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### About the cover:

This watercolor, by Roanoke Artist Fred Cramer, is our way of saying Merry Christmas to the readers of the Illuminator. Have a safe and happy holiday.

### AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
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
9/30/87	2.8779	.3474	5.9286	.1686	3.6401	.2747
10/31/87	2.9090	.3437	4.6636	.2144	3.5893	.2786

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.



## Zimmer suit settled; AEP net down 36 cents

American Electric Power Company's 1987 earnings will be reduced by approximately 36 cents per share as the result of a second write-off by Columbus Southern Power Company, announced last month, following settlement of litigation involving the Zimmer Plant.

W. S. White, Jr., chairman of both AEP and Columbus Southern, said that the write-off of approximately \$69 million, after taxes and related adjustments, involves amounts previously disallowed for rate-making purposes that had been deferred pending results of the litigation. Earlier, in 1985, Columbus Southern had written off \$66.3 million of its Zimmer investment, which resulted in a reduction of 35 cents in AEP's earnings per share that year.

Announcements of the write-off and reduced earnings followed the settlement of litigation against General Electric Company and Sargent & Lundy Engineers.

The settlements terminated a lawsuit initiated in 1984 by Zimmer's three owners — The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company and Columbus Southern — relating to the period when Zimmer was being built as a nuclear plant. It is now being converted to a coal-fired facility.

Under terms of the settlement with GE, that company paid \$78.3 million to the owners. As part of the settlement, GE will receive two unused turbines (non-nuclear) the utilities had purchased from that company in 1979-80 and for which they had no other use.

Under terms of the settlement with Sargent & Lundy, that company will pay the utilities \$27.7 million and waive interest of approximately \$6.5 million on invoices that had been rendered to the utilities in 1983 but not paid. The utilities will pay the outstanding invoices totaling \$12.7 million.

The settlements were arrived at after extensive negotiations. They followed a non-binding two-week summary trial in the U.S. District Court in Cincinnati. In that trial the jury unanimously found the

defendants not liable on any of the claims brought by the three owners. The court had employed the summary trial technique to encourage the parties to settle without the lengthy trial that had been scheduled to begin in January.

The owners had asked for recovery of \$415 million from the two defendants, plus punitive damages against GE. The two cash settlements totaled \$106 million (of which Columbus Southern's portion is approximately \$28.5 million.) □

## Management program set for Ohio State

The 1988 AEP Management Development Program has been scheduled for April 24-May 20 at The Ohio State University, Columbus.

Approximately 54 management personnel from the AEP companies and the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation will participate, according to Norman C. Gibbs, director of management development for the AEP Service Corporation.

The program will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Lane, as it has been for the past four years, and the teaching staff again will be made up primarily of Ohio State faculty members. Service Corporation management personnel will serve as guest speakers. □

## APCo redeems preferred stock

Appalachian Power Company on December 1 redeemed all outstanding shares of its \$4.18 cumulative preferred stock not previously called for redemption. Total face amount of the securities involved in the December 1 redemption was \$20 million.

Redemption price for the shares redeemed December 1 was \$28.14 per share. In addition, each shareowner also received the amount of \$.3484 per share in lieu of a dividend for the month of November. □

## APCO seeks rate reduction in Virginia

Appalachian Power Company on November 13 filed an application with the State Corporation Commission to reduce electric rates for its Virginia customers by \$15.8 million or 3.27 percent annually. The proposed reduction would be applicable to electric service rendered after January 1.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said that the reduction is possible because the company will be experiencing lower tax expense in the coming year as well as lower capital costs due to the easing of interest rates. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 reduced corporate income tax rates, from a high of 46 percent, to 40 percent for 1987 and to 34 percent in 1988. The company has recognized these changes on a timely basis and has passed these savings on to its customers.

While the impact of the reduction will vary depending upon customer classification and usage, the average Virginia residential customer using 975 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month will pay \$54.75. This will be \$1.41 less than at present.

Vaughan said, "Appalachian Power's rates have consistently been among the lowest in this part of the nation, and the changes being proposed at this time will further assure our customers of a continued bargain in their electric service."

He cited the \$8.4 million reduction which was made on January 1, 1987. "Aside from this rate change, the company, in each of the past five years, has been able to reduce the fuel increment in its rates as a result of lower fuel costs as well as savings resulting from the consistently high performance and efficiency of its generating units."

Vaughan noted that a recent review of industry statistics for 1986, measuring the efficiency of operation as determined by plant heat rates, placed Appalachian Power Company as the third most efficient generating utility in the nation. □



# INFORMATION

## On Benefits

### New 8.65% guaranteed interest rate for Fixed Income Fund

A new guaranteed interest rate of 8.65 percent has been established for employee contributions to the Fixed Income Fund of the AEP System Employees Savings Plan for the 12-month period November 1, 1987 through October 31, 1988. The new, higher rate is provided in a new contract with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

The contract, unlike last year's agreement, is for three years: one contribution year and a continuing "investment period" of two years. Last year's contract, with Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, guaranteed an interest rate of 7.45 percent but was for one year only.

In addition, an agreement has been reached with Northwestern National Life Insurance Company to "roll over" the terminating Pacific Mutual segment to a new three-year contract at a net rate of 8.85 percent effective November 1, 1987.

By contrast, interest rates on three-year U.S. Treasury notes were about 7.8 percent at the time these rates were established through competitive proposals.

The combined effect of the Northwestern National "roll-over" and the new Metropolitan contract will be — by the latter part of 1988 — a blended rate of approximately 12.6 percent for each of the fund's participants.

Northwestern National is the fifth insurance company to guarantee interest rates for the Fixed Income Fund over the past 10 years. The others were The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States (1978-83), Metropolitan Life (1984 and 1987), Prudential Life Insurance Company of America (1985) and Pacific Mutual

(1986). Two other contracts will be "rolling over" in the near future — one on December 31, 1987 and the other on June 30, 1988. They have yet to be negotiated.

Eligible employees may invest up to 16 percent of their base compensation in the Savings Plan, and the company will match the initial 6 percent 50 cents on the dollar. That is, for every \$2 invested by the employee (up to 6 percent), the company adds \$1 of AEP stock to the account. Earnings on all contributions, both the employee's and the company's, are added to the employee's account.

The Savings Plan consists of three funds, and the employee may participate in one or equally in two or all three. They are: the aforementioned Fixed Income Fund (with its earnings guaranteed), the Equity Fund (Standard & Poor's 500 Index Fund) and the AEP Stock Fund (consisting entirely of AEP common stock).

A summary of all current contracts of the Fixed Income Fund follows:

	Contributions From	Made To	Currently Earning	Until
Equitable Life	1/1/78	6/30/78	7.85%	12/31/87
	7/1/78	8/31/79	8.35%	6/30/88
	9/1/79	12/31/79	8.90%	8/31/89
	1/1/80	3/31/81	11.85%	12/31/89
	4/1/81	10/31/83	15.75%	10/31/89
	11/1/83	10/31/84	12.65%	10/31/90
Metropolitan Life	11/1/84	10/31/85	13.10%	10/31/91
Prudential Life	11/1/85	10/31/86	11.25%	10/31/92
Northwestern Natl. Life	11/1/86	10/31/87	8.85%	10/31/90
Metropolitan Life	11/1/87	10/31/88	8.65%	10/31/90

## New year brings Social Security, Medicare changes

Changes in Social Security and Medicare benefits, effective January 1, include, among other things, an increase to Social Security recipients of 4.2 percent monthly.

### Cost-of-Living Increase

The 4.2 percent increase is based on a rise in the Consumer Price Index from the third quarter of 1986 to the third quarter of 1987. The maximum monthly benefit for a person retiring at age 65 in 1988 will be \$838.

### Taxable Wage Base

The 1988 wage base subject to Social Security taxes will be increased to \$45,000 from this year's \$43,800. This rise is pegged to increases in the average national earnings.

The tax rate on the new wage base will be 7.51 percent — up from the 7.15 percent rate of the past two years — as provided by amendments to the 1983 Social Security Act. The maximum employee tax in 1988 will be \$3,379.50 (\$45,000 x 7.51%), which will be matched by the company.

### Earnings Test

The Social Security "earnings test" also is pegged to national average earnings. The test is the level of earnings allowed recipients without a reduction in benefits. The old and new limits on earnings are:

	1987	1988
Under age 65	\$6,000	\$6,120
Ages 65-69	\$8,160	\$8,400
Age 70 and over	No limit	No limit

### Medicare

Part A (hospital expenses):	1987	1988
Deductible for inpatient hospital services	\$520	\$540
Daily coinsurance (paid by individual):		
First 60 days of hospitalization	—	—
61st to 90th day	\$130	\$135
60-day lifetime reserve	\$260	\$270
21st to 100th day of post-hospital care in a skilled nursing home	\$ 65	\$ 67.50
Part B (medical expenses):		
Monthly premium (paid by individual)	\$17.90	\$24.80
Deductible	\$75	\$75



# INFORMATION

## On Benefits

### Retirement, savings plans are still financially sound

The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points on October 19, a day now known as Black Monday in recognition of the largest one-day loss in Wall Street history.

How did the stock market drop affect the AEP Retirement Plan and the Employees Savings Plan? Gerald P. Maloney, AEP's senior vice president - finance, assessed the effect in an interview on November 19.

"The market decline has had no effect on the fundamental soundness of the funding of the *Retirement Plan*. Obviously, the portion of the investments in common stock — about 50-55% of the total — experienced a reduction in market value. But the pension fund, as a whole, was at a higher level, up about 6%, at the end of October than it was at the beginning of 1987.

"Even with the effect of the market decline in October, the fund has experienced an average rate of return of roughly 15% per year over the last 24 months. The Plan has been, and continues to be, financially sound and well funded," he said.

How about the Savings Plan?

