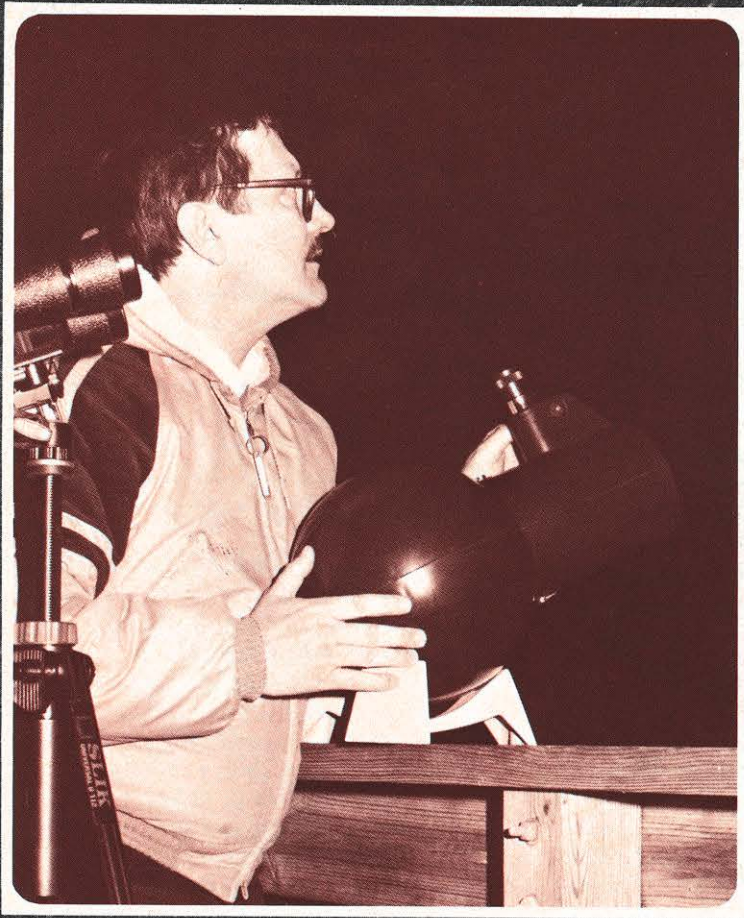


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## AEP Savings Plan

Date	Fixed Income Fund		Equity Fund		AEP Stock Fund	
	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD	VPU	UCPD
1/31/86	\$2.3389	.4275	\$3.7117	.2694	\$2.9059	.3441
2/28/86	\$2.3620	.4233	\$3.9736	.2516	\$3.0887	.3237
3/31/86	\$2.3874	.4188	\$4.1952	.2383	\$3.2630	.3064

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

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## White expresses optimism about future

American Electric Power Company held its 79th annual meeting of shareowners at the new Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on April 23. It was AEP's first meeting in Fort Wayne and its second in Indiana in the past five years.

The shareowners overwhelmingly rejected the proposal on the agenda. Proposed by shareowners in Baltimore and Detroit, it called upon the company to provide the shareowners, by September, a report on its efforts to control emissions from its coal-burning power plants. The company had opposed the proposal on the grounds that it was already providing such information to them.

The shareowners reelected 12 directors. Another director, Herbert B. Cohn, retired vice chairman of the company and now a Washington attorney, retired from the board at the conclusion of the meeting.

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W.S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, in addressing the shareowners, said, "I am optimistic about the future. If there is continuing economic growth in this nation and in our area, AEP is positioned to participate in its benefits."

Alluding to the drastic change in the world economy over the past decade, he said, "It is a change that has brought a great deal of trouble to this region. We have watched as the industrial might of the region deteriorated as producers in other parts of the world learned to produce these goods at less cost." Underscoring the decline in the AEP System's seven-state service area, White pointed out that the company had sold 39-billion kilowatthours of electric energy to industrial customers as recently as 1979, in contrast to 29.5-billion kwh in 1982, at the depth of the recession, and 35.8-billion kwh last year.

"What gives us cause for optimism," White continued, "is that many of our nation's leaders seem now to be awakening to the need for a strong industrial sector and the need for positive action. We believe this is particularly true in our service area. The reality is that we have entered the era of global economy, and we will have to be competitive to survive. It is going to take a lot of understanding, cooperation and hard work by political

leaders, by management and by labor. But the signs are there that this co-operation is developing in a serious manner. Ten years ago there was little interest in further industrial development in our region. Indeed, we were strongly urged by our regulators to dismantle our industrial and area development groups. Today, our state and local political leaders are encouraging industrial development and job growth in every way possible."

Turning to the state of AEP's own performance, White cited several positive factors that would "have an important influence" in the future:

- "The quality of earnings continued to improve in 1985."
- "Cash generation is very strong. We expect this to continue for the foreseeable future."
- "The major System companies continue to generate all of their construction fund requirements internally."
- "Our long-term construction program is very modest relative to our size."
- "We have used internally generated cash and short-term investments over the past year or so to strengthen the company's balance sheet by paying off high-coupon debt...reducing interest expenses and increasing earnings."
- "The System's strong cash position, coupled with a modest construction program, has made the issuance of new common stock unnecessary, we project, for at least the next few years."
- "AEP is well postured to meet the future. The AEP System currently has very adequate reserves to meet its internal load, and we estimate that, with a projected long-term growth rate of two percent per year, the System will not need additional (generating) capacity beyond that already well along in construction until the end of the century."

White concluded his remarks on an upbeat note: "We believe that the System's ability to produce and deliver electric energy at a low cost in a centrally located service area, together with management's commitment to create opportunities for growth, should prove to be what our customers and investors

will need in the changing and exciting times that lie ahead." □

## "Ideas" program wins PR award

The AEP System's "We Put Ideas on the Line" program has won the 1986 Silver Anvil Award for internal communications from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). The award is the highest honor granted by the national organization, recognizing excellence in public relations programs.

The AEP program was one of 33 winners selected from 440 entries in 15 categories. The award will be presented June 12 in New York City.

"Credit for this award goes to everyone involved with the program throughout the System," John Brennan, AEP Service Corporation senior vice president - public affairs, said. "The program succeeded because of the dedication of program coordinators, evaluators and the employees who took the time to submit ideas."

Brennan added that each operating company will receive its own Silver Anvil trophy. □

## Zimmer equipment contracts awarded

Babcock & Wilcox has been awarded \$125 million in contracts to supply major equipment for the proposed conversion of the Zimmer Plant from a nuclear to a coal-fired facility.

B&W will supply a boiler, auxiliary boilers and a wet scrubbing system for Zimmer's 1.3-million-kilowatt generating unit. The plant is scheduled for commercial operation by mid-1991.

The contract awards to B&W were made at this time in order for the necessary engineering and design to be completed to support the project schedule. B&W will begin fabricating equipment after the owners have obtained all necessary environmental permits and licenses, which are expected later this year. □



## DOE funding sought for PFBC facility

The AEP Service Corporation, on behalf of Ohio Power Company, on April 18 requested \$60 million from the U.S. Department of Energy toward its proposed pressurized fluidized bed combustion demonstration facility at the idled Tidd Plant, Brilliant, Ohio.

It was the second request for government funding within a five-week period. On March 14 a request for \$10 million was made to the State of Ohio.

The federal funds would come from an appropriation of almost \$400 million made by the Congress last year to help finance clean-coal technology projects. The state funds would come from a \$100 million fund set up following approval of the Issue 1 referendum by Ohio voters last November.

AEP is proposing to build a 70,000-kilowatt demonstration plant, utilizing combined-cycle (steam and gas) generation, as a major step toward commercialization of the PFBC clean-coal technology.

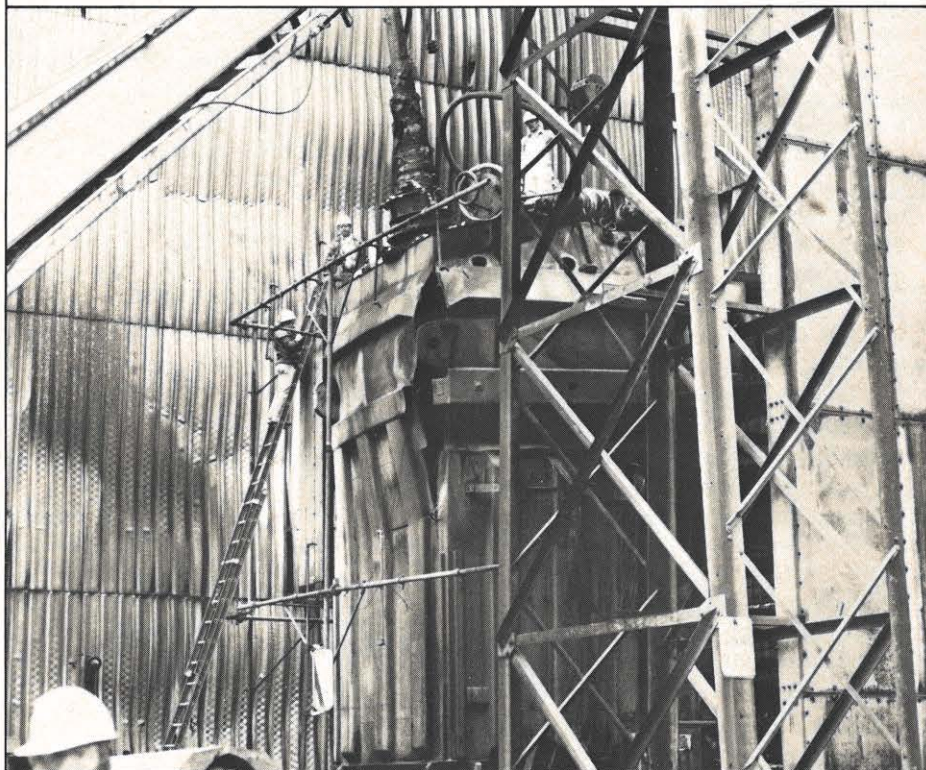
In his letter of transmittal accompanying the application to DOE, W.S. White, Jr., AEP chairman, said, "The AEP Service Corporation has worked during the past nine years to bring PFBC technology to its present state of readiness for utility scale demonstration. In this development program, AEP has been involved with ASEA PFBC of Sweden, European boiler manufacturers, and most recently with a U.S. boiler manufacturer, Babcock & Wilcox Company, to develop combined-cycle technology for use in electric power generation. This international effort of cooperation has led to the formation of a new U.S. partnership, ASEA Babcock PFBC, between ASEA PFBC and B&W, to ensure the timely commercialization of PFBC combined-cycle technology."

