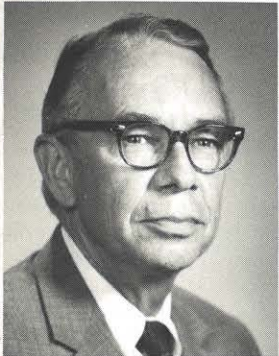


WHITE RECEIVES CHAMBER AWARD



James B. White, Lynchburg division manager, was presented the Cloyd Memorial Award by the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber President L. Preston Wade said, "Jim White is a fine example of businessmen working to strengthen our enterprise system and improve our community."

White has served as a director of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and was its president in 1973-74. He also served as chairman of the Accreditation Task Force when the GLCC first was recognized by the United States Chamber of Commerce. He currently is director of the Greater Lynchburg Housing Corporation and is vice chairman of the chamber's Business Awareness Program.

The Cloyd Memorial Award consists of a certificate and possession of a silver pitcher during the coming year. It was established in 1973 in memory of the late F. M. "Dink" Cloyd, former Lynchburg division commercial manager, who served as a chamber volunteer and later as a staff member. The award is given annually to an individual who has served the chamber during an extended period of time.



SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT MY HOUSE JUST CAVED IN

Not many people could joke and make wisecracks right after watching their home collapse and fall into a 90-foot sink hole. But that's exactly what Bob Lawson did April 10. The Lawsons had just moved into their new home in DeLand, Florida, in January.

Bob, who was construction boss for seven generating units on the AEP System before his retirement last Fall, credits his work experience for that ability. "Whenever we had an accident, I was cheerful to keep up our people's morale and get moving again. I have been through several similar disasters on the job and learned not to get excited or panic. Our developer-contractor said I was the calmest man on the scene. He was eating tranquilizers like peanuts!"

What happened was enough to shake even the strongest of men. Bob relates, "It was Easter Sunday morning. Mary and I arose about 8 AM and went about the routine preparations for going to Sunday School. After getting dressed, I tried to open the front door but couldn't. I looked to see if the space between the door and frame was uniform across its length; it wasn't."

"Mary called that breakfast was ready. While we were eating we heard this slight creaking and popping noise. I got up and went through the garage mandoor — it was slightly stuck — to see if there were any settlement cracks in the brick walls. There were none, but I noticed the joints in some of the cedar facing were opening up."

He continues, "The creaking and popping noises were getting louder. I ran back into the garage. Mary was standing on a pull-down ladder, peering into the attic to see if the house was on fire. I noticed a crack on the south wallboard slightly below the ceiling of the garage, running the entire length of the wall. I told Mary we'd better get out. We did and our little poodle followed us."

"As we came around the corner, I looked up at the overhang along the front of the house and saw a big bow in it. The house began to settle rapidly. We had our car parked in the garage. We got a glimpse of it as it fell out of sight."

"Our little station wagon was parked in the driveway. I got in it, started the motor, but couldn't go anywhere. The concrete slab had dropped from under the front wheels and the wagon had tilted, raising the rear wheels off the ground. I got out and watched the wagon slide down the bank and go out of sight."

"The house was a total wreck by this time. We estimated about two minutes had elapsed from the time I saw the crack up to this point. Chunks of the house continued to fall for about six hours. Everything immediately went out of sight when it fell. After the six hours, only the two south bedrooms were left standing. The walls were cracked and the bedrooms were all out of shape."

"When the house was going, Mary went next door, knocked and said to our neighbor, 'I'm sorry to bother you, but my house just caved in.' The neighbor took a look and went into orbit!"

Bob adds, "Small pieces of the house fell into the hole and sand ran down the banks for about 48 hours, when the area finally stabilized. I told the contractor Sunday morning to start filling the hole as soon as possible. By Thursday afternoon the hole had been backfilled with 3100 cubic yards of sand."

"According to a civil engineer from the U. S. Geological Survey," Bob relates, "there is a layer of limestone under this part of Florida and the underground water is slightly acid. Over millions of years, the water has dissolved 'poor grade' spots in the limestone and weakened the layer. Finally the limestone is weakened to the extent it breaks and the material above it drops through the hole in the limestone, creating a sink hole. April and May are the months in which most sink holes appear, as this is the dry season in Florida and the water table is low. The weight of our home had nothing to do with causing the sink hole. It would have occurred without our dwelling's weight on the lot."

The Lawsons are having a duplicate of their home built on another lot 300 feet away from the original one, and they hope to be in by July.

APPALACHIAN ASKS RATE REHEARING

Appalachian Power Company has asked the Public Service Commission of West Virginia for a rehearing on its May 6 decision on a \$41-million annual rate increase request filed in March 1975.

In its decision, the PSC allowed \$15.3-million for the period August 28, 1975, (when Appalachian placed the full \$41-million in effect under bond) through April 30, 1976, and a \$20.3-million increase beginning May 1, 1976. The Commission also ordered a refund within 60 days of the order.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of Appalachian, said the petition for a rehearing was filed because the PSC's decision "denies Appalachian an opportunity to realize a return sufficient to assure confidence in the financial integrity of the enterprise, so as to maintain its credit and to attract capital".

Appalachian maintains the rates allowed by the PSC do not provide interest coverage sufficient to allow it to legally issue new mortgage bonds or debentures and that the rates ordered by the Commission guarantee that Appalachian has no chance to earn the allowed rate of return and has no chance to issue the first mortgage debt necessary to carry out its construction program estimated to cost in excess of \$1-billion over the next five years.

Appalachian also asked the Commission to modify the time allowed for completion of the refund to its customers, noting that 60 days from the date of the order isn't sufficient time.

Appalachian asked the PSC to establish a third tier of rates, commencing May 1, 1977, to reflect current expense levels for fuel and wages and an allowance in rate base for additional pollution control investment. The company pointed out that fuel expense allowed is below that currently being incurred by the company from even its non-affiliated coal suppliers. The company says that fuel costs will continue to increase through 1977, citing a recent 27% increase in intra-state freight rates granted by the PSC as one reason.

Another major expense Appalachian asked be allowed in a third tier of rates is pollution control investment made between August 1975 and April 1977. According to the petition, "This is consistent with the Commission's general treatment of Construction Work In Progress expenditures for pollution control facilities because such expenditures are large, required by governmental and environmental regulation, non-revenue producing, and operating cost increasing."

Appalachian urged the Commission to take these actions "within the public interest in light of the urgent need to maintain reliable service to the company's West Virginia customers" after a reopening and reargument of the case.

CRESAP PILOT PLANT TO BEGIN OPERATION

A coal-liquefaction pilot plant adjoining Ohio Power Company's Mitchell Plant at Cresap, West Virginia — designed to convert high-sulfur coal into low-sulfur fuel oil — is scheduled to begin operation later this month. The Cresap project not only will produce fuel, but will operate as a laboratory, testing and evaluating equipment used in the coal-liquefaction process.

The plant itself is being run by a subsidiary of the Fluor Corporation, operating under contract from the Energy Research and Development Administration. The project is funded by its three partners: American Electric Power, Allegheny Power System and ERDA.

The facility was originally established by the Office of Coal Research (now part of ERDA) to experiment with methods of coal gasification. The plant was shut down in 1969, but, in 1975, preparation for coal-liquefaction research began. That preparation involved the installation of a variety of standard equipment for testing purposes and refurbishment of laboratories.

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STUDY CONCLUDES VOLTAGE REDUCTION NOT ENERGY SAVER

An article to be published this month in *Electrical World* reports the results of a year-long voltage reduction study conducted by American Electric Power, and concludes that voltage reduction is not quite the energy-saver the public expects it to be.

Stan Horowitz, AEP's assistant chief electrical engineer, and R. F. Preiss, an engineer in the Rate Department, report in their article that voltage reduction "will not produce any meaningful saving in energy or fuel and may in fact be counterproductive by forcing large expenditures for additional equipment and design changes that would not otherwise be needed."

Their findings were based on tests using 15 distribution circuits scattered across the AEP System. These circuits (9 residential, 3 commercial and 3 industrial feeders) were all in excellent condition with normal loads. Voltage was reduced 5 per cent from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. every other weekday.

Total energy savings were only 0.54 per cent. There was a significant decrease in demand, however — an immediate 4 per cent drop in load, tapering to a 3 per cent drop in load at the end of the four hours.

Horowitz and Preiss theorize that the "present assumption that voltage reduction can produce savings was fostered by many utilities in the late 1960's. In that period, capacity was tight and many utilities urged their customers to reduce their load drastically by shutting down air conditioners and turning off lights not in use. In addition, the utilities widely publicized their own program of reducing voltage to alleviate the situation. These measures, of course, were designed to combat a capacity shortage during periods of peak demand, not an energy shortage."

Horowitz and Preiss conclude that voltage reductions not only will save little energy, but could require extensive investment in circuit voltage-regulation devices. They also point out that many circuits, such as those with critical loads (hospitals, television stations and computer centers, for instance), could not be considered for voltage reduction.

AQUATIC STUDIES SET FOR KANAWHA

Appalachian Power Company last month announced an agreement with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, to conduct aquatic ecological studies at its 420,000-kw Kanawha River Plant, located at Glasgow, West Virginia.

Purpose of the investigations is to monitor the effects of the plant's two generating units' circulating-water system on fish and fish larvae. This study will determine whether or not the plant's cooling-water intake system minimizes adverse impact to species in the vicinity of the plant. More specifically, periodic samples of fish populations will be taken to ascertain the total numbers, types and sizes of species around the plant, as well as those fish and larvae entering the plant's cooling-water system.

The study will last until May of next year in order that all anticipated seasonal changes in the biological community can be experienced. The investigations are necessitated by a Federal permit program, called for under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, which requires all plants to comply with various water quality standards.

As a result, the Kanawha River Plant must prove to both state and Federal regulatory agencies that its "cooling water intake structures reflect the best technology available for minimizing adverse environmental impact."



POOLE ENDS 27-YEAR CAREER

"I have no definite plans except to do just what I want to do," says William Guy Poole, Jr., who elected early retirement April 1. He was a heating and air conditioning serviceman in Kingsport.

Guy continues, "I have a 7,000-square-foot greenhouse in which I raise only snapdragons and that will occupy most of my time. Later my wife Cleo and I may take an extended trip to the West Coast."

The Asheville, North Carolina, native began his career in 1950 as a system utility man in Bluefield and moved to Kingsport in 1952 as air conditioning engineer.

Guy served as a bombardier in Europe and the South Pacific during World War II and was awarded several medals, including the Air Medal. He was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant. The Pooles have two children and are members of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

SYSTEM BRIEFS

DiLorenzo, Williams Elected

John F. DiLorenzo, Jr., last month was elected assistant secretary of American Electric Power Company and was also elected assistant secretary of each of the operating and coal companies of the AEP System. He is also assistant secretary and assistant general counsel of the AEP Service Corporation.

David H. Williams, Jr., vice president-operations of the AEP Service Corporation, was elected a director of that company last month.

WHITE TO SUCCEED PATTERSON AS OVEC-IKEC HEAD

W. S. White, Jr. will succeed George V. Patterson as president of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and its subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation, upon approval of the elections by the Federal Power Commission.

White, chairman of American Electric Power Company, was elected to the presidencies of OVEC and IKEC at their annual board reorganization meetings last month in New York.

Patterson, president of AEP, is scheduled to retire from that post on August 1.

Also elected to new offices were: Ralph D. Dunlevy, senior vice president of both OVEC and IKEC; Gerald P. Maloney, vice president of both; John W. Vaughan, a director of OVEC, and White, a director of IKEC (he was already a director of OVEC). These elections also are subject to approval of the FPC. Dunlevy had been vice president and assistant to the president of OVEC-IKEC; Maloney is vice president of AEP, and Vaughan is executive vice president of Appalachian Power Company.

