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An award for the company and an award for himself — Carol Shockey, Bluefield Division personnel supervisor, left, accepts both from Harry Slaughter, American Legion Commander of West Virginia. The Bluefield Division of the company was presented the Legion's Employer Citation for 1973, given to the company with the most outstanding em-

ployment policy as it relates to employment of veterans, particularly the handicapped. Shockey was commended for his efforts as chairman of the Veterans Task Force in Mercer County, which is dedicated to assisting Vietnam veterans find training and employment. The division will be recommended for the National Employer of the Year Award.

## Energy Measures

### In General Agreement With President, System Asks Action On Two Omissions

The American Electric Power System and the Administration are in general agreement on what President Nixon said in his long-awaited energy message to the American people last month. Where they differ is in what the President did not say.

In discussing the impact of the Administration's energy proposals upon the operations of the AEP System and its continuing ability to provide electric service to its 1,750,000 customers, Chairman Donald C. Cook called upon the Federal Government — the Congress, the Energy Policy Office and the Environmental Protection Agency — to "do something constructive" about two important omissions in the program as outlined. He asked that:

- The U. S. Department of the Interior immediately make available for mining the "billions of tons of low-sulfur coal in the Far West" that it had withdrawn several years ago from leasing for mining purposes.

- And that the EPA promptly permit the burning of "vast quantities of Eastern coal already available."

Cook said that such Eastern coal could be made available "overnight" by simply changing the EPA requirements with regard to sulfur-dioxide emissions from an emission basis (measuring SO<sub>2</sub> at the point of discharge in the atmosphere) to an ambient-air (ground-level) basis.

He maintained that, if the Administration continued to prevent the medium- and higher-sulfur coals of the Eastern coal provinces from being utilized, "there will be a continuing energy crisis throughout the United States and especially up and down the eastern portion of the country. This change in standards will have to

be made if the solution to the energy crisis is to be found."

In other words, it is the AEP System's position that the use of Eastern coals, complemented by the use of the tall-stack concept for maximum dispersion of emissions in the atmosphere and the use of sophisticated air-quality monitoring, is the most viable, workable solution now available, pending the development of reliable SO<sub>2</sub> controls, either before or after the coal is burned.

"Everyone who has studied the matter — free from the bias and prejudice of the rabid environmentalists — has concluded that air standards based on power-plant-stack emissions rather than ground-level concentrations are foolish and contrary to the public interest of the nation," Cook argued. "About the only people who do not now seem to know this are those officials of the EPA who have been far more successful in creating the energy crisis than they have ever been in finding solutions to it."

A few days later, Cook had occasion to reiterate his point of the "two glaring omissions." In a telegram to Commerce Secretary Frederick B. Dent, he again called upon the Federal government to take the two immediate steps without which, he said, "there is no program that can possibly solve the energy problems."

His call for the Federal government to rescind its "two most hurtful governmental actions" came in response to a wire from Secretary Dent, who had urged the AEP System — along with all major industry — to adopt immediately "the strongest energy conservation measures possible." Cook, in his wire, pledged AEP's "full support" for the Administration's energy-crisis program but pointed out that "it cannot possibly be fully effective" without the above two additional steps.

Just a few days before the President had delivered his energy message, support came from the White House for another AEP position in the energy field.

John A. Love, director of the Energy Policy Office, in a letter to Cook, concurred with his concern over an amendment recently adopted by the U. S. Senate which would withdraw from surface mining all Federally owned coal where the United States does not own the land surface. The letter came in reply to one sent by Cook which had voiced (continued on page 2)

## Hearings Sponsored By EPA Reach No Consensus On Sulfur Technology

At the close of 11 days of hearings on the state of stack-gas scrubber technology, one overriding fact emerged: no consensus could be reached.

The Environmental Protection Agency called the hearings, which were led by an EPA panel and were concluded last month. Witnesses included representatives from utilities, vendors and government agencies.

AEP was among utility witnesses who responded to questions in three areas — attempts to comply with ambient air standards, application of control technology and compliance schedules.

A. Joseph Dowd, vice president

and general counsel for the Service Corporation, testified that "no commercially reliable stack gas desulfurization process has been adequately demonstrated." As of early this year, he said, no such process "had operated continuously for more than three weeks." Moreover, "we are dealing with a technology which, when it doesn't work, could, under existing law and regulation, result in the entire plant being shut down."

Dowd emphasized that AEP's "tall stacks, coupled with an extensive and sophisticated system of ground level monitoring," can meet ambient standards while providing reliable service. There's no sense, he added, "in

spending tens of millions of dollars and jeopardizing power supply" to set up a demonstration program similar to those in other power plants. "Simple common sense dictates that we await the outcome of demonstration programs already in progress."

Looking at alternatives to stack-gas desulfurization, he said that removal of sulfur from coal "before it is burned holds much more promise" than stack-gas removal. However, he said that the "thrust of the AEP System's efforts to comply with existing SO<sub>2</sub> standards has been through the burning of low-sulfur coal." Right now, 62 percent of AEP's plants are in compliance — in advance of the mid-1975 deadline.

Following are highlights of other testimony.

Russell Train, EPA administrator, opened the hearings by urging utilities to install scrubbers. He also threatened to issue more notices of violations to utilities if their compliance fails to improve. Meanwhile, EPA panelists generally rejected the utilities' definition (one year's successful operation) of scrubber reliability.

- The Edison Electric Institute favored tall stacks, pending further development of scrubbers and of methods for removing sulfur from coal before combustion. EEI also suggested that the utilities and EPA join in form- (continued on page 2)

## EPA Document On BR Surfaces

Reports last month that virtually the last word had been said over Appalachian Power Company's Blue Ridge Project were premature. William C. Levy, presiding administrative law judge, granted permission to add to the record on November 16.

The addition was granted in answer to an Environmental Protection Agency request for permission to comment on the Federal Power Commission's staff environmental impact statement. The EPA blamed "certain administrative delays" for its failure to file timely comments.

Word of an EPA draft report first

came to light in the press. The report, critical of the proposed pumped-storage development on the New River, was an internal EPA document which had not been forwarded from the Philadelphia regional office to the agency's Washington headquarters. It was, therefore, not made part of the official record when it was closed July 25, but can be added now.

EPA was ordered to file its comments by November 19, and all other parties were given until December 3 to respond. At press time, the filing date had passed, but EPA comments had not yet been received.

## Musgrave Is AA To Executive VP



Musgrave

James C. Musgrave of Roanoke became administrative assistant to the executive vice president of Appalachian on December 1.

He rises to the position from that of national accounts coordinator in GO Commercial, a post he assumed in June this year.

A native of Huntington, Musgrave joined Appalachian in 1968 in Charleston as commercial sales representative. He moved to Roanoke in 1971 as dealer sales coordinator and was heating and builder sales coordinator before becoming national accounts coordinator.

He graduated from Marshall University with a BS degree in advertising and retailing. He is married and has two sons and two daughters, and is an elder of the Covenant Presbyterian Church.



In Agreement . . . (continued from page 1)

strong objections to the so-called "Mansfield Amendment" to the Surface Mining Reclamation Act of 1973, claiming that it "would, as a practical matter, make unavailable hundreds of millions of tons of coal urgently and immediately required to meet the electric power needs of the country."

Love wrote, "We in the Administration concur with your dismay." He noted that his office was working with the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs "to have this onerous provision removed" and urged the electric utility industry to "do everything possible to make your views known to the Congress."

Within the week, the House Committee announced that it had postponed any further consideration of the House version of the bill until at least early 1974.

Meanwhile, in his message to the American public, the President called upon all of its segments to take part in the solution to the energy dilemma. He called for these steps:

Executive Actions

1. Directed that industries and utilities using coal be prevented from converting to oil and that efforts be made by those using oil as fuel to convert to coal.
2. Allocated reduced fuel for aircraft to achieve cutbacks of over 10 percent in the number of flights.
3. Ordered additional reductions in energy consumption by the Federal Government, including lowering thermostats in its offices and speed limits for its vehicles.
4. Urged the Atomic Energy Commission to speed up the licensing and construction of nuclear plants, with the objective of cutting from 10 to six years the time required to put them in operation.
5. Directed that contingency plans be set up for possible future gasoline rationing and "a fair system of taxation."

Requests to the Public

1. Asked that home thermostats be set at least six degrees lower to achieve a national daytime average temperature of 68°.
2. Asked that businesses and factories achieve the equivalent of a 10-degree reduction in temperature by lowering thermostats and/or curtailing working hours.

Requests to State and Local Officials

1. Asked that state and local speed limits be lowered to 50 m.p.h.
2. Asked that other energy-saving steps be taken, such as curbing unnecessary lighting, altering school calendars, staggering working hours and encouraging the greater use of mass transit and car pools.

