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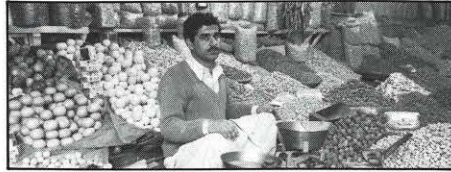
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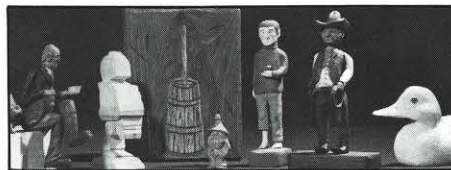
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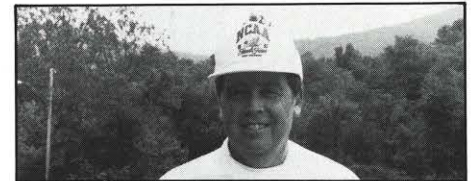
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AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
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
5/31/87	2.7623	.3620	5.2923	.1889	3.4429	.2904
6/30/87	2.7904	.3583	5.5476	.1802	3.5542	.2813
7/31/87	2.8196	.3547	5.8344	.1713	3.5391	.2825
8/31/87	2.8491	.3509	6.0573	.1650	3.6220	.2760

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.

AEP orders ten Westinghouse transformers

Westinghouse and American Electric Power last month jointly announced a major contract for 10 extra-high-voltage transformers for use at power plants and transmission stations in Indiana, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

The contract is for nine 765,000-volt transformers and one 345,000-volt transformer. Delivery is scheduled over a 36-month period.

Nick Stroud, manager of the Westinghouse transformer plant in Muncie, Indiana, said, "This three-part order is somewhat larger than a \$12.4 million order received from the U.S. Department of Energy last year."

H. N. Scherer, Jr., AEP's senior vice president - electrical engineering and deputy chief engineer, said that the purchase was one of the largest transformer transactions in AEP history. "AEP and Westinghouse have worked together closely for more than 40 years to advance the technology of EHV transmission, and this latest development is another step in that relationship. We are especially gratified that we were able to obtain what we needed from a major manufacturer in our own seven-state service area."

Speaking for AEP's Indiana Michigan Power Company, Allen R. Glassburn, manager of its Muncie Division, noted, "It is particularly satisfying to us that AEP, with this order, is able to provide an economic boost to one of the major communities it serves. (Muncie is the sixth largest city on the System.) Like many cities in the Midwest, Muncie has had its problems in recent years, and this announcement is the best possible news for this area. It is appropriate, too, that the contract should be awarded at this time because 1987 is the 80th anniversary of our electric service here. Muncie is one of only five communities in the System's service area that have been served continuously since AEP's founding."

Three of the transformers were awarded as the result of the successful development and testing by the Westinghouse

plant of a 765,000-volt prototype unit installed at I&M's new 2.6-million-kilowatt Rockport Plant in Indiana.

The major portion of the contract, however, will be to provide six 765,000-volt transformers incorporating the Muncie plant's recently acquired large core-form technology. These units will require some development and prototype design work to be reviewed jointly by Westinghouse and AEP. Also, extensive tests will be performed on the prototype design to verify its capabilities. Three of the transformers are destined for Ohio Power Company's Marquis Station, one for its Kammer Station, and two for Appalachian Power Company's John E. Amos Plant and Cloverdale Station.

The single 345,000-volt unit will be installed at Ohio Power's Mitchell Plant. □

AEP companies will redeem securities

Ohio Power Company on October 1 redeemed the entire outstanding \$32 million of its 10% percent first-mortgage bonds due 1991.

Meanwhile, three other AEP operating companies will redeem other securities on November 1.

Indiana Michigan Power Company will redeem the entire outstanding \$38 million of its 15% percent first-mortgage bonds due 1991.

Columbus Southern Power Company will redeem 200,000 of the 1,365,000 outstanding shares of its \$3.45 preferred stock (\$25 par value).

And Appalachian Power Company will redeem 100,000 of the 900,000 outstanding shares of its \$4.18 preferred (also \$25 par value).

Both bond redemptions are being made under terms of the respective issues, which permit the companies to redeem them prior to maturity. And both preferred stock redemptions are being made under terms of the sinking funds established for their retirements. □

Michigan Power president retires

After 40 years of service in the utility industry, Richard W. Sampson, president of Michigan Power Company, retired September 30. He had been president since 1980 and chief operating officer since the company was acquired by American Electric Power Company in 1967.

Virtually a lifelong Michigander, he had spent 39 of his 40 utility years with Michigan Power. And even in retirement, he will continue his AEP association as a consultant on natural gas matters. □

AEP no longer in gas business

The American Electric Power System is no longer in the gas business.

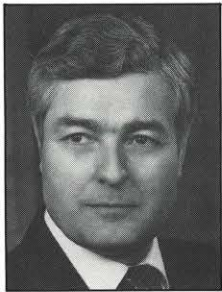
The gas distribution facilities of Michigan Power Company, Three Rivers, were acquired by Southeastern Michigan Gas Enterprises, Inc., Port Huron, effective August 31. Purchase price was \$37 million, subject to adjustments that will result in a further payment later this year.

The transaction involved transfer of the gas properties to a new corporation, Michigan Gas Company, and the subsequent sale of its stock to Southeastern. Affected by the transaction are approximately 75,000 customers in southwestern Michigan and in the state's Upper Peninsula. In 1986, Michigan Power's gas revenues were \$85.9 million; its electric revenues, \$45.4 million.

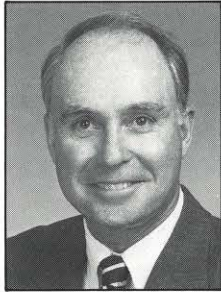
AEP acquired Michigan Power — then Michigan Gas and Electric Company — in 1967. Securities and Exchange Commission approval of the acquisition required divestiture of the gas properties, as mandated by the Holding Company Act of 1935. However, over the intervening years, earlier attempts to sell the properties had been unsuccessful. Then, last January, Southeastern announced its plans to purchase them.

Meanwhile, announcement has been made of plans for the eventual merger of Michigan Power's electric properties into Indiana Michigan Power Company, its neighboring AEP utility from which it

purchases its electric power supply. Such merger, which like the sale of the gas assets is subject to approval by both the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Michigan Public Service Commission, may occur in 1988. At that time, Three Rivers would become an area office in Indiana Michigan's St. Joseph Division. □



Macke



Brennan

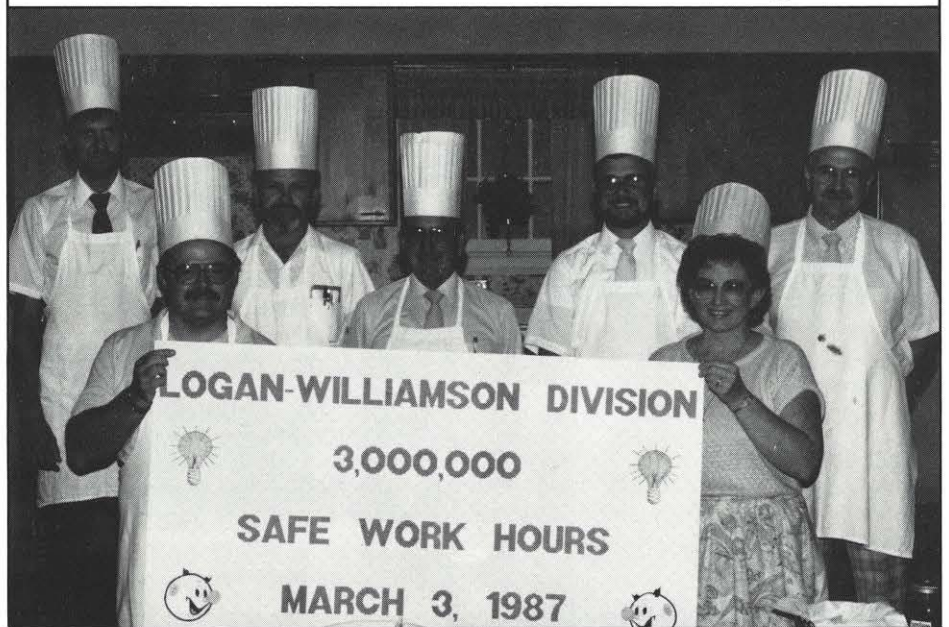
Macke, Brennan take new posts

Donald L. Macke has been named vice president and director - public affairs of the American Electric Power Service Corporation. He succeeds John C. Brennan, who has been elected senior vice president of Columbus Southern Power Company. Both were effective October 1.

Macke, formerly vice president - public affairs of the Service Corporation, joined AEP in 1966 as a transmission engineer for Indiana Michigan Power Company in Fort Wayne. He later was named manager of I&M's Cook Energy Information Center at Bridgman, Michigan. He was promoted to executive assistant of Wheeling Power Company in 1976 and became president of that company in 1984. He remained in that capacity until June 1987 when he assumed his most recent position. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Perdue University.

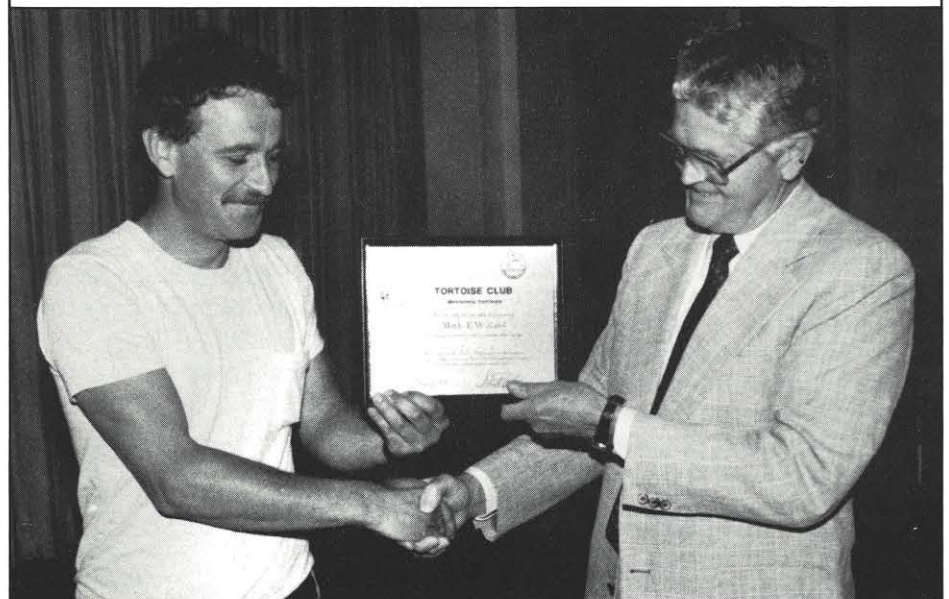
Brennan joined AEP in 1983 as senior vice president - public affairs for the Service Corporation. Prior to that, he had worked 23 years with General Electric Company and served two years as president of Savannah Electric and Power Company of Savannah, Georgia. He was graduated from Georgetown University. □

3,000,000 safe hours and counting



Safety breakfasts were held recently for Logan-Williamson employees in recognition of their having worked 3,000,000 hours without a disabling injury. Their record began on February 3, 1979, and is continuing. Pictured above are some of the Logan chefs. From left, Dave Stone, engineering technologist supervisor; Joe Hall, electrical engineer senior; George Mathis, supervising drafter A; Sonny White, division manager; Jim Garrett, engineering supervisor; Della Simpkins, records supervisor, and Harry Ruloff, Jr., division superintendent.

