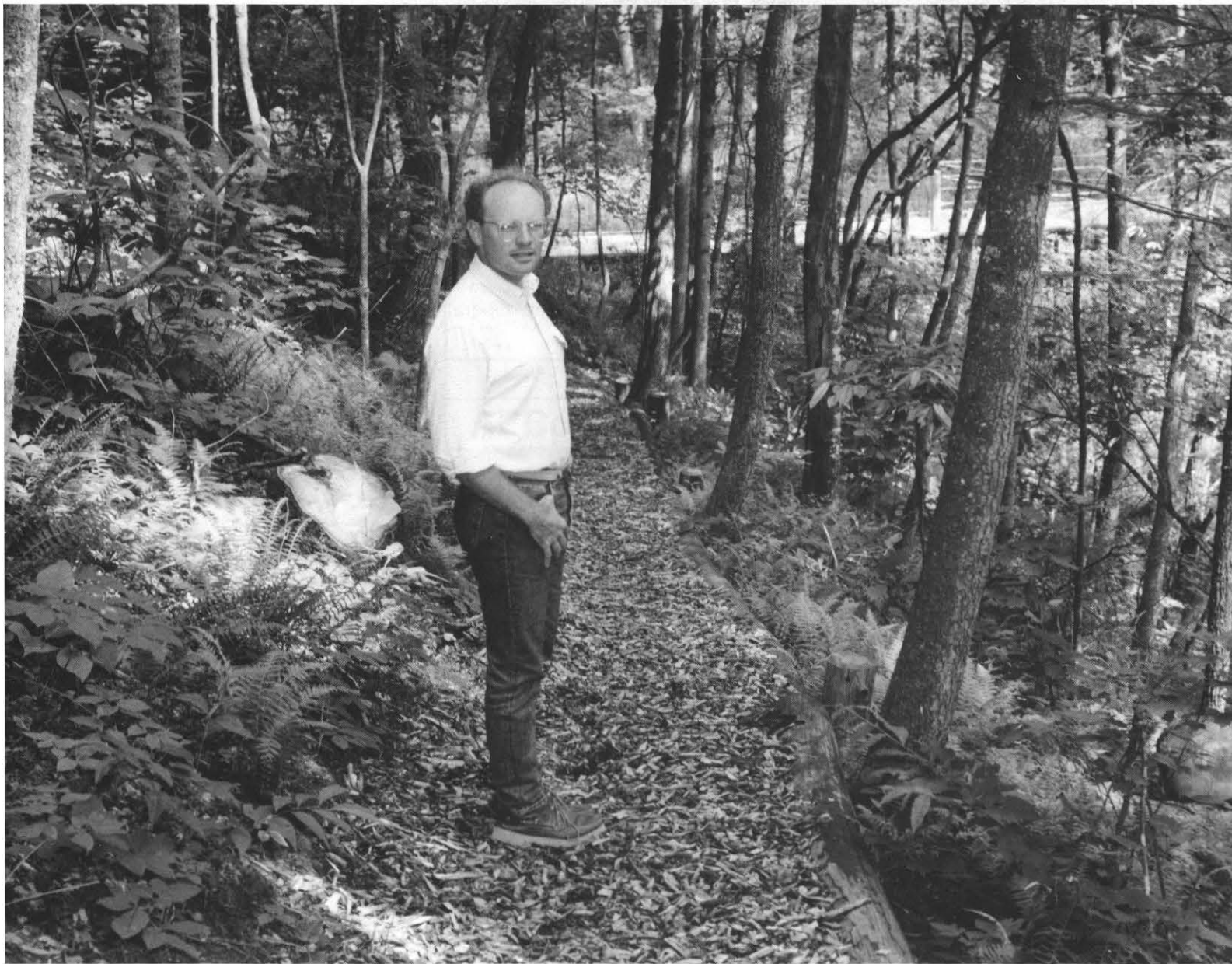


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## Diabetes support program introduced

A Diabetes Patient Support Program has been introduced by Medco, the administrator for AEP's prescription drug program.

This program is the first in a planned series of Medco Quality Care programs designed to help patients with chronic diseases better manage their own care, be more productive, and become prudent consumers of health care resources.

The Diabetes Patient Support Program is being implemented for AEP's medical plan participants who are insulin-taking diabetic patients and who receive their insulin prescriptions through Medco's National Rx Mail Service Pharmacy. The program provides — at no cost to the participants — periodic mailings of brochures, newsletters, self-assessment tools, and other support services to educate, motivate and empower patients to better manage their diabetes.

This better management may help reduce the likelihood and delay the onset of medical complications associated with this disease, increase the likelihood of better therapeutic outcomes, and help patients be more productive in their personal and professional lives through better control of their diabetes. Duplicates of the mailings are simultaneously being sent to patients' physicians to keep them informed of what their patients are receiving and to enlist their support. Also, by calling toll-free 1-800-446-7854, patients can talk with registered pharmacists who have been specially trained in diabetes care and counseling. □

## MCRA receives APCo building



Appalachian Power Company has donated its former office building on Wyoming Street in Welch to the McDowell County Redevelopment Authority (MCRA). The 9,540 square foot building has been vacant since Appalachian relocated its downtown office to its present location on Virginia Avenue in July 1990. Pictured at the presentation ceremony are: front row, l. to r., Troy Coyner, Welch area supervisor; Ted White, Bluefield division manager; Norman Clark, MCRA executive director; and Jay Divers, property representative B, GO T&D Land Management, Roanoke. Back row, l. to r., Dick Wilbur, MCRA board member; Dennis Altizer, McDowell County assessor; Bobby Lewis, McDowell County Commission president; Henry Paul, MCRA treasurer; and Bob Musser, MCRA chairman. Photo courtesy *The Welch Daily News*.

## APCo donates land to Wytheville CC



Appalachian Power Company has donated a tract of real estate appraised at \$25,000 to the Wytheville Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. The deed to the property was presented by Pulaski Division Manager Bob Kilgore, center, to Dr. William F. Snyder, president of WCC (left), and Anne Duncan, administrative director of the WCC Educational Foundation. The gift will directly benefit the Neighborhood Assistance Act Scholarship Endowment at WCC. The donation was made in conjunction with the Neighborhood Assistance Program, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Social Services, which addresses the needs of those students whose family or individual income is at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guideline. Almost 20 percent of the families in the college's service region will qualify. Photo courtesy *The Carroll News*.

## Power line awareness trail demonstrates

How does Appalachian Power Company maintain its rights-of-way? Employees and customers wanting this information can actually see for themselves by visiting the new power line awareness trail adjacent to the Beckley Service Center on Route 19 at Cranberry, West Virginia.

"The trail project was developed to serve as an ongoing demonstration area to show the results and benefits of our vegetation management program," said Ted McAllister, Beckley line construction and maintenance representative.

"By walking the trail, you can see our techniques for tree trimming, tree removal and replacement, selective clearing, brush disposal, herbicide applications, and reclamation practices."

Ted continued, "The idea for the trail originated last July, and we had a target completion date of September '93. With the cooperation of a number of Beckley employees, the trail is about 99 percent complete. The only thing we look to do in the future is continue to put wood chips along the trail — a maintenance activity which uses the by-product of our clearing process. We also hope to put up some signs for tree identification and signs which will identify where we have applied herbicides, trimmed trees, or cleared brush.

"This is really a good opportunity to show people what we do because we get a lot of calls from the public. In the course of my job, I give presentations to garden clubs and schools about such things as planting the right trees in the right places and why we have to trim trees. This trail will serve as another opportunity to demonstrate our environmental consciousness to the public," Ted added. "We get a lot of questions about herbicides — questions about their environmental impact and personal safety."

An observation area, approximately two-tenths of an acre, next to the employee parking lot at the Service Center provides a group viewing zone for demonstration of activities within the rights-of-way.