"The answer here depends on the individual employee's investment option. The *Fixed Income Fund* basically was not affected by the stock market turmoil in October and continues to provide a composite rate of return, or interest rate, of close to 13% per year.

"The *AEP Stock Fund* tracks the market value of AEP

common stock, of course, and I'm sure that all of our fellow employees are familiar with the changing pattern of those values over the past year. Utility stocks generally and AEP stock in particular were less affected by the October market drop and recovered more quickly than the industrial or general market averages. Today, for example, AEP is at \$26 per share compared with \$27.50 per share at the end of September, down about 5%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 Index is still down about 25% for the same period.

"And this is an accurate indication of the effects during the same period on the *Equity Fund*, which tracks the S&P 500. Employees in this segment should be comforted by the knowledge that they still have a slight increase since the beginning of the year and a substantial increase over the past two years," he said.

Any advice?

"The October experience was a sobering reminder, even to the 'experts,' that security values ultimately reflect only what willing purchasers and willing buyers agree is the value at a particular point in time," Maloney said. "It is no guarantee of the future value when the judgments at *that* time will continue to rely on highly subjective appraisals of economic conditions, inflation, budget and trade deficits, confidence in the future and many other factors. We continue to be reminded that high risk *can* mean high reward. But the word 'risk' still means exposure to loss." □

## WAPDA employee observes customer services activities



Naeem Haider Syed

Naeem Haider Syed, assistant director of public relations for the Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), spent a week in Appalachian Power Company's service area recently to observe the company's public affairs and marketing and customer services activities. He previously had been to the AEP Service Corporation, Columbus Southern, and Indiana Michigan Power. AEP Energy Services is working on a USAID power distribution project in Pakistan. Before it is completed in 1989, more than 150 employees from various AEP companies will have traveled to Pakistan to work with WAPDA. More than twice that many WAPDA employees will have traveled to this country for training.

Syed said that there are more than 5-million customers in Pakistan and, with the government's ambitious plan to electrify 90 percent of the villages by

1990, that number will soon jump to 10-million. Since Pakistan cannot generate enough electricity for its existing customers, WAPDA has had to resort to load shedding — a systematic, rolling blackout.

"Our task in public relations," Syed said, "is to educate our customers on the efficient use of the precious resource of electricity. We also are trying to educate the public about electrical safety and improve our overall communications with our customers." WAPDA's public relations activities include newspaper, radio and television advertising as well as the development of handout literature. WAPDA also provides speakers and programs for schools and universities.

"If we can teach our customers to conserve and use energy wisely," Syed concluded, "this could mean an end to load shedding and the economic losses it causes." □



## Helicopter aids crews in rebuilding line

**A** helicopter was used to assist Charleston Division line crews in the replacement of nine structures on a double circuit 46 kv line between Smithers and Alloy, West Virginia, recently.

The job was a coordinated effort involving four Appalachian crews, four Bouligny contract crews, Carson Helicopter Service, Marsico Ready-Mix Concrete, and the Boomer Volunteer Fire Department.

Upon arrival, the pilot held a brief meeting with crew supervisors while the ground crew refueled the helicopter. Once the work was begun, it took only five hours (including refueling time) to set 18 poles and deliver 12 loads of material and 4 loads of concrete.

Some crews were perched on the side of the mountain where they had hand dug post holes 12 feet deep, waiting for the helicopter to fly in the poles, cross-arms and insulators so they could restring the transmission lines. Other crews waited at the marshalling site to attach the loads to a hook swinging 30 feet below the chopper.

At each site, the pilot, following hand signals from below, lowered one pole at a time — two were needed at each site — into a hole, then hovered, holding the pole steady while the ground crew snapped loose four ropes attached to the pole and used trees and other anchor points to tie the pole in place.

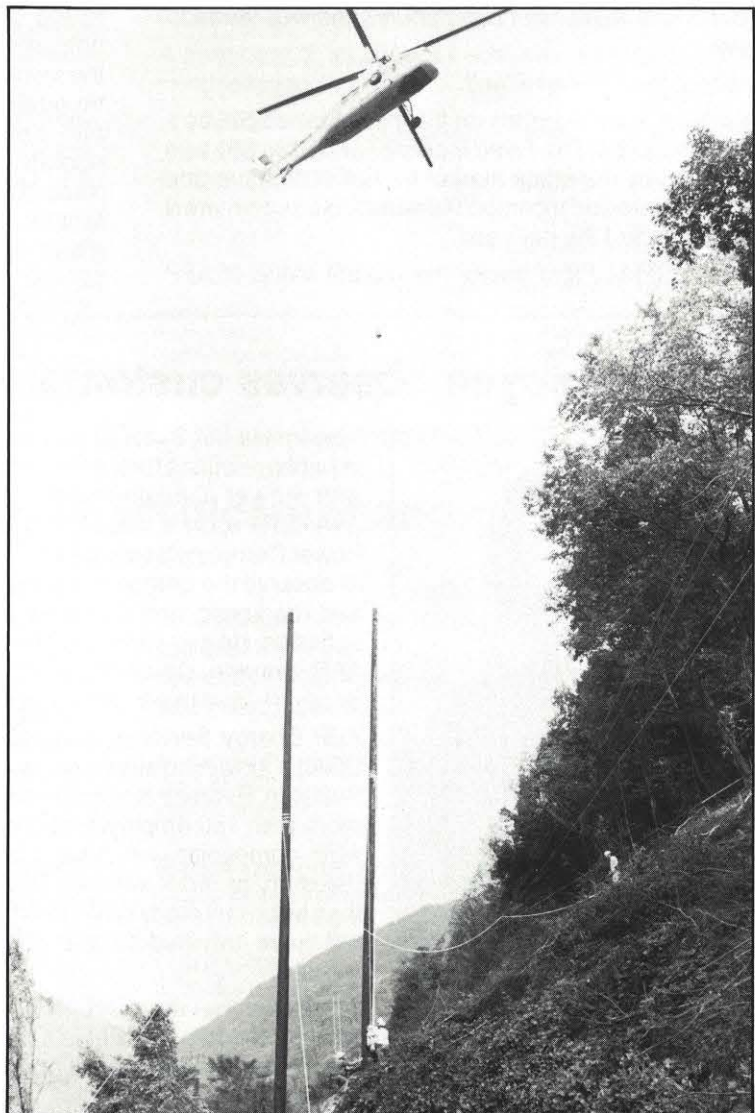
The pilot then disconnected the hook and flew back for a second pole or a load of materials while the ground crew straightened the pole just set and packed the hole with dirt and rocks.

Appalachian crews also had another tough job. A steel tower along the section was leaning, so they roped and straightened it. Then they hand dug a 12-foot hole under the sinking corner, formed it up, and laid in rebar. The helicopter flew in giant buckets of concrete so that the crew could fill the hole and make a new pad for the tower.

"That helicopter beats the old winch a-draggin'," said General Line Crew Supervisor G. R. 'Speed' Young. "It would take a six-man crew a full day to winch a pole like that from the highway up the side of the mountain to where they need it, then another day to prepare the site and set the pole."

Without the helicopter, the job would have required more than 30 days to complete, making outage time on the 46 kv circuits longer and increasing the cost of construction. □

The helicopter gently lowers a pole into place.





## Tazewell rates excellent on audit of operations

The Tazewell office in Bluefield Division has received its first excellent rating ever on an audit of its operations for the period March 1, 1983, through March 31, 1987.

The audit by AEP Service Corporation personnel covers such items as cash in drawer, working funds — petty cash, confirmation of expense accounts, verification of accounts receivable, delinquent accounts and collection procedures, investigative forms and procedures, service orders, and employee discounts.

Ratings given are excellent, good, acceptable, and unsatisfactory. Only four other Appalachian Power customer accounts offices have received this honor in recent years: St. Albans in 1973, Princeton in 1985, Wytheville and Pulaski in 1986, and Marion in 1987.

Bluefield Division Manager Tobie Eaton said, "The excellent rating indicates that each employee is doing an outstanding job and that all work well together. Their effort and cooperation reflect a positive attitude toward their work, and I want to express my appreciation."

In recognition of their superior performance, customer accounts employees

and their guests were treated to a dinner last month. □



Members of the Tazewell customer accounts section are: front row, l. to r., Gwin Kitts, customer accounts representative C; Norma Hankins, customer accounting supervisor; Linda Hess, customer accounts representative B; and Sandy Carter, customer accounts representative C. Back row, Jim Lamb, Judy Mullins, Jerry Mabe, and Larry Taylor, all meter readers.

## Glen Lyners replace roof for co-worker

The clatter that Gerald Lewis heard on the top of his house recently wasn't caused by eight tiny reindeer. Rather, it was the sound of hammers wielded by his co-workers at Glen Lyn Plant as they installed a new roof. Gerald, a maintenance mechanic B, has been on long term disability leave since November 1986. Learning that the Lewis home needed a new roof, Jim Smith and Clayton Atwood decided to organize a work party. Once the word spread there was no shortage of volunteers. Employees who helped included Dave Moulder, Richard Blankenship, Jim Smith, Chester Blevins, Karen Fowler, Myron Pruett, Wayne Fink, Howard Dickerson, Bob Guy, Joe Ogle, Ricky Gray, Freddie Terry, and Wayne Hopkins. Hopkins recruited Dennis Michael,



David Thompson and Rudie Meadows from the community to provide the carpentry expertise. Work began at 7 a.m. and was completed before noon, just in time for

lunch provided by Moulder and Mann. This story has another happy ending. After a long bout with cancer, Gerald returned to work in mid-October.



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**OPERATIONS  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM**

Employees have responded enthusiastically to Appalachian Power Company's Operations Improvement Program this year, according to Personnel Assistant Woody Ball, who serves as coordinator. At the end of the third quarter, estimated savings were \$5,857,232 or 131% of the annual goal.

The originators of proposals which project savings of less than \$500 receive local recognition, such as a hat, tote bag, or other item.

