

AEP TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD C&SOE ACQUISITION



An historic occasion: signing of a power agreement May 31 in the office of Ohio Governor James Rhodes, under which the American Electric Power System will help the municipal electric systems of Ohio obtain their own central power supply. Signatories (l. to r.) to the agreement are: Charles A. Heller, Jr., executive vice president of Ohio Power Company; W. S. White, Jr., chairman of American Electric Power Company; William Lyren, president of AMP - Ohio, the organization of the state's municipal systems; and Ben T. Ray, president of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company. The agreement was a major requisite to AEP's proposed acquisition of C&SOE.

An agreement was signed May 31 that opens a way for 83 municipal electric systems in Ohio to create the Ohio Municipal Wholesale Electric Authority, a statewide authority which would acquire and operate generating facilities to provide electric power for their respective systems.

The agreement is also a key step in the proposed acquisition of Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company (C&SOE) by American Electric Power Company (AEP). It is designed to satisfy one of two criteria established by the Securities and Exchange Commission last July 21 when it gave its provisional approval "in principle" to the proposal.

The other requirement was that AEP submit to the SEC up-to-date data to support the fairness, to the shareowners of both C&SOE and AEP, of the ratio of the exchange of common stock by which the acquisition would be consummated. (A ratio of 1.3 shares of AEP for each share of C&SOE was proposed in 1968).

Signing the agreement in the office of Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes were representatives of the four parties involved: W. S. White, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of AEP; William Lyren, president of American Municipal Power - Ohio (AMP - Ohio), the statewide organization of Ohio's municipal electric systems; B. T. Ray, president of C&SOE, and Charles A. Heller, Jr., executive vice president of Ohio Power Company, an AEP subsidiary. The ceremony was witnessed by Gov. Rhodes and leaders of the Ohio Legislature.

White said that filing of the agreement with the SEC would "be done promptly," and White added that the data with respect to the stock-exchange ratio would be filed with the Commission "within the next 30 days."

The agreement calls for all parties involved to support the necessary legislation and amendment procedures.

A resolution to place an amendment to the Ohio Constitution on the November ballot was overwhelmingly approved, 86 to 3, by the Ohio House of Representatives on June 19. It now must be approved by the Ohio Senate and be forwarded to the state's Secretary of State by August 8 in order to meet the ballot deadline.

The amendment would give a proposed Ohio Municipal Wholesale Electric Authority the ability to finance the acquisition of power-generating facilities. These facilities would provide electricity to those municipal electric systems throughout the state which choose to buy it from the authority. Meanwhile, legislation to establish the authority itself is now being readied.

The agreement, which is contingent upon AEP's acquisition of C&SOE, is the result of intensive negotiations carried on by AMP - Ohio, AEP and C&SOE since last July, when the SEC indicated that it would approve such acquisition if the two conditions were satisfied. The statewide authority, as proposed in the agreement, is designed to meet the power-supply condition.

In effect, the new arrangement is modeled after one made in the 1960s under which Ohio's rural electric cooperatives were likewise able to obtain their own central power source. That arrangement, the result of an agreement between Ohio Power and Buckeye Power, Inc., the organization of the state's rural electric co-ops, led to construction and operation of their jointly owned Cardinal Plant, a 1.8-million-kilowatt generating station.

White pointed out that the Federal Power Commission, in 1967, had labeled such arrangements as "an encouraging development in the institutional relationships in this industry."

Pending the filing of the agreement with the SEC, its details, including AMP - Ohio's plans for financing the generating facilities it expects to acquire and operate, were not disclosed.

The parties did say, however, that one option would involve AMP - Ohio's acquisition of two 400,000-kilowatt, coal-fired generating units from C&SOE when that company's acquisition by AEP is completed. The two units are now under construction at C&SOE's Poston Station near Athens and scheduled for commercial operation in 1987 and 1990, respectively. Power generated at Poston — if and when the arrangements are completed — would be transmitted over AEP System power lines enroute to various delivery points, at which the municipal systems would receive their power from the authority.

In conclusion, White emphasized that, aside from final approval by the SEC, the acquisition of C&SOE must be approved by the holders of at least 80% of that company's outstanding common stock.

AEP PLANS RIGHTS OFFERING

American Electric Power Company plans to sell 8-million shares of its common stock, authorized but unissued, in a rights offering to its shareowners in the third quarter of the year.

The additional shares will first be offered for subscription to owners of AEP's outstanding shares on a 1-for-15 basis. Also, holders will have the opportunity to subscribe for additional shares, subject to allotment if necessary. Unsubscribed shares would then be purchased, under standby arrangements, at competitive bidding by underwriters and security dealers.

Subscription price of the stock and date of the offering remain to be determined by the AEP Board of Directors. It is anticipated that the record date for determining shareowners entitled to receive rights will be on or about September 6.

Proceeds will be used to repay short-term debt, to contribute to AEP's equity in its subsidiary companies, for working capital and for other corporate purposes.

The stock offering will be the 11th in the past 13 years and the sixth rights offering in the last eight sales. The most recent rights offering took place in June 1977, when 9-million shares were sold at \$22 a share and substantially oversubscribed.

W.VA. PSC SUSPENDS APCO RATE INCREASE

The West Virginia Public Service Commission has suspended until September 25 a proposed \$61.2 million rate increase by Appalachian Power Company.

The company, in its filing, sought to have the rates put into effect subject to refund on May 28 and to limit any suspension period to 33 days so that the increase would take effect no later than July 1.

At a hearing on the rate request June 26, Appalachian filed its direct testimony which substantiates the need for the request. The company's testimony also presented evidence as to how the increase complies with the price standards established by the President's Wage/Price guidelines.

The PSC also heard testimony and recommendations as to how the Commission should proceed in dealing with rate design issues established by the section of the National Energy Act referred to as Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA).

Petitions to intervene in the rate proceedings have been filed by 14 parties, including nine major industrial customers as well as the Coalition of Appalachian Energy Consumers, Inc., the Council of Senior West Virginians, the West Virginia Citizen Action Group, the Coalition on Legislation for the Elderly, and United Mine Workers District 17.

APPALACHIAN HAS REVENUE SHORTFALL IN VA.

Appalachian Power Company last month filed its 1978 annual review data with the Virginia State Corporation Commission. The company's filing indicated that it earned only 7.97% on its retail business in Virginia during 1978. Even after adjustment of this data to reflect the full impact of the higher rates placed into effect on April 30, 1979, the company had a revenue shortfall of \$10.3-million.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of the company, said, "This shortfall can be attributed to one thing — continued inflationary pressures in our economy. Furthermore, a projection of our 1979 financial operations indicates a continued erosion of earnings."

Vaughan estimated that it would require about a 3.4% increase in rates to recover the \$10.3-million shortfall.

The company is continuing its analysis of this financial data to determine what steps it should take to recover this revenue deficiency.

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AEP SYSTEM NEWS BRIEFS

Hansen, Godwin Elected AEP Directors

Two new directors have been elected to the board of the American Electric Power Company.

Dr. Arthur G. Hansen, president of Purdue University and engineer and scientist, was elected at the AEP board's June meeting, and Mills E. Godwin, Jr., former Governor of Virginia, was elected at a special meeting of the board on July 3.

Their election increased the board's membership from 13 to 15 and the ratio of outside directors to two-thirds.

Dr. Hansen, a professional engineer who received his BS degree in electrical engineering and an MS in mathematics from Purdue and his PhD in mathematics from Case-Western Reserve University, was dean of the College of Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology and then its president prior to becoming head of Purdue in 1971. Earlier, he had been engaged in research with NASA, the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory and Douglas Aircraft Company; was a faculty member at Purdue, the Universities of Maryland, John Carroll University, Baldwin-Wallace College, Tuskegee Institute and the University of Michigan, where he was chairman of its Department of Mechanical Engineering, and served as a consultant to a number of major companies.

Governor Godwin is the second former Governor of Virginia to serve as an AEP director. The late John S. Battle, who served as governor in 1950-54, was on the company's board from 1954 until his retirement in 1964.

Godwin served two terms as governor: in 1966-70 and again in 1974-78. During the first term he was also chairman of the Appalachian Governors Council; during the

second, chairman of the Southern Governors Conference.

A native Virginian and law graduate of the University of Virginia, he practiced law in Suffolk in eastern Virginia from 1938-1960, except for a period 1942-46, when he was a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1947, to the Virginia Senate in 1952 and lieutenant governor in 1962.

I&M, AEP Appeal Antitrust Decision

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago last month heard an appeal of last January's lower-court decision that Indiana & Michigan Electric Company had violated Federal antitrust laws by engaging in monopolistic practices against 10 municipalities it serves wholesale.

In that ruling U.S. District Court Judge Allen Sharp, in South Bend, had ordered I&M to pay triple damages totaling \$12.1 million.

I&M was joined in its appeal by its parent American Electric Power Company and the AEP Service Corporation.

It is believed that the appellate court will rule in one to two months from the June 6 appeal.

Subsidiaries Await Merger Approval

Indiana & Michigan Electric Company has filed applications with the Public Service Commission of Indiana and Michigan and with the Securities and Exchange Commission, seeking approval to merge its subsidiary, Indiana & Michigan Power Company, into it. Meanwhile, Ohio Power Company is awaiting SEC approval for a similar merger with its subsidiary, Ohio Electric Company — already approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The two subsidiaries were established earlier in the 1970s to assure

financing of I&M's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant and Ohio Power's Gen. James M. Gavin Plant. With their financings secured and their generating units in operation, the subsidiaries have served their purpose; their merger into the parent companies will now simplify the corporate structure.

Dolan, Disbrow Honored

Two top executives of the American Electric Power System have been honored for their contributions to the engineering profession and the utility industry.

John E. Dolan, vice chairman — engineering and construction, received an "Outstanding Leadership" award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Former recipients of the award, which is given annually, include Dr. Werner Von Braun; Harry Vickers, chairman of Sperry Rand, and Donald C. Burnham, chairman of Westinghouse Electric.

Richard E. Disbrow, president of the American Electric Power Company and the AEP Service Corporation, was elected to the Alumni Achievement Honor Roll of New Jersey Institute of Technology. He was honored at a luncheon on the Newark, New Jersey campus.

Disbrow, who received a master's degree in electrical engineering from the school in 1959, was cited for "distinguished professional achievement, combining engineering knowledge and financial management skills as chief administrative officer of one of the nation's largest utility holding companies."

McGlone Dies

Martin P. McGlone, 74, who retired in 1972 as the AEP Service Corporation's accounting manager and in 1969 as assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of American Electric Power Company and of all its operating company subsidiaries, died June 15 in Columbus, Ohio. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

SLAIN REPORTER HAD APCO TIES



Stewart as Reddy Kilowatt with the Vinson High School majorettes.

Television viewers nationwide watched in horror the evening of June 20 as ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot in the head and killed by a national guardsman at a government roadblock in Nicaragua.

Many Huntington residents recalled that Stewart was a familiar face on the local WSAZ-TV station in the 60s. But for a few employees in the Huntington office, their relationship with Stewart goes back 20 years ago when he was a member of Huntington's Vinson High School Band.

Reddy Kilowatt had been adopted as Appalachian Power's emblem, and the Huntington Division purchased a Reddy suit to be used in fairs, parades, exhibits and other promotional activities. Reddy was used for the first time in a parade in downtown Huntington. The Vinson High School band was selected to play, and the band director then was Personnel Supervisor Bob King's brother-in-law. The director picked Stewart to wear the Reddy Kilowatt suit because the role of Reddy called for a jumping jack type of person, and Stewart fit the bill exactly.

Stewart appeared in the parade and later with the East High School Band — a big rival of Vinson High — at the half-time show at a local football game.

AEP EMPLOYEES SAVINGS PLAN

Date	Value Per Unit	Units Credited Per Dollar
Fixed Income Fund		
1/31/79	1.0846	.9219
2/28/79	1.0912	.9164
3/31/79	1.0987	.9102
4/30/79	1.1060	.9042
5/31/79	1.1136	.8980
Equity Fund		
1/31/79	1.1920	.8389
2/28/79	1.1582	.8634
3/31/79	1.2241	.8169
4/30/79	1.2278	.8145
5/31/79	1.2066	.8288
AEP Stock Fund		
1/31/79	1.0355	.9657
2/28/79	1.0153	.9849
3/31/79	1.0167	.9836
4/30/79	1.0108	.9893
5/31/79	0.9784	1.0221

APCO EXTENDS LOAD MANAGEMENT TEST PROGRAM

Appalachian Power's Test of Energy-Sharing Technology (TEST) program, begun last May in the Wildwood Subdivision near Lynchburg, Virginia, will be continued for another year.

From its operations center in Roanoke, Appalachian controls 120 customers' electric heating and air conditioning equipment through the use of radio signals that activate a special control unit in each of the homes being tested.

Lawson Bailey, General Office customer services manager, said equipment and uncooperative weather were the two biggest problems during the first test year. Lightning during the summer of 1978 caused considerable damage to equipment used in the experiment but in the long run it will benefit the company. The manufacturer of the devices was able to make adjustments in the equipment so it would stand up to severe weather conditions.

Monitoring devices used by APCo during the experiment also caused problems because the equipment was adjusted for flat terrain instead of the area's hills. Noise created by test equipment in some residents' homes also was a problem.

