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APCo appeals rate order to high court

Appalachian Power Company will seek a review by the U. S. Supreme Court of the decision handed down by the West Virginia Supreme Court on June 23, 1975. The West Virginia Supreme Court on that date refused to hear the company's appeal of the West Virginia Public Service Commission's decision issued on January 31, 1975, in its 1971 rate case.

The PSC order denied 86 per cent of Appalachian's proposed \$9.5-million annual increase. The net effect of the order was to authorize an increase of \$1.3-million or 14 per cent.

The PSC order also called for refunds estimated at \$35.5-million, including 6 per cent interest, to company customers.

Appalachian has continued to charge the higher proposed rates since they went into effect under bond in July 1971.

Appalachian has also filed a motion with the West Virginia Public Service Commission seeking a further suspension of the Commission's order in the 1971 rate case. The company is asking for the suspension of the PSC order pending the outcome of its appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Companies appeal EPA decision

Appalachian Power Company and Ohio Power Company have appealed a recent Environmental Protection Agency decision that partially grants and partially denies a request of West Virginia Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., for extension of power plant emission compliance deadlines in that state from mid-1975 to mid-1976.

EPA granted compliance deadline extensions for particulate emissions at Appalachian Power's Cabin Creek Plant and for SO₂ emissions at Ohio Power's Kammer and Mitchell Plants. But a mid-1976 deadline for compliance with particulate emission standards was denied for Appalachian Power's John E. Amos Plant and the Kammer and Mitchell Plants.

Denying EPA's charge of lack of good faith, the companies pointed out that they had expended considerable time and effort in communication with the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission in an effort to determine the best method of protecting the public health. Since new precipitators with design efficiencies of 98.5% had only recently been installed at the Amos and Mitchell

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R. D. Turner revisits the bridge from which he rescued a young man moments before he would have fallen, probably to his death.

General Foreman R. D. Turner rescues man hanging from bridge

A young Roanoke man is alive today because of the quick action of R. D. Turner, Roanoke Division general foreman.

Turner, often called "Big Wheel" because of his 6'3", 250-pound frame, was assisting a line crew in a pole relocation near Interstate 581 when he was approached by a man who said

someone was ready to jump from a nearby bridge.

Turner recalls, "I didn't know what to think at first. This man ran over to where I was standing and in an excited voice said, 'He's going to fall if someone doesn't stop him.' " Turner went to the bridge some 500 yards up the road and found a young man hanging from the outside rail by one hand and foot. He continues, "There's no doubt in my mind that within moments he would have fallen into the traffic below. I really didn't have to give much thought as to what I should do because the man's life was at stake. As I cautiously approached, I heard him groaning and mumbling, 'I'm going off this bridge'. Looking at the highway some 35-50 feet below, I thought that if the fall didn't do him in, the traffic would."

Turner grabbed the man with both hands and managed to pull him back over the rail to safety. He says, "The young man was not drinking, I'm sure of that, and yet he appeared to be in a trance. It was like he had lost all contact with reality. It took about half an hour to bring him far enough out of it to get his address. I suspected then that he might have been on drugs. We managed to get him home, and his mother told us he needed professional help."

When asked by a co-worker if it bothered him to get involved in a situation like this, Turner replied, "No, not at all. It was the only decent, human thing to do."

Different pollution rules cited in APCo surcharge request

Differences between the two states in antipollution standards and rate treatment are reasons Appalachian Power is seeking a temporary rate surcharge in West Virginia but not in Virginia. This fact was brought out last month in hearings before the West Virginia Public Service Commission on APCo's proposed \$30-million temporary surcharge on electric bills of West Virginia customers to pay for air pollution control equipment on its power generating units at Philip Sporn Plant.

In his testimony, John W. Vaughan, APCo executive vice president, said the West Virginia Air Pollution Control Commission regulation on particulate emissions is "at least twice as stringent as required by the Federal standards applicable to new power plants or as required by any bordering state including Virginia". He also said the APCC regulation on sulfur dioxide emissions "requires the use of a lower sulfur content coal in West Virginia than is required under comparable Virginia regulation". This means it is more costly in West Virginia than in Virginia to bring generating plants into compliance.

Vaughan said that the company was recently granted a Virginia rate increase amounting to over \$19-million in yearly revenue. "While not adequate in light of today's inflation, it is significantly ahead of our present posture in West Virginia". He noted the PSC last January disallowed all but

\$1.3-million of a \$9.5-million rate increase by Appalachian in West Virginia.

Unless the court alters the PSC ruling, "the refund liability hanging over our head for 1972 and 1973 is in the range of \$22-million", Vaughan said. (The State Supreme Court has since refused to hear Appalachian's appeal of the decision.)

Vaughan and other company witnesses said Appalachian has no present financial capability to undertake compliance at the Sporn Plant without the surcharge. Units 1 and 3 at the plant are owned by Appalachian. Units 2, 4, and 5 are owned by Ohio Power Company.

Appalachian is under orders from the APCC to bring the Sporn units into compliance by December 1. Vaughan said Appalachia would close the units rather than risk fines for operating in non-compliance after the deadline. But he said the company would prefer to keep them operating because they still have "a number of years of useful life" and "it is desirable that the capital investment in these units is put to continued use".

Other persons testifying were Gerald Maloney, AEP senior vice president — finance; Bruce Bennett, AEP section head, power plant projects; Ronald Hivel, director of tariffs, rates and contracts for Appalachian; and Joseph Dowd, AEP senior vice president and general counsel.

Environmental protection cost AEP System \$73-million in 1974

The American Electric Power System invested more than \$73 million to protect and enhance the environment in 1974. This raised to over \$375 million the System's total expenditures for such purposes over the years.

The 1974 costs included \$54.4 million in capital expenditures for facilities to safeguard the quality of the air and water from AEP's operations, principally at power plants; \$10.1 million for the operation and maintenance of environmental facilities and for research and development in the environmental field; \$7.7 million for reclamation and reforestation of surface-mined land, and \$850,000 for beautification projects.

AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook emphasized that these environmental costs do not include the millions of dollars of incremental expense involved in the procurement and transportation of low-sulfur coal — vis-a-vis lower cost,

higher-sulfur coal — in order to meet air-quality standards with respect to sulfur-oxide emissions from certain power plants. He explained that AEP "has taken the low-sulfur-coal route" as a superior choice to other sulfur-control methods that are inferior, less reliable and more costly to the consumer.

AEP's largest capital expenditures for environmental protection last year were in the installation of giant electrostatic precipitators at new generating stations and the improvement of such dust-collecting devices at existing plants. The latter program, in which the dust-collecting efficiency of the System's older precipitators is being upgraded to as high as 99.7%, was undertaken in 1968. The last of the 33 generating units expected to be retrofitted is scheduled for completion by 1978. This 10-year backfitting effort, as now estimated, will cost

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AEP System Environmental Expenditures*		
(in thousands)		
	1974	To Date
AIR QUALITY:		
Capital investment.	\$40,422	\$204,593
Operation and maintenance, research and development.	7,828	25,492
Total air quality	\$48,250	\$230,085
WATER QUALITY:		
Capital investment.	\$13,985	\$105,654
Operation and maintenance, research and development.	2,241	5,299
Total water quality.	\$16,226	\$110,953
LAND QUALITY:		
Beautification	\$ 850	\$ 3,969
Reclamation and reforestation, etc.	7,735	30,682
Total land quality	\$ 8,585	\$ 34,651
Total	\$73,061	\$375,689

* Exclusive of incremental costs of low-sulfur coal supply.

over a half-billion dollars!

In the field of water quality, the construction of very large cooling towers, to eliminate the discharge of heated water from power-plant operations into near-by streams, represents the principal expenditure. The AEP System introduced the natural-draft, hyperbolic-shaped cooling tower into the Western Hemisphere in the early 1960's (Big Sandy Plant) and earlier this year completed its 10th such tower (General James M. Gavin Plant).

Chairman Cook said that Ohio Power Company's reclamation of its surface-mined land in southeastern Ohio cost an average of \$3,820 per acre in 1974. "This is in sharp contrast to the cost of this once worn-out, otherwise valueless land at the time it was bought, some of which was as low as \$100 to \$200 an acre," he commented. He also pointed out that the 1974 reclamation cost of \$2.30 per ton of coal mined represented a nine-fold increase in only three years.

The Ohio reclamation project, now 30 years old, has seen the planting of 35.9-million trees and

thousands of acres of grass over that period. The company has set aside some 35,000 acres, both natural and mined land, as public parklands.

Two APCo offices closed

Appalachian Power's Ravenswood and Ripley offices in Huntington Division were closed at the end of the business day on June 27. This brings to five the number of offices which have been closed this year due to the company's continuing serious financial condition and its program of reducing operating expenses.

F. O. Helm, Huntington Division manager, said that all area servicemen, line crews and meter readers will continue to be stationed in the area. Customers requesting service or information may telephone a toll-free number night or day. Official collection agencies, at which customers may pay their bills, have been established in both communities.



These three employees make up an Artificial Life Support Team which will assist in emergency situations in Appalachian's headquarters and two adjacent buildings in Roanoke. From left, Dick Isner, Donnie Robins and Tom Philpott.

First artificial life support team formed in Roanoke

An Artificial Life Support Team has been formed to assist in emergency situations arising in Appalachian's headquarters and two adjacent company buildings in Roanoke. The team consists of Tom Philpott, planner, General Office Hydro; Dick Isner, property records clerk, and Donnie Robins, payroll clerk A, both of General Office Accounting. All three are members of area life-saving crews and have received more than 600 hours of first aid training.

The team will operate in this manner: When a person discovers an accident or illness, he will call the company PBX operators. The operators will then simultaneously contact the nearest lifesaving crew and the Life Support Team. The team has equipment available and could get to the victim within two minutes.

Philpott, who originated the idea, says, "With the trained people and supplies that are available, we could maintain artificial life support for up to 30 minutes."

C. R. Wooten, Appalachian's safety director, says, "One of the main points is to cover the gap from the illness or injury until the lifesaving crew gets here." He points out that there have been several incidents in the past where this team could have been utilized.

