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New lab is one-of-a-kind

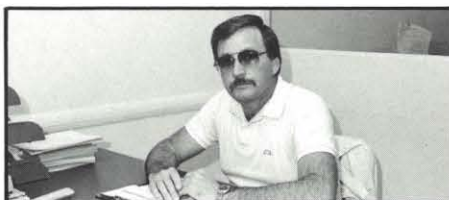
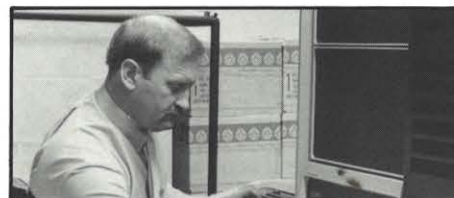
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AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
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	2.9079	.3438	4.6636	.2144	3.5893	.2786
11/30/87	2.9373	.3404	4.2822	.2335	3.3820	.2956

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.

Nine selected for AEP Management Program at OSU

Nine employees from Appalachian Power Company are among those selected to attend the 1988 American Electric Power System Management Program at The Ohio State University from April 24-May 20.

They are: Warren R. Ashton, operations superintendent, Mountaineer Plant; Wayne L. Carter, personnel supervisor, Amos Plant; Ronald L. Jamison, station supervisor-electrical equipment, GO T&D, Roanoke; Barry L. Long, marketing and customer services manager, Pulaski; and Shelia L. Painter, personnel supervisor, Lynchburg. Also, Wayne T. Pugh, marketing and customer services supervisor, Charleston; Donald E. Robins, personnel supervisor, Logan-Williamson; Allen C. Tinnel, maintenance superintendent, Kanawha River Plant; and Ted L. White, division superintendent, Abingdon. □

1,000,000 safe workhours for General Services

General Office General Services employees started off the new year by reaching 1,000,000 safe workhours on January 12.

Dave Taylor, general services manager, praised employees for their accomplishment, noting that it took seven and a half years to reach. "Our last disabling injury occurred in July 1980," he said. "To work this long without an accident is particularly significant because of the potentially hazardous jobs some of our employees have. For instance, our express drivers travel half a million miles a year in all kinds of weather and traffic. And our office services employees work around printing machinery daily.

"This is a good record, and we're very proud of it. We're going to do our best to ensure that it continues." □

AEP sales, earnings down in '87 but there's good news behind figures

The year 1987 at a glance:

ENERGY SALES: 98.2-billion kilowatt-hours, down 7.8 percent.

OPERATING REVENUES: \$4.79 billion, down 3.3 percent.

EARNINGS: \$502,460,000, down 0.9 percent.

EARNINGS PER SHARE: \$2.60, down 0.8 percent or 2 cents.

And now, with apologies to Paul Harvey, for the rest of the story.

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The American Electric Power companies sold fewer kilowatt-hours in 1987 than in any year since 1982, but there's good news behind the figures.

The reduction in kwh sales can be attributed generally to a sharp decline in sales in the highly competitive wholesale market. However, sales to our retail customers were at the record level of 79.4-billion kwh, an increase of 6.1 percent over 1986. These sales included gains of 5.4 percent in the residential market, 4.8 percent in commercial sales and — best of all — 7.2 percent in industrial sales after two years of decline.

W. S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, expressing gratification over the increase in industrial sales, said it was "a reflection of the improved economy in AEP's seven-state service area."

While operating revenues showed a 3.3

percent decline from 1986, the rate of decline was less than half that of the decline in energy sales. The 1987 revenues of \$4.79 billion were in comparison with \$4.95 billion in 1986.

As for net earnings, they declined less than 1 percent despite a \$68,863,000 reduction as the result of a write-off by a subsidiary, Columbus Southern Power Company. (In November, that company wrote off a second portion of a previously disallowed amount of its investment in the Zimmer Plant that had been deferred pending settlement of litigation.)

The 1987 net of \$502,460,000 was 0.9 percent below the 1986 figure of \$507,171,000. Earnings per share were \$2.60, down 0.8 percent or 2 cents from \$2.62 the year before. Both per-share figures are based on an average of 193.5-million shares outstanding.

Without the write-off, 1987 earnings would have been \$571,323,000 or \$2.95 per share. Both amounts are 12.6 percent better than 1986.

White attributed the improvement in earnings (before the write-off, that is) to two factors: (1) reductions in interest expense and preferred stock dividends due primarily to refinancings by several of the operating companies, and (2) reductions in federal income taxes resulting from the Tax Reform Act of 1986. □

HOURS TO CALL Peer Review Systems — a key player in AEP's MedVantage Hospital Utilization Review Program — have been changed to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They had been 8 and 5:30.

The two-year-old program is designed to save money on hospital and surgical costs. It requires that an employee or dependent discuss in advance with Peer Review, a medical consulting firm, any planned hospital admission or elective surgery. In emergency situations, Peer Review must be called within 48 hours (if not by the employee, then by a family member, doctor or hospital). Failure to make the call results in a forfeiture of some of the employee's medical benefits.

Era ends with Dolan's retirement



Someone told John Dolan, back in 1950, that AEP would be a great place to work for a couple of years to get experience. The company proved to be that — and more — for Dolan, who retired January 31 as vice chairman-engineering and construction.

He joined the AEP Service Corporation in 1950 as a junior engineer in Mechanical Engineering. "We were a big department," he joked, adding that the group did "a lot of things with very few people." That situation afforded Dolan, and the other young engineers, the opportunity to rotate into other assignments.

Dolan was transferred to General Engineering in 1959 for what was to be a fascinating and varied period in his career. Not only did he work directly with Philip Sporn, the AEP president, on a water-desalination project at Eilat, Israel, but also he was involved with development of the industry's first commercial nuclear power plant, Dresden 1 in Illinois. Later, he was made project manager of a gas-cooled reactor nuclear plant in Florida.

With the exception of Glen Lyn Unit 5 (and those units operated by Columbus Southern Power Company), Dolan has worked on every generating unit operating today on the System. He is particularly proud of the 1.3-million-kilowatt units, which, he said, "set new standards for reliability and performance." As an example, he points to Mountaineer Plant's recent record run of 607 days, an achievement he believes will stand for some time.

In 1978, Dolan developed the sliding-pressure valve, a device that gives the 1.3-million-kw plants flexibility and effi-

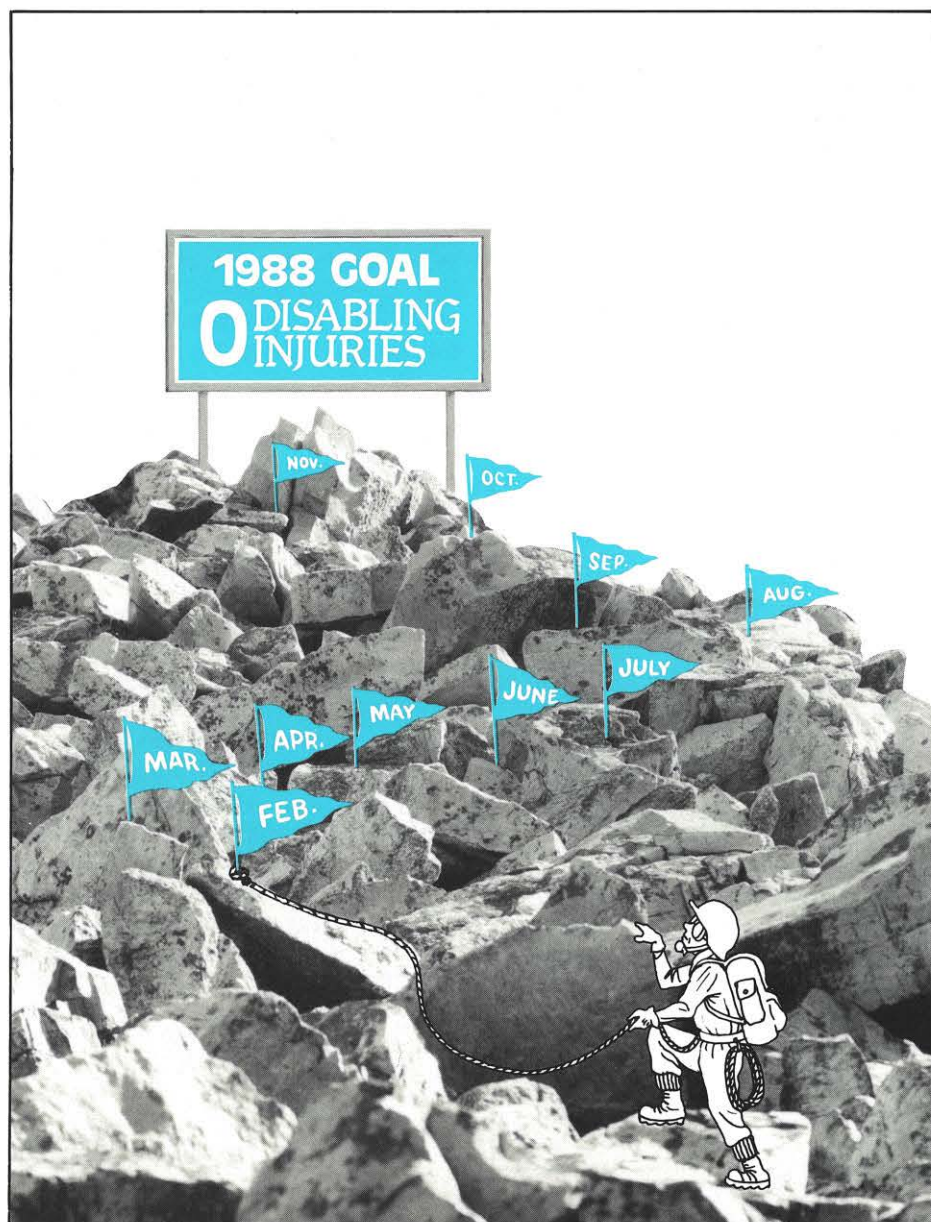
ciency when operating at either full or partial load. Use of the valve results in annual coal saving of \$1.8 million.

If the 1950s and 1960s were a busy period for Dolan, the 1980s have proven to be equally so — but for different reasons. "The industry shifted," he said, explaining how the Arab oil embargo, Three Mile Island and clean air legislation forever changed the electric utility business. Add to that the 1980 acquisition by AEP of Columbus Southern and the resulting corporate relocations from New York and Canton.

With Columbus Southern AEP also ac-

quired an interest in the Zimmer Plant, then under construction as a nuclear facility. The decision to convert that plant to coal-fired operation, as well as the continuing construction of the Rockport Plant and the work being done on pressurized fluidized bed combustion at the Tidd Plant have combined to make the past few years very busy and "very different" for AEP and Dolan. "None of it was foreseen in 1980," he added.

As to why he's chosen this particular time to retire a little bit early, Dolan feels "every project is in good hands. It's a great time to get out." □



Believe everything you've heard about it. The John E. Dolan Engineering Laboratory, an impressive 82,600-square-foot facility in Groveport, Ohio, is one of a kind. It combines under one roof the functions of three laboratories formerly scattered among three sites in two states.

Gone are the diverse buildings not designed for the work being done in them. Gone are the hard-to-reach locations. Gone are the space deficiencies and, in at least one case, homemade equipment.

Like the proverbial dream house, the facility was designed with the needs and plans of each of the labs in mind. Personnel in each — Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Environmental Engineering — worked with architects on the arrangement of the rooms, location of equipment and other ways to enhance efficiency.