In addition to taking Patterson's place as president of OVEC and IKEC, White will also succeed him as a director of IKEC, while Vaughan will take Patterson's seat as Appalachian Power's representative on the OVEC board.

OVEC and IKEC were formed in 1952 by 15 investor-owned electric utilities in the Ohio Valley area to provide the electric energy requirements of the federal government's giant uranium-enrichment facility near Portsmouth, Ohio. Three of the 15 sponsors are the AEP System's Appalachian Power, Indiana & Michigan Electric and Ohio Power Companies. White is president and chief executive officer of the three, and Patterson and Maloney are vice presidents.

White will be OVEC-IKEC's fourth president in their 25-year history, and all four came from AEP. Philip Sporn was president from 1952 to 1967; Donald C. Cook, 1967-76, and Patterson from 1976.

AEP, COAL COMPANY DISPUTE SETTLED

A dispute between the American Electric Power and Kerr-McGee Coal Corporation, scheduled to be heard by the Wyoming Supreme Court on May 10, was settled out of court before the hearing.

Significance of the case was that it was the first time that a landowner in that state (AEP) had challenged in the courts the right of the owner of a lease on the coal under the surface (Kerr-McGee) to mine it without adequate compensation to the owner.

In 1973 AEP acquired 33,000 acres in Wyoming that was underlain with Federally owned but largely unleased reserves of low-sulfur coal, with a view to obtaining leases to mine there when the Department of the Interior lifted its then-existing moratorium on such mining. However, 353 of the acres contain coal previously leased by Kerr-McGee. When that company sought mining permits from the state's Environmental Quality Council, AEP opposed the application because the proposed mining would not assure the company's adequate protection or compensation under Wyoming law.

Subsequently the EQC granted the permit. AEP appealed to the Campbell County District Court, which affirmed the EQC action. AEP then appealed to the state's Supreme Court.

The settlement worked out prior to that court's hearing of the case involved an exchange of land between the two parties.

MR. APPALACHIAN IN SCOTTSVILLE AREA RETIRES



G. C. Golladay, Jr., Scottsville area serviceman in the Lynchburg Division, retired June 1. Scottsville is the easternmost point of the American Electric Power Company System.

"G. C. is 'Mr. Appalachian' in the Scottsville area," said Mayor A. Ray Thacker. "He is an asset to our community and has certainly been an asset to Appalachian in their community relations. He is always there, ready and willing to help in any circumstance, in any kind of weather."

"Scottsville is my home, and I plan to stay around," says G. C. "My family moved here when I was 12 and I have lived here most of my life except for the five years I worked in Lynchburg." He adds, "The thing we will enjoy most is the freedom of being retired. For the 35 years we have been in Scottsville with the company, we always wonder when we are away from home if there is trouble somewhere or if a customer is trying to contact us at the house. Usually one of us would stay around home to answer the telephone. I really won't miss the telephone ringing at all hours of the night. It looks like you always have the worst cases in the worst weather, and nine times out of ten it's at night!" G. C. was an hour late arriving for his own retirement party because of a case of trouble!

G. C. has done volunteer work with the Scottsville Fire Department for 20 years and served as secretary-treasurer for 18. His wife Eva also does volunteer work in the community as well as for Scottsville United Methodist Church.

"I plan to play right much golf and do some fishing," reveals G. C. "Looked like I never could get the truck quite close enough to the river to keep up with my fishing!"

He recalls, "I remember one afternoon I went up to cut a tree off a line for a man who had called the Lynchburg office. As I was cutting the tree off, he said, 'I would have called that old man down in Scottsville but he don't listen to you.' Of course, he didn't know I was 'that old man'. I could hardly keep a straight face!"

"We really don't plan much traveling now because there are a lot of things around home that need doing that have been accumulating for the past 40 years." The Golladays have four children and nine grandchildren.



FIELDALE CUSTOMER THANKS EMPLOYEES

Two Fieldale employees, Frances Harville, customer accounts representative B, and Melvin Brown, customer accounts supervisor, were praised in a letter to the editor which appeared in a recent edition of *The Martinsville Bulletin*.

Headlined "Roses for Apco," the letter read in part: "I would like to thank Mrs. Harville and Mr. Brown publicly for a service over and above the call of duty and to commend Appalachian Power Company for having people of their caliber in their employment. Give Mrs. Harville and Mr. Brown a heartfelt 'thank you' from the Manning household for their honesty, concern and action."

Here's what prompted the letter. Frances had watched a little girl come up to the night deposit box with an envelope in her hand. When she did not hear the envelope hit, Frances went outside the office and found the envelope, which contained \$116, had been put in a box that contains empty envelopes for paying bills. Then Melvin wrote a letter to the customer, expressing his concern over the incident and explaining what had happened.

Frances says, "My main concern was loss of money to the customer but just as important was the possibility that the customer, thinking the deposit had been made, would have felt we had dishonest employees." I didn't want that to be the case."

"The article in the paper was definitely a pleasant surprise. We have customers who complain about their bills being too high. To have this type of praise is wonderful."



Appalachian Power Company was awarded a plaque by the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America, for the company's continued leadership and support of the Scouting program. The award was presented to Glenn Reynolds, assistant Roanoke division manager (right), by Ed Harriman, a district executive for the Council.

FARM WILL OCCUPY RETIREE



"Following World War II, I hired on with Appalachian as a draftsman for \$156 a month," recalls K. D. Cox, who retired June 1 as an engineer B in Roanoke. "This was somewhat less than the \$315 a month my former employer, Semet Solvay, offered me to return. That job involved surveying old mines, and it was extremely dangerous. Also, while I was in service, my wife had purchased a home in Roanoke and we decided it was as good a place as any to live."

K. D. served as an electrician's mate in the Navy and saw action in the South Pacific. The most pleasurable part of his service was the 16 weeks' electrician training he received at Morehead, Kentucky. "The Navy had the training set up at a teachers' college with 500 female students and 60 sailors. We had the run of the campus. It was terrific!"

Another story K. D. enjoys telling concerns his dating days. On this particular occasion he was in Mullens, West Virginia, "to escort a pretty young filly. We returned late one evening, and she couldn't find the key to her apartment. We decided the best thing to do was find an open window and climb through. The terrain is rather steep in Mullens, and someone had placed a board from the side of the hill a couple of stories up on the level of her penthouse. We crawled over to the roof, and she went through the window while I held it. About that time a policeman saw me and yelled 'stop or I'll shoot'. I dropped the window and ran around to the back side of the penthouse and jumped through the first open window I saw. I landed smack dab on top of a sleeping woman, and she let out a blood-

curdling scream. I told her, 'shut up, lady. I'm only trying to get away from the police.' She must have thought I was a hardened criminal because she really screamed then. After fumbling around in the dark for a few seconds, I managed to get her door unlocked and ran downstairs. I knew if I started to run down the sidewalk, I'd surely get the policeman's attention again, so I walked slowly out of the building and here he came around the corner. He said, 'Did you see anyone running out of that building?' I replied, 'he went that-a-way.' It's funny now, but it was no laughing matter then," K. D. said.

He notes, "I enjoyed everything about my work and have no regrets about going to work for the best company in the area. The employees were always cooperative and friendly."

K. D.'s plans for retirement include fishing, hunting, horseback and bicycle riding. "I'll be keeping pretty busy with the farm I own in Bedford County. You can believe this, I won't be sitting still. Too, we plan some travel."

OPAL NEWLAND RETIRES EARLY



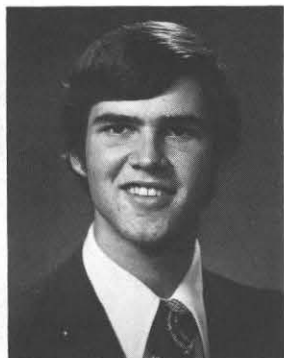
Opal McCall Newland, Pulaski T&D clerk A, elected early retirement June 1 after a 32-year career.

A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, Opal attended National Business College and began her career in 1945 as a clerk intermediate.

The wife of Howard B. Newland, Pulaski personnel supervisor, Opal is a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Count Pulaski Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Her hobbies are gardening, reading and art.

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

Abingdon



Jeff Hawley, an Abingdon High School senior, was named student of the month for April by the Abingdon Kiwanis Club. The award carries a certificate of honor and a \$25 savings bond. The son of Cliff Hawley, building supervisor, and Dorothy Hawley, T&D clerk A, Jeff is president of the Key Club, varsity baseball player and was statistician for the basketball team.



Stasia Jackson, daughter of Stores Attendant S. W. Jackson, was initiated into the Alpha Chi Chapter of Omicron Nu, a national home economics honor society at Radford College. A junior, she maintains a 3.97 average.

Sandra Johnson, daughter of Personnel Clerk Peggy Johnson, and **Eva Leonard**, daughter of Line Inspector Jack Leonard, were tapped into the National Honor Society at Abingdon High.

Vickie Carr, daughter of Records Supervisor V. T. Carr; **Jeff Hawley**, son of Cliff and Dorothy Hawley; and **Mary Ruth Hughes**, daughter of Administrative Assistant J. C. Hughes, will appear in the musical comedy, "Rock-N-Roll" presented by Abingdon High's senior class.

Beckley

Kathryn and Stephanie Kirby, daughters of J. A. Kirby, T&D clerk senior, were elected to the National Honor Society at Woodrow Wilson High School.

Sally Murray, daughter of D. E. Murray, line foreman exempt, was named editor of the Woodrow Wilson High School annual and elected to the National Honor Society.

W. D. Allen, stores supervisor, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Raleigh County Bassmasters Association.

Carol Loudermilk, daughter of Commercial Engineer R. L. Loudermilk, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Woodrow Wilson High School.

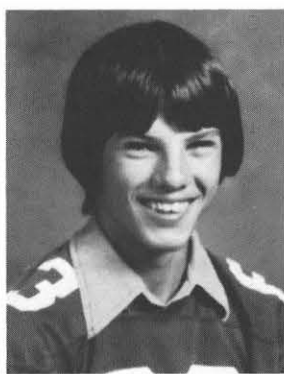
Mike Dyke, son of R. E. Dyke, Oak Hill lineman A, was named "grade school member of the year" for 1976 by the Beckley-Raleigh County YMCA.

Mazelle Riner, wife of Records Supervisor Archie Riner, was inducted into the Nu Tau Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta International History Society at Morris Harvey College. She is a senior, majoring in social science.

Kathryn and Stephanie Kirby, daughters of J. A. Kirby, T&D clerk senior, were named to the All-Raleigh County Band. **Mark McGinnis**, son of Division Superintendent J. R. McGinnis, was named to the All-Raleigh County Chorus.



A. Harold Lilly, area serviceman, was elected chairman of the board of education of the Greater Beckley Christian Schools. He was also elected to the board of directors and trustees of Appalachian Bible Institute, where he teaches a class in sign language during each fall semester.



Mark Groseclose, an eighth grader at Beckley Junior High, was one of 23 students representing Raleigh, Fayette, Mercer and Wyoming counties to participate in the Golden Horseshoe induction at the state capital in Charleston. Students selected for the award scored the highest on a West Virginia history test prepared by the State Department of Education. The students, dubbed Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe, were presented with golden horseshoes by the state superintendent of schools. Mark is the son of W. J. Groseclose, Jr., lineman A.



Mary Kathryn McGinnis, daughter of Division Superintendent J. R. McGinnis, was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society and the Phi Kappa Phi Scholastic Honor Society at West Virginia University.

Bluefield



Jackie Houston, Princeton customer accounts representative B, was elected president of the Greater Bluefield Jaycee-ettes.

Sherri Shrewsbury, Princeton customer accounts representative C, was appointed treasurer of the Princeton Little League Baseball, Inc.