Philpott agrees, "I had thought about it for some time. Several times I had seen the problems a lifesaving crew encounters, coming to an area like this." He notes that lifesaving crews are pressed for day volunteers and that locating crew members is often difficult. Add to this the heavy traffic encountered in downtown areas, and it could take as long as 15 minutes to get to the victim. In severe cases, such as heart attacks, the lifesaving crew could possibly be too late.

"Our prime objective," says Robins, "is to administer prompt first aid in this area until the life-saving crew can get here.

Isner adds, "We're also interested in prevention — in having people aware of situations that could exist."

Philpott sums up the team's feelings on the support they have received. "All three of us are gratified over the concern of management for the welfare of everyone."

Surface mine veto stands

The House of Representatives last month failed to override President Ford's veto of the surface mine bill. The result — 278 to defeat the veto and 143 to sustain it — fell three votes short of the necessary two-thirds required to block a presidential veto.

The bill would have continued a moratorium until February 1, 1976, on the leasing of any government-owned coal in the West. It also would have imposed a fee on all coal mined, up to 35¢ a ton, to pay the cost of reclaiming surface-mined land previously abandoned by irresponsible operators.

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Plants, the companies had sought ways to upgrade the existing equipment to enable it to meet the EPA's revised standards.

When the companies' proposed alternatives were rejected by the APCC, they began the design and engineering work necessary for backfitting the plants in question. Total cost of this backfitting is now projected at nearly \$200-million.

Ford's proposals will help utilities

Encouraging news for the nation's utilities came from President Ford last month.

Speaking of recommendations made to him by his Labor-Management Committee, the President said, "I accept and endorse them because they can make a significant contribution in reducing the Nation's dependence on oil imports and in conserving scarce natural gas supplies."

Touching directly on the problem of delayed or cancelled generating capability announced by a number of utilities, the President added that "... an expansion in electric utility construction will provide solid, long-range employment which will be highly beneficial to the country. An increase in ... capacity will also contribute significantly to economic expansion."

The proposals, supported by top business and labor leaders, would:

- Provide incentive for the purchase of utility company common stocks by allowing stockholders to defer tax payments on utility dividends if they re-invest those dividends in new issues of common stock; and
- Increase the investment tax credit to 12% from the present 10%, extend it "indefinitely," and apply it to projects already under construction;
- Permit depreciation on construction expenditures as they are made, provided the costs are in the rate base (at present depreciation begins only after a power plant is in commercial operation);
- Extend beyond the end of this year the current five-year fast write-off of pollution control equipment;
- Extend the Price-Anderson Act, which indemnifies utilities against nuclear accidents.

In addition, the Committee report recommended that a task force of experts explore the delays involved in power plant construction and, on a case-by-case basis, take steps to remove the bottlenecks. A further recommendation was that the nation "stretch out", as necessary, present environmental restrictions on energy production and use.

AEP Chairman Donald C. Cook, commenting on the Committee's report, said, "It is heartening to see serious attention at last being given to an energy program for the country. If these recommendations do in fact pass into legislation, they will play an important role in stimulating the new construction of badly needed utility facilities, reducing unemployment, holding down utility rates for facilitating raising capital

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R. B. and Katherine Sinclair pause at Roanoke's Woodrum Field before leaving on their journey to Iran.

Sinclair is consulting engineer for electrical expansion in Iran

Early in May, R. B. Sinclair, retired staff assistant in Appalachian Power's General Office T&D Civil Engineering Section, and his wife Katherine left for Iran, where he is now working as a consulting engineer for the American firm of Gibbs and Hill. Sinclair is responsible for the routing and design of transmission lines in an expansion of the country's electrical system.

A former AEP employee who now works for Gibbs and Hill contacted Sinclair and offered him the job. He visited Iran for three weeks before making up his mind about the assignment.

In an interview with **The Illuminator** before he left, Sinclair said, "I didn't have any difficulty making up my own mind, and Katherine is thrilled with the idea. She has visions of Persian rugs."

Sinclair said, "If I don't screw something up, this job would probably be good for several years. But I have no intention of staying over there that long. I think we will be home before the end of the year."

He added, "From what I can tell, the work will be rather routine because I've been doing it all my life. But I will be dealing with people I don't know and of a different nationality. In that sense, it will be a challenge."

He continued, "They are going through industrialization of the whole nation, and they need tremendous amounts of electric power. They have a subtransmission that is 63 kv, which sounds odd to us. The lowest transmission voltage is 132 kv and they have 220 and 440 kv, which is now under very active consideration."

"The power industry," he noted, "is owned by the government. Electricity is made by steam and

hydro. Most of the steam plants are gas fired."

Sinclair, although located in Tehran, will be working at Mashhad in the northeastern part of the country close to the Russian border.

While he was on his three-week visit, Sinclair made these observations about the country: "In the cities they have an unbelievable number of trees and quite a few lawns — all irrigated. They have plenty of water from the mountains, and they have devised a system to divert water down various streets to water these trees and lawns. But once you get into the hinterlands, it is a colorless country. The mountains are bare rocks."

He continued, "The types of buildings they are putting up seem to be a very low grade of construction. In fact, I would call them extremely flimsy, but they are throwing them up in unbelievable numbers. The whole country reminds me of the United States at the end of World War II. There isn't enough of anything. The number one problem there is money. Inflation is unbelievable."

The Sinclairs do not plan to visit other overseas countries. He said, "There are so many places in Iran that are historical, I wouldn't think about going outside. Transportation is so exasperating. The firm I am with will not allow anyone to drive an automobile. New York or Washington traffic would look like a bunch of little old ladies on their way to church on Sunday compared to what it is in Iran. It is just mob action."

A number of Americans live in Iran, mostly representatives of industrial firms, and seem to have been accepted well by the natives. Sinclair noted, "For the time being, they seem to have an unbelievable respect for American technology."

Penn Power ruling upheld

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania recently upheld two lower court rulings that the status of scrubber technology is purely experimental.

The decision came in a proceeding brought by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER) against Pennsylvania Power Company and its president, Ray E. Semmler. The DER had sought to fine the utility and jail Semmler for not complying with state sulfur-emission regulations at Penn Power's 426,000-kilowatt New Castle Plant.

The company's basic defense of impossibility of compliance was upheld in the court's opinion which stated, "The evidence indicated that the newly planned and constructed United States flue gas desulfurization operations... were so experimental their ability to comply with the new regulations was only theoretical."



Active in the Bluefield, Virginia, Chapter, Order of DeMolay are (from left) E. E. "Buck" Fanning, sons Eddie and Larry and wife Diane.

Buck Fanning family active in Bluefield Chapter, Order of DeMolay

Organizing and building the membership of the Bluefield, Virginia, Chapter, Order of DeMolay has turned into a family project for the Buck Fannings. He is Bluefield Division building supervisor.

Buck serves as chapter dad and recently received from the International Supreme Council the Advisor's Honor Key in recognition of exceptional service and tireless effort in increasing membership during the last DeMolay year.

His wife Diane is president of the DeMolay Mothers' Club. Their youngest son, Eddie, was elected master counselor of the chapter while their oldest son, Larry, serves as sentinel and was the installing marshal at his brother's installation.

During his 25-year membership in the Harman Masonic Lodge No. 222, Bluefield, Virginia, Buck has held the offices of past master, trustee, associate lecturer and past high priest of W. G. Bottimore Royal Arch Chapter of Bluefield, Virginia. Diane has been an active member of the Order of Eastern Star and has held several offices, including past matron.

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on reasonable terms, and generally relieving the financial plight of many utilities. As a result the energy future for the nation will be greatly improved."

He added that, while all of the proposals would not help utilities, some of them — and particularly the dividend-reinvestment recommendation — would be beneficial to most utilities.

Ironside's Crew league champions

Ironside's Crew won the roll-offs in both halves of league play and were declared undisputed champions of the Pikeville Bowling League for 1974-75.

Members of the team were Harry Bradley, head custodian; Theodore Cieraszynski, lineman B; J. C. Potter, Jr., stationman C; and Marie Scott.

MOVING UP



Eads

Terry R. Eads, former Beckley electrical engineer, has been promoted to supervising engineer for Michigan Power Company, Three Rivers, Michigan. He holds an electrical engineering degree from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Henry G. Arnold, former winder first class at Central Machine Shop, has been promoted to production foreman in the motor shop. He began his career with Appalachian Power in 1972 as a maintenance man C at John E. Amos Plant.

Marshall M. Hughes, former lineman A in the Clintwood area of Abingdon Division, has been promoted to line foreman non-exempt.

William F. Valley, former Roanoke electrical engineer, has been promoted to Roanoke Division station supervisor, succeeding R. B. Kilgore, who earlier was promoted to Pulaski Division superintendent. He holds a BS



Arnold

degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Ralph Barnett, former departmental assistant in Kentucky Power's General Office Accounting Department, Ashland, has been promoted to Pikeville Division customer accounting supervisor. He holds a BS degree in accounting from the University of Kentucky.

James Irwin, former departmental assistant in Kentucky Power's General Office Accounting Department, Ashland, has been promoted to tax and statistical accountant. He holds a degree in accounting from Marshall University.

Carmin Shannon, former cash book and statistics clerk in Kentucky Power's General Office Accounting Department, Ashland, has been promoted to the exempt position of general records accountant.



Hughes



Valley



Barnett



Irwin



Shannon

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

GLEN LYN



Albert

Terri Lee Albert, daughter of Chemist Assistant Charlotte L. Albert, is the recipient of the Students in Action for Education Scholarship presented during graduation exercises at Giles High School. She is attending Radford College this summer, majoring in special education.

Samia Hollinger, daughter of Samuel D. Hollinger, performance engineer, won a trophy as most valuable distance runner for the girls' track team at Giles High School.

Michael Harris was presented the outstanding student award and the outstanding Key Clubber award at Giles High School. He was also declared most valuable cross-country runner. **Rita Harris** received the most outstanding JV Cheerleader award. They are the children of Chief Chemist Everett V. Harris.

ASHLAND



Bolner



Schweitzer

Rebecca Lynn Bolner, daughter of Donald G. Bolner, working service foreman, was awarded a scholarship to Ashland Community College by the Heritage Woman's Club. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Shorthand Hall of Fame, Alpha Chi Omega Society, and symphonic, marching, stage and pep bands at Paul G. Blazer High School.