Requests to Congress

SHORT-RANGE

1. Urged action on the Emergency Energy Act on a priority basis before the Congressional recess in December, including the following authorizations:
  - An immediate return to year-round daylight saving.
  - Relaxation of environmental regulations to a temporary case-by-case basis.
  - The imposition of special energy-conservation measures, such as restricting shopping hours.
  - Approval and funding of increased exploration, development and production from naval petroleum reserves.
  - Reduction of speed limits nationwide.
  - Expansion of power of regulatory agencies to adjust schedules of commercial carriers.
2. Asked immediate action on legislation authorizing the construction of the Alaskan pipeline.

LONG-RANGE

3. Asked legislative authority to encourage increased production of natural gas.
4. Asked legislative authority to

set reasonable standards for surface mining.

5. Asked for consideration of a proposal to establish an Energy Research and Development Administration.

Finally, the President called for a national goal — similar to the effort expended in the Manhattan Project (the World War II atomic bomb development) and the Apollo Project (man on the moon) — to achieve total independence in meeting the nation's energy requirements from its own energy resources by 1980. He called it Project Independence.

Security Taxes Will Increase

For employees earning \$12,600 or more next year, the Social Security tab on paychecks will be 16½ percent higher than this year — a maximum \$737.10 that must be matched by employers.

At the present time, the 5.85 percent Social Security payroll tax is applied to a maximum wage base of \$10,800. Under the bill signed by President Nixon in July, the maximum wage base will now jump to \$12,600 on January 1.

EPA . . . (continued from page 1)

ing a program to monitor and evaluate scrubber progress.

- The Tennessee Valley Authority declared that scrubbers are unproven and that the Clean Air Act does not prohibit supplementary controls as a means of compliance. Lynn Seeber, TVA general manager, blasted EPA's "tunnel vision" and said tall stacks and supple-

What Is Santa Doing On Halloween?

Twas the night before Halloween, when all through the parking lot, not a creature was stirring, not even Nellie Mitchell.

The cars were all parked by the street with care, in hopes that Tommy Mitchell would soon be there. Tommy was all seated by his desk, it is said, while visions of accounting problems danced through his head, when out on the parking lot there arose such a clatter, Tommy sprang from his chair to see what was the matter.

Away to the window Tommy flew like a flash, tore down the shutter and threw up the sash, when what his wondering eyes should reveal, but a little Pontiac with four tiny wheels; with a little ole driver so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be Nellie.

She was all dressed in fur from her head to her foot and her clothes were all darkened with pollution and soot. A wink of her eye and a twist of her head, soon gave Tommy a lot to dread. Tommy spoke not a word but went straight to the lot, and faced the music of his fellow employees.

Nellie had struck again! Dressed like Santa Claus, she had given her husband, Tommy, a Ventura



Santa Nellie, husband Tommy, and the surprise car.

as an early Christmas present. The GO Accounting assistant electric plant and stores accounting supervisor was surprised, to say the least, and his fellow employees, who were in on it, were amused.

When it was over, Tommy's last comment was: "This is what keeps me young, because I don't know what to expect next."

mentary controls could control emissions "just as well" as scrubbers.

- The Federal Power Commission testified that its first priority is an adequate, reliable electric power supply. Robert M. Jimeson of the FPC staff advocated a "balanced approach" (use of a variety of methods to meet the standards) and argued

that full reliance on scrubber development could mean spending "billions of dollars on unwise investments."

- Vendor representatives said their equipment has been "technically proven," but they were reluctant to claim economic viability and unable to report reliability based on experience.

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AEP System Moves To Guarantee Its Receipt Of Bulk Coal Supply For Plants

In a move designed to guarantee that it will be able to continue to receive deliveries of large amounts of coal at its existing and future power plants in the Ohio Valley, the AEP System has disclosed plans to acquire a fleet of towboats and barges and its own supply of rail cars.

AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook announced that letters of intent had been signed with five manufacturers for the delivery of 14 towboats, 240 barges and 1,500 rail hopper cars during the period 1974-77.

"If we are to carry out our obligations to our customers to meet their growing requirements for electric energy, we must continue to construct new generating plants," Cook said. "They can only be coal-fired stations because other fuels are not available and the construction of

nuclear plants and the development of hydro-electric facilities face interminable delays. If we are to operate the coal-fired plants after they are built, we must have an adequate, reliable supply of fuel to burn in their boilers. And, if we are to meet all of the environmental regulations involved in the use of coal, a large portion of this fuel will have to be low-sulfur coal from the Far West."

Cook explained that the AEP System's supply of Western coal, now under contract or being negotiated, would arrive at its power plants by railroad or a combination of rail and barge. "Thus, to be absolutely certain that our fuel will arrive where, when and in the amounts needed," he concluded, "we are taking these steps to acquire our own floating and rolling stock to supplement the existing com-

mercial transportation facilities."

He noted that the new rail cars would be used primarily for unit-train hauling.

The AEP System's current purchases are as follows:

TOWBOATS (5,600-horsepower) — Eight from Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh, and six from St. Louis Ship Division of Pott Industries, St. Louis. (Orders for two additional towboats to be placed later.)

BARGES (1,500-ton capacity) — 120 from Dravo Corporation and 120 from American Bridge Division, U. S. Steel Corporation.

RAIL CARS (100-ton capacity) — 1,000 from Bethlehem Steel Corporation and 500 from Greenville Steel Car Company, Greenville, Pa.



## Columbus Itself Supports Merger Of C&SO, AEP

The City of Columbus is the newest party to support American Electric Power Company's proposed acquisition of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company in a formal presentation to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The City recently filed a supporting brief with the SEC and plans to present oral argument in hearings to be held next year.

The brief was presented by John Elam, a Columbus attorney recently named by the City Council to represent Columbus in the matter. Employed by the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Columbus, he is representing the City at no cost to the taxpayers.

Others who have filed similar briefs or letters with the Commission, in addition to the two parties to the merger, are Governor John J. Gilligan, Ohio Attorney General William J. Brown, the state's 80-plus municipal electric systems and 28 rural electric cooperatives.

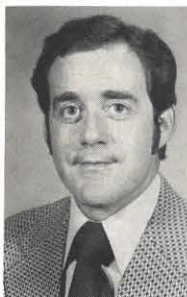
The Development Committee for Greater Columbus has formed a special task force to follow, support and help implement the proposed AEP-C&SO merger.

## E. L. Hill Assumes New Kentucky Post

Ernest L. Hill has been promoted to accounts payable and payroll supervisor in Ashland's General Office Accounting Department.

A native of Evarts, Ky., Hill graduated from high school there and received his B. S. degree in business administration from Eastern Kentucky University in 1965. In the U. S. Army, where he served for three years, Hill attained the rank of sergeant and saw duty for 28 months in Nuremberg, Germany, with the Third Army Medical Company.

He was first employed by the company as an engineering records clerk in the Hazard Division in 1964 and was transferred to the General Office Accounting Department in Ashland in 1965. In 1966 he was promoted to work order cost and accounting clerk and then to classification clerk in 1969.



Hill



Workman

## Guard At Plant Retires From Job

Edwin L. Workman, guard at Cabin Creek Plant, retired December 1 after 29 years of service. He chose early retirement because of disability.

A native of Cabin Creek, he joined the plant in 1944 as a laborer and has also been a utility operator and utility man.

Workman and his wife, Dorothy, have three children and five grandchildren. As hobbies, he enjoys fishing and spectator sports on television.



McKinney

## McKinney Elects Early Retirement

Leonard Oxley McKinney, master maintenance man at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement October 1 due to illness.

A native of Odd, West Virginia, Lom was employed in 1941 as a laborer and rose through the ranks as an electrical maintenance man, transformer maintenance man and transformer maintenance mechanic B and A.

Quite a handy man, Lom is easy prey for anyone who needs their furnace, water heater or electrical wiring fixed. He is always willing to help others. Among his interests are making lamps out of driftwood and making flower arrangements using gourds.

The McKinneys have three children and six grandchildren.

## Violin Provides Real Beginning To Hobby For Roanoke Woodworker And Craftsman

What do you do if you have a violin and no bow, then a violin and a bow, and then a bow and no violin? If you're Gene Richardson, you make yourself a violin.

The strange story happened to the Roanoke Division engineer B many years ago, and was the start of his hobby in woodworking and craftsmanship. What happened was that an uncle loaned Gene a violin and he bought a bow. Later his uncle wanted the violin back, so Gene proceeded to make a violin to go with his bow. He still has both.

For seven years in his youth he apprenticed in a cabinet shop, and today his home is filled with furniture from his own hand; the black walnut dining room suite, for example, an eight leg drop leaf table, six chairs with needle-point, and a glass door corner cupboard. He has also made a black walnut Grandmother clock, and is now making another for a friend.

He has made 12 spice racks, 12 fruit trays, a candelabra, six letter and bill holders, and 18 candlesticks. Last Christmas he made and gave a wooden gun, riding horse, and children's bedroom furniture.