The 1300 ft. long trail winds through



Firewood and erosion control are benefits of the vegetation management program. Brush is cut and mulched to lie as close to the ground as possible.

both 138 kV right-of-way and distribution right-of-way, traversing varying ecosystems.

"Right now we have invested about \$7,000 in the trail," Ted added, "about what it costs the company for one mile of clearing for new line construction.

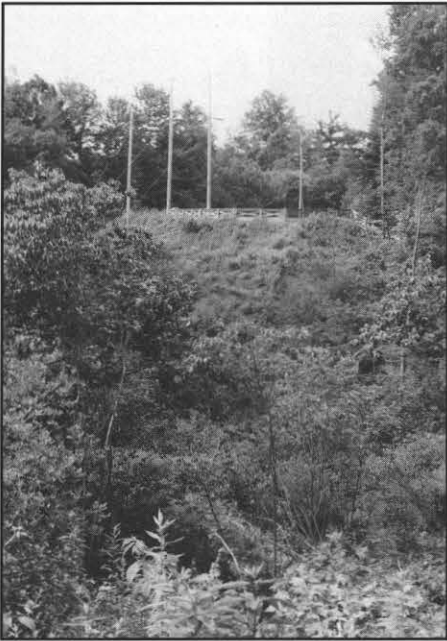


The Beckley Line Department constructed this footbridge across a wet area along the trail.

That includes material for the fence and bridge and construction by outside contractors. The crossties which outline the trail were donated by the City of Oak Hill. The rest of the material is recycled, such as old poles taken out of stock and wood chips which are by-products of our clearing process. Our Station Department constructed the fence, and our Line Department built the wooden bridge. Engineering Department employees volunteered to plant White and Korean Dogwood at the observation area in recognition of Arbor Day. They also planted native plums in the bottom wet area of the trail for the benefit of wildlife."

The trail was opened for the first time on August 31. Representatives of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Council, West Virginia Tourism and Parks, the Raleigh County Commission, the West Virginia Department of Highways, and the Public Service Commission were invited to attend a demonstration of the company's low-volume foliar herbicide application, an environmentally and economically responsible alternative to manually cleared rights of way. □

# APCo's vegetation management program



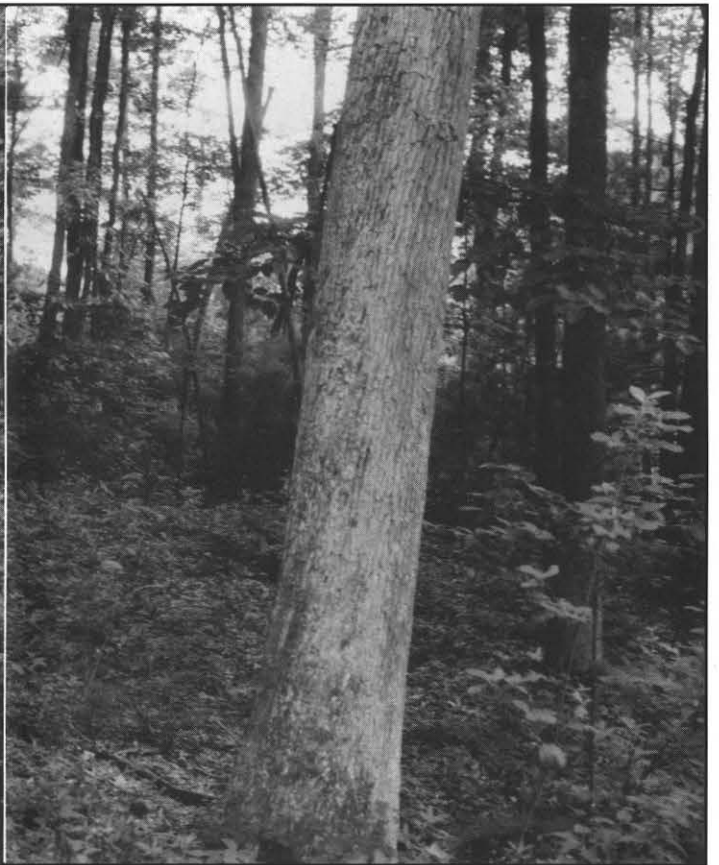
Dogwoods and wild azaleas are compatible with overhead distribution and transmission facilities.



Right-of-way edge effect enhances the wildlife habitat. The trees on the left were maintained with an aerial saw; trees on the right are non-maintained.



A wetland ecosystem adjacent to a maintained right-of-way.



A trail view of a woodland ecosystem.

## GO General Services celebrates 13 safe years



Employees of General Office General Services recently celebrated 13 years without a disabling injury. During that time, employees worked 1,780,000 hours and drove 8,850,000 miles. For their accomplishment, employees were treated to refreshments.

## Roanoke general departments work 7 years without disabling injury



Employees of the Roanoke General Departments enjoyed a catered breakfast in recognition of their having completed seven years of service without a disabling injury. Pictured above with their safety recognition plaques are: front row, l. to r., Tim Mallan, GO Environmental Affairs; Terry Eads, GO Rates, Tariffs and Contracts; Bob Biggs, GO Purchasing; and Ed Bradley, GO Human Resources. Back row, GO Marketing and Customer Services; Joe Vipperman, GO Executive; Dean Price, GO Land Management; and Dick Burton, GO Public Affairs.

## AEP Savings Plan Funds

Following are investment rates of return for the period ending June 30, 1993.

	<b>Last 12 months</b>
Fixed Income Fund	8.6%
Equity Fund	13.6%
AEP Stock Fund	26.7%

Corresponding future rates of return will be affected by stock market prices or, in the case of the Fixed Income Fund, the addition or replacement of fixed income funding segments.

Participants may change their investment fund choice twice in any calendar year. In addition, the percentage rate of matched and unmatched contributions may be changed twice in each calendar year. See the savings plan booklet in your Protection Program Manual for details. □

## Kanawha employees named "UKV Persons of the Week"

For their efforts to make the wish of a five-year-old cancer victim come true, the employees at Kanawha River Plant have been named UKV Persons of the Week by *The Montgomery Herald*.

The grandson of Kanawha River Custodian Naomi Carpenter, Dustin Garrison actually had two wishes — one to visit Disney World and the other to meet race car driver Kyle Petty.

"There are several people at the plant who are really into racing," explained Brenda Neil, human resources clerk A. "They felt they had enough contacts to arrange the meeting with Petty if the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern West Virginia could send Dustin to Disney World. It was amazing how everybody worked together to make his wishes come true."

She continued, "We had biscuit and gravy sales here at the plant. Naomi and I made some biscuits and Donald Burnside, stores attendant, contacted McDonald's, Tudors Biscuit World, and Hardees, who donated biscuits to go along with ours. The girls in the office cooked pinto beans, and we sold beans and cornbread. We held bake sales, and a lot of men brought in things their wives had made. Donald made a wishing well with a poem about Dustin on top, which we placed here at the plant for people to drop money in. We had contractors at the plant then, and they donated a lot of money along with our own people. It was just an all-out effort by everybody."

The Disney trip and a luncheon date with Petty was arranged; but, when Dustin arrived in Charlotte, N. C., he was too ill to go to the track. The family turned around, hoping to make the trip later, but that wasn't to be. Dustin passed away within a few days.

"Time just ran out," Naomi said. She and his other family members miss him terribly, especially his little sister. "His little sister is two," Naomi added. "She cries every day. She asks her mother where Dustin is, and she tells her he's in Heaven with Jesus. She'll say, 'Well, Jesus, tell Bubby night-night.' She misses him a lot."

Kanawha employees raised \$2,900 in all, some of which was spent for the trip



Kanawha River Plant Manager Mike Siemiaczko, center, accepts a plaque from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern West Virginia "in recognition of outstanding support in helping make special children's wishes come true." Making the presentation were Bob Kimball, left, and Toni Hively.

to Charlotte and some was donated to the Garrison family. The remaining \$1,800 was donated in Dustin's name to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Dustin accomplished something in his short lifetime that many of us never do — he brought people together in a common cause to do something for a fellow human being.