Hager Elementary's school patrol, of which **Jeffrey Scott Schweitzer** is a member, won a trophy for being rated best of eight patrol groups this school year. Jeff also won blue ribbons for the 220-yard dash and 440-yard dash in elementary field and track events. The son of Bill Schweitzer, residential representative senior, Jeff pitches for the Phillies Little League baseball team.

Earl F. Hawkins, customer services manager, was appointed a member of the renovation committee for the Paramounts Arts Center.

John Killin, husband of Sherylene Killin, GO Personnel stenographer, was elected Lecturing Knight of the Ashland Elks Club, BPOE 350.

Brian Saltz, son of J. G. Saltz, personnel director, and **Jennifer Kinney**, daughter of John Kinney, GO meterman senior, were inducted into the National Honor Society at Paul G. Blazer High School.

Phyllis Hawkins, president of the Y-Teen Inter-Club Council for the Ashland Area, was selected the outstanding Y-Teen member. **Colleen Hawkins** was selected the outstanding female student in physical education classes and the outstanding girl in the freshman class at Putnam Junior High School. She also received an award as the only freshman student with straight A's for three years. They are the daughters of Earl Hawkins, customer services manager.

BLUEFIELD

Bill Martin, son of Jack Martin, Pineville area supervisor, was elected treasurer of the Student Council and inducted into the Senior Honor Society at Pineville High School.

Bob Runion, Pineville T&D clerk, was elected treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Bud, W. Va. His son **Terry Runion** was elected vice president of the church's BYF.

Dave Kendrick, Welch area superintendent, was appointed co-chairman of the All-West Virginia City awards program for McDowell County. His son **Scott Kendrick** won a first-place trophy in the Welch Pine Box Derby held annually for Cub Scouts at the Welch Methodist Church.

Marie Anderson, wife of Mervyn Anderson, station foreman exempt, was installed as president of the Falls Mills Arts and Crafts Club.

Michael R. Hawkins, son of the late Roy R. Hawkins, GO Communications, was promoted to corporal in the U. S. Marines and is presently stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Garland M. Morrison, son of Garland Morrison, head custodian, was named to the honors list at Ferrum College.

Robin White, daughter of Hobart

White, general foreman, was appointed Fidelity in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Welch Assembly No. 18.

Irene Pauley, wife of Paul Pauley, customer services supervisor, was installed as second vice president of the Preston School PTA.

During Bluefield High School awards day, **Sheree Crotty**, daughter of Arnold Crotty, planner senior, was awarded a Bluefield College Henry Rodgin Memorial Music Award. **Cindy Mash**, daughter of Mary Lou Mash, customer accounts representative B, received a tennis award letter and a Beaver B award letter.



Kenneth Roberts is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Welch Jaycees for his outstanding leadership and service. He is power engineer at Welch in the Bluefield Division. In addition to his Jaycee activities, Roberts was elected a two-year director of the Welch Lions Club, appointed assistant chairman of the McDowell County Disaster Committee under the direction of the Welch Chapter of the American Red Cross, and appointed a member of the house committee of Gary Country Club.

BECKLEY



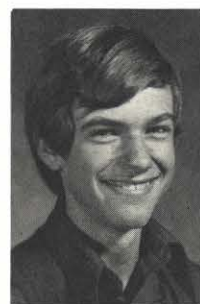
Lowery

James Thomas Lowery, son of J. R. Lowery, lineman A, was included in the 1974-75 "Who's Who Among Students in American Vocational and Technical Schools". A 1975 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, Tommy plans to continue his vocational training and pursue a career as a welder.

KANAWHA RIVER

Melissa Cruickshank, daughter of Plant Engineer Robert L. Cruickshank, was selected a majorette at Roosevelt Junior High School and named to the staff of **The Torch**, school newspaper.

PHILIP SPORN



Harmon

Mark Harmon, son of P. M. Harmon, equipment operator, was selected for the 1975 edition of "Who's Who Among American Music High School Students". An upcoming senior at Wahama High School, Mark plays saxophone in the marching, concert and pep bands and is saxophone soloist for the Wahama Jazz Ensemble. He was selected for the 1975 West Virginia All-State Band and received superior and excellent ratings at the solo and ensemble festival held earlier this year at Marshall University.

Kevin Brown, son of W. D. Brown, assistant shift operating engineer, received an associate science degree from Glenville State College and is employed as a surveyor by Southern Ohio Coal Company.

LOGAN-WILLIAMSON



Adkins

Lynn Adkins placed third in the nation in the poster category of the annual DAR's Poster, Poetry and Theme Contest. The daughter of Logan General Serviceman Elmond Adkins, Lynn competed with students from 40 states. Theme of this year's contest was "My Birthright, Freedom".

Fred Layne, husband of Geri Layne, Williamson Accounting, was elected Exalted Ruler of the Williamson Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Eleanor and James Cunningham have been appointed to arrangements committees for a joint reunion of the 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943 graduating classes of Logan High School. She is private secretary in Division Managerial.

Lorrayne Corea, Williamson T&D, was elected president of A.I.M., a community action group devoted to civic improvement of the City of Williamson.

John Preston, son of Williamson Meter Reader James Preston, received a DAR citizenship award during Williamson High School's Awards Day Program.

Ben Donevant, Logan Accounting, is the recipient of the Dave McCallister Award, given

annually by the Logan Jaycees to its top member. He was installed as secretary of the **Harry E. Ruloff, Jr.**, super engineer, and **Emery Jeffreys, Jr.**, also received recognition from the club.

Mrs. Thomas L. Henritze of the retired Logan line for was installed as president American Baptist Women's Center, First Baptist Church Logan.

Jeffrey Taylor, son of Flo Taylor, Jr., division manager, and **Angela Walls**, daughter of James E. Walls, stationmaster, were named to the All-C Junior High School Band.

Geri Layne, Williamson accounting, was honored as Williamson Beta Sigma Phi member of the Alpha Phi Chapter. Geri received a crown and gifts and will represent Williamson chapters at the convention in October.

Janice Taylor, daughter of H. Taylor, Jr., modeled a gown in the annual spring fashion show of the Logan General Hospital Auxiliary.

Cindy Foglesong, daughter of Howard L. Foglesong, re-supervisor, attended the a senior Girl Scout conference at Camp Virgil Tate.



Ellen Ferguson receives a trophy from Abingdon High School Principal Aubrey Brown for being selected outstanding B band student 1974-75. She is the daughter of W. H. Ferguson, Abingdon Customer Services.



G. C. "Sheriff" Fannin, Kanawha River Plant maintenance man, made a hole-in-one on the 3, 199-yard No. 6 hole at the Oak Country Club in Oak Hill, Va. The ball he was using was one of two dozen golf balls given him by workers when he retired in December 1974.

HUNTINGTON



Bowen

Earl M. Bowen, head meter reader, was elected mayor of the City of Kenova. He held the office for 12 years before being defeated in 1973.

Mary O'Connor, wife of Kevin O'Connor, electrical engineer, received a master's degree in psychology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and is employed by the West Virginia State Welfare Office.

SSG Fred Nibert, training NCO for the 3664th Maintenance Company of the West Virginia National Guard, was selected "soldier of the month". He is Point Pleasant area planner senior.

Barry Long, power engineer, was elected treasurer of the Huntington Jaycees.

Wayne Pugh, administrative assistant, is the recipient of the "outstanding Jaycee of the year award" and "chairman of the year award" from the Huntington Jaycees. Representing the Huntington Chapter, he took second place in the state Jaycee speaking competition.

Diana Gibson, daughter of Richard Gibson, commercial representative, took Marshall University's CLEP test following her recent graduation from Huntington East High School and acquired 30 hours credit. She is now classified as a sophomore.



Gibson

Pugh

PULASKI



Mathews

Donna S. Mathews, daughter of Retiree M. L. Saunders, was named "outstanding nurse of the year" by the Virginia Nurses Association's District II. She is acting educational director for the School of Nursing at Community Hospital of Roanoke

Valley. Mrs. Mathews was recently elected chairwoman of the Virginia State Board of Health Advisory Committee which grants state scholarships.

Mrs. Walter Elkins, wife of the retired lineman A, was installed as parliamentarian of the Pulaski Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Mrs. Jack Game, daughter of A. E. Lemons, Customer Services, and **Mrs. Stephen Albert**, wife of the lineman A, were elected president and treasurer, respectively, of the Northwood Elementary School PTA.

Glenda Wohlford, secretarial-stenographer, was a member of the championship team in the Keglerette Bowling League. She received the league's high game handicap award with a 255.

C. H. Rhett, Jr., son of Retiree C. H. Rhett, received the Pulaski Jaycees annual Key Man award.

Dorothy Whitaker, personnel assistant, was a delegate from Pulaski's First United Methodist Church to the 152nd Holston United Methodist's annual conference.

June Miller, wife of W. E. Miller, meter reader, was installed as third vice president of the Madeline Harman Woman's Club.

Everett A. Alley, meter reader, graduated cum laude from New River Community College with an associate science degree.

ABINGDON



Hughes

Beth Hughes, daughter of Administrative Assistant Jim Hughes, was awarded a scholarship by the Abingdon High School faculty. She also received the chorus award, was selected most courteous and presented the Talon award at senior class festivities. Beth was senior class secretary and editor of the **Talon**, school paper. She will attend Virginia Highlands Community College.

John Morefield, engineer B, composed a song entitled "A Century of Service" for a recent centennial celebration at Glade Spring Baptist Church, where he is choir director. His daughter, **Sandra Morefield**, was guest soloist.

Darrell Lee, Marion lineman B, coaches the Tigers, a team composed of four-to-six-year-olds, in the Marion Little League.

Eva Leonard, daughter of Jack Leonard, Marion lineman A, was

elected senior cheerleader at Abingdon High School.

Mary Hughes and **Sandra Morefield** were selected to participate in the All-County Chorus for Washington County.

Rusty Johnson, son of Peggy Johnson, personnel clerk senior, placed first in broad jump and 50-yard dash, second in sit-ups and third in soft ball throw at the Camp Sequoiah Camporal competition. He is a member of the E. B. Stanley Cub Scout Pack 410.

Worley Grizzel, Gate City lineman A, was nominated as a candidate in the Republican Primary to run for Supervisor of District No. 1 in Scott County.

Mike Gregory was selected by his classmates as Mr. Abingdon High and delivered the benediction for the senior class during graduation exercises.

