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About the cover: A Kingsport Utilities line crew in the early days of the company.



APCo customers respond generously to Neighbor fund

Some 3,662 needy families received help with their winter electric bills through Appalachian Power's Neighbor-to-Neighbor program this year.

More than \$167,185 was contributed by 18,369 individuals and organizations in the company's service area.

The company's stockholders added \$75,000 in matching funds to bring the program's total to \$242,185.

In West Virginia, 7,067 contributors (757 less than last year) gave \$58,951 to Neighbor--a decrease of \$5,061. Matching stockholder contributions of \$37,500 brought this year's total to \$96,451 in the state.

In Virginia, 11,302 contributors (850 more than last year) gave \$108,234 to Neighbor--an increase of \$9,311. Matching stockholder contributions of \$37,500 brought this year's Virginia total to \$145,734, the highest ever.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor funds were distributed to 1,695 Virginia families by the Department of Social Services and in West Virginia to 1,967 families by the Department of Health and Human Resources, both of which certified the eligibility of recipients.

Appalachian shared the administrative costs of the program with the two service organizations so that all funds contributed went directly to assist those in need. □



Holzaepfel

Holzaepfel elected president of KPCo

Michael J. Holzaepfel has been elected president and chief operating officer of Kingsport Power Company, effective June 1. He succeeds Thomas A. Rotenberry, who became West Virginia vice president for Appalachian Power Company on May 1.

Holzaepfel, 46, is a veteran of 23 years of service in the American Electric Power System. Since 1987, he has been manager of the Athens Division of Columbus Southern Power Company.

He is a registered professional engineer and a graduate of the Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1969. He furthered his engineering training at Akron University, and he is working toward a master's degree in business administration at Kent State University.

Holzaepfel began his career as an electrical engineer in the Canton Division of Ohio Power Company in 1969 and moved to the Canton General Office as a distribution engineer in 1973. In 1974, he began working in a series of employee and labor relations positions that led to his promotion to labor relations supervisor for Ohio Power in 1980.

Holzaepfel also served as administrative assistant to the president of Ohio Power in 1983 and as manager of Ohio Power's Cambridge area from 1984 until 1987.

Holzaepfel and his wife Pamela have four children. □

AEP Savings Plan Funds

Following are investment rates of return for the period ending March 31, 1992.

	Last 12 Months
Fixed Income Fund	9.1%
Equity Fund	10.7%
AEP Stock Fund	14.1%

Corresponding future rates of return will be affected by stock market prices or, in the case of the Fixed Income Fund, the addition, replacement or change of fixed income funding segments. Participants may change their investment fund choice twice in any calendar year. In addition, the percentage rate of matched and unmatched contributions may be changed twice in each calendar year. See the savings plan booklet in your Protection Program Manual for details. □

Kingsport Power seeks rate hike

Kingsport Power Company on May 26 filed a request with the Tennessee Public Service Commission for a 7.6% increase in electric rates, or approximately \$5.5 million annually in additional revenue.

Approximately \$5.1 million of this amount was requested to cover increased costs of purchased power and about \$400,000 in increased operating costs and capital expenditures.

Under the proposed rates, the average residential customer using 1,350 kilowatt-hours per month would pay an additional \$9.60.

It is expected that the Commission will schedule a public hearing on the request and reach a decision within six months. □

Global Climate Change -- the U.S. and AEP response

(Last in a series)

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, known as the "Earth Summit," has focused the attention of the United States Congress and industry in this country on the global climate change issue. Many in Congress have decided that the U.S. cannot wait for the U.N. process to develop a program aimed at preventing or reducing the chance for global climate change induced by human activities. Instead, more than 100 separate legislative initiatives have been introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives over the last few years.

Given the link between CO₂ emissions and energy use, one focal point of the continuing debate is the National Energy Strategy (NES), which defines a more energy-efficient path for the nation. Legislation to implement the NES is under consideration in both branches of Congress. A proposed amendment to the energy strategy legislation in the House, sponsored by Representative Henry Waxman (D-CA), would mandate reductions in national CO₂ emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000.

Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Al Gore (D-TN).

In contrast to these efforts to mandate reductions, a recent White House report indicated that a combination of measures aimed at limiting emissions of CO₂, methane and nitrous oxides will result in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions on the order of 7 to 11 percent from projected levels by the year 2000. Unfortunately, the analysis suggests that most of this reduction is to be achieved from the electricity sector, and it ignores gains that could be made from other source categories such as transportation.

Another major piece of legislation on global climate change is the Cooper-Synar bill. This bill would require utilities to offset a ton of carbon (or its equivalent in other greenhouse gases) for every ton emitted from new fossil-fired power plants. With this approach, utilities could meet the standard by switching existing units

