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About the cover:

Appalachian's G.O. operations manager, Edsel Johnson, shows off an "Edsel" pennant on the antenna of a 1960 Ford Edsel convertible. Appalachian's Edsel rode in the bright red vehicle as grand marshal of last month's Brookneal Striped Bass Festival parade. See story on pages 12-13.



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AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
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
1/31/88	2.9996	.3333	4.7923	.2086	4.0221	.2486
2/29/88	3.0281	.3302	5.0128	.1994	3.9137	.2555
3/31/88	3.0598	.3268	4.8646	.2055	3.7441	.2670

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.

Why Acid Rain Legislation Is Premature

American Electric Power believes that the enactment of laws to "cure" the acid rain ailment is premature until — and unless — much more is known about its causes and its effects. This is especially true when promising advances in clean coal technology appear to be the superior, more cost-effective avenue to take.

In this third and final article in a series on the background of the acid rain controversy, The Illuminator provides seven good arguments against rushing precipitously into lawmaking that, rather than being helpful, could be harmful — to the electric utility industry in general, to American Electric Power and its customers in particular, to the coal industry and to the nation as a whole and its future energy independence.

Part III

POINT #1 — There is no environmental crisis. A recent "interim assessment" by the National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program concluded that rain acidity at current levels does not threaten the environment, that current emission-control programs effectively protect human health and that acid rain will not cause irreparable harm to the environment in the foreseeable future.

POINT #2 — The Clean Air Act is working. Since the peak year of 1973, U. S. sulfur dioxide emissions have come down 27 percent. Electric utility emissions have been reduced 18 percent despite a 76 percent increase in utility coal use. The United States is a world leader in air pollution control. The electric utility industry operates 146 scrubbers — more than the rest of the world combined.

POINT #3 — A significant investment has been made to improve air quality. According to the Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, the overall price tag for air pollution control in the United States now exceeds \$29 billion a year. The Department of Energy reports that U. S. coal-burning utilities alone have committed more than \$60 billion during the past decade to reduce sulfur dioxide alone.

POINT #4 — Acid rain legislation compliance costs are extremely expensive. A conservative estimate of U. S. Senate Bill 1894, introduced by Sen. George Mitchell (Dem., Maine), by the Environmental Protection Agency places its annual compliance cost at \$30 billion. House Bill 2666 is estimated to cost at least \$4 billion per year.

POINT #5 — Legislation would have a ripple effect on the U. S. economy.

The National Association of Manufacturers reports that passage of acid rain legislation could reduce the Gross National Product by \$223 billion, could increase the federal budget deficit by \$247 billion and could cause the loss of 862,000 jobs by the year 2000. Increased electricity prices would impact negatively the ability of the nation to compete internationally.

POINT #6 — The Business Roundtable's figures are similar. Amendments to the Clean Air Act contained in S. 1894 would increase pollution-control expenditures by at least \$32 billion a year and jeopardize a minimum of 300,000 to 600,000 jobs, according to an economic analysis commissioned by The Business Roundtable. This analysis by R. M. Dowd & Co., an environmental consulting firm, considered only 21 provisions of S. 1894 in making its estimate of the annual cost. This omnibus bill contains 43 provisions, and acid rain is only one of a range of environmental issues it addresses.

POINT #7 — The United States must go forward with its commitment to develop innovative clean coal technologies if coal is to continue to have a major role in electricity generation. Such technologies offer the opportunity to continue reliance on domestic coal for electric generation without job dislocation, economic disruption and higher electricity rates. Many will control nitrogen oxide as well as sulfur dioxide emissions. They will enable the industry to continue the downward trend in emission reductions. Electric utilities will turn to these technologies, especially in the late 1990s, when replacing aging plants and building new capacity. A costly acid rain bill at this time would perpetuate the industry's reliance on current, inefficient technology by diverting billions of dollars away from the development of new technologies. □

Safety recognition

G. O. General Services Department celebrates reaching 1,000,000 safe work hours with a dinner at the Roanoke Marriott on April 16. G. O. Safety Director Doug Forbes addresses employees as they celebrate a record that began on July 23, 1980.



Rocky Mount area employees enjoy lunch in celebration of Roanoke Division's completion of three years without a disabling injury for the first time since recordkeeping began in 1940. The division's 397 employees all joined in the celebration. On November 20, 1987, the division had completed two million safe work hours for the second time.

Beckley editor wins ACE award



ACE Team Newsletter Editor's Award for 1987 is presented by Mark Lawrence of G.O. marketing & customer services, to Eileen Worley, editor, (center) and Sherry Farley, assistant editor, (right) of Beckley Division's newsletter "The Static." The newsletter was selected for having published the best presentation of the ACE Team program during 1987. As editor, Eileen received a \$40 gift certificate and a "2" level OIP catalog certificate. According to Glenn Reynolds, G.O. marketing & customer services director, "The Static" did "the best job (in the company) of recognizing employees and promoting the ACE program over the past year."

Kingsport introduces OIP for employees

Kingsport Power Company in April implemented an Operations Improvement Program (OIP) to recognize and reward employees who present ideas that improve company operations, reduce costs, or help employees perform their work more productively, efficiently or safely.

Tom Rotenberry, Kingsport's president, says, "I'm impressed by the quality and spirit of Kingsport employees. Our Operations Improvement Program gives each employee an opportunity to improve the company's operation, to be recognized by their supervisors and peers and, at the same time, to receive special awards. From conversations with employees, I know of their strong interest in the success and financial well-being of the company. I look forward to seeing many suggestions that will help us become more productive and enable us to provide a higher quality of service to our customers." □

Carl Crawford joins AEP public affairs

Carl W. Crawford, Chattanooga, Tennessee, has joined American Electric Power's Public Affairs Department as director of communications. As head of the Communications Division, he will be responsible for the overall direction of AEP's communications with the news media, shareowners and employees.

He comes to AEP from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

At TVA Crawford was manager of human resource communications (1987-88). Before that he had been manager of nuclear power information (1985-87), manager of power information (1979-85) and manager of information services of TVA's Division of Environmental Planning. □

Our apology

In the May issue, we somehow scrambled information about Roscoe Thomas, Jr.'s family in his retirement story. We apologize to Roscoe, his wife, Shirley, their son and daughter and their four grandchildren.

— The Editor



The March of Dimes campaign to raise money to combat birth defects received a boost from several Kingsport Power employees and their family members. Here they pose for a picture following the seven-mile "March of Dimes Walk America" in April.

Sporn proposed as world's largest PFBC plant

American Electric Power is proposing to take a greater leadership role in developing clean coal technology by building the largest pressurized fluidized bed combustion (PFBC) power plant in the world.

AEP would pay about two thirds of its \$579 million cost if state and federal support can be arranged for the balance.

AEP made its offer May 20 in an application to the U. S. Department of Energy under its Innovative Clean Coal Technology Program. Without federal support, AEP cannot proceed with the project.

The 1,050,000-kilowatt Philip Sporn Plant on the Ohio River at New Haven, West Virginia, is the site of the proposed project, chosen because of its age and proximity to abundant coal fields in the Eastern U. S. The plant is jointly owned by Appalachian Power Company and Ohio Power Company.

DOE is expected to decide by October whether to fund the project. If it does, engineering and design could begin in late 1989 and construction could begin in early 1993. The plant would begin operating in late 1995.

AEP broke ground in April for the nation's first PFBC demonstration plant at its mothballed Tidd Plant at Brilliant, Ohio. That project is only 70,000 kilowatts, small by power plant standards, but it is the first attempt in the country to demonstrate that the PFBC will work satisfactorily on an operating power system.

The Sporn project is the next logical step in developing this technology and would be the first PFBC "repowering" of a conventional coal-fired plant in the U. S. The boilers of two of its 150,000-kw conventional units would be replaced by a new 330,000-kw PFBC unit, providing needed technical experience in converting today's coal-fired plants to this new way to burn coal cleanly. (Sporn has four 150,000-kw units and one 450,000-kw unit.)

The new facility will produce more electricity from the same amount of coal than the existing units through its "combined cycle" design. The PFBC unit will supply steam to two of the plant's present turbine-generators while exhaust gas from the unit goes to a gas turbine-generator, both producing power simultaneously.

"This new clean coal technology has the potential for making our nation's coal supply usable in an environmentally acceptable manner," W. S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, said, "and this is further evidence that we are serious about developing the technology as rapidly as practical."

White said the PFBC project is expected to remove 90 percent of the sulfur dioxide generated during combustion while increasing thermal efficiency from 36.5 to 38 percent. Generating capacity would be increased 10 percent, and the plant's life would be extended from 2001 to 2025.

New acid rain control legislation could seriously jeopardize the project, however.

"We cannot pursue this promising technology if we have to spend our limited funds adding outdated scrubber technology to our existing power plants," White said. "We do not have the money for both. That is why it just doesn't make sense for Congress to pass new laws now mandating the use of old environmental controls at very high cost when more efficient, less costly technology is so near."

"The PFBC technology holds the promise of a coal-based energy independence for the entire country — a lower cost, clean and efficient use of coal for America's economy."

"This project is a hurdle that must be cleared before this technology is available for use throughout the utility industry," said Dr. James J. Markowsky, AEP vice president-mechanical and environmental engineering.