Willard earns Tortoise Award



Mark Willard, former Pulaski line mechanic C, knows from experience the value of wearing a hard hat. Willard's hat prevented him from sustaining a serious injury when a 3¼ lb. hand line block fell 25 feet, striking him on the back of the head. Because of the incident, he has been awarded a membership in the Southeastern Electric Exchange's Tortoise Club. Pulaski Division Manager Jerry R. Whitehurst, right, is shown presenting the award to Willard, who now works as a meter reader in Christiansburg.

Six Appalachian employees win "Ideas" awards

Sixteen employees of five AEP companies won or shared 14 annual awards for articles published in "Operating Ideas" in 1986. They received a total of 1,190 shares of AEP common stock valued at approximately \$33,140.

The winners became eligible for the annual competition as a result of receiving merit or exceptional awards for articles published last year in the magazine.

Of the 16 winners, two were from the AEP Service Corporation, and they won or shared a total of 180 shares of stock. Appalachian Power Company had six winners, whose shares totaled 490. Indiana Michigan Power Company's two winners received a total of 190 shares and Kentucky Power Company's one winner received 140 shares. One of Appalachian's winners, Ronald L. Neal, now works for Columbus Southern Power Company.

The top prize of 170 shares went to Thomas W. Kanning, staff engineer in Indiana Michigan's Transmission & Distribution Department, Fort Wayne, for his article, "Nomographs Simplify Cable Pulling Calculations," which appeared in the January/February issue of "Operating Ideas."

The other winners were:

160 Shares

David R. Bond, line mechanic, Ohio Power, Canton, "Energized Insulator Replacement Method for Steel-Pole Structure" (January/February).

David E. Kettlewell, manager, Chemical Engineering Section, Fossil Plant Engineering Division, Service Corporation, Columbus, "Purchase of Chemicals by Generic Specifications" (May/June).

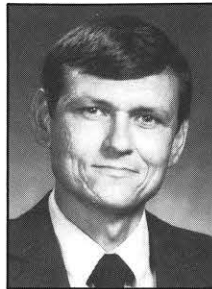
140 Shares

Randall A. Bird, transmission engineer, Kentucky Power, Ashland, "Chart Speedily Determines Distribution Conductor Clearances" (January/February).

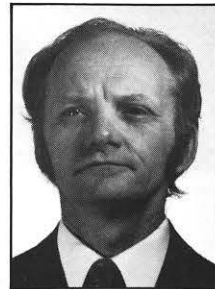
110 Shares

Charles R. Lanier, instrument maintenance supervisor, General James M. Gavin Plant, Ohio Power, "Wobble Switches Detect Coal Level" (September/December).

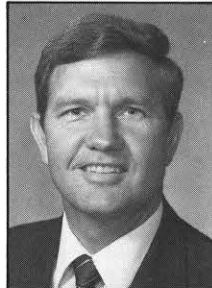
Kenneth L. Grubb, maintenance supervisor, Muskingum River Plant, Ohio Power, "EL 70 Pulverizer Stud Bracket Modification" (July/August).



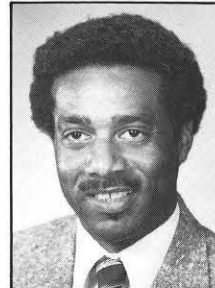
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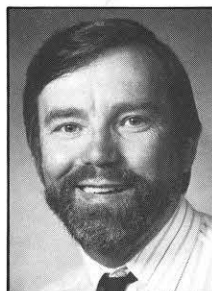
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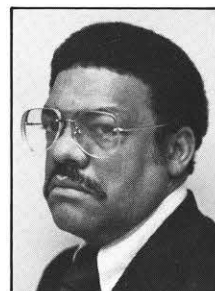
Puckett



Houston



Ball



Toliver

100 Shares

Ronald L. Neal (50 shares), operations superintendent, Poston Plant, Columbus Southern Power, and Kevin W. Dennis (50 shares), plant chemist, Mountaineer Plant, Appalachian Power, "Ammonia Tank Venting" (January/February). Neal previously was chief chemist at Mountaineer.

70 Awards

Kenneth L. Grubb, maintenance supervisor, Muskingum River Plant, Ohio Power, "EL 70 Pulverizer Air Seal Modification" (July/August).

50 Shares

Thomas F. Puckett, senior buyer, Purchasing Department, Appalachian Power, Roanoke, "Freight Bill Discounts Through Contracts with Carriers" (May/June).

40 Shares

Larry D. Houston and Billy R. Ball, communication specialists, Appalachian

Power, Bluefield, West Virginia, "Carrier-Telephone Squelch Circuit Revision" (March/April).

20 Shares

Jerry W. Morgan, maintenance supervisor, Breed Plant, Indiana Michigan Power, "Pinwheel Air to Balancing Fans" (January/February).

Charles M. Mathews, Jr., maintenance mechanic, Gavin Plant, Ohio Power, "Repair Time reduced by Reheat Tube Bundle Hanger" (September/December).

Brian A. Molenda, performance engineer senior, Gavin Plant, Ohio Power, "Simple Hydraulic Revision Improves Coal Sampler Performance" (May/June).

Pat Collins, senior technician, Plant Electrical Section, Generation & Telecommunications Engineering Division, Service Corporation, and Tom Toliver, Maintenance Department, John E. Amos Plant, Appalachian Power, "Replacement Slagblower Motor" (March/April). □

Kanawha River capacity downrated

The AEP System's total generating capacity is now 22,797,000 kilowatts — down from the previous 22,827,000 kw.

This is the result of a change in the capacity, from 215,000 to 200,000 kw, of each of the two generating units at Appalachian Power Company's coal-fired Kanawha River Plant, effective September 1. They had been operated at the 215,000-kw level since beginning service in 1953. □

PAKISTAN:

A country caught in the middle

Some political analysts say Russia invaded Afghanistan simply because of its historic desire for a year-round warm-water seaport, Deane Hinton, former U.S. ambassador to Pakistan, recently observed. Once inside Afghanistan, the thinking goes, it would be a short trip across Pakistan to the Arabian Sea.

One person who agrees is Ken Lue Phang, regional affairs officer for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The geography of the area, he said, helps explain the politics: it's geography that helps explain the Russian invasion of Afghanistan, and that, in turn, explains the American interest in Pakistan.

"The U.S. is in Pakistan to make Pakistan strong," he said, "to equip it militarily and economically so it can maintain its own integrity." The importance of Pakistan is reflected in the fact that Pakistan receives the second largest USAID package anywhere in the world. Only Egypt receives more.

AEP Energy Services is working on a USAID power distribution project in Pakistan. This is the second installment of a three-part series on the project.

About 57 percent of the current U.S. foreign aid package for Pakistan goes for economic development, according to Hinton. The rest goes for military spending. "It gives the Pakistanis confidence to stand up to the Russians," he said.

But USAID doesn't get involved in the military spending. Instead, USAID helps Pakistan build roads, fight malaria, develop agriculture and build power plants, Lue Phang said.

And the various projects are interconnected. For example, as agriculture im-

proves and expands, farmers need better roads to get their crops to the market and more electricity to power their irrigation pumps. And, as industries develop, they need more supplies, better roads and more power.

Throughout all the USAID projects, which touch many different aspects of Pakistan's economy, efforts are channeled into four main areas: policy reform, institutional reform, technology and private-sector participation.

Policy reform

The government of Pakistan controls the price of most major commodities in the country. But sometimes that causes problems.

For example, according to Lue Phang, the government policy at one time was to pay about 30 cents per million Btu for gas. That may have worked for awhile, but, when the market price of gas rose to 50 cents, it caused serious supply problems.

"So USAID recommended that the government change its policy and pay a fair price for its gas," he said, "and it did. It helped a lot."

If a group from the gas industry had made the same recommendation, its motives would have been suspect. "But we play a credible role because we're not selling anything."

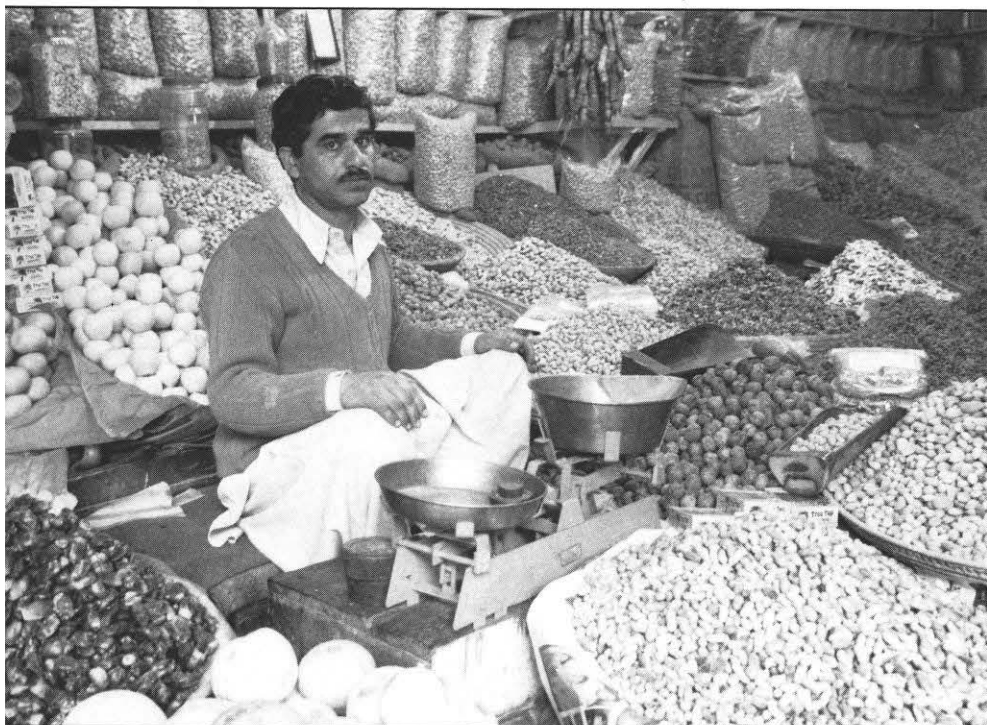
Institutional reform

The element of trust is also important when it comes to making institutional changes, Lue Phang went on.

For example, USAID is trying to improve the reporting systems within some of Pakistan's organizations.

"Pakistanis are reluctant to delegate authority," Lue Phang explained that it's not unusual for the chairman of a large industry to worry as much about \$10 decisions as multi-million-dollar projects. But, if a business leader is going to spend his time wisely and efficiently, he added, he has to learn to delegate authority.