J. L. Cook, meter reader, is umpire and chief of the Abingdon Senior Little League. He also umpires two nights a week for the Abingdon Little League.

ROANOKE



Rakes, Lu

Young

Lu Ann Rakes, daughter of Jo Ann Rakes, Fieldale clerk-stenographer, was awarded a trophy as "Miss Physical Fitness — 5th Grade" at Fieldale Elementary School. She and her sister, **Lisa Rakes**, were also awarded certificates for perfect school attendance this year.

Lewis Young, husband of Doris S. Young, general clerk, was elected president of the Roanoke Data Processing Management Association for 1975-76.

Doris Young received an award from the Roanoke Valley Association of Mental Health for her contributions while president of the Roanoke Business and Professional Women's Club. She has been appointed a member of the BPW's state committee to select the 1976 recipient of the Nettie Tucker Yowell Scholarship and was a delegate to the recent state convention of the Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Mitzie K. Naff, daughter of Ralph Naff, right of way agent, won third place in the vocal division of the Virginia Lions Club 29th annual Bland Music Contest. Sponsored by the Vinton Club of District 24-E, Mitzie placed first in the local, regional and district contests and received \$100 as district winner.

Roger L. Gowl, T&D records supervisor, was elected statistician of the Southeast District of Grace Brethren Churches for 1975-76 and was re-elected to the district auditing committee.

Alyene and Teresa Lynch, wife and daughter, respectively, of Planner Paul Lynch, won third place in the "A" Division doubles of the Virginia State Women's Bowling Tournament.

Robert D. Webster, assistant division manager, was appointed by Governor Mills Godwin to a special committee to study the relationship between electric utilities and governmental bodies in Virginia.

Ira Poff, husband of Stenographer Jane Poff, was named "guardsman of the month" by the 421st Maintenance Battalion, Virginia National Guard.

C. L. Reynolds, customer services manager, was elected to a one-year term as director of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club, Inc.

James Nester, a sophomore majoring in electrical-electronics engineering technology at Virginia Western Community College, received a \$200 scholarship from the Roanoke Division, National Electrical Contractors Association. He is on an educational leave of absence.

Maureen Gravely, wife of Dillard Gravely, Fieldale engineer B, was a committee member for the CROP Walk sponsored by area churches which raised \$18,000 for worldwide hunger. Their foster son, **Wayne Thomas**, walked 15 miles and raised \$46.

Nancy Bradshaw, wife of Aubrey Bradshaw, meter serviceman helper, was appointed to a one-year term to the National Electrical Contractors Association in Richmond, Va., to work with the State Board of Housing on codes and ordinances for the state.

Meryl Ann Bullard, daughter of H. Earl Bullard, Fieldale planner senior, was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Fieldale Rotary Club. She graduated last month from Fieldale-Collinsville High School.

Joel Wilson, Jr., son of Joel Wilson, customer services representative, graduated from VPI and State University with a BS degree in electrical engineering.

Sheree Eubank, stepdaughter of Harvey Agee, meterman A, graduated from Drewery Mason High School.

Bobby Green Mason, son of Hurd Mason, stores supervisor, graduated from VPI and State University.

Charles H. Bradshaw, son of Aubrey O. Bradshaw, meter service helper, graduated from George Washington Carver High School.

Gilbert Leigh Amos, son of R. G. Amos, station foreman, graduated magna cum laude from Roa-

noke College with a degree in business.

Karen L. Downey, second grader, and **Kelly L. Downey**, fifth grader, were first place winners in the Moneta Elementary School reading contest. They are the daughters of Richard Downey, T&D records clerk.



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LYNCHBURG



Gillette

May

George R. Gillette, collector was elected Post Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8184 and District Quartermaster and Adjutant of District 6 of the State of Virginia. **John K. May**, customer accounts representative B, was elected to a three-year term as Trustee of Post #8184 and is on the advisory committee as Past Post Commander.

W. David Crews, personnel supervisor, will head the utilities division of the United Way of Central Virginia campaign. He is also on the fund drive committee for Junior Achievement of Lynchburg.



Wesley Garner, Lynchburg meter service helper B, was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Virginia. He was also re-elected District Deputy Grand Patriarch for Zone Four of Odd Fellows. Garner was appointed vice chairman of the Central District, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America for 1975-76.

17 couples around system exchange wedding vows



Snyder



Kitts



Wilkerson



Chaffin



Aesque



Lawson



Gillenwater

WEDDINGS

Deborah Sue Myers, daughter of William L. Myers, Bluefield meter reader, to Samuel Bernard Snyder, May 31.

Susan Chaffins, daughter of William A. Chaffins, Bluefield stores attendant, to Billy Ray Kitts, May 9.

Dawn Elizabeth Peters, daughter of Ira B. Peters, wage and salary assistant senior, General Office Personnel, Roanoke, to Lawrence Alan Wilkerson, June 21.

Sheila Rene Martin, former Roanoke meterman helper, to **Donald Manning**, son of Mary Manning, private secretary, General Office Customer Services, Roanoke, June 16.

Sue Ann Schlehuser to **Orvis David Chaffin**, Logan-Williamson meter reader, April 26.

Teresa Kay Morrison, daughter of H. R. Morrison, Kingsport general serviceman, to Paul Aesque, Jr., April 19.

Rosemary Laverne Meador, daughter of J. F. Meador, engineer B, General Office T&D Station, Roanoke, to Barry G. Lawson, June 7.

Janet Lynn Mitchell to **Harold D. Gillenwater**, Kingsport stationman A, June 14.

Anna L. Rose to **R. Brent Bias**, Huntington stationman C, May 22.

Eileen Lavern Thompson to **Clifford L. Washington, Jr.**, Beckley sub-station man C, May 28.

Norma Jean Collins, clerk junior, General Office Accounting, Roanoke, to Bobby A. Shelton, May 9.

Alice Jane Conley to **Larry T. Justice**, Big Sandy Plant utility man B, June 6.

Marcia Eileen Coleman, daughter of Victor Coleman, Pikeville residential representative, to Curtis Michael Wallace, May 31.

Deanna Sue Hash to **Ernie L. Cochran**, Pikeville engineering record clerk, September 6, 1974.

Joyce Elaine Muck to **Robert E. Christenson**, Charleston senior engineering technician, May 22.

Sarah Ann Sears to **Clarence Lacy Dillion**, Glen Lyn Plant utility operator, May 6.

Sandra H. Hylton, classification and verification clerk, General Office Accounting, Ashland, to Carl Larsen, May 29.



Mrs. Winston E. Miller pauses beside her informal flower garden, which has a profusion of blooming spring flowers.

Mrs. Winston Miller's garden abounds with wild flowers, ferns

Mrs. Winston E. Miller, wife of the Pulaski meter reader, gets up early to see how her garden grows. A wild flower enthusiast, her yard abounds with wild flowers, ferns and foliages. Her favorite time to take a walk is at 6 AM to see what is blooming. Her garden takes on a new look every day, and she likes to go out early and see what has come up.

"I don't think you can grow anything as pretty as wild flowers," Mrs. Miller says. But, in addition to her wild flowers, she plants for year-round bloom.

Mrs. Miller's companion in the woods is a nature guide to familiar American wild flowers. She writes in the book the date and place that she saw a certain wild flower on the page that it is described. She agrees with other wild flower enthusiasts that a trip to woods and fields is much more exciting if you learn to enjoy flowers without picking them. She also likes to return to wild flower patches and watch the changes that take place as the days pass and to return year after year to see her plant "friends" in almost the same spot where she

first saw them.

Mrs. Miller doesn't advise anyone going out and digging wild flowers, since you can't duplicate their environment. She won't dig a wild flower up unless she knows the site is going to be destroyed anyway. Her lady slippers came from a logging road, which trucks were crushing.

She is interested in working with young people in conserving wild flowers. She likes to talk to 4-H clubs and the Honeysuckle Junior Garden Club and has members come to her house to see her wild flowers. She and her husband Winston have conducted nature hikes at the Methodist camp, Camp Dickerson, at Fries.

Mrs. Miller is a member of the Dublin Garden Club, which is Federated, and the Crafty Gardeners Club of Pulaski, which is both a craft and garden club. She is retiring director-secretary of the Southwest District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. Mrs. Miller is studying to be a landscape design critic, and has completed three of the four required courses at VPI and SU.

BABY PARADE

Beckley

Tresa Carol, daughter of **Wayne D. Farley**, planner, June 5.

Big Sandy

David Michael, II, son of **Betty B. Woods**, General Office coal records clerk, June 4.

Cabin Creek

Joseph Harvey, son of **Joseph F. Patchell**, junior maintenance man, June 1.

Clinch River

Carla Lee, daughter of **Carl Wayne Amburgey**, utility operator B, May 19.

Tanya Derain, daughter of **Clyde A. Keith**, utility man A, April 16.

General Office

Regina Lynn, daughter of **Herman L. Johnson**, custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke, May 18.

Krista Leigh, daughter of **Barbara R. Allen**, stenographer, GO Customer Services, Roanoke, May 27.

Michael Steven, son of **R. S. Walls**, transmission man A, GO T&D Transmission, Charleston, May 4.

Hazard

Bernadette, daughter of **Alger B Combs**, draftsman, June 1.

Logan-Williamson

Jobina Rose, daughter of **Gary Watson**, electrical engineer, May 17.

Michelle Lynn, daughter of **Thomas A. Hale, Jr.**, Madison meter reader June 6.

Lynchburg

William A. Jr., son of **William A. Robertson**, stationman A, May 30.

Pikeville

Jason Kent, son of **Sharon Lykins**, West Liberty cashier-clerk, May 4.

Scott Patrick, son of **Dale Hamilton**, lineman C, May 30.

Roanoke

Lanay Beth, daughter of **Sherwood Robertson, Jr.**, garage attendant May 26.

Philip Sporn

Marcia Anne, daughter of **D. W. Robinson**, auxiliary equipment operator, May 29.

Forestry career off to early start

At the age of 12, Robbie Tuck decided to become a forest ranger and in the four years since has been getting some practical experience for the job. He is the son of A. B. Tuck, Roanoke Division reservoirs foreman, and Frances Tuck, cook-house-keeper.