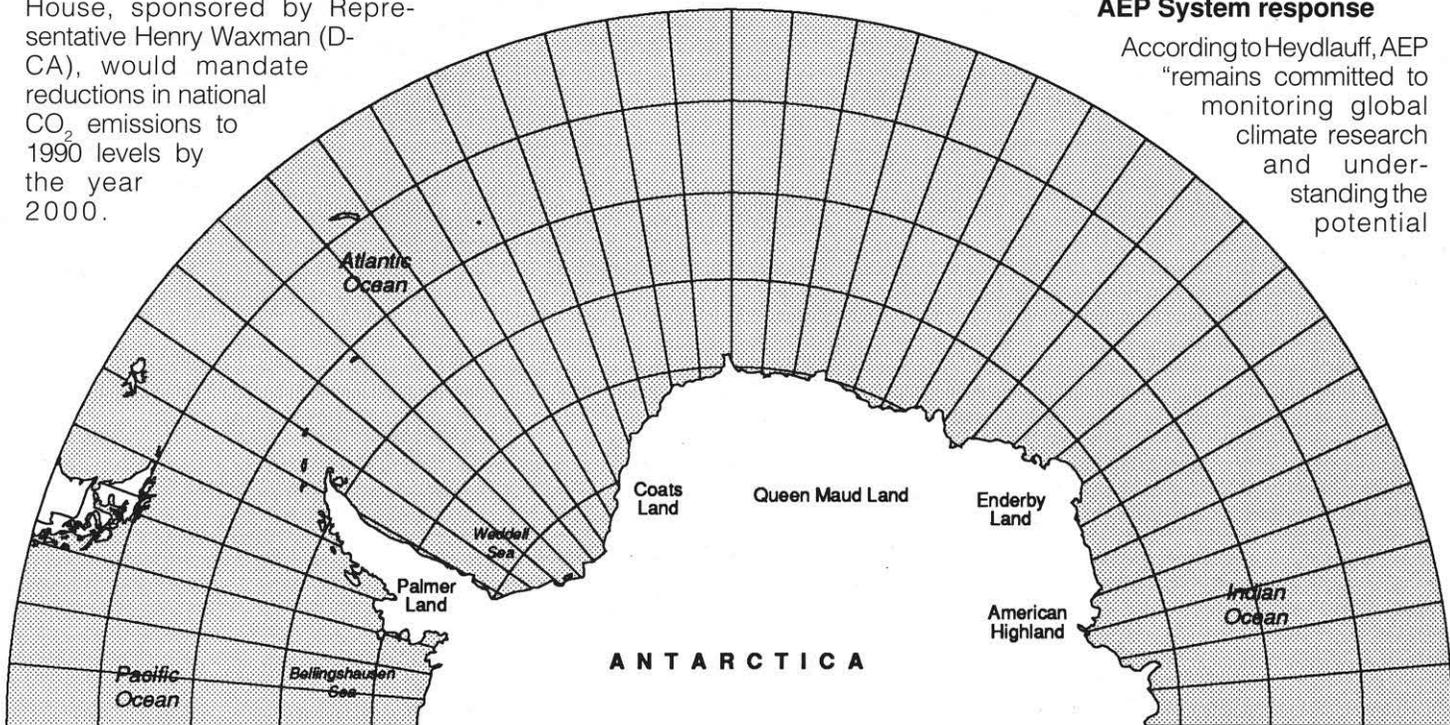
from coal to natural gas, which emits a lower level of CO₂ by encouraging consumers to conserve energy, by planting trees or by capturing methane emissions from coal mines or landfills. The law, if passed, would apply only to the electric industry, which is responsible for only 35 percent of U.S. CO₂ emissions.

Dale E. Heydlauff, AEP vice president-environmental affairs, explained the rationale behind this apparent inequity. "Commercial power plants are prime targets because their emissions are relatively easy to monitor and their pollution-control costs can be passed on to a broad base of customers," he said.

"However, unlike our program to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions, carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants cannot be easily reduced by switching to another type of coal or adding scrubbers. These legislative proposals have very serious implications for the future use of coal in this country."

AEP System response

According to Heydlauff, AEP "remains committed to monitoring global climate research and understanding the potential



Recent studies indicate that the ice caps will not melt if the global climate warms, but that increased snowfall will cause them to grow.

future impact of continual increases in greenhouse gases. Meanwhile, we hope to minimize all types of emissions from our power plants by keeping our generating units operating at optimum efficiency, by developing new clean coal technologies and by taking sensible conservation measures.”

Energy efficiency

“AEP has a history of industry leadership in energy efficiency, particularly on the supply side of the meter. Our generating plants currently have the best heat rate among multi-plant electric systems in the country, and our transmission, distribution and other internal efficiencies are unparalleled,” said Heydlauff about AEP’s efficiency.

“There has been a steady improvement in our internal efficiency, represented in heat rate (or btu’s produced per kilowatt hours generated). If AEP plants had operated at the industry average heat conversion rate in 1990, they would have burned an additional 3.5 million tons of coal.”

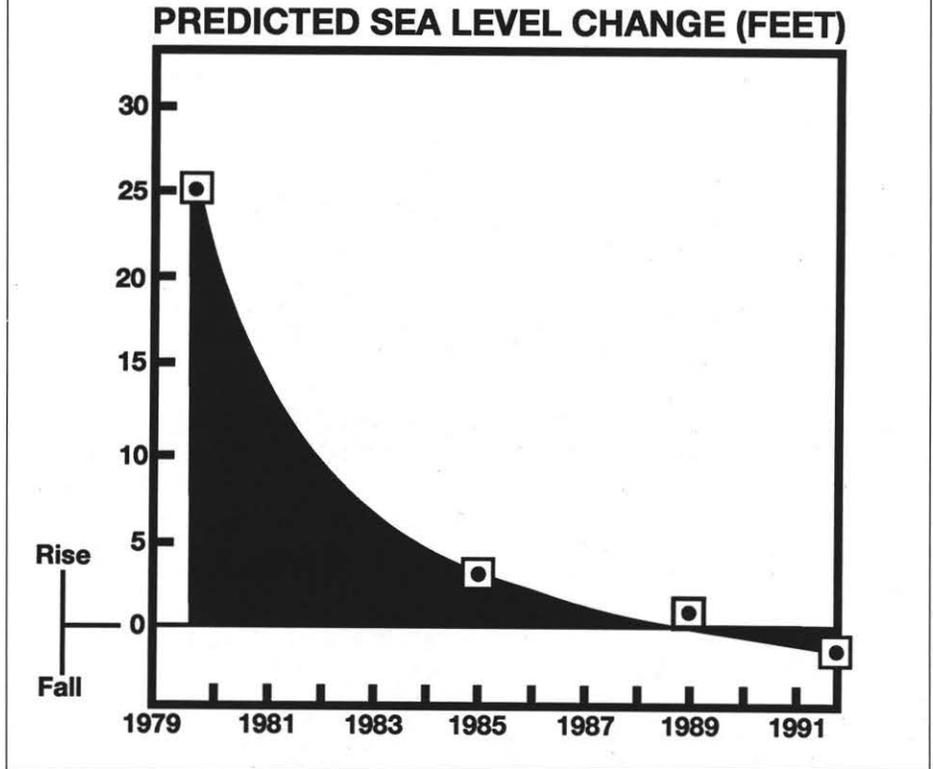
One AEP supply-side innovation was the introduction of extra-high-voltage (EHV) transmission. Significantly less energy is lost from EHV transmission lines than high- or low-voltage lines. A single 765-kv line can save about 60 megawatts in losses.

Another AEP innovation was the energy-efficient heat pump, developed in 1934, which is in use in millions of homes and businesses across America. The efficiency of heat pump technology has continued to improve, often exceeding 300 percent efficiency, while fossil fuel furnaces do not exceed 96 percent efficiency.