White pointed out that construction of the plant would depend on necessary cost sharing from the U.S. government. He added that the program would limit the DOE share to 34.8 percent of the estimated shareable project cost and

places a cap on the federal cost at \$60.2 million. AEP and its partners had previ-

ously invested approximately \$40 million to bring PFBC to its present stage. □

## Fire shuts down Amos Unit 1



GO T&D Station employees survey fire damage to the 765-26 kv Westinghouse transformer at John Amos Plant. L. to r., Ray Siada, electrical engineer; Bob Tucker, transmission station mechanic A; and Bob Stover, transmission station mechanic A.

Employees at John E. Amos Plant near Charleston, West Virginia, reacted quickly to extinguish the resulting fire last month when a large step-up transformer failed. The failure automatically shut down the plant's 800,000-kilowatt Unit 1. According to Sam Canode, transformer supervising engineer, GO T&D, Roanoke, employees "did a first-rate job. If they hadn't responded as rapidly as they did, it could have been much worse."

The 26 to 765 kilovolt step-up transformer is almost 31 feet tall, not including bushings, and contained 17,300 gallons of insulating oil, much of which burned. It weighed 645,000 pounds when filled with oil.

Plant fire fighters were aided by local fire departments and were able to get the fire under control within two hours, though it was the next day before the fire was completely extinguished. Four employees were treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation and released.

Although a spare transformer was available and will be installed, the unit is expected to remain shut down several weeks while repairs are made on the badly damaged isolated phase bus that connected the transformer to the plant generator. Also damaged were numerous cables, cable trays and building siding. Cause of the failure is unknown. □



## Governor Moore dedicates Marmet fishing facility



Praising the cooperative efforts of Appalachian Power Company and the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., officially opened the recently completed public fishing facility at the Marmet Locks and Dam near Charleston, West Virginia, on April 16. "Appalachian has been a good corporate citizen of our state," he said, "and I extend my personal thanks for its example of cooperation in providing these facilities to the citizens of West Virginia."



Governor Arch A. Moore, center, cuts the ribbon, officially opening the public fishing facility at the Marmet Locks and Dam on the Kanawha River near Charleston, West Virginia. Looking on are, l. to r., Richard E. Northup, vice president of Appalachian Power; Ronald Potesta, director of the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources; and Curtis Sutphin, Mayor of Marmet.

Appalachian built the facility to provide the public with safe and easy access to the prime fishing area located below the dam. Development of a similar access site at the Winfield Locks and Dam is also complete.

The developments include lighted parking areas, walkways, stairways, and fishing piers with handrails, and fenced boundaries which define the public access limits. The completed facilities are open to the public 24 hours a day throughout the year except when temporary closures for high water, repairs and maintenance are required.

The facilities will be operated under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources and will be maintained by Kanawha Valley Power Company, a subsidiary of Appalachian.

## **U.S. SAVINGS BONDS** **Paying Better** **Than Ever**

The U.S. Savings Bond, not a competitive investment instrument a few years ago, has grown into something worth a second look. "Employees who abandoned the idea of buying Savings Bonds will be surprised to learn that they might be overlooking a good savings and investment opportunity," says David D. Taylor, general services manager and chairman of Appalachian Power's U.S. Savings Bond campaign for 1986.

Here are the major benefits that Bonds now offer:

- **High market interest rates**  
Instead of the old fixed rates, Bonds now pay variable rates — like the

money markets. So there's no limit to how much interest Savings Bonds can earn. Since the variable interest rate went into effect in 1982, Bond rates have averaged almost 10%. Interest rates change twice a year, on May 1 and November 1. To earn the variable interest rate, you must hold your Savings Bonds for five years.

- **Guaranteed minimum return**  
Savings Bonds offer the protection of a guaranteed return. You can earn much more than the guaranteed minimum of 7½% but never less. That way, if rates in the financial market drop, Savings Bonds holders are protected. By holding Savings Bonds for five years, you automatically get at least this guaranteed return.
- **Income tax savings**  
Interest earned on U.S. Savings Bonds is exempt from state and local income

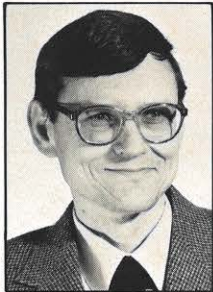
taxes. Also, Federal tax on interest earned can be deferred until Savings Bonds are cashed. If you're saving for a child's education, you can purchase Bonds in your child's name for additional tax savings. Bonds can also provide tax savings if held until retirement since you'll probably be in a lower tax bracket.

- **A liquid investment**  
Unlike many investments that require a longer commitment of funds and carry a severe penalty for early withdrawal, Savings Bonds can be cashed in anytime after six months.

Appalachian's Savings Bond campaign will be conducted from May 9 through May 20. If you want an effortless way to save, buy Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan. You can enroll for just a few dollars each payday and increase your allotment whenever you choose. □



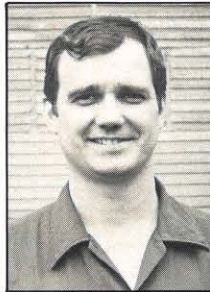
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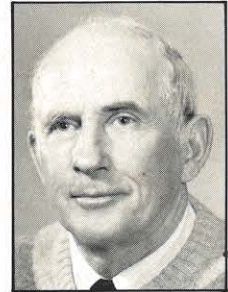
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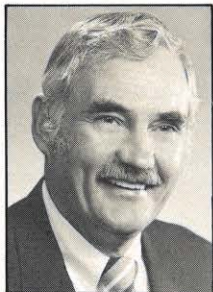
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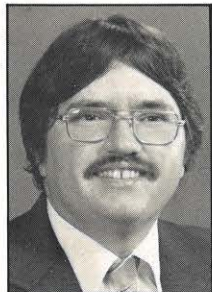
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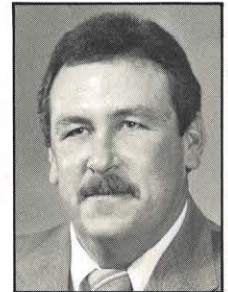
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J.D. Moore



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Twelve Appalachian Power employees had their suggestions for improving performance and saving money published in the January/February issue of *Operating Ideas*.

**R.L. Neal** and **K.W. Dennis**, chief chemist and plant chemist, respectively, at Mountaineer Plant, described the construction of an ammonia venting water tank to eliminate the escape of fumes when tank trucks are unloaded. Total cost of the system, including material and labor, was about \$1300. The advantages are improved safety and air quality.

**E.E. Webb**, Kanawha River Plant maintenance supervisor, **David Arthur**, 1st class machinist at Central Machine Shop, and **David Moore**, 1st class welder at CMS, collaborated on an article describ-

ing a new method of removing control valve seats. The new method eliminates the possibility of parts falling into the steam lead and reduces the time required to perform the job. There is a net labor savings of \$1120 using the new approach.

**Jack Leonard** and **John Rasnick**, Abingdon line construction and maintenance representatives, created a color-coded right-of-way board to use as a ready reference when discussing work with contractors and providing information related to the right-of-way program.

**R.D. Poe**, Abingdon meter electrician supervisor nonexempt, wrote about a way to repair voltmeter cases by using small rivets and a piece of piano hinge. In the past, voltmeter cases were scrapped when the top flap was detached. Now they can be repaired in

approximately one-half hour with less than five dollars worth of material.

**Samual Longanacre**, Philip Sporn Plant electrical maintenance supervisor, explained how deep-well pump failures have been eliminated through the use of a controller which locks out the motor until a problem has been evaluated. Estimated annual savings is \$13,400 based on a previous 12-month period.

**R.D. Poe**, meter electrician supervisor, **J.D. Moore** and **J.C. Henderson**, meter electricians A, and **F.A. Hicks**, meter electrician B, described a portable load research meter/recorder to obtain a kilowatt-load profile of a customer's usage. These employees also wrote about the fabrication of a single-phase meter test jack at a savings of nearly \$300 over a factory model. Improved safety is another benefit. □



# PROJECT BUSINESS®

## A Program of Junior Achievement

Students in the eighth and ninth grades at Amherst Junior High School are getting first hand knowledge of the business world without leaving the classroom. The students are participating in PROJECT BUSINESS, a pilot program sponsored by Junior Achievement to teach economics.

Lynchburg Division Manager J. Robert Davenport is representing Appalachian Power as a volunteer instructor in the program. He is one of twelve business executives in the Lynchburg area who go into classrooms to talk to the students about the free enterprise system.