Bailey said the test was also hindered by a mild summer and winter. While the two seasons may have been for the most part comfortable to area residents, it didn't allow APCo to study the effects of extreme hot or cold temperatures on residents' demands for power.

Bailey said one finding of the study has left the company guessing. The company shut off all air conditioning units in the subdivision during some of the hotter summer days for about 20 minutes. When power was restored to the units, the power demand never equaled the level before the power was cut. When heating units were shut off they returned to the same or higher levels prior to shutdown.

Residents participating in the program will continue to receive a bonus of \$5 per month during May to September and \$10 between October and April. The State Corporation Commission has approved the one-year extension of TEST.

TESTING WILL BEGIN SOON ON SMITH MT. UNIT 3

Construction work on the fifth generating unit at Appalachian Power's Smith Mountain Dam on Roanoke River, which began in April 1977, is expected to be completed this month.

Testing, check-out and final pre-start inspection of Unit #3 will begin immediately upon completion. The testing of the new unit will be a joint effort of Appalachian, American Electric Power Construction Division, Allis-Chalmers Corporation, Harza Engineering Company and Brewer Engineering Company. The duration of the testing will depend upon the performance of the machine.

The new unit, which will be the third reversible pump turbine at the plant, will have a generating capacity of 100,000 kilowatts, bringing the generating capacity of Smith Mountain Dam to 560,000 kilowatts. Leesville Dam, the lower dam in the two-dam Smith Mountain Hydroelectric and Pumped Storage Project, has a generating capacity of 40,000 kilowatts.

CLAIMS COURT HEARS ARGUMENT ON BLUE RIDGE

On June 1 a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Claims in Washington, D.C. heard oral argument involving Appalachian Power Company's now defunct Blue Ridge hydroelectric and pumped-storage project. The basic issue before the court was whether, at the time of its nullification by Congress, the Federal Power Commission's license for Blue Ridge constituted a vested property right for which compensation is required by the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The Court heard oral argument on this issue for one hour, after which Appalachian Power Company and the Department of Justice were directed to file additional briefs. Appalachian's brief was filed on June 19, and the Department of Justice brief is scheduled to be filed by July 6. If the court finds for Appalachian on this issue, a trial to determine the amount of compensation would then be held.

NO CHANGE SOUGHT IN VA. FUEL COST COMPONENT

Based on the company's first quarter experience and its projection for the remainder of 1979, Appalachian Power Company last month told the Virginia State Corporation Commission it is not seeking any change in the fuel cost component of its present rates. The fuel cost component in the current rates is 1.4593 cents per kilowatthour.

John W. Vaughan, executive vice president of Appalachian, said, "Our current forecast shows that the fuel expense associated with the company's energy requirements for 1979 will be less than 1% higher than the forecast we filed with the State Corporation Commission in December 1978."

Vaughan added, "We believe that our forecast is a good one, but in these times of great inflationary pressures and unsettled energy costs, it is difficult to predict future costs with precision."

The company presented the testimony at the quarterly fuel hearing before the State Corporation Commission.

ALL W.VA. CITY WINNERS NAMED

Twenty-five cities participated in the fourth annual All West Virginia City program, and a number of the winners were from Appalachian Power's service area.

The City of Ceredo received the Governor's Award as the outstanding West Virginia city of 1978. Beckley, Point Pleasant and Williamson were placed in the "Hall of Fame" by earning All West Virginia City honors for the third year.

Other cities from APCo's service area winning the award were Bluefield, Dunbar, Fayetteville, Huntington, Mason, Montgomery and Ravenswood.

Certificates of excellence were awarded to Chapmanville, Logan and St. Albans.

The program, sponsored by the state Chamber of Commerce's Committee on Industrial and Community Development, is designed to stimulate community interest. The program is not a contest as such because participation is voluntary and each entry is judged by its own achievements over a period of time. Charles R. Saul, development consultant in Appalachian Power's General Office Customer Services Department, was one of the three judges.

NUCLEAR UNITS HAVE DIRECT LINE TO NRC

Sixty-eight of the 70 licensed nuclear power generating units in the United States, including the two at Indiana & Michigan's Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, now have "dedicated" telephone lines linking them directly with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's operations center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Telephones hooked up to this special line at the Cook Plant, installed at the beginning of last month, are located in each control room, in the shift operating engineer's office and in the NRC resident inspector's office. These phones connect the plant automatically with the NRC's regional headquarters in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, as well as the Bethesda center.

The "dedicated" lines make it possible for operations personnel in nuclear power plants to communicate immediately and directly, in case of an incident which would threaten public health and safety, with members of the NRC's technical staff who are on duty 24 hours a day. Establishment of the lines was initiated by the NRC following the March 28 accident at the Three Mile Island reactor in Pennsylvania in which communications facilities proved to be a problem, particularly in the early stages.

SMALL TURNOUT FOR ANTI-NUKE DEMONSTRATION

"Hell No — We Won't Glow" was the battle cry of 85 anti-nuclear demonstrators as they converged on a site across the road from the D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant, June 2.

Organized by Paul Gillespie, leader of the Coho Alliance (an anti-nuclear group located in the Bridgman, Michigan, area), the three-mile march down Red Arrow highway to the Cook Plant was in conjunction with several larger anti-nuclear demonstrations happening around the country June 2 and 3.

Calling to onlookers and inviting them to join the march, the demonstrators low-stepped it down Red Arrow, chanting and singing all the way.

As the entourage approached the demonstration site, media representatives sprang into action, focusing cameras and talking into microphones. However, upon closer inspection of the actual number of marchers, the newspeople became a little less enthusiastic. The Coho Alliance had been predicting a turn-out of between 1,000 and 2,000 people.

When everyone found a seat or a place to stand in front of the flat-bed truck, equipped with a sound system (I&M provided the electricity), Gillespie got the rally rolling with a few remarks about the nuclear industry and alternative energy sources.

Intermingled with anti-nuclear songs, performed by dedicated musicians (some of whom belong to MUSE — Musicians United for Safe Energy), were a number of speakers who presented their views about the nuclear industry and the speculative dangers of low-level radiation.

One speaker, Mark Henschel, a staunch supporter of alternative energy sources, stated that petroleum is not really necessary to keep the country running. In addition, Henschel accused the power companies of being in cahoots with the appliance manufacturers.

A member of the Socialist Labor Party addressed the group claiming that capitalism was the sole propagator of nuclear power, and in order to get rid of the nuclear industry, you must first get rid of capitalism.

Before the crowd of approximately 85 people dispersed, at 3:30 p.m., Gillespie expressed his appreciation to I&M for the Company's cooperation.

"OPERATING IDEAS" CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Fifty years ago last month Philip Sporn decided to write, in his words, "a monthly letter pointing out the outstanding operating troubles or experiences on the System that have come to a head during the preceding month." That was back in the days when the AEP System was the American Gas and Electric System and Philip Sporn was its chief electrical engineer, later to become its president.

What began as a modest typewritten newsletter on June 12, 1929, has evolved into AEP's System-wide Operations Improvement Program and its bimonthly publication, **Operating Ideas**. Some 544 issues and 4,060 "operating ideas" have been published since Philip Sporn compiled his first "**Monthly Notes on Operating Experience**". The format may have changed, but the philosophy behind the publication has remained the same through the years: to provide a vehicle for sharing knowledge, innovations and operating improvements across the System, and to recognize individual contributions.

"That recognition factor is very important," said Morley Melden, manager — operations improvement and editor of **Operating Ideas**. "I estimate that the company is currently saving between \$6 and \$8 million a year through our ideas program. But the improved communication and morale boost it provides our operating people across the System is just as important as the savings involved," he pointed out.

Melden is only the third editor in **Operating Ideas'** 50-year history. He succeeded Allen Perry upon the latter's retirement in 1958. Perry had taken over the editor's post from Sporn in 1945. Two years later Sporn was elected AEP's fourth president.

From 1929 through the early 1930's, Sporn wrote all the articles in the **Monthly Notes** himself. In his first issue, he suggested new methods for removing sleet on transmission lines and advocated innovations like emergency lighting for every hospital in the service territory. Of course, back in 1929, a six-volt battery was all that was needed to insure an uninterrupted light supply in the operating room. "The average cost, we believe, will be less than \$50," Sporn wrote.

Most of the articles in those early issues dealt with electrical engineering, since Sporn was the chief electrical engineer. As the publication evolved, it began to encompass a broader range of ideas, many of which dealt with cost reduction and improvements in safety and customer service.

"Through the years AEP has been more concerned with cost-conscious productivity than any other utility," Melden noted.

In 1935, the company initiated awards of \$10 plus annual prizes of \$50 and \$25 to encourage contributions from employees across the System. Today the **Operating Ideas** judging committee issues either a \$60 award, a \$120 merit award, or an occasional \$300 exceptional award for each item upon publication. In addition, annual prizes totaling more than 1,000 shares of AEP common stock have been awarded during each of the past three years. In today's values, that's over \$60,000 worth.

The number of ideas contributed has also grown over the years: from about 15 per year when the program first started to several hundred today. During the 1970s reviewers selected about 100 per year for publication. Most operating companies, however, have supplemental awards for contributions considered valuable but not selected for System-wide communication.

Contributions are judged for publication, and later for annual awards, on the basis of ingenuity, degree of application across the System and benefits derived. In recent years, the ingenuity factor has been upgraded by the judges.

"The ideas submitted are much more than suggestions," Melden emphasized. They deal with projects or devices that have been operating successfully for

at least a year before they are published in **Operating Ideas**."

Over the years, Service Corporation employees have made many valuable contributions to **Operating Ideas**. These ideas have ranged from heavier loading schedules for transformers to new concepts, such as the development of stainless steel paint (an AEP first) and the bare-hand method of working on energized transmission lines. Much of the early work on preventing radio and television interference was first presented in this publication, as were more recent developments, such as the "state estimator" monitoring of extra-high-voltage circuits and an information series on how System voltage is controlled.

Today the Operations Improvement Program relies heavily on the designated program coordinators in each company. They review the idea with the employee, offer suggestions and, in some cases, put it into writing for submission. The next step is review by a Service Corporation representative — in either the New York office or the Plant Engineering Section in Canton — who has expertise in that particular area.

"The program is really a cooperative effort," Melden said. "There are a lot of unsung heroes whose names never appear in the magazine."

He cited another example. "Almost 200 Service Corporation personnel have, at some time, participated in the review process. These people share their knowledge and offer support and encouragement so that someone working on a line crew or in a power plant not only can get credit for an idea, but also bring it to the attention of the rest of the System."

The first 50 years of AEP's Operations Improvement Program have come to a close. What about the next 50?

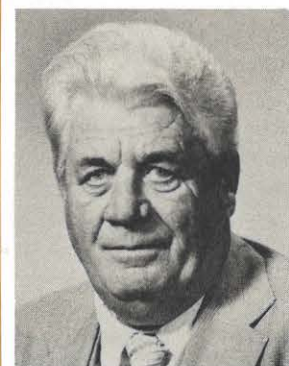
"This type of employee program has tremendous potential," Melden said. "By encouraging people from different backgrounds to come forth with their ideas, we can open up options that management doesn't know it has."

"Today, problems are too complex to be left to the specialists," he concluded. "We need a broader approach to problem-solving. That's what this program is all about."

ACCEPTED OIP PROPOSALS

Abingdon Division	9
Beckley Division	1
Bluefield Division	7
Charleston Division	7
Huntington Division	3
Logan-Williamson Division	2
Lynchburg Division	2
Pulaski Division	5
Roanoke Division	5
John Amos Plant	3
Clinch River Plant	3
Glen Lyn Plant	2
Kanawha River Plant	7
Philip Sporn Plant	4
Centralized Plant Maintenance	1
GO Accounting	5
GO Hydro	1
GO Land Management	1
GO Operations	6
GO Personnel/Executive	7
GO Public Affairs	1
GO Purchasing	1
Total as of June 20	85

CHILDRESS RECALLS EARLY DAYS



"When I started working for the company I was just a kid," says Johnnie T. "Chillie" Childress, who was a station mechanic A in General Office T&D, Roanoke, before electing early retirement June 1.

He continues, "I actually started with the company by mowing a grass tennis court and taking care of a garden where the condensers are now setting at the Roanoke Station. The employees paid me anywhere from 50 to 75 cents per day out of their pockets. After that I was given a job at the old Roanoke Steam Plant on Walnut Avenue. I knew every hiding place! Mr. Hancock hired me, Mr. Whitefield was the superintendent, and Jimmy White was my supervisor."

Chillie relates, "I used to ride the street cars to work. We used a pass or token. I remember one morning very well. It was snowing real hard, and I got on the car at Ninth Street. The Virginian Railway was shifting cars that day and one of them hit the street car, cutting it in half. I was lucky because the conductor and I were the only ones on the street car, and I was up front with him."

"I used to ride the train to get to jobs out of town. I would ride the train to Niagara Hydro, work 16 hours, and catch it on the way back. At that time there wasn't any gas or tires for the company vehicles."

Chillie's career was interrupted by three years' service in the U.S. Navy. "I was on various ships during that time and finished my career with them in a flying outfit. When I returned to work, the system substations group had been

formed. I traveled the whole system, which includes five states."