Tuck, as part of a co-op program between the Virginia Forestry Division and private land owners, has been busy planting seedlings for new forest crops on his scheduled days off from school, holidays and weekends. The seedlings are lob-lolly pines and will take about 20 years to reach the proper growth to be cut for timber. On an average day, he will plant about 1500 such seedlings.

Tuck says, "It's work I really enjoy doing. To see the young trees

that you've planted in earlier years begin to mature into a growing forest is a most gratifying experience."



Tuck

Kentucky, Appalachian employees enter retirement

WE REMEMBER

ELMORE



"I'd like to know just how much overtime I've worked in these past 30 years," says **Major Elmore**, who was a Charleston Division area serviceman before electing early retirement July 1.

A native of Ward, West Virginia, Major began his career in 1945 as a groundman and worked as a lineman C, B and A before moving to area serviceman in 1956.

In his spare time, Major enjoys farming and has two horses, two calves, a pony and chickens. He and his wife Helen will spend some time in Florida during the winter months, visiting their two daughters who live there. They also have four other children who live in the Charleston area and six grandchildren. A World War II veteran, Major attends the Church of God Mission.

GRISSE



Melvin Grisso, who retired July 1 as Roanoke customer service representative, has had some exciting experiences while in that position. Once a customer pulled a gun while Melvin attempted to explain his bill to him. He recalls, "Even though I wasn't scared, I can't say it was a comfortable situation either. I suggested that he put the gun down because it might accidentally go off and hurt someone. He laid the gun down

and we went on with our discussion."

He continues, "There was another time when a customer was upset over a bill he'd received. The more I tried, the more I realized I couldn't reason with him. Since he was a big man and had a reputation for doing what he said, I told him I would come back in a couple of days. He said, 'You come around here again and you won't walk down those steps. I'll throw you down them.' I did go back, but the man had calmed down by then."

The Roanoke County native joined Appalachian in 1948 as an auto mechanic B in the then System Transportation Department. He held positions in Roanoke Division's Meter Service and Line Departments and at the Roanoke Steam Plant before moving to Accounting in 1961.

Melvin says, "I've been waiting for quite some time now to sleep late and not worry about any particular schedule. I plan to go fishing real often in the new bass boat I have my eye on buying and to see more of my children and grandchildren."

He concluded, "I've been fortunate over the years to have had the best of supervisors and the best of employees to work with. The one thing I hate about retirement is that the people I worked with were so good to me that I know I am really going to miss them."

SINGLETON



"I worked for seven plant managers at Logan and four managers at Clinch River — all good men. I really enjoyed my work and association with employees at both plants," recalls **Lee Allen Singleton**, who retired July 1 as maintenance foreman at Clinch River.

A native of Illinois, Lee began his career in 1943 as a maintenance man at Logan Plant and was a mechanical maintenance man before transferring to Clinch River in 1958 as maintenance foreman.

Lee says he will "enjoy working around the house and watching television and reading" during retirement. He and his wife Mary have one child and one grandchild.

SETTLE



"My first day with Appalachian, I helped the Bluefield station crew dismantle and clean the oxide film from lightning arresters in the Princeton Station. This was a cold March day, and most of the crew had to ride in the back of an open bed truck from Bluefield to Princeton," recalls **Charles Robert Settle**. He was Pulaski Division superintendent before his retirement July 1 after 29 years' service.

A native of Honaker, Virginia, Charlie began his career as a maintenance man B in March 1946. Later that year he transferred to Welch as an engineer senior B and was a senior electrical engineer before being promoted to Welch district superintendent in 1951. He returned to Bluefield in 1964 as area superintendent and the following year was named assistant superintendent of the Pulaski Division. He became division superintendent of T&D in 1966 and division superintendent in 1969. He holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Charlie's immediate plans include doing some painting at his home. He enjoys fishing, bowling and raising flowers. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pulaski and the Pulaski Lions Club.

FULCHER



"I've enjoyed working for the company and with all the employees," says **Claud Allen Fulcher**, who retired July 1 as a maintenance helper at Glen Lyn Plant.

Claud, a native of Mercer County, West Virginia, began his career in 1943 as a laborer and has since worked as a utility man, auxiliary equipment operator and boiler operator B.

"During my retirement," Claud says, "I plan to visit relatives, do some hunting, fishing and gardening, and the remaining time I will just take it easy." A member of the Goodwin's Chapel Christian Church, he enjoys working in his blacksmith shop. He and his wife Lura have two children and four grandchildren.

KINNER



Irwin Burgess Kinner, classification clerk senior in Kentucky Power's General Office Accounting Department, Ashland, elected early retirement June 1 after a "temporary" job lasting more than 33 years. He was employed in 1942 as a junior clerk in the temporary "Back-track Department", a special group set up to facilitate FPC approval of a physical inventory of the company's property.

A native of Greenup, Irwin attended the University of Kentucky and continued his education through evening and correspondence courses. A World War II Army veteran, he attends the First Methodist Church in Greenup. He and his wife Mary Frances have one daughter. Plans for retirement include travel and relaxation.



Conn

Ira Conn, 47, area serviceman at Kermit in the Logan-Williamson Division, was electrocuted while on a night call-out June 20. This was the company's first fatality since 1971. A native of Crum West Virginia, he began his career in 1948 as a laborer at Williamson. Conn is survived by his widow Elsie, three children, one granddaughter, five brothers and six sisters.

George Jefferson Hancock, Sr., 87, retired Ashland head janitor died June 13. A native of York South Carolina, he was employed in 1941 as a thatchman and retired March 1, 1953. Hancock is survived by his widow Celestia, three sons, one daughter, one sister, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cook Nuclear Center reopens

The Cook Nuclear Center, adjacent to the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Michigan, was reopened last month on a five day-a-week basis.

The Center had been closed as an economy measure last December. Since then hundreds of letters and telephone calls have been received from schools and colleges expressing regret that the Center could no longer be utilized as a part of their educational programs. The West Michigan Tourist Association also had requested that the Company reopen at an early date since the Center has become a major tourist attraction in the area, aiding the local economy.

The Center will be open Wednesday through Sunday.



Larry E. Perry, Clinch River Plant maintenance man, was awarded a graduation certificate upon completion of International Correspondence School's Practical Electrician Course. Perry entered the course under the training of Maintenance Foreman Arnie A. Nester. From left, T. W. Abolin, Clinch River Plant manager, Perry and Doris D. Campbell, shift operating engineer.

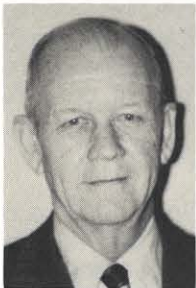
Veteran employees receive awards for long service



Armistead



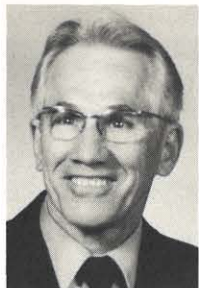
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Shepherd



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Scott



Ratliff



Hogan



Kirk



Hall



Pickens



Jones



Sarsfield



Thornton



Locke



Wagner



Matthews



Hornbuckle



Weaver



Brandabur



Snyder

40 Years

Classification

Location

Armistead, R. A.	Division Superintendent . . .	Roanoke
Rankin, E. C.	Trans. & Dist. Manager . . .	GO-Roanoke
Bolton, J. W.	Meter Supervisor	Kingsport
Wright, D. C.	Administrative Assistant B . .	Bluefield
Combs, W. H.	Data Processing Supervisor .	GO-Roanoke
Morrison, H. D.	Meter Serviceman B	Huntington

35 Years

Smith, E. V.	Meter Serviceman A	Abingdon
Powers, C. M.	Maintenance Foreman	Clinch River

30 Years

Hensley, Lena	T&D Clerk Senior	Kingsport
Glenn, E. V.	Rodman	Charleston
Shepherd, H. B.	Area Serviceman	Pulaski
Brillheart, J. B., Jr.	Administrative Assistant . . .	Pulaski
Hesson, O. W.	T&D Clerk	Huntington
Cole, M. A.	Equip. Serv. Rep. Sr.	Huntington
Stamper, Ray	Coal Equipment Operator . .	Clinch River
Hedrick, Guyda	Payroll Acctg. Asst.	GO-Roanoke
Harris, Bill	Meter Clerk Senior	Pikeville
Scott, Raymond	Meter Reader	Pikeville
Ratliff, Charles	Truck Driver-Groundman . . .	Pikeville

25 Years

Hogan, L. F.	Line Foreman	Roanoke
Kirk, A. E.	Appliance Serviceman A . . .	Ashland
Matthews, R. E.	Division Manager	Ashland
Hornbuckle, R. V.	Residential Representative . .	Ashland
Weaver, J. B.	Engineer B	Charleston
Hall, O. C.	Executive Assistant	GO-Ashland
Pickens, H. A.	Asst. Yard Foreman	Philip Sporn
Jones, E. T., Jr.	Customer Acctg. Supv.	Roanoke
Sarsfield, W. E.	Meter Foreman	Huntington
Thornton, A. G., Jr.	Communications Staff Engr. .	GO-Roanoke
Locke, W. T.	Station Foreman	Huntington
Wagner, W. R.	Meter Supervisor	Huntington
Brandabur, Louise	Private Secretary	Huntington
Snyder, S. R.	Transmission Foreman	GO-Abingdon
Bowen, Nathaniel	Truck-Driver Groundman . . .	Huntington

20 Years

Jessee, A. N.	Performance Supervisor . . .	Big Sandy
Bostian, J. A.	Meter Superintendent	GO-Roanoke
Eskew, R. T.	Station Foreman	Abingdon
Wiley, Marian	Time Clerk Senior	Glen Lyn
Smith, W. C.	Maintenance Man	Glen Lyn
Pais, Lia	Residential Advisor	Bluefield

15 Years

Classification

Location

Amos, Faye	Wage, Sal. & Ben. Clerk . . .	GO-Roanoke
Basham, W. B.	Transmission Foreman	GO-Bluefield
Fisher, R. L.	Sta. Maint. Man A	GO-Charleston
Lester, Judith	Key Punch Supervisor	GO-Roanoke
Hesson, G. H.	Stores Supervisor	Philip Sporn
Sowards, Grace	Credit & Coll. Clerk	Pikeville

