

BRIGADIER GENERAL  
CHARLES E. 'CHUCK' YEAGER

BORN MYRA, LINCOLN COUNTY  
WEST VIRGINIA FEBRUARY 13, 1923  
GRADUATED HAMLIN HIGH SCHOOL 1941  
ENLISTED ARMY AIR CORPS SEPTEMBER 1941  
RECEIVED PILOT'S WINGS MARCH 1943  
WORLD WAR II 64 COMBAT MISSIONS  
DESTROYED 13 ENEMY AIRCRAFT  
MARRIED GLENNIS DICKHOUSE FEBRUARY 26, 1945  
FIRST MAN TO BREAK SOUND BARRIER  
OCTOBER 14, 1947

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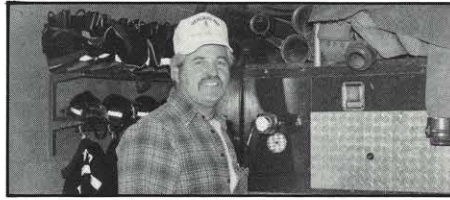
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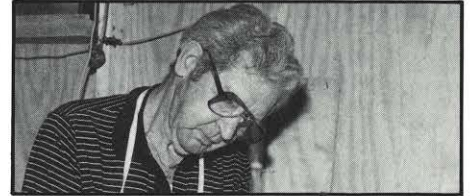


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## AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
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
12/31/87	2.9680	.3369	4.5922	.2177	3.5475	.2818

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.

## Montgomery, Madison offices receive excellent audit ratings

Two offices in Appalachian Power Company have received excellent ratings on audits of their customer accounts operations. The Montgomery office in Charleston Division was audited for the period August 24, 1984, through June 30, 1987. The Madison office in Logan-Williamson Division was audited for the period March 1, 1984, through June 30, 1987.

The audit by AEP Service Corporation personnel covers items such as cash in drawer, meter reading, 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. Other Appalachian Power customer accounts offices which have received excellent ratings in recent years are: Princeton in 1985 and 1987; Wytheville and Pulaski in 1986; and Tazewell and Marion in 1987.

Charleston Division Manager Floyd Taylor said, "The customer accounts employees in the Montgomery office are to be commended for this outstanding achievement. It is only through a team effort by all employees that this rating was made possible. The Montgomery customer accounts employees have set the standard for the other offices in the Charleston Division."

Sonny White, Logan-Williamson division manager, expressed his appreciation to the Madison customer accounts employees. He said, "Excellent ratings are the result of teamwork and dedication to the job. They are accomplished through attention to detail and cooperation between employees. The Madison employees are to be commended for a job well done." □

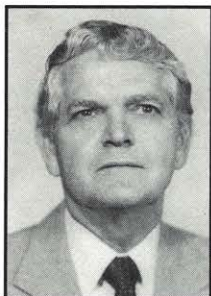


Charleston Division Manager Floyd Taylor presents the award of excellence to Delmer Cavender, who recently retired as Montgomery office supervisor. Pictured are (l. to r.) Kenneth Williams, meter reader; Judy Elswick, customer accounts representative B; Pat Taylor, customer accounts supervisor; Jerry Garretson, meter reader; Barry Snodgrass, marketing and customer services manager; Taylor; Francis Holmes, customer accounts representative A; Cavender; Pam Spaulding, customer accounts representative C; Glen Sizemore, meter reader; Kenny Smith, collector; and Robin Hildebrand, junior clerk.

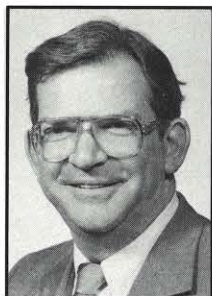


Logan-Williamson Division Manager Sonny White, right, presented the award of excellence to Madison customer accounts employees. They are (front row, l. to r.) Diane Bias, customer accounts representative A, and Ona Murray, customer accounts representative B. Standing, l. to r., E. K. Bias, marketing and customer services representative senior; H. E. Garrett, area supervisor; Mark Hill, meter reader; and Tom Hale, meter reader.

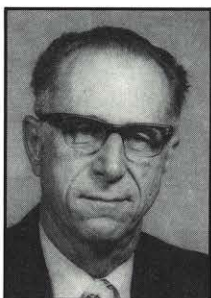
## Four APCo men elected to board



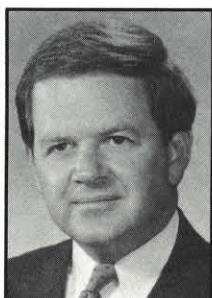
Whitehurst



Kilgore



Gloss



Carson

Fourteen new directors, representing the five largest of American Electric Power's eight operating companies, were elected to the board of the AEP Service Corporation at its annual meeting last month. At the same time the board's membership was expanded from 45 to 49.

The new directors are:

From **Appalachian Power Company**: Jerry Whitehurst, Pulaski Division manager; R. B. Kilgore, Beckley Division manager; Eugene H. Gloss, Philip Sporn Plant manager, and R. Daniel Carson, executive assistant, Roanoke General Office. They replaced George E. Briers, Clinch River Plant manager; J. Robert Davenport, Lynchburg Division manager, and Frederick O. Helm, Huntington Division manager.

From **Columbus Southern Power Company**: C. W. Dunlap, Conesville Plant manager; Harry D. Post, vice president, and Dale M. Trenary, Chillicothe Division manager. Prior to their election, Columbus Southern had only one representative on the Service Corporation board.

From **Indiana Michigan Power Company**: D. I. Pittenger, Breed Plant manager, and Nile D. Richmond, Rockport Plant manager. They replaced W. G. (Bo)

Smith, manager of the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, and C. Wayne Roahrig, St. Joseph Division manager.

**Kentucky Power Company** elected Winfred R. (Wink) Miller, transmission and distribution manager, to succeed Donald E. McGinnis, Ashland Division manager.

From **Ohio Power Company**: Earl F. Hawkins, Newark Division manager; D. M. Fenstermaker, Tiffin Division manager; L. J. Hedrick, Portsmouth Division manager, and William F. Vineyard, Muskingum River Plant manager. They replaced Andrew T. Mulato, executive assistant, Canton General Office; P. Eugene Bischof, manager of the Mitchell and Kammer Plants; D. E. Henderson, Steubenville Division manager, and Elden R. Hudson, Zanesville Division manager.

The elections were in keeping with the practice of the largest operating companies to rotate a portion of their representation on the Service Corporation board. □

## Operating companies elect new officers

When John E. Dolan retired January 31 as vice chairman-engineering and construction and a director of the AEP Service Corporation, he also retired as an officer or director (or both) of 26 other AEP subsidiaries.

To fill most of the vacancies thus created, the boards of directors of the respective companies elected other Service Corporation officers to such offices. Among them are:

**David H. Williams, Jr.**, senior executive vice president-engineering and construction, was elected: vice president and director of Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Kingsport Power, Michigan Power, Ohio Power, Wheeling Power and Conesville Coal Preparation companies; vice president of Appalachian Power and Columbus Southern Power companies, and director of Kanawha Valley Power, Southern Ohio Coal and Windsor Coal companies.

**Joseph H. Vipperman**, executive vice president-operations, was elected a director of AEP Energy Services, Inc., AEP Generating Company and Central Ohio Coal Company.

**Peter J. DeMaria**, executive vice president-administration, was elected a direc-

tor of Appalachian Power.

**A. Joseph Dowd**, senior vice president and general counsel, was elected a director of Columbus Southern Power. □

## Annual report due mid-March

American Electric Power Company's 1987 annual report will be off the press and on its way to shareowners and employees by mid-March. Approximately 400,000 copies of the 48-page report will be printed.

Featured in the latest report are photographic spreads on the new John E. Dolan Engineering Laboratory, new technology in use on the AEP System, and Pakistan, where 67 AEP employees have been involved in a five-year project to aid the country's rural electrification.

Ten employees — one each from the eight operating companies, the AEP Service Corporation, and the AEP mining operation — are pictured on the cover, front and back. Two of the ten cover "models," representing fellow employees of their respective companies, are Clifton M. Ayers, surveyor-instrument, GO T&D, Roanoke, and Andrew S. Hall, Kingsport power engineer. □

## 600,000 and growing

The American Electric Power companies have passed another milestone.

In December AEP's companies signed up their 600,000th residential electric heating customer and, at year's end, were serving 600,294. This was an increase of 2,500 over the November figure and an increase of 21,231 over year-end 1986. Today, 25.6 percent of the residential customers are heating electrically.

The contribution of such customers helped to raise the average annual residential usage of electricity to 10,527 kilowatthours in 1987, an all-time high and a gain of 2.9 percent over the year before. □

## Educational benefits no longer tax free

There's good news and bad news concerning the tax-exempt status of educational assistance benefits.

The bad news is that provisions of the federal income tax law permitting employers to pay tax-free educational assistance benefits to employees expired December 31.

But, the good news is that legislation has been proposed in Congress to extend permanently the exemption (and make it retroactive to January 1).

Now, however, such benefits must be considered by the company to be taxable income subject to withholding. The benefits and taxes withheld will be reported on each employee's 1988 Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement.

When employees prepare their 1988 federal income tax returns, the educational assistance benefits may be deductible if such benefits meet the following tests:

- maintain or improve skills required by the employee for the performance of his or her job, or
- meet the express educational requirements imposed by the employer or by

the law as a condition of retaining the job.

However, even if these requirements are met, educational expenses still may not be deductible if they:

- are required to meet the minimum educational qualifications for the job, or
- qualify the employee for a new trade or business. □

## AEPSC elects new officers

Four new officers of the AEP Service Corporation, including three new vice presidents, were elected at the January board meeting.

**Henry W. Fayne**, controller, was elected to the additional office of vice president. **Andrew Varley**, an AEP newcomer who had been chairman of the Iowa State Utilities Board, was elected vice president and special assistant to the president. And **James K. McWilliams**, director of planning and engineering in the Fuel Supply Department, Lancaster, was elected vice president-mining planning and engineering.

**Joseph E. McDonald**, who had been

manager-managerial audits, was elected assistant controller. Also, the title of **Richard M. McMorrow**, assistant vice president-governmental affairs, was changed to assistant vice president-community affairs. □

## No more injuries in '88

A disabling injury which occurred on February 16 wiped out the possibility of meeting President John W. Vaughan's challenge to Appalachian employees of zero accidents for 1988.

"The incident is regrettable," says Safety Manager Doug Forbes, "not because a safety record is broken but because an employee had to suffer the pain and inconvenience associated with the injury."

He continues, "Our challenge now is to make this disabling injury the **only one** which occurs in 1988. I am confident that, with every employee working toward this goal, it can be achieved. We owe it to ourselves, our fellow workers, and our families to work safely." □

# INFORMATION

## Benefit

### Two guaranteed-interest contracts negotiated for FIF

Two new guaranteed-interest contracts have been negotiated for the Fixed Income Fund of the AEP System Employees Savings Plan to replace two previous contracts. As a result, participants in the plan for all of 1988 will earn a blended interest rate of approximately 12.7 percent.

The first contract, purchased through Combined Insurance Company of

America, carries a net compound interest rate of 9.15 percent. It replaces a contract with The Equitable Life Assurance Society of America (7.85 percent) that matured December 31, 1987.

The second contract, negotiated with Northwestern National Life Insurance Company at an interest rate of 8.90 percent, will replace an 8.35 percent

Equitable contract when it matures June 30, 1988.