Originators of proposals with projected savings of more than \$501 receive both a local award and company level award, as follows:

Savings of \$501 to \$5,000 — \$50 Savings Bond. Savings of \$5,001 to \$15,000 — \$100 Savings Bond. \$15,001 to \$30,000 — \$200 Savings Bond. And \$30,001 and above — \$500 Savings Bond.

Quarterly awards are also awarded for operations and safety ideas. First place awards for operations ideas from plants, divisions, and General Office are 10 shares of AEP stock. The second place winners receive 5 shares of AEP stock. Quarterly awards for safety ideas are Savings Bonds — \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place.

Winners of quarterly awards for the first quarter were as follows: Plant — first place, Robert Edwards, John Amos; second place, John Pickering and Robert Roush, CPM. Division — first place, William Hicks, Roanoke; second

place, Elwood Mullins, Abingdon. General Office — first place, Wayne Jacobs and Randy Umberger, GO General Services; second place, Ronald Jamison, GO T&D. The first place award for safety went to Carl Cline and John Davis, II, of Sporn Plant. The second place winner was Joe Willard of Amos Plant.

Second quarter winners were: Plant — first place, Gary Painter, Duane Phlegar and Michael Toler, John Amos; second place, Warren Ashton, Mountaineer. Division — first place, Joel Pugh, William Childress, Robert Schronce and Vernon Crouch, Pulaski; second

place, Warren Smythers, Abingdon. General Office — first place, Dane Giles, GO T&D; second place — Jeffrey Marlowe and Billy Ball, GO T&D. The first place award for safety went to James Hackett, John Amos. The second place winner was Richard Stocker of Mountaineer Plant.

Third quarter winners were: Division — first place, Thomas Wells, Huntington; second place, Kenneth Wines, Charleston. Plant — first place, Charles Cook, CPM; second place, Fred Stotts, CMS. General Office — first place, Hank Colwell, GO T&D; second place, Danny Gray, GO Environmental. The first place award for safety was won by Merle Gilbert and Roger Pittman, Beckley. The second place winner was Robert Kosa, Sporn. □



**T**he first year I retired from Appalachian, I cut up 53 beefs, 10 hogs, and 10 deer for people," recalls Woody Munsey, former station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Bluefield. "That was getting to be work, so I started looking around for something else to do. That's when I decided to take up woodworking."

Woody, as it turns out, has quite a talent for woodworking as evidenced by the many beautiful pieces of furniture he has made. Among them are doll cradles, baby cradles, bunk bed sets, coat racks, hall trees, and flower stands.

"My sister-in-law wanted an end cabinet and asked me to make her one," Woody says. "I did, and it's the prettiest piece of furniture she has in her kitchen. I also made a big chest for my wife's niece. Another relative wanted a box to put horse blankets and grooming things in, so I made that, too. She said she was going to put it in her stable, but I don't figure she will put anything that nice in a horse stable."

Woody adds, "I got the pattern for the coat rack from one my mother bought 50 or 60 years ago. I just added sides and a rack on top to hold pocketbooks. "Jack Farley's wife Kitty found a doll bed in the basement of her grandmother's house and brought it over here for me to repair. I cut a pattern from that. I bought the pattern for the baby cradle. It's a regular English baby cradle."



Woody Munsey

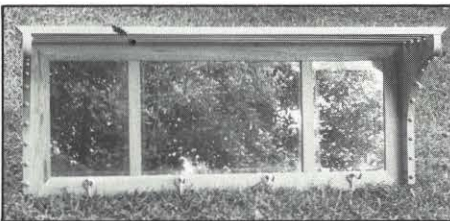
## Munsey stays busy with woodworking

Woody continues, "It's a sight how long it takes to make a set of bunk beds. To look at them you wouldn't think it would take any time at all, but they are put together with dowel pins."

"I had a workshop built in the back yard last summer, and I call it my castle. Some days I may work out there 5 or 10 hours. It just depends on whether the garden needs to be hoed or the grass cut. People come by to talk, and I don't turn out much when I get interrupted like that. Of course, I like them to come by so I tell them I'm not in any hurry, I have all day."

Woody's favorite wood is red or white oak because it's easy to work with. "If you get glue on walnut," he says, "you're in trouble because you can't get it out."

Most of Woody's furniture has been made for family members but he has sold some, too. "Mostly I just make things; and, if someone sees them and wants them, I will sell. I'm sure not making a profit; I'd say I just about break even. I figure I work for about \$2 an hour!" □





# Sporn captures second softball title

The Philip Sporn Plant softball team came out of the loser's bracket to take the Appalachian Power Company tournament title at General Hartinger Park in Middleport, Ohio. This is the second annual event and the second crown for the Sporn entry.

After being downed by Mountaineer 1 in the opening game of the final day, Sporn won the next three by defeating a good Glen Lyn team 7-3, and then taking the final two from the Mountaineer squad by 8-4 and 8-7 scores.

Mountaineer 1 had defeated teams from Kanawha River, Amos and Sporn to get to the playoffs. Glen Lyn had advanced with wins over CPM, Huntington, and Mountaineer 2 before being eliminated by Sporn.

In the first of the two final games, Sporn jumped out to a four run first inning lead and were never headed after that. The second game, however, was a barn-burner with neither squad gaining a real advantage until the Mountaineer crew built a 7-3 lead after 5½ frames and it looked as if they were on the way to the title. In the bottom of the sixth, however, the Sporn team pushed across five runs and then held off a seventh inning threat by the Mountaineers for the win.

Individual as well as team awards were presented, with Mountaineer 1 getting \$100 and a second place trophy and Glen Lyn a third place award.

Leading hitters for the event were Larry Howell of Mountaineer 1 with 16; Rick Hollie of Glen Lyn, 14; Joey Roush of Sporn, 12; Skipper Johnson of Sporn, 10; Randy Meaige of Sporn, 10; Scott Harrison of Sporn, 9; Pat Soulsby of Sporn, 9; Rich Kurnot of Mountaineer 1, 9; and Ron Steel of Mountaineer 1 with 9. Larry Howell was presented with a bat for being the leading hitter.

Some 140 employees representing Mountaineer, John Amos, Glen Lyn, Centralized Plant Maintenance, Huntington, Kanawha River and Sporn participated. The event was coordinated by Charles Miller, personnel assistant; Pat Soulsby, equipment operator A; and Skipper Johnson, equipment operator B, all of Philip Sporn. □

Story courtesy of Jim Soulsby, Point Pleasant Register.



Members of the championship Philip Sporn Plant team are (kneeling, l. to r.,) Matt Russell, bat boy; Harold Russell; Skipper Johnson; Danny Taylor; and Pat Aeiker. Back row, Joey Roush, Pat Soulsby, Mitch Mace, Scott Harrison, Jim Cotterill, Steve Halley, Greg Thomas, Randy Meaige, and Kelvin Honaker. Not pictured are Matt Miller and Johnny Taylor.



Members of the Glen Lyn Plant team, which placed third in the tournament, are (front row, l. to r.) Rick Miller, Louis Prunesti, Randy Nicewonder, and Mike Ferrell. Back row, Mark Perkins, Wayne Peck, Larry Bowers, Freddie Terry, Kevin Cottle, Norman Hollie, and Ronnie Dehart.





Jerry Elder, left, and Harry Hughes with the trophies they won in the Tarheel Team Tournament at Lake Gaston. In the background is their first prize, a \$4,000 Glassmaster runabout.

## Hughes, Elder are successful fishing team

“Anyone who doesn’t fish doesn’t know what he’s missing,” claims Lynchburg Line Crew Supervisor Harry Hughes. Harry has been interested in the sport ever since he began bass fishing as a youngster but got serious about it just ten years ago.

Harry explains, “Some friends suggested that I should find a partner and get into team fishing, so I joined the Bass Club. That’s where I met Jerry Elder. We have been fishing together ever since.

“A good partner is hard to find so, when you get a good one, you better hold on to him. I think I have the best one! Jerry is a good all-around fisherman and has a reputation for honesty. He is known as being one of the best fishermen on the lake.”

The team of Hughes and Elder is so successful that they usually place in the top ten...and the money. “This year we’ve probably won better than \$8,000,” says Harry. “That certainly takes care of expenses. If we don’t come in first, we usually place high enough that people know we’re there.” In June they won a Glassmaster runabout worth about \$4,000 in the Tarheel Team Tournament at Lake Gaston.

Lest anyone think fishing is an easy way to make money, Harry has other ideas. “Tournament fishing is tough,” he declares.

“We start tournament fishing in the latter part of March

and go through November. When we’re not fishing, we’re at Smith Mountain Lake sinking brush to draw fish in the future. Our weekend starts about 3:30 or 4:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and usually ends about 10 p.m. on Sunday night.”

Harry continues, “There are 175 fishing teams per tournament, and we have 7 tournaments. The top 40 teams are invited to a classic. This fall we participated in three: the ABA Classic, Hardees Classic, and Coors Classic. The ABA was held at Smith Mountain Lake and the other two in North Carolina. We came in 19th place in the Coors Classic and won \$400. The Hardees Classic was a two-day event, and we placed fourth overall and won \$1,250.”