10 Years

Wright, T. M.	Lineman A	Abingdon
Hess, R. L.	Planner Senior	Bluefield
Blankenship, L. N.	Sr. Engr. Technologist	Bluefield
Wolfe, L. D.	Lineman A	Charleston
Brammer, D. R.	Station Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Johnson, J. H., III	Sr. Eng. Technologist	GO-Roanoke
Naff, Linda	Station Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Shumate, G. R.	Transmission Man A	GO-Bluefield
Zimmerman, Carolyn	Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Withers, R. C.	Lineman A	Lynchburg
Woolwine, D. R.	Lineman A	Pulaski
Ashworth, K. L.	Meter Reader	Roanoke
Berginnis, E. L.	Accounting Supervisor	Ashland
Lang, D. A.	Line & Sta. Supervisor	Ashland
Blitter, Lenore	Stenographer	Pikeville

5 Years

Snodgrass, R. H., III	Electrical Engineer	Abingdon
Stoots, G. R.	Meter Reader	Abingdon
Roberts, K. L.	Power Engineer	Bluefield
Kiser, R. L.	Maintenance Man	Clinch River
Barger, D. E.	Engineer B	GO-Roanoke
Burtis, Karen	Stenographer	GO-Roanoke
Caldwell, E. O.	Engineer B	GO-Roanoke
Dooley, E. M.	Engineer B	GO-Charleston
Graves, B. M.	Maintenance Man	GO-Roanoke
Humphrey, W. D.	Engineer B	GO-Roanoke
Jacovitch, Stephen	Engineer B	GO-Roanoke
Kuehn, B. J.	Engineer B	GO-Roanoke
Lewis, B. R.	Transmission Man C	GO-Bluefield
Sink, D. W.	Classification Clerk	GO-Roanoke
Thomas, J. W.	Maintenance Man	GO-Smith Mountain
Worley, Bonnie	Key Punch Operator A	GO-Roanoke
Dalton, J. W.	Stationman B	Lynchburg
Richardson, S. D.	Customer Rep. C	Pulaski
Terry, C. A.	Auto Repairman A	Pulaski
Martin, S. E.	Lineman C	Roanoke
Minter, Belinda	Cust. Accounts Rep. C	Roanoke
Kinnaird, B. D.	Equipment Operator	Philip Sporn
Watson, V. W.	Auxiliary Equipment Op. . . .	Philip Sporn
Bowen, R. E.	Auxiliary Equipment Op. . . .	Philip Sporn
Tierney, J. P.	Junior Maintenance Man . . .	Big Sandy
Preston, D. R.	Maintenance Man	Big Sandy
Herron, M. D.	Maintenance Man	Big Sandy



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Eskew



Smith Wiley

More about our people

GENERAL OFFICE



Tuck

Ruble

Ann S. Tuck, head-mailing section, GO General Services, was installed as president of the Roanoke Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International).

T. W. Ruble, station designer, and **E. L. Cooper**, draftsman, GO T&D Station, received associate in applied science degrees in electrical/electronics engineering technology from Virginia Western Community College.

Rosemary Meador, daughter of Jack F. Meador, engineer B, GO T&D Station, graduated from the Roanoke Memorial School of Nursing.

R. W. Staton, right of way agent, GO Real Estate and Right of Way, was chairman of the fourth annual Fourth of July Festival sponsored by the Salem Jaycees. He chaired last year's Fourth of July Festival committee, which was named committee of the year for 1974.

L. D. Evans, GO heating and air conditioning engineer, was elected a director of the Western Virginia Chapter, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers.



Neil Stultz, General Office right of way agent located in Charleston, shot an 81 to take first place in the Ralph Myers Warm-Up Golf Tournament held at Sandy Brae Golf Course. He was awarded three golf balls and a trophy. Sixteen Appalachian employees played in the tournament, which was followed by a chicken barbecue prepared by Ralph Myers, Charleston engineer B, and his brother-in-law.

David DeHart, son of R. E. DeHart, transmission man A, GO T&D Transmission Line, St. Albans, has been employed as associate exploring executive of the Buckskin Council, Boy Scouts of America. A graduate of West Virginia State College, he was an Eagle Scout and the recipient of the God and Country Award and Medal of Merit.

Scott W. Carroll, son of T. D. Carroll, GO Station relay supervisor, graduated from Mars Hill College, majoring in sociology and psychology.

Wanda Jean Lambert, daughter of D. H. Lambert, regional dispatcher, Tri-State Regional Dispatch Office, was elected to the National Honor Society at South Point High School.

Joanne Marie Colwell, daughter of H. E. Colwell, forestry control and utilization superintendent, GO T&D Administrative, graduated from Cave Spring High School and will attend Virginia Western Community College.

KINGSPORT



McAlpine

Bennett McAlpine, residential advisor, was installed as president of the Southwest Virginia-East Tennessee Home Economics Association for 1975-76.

Charlie Anderson, credit representative senior, was elected assistant fire chief of the new Bloomingdale Volunteer Fire Department.

Brent Bacon, son of Carl S. Bacon, power engineer, was selected freshman of the month by the National Honor Society of Lynn View High School.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

Ashland

Jesse A. Ross, serviceman, one gallon.

Donald J. Thornsburg, customer accounting supervisor, one gallon.

Big Sandy

Lewis Dan VanSickle, control technician, six gallons.

Huntington

R. A. King, personnel supervisor, two gallons.



R. E. Dyke (right), lineman B in the Oak Hill area of Beckley Division, was named adult member of the year by the Beckley-Raleigh County YMCA. The award was presented by Bob Bolen, YMCA executive director. Dyke helped coach the Biddy and Buddy basketball teams and was director of the Monday Night Men's League. A registered football and basketball official, he was in charge of the officials for the Biddy and Buddy basketball program and helped officiate for the YMCA tournaments which were held at the end of the regular season.



Sally Murray is the recipient of the scholarship trophy, presented annually to the outstanding ninth grade student at Stratton Junior High School, Beckley. The daughter of Line Foreman D. E. Murray, Sally was the only ninth grader to maintain a straight A average. She also received a certificate of scholastic achievement, the journalism award and a certificate of attendance. Sally was co-editor of the school paper and served as an office worker and library aide during the school year.



Greg G. Cornett (left) accepts the most outstanding senior athlete award from Gate City High School Athletic Director Harry Fry. The son of Lorene M. Cornett, clerk trainee at Gate City in Abingdon Division, Greg received 11 letters in football, basketball, baseball and track during high school. He was an outstanding end for the state champion Gate City football team and was equally noted for his playing ability as guard on the basketball team and as pitcher and center fielder on the baseball team. He also maintained a high scholastic average. Photo courtesy David Doran, Scott County Herald-Virginian.

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Sholes

Bill Sholes, head meter reader, was elected town recorder in Clendenin, W. Va.

Ruth Payne, daughter of Station Foreman Bill Payne, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Marmet Junior High School. She was also chosen head cheerleader.

Mona Day, daughter of Credit Representative Mattie Day, graduated from DuPont High School.

Dawn Corder was selected co-head majorette in the Small Corps of Marmet Little League Majorettes for 1975-76. **Scott Corder** played trumpet in the Marmet Junior High Band which won the best all-around band award in the Cedar Grove Majorette Festival. They are the children of Jerry Corder, lineman C.

Glen Gullian, son of Eldivia Gullian, T&D clerk senior, attended the Kanawha County Sheriff Camp at Virgil Tate.

Greg Chambers is captain of the Marmet Junior High School Band which won six trophies at the Upper Kanawha Valley Majorette Festival. He is the son of Kenneth Chambers, auto repairman.

Donald W. Griffith, son of Line Supervisor R. R. Griffith, was accepted into Pi Mu Epsilon, a mathematics honorary fraternity. He is a rising junior at West Virginia University. Donald also won \$37.50 as second place prize in a Parkersburg chess tournament.

Charles Campbell, assistant hydro utility operator at Kanawha Valley Power, was chosen "working man of the day" by WCHS Radio recently.

Jack Shaver, accounting supervisor, was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

Paul Slack, Montgomery area T&D clerk, was elected to the East Bank City Council.

J. B. Eplin, meter service foreman, was elected to the Marmet City Council.



Slack

Eplin

Keeton top law scholar



Keeton

Charles Randy Keeton, son of Ashland General Serviceman Walter Keeton, graduated first in his class from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He maintained a grade average of 3.9.

Keeton was twice honored for achievement. At commencement ceremonies for the entire university, Keeton represented the law class and received the symbolic diploma. He was one of three speakers at the commencement ceremony he specifically for the law class. The other speakers were Professor William H. Fortune, speaking for the law faculty, and the Honorable Scott Reed, chief justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, speaking for the profession.

While at the College of Law, Keeton was awarded many other honors. In 1973 he was invited to become a member of the staff of the Kentucky Law Journal, student publication, and was named lead articles editor the following year. He received a West Publishing Company award for contribution to the study of law in 1973 and was also awarded a College of Law tuition scholarship that year. Keeton joined Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity, and was elected justice of the University of Kentucky Chapter. He was also selected for membership in the Order of the Coif, a national honor society restricted to top graduates from each class.

Married and the father of a son, Keeton has accepted a position with the firm of Brown, Todd Heyburn in Louisville, Ky.