"These PFBC plants look good. But no one has spent this much time to build a plant this big, even though it looks so promising. The costs aren't low enough yet, nor is confidence high enough to provide widespread use of the technology. This is the way you get the costs down, and confidence up."

"No utility, not even one as large as AEP, can afford to commit such a large sum on its own — it's just too much to risk," Dr. Markowsky said.

The AEP proposal includes international participation. As in the Tidd project, ASEA Babcock will furnish the major PFBC components. It is a business partnership between ABB Carbon of Sweden, a sub-

siary of ASEA Brown Boveri, and the Babcock & Wilcox Company of Barberton, Ohio, a subsidiary of the McDermott Company of New Orleans.

Of the \$579 million cost, AEP is offering to pay \$394 million if federal support of \$185 million can be obtained. DOE's Innovative Clean Coal Technology Program, sponsored in large part by Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D. W. Va.), has \$536 million available for such new technologies.

AEP also is pledging to absorb any cost overruns. If the final cost exceeds the estimate, federal funding would be capped at \$185 million. Conversely, if the cost turns out to be less than estimated, AEP has pledged to reduce the government's share proportionately.

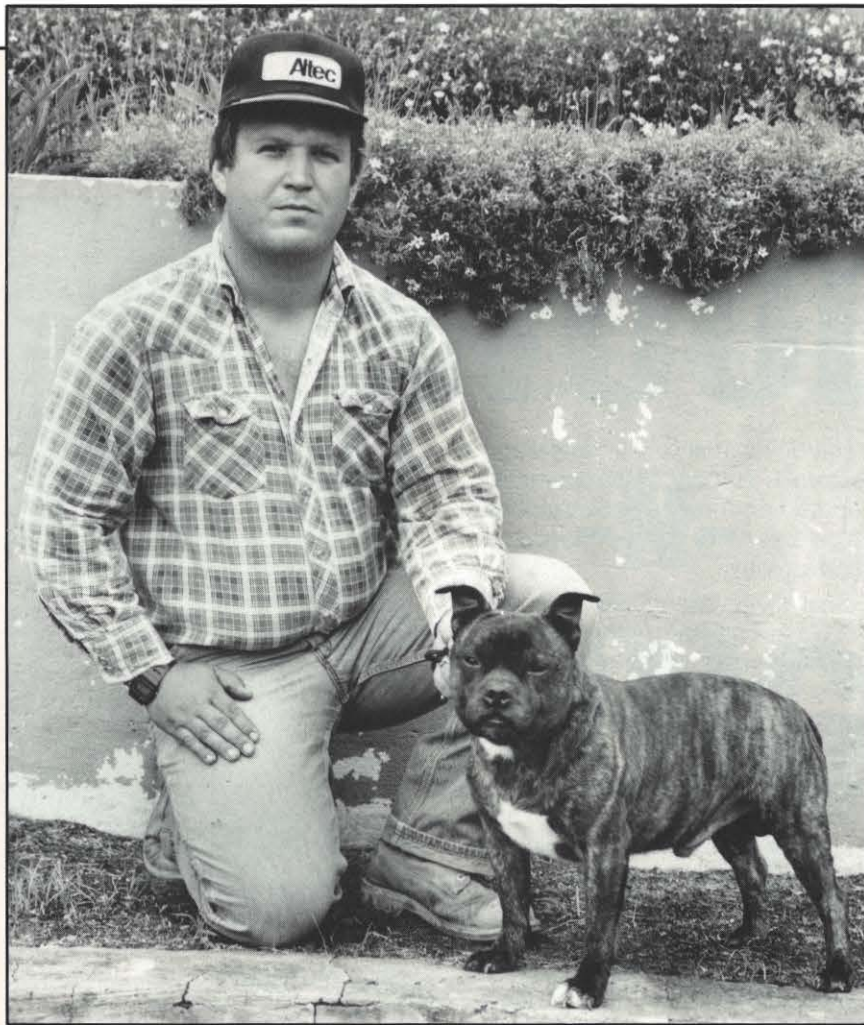
In addition, in accordance with government requirements, AEP agreed to a repayment plan of the government's investment over future years if the new technology is successfully commercialized.

The "repowering" will replace the existing 38-year-old boilers with a single PFBC combustor, using coals with a range of sulfur content. Coal from many locations would be burned during a year-and-a-half test operation to collect data for use throughout the utility industry.

State regulatory authorities eventually must agree that the company can recover its investment through rates before the project can go forward, White pointed out.

In a PFBC boiler, coal is burned with limestone in a churning "fluidized" bed. In the burning process, the sulfur chemically combines with the limestone and becomes trapped in the ash, resulting in 90 percent removal of sulfur pollutants and making disposal easier. The coal is also burned at a relatively low combustion temperature, resulting in less than half the nitrogen oxide emissions of a comparable plant of conventional design.

"PFBC and other clean coal technologies can help our country avoid crippling and unnecessary laws based on outdated technology that would drive up electric bills, force the closing of countless companies and factories, and cause the loss of tens of thousands of jobs across the nation," the AEP chairman said. □



Homer Nance and one of his champion Staffordshire bull terriers.

Homer Nance, trainer of champions

Milton Line Mechanic Homer Nance makes no bones about his hobby. "I'm a dog enthusiast," he says matter of factly.

"It all started eight years ago when I was looking for a dog so my wife wouldn't have to be by herself when I had to work odd hours. I wanted a shorthaired dog, one that was small and could stay in the house, and one that I wouldn't have to train. I looked in a dog book and picked out a Staffordshire bull terrier. The dogs originated in England and there aren't very many of them in this country. In fact, the breed has been recognized by the American Kennel Club just since 1975," Homer notes. "I had to drive to Chicago to get my first female dog, Brandy."

"Well, after I got Brandy, I decided she should be trained so I entered her in an obedience class. Actually, I trained under a fellow at a training club. He taught me, and then I trained the dog. One thing led to another, and I entered Brandy in an AKC show. She earned the title of CD — companion dog — which is the first level of obedience. Next is CDX or companion dog excellent. After that is Utility, which is the highest title attained through the AKC. Brandy is one of only three to ever earn the Utility title."

Homer continues, "After that, I joined two local kennel clubs and began teaching training classes. Really, I learned from

hands-on experience and from working with judges at the shows. As a matter of fact, I've served as a judge at a sanction show, which is a practice show for the AKC licensed show.

"I have four dogs right now, and they all have been entered in competition. Brandy is a Utility dog, Sheeka has a championship title, and Duke is a major pointed dog. My newest is Bruno. He's a champion also. In 1987, he was one of the top five show winning Staffordshire bull terriers in the United States. I guess I'll always be breeding for that perfect dog."

According to Homer, the Staffordshire bull terriers are 14 to 16 inches tall at the top of the back. Males weigh between 28 to 38 pounds, and the females from 24 to 34 pounds. "They're small, compact dogs, and their ears are never trimmed or tails docked," Homer adds.

"I've invested quite a bit in my dogs," he confesses. "It's expensive, just like any other hobby, but it's not all dog showing. Some of it is travel, which I like. I've been to a lot of places that I would never have seen if I didn't enter the shows."

Homer concludes, "Most people who show dogs are in their 40's or 50's. I guess I just got into the hobby a little early." □

Blankenship visits Netherlands as exchange student

"Spending last summer as an exchange student in the Netherlands is an experience I'll never forget," says Jeanette Blankenship, who just graduated from Pulaski County High School. "A representative from Youth For Understanding spoke at an assembly at our school, and that's how I learned about the program. I went home and told my parents I'd like to apply, and they agreed." Jeanette's father, Jim, is a line crew supervisor in Pulaski.

She says, "Most students apply by November at the latest and, since I didn't get my papers in until February, all the countries I wanted to go to were filled up. My first choice was Switzerland; but, as it turned out, my host parents had a home there so I got to visit Switzerland for a week anyway.

"My host family lived in a small town called Eindhoven. The father, Ben, is in business for himself and the mother, Diet, is a housewife. Their oldest son, Maarten, had been an exchange student in Ohio. The other members of the family were Carolyn, who is a travel agent, and 15-year-old Thomas, who is still in school."

Jeanette continues, "Everyone told me I'd see a lot of windmills, tulips, and wooden shoes when I went to the Netherlands, but it wasn't so. The only windmills I saw were at a tourist place, and the tulips weren't in bloom then. And only the farmers wore wooden shoes.

"In a lot of ways, the Dutch are like Americans. Their culture is different but their lifestyle was basically what I was used to at home. My family was very easy to talk to, so I felt right at home after the first couple of days. They all spoke English so I had no problem at all."

Jeanette continues, "The houses there are stacked up while ours are spread out. The home I stayed in had three stories,



Windmills at Maarken.

