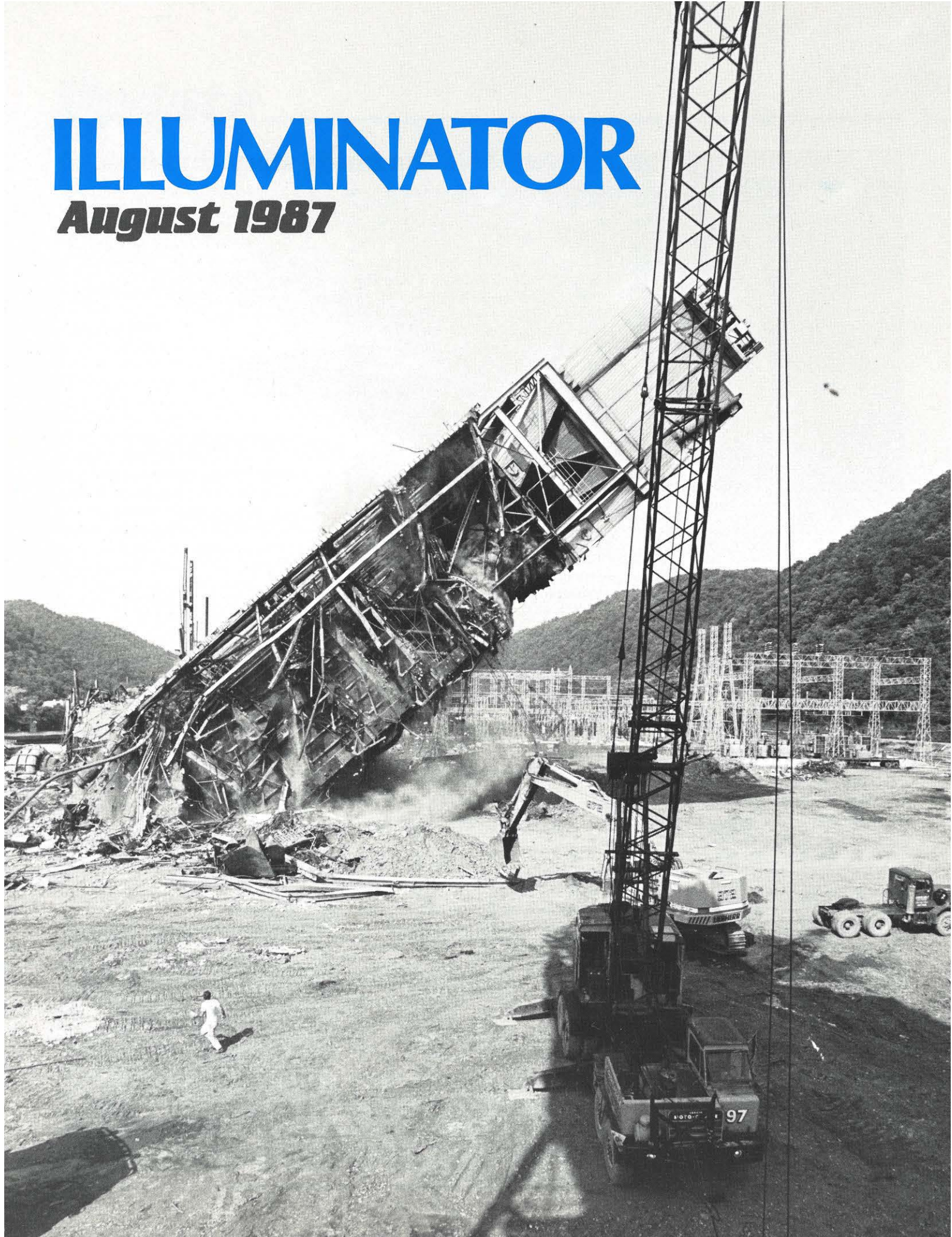
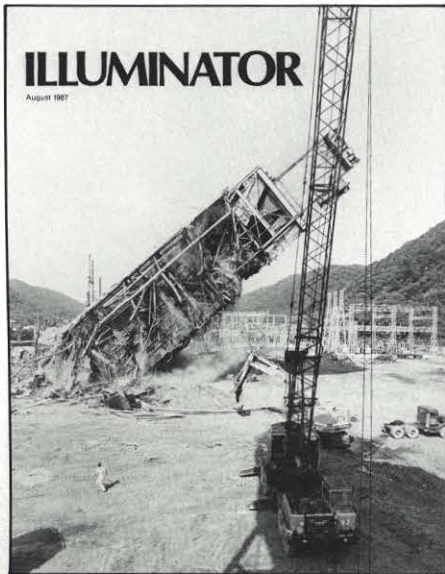


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VPU — value per unit

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.

Ground broken for General Office Service Center in Roanoke

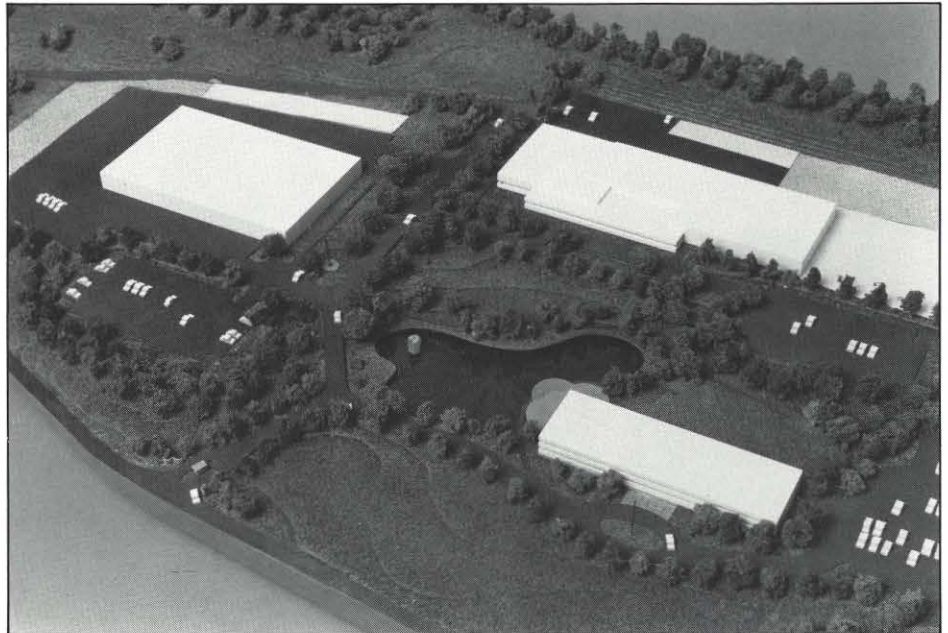
Appalachian Power Company held ground breaking ceremonies last month for a new General Office Service Center to be constructed on Loch Haven Drive near the intersection of Virginia Route 419 and Interstate 81 in Roanoke County.

Participating in the ceremony were Appalachian President John W. Vaughan; Richard Cranwell, Delegate to the Virginia Legislature; Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Chairman Bob Johnson; County Supervisor Steve McGraw; Roanoke County Administrator Elmer Hodge; and Appalachian Vice President Charles A. Simmons.

The ground breaking signaled the start of site preparation for what eventually is expected to become a \$25 million, three-building complex.

Vaughan said, "Over the next several months we anticipate the completion of the grading of the entire site, the necessary road construction, landscaping and installation of utilities. We're hopeful that bidding will be completed and a contract can be let for the start of construction of the first building by the end of 1987."

The first building, expected to reach completion by the end of 1988, will house Appalachian's transmission and distribution department's meter and stores operations, as well as its station switchboard wiring and relay shops. The second building will provide facilities for the repair of various kinds of electrical and transportation equipment. The third will accommodate administrative, engineering and design personnel. No timetable has been established for construction of



This is how the new General Office Service Center will look when all three buildings are completed.

the other two, but it is anticipated that they will follow in a timely manner.

Vaughan said, "The complex will be professionally landscaped to offer a pleasant view from the highways and will be an attractive addition to the neighborhood — one in which we can all take pride. Ultimately, employment at this location will total about 350."

Vaughan said, "The operations to be

housed at this facility will service the company's entire 19,000 square mile service area. The location is ideal because its proximity to Interstate 81 will give ready access to all of the company's operating territory in southwestern Virginia and southern West Virginia."

Vaughan also indicated that site preparation and construction of the first building will represent an investment of approximately \$8.7 million. □

Employees begin move to new AEP Laboratory in Groveport

Approximately 64 employees of the AEP System's four laboratories and its mapping and survey group began moving to the new AEP Engineering Laboratory in Groveport, Ohio, near Columbus, over a three-week period beginning July 24.

The 64 are among approximately 75 employees who were invited to move to the new facility in the centralization of AEP's scattered laboratories.

William R. Beckley, AEP Service Corporation Personnel Department, who is directing the relocation, said that, "barring unforeseen circumstances," the various functions would move on the following schedule:

JULY 24 — Civil Engineering Laboratory, now at the Philip Sporn Plant, New Haven, West Virginia, and the mapping and survey group, now at the Gen. James M. Gavin Plant, Cheshire, Ohio.

JULY 31 and AUGUST 7 — Electrical Engineering Laboratory, Canton, Ohio, and the Ultra-High-Voltage Laboratory, North Liberty, Indiana.

AUGUST 14 — General Laboratory (Environmental Engineering), Huntington, West Virginia.

Operations at the UHV Laboratory in Indiana will continue on a reduced scale following the transfer of some of its employees to Groveport and to Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. □



Appalachian President John W. Vaughan addresses the attendees at the ground breaking ceremonies.



A \$100,000 pledge from Appalachian Power Company toward the renovation and expansion of the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center is presented to Dr. W. E. Skelton, campaign chairman (right), by John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian.

Appalachian Power pledges \$100,000 for Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center

Appalachian Power Company has pledged \$100,000 toward the renovation and expansion of facilities at the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center. The pledge to the Center's \$4.2-million "Leadership for the Future" campaign was presented to Dr. W. E. Skelton, dean emeritus of Virginia Tech and originator of the 4-H Center concept in Virginia, by Appalachian Power President John W. Vaughan following the campaign kickoff last month.

In making the presentation, Vaughan noted Appalachian's long-standing interest in the 4-H program, especially the Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center which was built on land donated by the company in 1965.

"Four-H has been a prominent part of the lake almost from day one, and we are pleased that the 4-H Center has offered special camping opportunities for young people over the years," said Vaughan. "Now we need to revitalize the facilities of the Center to enable it to

serve not only the growing needs of 4-H but also the related needs of our rapidly expanding lake community. This is a sound investment today for a better tomorrow," he added.

Skelton expressed his appreciation for "the fine corporate citizenship of Appalachian Power Company. This gift provides a real impetus for our campaign." □

Cook Plant among most economically efficient in nation

The AEP System's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Bridgman, Michigan, is among the nation's most economically efficient steam-electric generating plants.

A total of 500 plants across the United States were examined by the Utility Data Institute, Washington, D.C. and then

ranked in order of their "least average cost per net kilowatthour." Cook Plant came in 12th among the 500 and ninth among nuclear stations with an average cost of 1.193 cents per kwh for the five years 1981-85. During that period Cook generated more than 58-billion kwh.

Of the top 20 plants, 16 were nuclear. The top two plants were gas-fired, and coal-fired plants were in seventh and 19th places.

Unit 1 at Cook Plant has been in operation since 1975 and Unit 2 since 1978. Together they have a capacity of 2,130,000 kilowatts and provide more than half of the energy used by I&M's more than 450,000 customers. □

Land acquired for future Pulaski facility

Appalachian Power Company has acquired 25.7 acres of land on Virginia Highway 600 near Interstate 81 and, within the next few years, intends to consolidate many of its operations into a new service center to be built there, according to Jerry R. Whitehurst, Pulaski division manager. The company's transmission and distribution operations in Pulaski are currently housed in five overcrowded and aging locations.

"While we do not have a timetable for the construction of this new service center, we are moving ahead with preliminary planning, including the purchase of land," he noted.