"Some of the people at the plant had never even seen Dustin," Naomi noted, "but they supported him. They really



Employees and contractors at the plant tossed their change into this wishing well made by Donald Burnside.

did a lot of hard work here. I just can't say enough about them."

Toni Hively, executive director of Make-A-Wish, agrees. "I just can't say enough about the people at the Appalachian Power Company. That was truly people working together and caring together — a lot of hard-working people who really had to reach deep."

An article in *The Montgomery Herald* read, in part, "Many of the fund raisers probably realized that something so tragic could just as easily have hit someone they loved. Many probably responded simply because there was a need. Whatever the compelling reasons, these people took action. For their goodness and grace, we are proud to name the employees of the Appalachian Power Company plant at Glasgow as UKV Persons of the Week." □

## CAP provides help in Midwest flood disaster

To say that Larry Thompson, Huntington line mechanic A, had a memorable birthday on July 28 would be an understatement. Commander of the Ashland Boyd Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, he spent five days, including his birthday, in Missouri helping out in the Midwest flood disaster relief efforts.

The CAP civilian volunteers provide benevolent and non-combat support to all military branches, emergency services, and service organizations such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. "We are very heavily involved in disaster relief work," Larry said, "and the National Guard asked for our help in the sandbagging operation at Cape Girardeau, about 100 miles south of St. Louis, Missouri.

"We had been anticipating for some time that we would be called upon to help in the flood effort, and we had already compiled a roster of people who could participate in the mission. When the word finally came down about 10:30 p.m. on July 25, all I had to do was make a couple of phone calls, and everybody was ready to go. There were six people from my unit, and we picked up another nine at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.



A1/C Alan Carter, left, and Cpt. Larry Thompson review equipment checklist.

"We had expected to hitch a ride on a military aircraft, but they were all tied up so we had to drive. As ranking officer, I was in command of the Kentucky squadron working in Missouri."

Larry continued, "There were a lot of National Guard, Red Cross, and Salvation Army workers there. The Red Cross had set up cots for us in a church and provided two meals a day. Businesses like McDonald's and Hardees provided

breakfast every morning. Schools were opened so people could shower there.

"It was amazing how people responded to the call for help. Volunteers from toddlers all the way up to people in their 80's pitched in. Most of the sandbagging was done at a little town called Jackson, which was not in danger. In fact, it hadn't rained there in weeks. It was hot and dry, and everything was brown.

"We worked 14 hours a day, filling sandbags. We placed them on pallets, which were transported to the flooded area in a continuous train of Army trucks."

Larry added, "Without question, this was the biggest disaster I have ever been associated with. The thing that will stay with me forever is the way all the people came together in time of need. Local residents who weren't affected turned out to help those in neighboring towns who were in very, very serious trouble. Businesses weren't worried about who would pay for breakfast or how many hamburgers you got. If you were working in the flood effort, they just said take whatever you need and go with it. We appreciate your help."

Larry said, "I can't say enough about the young people in our unit who went. (One of them was Allen Carter, 16-year-old son of Ann Carter, Huntington line mechanic C.) They were enthusiastic about going and kept calling me at home to see if I had heard anything. They knew people needed help, and they were more than willing to give up their summer fun activities and take time off from their summer jobs to go. I think it speaks well of the character of the young people in our unit."

This is the second disaster this year in which the Ashland Boyd Composite Squadron has helped out. During the March blizzard, they used four-wheel drive vehicles to transport blood from the Huntington hospitals to those in Ashland, Ky. They also transported key utility personnel, such as water plant people, to maintain essential services. □



Members of the Ashland Boyd Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, load a van prior to leaving on the Missouri disaster relief mission.



## Retirements



**“Y**ou can look out the window from here at Sporn towards Mountaineer Plant and just about have my life history,” said **Bill Cook**.

Born at Graham Station, W. Va., Bill joined Appalachian as a system utility helper after four years with the Air Force during the Korean War. “I hired on here at the Sporn Station in 1956,” he recalled, “and transferred to the new Tri-State Dispatching Center they were setting up at Huntington in 1967.” He came back to Sporn Station in April 1978 as regional chief operator and held that position until his early retirement on September 1.

“I enjoyed working with the people,” Bill said. “We’ve had some exciting times. During a severe lightning storm, we lost the concrete lab,” he recalled. “We had a fire and everything else. You can expect anything at any time; we’ve had many different cases of trouble.”

Bill says he plans on being a gentleman farmer after retirement. “I have about 30 acres on which I raise beef cattle,” he said. “There are two special places I want to visit, however — Alaska and Hawaii.”

Bill and his wife Rosemary, who have three sons and three grandchildren, reside in Pomeroy, Ohio. They attend the United Methodist Church. □



**“I** consider myself very fortunate to have worked for such a fine company as Appalachian. It has wonderful benefits, especially the savings plan,” said **Doug**

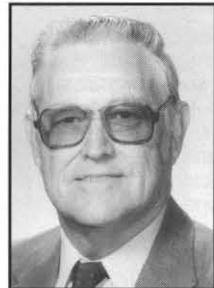
**Martin**. He was clerical supervisor-T&D at Fieldale before electing early retirement on September 1.

Doug continued, “Except for two years of military service during the Korean

War, I spent my entire 42-year career in the T&D Department. I enjoyed all my job assignments; and, since moving to the Records Section in 1967, I have seen many changes. I especially enjoyed compatible units and the use of computers in our work. Working in the Records Section brings you in contact with many people in the company, and I’ll miss that.”

He added, “My wife Betty elected early retirement from E. I. DuPont and has really enjoyed it. We plan on taking bus tours to various places of interest, and this fall we will join a couples bowling league.”

The couple attends Ft. Trial Christian Church, Bassett. □



**R**aising Limousin cattle will become a full-time occupation for **J. C. King** following his early retirement from Appalachian Power on September 1. A 42-year veteran, he

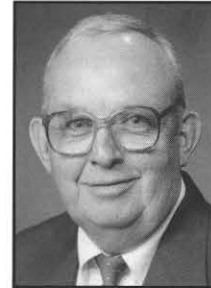
was a meter service mechanic A at St. Albans.

“I have a small farm on 18 Mile Creek at Buffalo,” he said, “and I’ve been raising beef cattle for a long time. I have a boy who helps me, or I probably couldn’t have done it.”

J. C. began his utility career in 1951 as a groundman at Charleston and transferred to the meter department ten years later. “It has all been an interesting experience really,” he said, “and I have enjoyed working with the people. I guess what I appreciated most was the steady employment.”

Between Appalachian and the farm, J. C. has had little time for hobbies. “I hunt a little bit,” he added. “I don’t travel much, but I don’t know what I might do after I retire.”

He and his wife Anna have three sons, three daughters, and five grandchildren. □



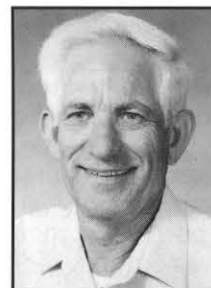
**“I** enjoyed it,” said **Harry Buston III**, Bluefield meter electrician A, about his 38+ years with Appalachian Power. Hired in 1954 as an office messenger, the majority of

his career was spent in the Meter Department. “Mainly I tested meters in the shop,” he said, “but I also tested rubber goods for a while until that job was moved to Roanoke.”

Harry, who has been on long term disability leave since November 1991, added, “I don’t know what I would have done without the LTD benefits.” He elected early retirement on September 1.

Harry spent four years on active duty with the Air Force and retired from the West Virginia Air National Guard, Charleston, as a master sergeant. He exercises at the Wellness Center five days a week and looks in on his elderly mother daily. He also is a trustee at the Fincastle Presbyterian Church.