Chillie adds, "The most memorable event that sticks in my mind is the 1957 Hazard flood. I put my shoes on that morning, and I didn't take them off until 57 hours later. I was with Dutch Rankin when we went into a church basement where the residents were being kept. They were feeding these poor little kids, and it was the most upsetting sight I have ever seen. I remember moving Curtis Andrews (former APCo employee who now lives in Bedford, Va.), twice during that flood."

Chillie notes, "It has been a good career. It has been rough, but it has been a good one. I have enjoyed all of my work in Point Pleasant, Hazard, Pikeville and Kingsport. I guess I know more people in these locations than I do in Roanoke."

Chillie concludes, "I'm planning on doing some camping; and, when my wife retires, I probably will do a lot of farming. We do a lot of church work, and I will have more time to get involved there. I'm a very good hunter, and I'll do a lot of hunting and fishing. There have been a lot of deer killed on my 57-acre farm. If my money doesn't run out, I plan to go to Myrtle Beach this summer."

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ZAGAYKO NAMED TO CMS POST



Andrew R. Zagayko was promoted to assistant manager of Central Machine Shop, effective July 1. He moves to the position from that of engineer in the AEP Service Corporation plant maintenance division in Canton.

A native of New York City, Zagayko holds a BS degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in business administration from Old Dominion University. Following ten year's service as an officer in the U.S. Navy, Zagayko joined Continental Can Company as a manufacturing engineer in 1973. He was employed as maintenance superintendent by Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company before joining AEP in 1978.

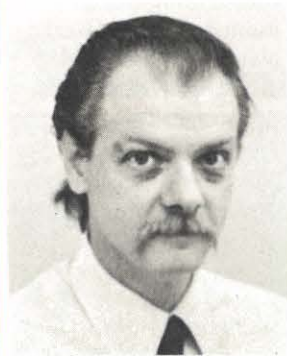
MOVING UP



Herman F. St. Clair, former electrical engineer senior, was promoted to Bluefield station superintendent on May 16. He will succeed Steve Dudash upon his retirement August 1. St. Clair holds an associate of science degree from Bluefield College and has studied through International Correspondence Schools.



Max W. Stanley, former assistant shift operating engineer, was promoted to shift operating engineer at Amos Plant on May 1. He succeeds D. H. Spencer, who transferred to Mountaineer Plant.



Paul W. Kennedy, former unit supervisor, was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer at Amos Plant on May 1, succeeding M. W. Stanley.



James H. Coulter, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Amos Plant on May 1, succeeding P. W. Kennedy.



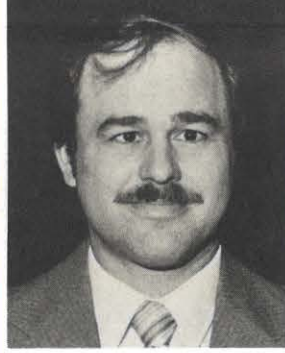
William F. Booker, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Amos Plant on May 1. He succeeds B. H. Shires, who transferred to Mountaineer Plant. Booker attends West Virginia State College.



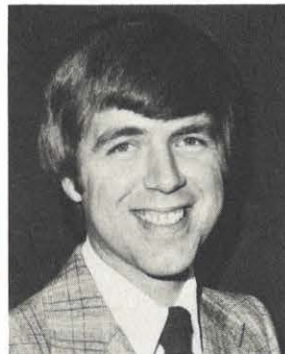
Roger L. Blankenship, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Amos Plant on May 1. He succeeds J. B. Meadows, who transferred to Mountaineer Plant.



Cleo Crawford, former line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor in Kingsport on May 19, succeeding E. H. Presley, who is on LTD leave.



Dan G. Edwards, II, former performance engineer, was promoted to performance engineer senior at Philip Sporn Plant on June 1. He holds a BS degree in engineering from Marshall University.



Philip F. Burgess, former equipment operator, was promoted to unit supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant on June 1.



Eugene T. Perry, former NDE inspector 1st class NE, was promoted to production supervisor at Central Machine Shop on June 1.



Samuel F. Craddock, former production supervisor, was promoted to production superintendent — welding, power equipment mechanic (turbine) and nondestructive examination at Central Machine Shop on July 1. He attended West Virginia Institute of Technology.



M. R. Nester, former maintenance mechanic A, was promoted to maintenance supervisor at Centralized Plant Maintenance on April 16.

FRED SURBAUGH RETIRES



"I just want to enjoy life," says Frederick Hill Surbaugh, who was a maintenance mechanic A at Kanawha River Plant before electing early retirement May 1.

Fred joined Kanawha River as a helper in 1953 and was a junior maintenance man and maintenance man before being promoted in 1971 to the position he held at retirement.

Fred plans to travel some "but mostly back to my old home place in Rainelle. I've done a lot of work on the place, but there is still work to be done." One of his main interests is carpentry. He says, "I have a garage that almost looks like a hardware store. Name a tool and I've got it!" He and his wife Maxine have one child and three grandchildren.

KNIGHT ENDS 44-YEAR CAREER



Oliver Shell Knight, shift operating engineer at Glen Lyn Plant, retired July 1.

A native of Warrenton, North Carolina, he attended Concord College. Shell began his career with Appalachian in 1935 as a laborer at Logan Plant. He was a maintenance man, turbine room man and boiler room man before transferring to Glen Lyn in 1944 as a turbine operator. He advanced through the positions of control operator, unit foreman and assistant shift operating engineer before being promoted in 1962 to the position he held at retirement.

Shell plans to do farming on a limited basis and just take life easy. He is a past president of the Peterstown Rotary Club and Rich Creek Lions Club. Shell and his wife Edna have one child and three grandchildren.

TELISKO RETIRES FROM KANAWHA



John Telisko, Jr., Kanawha River Plant maintenance mechanic A, elected early retirement June 1 "to enjoy life and do some of the things I've never had the time to do".

He continues, "I'll be going on trips — I like to fish in Canada. Then, too, I have a camp not too far from Summersville Lake that will keep me busy. Besides hunting, fishing and working around the house, I'm a gunsmith."

John, a native of Pennsylvania, began his career in 1944 as a laborer at Cabin Creek Plant. He worked there as a mechanical maintenance helper D, C, B and A before transferring to Kanawha in 1953 as a maintenance man. He was promoted in 1958 to the position he held at retirement.

A member of the Methodist Church, John and his wife will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary in October.

BLOOD DONOR HONOR ROLL

Lynchburg
George Gillette, collector, five gallons.

ROD AND REEL

Central Machine Shop
B. M. Jackson, tool crib attendant, 20" 3³/₄ lb. big mouth bass.

WE SALUTE HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Abingdon



Sara Ellen (W. H. Ferguson, Jr.), Abingdon High. AEP educational award, National Honor Society, top ten in class.

Lawrence (Helen Findley), Abingdon High. **Thomas Baxter** (John Orr), Holston High.

John Amos

Pamela (Richmond Hicks), Milton High. **Jack** (Bobby Slack), Hurricane High. **Paul Alan** (Paul Whitt), Winfield High.

Beckley



Tammey Lynn (D. L. Hawks), Woodrow Wilson High. Graduated 13th in class of 483, National Honor Society, 3.8 scholastic average.

Elizabeth Tad (J. L. Mullins), **Barry Gene** (R. L. Graham), and **Brian Keith** (C. E. Pate), all of Woodrow Wilson High. **Robert Alan** (M. E. Taylor), **Anita Jean** (J. A. Barker), and **Kimberly Ann Catlett** (T. L. Humphries), all of Oak Hill High.

Bluefield

Michael Jerome (Young Dowell, Sr.), Bluefield High. \$2900 BEOG grant from Marshall University.

Rhonda (Charles Dean

Stover), Mount View High. One-year commercial scholarship to Bluefield State College.

David (James Turpin), Princeton High. \$500 Marshall Hahn engineering merit scholarship from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Joseph (R. T. Bowen, Jr.), Rocky Gap High. **Cynthia** (V. J. Clayton); **Timothy** (T. P. Dalton); **Carmen** (J. W. Hurt); **Donna** (F. O. Oresta); and **Elaine** (L. W. Robinette), all of Bluefield High. **Steven** (H. E. Farmer, Jr.); **Steven** (L. B. Looney); and **David** (B. C. Wooldridge), all of Grundy High. **James** (J. M. Graham) and **Eric** (H. D. Smith), both of Tazewell High. **Mark** (J. J. Harmon, Jr.), Graham High. **David** (J. D. Martin), Pineville High. **Dale** (Mary Lou Rice), Princeton High. **William** (W. H. Vance), Bramwell High.

Central Machine Shop



Beverly Sue (C. H. Witt), Conquerors Christian School. Valedictorian, 28 credits, student council president.

Brenda Kay (W. D. Salisbury), Charleston High. **Todd Alan** (Connie Dawson), Hurricane High. **Mary Alice** (J. W. Pullen), Winfield High. **Virginia Leslie** (R. L. Wilson, Jr.), South Charleston High.

Sam (S. F. Craddock), Hurricane High. "Who's Who In American High Schools".

Centralized Plant Maintenance

Pamela (D. L. Roush), Wahama High. **Debra** (R. C. Wilkinson), Belpre High. **Richard** (V. L. Toppins), Pt. Pleasant High.

Charleston

Lyle (L. E. Lawrence),

Sissonville High. AEP educational award, winner in Kanawha County Mathematics Field Day competition, National Merit Scholarship to Ohio University.



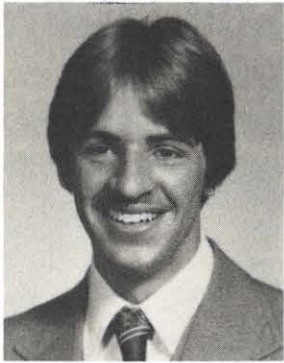
Lawrence (L. C. Jennings), Sissonville High. AEP educational award, National Honor Society, Boys' State, student council president.



Cathy Lynn (C. F. Caruthers), Sherman High. Valedictorian, 4.0 average, Robert Byrd award, National Honor Society, Principal's award based on character, morals and scholastic achievement, Golden Horseshoe winner.



Sonya Gayle (Julia Crawford), Valley High. National Honor Society, most talented student, home economics outstanding achievement award, student council award.



Glen Ray (Eldivia Gullian), DuPont High. Model United Nations president, peer leader, Sons of American Revolution award.

Lisa (O. E. Hammon), DuPont High. **Jacqueline** (W. H. Bostic), Sissonville High. **Denise** (D. A. Loy),

George Washington High. **Ruth Catherine** (T. B. Payne), East Bank High. **Sandra Kay** (N. J. Caldwell), Charleston High. **Ronny** (Mona Sue Charlton), Stonewall Jackson High.



Darrell (Paul Goode), Valley High. National Honor Society, tennis team.

Clinch River

Robin (D. E. Campbell), Lebanon High. National Honor Society.

Carla Melanie (J. S. Skeen), Lebanon High. National Honor Society.

Randall (H. O. Garrett); **John** (J. H. Jessee); **James Gordon** (G. E. Munsey); **Michael** (C. H. Pruitt); and **Valerie** (J. C. Barrett), all of Lebanon High.

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Donna Lynn (E. R. Biggs), Cave Spring High. Honor graduate, 3.2 average.



Floyd (C. G. Caldwell), Lord Botetourt High. Honor graduate.



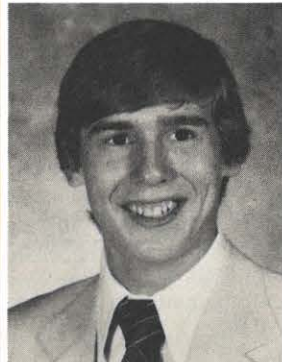
Mark Douglas (J. L.

Dodson), William Fleming High. Honor graduate.



Dwayne (L. E. Drew), William Fleming High. 3A state wrestling champion heavy-weight — 1979, William Fleming athlete of the year, Sheiks national athletic award for outstanding performance, Robert Scott award for character and \$400 cash.

Melody (J. B. Horn), Cave Spring High. Above 3.0 average.



Mark (C. W. Knapp, Jr.), Green High. Partial scholarship to Ohio University, Ironton Branch; student council and National Honor Society president; co-captain basketball team; trophies for highest shooting percentage, basketball, and highest baseball team batting average, and best sportsmanship.



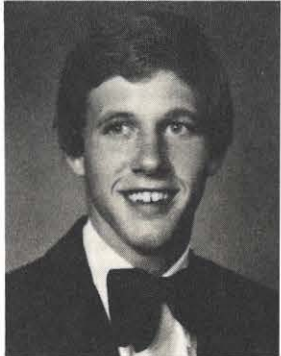
Laura Jean (C. M. LaGrow), Cave Spring High. AEP educational award, National Honor Society.



Gabrielle (J. R. Larew), Cave Spring High. Government and social studies award.



Meredith (C. R. Lovegrove), Patrick Henry High. Honor graduate, all-around best artist award, youth art month exhibit award, honorable mention from among 19,101 entries in Keep Virginia Green poster contest, one of her paintings purchased for permanent collection at Patrick Henry.