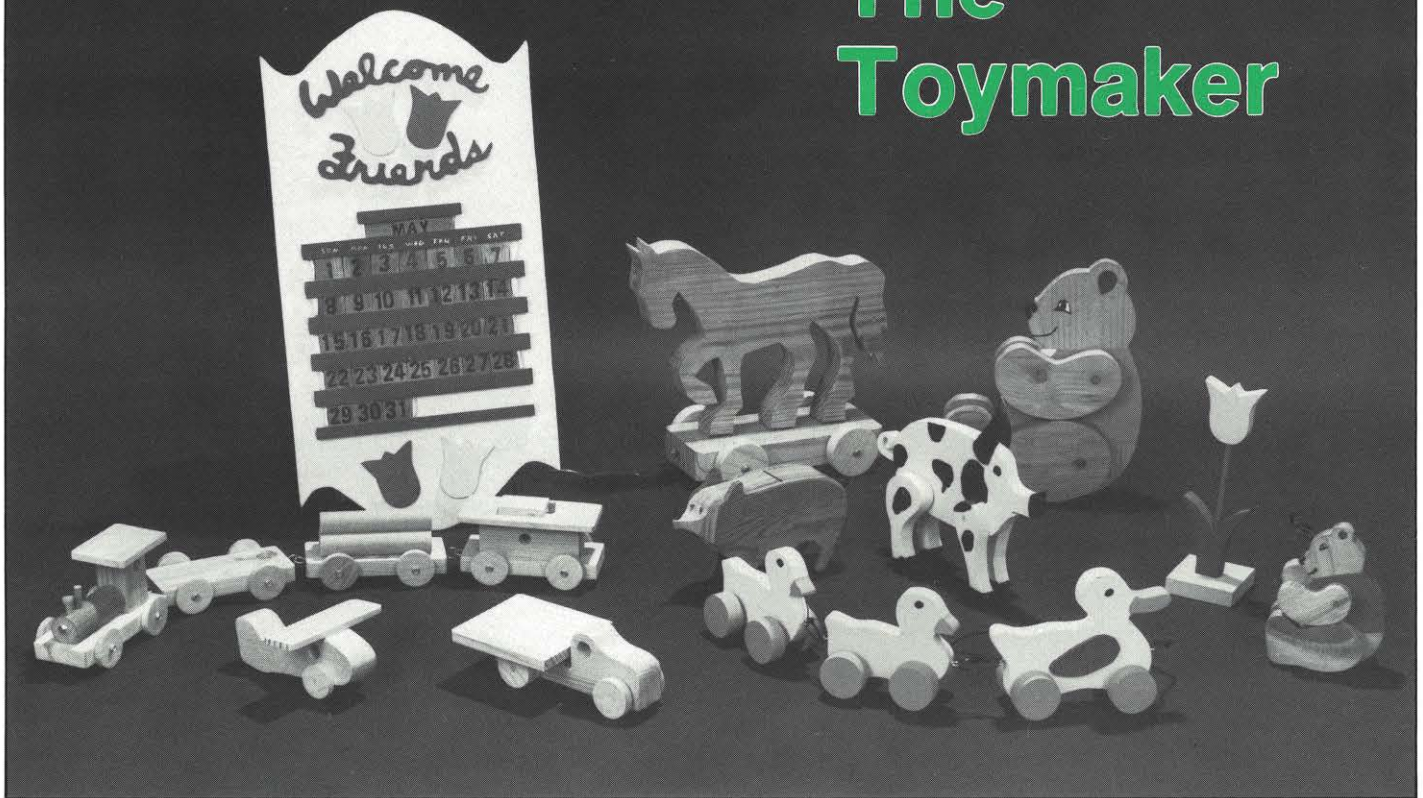
Winners in the team tournaments are determined by weight of the fish. Harry explains, “You have a fish limit, say 10 fish per tournament, and you have to have more weight in your 10 fish than any other team. You have from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to catch your fish.

“In tournament fishing, you meet a lot of nice people. The competition is stiff because there are some real good fishermen participating. It is not easy to win.”

Does he have any tricks of the trade to share? Harry replies, “We don’t want to give away our secrets. I just say keep ‘em wet.” □



# The Toymaker



Some of the wooden toys made by Doug Forbes.

**A** good, clean way of having fun is how Appalachian Power Safety Manager Doug Forbes describes his toymaking hobby.

Doug relates, "About ten years ago, a lady asked me to build a little pull horse for a sale they were having at the church. She was aware that I could make sawdust, as my wife says. My grandfather was a carpenter, and I had gotten a lot of his tools. I made a couple of toy horses and thought that would be the end of it. But people kept asking me if I could make this or that, and I began to get interested. Soon I started looking around for other things to make.

"People have been good about sharing patterns. In fact, most of the patterns I have were given to me by Appalachian employees. I probably have 100 patterns that I have never built, but one of these days I will."

Doug continues, "Toymaking is totally different from anything that I do. It is a form of relaxation, and that is why I enjoy it. The only part I don't like is when I have to paint and decorate. I don't have the patience for that. I like to cut out and assemble, but I don't like to paint.

"I have no artistic ability so I have to have an outline to do any painting. That is a real drawback. It takes about an hour to mark and cut a pattern. To

decorate it takes another three to five hours.

"The most time consuming pattern I have made is a calendar, which takes around 30 hours to build and decorate. That pattern came from Birmingham, Alabama. My wife Mattie saw it in a craft shop there, and she asked me if I could build one. I went to the shop and looked at it, then came home and made one."

Doug adds, "Of all the toys I build, I still like the pull animals the best. My favorite is a daschund that is in three parts. The



Doug Forbes

pattern came from a family member, who had a toy like that when she was a little girl years ago.

"I don't have any idea how many toys I make in a year's time. When someone we know has a baby, I will make one for a gift. And when children come by the house and see something they like, I'll just tell them to take the toy home. Every one that I sell is for the benefit of the church. I probably made 150 to 200 different items for the craft show in October.

"Teddy bears are the most popular. I make them in three different sizes—6, 8, and 12 inches. Most of my toys sell quickly. However, my biggest disappointment this year was that my ducks in a row didn't sell. But the pull train, which was the most expensive item, sold right away. I really never know what to make. If I make pull trains for the show next year, everyone probably will want to buy ducks."

Doug concludes, "If I were in the business, I could never make a living. There is no question about that. Even though I basically use scrap wood, I couldn't sell a toy to cover the amount of time and material I have in it. Most people who are involved in crafts find that to be true. I do it purely for the love of making sawdust." □



# Ho, ho, ho . . . it's Ray and Janice

**W**hen the Mason (WV) Fire Department asked Raymond Cundiff to play Santa Claus, it was the fulfillment of a desire he had had since childhood. "That was twenty years ago," Ray says, "and I've been playing Santa ever since."

He continues, "Mason doesn't have a parade, but I get all dressed up and ride through town on the back of a fire truck. I walk the streets of town, too, and something real exciting happened about two years ago. A couple was on their way home from the hospital with a newborn baby. When they saw Santa, they pulled over and wanted to have the baby's picture taken right then, even before the baby got home."

Ray continues, "Last year I was Santa Claus for the children's party at Gavin Plant and will be again this year. I'm also going to be Santa for the children's party here at Centralized Plant Maintenance (where he is a maintenance mechanic B). I also play Santa for the Mason Grade School and at numerous private homes.

"I try not to promise the kids everything they ask for because I don't know how well off they are. When a child asks for something in particular, I just say that Santa Claus will try his best to see that he or she gets it. Last year this one little girl



Santa Claus (Ray Cundiff) takes time out to read a comic book with some young friends.



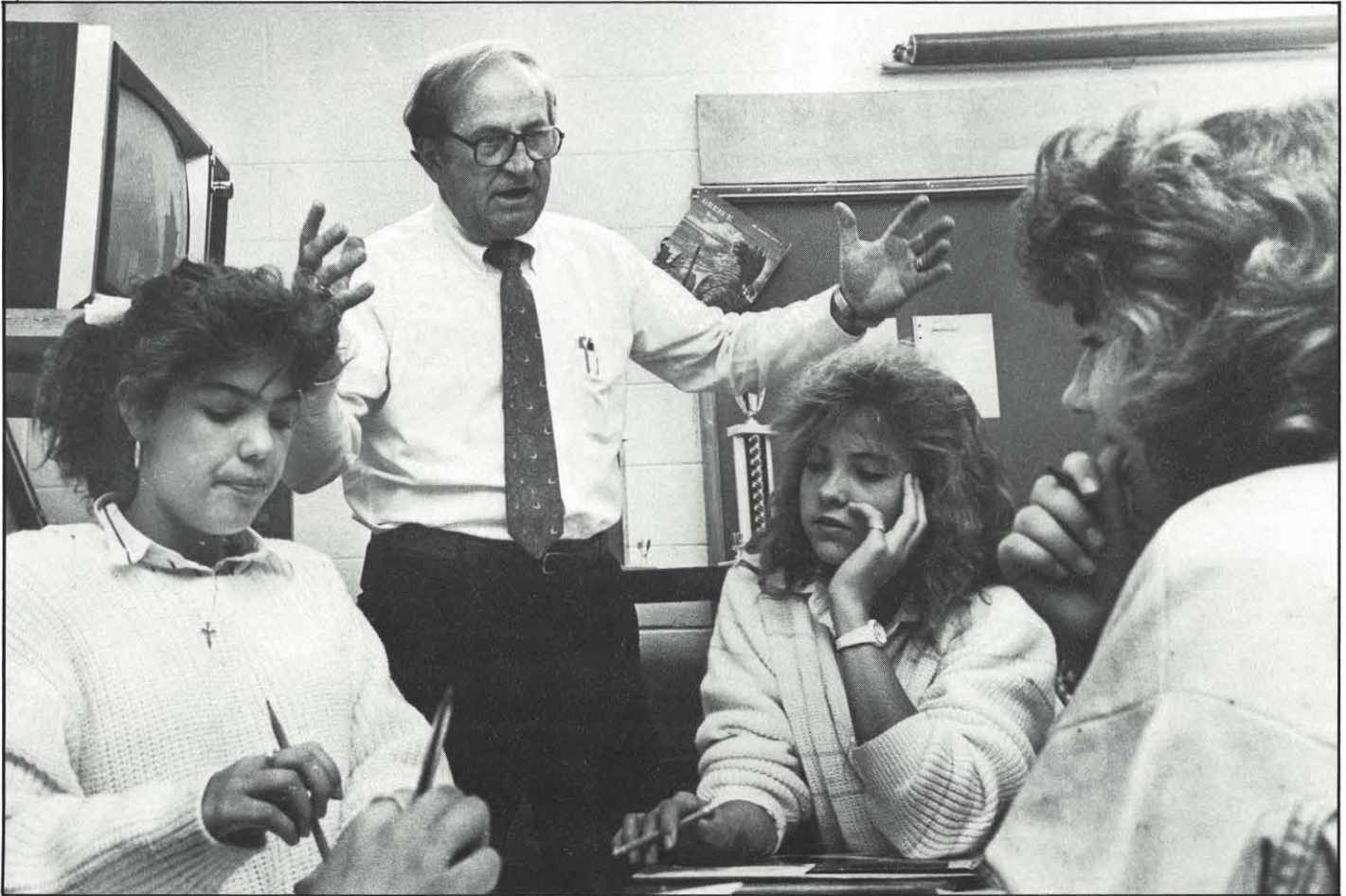
Janice Cundiff makes fruit baskets and homemade candy for the elderly and those less fortunate.

asked me for a big bear dressed up in a hillbilly outfit. She could tell I didn't have any idea what she was talking about. Kids are hard to fool, and you have to be careful."