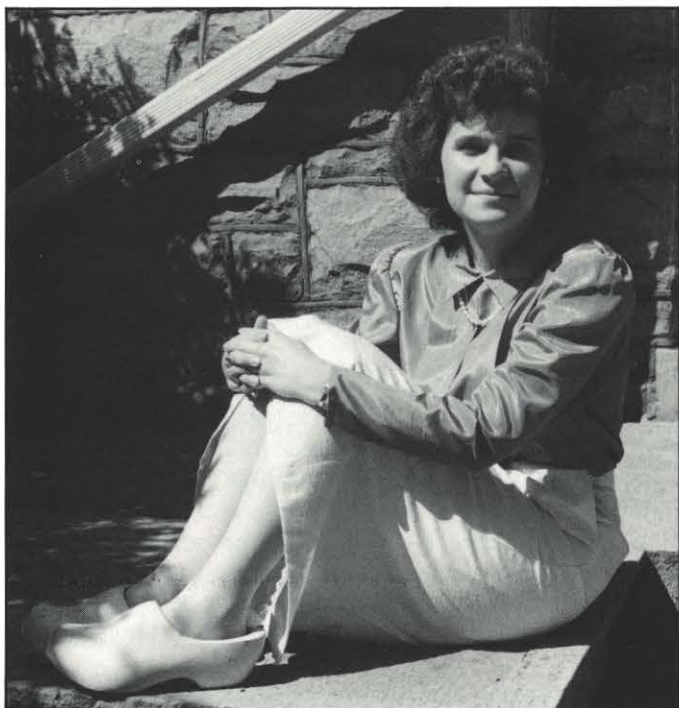
and all the bedrooms except two had a sink. I thought that was great. Everyone had a bike, and I had to get used to riding one. Since everything is so close by, it was just simpler and easier to ride than to go a half mile by car. We rode a bus when we went to the big shopping center. And we went to the grocery store every day or two. Even though they have refrigeration, they like their food fresh.

"Dinner time is very important and very formal there. I was expected to keep my fork in my left hand and my knife in my right during the entire meal, which could last for an hour or more. Both hands were to be kept above the table and elbows off the table. If I would forget, they would correct me. We had boiled potatoes and applesauce every night, along with two or three vegetables and chicken or beef. You were expected to eat everything on your plate so, even though there were a few things I didn't like, I went ahead and ate them. Since everyone was at home for dinner, that is when they talked about what happened during the day, or about any problems they might have.

"If we went out at night, we would not leave before 9:30 or 10 p.m. and would come home anytime between 1 and 3 in the morning. There is no drinking age limit there, but I never saw anyone drunk. The youth my age would have one or two drinks for social reasons and stop."

Jeanette continues, "Although my host family was Catholic, I did not go to mass. My host mother called a Baptist church for me, and I went to one of their services. Everything was just like our church here, even the songs.

"Maarten, and perhaps other members of the family, hope to come to the United States next summer. They will be spending some time in New York, but they also want to come to Virginia and to Ohio, where Maarten was an exchange student." □



Jeanette Blankenship's host family gave her a pair of wooden shoes as a memento of her visit.

“A few years ago I told my brother, who was into crafts a little bit, that someday I wanted to carve an eagle,” recalls Paul Bernard, retired operation coordinator, GO Operations, Roanoke. “One Christmas he gave me a little piece of walnut wood and a set of carving chisels and said, ‘You wanted to carve an eagle, let’s see you do it.’ You know I did, and I was surprised. I was better than I thought I would be. That whetted my interest, and I have been doing woodwork ever since.”

Paul continues, “When I first started, I didn’t even know where to get the right wood or the right tools. Then I joined the Valley Wood Carvers Association and got to know some other carvers. We began to share ideas and supply sources, and now I get three or four catalogs a week. I also joined the Northern Virginia Carvers and the National Wood Carvers Association.

“Once you get into something like this, you meet a lot of people. I have gotten to know several folks through participating in various shows, and we visit back and forth. It’s great fellowship as well as a lot of fun.”

Paul adds, “Before I retired, shift work prevented me from participating in too

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many shows so really I’m just getting started. I expect to go to as many as I can in the future. This Fall I plan to participate in the Ferrum College Folk Life Festival if I can get enough things made.”

At the Folk Life Festival in Vinton recently,

Paul’s display included trivet baskets, jewelry boxes, birds, brooches, and goose baskets. He also makes duck decoys. “Those are my fun things,” he says. “I more or less do those for pleasure. In fact, if I don’t sell anything at a show, I’m still satisfied. I’ve probably given away about as much as I’ve ever sold. I just like to be there talking to people.”

He adds, “Much of the things I made for the Vinton show were done with a band saw. I’ve coined the phrase “band saw carvings” for a lot of what I do. The jewelry boxes, for instance, were made out of one piece of wood with a band saw.”

Paul uses a variety of woods, including oak, walnut and sassafras. “I usually put three or four coats of lacquer on whatever I make and then one coat of wax. The item can always be rewaxed by the buyer,” he says.

“Since I’ve retired, I have really had a ball working in my shop. This is something I want to do the rest of my life as long as I am able.” □



Paul Bernard displays his woodwork at the Vinton Folk Life Festival.



Michelle Leigh Hill with some of her beauty pageant awards.

Three-year-old is beauty pageant pro

Michelle Leigh Hill is only three years old, but already she's an old pro at winning beauty pageants.

The daughter of Mimnaugh Hill, Madison meter reader, Michelle entered her first pageant at Chief Logan State Park Restaurant just one year ago. She was crowned Little Miss Dream World and won the titles of Beauty, Prettiest Smile, Western Wear, Sportswear, Miss Model and Model of Models.

That was just the beginning. Last August she won the title of Little Miss Dream World Grand West Virginia Champion and, in doing so, won the titles of Miss West Virginia Model, Miss West Virginia Western Wear, and Little Miss Dream World West Virginia Cover Girl.

Two months later she was crowned Baby Grand Queen of the Second Annual West Virginia Pumpkin Festival. Then, in November, she was crowned Little Miss National Dream World Beauty and Little Miss National Dream World Cover Girl 1987.

In January of this year, in the Dream World Preliminary Pageant held at Westmoreland Women's Club at Huntington, Michelle again won the Grand Baby, Beauty, Photo-

genic, Sportswear, and Western Wear titles.

In February she won the American Baby Search, held in Milton, and took the Grand Baby and Cutest Photo titles.

In March Michelle won the American International Preliminary held at the Heart of Town Holiday Inn in Charleston. She won titles for Grand Champion, Beauty, Photogenic, Sportswear, Western Wear, Most Beautiful Baby, and Most Beautiful Dress. Michelle will be attending the Nationals in Columbus, Ohio, next month.

So far, her awards include 32 banners; 28 trophies; 11 crowns; \$50 and \$400 savings bonds; two trips to Daytona Beach, Florida; two ceptors; two gift certificates; a video of a pageant; a telephone; two dozen silk roses; diamond pendant; diamond necklace; and a diamond pin.

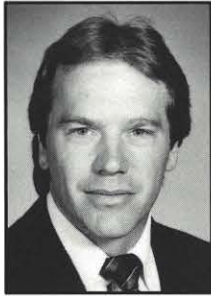
Despite her success, Michelle is a typical little girl. She enjoys riding her big wheel, skating, and taking dancing lessons. Her favorite cartoon is "Jems", and she likes to watch "scary" shows on television.

It wouldn't come as a surprise to her family if Michelle had a modeling career someday. "She changes clothes at least four times a day," her mother Carrie says. □

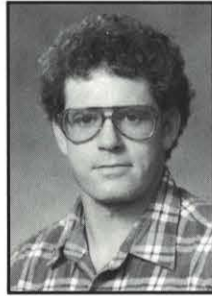
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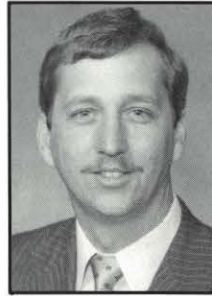
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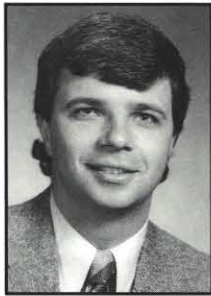
Wright



Jones



Price



Matheny



O'Dell



Gilkerson

George B. Walton, Logan service supervisor, was promoted to Madison area supervisor on May 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Andy Jackson, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE in Milton on April 16. He attended Huntington Business School.

David Wright, electrical engineer, was promoted to station engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Bluefield. He holds an associate in science degree in electrical engineering from Schoolcraft College and a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the Lawrence Institute of Technology.

Gary D. Jones, Pulaski stores attendant A (nonexempt), was promoted to purchasing and stores staff assistant senior (exempt), GO Purchasing, Roanoke, on March 16. He holds an associate in applied science degree in accounting and business management from New River Community College.

Susan E. Price, performance engineer, was promoted to performance engineer senior at Mountaineer Plant on April 1. She holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Carl D. Matheny, performance engineer senior, was promoted to plant engineer at Mountaineer Plant on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University.

Roger L. O'Dell, Huntington meter reader, was promoted to customer accounts supervisor NE in Milton on March 19. He holds an associate in science degree from Ohio University.

Claude Gilkerson, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE in Huntington on April 16.

Abingdon

Martha McDilda from junior clerk to T&D clerk C.

John Amos

Larry Lively from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Franklin Hayes from utility worker to equipment operator C.

John Shaver from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Bluefield

Stanley Ennis from station mechanic D to station mechanic C.

Michael Smith from junior clerk to T&D clerk C.

Michael Thomson from junior clerk to T&D clerk C, Welch.

Darrell Havens from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

Walter Graham from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Tazewell.

Central Machine Shop

Scott Ash from machinist 2nd class to machinist 1st class.

George Middleton from machinist 3rd class to machinist 2nd class.

Charleston

Anthony Sword from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Steve Chapman from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Allen Haynes from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

Clinch River

Gary Dye from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

General Office

Michael McClagherty from transmission station mechanic D to transmission station mechanic C, GO T&D Station, Bluefield.