"When completed, the new service center will permit the consolidation of transmission and distribution, stores and garage operations into a single location with much-needed additional space," Whitehurst said. "This will permit better coordination of work assignments and improve our ability to better serve our more than 88,000 customers." He added that there is no plan to move the business office from downtown Pulaski. □



Rotenberry,

Eaton

Rotenberry to move to Kingsport Power, Eaton to Bluefield

Thomas A. Rotenberry, manager of Appalachian Power's Bluefield Division, will be the next president of Kingsport Power Company. He will be succeeded by J. T. Eaton, assistant manager of the Roanoke Division.

Rotenberry will succeed John E. Faust, who will retire at the end of the year.

W. S. White, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Kingsport Power and its parent, American Electric Power Company, announced that Rotenberry will be nominated, later this year, to become president and chief operating officer of Kingsport Power, effective January 1.

Rotenberry is scheduled to transfer to Kingsport and Eaton to Bluefield on September 1.

Rotenberry, a native of Broadford, Va., and a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, joined Appalachian in 1962. Over the ensuing 16 years he worked in the Accounting Department, as an administrative assistant to the executive vice president and as Appalachian's right-of-way and real estate superintendent. In 1978 he was promoted to manager of the Beckley Division and in 1985 to that post in Bluefield.

Eaton, a native of Staffordsville, Va., holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He joined Appalachian in 1965 as a transmission engineer in the General Office Transmission and Distribution Section

at Bluefield. He held the positions of transmission engineer senior and transmission staff engineer before moving to Roanoke in 1978 as superintendent of right of way and real estate. He was promoted to his present position in 1983.

APCo produces videotape on Southwest VA

Appalachian President John W. Vaughan presented to Governor Gerald L. Baliles a videotape entitled "Southwest Virginia, Region of Opportunity," at a dinner meeting in Abingdon on July 14. The 13-minute tape was produced by the General Office Public Affairs Department in response to a request by Governor Baliles to Vaughan.

In his presentation speech, Vaughan said it was easy to say yes to the Governor's request for a videotape sales tool for economic development in Southwest Virginia because, "We are your neighbors. Our employees and many of our owners live here. We want our children to be able to find jobs and, if they choose, continue to live among us." Quoting from the company's credo, "Our Job," he also said, "We are a citizen of each community we serve and take an active part in its affairs. We prosper only as the community prospers so we help it thrive in every way we can."

The videotape was previewed for the audience, and Vaughan then presented a copy to Governor Baliles. The tape will be used by the communities to acquaint industrial prospects with the business and social climate of the region.

The meeting was held by the Southwest Virginia Economic Development Commission to present its final report and recommendation to the Governor. The commission was appointed by the Governor two years ago to do a study of economic development factors in a 17-county area of Southwest Virginia.

Pulaski Division Manager Jerry R. Whitehurst was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Southwest Virginia Commission and, for the past two years, was chairman of the Utilities Task Force. □

New summer peaks

Appalachian Power Company's customers set new summer peak demands for electricity on two consecutive days last month.

On July 23, very high temperatures and humidity caused a one-hour record demand of 4,407,000 kilowatts. That surpassed the previous high mark of 4,392,000 kilowatts which had been set on July 22. The company's previous summer peak of 4,375,000 kilowatts had been established in August 1983.

The new summer peak demand, however, is still less than the company's all-time high of 5,464,000 kilowatts, which was reached in January 1985. Appalachian typically has been a winter peaking electric utility. □

New ACE awards



Appalachian Power employees who join the ACE Team now have a wider selection of recognition items from which to choose. They can select a tote bag, an insulated cup, a pocket knife, or the original coaster each time a prospect installs a unit. To become a member of the ACE Team, turn in the name of a qualified prospect for a heat pump, add-on heat pump, or electric thermal storage furnace to the Marketing and Customer Services Department.

superconductivity

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

Pick up a newspaper or magazine these days and you can't help but learn of some new development in the field of superconductivity. And with good reason.

Hailed by physicists as the most important scientific development in the second half of the 20th Century, superconductivity promises to influence a number of industries if not spawn an entirely new one. Among those expected to be most directly affected are electric utilities.

But don't look for any overnight changes.

"As far as American Electric Power is concerned, superconductivity is a number of years off," Brendan J. Ware, manager of the Service Corporation's Electrical Research Division, observed.

Part of his job is to monitor the development of new technologies that many affect the AEP System. What he envisions for superconductivity is likened to new technologies of an earlier era.

"About 10 years ago, there was a lot of publicity suggesting that the country would have solar energy coming out of its ears. That hasn't happened despite tax advantages and other forms of encouragement from the government," Ware explained.

"The transition of getting a technology from a physics laboratory to the engineering phase and finally to commercial application takes a lot longer than most people think. That's why solar and even windmill technologies are still economically questionable."

Ware pointed out that most of the superconductivity breakthroughs to this point have been in the area of physics. "They really haven't addressed the metallurgy, engineering or more practical side of using these materials in the real world," he said.

The R&D manager explained that, even if the technology were ready for commercial development, AEP's role would be limited.

"AEP is not a manufacturer of electrical apparatus," he emphasized. "We are purchasers." As such, he continued, AEP would be interested -- when the time came -- in superconductive equipment, as long as it was economically feasible.

"Yes, we would take a good look at it," Ware added, "but we would not purchase until absolutely convinced that the new equipment is the most economic and reliable alternative."

Ware speculated that it would be five to 10 years before superconductivity begins to have any effect on the electric utility industry. "Until then," he said, "superconductivity is not going to change AEP's income statement. Nor will it influence our kilowatt-hour sales, decrease energy losses or have any impact that's measurable."

Ware explained that, even though superconductive generators have already been developed through projects at General Electric, Westinghouse and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a market for them has never materialized.

"Like all new inventions, use of the more recently developed superconductivity technology will be dictated by the marketplace," Ware said. He hastened to add that it is unlikely AEP would be needing new generating capacity before the turn of the century.

But, as he explained, the superconductive generator represents only one of a number of different electric utility applications.

Perhaps the most talked-about is in the area of transmission and distribution, where present systems incur energy losses of between 7 and 8 percent. Physicists say superconductivity can reduce these losses drastically.

"On the AEP System, most of these losses are on our 97,000 miles of distribution lines," Ware pointed out. "In order to overcome resistance (causing energy to be lost in the form of heat), a temperature-controlled atmosphere would have to be created."

To accomplish this, he said, would require encasing the lines in tubes. "That would be prohibitively expensive whether or not the tubes were suspended overhead or buried underground."

Despite his doubts about the immediate future of superconductor technology, Ware believes there is one potential application that could be of benefit to AEP.

"I can see how a superconductive coil might be employed to store energy and possibly take the place of pumped hydro-storage," he conjectured. "The low losses could give us a very efficient storage process. Consequently, AEP could use its more efficient generating units at night when the load is down and store the energy for use in the daytime."

According to Ware, these potential efficiencies could bring considerable long-term benefits ranging from the delay of new generating plant construction to a reduction in the consumption of fuel.

Ware believes that AEP employees will benefit in the shorter term from superconductivity although not in a way most would think. "Superconductivity is being used in some areas of medical technology as a diagnostic tool," he explained. "There are also some high-speed, low-loss microcircuits that may lead -- within the next several years -- to remarkable advances in computer technology and electronics."

As for application within the electric utility industry, Ware remains cautious.

"Futuristically, the effects of superconductivity on the AEP System may never be considerable," he contended. "After all, we must remember that, after you get the product out of the lab, there must be a market. That market must be able to afford the product."

"In the end," he concluded, "the success of superconductivity will depend on the law of supply and demand." □

Possible uses of superconductivity in the power industry

Superconductivity is, as one physicist put it: "about as close to perpetual motion as one is likely to get."

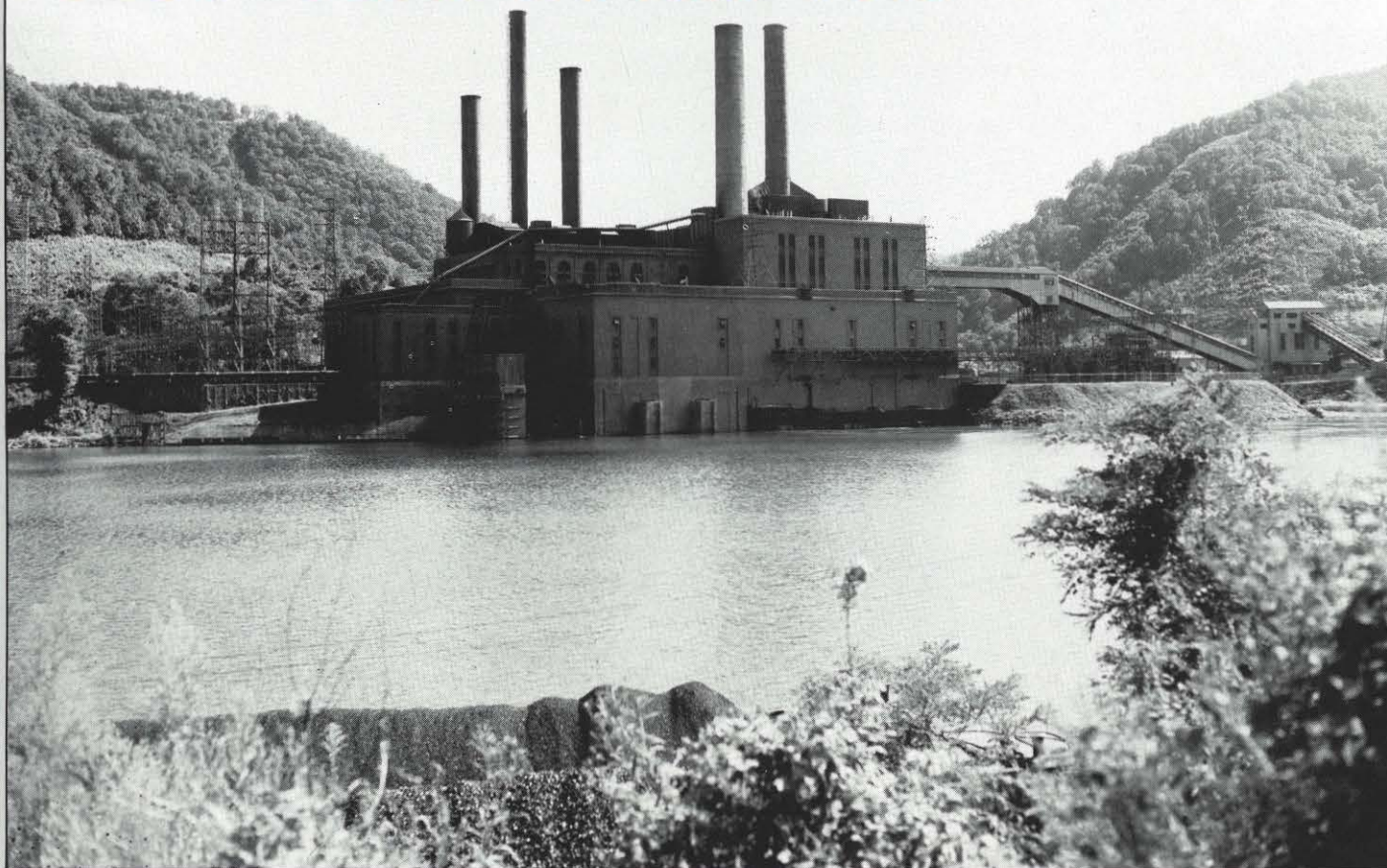
But technically, superconductivity is a physical state in which electricity passes through materials with little or no resistance or loss of energy.

Until recently, it was a phenomenon obtainable only at extremely low temperatures and that required large, costly liquid helium refrigerator systems. Less expensive systems now seem likely as ceramic compounds have been found that "superconduct" at the temperature of liquid nitrogen.

Physicists say that the uses of superconductivity in the power industry, with minimal resistance, present a number of possibilities, including:

- Electricity that can be generated anytime and stored for later use.
- Smaller, more efficient superconducting electric motors that ultimately could lessen demand for power and contain electricity bills.
- Power transmission to concentrated load centers in urban areas.
- Production of power by nuclear fusion (aided by the intense magnetic fields that can be produced by superconductivity). Described as a clean version of nuclear power, fusion is said to be able to provide virtually inexhaustible amounts of energy more safely than the fission process used in today's nuclear power plants. □

The end of an era



Cabin Creek Plant, the oldest major steam generating plant on the AEP System, was closed in 1977.