Ray adds, "My wife Janice has been involved in helping Santa about three years. She has an outfit of her own to wear. We are both born again Christians and around the holidays we try to take our tithe money and help the needy. We have bought clothing for needy children in Mason and Racine. And Janice makes fruit baskets and homemade candy which we distribute to the elderly and others in the community who are not as fortunate as we are. The older people just can't believe that folks care enough to take their own money and do this."

Ray says, "Three years ago I had a heart attack around the first of December and couldn't play Santa Claus. It didn't even seem like Christmas to me that year. I hope to continue playing Santa Claus until I die, I really do. I'm not in it to make money. I'm in it because I get enjoyment out of it. I like the look on the children's faces when they light up. I even enjoy it when the children are so little that they cry because they're afraid. But the biggest enjoyment is helping somebody in need." □





Lloyd Pomykata teaches students from Sissonville Junior High School about forming a small business. As part of a Junior Achievement project, Pomykata will visit Margaret Miller's class weekly for 15 weeks. From left are Risha Newland, Pomykata, Malia Eads and Shannon Chapman. Photo courtesy Therese Cox, Charleston Daily Mail.

Students at Sissonville (WV) Junior High School are getting firsthand knowledge of the business world without leaving the classroom. The students are participating in PROJECT BUSINESS, a program sponsored by Junior Achievement Inc. to teach economics.

Lloyd Pomykata, staff assistant in GO Executive, Charleston, is representing Appalachian Power as a volunteer instructor in the program. He is one of 29 business executives from various companies in the Kanawha Valley who go into classrooms "to make eighth- or ninth-grade students aware of the basic workings of the business community they live in," the student manual reads. Each unit combines class discussion and an activity, like stock market investing.

Margaret Miller, who teaches a West Virginia Studies class at Sissonville Junior, describes Project Business as

"long-range education" and an activity which has grabbed the attention of the whole class. "We have to prepare these students for life," Miller said. "Anytime we can incorporate more practical information into the curriculum, we should take advantage of it."

Pomykata said, "This practical information includes the students becoming involved in setting up, through small group discussion, a fictitious carwash or lawnmowing business. Such a venture requires them to consider how they would manage and market their product and what manpower, machines, money and methods would be required to be successful."

The students also study such practical concepts as enterprise in action, supply and demand, market price, global economics, and finance. Pomykata "gave" his students \$5,000 to invest in the stock market. Several "lost their

shirts" along with real stock market players recently. The students also had a chance to learn about electric utility operations when they toured the John E. Amos Plant.

From a student's perspective, Project Business is a hit. Besides enjoying and learning from it, some students said they now are considering careers in business.

In an article in the **Daily Mail Metro North**, Shawna Sayre (daughter of Ray Sayre, Charleston meter electrician A) made this comment about Pomykata's class: "He makes it easier to understand because he knows what's going on." "Everyone looks forward to Tuesdays," said Christine Beane. "Hardly anyone ever misses." Amanda Haynes added, "It makes a difference." □



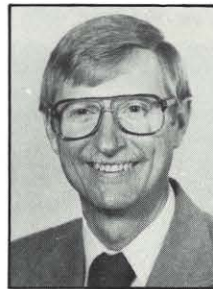
# Promotions

**Doris Foster**, Charleston customer accounting supervisor nonexempt, was promoted to Montgomery office supervisor on November 1. She holds an associate degree in applied science-management from West Virginia State College.



Foster

**Troy D. Coyner**, Charleston electrical engineer, was promoted to Welch area supervisor on November 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.



Coyner

**Harry J. Berger, Jr.**, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Rocky Mount on September 26.



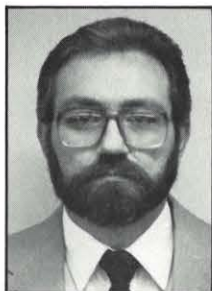
Berger

**Russell M. Stiff**, civil staff engineer, was promoted to civil engineering superintendent, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, on October 1. He holds an associate of arts degree in pre-engineering from Southern State College and a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.



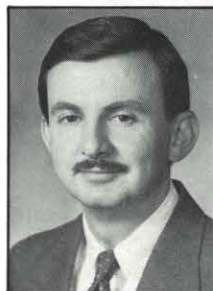
Stiff

**Ricky A. Stobart**, equipment operator A, was promoted to unit supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant on November 1.



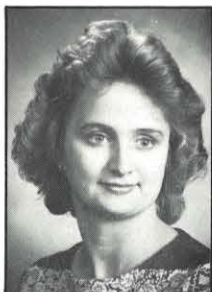
Stobart

**William S. Crawford, Jr.**, Lynchburg office supervisor, was promoted to customer accounts coordinator, GO Marketing & Customer Services, Roanoke, on November 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.



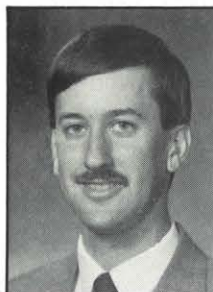
Crawford

**Beth Ann Blankenship**, T&D clerk C nonexempt, was promoted to department assistant-marketing and customer services exempt in Bluefield on October 16. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Radford University.



Blankenship

**R. Dale Vaughan**, station engineer senior, was promoted to station construction supervisor, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, on November 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.



Vaughan

## Abingdon

**C. D. Gray** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Gate City.

## John Amos

**Mark Christian** from utility worker to coal handler.

## Beckley

**Richard Gillespie** from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Rupert.

## Bluefield

**Mike Reed** from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Princeton.

## Central Machine Shop

**Carol Kosa** from power equipment mechanic 2nd class to power equipment mechanic 1st class.

## Charleston

**Janet Cable** from T&D clerk C to T&D clerk B.

**Veda Young** from stenographer to secretary-stenographer B.

**Laura Adkins** from meter electrician B to meter electrician A.

**Judy Wilmoth** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

**Terry Shrewsbury** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

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

## Kanawha River

**Sandy Pritchard** from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

**Lorrie Marks** from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

**D. M. Hastings** from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

**P. R. Galloway** from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

## Kingsport

**Fred Rutherford** from meter electrician B to meter electrician A.

## Roanoke

**Don Hall** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

**Rick Calhoon** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

**Tim Rogers** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

**Ted Spitzer** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Rocky Mount.

**Greg Robertson** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Rocky Mount.

**Marshall Karnes** from meter electrician B to meter electrician A.

**Ronnie Journiette** from meter electrician C to meter electrician B.

**Richard Thomasson** from line mechanic A to general servicer.

## Philip Sporn

**Michael Meadows** from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

**Thomas Dawson** from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

**Alice Gardner** from equipment operator C to equipment operator B.

**Thomas Anderson** from equipment operator B to equipment operator A. □

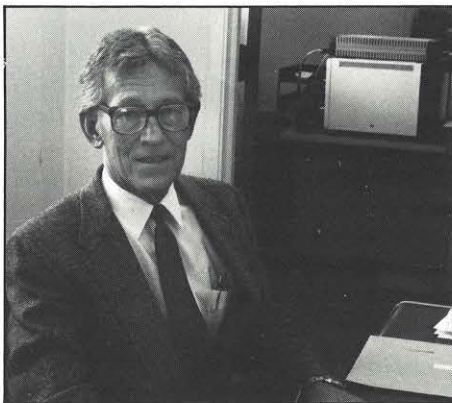


# Retirements



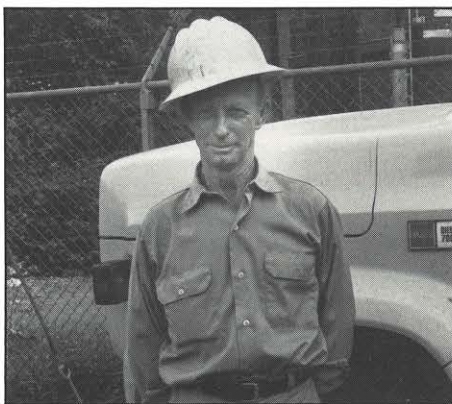
"I've worked with the public for 33½ years and have enjoyed it thoroughly," says **Bertie Lunsford**, "but the time has come for me to hang it up, and I'm real excited about it." Bertie was a customer accounts representative A in Milton before electing early retirement on December 1. She continues, "Since I worked in a small town, I have often been referred to as 'Mrs Appalachian'. Hardly a weekend goes by that I don't get a call at home from a customer. Someone wants to tell me he is moving, that his power is off, or things like that. I'll

certainly miss my co-workers and my customers, but I am looking forward to some leisure time. Until my husband Merrill retires in about a year, we can't make any definite plans. Although we don't live there, we have a 79-acre farm where we raise Belgian horses. I enjoy cooking, gardening, and traveling." Bertie is active in the Milton Baptist Church, where she sings in the choir and is a member of the Mission Circle and nominating committee. □