Paul Stodola, manager of the Civil Engineering lab, said he drew a sketch of what he wanted and was pleased that the finished product was so close to his request. In the Electrical Engineering lab, manager Andy Litsky asked each person to design the way in which his or her area of expertise could be performed most efficiently. Environmental Engineering's Ron House said he had been working on plans for the lab for about nine years and admits it works even better than he had envisioned.

The result of this interaction between occupants and architects is more space, better organized space and room to grow.

Civil Engineering

"We do the same things we did before — only more," said Stodola, whose lab, once located at the Mountaineer Plant, now encompasses the Mapping and Survey Section, which used to be housed at the Gen. James M. Gavin Plant.

One of the most obvious differences for Stodola's staff is that they all are under one roof. Formerly, different functions were housed in different buildings. "It's a lot more convenient," he said, adding that the additional space allows for increased productivity, because several tests can be going on at the same time.

Some of the equipment was expanded and modernized with the move. A fog room, used for curing concrete samples, is larger than the "tiny" one at Mountaineer, and the new concrete compression



New laboratory is modern, efficient, one-of-a-kind

testing machine has twice the capacity of the old one. Ample storage space allows samples to be stored down the hall from

— or even next door to — testing areas. Before, samples had been stored in a separate warehouse.

The Mapping and Survey group, which occupied a small metal building when at Gavin, finds itself with organized work areas (instead of one large room) and new equipment. The group had been using "homemade equipment" designed and built years ago.

Electrical Engineering

"We now have room to test and the ability to grow in the future to meet the needs of the System," Litsky said. Formerly housed in a series of buildings adjacent to Ohio Power Company's Sunnyside Substation on the southeast side of Canton, the Electrical lab, like the Civil lab, is now under one roof. And that's one of the biggest advantages of the move. For example, two large test cells allow for more indoor testing.

The new facility also is set up for developmental work on a monitoring system for AEP. In fact, a fiber optics lab is dedicated to just such work. Also a large electronics lab carries on development work in that field.

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Robert Halter measures the voltage of a flashover induced on a porcelain insulator in an environmental chamber.

Computerized drafting makes

On the eighth floor of the Crestar bank building in downtown Roanoke, a small sign on a wooden door reads simply "Computer Graphics." Besides other GO T&D employees located nearby, few Appalachian workers are aware of its existence.

Inside, the room remains in semi-darkness. Noise is muffled. The only sounds are the hum of the section's air conditioner and the movement of digital electronic pucks across a menu board and beeping as the computer accepts commands and inputs.

For the past seven years, a small group of ten employees have worked in this room around the clock in three shifts, five days a week, to update and computerize Appalachian Power's entire distribution map base.

Appalachian is, of course, the largest of eight operating companies in the American Electric Power System. Its service area extends from the Ohio River on the west to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia on the east, covering a 19,260 square mile area in western Virginia and southern West Virginia.

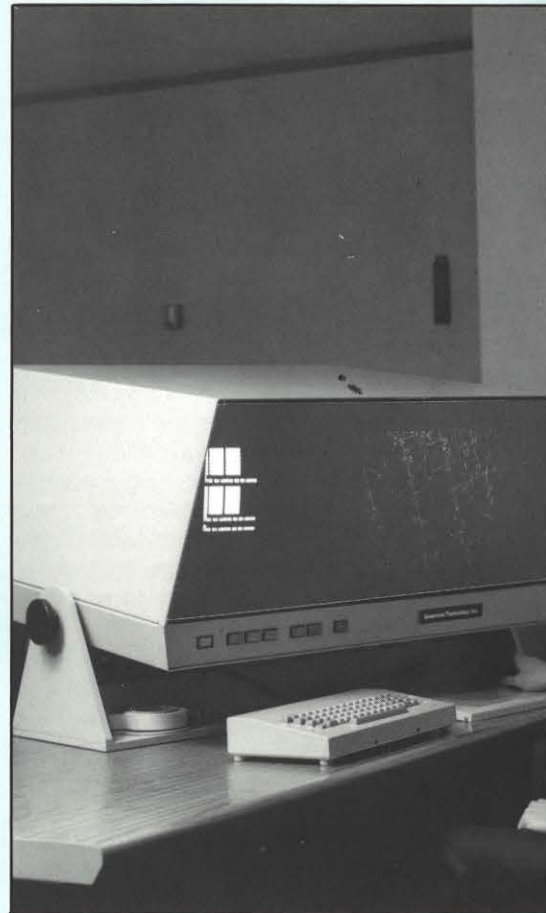
Consequently, updating the map base was a rather formidable task. When the project started, the base consisted of 15,830 distribution property record maps, 7,825 right-of-way maps, 1,290 one-line maps of overhead distribution circuits, and 1,224 one-line maps of underground

distribution circuits. Represented on these maps were approximately 45,000 miles of line, 890,000 poles, 230,000 distribution transformers, and 33,000 switching devices as well as sufficient geographic information to locate all facilities in the field.

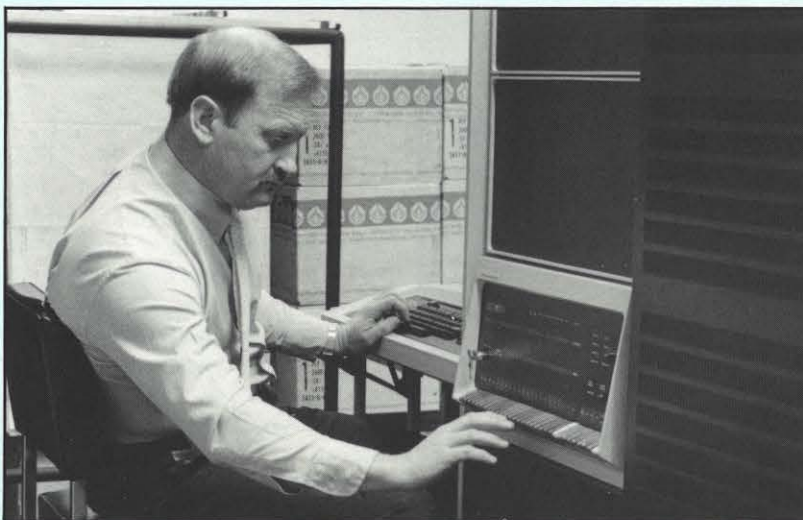
These maps are used daily to locate customers requesting service and to provide basic information to engineering personnel responsible for load and voltage profile study and planning. The basic distribution record maps and circuit one-line maps are used by the dispatching centers to locate and analyze reports of trouble, as guides for switching load, and for sectionalizing lines during repair and service restoration.

Appalachian's computerized drafting system, consisting of a mini-computer and four graphic work stations, was installed in February 1980 after a feasibility study indicated that this method of updating maps was faster and more economical than the traditional manual method.

According to Ed Caldwell, computer graphics supervisor, the system was productive within three months of the installation. But, during the first year of operation, much effort was placed on employing and training operators, developing programs and procedures, adopting corporate standards, and educating those who would be using the maps about the



Roy Howard, standing, observes as John Newcomb inputs m



Ed Caldwell verifies the system status at the central processing unit.

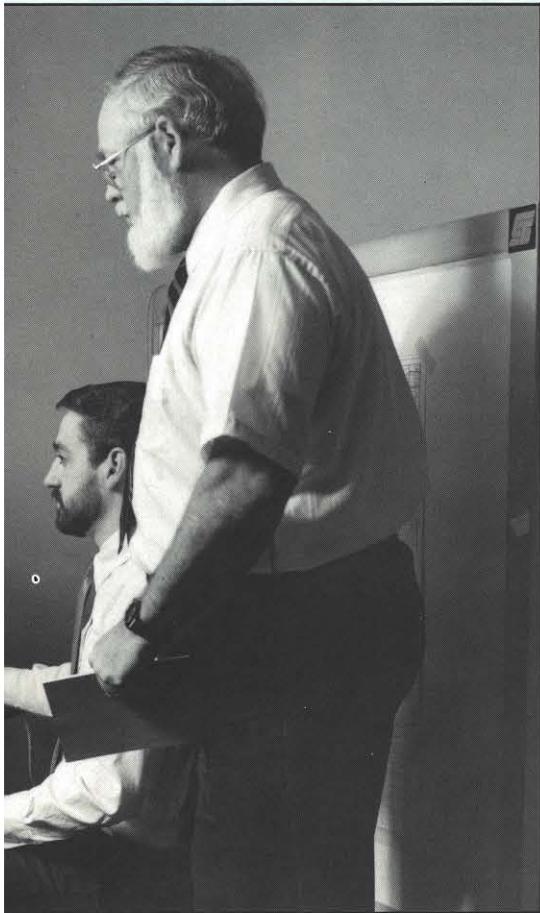
capabilities of the system.

Training was the key to the effective use of the equipment, Caldwell says. "It was difficult at first to reach the desired level of production while learning a new technology. But you pick up speed as you use the system, and you add features. You can write a program so the execution of one command will set in motion the execution of many commands automatically.

"Our technicians, who had no previous computer drafting experience, have suggested dozens of improvements and innovations since the system was installed. Many of these have been incorporated into the system," he adds.

Besides Caldwell, there are two supervising computer graphics technicians — Roy Howard and John Eden — and seven computer graphics technicians —

map revisions easier



ata at the graphic work station.

Mike Nielsen, Mark Taylor, John Newcomb, Pam Gruver, Kathy Lewis, Ronnie Campbell, and Jeff Rawlings.

Original manually drafted maps are submitted to the Computer Graphics Section, where they are digitized and issued to the company's operating divisions in the form of liquid ink on vellum paper originals. As modifications or map updates are required, the division drafting personnel will post directly to the original ink, using a color pen to make the modification stand out. As new maps are required, the modified originals are sent to Roanoke where the changes are made and new ink originals are issued.

Caldwell says, "The real strength of the computer graphics system is that it is extremely flexible and efficient. For instance, if we were to add a major interstate interchange to an area, the complete

map would have to be redrafted manually. But, with the computer, all we would have to do is call up the previously computerized map, selectively delete the old data, and re-enter the new data in the specified area. The surrounding area on the map, which would not be affected, would remain unchanged. Additionally, the technician has the ability to enter intelligent information relative to our facilities, such as the height of a pole or the size of a conductor. This information relates directly to its graphic representation on the map and is available for use by personnel in many areas of the company."

