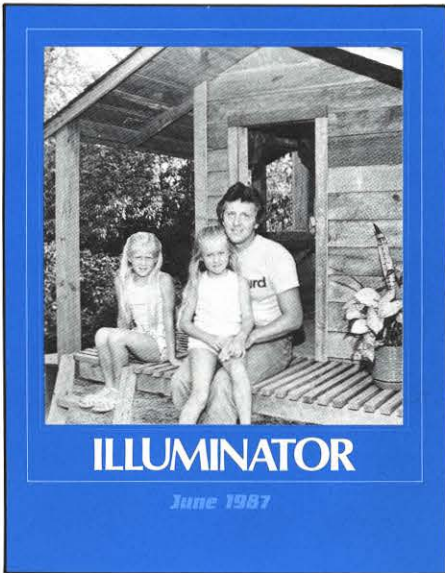


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The playhouse Tom Wells made for his two daughters Jamie and Tracey has become the hit of their neighborhood. Turn to page 24 for a story on Tom's woodcrafts.

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### AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
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
1/31/87	2.6518	.3771	4.9397	.2024	3.8628	.2589
2/28/87	2.6775	.3734	5.1423	.1944	3.7315	.2679
3/31/87	2.7057	.3695	5.2830	.1892	3.5921	.2783
4/30/87	2.7335	.3658	5.2395	.1908	3.5472	.2819

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.

# Fletcher, Ramey perform CPR on customers

Two Appalachian Power employees put their first aid training to the test recently when they responded to emergency situations involving customers.

Smith Fletcher, Lynchburg line mechanic C, was in a company truck when he noticed a man lying on the ground with some people standing around. Fletcher contacted the Lynchburg office via radio and requested that a lifesaving squad be dispatched to the scene. Then he stopped the truck and offered his assistance in giving the man CPR.

Fletcher recalls, "Two women were with the man, and one was trying to administer CPR but she couldn't get a tight seal on his mouth so I took

over. All of the first aid training I've had was through the company, and I always wondered if I would remember what to do if something happened. I just thank the Lord that everything came back to me like clock work.

"At the time I was working on the man, I had a desperate feeling. I knew he was in need and if something wasn't done that he was definitely going to die.

I worked on him about ten minutes and finally was able to detect a pulse. By that time the Monelison Rescue Squad arrived and transported him to the hospital. I don't know whether the man made it or not, but I felt good about doing what I could."

Fred Ramey, a Huntington fireman

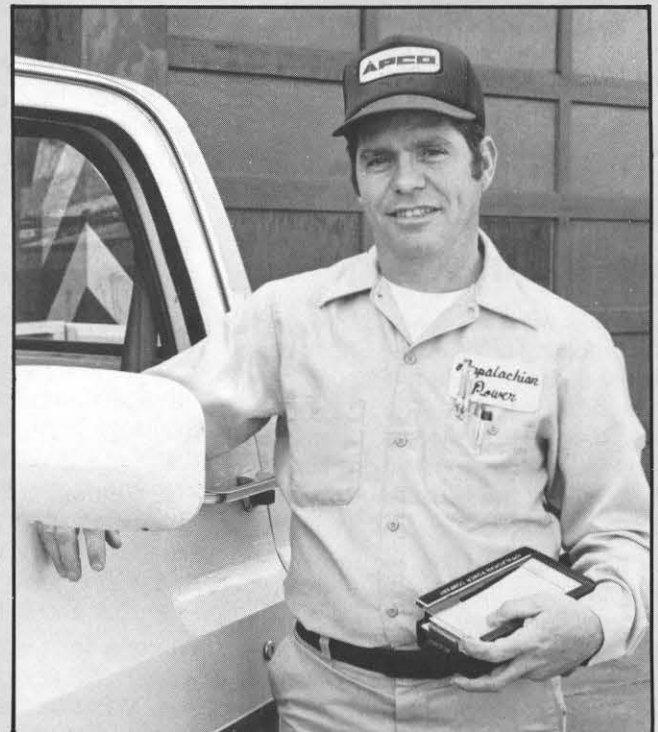
who works part-time as a meter reader for Appalachian, was at home eating lunch when he heard on his scanner that there was an unconscious man nearby.

Ramey rushed to the scene, arriving the same time as the fire department. He was a member of a two-man team which performed CPR on the 81-year-old victim. The Cabell County Emergency Squad transported the man to a local hospital, where he died the following day from a heart attack.

This was not the first time that Ramey had used his first aid training. Twice previously he has received the Phoenix Award, given by the American Heart Association to individuals who successfully perform CPR. □



Smith Fletcher



Fred Ramey

## Kingsport Power granted rate hike

The Tennessee Public Service Commission has approved a \$1,077,995 increase in electric rates for Kingsport Power Company, effective June 5.

Residential customers will receive a 2.7 percent increase and some commercial customers will receive a 3.4 percent increase. Other commercial and industrial customers will not be affected. "These increases will allow us to move closer toward rates that reflect our actual cost to serve various customer classes," said Kingsport Power President John E. Faust. He added that the bill for an average customer using 1,350 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month would increase about \$1.79.

A purchased power pass-through increase of about \$600,000, to offset an increase in wholesale costs from Appalachian Power Company, will remain in effect, subject to refund, pending a decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. □

## Columbus picked as site of IEEE power society meeting

Columbus will be the site of the 1993 winter meeting of the Power Engineering Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. The six-day session, expected to attract more than 2,000 attendees — many from foreign countries, will be held at the Hyatt Regency/Ohio Center.

The campaign to bring the meeting to Columbus was spearheaded by Tai C. Wong, staff engineer in the AEP Service Corporation's Regional Power Supply Planning Division. He has been involved in the effort for the past 16 months.

The Executive Board of IEEE's Power Engineering Society voted at its 1987 winter meeting in New Orleans to accept Columbus' invitation to host the 1993 session. It will be the first such meeting there. The organization generally holds its winter meetings in New York two years in a row and in another U.S. city each third year. This year's meeting took place

in New Orleans, and the 1990 meeting is scheduled for Atlanta.

The six-day meeting provides a forum for power system engineers, educators, manufacturers and others in the field to discuss technical issues related to the planning, engineering and operation of electric power systems. □

## Employee response to ACE team program is outstanding

As of May 1, Appalachian Power's Marketing and Customer Services Department had achieved more than 31 percent of its assigned sales goal for 1987, according to M&CS Director Glenn Reynolds. "Last year at this time, even though our goals were lower, we had achieved only 26.6 percent," he said.

"Our increased sales are due, in large measure, to the overwhelming support that we have received from employees through our ACE Team program. So far, employees have turned in 2,359 prospects, resulting in 784 sales. This is evidence that our employees realize the importance of selling the total electric concept, and I am sure that we can count on their continued support," Reynolds added.

Employees can become members of the ACE Team by submitting the name of a qualified prospect for a heat pump, add-on heat pump, or Electric Thermal Storage furnace. Prospects cards are available from the Personnel Department.

ACE Team draw winners for the fourth quarter of 1986 were: Mason Sexton, Bluefield; J. T. Akers, Pulaski; Richard Reese, Roanoke; Whitney Gordon, GO-Roanoke; and R. F. Rose, Clintwood.

Winners for the first quarter of 1987 were: B. W. Hicks, Pulaski; Jerry Thompson, Madison; Doyle Hamilton, Rocky Mount; Debra Crouch, GO-Roanoke; and Larry Lilly, Beckley. Also, O. C. Hawley, Abingdon; James McGee, Central Machine Shop; John Ratcliff, Grundy; W. H. Holley, Milton; and Cecil Roach, Jr., Mountaineer. □

## KPCo Neighbor program helps 142 families

Kingsport Power's customers responded generously to the company's first Neighbor-to-Neighbor program to assist needy families with their winter electric bills.

More than \$14,700 was collected with Kingsport Power matching the first \$2,500 in contributions. The Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency certified the eligibility of the recipients. Funds were disbursed through the Kingsport Community Ministry Center to 142 families. □

## Eight million and counting

On May 1, employees of Appalachian Power's General Office Accounting Department, Roanoke, reached the eight million safe work-hour mark. Their last disabling injury occurred in September 1964.

According to Safety Manager Doug Forbes, this is the first time that any work location in the AEP System has accomplished this goal.

Accounting Manager Jim Berg commented, "I want to take this opportunity to express congratulations to each employee and retiree who contributed to the eight million safe workhour record. It's a record on which we have justifiable satisfaction." □

# INFORMATION

## On Benefits

### Some questions and answers on MedVantage

Call this an update.

MedVantage, the AEP System's hospital utilization review and "second opinion" program, has been in existence since January 1986. While the program has been a useful addition to the Aetna Comprehensive Medical Plan, the System's Personnel Departments are still getting questions about it.

Here are two frequent misunderstandings and their solutions:

**How do I notify Peer Review Sys-**

**tems, Inc. (PRS), the program's utilization review administrator, of a pregnancy when I don't know the exact date of delivery?**

Contact PRS as early as possible, give them the approximate due date and any other information requested. That way, it will be done, and you'll be assured of receiving full benefits. In addition, the employee or covered spouse must notify PRS if she is admitted to the hospital for any condition during the term of the pregnancy

— even though a call already had been made about the approximate due date.

**If I call Aetna, won't its people notify PRS?**

No. Aetna and PRS are separate companies. Aetna should be contacted for coverage and claim questions. PRS should be contacted for pre-admission certification and to determine if a second surgical opinion is required. □

## Highest in history

### Educational assistance benefits exceed \$624,847

The American Electric Power System companies paid \$624,847 in educational assistance benefits in 1986 — the highest such total in the program's 35-year history. The amount was \$86,992 or 16.2 percent greater than in 1985.

The benefits went to 1,236 participants, an increase of 135 or 12.3 percent over 1985. The average payment for last year's 2,195 approved applications was \$285.

Since the program began in 1952, a total

of 12,697 employees have taken advantage of it to advance their education.

#### Leading Fields of Study - 1986

General business	752
Electrical engineering/technology	352
Computers	194
Business administration	117
Accounting	107
Clerical and secretarial	95

Electronics, radio and TV	75
Personnel and industrial management	50

#### Leading Schools - 1986

The Ohio State University	133
Franklin University	113
Ohio University	84
Columbus Technical Institute	66
Indiana University	63
Purdue University	48

	Participants Since Start	1986 Participants	1986 Approved Applications	1986 Benefits	1985 Participants	1985 Benefits
AEP Service Corp.	2,973	316	653	\$243,256	276	\$197,796
Appalachian Power	3,533	269	408	56,593	174	46,220
Col. & So. Ohio Elec.	976	168	311	88,650	130	83,949
Ind. & Mich. Electric	2,069	130	322	92,853	163	79,243
Kentucky Power	466	60	60	12,350	60	14,901
Kingsport Power	68	8	15	5,833	2	239
Michigan Power	101	21	48	9,306	21	11,063
Ohio Power	1,925	168	279	60,289	190	66,209
Wheeling Electric	113	6	6	1,681	4	314
Fuel Supply/coal cos.	473	90	93	54,036	81	37,921
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,697</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>\$624,847</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>\$537,855</b>