"Some of the best people I have ever met work for Appalachian, and I have enjoyed my 35 years with the company," claims Montgomery Office Supervisor **Delmer Cavender**, who elected early retirement on December 1. "The customer accounts section has just received an excellent rating on an audit of its operations — the first time ever — and that's a good way to finish up my career," he adds. "Iola and I want to spend a couple months each winter in Florida. We plan a trip out west next summer and after that we will probably

just make short trips. I used to build kitchen cabinets and plan on getting back into that — not to where I won't enjoy it but just enough to keep me busy. I also expect to raise a garden next year. We have two daughters and three grandchildren, and I plan on spending a lot of time with them. Next year I hope to help the oldest grandson with BMX bike racing. Maybe we'll even get into soap box derby racing, too." □



"The first thing I am going to do when I retire is throw out my alarm clock and dinner bucket," claims Logan General Servicer **Elmo Adkins**. His retirement officially started on December 1, but he has been on vacation since the latter part of October. "After 40 years, I know I'll miss the employees here and the customers," he says, "but about a year ago I started thinking about leaving early. I don't really have any plans. I have a new camera lens that I want to try out, and in the springtime we have a lot of flowers to tend to. Our daughter is a

medical lab technician in Charleston, and we'll probably stay with her more than at home. We'll travel some, too, but probably no more than we already do." Elmo and his wife Thelma will continue to reside in Logan, where they attend Shining Light Baptist Church. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy. His tour of duty included North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Saipan, Guam, and Okinawa, among other locations. □

# Newcomers

## Bluefield

**Mike Blankenship**, parttime meter reader, Grundy.

## Logan-Williamson

**Richard Warner**, electrical engineer, Logan.

**Mimnaugh Hill**, parttime meter reader, Logan.

## General Office

**Mark Martin**, engineering technician assistant, GO Operations, Roanoke.

**Wilfred Thompson**, transmission mechanic D, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington.

**John Walters**, surveyor assistant, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke.

**Sheryl Pugh**, engineering technician assistant, GO Operations, Roanoke.

## Roanoke

**Martha Call**, department assistant-marketing and customer services.

**Roxie Hurt**, parttime junior clerk, Rocky Mount.

**Alie Altice**, parttime customer accounts representative C, Rocky Mount.

## Philip Sporn

**Robert Hysell**, utility worker A.

**Jerry Fields**, utility worker A.

**Russell Phillips**, utility worker A.

**Gene Smith**, utility worker A.

**Randy Norris**, control technician junior.

**Michael Tennant**, control technician junior. □



# Weddings

## Craft-Condon



Barbara Condon to **Gregory Craft**, September 18. Gregory is the son of Tom Craft, Charleston equipment service representative.

## McKown-Smith



Lori Leigh Smith, Philip Sporn plant clerk C, to **Richard Isaac McKown, II**, August 1.

## Lineberry-Shires



Lisa Jane Shires to **William D. Lineberry, II**, Bluefield line mechanic C, August 1.

## Rice-Gilbert



Linda K. Gilbert, classification and accounts payable clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to **Larry D. Rice**, September 19.

## Williams-Bailey



Celia Ann Bailey to **Jon Furman Williams**, Logan-Williamson marketing and customer services supervisor, October 24.

## Leonard-Hanson



Virginia Lynn Hanson to **Joseph Leonard**, October 11. Virginia is the daughter of Frank Hanson, Abingdon customer accounts servicer.

## Adams-Young



Rhonda L. Young to **Bryan K. Adams**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Relay, Bluefield, September 26.

## Konkus-Johann



Nancy Johann, R/e & R/w clerk B, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, to **Scott Konkus**, electrical engineer senior, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, June 13.

## Wilson-Cobb

Patsy J. Cobb to **Robert L. Wilson, Jr.**, Central Machine Shop production supervisor, October 31.

## Brenner-Cash

Susan Beth Cash to **Scott A. Brenner**, June 13. Susan is the daughter of the late Charles David Cash, former performance technician supervisor at John Amos Plant.

## Null-Lindsey

Patty Jo Lindsey to **Guy W. Null**, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic B, October 24. □



## Man is dog's best friend

Dog has long been considered man's best friend...unless the man happens to be a meter reader. Then the combination of man and dog usually means trouble. But Huntington Meter Reader Roger Chaffins had an opportunity to be dog's best friend recently.

Roger was reading his route on Hollins Branch Road; and, when he went to the home of Paul D. Harvey, Jr., Mrs. Harvey asked if he had seen a miniature schnauzer. Her dog, Bear, was not used to staying outside and had been missing overnight. Roger had not seen Bear but promised to be on the lookout for him. He continued his meter reading route on foot but didn't see the dog anywhere. When



Roger returned to his truck, however, a very dirty and tired-looking Bear was on the seat, waiting for someone

to take him home. Roger obliged, and soon the little dog and his very grateful owner were reunited. □

## Births

### Abingdon

Samuel H. and Logan T., twin sons of G. T. Gilmer, Gate City general servicer, October 18.

Samuel Harold, son of R. H. Harvey, Lebanon line mechanic A, October 29.

### John Amos

Melissa Ann, daughter of Rodney Waugh, equipment operator B, November 12.

Felecia Dawn, daughter of Ray England, braker, October 23.

### Beckley

Jacob George, son of Dave Romine, Rupert line mechanic C, November 1.

Tabitha Dianne, daughter of Don Walter, line mechanic A, and Sheila Walter, stenographer, October 22.

Jennifer Leola, daughter of Tom Wiseman, power engineer senior, November 4.

### Centralized Plant Maintenance

Jessie Lee, son of Kenneth McComas, maintenance mechanic B, October 15.

### Charleston

Ashton Letitia, daughter of Fred Staunton, electrical engineer, October 9.

Alex Mickel, son of Mickel Parsons, meter reader, September 14.

### Clinch River

Sara Renee, daughter of Edgar Taylor, III, equipment operator B, October 28.

Brandon, son of Jerry Musick, coal equipment operator, October 26.

### General Office

Paul James, son of R. L. Blankenship, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Communication, Charleston, October 22.

Brandi Elyse, daughter of Robert Cooper, transportation clerk B, GO General Services, Roanoke, November 10.

### Glen Lyn

Justin Ryan, son of Jackie Thornton, maintenance mechanic B, October 14.

Kayla Renee, daughter of Larry Mann, maintenance mechanic C, October 28.

### Huntington

Kristy Dawn, daughter of Keith Henson, line mechanic C, October 14.

Aaron Tyler, son of David Radcliff, meter reader, October 27.

### Logan-Williamson

BreAnna Joelle, daughter of Bobby Collins, Logan automotive mechanic A, October 26.

### Lynchburg

Clifton Garrett, son of C. G. Stanley, customer accounts servicer, November 6.

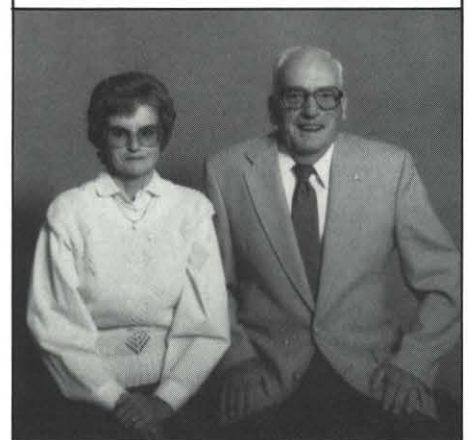
### Pulaski

Lee Jonathan, son of Buddy Felts, meter electrician B, October 11.

### Philip Sporn

Miranda Leigh, daughter of Clarence Watt, II, control technician junior, September 24.

## Wed 50 years



Basil and Rebecca Vest celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 6. The couple has one daughter and two granddaughters. Basil is a retired unit supervisor at Glen Lyn Plant.



# Who's News

## Huntington



Cheryl, daughter of Roger Chaffins, meter reader, was chosen "Miss Poppy" by American Legion Post 16, Huntington. She represented the organization in the Fire Prevention Parade, Parade of Progress, and Christmas Parade.

Twenty-five employees from Appalachian and Kentucky Power participated in the Huntington Division Golf Tournament at Riviera Country Club, Lesage, WV. Flight winners were **Leon Huffman**, **Don Watts**, **Ed Berginnis**, and **Charlie Botts**. □

## Bluefield

**Robert Farley**, Princeton area supervisor, has been elected to a three-year term as a director of the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce.

New officers of the Welch Employees Benevolent Association for 1987-88 are: **Bill Waldron**, meter electrician A, chairman; **Mike Thomson**, junior clerk, co-chairman; and **Mike Smith**, junior clerk, secretary-treasurer.

Elected officers of the Bluefield Employees Benevolent Association for 1987-88 are: **Isaac Webb**, line superintendent, chairman; **George Filer**, meter supervisor, treasurer; **Beth Ann Blankenship**, department assistant-M&CS, secretary. Members of the board of directors are: **Tim Honaker**, T&D

clerk C; **Kelly Wade**, tracer; **Shirley Saunders**, GO transmission clerk C; and **Jackie Bundy**, GO transmission special clerk, ex-officio. □

## Pulaski

**Steve Sharp**, stepson of Eddie Newman, Hillsville line mechanic B, was named player of the week after the Carroll County-Narrows High School football game on October 16.

Retirees **Kelly** and **Evelyn Buckland** were elected president and secretary, respectfully, of the Pulaski County Farm Bureau for 1988. They also were elected delegates to the annual meeting in Williamsburg.

**Tommy Alderman**, Hillsville line crew supervisor NE, received \$100 in the monthly draw winners from a fund raising activity sponsored by the Hillsville Volunteer Fire Department.