AEP continues its commitment to internal energy efficiency, and looks for ways to minimize energy use at many company facilities.

Clean coal technologies

As part of AEP’s continuing commitment to coal, the company is participating in the U.S. Department of Energy’s Clean Coal Program. The advanced pressurized fluidized bed technology that AEP has pioneered at the 70-mw Tidd test facility is expected to improve generating efficiency by at least 10 percent over conventional coal-fired power plants..



As global climate science is evolving, predictions of the effects of warming are changing dramatically. In 1979, sea level was predicted to rise 25 feet. Recent studies indicate a drop in sea level of about one foot. (Marshall Institute)

According to Anthony J. Ahern, chairman of AEP’s global climate change task force, “At this point, it doesn’t make sense for the United States to turn its back on its 300-year coal reserves when we are continuing to learn how to burn it more efficiently.”

Renewables and nuclear power

AEP owns and operates 16 hydro plants, with a combined generating capacity of nearly 271 mw. In recent years, the company has been refurbishing many of these facilities and achieving dramatic improvements in efficiency and capacity --up to 60 percent.

AEP also owns and operates the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant. This two-unit, 2,110-mw plant went into commercial service in 1978 and has achieved an excellent record in safety and efficiency. Although the company has no plans to add additional nuclear capacity, between 1980 and 1990, the company has avoided emitting 130 million tons of CO₂ by generating electricity using this technology instead of using coal.

Electric utilities in other areas of the country are able to use new renewable technologies, such as wind and solar power. These technologies in their current form are not reliable or cost-effective on the AEP system due to its geographic location. Ahern indicated, though, that the company monitors developments in

these technologies and recently met with U.S. Windpower to learn more about that company’s wind turbines.

Demand-side management

While supply-side efficiency has been a significant form of environmental enhancement and conservation, increasing emphasis is being placed on the customer side of the meter, the demand side.

AEP is evaluating a wide variety of demand-side management options, that, if fully implemented, may result in significant savings by the year 2000 from the residential, commercial and industrial customer classes. The most recent estimates of the effect of these programs is a savings of electricity used by AEP customers of 1.4 billion kilowatthours in the year 2000 and 2.2 billion kwh by 2010.

Examples of demand-side management programs in the pilot stage include: old/second refrigerator recycling, water heater wrap, “Lo-Flo” showerheads, efficient lighting, insulation and weatherization in low-income households, home energy audits and low-interest loans for efficiency improvements, incentives to builders to install more efficient electric appliances and to build higher-than-code efficiency homes and buildings.

Ahern says, “These programs exemplify the company’s ‘no regrets’ policy on the

climate change issue. These programs have a great deal of economic merit and help conserve resources, regardless of the uncertain threat of climate change."

Electrification

Another, perhaps surprising, way to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases is to use more electricity. A recent report from the Electric Power Research Institute says, "there is simply more value in a btu of electricity than in a btu from another energy source." Thus, using electricity can be more efficient than using fossil fuels directly.

Significant energy savings can arise from electricity use in two ways--first, with the initial substitution of an electrotechnology for primary energy and, subsequently, when the electrotechnology is linked with, and controlled by, electricity-based microprocessors to maximize process efficiency.

Ahern described how this works. "To use a very simple example, sending a 20-page report cross-country on a fax machine uses about 10 btu of energy per page. To send the same report by courier uses about 600 btu per page, considering fuels used for air and ground transport. This translates into a CO₂

emission savings of approximately two pounds.

"About two pounds of CO₂ are also eliminated when a pound of steel is made using an electric furnace, or when the ink on 40 magazines is dried with ultraviolet light. These savings are calculated by including the fuels used to make electricity," explained Ahern.

Reforestation

Although forests won't reduce emissions, they will produce a "sink" for the CO₂ produced, thereby essentially offsetting emissions. AEP owns approximately 225,000 acres of forest land and, since 1940, has planted more than 40 million trees.

Electric vehicles

The transportation sector produces one-third of all CO₂ emissions. Electric vehicles, although still in the developmental stage, promise to be an energy efficient means of transportation, and are potentially twice as efficient as gasoline-powered vehicles. AEP monitors advances in this technology through its membership in the Electric Vehicle Coalition, a national group of manufacturers and utilities committed to bringing this technology to the marketplace in a timely manner.

Summary

Increasing energy efficiency and electrification of industrial processes have already resulted in a significant decrease in the amount of CO₂ produced per unit of economic output in the United States. The total amount of CO₂ emitted in 1988 was only five percent greater than in 1973, even though the economy grew 51 percent.

If the trend toward increasing energy efficiency can be accelerated, economic growth may be possible with declining CO₂ emissions. Encouraging such a trend worldwide would prove to be the least disruptive and most cost-effective step toward mitigating any global climate change caused by man.

Accomplishment of this goal will require a partnership between the utility industry, regulators and consumers. "We at AEP are committed to promoting efficiency, conservation, and development of environmentally protective energy technologies," said Heydlauff. "But, we can't do it alone. Our customers, and people throughout the world, must understand that they have to participate in the process. As the company's new campaign says, we need to save money and resources together. □



As a demand side management tool, Appalachian and Kingsport Power Companies are offering customers the opportunity to purchase a SMART PAC (shown above). A do-it-yourself kit designed to boost energy efficiency in the home, the SMART PAC includes a low-flow shower head, fluorescent bulb, water heater wrap, insulating wrap for water heater pipes, and outlet and switch plate insulators.

Tilting at towers

by Bill Tanger

(Editor's note: Bill Tanger is a well known environmentalist and advertising agency owner in Roanoke, Virginia. He is assisting Appalachian Power in its communications about the proposed Oceana-Cloverdale 765 kV power line as public education consultant.)

Some say there is no need for a new transmission line, but the facts tell a different story.

Let's look at history for a moment. It was only in the 1890's that electricity first became available to large numbers of people. Only a hundred years ago!

And only fifty years ago, rural communities were raising cain with power companies to get rural electrification. Today everyone wants their electricity, but no one wants the transmission line that it takes to provide it.

Yet the need for additional electricity keeps on growing. In fact, **need** is by far the most critical question regarding the proposed 765 kV power line project. If the need is there, the line most likely will be approved. If the need is not there, it won't be built.

The numbers show an increasing demand for electricity in the APCo service area: up 80% since 1973, with another 21% projected by the year 2000. Where does this growth in demand come from?