Harry and his wife Joan have one son and three daughters. □



**A**fter nine years on long term disability leave, **Leslie ‘Mac’ McClellan**, Clintwood T&D clerk A, officially retired on July 1.

Mac began his utility career in 1957

following service with the U. S. Air Force in Japan and Okinawa. “I was in desperate need of a job; and, at that time, it was about all I could find,” Mac recalled. “But it worked out just fine.”

“You couldn’t ask for a better company to work for. We have excellent benefits, and it was a nice group of people to work with. The folks at the power company are just as close as family. The first year I was off sick, the crew came up and mowed my yard the whole season,” Mac noted, “and I’d like to thank them for that.”

## Bluefield derails Central Operating Company's bid for a "three-peat"

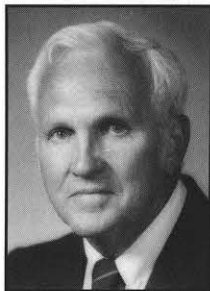
Mac's wife Lorena said, "Sickness is not a picnic, and I don't know what we would have done without the friends we made where we worked. They have helped us through this trying time. I'm really proud that he worked for the power company."

Mac and Lorena, who retired from the school board after 25 years' service, spend their time visiting with relatives, gardening, and taking care of the yard. "Occasionally we travel," Mac added. "Year before last we went out to the west coast and plan to do some more traveling shortly."

The couple, who has one daughter and two grandchildren, attend Clintwood United Methodist Church. □



Members of the Bluefield team which won the 8th annual APCo Employee Softball Tournament are: front row, l. to r., Dave Mann, retired line crew supervisor NE, Peterstown; Mark Blankenship, line mechanic A; Calvin Baker, surveyor assistant; David Thornton, line mechanic C, Peterstown; Robbie Bratsis, line mechanic B; Johnny Odham, line mechanic A; and Don Jones, line mechanic A, Princeton. Back row, l. to r., Kelvin Thompson, transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission; Darrell Havens, line mechanic B; Tony Combs, engineering technician; Donnie Bailey, line mechanic A; Jodie Lusk, meter electrician A; Keith Wiley, engineering technician, Princeton; Jamie Beckelhimer, meter reader, Princeton; and David Street, transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission.



**“W**hen I got out of the Marine Corps, the power company looked like the best place to work,” recalled **Bill Robertson**, Lynchburg station mechanic A. “I’ve

enjoyed what I did these past 39 years,” he added.

Bill, who elected early retirement on August 1, plans “to do just what I want to do.” He is past master and current assistant director of work of the Lynchburg Scottish Rite; past master, past district deputy, and current secretary of Marshall Masonic Lodge #39; and past commander, past district commander, and current western zone representative of baseball for American Legion Post #16. He also is a trustee of the First Southern Methodist Church.

Bill and his wife Geraline have one son and one daughter. □

The 8th annual APCo Employee Softball Tournament was held June 26-27 at General Hartinger Park, Middleport, Ohio. Skip Johnson, Philip Sporn equipment operator B, was tournament coordinator.

The final game for both teams would determine this year's champion.

The stage was set for the upset-minded Bluefield team, which turned in a gutsy performance against the two-time defending champion Central Operating Company team.

The visiting Bluefield crew opened up

with two runs in the first and second innings and never looked back. Adding one in the third, another two spot in the fourth, and a final one run in their half of the sixth, the “Blue Crew” ended Central Operating's chance of a “three-peat” in '93 with an 8-3 victory over the home team.

Bluefield's attack was paced by Mark Blankenship, Anthony Combs, Dave Thornton, and David Street with two hits each.

Bluefield will be the host team for the 1994 tournament. □

# Promotions

**Roger O'Dell**, Milton customer services office supervisor, was promoted to Point Pleasant customer services office supervisor on August 1. He holds associate in science and bachelor of business administration degrees from Ohio University.

**Darrell Guill, Jr.**, regional dispatcher, Turner Regional Dispatching Center, was promoted to assistant regional chief dispatcher, Tri-State Regional Dispatching Center, on June 1. He holds associate of applied science and bachelor of science degrees in electrical engineering technology from Bluefield State College.

**Kevin Brown**, Mountaineer plant engineer II, was promoted to plant engineer I on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology and a master of business administration degree from California University of Pennsylvania.

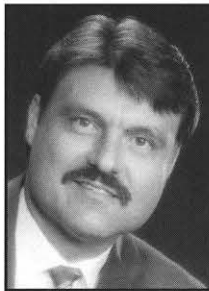
**David Oliverio**, Pulaski building supervisor, was promoted to building maintenance supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, on August 1. He holds bachelor of science degrees in landscape architecture and industrial engineering from West Virginia University.

**Jeff Hutchison**, Huntington customer services assistant, was promoted to Milton customer services office supervisor on August 1. He holds associate in science and bachelor of business administration degrees from Ohio University.

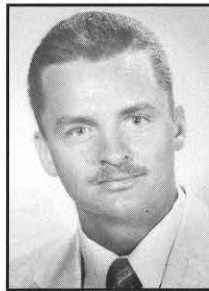
**Ronnie Perdue**, Kanawha Valley Power hydro plant supervisor nonexempt, was promoted to hydro plant supervisor exempt on August 1.

**Eric Leef**, Beckley electrical engineer I, was promoted to electrical engineer senior on August 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology and a master of science and engineering management degree from the University of West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

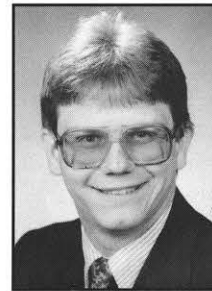
**Charles Powell**, engineer II, was promoted to engineer I, GO T&D Telecom-



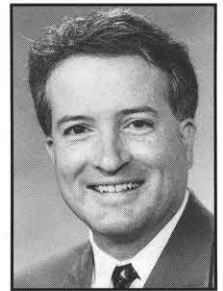
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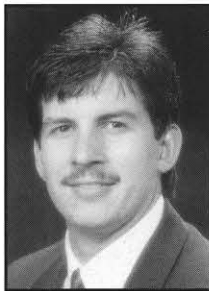
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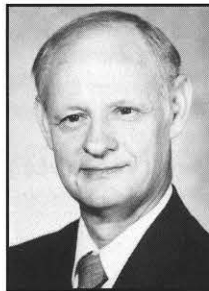
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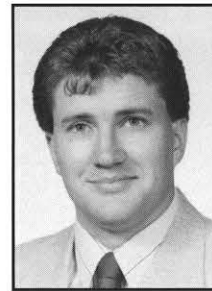
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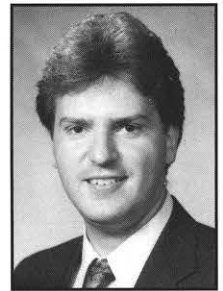
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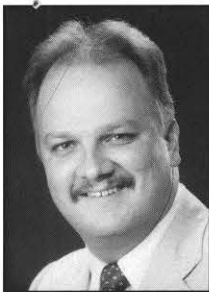
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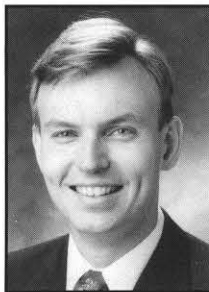
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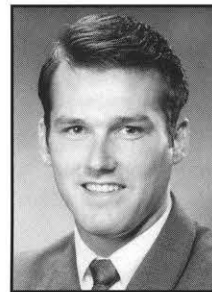
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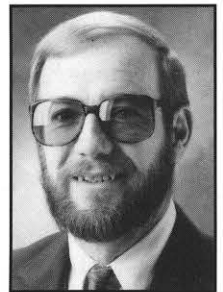
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**Jeff Tennant**, engineer II, was promoted to engineer I, GO T&D Telecommunications, Huntington, on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

**Tony Szwast, Jr.**, engineer II, was promoted to engineer I, GO T&D Telecommunications, Roanoke, on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from The Citadel.