According to Lorraine Lucas, JA's programs manager and coordinator of PROJECT BUSINESS, having top executives come directly into the classroom makes the world of business come alive. The class is de-

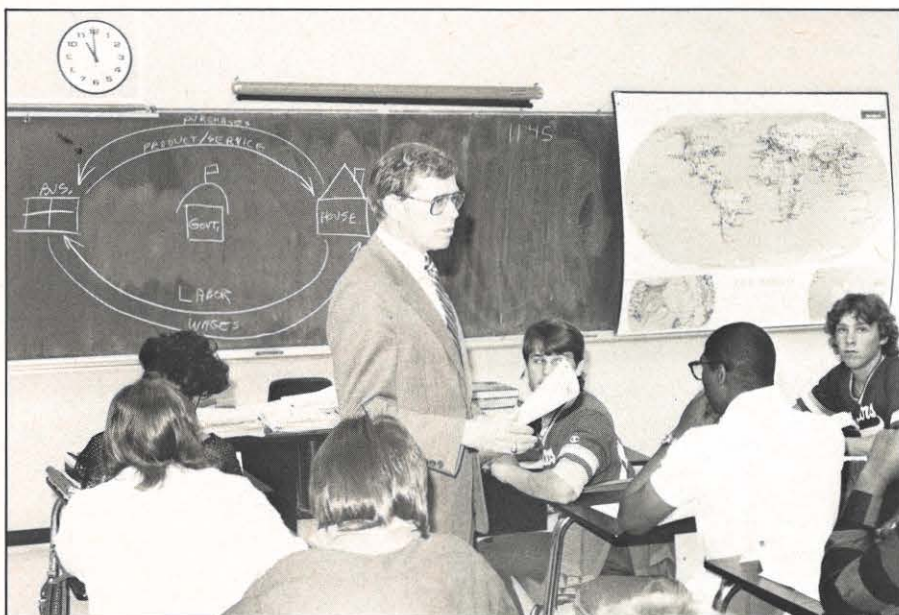
signed for a dialogue-action format, which leads to show-and-tell involvement. Edgar J. Stone, director of the Lynchburg JA Chapter, says, "This shows the kids what business is really about, and it shows them profit is not a dirty word. It's something businesses have to seek."

Students in Davenport's class are learning about the stock market through an investment game. Each student is 'given' \$10,000 and told to invest it in stocks. The students must invest in at least two companies and not more than four, buy at least 100 shares of stock in a company, and must pay a 2 percent commission fee to the broker each time they buy or sell stock. Davenport hopes to interest the students in investing their money after they learn more about the economy.

"I hope our stock market game will become interesting to the students," he says. "Almost everyone has an interest in the stock market today because so many pension plans, mutual funds and other financial investments are concerned with common stock. This should give the students an awareness of how this affects them personally. We also hope they will learn something about what they want to do in life, kinds of careers and personal financial decisions."

Davenport concludes, "I have enjoyed being with the students a great deal. I really appreciate the fact that they are interested in what they are doing. They really respond, and it has given me a new perspective on children that age." The program will conclude on May 15. □

Lynchburg Division Manager J. Robert Davenport instructs eighth and ninth graders at Amherst Junior High School about economics.





# Employees rescue two from house fires

About 5 a.m. on April 1, Terry Tucker's wife woke him up and told him that someone was banging on the trailer door. It was Terry's mother, who lives in front of them, saying that her house was on fire.

Terry, a line mechanic C in Montgomery, recalls, "I could think of only two phone numbers — the fire department's and Mike King's (Montgomery line mechanic A). After I called the fire department, I went back outside and hollered for Mom, but she didn't answer. When I couldn't find her, I assumed she had gone back in her house. It took me about three tries to enter the house because of the smoke. I found her behind the front door.

"I was worn out by the time I carried her out of the house. If it hadn't been for Mike, she would have died. I may have been able to have used my first aid training; but, since it was my Mom, I don't know."

Mike relates, "When the phone rang at 5 a.m., someone just said, 'Mom's house is on fire' and hung up. But I recognized Terry's voice. I jumped up, put on my clothes, and went out and got on my motorcycle. We live within 200 yards of each other; and, when I got there, the whole back of the house was on fire. I could see Terry pulling his mom out of the house. By the time we got her out away from the house, she was in respiratory arrest.

"Terry was out of breath and coughing because of the smoke, and I really never gave him a chance to work on her. I just automatically went to work." (Mike is a first aid and CPR instructor for the American Red Cross and Appalachian.) It seemed like everything went in slow motion, but it couldn't have been more than a couple of minutes. When I first tried to give her mouth to mouth resuscitation, her jaws were locked. Then I tried giving her mouth to nose, but her nose was sealed off. Finally I was able to get her mouth open enough to get air in.

"The police car came ahead of the fire truck; and, when we put her in the police car to take her to the hospital, she quit breathing. I gave her mouth-to-mouth again, and she was breathing by the time we reached the emergency room. As it turned out, her vocal cords were burned. She is out of the hospital now



Terry Tucker, left, and Mike King

but can just barely whisper."

Mike concludes, "Terry still doesn't know why he called me. Maybe because we grew up together and are good friends. But I'm glad I was able to help. First aid training is a basic skill that everybody ought to have."

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Everyone else in Charley Knotts' neighborhood was asleep at 12:45 a.m. on March 31. But Charley, who had just gotten off work an hour earlier, decided to watch a few minutes of television before turning in.

Charley, an equipment operator C at Mountaineer Plant, relates, "I heard



Charley Knotts

something outside and got up to see if someone was messing with my vehicle. I noticed what seemed to be a candle flickering in my neighbor's window. Then I saw smoke coming out of the roof. I told my wife to call the fire department, and I ran across the street.

"I started banging on the door to see if I could wake up my neighbor, who I heard coughing inside. He later told me that he had followed my voice through the darkened house into one of the upstairs bedrooms. He was able to open the window and started out head first. I grabbed hold of him and eased him down to the ground. He had a lot of smoke inhalation, so I took him over to my house and called the ambulance and paramedic. I didn't let him go back out and look at his house because I didn't want him to go into shock.

"One of our neighbors, who is a nurse, was just getting home from work, too. She came over to check his vital signs and help out until the paramedic got there and gave him oxygen."

Charley says, "Shift work isn't the greatest, but I wouldn't have been awake otherwise. What I heard was the explosion of an aerosol can in the kitchen cabinets where the fire started. It sounded like a cannon going off. My neighbor had a smoke detector in the house, but it was wired into the kitchen circuitry and got 'fried.' It never did go off." □



# 47 bowling teams compete in Roanoke Invitational Tourney

Thirty-seven men's teams and ten women's teams competed in the annual Roanoke Invitational Bowling Tournament, held March 15 at Viking Lanes. AEP System locations represented include Bluefield, Lynchburg, Pulaski, Rocky Mount, Roanoke, Abingdon, Charleston, Welch, Amos Plant, Kanawha River Plant, Glen Lyn Plant, Mountaineer Plant, Philip Sporn Plant, and Centralized Plant Maintenance.

The top men's team, the Mixers from Roanoke, had 3,109 pins to capture the \$200 first prize. Racking up the highest number of pins in the women's competition were the Switch Ons from Roanoke, who won \$50 for their score of 2,992.

Other teams placing in the money in the men's competition were Welch's High Voltage, 2,982 pins, \$150; Roanoke's Live Wires, 2,957 pins, \$100; Mountaineer's Free-loaders, 2,924 pins, \$75; Roanoke's Henry's Angels, 2,915 pins, \$50; and Pulaski's Independents, 2,902 pins, \$30.

Women's teams placing in the money were Roanoke's Luck Ladies, 2,948 pins, \$40, and Roanoke's Gutter Dusters, 2,943 pins, \$30.

Individual prize winners for the men were: Ernie Perdue of Henry's Angels, high scratch set of 594, \$35; Dennis Austin of Hill City Rollers, high handicap set of 670, \$30; Jay Saul of New River Electric, high scratch game of 234, \$25; and Arnold Marcum of the Free-loaders, high handicap game of 255, \$20.

Individual winners in the women's competition were: Patsy Chitwood, daughter of J.J. Chitwood, GO Hydro, 222 high scratch game and 593 high scratch set, \$18; Shirley Croft, wife of Gus Croft, Abingdon, high handicap game of 240, \$6; and Teresa Ratliff, Roanoke, high handicap set of 661, \$6.

The invitational bowling tourney is employee-sponsored. Pat Short of GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke, was director of the tournament, assisted by Larry Stevens, Don

Powell, and Dave Barger. Ruth Santopolo of GO Purchasing, Roanoke, was coordinator for the women's division. □



The Switch Ons of Roanoke captured the top spot in the women's competition. Team members are: l. to r., Florris Reid, captain, wife of J.K. Reid, GO T&D; Nancy Breeding, wife of H.C. Breeding, GO T&D; Teresa Clark, sister of James Merritt, GO T&D; Boonie Dooley, wife of E.M. Dooley, GO T&D; and Dixie Howard, wife of Roy Howard, GO T&D.



Capturing first place in the men's bowling competition were the Mixers from Roanoke. Team members are: l. to r., Eddie Allie, Roanoke Marketing & Customer Services; Dave Brammer, GO T&D Station; and Dan Bird, GO T&D Station. Not pictured are Tom Ruble, and Jay Johnson, both of GO T&D Station Design.