David (G. A. Perfater), Patrick Henry High. Honor graduate; National Honor Society; first place Industrial Arts Fair; first place Virginia Industrial Arts Association dream house; Spanish, band and mechanical drawing awards.



Twila (J. D. Saunders), Patrick Henry High. Honor graduate, Future Business Leaders of America runner award.

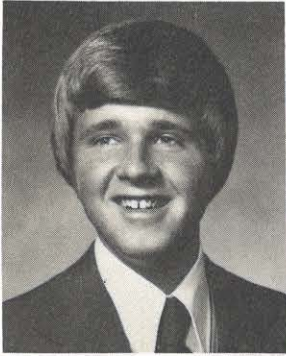


Bill (G. L. Smith), Huntington Christian Academy. Honor graduate, Dr. Mel Efav award.

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Angela Denise (Waverly Thornhill, Jr.), William Fleming High. Lettered in gymnastics and tennis, achieved rank of Lt. Col. in ROTC, lead role in "West Side Story".



Michael (W. E. Webb), Cave Spring High. Honor graduate.



Patricia Anne (A. F. Willis), Northside High. Honor student.

Richard (H. L. Chambers), **Catherine** (H. E. Rhodes, Jr.), and **Richard** (L. T. Bias), William Fleming High. **Marsha** (A. O. Hatfield), **Julie** (M. E. McCrary), **Todd** (J. R. Loving, Jr.), **Dorothy** (J. R. Loving, Jr.), **Dorothy** (C. C. Beard, Jr.), **Susan** (S. J. Farmer, Jr.), **Mary** (G. L. Furr, Jr.), and **Sandra** (J. W. Swiney), all of Cave Spring High. **Alvin** (J. E. Board) and **Kenneth Donald Huddleston** (L. W. Carroll), both of William Byrd High. **Kimberly** (O. B. Turley), St. Albans High. **G. T. III** (G. T. Goodall, Jr.), Nitro High. **James** (J. E. Blackwell) and **Stuart** (E. L. Dalton), Patrick Henry High. **Fulton** (R. A. Waid) and **David** (R. H. Hively), Lord Botetourt High. **Mark** (G. W. Cook), Franklin County High. **Russell** (Judith Johnson), Mt. Pisgah Academy.

Glen Lyn

George Alan, Jr. (G. A. Thwaites), Narrows High. AEP educational award. **Vicky** (P. R. Bouldin), **Lonnie Lee** (Janice Broyles), **Russell, Jr.** (R. E. Mann), and **Austie** (wife of R. D. Miller), all of Peters-town High. **Vanessa** (B. A. Clemons), Princeton High. **Robert Jr.** (R. R. Coffman), **Jeffrey** (W. F. Epling), **Timothy** (Nancy Riddle), and **Earl Steven** (E. C. Thornton), all of Narrows High. **Stewart** (H. G. Gillespie, Jr.), and **Linda** (E. V. Harris), both of Giles High.

Huntington



Mary Kay (David Machir), Point Pleasant High. National Honor Society, Spanish award, "Who's Who Among American High School Students".

Mark Shawn (Bill Harbour), **Lyle Curtis** (T. W. Hatfield), and **Rodney Ray** (Ray Gill), all of Barboursville High.

Kanawha River



Deborah (D. L. Hall), DuPont High. Honor graduate, 3.5 average, outstanding choral member.



Robert, Jr. (R. A. Miller), East Bank High. National Honor Society, 3.5 average.



Rhonda (R. E. Surbaugh), DuPont High. Peer leadership group, "Who's Who In Music", 3.4 average.

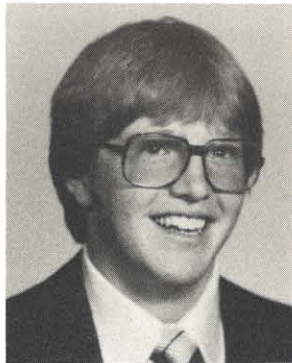
Richard Scott (J. B. Armstrong), **William** (J. A. Bennett), and **Kenneth Withrow** (R. J. Schilling), all of East Bank High. **James** (D. L. Hall), **Kevin** (Woodrow McClung), and **Lisa** (Nolan Perry), all of DuPont High.

Kingsport

Nathan (D. L. Hartgrove), Dobyns-Bennett High. AEP educational award.

Stephen (L. A. Phillips) and **David** (C. L. Morrison), both of Dobyns-Bennett High. **Dale** (R. T. Kern), Ketron High.

Logan-Williamson



Jeffrey (F. H. Taylor, Jr.), Logan High. AEP educational award, band directors award trophy, most outstanding senior bandsman.

Jefferson (R. H. Baughan), Chapmanville High. **Angela** (J. E. Walls), Logan High. **Ronald, Jr.** (R. K. Horne), Williamson High.

Lynchburg



Linda Kay (C. M. Brown), E. C. Glass High. \$900 scholarship to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Henry, Jr. (H. M. Crank) and **Robert** (R. C. Withers), both of Nelson County High. **Randolph Whitney** (E. R. Driskill) and **Josephine Marie** (C. W. Wynn), both of Heritage High. **Catherine** (J. R. Davenport), E. C. Glass High.

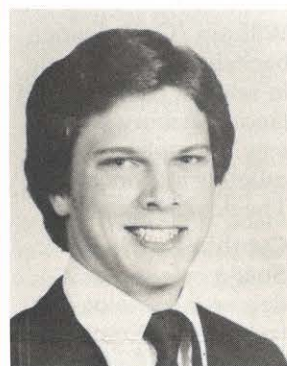
Mountaineer Construction

Tedd (H. M. Olinger), Point Pleasant High.

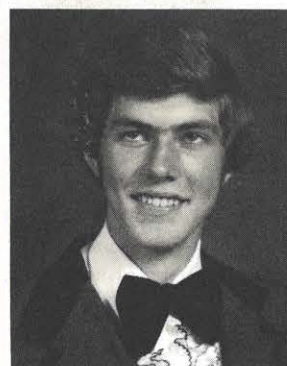
Mountaineer Operations

Laurie (R. L. Matthews), Eastern High. **Tracy** (R. D. Roach) and **Lisa** (G. L. Grimm), both of Wahama High. **Mark** (G. M. Douglas), John Marshall High.

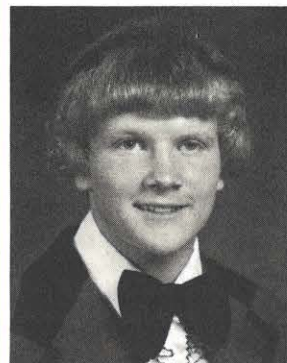
Pulaski



Phillip (W. B. Buchanan, Jr.), Giles High. AEP educational award, honor student.



Ricky Wayne (R. W. Dalton), Carroll County High. SCA activity award, FFA chapter star farmer award, FFA chapter, area and state horse proficiency awards, FFA state farmer degree.



David (R. D. Tickle), Carroll County High. SCA student activity award, "Who's Who Among American High School Students".

Sue Ellen (D. K. Spivey) and **Dennis, Jr.** (Barbara Grubb),

both of Pulaski County High. **Mark** (Jean Curtis), Christiansburg High. **Gary Stephen** (B. R. White), Galax High.

Roanoke



David (Ralph Amos), William Fleming High. Graduated third in class of 425, 3.89 average, PTSA outstanding student in foreign language, outstanding junior social studies student award, Roanoke Professional Education Association award.



Juanita Faye (G. O. Givens, III), Northside High. National Honor Society.



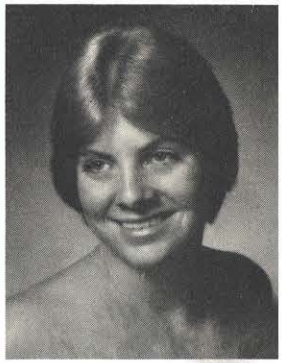
Leah Marie (D. F. Gravely), Fieldale-Collinsville High. Honor graduate.



Leigh Anne (E. T. Jones, Jr.), Northside High. Honor student, 3.465 average.

Cecil (S. D. Taylor), William Fleming High. **Sandra** (G. M. Adkins), Northside High. **Richard, II** (R. L. Isner), Cave Spring High. **Jerry Day** (F. D. Dearing), William Byrd High.

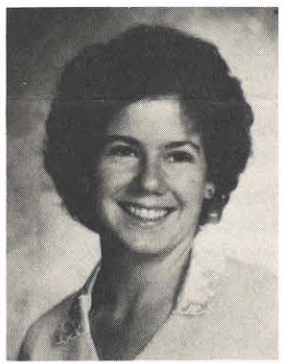
Philip Sporn



Joni (Darwin Clark), Wahama High. National Honor Society, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, "Who's Who Among American High School Students", Girls' State.



Karen (William Probert), Eastern High. Valedictorian, National Honor Society president, DAR good citizenship award.



Dawn (Jack Sorden), Eastern High. \$1,000 Ohio Academy scholarship, renewable for four years; National Honor Society.

CAREERS AWAIT COLLEGE GRADS

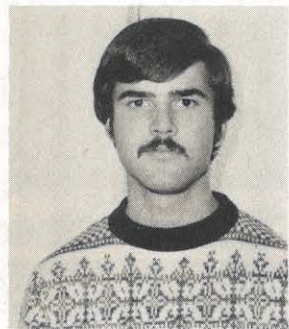
Abingdon



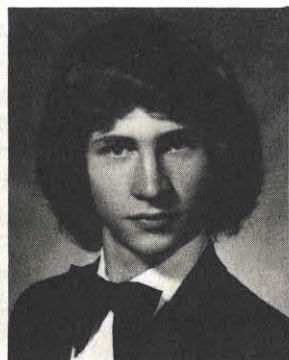
Vickie (Valentine Carr), associate degree in business administration (summa cum laude), Virginia Highlands Community College. E. B. Stanley (con't. on pg. 8)

Abingdon

(con't. from pg. 7)
citizenship award, "Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges".



Jeffrey (Clifford and Dorothy Hawley), associate in applied science degree (magna cum laude), Virginia Highlands Community College. "Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges".



Mark (W. C. Linda-mood), master of arts degree in English (magna cum laude), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Sarah Jane (Ralph Sowers), bachelor of arts degree in education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Leon Duncan (James Booth, Jr.), associate degree in electronics, Virginia Highlands Community College.

Beckley

Matthew Dane (K. K. Keatley), bachelor of arts degree in communications, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

William Edward (W. H. Lively), bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Bluefield

David (A. E. Anderson), bachelor of science degrees in behavioral science and business administration, Bluefield College.

Denise (A. E. Anderson), associate of arts degree in behavioral science, Bluefield College.

James (J. H. Kiser), bachelor of science

degree in business administration, Concord College.

Gene II (G. T. Lineberry), master's degree in mining engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Charleston



Donald (R. R. Griffith), master's degree in mathematics, West Virginia University. Straight "A" student, was recipient of AEP education award.

Pamela Sue (H. K. Shabdue), bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, West Virginia State College.

Christopher (J. P. Smolder), certificate in diesel mechanics, Nashville Auto Diesel College.

Michael (J. P. Smolder), bachelor of science degree in marketing management, Morris Harvey College.

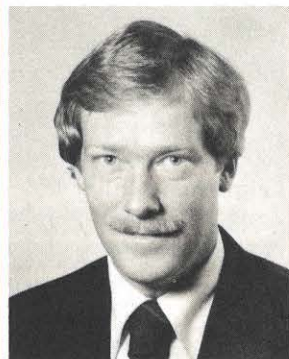
Clinch River

Velma Celeste (T. W. Abolin), bachelor of arts degree in education, Emory and Henry College.

Paul (D. E. Campbell), bachelor of science degree in mining engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Karen Leigh (I. W. Wren), bachelor of science degree in communications disorders, Radford College. Member Kappa Delta Pi honor society in education.

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Anthony (E. L. Bailey), doctor of dental surgery, Medical College of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University. Member Sigma Zeta honorary fraternity.



Joseph Kenton (E. J. Clouser), bachelor of arts in biology (with distinction), University of Virginia.

Clay Dawson (son-in-law of J. W. Hagerman), bachelor of arts degree in history, Bluefield State College.

Pamela Delois (L. E. Drew), licensed practical nurse, Burrell Memorial Hospital School of Practical Nursing.

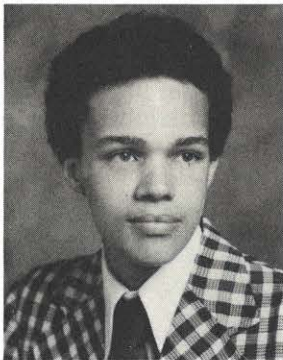
Cathy Lynn (J. A. Duffield, Jr.), associate degree in commercial science, West Virginia State College. Dean's list.

William (C. B. Dunn), bachelor of arts degree in religion (summa cum laude), Asbury College. Completed two quarters at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Cynthia Harris (C. L. Smith), associate degree in radiology technology, Southwest Community College.



Anita (E. E. Herald), associate of science degree in secretarial science, Bluefield State College. 3.91 average.



Kevin (J. M. Hopson), associate in science degree (cum laude), Virginia Western Community College. Listed in 1979 talent roster of Outstanding Minority Community College Graduates, president's honor roll, member Phi Theta Kappa.