**David Ball**, engineer II, was promoted to engineer I, GO T&D Relay, Huntington, on June 1. He holds a bachelor

of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

**David Williams**, programmer-analyst, was promoted to systems and procedures supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, on June 1. He holds an associate degree in business administration from Virginia Western Community College.

**Richard McLane, Jr.**, Montgomery line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor NE on July 10.

**Sheldon Taylor**, Pulaski station crew supervisor NE, was promoted to building supervisor on August 1.

**Randy English**, building construction administrator, was promoted to build-



McLane



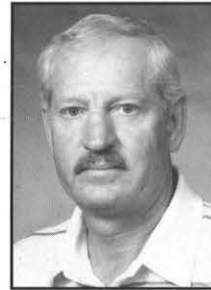
Taylor



English



Horn



Mullis

ing construction and maintenance superintendent, GO General Services, Roanoke, on August 1. He holds an associate degree in civil engineering from Virginia Western Community College and a bachelor of science degree in building construction from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

**Carol Horn**, Point Pleasant customer services office supervisor, was promoted to customer services coordinator, GO Marketing and Customer Services, Roanoke, on August 1. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Marshall University.

**James Mullis**, transmission mechanic A, was promoted to transmission station supervisor, GO T&D Station, Bluefield, on July 1.

**John Galatic**, engineer I, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, was promoted to engineer senior on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia University.

### Abingdon

**Gaynell Ray** from area T&D scheduler B to area T&D scheduler, Lebanon.

### John Amos

**David Erickson** from plant engineer III to plant engineer II.

### Beckley

**Hank Bostic** from T&D clerk B to T&D clerk A.

### Bluefield

**Michael Rose** from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Grundy.

### General Office

**Joe Manello** from clerk to intermediate clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke.

**Kelvin Thompson** from transmission mechanic C to transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

**Tim Stewart** from transmission mechanic C to transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission, Kenova.

**Harold Crosier** from computer graphics technician B to computer graphics technician A, GO T&D Engineering Graphics, Roanoke.

**James Garris** from transmission mechanic B to transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Bluefield.

**Keith Spencer** from transmission mechanic D to transmission mechanic C, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

**Cheryl Hunter** from engineer III to engineer II, GO T&D Station, Bluefield.

**Jeff Parsley** from real estate and right of way associate to right of way agent, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Charleston.

**Gary Rider** from engineering technician senior to engineering technologist I, GO Hydro, Charleston.

### Kingsport

**Patty Alley** from customer services representative III to customer services representative II.

**Brenda Moore** from clerk to intermediate clerk.

### Lynchburg

**Cecelia Jones** from T&D clerk C to T&D clerk B.

**Nancy McPhatter** from customer services representative D to junior stenographer.

**Ricky Fortune** from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

### Pulaski

**Mike Hunt** from electrical engineer III to electrical engineer II.

### Roanoke

**Robbie Jolly** from electrical engineer III to electrical engineer II.

**Carleton Russell** from electrical engineer III to electrical engineer II.

**Abner Jacobs** from meter reader to collector, Rocky Mount.

**Dale Ridgeway** from station mechanic B to station mechanic A.

**Don Sink** from clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke, to meter reader, Fieldale.

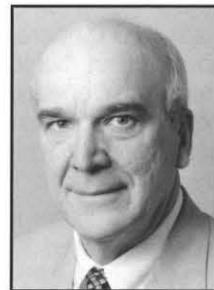
**Ben Michael** from line mechanic A to general servicer.

### Philip Sporn

**Jerry Fields** from barge handler to coal equipment operator.

**Gary Bumgarner** from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A. □

## Zagayko named CMS manager



Andrew R. Zagayko, senior engineer in American Electric Power Service Corporation's (AEPSC) mechanical engineering department, Columbus, was named manager of Appalachian Power's Central Machine Shop, effective September 1.

A native of New York City, Zagayko holds a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the U. S. Naval Academy and an MBA in finance from Old Dominion University.

Following ten years' service in the U. S. Navy, Zagayko joined Continental Can Company as a facilities engineer in 1973 and became supervisor of technology in 1974. He was the maintenance superintendent at Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company's Warrick Plant from 1976-78, when he joined the AEPSC as an engineer. He moved to Central Machine Shop as assistant manager in 1979 and returned to the AEPSC as a senior engineer in 1987. □

# Who's News

## Abingdon

**Pete Montague**, division manager, was reappointed to a three-year term on the business-related curriculum advisory committee of Virginia Highlands Community College. □

## Beckley

**Kasie**, daughter of Susie Hall, station mechanic B, was chosen head cheerleader for the Crab Orchard Elementary School Pandas for the 1993-94 school year. She also has a straight "A" average.

**Aaron**, son of David Ransom, Rainelle engineering technician, was selected as a member of the Western Greenbrier All-Stars little league baseball team.

**Dianna Gwinn**, Oak Hill customer services office supervisor, was chairperson of the first Fayette County American Heart Association Business Blitz, which raised \$800 for the organization. **Ruby Wright**, customer services representative C, served on the committee. □

## Charleston



Karla Schnell

The daughters of Meter Reader Charles Schnell have won several spelling awards. Last year, Agina and Karla made history by winning first and second place, respectively, in state competition. This was the first time members of the same family had won the championship. They both represented

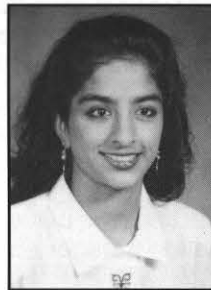
West Virginia at the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) North-east Region spelling bee. This school year, Karla won the state championship and placed second in the North-east Region spelling bee. At the ACSI national spelling bee in May, she was classified as one of the top 36 spellers in the nation. Karla also placed third in the ACSI state math reasoning competition.

**Wayne Pugh**, marketing and customer services manager, has been named second vice chairman of Junior Achievement of Kanawha Valley, Inc., for the 1993-94 fiscal year. □

## General Office



Deepa



Nanda

**Deepa Channaiah** was one of eight students to receive a CIA award for her science project at the Virginia State Engineering and Science Fair. She also received an honorable mention in the chemistry category for her project, "Wake Up and Smell the Caffeine," an analysis of caffeine concentrations in selected products. She also won first place and a \$50 Savings Bond at the regional competition. Deepa was the recipient of the Promethium Special Award from the Iota Sigma Pi National Honor Society for women in chemistry.

**Nanda Channaiah** was selected to attend the 1993 Virginia Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar at Old Dominion University. She also won third place in the 1992-93 citizenship essay contest, "The Ultimate Impact of One Vote — Mine", conducted by the Roanoke District Chapter of the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers. The twin daughters of A. C. Channaiah, staff engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, they attend Roanoke Valley Governor's

School for Science and Technology and William Byrd High School. The twins, who hold a diploma in Indian classical dance called Bharata Natyam, were selected to perform at the International Dance Festival, "Virginia Dance 93," in Richmond. Organized by WSET Public Television, the program will be aired in September. The twins, who give performances to educational, social, and cultural organizations, were featured in a recent *Roanoke Times & World-News* article.



**Travis**, son of Larry Slusher, hydro dispatcher, System Operation, and a student at Roanoke Catholic School, was awarded a \$100 scholarship for citizenship and grades. He also is the recipient of a Presidential Academic Fitness Award, 1993 certificate of excellence — national mythology exam; good citizenship medal; and an award from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. □

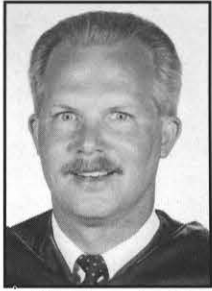
## Huntington

**Bradley** and **Katy**, children of Point Pleasant Area Manager Chuck Talley, competed in the national elementary chess championships. Ten-year-old Bradley placed 52nd out of 211 players in his section, and eight-year-old Katy placed 75th out of 475. Their teams placed 8th and 7th in their respective sections. Some 1,355 players from 36 states competed.