Tracy Weiss, Princeton customer accounts representative A, participated in the Walkathon for the American Cancer Society, sponsored by the Princeton Quota Club.

Mrs. Forrest Bocock, wife of the retired power engineer senior, was elected treasurer of the Bluefield Branch, American Association of University Women.



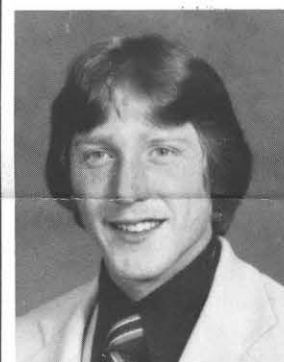
Kathy Kendrick won first place in her school's science fair and third place in the McDowell County Fair with her entry on the effects of glucose on bread. **Scott Kendrick** won second place in the school fair for his entry on modern day uses of potash. They are the children of Dave Kendrick, Welch area superintendent.



Randy Robinette, a junior majoring in psychology at Shorter College, was awarded a Ty Cobb Educational Foundation Scholarship for the current school year. The son of Leonard Robinette, Randy was president of the sophomore class and won the Richard L. Starnes Award as the sophomore outstanding young man. He is a dean's list student, active in student government and will be president of the senior class. Randy has been selected as a student member of Operation Touch 1977, a medical missionary group which will go to Grenada, West Indies, on June 13. The group is composed of doctors, dental surgeons, nurses, dental hygienists and student helpers.



Elaine Robinette, daughter of Leonard Robinette, power engineer senior, won first place in Latin during Mercer County Foreign Language Week. An honor student at Bluefield High School, she also won first place for her entry, "Roman Writing Equipment" in the second-year Latin poster contest. Elaine is vice president of the Latin Club, a member of the Keywanette board of directors, Bible Club and Girls Athletic Association, and has been nominated for the "sophomore of the year" award. She was elected to the student council executive committee for the next school year.



Mike Robinette, son of Leonard Robinette, served this year as freshman senator for the Student Government Association at Bluefield State College and was elected sophomore senator for the next school term. He represented the college at the West Virginia Board of Regents Student Advisory board meeting in Charleston and is active in the Student Activities Association. He helped organize the first rock and roll concert in the Bluefield area and has just obtained his Red Cross Senior Lifesaving, Rescue and Water Safety Certificate from a course offered at Bluefield State.

Central Machine

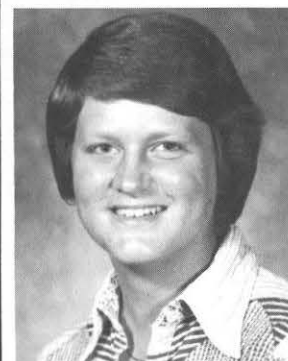
Buck McDaniel, personnel supervisor, was appointed to the allocations committee of the United Way of Kanawha Valley, Inc.

Charleston

Charles E. Jones, Jr., son of Charles Jones, stationman A, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Nitro High School.

E. J. Shaver, Jr., division office supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley, Inc.

Clinch River



Denise McMillan, daughter of Master Maintenance Man N. E. McMillan, attended the Civinette convention at Fontana, N. C., and was elected lieutenant governor of the Appalachian District for 1977-78. She was also selected for the all-county and district VII all-regional bands and will participate in the 4-H all-state band at Virginia Tech in June.

Kingsport

Mike Fugate, son of T&D Superintendent Emory Fugate, was awarded the gold palm in Scouting. The gold palm is given only to Eagle Scouts who have earned five additional merit badges. Mike has previously earned the bronze palm.

Logan-Williamson

Paul C. Gosney, Madison area supervisor, was nominated as the Citizens Party's candidate for mayor of the Town of Madison. He is currently a member of Madison's Town Council.

Mrs. Thomas L. Henritze, wife of the retired Logan line foreman and a member of the Crescent Garden Club, was appointed to a project committee which planted native dogwood trees at Chief Logan State Park. **Mrs. William H. Honaker**, wife of the retired line and station supervisor, was appointed to the club's nominating committee.

Huntington



W. M. Walls, commercial engineer, was elected governor of Huntington Lodge No. 347, Loyal Order of Moose. This is Bill's 12th consecutive year on the board of officers.

Mary Sarsfield, wife of Meter Foreman W. E. Sarsfield, received the "girl of the year" award from Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She was also honored as a 25-year member at the sorority's Founder's Day celebration.

Hugh D. Stillman, retired division manager, was presented the Legion of Honor Award by the Huntington Kiwanis Club for his 40 years of service.



K. C. Morris, Point Pleasant engineering technologist, was elected governor of Point Pleasant Lodge No. 751, Loyal Order of Moose.

Keith Taylor, husband of Genevieve Taylor, secretary-stenographer, and **June Deal**, AEP senior lab technician, were elected to three-year terms on the board of directors of the Marshall University Alumni Association.

Fred Nibert, engineering technologist senior, was elected to the Inner Guard for Point Pleasant Lodge No. 751, Loyal Order of Moose.

Rose S. Martin, customer accounting supervisor, was elected to a one-year term as treasurer of the Administrative Management Society.



Wayne T. Pugh, administrative assistant, was elected president of the Huntington Jaycees. **Barry L. Long**, power engineer, was elected executive vice president.

Kanawha River

Amos Alan Workman, son of Maintenance Foreman Amos Workman, passed his bar exam and will practice law in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He is a former AEP Educational Award winner.

Roanoke

Janet Karen Via, daughter of Dot Via, Fieldale customer accounts representative A, was inducted into the National Honor Society at G. W. Carver High School.

John William Faucette, III, son of John W. Faucette, Jr., engineering technologist supervisor, and **Penny Nease**, daughter of G. S. Nease, Jr., engineering supervisor, were selected for membership in the National Honor Society at Patrick Henry High School.



John W. Faucette, Jr., was elected president of Patrick Henry High School Boosters Association.

Leonard W. Jenkins, residential representative senior, is one of a 13-member team from the First Baptist Church of Collinsville which conducts religious services for inmates at the Henry County Jail.

Bennett Shuff, customer accounts representative B, attended the Southwest Virginia Fire Association Pump School in Dublin, Va. He completed 16 weeks of fire training.

Dede Ingram, daughter of Fieldale General Serviceman J. L. Ingram, was in the starting lineup for the district champion Fieldale-Collinsville High School volleyball team.

Kathy Kahle, daughter of W. H. Kahle, station foreman non-exempt, is captain of the cheer-leading squad at Fieldale-Collinsville High.

Lisa Rakes, daughter of Jo Ann Rakes, T&D clerk, was selected a junior varsity cheerleader at Fieldale-Collinsville High.

Pulaski

David Pugh, son of Lead Draftsman J. R. Pugh, attended the junior high chorus regionals in Abingdon.

Raymond Lee Smith, son of G. R. Smith, Jr., engineering technologist senior, was named center manager of United Parcel Service at Beckley, W. Va. He formerly was a supervisor in the Bristol, Va., area.



H. M. Jennings, right of way agent, was elected president of the Dublin Lions Club and vice president of the Dublin Swim Club.

Customer Accounts Representative **A. S. Jackson**, a member of the Laurel Fork District Volunteer Fire Department, donated white dogwood saplings that were planted on the fire-house grounds at a memorial service for deceased members.

Martha Ann Sisson, a junior at Carroll County High School, was a delegate to the model general assembly in Richmond. She is the daughter of S. L. Sisson, Hillsville T&D.

J. L. Weddle, power engineer, was elected a director of the Dublin Lions Club.

Shari Lynn Dunn, daughter of J. L. Dunn, T&D clerk A, was named president of the Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi at Concord College.

Mrs. R. E. Lester, wife of the residential representative, was presented a silver tray by members of the Christiansburg Woman's Club for her two years' service as club president.



Kathy Weddle, wife of Power Engineer J. L. Weddle, was elected president of Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. This past year she was treasurer and Valentine princess.

Lynchburg

W. David Crews, Jr., son of the personnel supervisor, will be a representative to the 1977 Boys State this month at Lynchburg College. He is a junior at Brookville High School.

Collector **George R. Gillette** was re-elected quartermaster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 184.

Joseph P. Crouch, son of Waddie E. Crouch, retired lineman A, has announced his candidacy for the 12th District seat in the House of Delegates. An attorney, he is seeking the Republican nomination to challenge Del. Richard W. Elliott.

General Office



Mike Angelo, son of B. M. Angelo, assistant chief regional dispatcher, Turner office, has returned from a ten-day trip to Rome, Florence, Pisa, Venice and Pompeii with a Latin studies group. He has been inducted into the E. C. Richardson Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Bruce Beam, attorney in GO Executive, Roanoke, scored a hole-in-one at Hidden Valley Country Club. He was using a 7 iron to card the ace on the 150-yard 7th hole.

Thomas A. Rotenberry, superintendent, GO R/e & R/w, was appointed by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors to serve as their representative on the Smith Mountain Lake 208 Study steering committee.

S. E. Robie, Sr., r/w maintenance coordinator, Charleston, was elected president of the West Virginia Weed Control Association.

James Hartley, son of Retired Meter Superintendent M. J. Hartley, is a field coordinator for the campaign of Andrew Miller, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Virginia.



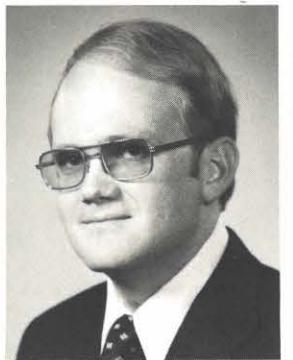
Hylton



Berg

Claude E. Hylton, personnel assistant senior in GO Personnel, was elected president of the Roanoke Valley International Management Council. **James B. Berg**, accounting manager, serves as the IMC chairman of the top manager advisory board. Also serving as officers are **Vernon D. Willis** and **Jerry D. Saunders**, both general records control supervisors in GO Accounting, treasurer and director, respectively. **C. Larry Fulp**, special reports supervisor, was elected as National IMC vice president.

JAMISON GETS PR AWARD



Stephen L. Jamison, Lynchburg administrative assistant, was named Public Relations Professional of the Year by the Lynchburg Area Public Relations Association (LAPRA). The award designates a top public relations practitioner who has succeeded in closing the gap between his organization and the public it serves.

Jamison was cited for effectively keeping central Virginians informed on the energy crisis, power failures and increased electric bills that accompanied this year's "worst winter in 70 years". He was a spokesman in conveying Appalachian's equal payment plans to customers.

Jamison is currently president of LAPRA, a member of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce legislative task force for the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce and is public relations coordinator for Central Lynchburg, Inc. A member of the Lynchburg Chapter, American Advertising Federation, he also is a captain in the United States Army Reserve.

WORK IDEAS SHARED

Two employees in Appalachian Power's General Office T&D Meter Section collaborated on an article which appeared in the May/June issue of AEP **Operating Ideas**.

J. R. Loving and J. A. Hutchinson, both electrical engineers, wrote "Aids Load Recorder Check".

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Kim Bostic, daughter of James Bostic, Kanawha River Plant master maintenance man, to **Charles Vealey**, son of Sherman Vealey, Cabin Creek Plant chief chemist, May 21.



Lucille Hammond Maupin to **Joseph D. Lawrence**, retired Roanoke Division manager, May 7.

BABY PARADE

Beckley
Kellie L., daughter of **Deborah Williams**, junior stenographer, April 3.

Bluefield
William Gene, II, son of **William Gene Stewart**, Pineville lineman C, April 3.

Amy Elizabeth, daughter of **Larry G. Stiltner**, Grundy line foreman NE, May 10.

Central Machine
Miriah Shay, daughter of **Robert F. Spencer**, machinist, April 10.