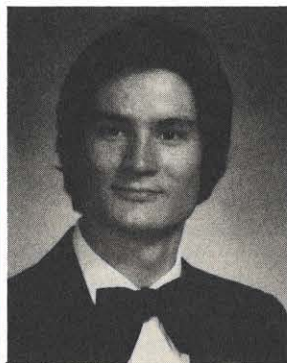
Donald (H. H. Lewis), doctor of medicine degree, pediatrics major, University of Tennessee Medical College. Was AEP educational award recipient.

Samuel (H. H. Lewis), bachelor of arts degree in microbiology, University of Tennessee.

Nancy Fisher (M. E. McCrary), bachelor of science degree in business administration, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Martha Anne (R. H. McDearmon), bachelor of science in pharmacy, Medical College of Virginia.

Lynda Valerie (J. F. Meador), bachelor of arts degree in interior design, Virginia Commonwealth University. Above 3.2 average.



Steven (E. M. Payne), bachelor of science degree in building construction, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Was recipient of AEP education award.

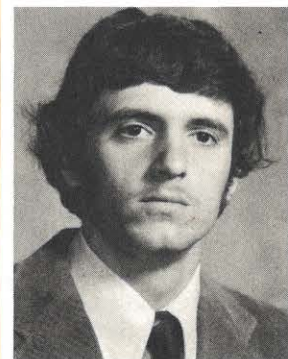


Jaynea Lynn Snyder Petty (S. R. Snyder), bachelor of science degree in nursing, University of Tennessee. Dean's list, received special recognition for study she did for the Kidney Foundation. This study will be used as part of a teaching packet for persons using a kidney machine.

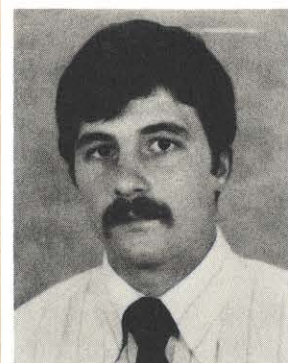


Cathy Lee (H. F. Sayre), associate arts degree in para legal (cum laude), Marshall Community College.

Lawrence, Jr. (Helen Terry), bachelor of arts degree in English and journalism, University of Richmond.



James Robert (J. W. Thomas, Jr.), doctor of medicine, University of Virginia School of Medicine. Received fellowship for research in virology.



Jeffrey Hunter (J. W. Thomas, Jr.), bachelor of arts degree in fine arts, Roanoke College. Fine arts award in art.

Joseph (A. G. Thornton, Jr.), bachelor of arts degrees in economics and religion, Hampden-Sydney College.

Linda (W. E. Webb), associate degree in education, Virginia Western Community College.

Glen Lyn

Daryl Kent (Raymond Compton, Jr.), bachelor of science degree in Christian ministries and youth ministries, Atlanta Christian College.



Clyde (T. E. Crew), bachelor of arts degree in music, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Scholarship to Northwestern University to study toward master's degree.

Michael (Everett Harris), bachelor of science in engineering science and mechanics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Macie (S. D. Hollinger), associate in applied science degree in

nursing, Wytheville Community College.

Julia Porter (R. B. Ratliff), bachelor of arts degree in human relations and psychology, Tennessee Wesleyan.

Gary (R. B. Ratliff), bachelor of science degree in political science and English, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Lucinda Jean (C. L. Spangler), bachelor of science in education, Concord College. Honors in music.

Huntington

C. A. "Laddy" Jr. (C. A. Burdette), bachelor of science degree in pharmacy, West Virginia University.

Margo Jane (M. A. Fotos), bachelor of science degree in pharmacy, West Virginia University.

Katherine (F. O. Helm), bachelor of arts degree in communications, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Kanawha River

Stephen (J. L. Kern), bachelor of science degree in philosophy, Marshall University.

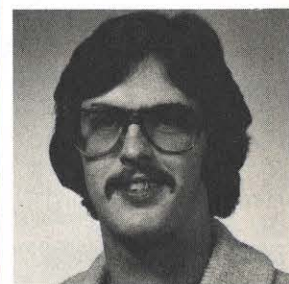
Christopher (Woodrow McClung), bachelor of science degree in history and government, West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Logan-Williamson

John (H. J. Collins), doctor of dental surgery, West Virginia University.

Cindy (H. L. Fogle-song), bachelor of science degree in agriculture, West Virginia University.

Tamra Lynne (C. E. Frye), associate in science degree in nursing, Southern West Virginia Community College.



John (James Preston, Jr.), bachelor of science degree in mining engineering technology (magna cum laude), West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Lynchburg

Bruce (Betty Pearson), bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, Virginia Military Institute.

Mountaineer Operations

Michael (A. J. Trawick, Jr.), bachelor of science degree in liberal arts, Marshall University.

Pulaski

Mark (A. L. Graham, Jr.), bachelor of arts degree in classical studies, College of William and Mary. Received AEP education award.



Linda wife of (M. W. Poore), bachelor of science degree in music education (cum laude), Radford College. "Who's Who In American College Students".

Roanoke

Meryl Ann (H. E. Bullard), bachelor of music degree in church music, East Carolina University.

Anne French (W. C. Reynolds), bachelor of science degree in management, housing and consumer studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Susan Camille Shropshire (James Russell Watkins), bachelor of arts degree in social work, Warner Southern College.

Philip Sporn

Patricia Ann (E. H. Keefer), bachelor of arts degree in early childhood and elementary education (magna cum laude).

James (G. R. Moody), degree in distributive education, Buckeye Hills Career Center.

POWER PEOPLE EARN DEGREES



R. A. Bryan, Jr., line mechanic C in the Galax area of Pulaski Division, associate degree in business management from Wytheville Community College.



R. V. Dalton, customer accounting supervisor at Wytheville in Pulaski Division, associate degree in business management from Wytheville Community College.



Deborah Evans, classification and accounts payable clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, associate degree in business administration from National Business College.



Howard Hudson, Kingsport engineering technologist senior, bachelor of science degree in business management from Steed College.



Phillip Martin, Kanawha River Plant chemist assistant, bachelor of science degree in biology from Morris Harvey.



Linda Perdue, payroll special clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke, associate degree in business administration (cum laude) from Virginia Western Community College.



Delta Purkey, Abingdon customer accounts representative B, associate degree in business administration (summa cum laude) from Mountain Empire Community College. Listed in 1979 edition of "Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges".



Judi Stewart, classification and accounts payable clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, associate degree in business administration from National Business College.



Vernon Stan Wellford, classification and accounts payable clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, associate degree in business administration from National Business College.

ARNOLD CROTTY RETIRES

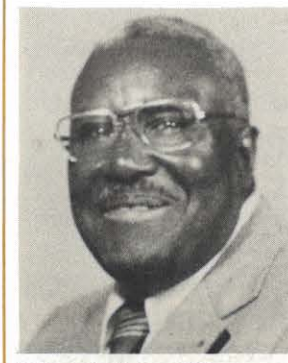
William Arnold Crotty, Bluefield drafter B, elected early retirement July 1.

A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, Arnold attended Bluefield College and Bluefield State College. He joined Appalachian in 1946 as a draftsman junior. During his nearly 33 years' service, he has held the positions of draftsman senior, engineering assistant, senior engineering record clerk, credit supervisor, utility clerk, engineering aide, and planner senior. Arnold has taught many company first aid training courses and assisted the Personnel Department by providing drawings and sketches for accident investigations.

During retirement, Arnold plans "to spend more time managing and traveling with my daughter, Dawn Sheree." A popular musical entertainer in the Bluefield area, she has appeared with such notable performers as Marty Robbins, Conway Twitty and Frankie Avalon. Arnold also plans to build a new home.

Arnold and his wife Monte have two children. He is a member of the College Avenue Baptist Church, American Federation of Musicians, and is a past officer of the Local Officials Association.

HOPSON WON'T FORGET FRIENDS



"There's been 36 years and 8 months of pleasure working with some of the most wonderful people in the world," claims Lawrence E. Hopson, who retired July 1 as head custodian in General Office General Services, Roanoke.

A native of Bedford County, Virginia, Lawrence joined Appalachian in 1942 at the old Walnut Avenue Steam Plant in Roanoke. His career was interrupted during World War II, when he served with the U.S. Marine Corps. Returning to the plant in 1947 as boiler operator B, he transferred to the Roanoke General Office in 1949 as head janitor. Lawrence speaks proudly of the fact that Appalachian once won a plaque for having the cleanest building in the City of Roanoke.

Reflecting on his service, Lawrence says, "I feel I have been good to the company, and they have been good to me. I shall never forget my first supervisor, David Plaine; second supervisor, James Crouch, and my last supervisor, L. R. Buchanan. We have had a wonderful working relationship."

He relates, "In February 1954 we lost our home, furniture, clothing and everything we owned in a fire. My wife and I had eight children. Within a week, my friends here with the company had supplied us with everything we needed to set up housekeeping again. How can I ever forget such wonderful people!"

Lawrence is active in the Greenspring Baptist Church, Goodview, Va., where he is a deacon, church clerk, Sunday School treasurer, and vice president of the senior choir.

HODOCK RETIRES EARLY

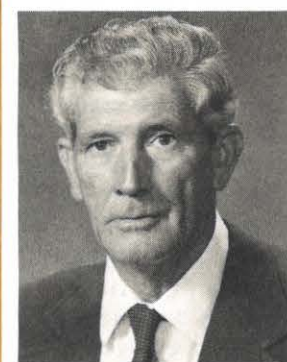


Nicholas Hodock, transmission mechanic B, General Office T&D Transmission, Bluefield, elected early retirement June 1 "to enjoy life, farm and do some traveling".

A native of Elkhorn, West Virginia, Nick began his career in 1947 as a system groundman B. During his 32 years' service, he was a system groundman A, system transmission man helper and system transmission man C and B.

In his spare time, Nick enjoys working with tractors and trucks. A member of the Bailey Switch Methodist Church, he and his wife Ruth will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary this December.

PRES MILLER RETIRES



Robert Preston "Pres" Miller, Abingdon transportation supervisor, elected early retirement June 1.

A native of Washington County, Virginia, Pres began his utility career with the Holston River Power Company, a predecessor of Appalachian. He transferred to Appalachian in 1948 as a clerk intermediate in Abingdon and the following year was promoted to transportation supervisor. A Navy veteran, he attended Emory and Henry College.

POWER PEOPLE MAKING NEWS

Abingdon



Division Superintendent **J. P. Montague** was elected president of the Abingdon Civitan Club for 1979-80.

Mary Lou Angle, wife of L. C. Angle, Jr., was named to the board of the Washington County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Sydne Montague, wife of Division Superintendent J. P. Montague, and **Mary Whitehurst**, wife of Division Manager J. R. Whitehurst, are serving on the board of directors of the Johnston Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Randy Morefield, son of John Morefield, was selected to perform in the All-Virginia Band. In order to perform with this group, Randy had to place in the top two positions in the District VII All-Regional Band, which includes all of Southwest Virginia. Randy finished second at the state level. He is a rising senior at Patrick Henry High School.

Donna Kestner, daughter of Willard Kestner, and **Betty Fullen**, daughter of Fred Fullen, were selected as varsity cheerleaders at Patrick Henry High School for the 1979-80 school year. Donna was named captain.

Martha Farmer was elected vice president of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Marion.

John Amos

K. L. "Buck" McDaniel, personnel assistant, was reelected to a fifth term on the Hurricane City Council. He also serves as police commissioner.

Beckley

Lee Robin Hood was one of 221 students in West Virginia to receive the Golden Horseshoe Award, symbolic of outstanding achievement on the W.Va. history test. The daughter of Janet Hood, Rainelle customer accounts representative B, and an eighth grader at Rainelle Junior High, Lee Robin scored the highest of any student in Greenbrier County.

Bluefield



Byron Rose, husband of Loneda Rose, Pineville customer accounts representative A, was inducted into the Pineville High School Hall of Fame at commencement ceremonies last month. A 1941 graduate of Pineville, he served the school as assistant principal and principal before becoming attendance director for Wyoming County Schools.

Riding his palomino quarter horse, Jet's Imp "Doc", **Don Ferguson** won first place in the registered Western Pleasure Class at the Savannah Lane Horse Show, Lewisburg, W.Va. **Donna Ferguson**, riding Misty, won fourth place in the Savannah show's Halter Class and first place in the Women's Western Pleasure Class at the Tazewell Horse Show, Tazewell, Va. They are the husband and daughter, respectively, of Lvonne Ferguson, Welch customer accounts representative B.

Pineville Area Supervisor **Jack Martin** was named a member of the newly-organized Wyoming County Industrial Development Authority.

Paul Sutphin, son of Jim Sutphin, GO station mechanic A, placed third in the North American Power Lifting Championship held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He was one of an 11-man team that defeated Canada by a 116-114 tally for the North

American title. Paul placed third in the 165-pound division with lifts of 567 in the squat, 353 on the bench and 590 in the dead for a total of 1,510. Paul will compete in the U.S.A. championships in Los Angeles this month.