# One Bad Street Rod

**“W**henever something is bothering me,” says Central Machine Shop Production Supervisor Don Parsons, “I go out in the garage and start tinkering.” In recent years, his tinkering has resulted in the modification of a two-passenger 1930 Ford coupe into a street rod.

Don relates, “In order to be classified as a street rod, a car has to be a 1948 model or older, and it has to be modified. If everything on the car were original, it would be classified as an antique.

“What I started out with actually was an old rusted piece of junk. I bought the body and hauled the parts home in the bed of a pickup truck. I have built, torn apart, and rebuilt a number of times. After I ride in it a couple of years, something doesn’t suit me, and I rebuild it again. I scrounge parts everywhere. Some I order out of magazines and others I get at swap meets.

Don continues, “It is built out of just about everything. For example, the brakes are from a 1977 Corvette, rear end from a 1980 Corvette, fan from a 1984 Corvette, steering box from a 1971 Vega, power windows from a 1972 Monte Carlo, Chrysler tilt wheel with cruise control, tail lights from a 1948 Chevrolet, intake from a Z28 Camaro, hub caps from a 1968 Chevy police car, and a radiator and grill shell from a 1932 Ford. It also has a Panasonic cockpit stereo designed for vans and motorcycle license plate lights. The door latches, however, are original,” he laughs. “It definitely is a conversation piece.”

Don adds, “My license plate has ‘1 Bad A’ on it. When they came out with a vanity plate, I wanted one and that was the only thing I could think of to put on it. All the young kids say that the automobile is ‘bad’.

“You could build a car for a lot less than what I have in mine. Every time you go

back, and rework something, you throw away what you did before. It would be hard to tell how much money I have in it, and it still needs money spent on it. The last time I tore it down, I took out the upholstery and I haven’t replaced that yet.”

Don is a charter member of the West Virginia Street Rod Association and now serves as vice president. He also belongs to street rod associations in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Battle Creek, Michigan, as well as the National Street Rod Association.

Don and his wife Helen go to fifteen or twenty street rod shows a year. To date, they have shown the car in eleven states. “I have never won first prize, but I have won several second places,” he says. “My car has 449 louvers in it, and everywhere I go I get a trophy for the most louvers. I took all the parts to Roanoke, Virginia, and had someone punch louvers in them. They are pretty, but they are hard to clean around. If I had it to do over again, I probably wouldn’t, but they are a conversation piece.”

Don concludes, “The car runs on regular gasoline and can go 140 mph. It gets good mileage, too. I once drove my street rod from Winston Salem, N.C., to Sissonville, W.Va., a distance of approximately 250 miles, on seven gallons of gasoline. It drives just as good as any car you ever got in.”



Don Parsons with his street rod.



# Weddings



Burton-Johnson

Jacklyn G. Johnson to **Richard A. Burton**, April 26. Randy is the son of Richard K. Burton, public affairs director, GO Public Affairs, Roanoke.



Whitmore-Monroe

Lori Ann Monroe to **Kevin Glenn Whitmore**, March 29. Kevin is the son of Gene Whitmore, accounting clerk A, GO Accounting, Roanoke.



Salysers-Farmer

**Aleshia Farmer** to Timothy E. Salysers, March 22. Aleshia is the daughter of James D. Farmer, Lebanon area supervisor in the Abingdon Division.

**Regina Breeding**, Roanoke cashier B, to **Derrick Hines**, February 28.

Irene Salysers to **Walter Walker**, Huntington line mechanic C, March 7. □

## Wed 50 years



Daphna and Clarence Rosenbaum celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary April 11 with a dinner given by their three children. Clarence is a retired Galax line foreman nonexempt. The Rosenbaums have three grandsons.

# Births

## Abingdon

Kyla Danielle, daughter of **Fred Sauls**, Clintwood line mechanic C, March 12.

## John Amos

Garrett Keith, Jr., son of **Garrett Keith Chapman**, coal equipment operator, April 5.

Jason Thomas, son of **Thomas Bloss**, performance technician junior, April 16.

Jeremy Mitchell, son of **John Hamilton, Jr.**, control technician junior, March 23.

## Bluefield

Jacob Alan, son of **Mark Lineberry**, Princeton line mechanic D, February 18.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

Rachele Nicole, daughter of **Jackie Scott, Jr.**, maintenance mechanic B, March 19.

## Charleston

Desiree Nichole, daughter of **Richard Garretson**, automotive mechanic A, February 5.

Daniel Allan, son of **Larry Kersey**, station mechanic C, March 2.

## General Office

Darren Michael, son of **Michael Wayne Rock**, methods engineer, GO Executive, Roanoke, March 24.

John Adrian, son of **John Darrell Dalton**, hydro mechanic D, GO Hydro, Roanoke, March 15.

Scott Thomas, son of **Thomas Blanding**, industrial engineer, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke, March 17.

## Huntington

Jeffrey Dean, II, son of **J.D. Gillespie**, Point Pleasant line mechanic C, March 14.

Cassandra Leigh, daughter of **Tanya Full**, marketing and customer services department assistant, March 21.

## Lynchburg

Ashley Jo, daughter of **Tom Bondurant**, line mechanic A, March 27.

Heather Renee, daughter of **Danny Pollard**, automotive mechanic B, March 28.

## Roanoke

Justin Ryan, son of **Debbie Adams**, Fieldale customer accounts representative C, April 8.

Jonathan Mark, son of **Audie Atkins**, Fieldale stores attendant B, February 1.

## Philip Sporn

Stacey Elizabeth, daughter of **Lloyd Vinton Rankin**, senior chemist, March 9.

Ashley Susanne, daughter of **Stephen Halley**, maintenance mechanic A, March 9.

Emily Nicole, daughter of **Kevin Walker**, senior chemist, March 16. □



# STAR GAZERS

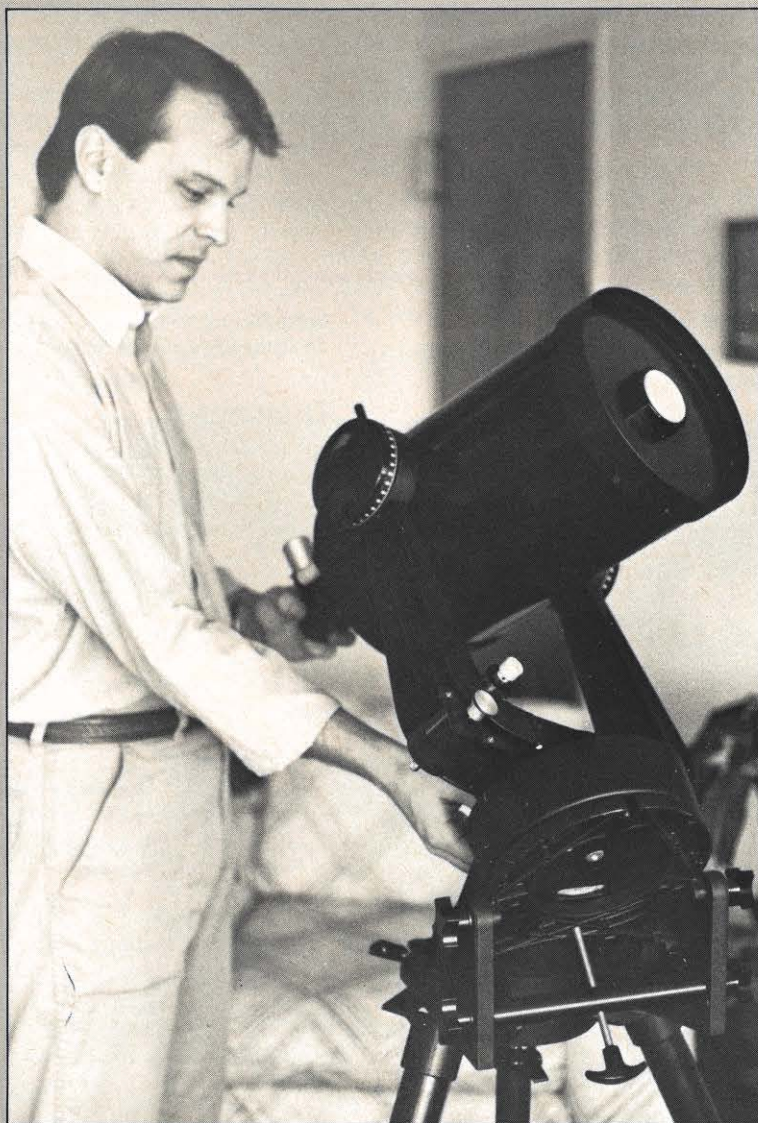
**A**mong comets, Halley's is only a youngster — a mere 3,800 years old. During those centuries, it has visited Earth fifty times, each time circling near the sun before starting its return to interstellar space.

The Chinese made the first recorded observation of Halley's comet in 467 BC. Edmond Halley, an English scientist and astronomer, was the first to mathematically chart its course and predict its return. Halley died without seeing his

prediction borne out — as indeed it was: the comet returned in 1758, just as he said it would!

This year's visit by Halley's comet was less spectacular than its last appearance, in 1910, when it was much closer to earth and visible even if you stood amid the bright lights of New York City. The comet spent most of February behind the sun but should be visible to varying degrees through this month. Its brightest day was April 11.

Henry Parker



Among those eagerly awaiting the return of Halley's were Henry Parker, Glen Lyn Plant performance engineer, and Jim Hill, Abingdon drafter B.

Henry says, "I first saw Halley's last September 26 when it was out beyond the orbit of Mars but, of course, have been able to view it better the last couple of months.