The end of an era came with a bang.

When Dobie Corporation workers brought down the final section of the Cabin Creek Plant, the last of the AEP System's old "super plants," the resulting thump signaled the closing of a chapter in company history.

Cabin Creek, while not built by AEP, was brought into the System in the 1920s with the acquisition of what is now Appalachian Power Company. It was built on the Kanawha River in West Virginia by Virginia Power Company and was originally to have been a "standby steam plant" for a hydro plant on the New River near its confluence with the Bluestone River.

However, like the understudy who suddenly becomes a star, the plans for Cabin Creek became a top priority when the Water Power Act of 1913, passed by the West Virginia legislature, made the company's Bluestone plans impractical. Cabin Creek was swiftly redesigned for

increased capacity and placed in service — at 15,000 kw — in 1914.

Until its closing in 1977, Cabin Creek was the oldest major steam generating plant on the System. The first of its kind, it had outlived the System's "younger" super plants: Windsor, Philo and Twin Branch. Cabin Creek produced its first electricity in 1914 and its last June 30, 1977, said George Briers, its last manager. (He is now manager of Appalachian Power's Clinch River Plant.) New, larger boilers and generators were built in 1927-31, and more generators and boilers were added in 1942, raising the plant's output from 15,000 to 300,000 kilowatts. The last section of the plant to come down contained two boilers from the 1942 addition.

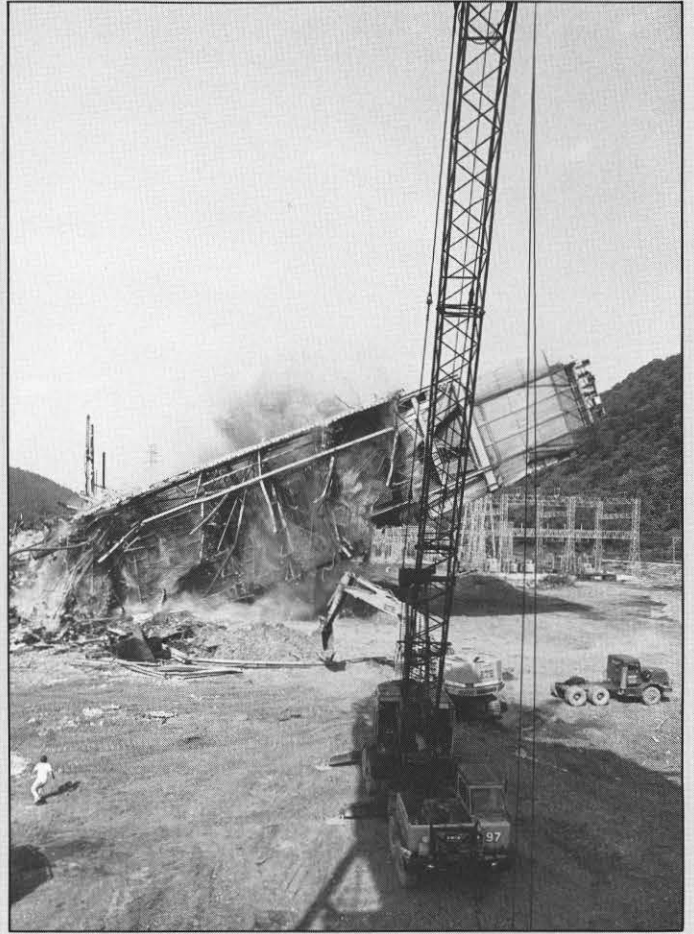
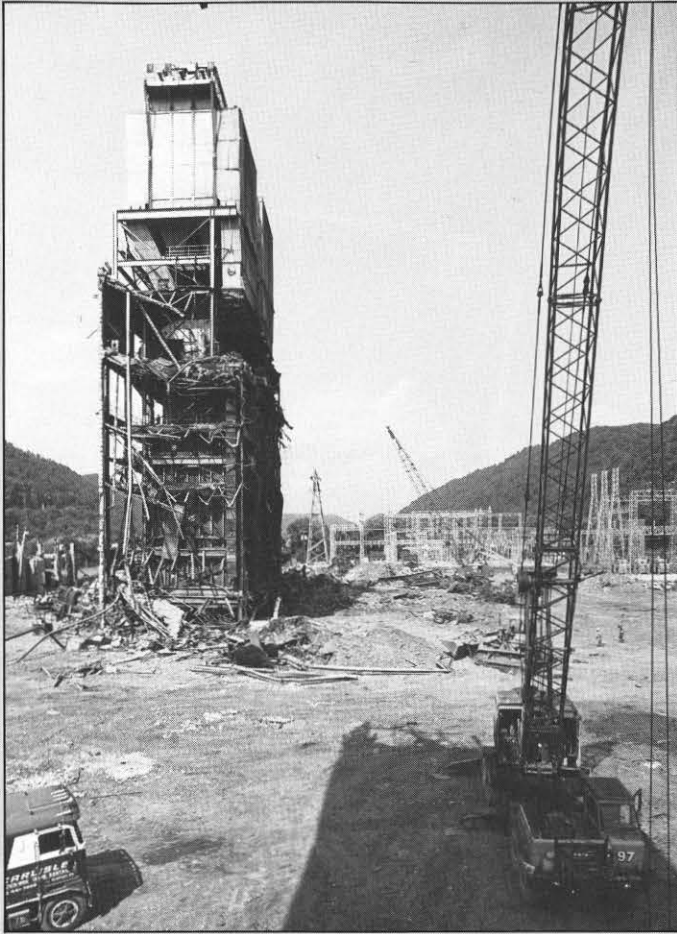
The original boilers and generators were retired in 1959 and the second boiler room put into "cold reserve." It was activated once during the 1965 blackout. The plant itself was closed in 1977

largely, Briers said, because of water quality regulations.

When Briers went to work at Cabin Creek in 1951 as a young engineer just out of West Virginia University, the plant had three boiler rooms and two turbine rooms "in full operation." The work force was at 280, down from a peak of 320. He described it as "a major plant that was rapidly declining."

Briers spent 27 of his Appalachian years at Cabin Creek. "A lot of people have gone through the old Cabin Creek School," he said. Among them are Jim Bennett, manager of the Kanawha River Plant, and Bill Robinson, who retired July 31 as manager of the Mountaineer Plant.

Another of Cabin Creek's former employees went on to fame beyond the AEP System. One-time summer employee Jerry West was an all-American basketball player at West Virginia, an all-pro guard for the Los Angeles Lakers and later coach of that team. □



Built to last

It seemed for awhile as if the pigeons would win.

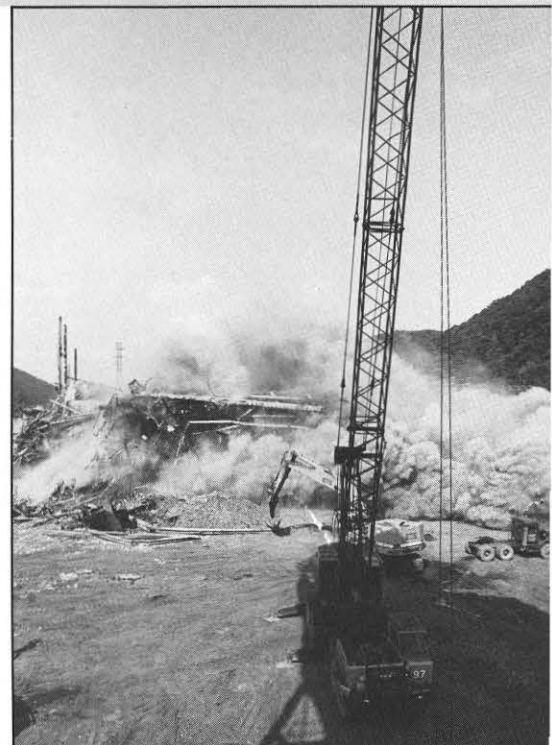
The last remaining section of the Cabin Creek Plant refused to surrender to the men and machines that sought to bring her down. Each attempt drove the pigeons from their roosts high up in the denuded structure; each rebuff by the building allowed them to return.

The word came on a Friday: the building would come down Saturday. Saturday afternoon turned into Sunday morning, and Sunday ended with the building still standing. It would be Monday, then; and it was that afternoon when Dobie Corporation workmen brought down the skeletal steel remains of a boiler room built in 1942.

The problem, according to Joe Lubrecht of Dobie, was that, once the supports were removed, the building settled on the ash hoppers. He had not anticipated that situation because other such buildings at Cabin Creek had crushed their ash hoppers and collapsed.

It was supposed to have happened this way: workers would cut through the steel beams, put cables around them and pull. The building should have fallen over. But it didn't.

It was only after the Dobie crew stripped the steel from the ash hoppers and pulled two of them that the structure finally toppled. □

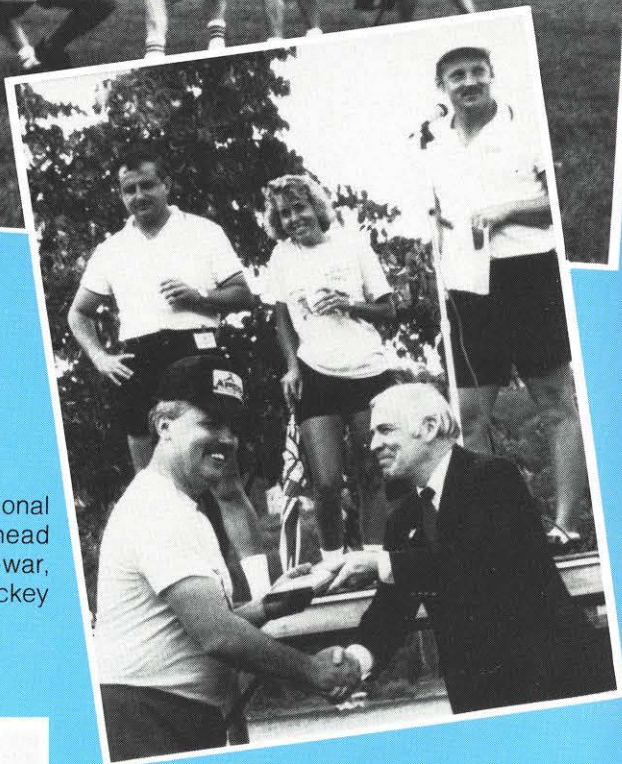




FUN-O-LIMP-ICS

The Tri-State Fair and Regatta season opened with the annual industrial Fun-O-Limp-ics at Huntington's Harris Riverfront Park. Three teams from Appalachian Power's Huntington Division were among the 22 which tested their skills

against one another in unconventional events. Activities included overhead water bucket pass, egg toss, tug-of-war, sack races, clean-sweep (a hockey style event), and a ski event.



Appalachian's "Lean Mean Fighting Machines" took home trophies for second and third runners-up in overall competition. They also were first place winners in individual competitions for tug-of-war and sack races.

Participants were: Red Shirts, coached by Tom Johnson, Patty McCoy; Butch Wells; Dale Chatterton; Jon Atchley; Judy Shafer; Barbara Collins; Bucky Ray; Mark Booth; Kevin Lynch; Susan Bauer; Jim Hill; and Joe Anderson.

Blue Shirts, coached by Mike Dawson, Jim Johnson; Joe Day; Janie Cross; Jean Harrison; April Wahl; Judy Phillips; Dave Gillian; Jack Preece; Ed Hornbuckle; Larry Thompson; Dave Bush; and Bob Osburn.

Yellow Shirts, coached by Joe Haynes, Mike Barbour; Barbara Chinn; Millard Callicoat; Paul Eaton; Mike Phillips; Claude Gilkerson; Terry Damron; Barbara Rider; Lisa Napier; Pam Otworth; and Regina Cardwell. □

Promotions

Randall L. Davis, unit supervisor, was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn Plant on July 1.

Norman E. Hysell, maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant on July 1.

Randall T. Fields, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Lebanon on June 27.

Charles W. "Chuck" Crawford, production superintendent-maintenance at Ohio Power's Cardinal Plant, was promoted to maintenance superintendent at Clinch River Plant on June 1.