Both new agreements mature on November 1, 1990. At the time they were negotiated, interest rates on two- and three-year U.S. Treasury notes were about 7.66 percent and 7.95 percent, respectively. □

# Appalachian Power has successful marketing year

Nineteen eighty-seven was an excellent year in marketing for Appalachian Power Company, according to Marketing & Customer Services Director Glenn Reynolds. Reynolds reports, "Of the 6,427,547 electrapoint achievement in American Electric Power during 1987, Appalachian accounted for 1,887,251." He explains, "Electrapoint value is a way of equating kilowatt load and equipment units to a common denominator so goals can be measured easily. For residential customers, electrapoint values are assigned to equipment installations such as heat pumps and add-on heat pumps. In commercial and industrial areas, they are assigned per kw unit of installed load."

Reynolds continues, "When we began the year, achieving 100 percent of our goal seemed to be a formidable task. But, at year end, we had achieved 103.025 percent. This is an excellent accomplishment, one in which each of our marketers played a part. Six divisions — Abingdon, Bluefield, Pulaski, Logan-Williamson, Roanoke and Lynchburg — exceeded 100 percent in the overall goal category. The top three divisions in residential goal achieved were Lynchburg, first place; Abingdon, second place; and Roanoke, third place. The top three divisions in the Energy Services Section were Abingdon, first place; Bluefield, second place; and Pulaski, third place. Abingdon Division also won the director's cup for its selection as having the company's best overall marketing program.

"There were 17,805 residential electric heating installations during 1987, and 117,362 kilowatts of additional load were sold in the commercial/industrial sections. In addition, more than 4,800 residential and commercial security lights were sold. These sales will have a significant impact on the company's earnings."

tomor services representative senior, and P. T. Spangler, Bluefield energy services technologist, were awarded Appalachian Power jackets of honor for achieving the highest percentage of electrapoint goal over 100 percent during 1987. Wilson earned the award in the Residential Section and Spangler in the Energy Services Section.

Reynolds concluded, "We are especially

grateful to those employees who helped us achieve our sales goals by participating in the ACE program. Employees can become members of the ACE Team by submitting the name of a qualified prospect for a heat pump, add-on heat pump, or electric thermal storage furnace. Prospects cards are available in each Marketing & Customer Services Department." □

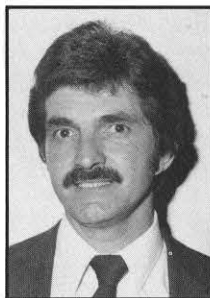
## Abingdon, Charleston have breakfasts



Employees in the Abingdon and Charleston Divisions were treated to breakfasts in recognition of their recent safety achievements. Abingdon employees (pictured above) reached 2½ million safe workhours on January 12. According to Division Manager Pete Montague, employees are "thinking zero" in terms of both automotive accidents and personal injuries for 1988. Charleston employees (pictured below) attained 2 million safe workhours on December 16. Division Manager Floyd Taylor commented, "This milestone could not have been reached without the safe work attitude of each employee."



Wilson



Spangler

Joel Wilson, Fieldale marketing and cus-

## Appalachian's OIP savings exceed \$8.1 million for 1987

Proposals submitted by employees through Appalachian Power Company's Operations Improvement Program during 1987 resulted in savings of \$8,136,816 or 182 percent of the year's goal. According to Personnel Assistant Woody Ball, who coordinates the program, this was one of the most successful years ever.

The General Office T&D Department received the Pacesetter Award, presented annually to the location which has the best overall program. T&D's goal for 1987 was \$210,000 and the department achieved savings of \$4,670,457 or 2,224 percent of goal.

The top five OIP coordinators for the year were awarded shares of AEP stock. They are: first place, Johnnie Eubank, GO T&D, Roanoke, 30 shares; second place, Fred Walker, Amos Plant, 25 shares; third place, Debbie Belisle, Abingdon, 20 shares; fourth place, Philip Wright, Beckley, 15 shares; and fifth place, Paul Keys, 10 shares.

Employees who submitted the top six OIP proposals for the fourth quarter of 1987



The top OIP coordinators for 1987 are, l. to r., Johnnie Eubank, GO T&D; Fred Walker, Amos Plant; Debbie Belisle, Abingdon; Philip Wright, Beckley; and Paul Keys, Lynchburg.

are:

Division — first place, Martha Farmer and Katherine Widener, Abingdon; second place, Wayne Pugh, Charleston.

Plant — first place, John Bowman, Carl Circle, Brooks Flesher, and Anthony Sayers, Mountaineer Plant; second place,

Jeffrey Dotson, Clinch River.

General Office — first place, Chris Léfevre and Sal Vitiello, GO T&D; second place, Stephen Aspell, GO T&D.

Safety proposals — first place, Larry Bissell, Mountaineer; second place, Basil Ballard and James Stewart, Abingdon. □

## Clinch River employees earn four safety awards

Employees of the Clinch River Plant are the proud holders of not one but four safety awards for 1987.

On May 25, they reached 2,000,000 safe hours without a disabling injury. In celebration of this achievement, all active and eligible retirees were awarded customized jackets in October.

On October 16, they completed six safe

work years and on December 31 six safe calendar years. During a series of three "safety breaks" in December, active employees and eligible retirees were awarded customized belt buckles for these milestones. Safety Manager Doug Forbes presented a Southeastern Electric Exchange Safety Performance Award to Plant Manager George Briers, who ac-

cepted on behalf of the employees.

Clinch River also won the small plant category in the AEP System safety competition in 1987. This was the sixth consecutive year Clinch employees have received this award.

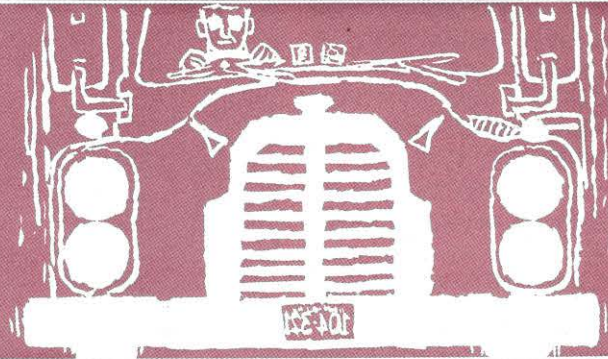
Briers told employees, "My congratulations to all of you for your individual and collective contributions to the plant safety record. This is your record, not mine, and represents your daily awareness and commitment not only to your own safety and well being but to that of your fellow employees as well.

"In the final analysis, safety is a state-of-mind or attitude. Each of us must accept responsibility for our own actions whether they be good or bad, safe or unsafe, and the resulting consequences or rewards. One cannot depend on his or her supervisor to be constantly looking over one's shoulder, pointing out hazards or correcting unsafe practices. We must be our own safety expert. Happily, you have been such for a number of years. Keep up the good work. Your loved ones will be the first to say thanks." □



Clinch River Plant Manager George Briers, left, hangs the SEE Safety Performance award while Secretary Betty Snead, Retired Assistant Plant Manager Russ Senter, and Personnel Supervisor Jim Cole watch. Senter is wearing one of the safety jackets awarded in October.

# DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING



The drive is on to reduce automotive accidents in Appalachian Power Company. The goal for 1988, according to Safety Manager Doug Forbes, is to lower the automotive accident frequency rate (number of accidents per 1,000,000 miles driven) to 5.0. "This is a very realistic goal," he says, "and one which I believe we will achieve."

In the past two years, more than 1,200 employees throughout the company have participated in a four-hour National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course taught by company instructors. The results of this training course are positive, Forbes relates.

He says, "The success of the program can be measured by the reduction of accidents. Last year our employees drove more than 22,000,000 miles, and we had an automotive accident frequency rate of 5.56. That is the lowest ever recorded in the company. Our safety manual requires that employees drive defensively, and this is one way of giving them a tool to use while they are on the road every day.

"Traffic accidents are the number one cause of on-the-job accidental deaths in the United States," Forbes notes. "A piece of equipment can be replaced, but there is no way you can replace an employee."

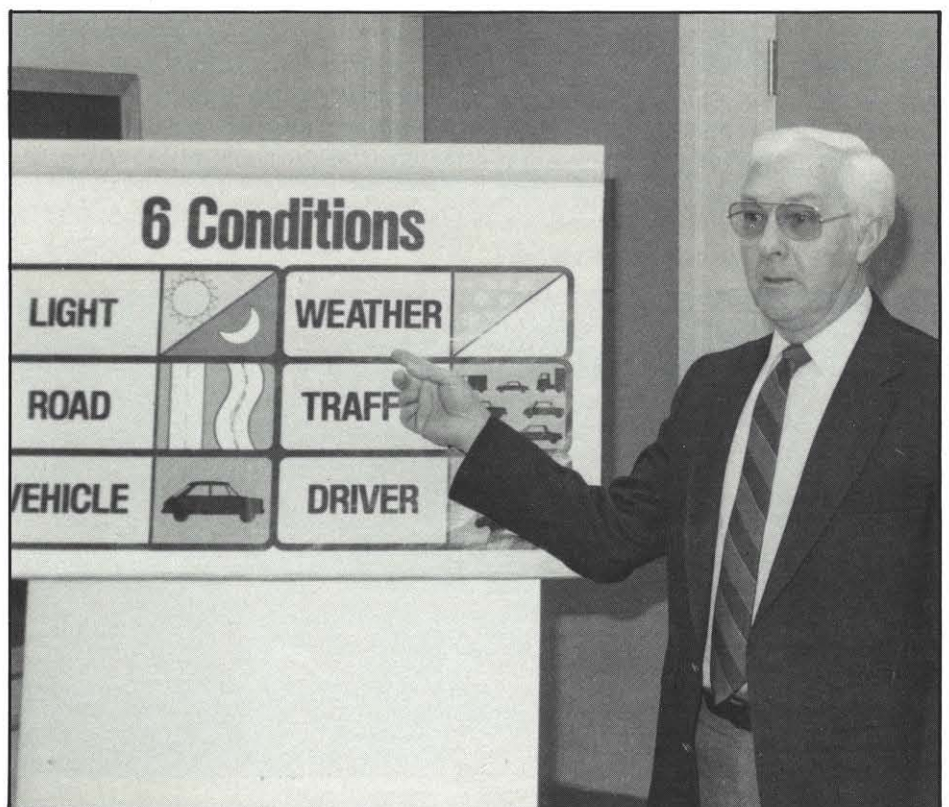
He continues, "All divisions and the General Office have instructors that were trained either by the West Virginia Safety Council or the Safety Council of Southwest Virginia. Employees seem to really

enjoy the class, and I think they get a lot out of it.