"I have been fascinated with astronomy ever since I was a young child. My final year in college I took an astronomy course as an elective. That is what really started my study of the heavens. I have dozens of books on the subject.

"I bought my first big telescope about a year ago. It is an eight-inch Schmidt Cassegrain, a new type made by Celestron. Before that, I had some smaller telescopes. It is very easy and quick to set up on my apartment balcony, but my view of the sky is limited to the southeast. What I usually do is pack it up in the car and take it out in the country, far away from any city lights. That way I have a good view of everything."

Henry adds, "It's easy to attach a camera to this telescope, and I have photographed several deep sky objects — those things outside of the solar system such as star clouds, star clusters, and nebulae, which are immense bodies of highly rarefied gas or dust in interstellar space. There is so much out there to study. Ever since I got this telescope, the people at the plant can't stop me talking about astronomy."

He concludes, "Astronomy is not an expensive hobby at all except for the telescope. All you need is just a place out in the country to set up."

Jim's interest in astronomy started in 1959 when he was in the Air Force Strategic Air Command. "When I was flying in B52s at an altitude of 50,000 feet, I felt closer to the stars. Every chance I got, I crawled up in the



instructor's ejection seat, which had a clear panel overhead. It was fascinating because I got such a good view. I noticed that some stars twinkled and some didn't. Then I found out that the ones which didn't twinkle were planets," he relates.

Jim continues, "After I got out of service, I was sort of on my own until 1972 or 1973, when I bought an Astroscan 2000 Edmund Scientific telescope. When I built a nice sun deck on the house, I knew I would have to have a telescope.

"We do not have an astronomy club in Abingdon as such, but some of us who are really interested get together. On occasions, two or three of us will spend half the night out on my deck, watching the sky.

"At different times of the year, you have different things to look for. One of my favorite objects in the sky is the planet Jupiter, which has thirteen moons. Four are easily visible with binoculars. They are so fast you almost can see them move around the planet. If you look at them and then come back in fifteen minutes, they are in a different location."

Jim continues, "I spent the night on the pinnacle of White Top Mountain, awaiting early morning to view Halley's Comet. I was a little disappointed until I realized that I won't get to see it again. One thing I did see — and want to see again — is the Southern Cross. You can see it only from the southern hemisphere, and I got to see it when I was in Australia. It is almost as bright as our Big Dipper and looks like a big cross.

"I am sort of a general sky watcher. I just like to go out and observe what is going on at a particular time of the year. Everything up there interests me. It is just like an old friend. When something moves, I have to find out what it is.

"I watch satellites, too. At one time I kept a log on satellites, and I could just about

tell you when our satellites crossed and when the Russians' crossed. If you stand around talking to me at night, you will probably catch me looking up at the sky.

"The next closest solar system to ours is the Aldebaran, which is farther than we can travel in our lifetime. We are unsure about it. Ironical as it may seem, even if we traveled at the speed of light and reached it, we wouldn't live long enough to come back and tell anyone. So we will have to

wait until they come to us." He adds, "I have never seen a UFO — not one time. But I have no doubt that we are not alone in our universe.

"One of these days, I hope to build my own telescope and I will probably get into astronomy more than I am now. I will be able to study systems that are not visible with a smaller telescope. Most people who get into it that deep, keep records on their observations." □

Jim Hill





# Promotions

**Rudy Trigg**, Charleston electrical engineer senior, is being promoted to Montgomery area supervisor on June 1. He holds a degree in electrical engineering technology from Bluefield State College and a masters degree in engineering from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

**Larry O. Samples**, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Charleston on March 1.

**Jevene Bowling**, performance engineer senior, was promoted to performance supervising engineer at Clinch River Plant on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

**Ronald M. Osborne**, performance supervising engineer, was promoted to production superintendent-maintenance at Clinch River Plant, on March 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial arts from Berea College.

**Maynard G. Handy**, engineering technician senior, was promoted to engineering technologist in Fieldale on April 1. He holds a diploma in electrical engineering from International Correspondence Schools.

**Jack L. Caldwell**, line mechanic A, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Charleston on March 1.

**Timothy C. Banta**, civil engineer-hydro, was promoted to hydro engineer senior, GO Hydro, Roanoke, on February 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and a masters degree in engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

**James R. Nisbet**, marketing and customer services supervisor, was promoted to marketing and customer services manager in Logan/Williamson Division on May 1. He holds an associate in science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology, an electrical engineering degree from International Correspondence Schools, and a masters degree in business administration from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. He attended the AEP Management Program at The Ohio State University College of Administrative Science.



Trigg



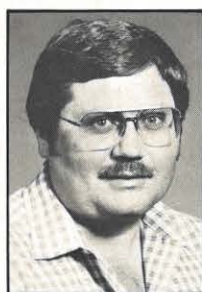
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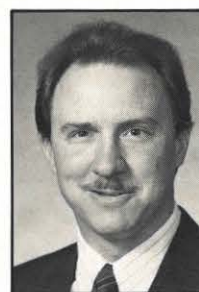
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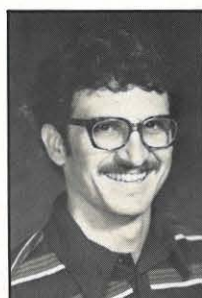
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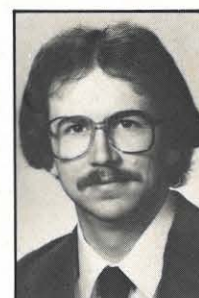
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Boulton



Coleman



Lester

**Edwin H. Shelton**, maintenance engineer, was promoted to maintenance engineer senior at Kanawha River Plant on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

**Jim Boulton**, Pulaski marketing and customer services representative, was promoted to Abingdon marketing and customer services supervisor on April 1. He attended Concord College and United Television Laboratories and studied electrical engineering through International Correspondence Schools.

**John M. Coleman**, general servicer, was promoted to line crew supervisor nonexempt in Bluefield on March 22. He attended Bluefield College.

**John D. Lester**, performance engineer, was promoted to instrument maintenance supervisor at John Amos Plant on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.



## Abingdon

B.M. Stevens from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

R.B. Forrester from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

J.A. Stewart from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

R.B. Hinchey from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

## John Amos

Gregory Dunlap from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

David Kellar from maintenance C to maintenance B.

Roddick Richardson from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Peter Carter from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Mike High from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Matthew Dow from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Mark McLaughlin from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

James Dean from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Jerry Midkiff from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

Robert Byrnside from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Danny Johnson from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Francoise Nienke from utility worker to equipment operator C.

James Bays from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Barry Proctor from utility worker to equipment operator C.

James Parsons, II, from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Harold Bennett from utility worker to equipment operator C.

Thomas Thursack from barge handler to coal equipment operator.

Alan Hudson from barge handler to coal equipment operator.

James Thumm from braker to barge handler.

Donald Withrow from coal handler to braker.

John Reid from coal handler to braker.

Danver Flowers from braker to barge handler.

Ray England from coal handler to braker.

David Garton from braker to barge handler.

## Beckley

Eddie Lee from junior clerk, Oak Hill, to meter reader, Beckley.

David Ransom from engineering technician to engineering technician senior, Rupert.

## Bluefield

Kelly Wade from office messenger to junior clerk.

Larry Beavers from junior clerk to meter reader, Welch.

## General Office

Kevin Boggs from station operator B to station A, GO Operations, Charleston.

Evelyn Scott from personnel clerk B to personnel clerk A, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

Sharon Lowman from personnel clerk B to personnel clerk A, Go Personnel, Roanoke.

Jerry Williams from electric plant clerk C to electric plant clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Bruce Tolson from electric plant clerk C to electric plant clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

## Huntington

Judy Shafer from junior stenographer to stenographer.

Pat Hurst from station mechanic C to station mechanic B.

## Kanawha River

D.L. Shamblyn from utility worker A to maintenance mechanic D.

D.L. Bradberry from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

J.W. Sullivan from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

D.W. Wills from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B.

## Logan-Williamson

Janet Todd from station mechanic D to station mechanic C, Williamson.

## Lynchburg

Marjorie Holley from customer accounts representative B to customer accounts representative A.

Bill Hensley from line mechanic A to general servicer.

Brenda Irby from junior clerk to customer accounts representative C.

## Philip Sporn

Richard Williamson from control technician junior to control technician.

George VanMatre from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

Harley Hendricks from utility worker A to equipment operator C.

John Taylor from maintenance mechanic B to maintenance mechanic A.

Gary Richards from maintenance mechanic C to maintenance mechanic B. □

# Newcomers

## Abingdon

J.D. Tipton, line mechanic D, Gate City.

## Beckley

Herbert Stover, Jr., junior clerk, Oak Hill.

Anna Murdock, junior clerk.

Millie Smith, custodian, Rainelle.

## Bluefield

Robert Nelson, parttime custodian, Princeton.

Randy Vandyke, line mechanic D, Grundy.

Calvin Baker, surveyor.

## Charleston

Robin Hildebrand, junior clerk, Montgomery.

Antonio Moss, custodian.

## General Office

Charlie VanDyke, temporary express driver, GO General Services, Roanoke.

Margaret Clayton, junior stenographer, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

Dale Wood, station operator D, GO Operations, Kingsport.

## Glen Lyn

Louis Prunesti, utility worker B.

Mario Castillo, utility worker B.

Jerry Ferrell, utility worker B.

## Kanawha River

Betty Riddle, junior clerk.

## Logan-Williamson

Brenda Workman, parttime clerk, Madison.

Donald Baisden, temporary stores attendant, Logan.