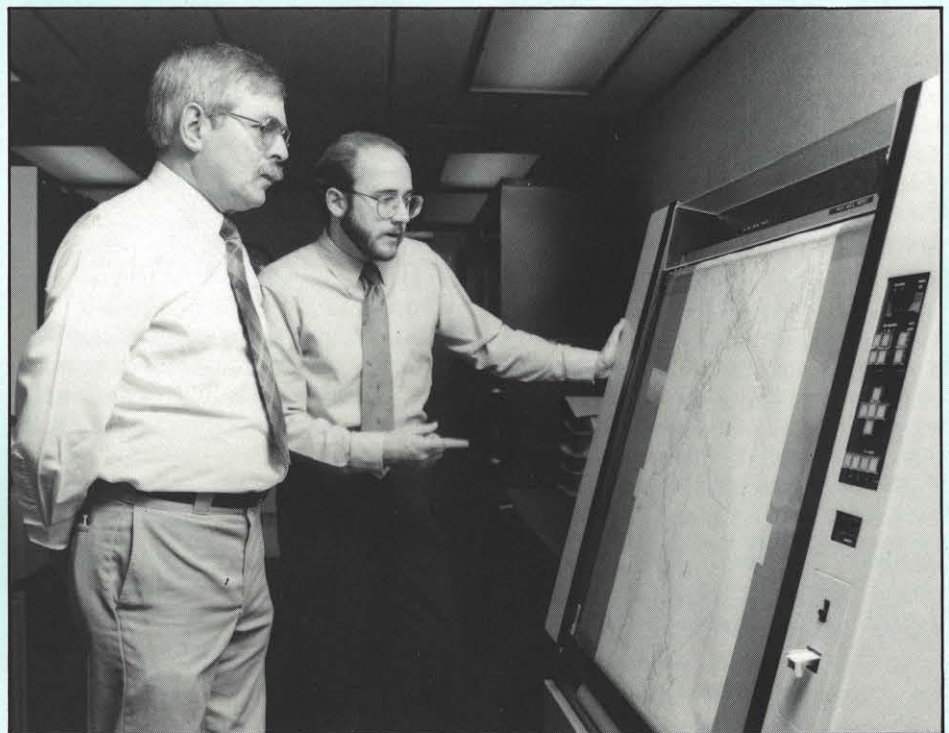
When a drawing is completed, the technician sends the work electronically to the plotter. The plotter's paper moves rapidly up or down while the pens travel from side to side — perpendicular to the motion of the paper. The plotter moves as quickly as 30 inches a second.

The final drawings are copied electronically to magnetic tape and the ink originals are sent to the respective division for use. Caldwell says, "We run backup tapes every weekend on all work performed

during the preceding week, and these are stored in an environmentally protected and secure vault. Actually, we have double contingency protection because we have two such vault sites. If we had a major outage of our primary computer with total loss of memory and a simultaneous catastrophe at the first backup site, the worst that could happen would be the loss of two weeks' work. The backup tapes are current within one week of each other."

Caldwell concludes, "We have updated 19,025 maps covering the entire Appalachian System. We will continue to handle all revisions to these base maps to provide our division personnel with the most accurate and up-to-date map data we can.

"As a direct result of the successful implementation of the computerized mapping project at Appalachian, similar systems have been purchased and placed in service at Columbus Southern, Indiana Michigan, and Ohio Power Companies. Studies also are underway to implement scaled down systems at the smaller operating companies." □

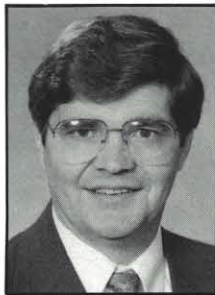


John Eden, left, and Mike Nielsen observe the map output at the mechanical plotter.

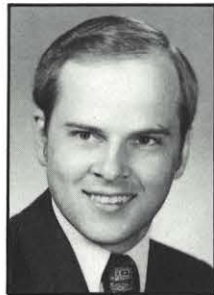
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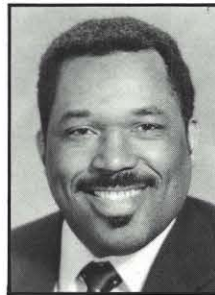
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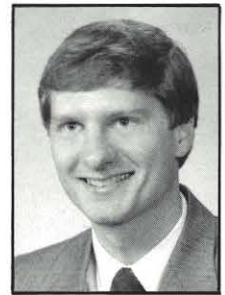
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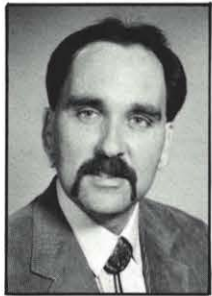
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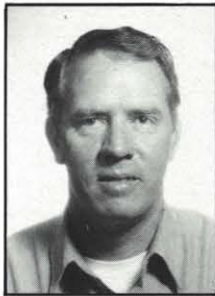
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Day



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Lavinder



Pugh



Musgrave

Brad Yoho, performance supervising engineer, was promoted to production superintendent-maintenance at Mountaineer Plant on December 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Ohio State University.

Phil M. Weaver, communications supervising engineer, was promoted to communications superintendent, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke, on February 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Tom E. Wiseman, Beckley power engineer senior, is being promoted to Huntington energy services supervisor on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is working toward a masters degree in business administration at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

Charles R. Brown, maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Kanawha River Plant on January 1.

Mark Skeen, Clintwood office supervisor, was named Marion office supervisor on December 1. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics and business from Emory & Henry College.

Miles Snider, Abingdon customer accounts assistant, was promoted to Clint-

wood office supervisor on December 1. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics and business from Emory & Henry College.

Clyde V. "Joe" Day, II, line mechanic A, was promoted to Huntington line crew supervisor nonexempt on December 26. He attended Marshall University.

Glenn Haskins, reservoir groundskeeper senior, was promoted to reservoir supervisor in Roanoke on January 2.

Charlotte Lavinder, staff researcher, was promoted to programs coordinator, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, on January 1. She holds an associate in applied science in arts from Bluefield College and a bachelor of arts in English from Radford University.

Wayne T. Pugh, Charleston marketing and customer services supervisor, is being promoted to Charleston marketing and customer services manager on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

James C. Musgrave, Mountaineer Plant personnel supervisor, was promoted to Huntington marketing and customer services manager on February 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in advertising and retailing from Marshall University.

John Amos

Paul Shiltz, Jr., from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Bluefield

Kenny Lester from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Welch.

Gib Walker from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Tazewell.

Barry Miller from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Tazewell.

Clinch River

William Hall from utility worker B to utility worker A.

General Office

Cathy Montgomery from junior stenographer to stenographer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke.

Bill Amos, Jr., from station operator B to station operator A, GO Operations, Roanoke.

Marcia Kelly from data processing operator B to data processing operator A, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Frank Cook from programmer to assistant systems analyst, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

Nathan Shrader from coal handler to coal sampler.

Huntington

April Adkins from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

Jerry Chapman from junior clerk to line mechanic D, Milton.

F. D. Ray, II, from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

Kingsport

Kay Morrison from T&D clerk B to T&D clerk A.

Mountaineer

David Hood from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Rick Shaddeau from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Marti Couch from equipment operator C to equipment operator B.

Martin Fiala from equipment operator C to equipment operator B.

Ron Cale from equipment operator B to equipment operator A.

Brenda Blackston from plant clerk B to plant clerk C.

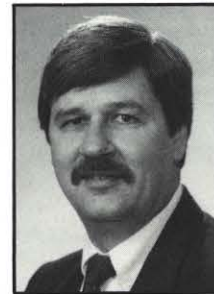
Roanoke

Nathan Tester from line mechanic A to stores attendant B.

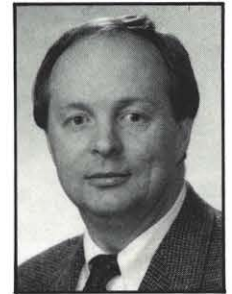
Philip Sporn

Larry Johnson from control technician to control technician senior. □

Snodgrass, Bush named assistant division managers



Bush



Snodgrass

Two marketing and customer services managers are being promoted to assistant division managers for Appalachian Power Company, effective March 1. David T. Bush, Huntington M&CS manager, will become assistant manager of the Charleston Division. Barry L. Snodgrass, Charleston M&CS manager, will become assistant manager of the Roanoke Division.

Bush, a native of Fulton, Kentucky, holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Military Institute. He also has attended the American Electric Power System Management Program at Ohio State University.

Bush began his utility career in 1969 as an electrical engineer in the GO T&D Department, Roanoke. He was promoted to Roanoke division meter superintendent in 1977 and to Roanoke division energy services supervisor in 1983. He moved to Huntington in his current position in 1985.

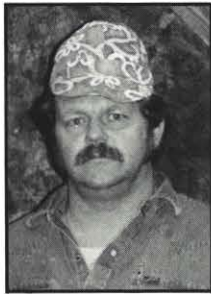
Snodgrass, a native of Meadowview, Virginia, holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. He also has attended the American Electric Power System Management Program at Ohio State University. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of West Virginia.

Snodgrass joined Appalachian in 1969 as a commercial sales engineer in Abingdon. He transferred to the General Office Marketing & Customer Services Department, Roanoke, in 1972 and moved to Charleston as a power engineer two years later. He was promoted to Charleston division energy services supervisor in 1980 and to Charleston division marketing and customer services manager in 1984.

Six APCo men write for Operating Ideas



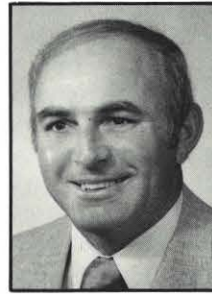
Morrison



Riggs



Habel



Cook

Six Appalachian Power employees are among the contributors to the November issue of AEP Operating Ideas.

W. M. Morrison and R. Riggs, maintenance mechanics at Centralized Plant Maintenance, collaborated on an article about a new method of repairing lagging and insulation on fly ash hoppers. The new method eliminates most of the need for scaffolding and reduces material and labor costs. The repair of loose lagging also eliminates a potential safety hazard.

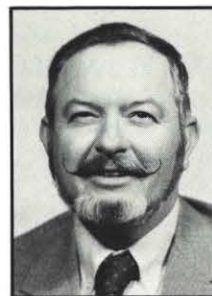
B. L. Habel, Lynchburg line mechanic B, modified an auger bit for use in drilling holes in rock for the placement of dynamite. The new drill bit is an effective replacement for the air compressor or hammer-and-bar methods in most instances. The new method reduces the number of manhours required for the work, and is safer than using sledge hammers and steel bars.

Jimmy Cook, Abingdon station mechanic A, described the fabrication of a tool which eases removal of fire extinguisher lids. As a result, periodic fire extinguisher inspections can be performed quickly.

Bill Fisher, Bluefield engineering technician senior, reported that, by using



Fisher



Brewer

tubing to extend gas sample connections to a lower location, one employee can obtain samples without climbing near energized connections. Previously, safety policies required the presence of two employees for obtaining gas samples near energized transformer connections.