"We believe that safe driving is a continuous learning process. We hope employees will find this course to be a mind-stretching experience — one that will cause them to reexamine their driving behavior and their preconceptions about

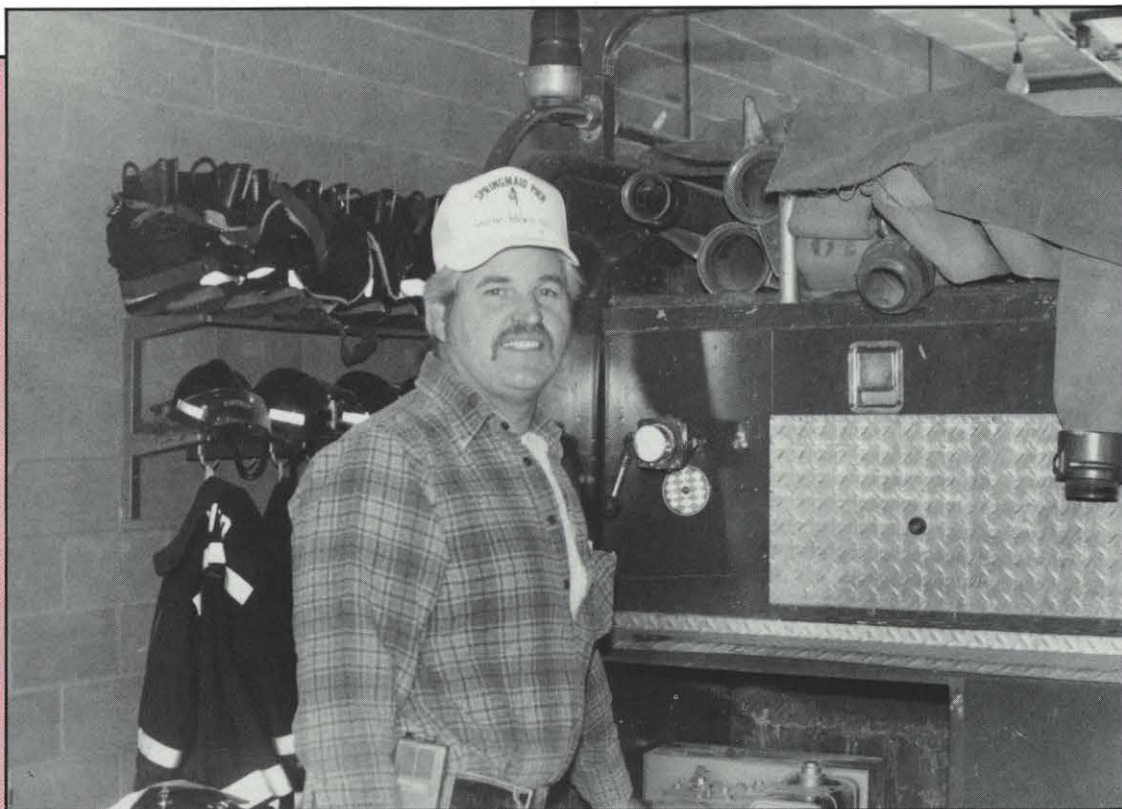
how to handle driving emergencies that they may have never actually experienced."

For its defensive driving course training achievements, Appalachian Power Company has been recognized by the National Safety Council. □



Head Meter Reader Andy Crews is a defensive driving instructor in the Lynchburg Division.





In addition to serving in the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department, Jerry Tillis is on the first aid crew and CPR instructor for Centralized Plant Maintenance.

## Hard work makes fire department a reality

**W**hen the Scipio Township (Ohio) Volunteer Fire Department began operation in 1987, it was a dream come true for Jerry Tillis, maintenance mechanic B for Centralized Plant Maintenance.

Jerry relates, "About three years ago, five of us in the community got together and decided we ought to do something about starting our own fire department. There had been a rash of fires in our area, and we didn't have adequate protection because help was so far away. The north end of the Township was covered by the Albany Fire Department, about fifteen miles away, and the south end by the Rutland Fire Department, about ten miles away.

"The first thing we did was to have a levy for operating funds for a fire department put on the local ballot. Then we started having fund raisers — square dances, gun shoots, just anything we could do to make money. Someone donated a piece of ground, and we built a 40' x 70' building on it. We don't owe a dime on the building because it was paid for through the fund raisers we had."

Jerry continues, "We applied for a grant through the county commissioners; and, with money from the first one, we purchased a pumper truck. Then we got another grant through the Department of Natural Resources, which allowed us to purchase protective clothing. With our third grant, we bought more protective clothing, fire hose nozzles, and miscellaneous items that were needed. I'm working on the fourth grant now. This time I'm applying for self-contained breathing apparatus. The ones we have now are obsolete according to OSHA and ISO standards.

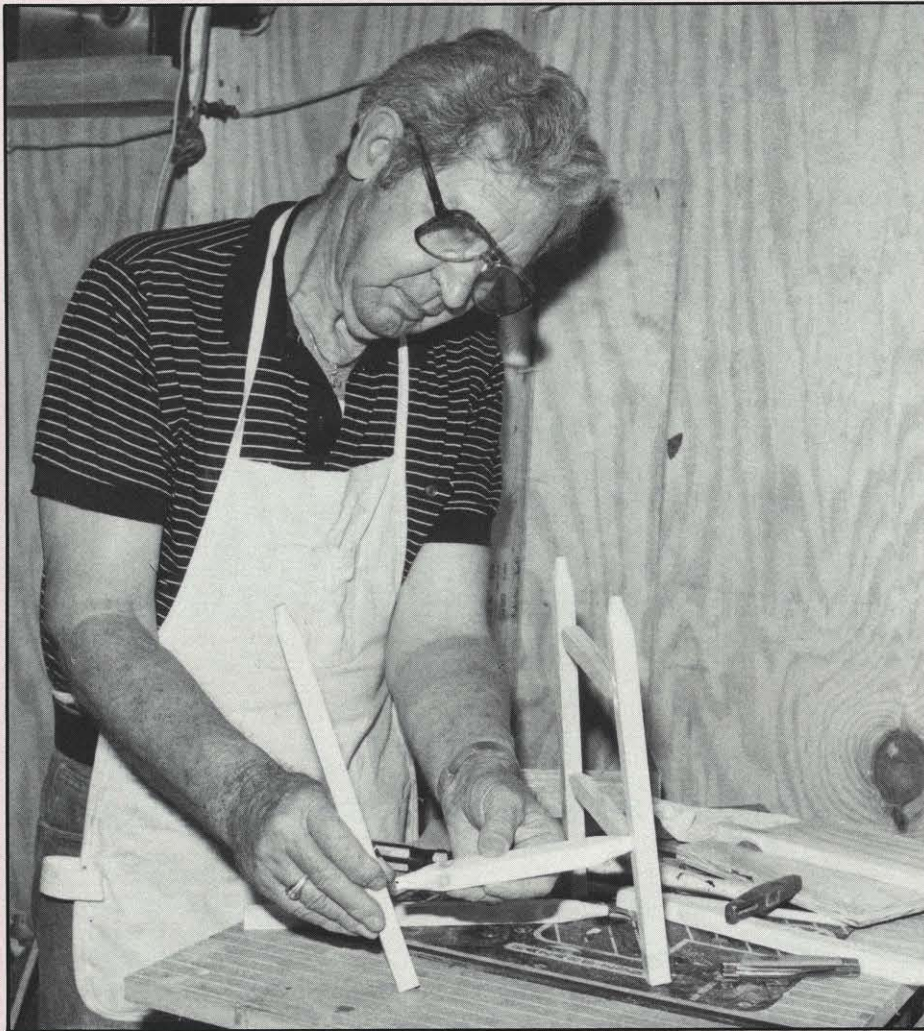
Jerry was elected president of the volunteer fire department at the second meeting and has served in that capacity ever since. He says, "When the fire department went into operation in January of last year, we had fifteen volunteers, including one woman fire fighter. There are about ten members in the ladies auxiliary. We have people who work shift work and people who are self-employed so there are volunteer fire fighters available around the clock. In addition to the pumper that we got with a grant, we have a tanker truck that was "loaned" to us by the Department of Natural Resources."

Jerry adds, "All our fire fighters have completed the state-approved fire training classes through Hocking Technical College. We have one training session every month, in addition to our business session, to keep up with state requirements so we won't have to go through the class again.

"Just recently we have started responding to vehicle accident calls. We don't have a local EMS squad, so we're really not into working accidents. But, the way other EMS squads are set up, they roll a squad if there is a fire. And, if there is a vehicle accident, they roll a fire truck to wherever the accident is."

Jerry concludes, "I would like to have an EMS squad in our area because the nearest one is so far away, but I don't know whether we will be able to get one or not. Of course, I never dreamed we would have a fire department either. There's a lot of work involved in getting one, I'll tell you that!" □

# McGowan stays busy with woodworking



McGowan

**W**hen Harvey McGowan's granddaughter asked him to make her a jewelry box three years ago, little did he know that this would be the start of a woodworking hobby.

The retired Huntington line mechanic says, "I didn't even have any tools for woodworking when I started. As a matter of fact, the first doll high chair I made was with a pocket knife. Since that time, however, my children have given me tools for Christmas and I have bought some for myself."

Harvey continues, "When I make something, I never use a pattern. Therefore, no one piece is like another. I use old scrap wood of any kind so I seldom have to buy any. When an item is finished, I either paint, varnish, or stain it.

"The easiest thing I ever made was the jewelry box and the most difficult was a child's cradle. Making high chairs for dolls

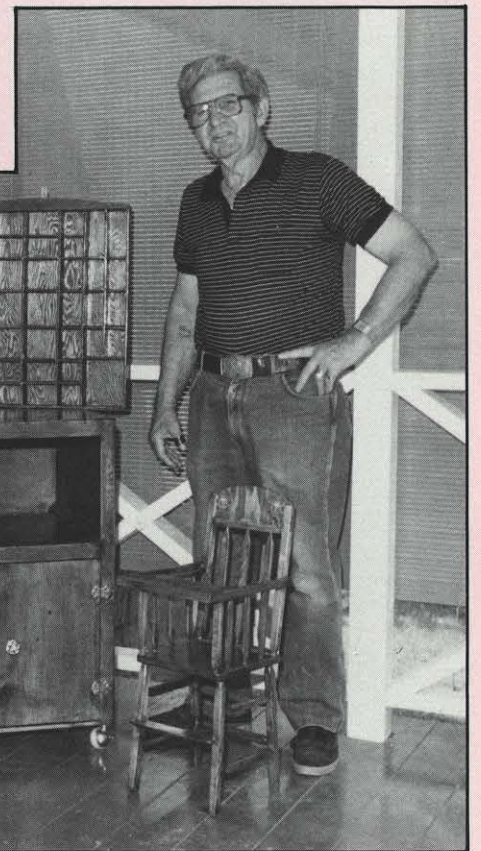
is what I enjoy the most. I have made five of them and put them together with wood pegs, so there are no nails in the chairs."

Some of Harvey's handiwork includes night stands, a microwave cart (for his wife), a baby cradle, a desk (for his granddaughter), high chairs, and toy guns (for his grandsons). "I also make models of churches, with the insides completed. I put in pews, pulpit, carpet, and things like that," he says.

