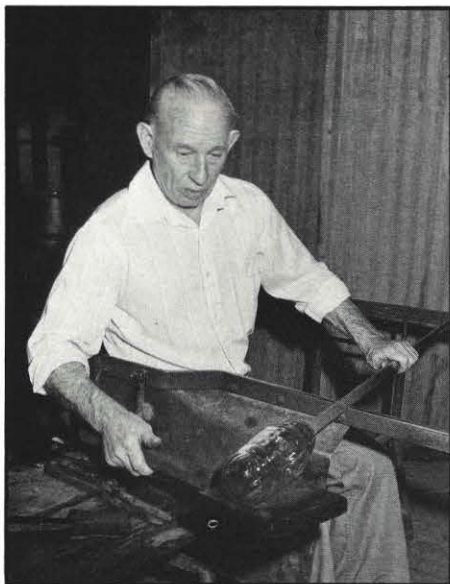


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One of the major producers of art glass is the Blenko factory, located at Milton, West Virginia, in Appalachian Power's Huntington Division. Its fine craftsmen turn out glass of unusual beauty and grace. Some of the artisans are internationally known, and their work is found in many exhibits and collections.

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Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
1/31/84	\$1.8180	.5501	\$2.6026	.3842	\$1.6432	.6086
2/29/84	1.8360	.5447	2.5162	.3974	1.5575	.6421
3/31/84	1.8557	.5389	2.5621	.3903	1.5018	.6659
4/30/84	1.8749	.5334	2.5767	.3881	1.5249	.6558

VPU — value per unit

UCPD — units credited per dollar

HOW TO READ THE ABOVE CHART: The first column lists the days on which unit values are figured; the second shows the market price or value of each unit on that day; and the third indicates how many units you could have bought for \$1 on that day. For example, if the market value or "value per unit" of the Equity Fund were 50¢ on the valuation date (last day of each month), then "units credited per dollar" would be 2.000. This also holds true for the AEP Stock Fund and the Fixed Income Fund.

IABC

International Association of Business Communicators

Checkless payment plan

- Writing a check each month to pay electric service bills.
- Keeping track of the due date to avoid late payment charges.
- Making a trip to the post office or Appalachian collection points.
- Worrying about bills which come due while you're away.

These are a few of the chores associated with paying electric bills that are over for the more than 10,500 Appalachian Power customers who are enrolled in the Checkless Payment Plan (CPP). Introduced in July 1982, CPP is the first of its type offered by a utility in this section of the country.

The CPP was developed in cooperation with the Dominion Bankshares Corporation of Roanoke, Virginia, after Appalachian saw how well its Paycheck Direct Deposit Plan for employees was working. Both plans use the financial industry's automated clearing house association computer network.

CPP is absolutely the easiest way to pay electric bills. A customer simply authorizes his financial institution to pay electric bills for him, and the amount of the bill is deducted from his account each month. The customer will continue to receive a monthly bill which tells him how much he owes and the date on which it will be deducted from his account, about ten days later.

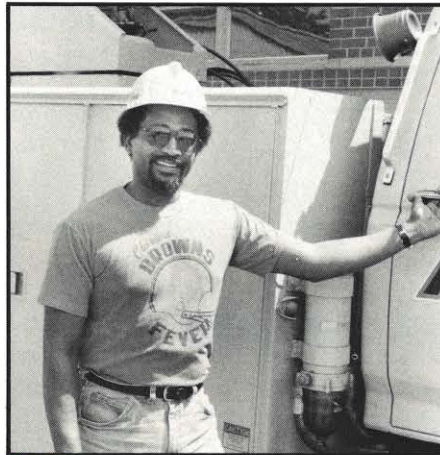
In addition to the benefits offered customers, there are also benefits for the company. Among these are prompt payment, a reduction of the number of checks and paper handled monthly, better cash management, fewer collection and/or cutoff trips and collection agency fees.



Kegley

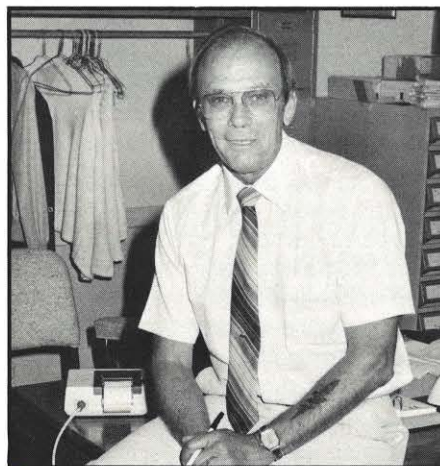
More than 830 employees are taking advantage of the CPP benefits. Here's what some of them have to say about their participation:

Linda Kegley, Abingdon stenographer, notes, "I'm for anything that saves me time and money. By taking care of my electric bill in this manner, it eliminates the cost of an added check and cuts down on the time spent paying those monthly bills. It's one less thing I have to worry about."



Chester

Bo Chester, Charleston line mechanic A, comments, "I know the bill always will be paid from my checking account, and I won't lose my employee discount. Also, I like not having to take the time to write a check. And, when I'm on vacation, I know my electric bill will be paid and I won't have to bother with it."



Perdue

Bud Perdue, Bluefield local office supervisor, was the first employee in that area to sign up for CPP. "I have thoroughly enjoyed it," he says. "CPP is another

convenient benefit the company offers its customers and employees."



Wilcox

Although her desk is located only a few steps from the cashier's counter, **Mary Lou Wilcox**, Huntington customer accounts representative B, has participated in the CPP since its inception. She says, "The plan is a great time and worry saver. I no longer need wonder, 'did I pay my electric bill?' It's another modern convenience for today's lifestyle."



Mullins

Joe Mullins, Beckley customer accounts supervisor, enjoys the convenience of the CPP. "Also, there is no danger of losing my employee discount should I forget to pay my bill. In fact, I am so well pleased that I wish more businesses would offer this plan to pay bills."

Appalachian periodically uses bill inserts to tell customers about the service. The June issue of Consumer Circuit, in fact, carries a message about the CPP. But employees' help is needed to spread the word to their friends, neighbors and family members. □

Aetna expands medical fee data

Beginning next month, Aetna Life and Casualty will expand the use of "reasonable and customary" (R&C) data in processing benefit claims to include charges for physician's office and hospital visits, psychiatric and chiropractic care, and common X-ray and laboratory tests.

For many years, Aetna has been computerizing prevailing surgery fee data so that, when considering benefits for a particular surgery claim, it could determine if the fee were in line with that of other surgeons in the same geographic area. This practice allowed Aetna to identify those charges it felt were in excess of what was considered to be "reasonable and customary" after such factors as extenuating circumstances and surgeon's specialty were taken into account. When charges over R&C could not be justified, benefits were paid based only on the R&C amount. While this is a part of Aetna's administrative procedure, a benefit payment for a surgery claim is not often affected by it.

Since this procedure has been successful in monitoring and controlling surgery costs, Aetna now has computerized prevailing fee data for the additional medical services listed above. This new information, organized by geographic area, will be available for employee and retiree claims processed beginning in July.

Any claims which are affected by the expanded use of R&C data will contain an explanatory note on the bottom of Aetna's "explanation of benefits" form.

Because most medical bills are paid by someone other than the patient — such as employers or insurance companies — it is generally recognized that there are certain medical providers who will charge whatever they can for their services, without regard to whether it is reasonable or in line with what others charge for similar services, said Robert Strahan, director of compensation and benefits for the AEP Service Corporation. The application of reasonable and customary fee guidelines is considered one of the more important factors in controlling health care delivery costs in this country.

"It is through efforts such as this that our comprehensive Medical Plan can continue to provide benefits for quality health care at a reasonable cost," he said. □

Kingsport Power seeks \$2 million rate increase

Kingsport Power Company on May 15 filed a request with the Tennessee Public Service Commission for a rate increase of approximately \$2 million, or 3.8 percent, annually.

The company's last rate increase request, filed nearly two years ago, was based on a 1981 test year. According to Kingsport Power President John E. Faust, the company was granted about 80 percent of the amount requested.

"Our earnings have continued to be far below the amount found to be fair and reasonable in the last order of the Commission," Faust said. "Although the impact of inflation is less severe now than in the past, we continue to experience increases in the cost of doing business. We have reduced expenses in every way we can, including a nine month's freeze on wages and salaries, but our earnings have continued to drop, and it has become necessary to ask for a small rate increase at this time."

The proposed new rates have been designed to comply with the cost of service standard of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) as adopted by the Public Service Commission. As a result, the increase for any class of customers will reflect the cost of providing service to that customer class.

Under the new proposed rates, an average residential customer using 1,350 kilowatt-hours per month would pay about \$4.96 more, based on April billings. Even with the proposed increase, Kingsport residential electric rates will continue to be among the lowest in the nation.

The Tennessee Public Service Commission is expected to schedule a public hearing on the rate request and reach a decision within the next six months. □

2,935 needy families helped in APCo's Neighbor program

Some 2,935 needy families received financial assistance with their winter electric bills through Appalachian Power Company's second Neighbor-to-Neighbor program, which was concluded recently.

John W. Vaughan, president of Appalachian, said, "When we announced the program last November, we were concerned about the adverse economic problems affecting our service area. Even though the economy had shown some improvement over the previous year, many families were still enduring financial hardships and were in need of assistance."

Vaughan praised the Virginia Department of Social Services and the West Virginia Department of Human Services, the agencies which took applications and certified recipients' eligibility. "Without their expertise and hard work, the program could not have been so successful," he said.

In Virginia, 4,758 individuals and organizations contributed \$40,067. This amount, plus an additional \$37,500 from Appalachian stockholders, went toward the electric bills of 1,486 Virginia families.

In West Virginia, \$38,325 donated by 5,352 individuals and organizations, along with an additional \$37,500 from Appalachian stockholders, helped 1,449 West Virginia families with their electric bills.

All money collected through the program has been credited to the recipients' electric accounts. The public accounting firm of Deloitte Haskins & Sells has completed its audit of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program and has confirmed to the company that the funds received and disbursed were properly handled.

Vaughan concluded, "We feel that by any measure the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program was a success, and we're proud to have joined many of our customers in this worthwhile project." □

C&SOE begins major reorganization

Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company on May 21 put into effect the first phase of a major reorganization of the company, designed to make its organization compatible with those in existence in the other large operating companies of the American Electric Power System.

C&SOE's six operating divisions were reduced to three but with expanded responsibility for local service. The divisions providing service in greater Columbus — Northwest, Northeast, Southeast and Southwest — were combined into a single Columbus Division, while the company's East and West Divisions, with headquarters in Athens and Chillicothe, respectively, were redesignated the Athens and Chillicothe Divisions.

The new Columbus Division, with more than 300,000 customers (approximately 12 percent of the AEP System's total), thus became the largest operating division on the System.