Many kinds of fresh fruits and nuts are available at the market daily.



Another area that has seen a lot of institutional reform is safety. "When the electric distribution project started (three years ago), there was at least one person electrocuted every day," Lue Phang said.

Since that time we've put an emphasis on safety and training that has cut the electrocution rate by a third. And, although there still are more than 200 fatalities each year, the country is making progress."

Technology

Institutional reforms and policy changes throughout the culture have come slowly, but that's not unusual in a country that has been doing things the "old way" for hundreds of years.

But Pakistan is making larger, more

obvious strides in the transfer of technology.

With foreign technology, for example, Pakistan has built a combined-cycle, gas fired power plant at Guddu. Ambassador Hinton called it "the most modern thermal technology available anywhere in the world...and a model of technology transfer."

The plant, which is nearly 50 percent more efficient than any other gas-fired system in the country, can generate 25 percent of the country's thermal energy, and 8 percent of its total generation. Guddu will provide enough electricity for a city of 1-million people.

American technology also is being used to assist in searching Pakistan for coal resources that will help establish the

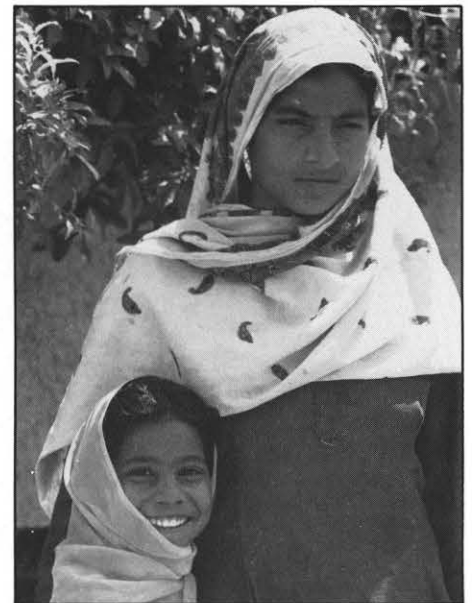
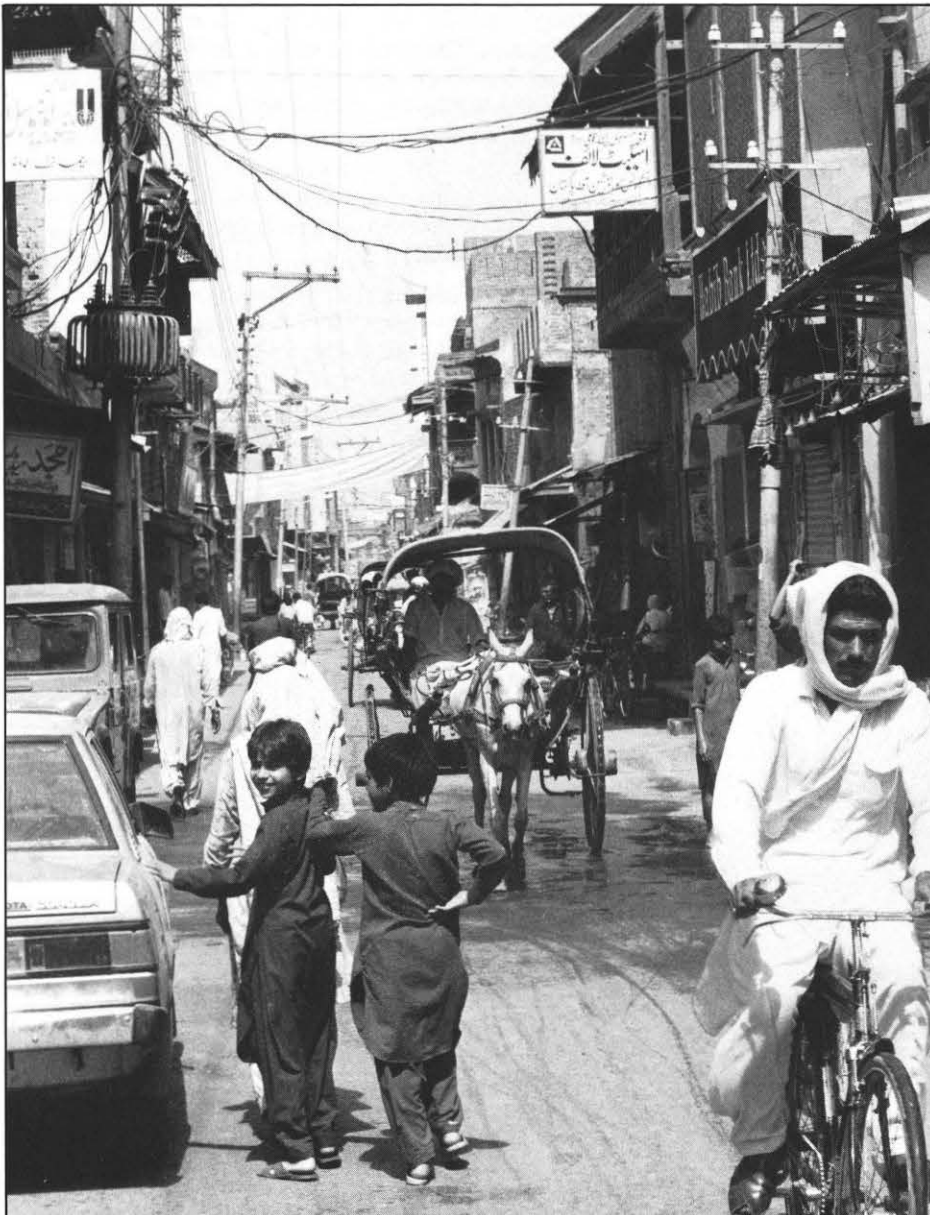
country's energy independence. The U.S. is conducting what Hinton called the "first systematic nationwide exploration of indigenous coal resources."

Former USAID Chief Charles Mosely said, "Energy imports have absorbed more than 30 percent of total foreign exchange earnings." He once led American efforts to develop Pakistan's energy sector. Discovery of new coal deposits not only will improve the balance of payments, but will add jobs, revenue and taxes to Pakistan's economy.

In these ways — building plants, using Pakistan's limited supplies of natural gas more wisely and discovering indigenous coal — America hopes to help Pakistan fuel economic growth, establish energy independence and create political stability.

Private sector participation

"Only about one-third of the population has access to electricity today," Mosely said in a discussion paper that strongly recommended more private-sector participation in the industry. And, despite the fact that the electric utility industry cannot generate enough electricity to serve the current customers, the government has undertaken an ambitious plan



(Left) A typical Pakistani street. (Above) A young Pakistani girl with her mother.

to electrify 90 percent of all Pakistani villages by 1990.

"The rural expansion has become an especially important...goal and political imperative of the government," Mosely said. The Pakistani government needs the support of the people, and one way of getting it is to provide them with some of the modern conveniences — like electricity.

The government, however, doesn't have the money it needs to build adequate generation. During the five-year economic plan that ended in 1983, Pakistan was able only to build about two-thirds of the power generation it had planned. And the goals of the current plan "are already seriously behind schedule."

The key, he says, is to encourage private companies to invest in Pakistan's electric utility system. They need to become more involved in both the generation and distribution of electricity. Mosely points to one USAID study that estimates that, if load shedding (systematic, revolving blackouts to various customers) were eliminated, it would add more than \$350 million annually to the value of industrial production. There would be other benefits as well —



Some Pakistani farmers still plant rice using the old methods.

increased revenues and tax income would more than double the impact on the economy.

And, if private investors were to spend their money building power plants, it would allow Pakistan to invest its money in much-needed social programs.

Further, the additional generation would

encourage private investors to expand into other areas. "Uncertainty about energy availability may have restrained private-sector investment up to 35 percent," Mosely said in his report. That, of course, means the loss of jobs and revenue for the entire economy.

Since 1983, when USAID and Pakistan decided to encourage more private investment in the energy sector, "14 proposals and expressions of interest for a total of more than 3-million kilowatts in new power generation have been received," Mosely said.

So the early signs are encouraging.

But Pakistan must overcome other problems to achieve success. Its political instability worries investors. And the "nationalization of key industries during the 1970s had an especially chilling effect," Mosely concluded. Investors wonder if it could happen again.

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The important thing at this point in history, Lue Phang summarized, is that USAID and the government of Pakistan must continue to work together in a spirit of trust and respect. "Pakistan must determine its own goals — socially and politically," he said. "It has to maintain its own integrity. But USAID can help Pakistan plan for its own future."

And the U.S. is betting millions of dollars every day that Pakistan's future is bright. □



Buffalo dung is mixed with straw, made into paddies, and dried in the sun to be used as fuel for heating and cooking. Here, a cart of paddies is being taken from the field where they are made to the village where they will be used.

Tom Gibson, steeple builder

Members of the Calvary Baptist Church in Bluefield were pleasantly surprised when they arrived on a recent Sunday morning and found a brand new steeple atop the building. The steeple was designed and constructed by a member of the congregation, Tom Gibson, Bluefield meter electrician A.

Tom explains, "When you come in on Route 52, all you can see of our church is the roof. In fact, if it weren't for the white columns in front, you would hardly know it is a church. The members had been talking about buying a steeple, but we couldn't afford it. The cheapest pre-constructed steeple we could find was over \$2,000. I knew I could make one for a lot less.

"I drove around and looked at a lot of church steeples and picked out what I liked on each one. I decided what would look best on our church and went from there. To build the steeple, just like everything else, you start at the bottom and work up. The steeple has a 30-inch square base and is 15 feet high. The pine framing is covered with plywood and topped with white aluminum. I didn't have the facilities at home to work with aluminum so I made arrangements with a local company to cover it. The upkeep on the steeple will be next to nothing since it will never have to be painted. Even the cross at the top is covered with aluminum."

Tom kept his work on the steeple a secret from everyone except the minister and chairman of the church building committee. When the project was completed, he made a few phone calls to enlist some volunteers to help erect the steeple one Saturday morning. One of the volunteers was Jess Shelby, GO station mechanic A.



Tom Gibson poses with the church steeple he designed and built.

Tom concludes, "I was curious to see how many people would notice the steeple when they walked in the next day. Everyone was real pleased...and surprised." □



This is how the Calvary Baptist Church looks with its new steeple.

Wood caricatures



by Gary Clark

Amos Plant Maintenance Supervisor Gary Clark returned from a camping trip two years ago with a new hobby — making wood caricatures.

Gary explains, "A good friend of mine urged me to try my hand at whittling. He had rough cut a block of wood with a Hillbillikin pattern stenciled on it. (Hillbillikins are also known as Little People of the Ozarks.) When I first looked at it, I didn't have any idea what it was. But he loaned me one of his Ozark fellows to copy from, and I sat down and spent about my whole vacation trying to duplicate it. After that, I was hooked."

Gary continues, "I found a woodcarving shop in Gatlinburg, TN, where I bought some pattern books. Instead of starting at the front of the book on simple patterns, I might start in the back and do one of the hard ones, just whatever I see that I like."