Also last year, Gene made and gave away 22 hand painted birds. Each was a cardinal oil painted on square ceramic tile and mounted on velvet in a black walnut frame.

These pictures arose out of Gene's discovery that he could also paint. His first effort, years ago, was an interpretation in oil of the Irish blessing "May the roads rise with you and the wind be always at your back, and may the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand."



A cardinal painted on ceramic and framed in walnut, and a Grandmother clock, are two of the things of beauty

from the hands of Gene Richardson of Roanoke.

Gene has also found time for work in the Edgewood Lions Club, of which he is a charter member and past president, with 22 years of perfect attendance; the Jaycees; PTA; and the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

During the war years when there was a metal shortage he made all the toys for his children and those of neighbors.

He earned a certificate in architectural drafting, but because of lack of experience, could not join an architectural firm. He joined Appalachian instead, as a draftsman for the experience.

Thirty-two years and a degree in electrical engineering later, he continues earning that experience, in his job and through his hobby.



New members of the Bluefield Employees Benevolent Association are, standing, from left: H. T. Goforth, chairman; Theodore Stevens, board; Harry Buston, board; and E. W.

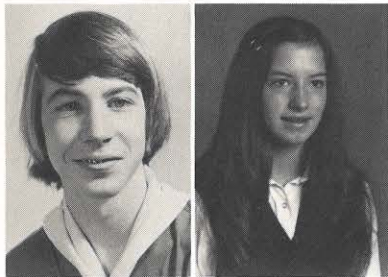
Linkous, board. Seated from left are Gail Shaffer, treasurer; Judy Johnson, secretary; and Lois K. Rounion, board. Most of the over \$6,666 collected this year will be given to

the United Fund, although 22 other organizations will also benefit. Contributions came from 196 employees and were \$400 higher than 1972.



# PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## GENERAL OFFICE



Janosko

Biggs

**Jeffrey Daniel Janosko** was awarded the Eagle rank from Troop 221 of Cave Spring United Methodist Church in Roanoke. His father, A. D. Janosko, is civil engineer. Jeff is assistant senior patrol leader and has earned the God and Country Award. He will become treasurer of the Big Lick District Tutelo Lodge in January and is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

**Susan Biggs**, daughter of E. R. Biggs, general stores supervisor, was elected president of the Student Cooperative Association at Cave Spring Junior High, where she is a freshman.

Two children of Judy Johnson, **Rusty** and **Sherry**, are members of the Pathfinders of the Princeton Seventh Day Adventist Church which collected over 700 items of food and clothing for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. The ingathering occurs nationwide through the church on Halloween. Mrs. Johnson is clerk-stenographer in the transmission section in Bluefield.

**Donald R. Taylor**, son of Herbert Taylor, land management, has been named trust officer of the First National Exchange Bank of Virginia.

New employees include **Robbin D. Wheaton**, clerk stenographer in purchasing; **Ronald D. Elston**, civil construction assistant; **Charles D. Douthat**, transmission engineer; and **Reginald M. Randolph**, communications engineer B.

## ASHLAND

**Carolyn Traugott**, junior clerk, will coordinate the choreography for the Performing Arts Guild's production of "Fantastik's".

**Jetta Wright**, wife of Personnel Supervisor R. S. Wright, is publicity coordinator for the Performing Arts Guild's production of "Barefoot in the Park".

**Suzanne Morrison**, home sales representative senior, was nominated for "Young Career Woman of 1974".

**Henrietta Hankins** received a one gallon gold pin from the Boyd County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She is a stenographer in General Office accounting.

## CABIN CREEK

**Clarence Petry, Jr.**, instrument maintenance man, was elected first vice president of the Chelyan Lions Club.

A surprise 75th birthday party was held for "**Doctor Sam**", Dr. Samuel B. Souleyret, by the first Baptist Church in Chelyan. More than 300 honored the man who is company doctor at the company's Cabin Creek and Kanawha River Plants.

## BECKLEY

**Tom Humphries**, Oak Hill commercial representative, was the fourth place winner in the fall Masters Bowling Tournament at TV Lanes in Oak Hill.

**Mrs. K. S. Lazenby**, wife of the GO right of way supervisor, taught art classes for the City of Beckley Recreation Department again this year.

**Linda Miller**, daughter of Emory Miller, dealer representative, represented the ninth grade of Park Junior High in the annual Homecoming Court.

## LOGAN-WILLIAMSON

Appointed to serve on Crescent Garden Club committees were **Mrs. T. L. Henritze**, wife of the retired line foreman; **Mrs. S. D. Brinegar**, wife of the retired Logan Plant employee; and **Mrs. William H. Honaker**, wife of the retired line and station supervisor. They are on the program, anti-litter and roadside, and horticulture and birds and wildflowers committees, respectively.



Fifty golden years of marriage were celebrated by Tom and Gladys Shepherd on September 22. The GO Personnel retired employee and his wife were treated to an anniversary party in Venice, Fla. by a former Huntington, W. Va. neighbor who also now lives in Venice, Mrs. Van B. Carter. A number of people from distant areas were there as well as friends in Venice, including Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Dunn (retired from GO Public Affairs), Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Surbaugh (retired from Ashland), and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Ellis Jr. (retired from Ashland).

## KINGSPORT



Kerley

**Jerry D. Kerley**, son of W. C. Kerley, meter foreman, has been promoted to supervisor of customer relations for Latin American area, International Order Services, by Eastman Kodak.

**J. A. Randall, Jr.**, heating and builder sales representative, killed a six-point buck, weighing 168 pounds field dressed, in Central Peninsula, Tenn.

**S. H. Harnsberger**, commercial sales representative, took part in the "Bloody 11-W Marathon" sponsored by the Jaycees. Sixty of them ran a mile each to publicize the poor condition of U. S. Highway 11-W between Kingsport and Knoxville, and then met with a Tennessee legislative committee. The project was judged the best in the state for the quarter-year.

**D. R. Gamble**, meter reader, is a new employee.

## PIKEVILLE

New employees in accounting include **Kenneth Collins**, **Randy Blankenship**, **Robert Atkins**, **John Vance**, and **Clifford Collins Jr.**

**L. M. Newsom** and **J. R. Burdsal** were recent delegates to the eastern regional meeting of the Southern States Cooperative convention, representing Pike County.

**Marcia Coleman**, daughter of Victor Coleman, commercial, was elected a cheerleader at Pikeville College.

**Mural Bradley**, daughter of Harry Bradley, janitor, was selected head majorette at Pikeville Junction High School.

## CHARLESTON

**Connie Caldwell**, daughter of Gene Caldwell, heating and builder sales representative, had a drawing included in the 11th annual Gallery Exhibition of Graphics and Drawings at Charleston's art gallery, Sunrise. She has also begun her student teaching in Montreal, Canada.

Jo Snyder's daughter, **Charlene Proctor**, was featured in a recent Charleston paper article on car pools. Charlene works for C&P, and her mother is customer representative at Montgomery.

Retired employees **Mary Faulknier** and **Sarah Sweeney** visited the office recently.

New employees are **William L. Rohan**, custodian, St. Albans; **Judith B. Elswick**, cashier at Montgomery; and **Keith W. Wentz**, laborer at Marmet hydro.



JAPLACO, sponsored by Appalachian, received its charter from David Crews, Lynchburg Division personnel supervisor, right, in recent ceremonies. The Junior Achievement company is manufacturing framed praying hands. The two JA members are Mike Dorman, com-

pany president, and Mark Collins. In the background are the three company advisors: Larry W. Ring, cashier; James R. Dorman, engineer and Mike's father; and James Collins, heating and builder sales representative and Mark's father.

## CLINCH RIVER



Jones

A new student this spring at Ferrum College will be **Gary Lee Gregory**, son of Roy Gregory, line inspector.

**R. N. Trent**, planner, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Abingdon Lions Club.

The winner of the women's golf championship at Arrow Wood Country Club in Roanoke was **Becky Bondurant**, Roanoke physical education teacher and daughter of R. M. Bondurant, division superintendent. She fired an 81 the final round for a 36-hole total of 170.

## HAZARD

**Leslie Susan Teague**, junior clerk, is a new employee.



Mrs. W. K. Bradshaw, wife of the Kingsport line foreman, can make a lot of pies with this 55-pound squash she grew. A first for her, it's 40 inches long and 31 inches around. Besides being a secretary in a Kingsport law office, she cooks, gardens, raises baby calves, chicks and other farm animals and frequently acts as her own veterinarian. Her motto "Stay busy and stay young". Photo courtesy *Kingsport Times-News*.

## ABINGDON

Troop 222 won a first place trophy in a recent survival camporee, under the leadership of **D. C. Landreth**, engineer, who is assistant scoutmaster.