## Lynchburg

James Adams, department assistant-marketing and customer services.



# Retirements



"When I.A. Pitsenberger, head of the Meter Department, asked me to come to work in 1943, I expected to work only five years to get enough money to go to college," recalls **Lorryne Corea**, "but by then I was hooked. At one time I would have worked for nothing because I enjoyed it so much. I used to hate to take vacation because I would miss something. I never asked for a raise or for a promotion," she adds, "and I worked in every department except Stores." When she elected early retirement on April 1, LoLo was a secretary-stenographer A in Williamson. "I have a lot of

things I want to do; I'm not going to sit down in a rocking chair. I love craft work, and I plan to take some art classes at Southern West Virginia Community College. Now I will have more time to do volunteer work and help organize neighborhood projects." LoLo is a member of the Tug Valley Choral Society, the First Methodist Church choir, the Salvation Army advisory board, the Williamson Woman's Club, and a trustee of United Foundation, Inc. She and her husband Sam have one son, who works for Carolina Power & Light. □



In 1951, down to his last twenty dollars and unable to find a job, **Everett Harris** decided to visit the family farm for the weekend. Passing by Ohio Power's Tidd Plant on the way, he decided to stop in and apply there. Everett passed an aptitude test and was hired that very afternoon in the labor gang. He transferred to Glen Lyn Plant in 1957 as chief chemist and held that position until electing early retirement on May 1. "I have enjoyed the years I worked here," Everett states, "and I'm sure I'll miss it.

As for retirement, we will be so busy the first two years that we'll never do everything we have planned. We expect to spend several weeks this summer with our son in Boston. I learned to like the ocean when I was in service; and, if I had my preference, I would like to be a professional beach bum. Every year that permits, we go to Myrtle Beach. In the '70s we made a trip across the U.S. with our 4 kids and a trailer. Now we hope to repeat that trip but without the kids and the trailer!" □



"I have enjoyed it all," says **Dick Wilson** about his 35-year career with Appalachian. "The best thing was the people I have had to work with." He also has high praise for the savings plan. "It's the easiest way that I know of to plan for the future, and I would recommend it to everyone in the company." Dick, who retired May 1 as Marketing and Customer Services Manager in Logan-Williamson Division, remarks, "I don't think there is enough time for me to do everything I want. My wife is office manager for our local newspaper; and, after she retires

next February, we can take some short trips. We want to travel within the United States, particularly Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. I have no desire to move from here because I enjoy the small town life. I belong to the Rotary Club and First Baptist Church and like to play golf, garden, cook and fish. As far as I know, I hold the record for largemouth bass caught out of Currutuck Sound off the North Carolina coast." Dick is a professional engineer in Kentucky and West Virginia and a Kentucky Colonel. □



During World War II, **Bill King** served in the Navy's first jet squadron, an experience he credits for whetting his appetite for mechanics and instrumentation. After service, he learned the carpentry trade and later worked for the post office. But finally, mechanics won out, and he joined Philip Sporn Plant in 1951. "I can still remember the sign out front — 'the largest steam-electric generating station in the world.' I was quite impressed," he recalls. "I thought I would give it a try and, 35 years later, I have no regrets. It has been a good company." Bill was an

instrument maintenance supervisor at Sporn before electing early retirement on May 1. "I really don't have plans for retirement," he says. "One day at a time is all we are given in life; and, if we do the best we can, I think we are better off. My wife and I are active in the Bradbury Church of Christ. We both teach Sunday School, and I am an elder. I also belong to the Masons and Eastern Star." Bill served more than 20 years as a member of the Meigs County, Ohio, School Board. □



"After working with the fellows for 29 years, I know I'm going to miss them," states **Paul Kiser**, coal equipment operator at Clinch River Plant, who elected early retirement on May 1. "I started working as a guard while the plant was under construction and transferred to coal handling in 1958. I liked the work real well. In my job, I alternated between operating the locomotive, bull dozer, and conveyor belt, and I enjoyed running the locomotive the most." Paul is proud that he had no disabling injuries during his career. He adds, "Before I started at the

plant, I was a long-time farmer, and I still have a 22-acre farm as a hobby. I live right on top of Cleveland Mountain. Since I enjoy gardening, we grow the biggest part of our food." Paul and his wife Virginia have five sons, two daughters, and thirteen grandchildren ages 16 years to 8 months. "For the last few years, my sons and I have gone to Nebraska or Kansas to hunt ring-necked pheasants. We are thinking about going back to Nebraska this October. We also deer hunt around here." Paul is a deacon in Spring City Baptist Church. □

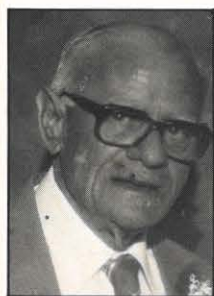


"I started working at Glen Lyn Plant on Groundhog Day, February 2, 1953. I don't know whether or not the groundhog saw his shadow but things, for the most part, have been pretty sunny for me since that day," states **Russell Fleshman**. He was stores attendant senior at Glen Lyn before electing early retirement on May 1. "The company has been good to me, and I know of no better place to work in this area. I have always worked in the storeroom, and this has kept me in close contact with both maintenance and operations as the

fellows came in for supplies. I always tried to have good relations with my fellow workers and made an effort to be courteous and helpful as I issued material for them. I have no special plans for retirement. I will try to devote more time to the Peterstown Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge, and Rotary Club. Virginia and I have a son in Kingsport and a daughter in Waynesboro, so we will spend more time at each place and enjoy the grandchildren. I have a large garden and yard which will occupy my time in the summer, and I like to hunt." □



## Friends We'll Miss



McNeely

**John Scott McNeely**, 77, retired Roanoke meter service helper, died March 26. A native of Logan, West Virginia, he was employed in 1942 as a maintenance man at Logan Plant and retired in 1963. McNeely is survived by his wife Mildred, Box 774, Logan, WV; two daughters; one son; two sisters; and five grandchildren.



Jarrell

**James Kermit Jarrell**, 77, retired Huntington stationman A, died April 4. A native of Wayne County, West Virginia, he began his career in 1934 as a laborer and retired in 1964. Jarrell is survived by one son, one stepson, three daughters, two stepdaughters, eight grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.



Caldwell

**Dennis Harold Caldwell**, 69, retired Charleston T&D clerk A, died April 11. A native of Charleston, West Virginia, he joined the company in 1941 as a field clerk and retired in 1979. Caldwell is survived by his wife Mary, 307 Ballengee Street, Hinton, WV; two sons; two daughters; and eleven grandchildren. □



# Who's News

## Abingdon

**Linda Kegley**, customer services clerk B, was chairman of the Washington County Chapter, Professional Secretaries International spring seminar at Virginia Highlands Community College.

**Jimmy**, son of J.L. Cook, station mechanic A, is the winner of the 4-H public speaking contest in the 9-13 age level and will represent Washington County at the district level.

**I.J. Webb**, Gate City area supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Southwest Virginia.

**Trevor**, son of R.D. Gill, stores and garage supervisor, took fourth place in individual scoring in the first round of competition in the national "Math Counts" program sponsored by the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. "Math Counts" is a combination math coaching and competition program designed to help reverse declining math skills among students at the pre-college level. Trevor is an eighth grader at Abingdon High School.

Children of three employees have been inducted into the National Honor Society at Abingdon High School. They are: **Jill**, daughter of M.L. Croft, customer accounts supervisor; **Janet**, daughter of W.L. Smythers, line and station superintendent; and **Tracy**, son of R.D. Gill, stores and garage supervisor.

## Central Machine Shop



**Laura**, daughter of Andy Zagayko, assistant manager, has been inducted into the Nitro High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. She also won second place in the economics category of the

Kanawha County Social Studies Fair with a project entitled, "West Virginia - America's Best Kept Secret - Is Still A Secret." □

## McGinnis receives city award

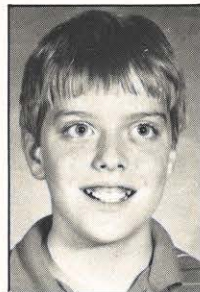


Beckley Mayor Chuck Shoemaker, left, presents a community service award to Beckley Division Superintendent Bob McGinnis. The plaque reads, "In recognition of the fine work and cooperation received from you over the years as a member of Appalachian Power Company. Your efforts on behalf of the City of Beckley and as a personal friend are hereby recognized and appreciated."

## Beckley



**Cheryl**, daughter of Larry Lilly, station mechanic A, has been inducted into the National Honor Society at Shady Spring High School, where she is a senior.



**Gregory**, son of Charlie Dillon, engineering technician senior, placed second in both the Raleigh County Social Studies Fair and the Raleigh County Science Fair. He is a sixth grader at

Stanaford Elementary. □

## Charleston

**Chris**, son of Ted Pendleberry, hydro utility operator A, Kanawha Valley Power Company, was one of the top ten finalists in the Putnam County Senior High School math field day event.

**Rodger Woodrum**, energy services supervisor, and **Jeff Teuscher**, energy services engineer, served as judges in the Kanawha County social studies fair at the Charleston Civic Center. More than 700 elementary, junior and senior high school students competed in the fair, sponsored by the state Department of Education and the West Virginia Council of Social Studies.

**Keith Tyler**, son of Sandra Wright, customer accounts representative C, has been named NAIA second-team all-American. He is a junior guard on the University of Charleston's basketball team. Keith's designation was the first U.C. men's all-American since Henry Dickerson was named to the third team in 1973. □



## General Office



Erin, daughter of Barry Thomas, rate design and research supervisor, GO Rates & Contracts, Roanoke, was a member of the cast in the Mill Mountain Theater production of "The Miracle Worker."