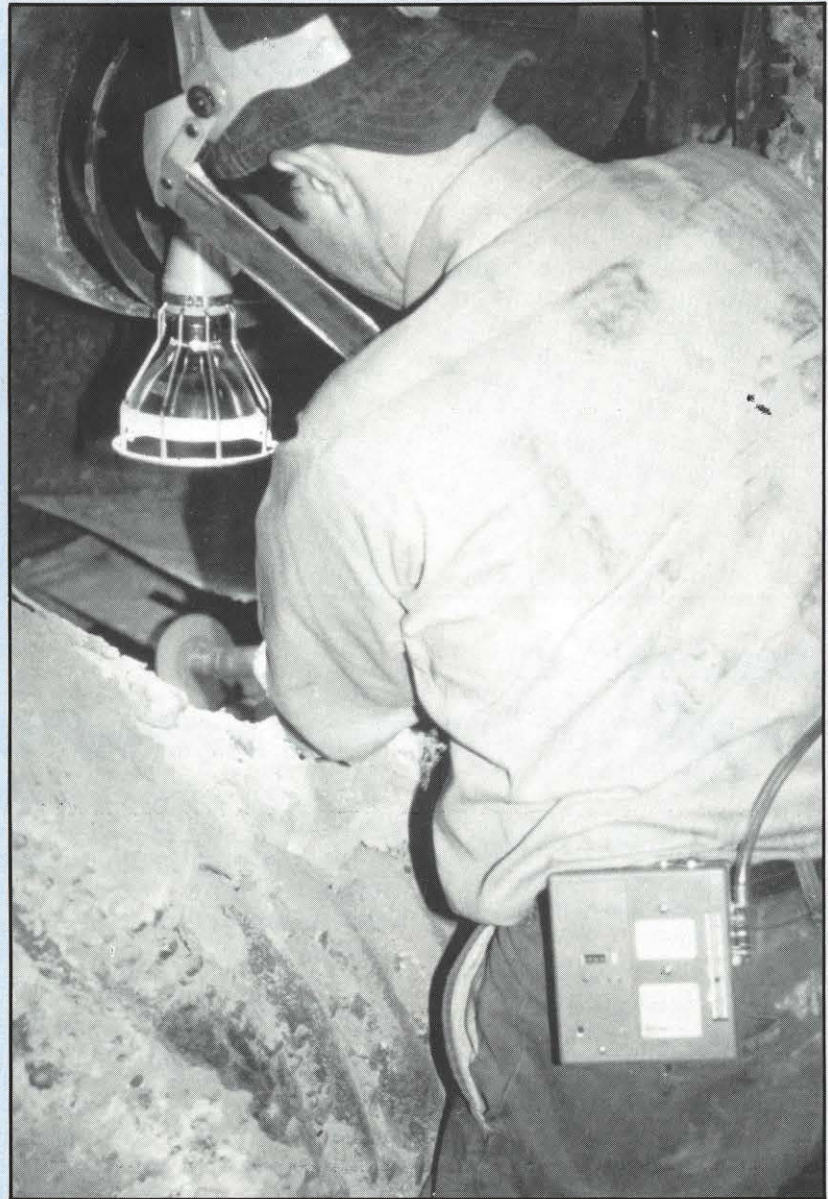
# Keeping the work

**A**EP has always been concerned with the safety of and a healthy environment for all its employees. One of the more recent exemplifications of this concern came in 1980 with the employment of the System's first industrial hygienist in the Service Corporation's System Personnel Department. Today there are industrial hygienists in AEPSC and at four of the largest operating companies: James C. Ball, AEPSC; Jim Kremmel, AEP Fuel Supply; Alan Mizeras, Appalachian Power; Rick Newman, Columbus & Southern; and Bob Hohl, Indiana & Michigan. The position at Ohio Power, recently vacated, is expected to be filled soon.

Mizeras says, "Industrial hygiene, although not a new discipline, has come into prominence with passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. However, it probably began with Hippocrates in the fourth century BC, with his recognition of lead poisoning as an occupational disease associated with the smelting of metals and has developed into its present form over the centuries."

He continues, "The role of the industrial hygienists in the AEP System is to recognize, evaluate, and control those environmental factors arising in or from the workplace that may cause sickness, impaired health, or significant discomfort, or inefficiency among workers."

The System's formal industrial hygiene program, although only six years old, is well structured and is well received by managers and employees throughout the System. Mizeras notes, "I've found that employees are interested in their work environment and are concerned about the safety of the various substances they work with and around each day. During my onsite consultations, employees are curious as to why I'm there and pleased that the company is concerned about maintaining a healthy work environment. Some are eager to give me information about particular areas which can be improved, and some ask a lot of very intelligent questions about the sampling that is being done." Mizeras points out, "It is the company's intention that



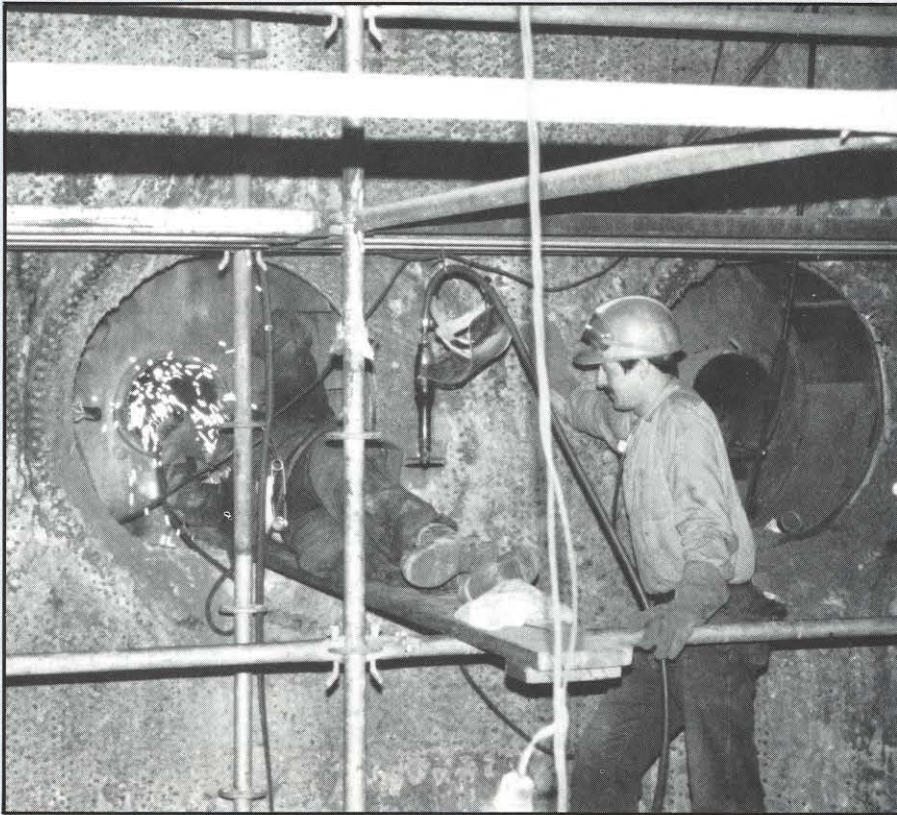
A Glen Lyn Plant employee is sampled for exposure to fly ash and heavy metals as he grinds metal inside a boiler burner during an outage.

employees know the result of sampling in all cases. In the discussion with the employees, we identify the best way they can protect themselves from excessive exposures."

In addition to the company industrial hygienists, other surveys are made at AEP System facilities by state and federal agencies. "OSHA is the agency responsible for regulating workplace health conditions," Mizeras says. "They come in unannounced to conduct inspections which could result in fines and citations if the company is not in

compliance with the OSHA regulations. As a matter of fact, that's what I did before I came to Appalachian. I worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Labor. As the Regional Supervisor for Occupational Health, I issued the citations and approved the fines for violations of OSHA regulations. Virginia is a 'state plan' state where they have agreed to enforce the federal regulations." In the year and a half he has been at Appalachian, most of Mizeras' time has been spent at power plants. He is also available to divisions

# environment healthy



Two Glen Lyn Plant employees are sampled for exposure to welding fumes as they make welding repairs to the Unit 6 boiler during an outage.

and GO departments upon request.

"I spend the majority of my time planning for sampling, finding out where the sampling should be done, setting up the equipment, actually doing the sampling, and recording the information. In a company this big, it is no small task to be familiar with all of the operations. Appalachian has the most steam-electric generating plants, the most hydro plants, and, therefore, the greatest variety of work of any company in the AEP system. Training plant and division personnel in the control of health hazards is also an important part of my work."

Mizeras samples such things as fly ash, coal dust, welding fumes, organic vapors such as solvents from paint spray, acid gas, and noise. The tools of the hygienist's trade are very important in the sampling process. He relies heavily — depending on what he's testing for — on portable air-monitoring pumps, a sound level meter (for spot checking excessive facility noise), noise dosimeters (for determining

time-weighted averages of facility noise), and a velometer (for checking air flow rates).

After the sampling is completed, the

results are compiled. The air samples are sent to an accredited industrial hygiene laboratory in Richmond, VA, one of the few in the nation. "The samples are analyzed for the air contaminants we are looking for," Mizeras relates. When the results are received, they are reviewed and corrective measures implemented where necessary to protect employees health. Mizeras confers not only with the managers and the safety manager, but also E. C. Bradley, Appalachian's personnel director; H. E. Rhodes, vice president-operations; and James C. Ball, the AEPSC senior industrial hygienist.

Mizeras notes, "AEP is in the process of developing its own industrial hygiene laboratory in the new facility being built in Columbus. When it is completed, we will be doing many of our own sample analyses. This is evidence that the company is solidly behind the program."

Mizeras concludes, "The company knows that the best employees are usually the happiest and healthiest. In recent years, a great deal of research has been done on workplace health in identifying hazardous conditions. We have an obligation to make sure our employees share in this knowledge and that the workplace is made safe for continuing good health. We take this responsibility seriously." □



Alan Mizeras, Appalachian Power's industrial hygienist (left), discusses the results of a recent sampling with George E. Briers, Clinch River plant manager.



An ESE crew drills, then tags mussels

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## Relocation project moves 5,000 mussels from dredge site

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**T**he sounds of an electric drill mingle with Motown music on a portable radio, and running through it like a mantra, is a series of numbers: 4577, 88, 68, 234.

From a distance, the scene looks like an ordinary campsite baking in the midday sun of an unseasonably hot May day. The activity, however, is anything but routine.

This is the mussel-relocation project at the Zimmer Plant, jointly owned by The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company and AEP's Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company. The project had been agreed upon by the owners, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Louisville District), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and various state agencies from Ohio and Kentucky and was made part of the Corps' final environmental impact statement on the conversion of the plant from nuclear to coal-fired operation.

Fish and wildlife studies at the Zimmer site — including a 1985 report by Dr. David Stansbery, a nationally recognized malacologist and curator of the Zoology Museum at The Ohio State University — had identified two mussel beds in the immediate area of the plant. One entire bed and 15 percent of the second would

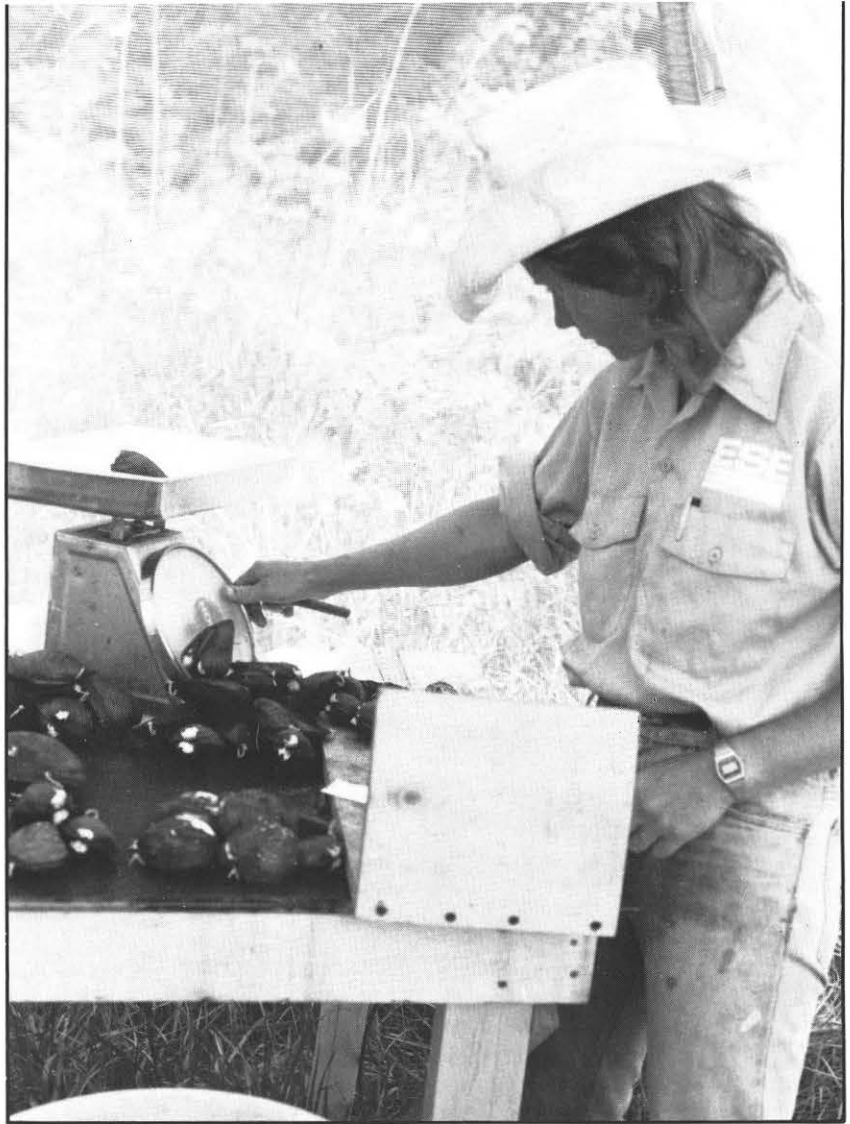


be destroyed by construction of the river facilities and dredging.