Charleston
Benjamin Miller, son of **Keith Wentz**, hydro utility operator B, Marmet, April 20.

General Office
Rachel Maschell, daughter of **W. D. Smith**, regional dispatcher, Turner office, April 18.

Michael Conrad, son of **Joyce R. Terry**, secretary-stenographer, GO Operations, Roanoke, May 1.

Huntington

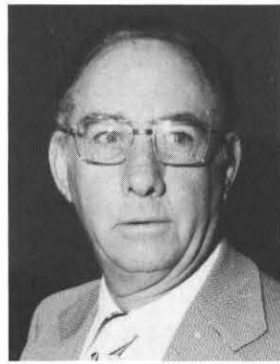
Holly Renee, daughter of **Randy Hensley**, stationman B, April 16.

Tasha Brooke, daughter of **Scott Whitt**, lineman C, April 13.

Kingsport

Jennifer Lynn, daughter of **Linda C. Droke**, customer representative B, April 10.

RETIREE PLANS TO GOLF AND FISH



Sinclair Adam "Hinkie" Dewey, Pulaski commercial engineer, elected early retirement June 1. "The doctor says I am in good health, and I would like to have as many free days as I can to do what I want to do," he states. Most of his spare time will be spent on the golf course or fishing on Claytor Lake, the Outer Banks or Morehead City.

A native of Clifton, New Jersey, Hinkie attended Davidson College and began his career in 1936 as a stores attendant. During his 40 years' service, he has seen the company "go from 4 kv to 12 kv and now 34.5 kv. I feel I have been very fortunate working for and with very fine and cooperative people."

Hinkie served four years in the European Theatre with the Army Corps of Engineers. He is a former chairman of the board of deacons, First Presbyterian Church; past president, Pulaski Country Club; and on the advisory committee of the Salvation Army.

LASLEY IS EMT TEACHER



Donald Lasley, master maintenance man at Clinch River Plant, is a certified lay-instructor for the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Virginia State Department of Health. Currently he is teaching the 81-hour EMT course at Southwest Virginia Community College in Richlands.

The course consists of 71 hours of classroom study and 10 hours of in-hospital training. It covers all phases of medical emergencies and the actual care of patients with specific injuries or illnesses until they can be cared for at a medical facility.

Don completed the EMT course at Southwest Virginia Community College in 1972 and passed a Virginia state test to be eligible for the lay-instructor course at Virginia Highlands Community College in 1975. The lay-instructor course consisted of 40 hours of classroom training. Don is also an instructor for the American Red Cross in standard and advanced first aid.

A five-year member of Russell County Rescue Squad's Unit 1 in Lebanon, he has previously been a second lieutenant and is currently the unit training officer. Don has already taught one 81-hour course and two 20-hour refresher courses in EMT. His week nights are pretty well taken up. He teaches two nights each week, is on squad call one night and attends the squad meeting another night.

What does his family think? "They don't mind because it is a family affair. My wife and oldest daughter are members of the Squad Auxiliary. My wife is also an EMT lay-instructor, and my son has completed the EMT course. My two oldest daughters have both standard and advanced first aid cards. My youngest daughter is only six months old or she would have a first aid card," he laughs.

In a previous class taught by Don and his wife, 11 of their 30 students were either Clinch River employees or members of their families. Included were Robert Parks, Maintenance, and his son Robbie; Virginia and David Lowe, wife and son of Charles Lowe, Performance; Maxie and Swain Skeen, wife and son of Johnny Skeen, Coal Handling; Dennis Vance, son of L. E. Vance, Maintenance; Gary, Mike and Jerry Jonas, sons of Don Jonas, Laboratory; and Donald Lasley, son of the instructors.

Other EMTs at Clinch River include Billy Breeding, Charles Lowe, Johnny Skeen and Bob Parks. Lowe and Skeen are also qualified American Red Cross first aid instructors at the standard and advanced levels.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

General Office

Roy F. Howard, lead draftsman, GO R/e & R/w, Roanoke, nine gallons.



ROUNION JOINS RETIRED RANK

Lois Karnes Rounion, Bluefield secretary-stenographer, retired June 1 after 29 years' service in the commercial department.

Lois' first job was in the payroll department, when all computations were performed manually. Preferring secretarial work, she left and was employed by the Veterans Administration until offered a position as stenographer to B. D. Painter, commercial manager. She remained in that department for her tenure of service, serving under four managers: Painter, Paul Kelsey, Bill Belchee and Oscar Adams.

Much of her leisure time has been devoted to activities in the National Secretaries Association (International). A charter member of the Bluefield Chapter, NSA, Lois has served at all levels of the NSA as an officer and committee member.

An active member of the Appalachian Power Company Girls' Service Club since 1948, Lois has held various offices, including three terms as president. She was instrumental in developing the Presidents Pictorial project, a display of pictures of the club's presidents since its beginning 49 years ago.

A lifelong member of Bluefield's Bland Street United Methodist Church, she has been a choir member since high school. Two of her three children and a sister reside in Bluefield so Lois will continue to maintain her home there. Her retirement plans include learning to swim, pursuing crafts, traveling and beautifying her yard.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



William Ray McDaniel, 53, office and stores supervisor at Cabin Creek Plant, died May 11 of an apparent stroke. A native of Standard, West Virginia, he began his career in 1942 as a laborer. McDaniel is survived by his widow Callie, P. O. Box 95, Hansford, West Virginia; one daughter and one brother, Ellis McDaniel, Cabin Creek Plant maintenance foreman on LTD leave.

William T. "Joe" Mattox, Jr., 30, lineman A in the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division, was fatally injured May 24 as the result of an electrical contact while performing a routine line repair job. A native of West Columbia, West Virginia, he began his career in 1969 as a lineman helper. Mattox is survived by his widow Sandra, Box 35, West Columbia, W. Va.; one son and one daughter.



Benjamin F. Montague, 88, retired Charleston senior civil engineer, died May 25. A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, he began his career in 1920 as a draftsman and retired June 1, 1953. Montague is survived by one son and one brother.

YOUNG PLANS TRIP WEST



"I started to work for 79 cents an hour and have never missed a payday," says Edward Roy Young, who retired June 1 as a meterman C in Charleston. He continues, "It has been a good life and I've enjoyed working. Most of my experience has been in the meter department and I'm closer to people I worked with than my own relations."

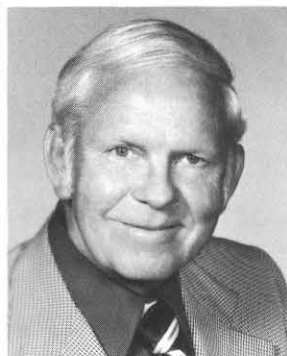
The Lincoln County, W. Va., native began his career in 1912 as a meter helper. He has worked under seven superintendents.

Roy and his wife Flora plan a two-month trip to California and the West Coast in August and will spend six months in Florida next winter.

"During my first year of retirement, we will do a lot of traveling and a little golfing, fishing and hunting — anything to enjoy ourselves."

Roy, a member of Perrow Presbyterian Church, has held numerous offices, including that of Sunday School superintendent.

The Youngs have one son, Eddie Jr., who is an employee of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company's River Transportation Division.



PAUL PARSONS RETIRES EARLY

Paul H. Parsons, Charleston personnel assistant senior, elected early retirement June 1 after more than 38 years' service.

The Dunbar, W. Va., native attended Morris Harvey College and began his career in 1938 as a truck clerk. Paul transferred to Point Pleasant in 1942, following the company's purchase of the distribution system in that area. During his five years there, Paul recalls there was almost a complete rebuilding of the distribution system. He experienced two floods before the town's flood walls were installed.

Paul at one time was active in the company bowling league and managed and pitched for the company softball team. He was instrumental in organizing many company parties and golf tournaments.

Paul and his wife Margaret are ardent golfers, and he has played 30 courses in West Virginia, Florida and North Carolina. He also enjoys gardening, wood sculpture and watercolor painting. He is a past member of the Dunbar Lions Club.

The Parsons' plan a trip to Switzerland to visit the birthplace of Margaret's grandmother and a trip to Hawaii. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

Abingdon
John C. Henderson, meter reader.

John E. Amos
Fay M. Norris, junior clerk; Edward G. Rushbrook, Hubert R. Young, Terry A. Burdette and Bradford D. Alford, maintenance men C; Robert E. Hinckley, Verlan A. Setliff and Jerry Brester, control technicians junior.

Beckley
Matthew W. Saunders, tracer. Catherine A. Griffith, junior stenographer.

Bluefield
Clifford W. Smith, meter reader, Welch. Teresa Pennington, office messenger. Walter L. Morgan, custodian, Welch.

Lynchburg
Brenda F. Murdock, junior clerk.

Pulaski
C. A. Robinson, meter reader, Galax.

Roanoke
Barbara R. Braxton, lineman helper. Geraldine O. Pearman, meter reader.

CROTTY PLAYS AVALON SHOW



Dawn Sheree Crotty, left, and Frankie Avalon

Dawn Sheree Crotty and her four-piece band, Velvet, played a one-hour concert on a recent Frankie Avalon Show.

Dawn Sheree leads the group from the "drummer's throne" and often plays the guitar while singing. She is the daughter of Arnold Crotty, Bluefield draftsman senior.



PARKS ENDS 38-YEAR CAREER

Paul Woodrow Parks, Bluefield T&D clerk A, retired June 1 after 38 years' service.

Paul attended Bluefield College, Concord College and the University of Alabama and began his career in 1939 as a draftsman. He worked in the accounting department before transferring to the then commercial department in 1948. Paul recalls, "The early years, when the company had a full promotional program, made us seem more like carnival barkers as we put on schools and cooking, lighting and heating demonstrations in so many unusual locations. I also presented flannelboard talks to all sized groups from clubs in a residential living room to large groups in auditoriums. It has helped by working with the finest people in the world from the day I started until the day of retirement."

Paul and his wife Thelma will visit Nova Scotia soon and plan future trips throughout the United States and possibly one abroad. Paul is a member of the Elks Club and American Legion. He is on the music and organ committees for the College Avenue Baptist Church and is serving his third three-year term as a deacon.

During World War II, he served in the Army and was awarded two bronze stars for valor during 29 months of combat in the South Pacific.

SLACK RETIRES FROM CABIN CREEK



George Harold Slack, boiler operator A at Cabin Creek Plant, elected early retirement May 1 after 40 years' service. He plans some travel but most of his time will be spent fishing, playing golf and gardening.

A member of Chesapeake Methodist Church, George enjoys painting and art work.

He and his wife Anna Kathleen have four children and ten grandchildren. One son, Charles E. Slack, is a unit foreman at Kanawha River Plant.

SUTOR HAS HAPPY MEMORIES



"Appalachian has been a good company to work for, and I will always remember the many friendships with my fellow workers over the years. This has meant so much to me," says Willard L. Sutor, who retired May 1 as general bookkeeper in General Office Accounting, Roanoke. "I have many happy memories with the company, especially the carefree early days when we just sailed along."

A charter member of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, Willard has also played the violin with orchestras in Lynchburg and Baltimore. He is currently president of the Bon-sack Ruritan Club, and he and his wife Betsy are active members of Roanoke's Huntington Court United Methodist Church. Willard enjoys refinishing antique furniture in his workshop and gardening. Now, he says "I plan to enjoy our home, my music and the grandchildren."

STINSON JOINS RETIRED RANK

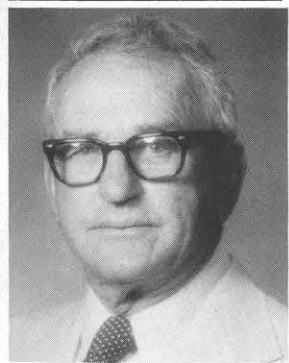


Joseph Shannon Stinson is trading one career for another. A commercial representative in Bluefield before his early retirement June 1, Joe plans to work for his son, who is a general contractor.