Thomas R. Watkins, who had been the company's manager — transmission and distribution, was named manager of the new division.

Succeeding Watkins as transmission and distribution manager is James G. Haunty, who had been manager — construction and maintenance. John R. Weeks and Dale M. Trenary remain as division managers in Athens and Chillicothe, respectively.

In another change, Richard A. Burgert, vice president, assumed responsibility for C&SOE's purchasing and stores functions, in addition to his responsibilities for automotive and building services.

President James P. Fenstermaker explained: "In 1980, C&SOE formally made the transition from an independent electric utility company to an operating subsidiary of American Electric Power Company. In actuality, any change of this breadth takes a long time to complete. These changes represent only a portion of the steps involved. Some changes have already been made, while others will be made in the months ahead.

"This change to general office/division organization is designed to be compatible

with that already existing in other AEP companies, but it recognizes the unique characteristics of the C&SOE system. The general office/division organization localizes the responsibility of providing quality service to our customers," he concluded. □

PSC okays APCo request to sell coal properties

The West Virginia Public Service Commission on May 2 approved Appalachian Power Company's request to sell most of its coal mining properties in West Virginia, as previously announced. The sales cannot be completed, however,

until Appalachian Power receives similar permission from the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The company is seeking to sell to Ashland Coal, Inc., and subsidiaries certain mining properties and assets of Southern Appalachian Coal Company. It also is seeking to sell to NuEast Mining Company such properties of Cedar Coal Company and Central Appalachian Coal Company, as well as other such assets owned by Southern Appalachian. NuEast Mining is a partnership formed by Eastern Associated Coal Mining Corporation and Addco Mining Inc.

Total price of the transactions is \$135.4 million. The properties are located in Boone, Fayette, Kanawha and Lincoln counties. □

Did You Know?



Electricity to run the average home all day...and night* costs less than a ticket to the bargain matinee at the movies.

The "average cost a day" for your home is printed at the bottom of your electric service bill. When you stop to think of all the many different ways electricity serves you, the service you "purchase" every day really is worth the money.

*based on the use of 30 kilowatt-hours per day

Huntington



Erecting bay in the Chessie System Shops, Huntington.

Division

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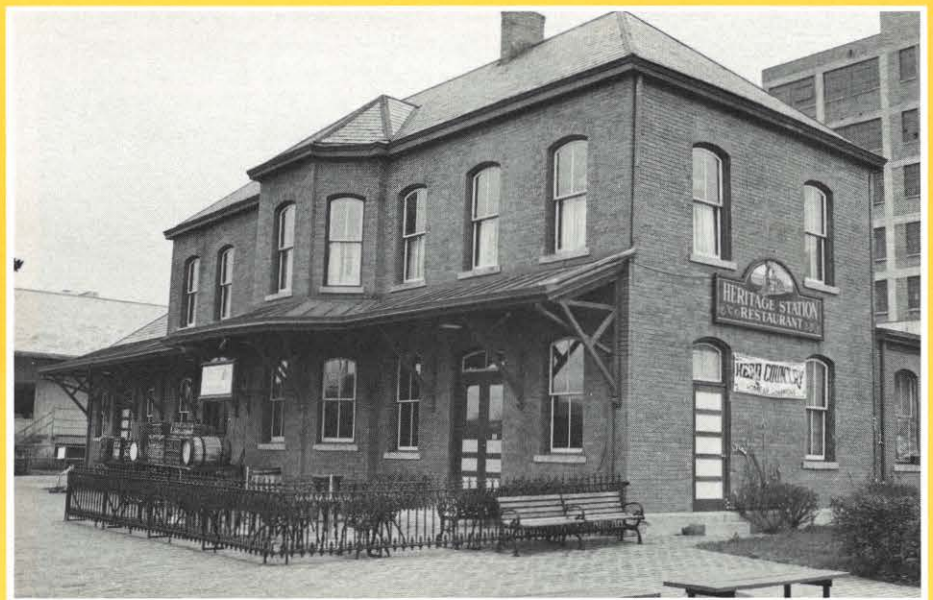
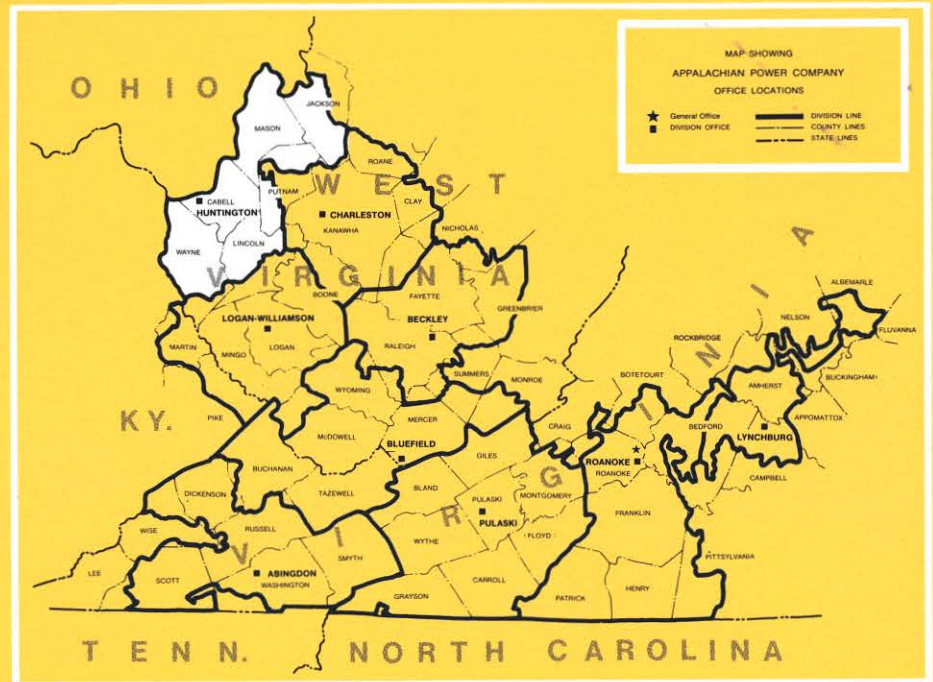
Located on the mid-section of the Ohio River at the point where West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky meet, Huntington can lay claim to being one of the best-planned cities in the country. Compared to others in the region, the city is relatively young, dating back only to 1869.

The first settlement at Huntington was a wharf in the Ohio River, called Holderby's Landing. A few people lived in small cabins and supplied food and clothing to the barge captains on the Ohio River. The nearby settlement at Guyandotte boasted small mills and farms, and a small college called Marshall Academy that enrolled 50 or so students. That was all that existed on the land in 1869 when Collis P. Huntington, who later became president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, led a surveying party along the Ohio River.

Huntington was a man of vision who foresaw that the country would expand westward and that railroads would be instrumental in that growth and expansion. A civil engineer by training, Huntington personally laid out the broad streets and avenues almost as if he had foreknowledge of the demands of modern traffic. Today these broad boulevards still intersect at right angles, which is quite uncommon in river towns. Huntington also set aside hundreds of acres of land for parks and recreation.

The building of the city of Huntington coincided with the construction of the railroad westward from the tide plains of Virginia and Maryland. By 1873 nearly 4,000 people had settled in the growing town. They worked in the railroad shops and helped drive the last spikes into the ties that held the rails for the first locomotives that arrived that year.

The C&O Railroad linked the East Coast with the Ohio River and expanded markets to the west along the river. Later the B&O Railroad and the Norfolk & Western Railway laid out track to the Huntington area. When the C&O merged with the B&O to form the Chessie System, it became the region's largest employer at that time.



Left: A statue of the city's founder, Collis P. Huntington. Bottom: Heritage Village, in downtown Huntington, was completed with funds from the National Center for the Preservation of Historic Sites. The Village, with its many stores, is centered around this old B&O Railroad station, which was converted to a quaintly decorated restaurant.

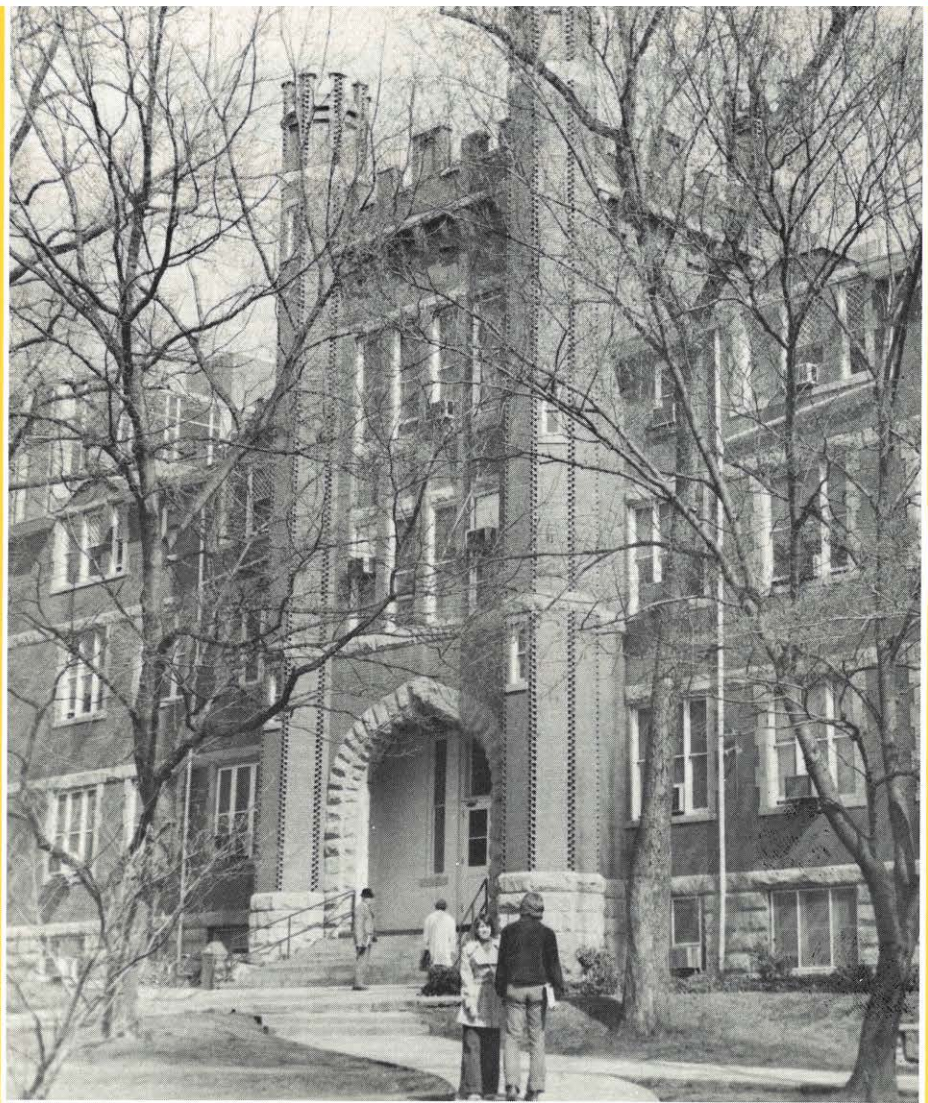
When ACF Industries became a major supplier of railroad rolling stock, it opened the metal fabrication industry to Huntington, and soon other metal working companies came to the city. The mining and use of natural resources has created other industries. Huntington is a major producer of equipment to mine and process coal. Abundant sand and natural gas spawned the glass industry, and natural gas is a major export to other states. Several apparel makers are located in Huntington, as well as factories producing chemicals and plastics.