Three things have caused the growth in demand for electricity:

- increased population
- increased number of households
- increased per capita use

Let's look at a specific county like Craig County, Virginia. While population increased by 23% from 1970 to 1990, households increased by over 30%. In other words, while the population grew from 3,524 to 4,372, the average size of a household fell from 3.15 to less than 2.72. The result was an increase in the number of households of over 30%,

which causes the demand for electricity to go up faster than the population. This trend not only is in Craig County but nationwide. (Incidentally, the demand on Appalachian Power from Craig Botetourt Co-op which serves a large portion of Craig County has increased by approximately 40% over the last five years.)

In addition, we continue to use more electricity on a per person basis not only at home but at work and at the shops and places we visit. At home we have more appliances, more air conditioning, and more electric heat as we move away from other heat sources such as wood, oil, and coal. At work we have more computers, more copiers, more high-tech equipment. At retail stores we have longer hours, more lighting, and more computers as well.

The Department of Energy estimates that demand for electricity in the U. S. will grow by 68% by the year 2010. Estimates for the APCo service area are for 41% by the year 2010, which is well below the national average.

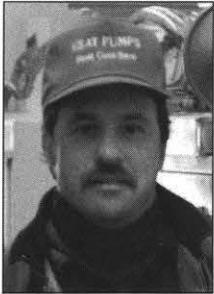
By 1998, transmission lines south and east of Charleston, West Virginia, will be, under several line outage circumstances, overloaded to the point that brownouts or blackouts could occur.

Appalachian has the legal and ethical obligation to plan ahead for adequate electric power. To allow the increasing possibility of widespread blackouts with the economic, environmental, and social problems they would cause would be legally and ethically irresponsible.

The West Virginia Public Service Commission and the Virginia State Corporation Commission have a legal and ethical obligation as well. They must consider the facts and approve those facilities needed to serve their citizens.

Unfortunately, the commissions have to cut through an enormous amount of rhetoric to get to the truth. But their decision will determine whether the doubters have been correct in their opinions or just tilting at towers. □

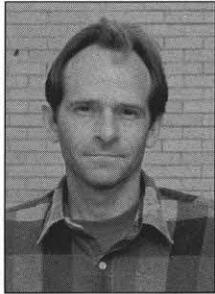
Thanks, folks, for jobs well done



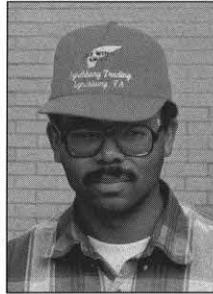
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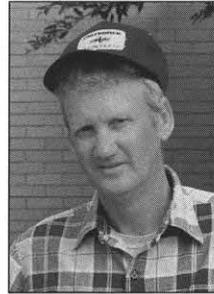
Read



Kidd



Holloway



Rucker



Mayfield

The Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department wrote a letter of appreciation for the quick response of Scottsville Area Servicer **Randy Golladay** in cutting off power at the scene of a fire. "The elimination of power was of substantial importance to health and safety of everyone on the scene."

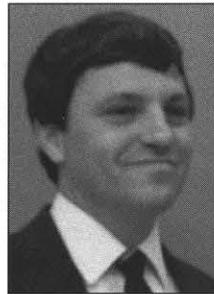
A Lynchburg customer whose account was delinquent wrote a thank you letter to **Carol Read**, customer services representative C, for having her electric service reconnected. "...I am so grateful that you took that extra step to verify what I told you in reference to my hardship and my son's medical conditions...If there were more people like yourself, it would make those rough roads that people often have to encounter a little bit easier."

The principal of Heritage High School sent a complimentary letter for the help of three Lynchburg employees in setting some posts on the school's athletic field. The employees were **Gill Kidd**, line mechanic B; **Charlie Holloway**, line crew supervisor NE; and **Raymond Rucker**, line mechanic A.

A customer called the Charleston division manager's office to express how pleased he was with how **Mary Mayfield**, customer services office supervisor, handled a problem with his electric service being disconnected for non-payment. "She was understanding and efficient in resolving my problem."



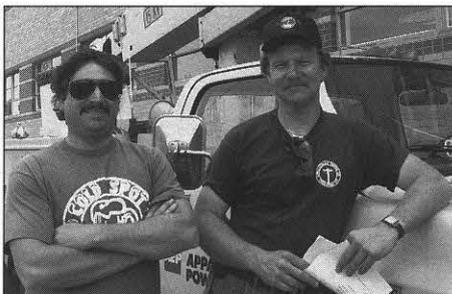
Banks, left, and Hudson



Maurer



Sherry



Snyder, left, and Parsons

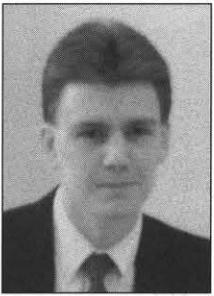
Another customer called the Charleston division manager's office to compliment **John Snyder**, line mechanic B, and **Paul Parsons**, line mechanic C, on "how helpful and quickly they worked to restore electric service to my house after a fire."

A Charleston customer was appreciative of the quick response she received on her request to have the entrance cable on her property checked. In complimenting **John Hudson**, line superintendent, and **Terry Banks**, line crew

supervisor, the customer wrote, "In these times of concern about quality service by American companies, these two gentlemen certainly represent the best in that regard."

Charlie Maurer and **Walt Sherry**, Charleston energy services engineers I, were presented a certificate of appreciation by Carl Bradford, director of the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services in recognition of "outstanding leadership by actively participating in emergency services programs and activities. Your contributions have served to increase the capability of our organization and the state to effectively cope with disasters and emergencies of all types." They recently participated in the I. E. Zelda mock weather disaster training exercise.

An Elkview customer wrote a letter complimenting **Phil Moye**, Charleston department assistant-marketing and customer services. "...Phil arrived at our house on time and presented/conducted him-



Moye



Watts



Cardwell



L. to r., Meadows, Bibbee, and Chafin

self in a professional manner. We feel that he has gone out of his way to help us, and we really appreciate it...he is one of a very few that knows the meaning of good service."