Joe attended West Virginia University and began his career in 1950 as a contract entry and final bill clerk. During his nearly 27 years' service, he worked as a junior general clerk, head bookkeeper, local office supervisor, senior general clerk, head material clerk, T&D clerk senior, supply and building maintenance clerk, heating and builder sales representative and heating sales engineer.

Joe is past president of the Bluefield, Va., Kiwanis Club and a member of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys square dancing, golf and hunting.

VETS GIVEN SERVICE AWARDS



G. C. Golladay, Jr.
Area Serviceman
Lynchburg
40 Years



J. R. Watkins
Line Inspector
Roanoke
40 Years



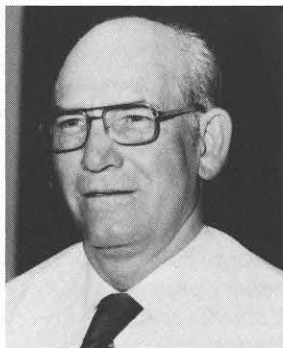
I. K. Stoots
Line Inspector
Pulaski
40 Years



Sylvia McClure
Cust. Accts. Rep. A
Charleston
35 Years



D. R. Clemons
Asst. Shift. Op. Eng.
Glen Lyn
35 Years



W. D. Foster, Jr.
Lineman A (LTD)
Beckley
30 Years



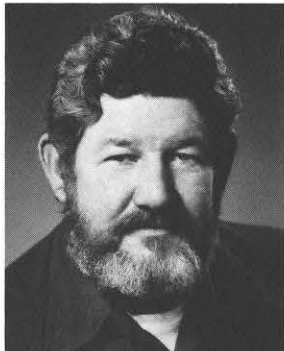
W. L. Nichols
Meter Serv. A
Roanoke
30 Years



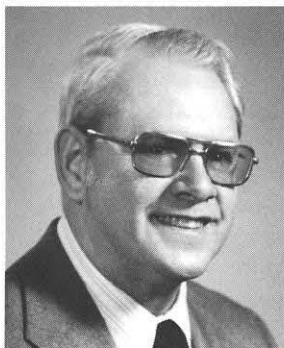
K. W. Rowe
Line Inspector
Huntington
30 Years



R. D. Tillis
Cust. Serv. Rep.
Huntington
30 Years



G. A. Volk, Jr.
Gen. Serviceman
Lynchburg
30 Years



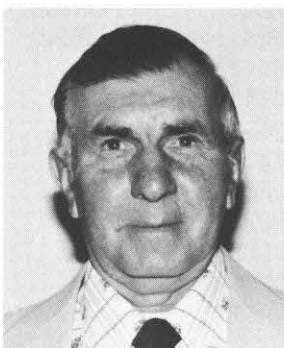
J. K. Reid
Electrical Eng.
Lynchburg
30 Years



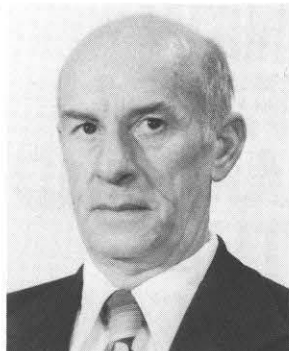
J. R. Loving, Jr.
Electrical Eng.
GO-Roanoke
30 Years



R. M. Cooper
Hd. Mat. Clerk
Bluefield
30 Years



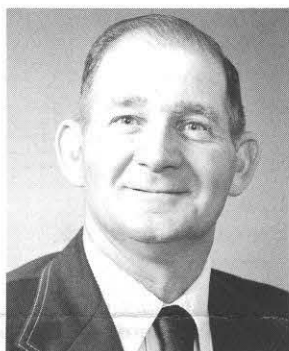
Nicholas Hodock
Trans. Man B
GO-Bluefield
30 Years



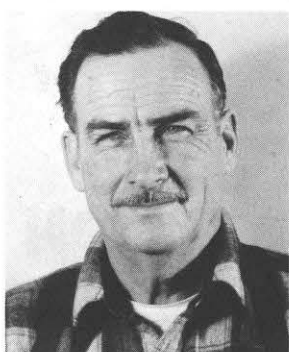
Paul Neely
Asst. Shift Op. Eng.
Glen Lyn
30 Years



R. E. Lester
Residential Rep.
Pulaski
30 Years



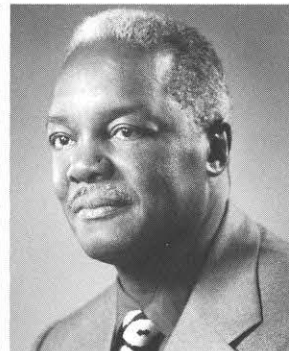
C. E. Owens
Lineman A
Abingdon
30 Years



J. A. Cook
Line Foreman NE
Charleston
30 Years



A. R. Vaught
Line Foreman NE
Roanoke
30 Years



C. M. Brown
Custodian
Lynchburg
25 Years



J. R. Kidd
Area Supv. A
Pulaski
25 Years



R. D. Holbert
Civil Const. Asst.
Project 1301
25 Years



J. E. Ord
Auxiliary Foreman
Philip Sporn
25 Years



G. E. Clark
Mast. Maint. Man
Philip Sporn
25 Years



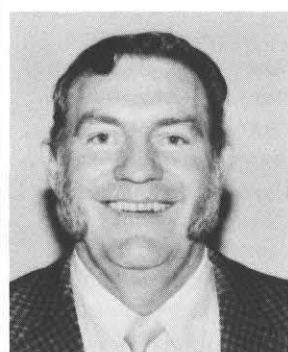
S. E. Hesson
Mast. Maint. Man
Philip Sporn
25 Years



L. M. Keeney
Master Maint. Man
Clinch River
25 Years



M. G. Overstreet
Data Proc. Op. A
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



C. B. Lampert
Lineman A
Bluefield
20 Years



W. W. Ernest
Shift Op. Eng.
John E. Amos
20 Years



W. C. White
Truck Dr.-Groundman
Beckley
20 Years



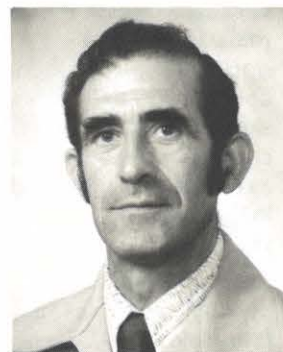
J. R. Lowther
Meter Eng. Sr.
GO-Charleston
20 Years



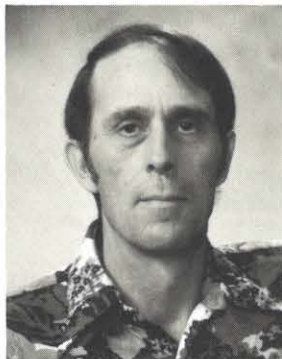
P. C. Kiser
Coal Equip. Op.
Clinch River
20 Years



C. G. Caldwell
Gen. Bookkeeper
GO-Roanoke
20 Years



Howard Lasley
Utility Foreman
Clinch River
20 Years



J. S. Skeen
Coal Equip. Op.
Clinch River
20 Years



J. L. Blankenship
Stores Attend. Sr.
Clinch River
20 Years

Abingdon

15 Years: N. A. Goodwin, customer accounts representative B.

John E. Amos

10 Years: R. H. Brown, coal equipment operator. 5 Years: T. B. Hill, utility operator A; L. O. Nazarewycz, utility operator A; G. A. Martin, utility operator A; F. J. Stalker, utility operator A; J. E. Mooney, utility foreman; J. W. Johnson, utility operator A; K. E. Landers, maintenance man A; R. L. Clark, utility operator A; K. R. Hanshaw, maintenance man A; A. L. Pennington, maintenance man A; B. D. Adkins, utility operator A; H. O. Blackshire, maintenance foreman; D. S. Duncan, maintenance man A; M. C. Poinexter, maintenance man A; D. J. Casto, maintenance man A; R. R. Hill, maintenance man B; R. E. Thewes, maintenance man A.

Bluefield

10 Years: J. G. Williams, lineman A.

Central Machine

5 Years: A. O. Reedy, Production Foreman.

Charleston

15 Years: B. A. Markham, customer accounts representative A.

10 Years: L. E. Lawrence, lineman A; R. L. Armstrong, meter serviceman A.

Clinch River

20 Years: A. D. Lambert, junior maintenance man.

General Office

35 Years: W. R. Massie, transmission man A (LTD), Bluefield. 30 Years: M. E. Reed, building engineer, Roanoke; Mildred Dowdy, private secretary (LTD), Roanoke. 15 Years: J. F. Mitchell, transmission man A, Bluefield; P. D. Blount, engineering technologist, Roanoke; 10 years: Dianne Shank, secretary-stenographer, Roanoke; Lester Searls, transmission man A, Huntington; G. W. Cook, maintenance man, Roanoke; R. T. Carbaugh, Jr., transmission man A, Bluefield. 5 Years: Elizabeth Barksdale, stenographer, Roanoke.

Huntington

10 Years: D. F. Machir, lineman A; D. C. Watts, lineman A; P. C. Brewer, secretary-stenographer, AEP Lab.

Kanawha River

10 Years: C. R. Brown, maintenance man. 5 Years: E. W. Phares, barge attendant; M. J. Rogier, auxiliary equipment operator; J. P. Harrison, junior maintenance man.

Kingsport

10 Years: E. E. Fields, engineering technician senior. 5 Years: J. L. Hagood, stationman B.

Logan-Williamson

J. E. Walls, station foreman.

Lynchburg

35 Years: Jane Plunkett, records supervisor.

Roanoke

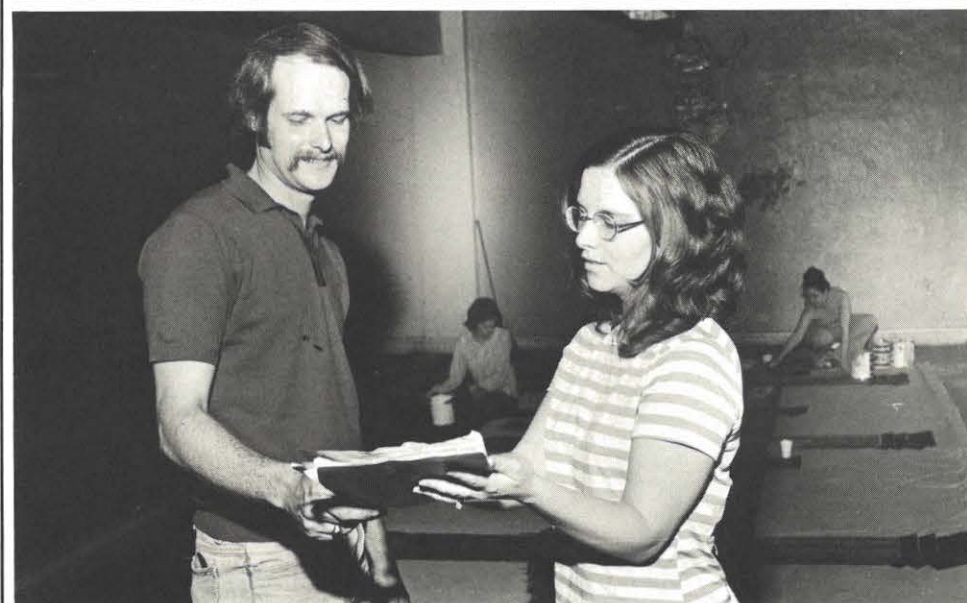
30 Years: B. T. Hartwell, line foreman NE. 10 Years: F. B. Grogan, lineman A; S. Robertson, Jr., garage attendant; Eula Bradford, cashier C; Joyce Carter, customer accounts representative B. 5 Years: W. L. Willhite, lineman B.