The economy of Huntington has evolved into a strong and stable one. Today more than 100,000 people are employed in the production of goods and services in the Greater Huntington area. There are 195 industrial plants that turn out more than 400 different products.

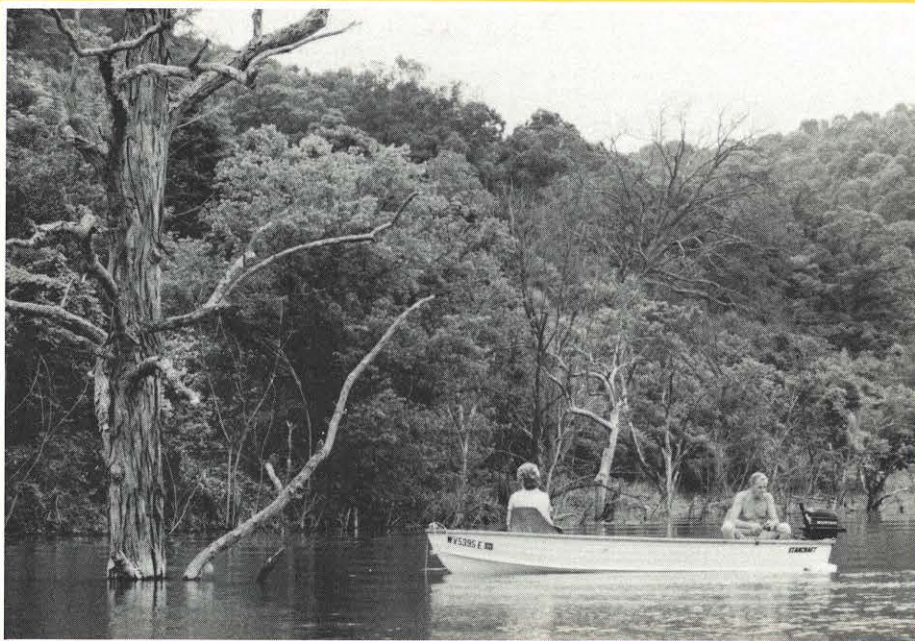
The Port of Huntington is among the busiest of any inland port in the world. Millions of tons of coal, sulphur, salt and other raw materials are shipped via the Ohio River to the Mississippi River, where they find their way to either the Great Lakes or to New Orleans and the world.

Point Pleasant

Two rivers, the Ohio and the Kanawha, wind through the Point Pleasant area of Huntington Division, on their way to the Mississippi. Indians named the place where the Ohio and the Kanawha meet "Tu-Endie-Wei", the point between two waters. Today that point is a part of the Town of Point Pleasant.



Established as "Marshall Academy" in 1838 and granted university status in 1961, Marshall University is located in the center of Huntington. The University offers academic majors through these divisions: College of Liberal Arts, College of Education, College of Business, School of Journalism, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, College of Science, Community College and the Graduate School.

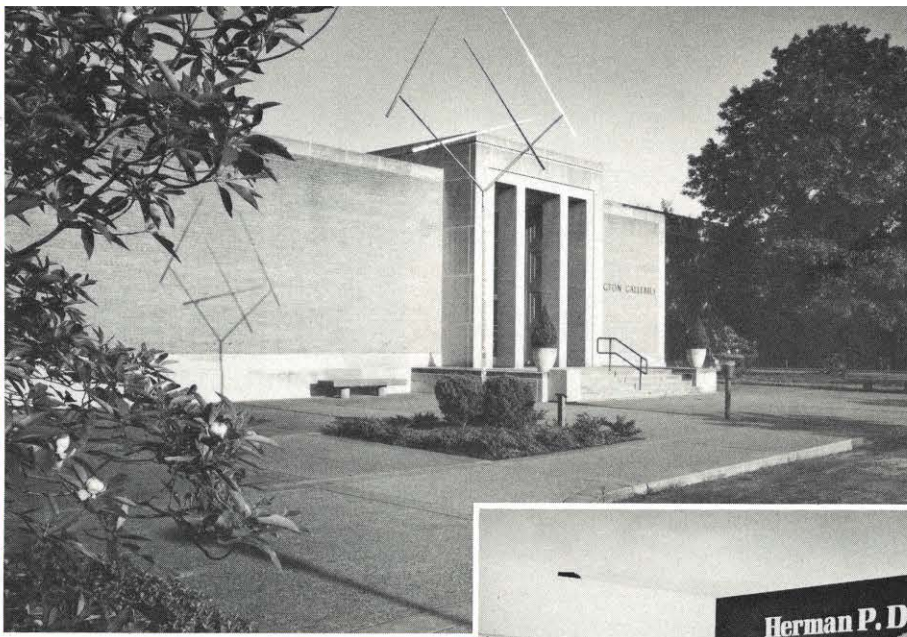


More than 20 percent of Huntington households own either a boat or camper. Boating and sailing on the Ohio River or the Beech Fork Lake (above) is a popular activity. Photo courtesy Huntington District, U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers.

The town's place in history is firmly marked by the famous Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774, the outstanding engagement of Lord Dunmore's War. It was here on October 10 that more than 1,100 Virginia militiamen, commanded by General Andrew Lewis, defeated an equal number of Indians led by Cornstalk, the Shawnee chieftain.

The result of this battle was a three years' peace in the frontiers along the Ohio and the Kanawha, making it possible for frontiersmen to join American Revolutionary forces and win the great struggle for freedom.

Over 100 years after this famous battle, a granite monument bearing the simple inscription of "Cornstalk" was erected in the courthouse square in memory of the fearless Indian warrior who was killed while on an errand of mercy. Two years and one month after the battle, Cornstalk came under a flag of truce to warn his white friends of a planned attack by the



The Huntington Galleries complex includes ten exhibition galleries, reference library, studio workshops, 300-seat auditorium, amphitheater, observatory, museum store, nature trails, sculpture garden and junior art museum.

Craftsmanship, style, and history are traced through the ages in the antique arms from the Herman P. Dean Firearms Collection featuring the development of the Kentucky rifle.

Indian tribes. The troopers at the post were so incensed over the slaying of a soldier by a hostile Indian that they shot Cornstalk and his son, despite official command that he was not to be harmed.

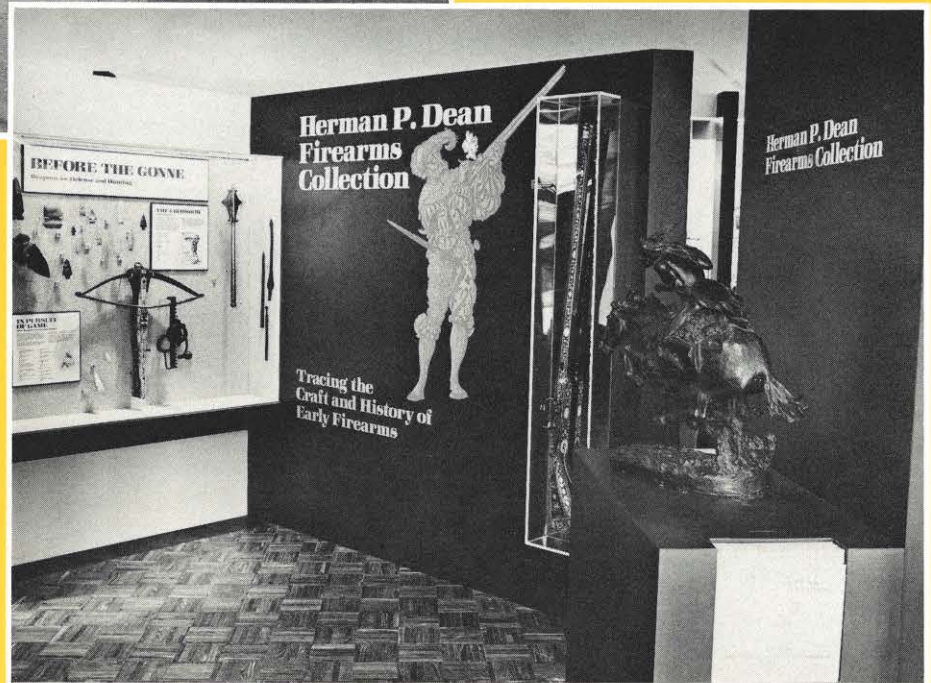
Another figure in American history left his mark on this section of West Virginia. Young George Washington surveyed some land grants in this area and in 1772 was awarded a large tract of land on the south side of the Kanawha River for his services in the French and Indian War.

Two counties, Mason and Jackson, now cover this historic area. Mason County was formed in 1804 from the western portion of Kanawha County and named for George Mason, author of the Constitution of Virginia and a member of the convention that framed the Constitution of the United States. Jackson County, formed in 1831 from parts of Kanawha, Wood and Mason counties, was named for Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States.

First utility companies

At a time when the old packets were making their runs up the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, electricity was introduced in Point Pleasant. Loring and Burnside built a plant in 1888. Two years later Dave Snyder bought the equipment from Loring and Burnside and moved it to what was later known as the Lee Electric Building at Eleventh Street.

The Point Pleasant Water and Light Company was incorporated in 1899 by T. Stribling, J. C. Spencer, C. C. Bowyer, J. F. McCulloch and Homer Smith. The company was acquired in 1926 by J. B. Posten who, with his father, owned the River Counties Power Company.



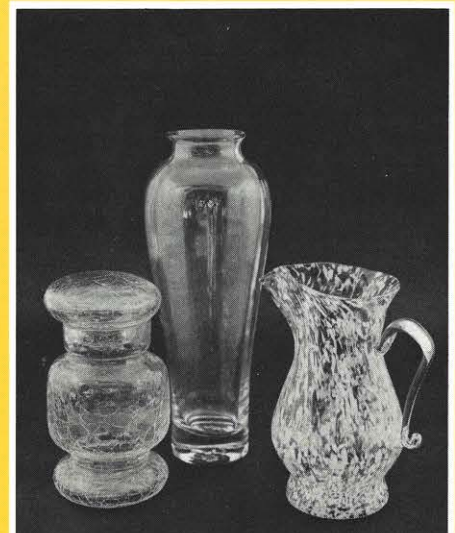
In 1938 the River Counties Power Company was consolidated with and changed its name to the Point Pleasant Water and Light Company. That same year, J. B. Posten sold the company to the then Columbus and Southern Ohio Power Company, which continued to operate it under its old name. Point Pleasant Water and Light was acquired by Appalachian Electric Power Company in September 1942.