Bill Brewer, Jr., Pulaski line construction and maintenance representative, described the fabrication of a hot line clamp and stirrup for vehicle grounding. The new method provides a secure ground and saves the time that would be required to install a screw ground. □

Retirements



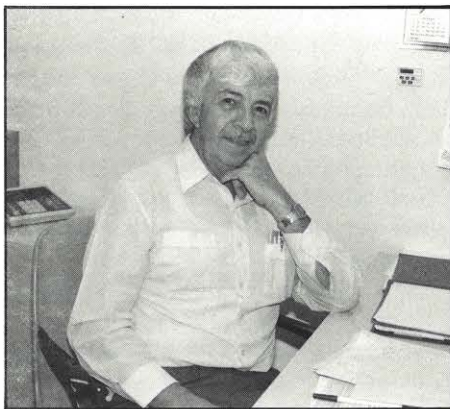
"My father was manager for Union Power Company in Mullens, WV," recalls **Mary Kirby**, "and when the home economists put on cooking schools in the summer, I would help wash dishes and do other chores. I just thought that was marvelous, so my ambition was to become a home economist. That was my first job with Appalachian when I went to work at Pearisburg in 1951. I stayed there 13 years before transferring to Bluefield." When Mary retired on February 1, she was a marketing and customer services

representative senior. "One of the most rewarding experiences of my career was appearing on the program of the AEP Management Meeting in Roanoke years ago." She adds, "I was the first woman in AEP to work with the promotion of electric heat." Mary's plans for the future include traveling, possibly to Europe. "Even though I live alone, I enjoy my home. I like needlework, oil painting, and playing golf, and retirement will give me more time for these. I will continue to be active in the Bluefield Quota Club and my church." □



A 40-year utility career came to a close on January 1 with the early retirement of Lynchburg General Servicer **Leroy Baker**. "Appalachian became my second home because we were just like a family here," he says. "I enjoyed the work, and I've missed my power company friends since I've been on LTD leave. But sometimes, when the weather's real bad, I'm glad I don't have to be called out." Although Leroy had no disabling injuries during his career, he received an Edison Electric Institute award for saving the life

of a co-worker. Leroy continues, "I think retirement is going to be enjoyable because I've enjoyed being off the past two years. My wife and I go to the mall every day to walk, and we keep busy doing routine things. We have traveled some, too." Leroy is a member of the Fairview Christian Church and the American Legion. He has one daughter and a four-year-old grandson. An Army veteran, he joined the Marine Reserve and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. □



"After 37 years here at Philip Sporn, I know I'm going to miss everybody," says Instrument Maintenance Supervisor **Bill Gibbs**, who elected early retirement on February 1. "But I think I'm going to enjoy getting up when I want to and doing what I want to do." Bill was 17 when he enlisted in the Navy and served in the European and Pacific Theaters during World War II. After being discharged, he finished high school and went to work at Sporn in 1951. "Units 3 and 4 were being brought on when I came to work," Bill notes. "It is

amazing how many changes have taken place during these past 37 years. This certainly has been a great company to work for." He adds, "We don't have a lot of plans for retirement, so I'll probably just take it easy for a while. We'll stay in the New Haven area, but traveling is my main interest. I just like to be on the road." Recent trips have been to Cancun and Florida. "I need more time on the golf course," he laughs, "and I plan to do a lot of fishing." He is a member of the Moose, VFW, and American Legion. □



Ed Berry was only 13 years old when he wired his parent's home for electricity. "When the opportunity came to work at Appalachian, I took a 10 cents an hour pay cut to switch careers," he recalls. "I've never regretted it. The most enjoyable part of my job was the people I worked with and the customers I met in the field." Ed, a Huntington line crew supervisor, has been on LTD leave since 1985 and will retire on February 1. During the summer, he and his wife Glenna

travel in their recreational vehicle to various state parks. "We never miss a Sunday service even while traveling," he says. "During the winter we spend our time in Florida. I have a workshop and like to do woodworking and make craft items." Ed is a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite of the Masonic Order and the Beni Kedem Temple, Charleston. The Berrys have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. Their son, John, is a line mechanic C in Huntington. □

When **Jean Perry** began her career with Appalachian in 1945, she and a serviceman were the only employees in the Man office. "I was born and raised in that area, so I knew all the customers on a first name basis when they came in," she recalls. "When that office was closed, I transferred to Logan and have been here ever since." Jean was a customer accounts representative A before electing early retirement on February 1. "By working in two offices, I met a lot of people, and that's what I enjoyed most about the job ...

that and the people I worked with." Jean and her husband Luther, a retired school principal, expect to remain in the Logan area. She adds, "I am president of the Logan Bowling Association and once a year we go to the national tournament. That's given me an excuse to go to several places I probably wouldn't have otherwise. In April we will be going to Lake Tahoe and Reno. My husband likes to fish, and I may take a few trips with him. I've had a set of golf clubs for 30 years so maybe I'll take up golfing now." □



"Without any doubt, the people I've worked with have been what I enjoyed most about my 42 years with Appalachian," declares **Tom Hubbard**, accounting staff assistant senior in GO Accounting, Roanoke, who elected early retirement on February 1. "Some of my best friends are here, and I have nothing but pleasant thoughts about the company." He continues, "The definition of a stranger is a friend we haven't met yet, and there are a lot of friends in other places I want to meet. Charlotte and I both enjoy traveling, and we've covered all the eastern states

except Rhode Island. We want to visit there and the western states, too. Really, I lead a busy life. I'm business manager for the Appalachian Chorus, Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the administrative board of the Melrose United Methodist Church, and belong to the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine. I also announce for the swim meets of the Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association. I tape the church service every Sunday and want to get a ministry for shut-ins started." □



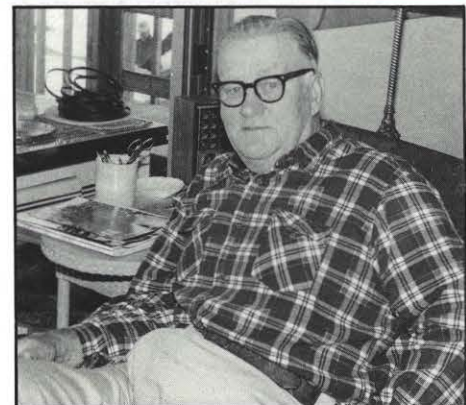
"I have worked with a lot of good people over the years, and I will miss them, declares **Huntington Accounts Servicer Bill Farrar**, who elected early retirement on February 1. "I probably won't know what to do with myself for a while. I just hope I'll enjoy retirement like other people say they do. I was never one to sit around. I've put off doing so many things at my house that it will probably take me a year to catch up. I also have some rental property and do most of the maintenance on that." Bill adds, "We're planning on

going to Florida to see one of our sons, who lives at Lake Wales. We like Florida but don't know whether we would like it well enough to live there year-round, so we'll stay on a trial basis before we decide if we want to move down there permanently. We have another son, who lives in Huntington, and four grandchildren." Bill is a member of the Elks Club and enjoys fishing as a hobby. He served in the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. □



"I was the first employee in Beckley Division to go on long term disability leave," says **Jim Lowery**, "and it has been a life saver for us. We're real happy with the company benefits." Jim and his wife Pat, a former Appalachian employee, bought a lot on Smith Mountain Lake several years ago. After Jim went on LTD leave in 1985, they had a house built and moved there permanently. He retired on January 1 of this year. Jim adds, "The folks at the power company were just like family to us. Some of our best friends

work for Appalachian. Occasionally, when some of the men are in Roanoke for a training school, they will come to see us, and we enjoy their visits." Jim claims that between yard work, fishing, boating, and honey-dos he never runs out of something to do. Last year he won two trophy fish citations, one for a 4-lb., 4-oz. small-mouth bass and the other for a 28-lb., 8-oz. striper. "Our two boys enjoy coming down to fish, and our granddaughter likes it, too," Jim says. "We're living plenty good, thanks to the power company." □





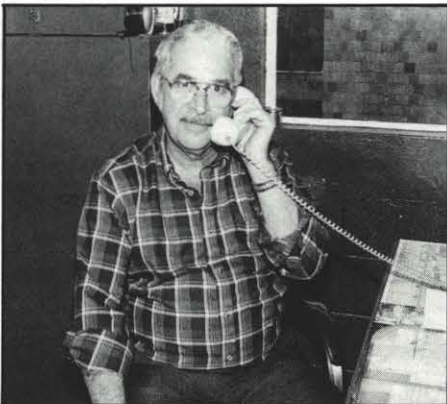
A utility career spanning 37 years came to a close on February 1 with the early retirement of **George Adkins**, Roanoke stores attendant B. "I've enjoyed working for Appalachian," he says. "The company has been good to me, and I have tried to be fair with it. I don't think that any place in town has benefits that can compare with ours." George has made few plans for retirement since his wife Gladys will continue working for a couple more years. "I'll try to stay busy," he says. "I don't want to

sit around and watch TV too much unless it is snowing outside. I have a lot of things to catch up on around the house, and I plan on doing a lot of walking to try to stay in shape. My next-door-neighbor talked me into joining a bowling league so I'm going to bowl one night a week. I also want to play a little golf. I'm a deacon at the Plantation Road Baptist Church, and I'd like to do more at the church now. Since it's a small congregation, there's always plenty to do." □



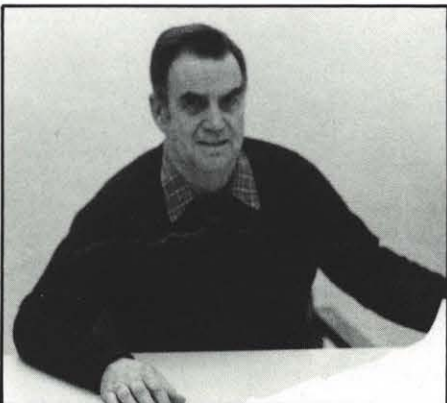
"It has been a challenge from day one," says **Beryl Middaugh** about his 39-year career with Appalachian. He retired on February 1 as communications superintendent in the GO T&D Communications Section, Roanoke. Beryl says, "I was interested in a hands-on engineering position when I graduated from West Virginia University so I took a job with the System T&D Station Section in Charleston. I was there only a month before T&D transferred to the new Roanoke office building. I was in the station relay group during the rapid expansion of substations

and transmission lines, then transferred into communications when that area was expanding rapidly because of the use of computers in the company's operations. As for retirement, I don't have any major plans. I'm building a house at Smith Mountain Lake, and we'll be moving as soon as it's finished." Beryl's hobbies are woodworking, metal working, and computers. He is a boating safety instructor with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. □



"I served 6 years in the Navy during World War II; and, after my discharge, I went looking for work," recalls **Oakie Whitlow**. "Everyone in this area tried to get on with Appalachian because it was a good company to work for and still is. All 37 of my years at Glen Lyn were spent on the coal track, and I can remember every one of the winters. Especially the winter of '86 when it got down to -26° one night and everything we had froze up. We worked 16 hours and were barely able to keep coal trickling into Unit 5. That's when you really

appreciate the fellows you work with. When I retired, I left the best crew of men I worked with during my career." Oakie retired as yard superintendent on February 1. He adds, "I can't say enough about some of the people I worked for, especially Tom Crewey, assistant plant manager. Now that I've got some spare time, I'm going to take it easy and do a little farming on the side. My wife and I plan to visit our son and two granddaughters who live in the Parkersburg area." □



"I have enjoyed being a power company employee, and I will miss the people here," says Abingdon Building Supervisor **Cliff Hawley**, who elected early retirement on February 1. "I have been treated well, and I hope I have been as responsive to the company." Cliff began his career in the Bluefield office, and it was there that he met his future wife, Dorothy Boyd. Cliff recalls, "I worked in the Stores Department about four years, then moved into the Appliance Service Department. When that job was discontinued, I transferred to Abingdon as division service

coordinator. I have been the building supervisor since 1975." He continues, "When Dot retires in May, we are going to travel some, visit our three children, and do a whole lot of nothing. We're not going to be on a schedule. There are a lot of retirees we want to visit, something we don't have time to do in the evenings after work. During the winter we'll probably hibernate; but, in the summer, I have a garden and lawn to take care of. We attend Mt. Carmel Christian Church in Meadowview." □

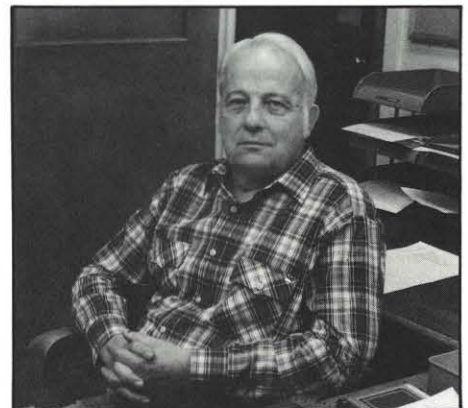
Bessie Wilson, Point Pleasant secretary stenographer, elected early retirement on February 1 after more than 30 years' service. "I've really enjoyed working here, and I've enjoyed the people I've worked with," she says, "but I decided to retire while I am still able to do some of the things I haven't had time for before. I like to sew, knit, play bridge, and read, but my main hobby is golf. My husband Eustace is a golfer, too, and we expect to spend all next summer out on the golf course. We always go to the Seniors Tournament at Pipestem every spring and quite a few

invitationals." Bessie adds, "I want to be more active in my church, Trinity United Methodist. I also plan to do volunteer work at the Pleasant Valley Hospital one day a week and spend more time with my 3-year-old granddaughter." Bessie belongs to the Women of the Moose and the West Virginia Gamma Chapter of the Lambda Chi Omega Sorority. Her son Andy Wilson, who was an AEP educational award winner in 1965, is an employee in AEP's Internal Fuel and Special Audits Department, Columbus. □