"One of the figures I want to do is called Little Girl With A Rag Doll. I've started on it several times but put it aside because it's so difficult. I'm just not ready for that one yet. The little girl and the doll are both carved from the same piece of wood."

"All of the figures begin with a rough block of wood. You transpose the pattern onto the wood with carbon paper, then cut out the outline with a band saw so you won't have to remove so much wood with a knife. Then you start outlining the profile with a knife. When the figure is finished, I paint it with acrylics and antique glaze to soften the colors."

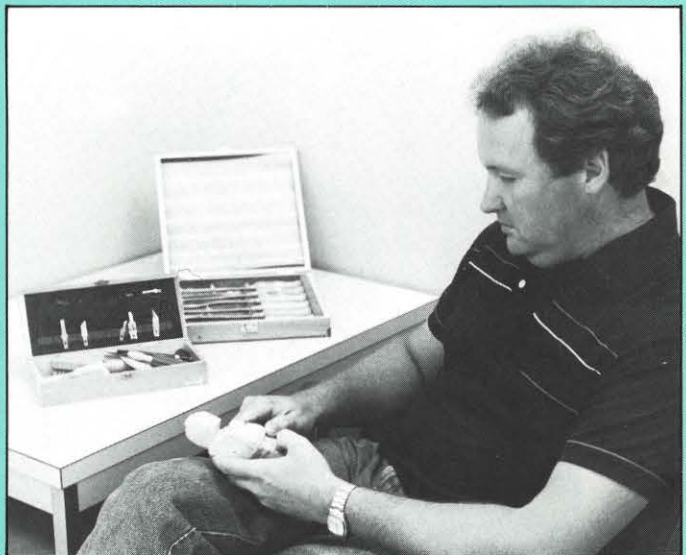
"No two figures ever come out exactly alike," Gary says. "In other words, I couldn't make a figure the same way twice. The nice thing about wood caricatures is that if you make a mistake, you can easily make the figure look like it is supposed to be that way. And, if you lose a nose or something, you can always glue it back on."

According to Gary, wood caricaturing is a rather inexpensive hobby. "My set of tools cost \$60 and my knife probably \$3 or

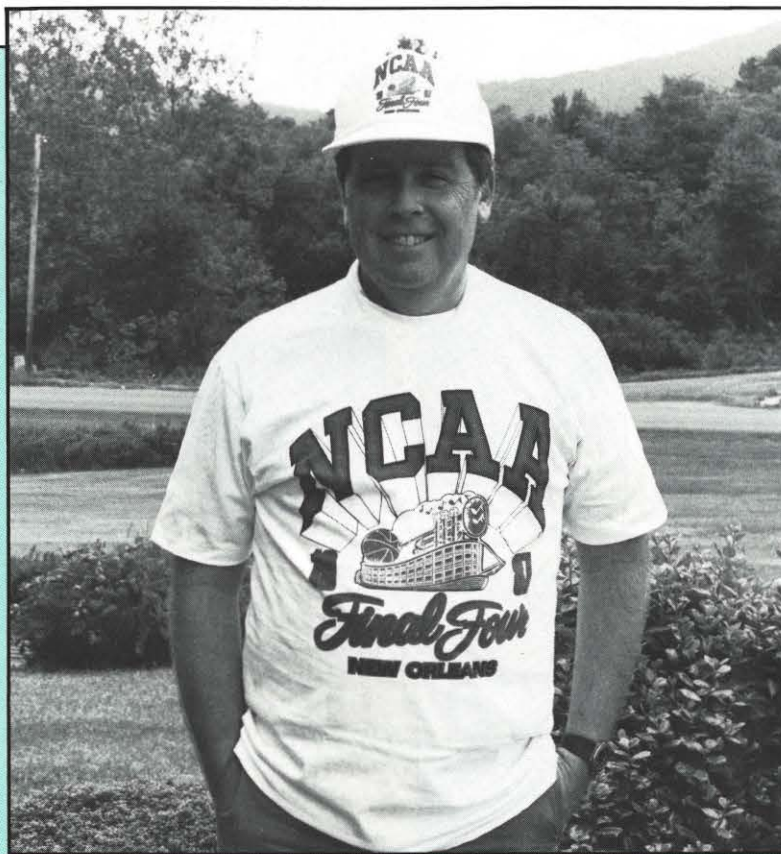
\$4. The biggest expense is the bass wood," Gary notes.

"I've never really timed myself, but it takes me around three months to make one of the characters. I don't do a whole lot of work in the summer, just when it is too cold to go outside or when I have a little extra time. I enjoy it because it is so relaxing. I can sit down in front of the TV, pull out a knife, and start working on one of these guys and just get lost."

Gary recently took a class in duck carving and found that to be even more challenging. "The side feathers and wings are all wood burned," he says. "Right now I just have a base coat of white on the duck. When I finish painting it, hopefully it will look real. Someday, if I get good enough, I might sell duck decoys, but the wood caricaturing I'll just do for fun." □



Gary Clark works on one of his caricatures.



Paul Keys

Winning contests is his game

Are you one of those people who never enter contests because you don't consider yourself lucky enough to win? Lynchburg Right of Way Agent Paul Keys' philosophy is "if you don't enter, you can't win." Since he got serious about entering contests two years ago, he has won everything from a year's supply of bread to trips to the NCAA Basketball Final Four Tournament in New Orleans and Walt Disney World. Both the trips were won in 1987.

Paul relates, "I used to enter contests on and off, but what made me really get serious about it was winning a Proctor and Gamble contest. We received a set of under-the-counter Black & Decker appliances, including a mixer, toaster oven, coffee maker, can opener, and knife sharpener.

"A lot of people think you have to buy a product to enter a contest but you don't. You might have to write down the name of the sponsoring company's product on the entry blank, but that's usually about all. The trip to the basketball tournament was sponsored by Valvoline Oil, and we got an entry blank at the Advance Store. The trip to Walt Disney World, which we made in July, was first prize in a contest sponsored by Winn Dixie supermarket. There were 50 winners in six states for that contest.

"Last year I entered 350 different contests. I try to enter every one at least once. Some that look promising I enter more than once. I subscribe to a couple of

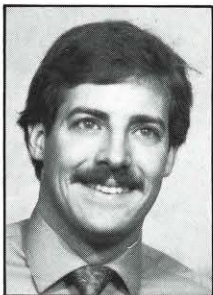
monthly newsletters that give details about all the contests you can enter. They tell you what you have to do and where to send your entries. The newsletters are very helpful; but, even at that, I'm sure there are contests I miss. The odds are better, of course, when you pick a short-run contest and one that covers only a few states."

Paul adds, "I keep a log of every contest I enter. I have a record of how many entries I sent and when the contest begins and ends. It may be two or three months after the end of the contest before you ever hear the results. When I won the Disney trip, I was notified by registered letter. For the basketball tournament, I got a phone call. But when I won the Black & Decker appliances, they just showed up one day with no warning.

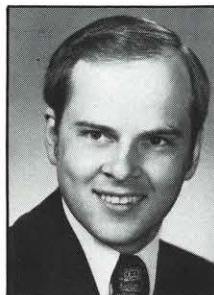
"I usually spend about 30 minutes in the morning before I come to work filling out entry blanks. I enter six or seven contests a day and spend about \$8 to \$10 a week on postage. I figure with the two trips this year, I'm ahead of the game. Uncle Sam, of course, will get his cut because we have to report our winnings to the IRS."

Paul concludes, "I'm still waiting for Ed McMahan to call and tell me I've won the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes. One of these days, I'm sure he will." □

Promotions



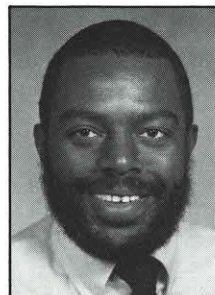
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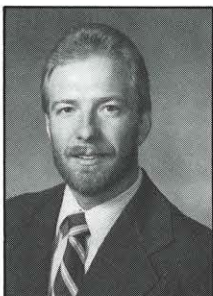
Wiseman



Lidel



Lewis



Bean



Gilliam



Brown

Lindsey Smith, Pulaski energy services engineer, was promoted to Fieldale power engineer on September 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Tom Wiseman, power engineer, was promoted to power engineer senior in Beckley on October 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is working towards a masters in business administration from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

Ivaunna Lidel, chemist assistant non-exempt, was promoted to chemist exempt at Philip Sporn Plant on September 1. She holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Ohio University.

Gary Lewis, stores attendant senior, was promoted to assistant stores supervisor, GO T&D Stores, Roanoke, on September 1. He attended Hampton Institute and Virginia Western Community College.

Mack Gilliam, general servicer, was promoted to line crew supervisor non-exempt in Gate City on August 22.

Skip Brown, station mechanic A, was promoted to station crew supervisor nonexempt in Bluefield on September 5.

James J. Bean, right of way maintenance coordinator, was promoted to right of way maintenance coordinator senior, GO T&D Forestry, Roanoke, on July 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in forestry from West Virginia University.

John Amos

David Cawley from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

Gary Duffey from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

Edward Rushbrook from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

John Mobley, Jr. from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

David Garton from barger handler to coal equipment operator.

Sharon Bailey from braker to barge handler.

Donald Anderson, Jr. from coal handler to braker.

Bluefield

Joe Johnson from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Tazewell.

Central Machine Shop

Danny Romaca from power equipment mechanic 3rd class to power equipment mechanic 2nd class.

Charleston

Arlen Breeden from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Cindy Gates from stenographer to personnel clerk B.

Gregory Bird from engineering technician to engineering technician senior.

Dale Wolfe from line mechanic A to area servicer, St. Albans.

Clinch River

Beecher Puckett, Jr. from utility worker B to utility worker A.

James Trail from utility worker B to utility worker A.

General Office

S. M. Huff from classification and accounts payable clerk C to classification and accounts payable clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

E. G. Dailey from transmission mechanic D to transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission, Turner.

Glen Lyn

Dreama Young from stenographer to plant clerk B.

Barry Lilly from utility worker B to utility worker A.

Huntington

Donna Watson from marketing and customer services advisor to marketing and customer services representative, Point Pleasant.

Paul Eaton from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Jim Irons from meter electrician C to meter electrician B.

Kanawha River

T. M. Tench from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

Greg Payne from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

J. W. Bowen from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

B. J. Damron from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

J. L. Boyles from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

J. X. Montauk from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

J. R. Siders from maintenance mechanic D to maintenance mechanic C.

Pulaski

Regina Lowman from customer accounts representative C to customer accounts representative B, Galax.

Dennis Cox from area T&D clerk C to area T&D clerk B, Galax.

Mary Ann Capp from department assistant-marketing and customer services to marketing and customer services advisor, Christiansburg.

Jimmy Johnson from meter reader to collector.

Ed Mahler from marketing and customer services representative, Christiansburg, to administrative assistant A, Pulaski.