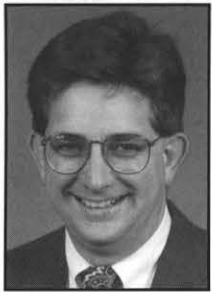
**Jennifer Ann**, daughter of Minnie Rowe, collector, is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship to Marshall University from the Hugh D. and Elizabeth Gwinn Stillman scholarship fund. A

third year student at Marshall, Jennifer is majoring in clinical psychology. Stillman is a former Huntington division manager.

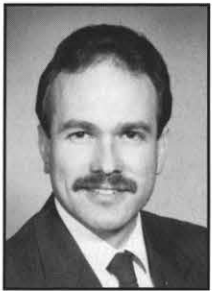


**Joseph Crum**, who received a Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, will continue his medical education with a one-year rotating internship at St. Francis Central Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is the son of Jim Crum, retired Ripley meter reader. □

## Logan-Williamson



Division Manager **Isaac Webb** was elected chairman of the 1993 Logan County United Way campaign.



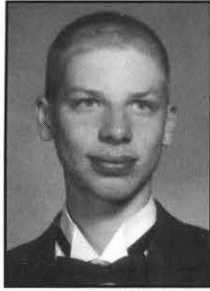
**John Myers**, marketing and customer services supervisor, was elected to a one-year term as president of the Logan Lions Club. □

## Lynchburg



**Joni**, wife of Ray Foster, line mechanic B, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Roanoke Academy of Medicine and a \$675 scholarship from the Lewis-Gale Foundation to attend the College of Health Sciences for the 1993-94 school year. She is majoring in physical therapy. □

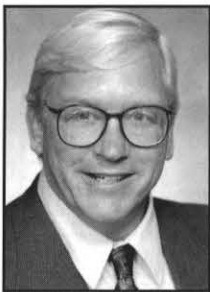
## Pulaski



**Cliff**, son of Nancy Phillips, customer services representative C, received the state FFA degree at the 67th Annual State FFA Convention. It is the highest degree of membership the Virginia FFA Association can bestow. A 1993 graduate of Pulaski County High School, Cliff was enrolled in agriculture education for four years. He has served the FFA chapter as treasurer and secretary and has been a member of several judging teams. His Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) was in off-farm work experience.

**Laura**, daughter of Linda Jennings, human resources assistant, attended the 1993 State 4-H Congress at Virginia Tech. In the Share the Fun competition, she placed third in the combination category, singing and playing the piano. □

## Mongan receives PG certification



Quinn Mongan, environmental specialist II, GO Environmental Affairs, Roanoke, has successfully completed the requirements to become a certified professional geologist (CPG) through the American Institute of Professional Geologists.

Mongan holds a bachelor of science degree in geology from Old Dominion University. □

## Philip Sporn



L. to r., Nicholas Dalton, Seth Matheny, and Hunter Roush.

Nicholas, son of Reese Dalton, equipment operator C; Seth, son of Curt Matheny, maintenance supervisor; and Hunter, son of Buck Roush, maintenance mechanic B, were members of the Rotary Team in the Jack Rogers Baseball League. Their regular season record was 14-0, and they won both the Green and League Tournaments. Reese was assistant coach. □

## Wed 50 years



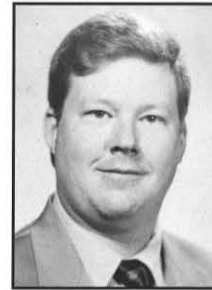
William and Jean Blakely Belchee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family reception hosted by their children on July 24. Belchee is retired Bluefield Division manager. The couple has one son, one daughter, and five grandchildren.

## Logan holds Island Creek Sweep

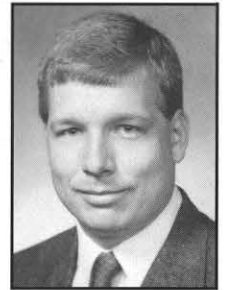


The portion of Island Creek which divides the Logan Service Center property is cleaner now, thanks to the efforts of several Logan employees and family members. They volunteered their time one Saturday in July to remove tires, trash, and other debris which had been carried from upstream and deposited along the creekbank and against bridge piers at the service building. A 30 cubic yard dumpster was filled to capacity by the end of the cleanup.

## Four employees earn PE status



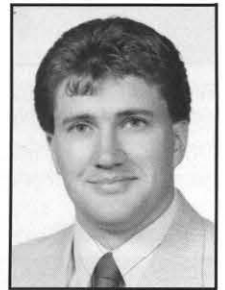
Friend



Hevener



Sink



Leef

Four Appalachian Power employees have been certified as registered professional engineers. Fred Friend, Charleston electrical engineer, and Tom Hevener, Bluefield electrical engineer senior, were certified in West Virginia. Eric Leef, Beckley electrical engineer senior, and Wayne Sink, station supervising engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, were certified in Virginia.

Friend, Hevener, and Leef hold bachelor of science degrees in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology. Leef also holds a master of science and engineering management degree from the University of West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. Sink holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. □

## Bluefield aids flood victims



Bluefield employees located in the downtown office and service center collected a pickup truck load of cleaning supplies, tools, and toys to be included in the local United Way's shipment of goods to Bluefield's sister city in the flood-ravaged Midwest. Pictured above are, front row, l. to r., Bobby Ratcliffe, Ted White, and Linda Wiley. Back row, Pat Banks, Sue Hankins, Ben Donevant, Tom Johnson, and Rick Nowlin.

# Weddings

## McNeal-Dennis



**Wendy Dennis** to Shawn McNeal, May 15. Wendy is the daughter of Kevin Dennis, Mountaineer Plant supervising engineer-environmental.

## Siemiaczko-Huffman



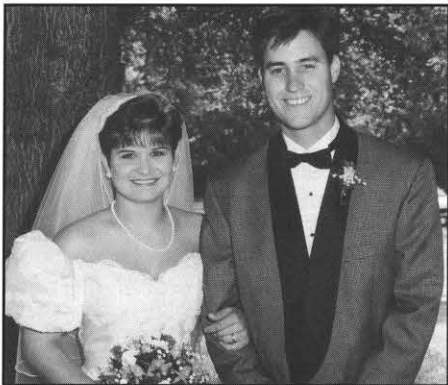
Robin Huffman to **Joe Siemiaczko**, May 29. Joe is the son of Michael Siemiackzo, Jr., Kanawha River Plant manager.

## Christian-Baker



**Alisa Dawn Baker** to Brian Scott Christian, May 22. Alisa is the daughter of Calvin Baker, Bluefield surveyor assistant.

## Clark-Price



Angelia Price to **Christopher Clark**, July 19. Christopher is the son of Haze W. Clark, Jr., Lebanon meter reader.

## Johnson-Pollard



Sharon Pollard to **Fred "Rusty" Johnson**, August 1. Rusty is the son of Peggy Johnson, Abingdon secretary.

## Richards-Gordon



**Kristi Dawn Gordon** to Douglas Edward Richards, July 24. Kristi is the daughter of Preston Gordon, Pulaski custodian.

## Lilly-Pittman



Cindy Pittman to **Rich Lilly**, Beckley drafter, May 1.