A Cabin Creek customer sent a letter complimenting Montgomery Meter Reader **Dawnette Watts**. "My child is 18 months old and has learned to open the gate and leave the yard. Therefore, I need to lock the gates... I found an unusual snap type hook that the children have not yet learned to unsnap. Unknown by the meter reader, I was at the sink and observed her replace the snap on the gate without any apparent distress. She never lost her pleasant facial expression. I wanted to compliment her for being so pleasant and cooperative and say thank you. I feel confident knowing that if I leave my child in the yard, Appalachian Power will not have left the gate unsecured. Other people are not so courteous, understanding, or good natured."

When **Regina Cardwell**, Milton customer services representative C, requested a deposit from a customer who was transferring his business to another location, the customer expressed his unhappiness. Later that day, she received a floral arrangement from the customer, along with this message: "Just because someone is having a bad day, they don't have to share it. I'm really sorry."

A Cliffside customer was very complimentary of three Charleston employees who saved her house from burning down. **Ronnie Meadows**, line mechanic B; **Chuck Bibbee**, line mechanic A; and **Bob Chafin**, line mechanic A, saw smoke coming from the house. They checked to make certain no one was in the house and had a neighbor call the fire department. They put out the fire with a fire extinguisher and garden hose before help arrived.



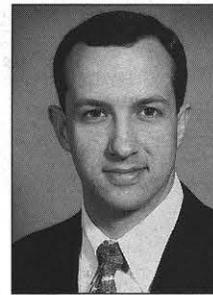
Watkins, left, and Fesler

Debi Watkins, Lynchburg human resources clerk B, and **Dawn Fesler**, Lynchburg customer services representative A, received a letter of thanks from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service for their presentation of the Whale Tales program. "...You are excellent resource teachers of safe water habits. You have a good combination of a variety of teaching methods to effectively reach youth..."

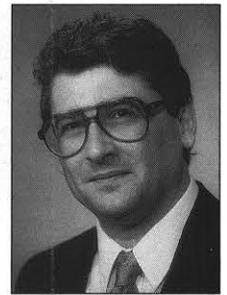
Huntington Energy Services Engineer **Bill Rogers** received a thank you card from the Evergreen Hills Baptist Church for his work with them during the pre-planning stage of construction. Bill worked up a cost analysis for the church to show how much could be saved by installing a higher efficiency heat pump. He also explained the different tariffs under which the church could be billed, depending on whether they added to the existing facility or built a separate addition for classrooms.

A Boones Mill customer expressed appreciation to **Tom Tyree**, transmission line crew supervisor, GO T&D Transmission Line, Roanoke, for his help in replacing the culvert on a private road which is utilized by Appalachian for maintenance of a tower and power lines. The culvert had been washed out during a rainstorm.

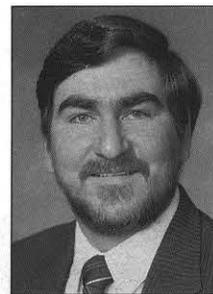
A Huntington customer wrote a letter to the editor of the Herald Dispatch concerning service restoration. "This letter is



Rogers



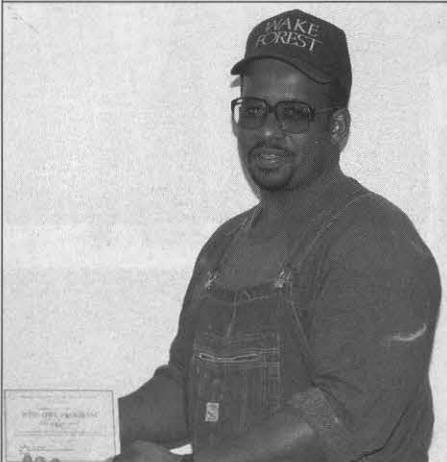
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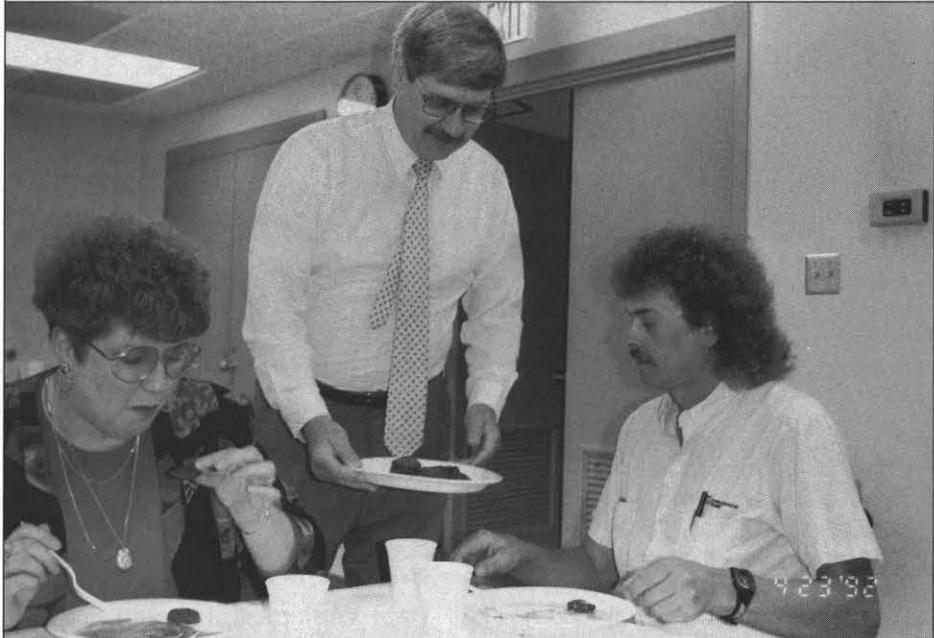
in praise of a service company and one of their employees. In this day and age of public service or the lack thereof, I wish to commend, before the eyes of the public, Appalachian Power Co. Late last night a huge limb fell on my roof, ripping the electric wire from my house and snapping the telephone wire. My phone call, from a neighbor's house, brought immediate response. The swift and courteous action by their man **Roger Cline** (general servicer) was truly unprecedented. A true hero to a widow in distress!" □

Wise Owl



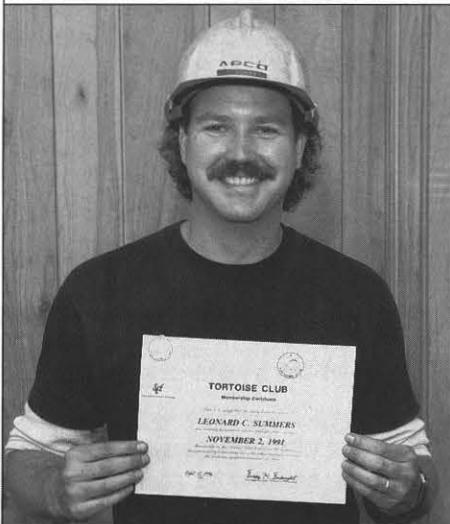
Joseph Walker, Princeton line mechanic A, has been awarded membership in the Wise Owl Club of America, sponsored by the National Society to Prevent Blindness. Joseph would have sustained serious eye injury had he not been wearing safety glasses when a voltmeter caught on fire. The glasses were scratched by flying debris.