In order to mitigate the adverse effects on the mussels, a two-part plan was devised. The first part calls for relocation of about 5,000 of the unionid mollusks to a new site (at Ripley, Ohio), and the second part, the establishment of a \$400,000 trust fund to be used in monitoring the relocated mussels, studying the effects of navigation on the remaining beds and research on mussels.

That's what brought Heidi Dunn, a senior associate scientist with Environmental Science and Engineering, Inc., and her crew to the banks of the Ohio River. Both she and Alan Gaulke, a senior biologist in the Water and Solid Waste Section of the AEP Service Corporation's Environmental Engineering Division, feel that the success of this mussel-relocation project — one of the largest of its kind ever attempted — will allow similar projects to take place in the future.

There is nothing at all fancy about the way the mussels were moved. Divers from Scuba Unlimited of Cincinnati picked them by hand from pre-marked areas. The mussels were placed in blue mesh bags and carried up the hill to a tent where four ESE employees drilled a hole in each shell and inserted a numbered tag. The mollusks stayed with the same bag throughout their entire odyssey. When not being tagged or measured, they were kept in river water in a cooler.



Heidi Dunn weighs a mussel.

After being tagged, the mussels were moved to the next tent, where Dunn, a mussel expert, separated them into species and then measured their length, height and weight, calling out a series of

numbers that were recorded along with the species and tag number of each animal.

The mollusks then were returned to the cooler for their 37-mile trip upstream — in the back of a pick-up truck. At Ripley, Scuba Unlimited divers "planted" them in their new beds and recorded the location. Bruno Lanman, owner of the scuba company and a diver himself, likened the process to "planting a small pine tree." Visibility in both the old and new bed locations was between six and ten inches, he said, adding that after a few minutes, the diver becomes accustomed to the murky conditions. Another malacologist was on the boat with the divers to make a last-minute check before the mussels were planted.

The relocated mussels will be studied in August and again each year until 1990, Gaulke said, to determine the success of the project.

Never let it be said, then, that the Zimmer Plant's owners accomplished the conversion without moving a mussel. □



Bruno Canman of Scuba Unlimited surfaces after planting mussels

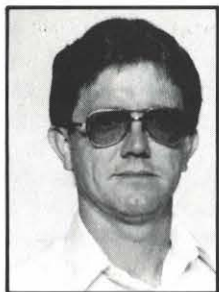
# Two deer rescued at Winfield Hydro

Thanks to the rescue efforts of GO Hydro employees Ted Pendleberry, David French, Paul Smith, and Gary Rider, two deer are back enjoying the forests of West Virginia again.

While taking a river water sample at Winfield Hydro recently, Water Resources Inspector Doug Wood noticed a doe pinned by the current against the intake rack bars. He notified plant personnel, who rushed to the intakes and found two more bucks. One was already dead and the other one near exhaustion. The deer apparently attempted to swim the river and were swept into the rack bars when they were unable to cross over the log boom.

Plant employees shut the gates to the two intakes, slowing the current which allowed the deer to rest. Then they tied a cloth blindfold around the buck's head to lessen his fear and minimize his ability to escape. They tied the hooves together with rope and slide more ropes under his rib cage and in front of his hind legs. The doe also was blindfolded and secured, but she did not struggle. Both deer were hauled across the highway in a wheelbarrow and released in a field. Rider reports, "The buck ran off as if it were shot from a cannon, but the doe hobbled off in a confused manner at first. Eventually she regained her composure and headed for the trees." □

## Cox authors article in *Electrical World*

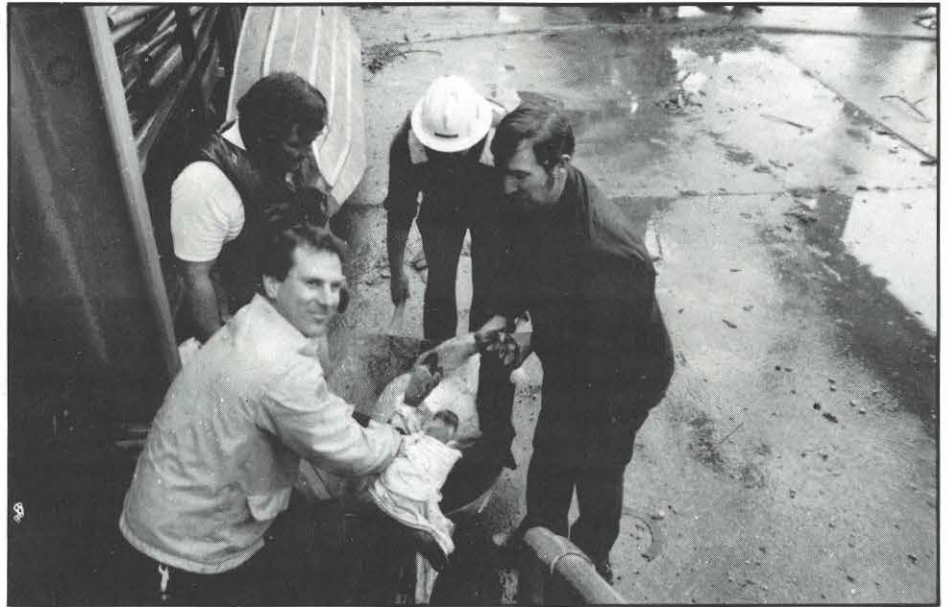


Dennis J. Cox, Galax area T&D clerk C, is the author of an article published in a recent issue of *Electrical World*.

Cox describes a new method to load and unload distribution transformers

with the use of a forklift, which reduces the risk of an accident and also the possibility of equipment damage.

By welding two large chain links to the inside of the blades on the forklift, a transformer can be supported, lifted, and transported in a more secure way than before. This method also requires much less clearance at the rear of the truck. □



Employees place one of the rescued deer in a wheelbarrow to cart it across the highway and into the woods. From left, Gary Rider, engineering technician; Ted Pendleberry, hydro utility operator A; Dave French, hydro utility operator B; and Paul Smith, electrical engineer.

## Huntington offers CPR for spouses



In response to employee requests, a CPR training class was offered recently to spouses of Huntington Division employees. The certified Red Cross instructors were Brent Bias, station mechanic A, and Jack Preece, line mechanic C. Among those participating were, l. to r., Emily, wife of Fred Helm, division manager, Preece Bias, and Jeffrey, husband of Tanya Full, marketing and customer services advisor.

# A dusty road to fun and glory

**M**otorcycle racer. To many those words conjure up an image of a beer-drinking rabble-rouser with a penchant for a wardrobe of black leather, Harley-Davidson T-shirts, chains, and steel-tipped boots. Get in his way, and he'll run over you without a second thought.

Joe Hall, Logan electrical engineer, is a motorcycle racer who shatters the Hell's Angels image of a biker. One is more apt to picture him pattering around the house on a quiet weekend rather than tearing around a race course like a speed demon. But that's exactly where you'll find him on summer weekends, and he'll be loving every minute of it.

Joe's love for racing goes back to his high school days. He had to give it up, however, because of the expense involved in going to college. Joe recalls, "I still rode motorcycles, but racing was a little beyond my budget. In 1983 I finally was financially able to get reinvolved in the sport. At the time I was 26 years old, which is really a little late to get started because this is a young person's sport. Most of the racers are teenagers or people in their early 20's, so I was considered an old timer. I purchased a new Yamaha and started motorcross racing in the open novice class."

Joe continues, "Classes are graded — novice intermediate and expert, for example — and the racing is conducted through a nationally sanctioned body, the American Motorcycle Association. The first year to just finish a race was a major accomplishment. I worked on riding through the course of the year and over the winter, and it started to pay off a little bit in 1985. That year I completed the entire season racing the Stardrome Motorcross Park at Summersville. I won the open novice class for the season at the track and also was runner-up in the state championships that year for the class.

"I started out on a budget at first with cheaper equipment, but I am doing a little better now. Last year I bought a new KTM 500, an Austrian brand bike. It is a little more exotic than the Yamaha and a whole lot faster. I don't have any great success to report for 1986, but I did a variety of racing — motorcross, hare scramble, as well as some drag racing."



That's Joe Hall, on bike #842, at the Ghent, WV, motorcross. He finished the heat in second place.

Joe explains, "Hare scramble is a cross country event laid out on a closed course. It consists mostly of woods trails, and it is a matter of two or three hundred people running around the course for two or three hours and whoever completes the most laps is the winner. Motorcross is on a shorter course, generally of dirt. It's usually around a mile in length and consists of turns, straightaways, and lots of jumps. The motorcross is set up on a specified number of laps, generally around six or seven but sometimes as long as ten. Usually it's about a twenty-minute race.

"Most of my racing is done at a pretty good distance from Logan, anywhere from a two- to three-hour drive. The closest place from here is Summersville, and usually I just go and stay overnight. I also do a good bit of racing in southern Ohio, where the competition is a little better."

Joe says that his biggest investment in the hobby is the upkeep of the bike and travel. "You also have to have a van or truck to haul the bike," he adds. "Usually, by the time I get gas, supplies and such, a race weekend at Summersville will cost me about \$100."

Racing can be dangerous, but the chances of being hurt are minimized by what the rider must wear. Joe's equipment

includes padded pants, padded gloves, shoulder pads, chest protector, and a quality helmet. "I haven't had any major injuries from racing, but of course it's always possible. There's a lot of danger in mountain climbing, too, but you have to weigh your enjoyment against any possible risk."

Racing is a sport Joe's wife Diana enjoys, too. "I took her to a few races before we got married," Joe says, "and she got real interested. In fact, she is my pit crew. She usually goes to the shorter events like motorcross and drag racing. Hare scrambles are a little rough because they are so far out in the woods away from the pit that she never sees me."

Joe concludes, "I like the speed and the competition involved in racing. In fact, I really like the whole spectrum of biking. I have a street bike, too, and do quite a bit of riding. If it has two wheels, I'm interested! Hopefully, I'll be in this for a lifetime. Or at least until I am too old to swing a leg over." □

# Promotions

**Paul W. Baker**, general servicer, was promoted to line crew supervisor non-exempt in Abingdon on April 4.

**Billy R. Lemar**, T&D clerk B nonexempt, was promoted to line construction and maintenance representative exempt in Lynchburg on May 1.