Evelyn Martin, wife of Pineville Area Supervisor Jack Martin, was installed as president of the Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Sandy Jackson, daughter of Division Office Supervisor Kenneth Jackson, was appointed captain of the Bluefield High School band's flag drill team, elected secretary of the Junior Civitan Club and named senior class representative to the Student Council. She represented Bluefield High at the West Virginia Miss Junior Civitan contest.

Jonathan Farley, son of Engineering Technologist Jay Farley, represented Graham High School at American Legion Boys' State at Lynchburg College. He also attended the state meeting of Future Farmers of America at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with the horticulture department of Graham High School, where he is a rising senior.



Residential Representative **Mary Kirby** was installed as president of the Bluefield Quota Club.

Mrs. William Kidd, wife of the retired division superintendent, was installed as vice president of the Little Garden Club.

Tim Dalton, son of Garage Supervisor Paul Dalton and a recent graduate of Bluefield High School, had 12 years' perfect school attendance.

Central Machine Shop



Ken Nickell, son of Production Supervisor R. P. Nickell, won first place in the science division of the Academic Fair at Cross Lanes Christian High School with his replica of a computer, "Then And Now". Active in the Cross Lanes Bible Church, he is on the youth council, Bible quiz team and Proteens. He was selected, along with 20 other youth, for a two-week summer missions project in New York City.

Clinch River

Cherie Ferguson, daughter of Kenneth Ferguson, utility operator B, was crowned the "World's Most Beautiful Junior Miss Queen" in a pageant at the Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon. She was named "Miss Personality" in a pageant at Knoxville, Tennessee, and participated in the Virginia state pageant at Virginia Intermont College last month.

General Office

David Clements, representing Fairview Elementary, won a blue ribbon for first place in the 600-yard relay at a track meet held at Monterey School. The son of Ellen Clements, senior key entry operator, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, David is a rising fifth grader.

David Barger, engineering technologist, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, was chosen bowler of the year in the Power Keglers League at Viking Lanes for the 1978-79 season. The award is made for good sportsmanship, good attendance, good conduct, game interest and bowling performance. Dave has been bowling seven years and has a 160 average.

Ramona Ball was one of two William Byrd High School students to receive a Roanoke

College junior summer scholarship. She is enrolled in a sociology class. Ramona served as a junior class marshal at Byrd's graduation ceremony. A student must retain a 4.0 average from grade eight to be a marshal.

David Smith, son of Kay Smith, electric plant clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke, received a certificate for perfect attendance in kindergarten at Back Creek Elementary School.

Kevin Lee Totten, son of Raymond Totten, property records accounting coordinator, GO Accounting, Roanoke, received the Arrow of Light in Cub Pack 252. This is the highest rank awarded in the Cubbing program. Kevin's mother, **Sue Totten**, has served three years as den mother of Pack 252.



Garland Berry, husband of Pat Berry, secretary, GO Executive, Roanoke, was named All-Metro baseball coach of the year and district coach of the year. He coached the Cave Spring Knights, who won the Metro and Roanoke Valley District championships, placing five players on the All-Metro baseball team. Berry's team posted a 14-3 overall record.

Karabet Adjemian, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering, was elected vice chairman of the Power Engineering Society Chapter of the Virginia Mountain Section of IEEE for 1979-80.



Evelyn Crabtree was named Financial Information and Control Systems Department Manager at the First National Exchange Bank, Roanoke. She is the wife of D. H. Crabtree, employee benefits

administrator, GO Personnel, Roanoke.



Wayne Pugh, public information coordinator-nuclear, GO Public Affairs, Lynchburg, was awarded the prestigious Jaycee International Senatorship by the Huntington, W.Va., Jaycees. The award is one of the highest in the young men's organization.



Sally Waid, who has completed two years of study at Bluefield College, was selected for membership in the 1978-79 edition of "Who's Who Among Students at American Junior Colleges". The daughter of R. A. Waid, R/w agent, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, she will continue her studies toward a nursing degree at the Medical College of Virginia.

Samuel and Joyce Lambert were installed as post commander of the Bluefield, Va., VFW Memorial Post 9696 and president of Bluefield Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post 9696, respectively. Joyce is a transmission clerk B in GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield.

Wanda Norcross, secretary-stenographer, GO Rates and Contracts, Roanoke, was elected treasurer of the Roanoke Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International).

Barbara Hagerman, majoring in industrial chemistry at Radford College, has been inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. The daughter of J. W. Hagerman, transmission supervising engineer, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, she maintained a 3.7 average the past year.

Huntington

John Paul Machir was elected as drum major for the Point Pleasant High School band. The son of Point Pleasant Line Crew Supervisor David Machir, he is pianist for the school chorus and was selected to sing as first tenor in the West Virginia All-State Choir.

Alan Dale Machir received certificates of achievement and teamwork in freshman football and basketball at Point Pleasant Junior High School. He also received a three-year letter for participation in athletics. The son of David Machir, Point Pleasant line crew supervisor, Alan was named the most valuable player in the Point Pleasant Junior High School Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Virginia Black, residential representative, was elected Charleston area representative at the annual spring meeting of the Charleston Area Extension Homemakers.

Ken Morris, Point Pleasant engineering technologist, was elected prelate of the Loyal Order of Moose in Mason County.

Dick Roush, administrative assistant, was chairman of the Tri-State Fair and Regatta Crew Race Invitational held last month in Huntington.

Keith Taylor, husband of Ginny Taylor, was elected first vice president of the Marshall University Alumni Association. A member of the board of directors for 27 years, he was Association treasurer this past year.

Logan-Williamson

Mary Elizabeth Davis, secretary-stenographer, was elected to a three-year term as secretary of the West Virginia Women's Bowling Association. She has served as secretary-treasurer of the Logan Women's Bowling Association for 20 years.

Jeffrey Taylor, son of Division Manager Floyd H. Taylor, Jr., is a member of the orchestra for Aracoma Story Incorporated's production of "Fiddler On The Roof". **Dave King**, son of Huntington Personnel Super-

visor Bob King, conducts the orchestra. Appearing as members of the cast are **Pam King**, Dave's wife, and **Angela Walls**, daughter of Logan Station Supervisor James Walls.



Ruby Richmond experienced the golfer's once-in-a-lifetime thrill when she lofted her tee shot 130 yards and into the cup at the par 3 second hole at the Logan Country Club golf course. She is the wife of Logan-Williamson Division Superintendent James L. Richmond.

Ruby Henritze, widow of the late Thomas Henritze, former Logan line foreman, was elected president of the Logan Garden Council.

Mary Ann Bragg, daughter of Madison Area Service Restorer Ralph Bragg, was soprano soloist in a joint concert by the Centre College Choir and College Community Orchestra. She was featured in Stravinsky's "Mass".

Personnel Supervisor **J. B. Donevant, III**, was elected secretary of the Logan County United Fund for 1979. **Donevant**, Retired Personnel Supervisor **Howard Collins** and Division Manager **Floyd H. Taylor, Jr.**, were chosen to the fund's board of directors.

Kay Ruloff, wife of H. E. Ruloff, Jr., division engineering supervisor, was elected president of the Logan Presbyterian Women of the Church.

Williamson Area Superintendent **Paul Owens** was elected a director of the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce and secretary-treasurer of the Williamson Rotary Club. Paul was presented an engraved plaque from the United Foundation Incorporated in recognition of his "outstanding community service". He received the award for his service as chairman of the fund's mines

division. **Owens** and Retired Area Manager **Eugene King** were selected to serve on the fund's executive committee. **Lorrayne Corea**, secretary-stenographer, was elected to the fund's board of trustees.

Lynchburg

Brenda Fowler, daughter of Norman Fowler, engineering technician senior, completed a 26-mile Bike-a-Thon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Her sponsors contributed \$40.

Tom Pillow, son of Power Engineer Thomas Pillow, played drums in the orchestra for the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center's production of "My Fair Lady".

Cathy Davenport, daughter of Division Manager J. Robert Davenport, was presented a journalism award for her contribution as feature editor of E. C. Glass High School's newspaper, The High Times.

W. B. Hensley, line mechanic B, participated with the Monelson Rescue Squad's first aid team, which won second place awards in first aid and vehicle competition at the Saltville Rescue Squad's 20th anniversary celebration.

W. David Crews, personnel supervisor, was chosen president-elect and program chairman of the Central Virginia Personnel Association for 1979-80.

Jerry Vest, administrative assistant, graduated from the third annual Leadership Lynchburg Seminar Series. The 12-part series, organized by the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, focused on the role of the Chamber and all aspects of city government in developing business leaders and involving them in community activities. The graduates must be willing to speak out on community issues, encourage their friends to seek involvement in community volunteer projects and strive for accountability from the area's governing bodies.

Pulaski

Dr. Douglas Blevins, son of Engineering Technologist Supervisor R. D. Blevins, has completed his

specialty of internal medicine at George Washington University Hospital. He is a Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Virginia and was the recipient of an AEP Educational Award.



Hazel Elkins, wife of Retiree W. R. Elkins, was presented the Southwest Times Civic Honors Award at the 28th annual Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce banquet. Hazel, who retired from the teaching profession in 1972, went on to become the first area woman to seek election to the General Assembly. She is active in the Democratic Party and the Draper's Valley United Methodist Church.

Greg Rooker, publisher of the New River Newspapers, said, "She has the ability to involve young people in religious and civic duties and to help them develop their own abilities".

Roanoke

W. C. Reynolds, meter electrician A who retired recently, was the first to be honored with a luncheon given by the Retired Employee's Club.

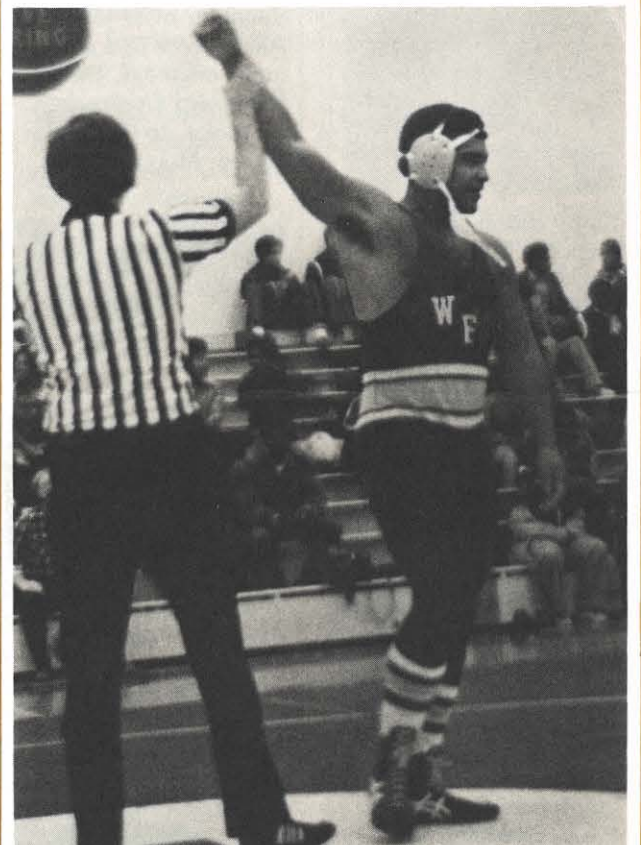


Lisa Ann Rakes, daughter of JoAnn Rakes, T&D clerk B, was awarded a trophy as "most valuable gymnast" at Fieldale-Collinsville High School. A rising senior, she was chosen as a varsity football cheerleader for the 1979-80 school year.

Sharon Kay Grogan, daughter of F. B. Grogan, line crew supervisor NE, was chosen junior varsity basketball cheerleader captain at Bassett High School for the 1979-80 school year.



Carlos Hoschar (right), son of Charles Hoschar, Huntington T&D Meter, was awarded a letter of commendation from the commanding officer, USS Saratoga (CV-60) for his outstanding performance during the squadron's recent Mediterranean deployment. Carlos, who has since been advanced to first class petty officer, works in the Corrosion Control Division of the Maintenance Department, maintaining the Navy's most advanced radar aircraft, the E-2C "Hawkeye".



Dwayne Drew, son of Louis Drew, express driver, GO General Services, Roanoke, won the 1979 3AVirginia heavyweight wrestling championship. The first wrestler from Roanoke to win the championship since 1964, his season record was 25-1. Dwayne also was Big Orange champion, district champion, second in region and state champion. For these accomplishments, he received All Metro honors. Dwayne had the most take downs, was selected as most outstanding wrestler and named to the Wrestling Hall of Fame.



New officers of the Lynchburg Employees Golf Association are, l. to r., James Collins, engineering technician senior, secretary; M. A. "Sonny" White, division superintendent, president; and Ralph S. Bird, Jr., residential representative, treasurer.

SYSTEM COUPLES MARRY



Betty Jane Goff to **Richard W. Aeberli**, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic B, May 5.



Kathy Bemfield to **Bernard E. Lough**, Beckley line mechanic C, May 26.



Karen Lynne Boulton, daughter of Pulaski Residential Representative J. R. Boulton, to William Lee Tate, II, June 2.



Heidi Lee Gravely, daughter of Dillard F. Gravely, engineering technologist in the Fieldale area of Roanoke Division, to Randy Leith Weddington, May 12.



Vickie Morrison, daughter of Kingsport Servicer Ralph Morrison, to Mike Hardie, April 20.