"The savings plan is one of the best benefits that ever came along, and it's helping me leave early," says **Bob Clarkson**, Charleston station mechanic A. He had nearly 37 years' service when he retired on February 1. "I have mixed feelings, but I will be ready for retirement if it is ready for me," he adds. "Appalachian was a good company to work for, and I don't have any regrets. I'm happy that I stayed here." Bob continues, "One reason I wanted to retire early is to spend more

time with my wife. We're looking forward to traveling, camping, and seeing a lot of places we haven't had a chance to before. We're going to Florida as soon as I retire. I have a brother-in-law there, and we've been going down for the last few years. And we plan on visiting our two daughters and four grandchildren some." Bob enjoys playing golf and bowling. He is a member of the board of the Cross Lanes Church of God. □



"I've lived within a stone's throw of this plant for the past 42 years," says **Kenny Farewell**, Glen Lyn maintenance mechanic B, who retired on February 1. "I enjoyed my work with the company, and I've already begun to miss the guys I worked with. I encourage these young fellows to take advantage of our company's benefits, especially the savings plan. It sure makes a big difference when retirement time comes." Kenny continues, "I served in the Navy for 3 years in the Pacific and European Theatres during

World War II and was involved in the invasion of Normandy, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. After I got home, I went to work for Celanese Corporation. I heard there was a possibility I would get furloughed, so I put in an application at Glen Lyn and came to work in 1952. I haven't made any plans for retirement other than taking it easy and gardening. My parents are still alive, and I'll spend a good bit of time with them. And all my relatives live nearby so I don't have far to go to visit." □



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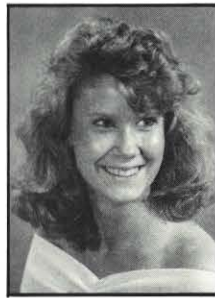


Grover Ham, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke, was honored as the "greatest" Sunday School superintendent by the Staunton Avenue Church of God. He was presented a trophy on behalf of the Sunday School by his son, Chris.

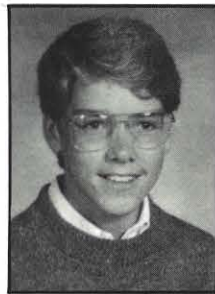


Melissa Smith, daughter of Gayle Thomasson, work order supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, received the most valuable player award for girls' basketball at Staunton River High School.

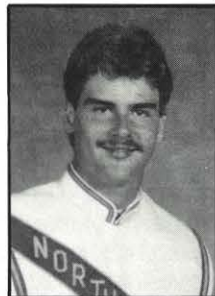
A. C. Channaiah, electrical engineer senior, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, was elected to the board of the Herman L. Horn PTA and chairman of the Olympics of the Mind. He also was elected to the Roanoke County Schools Council for Gifted Education.



Cindy, daughter of Evelyn Scott, personnel clerk A, GO Personnel, Roanoke, has been honored twice by the U.S. Achievement Academy for outstanding achievement in science. She also was listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for two consecutive years. Cindy is studying pre-veterinarian medicine at Findlay College.



Matt, son of Hank Sullivan, programs manager, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, was selected second chair trombone in the District VI All-Regional Symphonic Band. He also was selected second chair trombone in the All-Roanoke County Band. He is a member of the Northside High School marching and concert bands.

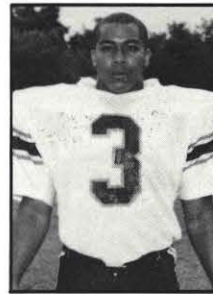


Shawn, son of Betty Lou Carter, editor of publications, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, was selected first chair Bari sax in the District VI All-Regional Symphonic Band. He also was selected first chair alto saxophone in the All-Roanoke County Band. He is a member of the Northside High School marching and concert bands.

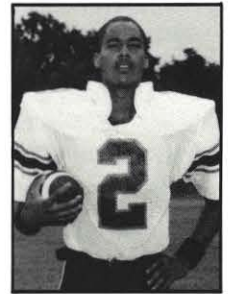
Pam, wife of Jim Berg, accounting manager, GO Accounting, Roanoke, has been appointed director of public relations for Roanoke College. She is also president of the YWCA of the Roanoke Valley, vice president of the Clean Valley Council, and co-chairman of the Roanoke County Sesquicentennial Publicity Subcommittee.

Hank Sullivan, programs manager, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, has been appointed by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors to a three-year term on the board of Mental Health Services of the Roanoke Valley. He also was elected to a

three-year term on the Virginia State Mental Health Association board.



D. Palmer



K. Palmer

Dana and Keith Palmer were members of the Radford High School Bobcats football team, which had an impressive 11-1 record for the season. They won the New River District championship and Region 5 and went on to the Group AA semi-finals, where they were beaten by Rustburg 13-7. The 5'3½" Dana is the Bobcats' ace running back, and Keith is a junior fullback. They are the sons of O'Dell Palmer, Jr., hydro mechanic B, Claytor. □

Beckley

Clyde Barker, personnel supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Beckley Kiwanis Club.

La Shawn, daughter of Reggie Smith, Oak Hill line mechanic A, was selected "citizen of the month" for October by the music department at Central Elementary School.

Julia, daughter of Sandy Palen, marketing and customer services representative, has been invited to join Gamma Beta Phi, an honorary service organization at Virginia Tech. The invitation for membership is extended to those in the top 15 percent of the sophomore class who exhibit outstanding academic achievement.

Kim, daughter of Walter Leach, line mechanic A, helped lead her team to a runner-up finish in the West Virginia State High School Girls' Basketball Tournament. She is a junior at Woodrow Wilson High School.

A. J., son of Susie Hall, Oak Hill meter reader, was a member of the Beckley Recreation League's 10-12-year-old soccer team which was awarded the Governor's Cup for winning the West Virginia state soccer championship. □

Abingdon

Kevin, son of Gary Stoots, Marion meter reader, is president of the Marion Senior High School chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk (S.A.D.D.).

Gary Watson, Gate City area supervisor, was named chairman of the public relations committee of the Scott County Chamber of Commerce. □

Roanoke

The Patrick County Board of Supervisors appointed Lynn Short, Stuart area supervisor, to serve on the Patrick County School Board for the remaining 2½-year term of a member who resigned.

J. W. Wright, Jr., marketing and customer services supervisor, was elected to a one-year term on the board of directors of the Roanoke Valley Home Builders Association.



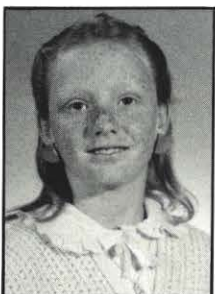
Kelli, daughter of Burton Grogan, Fieldale line crew supervisor, was named to the Virginia All-State Honors Choir. The Honors Choir performed at the Music Educators Convention in Alexandria and

at the Washington Cathedral. Kelli is a senior at Bassett High School.

Tim Lawlor, administrative assistant, is serving on the evangelism and membership commission of the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren.

Miriam Martindale, retired marketing and customer services representative, is chairwoman of the missions and service commission at the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren. □

Glen Lyn



Kimberly, daughter of Dean Boggs, custodian, has been selected as a cheerleader for Greenville Junior High School, where she is a sixth grader. □

Big Buck contest winners



Winners in Glen Lyn Plant's Big Buck contest for 1987 are, l. to r., J. L. Wiegand, performance engineer, 1st place gun; M. L. Dunn, equipment operator A, second place gun; J. E. Spencer, stores attendant, third place gun; and D. J. Mitchem, equipment operator C, first place bow. Winners were determined by the Pope and Young sizing method.

Logan-Williamson

John Skidmore, administrative assistant, was appointed as a member of the board of directors of the Logan County Salvation Army. □

Philip Sporn



English



Chadwell

W. T., son of William English, maintenance mechanic B, has completed Navy basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois, and will remain there for his individual training.

Pollie, daughter of Paul Chadwell, utility worker A, completed Navy basic training at Orlando, Florida, and individual training in Meridian, Mississippi. She is now with Aviation Squadron VP23 in Brunswick, Maine. □

Charleston

Bob Griffith, division superintendent, was elected treasurer of the Kanawha Valley Emergency Planning Council.

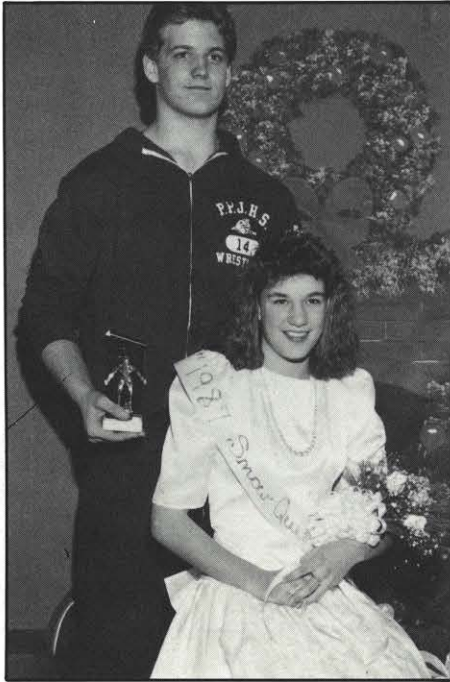
Jennifer, daughter of Ronald Kennedy, engineering technician senior, has been selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among High School Students. A student at South Charleston High School, Jennifer is a member of the French Club, newspaper staff, and student council and is on the high honor roll. □

Pulaski

Larry Bucklen, marketing and customer services representative senior, is vice president-elect of the Wytheville Rotary Club. He will be serving on the board of directors.

Appalachian Power's Pulaski office won the "most appropriate to business" award in the Pulaski Fine Arts Center's fourth annual Christmas tree decorating contest. Helping with the Christmas tree project were Jon Painter, Debbie Grubb, Pam Hayes, Martha Burnette, Carolyn Quesenberry, Glenda Wohlford, Juanita Dunagan, Dorothy Beasley, Pete Childress, and Mark Schronce. Quesenberry won the drawing for the live Fraser Fir used in the contest and has planted the tree at her home. □

Mountaineer



Randy Stewart and Andrea Hensley

Andrea, daughter of Larry Hensley, utility worker, was chosen snow queen at the Point Pleasant Junior High Christmas dance. She is a freshman.