MOVING UP



Robert L. Wilson, Jr., former machinist 1st class, was promoted to production foreman at Central Machine Shop, effective May 1.

NANCY THOMPSON GETS TASTE OF SHOW BUSINESS



Tom and Nancy Thompson

Nancy Thompson, wife of C. E. Thompson, Huntington meterman C, leads a busy life. Besides being a member of the Woman's Club, Junior League and Musical Arts Guild of Huntington, Nancy is producer of this year's Guild play, "The King and I".

Nancy says, "The producer is responsible for everything from insurance to securing the rights for the music we use. I have to make sure the props are built, casting is done, the lighting is correct, costumes are made and anything else that pops up is taken care of. The secret to a good show and a successful producer is good committee chairmen — and I have the best."

Nancy has been a Guild member for three years and plans to remain active in the group as long as she is in Huntington. "I have always enjoyed doing this kind of work and I have no plans to stop."

Husband Tom gets into the act on a limited basis. He says, "I give my wife for full-time work and she does enough for two." Nancy reveals, however, that Tom acts as a consultant at home when she is trying to work out problems and also works backstage during the show, taking care of last minute details.

"When all the work is done," Nancy confides, "I can sit out front and watch a group of talented people put on a great show, knowing they have worked very hard on their parts and I was able to contribute a little toward the successful completion."

COUNTRY-WESTERN BAND IS FAMILY HOBBY



From left, Everett Dillman, Everett Dillman, Jr., Sandra Dillman and Russell Blankenship

Huntington Meter Reader Sandra Dillman has a hobby the whole family enjoys. Sandy, her husband Everett, and their son Everett, Jr., play in a country and western band called "Country Sounds".

Sandy and Everett have been playing in a group for five years but music has been a part of their lives for some time. Everett, who plays the rhythm guitar, drums and piano, has been playing since he was small. Sandy, a bass guitar player and vocalist, started playing at age nine. All of her uncles are musicians and one has a gospel singing group which has recorded some albums and does extensive traveling.

Ten-year-old Everett, Jr., has been playing drums for two years and has performed with the Country Sounds occasionally during the past eight months. "When we play a club, we use another person and let Everett, Jr., stay home," Sandy says. The major portion of their appearances are on "CB Breaks". These functions are usually for charity or rest stops for highway driving.

Sandy adds, "I enjoy doing this in my spare time. We have two little girls who can get in the act if they are interested. But the whole family enjoys going to these shows, and it's a good way for us to be together."

JENNI BOULT IS TOP GYMNAST

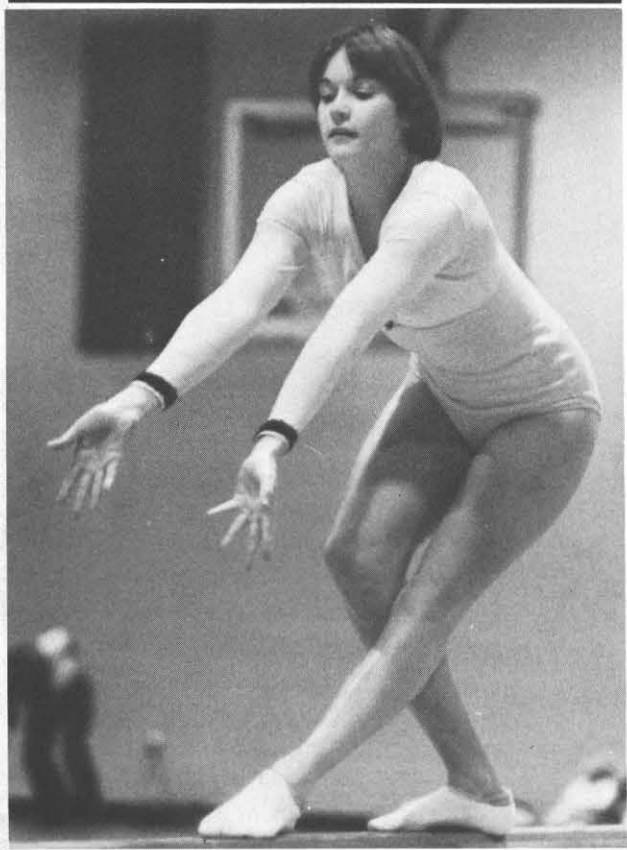


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"Jenni Boulton continues to dominate the Roanoke Valley District gymnastics scene".

"Boulton keys Pulaski County success".

"Boulton voted most valuable in gymnastics".

"Junior Jenni Boulton placed in all four events to capture the all-around title".

Those following the Pulaski County High School girls' gymnastics team this season have been reading praises like these about Jenni Boulton. The daughter of J. R. Boulton, Pulaski stationman B, Jenni is a two-year letterman. She has received a meritorious award for being an outstanding gymnast, named "most valuable" by her teammates, and selected to appear in this year's National Outstanding Athlete Yearbook.

It's taken a long time for Jenni to get where she is now. She's grown up as "just one of the guys" in her neighborhood, and many neighbors have seen her climbing on clothesline poles. She began in the eighth grade at the old Pulaski High School, where her older sister Karen was a good gymnast in her own right. Although Jenni couldn't compete, she gained some valuable experience. Then school consolidation brought more room and better facilities at PCHS. Since then she has been a top competitor in the Cougar gymnastics program.

Jenni says, "I practice about three to three and a half hours a day. I owe everything to Miss Pratt. She helps me set my goals as well as achieve them." (Susan Pratt is team coach.)

In winning the Roanoke Valley District Gymnastics Meet, Jenni led her team in points and gained a first place on the balance team.



Roanoke's Hill Street Baptist Church proclaimed an "Otho Williams Day" recently to honor Retired Roanoke Custodian Otho Williams for his dedication and service. Otho is a deacon and member of the trustee board and has been chairman of the finance committee for 21 years and teacher of a Sunday School class for 12-14-year-olds for 32 years. He is also vice president of the Men's Club Union, consisting of 15 local churches.



Gabrielle Larew cleared the bar set at five feet to earn first place in high jump in the Roanoke Valley district track championship. She is the daughter of John R. Larew, executive assistant to the executive vice president.



The Williamson Road "Tarheels" won the Roanoke City Boys Intermediate League basketball championship and the 8th annual Knights of Columbus basketball tournament. The Tarheels, coached by Robbie Lane, Roanoke lineman C; Kim Wright, Roanoke draftsman, and his brother Mike Wright; and Ron Payne, GO draftsman, ended this season with an 18-1 record. The team has an over-all record of 45-8 for the past three seasons. The Tarheels were selected to represent Roanoke City in the city-county all-star tournament. From left, Lane, Kim Wright, Mike Wright, and Payne.

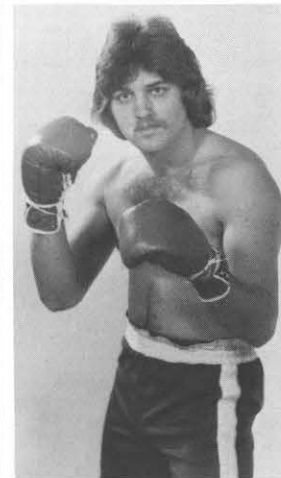


Three employees have been awarded \$50 U. S. Savings Bonds for submitting the top proposals in Roanoke Division's Operations Improvement Program for 1976. Darothy B. Via, Fieldale customer accounts representative A, received three bonds as first place winner. K. E. French, engineer B and OIP coordinator for the division, received two bonds as second place winner; and R. F. Cooke, office supervisor, won one bond as third place winner. Glenn Reynolds, assistant Roanoke Division manager, and J. Robert Davenport, Fieldale manager, made the presentations at a luncheon for the trio. From left, French, Reynolds, Via and Cooke.



Officers and directors of the Abingdon Employees Club are (seated, l. to r.) J. D. Moore; Deborah Fraley, secretary; J. L. Cook, president; T. F. Crabtree and John Kahle. Standing, l. to r., J. P. Hardwick, K. H. Hicks, W. A. Anderson, C. R. Matney, D. E. Linkous, L. A. Brown and J. B. Blankenship.

ADKINS WINS BOXING TOURNAMENT



Gary Adkins, motor winder at Central Machine Shop, won a first place trophy in the Huntington, West Virginia, Regional Golden Gloves Tournament, Heavyweight Novice Division, by a unanimous decision. The Novice Division is for boxers having less than ten bouts.

Gary states, "I was very nervous because I wasn't in the best shape for the final fight. It was the toughest fight I've ever had because it went all of the rounds and I'd always won by knockouts before."

Although a fan for several years, Gary has been in training only eight months. He has had five fights, winning four by knockout and one by decision. Gary, 19, weighs 220 pounds and stands 6' 3 1/2", an impressive starting point for an amateur boxer. His trainer, Retired Professional Boxer Hank Edwards of Nitro, feels Gary can go far in the boxing game.

"Basically I throw a lot of left jabs and combination punches," says Gary about his strategy. "I don't throw a lot of hooks and hay makers because you have to be really fast or your opponent can see them coming. I try to work inside on the body because a body blow is just as effective as getting hit in the face."

He participated in a tournament promoted by the American Amateur Union (AAU) last month at West Virginia State College and plans other matches in the Tri-State area to gain experience for the 1978 tournaments. Hopefully, he'll make the trip to New Mexico for the national finals.

DUFFIELD AWARDED CHINA WAR MEDAL



James A. Duffield, Jr., GO T&D communications engineer in Charleston, has been awarded the China War Memorial Medal by the Republic of China. The order for the medal was lost at the end of World War II and only recently found.

Jim served with the Army Air Force for 15 months in the China-Burma-India Theater of War. He was with the first troop carrier squadron, flying C47s and C46s, hauling paratroops, glider tow infantry and resupply to battlefields. Jim recalls, "I made 256 flight missions with over 1,000 hours flight time as a radio operator/navigator. Twenty-one of these missions were over the 'Hump', as the Himalaya Mountains were called, to China. We hauled Chinese troops from and to China as well as supplies such as ammunition, gasoline and food." He adds, "I was in three plane wrecks, was hit once by Japanese groundfire and on one occasion escaped six Japanese zero fighter planes."

EBERSBACH PLANS TO TRAVEL



Harold A. "Buck" Ebersbach, plant clerk A at Philip Sporn, retired June 1 after 26 years' service.

The Illinois native began his career in 1951 as a senior clerk in the Sporn Construction Department and transferred to Operations in 1956.

"We will probably take quite a few trips," Buck says. He has a rose and vegetable garden to occupy his time and there's work to be done on property he owns near his home in Pomeroy, Ohio. Buck is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Ruth have two children and three grandchildren.



CABBLER'S VIOLETS BRIGHTEN OFFICE

Many offices in the Roanoke headquarters building are brighter these days thanks to the generosity of Josephine Cabbler, custodian in General Office General Services. The beautiful African violets she has placed throughout the building add a touch of cheer for employees as they work.

Josephine has been potting plants for friends for more than ten years and started rooting new plants for employees when she came to work in 1974. "I simply cut the leaves and replant them in violet and potting soil," she says. "I also use charcoal and sand to help keep moisture in the dirt. I had heard fluorescent lights were good for violets so I started bringing them down here to see what it would do. As you can see, it does beautifully."

Josephine has such a green thumb that many employees come to her for help on their plants. After she doctors the plants back to health, she suggests ways their owners should take care of them. "Most of the time the plants are too dry or too wet and sometimes they just need light," she volunteered.

Josephine spends many lunch hours taking care of the plants. "I don't mind," she smiles, "because mother nature takes care of them most of the time."