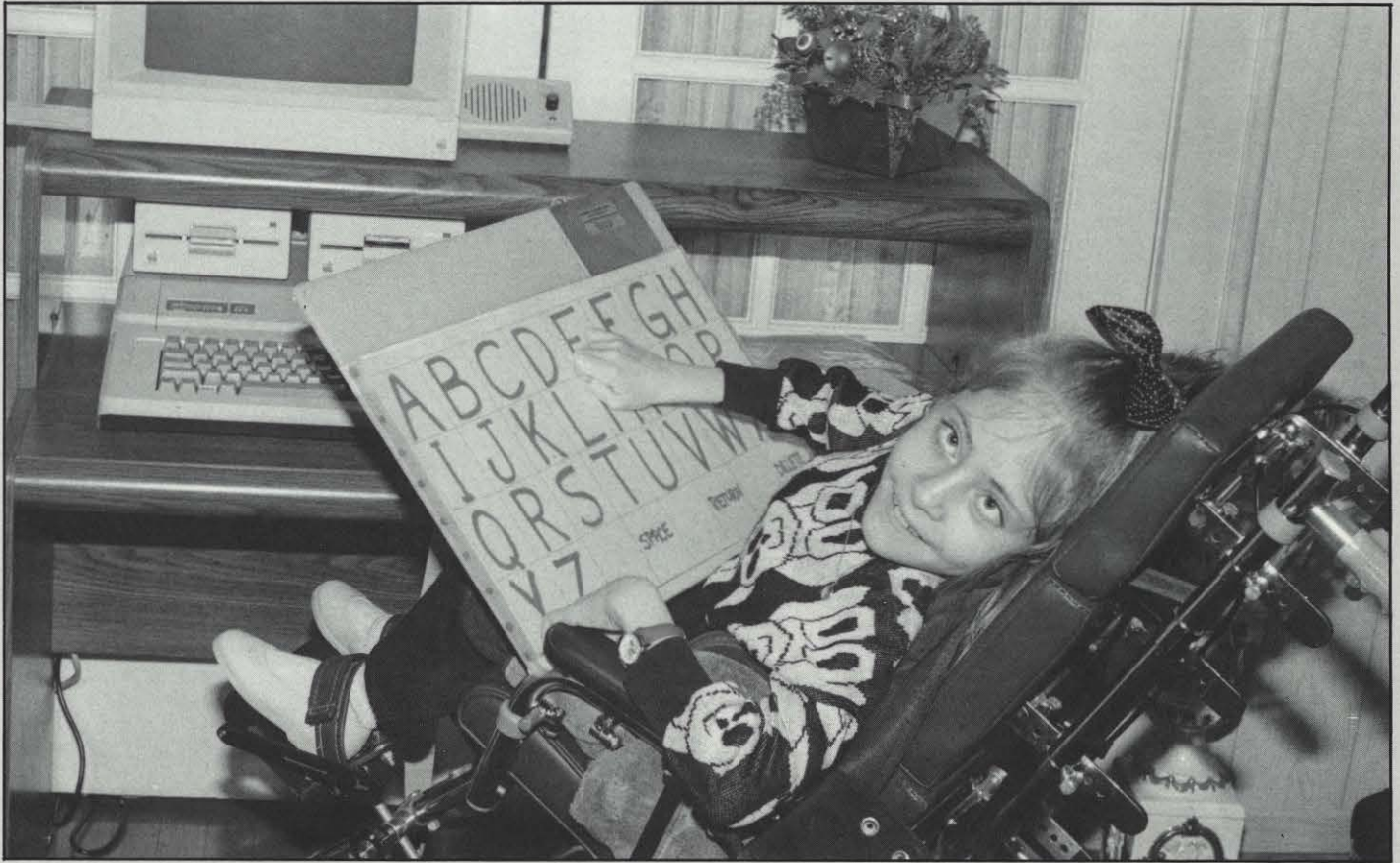
Harvey gives away most of his handiwork before he leaves for Florida each November. As soon as he returns home in March, however, he's back in his workshop, whistling and singing while he works.

Harvey concludes, "Woodworking keeps me busy, and I really love it. My friends want me to enter some of my work in craft shows, but I don't want to make a business out of it. I just do it for the enjoyment." □

Harvey McGowan with some of the furniture he has handcrafted.



# Wish for computer comes true for Jennifer Miles



Jennifer Miles

Even though Jennifer Miles is confined to a wheelchair, a smile and a giggle come easily for the blue-eyed, blond-haired nine-year old. The daughter of Larry Miles, Roanoke meter electrician, Jennifer was born with spina bifida, a birth defect that leaves the spinal cord and some nerve tissue exposed. She also suffers from scoliosis, a curvature of the spine.

But only her body can't run free. Jennifer's mind races as she operates the new Apple computer donated by the Vinton Chapter of The National Alliance for Ill Children, Inc., an organization that grants one wish to a child with a serious illness or a severe disability.

Her mother, Vickie, says, "When the organization first contacted us, Jennifer thought she would like to have a big screen TV for her room or a trip to Disney World. Then she decided on the computer because it's like the one she uses at school."

Jennifer goes daily by school bus to classes at the Roanoke County Occupational School, where she is taught, along

with other curriculum, production work that one day will enable her to hold a job.

Vickie says, "There are a number of different programs available for the computer which help children to learn. For example, one teaches the alphabet and how to spell your name. Another one tells stories and asks questions about them. Jennifer also can play all different kinds of games on it."

Vickie adds, "The National Alliance organization talked with Richard King, Jennifer's teacher, who told them what she needed. For instance, the large-size keyboard was made especially so it would be easy to operate. We're fortunate that one of our neighbors is a high school computer teacher, and she comes over to work with Jennifer occasionally, too."

The women's auxiliary of the Vinton Fire Department, of which Larry is a member, bought a computer desk for Jennifer.

Larry says that Jennifer loves gadgets and one time turned on his pager, heard a fire call, and told him about it. She also enjoys music and plays tapes on her

cassette recorder. Her favorite present last Christmas was a Cricket doll, which tells stories.

The Miles family, which also includes big brother Matt, has been through some trying times, but the atmosphere of love and courage in the whole family is an inspiration to those who know them.

According to Vickie, Jennifer does not ask a lot of questions regarding her condition now. When she was younger, however, she asked why she couldn't walk like other children. "I told her God had his reasons and one day we would know why. Jennifer accepted that."

Jennifer faces at least three more operations as soon as she is strong enough, Larry says. She's already had more than her share of hospital stays and doctors' visits, but Jennifer seems to have an innate ability to overcome what most grown-ups would find impossible to accept. Perhaps she and her favorite TV character, Alf, share the same outlook on life. Alf's most frequent comment is "no problem." □

# A hero's welcome for flight pioneer Chuck Yeager

The front lawn of Hamlin High School marked ground-zero for the celebration last October of the 40th anniversary of the first supersonic flight that propelled the United States into the space age following World War II.

Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (Ret.-USAF), the man behind the stick of the bright orange Bell X-1 rocket that broke the sound barrier on that eventful day, was honored in ceremonies dedicating a life-size statue of the flight pioneer. Yeager is the brother of Pansy Cummings, parttime customer accounts representative C in the Huntington and Milton offices.

To the oohs and aahs of school children and the reminiscences of his friends and former neighbors, the General officially commemorated his record-breaking flight through the sound barrier just a few hundred feet above the hills in which he grew up. He made four passes in the Phantom RF-4 fighter jet with Mach 2 capability. On the third pass, he rolled the plane once; and, on his fourth and final pass, he headed skyward, rolling his aircraft over and over as he climbed and became a speck in the blue sky.

The afternoon dedication ceremony began as the Bruce Springsteen song, "My Hometown," faded out on the high school's loudspeaker. The program was short, just an opening prayer, brief speeches by West Virginia Governor Arch A. Moore, Statue Committee Chairman Jim Stevens, and the guest of honor, and a closing prayer.

The General was genuinely moved as he assisted sculptor Jim Lykens in unveiling the \$70,000 life-size bronze statue. Lykens, a former Lincoln Countian who served in the Viet Nam War, is, like the General, a combat veteran. Marveling at the realism of the figure perched on the granite pedestal, Yeager said simply, "The guy got it right."

Tanya Full, Huntington marketing and customer services advisor, was one of the persons who helped make the dream of a Yeager statue become a reality. She says, "The people of Hamlin had been talking for years and years about putting up a statue, but Jim Stevens was the person who finally organized the statue committee. Most of the people on the statue committee had lived in Lincoln County all their lives, and a lot of them



Pictured following the dedication ceremony are, l. to r., Pansy Cummings, Tanya Full, and General Yeager.

went to school with Yeager or knew his family real well. I was one of the few people on the committee who didn't know him personally. When I moved to Hamlin 13 years ago, he was already gone.

"After the committee got officially organized, we interviewed sculptors, and they had to submit drawings. That was pretty interesting. Then, early last spring, Jim Lykens was selected. The first thing Lykens did was to make a miniature clay model and sent the committee a videotape of what he was doing. Once the committee approved that, then Lykens went to a foundry in Pennsylvania, which enlarged the statue to lifesize in wax. After Lykens did all the detail in wax, the foundry made the bronze statue."

Tanya adds, "I was on the publicity committee, and I did everything from drafting solicitation letters to stuffing envelopes to going door to door to help raise the money."

Following the afternoon statue dedication that many termed the "biggest event in the history of Hamlin," the celebration shifted to Marshall University, where there was a formal dinner to honor the General and the school's newly-formed Society of Yeager Scholars.

The Society of Yeager Scholars, named

in General Yeager's honor, was established in 1986 and welcomed its first freshman class in the fall of 1987. Each year the society will select 20 of the nation's outstanding students and provide them enriched academic programs.

Some of the special guests attending the dinner included close associates of General Yeager in the aviation field: retired Air Force colonels Joe Engle (former Space Shuttle commander) and Ralph Albertazie (former pilot of Air Force One, the president's personal aircraft); General Bernard P. Randolph, commander of the Air Force Systems Command at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland; aerospace manufacturing heads Thomas Pownall and Tom Jones; and Donald S. Lopez, a former World War II flying ace and the present deputy director of the Smithsonian Institute's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. All participated in the "Yeager Symposium on Flight" sponsored by Marshall.

Even though Tanya was one of the few statue committee members who did not know Yeager, she had the opportunity to meet him at the celebration. She recalls, "It was funny. He was much smaller than I had imagined. You always expect heroes to be bigger than life." □

# Ricky Brooks is speed skating champ

**“B**esides my little girl, speed skating is the love of my life,” claims Roanoke Meter Reader Ricky Brooks, the 1987 U. S. Southeastern Regional master men’s speed skating champion.

Ricky’s interest in the sport started in 1972, when a new skating rink opened in Roanoke. He recalls, “I skated for about five years, then dropped out and started racing motorcycles. I came back to speed skating in 1984 and have been with it ever since. Since last October, I have been skating with a team from the High Point (NC) Speed Club. The Roanoke teams had dropped off, and I felt I needed to train with national caliber people. Since High Point has a number of national champions, I decided to go there.”