Electric lights came to Huntington on November 15, 1886, when 15 street arc lamps went into service. The city's first electric generating unit was located at the rear of the Florentine Hotel and consisted of a 25 arc light dynamo, one boiler and a 125 hp engine. A brush dynamo was added in 1889 when the equipment was moved to a lot on Fourth Avenue.

That same year an electric railway began operating in the city. The lighting system and the electric railway system were

merged in 1892 by the Consolidated Light & Railway Company. These properties became a part of the electric railway lines operated by the Ohio Valley Electric Company in 1899.

The glass industry has brought fame to West Virginia. Pilgrim and Blenko glass factories, located in Huntington Division, are major producers of art glass.



In 1900 the power plant was moved to a new powerhouse on the Ohio River bank at Johnson's Lane. The powerhouse was discontinued the following year and a substation was built for current received from a generating station in Ashland, Kentucky. Current from three 400 kw generators was stepped up to 11,000 volts for transmission into Huntington.

Demand for electricity kept growing so that the Ashland supply became inadequate, and in 1904 the Kenova power plant was built. The equipment consisted of three 600 kw generators, three engines and four 400 hp boilers.

The Consolidated Light & Railway Company changed its name to the Consolidated Light, Heat & Power Company on June 2, 1912. In 1916 it acquired the distribution system of the Citizens Light & Ice Company, which had been chartered in Huntington in 1908.

In November 1916 the Consolidated Light, Heat & Power Company purchased the Kenova Plant, which had been enlarged several times, from the Ohio Valley Electric Railway Company. From 1917 to 1922 the Kenova Plant was remodeled until total generator capacity was 21,150 kilowatts. In March 1923, the Consolidated Light, Heat & Power Company deeded all its property to the Consolidated Power & Light Com-

pany. In April 1926 Consolidated sold its property to Appalachian Electric Power Company, incorporated on March 4 of that year.

The Future

"The economy of our region has been influenced greatly by an excellent quality of life here along the Ohio River," says Huntington Division Manager Fred Helm. "Much is being done to capitalize on the arts, higher education, health care, recreation and climate to lure business and industry to the area.

"Active community leaders, through our chambers of commerce, are developing six industrial parks in our service area, which are providing jobs and stability to the employment scene.

"The improvement in the national economy has seen recalls of employees by such firms as Kaiser Aluminum, American Car and Foundry, Steel of West Virginia, Chessie System and others.

"New residential service installations are up considerably over this time last year. Completion of the new Huntington Mall and Huntington downtown superblock developments will further strengthen our economic base.

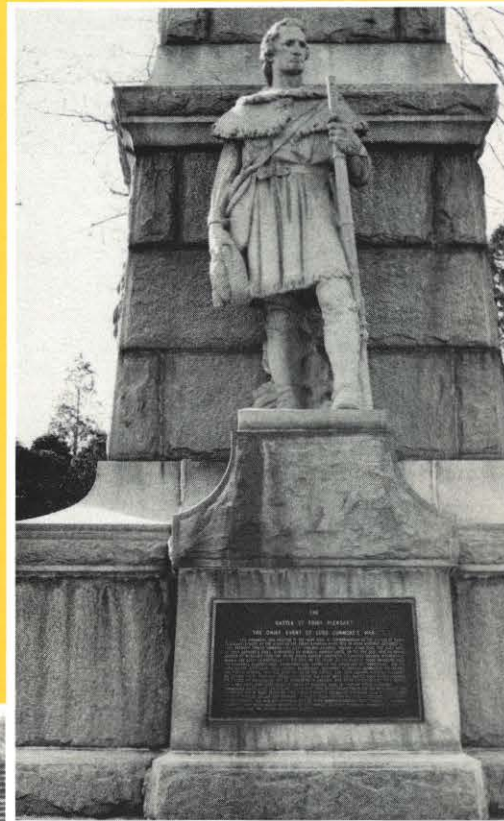
"I am optimistic about the future of our operating area." □

Statistics

(12/31/83)

Area served — sq. miles	1,966
Customers	97,243
Miles of line	
Transmission	696
Distribution	4,580
Employees	277
Annual Payroll	\$6.5 million

This monument, dedicated in 1909, commemorates the Battle of Point Pleasant, the chief event of Lord Dunmore's War.



The Mansion House on the grounds of Tu-Endi-Wei Park in Point Pleasant was constructed in 1796 by Walter Newman, the town's first English-speaking citizen. Once used as a tavern and public meeting place, it now houses a museum. Photos courtesy Point Pleasant Register.



TORNADO

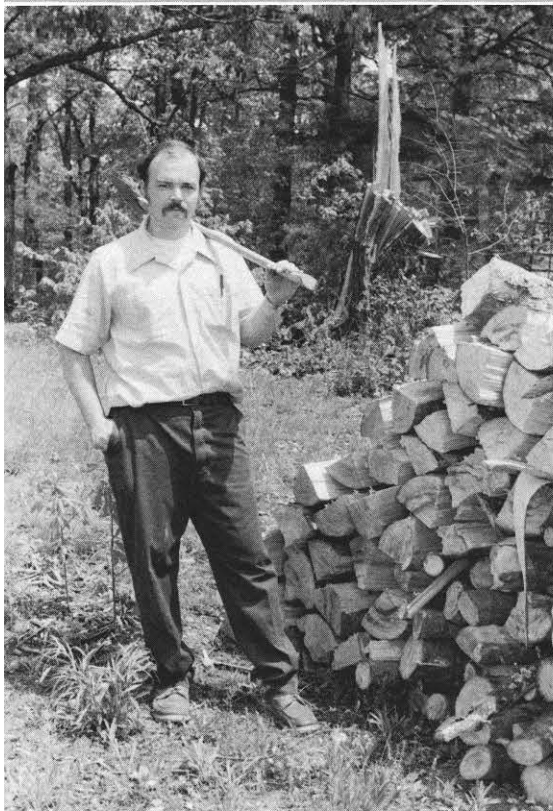
Sometime during the early morning hours of Sunday, May 6, a violent thunderstorm passed through Sandy Level, Virginia, knocking out electric service. Three-year-old Christopher Worsham awoke and scurried to the safety of his parents' bed. The storm passed, and the Worshams were still asleep when suddenly a window pane shattered on the bed.

Kenneth Worsham, maintenance mechanic C at Smith Mountain Hydro, recalls, "I woke up when my wife Marilyn screamed. We had the shade pulled and couldn't see out the window. But the house started shaking and shook for about 20 or 30 seconds. I could hear a lot of wind whirling outside, so I figured maybe it was a tornado.

"The wind slowed down and became steady, so we got up and started down-



Kenneth Worsham surveys the damage done to his home when a tornado ripped away the front porch.



Kenneth Worsham estimates he has a year's supply of wood from the trees downed by the tornado. Note the splintered tree trunk in the background.

stairs. Marilyn looked out a downstairs window and said, 'The porch is gone.' I thought maybe a tree had fallen and knocked it down; but, when I looked out the front door, the porch was totally gone."

Kenneth continues, "My folks live just down the road, so we got dressed to go and see if they were all right. When we got outside, I could see the debris from my porch scattered 500 to 600 yards through the field. The tornado had twisted the tops out of three trees and blown down six others in our yard. When the porch was pulled off, part of the siding went with it and left the bare insulation. Apparently the porch was blown up over the top of the house because you could see where it hit the edge of the roof.

"I just thank God no one was hurt," Kenneth adds. "We were sleeping right next to the porch. Another ten feet and the tornado would have taken us with it.

"When we got down to mom's house, two huge oak trees — they're so big that two men's arms wouldn't reach around them — were down in the yard. We had to pick our way through the limbs into the house. All of us were shook up. We

called the neighbors to see how they were — the phone still worked off and on — and none of them knew that there had been anything but a bad thunderstorm."

Kenneth continues, "I called the preacher to tell him what happened and asked him to take over my Sunday school class. Then Marilyn began calling her family, and some of her relatives came with chain saws and a wood splitter. As the day went on, we probably had 70 or more people helping. We had a lot of sightseers, too, who came by just to see what was going on.

"You know, it seems strange that a little plastic rabbit of Christopher's was still sitting in the yard. And a wooden sign with our name on it and an ornamental eagle were still attached to the front of the house. Christopher went around telling people, 'The wind broke my house and blew my porch away. My rabbit saw the wind blowing and cried and woke us up.'"

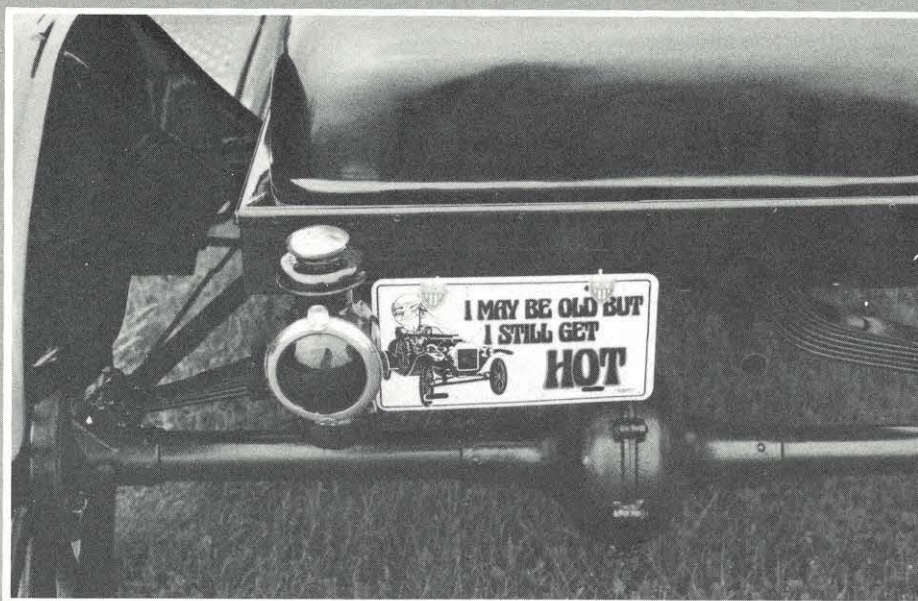
Kenneth concludes, "It took us a couple hours to get over the shock. But then, I guess you never really get over something like that. We have a lot to be thankful for." □

"I like the sense of accomplishment you get by doing everything yourself," claims John Goodwin, an instructor in industrial maintenance at Washington County Technical School. After John and his wife Nancy, a customer accounts representative B in Abingdon, built their own house several years ago, he turned this attention to the restoration of antique cars.