**John Rasnick**, station man, was elected a member and **J. C. Hughes**, administrative assistant, vice chairman of the Council of Deacons at Abingdon Baptist Church.

**A. J. Howard**, engineering, has resigned to enter college.

**Marlene Mitchel**, accounting, has been elected reporter of the Abingdon Home and Garden Club.

**Gary M. Garrett**, son of Woodrow Garrett, has become manufacturing supervisor of the Westinghouse Wire Division plant at Abingdon.

**Jimmy Hughes**, fifth grade son of J. C. Hughes, received an electric award at the 43rd annual 4-H Achievement Day at Bristol.



LYNCHBURG

**Mrs. Jean Keys**, wife of P. R. Keys, right of way agent, was chairman of the recent Boonsboro Garden Club Invitational Flower Show.

**William Steven Farmer** was one of 77 tapped into the Brookville National Honor Society. He is the son of W. C. Farmer, planner.

Serving as co-chairmen in the company of the 1973-74 United Way of Central Virginia were **L. C. Thomas**, service coordinator, and **R. E. Thomas**, lead draftsman. Contributions amounted to \$4,415, or \$298 above last year.

GLEN LYN



Harris

**Mike Harris** was named "carrier of the year" by The Roanoke Times during the International Newspaper Carrier Day celebration and was awarded a trip to Richmond, Virginia. He is the son of Chief Chemist Everett V. Harris.

BLUEFIELD



Wright

Nominated by her peers, **Nora Wright** has been selected for inclusion of the 40th annual edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The daughter of D. C. Wright, administrative assistant, Nora, a senior, was chosen on the basis of academic standing, community service, leadership, and future potential.

**Mrs. C. L. Shockey**, wife of the personnel supervisor, was presented a certificate and emblem for outstanding work for the Heart Fund during February.

**Donna Ruth Ferguson**, who is 13, won two ribbons and cash at the Fairlea State Fair in connection with 4-H activities. She won a second place blue ribbon for a dress and matching shoulder bag in the style show, and a purple second place ribbon for three market lambs. She also won cash for a fourth place showing in singles by one lamb. She is the daughter of Lvonne Ferguson, customer accounts representative.



Retired Employee **Lois Gordon**, right, gives special recognition to **Annise Craig**, secretary to the Roanoke Division manager, on behalf of the United Methodist Women. Mrs. Craig was recognized for service as publicity chairman for five years and other duties to the Roanoke District Wesleyan Service Guild, of which Lois was president until it was consolidated recently with the United Methodist Women. She is now vice president of the new district group. Mrs. Craig will be leader of her church's newly formed Wesleyan Circle.

The new secretary of the Future Business Leaders of America club at Mullens High School is **Jeannie Hendrick**, daughter of E. M. Hendrick, Pineville area serviceman.

**Joe Stinson**, heating sales engineer, is chairman of the Youth Services Committee of the Bluefield, Va. Kiwanis Club and chairman of the Committee on Citizenship Services of the Third Division of the Capital District of Kiwanis International.

**Don Jackson**, son of Kenneth Jackson, accounting supervisor, made the "A" honor roll at Bluefield High School the first six weeks.

The Women's Missionary Union of Edgemont Baptist Church has chosen **Linda Ballard** as Circle Leader.

**Larry Fanning**, son of Buck Fanning, building supervisor, has been appointed chairman of the Bluestone DeMolay Gun Club of Bluefield, Va. He also placed second in three heats in the 100 cc class motorcycle races at the Moto-Cross Park in Shortts Gap, Va.

New employees are **Leo Thomas Gombash**, station man helper A; **John D. Cole Jr.**, part-time custodian in Princeton; **Lloyd H. Leist**, Bluefield lineman helper; and **Thomas K. Jarrett**, Bluefield custodian.

**Jim Bailey**, area serviceman, has been re-elected Sunday School superintendent at East End Baptist Church, where he is also chairman of the pulpit committee.

ROANOKE

**A. M. Beatty**, stores supervisor, has been elected sergeant at arms of the Roanoke Civitan Club.

New employees include **Aurie C. Poindexter**, part-time cook; **Sammy L. Quarles**, area recreation attendant, temporary, and **Kathy N. Cobbler**, clerk trainee in Division Accounting.

PULASKI

**Miller Bennington** has received his masters in education administration from Radford College. The son of F. M. Bennington, commercial, Galax, he is assistant principal of Franklin County High School.

District director and member of the state board of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs is **June Miller**, wife of Winston Miller, line inspector.

**Martha Ann Sisson** was the 8th grade attendant to the queen at Hillsville Intermediate School homecoming. She is the daughter of S. L. Sisson, commercial.

The twins of J. Larry Dunn, area T&D clerk, Pearisburg, are active in school at Peterstown High. **Shari Lynn Dunn** was inducted into the National Honor Society, and her brother, **Jeffrey Dunn**, was starting middle guard on the school's football team.

**Douglas Smith**, son of D. B. Smith, engineering, graduated as a state trooper in October and is working in Fairfax County.

**L. L. Bucklen**, agricultural sales engineer, is the vice president of Wytheville Intermediate School PTA and a member of the nominating committee of the Wythe Chamber of Commerce.

**Mrs. Willie Mae Jones** was named chairperson of World Community Day Program for Church Women United in Wythe County. She is also chairperson of the nominating committee of the group. She is a maid at Wytheville.

**Mrs. Linda Adams**, wife of Dan L. Adams, electrical engineer, graduated from Radford College with a BS degree in home economics.

Employee Benevolent Association officers include: Christiansburg — **C. D. Via**, president; **David Francis**, vice president; and **Martha K. Horne**, secretary-treasurer; Galax — **B. J. Stoneman**, president; **R. W. Dalton**, vice president; and **Sylvia D. Richardson**, secretary-treasurer; Wytheville — **N. M. Quesenberry**, president; **M. T. Akers**, vice president; and **E. B. Suthers**, secretary-treasurer; Hillsville — **R. G. Musser**, chairman, and **John W. Collins**, secretary-treasurer.

The following have been elected for 1974 at First United Methodist Church, Pulaski: members-at-large of Administrative Board, **P. T. Gress**, **J. B. Brillheart, Jr.**, **Claud K. Kirkland**, **R. H. Love**, **Mrs. W. E. Miller**, **R. C. Nickols**, **G. K. Smythers**, **Dorothy N. Whitaker**, and **F. H. Whitaker**. **Mrs. C. R. Settle** was elected chairperson, Work Area on Ecumenical Affairs; **Claud K. Kirkland**, chairperson, Work Area on Stewardship and a member of the Finance Committee; **James R. Boulton**, chairperson, Committee on Finance; and **Dorothy N. Whitaker**, Lay Member Annual Conference and a member of the Pastor-Parish

Relations and Finance Committees. **C. R. Settle** and **G. K. Smythers** were named to the Finance Committee, and **Mrs. R. H. Love** was named to the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.

HUNTINGTON



Fowler

**J. A. Kovich** and **Oscar Fowler** worked as a team in the annual YMCA membership drive, with Fowler awarded a silver bowl and Kovich appointed a team captain.

**William C. Rowley**, a 1973 graduate of Ceredo-Kenova High School, was the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from the Prichard School Board Scholarship Fund. He was one of 12 Freshmen at Marshall University to receive one. He is the son of W. C. Rowley, chemist at the AEP lab in Huntington.

**Bart Bartholomew**, son of John Bartholomew, general serviceman, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and to the Society of Outstanding American High School Students. He is 18 and a senior at St. Joseph Central High School.

New employees are **Roger Sizemore**, Huntington custodian, and **L. K. Nutter, Jr.**, lineman helper in Point Pleasant.

MARMET

New employees at **James William Wood**, environmental technician assistant; **Michael Bradford Goff**, section foreman; **Daris Lee Barker**, section foreman; and **Joseph Charles Nelson**, rodman.



The drum major of the award-winning William Byrd High School band in Vinton, Va. is **Walt Hodges**. At Western Carolina University the band recently placed second among 25 bands competing, and in 1972 it was sent to the Lions International Convention by the Virginia Lions. Walt began his band work in the sixth grade, playing the trumpet, and still plays it in his school's symphonic band. He also plays the guitar. Preparing for his leadership role as drum major, he attended a camp at the University of Richmond. His father is **C. W. Hodges Sr.**, Roanoke truck driver-groundman.



Hager

Pursuing Hobbies To Occupy Retiree

"Since my first job with the company (in 1931), I have seen the work carried on by manpower, horsepower, and motor power. If the horses couldn't get the poles and equipment up the mountain, the men did."

That's **Earl J. Hager** reminiscing about his 42 years with Appalachian on his retirement December 1 as transmission foreman in GO T&D.

The veteran also remembers being burned in 1938 by a 33,000 volt line and being carried out of the mountains on a mule for about five miles. He was given aspirin and morphine and remained in the hospital for some time, "but I was glad that I could 'remain'."