Jack D. Spraker, station crew supervisor nonexempt, was promoted to station crew supervisor exempt in Pulaski on August 1.

Gary M. Kazanjian, video services coordinator, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, was promoted to electronic communications supervisor, AEP Service Corporation, on August 1. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Iowa and a master of science degree from Brooklyn College, both in TV, film and communications.

George Via, area servicer, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Floyd on May 2.

Benny W. Mann, station mechanic A, was promoted to station crew supervisor nonexempt in Pulaski on August 1.

William R. Jones, engineering technician senior nonexempt, was promoted to engineering technologist exempt, GO T&D Communications, Marmet, on May 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from West Virginia University. He also attended the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Abingdon

Wanda Payne from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B.

Linda Kegley from customer services clerk B to customer services clerk A.

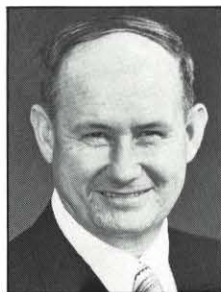
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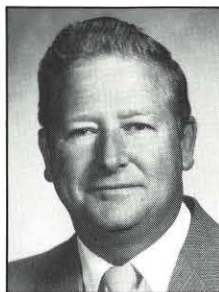
Donald Withrow from barge handler to coal equipment operator.

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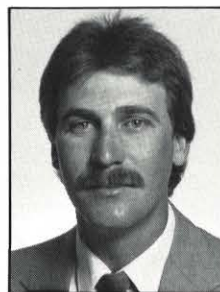
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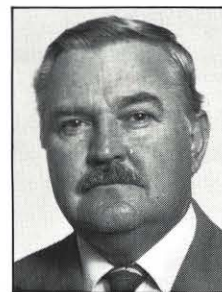
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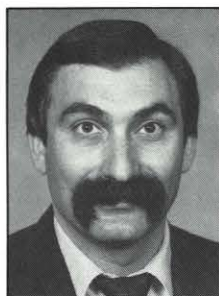
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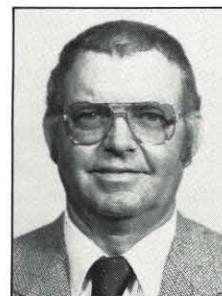
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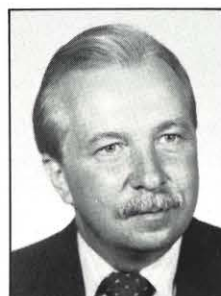
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Mann



Jones

Sammy Robinson from coal handler to braker.

Robert Russell from coal handler to braker.

Donald Anderson, Jr., from utility worker to coal handler.

John Hull from utility worker to coal handler.

Patrick Miller from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Joseph Conkle from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

Timothy Pennington from utility worker to maintenance mechanic D.

Jeffrey Edens from utility worker to maintenance mechanic D.

Terry Jarrett from utility worker to maintenance mechanic D.

Robert Revels from utility worker to maintenance mechanic D.

James Thumm from barge handler to coal equipment operator.

Christopher Carroll from braker to barge handler.

John Casto from coal handler to braker.

Roger Johnson from utility worker to maintenance mechanic D.

David Alfrod from utility worker to maintenance mechanic D.

Bluefield

James Payne from station mechanic D to custodian.

Dana Ashley from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C, Pineville.

Charleston

Doug King from assistant-marketing and customer services to marketing and customer services advisor.

Robin Thompson from office messenger to cashier C.

Lisa Hudson from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B.

Terry Tucker from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Montgomery.

General Office

Buren Carter from statistical accountant to accounting staff assistant II, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Brenda Brown from purchasing clerk A to purchasing special clerk, GO Purchasing, Roanoke.

Clinton Moses from station operator C to station operator B, GO Operations, Turner.

Ewell Fykes from engineering technician to engineering technician senior, GO T&D Communications, Huntington.

James Lawson from hydro mechanic D to hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Roanoke.

Tammy Spradlin from payroll clerk C to payroll clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Anne Bates from mail clerk to inserter operator and office supply clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke.

William Price from engineering technician to engineering technician senior, GO Hydro, Roanoke.

Huntington

Rick Frazier from meter electrician B to meter electrician A.

Mountaineer

Ronnie Durst from control technician junior to control technician.

Roanoke

Patsy Fout from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

Jennifer Aker from customer accounts representative C, Rocky Mount, to telephone operator, Fieldale.

Jerome Mabe from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Fieldale.

Abbie Martin from cashier B to cashier A, Fieldale.

Louie Woodward from line mechanic A to general service, Fieldale.

Matthew deSimone from junior reproduction machine operator, GO General Services, Roanoke, to line mechanic D, Roanoke.

Betty Damiano from stenographer to secretary-stenographer B.

David Humpheys from department assistant-customer accounts to customer accounts assistant.

William Rogers from electrical engineer to energy services engineer.

Ronnie Horne from surveyor to drafter B.

Faye Burnette from T&D clerk B to T&D clerk A, Fieldale.

Bill Hagerman from engineering technician to engineering technician senior.

William Morris from surveyor assistant to surveyor.

Philip Sporn

Cecil Duncan from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

Matthew Miller from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

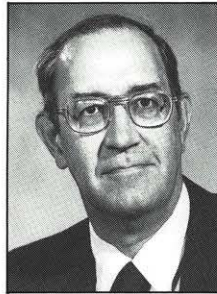
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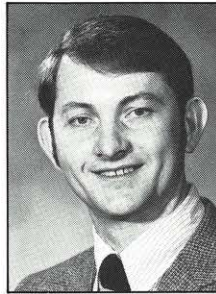
Kevin Knight from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

James Roush from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

Phillip King from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C. □



Weaver



Powell

Weaver, Powell take new posts at Mountaineer

Charles D. Weaver has been named to succeed retiring William M. Robinson, Jr., as manager of the Mountaineer Plant, effective August 1. Succeeding Weaver as assistant plant manager is Charles A. Powell, who rises to the position from that of operations superintendent.

Weaver, a native of Chillicothe, Ohio, holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio State University. He also has attended the American Electric Power Management Program at Ohio State.

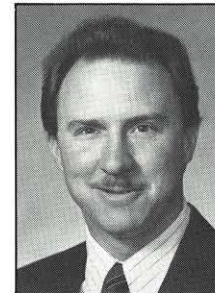
He began his utility career in 1970 as a plant engineer at Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company's Poston Station. In 1972 he was promoted to superintendent maintenance at C&SOE's Conesville Station and was named director of maintenance at C&SOE's General Office in 1978. He was promoted to assistant plant manager at the Conesville Station in 1980 and transferred to Mountaineer Plant in 1985 in the same position.

Powell, a native of Princeton, West Virginia, holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. He also has attended the American Electric Power Management Program at the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration.

He joined the Philip Sporn Plant in 1969 as a performance engineer and transferred to Amos Plant the following year. He was named performance engineer senior in 1972 and performance supervising engineer in 1977. He was promoted to plant performance superin-

tendent at Mountaineer Plant in 1979 and to operations superintendent in 1981. □

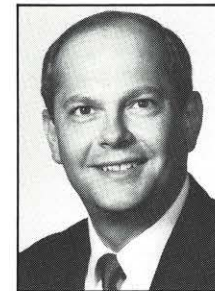
Banta moves to I&M as hydro manager



Timothy C. Banta, hydro engineer senior in General Office Hydro, Roanoke, was promoted to manager-hydro generation for Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, effective July 1.

A native of Danville, Illinois, Banta holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and a master of science degree in engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. He joined Appalachian in 1981 as civil engineer-hydro and was promoted to hydro engineer senior in 1986. □

Cerchiaro joins CMS as motor shop production supt.



Frank Cerchiaro has joined Central Machine Shop as production superintendent of the motor shop. He will be responsible for planning, scheduling, and directing all activities of the motor/generator

department. The department has three production supervisors, twenty-two winders, and one power equipment mechanic.

Cerchiaro holds a bachelor of technology-industrial engineering degree from the University of Dayton. He previously was a manufacturing engineer with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation and Siemens Energy and Automation. □

Retirements



"While I was still a student at West Virginia University, I made up my mind that I wanted to work in power plants," recalls **William M. 'Bill' Robinson**. "I was recruited by both Appalachian and Goodyear; and, even though Goodyear's offer was 25 percent more than what Appalachian was going to pay me, I chose the power company because I could work in the plants. That was the best move I ever made," he claims.

Before his early retirement on August 1, Bill was manager of the 1300 MW Mountaineer Plant, Appalachian's newest and holder of the world record for longevity of continuous operation—607 days, 12 hours, and 48 minutes.

Bill began his career in 1951 at the Cabin Creek Plant, which proved to be a training ground for several managers. Bill recalls that when he was in the Results Department at Cabin Creek, three other test engineers there at the time later went on to become managers: George Briers, Jack Hardman, and Jim Bennett.

While at Cabin Creek, Bill worked as a test engineer, maintenance foreman, and plant engineer. "After I was there about a year, my goal was to become a plant manager," he relates, "and I had a lot of help along the way. I worked for eight managers — Charlie Coughlin, Al Mehlman, Henry Skaggs, Al Moore, John

Patterson, Clarence Archer, Bill Bell, and Jerry LeMasters — and I learned a lot from them I'm sure.

"I've had two highlights in my career. One, of course, is the staff here at Mountaineer and the success we've had. I'm very pleased about that. I also feel very good about the years I spent at Clinch River. I was maintenance supervisor when they started up Clinch and later I became operations supervisor. I also enjoyed my years at Glen Lyn, where I was first assistant manager and then manager, before going to Mountaineer in 1977.

"When we were interviewing to select the staff at Mountaineer, we tried to get the cream of the crop. The department heads, the assistant manager, and I visited every plant in the System except for Cook and Clifty Creek because we had no applications from those two places. We found a lot of good people out there, but we didn't have enough jobs to take them all."

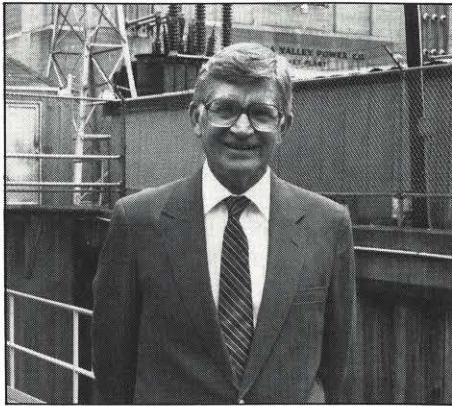
What does one do after managing power plants for 16 years? Bill laughs, "For a year I'm not going to do a thing! After that I don't know. My wife Charlotte likes to travel so I am sure we will be traveling around. We are considering moving back to Virginia, probably in 1988, and are looking strongly at Lynchburg. We have three daughters, two at Blacksburg, VA, and one in Durham, NC, so we will be between their homes if we settle in Lynchburg."