John currently is the owner of a restored 1952 Ford two-door sedan and a 1915 Ford Model T. "I just kind of married into the Model T," he says. "A man in Lynchburg bought the car at an auction for \$5.76, and Nancy's uncle, W. L. Owens, traded a six-cylinder truck motor for it. Her uncle and I became partners, and it took me the better part of twelve years to restore it."



ANTIQUE CAR BUFF



John continues, "I stopped working on the Model T for five years while we were building our house, and then I had to go back and start restoration all over again. I had left the car in a shed with a dirt floor, and everything had rusted."

The photographs John has uphold his statement that "the car was in pitiful shape when I started." He bought the Model T's 22-horsepower engine for \$15 from a man who used it to power a wood saw. "I put it back to its original intention," he says.

Restoring the engine was a relatively simple task, according to John. The real work involved restoring the Model T's wooden skelton which holds the sheet metal to the car's frame. It helped that John once was an instructor of wood-working. But the job was a difficult one,

nonetheless. He recalls, "It is some of the most difficult woodwork I've ever done. I built every piece of wood. It was a struggle."

The Model T has been restored to mint condition with parts secured from twelve states and Canada. It has a tilted or "fat man's" steering wheel, a brass radiator,

This car is known as a mild street custom. It has been nosed (hood emblem removed and filled), frenched (headlights tunneled), and decked (trunk emblem removed and filled). It has porta walls (removable white sidewalls), tear-drop spotlights, curb feelers, lakes pipes,

John also has a 1939 Lincoln Zephyr which he plans to convert to a street rod. "Nobody in his right mind would make a street rod out of that, but I am anyway," he says. "It is too rough to make a good antique. I am also working on a 1935 Ford flat back round track dirt race car. When I was in high school, I used to



and kerosene-burning parking lights and tail lights. "You open it up, light your wick, adjust the flame, and away you go," John laughs. Another accessory is the hand-operated windshield wiper. "I made the brass rings which hold the headlights in place because you can't buy them," John adds. "A 1915 Ford is a neat car because it was the last year Fords had brass radiators and the first year they had electric headlights.

"I showed the Model T in five car shows and got four first place and one second place," John notes. Obviously, a car such as this is considered valuable. However, John says, "Something is worth only what a buyer will give. But I haven't put a price on it because it isn't for sale. I'm going to enjoy it.

"I would probably sell the blue one," John says, referring to the 1952 Ford sedan. "I have probably enjoyed that Ford as much as I can stand. But I would sell it only to finance the next one.

"I spent about a year's spare time in restoring the '52," John says. I did all the mechanical and body work and painting, everything except the interior and the pin striping. I did have to send off the bumpers to be rechromed.

"Parts from three other cars are on the inside of the Ford," John explains. "The grill is from a '54 Chevrolet, and it has Oldsmobile tail lights. It also has a flathead V-8 engine. The year 1953 was the last year for flathead V-8s."

suicide knob on the steering wheel, pin striping, and fender skirts.

"I took the car to a show one time," John says, "but there wasn't a class for it. I still have to get door handles and do some wiring, but I am in no hurry to finish it."

John adds, "When we are on vacation, one of the things we keep an eye out for is junk yards, which might have some parts I can use. I try to get up to Hershey, Pennsylvania, every October. That is the location of the world's largest flea market for antique car parts. There are 60 acres of people with car junk in little 20' x 30' spots."

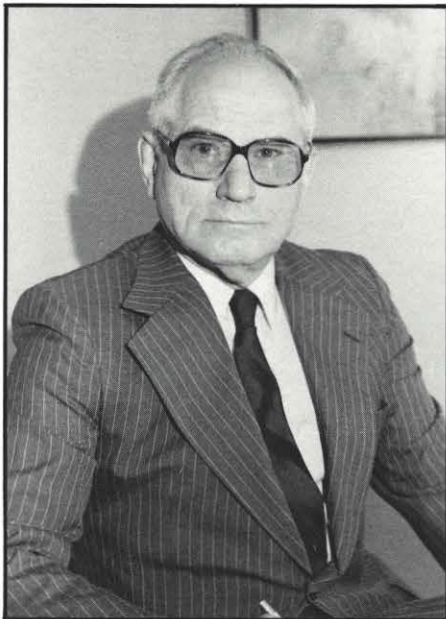
watch the man who previously owned that car race on Saturday nights at Haysi. I bought it about a year ago. There is no motor, no front and no rear end, just a body and a roll cage, but it has possibilities."

John concludes, "I am not in business to restore vehicles to make a profit on them, but that doesn't mean I wouldn't restore one for somebody else if the price is right. Later on, as my skills improve and as the economy improves, that might be a good parttime business." □



Retirements

Dick Youngman



"My experiences with the company have been challenging and diversified," says Dick Youngman, who retired June 1 as general services manager, GO General Services, Roanoke.

"Being involved in T&D operations, transportation, office services, building maintenance and construction, and records, I never experienced a dull day as there were always new problems to be resolved.

"It would be most difficult to select any one individual who helped me along my career path because there were many. But having a top notch secretary was a great asset."

Dick adds, "The most interesting part of my work was the hiring of new people and watching their development within the company.

"I appreciate the fact that the company was always supportive of my membership in the Army Reserves." (He retired as a lieutenant colonel.) "I'm proud, too, that I never had a significant injury or a lost time accident.

"For the past year I have been acquiring power tools for woodworking, which is my number one hobby. I enjoy buying and restoring antique furniture. I also plan to get in some fishing and golf. My wife and I will travel some and meet each day as it comes." □

Hilda Zontini



Hilda Zontini, Charleston customer accounts representative A, elected early retirement June 1, bringing a 41-year utility career to a close.

A graduate of Capitol City Commercial College, Hilda worked as a clerk and senior cashier before moving to the Contract Section in 1968.

Hilda says, "I have worked hard all the years I have been here. I feel like I have given the company as much as it has given me. I am sure I will miss all my co-workers."

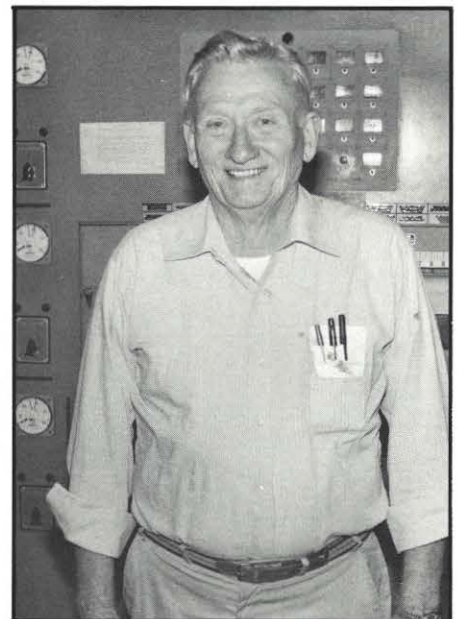
She adds, "I appreciate the company's benefits program. I found it necessary to use the medical benefit at times. Overall, our benefits are excellent.

"I have no real plans for retirement. I will just take it day by day, doing what I want to when I want to. I have never had that chance before because I have worked all my life."

Hilda adds, "My husband was a high school social studies teacher before retiring last year. If I can get him off the golf course, we may travel some. My cousin and I have taken several trips together. I am a great Cincinnati Reds fan, and we enjoy going to see them play."

One of Hilda's favorite pastimes is reading, particularly historical books and romances. □

Birdie Wren



Shift work and middle-of-the night call-outs are things of the past for Birdie Wren, who elected early retirement June 1 from his job as unit supervisor at Clinch River Plant.

Employed in 1952 as a utility operator at the Radford Army Ammunition Steam Plant, then operated by Appalachian, Birdie transferred to Clinch in 1958.

"I worked for several companies before joining Appalachian," Birdie recalls. "If there were outages, we would be sent home without pay until we were called back. With Appalachian, I never lost any pay. I always got my 40-hour week. I liked that, and it is the reason I stayed."

Birdie continues, "Everything has been good about the company as far as I am concerned. We have good insurance, and it helped me through sickness. I just wish we had had the savings plan when I went to work. After 30 years, I could easily have been independently rich."

He adds, "Traveling is my biggest hobby, and that is the reason I took early retirement. We're going to be visiting our daughter in South Carolina and son in Georgia a lot more. If we find someplace we like better than here, we'll move. But we'll continue living in Cleveland at least a year." □

Jim McCormick



"I was glad to get a job, and now I'm glad to go," says Jim McCormick. A 38-year veteran, he was a driver-ground helper in the St. Albans area of Charleston Division before electing early retirement June 1.

Jim adds, "My father, Bill McCormick, retired from the Charleston Meter Department in 1952.

"My wife and I have traveled a lot, and we are going to do a lot more. We have several trips planned for this summer. Next year we want to go west to California, then up into Canada and Alaska.

"We have always liked Florida, and a few years ago we bought a condo in St. Petersburg. We expect to be living there in the winters. We also have a lot in Florida; and, if we don't like condo living, we will build a house."

Jim continues, "I have never played golf, but that is one thing I figure on taking up. As a matter of fact, I plan to do a whole bunch of things I never had time for before."

Jim served in the Pacific Theater with the U.S. Army during World War II. He and his wife have a son and a daughter and four grandchildren. □

Nazarewycz earns wings



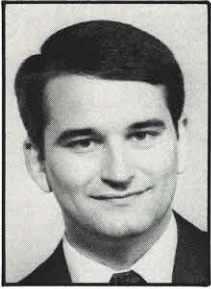
Nazarewycz

Vicky Lynn Nazarewycz was carrying on a family tradition when she earned a private pilot license in March. Vicky, a stores clerk B at Philip Sporn Plant, says, "My father has been a pilot ever since I was a baby. And my younger brother, Jim, began flying when he got out of college and received his license in April 1983."

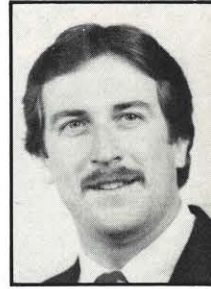
She continues, "My father and brother bought a Cessna 150 airplane, and I flew with them quite a bit. When dad told me there was no reason I couldn't learn to fly too, I started ground school at Amburgey Aviation, Mason County Airport. I had my first solo flight on July 12, 1983."