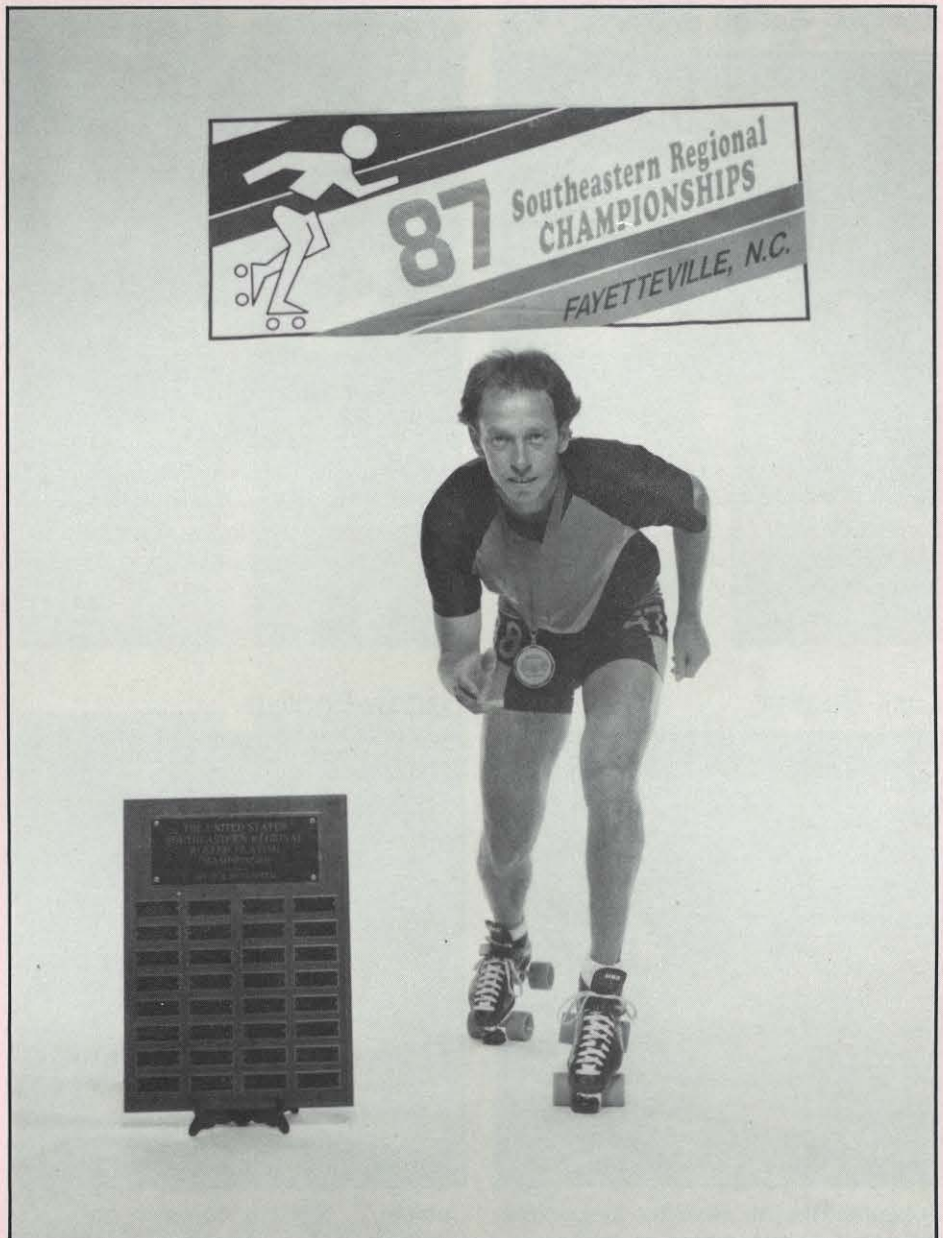
Ricky continues, “I train in High Point every weekend and about every other Thursday night. That’s 220 miles round trip, so I’m dedicated. I don’t have any complaints about the traveling because I feel the change is well worth it. My coach at High Point has had national champs for six consecutive years.

“I have placed in every meet in which I have skated since 1984 except for nationals. My coach thinks this could be my year to make it in national competition with all the training I’m doing. I ride a bike anywhere from 30 to 50 miles a week, run from 5 to 10 miles, and jump rope. I do this all year round regardless of the weather. This is to build up my leg muscles and to supplement my training since I don’t get to go to High Point except on weekends.

“At High Point, we train exactly the way they do for Olympic skating. We start off with a 30-minute pace, and then we have two 15-lappers. Getting ready for the Tampa/Orlando Classic, which was held in February, we did 40-lap races. We also race all out for 20 minutes and do practice starts.”

Ricky adds, “This time of the year I don’t do any outdoor skating, but I’ll start sometime in April. I usually go to Victory Stadium or a tennis court, which is just perfect. I like to do outdoor skating a half hour a day, at least 3 days a week, to supplement my indoor training.”

Ricky’s intense training is paying off. At the Tampa/Orlando Classic he placed first in both the 500 meter and 1000 meter events. The Classic attracted 40 teams from throughout the United States. He will



Ricky Brooks

be participating in several more competitions before defending his Southeastern Regional title at Fayetteville, NC in July.

Ricky says, “Carl Porner held the regional title in master skating for 3 consecutive years so I want to skate at least through 1991 so I can beat his record . . . providing, of course, I don’t get badly bitten by a dog while I’m reading meters or tear ligaments in my legs.”

Ricky notes that there is quite a bit of expense to his hobby. “My skates cost about \$500, and a set of wheels is generally around \$100. And, even splitting

expenses with other team members, going to the meets isn’t cheap.”

He concludes, “I can’t receive any money because it is amateur competition, just trophies and medals. But, when I win, there’s the satisfaction of knowing that I’m the best. There’s a lot of prestige in winning, especially if you beat the national champs.” □

# Weddings

## Kosinski-Barton



Pamela M. Barton to Mike Kosinski, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, September 26.

## Lowe-Hughes



Mary Lynne Hughes to Stephen H. Lowe, parttime meter reader, Abingdon, January 8.

## Boehm-Huff



Karen Louise Huff to Christopher Boehm, December 4. Karen is the daughter of Fred Huff, Kingsport stores attendant C.

## Lusk-Boothe



Susan A. Boothe, Roanoke junior clerk, to Brian K. Lusk, engineering technician, GO Hydro, Roanoke, January 16.

## Harlow-English



Janice T. English stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to C. F. Harlowe, Jr., general records clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke, January 2.

## McClellan-Bird

Connie S. Bird, Point Pleasant T&D clerk B, to Glenn A. McClellan, II, December 18.

## Banta-Gastineau

Karin R. Gastineau, classification and accounts payable clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to R. Stuart Banta, December 26.

## Burnette-Webb

Pamela Webb to Charles Burnette, Galax meter reader, November 21.

## Sankoff-Proctor

Karen Proctor to Merrel Sankoff, Charleston electrical engineer, December 23.

## Wed 50 years



Nicholas and Helen Roomy celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Florida the last week of 1987. Festivities included a luncheon at the Cape Coral Country Club, Cape Coral, on December 28; a dinner at the Old Port Cove Yacht Club, North Palm Beach, on December 29; and a luncheon in the Flame Restaurant, North Palm Beach, on New Year's Eve. Roomy is a retired vice president of Appalachian Power, Charleston, WV. The couple has one son and three grandchildren.

# Retirements



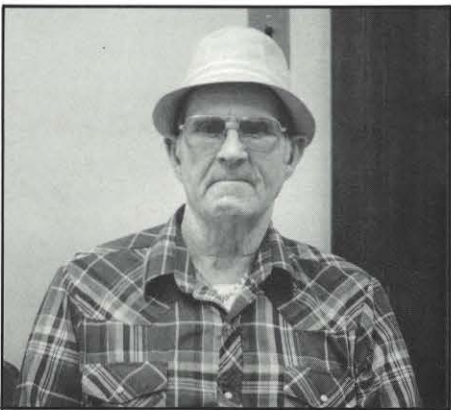
"When I left the mines and came with the power company, I had no intention of staying," confesses **Walt Chambers**, Logan meter service mechanic A, "but the work proved challenging and I enjoyed it." As it turned out, Walt had 35 years' service before electing early retirement on March 1. He adds, "I will miss the people an awful lot because they are closer to me than my brothers and sisters. We work hard here, but we have a good time. I've had a good life at the power company." Walt is proud that he has driven more than a million and a half miles

on the job without a wreck or disabling injury and that he has never been late for work. Walt's plans for retirement include pursuing two of his favorite pastimes, fishing and golfing. "I enjoy any kind of sport," he says, "and especially enjoy following football at West Virginia University. I have a couple of homes to take care of and some property in Florida. I expect that eventually we will move down there." Walt is an Army veteran of World War II. He and his wife Maureen have one son. □



"If I had my career to do over, I would still want to work for Appalachian Power Company," declares **Johnnie Wright, Jr.**, Roanoke marketing and customer services supervisor, who elected early retirement on March 1. "I went to work at Fieldale just two months after being discharged from the Air Force. When I got into the customer services end of the business, there was a lot of self satisfaction in being able to assist customers with comfort conditioning systems and doing a good job for them. The association that I have with fellow employees has been

great. You couldn't go anywhere and find a finer group of people, from top management on down. I'm very appreciative of the lifestyle that the company has afforded me and my family." Johnnie's future plans include traveling and spending time on his woodworking hobby. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, Collinsville; Masonic Lodge, Bassett; and Scottish Rite, Roanoke. He also is first vice president of the Raleigh Court Lions Club, Roanoke. The Wrights have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. □



"Appalachian Power is the best company anyone could work for," declares Logan Custodian **Charlie Addair**. "The people are nice to work with, and everyone's been real good to me. Since I've worked here 17 years, I'll be leaving a lot of friends when I retire on February 1." Charlie's first association with Appalachian came as an employee at the Logan Plant from 1956-61. "I enjoyed every day at the plant," he recalls. "After the plant was closed, I worked here and there. When I heard there was a parttime job open at

the Logan office, I jumped at the chance to get back." Charlie's plans for retirement include traveling, fishing, and hunting. "One thing for sure," he says, "I'm not going to sit down. Working is my hobby, and anything I can find to do, I will. I have two or three years' work to do around home." Charlie and his wife Mildred have four sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren. "The grandchildren live next door," he says, "and they all love me. I'll be spending a lot of time with them." □



A utility career spanning more than 41 years came to a close on February 1 with the early retirement of **M. C. "Abbie" Short**, Roanoke engineering technician senior. He joined Appalachian Power in 1946 as a rodman, following service in the Seabees during World War II. He also has held the positions of instrument man, engineering aide, and planner senior. "I'm looking forward to retirement very much," Abbie says. "I'll have more time to do what I enjoy most — flea marketing and collecting. I have tried boating, fishing, golfing, swimming, bowling, and hunting,

but the flea market bug has got a hold on me worse than anything. It is really contagious. My house is full of junk," he laughs, "because I just buy and packrat. I don't do any selling." Another one of Abbie's interests is corresponding with other collectors through the *Antique Trader Weekly*. □

# Who's News

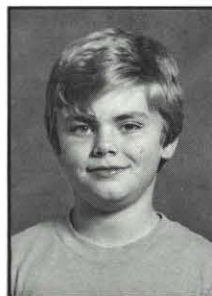
## Roanoke

Sybil Taylor, customer accounts representative B, and **Andrea Thompson**, T&D clerk A, auditioned and were selected as members of the 80-voice gospel choir for the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra's performance of *The Black Requiem*. The special concert featured performer Ray Charles with a quintet of jazz soloists.



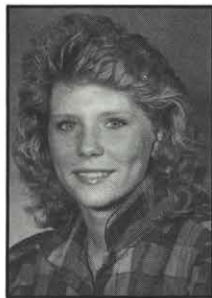
**Travis Clemons**, stepson of Mike Pitches, Fieldale line construction and maintenance representative, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. He was selected as outstanding soldier of the training cycle,

an award based on knowledge of military subjects and current events, personal appearance, leadership qualities, and initiative. Upon completion of airborne training, Travis will attend 52 weeks of foreign language school in Monterey, CA.

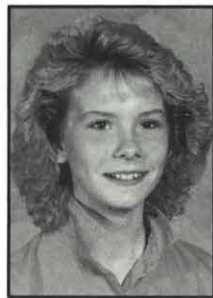


A poster made by **Shannon Ragland** won first place in the third grade class and the entire Burlington Elementary School in the primary division in visual arts of the Reflections contest.

The poster also won third place in Roanoke County. Shannon is the nine-year-old son of Bob Ragland, drafter A.