Roanoke

Reginald Gardner from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Merle Wykle from line mechanic A to general servicer. □

Retirements



"It gives me a strange feeling to look around and realize that I've been here longer than anyone else," says Pulaski Administrative Assistant **J. B. Brillheart**, who elected early retirement on October 1. "What impresses me more than anything is how the company has changed over the past 42 years. The highlight of my career was working with public relations and meeting so many people through that part of my job. I'll miss seeing the media people and county and town officials. I've really enjoyed my years with the company and, when you

reach the point of retirement, you realize just what excellent benefits we have. I look forward to the freedom of being retired to do what I want to when I want to do it. I hope to play more golf, but I will continue to be active in civic and church affairs." At Pulaski's First Methodist Church, J. B. is a Sunday school teacher, choir member, youth coordinator, and member of the administrative board. He concludes, "My wife and I want to travel to San Francisco and New England when she retires." □



"Even though I have been in the same department for 17 years, it's been an interesting job because there's something different every day," declares Kingsport Secretary **Susan Dedrick**, who retired on October 1. "I really have been lucky because I worked for three personnel directors, all of whom were super-special. I've really enjoyed being here, and I will miss it." Susan continues, "The pre-retirement counseling program started me thinking about what I want to do. I used to play golf and want to get back into that, and I also want to be a

volunteer somewhere. I have an herb garden started, and I think that will be fun to work with. I'd really like to do some traveling, too. Last fall I went to New England and just loved it. Another place I've always wanted to go is San Francisco and, one of these years, I really would like to go to Europe. My husband Jim and I have four sons and a daughter, all grown, and five grandchildren. I hope to spend more time with them." □



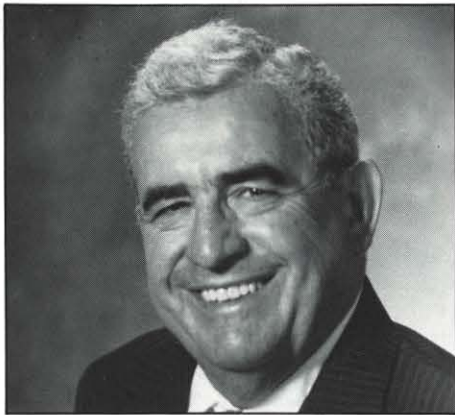
"I feel very fortunate to have worked for Appalachian Power Company for most of my life," states Roanoke Marketing and Customer Services Supervisor **J. D. Porter**, who elected early retirement on October 1. "All of my 39 years were spent in the M&CS Department; and, if I had it to do over, I would travel the same route. My decision to retire early was made several years ago. I wanted to leave while both my wife Helen, a former Appalachian employee, and I are in good health so we could enjoy retirement to the fullest. This is what we plan to do.

We expect to travel, participate in lots of recreation, and just enjoy good health and good living. We have two daughters and three grandchildren. We will remain in Roanoke unless we find a more desirable place to live during our travels. I have made many good friends among the very fine people throughout Appalachian. Good luck to all and hope to see many of you from time to time." □



Most employees retire only once, but for **Eula Ayers**, Roanoke customer accounts representative B, it's the second time around. She worked for Appalachian for nine years before leaving in 1956 to await the birth of her first child. Then, in 1977, after both daughters were nearly grown, she decided to enter the work force again and returned to Appalachian. On October 1, Eula will officially retire from the power company for the second and last time. "My husband Frank works for Norfolk Southern Railway," Eula says, "and he is retiring in January. Since we

both like bluegrass and country music, the first thing we're going to do is visit the Grand Ole Opry. We both like the outdoors, too, so we expect to do some camping. Neither of us have fished in years but we want to try our hand at that even though we may not remember how to put a hook in the water!" The Ayers' attend Bonsack Baptist Church and will continue to make their home in Vinton. □



The outbreak of the Korean War turned **Benjie Creasey's** summer job at Cabin Creek Plant into a permanent position. On October 1, after more than 37 years' service, Benjie retired as a filter plant operator and sampler at Kanawha River. During that time, he established an enviable record. "As far as I know, I've been late to work only one day," Benjie says, "and I never had an injury." He continues, "I have enjoyed working with all the good people we have in the company, but I'm getting anxious to go. My wife Beatrice and I plan to travel some. We particularly

like the mountains. We haven't decided whether we will stay here or move to some other area." The Creaseys have 3 sons, 7 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. During World War II, Benjie served with the Naval Amphibious Force in the South Pacific and was in the Battle of Iwo Jima. For many years he enjoyed a hobby of making pin cushions from tin beer cans which he picked up as he walked to work each day. "Now most of the cans are aluminum so I had to give it up," Benjie says. □

Northup elected West Virginia Chamber chairman



Richard E. Northup, vice president of Appalachian Power Company, has been elected chairman of the West Virginia State Chamber of Commerce for 1988. The election by the board of directors took

place during the joint annual meeting of the Chamber and the West Virginia Manufacturers Association. As chairman, Northup will direct the activities of the Chamber and set goals for the year.

Northup currently is district vice president of the State Chamber and a member of the Environmental Affairs and Public Affairs Committees. He also is a member of the board of directors of the West Virginia Research League and chairman of the advisory board of the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is chairman of the West Virginia Council of Economic Education and a member of the board of the West Virginia Education Fund and the West Virginia Roundtable. Northup is a past chairman of the Southeastern Electric Exchange Environmental committee and past vice chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee to the Virginia State Air Board. □

Newcomers

John Amos

Tonnie Morgan, performance engineer
Frances Toney, junior clerk.
Michelle Allen, junior clerk.
Marlene Wright, performance engineer.
Wayne Perdue, performance engineer.

Beckley

Davey Catterline, Jr., parttime custodian.

Bluefield

Marsha Richardson, electrical engineer.
Jerri Murphy, junior stenographer.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

John Lyons, maintenance mechanic B.

Charleston

Mike LaScola, department assistant-marketing and customer services.
Tracie Campbell, cashier C.

Clinch River

William Hall, utility worker B.
Betty Sutton, plant janitor.

General Office

Alan Williams, engineering technician, GO Operations, Roanoke.
Jeffrey Rawlings, computer graphics technician C, GO T&D Computer Graphics, Roanoke.
Roxey Fisher, junior stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

Frank Tanner, Jr., performance engineer.

Huntington

Jonathan Pullen, electrical engineer.
Ian Stanley, Jr., engineering technician.
Franklin Chambers, electrical engineer.

Kingsport

Teresa Kincer, cashier C.
Grady White, meter reader.

Lynchburg

Nelson Pankey, custodian.

Pulaski

Buddy Duncan, line mechanic B, Floyd.
Jeff Repass, station mechanic D.
Eddie Akers, line mechanic D.
✓ Chris Smith, meter reader.
✓ Danny Bilbrey, line mechanic D, Wytheville.

Roanoke

Michael Turner, line mechanic D, Fieldale.
John Coffey, III, electrical engineer.
Billy Martin, line mechanic D.
Roger Wheeling, line mechanic D.
Bryan Adams, engineering technician, Fieldale.

Philip Sporn

Leverna Kauff, junior clerk.

Weddings

Cornelius-Morefield



Sandra E. Morefield to John R. Cornelius, III, August 22. Sandra is the daughter of John C. Morefield, Abingdon engineering technologist.

Ferguson-Fields



Annette Fields to William H. Ferguson, III, August 15. William is the son of William H. Ferguson, Jr., Abingdon energy services engineer.

Keaton-Elkins



Jennifer Sue Elkins to Greg Keaton, August 1. Jennifer Sue is the daughter of Chester Elkins, building supervisor, Logan-Williamson.

Turner-Brown



Arnetta Brown to Jason Scott Turner, August 1. Jason is the son of Arnold J. Turner, Glen Lyn Plant maintenance mechanic A.

Hawley-Fields



Michelle Fields to David Hawley, Bluefield meter reader, August 8.

Clingenpeel-Fisher



Cathy Faye Fisher, Roanoke customer accounts representative B, to James Vincent Clingenpeel, August 29.

Edwards-Hancock

Lynn Hancock, Roanoke customer accounts representative C, to Leroy Edwards, Jr., August 15.

Scott-Bird

Deborah J. Bird to William J. Scott, Amos Plant equipment operator B, August 22. □

Wed 51 years



Tom and Louise Bunton celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on July 6. They have a son, daughter, and three grandchildren. Tom is retired office supervisor at Clinch River Plant.

Wed 50 years



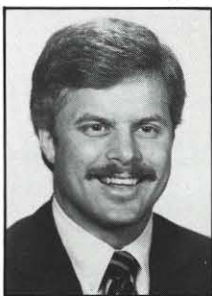
Frank and Mary Aliffe Wells observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 24. They have one daughter, one son, and four grandchildren. Frank is a retired Grundy line inspector.

Who's News

Charleston

Wayne Pugh, marketing and customer services supervisor, was appointed to the public relations committee of the Homebuilders Association of Greater Charleston.

Scott Newberry, son of Pat Kugler, customer accounts representative C, won a gold medal for the 50-yard dash and a bronze medal in the frisbee throw at the 1987 Special Olympics held at Charleston's Laidley Field.



Electrical Engineer **Fred Staunton** is serving as a loaned executive to the United Way of Kanawha Valley during its 1987-88 fund raising campaign. He is responsible for developing and pre-

senting fund raising programs to employees of the major commercial and industrial companies in the Kanawha Valley.

Mo Ahangardezfooli, electrical engineer senior, completed the Dale Carnegie course in "Effective Public Speaking and Human Relations". He received the outstanding student, human relations, and oral book report awards.

Michael, son of Phillip Laughery, engineering technician, was a member of the championship Kanawha Valley Amateur Union of the United States Junior Olympic boys basketball team which played in the national tournament in Orlando, FL. The team placed fourth out of 32 teams competing. □

John Amos

The Team United from the Kanawha Valley Soccer Association, coached by Plant Engineer **Terry Roush**, won the boys 14-under title at the Eastern Regional soccer tournament in Amherst, Mass. Team United defeated Rhode Island No. 2 team 4-1, defeated Maine 5-0, and beat Rhode Island No. 1 team 2-1. □

Woodrum's car wins ladies choice award



Rodger Woodrum, Charleston energy services supervisor, won the ladies choice award at the antique car show at the Cedar Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair for this 1951 MG-TD. It took Rodger four years to disassemble the car, including the motor, and restore it to showroom condition. He is president of the Kanawha Valley Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Pulaski

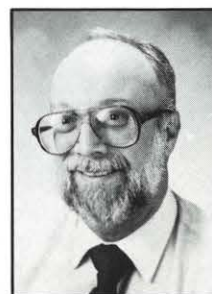


Amy, daughter of Sonny Westmoreland, Galax line crew supervisor nonexempt, is listed in the 21st annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She is

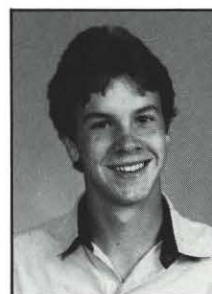
president of the Galax High School Maroon Tide Band, secretary of the National Honor Society, Governor's School nominee, co-president of the First United Methodist Church youth group, and a volunteer at Twin County Community Hospital.