Vicky's enthusiasm has rubbed off on her husband, Lew, an equipment operator at Mountaineer Plant. He is also taking training for his pilot license. □

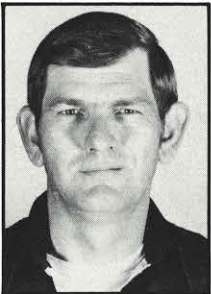
Promotions



Gregory S. Campbell, accounting staff assistant, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was promoted to administrative assistant to the treasurer, AEP Service Corporation, Columbus, on June 1. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the College of William and Mary.



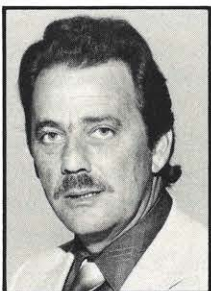
Robert Conaway Wagner, Roanoke electrical engineer, was promoted to area supervisor in the Rocky Mount area of Roanoke Division on June 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. □



Gaines Webb, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington, was promoted to transmission line supervisor, Kentucky Power GO T&D Transmission, Ashland, on April 14.



Alex Yazdani, electrical engineer, was promoted to engineering technologist supervisor in Bluefield on May 1, succeeding Jack Newland, who elected early retirement. Yazdani holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.



Jack E. Hunt, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor non-exempt in Kingsport on April 28.



Arnold R. Ford, line crew supervisor nonexempt, was promoted to line crew supervisor exempt in Kingsport on May 1.

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Kropp co-authors article

E. L. "Skip" Kropp, environmental affairs director of Appalachian Power Company, co-authored an article entitled "Guilty or Not Guilty — Only Your Statistician Knows for Sure", which appeared in the April issue of The Environmental Forum, a publication of the Environmental Law Institute.

The article was adapted from a paper prepared for the Air Pollution Control Association by Kropp and David M. Flannery, an attorney with Robinson & McElwee, Charleston, W. Va. The authors discuss measurement errors, inherent in most analytical processes, which are particularly troublesome when the sample result is outside compliance limits but within the probable margin of error. They argue that the scientist and lawyer need to recognize in these cases that neither science nor law is precise. □

Zimmer nuclear fuel sold

Nuclear fuel once intended to be used in the Zimmer Plant in Ohio will now be used in the Susquehanna Plant in Pennsylvania.

The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, builder of the Zimmer Plant, announced last month that it and its two co-owners (The Dayton Power and Light Company and Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company) had reached agreement to sell the 115-ton initial core of nuclear fuel, intended for use at Zimmer, to Pennsylvania Power and Light Company.

The unused fuel, on site at Zimmer since 1979, will be transported over the next two months to a nuclear fuel facility for refabrication prior to its delivery to PP&L's Susquehanna Plant at Berwick, Pennsylvania. In March, CG&E had informed the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that all fuel at Zimmer would be removed no later than August 31.

CG&E, DP&L and C&SOE had announced in January that Zimmer, initially built as a nuclear station, would be converted to coal-fired operation. □

Who's News

Abingdon



Jim Farmer, Lebanon area supervisor, was elected president of the Lebanon Lions Club for 1984-85.

□

John Amos

Tim Chatting and Chan Roush were members of the all-star Cross Lanes Midget League basketball team which had a season record of 15-0 and captured five tournament wins. Tim is the son of Philip Chatting, performance technician, and Chan is the son of Terry Roush, plant engineer.

Travis, eight-year-old son of Charles Morgan, stores attendant, earned a green belt in karate at the Teays Valley Karate Club.

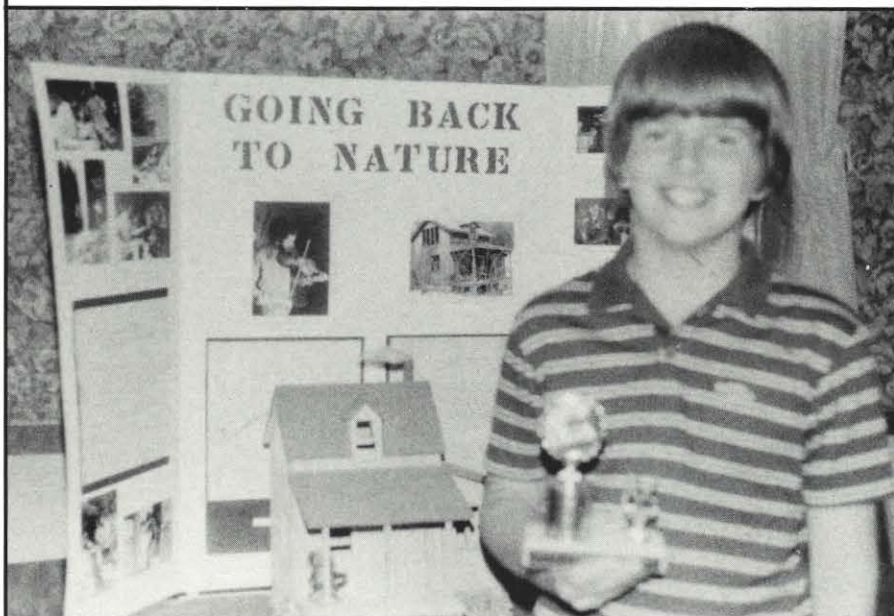
Jennifer, twelve-year-old daughter of Sandy Richardson, plant clerk C, passed her civil service communications exam and was appointed assistant communications director of the Putnam County Division of the Civil Air Patrol. □

Science winner



Barry, son of Robert "Pete" Payne, Amos Plant unit supervisor, won two first place ribbons for his science project during the Mountaineer Association of Christian Schools fine arts and academic competition in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Social studies fair winners



Sons of two Amos Plant employees were winners in the Kanawha County social studies fair. Top photo: Chan, son of Terry Roush, plant engineer, won first place in the anthropology division for his project entitled "going back to nature". A fourth grader at Point Harmony Elementary School, Chan was assisted by Matt LaBarbara. Bottom photo: Andy (left), son of Bernard Schmidt, II, performance engineer, won first place in the political science division for his project entitled "Tammany Hall — the beginning". A sixth grader at Tyler Elementary School, Andy was assisted by Vincent Turley.



Huntington

New officers of the Huntington Jaycees include **Larry Jackson**, energy services engineer, administrative vice president; **Mark McVey**, electrical engineer, internal vice president; and **Elvin Epting**, electrical engineering supervisor, state director. □

Philip Sporn

Airman **Robert Houdashelt** has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, after completing Air Force basic training. He will now receive specialized instruction in the communications-electronics systems field. Robert is the son of Paul Houdashelt, maintenance mechanic B. □

Bluefield golf tourney



Forty-five employees and guests participated in the Bluefield Division Spring Golf Tournament held at the Fincastle Country Club, Bluefield, Virginia. Winners included: kneeling, l. to r., Mike Farmer, general servicer, third place — third flight; and Robert Gruver, stores assistant, first place — second flight. Standing, Bob Farley, Princeton area supervisor, second place — second flight; Dan Sayers, GO T&D r/w maintenance coordinator senior, first place — first flight; and Buck Branscome, line crew supervisor, third place — second flight. Other winners not pictured are Jack Hawks, line crew supervisor, third place — first flight; and Woody Ball, marketing and customer services advisor, second place — first flight.

Kanawha River



Williamson



Pauley

Joel, son of George Williamson, III, tractor-conveyor operator, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Montgomery Middle School. The seventh grader has a 3.7 scholastic average and is a member of the school's football and

basketball teams.

Tracy, daughter of Audra Pauley, secretary, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Elkview Junior High School, where she is an eighth grader. She has a 3.9 scholastic average and is co-editor of the newspaper, a majorette, and a member of the band and track team.

Bobby, son of Gloria Saunders, plant clerk B, received honorable mention in the seventh grade drug and alcohol science project at Cedar Grove Community School. □

Bluefield



Jim Reynolds, station crew supervisor nonexempt, was elected to a two-year term as mayor of the Town of Pocahontas, Virginia.

Jesse Ruble, line mechanic A, had a running time of 35:40 to take second place in the 6.2 mile (10K) Heart & Sole Classic held at Glenwood Park. The runners raised \$1,700 for the Heart Fund. Jesse also ran in the Bluefield Community Hospital 6.2-mile (10K) run, setting a personal record of 34:28. He came in first in his age division and fifth overall in the race. □

Black Belt



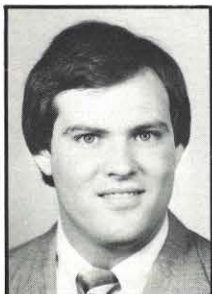
Stephanie Dawn, daughter of Danny McKeand, Huntington junior clerk, has earned a black belt in Tae Kwon Do Korean style karate. The ten-year-old is a student at the Korean Karate Academy in Huntington, where she has been attending classes several times weekly. She earned the black belt in two and a half years of training.

Eagle Scout



Dan, son of Phillip Arrington, Bluefield line mechanic A, has earned the rank of Eagle, the highest award in Boy Scouting. A member of Appalachian Council Troop 14, he has served as scribe, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and senior patrol leader and has received the W. Grady Carper Award for leadership and World Conservation Award from the Council. He is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Hytome Lodge No. 416. Dan will be a staff member at the Appalachian Council summer camp. A ninth grader at Bluefield Junior High School, Dan is in the gifted program, band and drama club.

Roanoke



Rob Glenn, Jr., power engineer, was elected president of the Roanoke Jaycees for a one-year term.

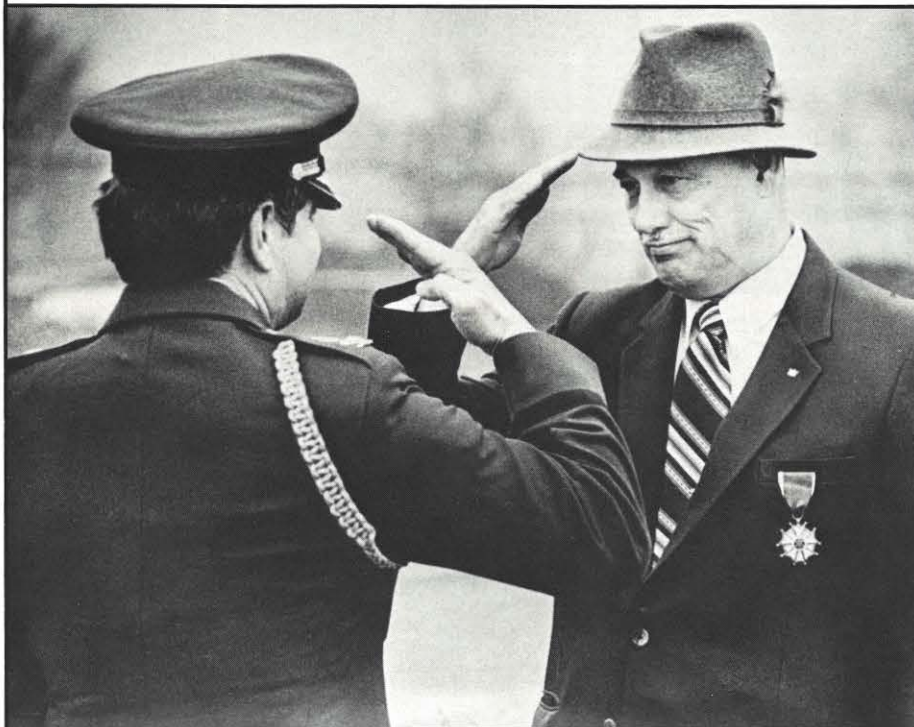
Amy, daughter of J. E. Nichols, Jr., Fieldale general line inspector, won first place in vaulting at the Foothills District gymnastics competition. She now advances to the Virginia High School state competition.