Kathleen Martin from personnel clerk C to personnel clerk B, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

Robbie Wright from centralized cash operator to centralized cash operator-intermediate, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Hazel Lawson from centralized cash operator to centralized cash operator-intermediate, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Anita Prusak from engineering clerk C to engineering clerk B, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke.

Mary Nelson from forms and office supply clerk to senior telephone operator, GO General Services, Roanoke.

Gregory Hedrick from engineering technician to engineering technician senior, GO T&D Communications, Marmet.

Betty Young from station clerk C to station clerk B, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

Kevin Carter from station clerk C to station clerk B, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

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Winning friends

Edsel Johnson, Appalachian's system operations manager, Larry Gearhart, Appalachian's hydro generation manager, and the company have a lot of new friends in the vicinity of the Smith Mountain and Leesville dams on the Roanoke/Staunton River.

These new friends — many of whom only a few months ago may have considered themselves foes — are the result of Edsel's and Larry's efforts in the company's behalf to work with them in resolving some of their concerns, while protecting the interests of the company and its customers.

"I've been spending a lot of time with people down there," Edsel says, adding that there has hardly been a weekend since last November in which he hasn't

spent at least one day visiting with people. "You must be there while they're off work if you want to hear what they have to say," he explains.

The concerns that Edsel and the company wanted to find out about related to the actual and perceived impact of water releases on property and people's activities along the river below Leesville.

The Smith Mountain and Leesville dams are part of the company's two-dam pumped storage hydroelectric project southeast of Roanoke. Simply stated, water is released through Smith Mountain's turbines into Leesville Lake at times of peak demand. Water captured in Leesville is then pumped back into Smith Mountain Lake at night and on weekends. At Leesville, water was released primarily

during the peak hours on weekdays when customer demands were the highest.

During the Labor Day weekend, heavy rains resulted in considerable flooding throughout the region. A number of people downstream from Leesville expressed concern about how the company operated the project during the flood. Some of these concerns were also voiced by the Campbell County Board of Supervisors and the company was invited to attend a meeting before the board and explain the project's operation.

Edsel and Larry attended such a meeting in October, during which they described the project's operation. They explained how it had actually kept the amount of flooding much lower than it would have been had the project not been in place.

During the meeting, a number of other concerns were expressed by people in attendance. As a result, Edsel and Larry expressed Appalachian's willingness to meet and discuss their concerns. A number of informal discussions then took place, leading to a formal meeting in January.

At that meeting, Edsel and Larry met with people from Pittsylvania, Halifax, Charlotte and Campbell Counties of Virginia. Also present were representatives of the State

Operations manager helps with river activities

While working and visiting with people who live, work or play on the Roanoke/Staunton River, Edsel Johnson, Appalachian's system operations manager, has participated in a number of activities associated with the river.

In mid-May, Edsel was on hand for the first annual Brookneal Striped Bass Festival. During the two-day event, he served as grand marshal for the parade, presented awards to winning fishermen and women, and represented the company at a citizen group's exhibit in the town hall depicting river improvements created by the company's experimental water-release program.

Edsel has also joined local people for a canoe ride on the river, and participated in the dedication ceremony for 1,000 trees given to Brookneal for beautification projects by the Virginia Department of Forestry. □



Brookneal Mayor Carolyn Lasardi presents Edsel Johnson with a rod and reel during the town's striped bass festival. Edsel holds a proclamation she had just presented to him which recognizes the company for its cooperation.

along the river

Water Control Board, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Army Corps of Engineers, the U. S. Weather Service, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Historic Resources and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

Larry again explained the project's operation and stressed the positive flood control benefits it provides. Also, addressing several concerns that had come to light over the preceding weeks, he told those in attendance that Appalachian would install staff gauges at four locations on the river below Leesville to improve monitoring during floods. Additionally, he told them that the company agreed to work with the weather service to improve weather forecasting and flood warnings in the area.

Following Larry, in a talk punctuated with applause from those present, Edsel announced the company's decision to initiate a one-year experimental program which would result in a relatively steady flow of water from Leesville. In the program, outflow from Leesville would generally be determined by inflow, except in unusual drought or flooding conditions. "During normal operations, you should see no basic difference in the fluctuations of the flows on weekdays or weekends, or, for that matter, from midnight to noon," he said.

"This revised type of operation is designed to address your concerns and we feel it should enhance all recreational aspects of the river — boating, canoeing, fishing," he told his audience.

The response to Appalachian's action was immediate and widespread. Since that January meeting, Edsel has amassed a stack of letters of appreciation and thanks from government officials, businessmen, sportsmen and others. (See accompanying story.)

"When we decided to initiate this experimental program, I expected a positive response. The magnitude of the reaction caught me by surprise, however. It has been a true pleasure to represent the company under these circumstances. I can't say enough about the helpfulness and attitudes of the people of Brookneal and the other communities in the area. Without their cooperative spirit and patience, our job would have been much harder. I've met some good people and made a lot of new friends for myself and Appalachian. And that makes the extra effort really worthwhile," Edsel says. □



Edsel Johnson with a bright red 1960 Ford Edsel prior to the Brookneal Striped Bass Festival parade.

Decision draws letters of appreciation

The company's decision to implement an experimental program limiting the fluctuation of water released into the Roanoke/Staunton River below Leesville Dam has been popular in the affected area.

Editorials, letters, spoken remarks and even a proclamation by the Town of Brookneal have been used to express appreciation of the company's action. Here is a sample:

"At a time when many citizens view corporate giants as being insensitive to the needs of others, it is most gratifying to see a company that is aware of and responsive to the needs of our citizens." — Andrew J. Shields

"Thanks are in order to Appalachian Power Company for the co-operation . . . on the Staunton (Roanoke) River. On behalf of Friends of the Roanoke River and other river users, we appreciate your helpful and positive resolution of this matter." — William H. Tanger, III, chairman, Friends of the Roanoke River.

"The APCO plan appears destined for rave reviews as the advent of optimum recreational activity approaches." — Richard J. Fressilli, town manager, Town of Brookneal.

"I have been interested in the negotiations taking place between you and my friends who formed the Citizens for the Preservation of the River organization, and needless

to say, am real pleased over the end result. Permit me to commend and thank you for your cooperation and I can tell you first hand that our friends are satisfied and pleased." — Sen. Howard P. Anderson, Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Everyone I have spoken with involved with the Citizens for the Preservation of the River organization or who simply use the river have had nothing but accolades for the condition of the river. From what I understand the level of the water has been constant, the water quality never better, and the walleye fishing simply out of this world." — Del. Mark W. Hagood, Commonwealth of Virginia.

"On behalf of Campbell County, and particularly those citizens who live along the Staunton River, I want to thank you for your patience and diligence during recent negotiations concerning release rates from Leesville Dam. The tactful way in which you worked during negotiations and the cooperative spirit shown, along with your genuine desire to do what is best for the whole region, speaks highly of your organization and is much appreciated. We trust that the good neighbor relationship now developing between APCO and 'Citizens Along the Staunton' will continue to grow." — J. Michael Davidson, chairman, Board of Supervisors, Campbell County. □

Retirements



Payroll & Personnel Accounting Supervisor **Stanley Dahmer**, who retired June 1, joins an elite group of employees whose Appalachian career spanned a half century. "I worked in the Charleston Accounting Department for one year," Stanley recalls, "and the rest of my time has been in Payroll. When I first started, all the payroll was done manually. We had old fashioned calculators and adding machines. In 1959 I came to Roanoke to help set up the procedures for a computerized company payroll operation, which began the following year. Until

then, each location had its own." He adds, "It will be a nice change not to have to be at a certain place at a certain time. My health is good; in fact, the only time I was ever off from work was when I had a stroke two years ago. My wife and I have a schedule of travel plans, so many that we'll be lucky if we make them all. First we're going to visit our daughter and three grandchildren in Rochester, NY. Then we'll visit our other daughter in Columbia, SC. We expect to spend a lot of time at Myrtle Beach this summer." □



"The savings plan is the finest thing that ever happened since I came with the company," declares Williamson Driver-Groundworker **Okey Taylor**. "I really took advantage of it; and, as a result, I'm able to take early retirement." He retired on June 1 after 38 years' service. "I have enjoyed working here; and, if I had it all to do over, I would. The people have been very nice to me, and I'm going to miss them." Okey began his career as a laborer and recalls that the crews used teams of horses to spot poles. "We didn't have the modern hydraulic equipment

back then." Okey went through several major floods during his years with the company. "We have 10-foot ceilings in our house; and in 1977, we had 9'2" of water on the first floor. The water nearly covered the garage." Okey's retirement plans include spending some time with his son and grandchildren in Kentucky and visiting his sisters. "We used to train walking horses, and we'll be going to the National Walking Horse Celebration in Tennessee." □



"The power company has a bad habit. It hires good people. That makes it harder to leave," D. L. "**Leroy**" **Balding** claimed while preparing to end his 46 year career. Leroy, public affairs coordinator at John E. Amos Plant since 1976, whose enthusiasm is almost legend, says he has never even considered working for another company since joining Apco. "I also had an offer from the telephone company, but I chose Apco because it offered \$2 a week more." Early in his career, he worked in the old commercial department, "the best training ground ever," he said. "I

spent time in each and every department and met people from the top on down. Over the years, I think I've worked in just about every job in the company and enjoyed every one." After his June 1 retirement, he plans to "spend 95% of my time returning some of what I've enjoyed." He says he and his wife, Alma share a common interest in their work with Valley Christian Assembly of God in Charleston and the activities of the Full Gospel Men's Fellowship. Other plans include travel to visit their children and "fishing with our grandboys." □



"I used to tell Miller C. Porterfield (now retired) that I was the most satisfied employee Appalachian had," says Logan Secretary **Eleanor Cunningham**. She explains, "I was hired as a cashier and resigned after 2½ years to go to work for a local coal company. After a few months, I realized I had made a mistake and jumped at an opportunity to return to Appalachian." Eleanor stayed for over 41 years and, by the time she elected early retirement on June 1, she had worked for seven managers, beginning with the late Joe P. Gills who later became executive vice president of the company. "Through these

many years, I have had the privilege of working with so many fine people. I realize how very much I will miss my daily association with them, but I plan to remain in Logan so I'll be able to see and hear from them often." Eleanor attends the First Presbyterian Church and enjoys reading, cooking, playing bridge and golf. □.