Kimberly Kay Allen, daughter of T. G. Allen, rates and contracts engineer, GO Rates and Contracts, Roanoke, to Curtis R. Arney, May 5.



Sandra Kay Grimm, daughter of Berton H. Grimm, Amos Plant maintenance mechanic B, to William Arthur Jarrett, May 26.



Linda Marie Bowers to **Michael Wayne Poore**, Pulaski junior clerk, May 12.



Margaret Fleming to **Robert P. Cussins**, Clintwood area supervisor in Abingdon Division, April 12.



Manya Lynn Manon to **Rodney Jay McCallister**, son of C. H. McCallister, Huntington line inspector, June 2.



Deborah K. Wall, classification and accounts payable clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke, to Marshal Scott Evans, May 26.



Rena Blanche Pope to **Mark Andrew Graham**, son of A. L. Graham, Jr., Pulaski customer services supervisor, June 16.



Mary Kathryn Belcher to **Gene Thomas Lineberry, II**, son of G. T. Lineberry, Bluefield general servicer, June 16.



Janice Busic to **E. Lane Whitley**, retired Bluefield electrical engineer senior, May 3.

HANNAHS MARRIED 50 YEARS



This month is a time of reminiscing for Arnold Hannah, retired station operator A at Turner Station, and his wife Elizabeth, who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary July 20.

One of the things Arnold recalls vividly is his conversion to Christ just before their 21st wedding anniversary. Elizabeth, who was already a Christian then, testified that they possibly would not have made it together "if we had not had the Lord to depend on". She added, "There were times we hadn't a quarter to our names but we had our faith." The Hannahs remember the sight of the first car in Logan County, West Virginia. Arnold was standing on a train when Harry Bay, who owned a coal company, drove up in "his new-fangled contraption and everyone on the train got off and followed the thing up an old cow path."

They recalled the first radio, remembering when their friends and neighbors stood around a black box listening to "static" interrupted with "an occasional word". Later came the marvel of television.

The Hannahs have five children; 13 grandchildren, "one who is now with the Lord"; and four great grandchildren. Elizabeth calls Arnold "a pure baby spoiler" to his grandchildren.

In summing up their life together, Arnold states simply, "It's been grand!"

WRIGHT RETIRES AFTER 39 YEARS



Ruth Hudson Wright, customer accounting clerk A in General Office Accounting, Roanoke, elected early retirement June 1.

A native of Franklin County, Virginia, Ruth attended Cornett School of Business and is a graduate of National Business College. She recalls, "After completing business college, I decided I would like to work for Appalachian. I didn't know anyone who worked for the company, so I talked to my dad about it one day. Dad said he knew a Mr. Hancock who worked for Appalachian. I was living with a cousin in Roanoke at the time, and she said she would call Mr. Hancock and see if she could get me an appointment with him." Ruth continues, "I got my appointment and went to his office. I was so excited and scared, I hardly knew what he said. But I told him enough that he knew who my dad was and that I was looking for a job. I left his office that day not knowing my chances of employment. Three days later I received a call telling me to come for an interview with Mr. Howard Hamilton."

"During the interview with Mr. Hamilton, he asked me who had sent me. I told him Mr. Hancock, and he said, 'Are you sure?' I said 'Yes', and he replied, 'Are you sure it wasn't Mr. Harvey?' I assured him it was Mr. Hancock and told him where his room was. We completed the interview and I got the job. Later, when I had been working for some time and knew Mr. Hamilton well enough to kid with him, I told him the only reason I got the job was because he was afraid not

to give it to me since I had talked with Mr. Hancock."

Ruth notes, "I ended my career with the company in the same department in which I started. They called it the billing office then. I worked in electric plant, accounts payable and payroll before going back to customer billing."

Soon after her retirement, Ruth went to Ohio for a visit with her daughter and three grandchildren.

BABY PARADE

Abingdon

Todd Mathew, son of **K. W. Gentry**, Marion line mechanic D, June 13.

Joshua Randall, son of **R. T. Fields**, Lebanon line mechanic D, June 19.

John Amos

Robert N., II, son of **Robert Thompson**, engineer B, May 21.

Steven Devon, son of **Samuel Reese**, utility operator B, June 2.

Bluefield

Brian Keith, son of **George Heartwell**, Princeton line mechanic A, May 24.

Central Machine

Amanda Gayle, daughter of **Randy McClanahan**, truck driver, May 15.

General Office

Heather Nicole, daughter of **Patsy McIntyre**, GO R/e & R/w, Charleston, June 3.

Glen Lyn

Regina Lynn, daughter of **Delford Lynn Morgan**, utility worker A, June 6.

Lynchburg

George I., IV, son of **George Jackson**, line mechanic C, May 21.

Roanoke

Wyatt Randall, son of **Patsy Fout**, customer accounts representative C, June 14.

Mary Abigail, daughter of **Frank Stiff**, electrical engineer, May 23.

Philip Sporn

Valerie Lynn, daughter of **George Spradlin**, instrument mechanic A, May 21.

Coria Ann, daughter of **Richard Kent**, engineering technician, May 9.

LLOYD PLANS MORE CHURCH WORK



"I hope to be able to take a better part in church after retirement," says Forrest Griffin Lloyd, Roanoke line crew supervisor NE, who retired July 1. "I tithe by giving my tenth; maybe now I can spend more time involved in church work."

Lloyd worked at Cinderblock of Roanoke, Inc., and the Hercules Powder Company before serving in the Army during World War II. He was part of the armored field infantry in the South Pacific. Lloyd recalls, "Our unit was getting ready for the invasion of Japan when we heard the war was over. I sure was glad to hear that news. I remember the day we got word we were sitting on a bank in Leyte in the Philippines. A buddy asked what I was going to do when I got home. My comment was that I planned to head straight for Appalachian Power Company and ask for a job."

It was Charlie Allen, Roanoke substation supervisor, who helped Lloyd get on with the company. "Charlie was a good friend of my brother so I went to see him about a job. There was one little problem. He got me on sooner than I wanted to go to work. I'd been home about a week following my discharge and wanted to rest up a couple more weeks anyway. After I talked with Charlie about the job, he called Paul Bailey (retired Lynchburg superintendent) as soon as I left. Before I got back home, Appalachian had called

me to go to work. I interviewed the next morning and went to work the following day."

Lloyd remembers the exact spot where his first job with the company began. "It was in back of the old Scottie's Restaurant off Airport Road in northwest Roanoke. Ralph Amos, Sr., line foreman then and father of Ralph Amos, Jr., (general line supervisor), headed up the crew at the time."

"I never had but one close call with the company. Pee Wee Bowling (station mechanic on LTD leave) and I had been working trouble. It was during a bad storm and we had worked all day, throughout the night and going into the next day. We reached Fuel Oil and Equipment to make some repairs. Because of the rain I was soaking wet. I accidentally got into the high leg of the secondary side of the transformer. It had me and was really giving me a shaking. I couldn't pull loose. When I went up the pole, I placed the hand line on my belt. Pee Wee saw what happened and was able to pull me free."

He concludes, "One thing I do want to say is that Appalachian made a good living for me and my wife. I never regretted going to work there. If I had my life to live over, I'd want my work with Appalachian again. I met some of the finest people with Appalachian. It's been a pleasure working with them."

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PROWSE RETIRES EARLY



"I've made a lot of good friends with the company and have a lot of good memories, but enough is enough," says Marl Davidson "Heavy" Prowse, who was general line supervisor in Charleston before electing early retirement June 1.

He continues, "Back in the old days we were a close knit family. Everyone knew everyone else, and it was a big, happy family. The company, of course, has grown over the years, and we don't have as much in common as we used to."

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Heavy attended Morris Harvey College. He had broken service with the company before becoming permanently employed in 1945 as a lineman A. Heavy was a line foreman, senior foreman and general foreman before being named in 1977 to the position he held at retirement. He has taught lineman training schools over the years and would like to get into the teaching field in retirement.

At Heavy's retirement party, Division Manager Cal Carlini kidded him about the time he tried to sell the idea of using a big truck which was sitting idle in North Charleston as a pole truck. Heavy reasoned that four or five poles could be hauled at one time to various locations in advance of the line crew arriving at the site to do the work. So enthusiastic was Heavy about his idea that he even used charts to demonstrate the advantage of the procedure. Personnel Clerk Charlie Bias presented Heavy with a pair of worn out boots and informed him they weren't tennis shoes. The climax of the evening was the reading of a poem written by Engineering Technologist Ralph Myers.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS



Clifton Nathan Chapman, 71, retired Huntington auto repairman A, died June 9. A native of Cabell County, West Virginia, he began his career in 1945 as an auto mechanic B and retired June 1, 1967. Chapman is survived by two daughters, seven grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.



William Frederick Keehne, Sr., 78, retired accounting manager, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of Appalachian Power, died June 11. A native of Pomeroy, Ohio, he began his career in 1920 as a bookkeeper for the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, a predecessor of Appalachian. He retired May 1, 1966. Keehne is survived by a son, a daughter, a sister and four grandchildren.



William Thomas Locke, 50, Huntington station crew supervisor, died unexpectedly on June 24. A native of Bowen Ridge, West Virginia, he began his career in 1950 as a maintenance man helper. Locke is survived by his widow Doris, 3637 Skyview Drive, Huntington, W.Va., a son and a daughter.

Carl Michael Johnson, 25, Philip Sporn Plant utility operator, died May 23 of heart failure. A native of South Charleston, West Virginia, he began his career in 1973 as a utility worker B and had been on LTD leave since September 1975. Johnson is survived by his widow Donna and a son.

NEW FACES AROUND THE SYSTEM

Beckley
Mark Peelish, junior clerk.

Bluefield
Mark Justice, meter reader, Pineville.

General Office
Roxana Caudill, junior stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

David Journell, Jr., custodian, GO General Services, Roanoke.

Gregory Watts, station mechanic D, GO T&D Station, Huntington.

Salvatore Vitiello, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Huntington.

Scott Konkus, electrical engineer, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke.

Darrell Hylton, engineering technician, GO T&D Station, Huntington.

Howard Bentley, utility helper, GO Operations, Huntington.

Ircil Gentry, Jr., operations engineer, GO Operations, Roanoke.

Steven Ferguson, engineering technician, GO Operations, Roanoke.

Kingsport
Debbie Hall, cashier
C. Carolyn Gibson, residential advisor.

Lynchburg
David McFaden, engineering technician assistant.
James Garrett, III, electrical engineer.

Roanoke
Robert Glenn, Jr., and Michael Coffey, electrical engineers.
Rita Oakes and Susan Pearson, junior clerks.
Diane Muncey, part-time junior clerk.

Philip Sporn
Don Mullins, engineering technician.

GILBERT ATTAINS RANK OF MAJOR



R. B. Gilbert, Centralized Plant Maintenance personnel/office supervisor, has been promoted to major in the Army Reserve.

Gilbert enlisted in the West Virginia National Guard in 1964 and was commissioned a second lieutenant through the R.O.T.C. program at West Virginia State College the following year. During his two-year tour of active duty, he was a tank platoon leader at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Fort Hood, Texas, then served as a tank company commander in Korea.

As a reservist, Gilbert has served as an ammunition platoon leader, company commander, ammunition officer, operations officer and logistics officer, the position he now holds with the 38th Ordnance Group (Ammunition) located in South Charleston, West Virginia.

VETS RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS



O. A. Hawkins
Gen. Acctg. Adm.
GO-Roanoke
45 Years



D. P. Newman
Eng. Supervisor
Charleston
40 Years



C. A. Sweeney
R/w Agent
GO-Roanoke
40 Years



J. R. Pugh
Meter Elec. C (LTD)
Huntington
40 Years



D. G. Merriman
Reg. Chief Op.
GO-Fieldale
35 Years



Emma Jean Wilson
T&D Clerk A
Beckley
35 Years



R. R. Griffith
Line Superintendent
Charleston
30 Years



J. A. Bryan
Guard
Philip Sporn
30 Years



M. C. Gibson
Area Serv. Restorer
Bluefield
30 Years



Maggie Spurlock
Cust. Accts. Rep. B
Huntington
30 Years



J. D. Poore
Unit Supervisor
Kanawha River
30 Years



Archie Riner
Records Supv.
Beckley
30 Years



Glenneeda Perry
Cust. Accts. Rep. A
Logan-Williamson
30 Years



R. H. Johnson
Cust. Serv. Mgr.
Huntington
30 Years



R. W. Martin
Area Supv. A
Beckley
30 Years



J. R. Bostic
Maint. Mech. A
Kanawha River
30 Years



Barbara Calhoun
Cust. Accts. Rep. B
Huntington
25 Years



D. W. Cooper
Line Crew Supv. NE
Roanoke
25 Years



W. H. Barker
Line Crew Supv. NE
Charleston
25 Years



Peggy Johnson
Personnel Clerk A
Abingdon
25 Years



T. E. Crew
Operations Supt.
Glen Lyn
20 Years

Abingdon
10 Years: H. W. Counts, T&D clerk A. E. C. Funk, line mechanic A.

John Amos
15 Years: Pamela Snodgrass, secretary. 10 Years: Ona Willard, plant clerk B.

Beckley
10 Years: D. E. Bair, line mechanic A, Oak Hill. W. M. Leach, line mechanic A. C. R. Dillon, surveyor.