Greg Holland, customer accounts assistant, was elected to a one-year term as director of the Roanoke Jaycees. □

Charleston

Amy Beth, daughter of Pete Perry, line mechanic A, was named spring festival queen at Elk Valley Christian School. □

Reservist honored



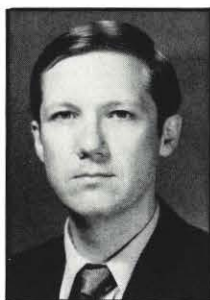
Sgt. Maj. Paul Purdy was awarded the Legion of Merit in ceremonies at the headquarters of the U.S. Army 80th Division Training Command, Salem, Virginia. The Legion of Merit is the most prestigious peacetime medal available for reservists. The husband of Jane Purdy, fleet office supervisor, GO General Services, Roanoke, Paul retired last year after 38 years in the Army Reserves.

Math and science fair winners



The daughters of Harold Crosier, data processing operator B, GO Accounting, Roanoke, won awards in Glenvar High School's Math and Science Fair. Andrea, right, won second place in senior division math for her project on COBOL programming. Angela, left, won second place in junior division math for her project entitled "Viruses: Living or Not" and special award in science and technology.

General Office



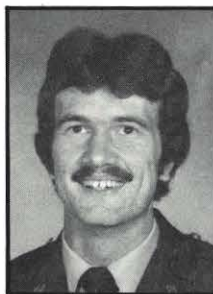
Raymond Totten, tax accounting supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke, was elected president of the Administrative Management Society, Roanoke Chapter.

Using a 4-iron, **Frank Cook**, associate programmer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, shot a hole-in-one on the 163-yard sixth hole at Countryside Golf Course. He is a member of the Appalachian Evening Golf League.

Heather, daughter of D. R. Dent, station design supervisor, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, played guard for the North Roanoke Pig-tail League Blazers, which compiled a 22-0 record to capture the Roanoke County and Southwest Virginia basketball championships.

Charles Akers, station mechanic, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, was elected commander of AMVETS, Post 40, Roanoke. AMVETS is a civic and social organization whose membership consists of American veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. □

Pulaski



Mike, son of Gene Musser, Hillsville line crew supervisor nonexempt, was named to the 1983-84 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges".

Joe Moore, Pearisburg line mechanic A, was elected to the Rich Creek Town Council.

Reelected to another two-year term on the board of directors of the Fine Arts

Center of New River Valley were **Jerry Whitehurst**, division manager; **Harry Jennings**, records supervisor; and **Edna**, wife of Bob Love, engineering supervisor.

Daphna, wife of Clarence Rosenbaum, retired Galax line foreman nonexempt, was installed as Martha by the Galax #165 Eastern Star chapter.

Gary, son of Dorothy Whitaker, retired personnel assistant, was named a vice president in the textile manufacturing division of Springs Industries, Lancaster, South Carolina.

Glenda Wohlford, secretary, was installed as recording secretary for the

New River Valley Chapter, Professional Secretaries International.

Mary, wife of Division Manager Jerry Whitehurst, had several paintings on display recently. During April and May, one of her paintings was on display in the Virginia Watercolor Society Show at the Bayley Museum, University of Virginia. She also had paintings in the Alternative Gallery at Roanoke's Center in the Square and in the Lewis-Gale Medical Foundation flower painting exhibition. Mary also had a painting in this year's Artemis Magazine, which features artists and writers working in the Blue Ridge. □

Kingsport's JA company honored



Admiring the awards won by "The Electric Company" are, 1. to r., Howard Hudson; Kingsport Power President John Faust; Brad Dean; Kay Powell; Debbie Church and Eugene Fields.

"The Electric Company", sponsored by Kingsport Power, ranked among the top five companies in the Kingsport Junior Achievement program for 1983-84.

At the annual Future Unlimited banquet, "The Electric Company" was awarded trophies for the best management company, best product of the year, and best company attendance for the year as well as a second place plaque for company of the year.

Brad Dean, president of "The Electric Company", was named achiever of the year. He won a \$1,000 scholarship contributed by the Kingsport Times-News and Neighbor in competition based on a

point rating system, plus evaluations by his school and JA advisors.

"The Electric Company" produced and sold magazine racks that look like toy wagons, made from coca-cola and pepsi cases. The company had total sales of \$2,439.11 and returned to its stockholders \$1.25 per share on their original \$1.00 investment.

Advisors for "The Electric Company" are Kay Powell, customer accounts clerk B; Debbie Church, junior clerk; Eugene Fields, engineering technician senior; and Howard Hudson, engineering supervisor. □

Weddings



Stiltner-Owens



Kirby-Savasta



Twohig-Lemon



Estes-Lawson



Gillette-McDaniel



Peters-Hanks



Shelton-Drenner

Penny Ruth Owens to **Gary Dean Stiltner**, line mechanic B in the Grundy area of Bluefield Division, April 20.

Sandra Kay Savasta to **Frank Robert Kirby**, April 28. Frank is the son of James A. Kirby, Beckley T&D clerk A.

Karen Lemon, Huntington customer accounts representative C, to James Twohig, April 19.

Vicki Leigh Lawson to Edward Sewell Estes, Jr. Vicki is the daughter of Roy Lawson, retired Pulaski customer accounting supervisor.

Judith Ann McDaniel to **Glenn Robert Gillette**, April 14. Glenn is the son of George R. Gillette, retired Lynchburg collector.

Gail Bonneau Hanks to **Ira Gregory Peters**, May 12. Greg is the son of Ira B. Peters, Roanoke division personnel supervisor.

Denise Drenner, Charleston meter reader, to James R. Shelton, April 14.

Kimberly McClellan to **Daniel Joe Workman**, April 14. Daniel is the son of Mary Workman, Mountaineer plant clerk A.

Susan Burns, Mountaineer Plant utility operator A, to **Mike Trent**, Mountaineer Plant maintenance mechanic B, April 19.

Robin Trent to **David Anderson**, Beckley T&D clerk, January 21.

Elizabeth "Wayne" Meadows, Mountaineer Plant utility operator A, to Ken Cooper, Mountaineer Plant unit supervisor, April 9.

Regina Logan, Charleston T&D clerk C, to Ralph Kent, April 20. □

Births

John Amos

Kristina Beth, daughter of **Christopher Tyer**, utility operator A, April 12.

Katie Beth, daughter of **Keith Woodson**, utility operator A, April 13.

Patrick Michael, II, son of **Patrick Farry**, utility worker, April 23.

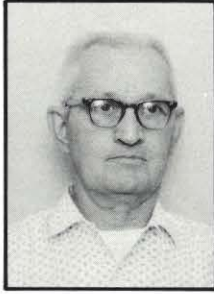
Leslie Carolyn, daughter of **William Scott**, equipment operator C, May 4. □

Wed 50 years

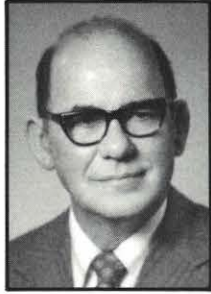


Carl and Myrtle Keatley celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in March with a reception given by their children at the Bozoo Ruritan Community Building. Carl is a retired maintenance mechanic B at Glen Lyn Plant. The Keatleys have six children, thirteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Their daughter, Carol, is the wife of Lloyd Jackson, Glen Lyn unit supervisor.

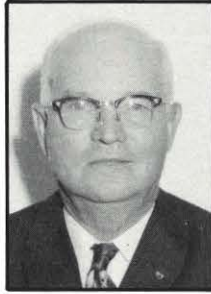
Friends We'll Miss



Maynor



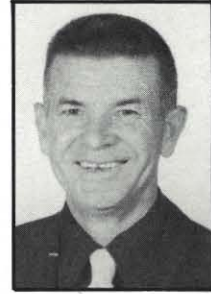
Kelley



Wiley



Callaway



Justis

Earl N. Maynor, 77, retired transmission clerk senior, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, died April 27. A native of Mt. Hope, West Virginia, he was employed in 1938 as a clerk and retired March 1, 1969. Maynor is survived by his widow Mildred, 668 Cumberland Road, Bluefield, W. Va., and one son.

William Anderson Kelley, 72, retired Lynchburg general serviceman, died May 10. A native of Crewe, Virginia, he was employed in 1934 as a laborer and retired August 1, 1974. Kelley is survived by his widow Lillian, 516 Oakridge Boulevard, Lynchburg, Va., and one son.

Ira Wiley, 94, retired Glen Lyn Plant coal and ash handling supervisor, died May 12. A native of Willowton, West Virginia, he began his career in 1919 as a coal handling foreman and retired April 1, 1955. Wiley is survived by one son, two grandchildren, two half-sisters and one half-brother. He served on the Glen Lyn, Va., Town Council since the town was incorporated in 1926 and was mayor for six consecutive terms. Prior to his death, Wiley had been advised by the Giles County Board of Supervisors that, in accordance with requests from Glen Lyn citizens, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation will call the new bridge across New River at Glen Lyn the Ira Wiley Bridge, and a plaque bearing his name will be placed on the bridge.

Murray R. "Duck" Callaway, 76, retired Bluefield right of way agent, died April 29. A native of Bluefield, Virginia, he was employed in 1938 as a clerk stenographer and retired January 1, 1972. Callaway is survived by his widow Ellen, 501 Tazewell Avenue, Bluefield, Virginia; two sons; one daughter and six grandchildren.

Major Ferris Justis, 71, retired master maintenance man at Philip Sporn Plant, died May 20. A native of Hartford, West Virginia, he began his career in 1951 as a laborer and elected early retirement

August 1, 1976. Justis is survived by his widow Irene, Box 33, Mason, W. Va.; one daughter; one son; one sister; one brother; one stepbrother and four grandchildren. □

Burns honored for lifesaving

Bruce Burns, Charleston line mechanic C, has been presented the American Red Cross certificate of recognition for utilizing Red Cross lifesaving skills to save a human life.