Ten-year-old Erin attends Raleigh Court Elementary School.



Jennifer, daughter of Judy Caldwell, special clerk, GO T&D R/e & R/w, Roanoke, was inducted into the Northside High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Jennifer is a sophomore.



Troy, son of Steve Jamison, compensation and benefits manager, GO Personnel, Roanoke, played on the 1985-86 Roanoke Valley Youth Hockey Squirt All Stars. The team won the Atlanta Invitational Tournament and placed second in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament and the Triangle Youth Hockey Invitational. Troy, who has played for the past six years, was named "most valuable player" in the Durham tournament. At the end of season awards presentation, he received the "hat trick" and "play maker" awards.

Brian, son of George Laurey, general accounting administrator, tested his

engineering skills in Olympics of the Mind competition at Roanoke College. Brian was a member of a team of six students from James Madison Junior High which won first place in the 9th-12th grade division of the "Bridging the Gap" competition. Part of the competition included building a bridge out of thin strips of balsa wood which held more weight than those built by the 10 other competing teams. Their bridge held 225 1/4 pounds; the second place team's bridge held 103 pounds. Brian's team will represent western Virginia in the state finals in Norfolk.

Midshipman **Blake Blackwell**, who is completing his second year at the U.S. Naval Academy, has received the political science appointment at the Pentagon for a three-week internship this summer. He is the son of J. Emmett Blackwell, personnel services manager, GO Personnel, Roanoke.

**Bill**, husband of Faye Amos, personnel assistant senior, GO Personnel, Roanoke, has been named "photographer of the year" by Roanoke Valley Camera Club. The members are given a different subject/topic each month and winners of the monthly competitions are awarded points. The points are accumulated, and the winner announced at the end of the 12-month period.



Allison, daughter of Nelson Lam, classification supervisor, GO Accounting, Roanoke has been selected for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the only nationally recognized honor society for American community/junior colleges. A student at Virginia Western Community College, Allison plans to transfer to Virginia Tech. □

## Clinch River



Denise, daughter of Vic Taylor, chief chemist, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Abingdon High School. She plays baritone for the Falcon Band, serves as president of the Abingdon

United Methodist Church Senior MYF, and holds an office in the Civinettes, sponsored by the Abingdon Civitan Club. □

## Huntington



Courtney, daughter of Jerry Vest, office supervisor, was chosen as an all star cheerleader for the Red B team in the Beverly Hills Youth Basketball League. The all star cheerleading team competed in four post season tournaments and won two first place awards, one second place, and one third place.

**Pam Otworth**, T&D clerk C, participated in "Jazzercise For Life and Breath" to raise funds for the Central Ohio Lung Association. The 625 participants exercised for two 70-minute periods and raised \$17,000. Pam won four prizes for collecting the most donations — a free cut and blow dry hair style, two luncheon buffets, two movie passes, and twelve tanning bed sessions for half price. □



## Philip Sporn



Major Frank Nelson Reynolds has received a diploma from the U.S. Army Training Support Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia, for completing the two-year Q.M. Officer Advanced (Gen TRP SPR MAR MGT)

course. He just completed a two-week tour at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he received a diploma from Logistics Management Center for completion of the Marquel (ALM). Reynolds is a maintenance supervisor.



Dana, daughter of Douglas Lynn Draper, production superintendent-operations, was selected as a member of the West Virginia all-state chorus in the alto section. She is a junior at Wahama

High School.



David Lynn, son of Douglas Lynn Draper, production superintendent-operations, was a member of the undefeated freshman basketball team at Wahama High School. □

## Attention graduates!

Graduates from high schools, colleges, and technical schools will be recognized in the July issue of The Illuminator.

Employees, their spouses, or children who are graduating this year should give the information and photos to their local Illuminator reporter no later than May 23. All photos will be returned following publication. □

## Charleston team places second



A team from Kentucky Power's Big Sandy Plant squeaked by the Charleston Division team with a score of 61 to 60 to win the 1986 APCo Charleston Division Basketball Invitational. Members of the Charleston team are, standing, l. to r., J.D. Ramsey, line mechanic C; David Wehrle, stores attendant A; Larry Harper, stores attendant A; Durwood Boone, line mechanic D; and Dennis Green, meter reader. Robbie Johnson, engineering technician (kneeling), was named most valuable player. Team members not pictured are Emanuel Watts, meter reader, and Ralph Holmes, St. Albans general servicer.

## Pulaski



Jeanette Blankenship won first place in the forensics competition at Pulaski County High School with a presentation on "Teenage Alcoholism." She also won second place in regional competi-

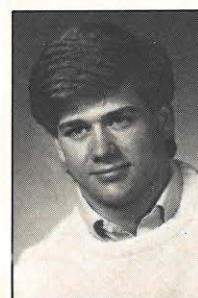
tion and third place in district competition. Jeanette is the daughter of Jim Blankenship, line crew supervisor nonexempt.

Eunice Kidd, wife of the late Okie Kidd, was installed as Esther in the Pulaski Chapter No. 113, Order of the Eastern Star.

Retiree Ray Lester won a riding lawn mower at the Blacksburg Lawn and Garden Show.

Barry Wolfe, Christiansburg T&D clerk, placed third in the Men's Freestyle Division at the Virginia State Indoor Archery Tournament. His score was 599 out of a possible 600. □

## Mountaineer



Todd, son of Jim Gress, maintenance supervisor, was selected for the Class A West Virginia all state first team as running back in football. He was leading scorer in the state and was named athlete

of the week by WCHS-TV. □



## Lynchburg



Nancy, wife of Fred Austin, line crew supervisor, won several awards in the Hill City Bowling Tournament. She placed first in the "A" Division in singles with a 672 set handicap and was top in scratch

with a 588. She was fifth in all events with an 1858 handicap and her team finished in seventh place. Nancy is a member of the board of directors of the Lynchburg Bowling Association.



The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has designated **Loyd Smith**, retired administrative assistant, as a Paul Harris Fellow for his contributions to the Lynchburg Rotary Club. The Rotary Foundation is dedicated to promoting international understanding through educational and charitable programs: scholarships, group study exchanges, special grants, and health, hunger and humanity grants. Paul Harris Fellows are a symbol of Rotary's commitment to world harmony. □

## Roanoke

**Robert D. Webster**, division manager, has been elected vice president of the newly formed Smith Mountain Lake Partnership. The partnership is com-

posed primarily of citizens who have businesses on Smith Mountain Lake and will function to promote and advertise the lake. Webster also served on the advisory committee which developed the partnership concept. □

## Bondurant's turkey is state's best



Tommy Bondurant displays the trophy, plaque, and certificates he received for his state championship turkey.

With a little luck, Tommy Bondurant, Lynchburg line mechanic A, hopes to be the first two-time winner of the Virginia State Championship for Wild Turkey. The contest was held for the first time in 1985, and Tommy's award-winning turkey weighed in at 22 lbs., with a beard of 11 1/8 inches, and spurs 1 3/4 inches long.

The turkey was given a score of 76-8/16, which set a Virginia state record for wild turkey. Tommy was awarded a trophy, plaque, and certificate from the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. He also was asked by the Virginia Peninsula Sportsmen's Association to donate the turkey feet and beard to a Virginia Wildlife Museum that will be built in the future.

A member of the Chestnut Mountain Hunting Club, Tommy has been a hunter for 17 years but started spring

gobbler hunting recently. "Gobbler hunting takes a whole lot of work and dedication," he says. "Fortunately, my wife Carolyn is very understanding. When I go hunting, I get up about 3:30 a.m. But it is so beautiful in the springtime with the new life coming into the trees and the sparkling of the river. Carolyn's parents own 300 acres of land on the James River, and I hunt there frequently.

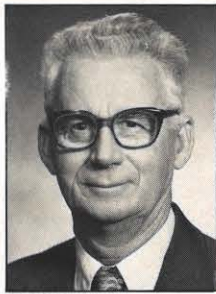
"Right at the break of day is when you can hear the turkeys gobble. When I heard this particular bird, I dropped off the mountain, forded the creek up to my knees, and crawled across a field. Then I heard another one gobble, and I didn't know which one to go for. I forded the same creek three times before the bird finally came over the ridge. I lowered him with one shot, and then had to carry him about a mile and a half out of the woods." □



# Service Anniversaries



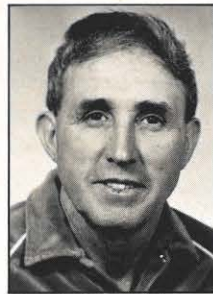
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Huntington  
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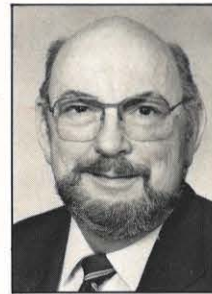
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area supervisor  
Pearisburg  
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W.M. Robinson, Jr.  
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Mountaineer  
35 years



Dennis Brumfield  
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Roanoke  
35 years



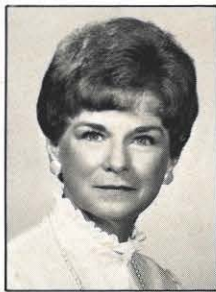
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operation coord.  
GO-Roanoke  
35 years