Huntington has pancake breakfast



Huntington Division employees were treated to a pancake breakfast in recognition of their having worked one year without a disabling injury and also for exceeding their United Way goal of \$27,000. Pictured are, l. to r., Vickie Sowards, Milton customer services representative A; Division Manager Dave Bush; and George Dewees, Milton meter reader.

Tortoise award



Leonard Summers, Clinch River Plant equipment operator C, has been awarded membership in the Tortoise Club, sponsored by the Southeastern Electric Exchange. Because he was wearing a hard hat, Leonard was not injured when three pounds of block insulation fell from the main turbine steam piping, striking him on the head.

Lynchburg reaches 500,000 safe hours



Lynchburg Division employees celebrated with a breakfast after reaching 500,000 safe work hours. Division Manager Barry Snodgrass said, "At first glance it sounds impossible to reach 500,000 hours; but, by practicing individual safety each and every day, we can continue climbing to higher and higher goals. Let's all keep choosing the safe path both on the job and at home."

Bluefield



Natalie



Heidi



Sydney

Natalie and Heidi Yazdani were among the Clinch Valley District winners in the Virginia PTA Cultural Arts Reflections Contest. Natalie, a seventh grader at Graham Middle School, won second place in the music category within the grades 7-9 division. Heidi, a fifth grader at Graham Intermediate School, won first place in the music category for the grades 3-6 division. Both were recognized at the state level for their participation.

Natalie and Sydney Yazdani were winners in this year's annual spring art exhibit by the students of Becky Richardson, Bluefield, Va. Natalie won first place in the grades 7-9 category for her acrylic painting of a ricoco Victorian home. Sydney won an honorable mention in the K-3 grade level category for her acrylic painting of a birdhouse. They are the children of Alexander Yazdani, electrical engineer senior.



Isaac Webb, T&D superintendent, was selected as president of the Mercer County Habitat for Humanity at its annual meeting.

Bob Edwards, engineering technologist I, was reelected to the board of directors of the Princeton Baseball Association, the governing body of the Princeton Reds, the minor league affiliates of the Cincinnati Reds. The Princeton Reds is the professional baseball club in the

Who's News

Appalachian League located in Princeton, W. Va. □

Beckley

Energy Services Technologist **David Langford**, a 1992 graduate of Bluefield State College, was nominated for inclusion in the 57th annual edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Michelle, daughter of Jim Linkswiler, Oak Hill line crew supervisor NE, was nominated by *The Fayette Tribune/Montgomery Herald* newspapers for their Athlete of the Year award. A senior at Mt. Hope High School, Michelle was selected to the 1992 Girls All State basketball team. She will continue her basketball career at West Virginia Tech.

Jennifer, daughter of Jim Dunford, stores attendant B, was named a United States national award winner in English and leadership by the United States Achievement Academy. She attends Sophia Junior High School.

Cindy, daughter of Records Supervisor Paula Goddard, has been accepted into the Helvetia Sophomore Honorary at West Virginia University. Members are selected on the basis of high academic standing, extracurricular activities, and self-discipline.

Monisha Howard, daughter of Charles Thomas, line crew supervisor NE, was elected president of her fifth grade class at Stanaford Elementary School. She also was one of 83 students nationwide to receive honorable mention in an essay writing contest. Approximately 3500 students entered the contest. Monisha's essay was on the problems of latchkey children. □

Huntington

David Bush, division manager, was elected to the United Way of the River Cities board of directors.

Tom Glusich, Jr., electrical engineer I, was elected second vice president of the Southeast Huntington Lions Club.

Holly, daughter of Division Manager David Bush, won second place in the

"Our American Heritage" contest sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America. She won her \$15 prize in the poster competition for grade levels 4-6. There were 190 entries in the contest.

Karen Twohig, customer servicer, was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the community and technical college honorary. She is majoring in business management at Marshall University.



Rileigh Atchley won the most outstanding cheerleader award in the 10-year-old division and was named captain of the All Tournament Team at the YMCA's Jack Butler Memorial Buddy Invitational

Tournament. She beat 67 other cheerleaders from seven teams for the honor. Rileigh is the daughter of Jon Atchley, administrative assistant. The tournament is named in memory of Jack Butler, former Huntington Division employee.



Annie, daughter of Barry Mosser, marketing and customer services representative, was a member of the Ceredo-Kenova cheerleading squad which took first place in the 10-year-old division during the Jack

Butler Memorial Buddy Invitational Basketball Tournament. □

Lynchburg

David Crews, Jr., a graduate student pursuing his Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology, has been inducted into the Virginia Tech Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society. He also was inducted as a full member into the Virginia Tech Chapter of Sigma XI, the scientific research society. Crews is conducting research in the areas of the neuropsychological effects of depression and the role of the endogenous opiate system of self-injurious behavior. The son of the late David Crews, former personnel supervisor, Crews is the author/co-author of a number of publications in

the areas of neuropsychology, biomedical technology, and behavioral medicine.



Kim Nash, T&D clerk C, participated in an eight-mile walk-a-thon, raising \$356 for the March of Dimes. She walked with a team from Nationwide Insurance, which raised over \$2,500. □

Philip Sporn



Bridget, daughter of Skipp Johnson, equipment operator B, was the top cookie seller in Black Diamonds Girl Scout Cluster 41. A member of the Middleport Junior Girl Scout Troop 1039, Bridget sold 600 boxes. □

Pulaski

Ralph Jones, line crew supervisor NE, and his partner took first place honors with a catch weighing 22 lb. 3 oz. at the 5th annual Volvo-GM Heavy Truck Corporation Fishing Tournament at Claytor Lake. Ralph and his son **Terry** placed second in the Triangle Bass Masters Tournament held May 2 on Claytor Lake. On May 3, at Moomaw Lake, he and Terry took first place in the tournament sponsored by the Pulaski Bass Masters club.