"Ever since I was a kid, I wanted to work for Appalachian," recalls **Bill Wood**. "I thought it would be nice to work for a company that served people. When I finally applied and was hired, I thought that was great! I went to work in the-then System T&D Station Department because I got interested in relays and relay protection when I went to Virginia Tech. That's where I spent my whole 37-year career." Bill was a relay engineer senior before electing early retirement on June 1. He adds, "I have enjoyed working here because the people are great. They work

with you and help you, and I'll miss them. My wife will work for a while longer; and, when she retires, we want to travel some. We have a son here in Roanoke and a daughter in Georgia, so we'll be taking more trips down there. In the meantime, I'll stay busy with all the organizations I belong to: the Shrine Marching Patrol, Virginia Inland Sailing Association, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Virginia Heights Masonic Lodge #324, and BPO Elks." □



"The Fieldale office of Appalachian Power Company is the best place to work," claims **Joel Wilson**. "When I first came, I was impressed with how close knit the employees were — just like one big family. I have enjoyed my 37 years here." Joel was a marketing and customer services representative senior before electing early retirement on June 1. A Georgia native, Joel served in the Army during World War II. He came to Bassett as a construction worker when Philpott Dam was being built. "When work on the dam was winding down, I applied at

Appalachian. I started on the line crew, then went into appliance service before going into what was then called the Commercial Department. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the builders and dealers. I'll miss them and my co-workers." Joel and his wife Christine expect to travel in the western part of the U. S. "We also want to spend more time with our grandchildren," he says. Joel is active in the Oak Level Baptist Church, Ruritan Club, and Masonic Lodge. □



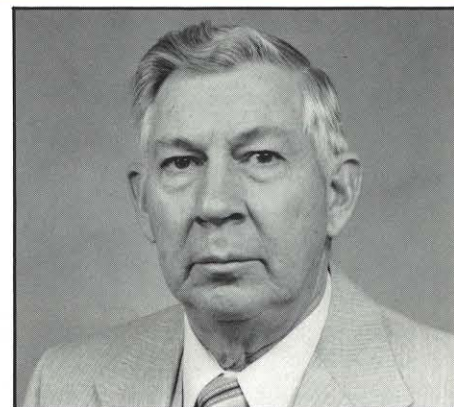
"When I applied for a job, Bruce Cox, who was Fieldale district manager then, asked me how long I expected to work," recalls **Earl Bullard**. "I said, 'I'll be here until you fire me or I retire or die,' and I meant it." On June 1, Earl retired after 40 years' service. He had been an engineering technician senior before going on LTD leave last year. "I had the best job in the company," he says. "And some of the best people in the world were my co-workers in the Distribution Department. Appalachian has been good to me all the way through. With all the operations I've had, I've made

good use of our medical insurance. And the LTD benefits have really helped. I don't know of any other place that would have taken care of me as well as APCo." He adds, "I've missed working because it's not the same getting up in the morning, eating breakfast, and sitting down. I'm not able to do a lot; but, since my wife works, I do the cooking and a little cleaning. I do a lot of napping, too." The Bullards have one son and two daughters. □



"Clinch River Plant has been a good place to work and this is a good bunch to work with," said **B. L. "Ben" Thompson** just before his retirement on June 1. "I'm especially impressed with the employee savings plan and I try to encourage young people to get into it." Ben first went to work for a power company 40 years ago when he joined Dayton (Ohio) Power & Light. In 1954, he moved to the old Kyger Plant when several companies, including AEP and DP&L, joined together. At that time, he became an AEP employee. In April 1958, he transferred to Clinch River Plant as shift operating engineer, a job he held

until his retirement. Ben and his wife, Ruth, have a 125-acre farm in Russell County where they plan to retire. Asked about his plans, he says with a grin, "When I get through building fences, cutting brush and spraying wild rose bushes, I can always stay busy picking up rocks." The farm is about equally spaced between his family in Ohio and Ruth's in Georgia. In addition to visiting children and other relatives, he says they'll stay active with Spring City Baptist Church where he has been a deacon and a Sunday school teacher for over 25 years. □



Weddings

Sizemore-Rogers



Cynthia Rogers to **James Lee Sizemore**, December 6. James is the son of Roy K. Sizemore, relay engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Marmet.

Williams-Hodges



Rhonda G. Hodges to **Steve B. Williams**, engineering technician, GO T&D Communication, Roanoke, April 2.

Simmons-Kelley



Tina Lynn Kelley to **Larry Wayne Simmons**, April 9. Tina is the daughter of Ronnie R. Kelley, fleet maintenance supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke.

Ruley-Persinger



Cheryl Renee Persinger to **Jon Scott Ruley**, April 2. Cheryl is the daughter of Ralph Persinger, retired Huntington T&D clerk A.

Bishop-Carrington

Narcissus M. Carrington to **E. A. Bishop, Jr.**, Pulaski line mechanic B, April 9.

Priddy-Lovejoy

Kitty Sharon Lovejoy to **Ray Priddy**, Charleston station mechanic A, April 5.

Tamagni-Graybill

Judy K. Graybill, meter clerk C, to **Armand J. Tamagni, Jr.**, meter engineer senior, both GO T&D Meter, Roanoke, February 14.

Wed 60 years

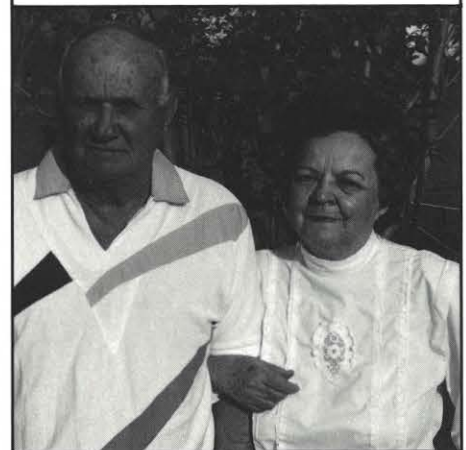


Prince and Jo Thornton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month with a renewal of their marriage vows at the Red Valley United Methodist Church, Boones Mill, Virginia. A reception followed in the church fellowship hall. The Thorntons have two daughters, one son, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Prince is a retired administrative assistant in Roanoke.

60th Anniversary

Arvin Irlan Bailey, retired Charleston lineman, and his wife Gracie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 15 with a dinner given by family members. The Baileys have two daughters, one son (deceased), five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. □

Golden anniversary



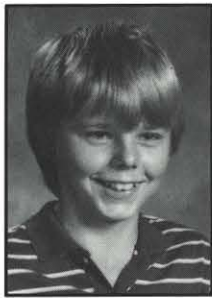
Jo and Charles Snyder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house given by their daughters, Renee Lepley and Charlene Proctor. The couple has four grandchildren. Jo is a retired customer representative A in Charleston.

Who's News

Huntington

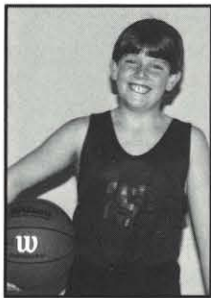
Janie Cross, stenographer, was elected secretary of the Huntington Chapter of the Jaycees for 1988-89.

The ninth annual Huntington Division employee fishing tournament was held at Grayson Lake in Grayson, Kentucky. Ten cash prizes were given for the largest amount of fish caught by weight. Prize winners were **Gary Holbrook**, **T. J. McComas**, **Ron Pinson**, **Dave Gillilan**, **Mike Runyon**, **Mike Mitchell**, **Rick Spurlock**, **Dave Traylor**, **Bart Taberner**, and **Debbie Green**.

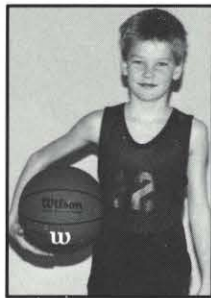


Wilden, son of **Peggy Harbour**, customer accounts representative C, has been named a Scholastic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council. He also was chosen

to participate in the Cabell County Math Field Day and took the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe test. He is in the talented and gifted program at Salt Rock Junior High School. He was recently inducted into the National Honor Society.