Pat Tickle was the handicap winner, with net scores of 70 and 71, in the annual Handicap and Association Tournament for the Ladies Golf Association of Blue Ridge Country Club. Pat and her partner Edna Loftus came in second in the low gross category by shooting a 78. Pat, wife of Dan Tickle, Hillsville area supervisor, was the winner in the 0-22 handicap group with the closest-to-the-pin shot on the 7th hole.

Kingsport



Harold Gillenwater, station mechanic A, was elected president of the Sullivan County Volunteer Fireman's Association. SCVFA is an association of all ten Sullivan County volunteer fire departments established by the county to work to lower insurance rates and to increase interaction between the separate volunteer fire departments.



Andrew, son of Bob Caldwell, station supervisor, was recognized as the most valuable swimmer on the Golden Raiders swim team. He also received the teammate award on Sullivan North's varsity

baseball team, on which he played right field and hit .349. He was named a scholar athlete. □

Huntington



L. to r., Kristi Casto, Butch Casto, Ron Roush, Mary Roush, and Jamie Robinson, chairman of Crazy Raft Race.

Kristi Casto, Ripley junior clerk, and **Ronald Roush**, Ripley line mechanic A, won first prize in the commercial division in the Crazy Raft Race sponsored by the Ohio River Festival, Ravenswood. They were assisted by Kristi's brother, Butch, and Ron's wife, Mary. Their raft, made out of wooden skids and three 50-gallon drums, was sponsored by Hartley Trucking Company, Ravenswood.

Jerry Rhodes, Ripley line crew supervisor NE, was reappointed to the Ripley Planning and Zoning Commission. He has served for six years.



L. to r., Lisa, Minnis, and Jennifer Rowe.

Minnis Rowe, collector, coached the Buffalo Girls Babe Ruth softball team, "Lynn's Family Hair Center", to a first place win this season. His daughter, **Jennifer**, pitched 12 games with a 11-1 record. His daughter, **Lisa**, played right field.

Eldridge photo "best of show"

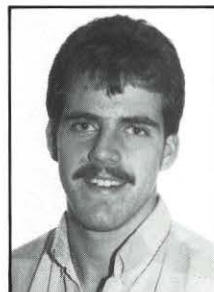


Kent Eldridge, Point Pleasant energy services technologist, won a blue ribbon for "best of show" in the Mason County Fair for his photo entitled "Covered Bridge" entered in the travel category.

Rob, son of Sharon Burton, meter electrician B, was selected as a member of the Babe Ruth All Star Team in the Russell-Flatwoods Baseball League. He served as a pitcher.

"The American Country Inn and Bed & Breakfast Cookbook" written by **Lucian Maynard, Jr.**, and his wife **Kitty**, has been published by Rutledge Hill Press of Nashville. Lucian is the son of Collector Lucian Maynard. □

Clinch River



Mark, son of Charles Pruitt, maintenance mechanic A, was inducted into the Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national honor fraternity at Southwest Virginia Community College and was

installed as vice president. He also was elected president of the student government association for the 1987-88 school year. Mark worked at Clinch this summer. □

Logan-Williamson

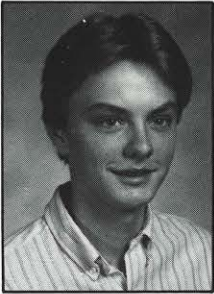
Sam Day, stores attendant B, and **Virdell Banks**, meter reader, played for the Logan Boulevard basketball team which won the City of Williamson Summer League basketball championship.



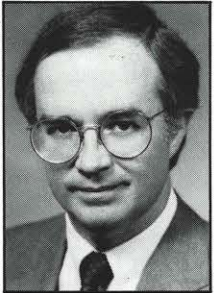
Josh, son of Greg Brammer, T&D clerk A, was a member of the Logan Willie Mays baseball team which had a record of 22-4 to finish as runner-up in the State of West Virginia.

Eddie Holstein, Madison line mechanic A, helped the Spruce River team come in second place in the State of West Virginia in independent fast pitch softball competition. □

General Office



Todd, son of Jim Fariss, hydro operations superintendent, has been selected to play trombone in the Roanoke Youth Symphony.



P. Scott Icard, governmental affairs representative, GO Executive, Charleston, has been elected governor-elect of the West Virginia District of Civitan International. He will serve as district

governor from October 1988 through September 1989. Scott has previously served as president of the Capitol City Civitan Club in Charleston and as lieutenant governor, treasurer, and judge advocate of the district. He holds both the club and district honor keys, the highest Civitan award at those levels. He also has served as president and chairman of the board of West Virginia Special Olympics, Inc. Civitan, a 45,000-member service organization, was the premier sponsor of the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics Games held at the University of Notre Dame.



Jason, left, and Guy Ferguson.

Guy Ferguson, electrical test specialist, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, coached the Vinton Dodgers which won the Dixie Youth League Minor Championship. He also coached the Vinton National League Allstar team which won the Dixie Youth League District VII Allstar League.

This is the first time a Vinton 9- and 10-year-old allstar baseball team has won the championship. Guy's son, **Jason**, played on both the Vinton Dodgers and Allstar teams.



Tim (left), Wayne, and Greg Sink

The Vinton Indians Tee-ball team, coached by **Wayne Sink**, electrical test supervisor, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, won 20 consecutive games to be the undefeated champions for 1986 and 1987. His twin sons, **Tim** and **Greg**, were members of the team. Tim served as shortstop and had only one error during the season. Greg was pitcher and led the team in homeruns.

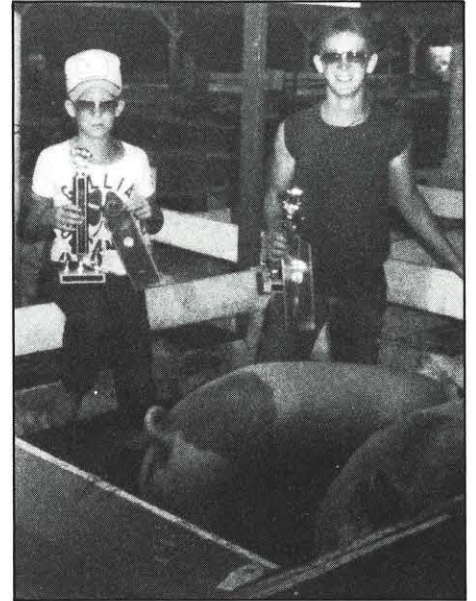
Beckley



Mike, son of Paul Elliott, Oak Hill line crew supervisor, NE, led the Oak Hill Senior League All Stars to a third place finish in the West Virginia Senior League Baseball Tournament.

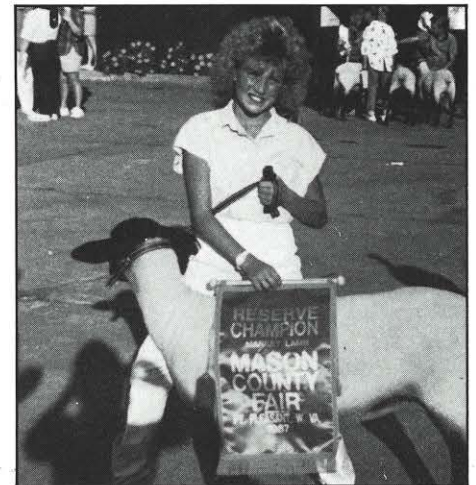
During the regular season, Mike played shortstop and pitched for the Twins of the Oak Hill Senior League, where he compiled a 6-0 record as a pitcher, batted .692, hit 9 homeruns, and led the team in RBI's. He also was a member of the Oak Hill High School baseball team this past spring, making the team as a freshman. □

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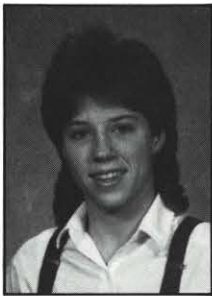
L. to r., Michael and D.J. Harden

The sons of Don Harden, maintenance mechanic A, had winning hogs in Gallia County Junior Fair competition. **D. J.**, a member of the Southwestern FFA, had the grand champion market hog, which was purchased for \$10 per pound by the Ohio Vally Bank. **Michael's** hog placed eighth in the market hog division and won grand champion barrow. Michael is a member of the Gallia Buccaneers 4-H Club.



Bethany, daughter of Charles Watterson, maintenance mechanic B, had the reserve champion lamb at the Mason County Fair. The 120-lb. lamb sold for \$7 per pound. Bethany is a member of the Four Corners 4-H Club. □

Philip Sporn



Jennifer, daughter of W. R. Couch, shift operating engineer, has been selected to receive the Rio Grande College and Community Honors/Athletics Scholarship, a four-year, full tuition awarded

to students who show excellence in both academic and athletic areas. At Meigs High School, Jennifer participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Teenage Institute for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Pep Club, and National Honor Society. She was a member of the volleyball team and team captain during her senior year. She was first team all TVC and first team all district. She played on the softball team for four years and was captain of the basketball team her junior and senior years. Jennifer has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Rio Grande.

Pulaski golf winners



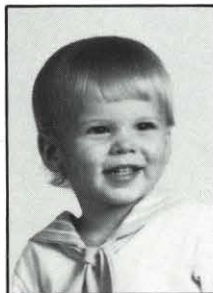
Pulaski Division Manager Jerry R. Whitehurst, left, presents a cash award to the winning team in the division's fall golf tournament held at Castle Rock Golf Course in Pembroke, Va. The team finished 6 under par in the captain's choice match. Team members are, l. to r., Chester Robinson, Galax meter reader; Doug Atkins, line mechanic A; Robert Kirby, engineering technician; and Retiree Brady Kidd. Chester received a dozen balls for the longest drive, and Brady received a dozen balls for closest-to-the-pin.



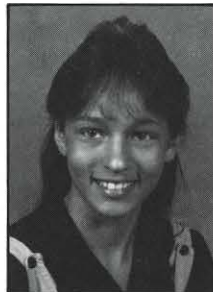
Heather Pauley

Heather, daughter of John Pauley, control technician, received grand champion awards for her 4-H projects this year. Her "pilot puppy" project involved raising a puppy from the age of 6 weeks to 12-14 months. The 4-H'er provided care and beginner obedience and then returned the puppy to Pilot Dog, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, where the dog will be trained as a seeing eye dog. This was the first time a "pilot puppy" project had been undertaken in Meigs County, Ohio. Seven hundred Ohio 4-H'ers took aquatic science as a project this year, and Heather's was one of 25 which made it

to the State Fair. She received a state fair participant's ribbon and a state fair plaque. Heather, a seventh grader at Meigs Junior High, is secretary of the Ridge Critters 4-H Club.