**Mark A. Westfall**, line mechanic B, was promoted to line crew supervisor non-exempt in Point Pleasant on February 21.

**Greg Smith**, staff assistant, was promoted to administrative assistant in Kingsport on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Steed College.

**Jerry Lee Yates**, coal equipment operator, was promoted to yard supervisor at Clinch River Plant on May 1.

**Russell M. Elliott**, line construction and maintenance representative, was promoted to meter supervisor in Lynchburg on May 1.

**G. Ed Byus**, assistant yard superintendent, was promoted to production superintendent-yard at John Amos Plant on May 1.

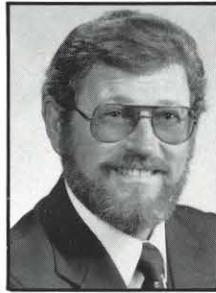
**Charlie W. Reed**, coal equipment operator, was promoted to assistant yard superintendent at John Amos Plant on May 1.

**James A. Bush, Jr.**, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Ripley on February 7.

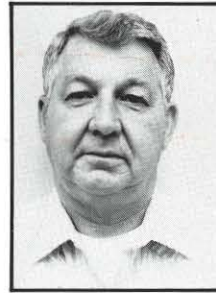
**Jerry H. Rhodes**, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor non-exempt in Ripley on February 7.

**James E. Johnson**, station mechanic A, was promoted to station crew supervisor nonexempt in Huntington on March 21.

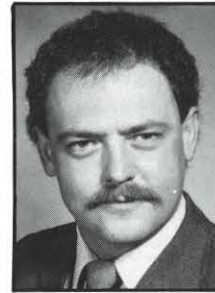
**Jesse B. Aird, III**, division station superintendent, was promoted to Roanoke division superintendent on June 1. He holds an associate degree in mechanical engineering technology from Roanoke Technical Institute.



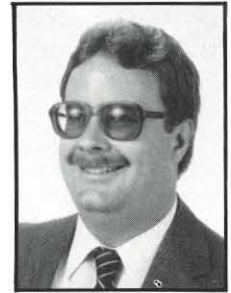
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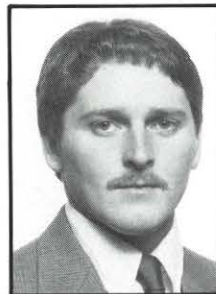
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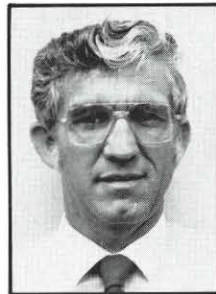
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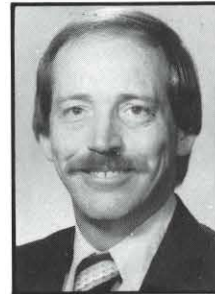
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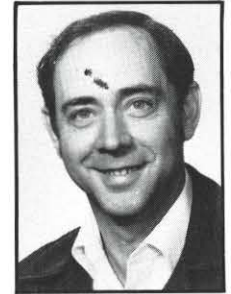
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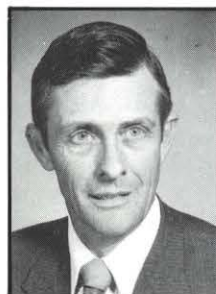
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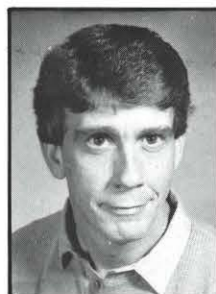
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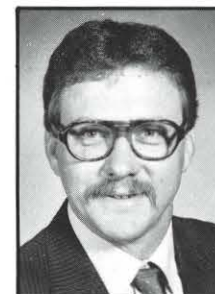
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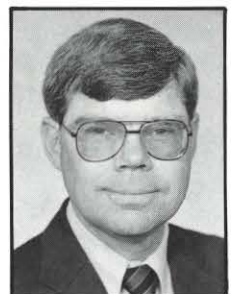
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Aird

## Abingdon

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

**Donna Gentry** from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C, Gate City.

**D. D. Frye** from stores attendant B to stores attendant A.

**R. O. McGlocklin** from line mechanic A to general servicer.

**J. A. Stewart** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

**R. L. Cunningham** from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

## Bluefield

**Brenda Marshall** from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B, Pineville.

**Joe Robinson** from engineering technician to engineering technician senior.

**Donnie Bailey** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

**R. A. Findley** from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

**John Woyan** from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

**John Lyons** from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

## Charleston

**Frances Melton** from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B, St. Albans.

**Tom Duttine** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

**Patty Neil** from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B.

**Mary Mayfield** from customer accounts representative B to customer accounts representative A.

**Duke Hitchcock** from station mechanic D to station mechanic C.

**Richard Davis** from station mechanic D to station mechanic C.

**Danny Ellars** from marketing and customer services advisor to marketing and customer services representative.

## General Office

**James Barrett** from stores attendant A, Bluefield, to transmission equipment operator, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

**Johnny Quarles** from hydro mechanic D to hydro mechanic C, Smith Mountain.

**Thomas Runyan** from station operator B to station operator A, GO Operations, Huntington.

**Shelia Farmer** from personnel clerk C to personnel clerk B, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

**Jeanie Harlow** from data entry operator to intermediate data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

**Patricia Jeffries** from centralized cash operator junior to centralized cash operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

## Huntington

**Ronald Roush** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Point Pleasant.

**Christopher Chambers** from station mechanic B to station mechanic A.

**Samuel Cutler, III**, from station mechanic C to station mechanic B.

**Jackie Burris** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

## Kingsport

**Danny Blankenbeckler** from service clerk B to service clerk A.

## Lynchburg

**Janet Sosnowski** from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

**Wayne Clark** from drafter C to drafter B.

**Tom McConaghy** from engineering technician to engineering technician senior.

## Pulaski

**Mike Poore** from T&D clerk B to T&D clerk A.

## Roanoke

**John Benois, Jr.**, from meter reader to automotive mechanic C.

**Joey Smith** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

**Ike Spangler** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

**Wanda Harbour** from T&D clerk C to T&D clerk B, Fieldale.

**David Cecil** from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

**Herbert L. Coles, Jr.**, from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

## Philip Sporn

**Perry Kennedy** from utility worker B to utility worker A.

**Gary Short** from utility worker B to utility worker A.

**Paul Leport** from utility worker B to utility worker A.

**Roger Winebrenner** from utility worker B to utility worker A.

**Timothy Burnette** from utility worker B to utility worker A.

**Charles Roush** from utility worker B to utility worker A.

**Barbra Gordon** from utility worker B to utility worker A.

**Charles Dalton** from utility worker B to utility worker A.

**Robert Casey** from equipment operator C to equipment operator B.

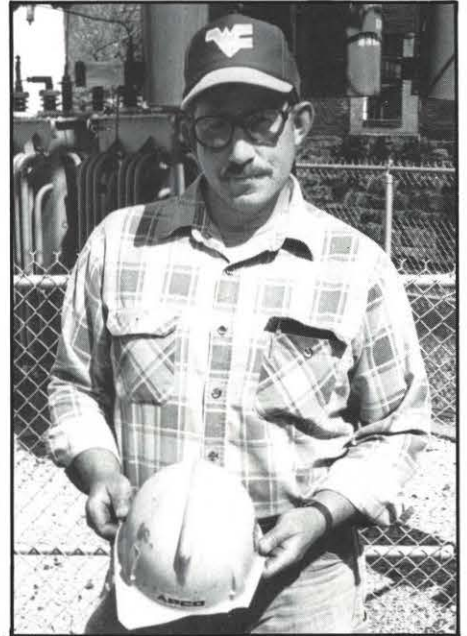
**Richard Johnson** from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

**John Riley** from tripper operator to tractor operator.

**Richard Gilmore** from barge handler to tripper operator.

**Richard Harmon** from coal handler to barge handler.

## Hard hat saves Walters from injury



John Walters holds his hard hat which was broken when a 500-lb. tree limb fell on him.

John E. Walters, Welch area servicer, has first-hand knowledge about the value of wearing a hard hat. Walters was cutting right of way to repair a 7.2 kv line when an ice-covered tree limb broke and fell, striking him on the head and left hand. The blow of the limb, which weighed 500 pounds and fell about 35 feet, bruised Walters' hand and caused a neck strain.

Because of the incident, Walters has been awarded a membership in the Southeastern Electric Exchange's Tortoise Club. □

# Newcomers

## Abingdon

**Stephen Lowe**, parttime meter reader.

**Ernest Crain**, parttime meter reader.

**Avery Fansler**, line mechanic D, Gate City.

## Beckley

**Rodney Lively**, electrical engineer.

**Michael Thomas**, junior clerk.

**Debra Campbell**, junior clerk.

## Bluefield

**Tom Newberry**, custodian.

**Don Edwards**, parttime custodian, Princeton.

## Central Machine Shop

**Sidney Warner**, welder 2nd class.

## Clinch River

**Beecher Puckett, Jr.**, utility worker B.

**James Trail**, utility worker B.

## General Office

**Dennis Slaska**, meter electrician C, GO T&D

Meter, Roanoke.

**Timothy Overstreet**, engineering technician assistant, GO Operations, Roanoke.

**Timothy Clark**, customer accounting clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

## Huntington

**Elson Garrett**, line mechanic D.

## Kanawha River

**Leslie Calhoun**, chemist assistant.

## Lynchburg

**Kenneth Brown**, meter reader.

## Pulaski

**Doug Burchett**, junior clerk.

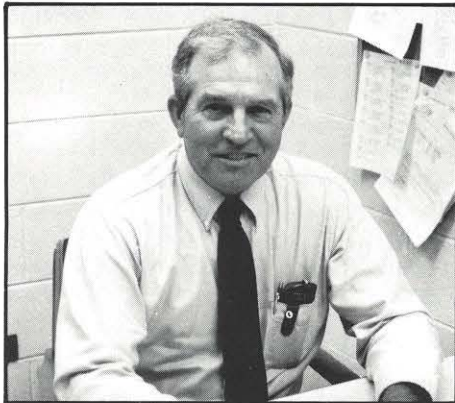
**Carolyn Quesenberry**, office messenger.