## Blevins-Burkett



**Cindy Burkett** to Eric Blevins, July 10. Cindy is the daughter of Berkley Burkett, Marion meter reader.

## Boggess-Keefer



**Greta Keefer**, Point Pleasant T&D clerk B, to **Charles Boggess**, Ripley line mechanic A, June 12.



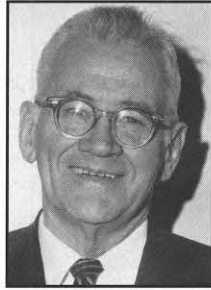
## Friends We'll Miss



Bragg



Everett



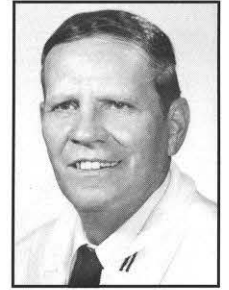
White



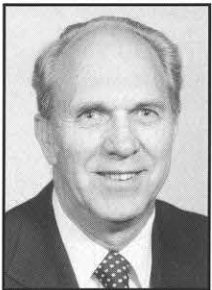
Abbott



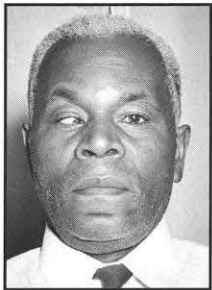
Spencer



B. Robertson



E. Robertson



Patterson



Dunham

**Homer E. Bragg, Jr.**, 74, retired Charleston customer accounts assistant, died August 8. A native of Glassaway, W. Va., he was hired in 1937 as a messenger boy and elected early retirement in 1980. Bragg is survived by his wife Evelyn, 2605 Parkview Drive, St. Albans, W. Va.; one son; one grandchild; and one brother.

**Mannie David Everett**, 89, retired Lynchburg janitor, died July 22. A native of Bedford County, Va., he was employed in 1933 and elected early retirement in 1968. Everett is survived by his wife Georgia, 309 Wyndale Drive, Lynchburg, Va.; one son; two daughters; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Bernard H. White, Jr.**, 92, retired Beckley customer accounts supervisor B, died July 14. A native of St. Albans, W. Va., he began his career in 1923 as a ledger clerk and retired in 1965. White is survived by his wife Sara, 8082 Greenbud Lane, #11, Glen Burnie, Maryland; one daughter; and one son.

**Jane H. Abbott**, 82, retired Charleston secretary-stenographer, died July 31. A native of Charleston, W. Va., she was hired in 1930 as a payroll clerk and elected early retirement in 1969.

**Ralph L. Spencer**, 80, retired Roanoke engineer B, died August 5. A native of Roanoke County, Va., he began his career in 1940 as a draftsman and elected early retirement in 1975. Spencer is survived by one daughter and two grandchildren.

**Eustace "Bud" Robertson**, 66, retired Beckley area servicer, died July 21. A native of Lochgelly, W. Va., he was employed in 1948 as a laborer and retired in 1991. Robertson is survived by his wife Elsie, P. O. Box 183, Lester, W. Va.; and three sons.

**Earle Gilbert Robertson**, 71, retired data processing supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, died July 16. A native of Roanoke County, Va., he began his career in 1941 as a meter reader and retired in 1986. Robertson is survived by his wife Jody, 324 Dent Road, Roanoke, Va.; one son; two daughters; four grandchildren; one sister; and one brother.

**Oscar Patterson**, 99, retired janitor, GO General Services, Roanoke, and Appalachian's oldest living retiree, died July 22. A native of Pittsylvania County, Va., he was hired in 1919 as a car washer and retired in 1959. Patterson is survived by two sons and four daughters

**James Alvah Dunham**, 66, retired energy services programs administrator, GO Marketing and Customer Services, Roanoke, died August 5. A native of Greenbush, Va., he began his career in 1951 as an engineer trainee and elected early retirement in 1987. Dunham is survived by his wife Lois, 3034 Stoneybrook Drive, Roanoke, Va.; one son; one daughter; and four grandchildren. □

## Two receive safety awards



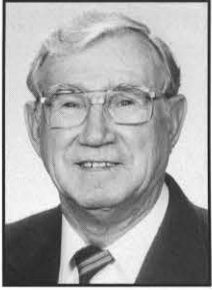
Eric Beane, left, and Robert Watson.

Two Charleston employees are the latest recipients of Appalachian Power's "I Buckled Up" award.

Eric Beane, line mechanic B, and Robert Watson, line mechanic A, were seated in a company vehicle which was struck from behind at a stoplight on April 27.

Because the men were wearing seat belts when the accident occurred, serious personal injury was prevented. □

# Service Anniversaries



**Clayton Barker**  
barge load/unload op.  
John Amos  
45 years



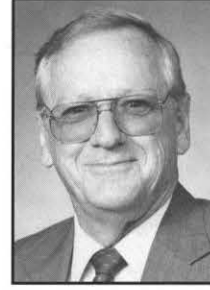
**Con Breeding**  
eng. supv. eng.  
GO-Roanoke  
40 years



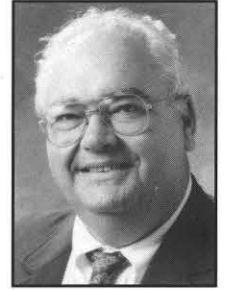
**Marshall Stevenson**  
plt. staff eng.  
Clinch River  
35 years



**Kay Jacobs**  
el. plt. clk. A  
GO-Roanoke  
30 years



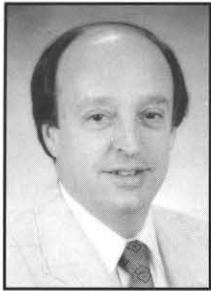
**Bill Franklin**  
telecom. supv.  
GO-Bluefield  
30 years



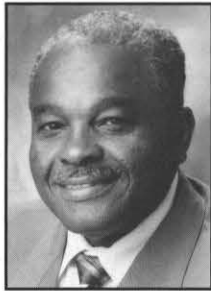
**Dan Vaught**  
energy serv. mgr.  
GO-Roanoke  
25 years



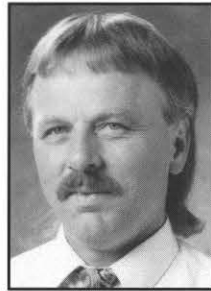
**Ben Jefferson, Jr.**  
line mechanic A  
Lynchburg  
25 years



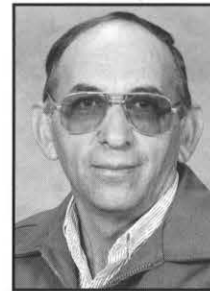
**Jim Nisbet**  
M&CS director  
Kingsport  
25 years



**John Dickerson**  
control elec. A  
GO-Roanoke  
25 years



**Jim Zimmerman**  
class. & A/P con. clk.  
GO-Roanoke  
25 years



**Kerr Baird**  
collector  
Point Pleasant  
25 years



**Jackie Houston**  
cust. serv. rep. A  
Princeton  
25 years



**Don Tackett**  
sta. crew supv. NE  
Charleston  
25 years



**Mona Sue Charlton**  
sr. tel. op.  
Charleston  
25 years



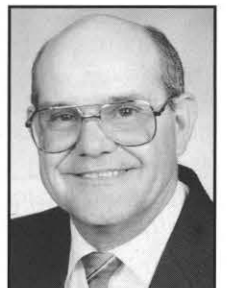
**Joann Richmond**  
cust. serv. rep. A  
Oak Hill  
20 years



**Sherrie Shrewsbury**  
cust. serv. rep. A  
Princeton  
20 years



**Steven Peay**  
maint. mech. A  
Kanawha River  
20 years



**Leonard Cornell**  
maint. mech. A  
Mountaineer  
20 years



**David Nance**  
electrical eng. sr.  
Huntington  
20 years



**Anna McCadden**  
cl. supv.-data entry  
GO-Roanoke  
20 years



**Bruce Casto**  
unit supervisor  
John Amos  
20 years



**Richard Craig**  
perf. tech. sr.  
John Amos  
20 years



**Freddie Elswick II**  
asst. shift op. eng.  
John Amos  
20 years

## John Amos

20 years: **Bob Dunn**, engineer B. 15 years: **Don Anderson**, coal equipment operator. **Mike Tyer**, equipment operator B. **Roger Green**, coal equipment operator. 10 years: **Bill Webb**, utility worker.