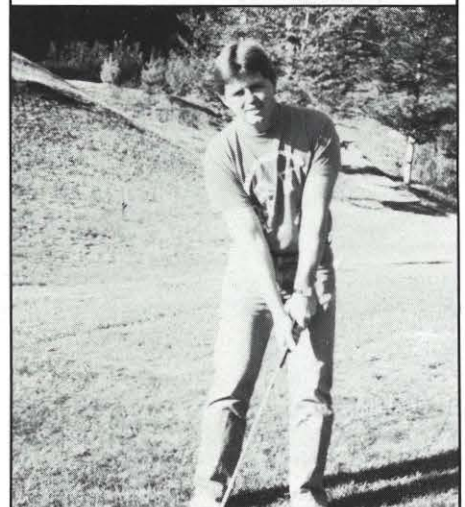


Curtis, son of Ivaunna Lidel, chemist, won the two-year-old division of the Pretty Baby Contest at the Mason County Fair.



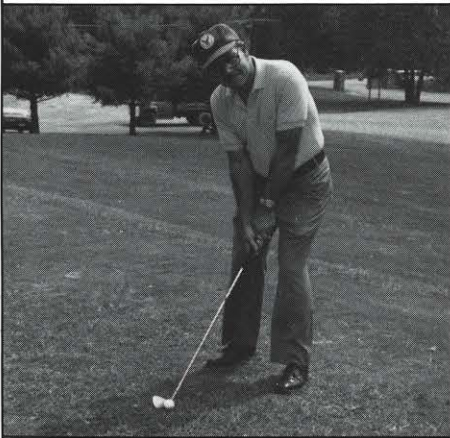
Yon, daughter of Norma Ragland, plant guard, won first place in eight swimming events at the Gallipolis Municipal Pool. They were 25m medley relay, 25m freestyle, 25m backstroke, 25m butterfly, 25m breast stroke, 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, and 25m freestyle relay. □

Hole-in-one



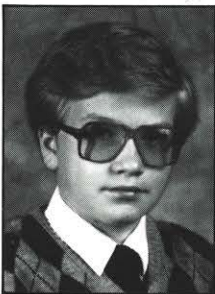
Dave Ransom, Rupert engineering technician senior, scored a hole-in-one on the par 3, 190-yard 5th hole at the Western Greenbrier Hills Country Club, Rainelle.

Hole-in-one

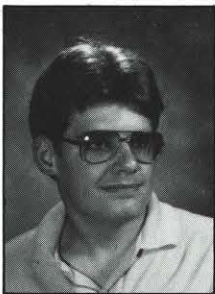


Bluefield Engineering Supervisor Jim Harmon scored his first hole-in-one while playing golf at a Fort Jackson, SC, golf course on August 22. He aced the 146-yard, par 3 no. 11 hole with a 7 iron. He was playing in a threesome with James L. McGuire and George Bellamy.

Bluefield



Barry, son of Rick Nowlin, surveyor assistant, has been selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for 1986-87. He is a senior at Princeton Senior High School.



Jim, son of Jim England, Welch general servicer, participated in the second session of the 1987 Academic Enrichment Camp on the Virginia Tech campus. The camp was for rising eighth, ninth, tenth graders who are planning to attend college and have demonstrated the ability for higher education. At this session, Jim was the only West Virginia resident among the 83 students. At the closing ceremony, Jim was awarded the following trophies: first place in the history and philosophy of science and technology class; first place in the alge-

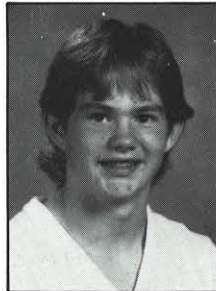
bra class; second place for scoring second highest on the mathematics portion of the SAT; and third place for scoring third highest on the verbal portion of the SAT. The SAT was given to the campers on a voluntary basis. Jim is a ninth grader at Welch Junior High School.

Rick Mitchell, Pineville line mechanic A, coached his Pineville Little League baseball team to this year's championship. His son Brian played on the team, which compiled a season record of 15-1. In the three years Rick has been coaching in the program, he has a record of 41-9. □

Abingdon



Hibbitts



Carter



Roeser

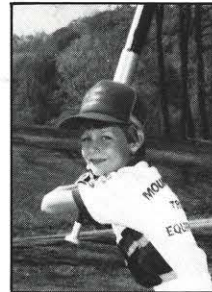
Three employees' children have been named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for the 1986-87 academic year. They are: **Tom**, son of T. M. Carter, engineering technician senior; **Holly**, daughter of Bill Roeser, administrative assistant; and **Pamela**, daughter of Ernestine Hibbitts, Clintwood customer accounts representative B. Tom attends Northwood High School; Holly, Abingdon High School; and Pamela, Clintwood High School.

L. C. Angle, Jr., retired power engineer senior, was appointed to the Abingdon Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

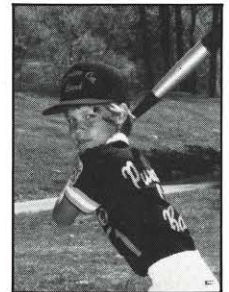
Kim, daughter of R. D. Poe, meter electrician supervisor nonexempt, is a

member of the award winning Chilhowie High School varsity cheerleaders for 1987-88. The squad placed third to four AAA schools at the National Cheerleader Association camp held at Appalachian State University. □

Central Machine Shop



Whitney



Elliott

The sons of Ray Stricklin, NDE inspector 1st class, played on championship baseball teams this season. **Whitney**, was a pitcher and catcher on the Budget baseball team which won first place in the Hurricane Minor League with a record of 12-5. This was **Ray's** first year as one of the team coaches. **Elliott** played second base on the Hurricane Little League baseball team which won the District 3 finals. The team came in fifth place in the state tournament. □

Class of 1987

Teresa Brannan, Centralized Plant Maintenance personnel clerk B, associate in business administration, Southeastern Business College.

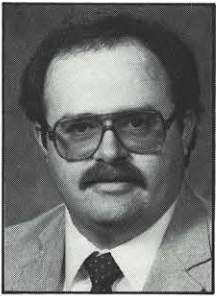
Susan Biggs, daughter of Bob Biggs, purchasing supervisor, GO Purchasing, Roanoke, masters in perinatal nursing, University of Pennsylvania.

Bob Caldwell, Kingsport station supervisor, bachelor of science in business administration, Tusculum College (summa cum laude). □

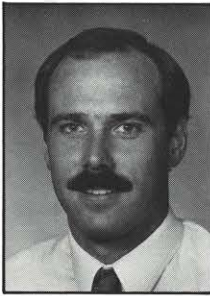
Three earn PE rating



Romeo



Hall



Earhart

Three employees have been certified as registered professional engineers in their respective states: William Romeo, Charleston meter supervisor, and Joe Hall, Jr., Logan electrical engineer senior, in West Virginia and Tim Earhart, civil engineer, GO Hydro, Roanoke, in Virginia.

Romeo holds an associate in science degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He was employed in 1969 as an engineer B and was promoted to his current position in 1976.

Hall holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He began his career in 1980 as an electrical engineer and was promoted to his present position in 1985.

Earhart, a civil engineering graduate of the University of Missouri, joined Appalachian Power in 1983 as a civil engineer-hydro. □

Glen Lyn golfers



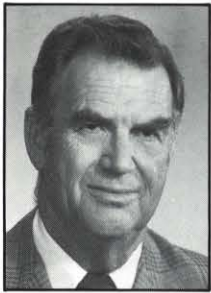
Coonie Spangler, retired personnel supervisor, captured first place in the Glen Lyn Plant Golf League with a score of 80.5 points. Harvey Gillespie, performance superintendent, placed second with 77 points, while Rick Ould, maintenance mechanic C, edged out Don Thompson, shift operating engineer, 73 to 72.5 for third place. The tournament was held at Giles Country Club, Pearisburg, VA. From left are Spangler, Gillespie, and Ould.

Taylor wins mini race car

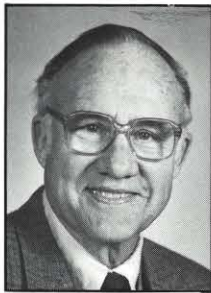


Wesley Taylor won an Aerotech Olds mini conversion of Race Car Driver A. J. Foyt's automobile as the grand prize during the opening of Heritage Buick-Olds-Pontiac-GMC Truck, Inc.'s new building in Pulaski. Wesley is the son of Darrell Taylor, Pulaski line mechanic A.

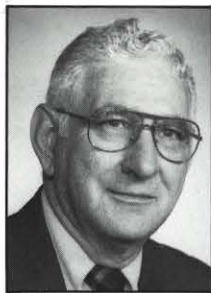
Service Anniversaries



Clifford Hawley
building supv.
Abingdon
40 years



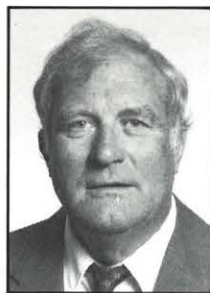
Luke Kesterson
M&CS rep. sr.
Kingsport
40 years



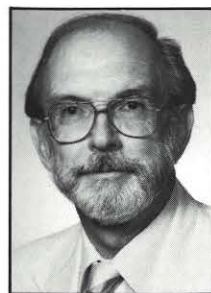
Bob Runion
area T&D clerk A
Pineville
40 years



Sally Hedrick
cust. acctg. supv. NE
Pearisburg
40 years



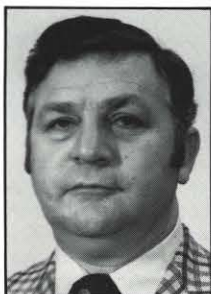
Lewis Puckett
driver-ground wrkr.
Lebanon
40 years



Cecil Evans
office supv.
St. Albans
40 years



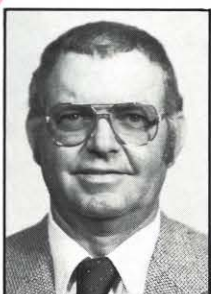
Jack Jarrett
hydro plt. supv.
Kanawha Valley Pwr.
35 years



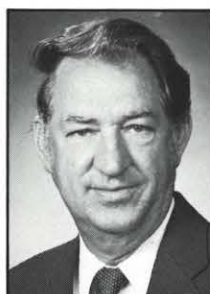
Glen Goad
maint. mech. A
Glen Lyn
35 years



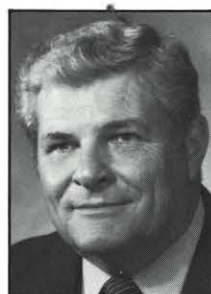
Parthenia Deal
cust. accts. clk. B
Kingsport
30 years



Benny Mann
sta. crew supv. NE
Pulaski
30 years



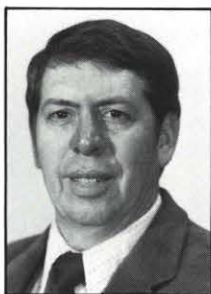
Bobby Hylton
general servicer
Princeton
30 years



Perry Johnston
R/w agent
Abingdon
30 years



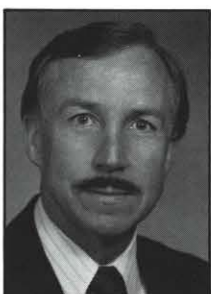
Dean Price
property rep. sr.
GO-Roanoke
30 years