The incident occurred earlier this year while Bruce was working trouble following a snowstorm. Noticing a man collapse, Bruce ran to help while his partner called an ambulance. By the time Bruce reached the scene, the victim had stopped breathing and had no pulse. Bruce started CPR and, after about two minutes, the man was breathing on his own. CPR was administered twice more, with help from others in the area, before the man could be transported to a local hospital.

Bruce recalls, "It's an experience I'll never forget. I had learned about CPR through the Boy Scouts and television programs, but I never knew the proper techniques until I was in the company first aid and CPR classes." □

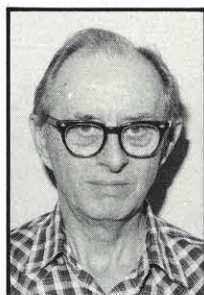


Burns

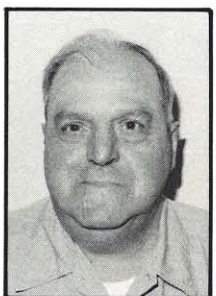
Service Anniversaries



Alberta Riddle
secretary-steno.
Beckley
40 years



Bill Wentzell
stores attendant
Philip Sporn
35 years



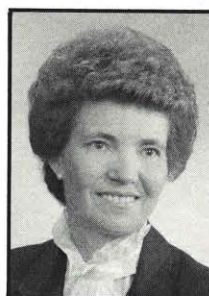
Paul Huber
auxiliary supv.
Philip Sporn
35 years



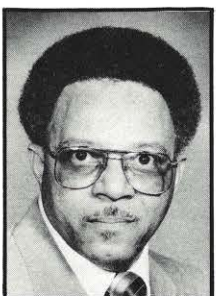
Roy Jennelle
meter reader
Pulaski
30 years



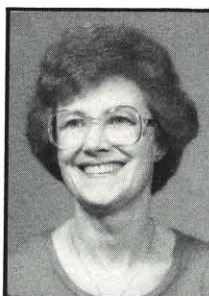
Alberta Lunsford
cust. accts. rep. A
Milton
30 years



Lois Mitchell
cust. acct. rep. A
Abingdon
25 years



Billy Lee
express driver
GO-Williamson
20 years



Linda Jennings
personnel asst.
Pulaski
20 years

Abingdon

15 years: **Mack Gilliam**, line mechanic A. 10 years: **Bob Heil**, personnel supervisor.

John Amos

40 years: **Edward Huffman**, maintenance mechanic B. 15 years: **Gary Duffey**, maintenance mechanic B. 10 years: **Roy Warren**, maintenance mechanic C. **Venkatesh Acharya**, performance engineer senior. 5 years: **Michael McCutcheon**, maintenance engineer.

Beckley

10 years: **Eugene Warner**, meter reader.

Bluefield

15 years: **Paul McKinney, Jr.**, line crew supervisor non-exempt. **John David Harvey**, line crew supervisor non-exempt. **Mary Johnson**, cashier A. 5 years: **William J. Crotty, Jr.**, meter reader.

Central Machine Shop

10 years: **Bill Bryant**, machinist 1st class. **Debbie Caldwell**, personnel clerk B. **Gene Gue**, winder 1st class. **Jim Villars**, power equipment mechanic 1st class. **Cliff Witt**, winder 1st class. 5 years: **Juan Pankey**, winder 3rd class.

Charleston

15 years: **James Hazelett**, line mechanic B. **William Romo**, meter superintendent. **George Begler**, line mechanic A. 10 years: **Ruth McQuain**, customer accounts representative B. 5 years: **Cindy Gates**, stenographer. **Beverly Meadows**, customer accounts representative C, St. Albans.

General Office

15 years: **Roy Sizemore**, relay engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Charleston. **Dave Altizer**, electrical test supervisor, GO T&D Station, Roanoke. 10 years: **Cyndi Brandt**, classification and accounts payable clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Michael Nipps**, station mechanic B, GO T&D Station, Charleston. 5 years: **Steve Ferguson**, statistical analyst, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke.

Roger Blankenship, engineering technician, GO T&D Communications, Charleston. **James Holland**, maintenance mechanic C, GO Hydro, Roanoke. **Judi Stuart**, engineering clerk C, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke. **Tom Mitchell**, accounting staff assistant senior, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Sleiman El-Hallal**, electrical engineer, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

Glen Lyn

15 years: **Clarence Dillion**, equipment operator. **Dana Hazelwood**, chemist assistant.

Huntington

15 years: **Karl Click**, meter reader, Point Pleasant. **William Stewart**, line crew supervisor nonexempt, Point Pleasant. **Lewis Clonch**, collector, Point Pleasant. 5 years: **Haney Romans**, T&D clerk C.

Kanawha River

15 years: **Raymond Fletcher**, crane operator.

Kanawha Valley Power

10 years: **Carl Reveal**, hydro utility operator B.

Mountaineer

15 years: **Buck Johnson**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **Al Pepper**, maintenance mechanic A. **Bill Stout**, maintenance mechanic A. **Roger Johnson**, maintenance mechanic C. **Jackie Phillips**, maintenance mechanic A. **Randy Randolph**, maintenance mechanic A. **Junior Ward**, maintenance mechanic A.

Pulaski

5 years: **Roy Bond**, line mechanic C. **Doug Atkins**, line mechanic C.

Roanoke

10 years: **Chester Butler**, line mechanic C. 5 years: **David Journell, Jr.**, meter reader.

Philip Sporn

35 years: **C. T. Clark**, crane operator. □

Newcomers

John Amos

Nona Plumley, plant clerk C. **Timothy Pennington**, **Todd Matheny**, **Paul Gunnoe**, **Robert Cragg** and **Terry Jarrett**, utility workers.

Beckley

Philip Wright, electrical engineer, **Cindy Brunk**, junior clerk, **Shirley Ball**, junior clerk.

Bluefield

Brenda Marshall, customer accounts representative C, Welch. **Kelly Wade**, office messenger. **Ernest Smith**, custodian.

Clinch River

Kenneth David Sword, utility worker B.

General Office

Johnny Quarles and **John Dalton**, utility workers B, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain. **Boide Riggins** and **John Rayburn, Jr.**, transmission mechanics D, GO T&D Transmission, Huntington. **Chris Lefevre**, electrical engineer, GO T&D station, Huntington.

Huntington

Danny McKeand, junior clerk.

Lynchburg

Brenda Irby and **Judy Miller**, junior clerks.

Mountaineer

Giles Hysell and **John Fields**, coal handlers.

"There was a certain unlicensed preacher who was endowed with an impressive appearance and a deep, melodious voice that could rattle the rafters. But he was severely handicapped by his inability to read. To a less determined and resourceful fellow, this would have proved an insurmountable obstacle, but for this man it was only an aggravation. To redeem the situation, he was always accompanied in his itinerary by his nephew, who had 'book larnin'. Their system called for the young to always stand directly behind his uncle and whisper the words as his uncle 'read' to his congregation from his Bible with his impressively resonant voice. One particular Sunday morning the pair took the rostrum, with the nephew standing dutifully back of his uncle's shoulder, as his whispering hope. Announced the uncle to the congregation: "My text today will be the thirty-fourth chapter of the book of Exodus'.

"Then, with the nephew whispering helpfully, the preacher began to read, his voice ringing with emotion:

" 'The Lord said unto Moses . . .'

"Unfortunately, his thumb was covering the next word, so the nephew whispered frantically:

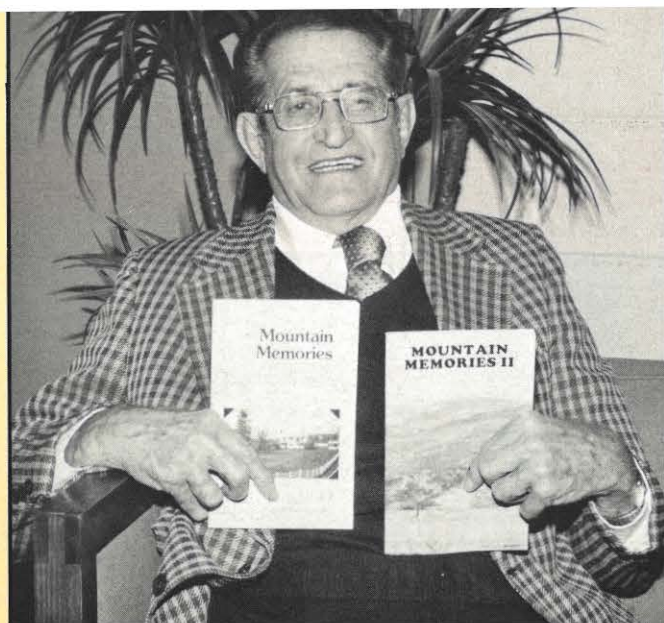
" 'Move your thumb!'

" '... move your thumb!' the preacher continued dramatically. Even this devout and reverent mountain audience almost broke up the service with laughter."

This is a sample of the stories found in a 126-page paperback book entitled "Mountain Memories — true and folk stories of the West Virginia Hills". The book was edited by Dennis Deitz, retired maintenance mechanic A at Amos Plant, as a memorial to his brother Granville. An uproariously funny collection of stories, "Mountain Memories" draws a remarkable picture of one remote region of the United States in the early days of this century.

"Granville was a tremendous storyteller," Dennis recalls. "Everybody enjoyed sitting and listening to him recount tales from our childhood. We grew up in the heart of Appalachia and graduated in the midst of the Great Depression. At the time, our middle class working parents were at the nadir of their economic fortunes or misfortunes. I doubt their average income exceeded \$500 per year.

"After Granville had a slight stroke, I talked him into putting his stories on paper. I kept his material around until I retired, then I edited it and the family financed the printing. About 4,000 copies have been sold, and it is being reprinted now. It is available in stores, both in and out of the state, which carry books about West Virginia."



Dennis Deitz holds two of his books about life in the West Virginia hills.

Mountain Memories

The book containing Granville's stories was such a success that Dennis wrote his own book, entitled "Mountain Memories II", which was published in 1983 by Jalamap Publications. "My wife and I wrote that book in twenty-five hours," Dennis says. "That doesn't mean it was completely finished at that point. I was writing from memory, and I put my thoughts down as fast as I could type. Then I had someone retype and edit it. Now I write slower, trying to recall details, and my copy doesn't require as much editing."

Dennis' third book, now being set in type, contains stories written by students of his mother and father, who taught school in Nicholas County. "Mother wrote a biography about each of us children," Dennis adds, "and I use some of these as well as mother's poetry in this book."

He plans a fourth book on Appalachian or mountain words. "I have gathered the words," Dennis says, "and I have some stories to illustrate the vernacular. A lot of people in my boyhood days were almost illiterate, but they could draw a picture with words."

Dennis adds, "The books seem to stir recollections in the people who read them, and often they will tell me a better story than the ones they read. I think everybody has several really good stories; and, if I could collect enough of them, I would publish a whole book written by others." □

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