J. Anderson

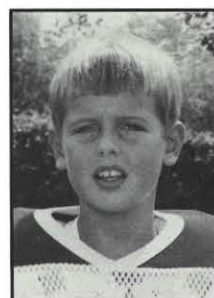


T. Anderson

**Jennifer Anderson**, a senior at Franklin County High School, was selected to appear in the 1987 edition of *Who's Who Among American High Schools*. **Tracy Anderson**, a student at Franklin County

Middle School, was named captain of the 76'ers cheer squad of the North Franklin County Recreation Club. They are the daughters of Tommy Anderson, auto mechanic A. □

## Charleston



**Wesley**, son of Cheryl Chapman, customer accounts representative C, is a member of the 1987 championship Little League "C" team of the Western Division Southern Conference.

**Julie Newberry**, daughter of Patricia Kugler, customer accounts representative C, was selected to participate in the Kanawha County All-County Chorus.

**Betty**, wife of Jack Shaver, administrative assistant, was elected to the board of directors of the Charleston Symphony women's committee.

**Floyd Taylor**, division manager, was elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Kanawha Valley, Inc. □

## Abingdon



**J. D. Farmer**, Lebanon area supervisor, was elected president of the Russell County Chamber of Commerce.

Officers of the Employee Benevolent Association for 1988 are **Jim Boulton**, chairman; **Bob Heil**, treasurer; and **Robert Atkins**, secretary.

**Pete Montague**, division manager, has been named chairman of the 1988 United Way Campaign for Washington County.

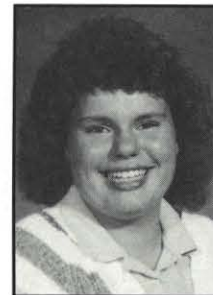
**Bill Roeser**, administrative assistant, has been appointed to a two-year term on the Washington County School System's general vocational advisory committee.

Members of the administrative board of the Abingdon United Methodist Church

include **Pete and Sydne Montague**; **Bill Ferguson**; **Amy Croft**, daughter of Gus Croft; **Brownie Yeager**; and **Ted White**.

**Marshall Hughes**, Clintwood line crew supervisor, was installed as worshipful master of Clintwood Masonic Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M. □

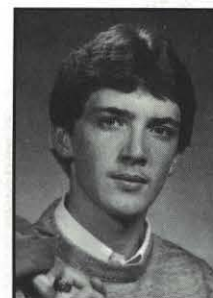
## Philip Sporn



**Stacey**, daughter of George Reed, equipment operator A, received honorable mention in the All-State Band. A junior at Wahama High School, she plays the baritone. □

## Huntington

**Janie Cross**, stenographer, was appointed secretary of the Huntington Jaycees. She also was presented the president's award for her work in the local chapter.



**Randall**, son of Vernon Keefer, Point Pleasant line mechanic A, was named to *Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges*. An electrical engineering major at the West Virginia Institute of

Technology, he is a member of Tau Beta Pi national engineering honor society.



**Shelly Ridgeway** was nominated by West Virginia Attorney General Charles G. Brown as the West Virginia Society's nominee to the 1988 Cherry Blossom Festival. If selected, she will represent West Virginia

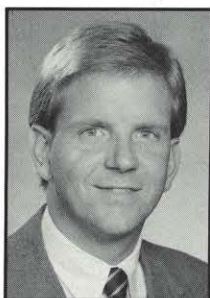
in the Washington, D. C., Festival in April. The daughter of Ray Ridgeway, meter reader, Shelly is a senior at West Virginia University. She is majoring in political science and minoring in English and philosophy. □



## Kanawha River

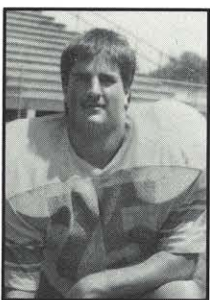
**Margaret Ellen**, daughter of B. B. Briggs, instrument mechanic B, was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. She also was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa honorary fraternity at West Virginia Institute of Technology, based on her academic studies in office administration. □

## General Office



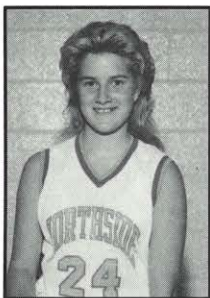
**Mark Lawrence**, marketing and customer services associate, GO Marketing and Customer Services, Roanoke, has been named one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America for 1987." This award

recognizes young men for their civic involvement and contribution to the community during the year. Mark is community development vice president of the Roanoke Jaycees and has been recognized as one of the outstanding Jaycees in Virginia.



**Brian**, son of D. R. Dent, station design supervisor, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, was selected to the second team All District, first team All Region, and third team All State AAA football team for 1987. He

played offensive and defensive tackle for the Northside High School Vikings.



**Heather**, daughter of D. R. Dent, station design supervisor, GO T&D Station Design, Roanoke, was selected to the District Junior High All Star basketball team. She is an eighth grader at Northside Junior High.



**Donna Searls**, a senior at Buffalo High School, was chosen captain of the AA girls' high school basketball team. She also was chosen to the first team Pioneer All Conference team and was elected the league's most valuable player. She scored 1188 points in her career at Buffalo High and, for 1987-88, led her team in scoring 21.9 points per game, assist 8, and rebounding 15. She helped her team to the state playoffs, where the team was defeated by University High of Morgantown. Donna, the daughter of Lester Searls, transmission line supervisor, GO T&D, Huntington, currently is playing AAU basketball for the State of West Virginia in Huntington. She has received several basketball scholarship offers from colleges and universities.

## Kingsport

**Susan**, daughter of T&D Manager Emory Fugate, was honored at the Junior Achievement annual awards banquet. She received the 100 percent achievement award, executive award, and the vice president of finance award. □

## Beckley

**Dave Kendrick**, marketing and customer services manager, was named to the Advisory Council for Vocational Technical Education by the Raleigh County Board of Education.

**Kim**, daughter of Jimmy Dunford, stores attendant B, has been elected treasurer of the Sophia Junior High School chapter of the National Honor Society.

**Emory McGuffin**, Oak Hill collector, was chosen "outstanding Civitan" for the month of December by members of the Oak Hill Civitan Club.

**Robin**, daughter of Janet Hood, Rainelle customer accounts representative B, has been accepted into the graduate program at Florida State University. She will pursue a master of science degree in library science.

**Melissa**, daughter of Dale Miller, Rupert line mechanic C, was named senior attendant to the Tri-Hi-Y Sweetheart at Hinton High School. □

## Hunters

### Beckley

**George Hall**, Rupert line mechanic A, 140 lb., 8-point buck.

**Tom Puffenbarger**, Rupert line mechanic A, 125 lb., 6-point buck.

### Bluefield

**Roger Jones**, marketing and customer services supervisor, 5-point buck and 3-point buck.

### Lynchburg

**Fred Clarkson, Jr.**, Lovington line mechanic A, 150 lb., 8-point buck and 18 lb. turkey gobbler.

### Philip Sporn

**Herman Elliott**, maintenance mechanic A, 8-point buck and 6-point buck.

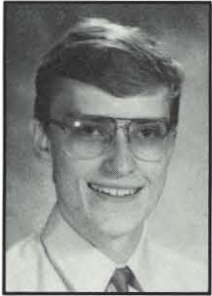
**Buddy Peaytt**, maintenance mechanic B, 3-point buck.

**Dorwin Clark**, assistant shift operating engineer, 4-point buck.

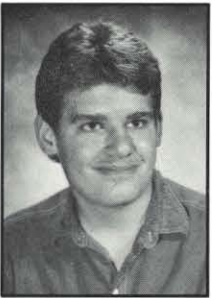
**Frank Reynolds**, maintenance supervisor, spike buck.

**Jay Reynolds**, son of Frank Reynolds, spike buck. □

## Bluefield

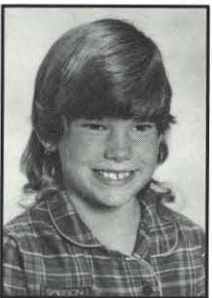


**Keith**, son of Calvin Belcher, Welch meter reader, has been included in the 21st annual edition of *Who's Who Among High School Students — 1986-87*. He is a senior at Mount View High School.



**Jim**, son of Jim England, Welch general servicer, was selected first chair alto saxophone in the McDowell County Junior High All-County Band. He is a ninth grader at Welch Junior High School.

**Steve**, son of Paul Dalton, garage supervisor, has been awarded a certificate of accountancy by the West Virginia Board of Accountancy.



**Bobbi**, daughter of Floyd Wilson, station mechanic A, won the spelling bee at Melrose Elementary School, where she is a fourth grader.

**Dean Stover**, a member of the First United Methodist Men's Club of Welch, attended the United Methodist District Conference in Princeton, where he was elected to a two-year term as vice president. This is the first time that a member of the First United Methodist Men has served on the district level. Dean is a line construction and maintenance representative. □

## Lynchburg

Officers of the Light Lines Club for 1988 are: **Dennis Smith**, engineering technician, president; **Jim Adams**, department assistant-marketing and customer services, vice president; **Brenda Bennett**, meter reader, secretary; and **Ann Wade**, customer accounts representative C, treasurer.

**George Murphy**, marketing and customer services representative, will serve on the Central Virginia Home Builders membership committee for 1988. He was nominated as a "Spike Club" candidate for his recruitment of a member in the Home Builders Association.

**Mel Wilson**, administrative assistant, was one of 25 persons nominated by the board of directors of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce to become a founding member of The Hunt Club. Hunt Club members represent a volunteer task force which will contact new business member prospects in the Lynchburg area on a year-round basis. □

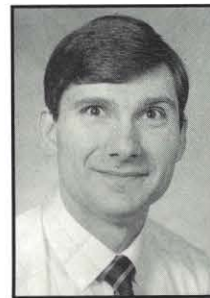
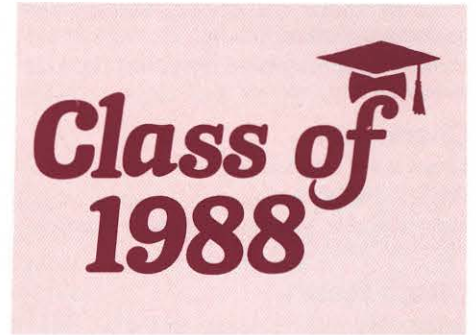
## Golden anniversary



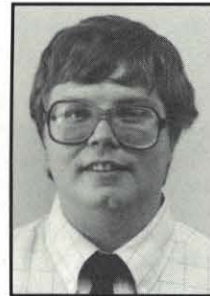
Hassell and Mintie Hale celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on February 7. Hassell is a retired Roanoke station crew supervisor. The couple has two children and three grandchildren. Their son Donnie is an engineering technician senior in Roanoke.

## Pulaski

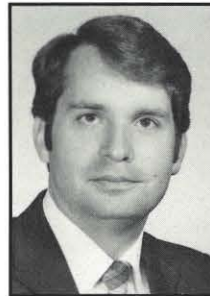
**Kathy**, daughter of Kenith Dawson, Christiansburg line crew supervisor NE, was reelected president of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) at Christiansburg High School. □



**Scott J. Konkus**, electrical engineer senior, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, master of administration in personnel management, Lynchburg College.



**George Wingfield**, Lynchburg stores attendant B, bachelor of arts in business administration, Lynchburg College (magna cum laude).



**Dwight Linkous**, Beckley marketing and customer services advisor, bachelor of science in electrical engineering technology, Bluefield State College (cum laude). □

# Births

## McGuffin saves wife from choking

### John Amos

Jason Andrew, son of John Zickafoose, maintenance engineer, February 1.

Adam Sherman, son of Garrett Chapman, coal equipment operator, January 31.