**Rhonda Miller**, department assistant-marketing and customer services.

## Roanoke

**Clyde Bernard**, line mechanic D, Rocky Mount.

# Retirements



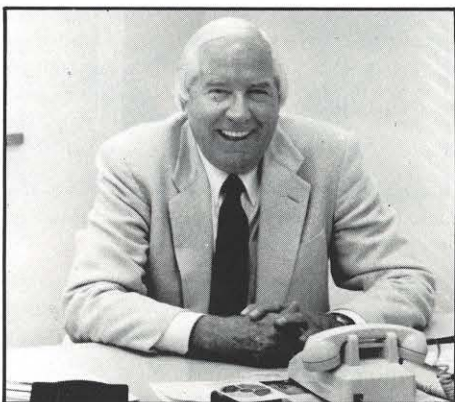
"Thirty-five years could not have been accomplished without the help and support of the many people who made my job with Appalachian so much easier, and I thank them all," says Lynchburg Meter Supervisor **Tom Witt**, who elected early retirement on June 1. "Appalachian furnished me and my family with a good living. I hope to enjoy my retirement by golfing, fishing, visiting our daughter Susan in Miami and our son Tommy in Winchester, refinishing furniture, and cleaning out that darn garage. My wife Doris has

cared for me all these years, and she deserves a lot of credit for anything that I have had a part in. Photography has been a part of my life since 1944, when I was with the Army in Germany, and I still do some darkroom work at home. I won't miss the thunder and ice storms, the prolonged power outages, working all night, answering ringing phones, and calling people out to work, but I will miss many co-workers and friends that I have been associated with. Thanks and good luck to all! □



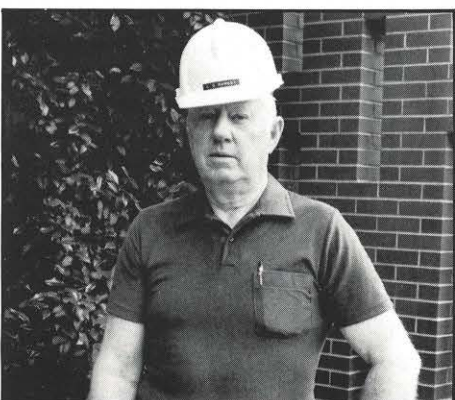
"My 28 years with the company have been real enjoyable," says Roanoke Line Crew Supervisor **Jerome Quarles**, who elected early retirement on June 1. "After I got out of the Air Force in '46, I went back to work for the N&W Railway. Then I farmed for a while, drove a school bus, and worked at a saw mill before coming to Appalachian, where I landed for keeps. I started as a car washer, and the promotions over the years have been great." He continues, "The first thing I'm going to do after retiring is reset my clock

because I've been living by one for so long! My wife and I want to take a few trips and spend more time with our five grandchildren. She cans a lot so I want to expand my garden from one acre to two. I also expect to do some fishing and ride my horse a little more often, so I'll have a busy schedule." A lifetime member of the NAACP, Jerome is a deacon in the Greensprings Baptist Church; president of the Bedford County Sunday School Union, and member of the Goodview-Chamblissburg Lions Club. □



"Appalachian Power Company has been good to me, and I have been good to Appalachian," says Charleston Marketing and Customer Services Representative **Lindy Jividen**, who elected early retirement on June 1. "I came to work in 1948 as a rural sales representative when the company was in the midst of a line building program. My job was to help build load for those lines. One of the first things I did was to call on people to get them to install a range receptacle in their kitchens. For years I worked with dealers

and home economists, putting on programs to promote the use of electricity. After the Arab oil embargo hit, we promoted energy conservation. Now, of course, we've come full circle and are back promoting anything that uses electricity." Lindy continues, "My wife JoAnn, who is a school teacher, is retiring now too. We don't have a lot of plans, but our two children are grown so we're going to travel some. We have a farm and like to fool with my horse and dogs." □



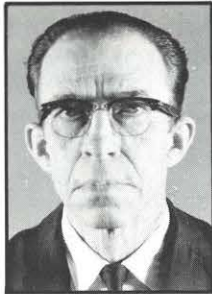
"Appalachian has been a really good place to work, and I enjoyed it," says Lynchburg Station Crew Supervisor **Leroy Ramsey**, who retired on June 1. "I spent my entire career at Reusens Hydro, and a lot of water went down the river in that time. I remember when Hurricane Camille came through that we could feel the vibration when we raised the flood gates. At one time, we worked as many as 30 people there in the summer on 3 shifts. But, by the time I went on LTD, we had gotten down to only 4. I've missed the

guys I worked with for so long. They were a great bunch, and I made a lot of good friends. I haven't been able to do too much since my heart attack, at least not all the good things you plan to do when you retire. But we've done a little traveling, and we have a place on Smith Mountain Lake where we spend a lot of time." Leroy is a longtime member of the Flat Creek Baptist Church and does volunteer work at the Moose Lodge. The Ramseys have one son and one grandchild. □

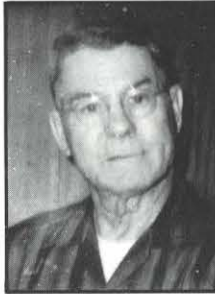
# Friends We'll Miss



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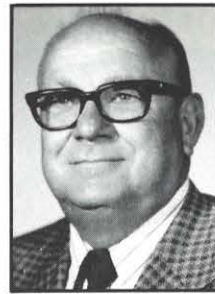
Clemons



Metts



Lawhorn



Dwornick

**Fred H. Reese**, 66, retired Amos Plant maintenance mechanic B, died May 2. A native of Page, West Virginia, he was hired in 1948 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant and elected early retirement in 1983. Reese is survived by his wife Elizabeth Ann, Star Route, Box 357, Hernshaw, WV; one daughter; two step-daughters; six grandchildren; five sisters; and two brothers.

**Emmitt G. Clemons**, 74, retired Glen Lyn Plant maintenance man, died May 13. A native of Floyd County, Virginia, he began his career in 1948 as a laborer and elected early retirement due to disability in 1969. Clemons is survived by his wife Doris, P.O. Box 822, Princeton, West Virginia; five sons; two daughters; three sisters; twelve grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Willie E. Metts**, 84, retired Lynchburg general serviceman, died May 19. A

native of Amherst County, Virginia, he began his career in 1926 as a groundman and retired in 1967. Metts is survived by his wife Erchie, 2410 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, Va.

**Myrtle V. Lawhorn**, 77, retired Charleston PBX operator senior, died April 21. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, she began her career in 1944 and retired in 1974. Lawhorn is survived by one son and seven grandchildren.

**Maxie C. Dwornick**, 67, retired Beckley engineering technician senior, died March 25. A native of Piedmont, West Virginia, he was employed in 1946 as a clerk junior and elected early retirement in 1980. Dwornick is survived by his wife Frances, P.O. Box 128, Mac Arthur, West Virginia; and two daughters.

**Parkis Narvel Sutherland**, 70, retired Clinch River Plant master maintenance man, died May 21. A native of Bucu, Virginia, he was employed in 1957 as a guard and elected early retirement in 1976. Sutherland is survived by one son, four daughters, and nine grandchildren.

**Thoma C. Jarrell**, 72, retired Charleston junior contract entry and final bill clerk, died April 16. A native of Frametown, West Virginia, she joined the company in 1943 as a clerk and relay switchboard operator and retired in 1958. □

## Maynard earns PE rating



**James A. Maynard**, operation engineer senior, GO Operations, Roanoke, has successfully passed the examination to become a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Maynard, who holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from North Carolina State, joined Appalachian in 1981 as an operation engineer. He was promoted to his current position in 1986. □

## 2 divisions earn SEE safety awards



The Logan-Williamson and Charleston Divisions have earned safety performance awards from the Southeastern Electric Exchange. In the photo above, Appalachian Power Safety Manager Doug Forbes (left), left presents the SEE award to Logan-Williamson Division Manager Sonny White in recognition of division employees completing eight years without a disabling injury. This is the longest safety record of any division within Appalachian Power. In the photo below, Forbes congratulates Charleston Division Manager Floyd H. Taylor, Jr., on division employees working two years without a disabling injury.



# Weddings

## Brewer-Lester



Judith P. Lester, statistical accountant, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to William W. Brewer, reproduction machine operator senior, GO General Services, Roanoke, May 2.

## Hall-Crawford



Tracie Crawford to Andy Hall, Kingsport electrical engineer, April 18.

## Church-Summers



Shirley May Summers, Beckley personnel clerk C, to Douglas Henry Church, May 2.

## Jones-Bryant



Lee Ann Bryant, stenographer, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, to Gary Lynn Jones, May 30.

## Moore-Holcomb

Sharon Marie Holcomb to Jackie L. Moore, Glen Lyn Plant maintenance mechanic C, April 4.

## Hubbard-Byer

Julie Byer to Jeffrey W. Hubbard, Philip Sporn Plant unit supervisor, April 4.

## Horst-Carter

Laura Carter to Jack Horst, April 3. Laura is the daughter of Les Hill, Sr., Christiansburg meter reader. □

# Births

## Abingdon

Kayla Lynn, daughter of Gary Hester, Marion line mechanic B, April 22.

## John Amos

Matthew, son of Keith Richardson, equipment operator B, April 10.

## Central Machine Shop

Abby Rose, daughter of Tom Waldorf, stores and transportation supervisor, April 20.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

Jordan Andrew, son of E. G. Rawson, maintenance mechanic B, April 10.

## Charleston

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

Lauren Ashley, daughter of Rob Richardson, tracer, April 15.

Laura Evelyn, daughter of Danny Ellars, marketing and customer services representative, April 9.

Travis Edward, son of Robert Johnson, engineering technician, April 14.

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

Nakeya Lakesh, daughter of Latachia Lewis, T&D clerk B, March 30.

## Clinch River

Daniel Ray, son of David Ray Stamper, utility coal attendant, April 4.

## General Office

Matthew Elliott, son of Mark Thomas, office messenger, GO General Services, Roanoke, May 3.

James Spencer, son of Charles Rowe, station engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, April 17.

Jason Bradley, son of Vickie Walton, transmission clerk C, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, March 9.

Joshua Aaron, son of K. W. Boggs, station operator, GO Operations, Turner, April 1.

Corey Michael, son of Michael McKinney, electrical engineer, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, April 1.

Grover Jasper II, son of Grover Conner, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, April 22.

Shaun Christopher, son of G. H. Hedrick, engineering technician, GO T&D Communication, Huntington, April 10.

## Logan-Williamson

Brittany and Tiffany, twin daughters of Todd Helsel, Williamson line mechanic C, May 7.

John Robert, son of John Venturino, Williamson line mechanic C, May 15.

## Roanoke

Mitchell Luke, son of Mary Fochtman, station mechanic A, April 30.

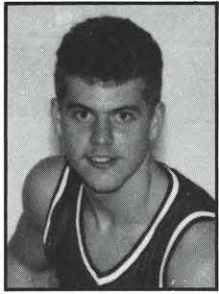
## Philip Sporn

Jamin Paul, son of John Riley, tractor operator, March 11. □



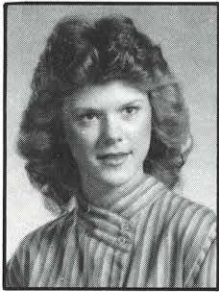
# Who's News

## General Office



**Kevin**, son of Rod Goins, operation coordinator, GO Operations, Roanoke, was named the most valuable player for William Byrd High School's Terrier basketball team, which he served as captain. A two-year

starter at point guard, he has committed to play at Ferrum College. Kevin also served as regional media coordinator for special olympics and received the senior physical education award.



**Sherrie**, daughter of Rod Goins, served as captain of the Lady Rowdies cheerleading squad at Radford University, where she is a sophomore, majoring in special education.

**Steve**, son of Janice English, stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was chosen to represent Franklin County High School at the 1987 American Legion Boys State of Virginia. He is a rising senior at Franklin County.

**Chris**, son of Ted Pendleberry, hydro utility operator A, GO Hydro, Winfield, finished fifth in the Math Field Day at Winfield High School. He finished fourth in the county Math Field Day.

**Amy**, daughter of Richard Radar, drafter A, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Hidden Valley Junior High School.

**Lynn Grayson**, right of way maintenance coordinator senior, GO T&D Forestry, Charleston, has been appointed to the West Virginia Pesticide Advisory Board for a four-year term. He also was elected vice president and to the board of directors of the West Virginia Vegetation Management Association.

**Raymond Bright**, records management supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, has been elected first assistant on the Roanoke District PTA Board for the period of 1987-1989.

**Larry Gearhart**, manager hydro genera-

tion, GO Hydro, Roanoke, has been elected president of the Salem Edgewood Lions Club and to a three-year term on the board of directors of the James River Basin Association.

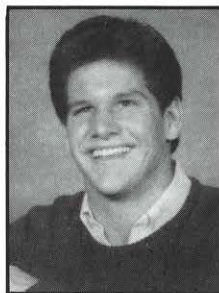
**Tom Philpott**, building supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, has been reappointed to a two-year term on the Town of Vinton's Transmission Safety Commission.

**Kimberly Dawn**, daughter of E. A. Hensley, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Turner, placed 19th in the State of West Virginia's Golden Horseshoe competition. She was knighted as a Lady of the Golden Horseshoe in ceremonies at the state capitol.

**Scott McDonald**, hydro maintenance superintendent, GO Hydro, Roanoke, was elected president of the Roanoke Valley Chapter of Mended Hearts. Mended Hearts is an organization of former heart surgery patients who counsel new patients before surgery and provide post-surgical support.