## Beckley

15 years: **Judy Smith**, custodian. 5 years: **Jeff Maynor**, electrical engineer senior. **Pat Richards**, line mechanic B. **Kevin Lemasters**, electrical engineer senior.

## Bluefield

20 years: **Butch Currence**, meter reader. 5 years: **Tammy Adkins**, T&D clerk B.

## Central Machine Shop

20 years: **Dale Donahoe**, NDE inspector 1st class.

## Charleston

15 years: **Kenneth Smith**, collector, Montgomery. **Arley Breeden**, line mechanic A. **Terry Shrewsbury**, line mechanic A. **Judy Wilmoth**, line mechanic A. **Dave Wehrle**, stores attendant A. 10 years: **Laben Prowse**, line mechanic B.

## Clinch River

15 years: **Stanley Campbell**, unit supervisor.

## General Office

20 years: **Randy Minnix**, data processing operator A, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 15 years: **Bob Whitaker**, station construction supervisor, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Clarence Snyder**, engineering technologist I, GO T&D Telecommunications, Huntington. **Russell Williams**, engineer senior, GO T&D Station Engineering & Design, Roanoke. **Tony Martin**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Joey Maynard**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Kenova. **Rodney Morehead**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Bluefield. **Randy Kessler**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Buddy Hypes, Jr.**, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield. **Charlie Akers**, transmission station mechanic C (LTD), GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Steve Azar**, transmission station mechanic B, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. **Kevin Pannell**, transmission station mechanic A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. 10 years: **Greg Arrington**, transmission station mechanic B, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. 5 years: **Steve Thomas**, transmission mechanic C (LTD), GO T&D Transmission, Abingdon. **Michael Williams**, station operator B, System Operation, Tri-State Regional Dispatching Center. **Earnie Akers**, transmission mechanic B, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

## Glen Lyn

15 years: **Dwayne Meadows**, equipment operator A. **Ricky Miller**, maintenance mechanic A.

## Huntington

15 years: **Debbie Burns**, customer servicer. 10 years: **Barbara Thompson**, T&D clerk B.

## Kanawha River

15 years: **John Jones**, maintenance mechanic B. 5 years: **Grafton Buzzard**, equipment operator C. **Rok Hoblitzell**, instrument mechanic A.

## Kingsport

5 years: **Brenda Moore**, intermediate clerk.

## Logan-Williamson

5 years: **Keith Farmer**, meter reader, Logan.

## Mountaineer

15 years: **Donna Morris**, human resources clerk A. 10 years: **Kurt Dailey**, human resources supervisor. **Kevin Rawlings**, coal handler. 5 years: **Bruce Humphrey**, control technician.

## Pulaski

20 years: **Mike Linkous**, meter reader.

## Philip Sporn

15 years: **Randall Boggs**, maintenance mechanic B. **William Ault**, material coordinator-maintenance. **Terry Whitlatch**, equipment operator A. **Ricky Stobart**, unit supervisor. 5 years: **Gregory Taylor**, plant engineer I. **J. L. Perry**, plant engineer I. □

# Births

## Beckley

Tyler Redmon, son of **Greg Eads**, marketing and customer services advisor, July 14.

## General Office

Kaleb Wesley, son of **Robin Lambert**, human resources clerk B, GO Human Resources, Roanoke, July 10.

Grayson Conner, son of **Greg Holland**, customer services coordinator, GO Marketing and Customer Services, Roanoke, May 26.

Sarah Rachel, daughter of **Jane Huff**, classification and accounts payable clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke, May 18.

Madeline Davis, daughter of **Steven Williams**, engineering technician senior, GO T&D Telecommunications, Roanoke, July 23.

Logan Philip, son of **Sherry Caldwell**, secretary-stenographer B, GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke, and **Eddie Caldwell**, engineering graphics supervisor, GO T&D Engineering Graphics, Roanoke.

Kendall Stewart, son of **Dave Barger**, engineering technologist, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, July 28.

## Glen Lyn

Benjamin Adam, son of **Daniel Nester**, maintenance mechanic C, April 21.

## Huntington

Taylor, son of **Ed Davis**, Milton line mechanic A, July 15.

## Logan-Williamson

Evan Tyler, son of **Mary Ann Browning**, part-time customer services representative D, Madison, June 30.

Jacob Donald, son of **Billy Smutko**, Madison line mechanic A, July 21.

## Lynchburg

Joni Louise, daughter of **Ruthie McGinn**, customer services representative C, July 26.

## Mountaineer

Bo-Dara Lee, daughter of **Ivan Powell**, coal equipment operator, March 12.

## Pulaski

Keisha Leigh, daughter of **Steve Dove**, Christiansburg line mechanic A, June 29.

Autumn Malorie, daughter of **Teena Myers**, customer services representative C, July 23.

## Roanoke

Sarah Marie, daughter of **Eddie Francisco**, load research data processor B, GO Rates and Contracts, Roanoke, and **Terry Francisco**, customer services representative B, July 9.

Amanda Paige, daughter of **Tammy Puckett**, customer services representative D, July 14.

## Philip Sporn

Raven Alexis, daughter of **Douglas Martin**, coal handler, July 11.

Timothy Tyler, son of **Timothy Tucker**, maintenance mechanic, July 20.

Nicklaus Dale, son of **Russell Saunders**, plant engineer I, and **Connie Saunders**, plant clerk A, July 23.

Erin Elizabeth, daughter of **Lori McKown**, plant clerk B, July 3. □

## Clinton look-alike to appear on Letterman show

Looking like the president can get a person far. It took Mike Watson to New York and will eventually bring him into homes across the nation on "The David Letterman Show."

Although Mike has been getting comments from people on his likeness to Bill Clinton since early in the 1992 presidential race, people who work for "The David Letterman Show" called him based on a photo his wife Donna, Point Pleasant marketing and customer services representative, sent into *Bubba*, a quarterly magazine about Bill Clinton.

The magazine asked for photos of men who look like Bill Clinton. Mike was one of five, chosen from six or seven that appeared in the magazine, to lunch with Letterman in New York.

Mike received a call on July 7, asking him if he would like to be filmed for the show. On July 11, he flew to New York where a limousine was waiting at the airport to take him to the Omni Berkshire Hotel in downtown New York City.

The next day Mike was taken to meet with Letterman's staff in the NBC studios. From there he was taken to an Indian restaurant in Newark, N. J. At the restaurant, the film crew was already in place, awaiting Letterman's arrival.

"Letterman arrived with cigar in hand and a beautiful model. After that he ordered us all lunch with all different kinds of food," Mike recalled.

The filming went on for about three and a half hours, during which Letterman asked the men what kind of experiences they had had based on their likeness to Bill Clinton. "It was a wonderful experience. He (Letterman) gave a lot of one liners, and we tried to have some laughs out of it," Mike said.

Besides a chance to be on Letterman's show, Mike also got to see New York with all his expenses paid. During the time he was there, Mike and another one of the Clinton look-alikes went out. "I got a lot of comments while I was in New York, more than around here because people know me," he said.

Mike said that most of the comments he gets are people coming up to him and asking him if anybody has ever told



Mike Watson (right) of Point Pleasant shakes hands with David Letterman at a restaurant in Newark, N. J. Mike was flown to New York for the taping of a David Letterman show because of his likeness to President Bill Clinton.

him how much he looks like the president. One of the more humorous situations occurred recently when Mike and Donna were in a local Bob Evans Restaurant and three older women, who thought he was the president, were sitting nearby. He heard one of the women say, "Yeah, and he's out with another woman again, too."

People who work with Letterman told Mike it would be at least two months before the sequence in the restaurant aired, partly because of Letterman changing networks from NBC to CBS.

"I don't really know what to expect as far as the show. When I talked to them, they told me they hadn't edited it yet. I could only be on 20 seconds," Mike said.

Of his overall experience and his impression of Letterman, Mike said, "It was really a lot of fun. Letterman went out of his way to take care of us." □

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