An avid stamp collector for close to 50 years, Bill now has over 72,000 different American and foreign stamps in some 20 albums. He also belongs to the Methodist Church in Point Pleasant. □



"I hired on with Indiana & Michigan right after I graduated from Colorado State University," recalls **Jim Anderson**, "and all my experience was in the same department until I came to Appalachian in 1978. I have truly enjoyed working for both companies. It was a great career and a great experience. The people are very high caliber, just excellent to work with." Jim, T&D engineering manager in GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, elected early retirement on August 1. He continues, "My decision to retire early developed out of a growing awareness

that my wife and I might not always have our health. We wanted to have time together and, too, I wanted to do something else with my life besides work in the power business. My intention is to spend some time working with my church in various areas of ministry. Jane and I will remain in Roanoke because we like the climate and the environment. We intend to do some limited traveling to see old friends. We also want to visit our children and grandchildren more than we have in the past." □



"One summer, when I was out of work, I got a job with Appalachian. Two years later, they called me back for regular work, and I accepted. I have been well satisfied these past 34 years and think it is a great company to work for," says **Paul Lloyd**, hydro operator A at London Hydro, who elected early retirement on July 1. "I really hadn't planned on going early, but now just seemed like an opportune time. I liked my job real well, but I won't miss those callouts at night and in the wintertime." Paul and his wife Arwannah plan on traveling some. First

on the list is a trip to San Diego. "We go out about every two years," he says, "because one of our daughters lives in California. We also have another daughter and three grandchildren. I like to work in flowers and to garden, and I hope to spend more time with my stained glass hobby." A past president of the Pratt Lions Club, Paul also hopes to do more work with the Lions Club. □



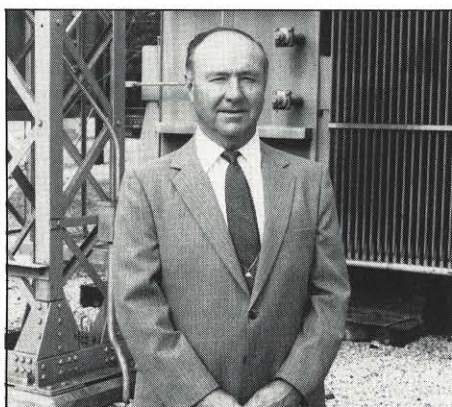
"In 1945, one of my friends who worked for Appalachian called and told me there was going to be an opening on the switchboard and that I should apply for it," recalls Bluefield Secretary-stenographer **Thalia Myles**. "That's how I happened to come to work for the power company." On August 1, after nearly 42 years' service, Thalia elected early retirement. "My years here have been very enjoyable," she says. "I have liked every department I've worked in and always cried every time I left one going to another." During her career, Thalia

worked as a clerk junior, meter reading clerk, office messenger, junior meter record clerk, and stenographer. Thalia continues, "I have no definite plans for retirement. However, I do want to take some short trips. I don't belong to any organizations now but I might join some after I retire. I know I'll miss my associates, but I will be coming back for the Girls' Service Club functions." Thalia attends the Grace Methodist Church. □



"I came here in 1947, and I think it's time to move on," says Charleston T&D Clerk **Eldivia Gullian**, who elected early retirement on August 1. "I have met a lot of nice people over the years, and I feel like I have made a lot of friends. I'm going to relocate to Florida. The first time I went down there many years ago, I decided that someday I would like to live there. One of my daughters and three grandchildren as well as two sisters-in-law and their husbands are there so I'll have family around. I'm going to start out in Jacksonville; and, if it doesn't

work out, I'll try something else." Eldivia also has a daughter in North Carolina and a son and grandchildren at Cross-Lanes, WV. She adds, "I like to do a lot of things, with traveling being one of the more important. In May I took a trip to California." She is a member of the Eastern Star, Coalfork Methodist Church, and an associated member of the Poca River Hunting & Fishing Club. "I spend a lot of time with my grandchildren out there," she concludes. □



"Other than the three years I was in the Army during World War II, the power company has fed me all my life. You can look at me and tell I've been fed pretty good," laughs Pulaski Station Crew Supervisor **Kent Sharp**, who elected early retirement on August 1. He explains, "My father worked at Buck Hydro, and my three brothers also found a career with Appalachian: Buford, who retired as Byllesby hydro supervisor; Marler, Hillsville accounting supervisor; and Clyde, who was Galax area service restorer when he died. My wife, the former Jean

Ballinger, worked for the company when we got married." Kent continues, "I've had a good life here, but I'm ready to go. I've had my share of callouts, and I'm glad to get shut of those. I'll draw a good retirement and won't have to change my standard of living at all. My wife and I train Tennessee walking horses, and we're going to continue that. We'll also take a few short trips around." □

Beckley T&D Clerk **Emma Jean Wilson**, who elected early retirement on June 1, credits her father for starting her on a career with Appalachian. She recalls, "It was during World War II, and I had just gotten out of high school. When my father went to the office to pay his electric bill, someone told him they needed new employees. He came back home and made me get dressed and go for an interview. I took a physical that afternoon and went to work the next day. I started out in Accounting, then I went to

T&D. In all of those jobs, I had to deal with the public, and that's what I liked best. In all my years of service, I never had but one customer that I couldn't satisfy and had to send to management." Emma Jean, who has been on LTD leave since November 1983, plans to continue her volunteer work in the office of First Baptist Church. She and her husband Bob, who is semi-retired, will continue to make their home in Beckley. □



An interest in rural electrification led **Jim Dunham** to a job with Appalachian Power 36 years ago. He recalls, "I graduated from VPI as an agricultural engineer and, since the company was extending rural lines back then, I applied for a job." At the time of his early retirement on August 1, he was energy services program administrator in GO Marketing & Customer Services, Roanoke. "Selling has been the most enjoyable part of my work," he states. "Our marketing programs always have been challenging. I was one of the first trainees

in the heat pump area, and we had the responsibility of selling this new concept to our customers and employees. Retirement is a change, to say the least, and I'm looking forward to it. I want to travel some, and there are a lot of projects around the house to do. As these take care of themselves, I may be interested in getting back into heating and air conditioning sales again." Jim and his wife Lois have a son, daughter, and one granddaughter. He is an elder in the Colonial Presbyterian Church. □



A utility career spanning more than 35 years came to a close July 1 with the early retirement of **Winsdor Adams**, station operator A, GO Operations, Turner. "Going at 62 was something I had planned for a long time," Winsdor says, "and, thanks to the savings plan, I was able to do it. I started to work in 1951 as a system utility helper at Switchback and went to Roanoke in 1957. I have been at Turner since 1968. I was on duty when the Buffalo Creek Dam failed and received possibly the first call about it." Winsdor continues, "Hannah and I don't

have any particular plans for retirement. We went to Hawaii about four years ago and might possibly go back next year. Our son still lives in Roanoke, and our daughter and three grandchildren live in Texas so we expect to do a lot of visiting. I garden some and have a shop out in the backyard where I piddle around with woodwork. I want to get serious and made some bigger items." Winsdor belongs to the Masonic Lodge and sings in the choir at St. John's United Methodist. □



A utility career spanning nearly 34 years came to a close on August 1 with the early retirement of **Glenn Cook**, Charleston line construction and maintenance representative. He recalls, "I had worked here about a year when I was offered what I thought was a better job and accepted it. It paid more, but I was laid off after three months. I hurried back here and begged for my job back. From that day until this, job security has been a big thing with me. Here I could count on a paycheck every two weeks." Glenn adds, "My job was a daily chal-

lenge because there was something new all the time. I've got mixed feelings about retiring early, but I always thought I would if I could get enough money. The savings plan is what saved me! I don't have any big plans, just hunt, fish, and farm. I have 37 acres and plan to get some cattle. When my nephew, who plays for the San Diego Padres, is in the East, I'll go see him play." □



Weddings

Wilcox-Musser



Deborah Lynn Musser to Lt. Michael Wilcox, May 23. Deborah is the daughter of Gene Musser, Hillsville line crew supervisor nonexempt.

Smith-Stowers



Melissa Dawn Stowers to Ronald W. Smith, June 20. Melissa is the daughter of Buddy Stowers, Wytheville line crew supervisor nonexempt.

Biggs-Weaver



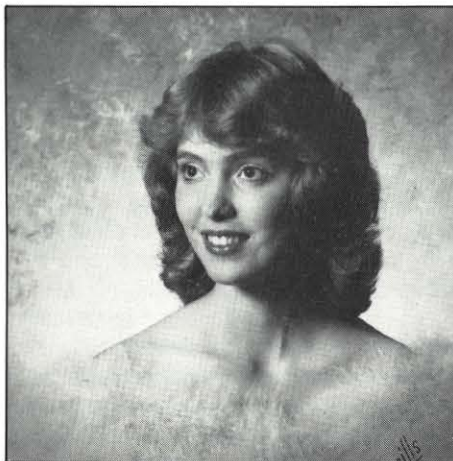
Sandra Leigh Weaver to Robert Drew Biggs, June 6. Sandra is the daughter of Phil M. Weaver, communication supervising engineer, GO T&D Communication, Roanoke.

Francisco-Ramsey



Terry Lynn Ramsey, Roanoke junior clerk to Eddie W. Francisco, data processor C, GO Rates & Tariffs, Roanoke, June 20.

McMillion-McCallister



Pamela Kay McCallister to Brent McMillion, Bluefield energy services engineer, June 14.

Cartee-Johnson



Karen S. Johnson to Michael J. Cartee, July 18. Karen is the daughter of Edsel E. Johnson, system operation manager, GO Operations, Roanoke.

Cutlip-Hensley

Connie Lea Hensley to Larry W. Cutlip, coal equipment operator. John Amos Plant, May 19.

Hayes-Gladwell

Janean E. Gladwell to Franklin E. Hayes, utility worker, John Amos Plant, June 27.

Watts-Cohen

Leila Cohen to Emanuel Watts, Charleston meter reader, March 28. □

Births

John Amos

Ashley Renee, daughter of **John Hull**, coal handler, June 23.

Wendell L., Jr., son of **Wendell Miller**, equipment operator C, May 30.

Megan Lee, daughter of **John W. Mobley, Jr.**, maintenance mechanic C, May 14.

Christopher B., son of **James Bays**, equipment C, June 23.

Beckley

Philip A., Jr., son of **Phil Wright**, electrical engineer, June 22.

Heather Elizabeth, daughter of **Hank Bostic**, T&D clerk C, July 5.

Brandon Lamar, son of **John Hall**, collector, June 30.

Michael Thomas, son of **Cathy Valdes**, junior clerk, July 2.

Brock Jon, son of **Jeff Bower**, custodian, June 29.

Charleston

Krista Leigh, daughter of **Greg Pauley**, drafter B, May 7.

Corey Alan, son of **Mike Neal**, line construction and maintenance representative, May 28.

Joseph Matthew, son of **Joe Sawyers**, meter reader, April 30.

Clinch River

Eric, son of **Jerry Johnson**, utility worker A, June 3.

General Office

James Henry, son of **Ron Chambers**, engineering technologist, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, April 29.

April Lynne, chosen daughter of **Janet Maxwell**, personnel clerk A, GO Personnel, Roanoke, April 27.

Nathaniel Legrand, son of **Aubrey L. Whitlow, Jr.**, communication engineer, GO T&D Communication, Roanoke, June 15.

Andrew William, son of **Thomas E. Mitchell**, accounting staff assistant senior, GO Accounting, Roanoke, May 16.

Huntington

Kaleb Allen, son of **Kent Eldridge**, energy services technologist, May 22.

Kingsport

Mary Amanda, daughter of **Johnny Chandler**, line mechanic B, May 18.

Logan-Williamson

Kera Nicole, daughter of **Terry Booth**, Williamson line mechanic A, June 20.

Miranda Nicole, daughter of **Joe Carrasco**, Williamson customer accounts representative A, June 2.

Mountaineer

Miranda Nicole, daughter of **Benny McKinney**, control technician, June 7.

Chelsea Elizabeth, daughter of **Randy Young**, maintenance mechanic A, June 29.

Jeremy Thomas, son of **Brenda Blackston**, plant clerk B, and **Bob Blackston**, assistant yard superintendent, May 12.

Eileen Noel, daughter of **Warren Ashton**, plant performance superintendent, May 14.

Pulaski

Matthew Scott, son of **Jeff Epperly**, Christiansburg line mechanic C, June 25.

Nathan Michael, son of **Danny Cronk**, Christiansburg meter reader, June 19.

Jessica Ann, daughter of **David Bell**, Christiansburg meter reader, June 3.

Roanoke

Blake Austin, son of **Dennis Roberson**, stores attendant B, June 2.

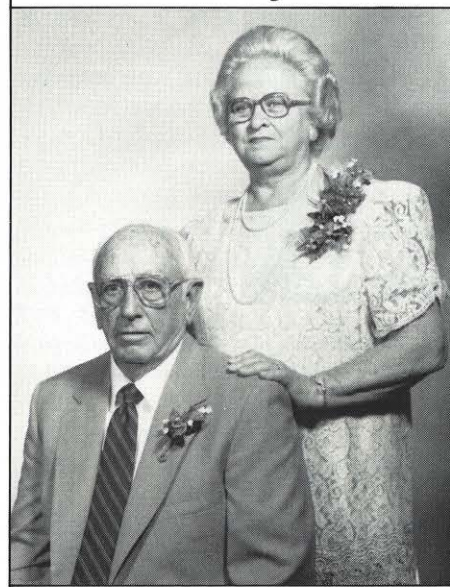
Philip Sporn

Wesley Davis, son of **William Ault**, maintenance mechanic B, May 10.