**Kurt Dailey**, personnel assistant, GO Personnel, Roanoke, was elected president of the Roland E. Cook Elementary School PTA for 1987-88. □

## Centralized Plant Maintenance



**Eddie**, son of George Starcher, maintenance mechanic B, received letters from 11 colleges to play football and has signed with the Concord College Mountain Lions. During his senior year at

Wahama High School, Eddie was leading rusher and point scorer. He also was selected an Academic All-American. He has been invited to play in the 1987 North-South Rhododendron All-Star Classic football game on July 11 at Laidley Field, Charleston. Eddie was All-State honorable mention linebacker in 1985, All-State special mention fullback and special mention Little Kanawha Conference fullback in 1986. For both of those years he was listed in "Who's Who" for outstanding high school football player. □

## Logan-Williamson



**Ken Ooten**, Williamson meter reader, won first place in an 8-ball pocket billiards tournament at Delbraton, WV.

**Lois Flowers** and **Nancy Ryan** were chosen as winners in the Professional Secretaries Week contest sponsored by the **Logan Banner** in conjunction with local businesses. **Lois** is the wife of Ed Flowers, marketing and customer services advisors. **Nancy** is the wife of Bob Ryan, meter electrician B.

**Mary Randan**, customer accounts representative B, was elected second vice president of the Alpha Phi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

**Donnie Robins**, personnel supervisor, was promoted to senior chief petty officer of Amphibious Construction Battalion 2, Detachment 106, Roanoke, VA.

**Teresa Dawn**, daughter of Gary Hall, Williamson meter service mechanic A, was selected first chair clarinet in the Mingo County All County Band. She also was chosen a member of the All Regional Band. □

## Mountaineer



Ray Jr., son of Ray Proffitt, maintenance mechanic A, took first place in the 1987 co-champion essay contest of Meigs Soil Water Conservation District for his essay on water conservation. A sixth grader at Syracuse, Ohio, Elementary School, Ray won a trophy and \$5.

The November 1986 issue of *The COGS Chronicle* featured Tom Lumadue, performance engineer, on its cover. This publication is a bimonthly magazine for the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. In an article entitled "Rave Reviews," Lumadue comments on the school's engineering management program recently offered in the Point Pleasant area. □

## Lynchburg



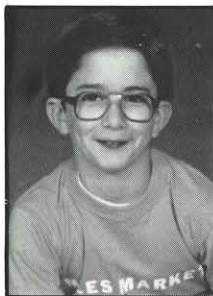
Debra Patrick, daughter of Jack Collins, engineering technician senior (LTD), was named woman of the year for 1987-88 by the Stewart-Stevens Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

Debra, who is executive director of the Virginia Jaycees, was named outstanding executive secretary in 1982-83,

national outstanding executive secretary in 1984-85, and outstanding keyperson in 1984-85.



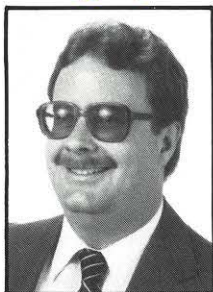
The late W. David Crews, former personnel supervisor, was named volunteer of the year by the United Way of Central Virginia. He served as vice president-allocations for 1985 and 1986 and chaired the committee which reviewed and approved agency budgets. The award was presented to his wife, Gladys, at the Lynchburg annual volunteer recognition award ceremony held in conjunction with National Volunteer Week.



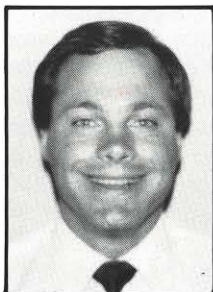
Randy, son of Ralph Bird, Jr., power engineer, placed third in the 8-9-year-old boy's division of the Elks Club sectional hoop shoot contest. He is a member of the Miles Market basketball

team of the Timbrook Youth League which placed first in their division with a 9-1 record. □

## Kingsport



Greg Smith, administrative assistant, was elected president of the Optimist Club of Downtown Kingsport for 1987-88.

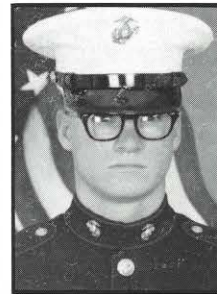


Bob Bennett, junior personnel assistant, has been elected president of the Greater Kingsport Area Safety Council for 1987-88.

John, son of Larry Boyer, engineering technician, was awarded to rank of Life

Scout during a court of honor ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 250. □

## Glen Lyn

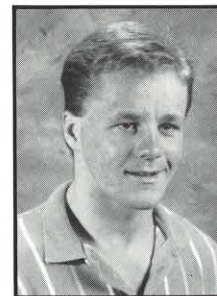


Marine Cpl. Nathan Whittaker has been awarded a Meritorious Mast while serving with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Jacksonville, NC. A Meritorious Mast is an official

recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. It is issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy is entered in the marine's permanent service records. Nathan is the son of Junior Whittaker, unit supervisor.

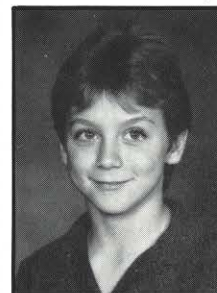
Lois Stewart, daughter of Thomas Crewey, assistant plant manager, was presented a silver cup and certificate for scholastic achievement from the Nursing and Health Science Department at Radford University during recent graduation exercises. □

## Bluefield



Kevin, son of Susan Ellison, T&D clerk C, was selected to attend West Virginia Boys' State this summer. He will serve on the student council executive committee at Bluefield High School during his

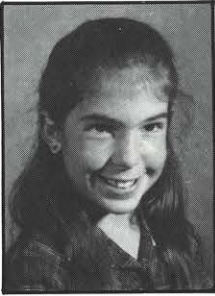
upcoming senior year.



Shane, son of Susan Ellison, won first place in the fifth division for the 100-yard dash during the Mercer County Fairs Field Day. He represented Ceres School, where he is a sixth

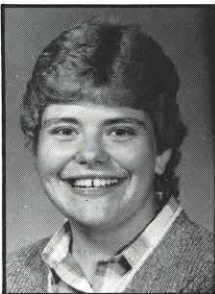
grader, which won the fifth division trophy for the second consecutive year. □

## Abingdon

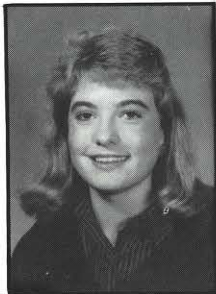


**Freddie**, daughter of Phyllis Williams, Gate City junior clerk, won the Scott County Spelling Bee for all divisions, which included grades 2 through 7. She is a fourth grader.

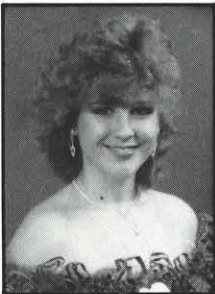
**Kim**, daughter of Jim Price, Lebanon line crew supervisor NE, placed second in the business math competition for Russell County and third in regional competition. She is a ninth grader at Lebanon High School.



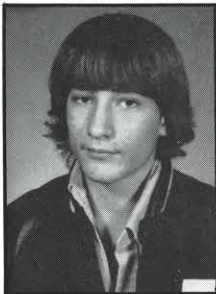
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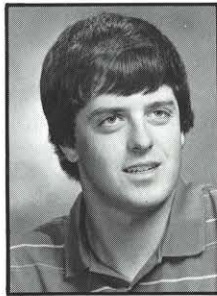
Roeser



Montague

**Penny**, daughter of Wanda Payne, customer accounts representative C; **Cathy**, daughter of Jim Cook, station mechanic A; **Holly**, daughter of Bill Roeser, administrative assistant; and **Harlow**, son of Pete Montague, division manager, were inducted into the Abingdon High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

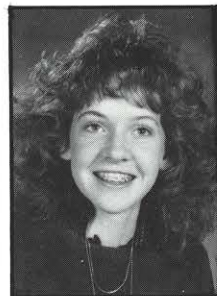
**Sharon Gobble**, secretary stenographer B, served as chairman of the Secretaries Week committee. **Linda Kegley**, customer services clerk B, was chairman of the scholarship committee; and **Brenda Price**, stenographer, presented the secretary of the year award at the annual Secretaries Day luncheon sponsored by the Washington County Chapter of Professional Secretaries International.



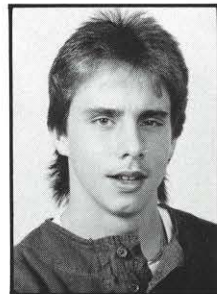
**Shannon**, son of Elmwood Mullins, Clintwood line crew supervisor NE, was inducted into the Clintwood High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Abingdon employees contributed nearly \$500 in the Washington County March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon. A five-member team comprised of **John Henderson**, meter electrician A; **Pete Montague**, division manager; **Bob Heil**, personnel supervisor; **Mark Kimbell**, electrical engineer; and **Bill Roeser**, administrative assistant, walked 9 miles in an effort to raise funds for the March of Dimes. □

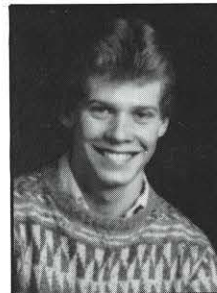
## John Amos



**Stacy**, daughter of Ronald Young, maintenance electrician A, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Herbert Hoover High School, where she is a junior.

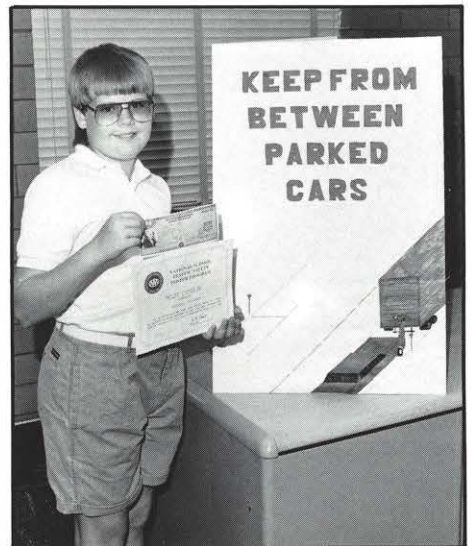


**Marc**, son of Bob Gilbert, training coordinator, was selected to the Kanawha County Class A Conference all-star football and basketball teams. He attends St. Albans Junior High School.



**Scott**, son of Joseph Harris, performance technician senior, was chosen to represent Hurricane High School male athletes at a two-day seminar at Cedar Lakes. Entitled Project Target, the seminar trained student leaders to deal with peers and fellow students in coping with drug and alcohol problems.

## Huntington



**Michael**, son of D. M. Barbour, drafter B, won a \$75 savings bond for second place in a five-county poster contest sponsored by AAA. The theme of the contest was "keep from between parked cars." Michael's poster is entered in national competition. He is a fifth grader at Guyandotte Elementary School.

**Kent Eldridge**, Point Pleasant energy services technologist, was voted to be retained on the board of directors of the West Virginia Restaurant Association for an indefinite term. □

## Charleston



**Kimberly**, daughter of Retiree Charles Hamblin, was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities". She is a junior, majoring in marketing, at the University of Charleston.

**Wayne Pugh**, marketing and customer services supervisor, and **Charlie Maurer**, energy services technologist, were judges at the annual Kanawha County Social Studies Fair, which attracted 680 projects from 94 schools.

**Floyd H. Taylor, Jr.**, division manager, was elected to the Charleston Renaissance board of directors for a three-year term. □

## Beckley

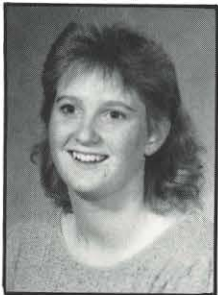


Jason, son of John Blake, Oak Hill line mechanic A, won the Den 6 Pine-wood Derby and represented his den at the Fayette County Scout Fair in May. □

New officers of the Beckley-Raleigh County Jaycees include **Dave Langford**, energy services technologist, secretary; **Keith Von Scio**, marketing and customer services advisor, vice president-management development; and **Dave Edwards**, engineering technician, member board of directors.