### Bluefield

Andrew Thomas, son of Ed Whittaker, station mechanic A, January 26.

Alexander Phillips, son of Larry Mahood, line mechanic D, February 10.

Michelle Lynn, daughter of Mike Neel, Tazewell general servicer, February 10.

### Charleston

Ashten Marie, daughter of Joe Perdue, line mechanic D, January 4.

Barrie Elizabeth, daughter of Duke Hitchcock, station mechanic C, January 11.

### Clinch River

Jarrod Andrew, son of Donald Moore, Jr., maintenance mechanic C, January 21.

### General Office

Brielle Meredith, daughter of Roger Heslep, electric plant accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, January 29.

Jeffrey Michael, son of T. L. Antill, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Marmet, December 18.

### Huntington

Stacy Marie, daughter of Joe Day, line crew supervisor NE, January 1.

### Logan-Williamson

Stephen Kyle, son of Jeff Vaughan, Williamson stores attendant B, November 29.

### Mountaineer

Kacie Mychal, daughter of Mike Slider, ash technician, December 5.

Sara Elizabeth, daughter of Brad Yoho, production superintendent — maintenance, January 6.

### Pulaski

Hannah Kathleen, daughter of Steve Bell, Christiansburg line mechanic C, January 31.

Kenneth Louis, son of Steve Dove, line mechanic D, February 14. □

"It just happened that I was there," says Oak Hill Collector Emory McGuffin in relating how he saved the life of his wife Barbara on December 10.

He explains, "Normally after quitting time I lollygag around the office before leaving. That particular evening, however, I had a Civitan meeting so I was in a hurry to get home. When I walked in, there was a bowl of peanuts on the counter, and I scooped some up in my hand. Just about that time, my wife came running through the family room toward the kitchen. She had eaten a sandwich too fast because she was in a hurry to go to Beckley to do some shopping and had gotten choked on the ham.

"I was still holding those peanuts and didn't know what to do with them, so I just balled up that hand into a fist. I grabbed Barbara, tucked my arm under her breast, and gave her a couple of good whacks. On the first whack, a plug of ham came out, but she said, 'that's not all of it.' I did it again, and another sliver of ham came out.

"I ate my peanuts while I was getting ready to go to Civitan, and Barbara left for shopping. It didn't dawn on either one of us until later that evening that I had saved Barbara's life. If it hadn't been the day it



Emory McGuffin

was, I might have come home and found her on the floor. She would never have gotten to a neighbor's house in time."

Emory continues, "Just a couple weeks before that I had been in a safety class and everything was fresh in my mind. I knew exactly what to do as soon as I saw Barbara. It was as if I did it every evening. I had no idea when I was taking that class that I would ever need it. You always think that it's not going to happen to you, but I found out different.

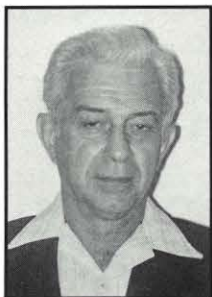
"Now if I am ever out and see someone in that predicament, I won't give a second thought about helping. I would have the confidence to know that I saved a life one time and I can do it again." □

## Cubs learn about electrical safety



Den 4 of Cub Pack 43 in Ravenswood won second place in the state for the Maxine Scarboro Achievement Award in West Virginia's annual youth conservation program at North Bend State Park in 1987. They were in competition with over 1200 youth groups and 130,000 participants. Den 4 is re-enrolled for the 1988 program at North Bend, and Den Leader Jean Triplett has created a family educational program for this year's conservation entry. As part of the den's educational experience, the Cubs visited Appalachian Power's Ripley office, where they were given a demonstration on electrical safety by John Myers, Point Pleasant marketing and customer services advisor. Pictured at the Ripley office are (front row, l. to r.), Joshua Turner, Joshua Roush, Derrick Shaffer, Jamie Stewart, Luke Knapp, Phillip Ganns, Chris Farrington, Jeremiah Roush, and Adam Davis. Back row, l. to r., Den Leader Jean Triplett, Jared Nutter, and Assistant Den Leader Mary Roush, wife of Ron Roush, Ripley line mechanic A. Jeremiah and Joshua Roush are the sons of Ron Roush.

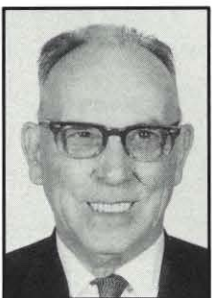
# Friends We'll Miss



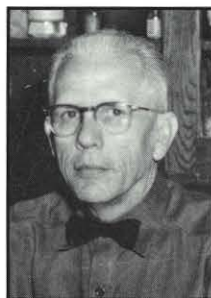
**Gerald Edward Michael**, 61, Philip Sporn Plant chemist assistant, died in a house fire on January 28. A native of Meigs County, Ohio, he was employed in 1952 as a laborer at Sporn and has been on long term disability leave since 1986. Michael is survived by his wife Gloria, Box 187, Pomeroy, Ohio; three sons; three daughters; and five grandchildren. His son, Gary Michael, is a tractor diesel operator at Kyger Creek Plant. His daughter, Brenda Hickel, is a storekeeper at Ohio Power's Pomeroy office.



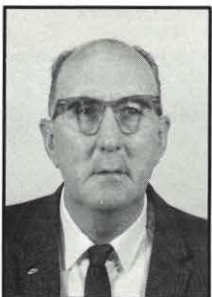
**Claude Allen Farley**, 68, retired Pineville area supervisor A, died February 11. A native of Arista, West Virginia, he began his career in 1940 as a serviceman in Bluefield and elected early retirement in 1983. Farley is survived by his wife Georgia, 914 N. Walker Street, Princeton, WV; three sons; and six grandchildren. His son, Fred Farley, is a customer accounts representative A in Bluefield. His twin brother, Clyde Farley, is retired Tazewell area supervisor.



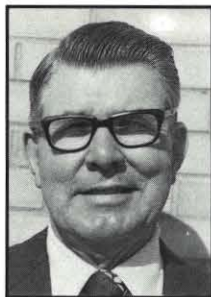
**Fred E. "Ted" Hemmings**, 79, retired shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek Plant, died February 1. A native of Chelyan, West Virginia, he was employed in 1929 as a filter plant operator and retired in 1969. Hemmings is survived by his wife Stella, Box 165, Cabin Creek, WV; two sons; three daughters; sixteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



**Joe A. Allinder**, 84, retired chief chemist at Cabin Creek Plant, died February 9. A native of Buffalo, West Virginia, he joined the plant in 1934 as a chemist and retired in 1967. Allinder is survived by his wife Charlotte, 2216 Monroe Avenue, St. Albans, WV; two sons; one daughter; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



**William Bruce Sprinkle**, 77, retired Glen Lyn Plant coal sampler, died January 23. A native of Oakvale, West Virginia, he was employed in 1945 as a utility operator and retired in 1973. Sprinkle is survived by his wife Aileen, Route 4, Box 621, Princeton, WV; one son; and two grandchildren.



**Leroy Goode**, 71, retired Charleston line crew supervisor, died January 28. A native of Wriston, West Virginia, he began his career in 1936 as a laborer and retired in 1976. Goode is survived by his wife Mildred, Cabin Creek, WV; three sons; and six grandchildren.



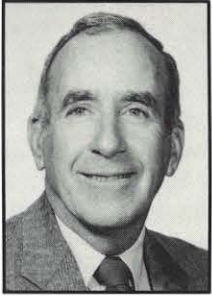
**Billie Frazier**, 90, retired Christiansburg cashier senior, died January 31. A native of McMinn County, Tennessee, she began her career in 1941 as a cashier and retired in 1962. Frazier is survived by six grandchildren.



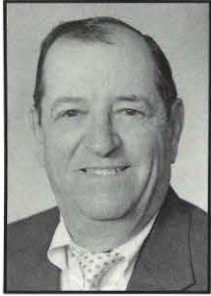
**Charles E. Allinder**, 68, retired administrative supervisor at Southern Appalachian Coal Company, died November 20. A native of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, he began his career in 1938 as a district clerk in Charleston and worked at Cabin Creek Plant, Kanawha River Plant, and Central Machine Shop before transferring to Southern Appalachian Coal. He retired in 1979. Allinder is survived by his wife Jean, 5308 Stonybrook Road, Charleston, WV; one son; one daughter; and three grandchildren. His son-in-law, Roger Woodrum, is Charleston energy services supervisor.

**Sanford S. "Joe" Scott**, 73, retired Beckley truck driver-groundman, died February 17. A native of Wriston, West Virginia, he joined the company in 1943 as a groundman B and retired in 1976. Scott is survived by his wife Helen, Route 1, Box 557B, Fayetteville, WV; one son; one daughter; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

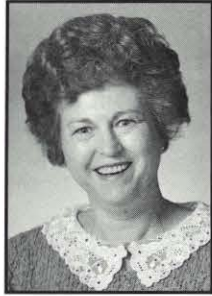
# Service Anniversaries



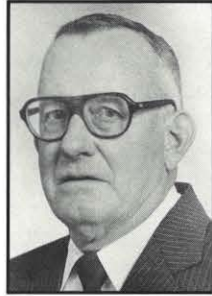
**Clyde Barker**  
personnel supervisor  
Beckley  
40 years



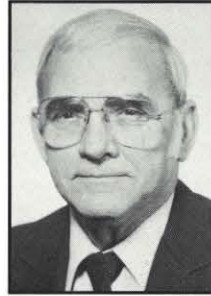
**Jack Whitenack**  
cust. acctg. clerk A  
GO-Roanoke  
40 years



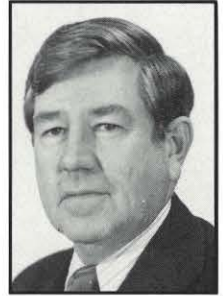
**Rhea Nell Thacker**  
customer accts. clk. A  
Kingsport  
35 years



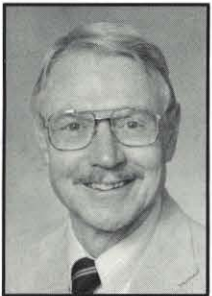
**Benton Wood**  
meter reader  
Stuart  
35 years



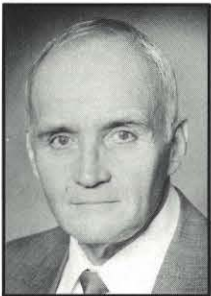
**Dick Huffman**  
gen. line crew supv.  
Charleston  
35 years



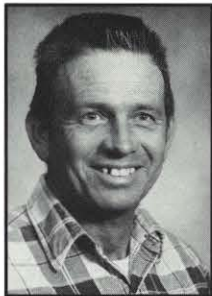
**Sandy Pennington**  
plant manager  
Glen Lyn  
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**John Wright**  
power engineer sr.  
Roanoke  
30 years



**Charles Burchett**  
line cons. & maint. rep.  
Williamson  
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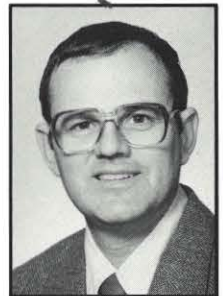
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25 years



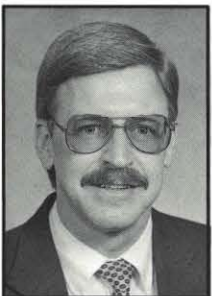
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Huntington  
25 years