Jeremy Vest



Chris Dunn

The Beverly Hills Youth Basketball "Black" C-Division team, coached by Office Supervisor **Jerry Vest** and Line Mechanic **David Dunn**, were regular season champions and won the league tournament. They were undefeated in the regular season tournament play and had a 22-game winning streak from last season to the current season. Jerry's son **Jeremy** and David's son **Chris** were chosen as members of the All-Star team. □

Cross, Rider receive Jaycee awards



Janie Cross (left) stenographer, and Barbara Rider (right) clerk, received Community Development Project of the Quarter awards from Region IV West Virginia Jaycees for co-chairing the Underprivileged Children's Christmas Party for the Huntington Jaycees.

Harbour is science fair winner



Beth Ann Harbour won first place in her category in the Anthropology Division of the Wayne County Science Fair with her project entitled, "The Mysteries of Stonehenge." She also won third place over-all. Beth Ann, a sixth grader at Buffalo Middle School, is eligible to compete in the Regional Fair at Marshall University. She is the daughter of **Peggy Harbour**, Huntington customer accounts representative C.

Clinch River

Catherine Ann, daughter of Garnett Taylor, Sr., maintenance mechanic A, won first place in accounting in the Russell County business competition at Honaker, VA. □

General Office

Robin, daughter of Roger Law, classification and accounts payable supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was selected as the outstanding senior of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority at Radford University.

Scott McDonald, hydro maintenance superintendent, was reelected president of the Roanoke Valley Chapter of Mended Hearts. His wife **Beth** received a 1,000-hour pin as a volunteer at Lewis-Gale Hospital.



Cassandra Lea, daughter of Jerrold Zwart, operation engineer senior, GO Operations, Roanoke, participated in the 1988 Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by the Roanoke Times & World-News. She won

fourth prize, a specially engraved, hard cover copy of the 1988 World Almanac. Cassandra, a student at Boones Mill Elementary, advanced to regional competition after winning her school and division spelling contests. Classroom champions received a certificate; school champions, an inscribed pen and pencil set and certificate; and division finalists, engraved trophies.



Tanishia Michelle, daughter of Andrew Barham, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Meter, Charleston, and four other members of "Dancin' With Debbie" dance company apprentice group, competed in the Regional Showstopper Talent Competition in Hickory, NC. They won three

first place honors for ballet, tap, and jazz

dance in the six-and-under age group. The DC apprentice group also placed fifth overall in the Junior (12-and-under) small group category and won the top award for the most entertaining dance of the two-day event.



Gordon Middlekauff has been promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Navy. He also received the Navy Achievement Award from the Secretary of the Navy. Gordon is the son of Vic Middlekauff, transmission station supervisor NE, GO T&D Transmission, Roanoke, who is on LTD leave.

Hank Sullivan, programs manager, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, and his wife **Amy** were elected co-presidents of the Northside High School Band Boosters Club.



Lori Beth, daughter of John Johnson, buyer, GO Purchasing & Stores, Roanoke, was chosen student of the month at Breckenridge Junior High School. The award recognition was based upon her vocational and technical abilities.



Rhonda, daughter of Bill Ball, communication specialist, GO T&D Communications, Bluefield, was elected president of the English Club at Queens College, where she is a junior majoring in English.

She is editor of the yearbook and a Presidential Scholar. Rhonda also has been selected to participate in a six-week study program at Oxford University and Stratford-on-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare.

William McDearmon, a 1980 AEP educational award winner, is beginning a five-year residency program in pathology at Bowman-Gray Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC. He is the son of Mac McDear-

mon, retired appraisal engineer, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Allison, daughter of Nelson Lam, classification supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma national honor society in business and management at Virginia Tech. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the upper five percent of the junior class. □

Bluefield



Keith, son of Calvin Belcher, Welch meter reader, was inducted into the Mount View High School Quill and Scroll chapter. The international honorary society for high school journalists includes in its mem-

bership students who have excelled in the editorial, literary, business, and art departments of high school publications and who are in the upper third of their respective classes.



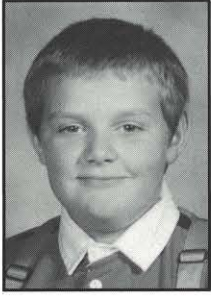
Barry, son of Rick Nowlin, surveyor assistant, was selected as an Academic All-American scholar. He is a senior at Princeton Senior High School.



Althea, daughter of Robert Nelson, custodian, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Princeton Senior High School.

New officers of the Bluefield Employees Club are **Eric Leef**, electrical engineer, president; **Linda Wiley**, secretary-stenographer, vice president; and **Phil Buchanan**, GO engineering technologist, secretary-treasurer. □

Philip Sporn



Monty, son of Judi Hunter, utility supervisor, was one of six children from Pomeroy Elementary School to participate in the Rio Grande College/Community College Enrichment Day. The program was attended by 300-400 gifted students from the four-county area of Jackson, Gallia, Meigs and Vinton. Monty was the only fourth grader to attend from Pomeroy. □

Charleston



Michelle, daughter of Mo Ahangardez-fooli, electrical engineer senior, won the 1988 Spring Olympics maverick gymnastics championship trophy in the floor exercise category of the 3-year-old division.

David Bush, assistant division manager, was elected to the Salvation Army board of directors.

Floyd Taylor, division manager, was named to the Charleston Regional Chamber of Commerce and Development board of directors.

Charles Bias, personnel assistant, was elected to the National Education Center Advisory board of directors in Cross Lanes.

Chris, son of Rodger Woodrum, energy services supervisor, won first place in the Kanawha County Social Studies Fair for his project on printing. His brother, **Andy**, received an honorable mention for his project on the U.S. Mint.

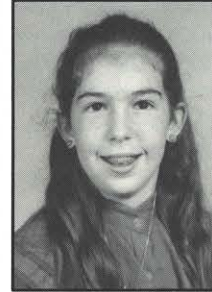
Jim Sullivan, personnel supervisor, was selected as an advisor to the West Virginia State College Business and Industry Cluster Program.

Dan Ellars, marketing and customer services representative, and **Don Nichols**, energy services engineer, received certificates of appreciation for their assistance to Cub Scout Pack 136 at the Mount Juliet Methodist Church.

Sarah, daughter of Jim Rentch, engineering technician, received a first place award in the Kanawha County Social Studies Science and Technology Fair in the psychology division of social studies. Her project was on teenage stress. She also placed third in the medicine and health division science category of the fair with the same project. □

Abingdon

Jimmy, son of J. L. Cook, station mechanic A, placed second in the Appalachian Area FFA Public Speaking Contest. He is a freshman at Abingdon High School.



Freddie, daughter of Phyllis Williams, Gate City junior clerk, won the Scott County spelling bee for the second consecutive year. A fifth grader at Shoemaker Elementary School, she defeated all division winners in the county in grades 3-7.

Farrah, daughter of Phyllis Williams, Gate City junior clerk, won second place in the Shoemaker Elementary School talent contest in Division K-3rd grade.

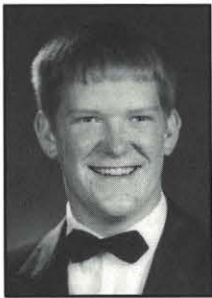
Cathy, daughter of J. L. Cook, station mechanic A, was selected a finalist for Virginia's eighth annual homecoming queen selection, held in Richmond. □

APCo team in JA Bowl-A-Thon

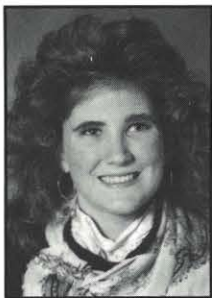


A team from Appalachian Power's Charleston Division participated in the first Junior Achievement of Kanawha Valley Bowl-A-Thon, which raised \$19,000 for the organization. Thirty-eight teams, consisting of 190 bowlers from business and industry, volunteered for the event. The APCo team members were, l. to r., Jerry Corder, line mechanic A; Bill Bostic, engineering technician senior; Steve Wilhelm, station superintendent; Frank Jones, line mechanic A; and Mike Norman from the Charleston newspapers.

Kanawha River

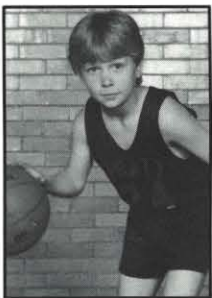


Joe, son of Mike Siemiaczko, assistant plant manager, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Gauley Bridge High School, where he is a senior.



Angie, daughter of Mike Siemiaczko, assistant plant manager, won first place in the Fayette County Science Fair with her project, the SAD Syndrome. She progressed to regional competition at West Virginia

Institute of Technology, where she received the Navy Science Award for superior achievement, allowing her advancement to national competition. Angie is a sophomore at Gauley Bridge High School.



Scott, son of Becky Hoover, plant clerk, was a member of the Pratt Trojans basketball team which captured first place in the Holiday Classic pre-season tournament and first place in the East Bank League of

Kanawha County Parks and Recreation. He is a fifth grader at Pratt Elementary School. □

Kingsport

Andrew, son of Bob Caldwell, station supervisor, was the recipient of the scholar athlete award at Sullivan North High School, where he excelled in varsity swimming, baseball, and academics.