**Liz Nixon**, customer accounts representative B, served as chairman of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority's 56th Founder's Day celebration.

Several employees' children were awarded trophies by Shady Spring High School for maintaining an "A" average throughout the 1986-87 school year: **David**, son of Liz Nixon; **Beth**, daughter of Wayne Farley, engineering technician senior; and **Jeff**, son of Ray Vest, administrative assistant. Beth and Jeff also were inducted into the National Honor Society.

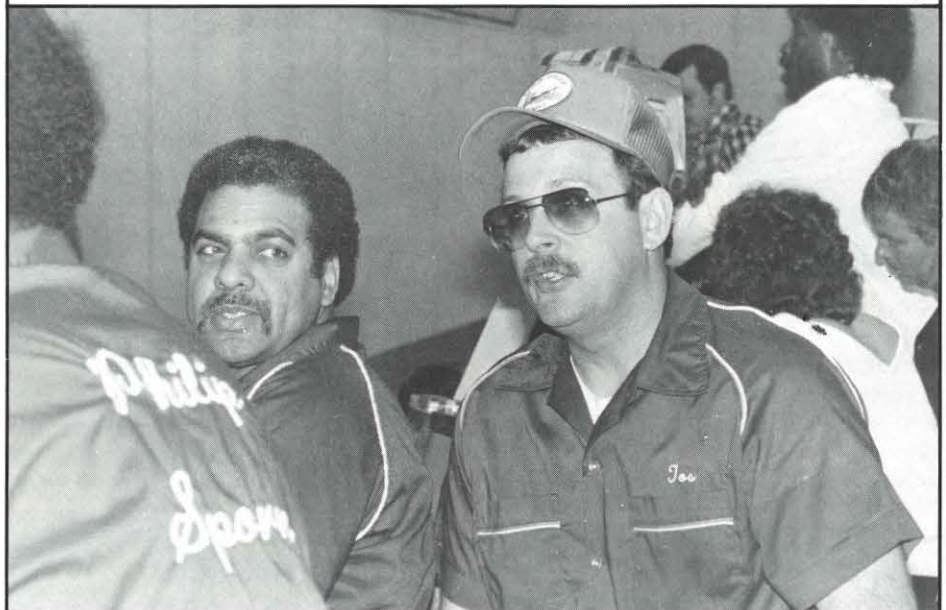


**Beth**, daughter of Wayne Farley, was elected treasurer of the junior class at Shady Spring High School for 1987-88.

Twenty-two Beckley employees and family members participated in the 1987 March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon (10K), raising more than \$450 for this organization.

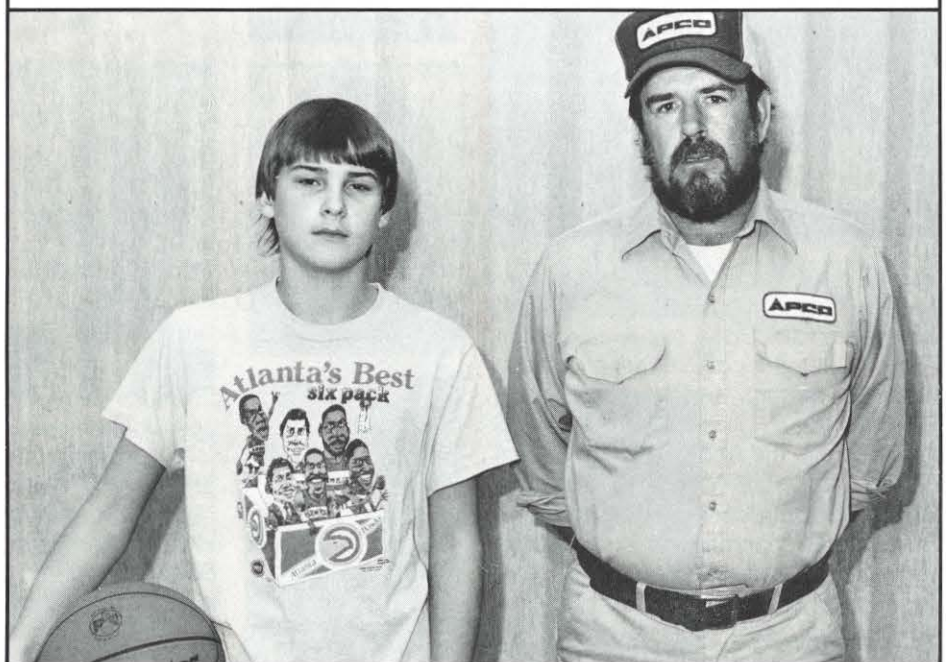
**Mike** and **Jeff**, sons of Ray Vest, were presented the accounting II award and the citizenship and sociology awards, respectively, at Shady Spring High School's annual awards program. Both received academic scholarships from the school's scholarship committee. □

## Untouchables win OPCO/AEP tourney



A total of 200 keglers, including 34 teams, competed in the 27th annual Ohio Power / AEP Mixed Bowling Tournament in Canton. The winning team, the Untouchables, was from Sporn Plant. The team, with a 3,413 pin handicap score, consisted of Jim Mitchell, Charlie Miller, Charlie Yeager, Randy Nicewonder, and Harold Russell. Pictured here are Charlie Miller, left, and Ralph Ross.

## Chaffins coaches championship teams



The Maroon Raiders, coached by Huntington Meter Reader Roger Chaffins (right) won the Ceredo-Kenova Buddy League basketball championship. They had a 26-0 record for the season. One of the team members was Josh (left), son of Larry Caldwell, Huntington stores supervisor. Roger also coached the Ceredo-Kenova Biddy basketball team which won the Raleigh County League Tournament held in Beckley.

## Pulaski

**Matthew**, son of Dorothy Beasley, T&D clerk C, won a trophy for the most beautiful large dog in the fourth annual Drugless Fair Pet Show.

**Bobby**, husband of Kathy Bopp, secretary-stenographer A, had the highest producing herd in the Pulaski County Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the month of March.

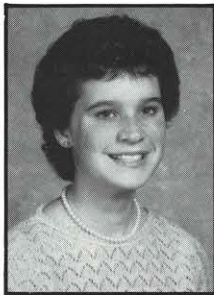
**Robin Hall**, manager of the Lemon's Jewelry Store in Pulaski, won a trip to New York City for achieving her sales goals for 1986. She is the wife of **Richard Hall**, station mechanic A.

More than \$500 was raised by the six division employees and spouses who participated in the March of Dimes Walk-America for the New River Valley area. Those participating were **Debbie Grubb**, customer accounts representative B; **Shirley Moon**, customer accounts representative B; **Joel Pugh**, supervising drafter A; **Glenda Wohlford**, secretary; **Teresa**, wife of Ted Aaron, electrical engineer; and **Betty**, wife of Duane Hix, stores supervisor.

**Gary Jones**, stores attendant A, has received a certificate in management development from New River Community College. He already has two associate in applied science degrees from the college, one in accounting and one in business management.

**Michele Denise**, daughter of Mickey Gibson, Wytheville line mechanic A, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Nurse Corps. She is scheduled to attend a two-week orientation course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, prior to reporting for duty at the Air Force Hospital, USAF Medical Center Keesler, Biloxi, Miss.

"Town Creek, October," a watercolor painting of Peak Creek by national award winning artist **Mary Whitehurst**, was selected for the 8th Virginia Watercolor Exhibition. The painting was on display at the Roanoke Museum of Fine Arts during May and June. It will be on display at Longwood College in Farmville until September. Mary, the wife of Pulaski Division Manager Jerry Whitehurst, also has samples of her work in the upcoming Charlotte National Biennial Exhibition, Charlotte, NC.



**Jeanette**, daughter of Jim Blankenship, line crew supervisor NE, will be spending eight weeks in the Netherlands this summer as a participant in the Youth For Understanding International Exchange Program.

Jeanette, a junior, will be the first student from Pulaski County High School to be an exchange student. YFU is a private non-profit educational organization dedicated to international understanding and world peace.

Claytor Retiree **Frank Rouse** competed in the New River Valley Senior Olympics. He won two gold medals for basketball throw and shot put, one silver for horse-shoes, and one bronze for the quarter-mile walk. □

## Philip Sporn



**Tara**, daughter of Randy Humphreys, assistant plant manager, won a superior rating and received the Governor's Award for Excellence at the Meigs Junior High School Science Fair. Her project was a wet cell battery made from household items.

## Golden anniversaries

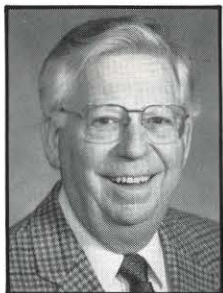


Gleason and Lattie Smythers will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month with a trip to Bermuda. The couple was married in the First United Methodist Church, Galax, VA, on June 5, 1937. Gleason is a retired residential representative in Pulaski. The Smythers' reside in Pulaski during the summer and spend winters in Myrtle Beach, SC.

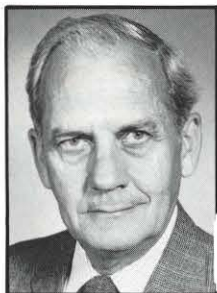


Miller and Rosemary Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. The couple has one daughter, one son, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Miller is a retired Huntington stationman B.

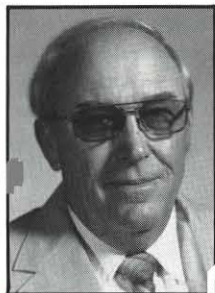
# Service Anniversaries



**Jim Loving, Jr.**  
meter engineer sr.  
GO-Roanoke  
40 years



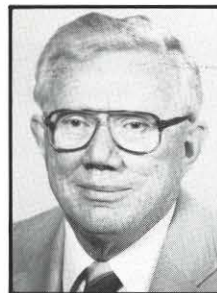
**Keith Rowe**  
line con. & maint. rep.  
Huntington  
40 years



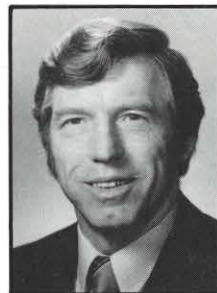
**Johnny Kidd**  
area supervisor  
Galax  
35 years



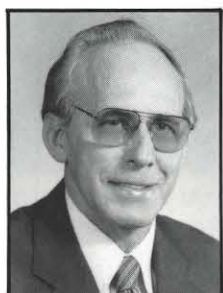
**Bill White**  
driver/ground worker  
Beckley  
30 years



**Jim Lowther**  
meter engineer sr.  
GO-Charleston  
30 years



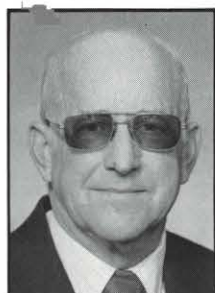
**Bill Ernest**  
shift operating eng.  
John Amos  
30 years



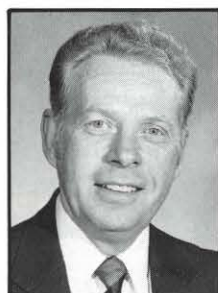
**Jack Blankenship**  
stores supervisor  
Clinch River  
30 years



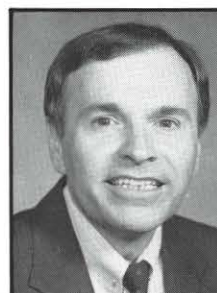
**Marvis Overstreet**  
asst. systems analyst  
GO-Roanoke  
30 years