He also remembers drawing \$120 a month in 1934, the year he was married. He joined the company as a lineman, became a line foreman in 1936, and transmission foreman in 1952. A native of Princeton, Earl worked out of Bluefield until his retirement.

He and his wife, **Julia Alice**, hope to take a trip to Florida, and Earl also wants to pursue his hobbies, including an antique shop, telling tall tales, raising roses, hunting, Masonic Lodge work, and being with people.

He is a member of the board of stewards of Greenview United Methodist Church, commander and Shriner of Masonic Blue Lodge 19, and a member of the Bluefield-Princeton Volunteer Fire Department.

Retirees Decide They Will Meet Annually

Contacting legislators about relief on income and real estate taxes for retirees was one subject of discussion at an October 17 meeting of the Appalachian Retired Employees at Princeton, W. Va.

Most locations were represented at the meeting, where members discussed ways they could accomplish closer association and contact between retirees of all locations. The retirees also discussed future programs, and decided that topics brought up at this meeting would be discussed again. The group also approved the concept of annual meetings for the organization.



# A Personal Christmas

Christmas is a time of personal and family joy. It becomes more so if you make your own gifts or the festive decorations for your home. Six of the many employees who perform these "labors of love" were asked to share their talents in this special Christmas feature.

An injury which forced a man used to hard work into immobility for a short while was the start of a hobby for Albert F. "Jim" Hanning.

The Kanawha River Plant master maintenance man has been making tree decorations since 1968. He began with styrofoam balls, beads — anything that glitters. He did not use patterns at first, designing his own. But once he returned to work he did not have as much time and shifted to kits for some of his decorations. But even here, he reworks the kits and changes designs until he gets one which he likes.

Each year, Jim's "best-dressed" Christmas tree gets about five new decorations.



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Now the Hunt assistant and Christmas with tree ornaments molded flowers.

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A Pulaski artist has been adding to the religious life of her friends and family, as well as her church, by making wreaths for the Advent season for several years.

Edna Love, art teacher at Pulaski High School and wife of Robert H. Love, Pulaski engineering supervisor, says that the wreath is used for the four weeks preceding Christmas, with one candle on it lit each week. She also says that the round wreath represents God's never-ending love, with various candle colors representing penitence and humility (purple), joy (rose), the Christ child (pink), peace (white), and love (red).

She also says that writing your own Advent service by selecting scriptures, hymns, poems and prayers can give greater meaning to it.

To make a wreath 12 inches in diameter, purchase a wire frame from a florist or make your own. Green florist wire #26 or similar fine wire is used to hold greens in

place. Cut all greens to size before binding. Fasten the wire to the frame and then attach greens, placing each one slightly beyond the previous one to achieve a smooth continuous circle.

Sprigs of evergreen four to six inches are the right size. Juniper, balsam, boxwood, and spruce do not dry out and shed as quickly as white pine and cedar. The wreath can be sprinkled if it appears to be drying out.

Four or five candles can be used, depending on denominational practice. If five, the fifth is lit on Christmas Day.

Advent is a time for preparing for the birth of Christ. In the family, it is also a time when members who have moved away can feel close to the family by lighting Advent candles, just as the family is doing, in preparation for a reunion on Christmas Day.

Several years ago, at the suggestion of friends, Betsy Holdren began making serving trays from the lids of sweeping compound drums which she salvaged at Glen Lyn Plant. That was the start of a hobby of stenciling in bronze powders, not only on lids, but coffee cans, cigar boxes, and items of furniture.

The plant secretarial stenographer enlists her whole family in the process, which includes removing dents and rust spots, sanding, applying coats of rust preventive, and three or four coats of flat paint, usually black. Once the item is completed, it must be varnished several times with sanding with steel wool between coats.

Stencil patterns are traced from catalogs onto discarded backings of mimeograph stencils and cut out with a sharp knife. Bronzing powders are bought from a paint or art shop.

Rainbows of colors and shades and a haphazard manner of design are Betsy's favorite tray designs, usually starting with a fruit or flower. For furniture, a design is sketched and then applied using shades of gold.

An inexpensive hobby, since most materials are salvaged, Betsy's works of art make nice gifts that give as much pleasure to the giver as the receiver.





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Hunt specializes in the jewelry, whatnots, and resin castings. He makes jewelry of all sorts, and his whatnots are turtles and mice, made with marbles, beads, threads, and wobbly eyes. Felt is used for bows.

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are sick, sometimes customizing them to a person's favorite colors.

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Draped Wise Men, constructed of common items and painted to coordinate with colors in his home, are the creation of Jess Woolridge of GO Accounting.

Initial directions for the figures were given in a craft book, but Jess found that he had to read between the lines and improvise several of his own ideas to complete the project. The Wise Men are constructed of styrofoam cones, wire, glue diluted with water, paper towels, muslin, strings, jewelry junk, and paint.

Jess feels that the desire for something unique is the most important factor in getting involved in crafts. Also important is the talent for composition, design, and color, and the ability to see a single item as part of a total composition.

Another item decorating Jess's home is a door hanging, composed of a rattan base shaped like a tree, with raw pine cones, miniature pears, and a partridge with a gold velvet ribbon affixed, which he crafted.



A pocket knife and a piece of wood got the whole thing started for Bob Campbell of Lynchburg. Today he is an expert wood-carver and whittler.

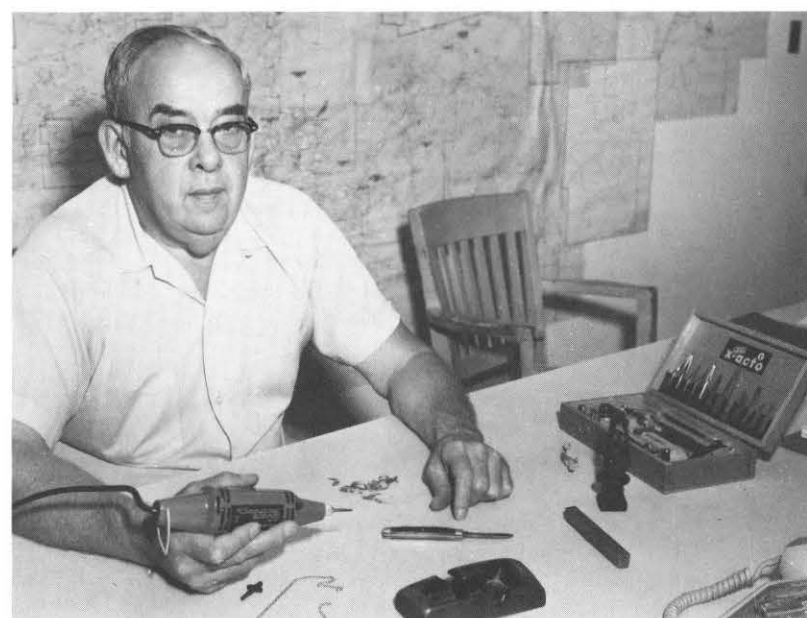
Most of his work become coveted gifts — such intricate objects as a one-inch long diamond-shaped necklace with a wooden ball inside (all from one piece of wood); a one-piece geometric figure with a square, triangle, and circle; earrings; brooches; and a cage-like object with two wooden balls inside.

His knife has become a regular pen knife, wood carving set, and small sandpaper boards. He still prefers the knife — "it's as good a whittling tool as you can use" — and applies linseed oil to the

wood to make it cut easier.

First he sketches the object he wants to create and then selects the kind of wood, preferring black walnut and mahogany. The carving begins, and sometimes it is several months before an object is finished.

One of his favorite works is an ash tray which is designed with a built-in cigarette extinguisher, and holders on each side to hold and elevate the cigarette. Never mind that he could not get a patent on the carving — it is a useful object which makes a nice gift, and that's what it is all about for Bob Campbell.





# Employees Honored For Company Service



Neal      Quarrier      Casto      Phillips      Presley      Boothe      Trumbo      Waggoner      Miller      Howery



Walls      Collins      Woodie      Layne      Allen      Porter      Wirt      Kavinsky      Fulknier      Spicer



Smith      Crouse      Morrison      Winkler      Wolfe      Trent      Petry      Summers      Langhorne      Mayes



Mudgett      Loy      Randall      Harris      Adams

## Six Employees'

## Ideas Published

Three Appalachian Power and three Kentucky Power employees had their operation improvement suggestions published in the November/December issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

M. M. Yost, Bluefield line supervisor, and Jack Lloyd, Bluefield Division manager, co-authored "Improve Skills During Inclement Weather". "Stops Burner Pluggage, Improves Combustion" was written by Operations Supervisor W. W. McColgan on behalf of the Kanawha River Plant Operating Department.

W. D. England, senior performance engineer at Big Sandy Plant, penned "Better Lube Oil System For Pulverizer". P. E. Snyder and J. E. Persinger, maintenance foremen at Big Sandy, collaborated on "Pipe Plugs For Ash Lines".