Randy, son of Harold Stewart, maintenance mechanic A, placed second in the heavyweight division at the Cammack Wrestling Tournament in Huntington. He is a freshman at Point Pleasant Junior High.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

Brittani Merola was the only student at Green Elementary School, Gallipolis, Ohio, to participate in decorating the nation's Christmas tree. She received a letter from Ohio Senator John Glenn, which read in part, "My wife Annie and I especially appreciate having an ornament that was handmade in southeastern Ohio, where we grew up . . . We decorated the blue spruce tree from the Wayne National Forest and have it in the Senate reception room where my staff and all of our visitors can see and enjoy it . . . We will be able to decorate our tree for many years to come and pass the ornaments on to our grandchildren as part of their Ohio heritage." Brittani is the daughter of Mark Merola, maintenance mechanic A. □

Glen Lyn archery winners



Glen Lyn Plant's archery contest was divided into two groups — sighted and non-sighted bows. The winners are: sighted group, front row, l. to r., Dave Moulder, maintenance mechanic C; L. P. Mann, maintenance mechanic C; and F. J. Long, operations superintendent. Non-sighted winners, back row, l. to r., D. J. Mitchem, equipment operator C; R. G. Nicewonder, personnel supervisor; and T. E. Crewey, assistant plant manager.

Frye is \$10,000 lottery winner



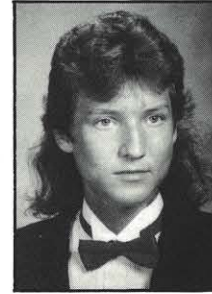
Arvie Frye (left), retired Kanawha River Plant shift operating engineer, took a spin at the West Virginia Lottery Wheel in December and came away \$10,000 richer. He is pictured being congratulated by a Lottery official.

Roanokers help Salvation Army



It has become a tradition for the Roanoke and General Office employees to donate money and canned goods to the local Salvation Army at Christmas. In December, five boxes of food and a check for \$357.40 were delivered to Allen Satterlee, commanding officer of the Salvation Army, by Gail Durham, fleet office supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, and chairman of the office safety committee.

Lynchburg



Jason, son of Curtis Winebarger, meter electrician A, has been selected to appear in the 1986-87 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. A graduate of Brookville High School, Jason

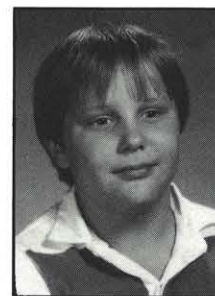
is a freshman at Central Virginia Community College.

J. Robert Davenport, division manager, was reelected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Centra Health, Inc.



Jeff, son of Ralph Bird, power engineer, was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America. A member of Scout Troop 48, Jeff has achieved the rank of first class.

George Murphy, marketing and customer services representative, has received a certificate of appreciation from the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce for his participation as chairman of the local government task force. The group addressed the Blue Law issue regarding Sunday sales and the Billboard Ordinance in Lynchburg.



Michael, son of Debi Watkins, stenographer, won second place in a chess tournament at his school sponsored by the Lynchburg Chess Club. Michael, a fifth grader in the Gifted Opportunities Center

at R. S. Payne School, won two hand carved chessmen. □

Bluefield



Autumn, daughter of Tom Gentry, Tazewell line mechanic B, won first place in the photography category of a cultural arts contest for her picture of the Burkes Garden area. Autumn's entry now will be judged in the county contest. She is a third grader at Springville Elementary School.

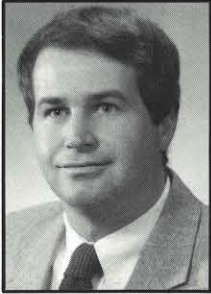
In the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Fincastle Garden Club of Tazewell, the home of **Billie and Joe Johnson** won second place in the inside-over-all category and third place in the inside-stairway category. Joe is a Tazewell line mechanic C.



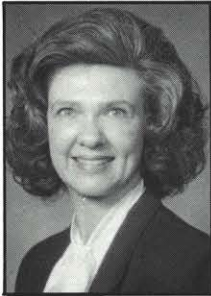
Jesse Foster, Grundy meter reader, was elected worshipful master of the Sandy Valley Masonic Lodge No. 17, AF&AM.

New officers of the Bluefield Girls' Service Club are **Sue Hankins**, GO stenographer, president; **Marsha Richardson**, electrical engineer, vice president; **Eulalia Footo**, stores clerk, secretary; and **Joyce Lambert**, GO transmission clerk, treasurer. □

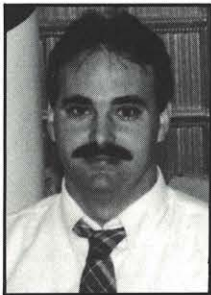
Class of 1987



Michael McKinney, Abingdon marketing and customer services advisor, master of business administration, East Tennessee State University.



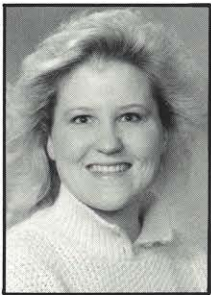
Ann Huffman, office services supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, bachelor of arts in business management, Mary Baldwin College.



Kevin Bates, Williamson junior clerk, board of regents bachelor of arts degree, West Virginia State College.

James, son of Jim Young, Charleston garage supervisor, associate in applied science, West Virginia State. □

Martin earns CPS rating



Sherry Martin, stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, has earned the designation of Certified Professional Secretary. She passed a six-part examination administered by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, a department of Professional Secretaries International (PSI).

A graduate of Salem High School, Martin was employed in 1984 as a junior stenographer. She was promoted to her current position in 1987. □

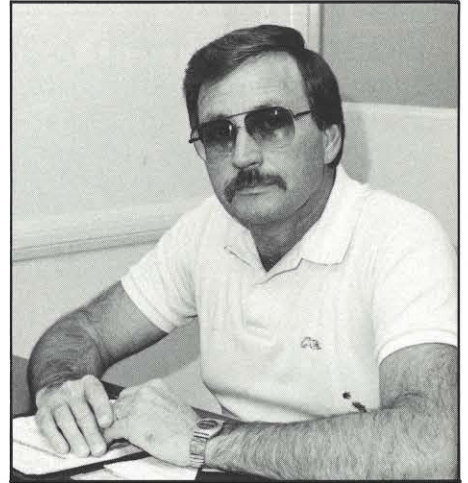
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Good timing: Curt Clonch may have saved neighbor's life

When Curt Clonch, Point Pleasant customer accounts servicer, went out to get the morning paper recently, he thought he heard a faint call for help. Just to be sure, Curt asked his wife Reba to come outside and listen, too. They determined that the call was coming from the home of Ray St. Clair, an elderly neighbor who lived alone.

Curt went across the street to St. Clair's house and heard the man calling from inside. Looking through the back door, Curt saw him laying on the kitchen floor.

Once inside, Curt checked to see if there were any medical problems and gave the man some water to drink before calling EMS to transport him to the hospital. St. Clair, a diabetic, had been laying on the floor for two days after he slipped and broke a hip and two ribs.



Clonch

Now recuperating at home, a very grateful St. Clair credits Clonch with saving his life. □

Abingdon Rotary honors Clark Peck



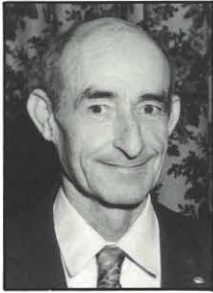
Neel Rick, left, presents the Rotary Paul Harris Award to Clark Peck, Jr.

Clark Peck, Jr., retired Abingdon records supervisor, has received the coveted Rotary Paul Harris Award in recognition of distinguished service to his club and community.

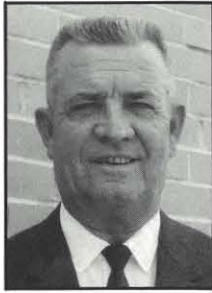
Peck became a member of the Abingdon Rotary Club in 1952 and served several years as club secretary. He was president

in 1956-57. Peck has been active over the past 35 years in his participation in and coordination of the "Rotary Frolics," the club's major fundraising activity. In recent years he has been tireless in his attention to hospitality toward club visitors and addressing the arrangements required for orderly weekly meetings. □

Friends We'll Miss



Galbraith



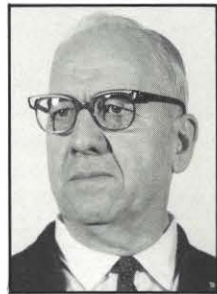
Phillips



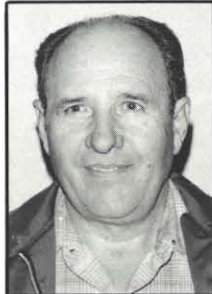
Burnside



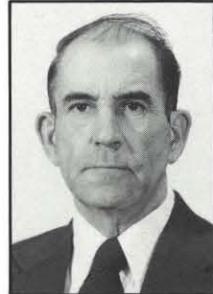
Fawcett



Barton



Rhudy



White

Frederick E. Galbraith, 61, Bluefield collector, died January 11. A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, he was employed in 1952 as a rodman and has been on long term disability leave since 1979. Galbraith is survived by his wife Dolly, Route 1, Box 466, Bluefield, WV.

Kenneth Clark Phillips, 78, retired maintenance man at Claytor Hydro, died December 11. A native of Pulaski County, Virginia, he began his career in 1940 as a laborer and elected early retirement in 1971. Phillips is survived by his wife, Edna, Route 1, Box 283, Dublin, VA; one son; and two grandchildren.

Newton J. Burnside, 72, retired system operations coordinator, GO Operations, Roanoke, died January 4. A native of Winfield, West Virginia, he began his career in 1936 as an operator and retired in 1964. Burnside is survived by his wife Alma, 305 West Street, St. Albans, WV; three sons; one daughter; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. His son, John, is property records accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke. His son, Joe, is operations coordinator, GO Operations, Roanoke. And his son-in-law, Jim Hardwick, is assistant chief dispatcher in Abingdon.

Mary Elizabeth Fawcett, 80, retired secretarial-stenographer in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, died December

18. A native of Bedford, Virginia, she began her career in 1933 as a stenographer and retired in 1972.

William R. Barton, 84, retired Cabin

Creek Plant janitor, died December 29. A native of Summers County, West Virginia, he was employed in 1943 as a laborer and retired in 1967. Barton is survived by his wife Mabel, Winifrede, WV; two sons; one daughter; twelve grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Jonas Byard Rhudy, 66, retired Welch meter electrician A, died January 17. A native of Tazewell, Virginia, he was employed in 1948 as a laborer at Welch and elected early retirement in 1983. Rhudy is survived by his wife Letha, 1207 Reedy Creek Road, Bristol, VA; one daughter; and two grandchildren.

James M. White, 59, Glen Lyn Plant unit supervisor, died unexpectedly January 1. A native of Elgood, West Virginia, he joined the plant in 1954 as a laborer. White is survived by his wife Betty, 809 Harrison Street, Princeton, WV; one son; one daughter; two grandchildren; his parents; four sisters; and one uncle. His father is Giles White, retired auxiliary equipment operator, and his uncle is Everett White, retired maintenance man. □

Births

Abingdon

Melissa Katherine, daughter of **Mark Kimbell**, electrical engineer, December 24.

John Amos

Patrick Anthony, son of **Christopher Carroll**, barge handler, January 7.

Bluefield

James Edward, Jr., son of **Eddie Williams**, custodian, December 10.

Kasey Renee, daughter of **Ronnie Cantrell**, Grundy line crew supervisor NE, December 17.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

Scott Douglas, son of **Ralph Riggs**, maintenance mechanic B, December 23.

Charleston

Bethany Ann, daughter of **Dennis Criss**, meter electrician C, December 17.

Whitney Nicole, daughter of **Teresa Easter**, drafter C, December 15.

Travis Jacob, son of **Charles Shamblin**, meter electrician C, December 17.

Clinch River

Caroline Jessica, daughter of **Fred Garrett, II**, unit supervisor, January 7.

Heather LeAnne, daughter of **James Fields**, maintenance mechanic C, December 14.