Tony DeBellis was a member of the intermediate soccer co-championship team sponsored by the Wythe County Recreation Department. He is the son of **Fran DeBellis**, engineering supervisor, and **Donna Debellis**, who served as coaches for the Bruins. □

Weddings

Bennett-Lee



Felicia Ann Lee to **Scott Bennett**, Charleston line construction and maintenance representative, February 29.

Puckett-Hughes



Rebecca Hughes to **Charles Puckett**, Abingdon meter reader, March 28.

Mullins-Pauley

Trina Pauley to **Jeffrey Mullins**, April 11. Jeffrey is the stepson of Jerry Clendenin, Charleston custodian.

Hawkins-Key

Penny Belle Key to **Bobby Hawkins**, Lynchburg station mechanic C, April 10.

Smith-Beavers

Elizabeth Ann Beavers to **John Smith**, Clinch River Plant maintenance mechanic B, April 21.

Robinson-Helbert

Connie Mae Helbert, Clinch River plant clerk A, to **William Robinson**, Clinch River maintenance mechanic A, May 2.

Puckett-Gillaspie

Tammy Annette Gillaspie, parttime customer services representative D, Roanoke, to Douglas Puckett, April 25. □

Births

Abingdon

Brittney Lynne, daughter of **Jeffrey Dye**, Lebanon meter reader, April 14.

John Amos

Beth Ann, daughter of **John Rollins**, maintenance mechanic C, May 11.

Bluefield

Jessica Marie, daughter of **Phil Wright**, engineering supervisor, April 2.

Charleston

Robert Clark, son of **John Denzie**, junior clerk, March 31.

Alexander Kaveh, son of **Mo Ahangardezfooli**, Montgomery area supervisor, April 22.

Gerod Ellsworth, son of **Teresa Easter**, drafter C, April 23.

Glen Lyn

Ashley Nicole, daughter of **Hazel Sadler**, equipment operator C, December 4, 1991.

Lynchburg

Matthew David, son of **David Humphreys**, customer services office supervisor, May 3.

Philip Sporn

Taylor Kailee, daughter of **Jason Hysell**, utility worker A, April 6.

Nathan Aaron, son of **Art Fulks**, human resources assistant, March 27. □

Retirements

After 18 months on long term disability leave, **Clarence E. "Pappy" Giles**, transmission station crew supervisor NE, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, officially retired June 1.

Looking for a better job and better benefits, he left a plumbing and heating company to join Appalachian in 1957. Hired as a system station man helper, he advanced through the positions of system station man C, B, and A before being promoted in 1969 to the position he held at retirement.

"I had many, many miles on the road," Pappy recalled. "I traveled to a lot of places I wouldn't have if it weren't for the job, and I met a lot of nice people. For several years I worked in the transformer crew, then started working for Sam Canode in the installation crew. The last eight or ten years I worked in the shop on Riverland Road."

Pappy continued, "I liked the people I worked with and the type of work I did. I sure have missed everyone. LTD has been a good benefit. I don't know what I would have done without it."

Pappy and his wife Alice have one daughter, one son, one grandson, and one granddaughter.

An Army veteran, Pappy enjoys boating and fishing on Smith Mountain Lake during the summer. "I also do a little tinkering on cars when I feel like it," he concluded. □

Bill Chase, St. Albans line crew supervisor NE, hung up his hard hat June 1 and retired to the good life.

Bill's career, which began in 1953 as a groundman, was interrupted by two years' service with the U. S. Army. He advanced through the positions of lineman C, B, and A before being promoted in 1968 to the position he held at retirement.

"I enjoyed the work real well," Bill said. "I have been mighty thankful to have a job and have prospered well. Now I'm looking forward to retirement.

"Mae and I have no big plans; we'll just take it day by day. We'll just enjoy life and take short trips to see the children and



Giles



Chase



Tomlin



Bostic

grandchildren."

Bill attends the Baptist Church in Hurricane and enjoys gardening and working with flowers in his yard. □

"The biggest nightmare I ever had was the flood of November 4, 1985, which just about wiped out the Reusens hydro," recalled **Dennis Tomlin**. "Everything up there was a wreck. We had to start from nothing and rebuild it. We thought it might not be put back in operation, but Mr. Vaughan (retired Appalachian president) said we would be generating by February '86. It took a lot of effort, but he was exactly right. On February 1 we ran one generator for 12 minutes."

Dennis, regional chief operator, GO Operating, Lynchburg, elected early retirement June 1 after 21 years' service. "I worked for a wholesale drug company for 26 years before coming with Appalachian," Dennis recalled. He was hired as a meter reader in Lynchburg and worked as a station man C, B, and A, and station crew supervisor before being promoted in 1987 to the position he held at retirement. "Anyone who works for Appalachian should work for another place before they come here," Dennis said. "There is no better company. I enjoyed the people I worked with and for, and my superiors were great."

Dennis and his wife Mildred have one son and one daughter. "We have no big plans for retirement," he said. "Later on, we'll probably take some trips. I used to do a lot of woodworking, and I intend to get back into that. I also own 17 acres of land and three houses, which will keep me busy with upkeep and repair. My four-

year-old grandson will take up a lot of my time."

Dennis served with the U. S. Army in Germany during the Korean War. He is a member of the Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, American Legion, VFW, and Brookville Ruritans. □

Bill Bostic, Charleston line construction and maintenance representative, is a third generation Appalachian employee. "My grandfather, father, and uncle all worked here," he said, "and that was good enough for me. Appalachian has fed me all my life!"

Bill, who elected early retirement on June 1, served in the U. S. Air Force before being hired in 1955 as a groundman. He was promoted to draftsman senior in 1962 and has been line construction and maintenance representative since 1988.

"I enjoyed working with the fellows here and the contract crews," he said. "Everybody has been great. I especially liked going out and meeting the public."

Bill and his wife Mary Kathryn have one son, one daughter, and two grandchildren. Their future plans include a trip to Georgia and then out west. A member of the Elks Club, Bill enjoys playing golf and fishing. □

Denzil Jones, Charleston automotive supervisor NE, elected early retirement on June 1 after 22 years' service.