40 Years	Occupation	Location
Neal, A. R. Jr.	Sr. Staff Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Quarrier, W. A.	Material Clerk	Charleston

35 Years	Occupation	Location
Casto, C. F.	Communications Engineer	GO-Charleston
Phillips, C. L.	R/W Agent	GO-Huntington
Presley, R. E.	Stores & Garage Supv.	Beckley
Boothe, G. T.	Power Sales Engineer	Williamson
Trumbo, W. Z.	Personnel Director	Kingsport
Waggoner, R. B.	Accounting Supervisor	Lynchburg
Miller, L. M.	Sales Supervisor	Lynchburg

30 Years	Occupation	Location
Howery, R. L.	Transmission Man A.	GO-Bluefield
Walls, G. R.	Boiler Operator C.	Cabin Creek
Collins, W. T.	Accounting Supervisor	Pulaski
Woodie, Louise	Merchandise Bookkeeper	Ashland
Layne, Milford	Sr.	Ashland
Allen, R. B.	Special Services Supv.	Ashland
Scott, S. S.	Collector	Charleston
	Truck Driver-Groundman	Beckley

25 Years	Occupation	Location
Porter, J. D.	Heating & Builder	
	Sales Coord.	GO-Roanoke
Wirt, C. H.	Line Foreman NE	Pulaski
Kavinsky, Ernest	Customer Service Rep.	Charleston
Fulknier, J. P.	Heating & Builder	
	Sales Coord.	Charleston
Spicer, K. M.	Line Foreman NE	Roanoke

25 Years	Occupation	Location
Smith, R. R.	Planner Senior	Beckley
Crouse, R. M.	Meterman A.	Beckley
Morrison, R. E.	Planner Senior	Huntington
Winkler, B. V.	Planner Senior	Huntington
Wolfe, F. E.	Service Representative	Huntington
Trent, R. L.	Heating Sales Rep.	Hazard
Petry, C. E. Jr.	Instrument Maintenance	
	Man A.	Cabin Creek
Summers, J. R.	Boiler Operator C.	Cabin Creek
Langhorne, N. K.	Stores & Garage Supv.	Lynchburg

20 Years	Occupation	Location
Mayes, H. R.	Electrical Engineer	GO-Roanoke
Mudgett, R. D.	Civil Engineering Supt.	GO-Roanoke
Loy, D. A.	Commercial Sales Rep.	Charleston
Reynolds, V. P.	Line Foreman NE	Roanoke
Randall, J. A. Jr.	Heating & Builder	
	Sales Rep.	Kingsport
Harris, Everett V.	Chief Chemist	Glen Lyn
Adams, Leonard	Planner Senior	Bluefield

15 Years	Occupation	Location
Cummings, Patricia	Personnel Clerk Sr.	Charleston
Hobbs, B. G.	Unit Foreman	Clinch River
Chafin, R. C.	Plant Janitor	Clinch River

10 Years	Occupation	Location
St. John, Charlotte B.	Customer Accounts Rep. B.	Lynchburg
Matney, Roscoe	Area T&D Clerk	Bluefield

5 Years	Occupation	Location
Ballard, B. L.	Regional Dispatcher	GO-Clinch River
McCall, W. H. Jr.	Engineer B.	GO-Roanoke
Lyons, R. E. Jr.	Customer Accounts Rep. B.	Pulaski
Seagraves, J. M.	Cashier Clerk	Ashland
Braxton, Elaine	Customer Accounts Rep. C.	Charleston
Currey, W. R.	Administrative Assistant B.	Charleston
Kelley, R. R.	Auto Repairman A.	Roanoke
Smith, E. J.	Lineman C.	Roanoke
Winstead, R. S.	Commercial Sales Rep.	Roanoke
Greene, R. G.	Electrical Engineer	Kingsport
Napier, Sharron M.	Clerk Stenographer	Logan
Simpkins, Della F.	T&D Clerk	Logan
Sweeney, H. R.	Lineman A.	Bluefield
DeBose, Kate R.	PBX Operator	Abingdon
Monroe, M. H.	Lineman B.	Abingdon





Sizemore



Reid



Stockner



Stone

## Ladies In Vest Family Are Active Leaders In Local, District, And State 4-H Work

It's a family affair for the Vests in 4-H work in Floyd County, the West Central District, and the State of Virginia.

Margie Vest Cahill, Roanoke Division home sales representative, was active in the Floyd County chapter as a youth, and she has just been presented the county's 4-H Alumni Award for 1973, signifying her continued interest in, and work with, 4-H.

At the same time her mother, Mrs. Hugh Vest, a teacher for 24 years in Floyd County High School, was selected as the outstanding 4-H leader in the West Central District, comprising 16 counties. She is president of the Virginia 4-H Leaders Association.

But that's not all. Margie's 18-year-old sister, Peggy, a senior at Floyd High, just received the 4-H Citizenship Trophy and award as Outstanding 4-H Senior Girl of Floyd County. She was also the Danforth Award winner and her electric project was chosen best in the West Central District.

Quite a record for the Vests, a 4-H family.



Mrs. Hugh Vest is flanked by her daughters, Margie and Peggy, as they discuss all their 4-H awards.

## Wedding Bells Ring For Seven Couples

### Ingram-Sizemore

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Mount Carmel, Tenn. was the scene September 7 of the wedding of Rebecca Ann Ingram and Michael Joseph Sizemore. She is the daughter of B. J. Ingram, Kingsport meterman.

### Farson-Reid

Elizabeth Ann Farson and James Everett Reid were united in marriage October 13 at the Williamson Road Masonic Temple in Roanoke. He is a GO T&D meter section engineer.

### Gardner-Stockner

Joyce Anne Gardner became the bride of Gary Wayne Stockner September 29 at the Fairview Presbyterian Church in Hillsville. She is the daughter of W. M. Gardner, area serviceman in the Pulaski Division.

### Fulkner-Stone

November 10 was the wedding day for Diana Dawn Fulkner and William Kendall Stone at the First United Methodist Church of Dunbar. She is the daughter of Jinings Fulkner, heating and builder sales doordinator, Charleston.

### Coleman-Thomas

Jennifer Gaye Coleman and Jerry E. Thomas were married September 22. He is a Pikeville lineman D.

### Lowe-Justice

Drema Darlene Lowe and Ted Justice were married October 26. He is a Pikeville lineman D.

### Nash-Clatterbuck

Catherine Louise Nash became the bride of Roy Calvin Clatterbuck July 27 in an outdoor ceremony at the home of her parents. Mr. Clatterbuck is the son of the late W. C. Clatterbuck, Lebanon line crew, Abingdon Division.



Christmas ghosts, speaking in rhyme, brought a safety message to Beckley employees recently. Example: an intoxicated ghost "slightly wet from the snow, plugged in a tree, and boy! did she glow." The whole idea was to present rules for a safe holiday through the medium of a ghost convention, where three

## ENGAGEMENTS

MARY FRANCES PURCELL to CPO Joseph E. O'Keefe, USN. Miss Purcell's mother, Mrs. Gordon T. Brown, is the wife of Gordon T. Brown, Roanoke Division meter service.

KAREN SUE ORESTA to Thomas Campbell Gordon. She is the daughter of Franklin O. Oresta, auto repairman A in Bluefield.

CLAUDIA D. DAVIS to James N. Barrett, material clerk in Bluefield.

SANDRA JEAN DANGERFIELD to Harry M. Thompson III, station man helper A in Bluefield.

### General Office

Karen Leigh, daughter of CHARLOTTE LAVINDER, advertising assistant, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, October 23.

Melanie Charisse, daughter of BETTY LOU CARTER, editor, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke, November 14.

Darren Travis, son of L. A. EPPERLY JR., utility helper in control center of GO Operations, October 31.

Rodney Wayne, son of O. G. BARBOUR JR., station operator at Clinch River regional office of GO Operations, September 22.

### Hazard

Christopher Scott, son of GERALDINE C. PERRY, cashier-clerk sr. in Whitesburg, November 9.

### Roanoke

Keith Andrew, son of CHARLES E. ROBINSON, lineman A, Rocky Mount, November 1.

### Bluefield

Lynn Ellen, daughter of JOHNNIE PAUL RATLIFF, lineman B in Grundy, October 2.

William Allen, son of FRED L. FARLEY, customer accounting supervisor in Princeton, November 6.

Rita Lyne, daughter of RICHARD L. DAVIS, lineman A, November 12.

### Huntington

Sheela, daughter of BHASKAR SAT-

PUTE, electrical engineer, September 24.

### Ashland

John David, son of CHARLES DOOLIN, lineman C, October 17.

### Cabin Creek

William Allen, son of W. W. WOODS, maintenance man, July 19.