New officers have been elected for the Pulaski Division Employees Benevolent Association. The Pulaski area officers are: **Chuck Talley**, chairman; **Mark Holmes**, treasurer; and **Brenda Cregger**, secretary. Directors are **Russell Carter**, **Jeff Worrell**, **Pam Hayes**, and **Martha Burnette**.

New officers for the Christiansburg office are: **Mary Ann Capp**, president; **Joe Conrad**, vice president; and **Keith Fleming**, secretary/treasurer.

In Pearisburg, the officers are: **Cliff Dunigan**, president; **Larry Dunn**, vice president; and **Sally Hedrick**, secretary/treasurer.

The Hillsville officers are: **Carl Goad**, president; **Gary Atkins**, vice president; and **Barry Hicks**, secretary/treasurer.

Serving as officers in Galax are: **Richard Wingate**, president; **Mike Spence**, vice president; and **Sonny Westmoreland**, secretary/treasurer. Directors are **Carl Martin**, **Angie Jackson**, and **Janie Jones**.

Officers in the Wytheville area are: **Rob Kern**, president/vice president and **Bob Dalton**, secretary/treasurer. □

## John Amos



**Ceateetra**, daughter of William Booker, unit supervisor, was elected homecoming queen for the Dunbar Mini-Pups. A fourth grader at Ford Elementary in Dunbar, Ceateetra has been a cheer-

leader for the Dunbar Midget League B team for two years. □

## Roanoke



Members of *Horizon* are, l. to r., **Al Coffey**, electric guitar, fiddle, saxophone and vocals; **Tommy Davis**, bass guitar and vocals; **Frank Ridpath**, drums and vocals; **Buddy States**, electric and rhythm guitars and banjo; **Herb Campbell**, electric guitar, fiddle, keyboard and vocals; and **Claude Campbell**, sound and lights.

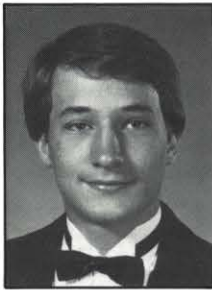
**Herb**, son of Sid Campbell, line mechanic C, is a member of the country rock band *Horizon* which placed second in the 1987 East Coast Country Music Championship at Kings Dominion. To qualify, *Horizon* won the WYYD/WSET East Coast Country Music district championship in Lynchburg. The band has received numerous awards over the years and, in 1985, was the front band for the group *Atlanta* in Newberry, SC and Roanoke, VA.

**Rob Glenn**, marketing and customer services manager, was reelected to a one-year term as vice president of the Virginia Museum of Transportation. He has served on the board of directors for four years and the executive committee for three years. □



## Abingdon

**Ted White**, division superintendent, was named to the advisory committee of the William N. Neff Vocational Center.



**Harlow**, son of Pete Montague, division manager, has been named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for the 1986-87 academic year.

Forty-nine retirees and guests attended the annual retirees luncheon held at the Greenway Haven Party House in October.

**G. G. Watson**, Gate City area supervisor, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Scott County Chamber of Commerce. □

## Philip Sporn



**Lesley**, daughter of Joseph Elias, instrument mechanic A, was chosen as the 33rd annual West Virginia Black Walnut Festival queen. She earlier had been selected as Miss Mason County. □

## Charleston

**Darrance Woodrum**, marketing and customer services advisor, and **Mike Scott**, electrical engineer, were presented a certificate of appreciation for their assistance to Cub Scouting by Cub Pack 210, Bridge Elementary School.

**Donald**, son of Robert Griffith, division superintendent, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Charleston Chess Club. □

## General Office

**Paul**, son of George Laurey, assistant accounting manager, was a member of the James Madison Junior High School soccer team which won the Roanoke City Junior High School championship. Their record was 11-0.

**Angela Lynn**, daughter of Harold Crozier, data processing operator B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, has been accepted as a member of The Society of Distinguished American High School Students. To be accepted, candidates must excel in academics, extracurricular, or civic activities. Angela is a student at Glenvar High School.

**Reedie Waid** won second place in her division in the Botetourt County Marathon Race. She is the wife of Bob Waid, right of way agent, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke. **Bob** raised more than \$150 for world hunger by participating in the seven-mile CROP Walk held in Buchanan. □

## Logan-Williamson



**Goldie Honaker** donated new parameters to the First Baptist Church of Logan in memory of her late husband William Honaker, former line and station superintendent.

Twin Falls State Park was the setting for the division's Captain's Choice golf tournament in October. The winning team was composed of **R. C. Adams**, line and station superintendent, captain; **C. R. Wilson**, retired marketing and customer services manager; **Glen Hager**, and **Gene Bevins**, son of E. L. Bevins, customer accounts supervisor. □

## Beckley

**Wayne Farley**, engineering technician senior, has been elected vice president of the Shady Spring High School Parent/Teachers/Student Organization for 1987-88. **Judy**, wife of Administrative Assistant Ray Vest, will be corresponding secretary.

**Bob Shiflett**, line mechanic C, and **Ray Vest**, administrative assistant, were selected by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission to officiate the 1987 football championship playoffs.

**Elizabeth Nixon**, customer accounts representative C, will serve as co-chairperson of the 1989 Beta Sigma Phi Sorority state convention.

**Cindy**, daughter of Paula Goddard, records supervisor, was awarded a pin for academic excellence by the Fayette County and West Virginia state superintendent of schools for maintaining a 4.0 grade average for the 1986-87 school year.

**Wesley** and **Cindy**, son and daughter of Paula Goddard, records supervisor, received blue ribbons for their 4-H projects at the West Virginia State Fair. Cindy received four ribbons and Wesley received one.

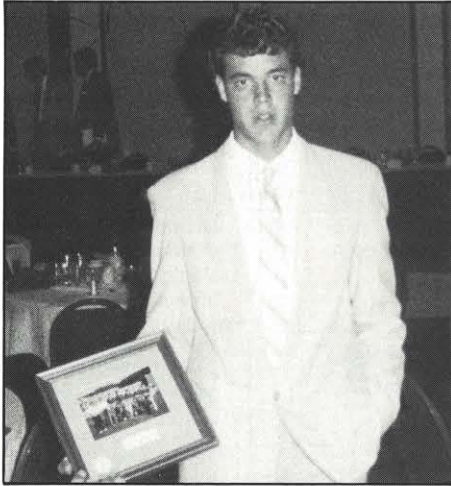


Airman First Class **Ray Nixon, Jr.**, has been assigned to the civil engineering squadron, SAC at Minot, North Dakota, where he will be trained as a heading systems specialist. He is the son of Elizabeth

Nixon, customer accounts representative C. □



## Lynchburg



Dan Shepard was recognized as player-of-the-year at the Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame annual banquet. He won the Roanoke Metro pre-season tourney, placed second in the Group AA Blue Ridge District and then came back strong to win top honors in the Group AA Regional event. He also finished sixth in the state event. Dan, the son of Customer Accounts Supervisor Dan Shepard, is a member of William Byrd High School's Terriers, which won the Blue Ridge team title and were one-shot off the pace in the region.

Herb Figg, retired marketing and customer services supervisor, has been elected president of the Lynchburg Exchange Club. □

## Hunters

### Beckley

Don Smith, Rainelle meter reader, 80 lb. button buck (bow).

### General Office

Gary Jones, husband of Lee Ann Jones, stenographer, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, 15 lb. 4 oz. turkey (bow).

### Logan-Williamson

John Skidmore, administrative assistant, 12 lb. turkey hen.

### Roanoke

Glen Mullins, station mechanic A, 9 pt. buck.

## APCo Golf Tourney winners



Ninety-three players participated in the Appalachian Power golf tournament at Pipestem State Park, WV, this fall. The event was coordinated by Woody Ball, Jr., personnel assistant, GO Personnel, Roanoke. Winners were: front row, l. to r., C. W. Edmonds, Clinch River, second place-first flight; J. R. Bowen, Amos Plant, second place-second flight; G. Williamson, Kanawha River, first place-first flight; D. Morrow, Mountaineer Plant, first place-second flight; and B. Smith, Mountaineer, second place-third flight. Back row: C. R. Weaver, Centralized Plant Maintenance, second place-fourth flight; G. M. Raines, Centralized Plant Maintenance, second place-fifth flight; K. W. Ratliff, Centralized Plant Maintenance, first place-fourth flight; F. Tanner, Glen Lyn; first place-fifth flight; and J. P. Davis, Philip Sporn, first place-championship flight and low gross. Not pictured is E. D. Sayers, General Office, second place-championship flight, and J. A. Bigler, General Office, first place-third flight.

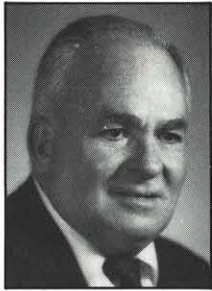
## Halloween at Sporn Plant



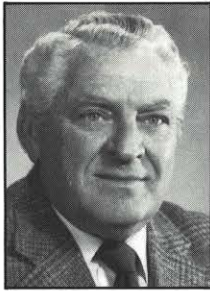
Some Philip Sporn Plant employees celebrated Halloween by dressing up in costumes. From l. to r., are Linda Gilpin, plant staff accountant junior; Connie Warner, stores clerk; Bill Sheets, office supervisor; Guyla Roush, secretary; Ivaunna Lidel, chemist; Jill LaValley, personnel clerk; Leverna Kauff, junior clerk; Sandra Hawley, maintenance clerk; June Baker, maintenance clerk; Lori McKown, plant clerk; Angela Hesson, plant clerk; and Charlotte Wren, plant clerk.