Jaye Paulynn, daughter of **Randy Murdoch**, maintenance engineer, May 6.

Mallory Beth, daughter of **William Greg Thomas**, maintenance mechanic C, June 15. □

Golden anniversary



Thornton and Elva Jett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 26 at the home of their son, Richard, in Lynchburg, VA. They also have one daughter and two grandchildren. Thornton is a retired stationman B in Roanoke.

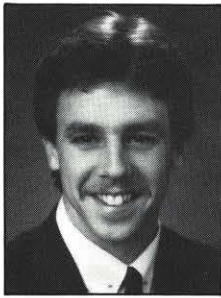
Celebrating the big 40!



Turning 40 was less traumatic for several Huntington employees when they found that many of their co-workers were also "baby boomers." They celebrated the occasion by meeting for birthday cake, coffee, and words of consolation. Front row, l. to r., Barbara Collins, secretary, and Sandra Pridemore, meter reader. Back row, Gary Holbrook, garage supervisor; Joe Haynes, administrative assistant; Bill Bradford, electrical engineer senior; Joe Anderson, T&D clerk C; and Dave Bush, marketing and customer services manager. Not pictured are: Mike Runyon, line crew supervisor NE; Dave Nance, electrical engineer senior; and Jerry Vest, office supervisor.

Who's News

John Amos



Alva, Jr., son of Alva Kuhl, utility supervisor, was selected for the first team AA All Southern Conference (outfield) and first team AA All State (outfield). He had a .484 batting average with 5 home runs, 38 RBI's, and

21 stolen bases. The Winfield team went to the AA regional finals with a record of 24-6. □

Beckley

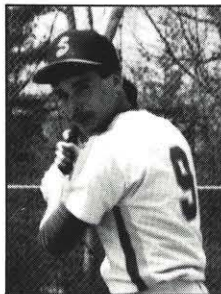
Scott, son of Dave Kendrick, marketing and customer services manager, has been accepted to the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

Kimberly, daughter of Jimmy Dunford, stores attendant B, received the eighth grade science award at Sophia Junior High School's annual awards day program. His younger daughter, **Crystal**, had the winning 4-H project for the fourth grade class at Crab Orchard Elementary.



Emily, daughter of Wayne Bailey, line crew supervisor non-exempt, tied for first place in academic achievement at Lincoln Elementary School for top grade average during six years of elementary school. She will

enter an accelerated studies program at Stratton Junior High this fall.



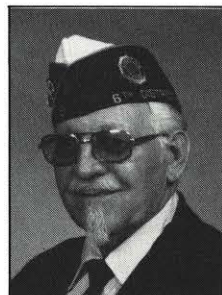
Jim, son of Jim Elswick, line and station superintendent, was named to the West Virginia High School Class AA all-state baseball team.

Beth, daughter of Wayne Farley, engineering technician senior, was elected treasurer of the junior class of Shady

Spring High School. Her brother, **Jeremy**, received the sixth grade art award and sister, **Teresa**, the sixth grade spelling trophy at Shady Spring Elementary.

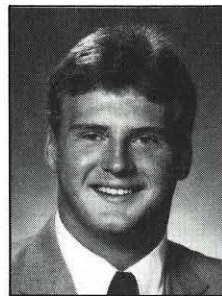
A. J., son of Susie Hall, Oak Hill meter reader, qualified to participate in the 800 meter run at the state grade school track meet to be held at Marshall University. He is a rising fifth grader at Crab Orchard Elementary School. □

Bluefield



Dixon Jones, engineering technologist, has been elected commander of Riley-Vest Post No. 9 of the American Legion for the fifth consecutive year, making him the first person to achieve this honor. He also is commander of the Sixth District. □

Centralized Plant Maintenance



Matt, son of David Downey, maintenance mechanic B, received a scholarship to play football for Marshall University. A 6'1", 225 lb. fullback/linebacker, Matt led the St. Albans Red Dragons to the semi-finals of

the AAA state playoffs with season totals of over 1200 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns. He also led the team on defense with over 100 tackles. Matt was a three-year starter with career totals of nearly 3000 yards rushing and 30 touchdowns. He was named All Kanawha Valley Conference for three years in football and baseball, including sophomore of the year in both sports. Matt was named AAA first team all state linebacker in 1986, Kanawha Valley High football player of the year in 1986-87, NHSACA/Bally National High School All American honorable mention in 1986, Collegiate Sports of America Blue Chip in 1986, and received the Sam LeRose Scholarship award. A member of the National Honor Society, Matt was an Academic

All American for three years and received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award for maintaining above a 3.5 grade point average throughout high school and scoring above the 80th percentile on ACT and SAT college testing.

Debra, daughter of Charles Jeffries, maintenance mechanic B, was selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." A graduate of Buffalo High School, she was a member of the girls' varsity volleyball team.

Steven, son of Charles Jeffries, was a member of the varsity football team at Buffalo High School. □

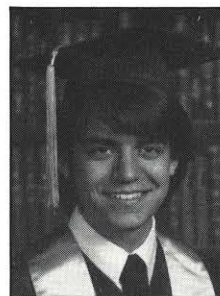
Kingsport

Junior Personnel Assistant **Bob Bennett** won the best speaker award at the Wednesday Orators Toastmasters Club for his speech entitled "The Life and Times of Bunny Bennett." He also received the bone award.

Carolyn Gibson, marketing and customer services representative, was elected treasurer of the East Tennessee Chapter of the Electrical Women's Round Table, Inc.

Andy Hall, electrical engineer, was selected to participate in the 1987-88 Leadership Kingsport, a year-long training program which develops trained individuals who are motivated to assume community leadership positions. □

Lynchburg

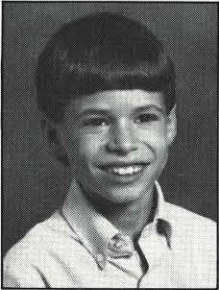


Doug, son of Grady Parker, line and station superintendent, received several honors at Brookville High School: social science award, presented to the most outstanding senior in social science; the President's Academic

Fitness certificate; top senior boy in the band; and most outstanding saxophone player in the band. He has been accepted in the honors program at James Madison University. □

General Office

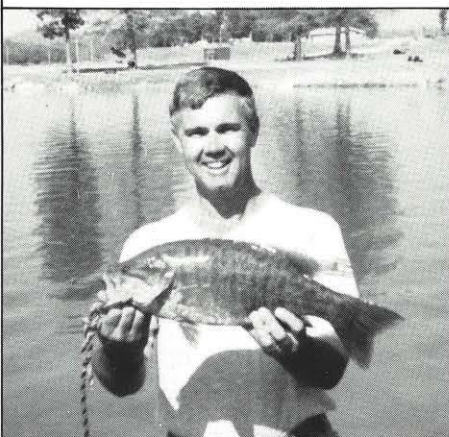
Charles "Butch" Hinton, stepson of Carl Huff, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, has been awarded a \$10,000 academic faculty scholarship to Roanoke College.



Chad Thomas served as secretary of the Student Council Association at Penn Forest Elementary School this past year. He received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, the Presidential Physical Fitness Award, and an award for classroom champion of the spelling bee. Chad is the son of Danny Thomas, GO Communication, Roanoke, and Teresa Thomas, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

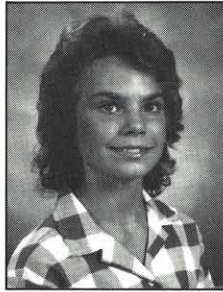
Cindy Scott, who graduated from William Byrd High School, was honored by the U.S. Achievement Academy two years for outstanding achievement in science. She is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Cindy is the daughter of Evelyn Scott, personnel clerk A, GO Personnel, Roanoke. □

Citation fish



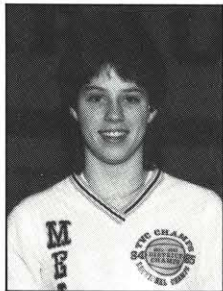
Charleston Line Crew Supervisor Terry Banks caught this 21", 4 lb. 13 oz. smallmouth bass in the Battle Run area of Summersville Lake. After the fish was measured for a citation, it was returned to the lake to fight another day. Terry was fishing with Tom Duttine, Charleston line mechanic B.

Philip Sporn

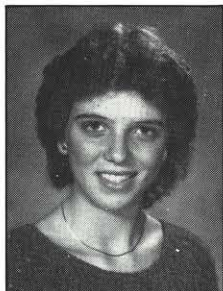


Shawna Stanton, as part of a 4x100 relay team from Ripley Middle School, qualified in the West Virginia State TAC Junior Olympics at Marshall University and advanced to the Region V championships in Dayton, Ohio. She placed third in the 100-meter dash and received a bronze medal. Shawna is the daughter of Unit Supervisor Randy Stanton.

Sgt. Matthew D. Miller of the 3664th Maintenance Company of the West Virginia Army National Guard has received the award of student of the year for 1985-86. He was selected by the commandant and faculty of the USARF School as their most outstanding student. He received the award at the 2093 D USA Reserve Forces at Crosslanes, WV. Matthew is a maintenance mechanic C.



Jennifer Couch, honorable mention All-Ohio, was selected as a member of an All-Star basketball team of the International Sports Exchange that played in the Basketball Federation of Hungary meet with ten Eastern Block European Nations last month. The schedule of competition allowed for sightseeing in Budapest and the surrounding countryside. Jennifer is the daughter of Robert Couch, shift operating engineer.



Annette, daughter of Denver Gibbs, maintenance mechanic A, received several honors at the Point Pleasant Junior High School awards day. She won the DAR award, the citizenship award, a \$50 Savings Bond for having an 4.0 average throughout junior high, and a home economics award. □

Clinch River

Dawn Glovier, who graduated cum laude from Virginia Tech, was named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." She was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi education honorary, National Council for the Social Studies, and a charter member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. She served as student representative to the College of Education's Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and as a honor system case investigator. In May she was initiated into the Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity. Dawn is the daughter of Sammy Glovier, maintenance mechanic B.



Rose Herbert, who graduated with highest honors from Southwest Virginia Community College in June, has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." She is the widow of the late Fred Herbert, former unit supervisor at Clinch River Plant. Herbert is a peer counselor associated with The Center for Single Parents and Homemakers at Southwest Virginia Community College. While a student at SVCC, she was chairperson of the Project ACHIEVE advisory board and president of the Project ACHIEVE Club. During the fall term 1986, she maintained a 4.0 grade point average. Herbert is now enrolled at Virginia Highlands Community College in the human services-child development degree program. Herbert is a volunteer with the Russell County Department of Social Services. She has been a Girl Scout leader and a member of the board of directors for the Appalachian Council. □

Huntington

Dave Bush, marketing and customer services manager, was elected second vice president of the Kiwanis Club of Huntington. He also was elected to the school board of St. Joe Elementary School. □

Mountaineer

Barry, son of Jim Taylor, stores supervisor, was a member of the Naval Air Station Pensacola Blue Devils rugby team which won the 1987 national military rugby championship. He also was selected for the all-Navy team after the tournament. □

Logan-Williamson

Charles Adams, line and station superintendent, had a hole-in-one on the 190-yard ninth hole at Riverview Country Club, Madison, WV. He was using a 7 wood. □

Charleston

Paul, son of Brenda Dunn, St. Albans junior clerk, is a member of the Kanawha County all-star team which won the 10 years of age and under AAU state basketball championship.

Eleanor Scott, St. Albans engineering technician senior, has completed the career track time management course.

John Hudson, Montgomery area supervisor, has been elected to the Upper Kanawha Valley Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Cliff Wolfe, supervising drafter A, and **Bob Wilson**, station mechanic B, have been named to the United Way of Kanawha Valley allocations committee.

Art Burdette, engineering supervisor, was elected treasurer of the DuPont High School Boosters. He also serves on the Boosters' bingo committee.