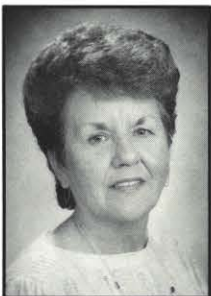
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area supervisor  
Hillsville  
25 years



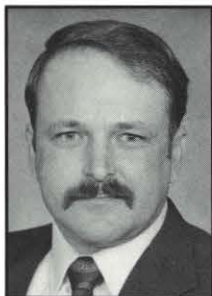
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plant office supv.  
John Amos  
20 years



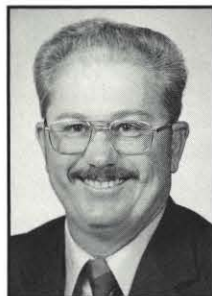
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asst. reg. chief disp.  
GO-Roanoke  
20 years



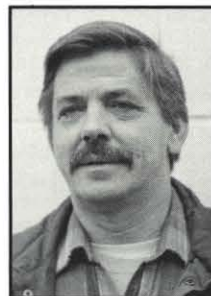
**Mary Lou Mash**  
cust. accts. rep. B.  
Bluefield  
20 years



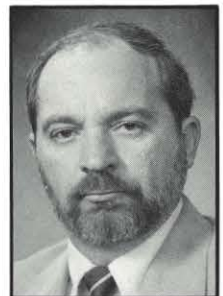
**Lee Westmoreland**  
regional dispatcher  
GO-Roanoke  
20 years



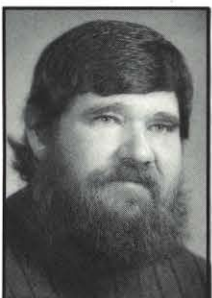
**Arnold Ford**  
line crew supervisor  
Kingsport  
20 years



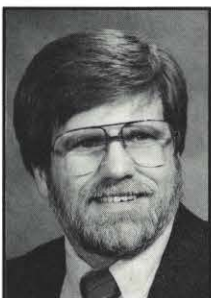
**Andy Abshire**  
line crew supv. NE  
Madison  
20 years



**David Honaker**  
station mechanic A  
Bluefield  
20 years



**Bill Martin, II**  
line mechanic A  
Lynchburg  
20 years



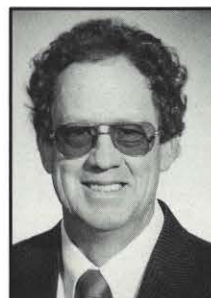
**Robert Ferrell**  
regional dispatcher  
GO-Abingdon  
20 years



**Grady Barbour, Jr.**  
regional dispatcher  
GO-Abingdon  
20 years



**Kay Morrison**  
T&D clerk A  
Kingsport  
20 years



**Arlen Taylor**  
general servicer  
Marion  
20 years

## Abingdon

10 years: **Ray Robinson**, line mechanic A, Clintwood. 5 years: **Linda Hutton**, customer accounts representative C, Marion.

## Bluefield

10 years: **Stacy Havens**, general servicer. **Daryl Swecker**, general servicer. **Bob Hamilton**, line mechanic A.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

15 years: **D. B. Harden**, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: **C. R. Weaver**, maintenance mechanic A. **R. O. Winkler**, maintenance mechanic A. **T. H. Poston**, maintenance mechanic B. **R. O. Harrison**, maintenance mechanic A.

## Charleston

15 years: **Martin Castleberry**, automotive mechanic A. **Jim Sullivan**, personnel supervisor. **Mike King**, line mechanic A, Montgomery. 10 years: **Carl Anderson**, automotive mechanic A.

## Clinch River

10 years: **Dennis Williams**, coal equipment operator. **George Miller**, stores attendant senior.

## General Office

15 years: **Rusty Craig, Jr.**, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Charleston. **John Johnson, Jr.**, buyer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke. **Linda Smith**, tape librarian A, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 10 years: **Richard**

**Musselman**, station operator B, GO Operations, Roanoke. **Frank Bonds, Jr.**, statistical accountant, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Thomas Grubb**, engineering technologist, GO T&D Station, Bluefield.

## Glen Lyn

15 years: **Arnold Ferguson**, equipment operator A.

## Huntington

5 years: **Pamela Otworth**, T&D clerk C.

## Logan-Williamson

10 years: **Mike Adams**, line crew supervisor non-exempt, Logan.

## Pulaski

15 years: **Nelson Coleman**, line mechanic A, Galax. 10 years: **Roy Powers**, station mechanic A. **Tim Pickett**, line mechanic A, Wytheville. 5 years: **Mike Harrell**, meter reader, Pearisburg.

## Roanoke

15 years: **Carolyn Gordon**, engineering technician. 10 years: **James Thompson**, customer accounts representative B, Fieldale. **James Thomasson**, general servicer.

## Philip Sporn

15 years: **Gary Palmer**, plant janitor. 10 years: **Michael Stewart**, maintenance mechanic B. **Richard Sanders**, barge handler. □

# Promotions

## Charleston

(cont. from pg. 15)

**Howard Parsons** from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

**Cheryl Chapman** from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

**Andrea Robinson** from junior stenographer to stenographer.

## General Office

**Clifford Powell** from hydro mechanic D to hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Roanoke.

**Roy Hill, Jr.**, from hydro mechanic D to hydro mechanic C, GO Hydro, Buck and Byllesby.

**Shirley Saunders**, from transmission clerk C to transmission clerk B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

**Vickie Walton** from transmission clerk C to transmission clerk B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

**Mary Gill** from centralized cash operator junior to centralized cash operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

**David Spurlock** from utility worker B to utility worker A, Kanawha Valley Power.

## Glen Lyn

**James Robinett** from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

**Ricky Gray** from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

## Huntington

**Karen Twohig** from customer accounts representative B to customer accounts servicer.

**Candace Rulen** from junior clerk to T&D clerk C.

**Judy Combs** from cashier C to junior stenographer.

**Lloyd Gue** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

## Logan-Williamson

**Curtis Hight** from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Williamson.

**Todd Hesel** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Williamson.

**Todd Jones** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Williamson.

## Mountaineer

**Brenda Blackston** from plant clerk B to plant clerk A.

## Roanoke

**Sandy Carr** from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

**Judy Hale** from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

**Shelby Howell** from junior stenographer to stenographer.

**Early Hairston** from station mechanic C to station mechanic B, Fieldale.

**Jim Wheeler, Jr.**, from station mechanic B to station mechanic A.

**Kenny Boone, II**, from line mechanic B to line mechanic A. □

# Newcomers

## Abingdon

**Jeffrey Dye**, meter reader, Lebanon.

**Anthony Adkins**, electrical engineer.

**David Vanover**, department assistant — customer accounts.

## John Amos

**Ernest Foster**, utility worker.

**Sharon Turley**, utility worker.

**Dale Liptrap**, utility worker.

**Jameal Joseph**, utility worker.

**Daniel Justice, Jr.**, utility worker.

## Beckley

**Dallas Jones**, building supervisor.

**Melissa Mooney**, junior clerk, Oak Hill.

## Bluefield

**Tammy Bailey**, T&D clerk C.

## Central Machine Shop

**John Hatfield**, welder 2nd class.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

**B. J. Simmons**, maintenance supervisor.

**J. W. Ranegar**, maintenance mechanic B.

**R. W. McPherson**, maintenance mechanic B.

**R. Pena**, maintenance mechanic B.

**G. A. Wamsley**, maintenance mechanic B.

**T. P. Brooks**, maintenance mechanic B.

**G. L. Nelson**, maintenance mechanic B.

## Charleston

**Alan Withrow**, line mechanic D.

**Leanne Imperi**, department assistant — customer accounts.

## General Office

**Joan Matherly**, engineering technician assistant, GO Operations, Roanoke.

**Karen Harris**, junior stenographer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke.

**Eric Hatter**, engineering technician assistant, GO Operations, Roanoke.

**Billy Wagner**, station operator D, GO Operations, Charleston.

## Roanoke

**Dwight Elgin**, line mechanic D, Stuart.

## Philip Sporn

**Debra Waddell**, performance engineer.

**Gary Bumgarner**, utility worker A.

**Richard Sines**, utility worker B. □

# Nine Appalachian employees earn "I Buckled Up" awards

Nine employees from six locations are recipients of the new "I Buckled Up" award, established last year as a part of Appalachian Power's accident prevention program. They are: Harold Rulen, manager, Central Machine Shop; Gene Gloss, manager, Philip Sporn Plant; Ryland Jennings, Gate City meter reader; Kevin Dooley, transmission mechanic C; Michael Ferguson, transmission mechanic D; and Thomas Tyree, transmission mechanic A, all of GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke; Robert Kern, Wytheville area supervisor; Steve Burlison, Pulaski electrical engineer; and Leroy Balding, public affairs coordinator, John Amos Plant.

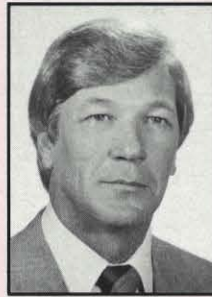
According to Safety Manager Doug Forbes, an employee is eligible for nomination for the award if he or she is involved in a non-preventable vehicular accident and is wearing a seat belt which reduces and/or prevents serious personal injury.

The award is a specially designed cast solid brass belt buckle which is serially numbered. The employee's name and date of the accident is engraved on the back of the belt buckle.

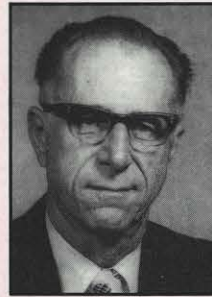
Rulen was stopped on a two-lane road, waiting for traffic to clear so that he could make a left hand turn, when his company car was struck from behind by another vehicle.

Gloss was entering I-64 from an entrance ramp when his vehicle was struck from behind.

Dooley, Ferguson, and Tyree had stopped to wait while a school bus in the opposite



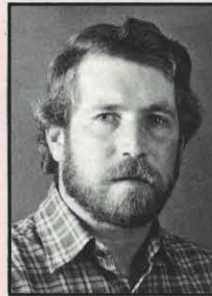
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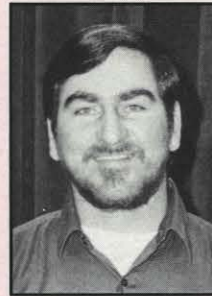
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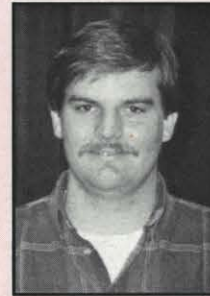
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Ferguson



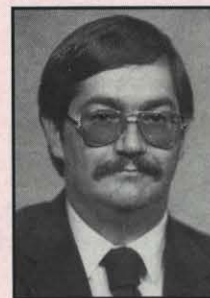
Balding

lane picked up a child. Their company vehicle, which was stopped on a blind curve, was struck in the rear by a tractor trailer.

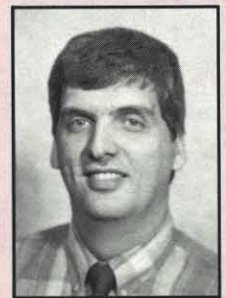
Jennings had signaled to make a left hand turn into a driveway when a driver from behind, attempting to pass, struck his truck bed in the side.

Kern and Burlison had stopped behind a vehicle making a right turn, when their car was struck in the rear and pushed into the turning vehicle.

Balding was on his way home from work when an oncoming vehicle rounded a



Kern



Burlison

curve on the wrong side of the highway and struck his vehicle head on. □

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