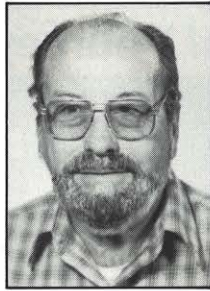
# Service Anniversaries



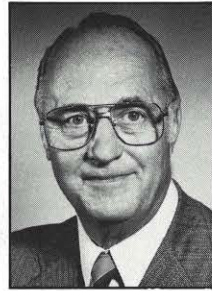
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Lynchburg  
40 years



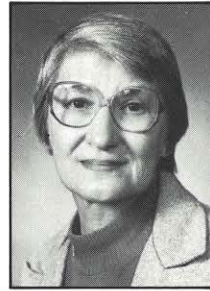
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Abingdon  
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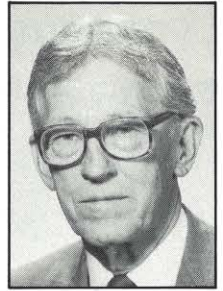
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Charleston  
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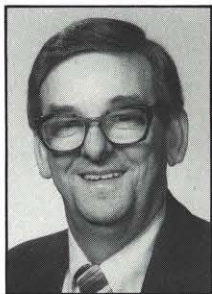
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Huntington  
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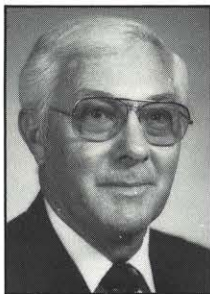
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stores clerk A  
Bluefield  
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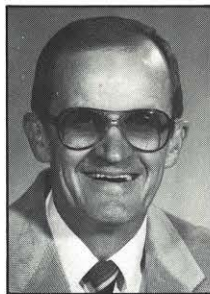
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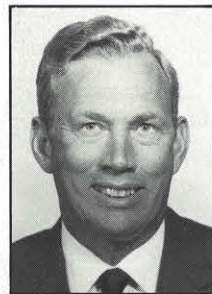
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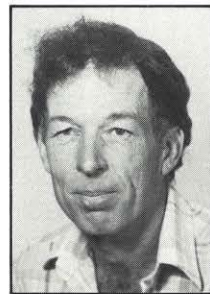
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head meter reader  
Lynchburg  
40 years



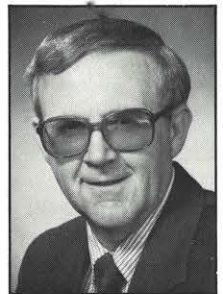
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yard superintendent  
Mountaineer  
30 years



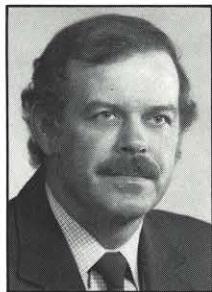
Roger Dillon  
line crew supervisor  
Rocky Mount  
20 years



Lenders Oxyer  
general servicer  
Charleston  
20 years



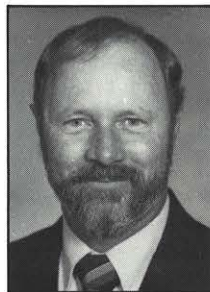
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eng. technologist  
GO-Bluefield  
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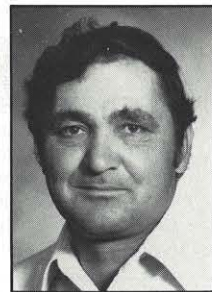
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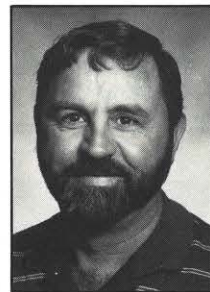
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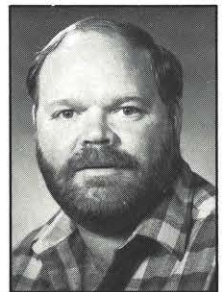
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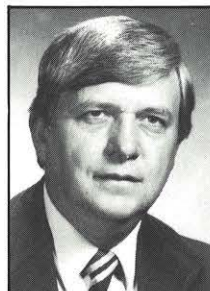
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line mechanic A  
Pearisburg  
20 years



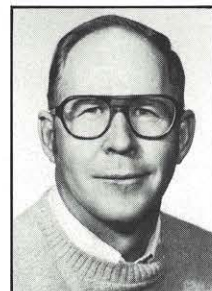
Smitty Smith  
line crew supervisor  
Pearisburg  
20 years



Richard Hill  
transmission inspector  
GO-Bluefield  
20 years



Jim Bennett  
maint. mechanic A  
CPM  
20 years



Frank Richmond  
station crew supv. NE  
Beckley  
20 years



## APCo Chargers win first Battle of the Corporate Stars

### John Amos

15 years: **Larry Wilkinson**, maintenance mechanic A. **Billy Clark**, equipment operator A. **Floyd Baier**, control technician senior. 10 years: **Kenneth Parsons**, performance technician. **Anthony Wallace**, maintenance mechanic A. **David Cawley**, maintenance mechanic A. **Jerry Starkey**, maintenance mechanic B.

### Beckley

15 years: **Sandy Palen**, marketing and customer services representative. 10 years: **John Blake**, line mechanic A, Oak Hill.

### Bluefield

15 years: **Calvin Belcher**, meter reader, Welch. 10 years: **Alex Yazdani**, electrical engineer senior. **Floyd Wilson**, station mechanic A.

### Central Machine Shop

10 years: **Rich Thompson**, power equipment mechanic 1st class.

### Centralized Plant Maintenance

10 years: **T. E. Weaver**, maintenance mechanic. **B. K. W. Ratliff**, maintenance mechanic A.

### General Office

15 years: **Carolyn Hankins**, stenographer, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Gayle Thomasson**, work order accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Fred Beck**, senior reproduction machine operator, GO General Services, Roanoke. 10 years: **Steven Ellison**, transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Deborah Taliaferro**, load research data processor B, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke. **Richard Moody**, transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Philip White**, transmission station mechanic B, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. 5 years: **Toby O'Neal**, transmission station mechanic B, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

### Glen Lyn

15 years: **Harry Johnson**, coal equipment operator.

### Lynchburg

15 years: **Larry Ring**, stores attendant B. 10 years: **Ray Copeland**, automotive mechanic A. **R. G. Ramsey, Jr.**, meter electrician C. 5 years: **Ann Wade**, customer accounts representative C.

### Mountaineer

10 years: **Lee Gangwer**, equipment operator A.

### Pulaski

10 years: **Richard Hall**, station mechanic A. **Carol Webb**, customer accounts representative B, Hillsville.

### Roanoke

15 years: **Ruth Vipperman**, customer accounting supervisor NE.

### Philip Sporn

20 years: **Frank Ryther**, fire protection inspector. 15 years: **Herman Elliott**, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: **Elmer Dempsey**, maintenance mechanic B. **James McDougal**, equipment operator A. **Larry Scarberry**, unit supervisor. □



Members of the APCo Chargers and Electrifying Six are: front row, l. to r., Evelyn Martin, drafter C; Doris Persinger, T&D clerk C; Paula Goddard, records supervisor; and Liz Nixon, customer accounts representative C. Back row, Dave Ransom, engineering technician senior; Greg Eads, department assistant-marketing and customer services; Lee Venable, electrical engineer; Dwight Linkous, marketing and customer services advisor; Randal Robertson, engineering technician; Dave Shrader, line mechanic B; Roger Pierce, department assistant-marketing and customer services; and Mike Leftwich, line mechanic A.

The Chargers from Appalachian Power Company's Beckley office took the team title in the first "Battle of the Corporate Stars," a major fund-raising project for the Raleigh County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

The Chargers totalled 58 points in 10 events to take the title in the first competition pitting members of area businesses in athletic contests. The Electrifying Six, also sponsored by Appalachian, finished fourth out of 12 teams.

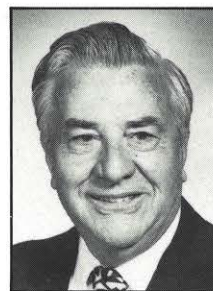
The contest, co-sponsored by Wendy's International and Littlejohn's Sporting Goods, was held at Woodrow Wilson High School's Flying Eagle Stadium. The contest featured six-person teams competing in 10 events. Each team had to have at least two female members, and the events consisted of both individual and team competition.

Roger Pierce and Lee Venable, Jr., placed second and third, respectively, in the frisbee throw. Pierce also placed second in the 50-yard dash.

Greg Eads placed first in the broad jump and second in the 100-yard dash.

The Chargers placed third in the 4 x 50-yard relay, and the 4 x 100 relay and second in the tug of war. The Electrifying Six placed third in volleyball and the 4 x 100 relay and first in the tug of war. □

## Eugene Davis taken by death



**Eugene C. Davis**, 68, retired Huntington line inspector, died November 17. A native of Culloden, West Virginia, he was employed in 1941 as a meter helper and elected early retirement in 1983. Davis is sur-

vived by his wife Violet, 4444 U. S. 98N, Lot 235, Lakeland, Florida; one son; and two daughters. □



# Gifts with the personal touch

Friends and family members on Karen Holbrook's Christmas list will be receiving something special this year — tole paintings she did herself.

Karen, a customer accounts representative C in Lynchburg, took classes at a local craft shop in the Spring. "Tole painting turned out to be very easy," she says. "If I can do it, anyone can. I took five two-hour classes, and everything in this photograph is a product of one of the classes.

"I'm not an artist so I can't freehand anything. I trace my pattern onto whatever material I'm using and then paint it. Tole painting can be done on wood, canvas, linen, or paper. In class, we used oil base paints, but you can also use acrylics.

"I thought the craft would be expensive, but it really isn't. The paints are about \$1.85 each and mounts are usually a dollar. My brushes cost \$30 because I bought a good set."

Karen concludes, "When I was in class, I felt like I had to do everything the way the instructor said. But, as I got more experience, I started mixing colors the way I wanted them. I prefer the darker tones over the lighter ones.

"I really enjoy tole painting because it's very relaxing for me," Karen says. "I've made some things to use in the house we are building at Smith Mountain and to give as Christmas gifts." □



Karen Holbrook with samples of tole painting she did while taking a class at a local craft shop.

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