The Ralph E. Myers' annual golf invitational was held at the Sandy Brae Golf Course. **Ralph**, retired engineering technologist supervisor, organizes and manages the tournament and afterwards treats the participants to one of his famous feasts. This year the menu included barbecued beef loins, baked potatoes, baked beans, gourmet salad, and banana-strawberry pie. Many players were unable to complete 18 holes because of heavy rains. **Ken Posey**, electrical engineer, won the tournament with a low gross of 84 and a low handicap of 72. The putting contest cash prize winners were **Art Burdette**, engineering supervisor, \$20; **Tex Baker**,

electrical engineer, \$10; **John Hudson**, Montgomery area supervisor, \$10; and **Fred Curry**, son of Paul Curry, retired station superintendent, \$20. □

Pulaski

Retiree **Dorothy Whitaker** is chairperson of the steering committee to raise \$500,000 in three years to build a Family Life Center adjacent to the main building of First United Methodist Church in Pulaski.

Eric, son of Harry Hubble, Christiansburg meter reader, was president of the Christiansburg Middle School FFA this past school year. He was presented with the leadership pin award, livestock judging pin, and star greenhand award.

Richard, son of Fred Myers, customer accounts supervisor, won first place in the softball throw for the 13-14-year age group in the Southwest Region of Virginia Hershey National Track and Field competition. His throw of 245 feet broke the record for his age group by 60 feet. Richard advanced to the sub-state competition, which he won, and now will compete in the state finals. Richard also was on the team which won the championship in the Dixie Youth Baseball League. He pitched a no-hit game in the championship play-off.

Brooks, son of Pam Hayes, customer accounts representative B, was a member of the championship T-ball team which finished the season with a record of 12-0. The teams were sponsored by the Town of Pulaski Recreation Department.

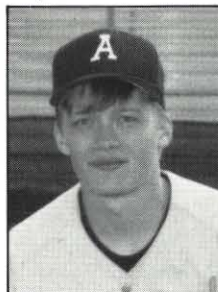
Renee, daughter of Shirley Moon, customer accounts representative B, was the recipient of the Raymond P. Aylor, Jr., Memorial Scholarship at the Pulaski County High School annual awards assembly for seniors. This award is given to science and math students. **Claudia**, daughter of Mike Cox, line mechanic A, won the foreign language award for German. **Donnie**, son of Martha Burnette, switchboard operator, received an award in electronics and a certificate for perfect attendance from grades 8-12.

Kirk, son of Linda Jennings, personnel assistant, won an award in art and the Presidential Physical Fitness award in ceremonies at Pulaski Middle School. □

Abingdon

Dot, wife of J. R. Boulton, marketing and customer services supervisor, has been elected president of the Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club.

Several employees' children, who are members of the Abingdon High School chorus, were among those commended by the Washington County School Board for making all-regional chorus. They are: **Cathy**, daughter of Jim Cook, station mechanic A; **Howard**, son of Wanda Payne, customer accounts representative B; **Amy**, daughter of Gus Croft, customer accounts supervisor; and **Scott**, son of Tom Russ, line crew supervisor.



Steven, son of Ted White, division superintendent, was named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for 1986-87. He was a member of the Abingdon High School Falcon baseball team which

advanced to the semi-finals in the state group AA playoffs.

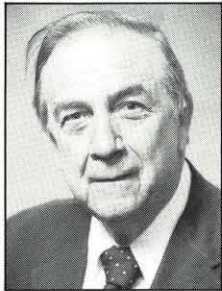
Jill, daughter of Perry Johnston, right of way agent, was first runner-up in the Virginia "Modern Miss" pageant. She also was named "most photogenic."

Randy Shutt, Marion office supervisor, was elected to a two-year term as secretary of the Marion Rotary Club.

Mark, son of Berkley Burkett, Marion meter reader, won \$500 on Radio Station WXBQ's "Name That Tune."

Several employees' children received recognition at Abingdon High School's all sports banquet and awards assembly: **Penny**, daughter of Wanda Payne, customer accounts representative B, Aarion Award presented by Abingdon Rotary Club; **Holly**, daughter of Bill Roeser, administrative assistant, debate; **Jackie**, daughter of Hunter Thayer, general line crew supervisor, most valuable — girls' basketball; **Jill**, daughter of Gus Croft, customer accounts supervisor, outstanding runner — girls' cross country and J. P. Walters Memorial Award presented by the Junior Woman's Club. Student Council academic letter awards for GPA 3.20 and above went to **Jill**,

daughter of Gus Croft; **Janet**, daughter of Lewis Smythers; **Tracy**, son of Ron Gill; **Howard**, son of Wanda Payne; **Cathy**, daughter of Jim Cook; **Holly**, daughter of Bill Roeser, and **Penny**, daughter of Wanda Payne.



L. C. Angle, retired power engineer senior, was elected president of the Washington County Historical Society. He also is chairman of the renovation committee for the Washington County Courthouse, a member

of the Bicentennial constitution committee, the Virginia Highlands Arts and Crafts Festival committee, and the fundraising committee of the William King Arts Center.

Mary Seneker, electrical engineer, raised \$390 by exercising eight hours in

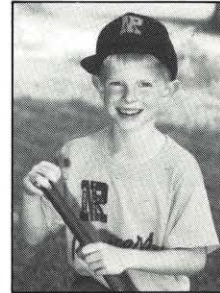
the "Shape Up For Cystic Fibrosis" fundraising drive sponsored by the Virginia Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Winners in the Abingdon Division Golf Tournament, held June 20 at the Holston Hills Country Club in Marion, were: **Jim Boulton**, marketing and customer services supervisor, first place; **Phillip Owens**, Gate City line mechanic D, second place, longest drive, and closest to pin; **Rod McCready**, Marion meter reader, closest to pin; and **R. A. Sheffey**, engineering supervisor, and **Mike Jones**, Marion area supervisor, low putt. Twenty-three employees and guests participated. □

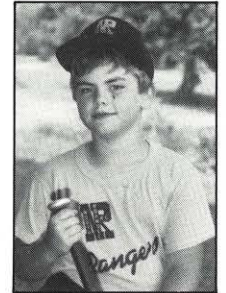
Roanoke

The North Roanoke Rangers T-Ball Team, coached by **Bob Ragland**, drafter A, and **Gary Ronk**, operations analyst A, won the league championship with a 16-

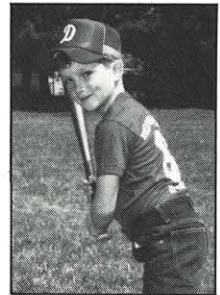
2 record. Ronk's son, **Gary**, played outfield for the Rangers, and Ragland's son, **Shannon**, played infield and pitcher. □



Ronk

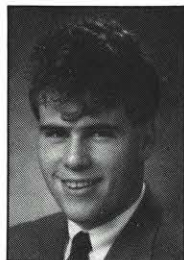
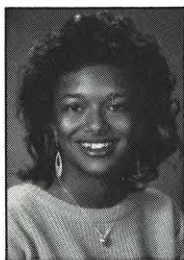
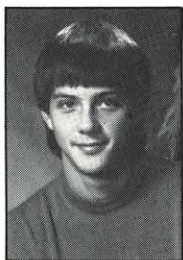


Ragland



Danny Lynn, son of Daniel Monahan, survey party chief, was pitcher for the Dodgers T-ball team which won the Southwest County Upper Division championship for 1987. □

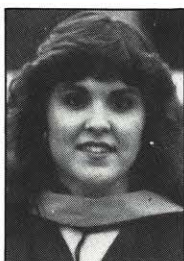
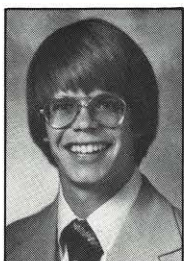
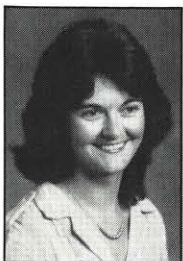
Class of 1987



Tracy A. Gill, son of Ronnie D. Gill, stores & garage supervisor, Abingdon, Abingdon High School.

Michele Hartwell, daughter of the late M.I. Hartwell, former auxiliary equipment operator, Kanawha River Plant, DuPont High School.

Jeffrey Michael Smith, son of Linda Smith, secretary, GO Executive, Charleston, Nitro High School.



Cynthia McMillion, daughter of Walter Wade, maintenance mechanic A, Glen Lyn Plant, associate in science in business administration, Thomas Nelson Community College (magna cum laude).

Michael Parker, son of Grady Parker, line & station superintendent, Lynchburg, master of arts in religion, Catholic University of America.

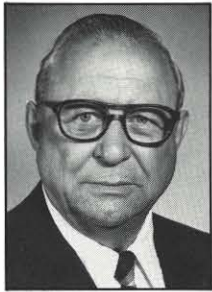
Sandra Leigh Weaver, daughter of Phil M. Weaver, communication supervising engineer, GO T&D Communication, Roanoke, bachelor of business administration, Roanoke College.

Not pictured

Teresa Gay Plunk, daughter of the late Joe Plunk, former manager-hydro generation, GO Hydro, Roanoke, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Richard L. Hayes, Jr., husband of Pamela F. Hayes, customer accounts representative B, Pulaski, associate in applied science in instrumentation technology, New River Community College.

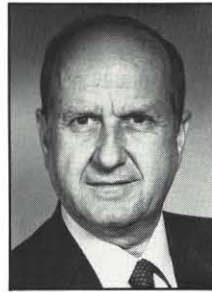
Service Anniversaries



Bill Holley
eng. technician sr.
Huntington
40 years



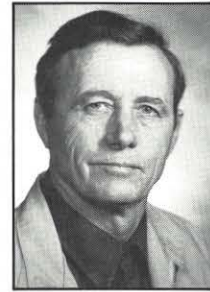
Jimmy Marshall
power engineer
Pulaski
40 years



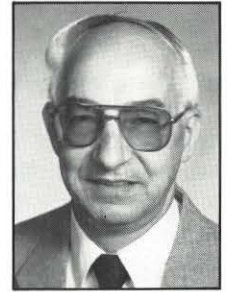
John Bartholomew
service supv.
Huntington
40 years



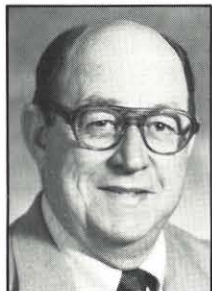
Betty Goode
secretary
GO-Roanoke
40 years



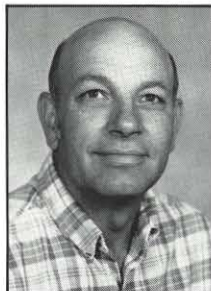
Rufus Meade
gen. line crew supv.
Williamson
35 years



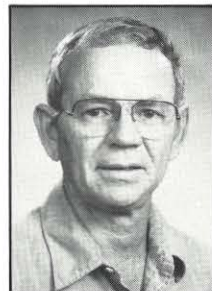
Harold Ball
gen. records account.
GO-Roanoke
35 years



Gordon Woody
maint. mechanic B
Kanawha River
30 years



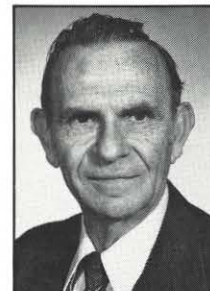
Kenneth Winger
line mechanic C
Roanoke
30 years



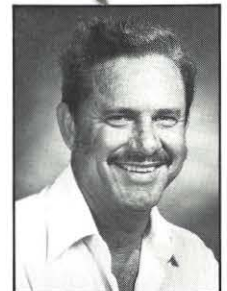
John Danley
line con. & main. rep.
Bluefield
30 years



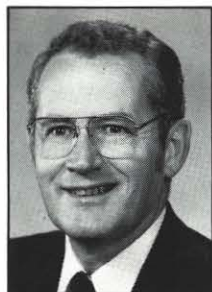
Velma Jo Scott
gen. records clerk A
GO-Roanoke
30 years



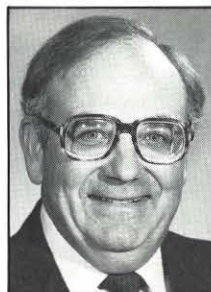
Steve Carpenter
manager
Point Pleasant
30 years



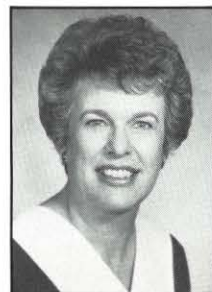
Bob Cussins
area supervisor
Clintwood
25 years