Mickey, son of Carl Seaver, stores supervisor, was the recipient of several basketball honors while playing for Dobyins-Bennett High School: All-State basketball, most valuable player in East Tennessee; All-East Tennessee first team; and the 14th top college recruit in Tennessee. □

Scout troop earns \$1,000 grant



Boy Scout Troop 1 of Princeton, West Virginia, has received a \$1,000 grant through The General Telephone of the South's 1987 Volunteer Initiatives Program (VIP). General Telephone Employee Jerry Hajenga, Scoutmaster of Troop 1, earned the grant by volunteering more than 200 hours with the troop during 1987. Rick Nowlin, Bluefield surveyor assistant, is assistant Scoutmaster. L. to r., Rick Nowlin and Jerry Hajenga.

Lynchburg

Several employees will serve as members of budget review panels responsible for evaluating the services and programs of assigned agencies for the United Way of Central Virginia and recommending appropriate levels of financial support for the agencies. They are: **Fred Austin**, line crew supervisor exempt; **Tony Woodall**, energy services engineer; **Mel Wilson**, administrative assistant; **David Gordon**, electrical engineer senior; and **David Humphreys**, customer accounts assistant. □

Glen Lyn

Terry, son of David Moulder, maintenance mechanic C, has been promoted to the rank of specialist 4 in the Army. He is a bridge crew member in West Germany with the 12th Engineer Battalion.

William, son of George Evans, performance engineer senior, has been named vice president and controller of the Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation, Richmond, Virginia.

Jeff Wiegand, performance engineer, and **Randy Nicewonder**, personnel supervisor, won the Greater Bluefield Jaycee Doubles Bowling Tournament with a combined score of 1299 pins. Jeff, who only recently began bowling competitively, finished the tournament with a 703 series. Proceeds from the tournament, which ran three weeks and drew 120 entries, went towards the construction of the Greater Bluefield Community Center. □

Central Machine Shop

Randall, son of Paul Roberts, winner 1st class, was awarded a four-year scholarship in music performance at Glenville State College.

Bryan Mabe, production engineer, and **John Gatskie**, equipment inspection superintendent, participated in the 105-mile bike tour of the Scioto River Valley from Columbus to Portsmouth, Ohio, last month. □

Pulaski

Barry Hicks, engineering technician senior, and his wife **Wanda** are serving their fourth consecutive year as co-presidents of the Carroll County Athletic Association. Helping out as sales people for the fundraising raffles and concession stand attendants are **Tommy Alderman**, line crew supervisor NE; **John Collins**, area T&D clerk A; **Dan Tickle**, area supervisor; and **Ken Gunn**, marketing and customer services advisor.

Dorothy Whitaker, retired personnel assistant, will serve as a delegate for the Wytheville District to the Holston Annual Conference in conjunction with the First United Methodist Church.

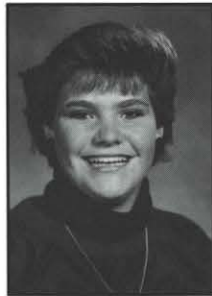
Ella, daughter of Buck Buchanan, Pearisburg area service restorer, won the Miss Giles County Farm Bureau 87-88 contest. While at Giles High School, she was involved in varsity basketball, volleyball, and track. She graduated with honors and an advanced diploma.

Kirk, son of Linda Jennings, personnel assistant, took second place in the art show held at Pulaski County High School for his collage of eyeglasses.

Phil Buchanan, a graduate of Washington & Lee University's law school, was

vice justice of the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity and treasurer of the Computers and Law Association. The son of Buck Buchanan, Pearisburg area service restorer, he was an AEP educational award winner in 1979. □

Centralized Plant Maintenance



Lisa Gay, daughter of George Starcher, maintenance mechanic A, has been named a United States National Award winner in band by the United States Achievement Academy. She was nominated

for the award by Kenneth Stutz, band director at Wahama Junior High School. Criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director. □

Logan-Williamson

Forty employees and guests participated in the Logan-Williamson Division Spring Golf Tournament at Twin Falls State Park. The first-place team was comprised of **C. R. Wilson**, retired marketing and customer services manager; **Joe Hall, Jr.**, electrical engineer senior; **Gene Bevins**, son of Ernie Bevins, customer accounts supervisor; and **Glen Hager**, brother-in-law of R. C. Adams, line and station superintendent. □

Births

Bluefield

Amber Jo, daughter of **Jody Lusk**, Welch meter electrician B, April 30.

Charleston

Derek, son of **Larry Massile**, engineering technician, April 7.

General Office

Kimberly Rhea, daughter of **Tim Earhart**, civil engineer-hydro, GO Hydro, Roanoke, April 18.

Matthew Thomas, son of **Tom Parr**, engineering technician, GO T&D Lab, Roanoke, April 18.

Michael McCoy, son of **D. L. Higgins**, station mechanic B, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, April 10.

Glen Lyn

LeAnna Dawn, daughter of **Mark Smith**, utility worker B, April 27.

Huntington

Aaron Lee, son of **Dale Whited**, parttime custodian, Ripley, April 26.

Kanawha River

Katie Lynn, daughter of **Joe Dye**, instrument mechanic B, April 27.

Mountaineer

Jared Andrew, son of **Nicholas Hill**, maintenance mechanic A, April 4.

Pulaski

Ryan Jordan, son of **Clyde Turner**, Pearisburg line mechanic B, April 26.

Roanoke

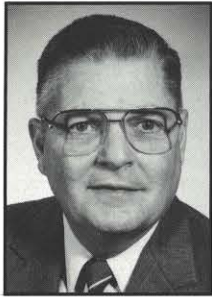
Brittany, daughter of **Herbert Coles, Jr.**, line mechanic C, April 20. □

Pulaski office wins cake from WBLB

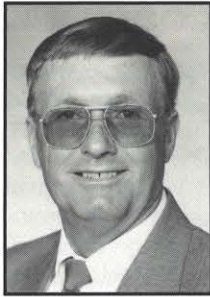


Shirley Moon, customer accounts representative B, entered Appalachian Power's Pulaski office in the WBLB Radio "office of the week" contest. The office received a cake inscribed with "thanks for listening, Accounting Department." Pictured, l. to r., are **Debbie Grubb**, customer accounts representative B; **Moon**; and **Jeanette Frazier**, customer accounts representative A.

Service Anniversaries



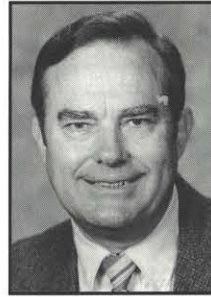
Carl Elkins
mk. & cust. serv. supv.
Huntington
40 years



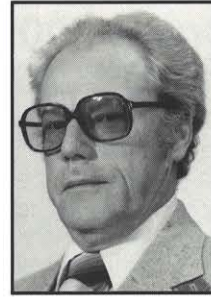
Pete Dove
trans. mechanic A
GO-Roanoke
40 years



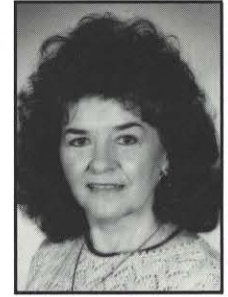
Bennie Thompson
shift op. engineer
Clinch River
40 years



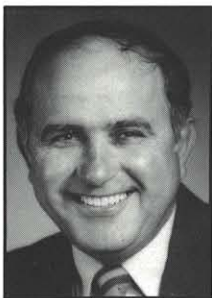
Bill Bias
M&CS rep. sr.
Madison
40 years



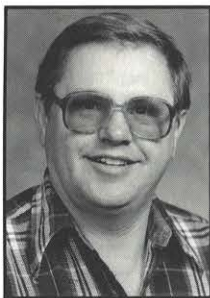
Robert Coffman
chemist assistant
Glen Lyn
35 years



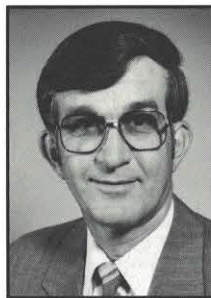
Joan Baird
cashier A
Point Pleasant
35 years



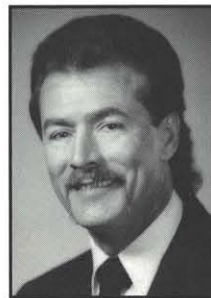
Fred Austin
line crew supv. E
Lynchburg
25 years



Larry Bird
meter electrician A
Logan
20 years



Dwight Kirby
control elec. A
GO-Kenova
20 years



Gerald Cunningham
line crew supv. NE
Lynchburg
20 years

Abingdon

10 years: **Helen Findley**, customer accounts representative B.

John Amos

15 years: **Duaine Cowley**, maintenance supervisor. **Gregory Dunlap**, maintenance mechanic B. **Gary Clark**, maintenance supervisor. **John Birchfield**, maintenance mechanic A. **Donald Parsons**, maintenance mechanic B. **Peter Carter**, maintenance mechanic B. **Ronnie Freeman**, maintenance mechanic B. **Arnold Beller**, maintenance mechanic B. **Tommie Bell**, maintenance supervisor. **Larry Tolley**, maintenance supervisor. 10 years: **Mary Cash**, custodian. **Freddy Sisk**, control technician senior.

Central Machine Shop

15 years: **Gene Perry**, production supervisor. **Carlton Asbury**, winder 1st class. **Bob Spencer**, machinist 1st class. **Jay McClung**, production supervisor. 10 years: **Pop McGee**, machinist 1st class.

Charleston

5 years: **Sandra Wright**, cashier B. **Patricia Kugler**, customer accounts representative C. **Calvin Woods**, meter electrician C.