Julie Ann, daughter of JERRY L. HUFFMAN, stores clerk, September 29.

Melissa Martha, daughter of THOMAS SMITH, utility man A, October 17.

### Clinch River

William Lynn, son of SPENCER L. FOSTER, maintenance man, October 3.

### Glen Lyn

Michael Eugene, son of MARVIN E. PENNINGTON, utility operator, October 11.

### Pikeville

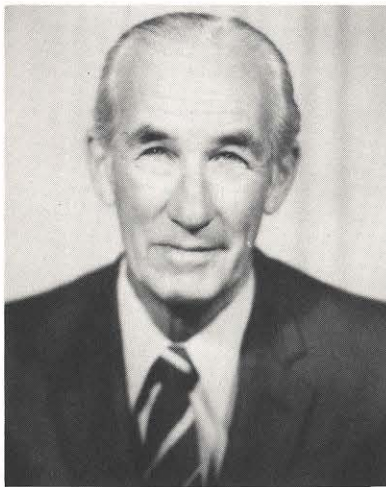
Paula Lynn, daughter of CHARLES STANLEY, appliance serviceman B, October 16.

Nathan Earl II, son of NATHAN KIRK, lineman D, October 23.

Marcus Anthony, son of JASON ELSWICK, stationman D, November 1.

Gabriel Lorain, daughter of BILLY C. MEADE, lineman D, November 16.





Sallaz

## Sallaz Retires After 41 Years

Wade O. Sallaz has hung up his line belt and handed his climbing gear over to someone younger. The Ripley Area line foreman of the Huntington Division retired early December 1 due to health, after 41 years of service.

A native of New Castle, Pa., Sallaz began his career in the Charleston Division as a laborer in November 1932. He was overhead man and district serviceman until 1949, when he moved to Point Pleasant as district troubleman. He was working foreman before becoming line foreman in 1954. He has been in the Ripley area since 1967.

Although his retirement plans are somewhat unsettled, he hopes to do some hunting and fishing. He is married and has two children.

## Kanawha River Guard Retires



Edelman

Henry Curtis Edelman, Kanawha River Plant guard, retired November 1 after nearly 21 years' service. He had served in this capacity during his entire career.

A native of Brier Creek, West Virginia, Edelman has no specific plans for retirement other than "doing what comes naturally". He will go east, west, north or south as the notion strikes him, he says. In his spare time, Edelman enjoys hunting and fishing.

# PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

## Appalachian Power

### John E. Amos

**R. D. Knight**, Safety-Security Coordinating Assistant, from Amos Construction to Cardinal Construction. **Howard W. Fortney**, Electrical Construction Assistant, from Amos Construction to Gavin Construction. **Larry W. Castle**, Civil Construction Assistant, from Amos Construction to Cook Nuclear Construction. **R. R. Murray**, Civil Construction Assistant Chief, from Amos Construction to Martinka Mines Construction. **J. E. Crawley**, Civil Construction Assistant, from Amos Construction to Martinka Mines Construction. **F. J. Wehrle**, Civil Construction Assistant, from Amos Construction to Martinka Mines Construction. **G. N. Prater**, Civil Construction Assistant, from Amos Construction to Martinka Mines Construction. **L. L. Adams**, Concrete Construction Assistant, from Amos Construction to Martinka Mines Construction.

### Beckley

**Robert E. Dyke** from Beckley Lineman B to Oak Hill Lineman A. **Janet J. Hood** to Customer Representative C, Rainelle. **S. H. Williams Jr.** to Area Serviceman, Rainelle. **Larry D. Lilly** to Station Man B. **Audrey N. Edds** to Auto Repairman A.

### Bluefield

**Rhondia Rex Stewart** to Line Foreman NE. **Harry M. Thompson III** to Station Man Helper A. **Bobby Mike Caldwell** to Lineman Helper. **Antonio Richard Rasi** to T&D Clerk Sr. **Henry Dixon Jones Jr.** to Planner X.

### Cabin Creek

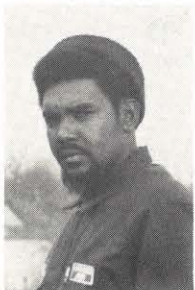
**Herbert K. Hall** to Utility Man A. **Dennis T. Young** to Utility Man A. **Michael A. Warner** to Utility Man A. **Robert H. Oxley** to Utility Man A.

## Degree Is Earned By Meter Reader

Five years of night classes and traveling 100 miles a night have ended with a degree for John T. Hall, Beckley meter reader.

Hall has earned a BA degree in sociology from Morris Harvey College in Charleston.

Hall is married and has two sons.



Hall

## Charleston

**Theodore B. Payne** to Station Foreman NE. **James R. Bradley** to Meter Serviceman B. **Warren E. Strickland** from Custodian, St. Albans, to Meterman Helper, Charleston.

### Clinch River

**Richard L. Mays** to Equipment Operator. **Frank H. Kincaid** to Utility Operator B.

### General Office

**Gertrude L. Fowler** to T&D Clerk Sr. **Richard T. Carbaugh Jr.** to Transmission Man A. **Groston J. Skeens** to Transmission Man C. **Ronnie G. Linville** to Transmission Man B. **Roger L. Thompson** to Transmission Man B. **Orley V. Rutledge Jr.** to Station Operator A. **Thomas S. Martin III** to Station Operator B.

### Glen Lyn

**Richard Lee Gray** to Maintenance Man.

### Huntington

**Ronald D. Edwards** to Stationman C. **L. A. Smith Jr.** to Lineman A. **Ronald E. Pinson** to Lineman B. **David M. Perry** to Stationman B. **R. B. Bias** to Stationman B.

### Kanawha River

**Troy Jack Johnson** to Guard.

### Lynchburg

**Dennis Nelson Tomlin** to Station Man C. **Carolyn M. Hawkins** to Customer Accounts Representative B.

### Pulaski

**Carl M. Viars** from Area T&D Clerk, Hillsville, to Meter Reader, Galax. **David W. Francis Jr.** to Customer Accounts Representative C.

### Roanoke

**Kay B. Higgins** to Cashier. **D. M. Casey** to Auto Repairman A. **J. D. Hall** to Auto Repairman A. **P. L. Humphreys** to Line Foreman NE. **J. E. Stanford** to Lineman C. **H. W. Dodd** to Lineman A. **L. G. Redden** to Lineman B.

### Kentucky Power

#### Ashland

**Sharon M. Wolfe** to Contract Clerk. **Jackie Adkins** from Lineman C, Pikeville, to Transmission Man C, General Office T&D, Ashland. **Ernest L. Hill** to Accounts Payable and Payroll Supervisor.

### Kingsport Power

**B. J. Pyle** to Lineman D.

### Southern Appalachian Coal

**James Michael Gaunch** to Stores Supervisor, Bull Creek.

## We Remember



Alley

**Albert Alley**, 79, retired Huntington stationman helper, died November 9 following a lengthy illness. He is survived by his widow, Nizzie, and a daughter.

He joined Appalachian in 1932 as a relief janitor, and worked as a car washer, groundman, maintenance man helper and stationman helper. He retired February 1, 1959, after 30 years of service. He was born in Wayne County January 1, 1896.

**George C. Johnston**, 87, retired turbine operator at Glen Lyn Plant, died October 28.

A native of Mercer County, West Virginia, Johnston was employed in 1923 as an ash man. He retired in 1951 after more than 28 years' service.

Johnston is survived by his widow, one foster son, one sister and one brother.

## Division Planner Plans Retirement

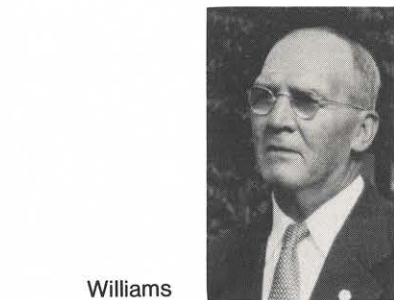
Beckley's planner has been planning — with plans of golf, travel, and working around the house, Elmer Layne Hutchinson elected early retirement December 1.

Hutch, Beckley Division planner, began his career in 1945 as a lineman. He was a troubleman, area serviceman and line foreman until a disabling injury in 1965 cut short his career in line work. When he returned to the company in 1966 he became a T&D clerk and moved up to assistant planner and then planner, the latter in September 1972.

A native of Wickham, W. Va., Hutch is married and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Beckley, Beckley Masonic Lodge, and Royal Arch Masons.



Hutchinson



Williams

**Robert Elmer Williams**, 84, retired shift supervisor at Cabin Creek Plant, died October 17.

After a period of broken service, Williams was employed in 1915 as a laborer at Cabin Creek and rose through the ranks as turbine room man, watch engineer and shift supervisor. He retired in 1954 after 38 years' service.