CONNIE MCCOY, LADY MECHANIC



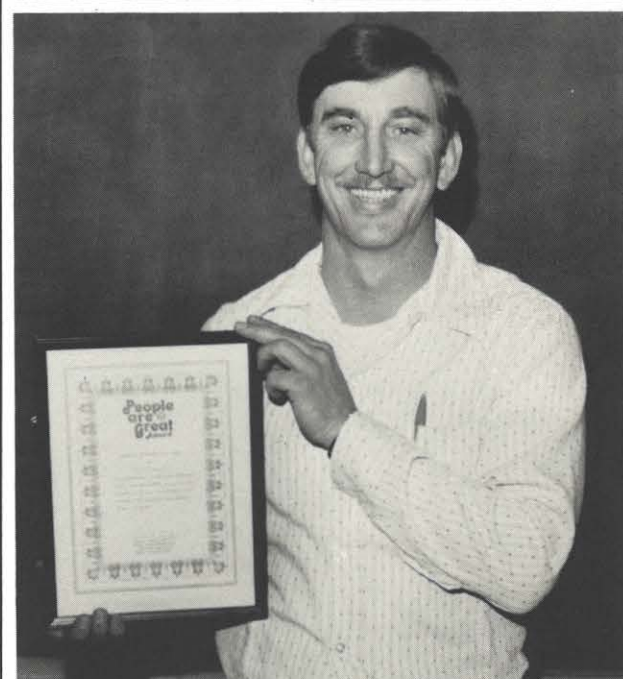
Connie McCoy had never worked around an automobile in her life until she was hired a year ago as an auto mechanic in Charleston. Now she would like to make a career of it.

Charlie Crawford, who retired as Charleston garage foreman recently, had the pleasure of training Connie. He had mixed emotions but now believes she will make a good mechanic.

Connie has come a long way since she was hired. She now makes hydraulic inspections, changes tires, makes 3,000- and 6,000-mile inspections, road calls, tune-ups including plugs and points, adjusts and installs carburetors, and helps install clutches and do transmission work. "I have done some body work on my own car but it didn't turn out too good," Connie admits. "Of course, it was my first attempt."

She says, "My size is the only thing that bothers me, not quite big enough or strong enough, but at least I'm willing to try. I'm studying for my state inspection license. Some of the men kind of resented me at first but now they have mostly accepted me. At least I'm still here. Most of them are willing to help me as much as possible."

TENNANT HONORED AS HUMANITARIAN



Dick Tennant, assistant chief operator at Sporn Substation, was presented the "People Are Great Award" by WOWK-TV in Huntington, West Virginia, "in recognition of the praiseworthy, kind and charitable acts of humanitarian goodwill unselfishly performed, thus proving that people truly are great".

WOWK-TV airs an announcement of the award several times each day, with a different award recipient each week. During the week of March 21, Dick was shown with the area youth choir and Bible study group he leads. Dick explained proudly, "The youth group is a non-denominational organization in the Wahama High School area of Mason County, West Virginia. They have already tried and rejected the many artificial modes of 'finding' themselves and are looking to the Bible for answers to life's basic questions." The youth, numbering about 30, have been singing in area churches and plan to perform in other locations soon.

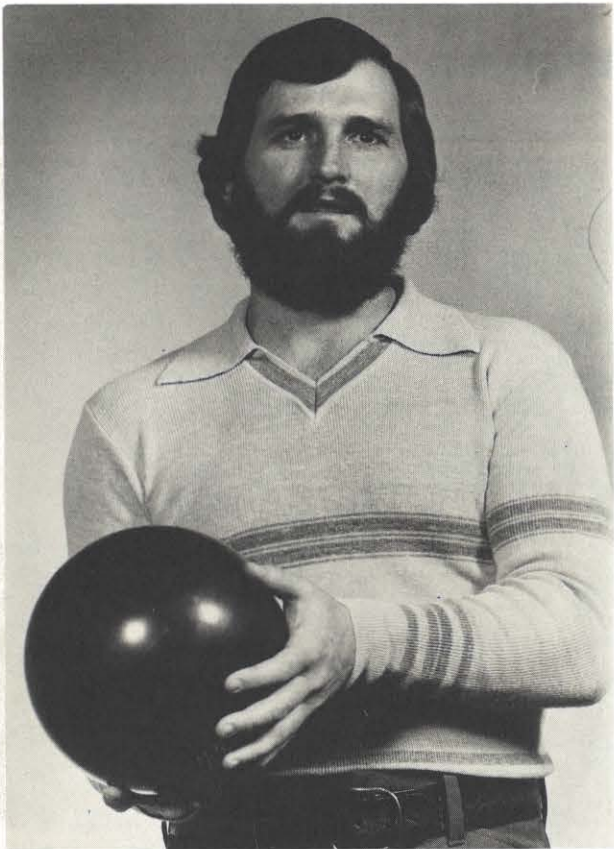
Dick is also lay leader and Sunday School superintendent at Bachtel United Methodist Church and the play-by-play announcer for Wahama High School's football games.

DAYTON BUILDS BICYCLE FOR TWO



Dayton Neil, plant performance engineer at Kanawha River, has built a bicycle for two from scrap parts a friend gave him. He welded together two old frames into a harmonious whole tandem bicycle and painted it black. Dayton, who also serves as operations improvement coordinator at the plant, spent only \$5 to make his custom rig. The same bike purchased new would cost about \$200.

Dayton and his wife Carol enjoy riding the bike for exercise and also use it for running errands. The bike has become a conversation piece in their hometown of Pratt, West Virginia.



YOUNG GLAD HE WOKE UP

Dennis Young, junior maintenance man at Kanawha River Plant, fell asleep before going bowling one night, but he's sure glad a friend came by and woke him up. He gave himself something to dream about by rolling a 278 game and 682 series in the Natural Gas League. Dennis felt tired after getting off work. "I just laid down and took a nap," he said. "I was still asleep at ten minutes to six even though I was supposed to bowl at 6:15 at Robin Lanes. It's the first time I've done that. A friend was going to give me a ride and he came by and knocked on my door, waking me up. I was still kind of dazed when we got to the bowling lanes. I didn't roll any practice balls, and I felt like I was still half-asleep and tired the first game. But I felt relaxed the second and third games and things were going my way."

He started out with a 172 game, jumped to 232 in the second game and wound up with his big 278 in the third game for a 682 total, the highest score in the Natural Gas League this season. His average is 164 and he won the century award with his 278 game. Dennis has been bowling three years in a league and this was his first 600 in league play. He also competes in Kanawha's Megawatt League.

Dennis also did some good bowling in the State Men's Tournament in Beckley. "I rolled 588, 580 and 565 series, which are way above my average. I was fourth on the board in handicap all-events when I left. I had five 200s out of nine games bowled," he said.

FRIENDSHIP TOURNEY ATTRACTS 28 TEAMS

The 14th annual Friendship Bowling Tournament was held April 30 at the Boulevard Recreation Center in Charleston.

The 28 teams participating were from Huntington, Bluefield and Charleston Divisions; Amos, Kanawha River and Cabin Creek Plants; Cedar and Central Appalachian Coal Companies, Central Machine Shop and retired employees.

Charleston's Short Circuits rolled 3002 to win the top prize of \$100 in the men's division. Team members are Jim Young, Elmer Spencer, Harold Rulen, Jim Crane and Bud Petty. Second prize of \$75 went to Cedar Coal's team (2984) and third prize of \$50 to the retirees' team (2978).

The Megawatt League's Hits and Misses captured first prize of \$50 in the women's division, with a score of 3021. Team members are Oma Adkins, Minnie Evans, Shirley Clark, Janice Kidd and Nellie Loveday. The Good Times Gang rolled 2941 to win the \$40 second prize.

Individual awards of \$10 each went to: Ed Jarrett, high series (576) and high series with handicap (669); Shirley Clark, high series (533), high series with handicap (692) and high single with handicap (240); Heber Stafford, high single (242), high series with handicap (669) and high single with handicap (268); and Joyce Fisher, high single (193).

Spearheading the tournament was a committee composed of Jim Young, chairman; Bob Selbe, Jack Jarrett, Bill Bostic, Harry Wilton and Eldivia Gullian.

ROANOKE GOLF TOURNEY HELD AT OLE MONTEREY

Roanoke's Ole Monterey Golf Club was the setting for the golf tournament held April 8 for Division and General Office employees in Roanoke.

Eighty-three golfers participated in the event. W. C. Reed, GO Accounting, and A. C. Powell, GO T&D Station, were co-chairmen of the tourney, assisted by R. H. Hogan and C. B. King, GO Accounting; C. L. Robison, GO T&D Station; R. F. Howard, GO R/e & R/w; and G. A. Perfater, GO Purchasing.

Winners and runners-up in each flight were:

Championship — W. S. Carter, GO T&D Civil Engineering (77); D. E. Robbins (78) and R. W. Mullen (78), both GO Accounting.

1st — T. E. Purves, Roanoke (85); R. E. Bower, GO T&D Station (85); and J. W. Kepner, GO Executive (86).

2nd — O. A. Hawkins, GO Accounting (91); D. C. Kennedy, retired (91); and J. A. Lyon, retired (92).

3rd — W. R. Black, J. T. Goggin and D. B. Baumgardner, all GO Accounting (95 each).

4th — G. A. Hylton, GO Accounting (98); J. E. Glover, GO T&D Station (98); and C. L. Robison, Jr., GO T&D Station (99).

5th — R. F. Howard, GO R/e & R/w (104); D. E. Trout, GO Personnel (104); and C. E. Stull, Roanoke (105).

6th — O. V. Rutledge, GO Operations (107); A. R. Neal, retired (108); and L. H. Moran, GO T&D Distribution (108).

Awarded prizes for being closest to certain holes were: W. S. Carter, GO T&D Civil Engineering, No. 4; J. S. Reynolds, Roanoke Station, No. 8; R. P. Lane, Roanoke T&D, No. 14; and W. C. Reed, GO T&D Distribution, No. 18.



TEN-YEAR-OLD EARNS BLACK BELT IN KARATE

Ten-year-old Douglas H. McGehee became one of the youngest holders of a black belt in karate in the United States after passing his final test on April 16. He is the son of E. D. McGehee, maintenance man B at John E. Amos Plant.

Doug became interested in karate while watching one of his favorite TV programs, Kung-Fu. He has been attending classes for three years at the Korean Karate Academy in South Charleston, under the instruction of Sok Ho Kang, a seventh degree black belt holder.

Doug's older sister, 12-year-old Kelly, helped him during his first three or four belts (it takes eight to become a black belt). She used to free fight with him but had to withdraw as Doug became stronger and quicker. He would have tested for his black belt earlier, but a broken arm suffered during the last week of school last year kept him away from his lessons for a while.

Tae Kwon Do, the Korean style of karate in which Doug is trained, teaches students to use their hands and feet both as offensive and defensive weapons. Doug has broken two one-inch boards with his feet.

Doug is 4' 8" tall, weighs 90 pounds and, according to his dad, is just a ten-year-old boy with a lot of growing up and learning to do. Doug, Sr., says, "He still couldn't defeat a grown man in a fight, but this is an erroneous opinion a lot of people have."

Doug's parents are proud of their son and say the karate training has helped him in many ways. They plan neither to encourage or discourage him if he wants to continue further in karate training. They feel, like "Grasshopper" on Kung-Fu, Doug learns many important virtues besides the art of self-defense which will be of benefit to him in later life.

CONGLOMERATES WIN ROLL-OFF

In a four-team roll-off, the Conglomerates emerged as champion of the Megawatt League with the Odd Balls as runner-up. Ken Williams, Bill Malone, Bill Ostrom, Eldivia Gullian and Jeanne Sheets bowl for the Conglomerates. The Odd Balls team is composed of Jerry and Terry Ferrell, Regina Firnkoess, Bill Casto and Dennis Keeney.