C. R. Wilson is certified engineer



Wilson

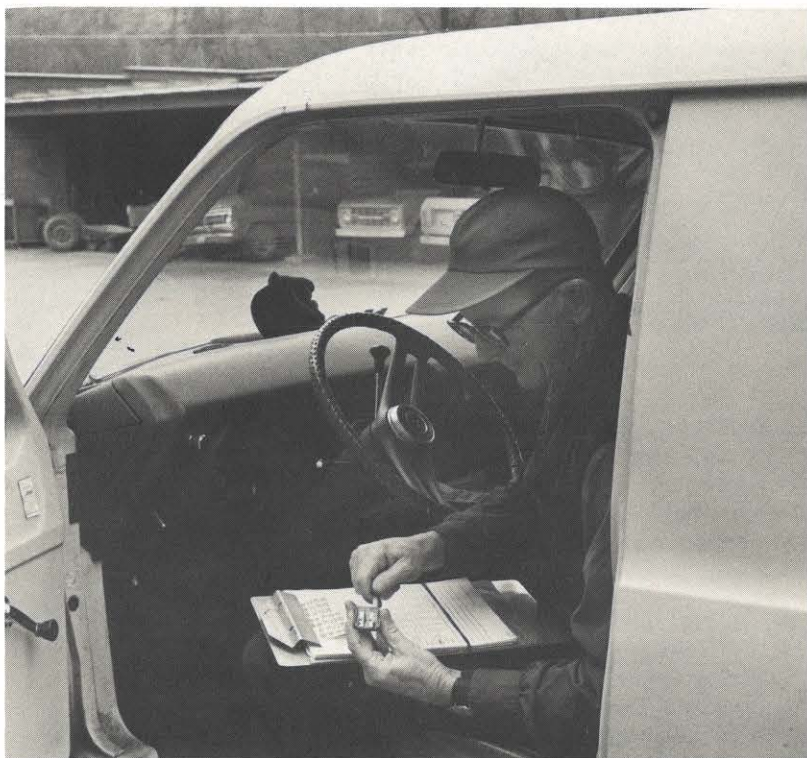
Charles R. Wilson, Logan Williamson Division customer services manager, has been certified a registered professional engineer in the State of West Virginia.

Wilson, who holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kentucky, is also a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Pony Express keeps Companies' mail rolling



Waverly Thornhill (left) and Arthur Bonds



Cornell Fowler



Cloyd Spraker



Mike Coles (left) and Louis Drew



Billy Lee

More than a century after the Pony Express made its first run from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, Appalachian and Kentucky Power started their own version — an overnight delivery service between offices, minus the Indians and utilizing vans and station wagons.

In spite of the number of miles they travel and the ever-changing road conditions, the pony drivers have maintained a good safety record. The drivers whose routes originate in Roanoke estimate their combined mileage on a given night would equal two-thirds of the distance from Roanoke to California.

Arthur Bonds, the first pony driver on the Appalachian System, drives Route 4. It originates in Roanoke and covers Lynchburg, Fieldale, Galax, Pulaski, Rocky Mount, Stuart, Hillsville and Christiansburg. During his time on the road, Bonds has encountered few problems but has had one particularly frightening experience. During a summer storm, his rear axle broke. Because of a steep dropoff to his right, he was forced to go across the highway and into a dirt bank to stop his

station wagon. Bonds, who enjoys his job, says, "I've been fortunate. The Lord has been good to me."

Louis Drew drives Route 1 from Roanoke to Deepwater, West Virginia, covering offices at Pearisburg, Glen Lyn, Princeton, Beckley and Oak Hill. "My biggest problems are rain and fog," Drew notes. "Sometimes I can't even see the hood of my vehicle. Another weather condition that creates a problem is snow. Often he is on the highway before snowplows clear the way.

Drew is probably the only driver who bagged a deer while working. He recalls, "Just outside of Blacksburg, a deer ran in front of my vehicle. When he saw my lights, he turned and ran toward me." Although Drew stopped his vehicle, the impact killed the deer. He says, "The sheriff who investigated the accident asked if I wanted the deer. I told him that I would just take the horns. It was a six-point buck."

Cornell Fowler leaves Point Pleasant and covers Huntington, Milton, Amos Plant, Turner Substation, North Charleston, Charleston, Marmet, Cabin Creek, Kanawha River and Mont-

gomery. At Deepwater he exchanges loads with Louis Drew. Fowler's route, 1A, originates where Appalachian's and Ohio Power's express systems meet, Point Pleasant. Fowler notices that "the Pony boxes are getting heavier. Our mail load has increased. We are also handling more office and storeroom supplies." Included in the larger loads are lightning arresters and even street lights.

Mike Coles drives Route 2 from Roanoke to Christiansburg, Pearisburg, Glen Lyn, Princeton, Bluefield and Welch. He is the only driver ever to lose a bridge. One morning in 1971 he rounded a curve to find that a railroad bridge had collapsed onto the low water bridge he had crossed hours before while traveling in the opposite direction.

Coles feels that Pony drivers are good Samaritans because they stop to help people in distress. Sometimes, however, being a good Samaritan doesn't seem to pay. Once Coles stopped because a woman's car was stalled on Interstate 581. He shielded her car with his station wagon; but, before he could set flares, another car ran into the rear of the wagon. Overall Coles enjoys

his job because "it gives me an opportunity to move around, and I can be home every day with my family."

Billy Lee's route, 2A, originates in Williamson and covers Logan, Madison, Man and Pineville. He meets Coles at Welch, where they exchange loads and take a lunch break. Lee also uses this stop as an opportunity to get gas and service his vehicle. Lee's station wagon uses unleaded gasoline and sometimes getting fuel is a problem because "there are no service stations or houses". He has found one solution: "In Pineville the attendant leaves ten gallons of gas in the restroom and gives me the key".

Lee enjoys his work but thinks the job has some drawbacks. He is out of touch with other employees. Often the only way he keeps up with the latest news is by checking the Williamson bulletin board. "Sometimes," he says, "I feel like an independent driver with no company affiliation." But he adds, "I like driving and it makes you feel good to know that you're providing a service that's important to the company."

"Driving is part of my life," says

Waverly Thornhill. Prior to being employed by Appalachian, he handled trucks and heavy equipment for the U. S. Army. Thornhill drives Route 3 covering Christiansburg, Pulaski, Wytheville, Marion, Abingdon, Kingsport and Gate City. He notes, "Driving is a lot like being an athlete. You have to condition yourself to it." His formula for conditioning is plenty of rest and stay alert while driving.

Thornhill's alertness has helped him avoid accidents, but he has had some close calls. Once he narrowly avoided a truck on the left side of the road. After getting to his destination, he "just sat and thought about how close it was."

Cloyd E. Spraker drives Route 3A from Grundy to Abingdon where he exchanges mail with Waverly Thornhill. He covers offices at Clintwood, Cleveland, Abingdon and Lebanon. Like each of the other drivers, Spraker returns to the point where his route originates each night. He averages between 220 and 300 miles nightly.

These drivers do not let the situations they face every night bother them. As Louis Drew says, "I take the rough spots where you get to them. You can't let it get next to you."



Appalachian Power's Kilowatts team, composed of Bluefield Division employees, won both halves of the 1974-75 Bluefield Industrial Bowling League. Admiring their trophy are team members (l. to r.) Mike Clayton, station foreman exempt; Glen Ferrell, planner senior; Ernie

Linkous, transportation records and office supply clerk; Dave Francisco, engineer B; Jimmy Loyd, customer accounting supervisor; and Heber Stafford, records supervisor.



Employees' children receiving honors at the Abingdon High School sports banquet were (l. to r.) Charles Sheffey, Lynn Snyder, Mike Gregory and John Sheffey.

Employees' children honored at Abingdon High sports banquet

Children of four Abingdon area employees were recipients of awards at Abingdon High School's all sports banquet recently. Honored were Charles

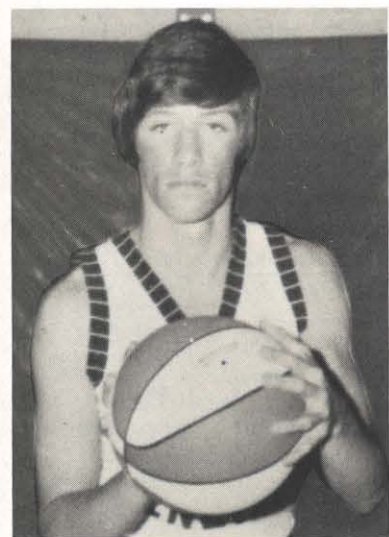
and John Sheffey, sons of R. A. Sheffey, Abingdon supervising engineer; Lynn Snyder, daughter of Sam Snyder, General Office transmission foreman; and Mike Gregory, son of Roy Gregory, Abingdon line foreman non-exempt.

Charles, a freshman, received the Jack Musser Award as the outstanding spring athlete and the Medalist Award for his achievements in golf.

John Sheffey, a senior, received an award and trophy as the school's most valuable wrestler.

Lynn, a senior, was named the most valuable player on the tennis team and received the Junior Woman's Club Award for sportsmanship and physical fitness. At senior class night festivities she was named best dressed of her class.

Mike, a senior, won the coveted Danny Counts Award as most valuable football player and had his name placed on the school cup. His brother, Charles, had received this honor two consecutive years while attending Abingdon High. Mike also received an award for having the highest foul shot percentage in basketball and was named most athletic during senior class night festivities.



Danny Mullins, 5' 10" guard for the Winfield, W. Va., High School basketball team, received several honors during the 1974-75 season. The son of M. M. Mullins, chief civil construction, General Office Hydro-Blue Ridge, Danny was team captain, second leading scorer in conference, and selected for the All Tournament Team, All Midwestern Conference and Second Team All State (AA). He received honorable mention on the West Virginia 1975 Big All State Team and 1975 Sports Writers All State Team. Danny also lettered in football, track and baseball for the past three years.

Streakers win Megawatt League

Streaking may be out of style elsewhere but not in the Kanawha Valley. The Streakers, which won the first half of the Megawatt League, repeated their performance in the second half to become league champs. Members of the winning team were Larry Mack, Cleon Ferrell, Charlie Mayes, Cathy Mayes, Terry Ferrell and Jerry Ferrell.

It was a toss-up for the runner-up team, but the Power House emerged victorious. Power House team members were Joe Carr, Dennis Young, Carl Mooney, Reba Mooney, Judy Strickland, Teddy Strickland and Regina Mooney.

Trophies were presented to: Larry Mack, high average (181); Jeanne Sheets, high average (151); George William, high single (254); Sue White, high single (229); Terry Ferrell, high series (636); Eldivia Gullian, high series (547). The list of trophy winners also included Jack Harris, high single with handicap (282); Sue White, high single with handicap (270); Ed Sheets, high series with handicap (765) and Madge Walker, high series with handicap (672).

Lee Thigpen and Bonnie Slack were recognized as most improved bowlers of the year.



Members of the Line Tamers, which took top honors in the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League are (l. to r.) Bill Bostic, Jerry Corder, Leland Price, Fred Clendenin and Charlie Justice. Not pictured were Stan Oxley and Carl Beaver.

Megawatt League hosts 12th annual Friendship Tourney



Charleston's Kool and the Gang took first place in the women's event. Members are (l. to r.) Teddy Womack, Judy Akers, Mary Wilton, Elaine Braxton and Yvonne Gilmore.