Survivors include his widow, two sons, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. One son, Maxwell, is a retired maintenance man at Cabin Creek and the other son, Ralph, is a shift operating engineer at Cabin Creek.

## Thirty-One Years At Plant Ends



Toney

Daniel L. Toney has spent 31 years at Cabin Creek Plant, but the time he remembers best was during World War II, when the plant operated at full load around the clock.

Toney retired early December 1 on disability, but had a full work experience at the plant, holding many jobs. He began as a laborer, and was turbine auxiliary equipment operator, assistant control operator, and control operator before becoming chief plant dispatcher in 1969.

During retirement, he plans to visit relatives in Cincinnati and to see as many Reds' baseball games as possible.

He is a member of Masonic Lodge 158 of Chelyan, Scottish Rite, and the Dunbar Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Gwendolyn, have one child and five grandchildren.





Howard, second from right front row, and Hassell, right, back row, join their old teammates and coach to be honored by their old high school.

## Two Undefeated Teams, Forty Years Apart, United At William Byrd

Things were a lot different 40 years ago, the last time William Byrd High School of Vinton completed an undefeated season.

It happened this year for the Group 2-A school, with the 50-man squad winning all 10 games. The team was to take part in a regional play-off Thanksgiving Day, and go on to the state championship game if it won.

Forty years ago the team was also undefeated. A 20-man squad won all seven games, including three with larger schools. Two of the iron men on that squad were twins Hassell and Howard Hale, and they, along with the coach and five other players from that 1933 team, were honored at half time of the final game of the 1973 season.

Hassell Hale, who is station foreman NE in the Roanoke Division,

remembers the 1933 season very well, and contrasts it with this year. "Today, the school plays with two teams, defense and offense. Then we went both ways, playing 60 minutes. I don't believe I was substituted but twice all season."

He went on: "Our heaviest boy was 160 pounds; today's stars exceed 220 pounds."

Hassell and Howard played tackle and guard and remember that they won six of their games by from one to six points, outscoring their opponents 79-26 during the season.

Reminded of the system of play-offs today, Hassell says "we may have been the best in the state then; there's no way to know." He does know it was "a real thrill" to be reunited with his old buddies.



The annual Kentucky Power 25th Street vs 15th Street softball game was highlighted this year by the use of female players on both teams. The final score found 15th Street winning 13-7; but, as one fan put it, "who

cared?". Winners shown above are: (kneeling) O. C. Hall; (l. to r.) Mac McKenzie, Sherylene Killin, Garred See, Linda Eldridge and Don Thornsby.

## Future Bench Leads Little League Team

Johnny Jessee could be a future Johnny Bench. He has a good start, being the all-star catcher on the Lebanon Little League team which went to the state semi-finals.

The 12-year-old has also played some outfield. A seventh grader at Cleveland Junior High, John also quarterbacked his Peanut League team to a 6-0 record. He is also a member of the band, drama club, 4-H, Lebanon Baptist Church, and vice president of the SCA.

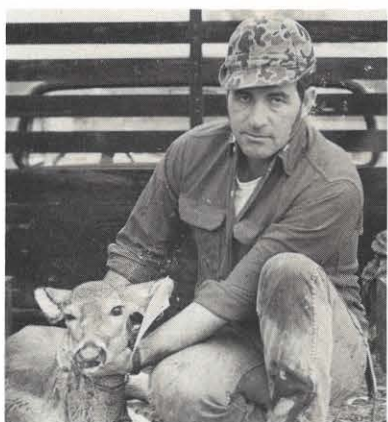
He is the son of Harold Jessee, Clinch River Plant foreman.



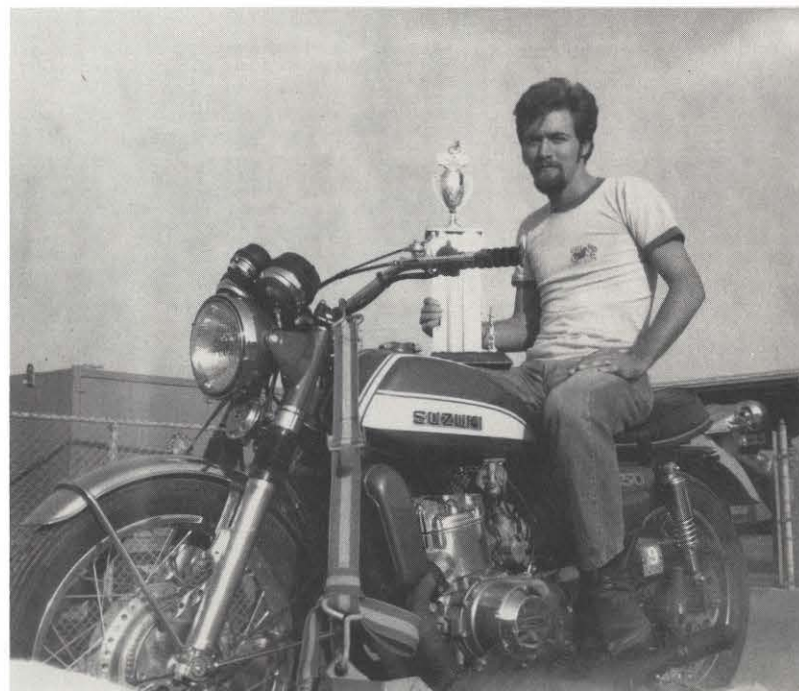
A silver bowl was the award for first place in the first annual Winton Women's Golf Association 54-hole handicap tournament, and Marie Waggoner won it. She is the wife of R. B. Waggoner, accounting supervisor of the Lynchburg Division.



Labor Day was a warm one, and Jack Hagerman took advantage of it to land this 28-inch, 9½ lb. walleyed pike in Claytor Lake after quite a fight. Jack is transmission supervising engineer in Bluefield.



Bows and arrows were the weapons when three members of the Stuart line crew of the Roanoke Division bagged deer this season. At left,



Gerald Cunningham astride his winning motorcycle, with a drag race trophy.

## Drag Racer Sets Unofficial Record

Two wins in his last three outings, including an unofficial record time, is the most recent payoff in motorcycle drag racing for a Lynchburg lineman.

Gerald W. Cunningham has worked at polishing his skills for five years, resulting in first place as top eliminator in two recent races. His top speed was 105.61 mph with an elapsed time of 12.39 seconds for the quarter mile. The national record is 12.45 seconds, but Cunningham's time was not in a "record race" so it is unofficial.

His bike is a 1972 Suzuki with a 750 cc cycle.

What is drag racing like? Cunningham says: "The worst part is starting off. The engine is tuned up to 6000 rpm and then you drop in the clutch and what a jolt it is — you have to hold on with everything you have."

He has been riding motorcycles since he was 15, and enjoys all kinds of cycles and riding. His biggest fan — his wife Betty — is also a motorcycle enthusiast.



Roanoke bowlers are rolling thirds instead of halves this season, and the Chugalugs have just won the first third with a 18-8-1 record. Close behind were the Computers at 17-10. Team members of the Chuga-

lugs are from left: Ron Hogan, captain, Bill Henley, Lonny Moran, Pete Nease, and Bill Sheaff. Eddie Allie and George Fechter have also rolled for the winners.



R. G. Turman, lineman A, got a doe November 5, his first with a bow. Center, D. W. Cooper, lineman A, right in picture, got his sixth with a



bow on October 23. And G. A. Sheperd, lineman B, right, got a buck, his third, on November 6. Cooper makes his own bows and arrows.



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**Santa Works  
On Christmas  
And So Do We**



# Father And Son Turn Ponderosa Pine Into Furniture

When he saw how much his father was enjoying it, Nelson Tomlin decided he would join him, and the two have become an unbeatable woodworking combination.

Dennis Tomlin, who is stationman C in Lynchburg, started the

whole thing when he planned, developed, and built a pine hutch for his dining room (spurred on by his wife, who thought a hutch would be perfect for a spot she had in the dining room).

Following the hutch, Dennis built a bookcase, gun cabinet and

stereo cabinet, all to his own design. He uses Ponderosa pine with natural finish.

Dennis and Nelson have together built a dark-stained pine night stand trimmed with white porcelain knobs and a model of a sailing vessel. They have also

built bird feeders and patterns hammered on copper. Currently they are making a miniature treasure chest from 15 pieces of wood which, when finished, will be a jewelry box for their wife and mother.

Nelson and Dennis Tomlin proudly display some of the results of their woodworking hobby.

## Our Cover . . .

Representing all of our employees who work at night and on holidays, including Christmas, so that our customers will have electricity, are these three. Santa Claus in real life is Alvie Napier, maintenance foreman at the John E. Amos Plant. He is joined by Alzelia (Tommie) Johnson, PBX operator Sr. in Huntington, and Ralph D. Harrison, lineman C in Charleston. This holiday photo was made outside the substation yard at Amos by W. A. Joseph, photographer and reproduction man in Huntington.



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