Receiving trophies at a weiner roast at Coonskin Park were: Ken Black, high average (175); Tom Linger, high single (269) and high single with handicap (290); Buck Stone, high series (640) and high series with handicap (718).

Trophy winners among the women were: Shirley Hope, high average (156) and high series (569); Inez Maggio, high single (210); Phyllis Kellam, high single with handicap (266); and Janice Kidd, high series with handicap (699).

Terry Ferrell and Janice Kidd captured the Most Improved Bowler awards.

The Megawatt League is composed of employees and members of their families from Cabin Creek and Kanawha River Plants, Cedar Coal, Central Appalachian Coal, Southern Appalachian Coal and Kanawha Valley Power.

FATHER OF THREE ACTIVE IN SCOUTS, BASEBALL LEAGUES



For the past three years, Earl Cleland, construction timekeeper at Project 1301 Construction Department, has been a Cubmaster in his hometown of Racine, Ohio. Currently his cub pack has a membership of 26.

After only one year as a Cubmaster, Earl found that some boys were becoming of Boy Scout age but there was not an active troop in Racine. To bring the boys through Cubbing and drop them when they became eligible for Boy Scouts would be defeating the purpose, Earl decided, so he contacted the Tri-Sate Area Council in Huntington, W. Va., and organized a Boy Scout Troop. He started out with only five boys but in two years his troop has grown to a membership of 18.

Earl, father of three boys, ages 7, 9 and 11, is not only active in Scouting but also in the Pee Wee League and Little League. He says, "Summertime is a beehive of activity at home, with the baseball games and practices and the Scout campouts. But keeping one boy out of trouble, especially my own, makes the effort and time spent worth it all."

PEAL'S FIREPLACE CUTS FUEL COSTS



Leon Peal, unit foreman at Kanawha River Plant, has found his own personal solution to the energy problem in a Colonial Franklin woodburning fireplace.

Leon constructed the hearth from quarter-inch black slate and used white mortar for the joints. He positioned the hearth in a semi-circle in one corner of his den. A heat shield for each side of the corner was made from fireproof old style red brick, which he put together with black mortar joints. As an additional saving, Leon cuts his own firewood from his land with a chainsaw.

As the finishing touch, his wife Bonnie purchased andirons and a fire set for ten dollars. When Leon cleaned and shined them, he discovered they were solid brass.

Five of his friends liked the fireplace so well they have constructed similar ones.



PRETTY BEV SIGMAN IS A REAL SLUGGER

Beverly Sigman, relief utility operator at Kanawha River Plant, is getting ready for another softball season. A brilliant athlete, Bev plays shortstop and is all hustle, determination, spirit and intestinal fortitude. She is sure fingered and determined to halt every ball hit her way. She is also strong, rugged, fast and competitive. Her arm is like a shotgun.

Above all, Bev is a slugger. She has the wrist action which snaps off line drives with power. She nearly always gets a hit and often makes home runs.

Bev started playing softball in 1967 and has played for several teams in the Kanawha Valley. In 1969 her efforts helped her team win the West Virginia state championship and went on to the National Invitational Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn. She received a championship jacket with patches. In 1970 she was voted most valuable player and nearly every year has been selected for the all-star team. For her abilities, Bev has collected more than a dozen trophies.



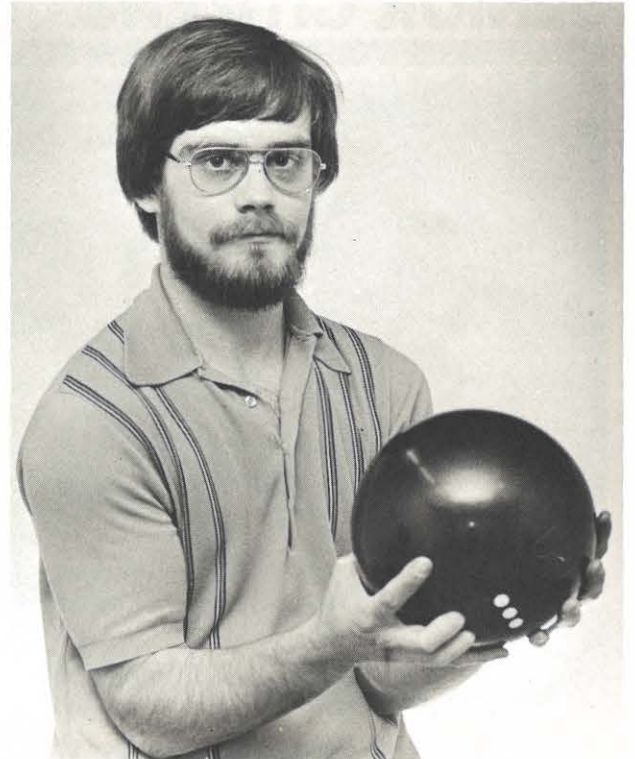
SWINGING GRADS STEP LIVELY

Graduation time is at hand, and the kids in school aren't the only ones who are happy. Several Abingdon employees and their wives have been swinging and twirling to the calls of a western square dance instructor for 30 weeks. Recently these pupils donned their caps, received diplomas and danced their way through graduation exercises in a basics school for western square dancing.

Receiving diplomas were V. T. Carr, records supervisor, and his wife Ruth; Harold Counts, T&D clerk A, and his wife Sherie; A. S. Buchanan, residential advisor, and wife Patsy; and Dan Drayer, electrical engineer, and wife Ellie. Proudly wearing their patches signifying membership in the Burley Twirlers, these grads are looking forward to weekends of fun and laughter while demonstrating their recently acquired dancing skills.

The couples agree that western square dancing is good recreation, exercise and provides plenty of fellowship. They point out that western square dancing is different from other types. The basic square is formed from eight people (four couples) and all calls originate from the square. During the basic class, they learned up to 70 calls from a list of almost 2,300.

ROMEO CAPTURES BOWLING TITLES



Steve Romeo, control technician at Amos Plant, emerged head man in the Men's City Bowling Tournament held at Towne 'n Country Lanes in Nitro. He couldn't have picked a better time to roll his first 600 series and his first back-to-back 200 or better games.

Steve went into the tournament with a 156 average. He racked up 230 and 234 games and finished off with a 158 for an actual series of 622 in the singles, which captured the handicap singles championship. His 1,936 pins total for nine games also won him the handicap all-events crown. With four more pins, he would have won the actual singles championship.

Steve bowls in four leagues a week but says he "felt more relaxed" in tournament bowling.

LYNCHBURG COUPLE ENLISTS IN ARMY



Ronald and Martha Burch recently completed basic training in the U. S. Army. She is the daughter of George W. Stone, Jr., Lynchburg T&D clerk on LTD leave.

A recent Army policy change allows husbands and wives to enlist and remain together. It was under this program that the Burches entered the Army in January. Ronald completed basic combat training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he was recognized for outstanding leadership. Martha completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Both are now taking advanced individual training in telephone communications at Fort Gordon. Martha said, "One of the most interesting things we did in the training was learn to climb poles. Ronald's group was a little ahead of ours in their training program, and he came out to watch me get up and down the poles. I made up my mind that I was going to do it and was pleased when the instructor asked me if I had ever climbed before. The training for women is the same as for men. So far our dual enlistment has proved to be enjoyable and we may make a career of the military service." Following training, the Burches will be assigned to permanent duty stations at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

BESS COLEY, 86, WORKS WITH SENIOR CITIZENS



Two years ago, Bess Coley signed up to work with the sick and aged through the Scott County Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Not an unusual activity until you consider that Bess herself is 86 years young.

The wife of Grady Coley, who retired 20 years ago as residential and rural sales representative in the Gate City area of Abingdon Division, Bess has accumulated over 100 hours of volunteer work with the elderly at Wilcox Hall, a nursing facility attached to the Holston Valley Community Hospital in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Bess works with patients every Monday morning on non-toxic projects such as pencil holders, paintings and other assembly-type crafts designed to stimulate activity and thought. Bess says, "Since I'm in the same age group as most of the patients, I feel I am able to communicate with these lovely people when no one else can. This work is rewarding, and I have met so many nice ladies. They seem just like home folks."

Reida Rankin, activity coordinator for Wilcox Hall, describes Bess as "a fantastic gal". Reida recalls, "On Bess' first trip to the facility, she was so tender hearted that she just walked up and down the halls crying. We were sure she wouldn't be back. But the next Monday morning, there she was with sleeves rolled up and ready to pitch in. She has been an inspiration to all of us."

Grady, ten months younger and a legend in the area himself, is willing to share Bess with the less fortunate at Wilcox Hall. He says, "Involvement helps to keep you young and Bess is a young 86!"

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HUSBAND, WIFE DECORATE CAKES

"My wife Dixie took a course sponsored by the Wilton Cake Decorating Company. She was having trouble with lettering and asked me to help. I've been decorating cakes ever since," says Roy Howard, lead draftsman in General Office Real Estate and Right of Way, Roanoke.

They now work as a team, with Dixie making the cake and Roy doing the icing and decorating. "Making the icing is the hardest thing for me in decorating a cake," Roy says. "Also, spacing the lettering can be difficult at times. Sometimes even getting the cake to rise properly is difficult. We use regular cake mix, even though we can make it from scratch."

"It generally takes about two hours to a day to bake and decorate a cake," Roy explains. "It all depends on the type of cake we make. I will decorate a cake to anyone's specifications. I like to have at least one week's notice but we have done some in shorter time."

"We have been making cakes steadily for the last year and a half. Generally we average one or two every other week. May has been the heaviest month yet." He adds, "We haven't attempted any wedding cakes yet, but we might try our hand at it when our son gets married."

Roy has made cakes shaped like Fred Flintstone and Holly Hobbie and does freelance decorating. He has decorated one cake with a baseball, glove and bat, and others with cabins and deer.

"All of our customers have been pleased except for a friend who complained the cake was stale and dry. We gave the cake to some of the office employees and they thought it was delicious," he adds.

"I thought about decorating cakes full time, but my wife said I would have to build a soundproof room. Sometimes I get frustrated and say things I don't mean to!"

KATHY MOBERLEY GIVES DOG HANDLING TIPS



Charleston Division meter readers received tips on how to handle dogs and prevent dog bites during a safety program conducted by Draftsman Kathy Moberley.

Kathy has considerable experience in training dogs and other animals, having conducted obedience schools in the area for the past five years. Her personal menagerie currently includes a German shepherd, doberman pinscher, sheltie sheep dog, an Irish setter and one cat.

Her show dog at the present time is the 4½-year-old doberman named Belemont's Red Baron C. D. X., which has two AKC obedience titles, the companion dog C. D. and companion dog excellent C. D. X. The doberman is working towards a utility dog U. D. title. According to Kathy, the U. D. title is the same as a person receiving a Ph.D. "Training a dog isn't hard, basically it's finding out who's smarter. Time and patience play an important role in dog handling."

In her safety talk, Kathy told the meter readers that approach is the most important thing to consider when facing a dog. She gave these pointers:

- Use a deep tone voice, not loud.
- Be firm. Show authority. Don't show fright — dog will sense this.
- Keep hand close to your side with fist clenched.
- Talk to dog constantly.
- Convince dog you're not there to harm him.
- Do not run.
- Always face dog, don't turn your back to him.
- Don't move quickly.
- Say "down" or "no" or "stay" if a dog is running toward you.
- Don't try to pet dog — he might think you're going to hit him.
- Keep as close as you can to the dog. A dog can knock you down if he gets a run at you.

Kathy enjoys telling of an incident which occurred one day when she went out with a meter reader on his rounds. A dog approached Kathy and she dropped a dog biscuit for him. He stopped to sniff the biscuit, then turned around and bit the meter reader!