Mary Kirby  
mk. & cus. serv. rep. sr.  
Bluefield  
35 years



Betty Clements  
secretary  
Roanoke  
35 years



Jean Lavender  
office supervisor  
Beckley  
35 years



D.G. Drake  
line con. & maint. rep.  
Logan  
35 years



Jim Crane  
building supervisor  
Charleston  
35 years



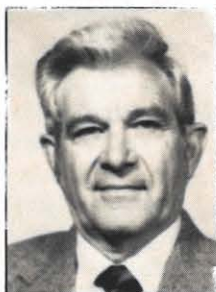
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Bluefield  
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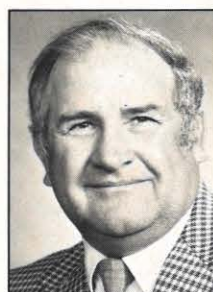
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T&D clerk A  
Abingdon  
30 years



Gene Coltrane  
hydro. res. & bldg. supv.  
Pulaski  
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Bill Cook  
regional chief operator  
GO-Huntington  
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Mike Clayton  
station crew supervisor  
Bluefield  
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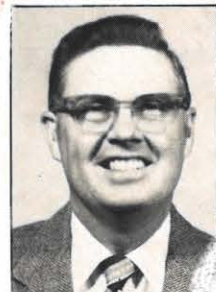
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control elec. A  
GO-Huntington  
20 years



Larry Dunn  
area T&D clerk A  
Pearisburg  
30 years



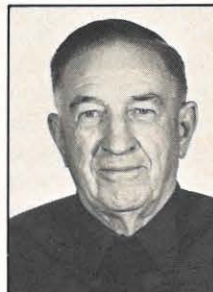
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meter serv. mech. A  
Charleston  
30 years



Nelson Quesenberry  
line con. & maint. rep.  
Pulaski  
20 years



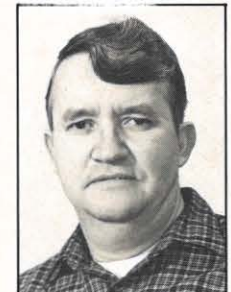
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auto. mechanic B  
Charleston  
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Henry Dooley  
sr. visitors ctr. attend.  
Smith Mountain  
20 years

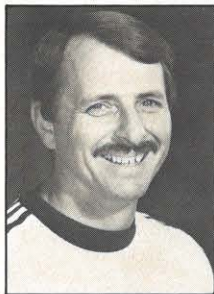


Danny Monahan  
survey party chief  
GO-Roanoke  
20 years



Jackie Thornton  
maintenance mech. B  
Glen Lyn  
20 years





**Charles Slack**  
shift op. engineer  
Kanawha River  
20 years



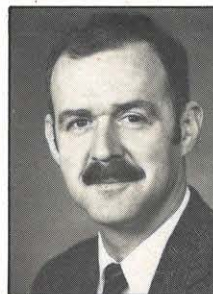
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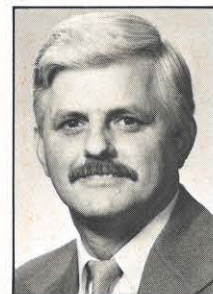
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records mgt. supv.  
GO-Roanoke  
20 years



**Dorothy Via**  
office supervisor  
Fieldale  
25 years



**Dwight Leffel**  
eng. technol. supv.  
GO-Bluefield  
20 years



**Alva Kuhl**  
utility supervisor  
John Amos  
20 years

## Abingdon

20 years: **J.D. Wynegar**, station mechanic A. 10 years: **J.D. Blevins**, meter reader, Marion. **L.J. Dean**, meter reader, Gate City. 5 years: **M.M. McKinney**, marketing and customer services advisor. **J.E. Scales**, line mechanic C, Lebanon. **J.D. Skeen**, meter reader, Lebanon.

## John Amos

15 years: **Roy Stone**, harbor boat operator. 10 years: **Zachary Laughlin**, equipment operator B. **Robert Walker**, control technician senior. **Jerry Midkiff**, maintenance mechanic B. **Michael Coffey**, equipment operator B.

## Bluefield

30 years: **Earl Doss**, collector, Welch. 15 years: **John Coleman**, line crew supervisor NE. 10 years: **Mike Farmer**, general servicer. **Dennis Church**, general servicer, Grundy. 5 years: **Robert Gruver**, division stores assistant.

## Centralized Plant Maintenance

5 years: **L.W. Peck**, maintenance mechanic B. **F.H. Surbaugh, Jr.**, maintenance mechanic B.

## Charleston

5 years: **Danny Ellars**, marketing and customer services advisor. **Darrance Woodrum**, marketing and customer services advisor. **Paul Kessinger**, meter reader.

## Clinch River

20 years: **Norman Lester**, instrument mechanic A. **Harold Johnson**, instrument mechanic C. 15 years: **Donald Scales**, maintenance mechanic B. **Lester Summers**, maintenance mechanic B. **Carter Chafin**, maintenance mechanic B. 10 years: **Ora Cantrell**, unit supervisor. 5 years: **Jeffery Dotson**, equipment operator B.

## General Office

15 years: **Anna Robinson**, custodian B, GO General Services, Roanoke. 10 years: **Jeff Weddle**, energy services coordinator, GO Marketing & Customer Services, Roanoke. **Doris Smith**, centralized cash assistant, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Jeanne Leftwich**, operations clerk B, GO Operations, Roanoke. **Anne Hawks**, mail clerk, GO General Services, Roanoke. **Sherry Graybeal**, electric plant clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Mina Dillion**, senior telephone operator, GO

General Services, Roanoke. 5 years: **Nancy Jones**, classifications & accounts payable clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Calvin Robertson**, general records clerk C, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Robin Poage**, stenographer, GO Purchasing, Roanoke. **Pam Gruver**, computer graphics technician B, GO T&D Computerized Drafting, Roanoke.

## Glen Lyn

35 years: **Arnold Turner**, maintenance mechanic A. 5 years: **Randy Nicewonder**, personnel supervisor. **Chester Blevins**, maintenance mechanic D.

## Huntington

10 years: **Larry Caldwell**, stores attendant A. 5 years: **Karen Twohig**, customer accounts representative C.

## Kanawha River

10 years: **J.W. Sullivan**, maintenance mechanic B. **R.D. Connard**, coal equipment operator.

## Logan-Williamson

10 years: **Jerry Thompson**, area servicer, Madison. 5 years: **Lisa Smith**, customer accounts representative C, Williamson.

## Lynchburg

10 years: **Vickie McConaghy**, customer accounts representative B. 5 years: **Bobby Hawkins**, meter reader. **Mike Fifer**, meter reader.

## Pulaski

5 years: **T.W. Caviness**, station mechanic C.

## Roanoke

30 years: **Boyd Akers**, meter service mechanic A. 10 years: **Linda Atkinson**, drafter C.

## Philip Sporn

5 years: **Randy Murdoch**, performance engineer.  
□

## Hard hat saves Reggie Gardner



Roanoke Personnel Supervisor Warren Vaughan, left, presents Reggie Gardner with a Tortoise Club certificate.

Reginald Gardner, Roanoke line mechanic B, can speak from experience about the benefit of wearing a hard hat.

Reggie was working a case of trouble with a crew replacing a blown riser fuse. As the top of the fuse holder was closed, it came apart and fell, striking him on the head. The object weighed about 1½ pounds and fell approximately 20 feet.

Because Reggie was wearing his hard hat and escaped injury, he has been granted membership in the Tortoise Club sponsored by the Southeastern Electric Exchange. □



# Barneses host exchange student

If someone were to ask the Don Barnes family how to promote international understanding, they would be quick to respond, 'host an exchange student.' Fifteen-year-old Fabrice Rat from Biot, France, has been a guest in their home since last August. He attends Athens High School, along with Don's son, Donald.

Don, transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, says that the family became interested in hosting an exchange student after Donald met a student from France in Hinton. "We started checking into some organizations and found out about the American Inter-cultural Student Exchange (AISE)," Don relates. "We were investigated thoroughly, and our name was put on a waiting list in November 1984. In June of last year, we found out that we were going to get Fabrice. We had to send a letter accepting him into our home.

"After many letters between his family and ours, everything was arranged. We picked him up at the Roanoke Airport on August 16. When Fabrice got off the plane, he went to my wife and hugged her, then shook my hand and hugged me, and shook hands with the AISE coordinators. He and Donald talked constantly until 5 a.m. the next morning. It took Fabrice about three days to settle down.

"Fabrice misses his folks, but he loves the United States and West Virginia. He had visited Miami and Los Angeles before, but this is his first time to stay for



L. to r., Donald Barnes, Fabrice Rat, Lora Barnes, and Don Barnes.

an extended period."

Don continues, "Fabrice likes hot dogs, hamburgers, tacos, and pizzas, and especially pancakes, which they don't have in France. They don't have canned soft drink machines there either, and Fabrice enjoys being able to drink as many soft drinks as he wants. He says that the United States is all he thought it would be and even more. He is amazed at the assortment of products in the stores and their inexpensive price compared to France. He also is surprised at the freedoms we have here that are not even considered in most foreign countries. For instance, their television commercials cannot say that one pro-

duct is better than another one. Even though his family is considered wealthy — they live on the French Riviera — Fabrice was amazed at the size of our kitchen stove and refrigerator."

Don concludes, "Fabrice has one brother and one sister. His father is in real estate; one grandfather is a retired businessman; and the other grandfather is a doctor who, incidentally, delivered Bridgette Bardot. Fabrice refers to me as 'dad' by his own choosing, and he loves my wife. He has won the hearts of everyone he has come in contact with. It is going to be a very tearful time when he leaves on July 3."

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