Ten women's teams and 24 men's teams participated in the 12th annual Friendship Bowling Tournament hosted by the Megawatt League. The event was held at Robin Lanes in Charleston.

The Reddi Rollers of Charleston had a 3087 series to capture first prize of \$200 in the men's event. Second prize of \$100 went to the Fly High team from the

Megawatt League, which had a 3044 series. The Live Wires from Charleston won the \$50 third prize with a 3018 series.

Kool and the Gang from Charleston took first prize of \$75 in the women's event with a 3018 series. Lady Luck and the Kool Kats from the Megawatt League took second prize of \$50 and third prize of \$25 with 2937 and 2877 series, respectively.



Members of the Reddi Rollers of Charleston, which took top prize in the men's event, are (l. to r.) Tex Baker, Dennis Kinder and Ken Clark. Jake Daniels and Eddie Lambert are not pictured.

Charleston Kilowatt League holds picnic at Coonskin Park

The Line Tamers, winners of the first half, rolled over the Reddi Cats, second half champs, to take top honors in the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League for 1974-75.

The Line Tamers team was made up of Stan Oxley, Jerry Corder, Leland Price, Bill Bostic, Carl Beaver, Charles Justice and Fred

Clendenin. Making up the Reddi Cats team were Elaine Braxton, Eleanor Scott, Teddy Womack, Judy Akers and Mary Wilton.

Trophies were awarded at a League picnic held at Coonskin Park in Charleston. Jack Jarrett had high men's average of 177, and Elaine Braxton had high women's average of 172. Jerry Corder had high men's game of 268, and Teddy Womack had high women's game of 198. Charlie Ross rolled 280 to take high game handicap for the men, and Mary Wilton rolled 248 to take high game handicap for the women. Bob Selbe's 623 was high series actual for the men, and Betty Spencer's 509 was high series actual for the women. Marvin Dillard was the men's high series with handicap winner with a 727, and Judy Akers was the women's high series with handicap winner with a 676. Akers was also the most improved bowler, with a +19.

Social Security benefits rising steadily . . . along with contributions

Social Security, a boon to the retiree and a cost to the employee and employer, has come a long way since it became law back in 1935.

Frequently amended to expand benefits or to add millions of new beneficiaries, the program in its most recent change increased its monthly benefits to persons over 65 by some eight per cent, effective this June 1. This change is a consequence of the inflationary spiral in the cost of living and brings to \$341.70 the monthly maximum for persons reaching 65 in the latter half of this year.

Social Security operates on the principle that payroll taxes collected will at least equal benefits paid out. This means, obviously, that, as benefits increase, so too will contributions paid in. There has been a steady rise in both. Originally designed as a minimal, basic source of income, the program has been amended to include survivor's insurance (1939), disability insurance (1956), and hospital and medical insurance for the aged (1966) and the disabled (1972). Benefit levels have become significant as Chart A shows (shaded area marks benefits made effective June 1).

What's ahead for the program? Despite some concern about future funding, there seems to be little doubt that Social Security will continue to play an expanding role in our society.

The Social Security Administration currently forecasts that the maximum payment to an individual retired person, now at \$4,100 annually, will go up like this over the next 25 years:

1980.....	\$ 5,580
1990.....	8,976
2000.....	15,082

What Determines Benefits?

Social Security benefits — and taxes — are based on the "taxable wage base," the amount of a person's earnings covered under the system. Last year that figure was \$13,200. This year it is \$14,100, but it won't stay there. Under a 1974 law, automatic increases in benefits are designed to maintain purchasing power. Each year in which the cost of living goes up at least three per cent, benefits also will go up. That's what will happen June 1. To finance these increases, the taxable wage base will have to go up too, and so will the taxes.

Who Pays the Bill?

Under present withholding rates, 11.7 per cent of an employee's salary up to the taxable wage base goes to Social Security. An employee whose annual salary is greater than the wage base stops paying when the base is reached. So the total tax to be paid on the \$14,100 wage base this year is \$1,649.70, half paid by the employee and half by the employer.

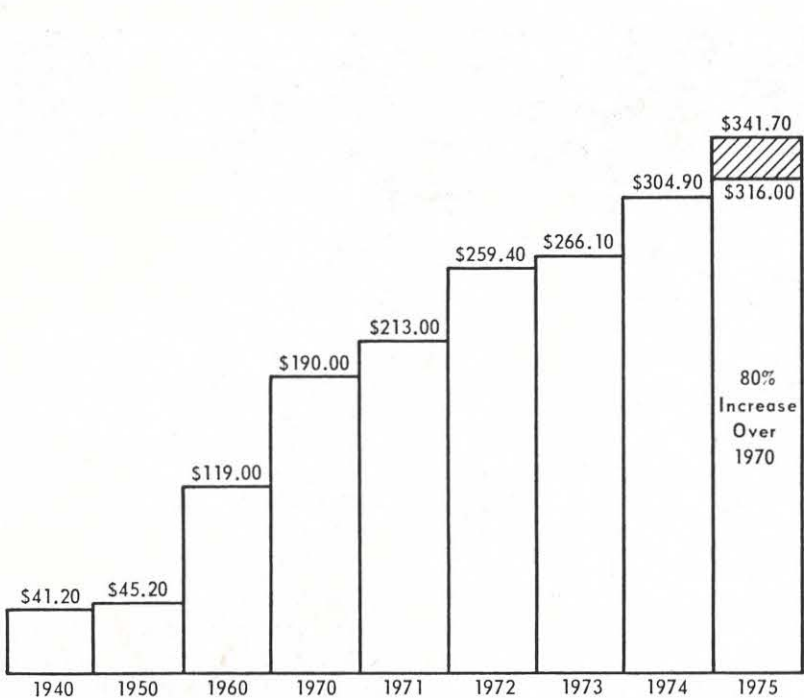


Chart A

The employees half is deducted from his pay and reported in the little box on the check stub marked "F.I.C.A. Tax." (The letters stand for Federal Insurance Contribution Act.)

Chart B shows the maximum total taxes — i.e. paid by both employee and employer — for Social Security since 1940.

Compare the growth in benefits

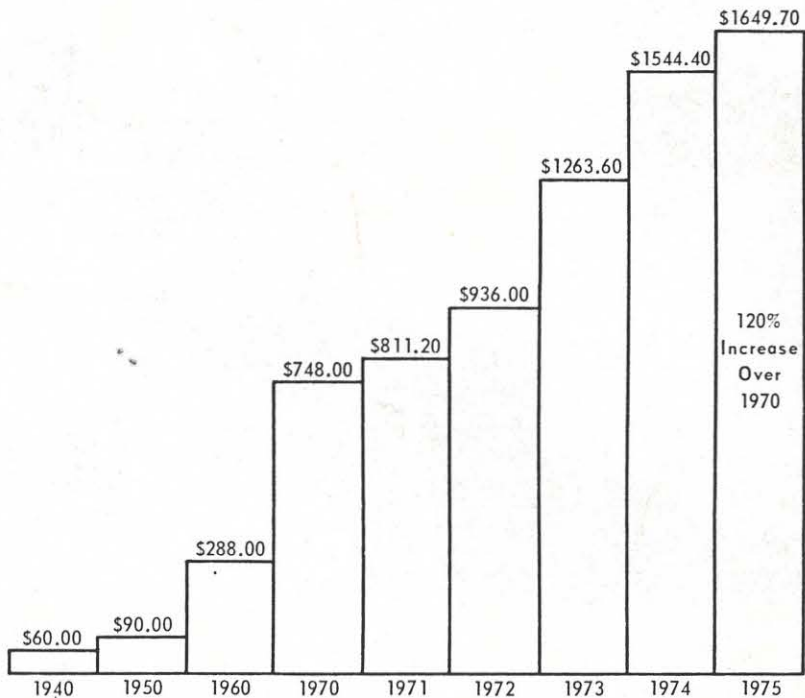


Chart B

in Chart A with the growth in taxes shown in Chart B. Note in both cases the slow growth from 1940 to 1960 and the rapid expansion in the years 1970-1975. In the latter span, benefits increased 80 per cent, and taxes 120 per cent per individual.

Just as benefits are projected to rise, so are taxes. This chart shows how the Social Security Administration projects the maximum tax that employer and employee must pay to go up over the next 25 years:

1975.....	\$ 825
1980.....	1,071
1990.....	1,857
2000.....	3,019

And there is every reason to believe that these projections are on the conservative side. Given this prospect of future generous benefits, and factoring in such social circumstances as declining birth rate, inflation, increasing numbers of retired persons, and resistance to higher taxes, the question is how best to secure the necessary funds to finance the Social Security program in

the next quarter of a century and beyond.

One of the possibilities is to tap general U. S. Treasury revenues for partial financing. This would avoid the uproar over either increasing Social Security taxes or holding back benefit increases. Although this is superficially attractive to many, it is not to others.

For example, the former chief actuary of the Social Security Administration has pointed out, "Money that comes out of general revenues is money that business is going to pay in part in one form or another. The same is true for individual taxpayers. As long as people see the payroll tax rates directly, they will be more interested in keeping the system within bounds."

Regardless of the direction that Social Security takes in the future, it is clear that this program has increasingly become a mini-pension plan in itself and the recent pattern of benefit increases will serve to accelerate this trend.

Blanche Thompson finds solution to meter reader-dog problem



Blanche Thompson makes friends with Sampson, a St. Bernard owned by Kingsport Power Customer, Harry Cleek.

An unsuspecting meter reader, a dog that doesn't like strangers and a spray can of dog repellent are ingredients for a potentially bad relationship between the power company and the customer.

After receiving several complaints from customers who felt meter readers were using the dog repellent unnecessarily, Kingsport Meter Clerk Blanche Thompson came up with a solution to the problem.

Mrs. Thompson contacted each meter reader daily until all meter reading cycles had been read,

obtaining the name and address of all customers whose dogs had caused problems. She then set up a card file system with this information. Now the day before a cycle is to be read, Mrs. Thompson calls each customer that has an unfriendly dog and asks them to have the dog tied the following day. The system is working well and the customers appreciate the call.

Mrs. Thompson feels the 30 or 40 minutes she spends each day making the telephone calls has helped improve the company's public relations.

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