Bluefield
10 Years: J. W. Meadows, station mechanic A. C. T. Gibson, meter electrician A. R. L. Thompson, line mechanic B.

Central Machine Shop
5 Years: W. S. Bryant, machinist 1st class. G. K. Gue and C. H. Witt, winders 1st class. J. E. Villars, power equipment mechanic 1st class. Debbie Walls, stenographer.

Charleston
10 Years: C. W. Schnell, meter reader, Montgomery. C. G. Dunlap, Jr., station mechanic B. 5 Years: L. L. Browning, transportation clerk.

General Office
20 Years: Helen Honaker, secretary-stenographer, GO-Roanoke. 15 Years: R. E. Mickey, engineer B, GO-Roanoke. Carol Kennedy, secretary-stenographer, GO-Roanoke. R. L. Jamison, electrical test supervisor, GO-Roanoke. C. E. Hylton, personnel assistant senior,

GO-Roanoke. Bonnie Ferrell, public affairs clerk A, GO-Roanoke. 10 Years: Jean Pilarcik, general records clerk B, GO-Roanoke. T. S. Martin, III, station operator A, GO-Roanoke. D. E. Jarvis, engineering technologist, GO-Huntington. Barbara Hughes, secretary-stenographer, GO-Roanoke. L. D. Houston, engineering technologist, GO-Bluefield. G. W. Hill, classification and accounts payable control clerk, GO-Roanoke. W. S. Coburn, engineering technologist, GO-Roanoke. J. A. Blevins, transmission mechanic A, GO-Bluefield. Susie Adkins, secretary-stenographer, GO-Roanoke. 5 Years: J. F. Skidmore, electrical engineer, GO-Huntington. C. B. Burch, engineer B, GO-Roanoke.

Glen Lyn
10 Years: M. E. Pennington, equipment operator.

Huntington
10 Years: B. B. Satpute, electrical engineer. B. G. Adkins, line mechanic A.

Kingsport
10 Years: F. G. Huff, meter reader. 5 Years: J. B. Quillin, Jr., customer service representative.

Logan-Williamson
10 Years: Sergei Summers, electrical engineer senior. Geraldine Layne, customer accounts representative A. 5 Years: K. E. Chapman, auto mechanic A.

Lynchburg
15 Years: H. M. Crank, area service restorer, Lovington. J. E. Stevens, line crew supervisor NE.

Pulaski
10 Years: J. L. Conrad, line mechanic A. F. G. Fowler, drafter B.

Roanoke
15 Years: C. L. Altice, meter service mechanic C. 10 Years: J. E. Warren, automotive mechanic A. 5 Years: J. L. Dickerman, electrical engineer.

Philip Sporn
15 Years: C. L. Sullivan, maintenance mechanic A. 10 Years: R. L. Davis, unit supervisor.

SATPUTE BECOMES CITIZEN



Bhaskar Bhagwanrao Satpute, Huntington electrical engineer, recently became a naturalized American citizen.

Satpute, a native of Aurangabad, India, has been in the United States for 12 years, ten of which have been in Huntington. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, a master's degree in industrial engineering from West Virginia University and is currently working towards another master's in electrical engineering.

Satpute's hard work has fulfilled his long cherished dream of coming to the United States for higher education. He says, "I've had this ambition since high school."

Satpute was separated from his wife Vimal for more than four years before she came from India to be with him. He has been back to India only twice since he arrived in the United States. His wife still misses the India customs and celebrations where all the relatives come to the festivals. The only relative she has in the United States is a brother, who is a surgeon in Washington, D.C.

The Satputes have two children, Sheela and Ajay.



Elected to serve as officers of the K-Appa-K Girls Club in the Williamson area of Logan-Williamson Division for 1979-80 are, l. to r., Pat Cox, junior clerk, vice president; Mary Kessinger, residential advisor, president; Ressa Fields, junior clerk, secretary; and Gwen Lewis, customer accounts representative C, treasurer.



The Comics team was the grand champion of the Kilowatt Bowling League in Huntington for 1978-79. Members of the team are, l. to r., Corbin Bobbitt, Dorcas Moncer, Charlie Burdette, Jo Cole and Milt Cole.

HEFNER FAMILY TOGETHER AFTER SEVEN YEARS



L. to r., Charlie, Bobby, Charles and John Hefner.

Abingdon Records Clerk Charlie Hefner recently had his family together for the first time in seven years. His three sons, Bobby, John and Charles, have been in military service during this period. "As a matter of fact," Bobby noted, "it's the first time we have all even been in the United States together during the last seven years."

Now the boys are stationed all along the east coast. Bobby is presently at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. John, who had previously been stationed in Italy, has now been assigned to duty at Portsmouth with the Coast Guard. Charles, a member of the Navy's Commander Operational Test Evaluation Force, Computer Division, will continue in his present assignment at the Norfolk Naval Base.

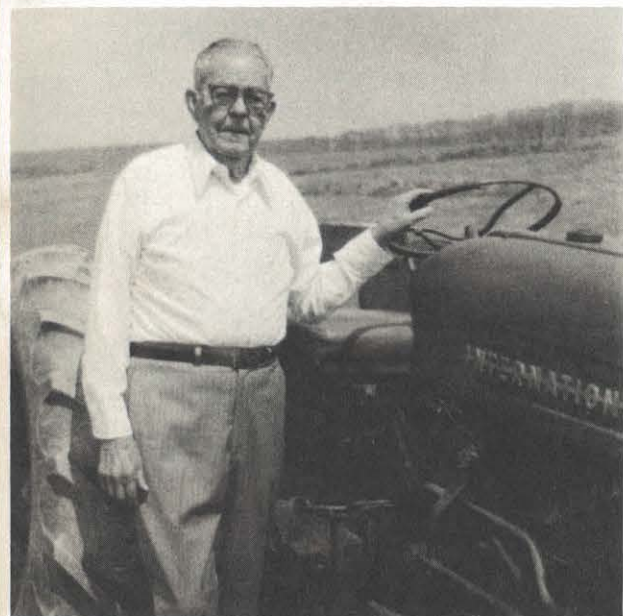
Bobby and John, a former Marine, are Vietnam veterans and were especially pleased to see Vietnam Veterans Week being celebrated nationally. Bobby stated, "Regardless of the individual's personal convictions of the United States involvement in the Vietnam conflict, the veterans in uniform had been given a job to do and had performed well and thus deserved this recognition."

Charlie, of course, is extremely proud of his boys and was pleased to see them all together even for just a little while.



Dale Rice won first place honors in the 198 lb. category in the West Virginia AAU High School Weightlifting Championship held in Beckley, W.Va. The Princeton High School team, of which he is a member, finished second out of 15 teams. Dale, an outstanding track team member, this season finished second in the discus in the area and regional track meet and first place in the AAA Beckley Relays. The son of Mary Lou Rice, customer accounts representative C in the Princeton area of Bluefield Division, Dale represented Princeton High at the state track meet.

RETIREE BURNETTE RECALLS EARLY DAYS OF APCO



When Bruce Burnette, retired Roanoke line foreman, joined Appalachian in 1926, there were just three line trucks and one pickup in the Roanoke District. He recalls, "We met on Salem Avenue, right above Third Street, to start the day's work."

Although only 22 years old when he was hired, Bruce had plenty of work experience. "In 1925 I found myself in Texas, just across the Arkansas border where I'd worked in the oil fields near Smackover. The wheat harvest was in about that time so I followed that from Texas to Holdren, Nebraska. It was mostly anything to get work," he remembers. Bruce returned to Roanoke after the wheat harvest and rejoined the old Roanoke Ice Company, where he had previously worked for three years.

"My friend, John Hunter, that I'd worked with at the ice company the first time around helped me get on at Appalachian. He was doing office work at the company and asked if I'd consider coming to work if he could get me on," says Bruce.

Pat Peak, then a T&D engineer, hired Bruce as a grunt on the line crew. His first day on the job he worked for Ralph Amos, Sr., then line foreman. Later when Bruce became a line foreman, Ralph Amos, Jr., worked under him.

Bruce says, "There weren't too many lines when I hired on in '26. We had an 88,000-volt line which fed from Narrows, Virginia, to the old Roanoke Steam Plant. There was an 11,000-volt line from Roanoke to the Catawba Sanatorium and an 11,000-volt line to Blue Ridge Stone. The line to

Blue Ridge was the longest distribution line in the Roanoke District then. We had a 6600-volt line to Hollins College, and that was the end of the line in that direction."

There were some close experiences on the line over the years. Bruce recalls, "It was in '33 or '34 when I almost fell across a transformer bank. I was with John Witt, then a groundman; George Bandy, line foreman, and Pat Peak. We had a ladder set up in the Rocky Mount Substation; and, about the time I took hold of the transformer tank from the ladder, a bolt of lightning, we guessed, came in over the transmission line. It fed over and down the lightning arrester, striking me and momentarily knocking me out. About that time the ladder turned and, if John Witt hadn't caught it, I'd have taken a mighty bad fall.

Another bad event occurred at the same substation a few years later. Bruce and Pat Peak were making some changes near the station on the 11,000-volt distribution line. "We had clearance on it. What we didn't count on is the paralleling 138,000-volt line that was near by. I put my rubber gloves on and the static electricity just ate me up. Pat put a volt test on it and said 'it's more on it than if we had it hot'."

Bruce also recalls the trolley car years in downtown Roanoke and the end to the streetcar system. "Paul Bailey, retired Lynchburg T&D superintendent, and I bought everything on the line that had served the streetcars. A junkyard in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, purchased the company when it closed down and, in turn, put the line equipment up for bid. We took it all down, mostly copper wire, and sold it for scrap. There was about 100 tons of copper. It'd be worth some money now! We paid about \$13,000 for it, I believe, and I don't recall just what we got out of it, but we made pretty good," Bruce says with a chuckle.

GILPINS' HOME FILLED WITH LOVELY ANTIQUES



"Ann and I are both interested in antiques and started seriously collecting them shortly after we were married in 1974," says Gary Gilpin, engineering technologist in GO T&D Civil Engineering, Roanoke.

He continues, "I had purchased a few pieces prior to being married, but the majority of our antiques were collected by both of us. We began by accumulating pieces which date to the turn of the century, such as early oak furniture. Then we began collecting more primitive pieces made of pine. We have a great respect for antiques due to the number of years they have endured. Some of our pieces date back as far as the early 1700s."

Gary notes, "All of the pieces we purchase are in the rough (unfinished) and I restore them myself. Ann does not get involved in restoring because it is

quite time consuming, and she has other activities which warrant her attention."

He adds, "Some pieces might have as many as six to eight coats of old paint on them, and removing the old paint is the first order of business. The process I utilize is to apply a coat of paint remover, let it set for 10 or 15 minutes, then rub it off with coarse steel wool, always rubbing with the grain of the wood. Most pieces usually require three to four applications of paint remover to clean them down to the wood. However, I have run across some which required eight to ten applications."

"Sandpaper should not be used on antiques if at all possible. Most of the color in aged wood is on the surface, and sandpaper will remove a thin layer of wood, taking with it most of the color. The only time I have found it necessary to use sandpaper is on pieces which had to be bleached to remove a stain in the wood. Bleaching raises the grain of the wood, and fine sandpaper must be used to smooth the surface."

"After stripping the antique down to the bare wood, the next step would be repair work. Sometimes drawer runners have to be repaired, missing pieces of wood replaced, or corners reglued. These things have to be tended to before the finish is applied, otherwise the finish will become scratched when the repair work is done."

Gary continues, "After the necessary repairs have been made, the piece is ready to be finished. Sometimes if I want an antique to be a little darker, I will apply some linseed oil with a clean cloth. Linseed oil darkens the wood by bringing out the natural color. I never utilize a stain on an antique because stains mask the natural color of the wood, and I like to restore antiques as close to their original condition as possible. When linseed oil is applied, all the excess oil should be wiped off and three to four days drying time should be allowed before applying the finish."

"There are many different finishes which can be used to seal the wood, and people who refinish antiques usually have one finish which they prefer over others. The finish that I prefer is "Satin Zar", very similar to a polyurethane varnish. This type of finish affords a hard, durable, carefree finish which lasts for years. I usually dilute the varnish with paint thinner at a ratio of 2 to 1, respectively. Three to four applications are usually needed, brushing with the grain of the wood, using a natural bristle brush. The diluted varnish yields thin coats which flow on easily, are less likely to chip, and are less likely to show brush strokes. The natural bristle brush is also less likely to show brush strokes."

Gary concludes, "There are probably as many different techniques for refinishing antiques as there are people who refinish them. If you decide that you would like to restore an antique or your favorite piece of furniture, antique or not, I suggest you examine some pieces which have been refinished using different techniques and different finishes, so that you may decide which one will be right for you. If you feel that you might like to utilize the same technique which I use, please feel free to give me a call. I would be happy to give you all the help I can."



Winners of the Lynchburg Division Spring Golf Tournament, held at Colonial Hills Golf Club, are, l. to r., G. C. Golladay, retired area serviceman, closest to pin on No. 8 and low gross (82); Earl R. Driskill, residential representative, longest drive on 18; and Jesse L. Ashworth, residential representative, low net (75).

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