**Curtis Caldwell**  
stores acctg. supv. clerk  
GO-Roanoke  
30 years



**Jerry Cunningham**  
asst. shift op. engineer  
Mountaineer  
30 years



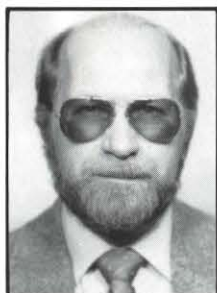
**Paul Blount**  
eng. office supv.  
GO-Roanoke  
25 years



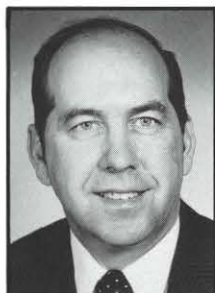
**Jim Mitchell**  
trans. mechanic A  
GO-Bluefield  
25 years



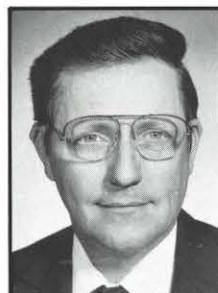
**Nancy Goodwin**  
cust. accts. rep. A  
Abingdon  
25 years



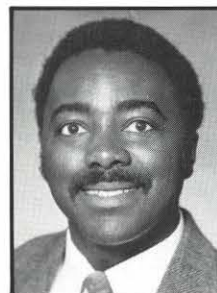
**Gerald Cook**  
hydro mechanic A  
GO-Claytor  
20 years



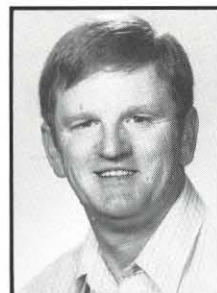
**Lester Searls**  
trans. line crew supv.  
GO-Kenova  
20 years



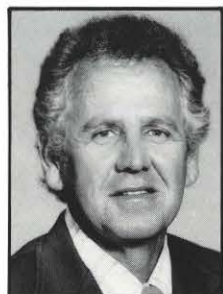
**David Machir**  
line crew supv. NE  
Huntington  
20 years



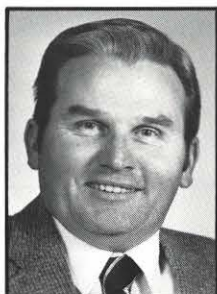
**Sherwood  
Robertson, Jr.**  
automotive attendant  
Roanoke  
20 years



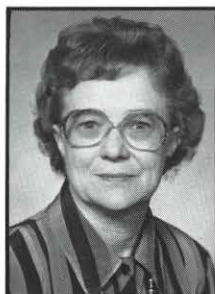
**Ronald Brown**  
harbor boat operator  
John Amos  
20 years



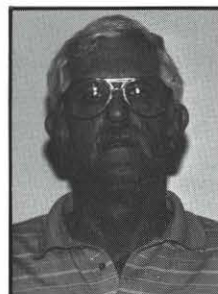
**Burton Grogan**  
line crew supv. NE  
Fieldale  
20 years



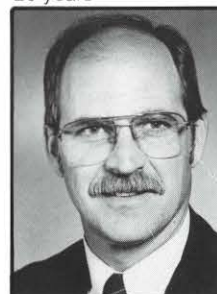
**Gene Fields**  
engineering tech. sr.  
Kingsport  
20 Years



**Eula Ayers**  
cust. accts. rep. B  
Roanoke  
20 years



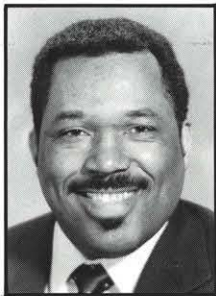
**Jim Walls**  
station crew supervisor  
Logan  
20 years



**Donald Watts**  
line crew supervisor  
Huntington  
20 years



**Jim Williams**  
general servicer  
Princeton  
20 years



**Charles Brown**  
maint. mechanic A  
Kanawha River  
20 years

### John Amos

15 years: **Duane Phlegar**, assistant plant manager. **Thomas Hill**, unit supervisor. **Gregory Martin**, performance technician senior. **James Mooney**, utility supervisor. **James Johnson**, equipment operator A. **Kenneth Landers**, maintenance mechanic A. **Robert Clark**, equipment operator A. **Howard Blackshire, Jr.**, production superintendent maintenance. **Marvin Poindexter**, maintenance mechanic A. **Daniel Casto**, maintenance supervisor. **Rex Hill**, maintenance mechanic A. **Richard Thewes**, maintenance mechanic C. **Kenneth Hanshaw**, maintenance mechanic A.

### Beckley

10 years: **Larry Brown**, engineering technician senior. **Carolyn Akers**, customer accounts representative C. **Bernie Lough**, line mechanic A.

### Bluefield

10 years: **Clifford Smith**, meter reader, Welch. **Teresa Branham**, customer accounts representative B. **Walter Morgan**, custodian, Welch. **Edna Bone**, cashier. 5 years: **Greg Shay**, engineering technician.

### Central Machine Shop

15 years: **Bob Price**, machinist 1st class. **Jim Canterbury**, production assistant. **Paul Nickell**, production supervisor.

### Centralized Plant Maintenance

10 years: **R. C. Wilkinson**, maintenance mechanic A. **W. A. Smith**, maintenance mechanic A.

### Charleston

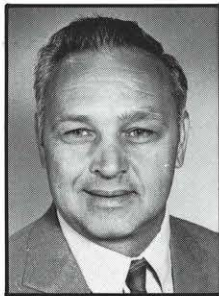
10 years: **Richard Garretson**, automotive mechanic A.

### Clinch River

30 years: **James Puckett**, maintenance mechanic A (LTD). **Johnny Skeen**, coal equipment operator. 20 years: **Arch Stinson**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **David Lowe**, equipment operator C.

### General Office

20 years: **Dianne Shank**, tax accounting special clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 15 years: **Elizabeth Barksdale**, secretary-stenographer B, GO T&D Administrative, Roanoke. 10 years: **Shirley Saunders**, transmission clerk C, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Gary Hedrick**, relay engineer



**Raymond Armstrong**  
meter service mech. A  
Huntington  
20 years

senior, GO T&D Station, Charleston. **Darrell Beck**, load research coordinator, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke. **Roger Allen**, express driver, GO General Services, Huntington. 5 years: **Garry Simmons**, staff accountant, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **David Oliver**, forestry technician, GO T&D Forestry, Roanoke. **Gregory Holland**, meter reading supervisor, GO Marketing & Customer Services, Roanoke. **Janice English**, stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Cheri Bohon**, personnel clerk C, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

### Huntington

10 years: **Gary Falls**, line mechanic A.

### Kanawha River

15 years: **John Harrison**, maintenance mechanic A.

### Kingsport

15 years: **Jerry Hagood**, station mechanic A.

### Logan-Williamson

30 years: **Charlie Frye**, stores and garage supervisor. 5 years: **T. S. Garrett**, customer accounts representative C, Logan. **Raymond Blackburn**, marketing and customer services advisor, Williamson.

### Lynchburg

15 years: **Leroy Williams**, station mechanic A.

### Mountaineer

5 years: **Gary Hatcher**, performance technician. **Greg Keffer**, barge handler.

### Roanoke

15 years: **William Willhite**, general servicer. 10 years: **Geraldine Pearman**, meter electrician C. 5 years: **Donald Hall**, line mechanic C. **Timothy Rogers**, line mechanic C. **Jeffrey Harlow**, line mechanic C.

### Philip Sporn

5 years: **Milton Roush**, maintenance mechanic B. **Judy Laney**, maintenance mechanic C. **Jeffrey Jones**, maintenance mechanic C. **Larry Hollon**, equipment operator B. **Mark Gillilan**, maintenance mechanic B. **Kenneth Jacks**, maintenance mechanic B. **Buddy Peaytt**, maintenance mechanic B. **Jack Wray**, maintenance mechanic C. **Robert Casey**, equipment operator B. **William Thomas**, maintenance mechanic C.

## Grundy earns Clean Business Award



Appalachian Power Company's Grundy, VA, office received the Buchanan County Clean Business Award for the month of February. Under a new program administered by the Buchanan County board of supervisors, the Buchanan Clean County Committee selects a business each month which meets the standards and exemplifies the purpose of the program. Pictured at the awards presentation are, l. to r., Flo Stewart, Clean County Committee member; Jim Looney, Grundy area supervisor; Miller Richardson, Mayor of Grundy and committee member; and James Hash, Buchanan County litter control coordinator.

# Woodcrafts by Tom Wells

**H**unington Station Mechanic Tom Wells finds that working with wood is a good way to relax after a hard day's work. And every member of his family, as well as his church, reaps the benefits from his hobby.

"I get enjoyment out of seeing a piece of wood turn into something," Tom says. His handiwork includes everything from chopping blocks and toys to tables and playhouses.

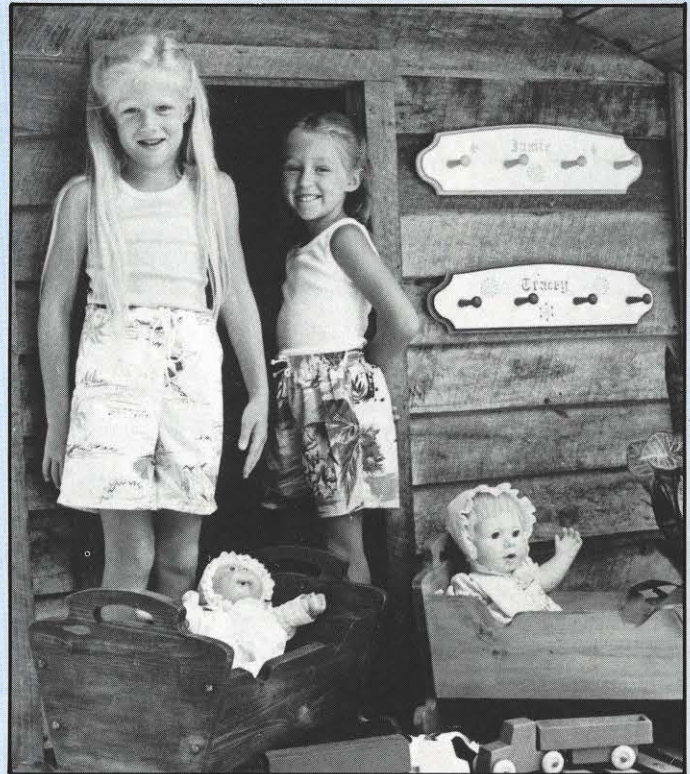
"Most of my time is spent working on larger items that my daughters Jamie and Tracey can use," Tom relates. "The biggest thing I ever made was a 5' x 6' playhouse, set up on poles about 3' off the ground, with front and side porches. It is located at the side of a big sand box in the back yard, and all the neighborhood kids get quite a kick out of it. The girls are after me now to build cabinets in the playhouse."

Tom continues, "My church has a bazaar in the spring and fall every year, and I make quite a few items for that. Toys sell real well and so do chopping blocks and coat racks.

"For Christmas one year, my pastor and I built doll cradles for his grandchildren and my girls. Someone had made one for the bazaar, and the pastor's wife fell in love with it and bought it. Then she remembered that she had three granddaughters, so we decided to make one for each of them.

"I usually make my own patterns for the things I build," Tom relates. "I just think about what I want and sketch it out. If I use ready-made patterns, I usually end up making changes."

Tom adds, "I prefer working with oak because it makes the prettiest things, but the easiest wood to get is pine. And I've even used old crates for some items. As a matter of fact, the first end table I ever made, probably about fifteen years ago, was made out of an old crate. I just took the boards and glued them together and stained them."



Some of the woodcrafts made by Tom Wells for his daughters Jamie and Tracey include doll cradles, toys, and coat racks.

Tom concludes, "I enjoy working with wood, but I do it at my own pace. If I have something pressing, then I go ahead and make it. But it wouldn't be a hobby if I had to force myself to do it." □

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