Huntington

Tracy Danielle, daughter of **Homer Nance**, Milton line mechanic A, December 5.

Mountaineer

Emily Brooke, daughter of **Greg Keffer**, barge handler, October 30.

Tracy Ann, daughter of **Roger Johnson**, maintenance mechanic A, November 17.

Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of **Gary Hatcher**, performance technician, November 28.

Pulaski

Audrey Elizabeth, daughter of **Rob Kern**, Wytheville area supervisor, December 7. □

Hunters Score

John Amos

Gregory Martin, performance technician senior, 100 lb. doe (bow).

Kenneth Parsons, performance technician, 125 lb., 5-point buck.

Christopher Tyer, equipment operator B, 4-point buck.

Kenneth Baker, equipment operator A, 5-point buck.

Douglas Tyree, equipment operator B, 3-point buck.

Daniel Smith, utility worker, 4-point buck.

Timothy Frazier, equipment operator A, 4-point buck.

Daniel Meddings, equipment operator B, 8-point buck and 6-point buck.

Stephen Deahl, maintenance mechanic A, 205 lb., 8-point buck.

Allen Saunders, maintenance mechanic A, 180 lb., 9-point buck.

Robert Pyles, maintenance mechanic A, spike buck, 8-point buck, doe (bow), and doe (doe permit w/gun).

Beckley

Don Smith, Rainelle meter reader, 135 lb., 6-point buck.

Eddie Whitmore, Oak Hill meter reader, 140 lb., 8-point buck.

Ray Nixon, husband of Liz Nixon, customer accounts representative C, 110 lb. button buck.

David Nixon, son of Liz Nixon, 100 lb. doe.

Bluefield

Don, husband of Lvonne Ferguson, Welch customer accounts representative A, 7-point buck and spike buck.

Barry Miller, line mechanic C, 13-lb. turkey.

Gary Stiltner, area servicer, 6-point buck (bow) and spike buck.

Walt Graham, line mechanic D, 6-point buck and turkey.

Gib Walker, line mechanic C, 4-point buck (bow), 6-point buck, and 7-point buck.

Tom Gentry, line mechanic B, 4-point buck.

Gary Bazzi, line mechanic A, 3-point buck.

Ocal Smith, line mechanic A, two spike bucks.

Charleston

Dick Huffman, general line supervisor, 12 lb. turkey.

Kenneth Chambers, automotive mechanic A, 140 lb., 8-point buck.

Paul Parsons, automotive mechanic C, 135 lb., 5-point buck.

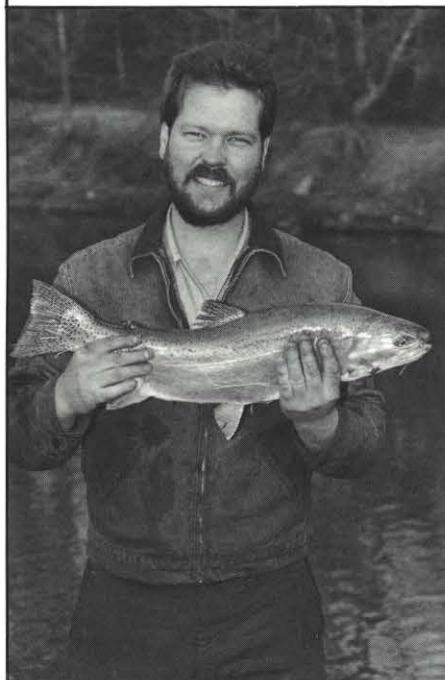
Scott Brogan, line mechanic A, 130 lb., 7-point buck.

T. R. McDonald, line mechanic D, 130 lb., 7-point buck.

Terry Shrewsbury, line mechanic A, 125 lb. spike buck.

Ken Looney, line mechanic C, 150 lb., 8-point buck and 110 lb. spike buck.

Citation Fish



Tim Maxey received a Virginia Wildlife Trophy Fish Citation for catching this 6-lb. 4-oz. rainbow trout at Montvale, Virginia. He is the husband of Rhonda Maxey, electric plant accounting clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Jim Hicks, line mechanic A, 100 lb. spike buck.

Jim Young, garage supervisor, 150 lb., 8-point buck.

Dave Morris, line mechanic A, 100 lb. doe.

Robbie Seacrist, line mechanic C, 100 lb. doe.

Bob Chafin, line mechanic A, 110 lb. spike buck.

Delt Crosier, retired line crew supervisor, 115 lb., 4-point buck.

Terry Banks, line crew supervisor, 140 lb. doe and 100 lb. spike buck.

General Office

Bill Thomasson, husband of Gayle Thomasson, work order supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, 4-point buck and 2 turkeys.

Jack, husband of Judy Emery, hydro clerk B, GO Hydro, Roanoke, 135-lb., 6-point buck.

Robert Legg, hydro mechanic B, Kanawha Valley Power, 115-lb. spike buck.

David French, hydro utility operator B, Kanawha Valley Power, 120-lb., 4-point buck.

Bobby Daniel, electric plant supervising clerk, 6-point and 10-point bucks.

D. G. Harman, transmission line crew supervisor, spike buck (bow) and 8-point buck.

L. J. Smith, transformer specialist, GOT&D Station, Roanoke, 130 lb., 6-point buck and 19 lb. turkey gobbler.

Ronnie Kelley, fleet maintenance supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, 110 lb. deer and 14 lb. turkey.

Thurman Ball, retired fleet maintenance supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, 8 lb. turkey.

Dean Price, property representative A, GO Land Management, Roanoke, 19-lb. turkey gobbler and 9-lb. turkey hen.

Glen Lyn

Marshall Dunn, equipment operator A, 120 lb., 6-point buck.

Fairley Long, operations superintendent, 120 lb., 3-point buck.

Randy Nicewonder, personnel supervisor, 125 lb. doe (bow).

Joe Spencer, stores attendant, 120 lb., 3-point buck.

Jeffrey Wiegand, performance engineer, 150 lb., 5-point buck and 130 lb., 4-point buck.

Homer Forren, equipment operator B, 120 lb., 3-point buck and 120 lb. doe.

Richard Wall, utility worker A, 190 lb., 10-point buck; 150 lb., 8-point buck; and 120 lb. doe (bow).

Danny Mitchem, equipment operator C, 140 lb. spike buck (bow).

Huntington

Larry Lucas, meter reader, 12 lb. turkey hen (bow).

Ronald White, station mechanic B, 125 lb. black bear.

Kingsport

Buford Quillin, Jr., marketing and customer services representative senior, 100 lb., 3-point buck (muzzle loader), 90 lb. spike, and 105 lb., 4-point buck.

Logan-Williamson

John Skidmore, administrative assistant, 60 lb. doe.

Lynchburg

Fred Dustin, line crew supervisor, 175 lb., 11-point buck.

Bill Martin, line mechanic A, 136 lb., 6-point buck; 161 lb., 10-point buck; and 147 lb., 7-point buck.

Pulaski

C. L. Smith, Pearisburg line crew supervisor, 300-lb., 4-point buck and 29-lb. turkey.

E. E. Kirk, Pearisburg line mechanic B, spike buck and 3-point buck.

C. J. Turner, Pearisburg line mechanic C, 14-lb. turkey.

Gary Adkins, Hillsville meter reader, 145-lb., 6-point buck.

Ted Williams, Hillsville meter reader, 145-lb., 8-point buck.

Mike Harrell, Pearisburg meter reader, 8-point buck and 14-lb. turkey. □

Weddings

Stanley-Pullin



Peggy LeAnn Pullin to Ian Keith Stanley, Huntington engineering technician, September 26.

Snodgrass-Armstrong



Kelley Armstrong to Alan Snodgrass, Kanawha River Plant maintenance mechanic, December 1.

Chapman-Jefferson



Vickie Jefferson to Jerry L. Chapman, Milton line mechanic D, December 5.

Esposito-Oresta



Donna Oresta to Glenn Mark Esposito, October 17. Donna is the daughter of Franklin Oresta, fleet maintenance supervisor, GO General Services, Bluefield.

Helmick-Frye-Ashworth



Mary Frye-Ashworth to L. Wayne Helmick, November 10. Mary is the daughter of Arvie Frye, retired shift operating engineer at Kanawha River Plant.

Golden anniversary



Charles and Rose Clayburn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 16. They have one son and three granddaughters. Charles is retired head custodian and Rose is retired senior telephone operator, Pulaski.

Hale-Fitzgerald



Linda S. Fitzgerald to Lonnie L. Hale, August 29. Lonnie is the son of Mary Ellen Hale, personnel clerk, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

Garrett-Parks

Connie Parks to J. David Garrett, Lebanon line mechanic A, October 24.

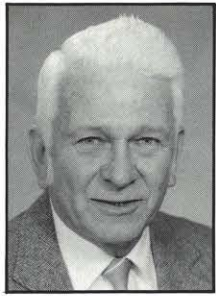
Vannatter-Donavan

Drusilla J. Donovan to Charles D. Vannatter, John Amos Plant maintenance supervisor, December 31.

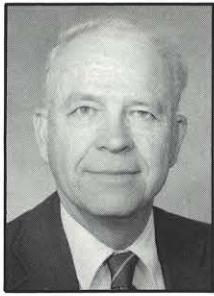
Dillard-Ragland

Karen Clowdis Ragland to Marvin Dillard, Lynchburg general line crew supervisor, December 18. □

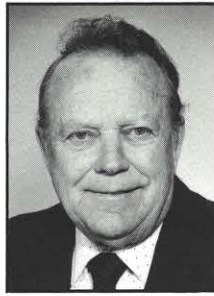
Service Anniversaries



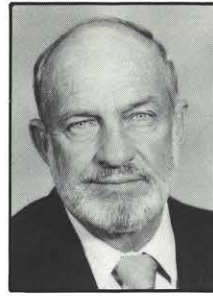
Gerry Barbour
reg. chief dispatcher
GO-Roanoke
40 years



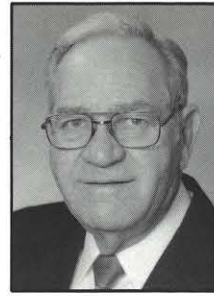
George Skaggs, Jr.
station supt.
GO-Roanoke
40 years



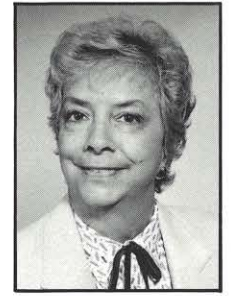
Bill Farrar
cust. accounts serv.
Huntington
40 years



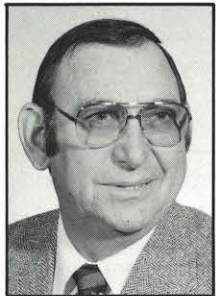
Bill Kahle
station crew supv.
Fieldale
40 years



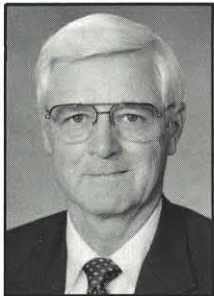
Ralph Amos, Jr.
general line crew supv.
Roanoke
40 years



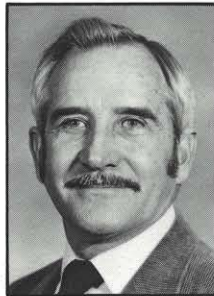
Nancy Bailey
cust. accts. rep. B
Huntington
40 years