Francis Epling
stores attend. sr.
Glen Lyn
30 years



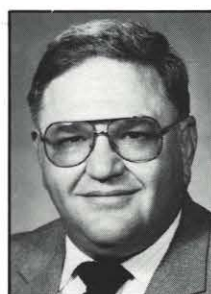
William Hatton
cust. accts. serv.
Logan
30 years



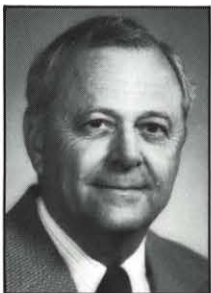
Martin Ratcliff
M&CS manager
GO-Roanoke
25 years



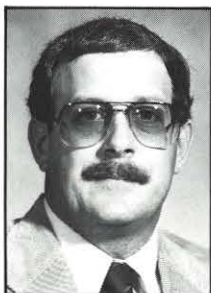
Sandra McClelland
T&D clerk A
Roanoke
25 years



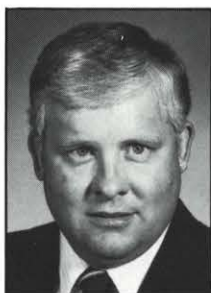
Gib Cook
div. superintendent
Beckley
25 years



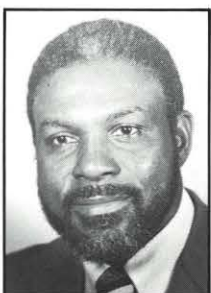
Bill Farmer
eng. technician sr.
Lynchburg
20 years



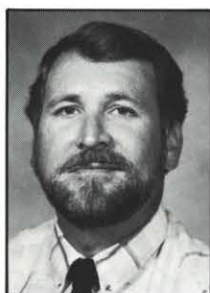
Ralph Ross
maint. mech. A
Philip Sporn
20 years



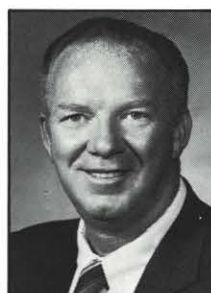
Tom Bloss
station mech. A
Huntington
20 years



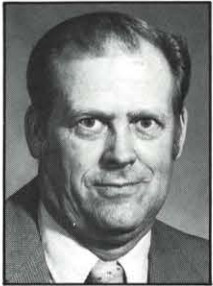
William Spencer
general servicer
Charleston
20 years



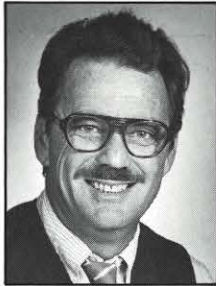
David Brooks
line crew supv.
Roanoke
20 years



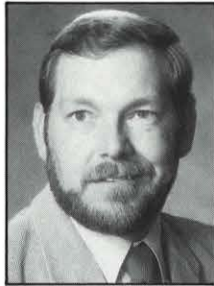
Bob Dyke
area servicer
Oak Hill
20 years



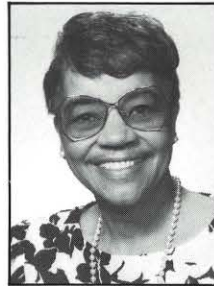
Glen Icenhower
maint. mech. A
Philip Sporn
20 years



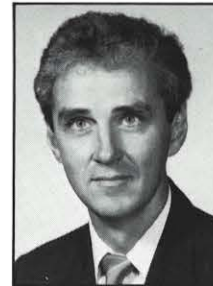
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line crew supv. NE
Kingsport
20 years



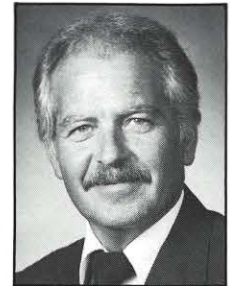
William Meade
regional disp.
GO-Abingdon
20 years



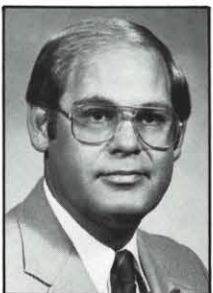
Corintha Hawkins
cashier A
St. Albans
20 years



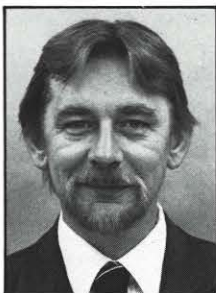
Darrell Allen
stores & gar. supv.
Beckley
20 years



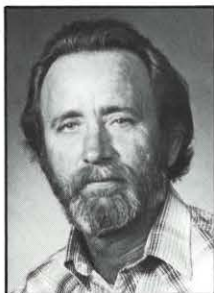
Robert Farley
area supervisor
Princeton
20 years



Wayne Farley
eng. tech. sr.
Beckley
20 years



M. R. Swisher
maintenance supv.
CPM
20 years



Raymond Patton
line crew supv. NE
Bluefield
20 years

Abingdon

15 years: **Fred Fullen**, custodian.

John Amos

15 years: **Kenneth Baker**, equipment operator A. **George Camp, Jr.**, control technician senior. **David Ball**, maintenance mechanic B. **Charles Harrison**, maintenance supervisor. 5 years: **Frederic Walker**, performance engineer. **Paul Cales, Jr.**, stores administrator. **Daniel Smith**, utility worker.

Bluefield

10 years: **Willie Noble**, meter electrician B. **Ken Green**, engineering technician senior.

Central Machine Shop

10 years: **Tom White**, production supervisor.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

10 years: **D. K. Beckett**, maintenance mechanic B. **R. L. Duncan**, maintenance mechanic A. **R. E. Pickens**, maintenance mechanic B.

Charleston

15 years: **Bill Strickland**, meter electrician B. 10 years: **Steve Wilmoth**, meter reader. **Jeff Parsley**, collector, St. Albans. **Gary Turley**, line mechanic A.

Clinch River

20 years: **William Robinson**, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: **Clarence Prater**, maintenance mechanic C.

General Office

30 years: **Ellis Sult**, transmission inspector, GO

T&D Transmission, Bluefield. 15 years: **Larry Gearhart**, manager hydro generation. GO Hydro, Roanoke. **John DeLong**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **David Akers**, engineering technologist, GO T&D Communications, Abingdon. **Gary Lewis**, assistant stores supervisor, GO T&D Stores, Roanoke. 15 years: **William McConnell**, relay engineer senior, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Twyman Banks**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Marcia Kelly**, data processing operator B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 10 years: **James Atkins, III**, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Communications, Abingdon. **Andrew Barham**, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Meter, Roanoke. 5 years: **William Holdren**, communications clerk C, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke. **Berkley Basham**, express driver, GO General Services, Roanoke. **John Higginbotham**, transmission station mechanic B, GO T&D Station, Marmet.

Huntington

15 years: **Chris Chambers**, station mechanic A. 10 years: **Sam Cutler**, station mechanic B. **Dave Thacker**, line mechanic A. 5 years: **Roger O'Dell**.

Kingsport

15 years: **Bill Pyle**, line mechanic A. 5 years: **Billy Price**, communications technician.

Logan-Williamson

5 years: **S. J. Scott**, customer accounts representative C, Williamson.

Lynchburg

10 years: **Doug Fitchett**, electrical engineer senior. **Fred Thornhill**, line mechanic A.

Mountaineer

15 years: **Len Haid**, maintenance supervisor. 10 years: **Bill Osborne**, barge handler. **Larry Rupe**, performance technician. **Don Nelson**, plant clerk A. 5 years: **Dave Thompson**, performance technician.

Pulaski

15 years: **Jon Painter**, office supervisor. **Robert Faulkner**, area servicer, **Floyd Sherry Haley**, customer accounts representative B, Christiansburg. **Larry Anderson**, line mechanic A, Wytheville.

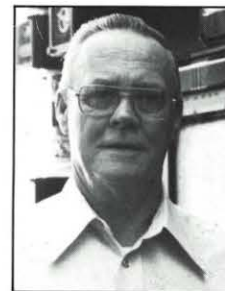
Roanoke

20 years: **Audie Atkins**, stores attendant B, Fieldale. 15 years: **John Stanford**, line mechanic A. **Ronald Poiniak**, meter reader. **Nathan Tester**, line mechanic A. 10 years: **Earlie Hairston**, station mechanic C, Fieldale.

Philip Sporn

35 years: **Kenneth Carter**, harbor boat operator. 20 years: **Ralph Ross**, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: **Rita Pullen**, unit supervisor. **David Gray**, maintenance mechanic B. **Lloyd Rankin**, senior chemist. **Sandra Stewart**, maintenance mechanic B. □

Burnard Wallace taken by death



Burnard C. Wallace, 63, regional chief operator, Kingsport, GO Operations, Kingsport, died September 14. A native of Yards, Virginia, he was employed in 1948 as a lineman at Cat Welch and was on LTD leave at

the time of his death. Wallace is survived by his wife Doris, Route 1 Evergreen Ledge, Kingsport, Tennessee, and two daughters. □

Parkers host German exchange student

In the summer of 1986, Scott Parker was part of a group from Roanoke's Northside High School who went to school in Remagen, Germany, under a program sponsored by the National Exchange Service. This year, when students from Germany visited Northside, Scott had an opportunity to reciprocate. He was host to Ralph Wirtz, an eleventh grader from Bad Honnef, for three weeks. (Scott is the son of Gordon Parker, building maintenance superintendent, GO General Services, Roanoke.)

Ralph, who has taken English since the fifth grade, was comfortably fluent with the language. He did, however, admit to a few problems in understanding "Southern drawl" and slang. Because Scott had been to Germany and is taking German in school, the two teenagers were able to relate well to each other. Ralph observed that American and German teenagers are alike in many ways. "We have the same problems," he said.

Ralph added, "Coming to America is something I have wanted to do since I saw the film, Hair, a few years ago. Germans are divided on their opinions of America. They see two pictures — a very good one and a very bad one. I found things here to be sort of middle of the road. There are a minority who have a bad picture of Americans because of their intervention in Nicaragua. But most Germans like Americans very much. They remember the care packets sent our country after World War II and American exports like the computer."

Ralph continues, "I've noticed several



When Ralph Wirtz got homesick, he listened to German broadcasts on a short wave radio. From left, Ralph and his host, Scott Parker.

things in America that are very different from my country. The people here seem to like things that are old (antiques) while in Germany we want everything to be modern. I think Americans are very patriotic because there are American flags flying everywhere and the pledge of allegiance is said so often."

Another difference Ralph noticed between the two countries was the school system. "In Germany, our primary school goes to the fourth grade. After that, there are three different kinds of schools to choose from, depending on the knowledge that people have. For the not-so good students, there is a school that

goes up to the 9th grade. If those students want to, there is a voluntary 10th grade. Then there is a school which goes to the 10th grade for regular students. And, finally, a gymnasium for better students which goes to the 13th grade. This prepares them for attending the university," he said.

Ralph has two more years in gymnasium and plans to continue his education at the university. "Someday I would like to come back to America and stay for a year," he said. His favorite activities while here were going to the cinema and visiting Myrtle Beach and Washington. □

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