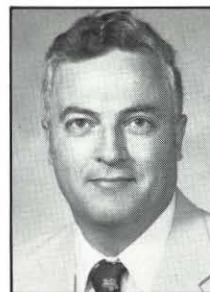
Pete Montague
division manager
Abingdon
25 years



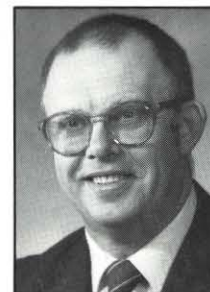
Jim Musgrave
personnel supervisor
Mountaineer
25 years



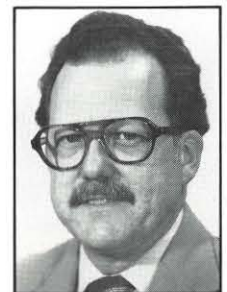
Margie Cahill
mk. & cus. serv. assoc.
GO-Roanoke
25 years



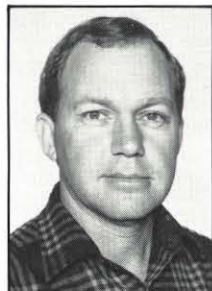
Dick Street
dist. staff eng.
GO-Roanoke
20 years



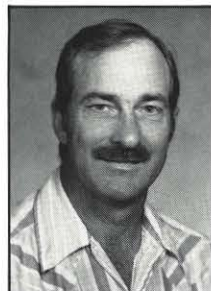
Calvin Matney
auto. mechanic A
Abingdon
20 years



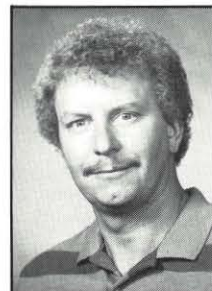
Richard Work
maint. supt.
Glen Lyn
20 years



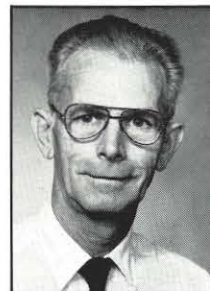
Sonny Westmoreland
line crew supv. NE
Galax
20 years



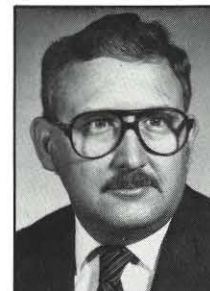
Wayne English
line crew supv. NE
Roanoke
20 years



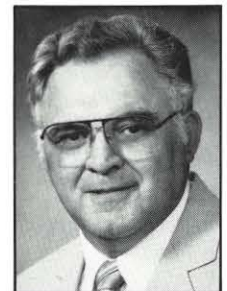
Jimmie Surface
relay specialist sr.
GO-Bluefield
20 years



L. E. Sadler
stores attendant
GO-Roanoke
20 years



Charles Adkins
senior chemist
AEP-Huntington
20 years



Tom Martin
stores attendant A
Bluefield
20 years

Abingdon

30 years: **George McClellan**, T&D clerk A (LTD), Clintwood. 5 years: **Walter Carlton**, line mechanic C, Clintwood. **Charles Gray**, line mechanic B, Gate City.

John Amos

15 years: **James Cottrill, Jr.**, production superintendent-maintenance. **Robert Thompson**, engineering technologist. **Charles Morgan**, maintenance mechanic C. **Robert Peet, Sr.**, stores attendant. 10 years: **Richard Lutz**, performance engineer senior.

Beckley

10 years: **Doris Persinger**, T&D clerk C. 5 years: **Tom Kelly**, station mechanic C.

Bluefield

5 years: **Jim Snead**, electrical engineer. **Scottie Christian**, line mechanic C, Tazewell. **Dan Fair**, line mechanic C, Tazewell. **Jody Lusk**, meter electrician B. **Paul Shortt**, line mechanic C, Grundy.

Central Machine Shop

15 years: **Steve McNeely**, winder 1st class.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

10 years: **M. K. Buckle**, maintenance supervisor. **G. R. Jividen**, maintenance mechanic A.

Charleston

10 years: **Jerry Garretson**, meter reader, Montgomery.

Clinch River

15 years: **Jevene Bowling**, performance supervising engineer. **Scott Campbell, Jr.**, instrument mechanic C. 10 years: **Charles Helton**, utility worker A.

General Office

25 years: **Martha Worrell**, secretary, GO Hydro, Roanoke. 15 years: **Evelyn Scott**, personnel clerk A, GO Personnel, Roanoke. **Carolyn Poff**, secretary, GO Purchasing, Roanoke. **Carol Mowry**, secretary-stenographer B, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Janet Maxwell**, personnel clerk A, GO Personnel, Roanoke. **Melroy Brown**, payroll clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 10 years: **Glenn Brown**, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke. 5 years: **Sandra Fry**, data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Karl Simpson**, transmission station mechanic D, GO T&D Station, Huntington.

Huntington

15 years: **Jim Linthicum**, meter electrician supervisor NE. **Dave Straley**, meter electrician A. 10 years: **Marjorie Streib**, T&D clerk A. **Andy Jackson**, line mechanic A. 5 years: **Ivan Benson**, custodian. **Jeff Gillespie**, line mechanic C.

Kingsport

10 years: **Rick Tunnell**, engineering technician.

Logan-Williamson

5 years: **Brenda Headen**, customer accounts representative C, Williamson. **Todd Helsel**, line mechanic C, Williamson.

Mountaineer

15 years: **Warren Ashton**, performance superintendent. 10 years: **Pat Simpkins**, maintenance mechanic A. **Bob Blackston**, assistant yard superintendent. 5 years: **Mike Slider**, ash technician. **Susan Price**, performance engineer. **Ken Howery**, coal handler.

Pulaski

10 years: **Brenda Cregger**, stenographer.

Roanoke

15 years: **Donald Janney**, meter reader. **Donald Hall**, automotive mechanic A. **Howard Manns**, line crew supervisor nonexempt, Fieldale. 5 years: **Patsy Fout**, junior clerk.

Philip Sporn

15 years: **Dale Willis**, maintenance mechanic B. 10 years: **Paul Chadwell**, utility worker A. **Robert Workman**, chief chemist. **William Shuler**, unit supervisor. **Jeffrey Hubbard**, unit supervisor. **Steven Dill**, maintenance mechanic C. 5 years: **William Starr**, maintenance engineer. □

Newcomers

Abingdon

Phillip Owens, line mechanic D, Gate City.

John Amos

Larry Harrison, II, chemist.

Charles Lewis, utility worker.

George Daniel, utility worker.

Teresa Plunk, performance engineer.

Franklin Pifer, engineering technologist.

Beckley

Stanley Blanks, part-time custodian, Oak Hill.

Mike Atterson part-time meter reader.

Bluefield

John Griffith, energy services engineer.

Ransford Mason, station mechanic D.

Carmen Morse, office messenger.

Michel Thornhill, station mechanic D.

Central Machine Shop

George Middleton, machinist 3rd class.

Charleston

Walter Sherry, electrical engineer.

Bradley Querry, meter reader.

General Office

Jack Fields, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield

Daryl Vaught, station operator D, GO Operations, Abingdon.

Joseph Manello, office messenger, GO General Services, Roanoke.

Darrell Guill, Jr., station operator D, GO Operations, Charleston.

Avery Spurlock, utility worker B, Kanawha Valley Power.

Kanawha River

James Swartz, custodian.

Janet Vinyard, junior clerk.

L. M. Helvey, performance engineer.

Kingsport

Robert Ledford, associate engineer.

Logan-Williamson

Bruce Fennell, electrical engineer, Logan.

Mountaineer

Stuart Burton, performance engineer.

Pulaski

Shirley Sexton, meter reader, Christiansburg.

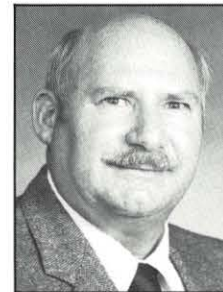
Roanoke

Faye Smith, part-time junior clerk.

Philip Sporn

Lynne Smith, control technician junior.

Grundy area supervisor dies



James Hollis Looney, 57, Grundy area supervisor, died unexpectedly on July 14. A native of Stacy, Virginia, he was employed in 1957 as a groundman. Looney is survived by his wife Betty, Route 3, Box 185, Grundy, VA, and one son. □

Miniatures by Jim McConnell

Kingsport Meter Reader Jim McConnell's talent for working with wood dates back to his school days. "One of my teachers wanted me to make a block and gavel like they use in court," Jim recalls. "He gave me a store bought pattern to go by; and, after I made one, I gave away the bought one and kept mine."

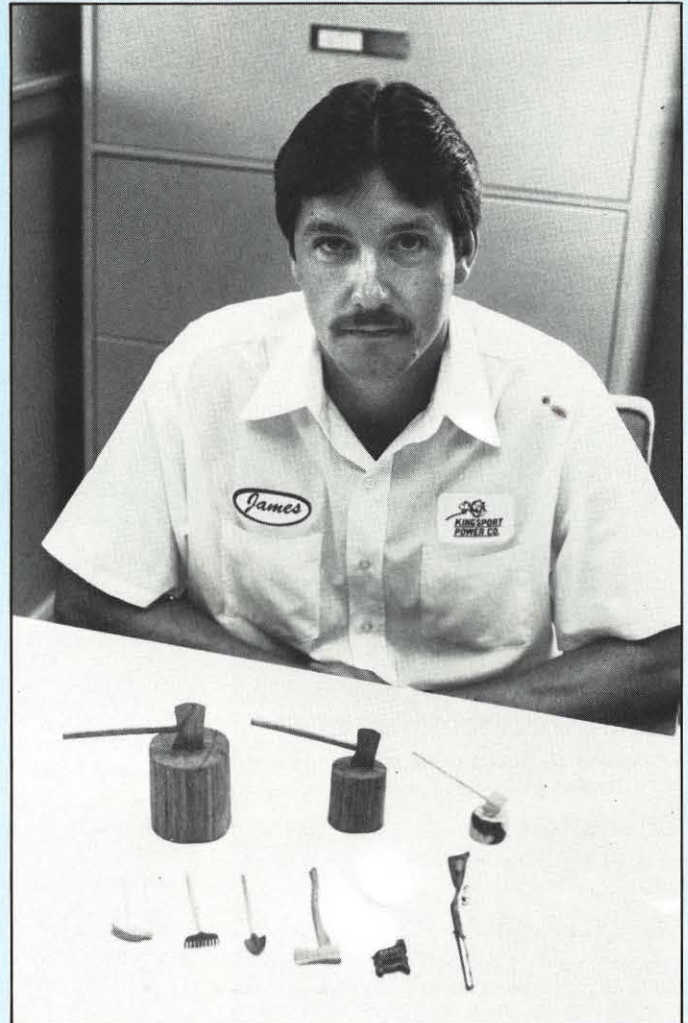
By the time Jim was grown, he was so proficient at carpentry work that he could do "just about any kind of work inside or outside of the house. In fact, when I worked at Kingsport Press and would be on layoff, I did carpentry work for people," he says. "Now, when I have spare time to kill, I'll go out in the backyard to my workshop and make things." One of his more recent projects was a 6" x 1½' birdhouse. "When I finished it," he says, I cut house shingles in 2" x 3" squares and used them on the roof."

Jim now has turned his attention to whittling miniatures for his two children. "I always try to bring the kids something when I come back from deer hunting." Some of the miniatures he has made are an ax and log, pole ax, hammer, shovel, rake, and gun. He works with a variety of wood — chestnut, black walnut, cedar, pine, and maple — but his favorite is walnut. "Walnut is pretty soft to whittle," he says, "and you don't have to finish it to make it pretty."

Jim's tools for making the miniatures are simple: a pocket knife and sand paper. "I do a lot with sand paper," he explains, "because some of the parts are so small that a knife would cut too much."

Jim continues, "The most difficult piece I've made is the gun, which took around six hours. First I drew the stock out on a piece of paper and made it the same size as the picture. The stock is made out of maple wood and the barrel out of a 532nd allen wrench. The ram rod is made out of a took pick, and the brass parts from high powered shells." The gun is authentic down to the last detail.

With hunting season just a few weeks away, Jim undoubtedly will soon be adding more miniatures to his collection. □



Jim McConnell with some of the miniatures he has whittled.

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