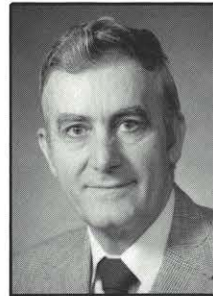
Dean Robinson
line crew supervisor
Marion
35 years



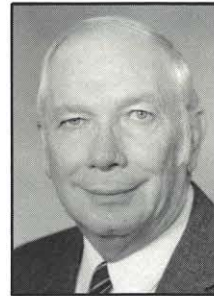
Wink Martin
sta. con. rep. sr.
GO-Roanoke
35 years



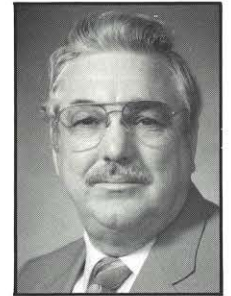
Dillard Gravely
line crew supv.
Fieldale
35 years



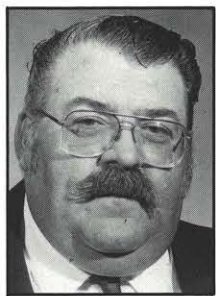
Jack Hagerman
trans. supv. eng.
GO-Bluefield
30 years



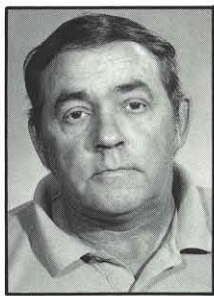
Jim Wheeler
dist. coordinator
GO-Roanoke
30 years



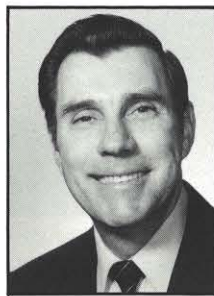
Andy Anderson
line crew supv. NE
Bluefield
30 years



Jerry Arnold
utility supervisor
Mountaineer
30 years



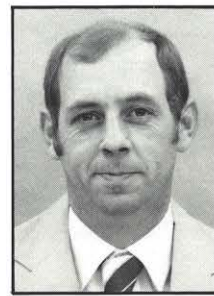
Bob Roach
maintenance supv.
Mountaineer
30 years



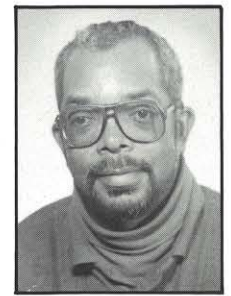
Max Stanley
shift op. eng.
John Amos
30 years



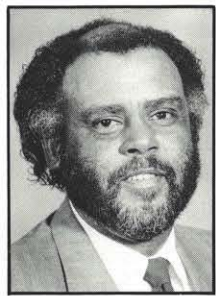
Ken Jackson
cust. accts. supv.
Bluefield
30 years



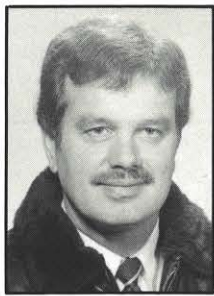
R. T. Manuel
maintenance supv.
CPM
20 years



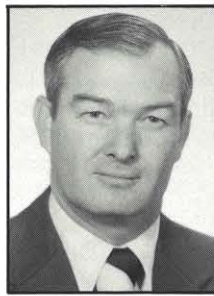
Bill Holmes
area servicer
Montgomery
20 years



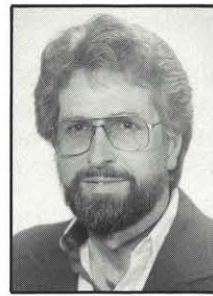
Rudy Pilson
line crew supv. NE
Fieldale
20 years



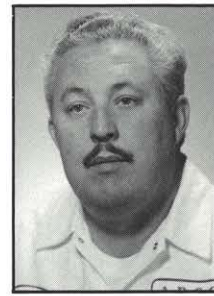
Lon Slater
eng. tech. sr.
Montgomery
20 years



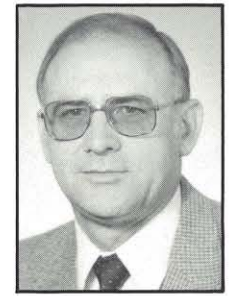
Ray Sayre
meter elec. A
Charleston
20 years



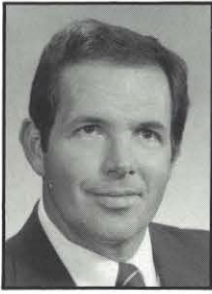
Ken Clark
line mechanic A
Charleston
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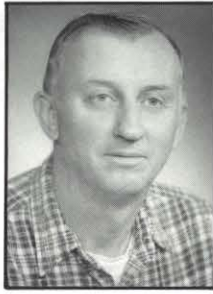
Jim Hall
automotive mechanic A
Charleston
20 years



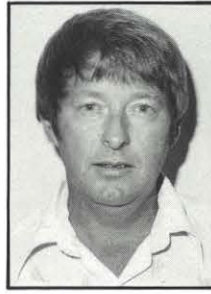
Randy Shields
communication spec.
GO-Marmet
20 years



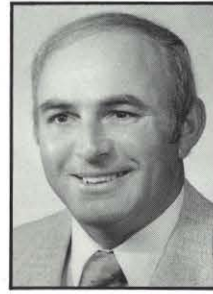
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elect. eng. sr.
Abingdon
20 years



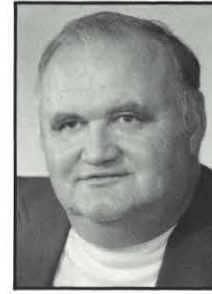
Clifford Sledd
line crew supv. NE
Welch
20 years



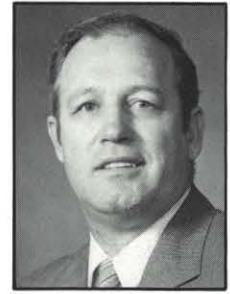
Joseph Elias
inst. mechanic A
Philip Sporn
20 years



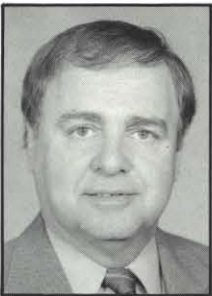
Jim Cook
station mechanic A
Abingdon
20 years



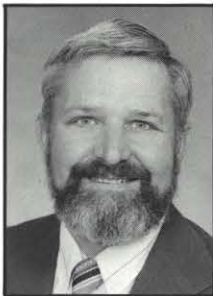
Hunter Thayer
gen. line crew supv.
Abingdon
20 years



Larry Sigmon
station crew supv. NE
Bluefield
20 years



Gene Whitmore
elec. plt. clerk A
GO-Roanoke
20 years



Harry Dodd
line crew supv. NE
Roanoke
20 years



Sue Bonham
T&D clerk A
Roanoke
20 years

Abingdon

10 years: **Jack Bowers**, automotive supervisor NE.

John Amos

15 years: **Ralph Cobb**, maintenance mechanic A. **Beecher Robinson, Jr.**, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: **Gregory Massey**, plant engineer.

Bluefield

15 years: **Mike Reed**, line mechanic C, Princeton.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

10 years: **P. R. Curtis**, maintenance mechanic A. D. **A. Walter**, maintenance mechanic A.

General Office

15 years: **Ken Stump**, engineering technologist, GO Hydro, Roanoke. **Linda Smith**, secretary, GO Executive, Charleston. **Lewis Sturm, Jr.**, engineering technologist, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke. 10 years: **Danny Gray**, environmental engineer senior, GO Environmental Affairs, Roanoke. **Hank Sullivan**, programs manager, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke. **Mark Boles**, hydro mechanic B, GO Hydro, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

10 years: **Howard Dickerson, Jr.**, maintenance mechanic B.

Huntington

30 years: **Brady Riggs, Jr.**, meter reader, Wayne. 15 years: **Roger Carrico**, line mechanic A. 10 years: **Billie Jo Coeyman**, stores clerk B. **Garry Rayburn**, line mechanic C, Point Pleasant.

Logan-Williamson

15 years: **Debbie Bias**, customer accounts representative A, Logan. 10 years: **Robert Ryan**, meter electrician B, Logan. **Lester Finley**, area servicer, Williamson.

Lynchburg

5 years: **Debi Watkins**, stenographer.

Newcomers

John Amos

Richard Harless, ash technician junior.
Ross Runions, custodian.

Central Machine Shop

Bill Brown, winder 3rd class.
Mike Loving, winder 3rd class.

Rinky Blain, Jr., power equipment mechanic 3rd class.

General Office

Joe Dupuis, video services assistant, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke.

Huntington

Veisa Ross, junior clerk.

Lynchburg

Morris Doss, meter reader.

Mountaineer

15 years: **Lew Nazarewycz**, maintenance mechanic C. 10 years: **Jim Pyle**, control technician. **Don Roush**, stores supervisor. **J. J. Evans**, maintenance mechanic B. **Roger Clark**, maintenance mechanic A.

Pulaski

15 years: **Barry Long**, marketing and customer services manager. 10 years: **Carl Farris**, stores attendant B.

Roanoke

15 years: **Ralph Casey**, meter service mechanic A, Rocky Mount. 10 years: **Kay Guthrie**, customer accounts representative B, Rocky Mount.

Philip Sporn

15 years: **James Jones**, conveyor operator. **Virgil Weaver**, chemist assistant. 10 years: **Richard Warden**, maintenance mechanic A. □

Mountaineer

Eric Stewart, performance engineer.

Pulaski

Larry Akers, station mechanic D.
Chris Martin, station mechanic D.
Steve Dove, line mechanic D.

Roanoke

Keith Hartman, visitors center attendant.
Robie Tuck, reservoir groundskeeper.
Mary Workman, junior clerk (parttime)
Billie Walker, meter reader.

Philip Sporn

Ginger Young, chemist assistant.
Angelique Smith, utility worker A.
Ronald McPherson, utility worker A.
Timothy Williams, control technician junior. □

Laboratory

(continued from page 5)

The high-bay area (40-foot ceiling) allows for indoor testing of bucket trucks and can comfortably house large pieces of equipment. There, a copper-lined room has replaced a "screen room" at the lab's old location. It is used for testing and calibration of radio frequency interference, television interference and electro-magnetic interference equipment. A central control room enhances the safety of testing and test areas because it lets personnel monitor entrances to the test site.

Beyond all that, employees have their own work areas, as well as access to rooms used exclusively for computers or drafting.

"The facilities were moved intact," Litsky said, "with capabilities for greater safety and efficiency."

Environmental Engineering

Unlike the other two labs, the former General engineering lab, in Huntington, West Virginia, had been in one building. But, it was on the second floor of an Appalachian Power Company building, and it was running out of room. Now, however, the facility is all on one floor and there is plenty of space — not only for the present but for the future.

Manager House laid things out so that instruments are separated into different rooms by type. The water lab, which was — in a word — everywhere, now is in one room, with its own dishwashers. Because of its design, employees can work on more than one project at a time.



Ann Wood runs trace metals on water sample.

Each room can be adjusted to the appropriate temperature and conditions and, in some cases, can have either negative or positive pressure (to keep particles either in or out). Areas regarded as "dirty and noisy" are removed from areas housing delicate instruments.

An example of the unique design features inherent in all the labs might be the room built to store the probes used to test stack

gases. The probes are long and narrow, as is the room, which also features a door to the parking lot. Personnel preparing to do field testing can take a probe down from the shelf and out the door without a lot of maneuvering.

"It's a state-of-the-art facility," House said, summing up the entire John E. Dolan Engineering Laboratory. □

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