Clinch River

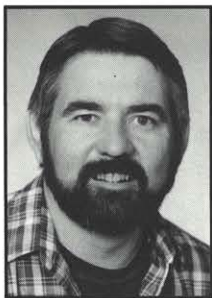
10 years: **Russell Ferguson**, maintenance mechanic C. **Ronald Harrison**, stores attendant.

General Office

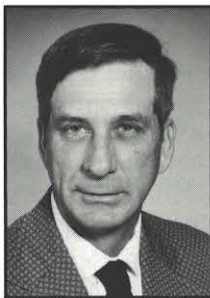
15 years: **Janie Ollie**, senior data entry operator, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 10 years: **Thomas Runyan**, station operator A, GO Operations, Huntington. **David McElraff**, regional dispatcher, GO Operations, Abingdon. **Lisa Lackland**, secretary-stenographer B, GO General Services, Roanoke. **Shelia Farmer**, personnel clerk B, GO Personnel, Roanoke. **Bill Crawford**, customer accounts coordinator, GO Marketing & Customer Services, Roanoke.

Huntington

15 years: **Larry Blain**, auto mechanic A, Point Pleasant. **Matthew Harmon**, engineering supervisor. **Charles Thompson**, meter electrician A. **David Morris**, line mechanic A. 10 years: **David Radcliff**, meter reader. **William Bradford**, electrical engineer senior.



David Baumgardner, Jr.
control electrician A
GO-Roanoke
20 years



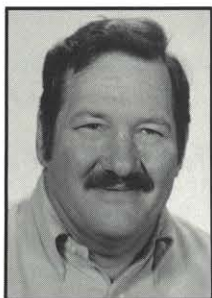
Warren Miller
transformer spec.
GO-Huntington
20 years



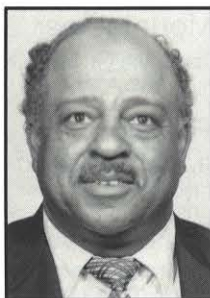
Wayne Adkins
asst. plant mgr.
John Amos
20 years



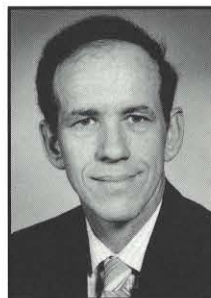
Jimmy Cox
plant clerk A
Clinch River
20 years



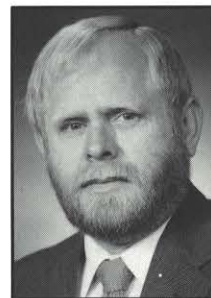
Teddy Pendleberry
utility operator A
Kanawha Valley Power
20 years



Jimmy Johnson
collector
Pulaski
20 years



Roger McComas
trans. sta. mech. A
GO-Kenova
20 years



Stephen Keaton
trans. sta. crew supv.
NE
GO-Bluefield
20 years

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Kanawha River

15 years: **Dennis Young**, maintenance mechanic B. **Thomas Cooper**, coal equipment operator. 10 years: **Paul Galloway**, maintenance mechanic B. **Sandra Pritchard**, maintenance mechanic B. **Clyde May**, equipment operator A. **Randy Kitchen**, equipment operator A.

Lynchburg

15 years: **Bill Hensley**, general servicer.

Roanoke

10 years: **H. S. Foster**, auto mechanic A.

Philip Sporn

10 years: **D. M. Harvey**, maintenance mechanic B. **R. L. Connolly**, equipment operator A. 5 years: **J. W. Morgan**, maintenance mechanic C. □

Promotions

(Continued from page 11)

Tucker Holdren from communications clerk C to communications clerk B, GO T&D Communications, Roanoke.

Fred Reed from general records clerk C to general records clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Huntington

Jon Atchley from marketing and customer services representative to administrative assistant A.

R. Joseph Haynes from administrative assistant A to public affairs coordinator, Amos Plant.

Kingsport

Bob Bennett from junior personnel assistant to personnel assistant.

J. T. Bruner from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Logan-Williamson

Kevin Bates from junior clerk to line mechanic C, Logan.

Mary Elizabeth Davis from secretary-stenographer to secretary.

Lynchburg

Jim Adams from department assistant-marketing and customer services to marketing and customer services advisor.

Janice Johnson from senior telephone operator to T&D clerk B.

Roanoke

Carol Huffman from real estate and right of way assistant to department assistant-marketing and customer services.

Andrea Thompson from T&D clerk B to department assistant-customer accounts.

Travis Williams from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

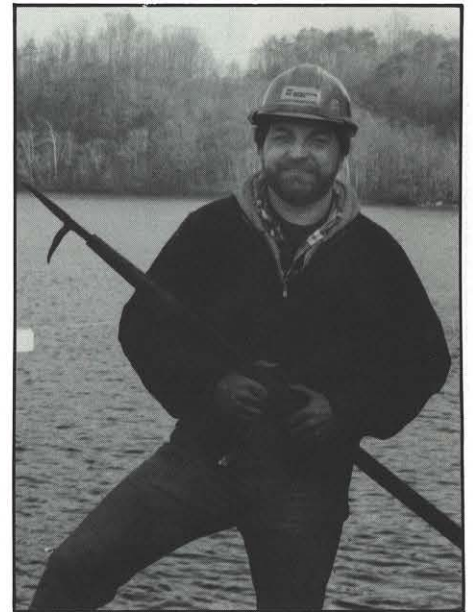
Robert McKinney, Jr., from drafter C to drafter B.

Eddie Allie, Jr., from customer accounts representative A to head meter reader. □

Eagle saves Labradors from drowning

The quick action of Kenneth Eagle, station mechanic B at Reusens Hydro, saved two Labrador retrievers from drowning in the James River earlier this year.

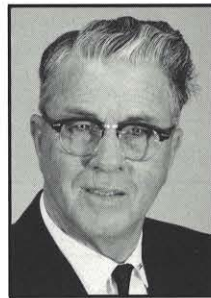
Kenneth recalls, "I had stepped outside to check trash in front of the A Building when I looked across the dam and saw a deer, which had broken through the ice, struggling in the river. It went under and drowned. Then I saw three Labrador retrievers, who also were struggling. One dog swam across toward the railroad tracks, and the other two finally made it on top of a piece of ice. The generators were running, so the river current was very strong. I could tell the dogs were nearly frozen, and I knew they would probably be pulled under the water. I waited until they floated in front of A Building. When I saw they both wore collars, I took our log pike pole, which has a hook on the end, and pulled them to safety. When I opened the plant gate, the dogs seemed to get their strength back. They crossed the tracks to where the other dog was waiting and



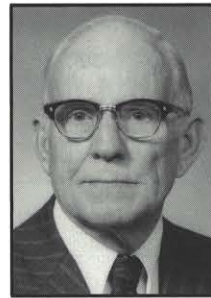
Kenneth Eagle

turned as if to say thank you before running up the hill." □

Friends We'll Miss



Donegan



Dingess

Joseph W. Donegan, 84, retired Charleston area serviceman, died May 7. A native of Bancroft, West Virginia, he was employed in 1924 as a groundman and retired in 1966. Donegan is survived by his wife Ethel, 215 Custer Street, St. Albans, WV; three sons; six daughters; 35 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

Norwood Dingess, 77, retired utility supervisor at Clinch River Plant, died April 27. A native of Henlawson, West Virginia, he began his career in 1941 as a coal handler at Logan Plant and retired in 1975. Dingess is survived by his wife

Ottie, Box 276, Cleveland, Virginia; two sons; one daughter; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Alden B. Carpenter, 78, retired chief of civil construction for John Amos Plant, died April 12. He began his utility career in 1954 as a civil engineer for OVEC and retired in 1974. Carpenter is survived by his wife Pauline, 106 Meadow Lane, South Point, Ohio, and three daughters.

Harry L. Gardner, 93, retired assistant secretary of Appalachian Power Company, died April 20. A native of Wheeling, West Virginia, he was employed in 1917 as office manager for Wheeling Electric Company and retired in 1952. Gardner is survived by his wife Edith, 1866 Arlington Road, Roanoke, Virginia.

Frank B. Woods, 78, retired stores classification clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, died April 27. A native of Simmonsville, Virginia, he joined Appalachian in 1936 as a clerk and retired in 1972. □



Roy Trent successfully performed the Heimlich Maneuver on co-worker Bob Hickman.

Trent saves co-worker from choking

"If it weren't for Roy, I wouldn't be here today," claims Bob Hickman, Kingsport line mechanic A. He is referring to co-worker Roy Trent, who came to Bob's aid when he became choked on a piece of food while eating.

Roy recalls, "A storm came through Kingsport and we were working on Saturday to restore service. We had worked six or seven hours, I guess, before stopping for a meal. I had finished eating and looked around and saw that Bob was red in the face. I asked him if he was all right, and he shook

his head 'no' and held both hands over his chest. I stood up and he stood up, and then I gave him four Heimlich maneuvers. On the fourth one, the food became dislodged.

"I'm glad I knew how to do it, but I didn't do anything anyone else couldn't have done," Roy says modestly. "We all have had first aid training. I just happened to get to Bob first."

For his lifesaving efforts, Roy has been awarded a certificate of recognition for extraordinary personal action by the Kingsport Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. □

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