An Air Force veteran, Denzil worked for a tractor company and Columbia Gas prior to joining Appalachian. "I knew several people who worked here, and they gave it a good name," he recalled. "Appalachian is the best company I ever

worked for. I was 39 when I came here, and I appreciated being hired. I have been treated really well, and I've enjoyed it."

Denzil and his wife Melinda have one son, two daughters, and six grandchildren. The couple expects to travel occasionally during retirement. "I have a new pickup truck and am planning to buy a new car, so I'll have plenty to travel in," he added.

A 32nd degree Mason, Denzil attends the Baptist church. He enjoys building furniture and smaller items in his carpentry shop during the winter. □

“Working was my life, and I'll miss it," said **Tom Fowler, Jr.**, who retired on June 1 as transmission mechanic A in GO T&D Transmission Line, Bluefield. During his career, he spent thousands of hours in a helicopter, aurally patrolling transmission lines for Appalachian, Kentucky, and Kingsport Power Companies. He looked for and reported any condition that could cause an interruption or problem, such as damaged conductors, insulators, earth slides, or vegetation growth on the right of way.

Tom was never late or lost a day's work during his 36 years' service.

"I'll miss the guys," he noted. "I don't really have any plans except to fish a lot. Pat and I will stay in Rocky Gap for the time being."

Tom has two daughters, two stepdaughters, one stepson, and three grandchildren. □

Gilbert Smith, who retired June 1 as transmission station supervisor, GOT&D Station, Marmet, is known as a person who plans ahead. As soon as school is out this month, Gilbert, his wife Jean, and two grandchildren will head out west. During the five week trip, they plan to sightsee as well as visit a son in Colorado and other relatives in Oregon, South Dakota, and Wyoming. "Another son is with the Coast Guard in Alaska, and we may drop over to see him, too," Gilbert added. "Then I'm coming back home and go to work. My son in Cincinnati wants me to add a room on his home, and I'm going to remodel a house for one of my daughters, too."



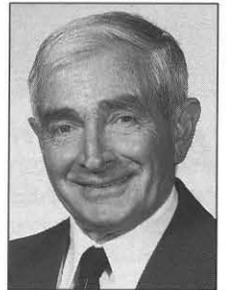
Jones



Fowler



Smith



Williams

This fall Gilbert plans to accompany another son, who has a television production company, on a trip to Nicaragua.

An Army veteran, Gilbert worked for Hercules Powder Company until there was an opening at Glen Lyn Plant. "My father was a supervisor there at Glen Lyn," he recalled, "and I sort of grew up with the power company."

Gilbert added, "It has been a joy to work with the guys over the past 40 years. We have the finest people you would ever want to meet."

The Smiths will continue to live in Milton, W. Va., where they attend the Grace Gospel Church. □

“The older you get, the more you realize what a good company you work for," said Rainelle Area Servicer **Sam Williams, Jr.**, who retired June 1.

"Although I've seen several employees retire, I never thought of myself retiring because it always seemed so far off. Now that it has become a reality, I look back and it seems like a short time. But, after working for the state for 8 years and Appalachian for 35, it's time to go."

Sam began his utility career in 1957 as a station man helper and transferred to the line crew as a truck driver groundman in 1962. He progressed through the positions of line mechanic C, B, and A before being promoted in 1973 to the position he held at retirement. "Now when I lay down at night, it's nice knowing I won't get called out," he added.

"I liked service work and the employees I worked with," Sam noted. "Faye and I plan to take one day at a time. We may travel some in the future, but not anyways soon."

A Navy veteran of World War II, Sam served in England, France, and Norway.

He enjoys playing golf and bowling. "We have two sons and three grandchildren who will take up some of my time," he concluded. □

Friends (cont. from page 15)

May 18. A native of Wayne County, W. Va., he was employed in 1942 as a janitor and elected early retirement in 1976. Thompson is survived by his wife Mabel, 408 19th Street, Kenova, W. Va.; three sons; one daughter; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one sister; and one brother. □

Wed 50 years



Garland B. and Glenna Faye Gent celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 26 with a family gathering which included their son, two daughters, and six grandchildren. They left on a short honeymoon trip since World War II prevented their taking one in 1942. The couple was married in Tazewell, Va., while G. B. was on military leave prior to participation in the Pacific Theater. G. B. is a retired line crew supervisor NE in Lebanon.

Friends We'll Miss



Sarsfield



Jarrett



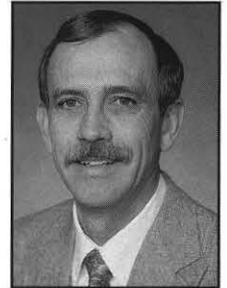
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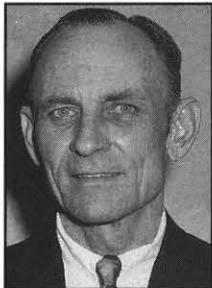
Garnand



Pope



Graham



Crouse



Fanning



Martin

William E. Sarsfield, 67, retired Huntington meter electrician supervisor NE, died April 28. A native of Marion County, West Virginia, he began his career in 1950 as a meter helper and elected early retirement in 1986. Sarsfield is survived by his wife Mary Eloise, 2925 Winters Road, Huntington, W. Va.; two daughters; and one grandchild.

Ed Jarrett, 84, retired Kanawha River Plant yard foreman, died April 29. A native of Elkview, W. Va, he was employed in 1931 as a coal handler at Cabin Creek Plant and retired in 1973. Jarrett is survived by his wife Virginia, 5601 Starling Drive, Charleston, W. Va.; three daughters; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers.

Anderson Banks "A. B." Tuck, 65, retired reservoir supervisor, GO Hydro, Smith Mountain, died April 29. A native of Bedford County, Va., he was hired in 1966 as a caretaker and elected early retirement in 1988. Tuck is survived by his wife Frances, Route 1, Box 598, Pittsville, Va.; two sons; one grandson; three sisters; and five brothers.

Robert L. Burnam, 64, retired St. Albans marketing and customer services representative, died April 25. A native of

Poca, W. Va., he was hired in 1956 as an auto repairman and elected early retirement in 1989. Burnam is survived by his wife Hope, 2534 Lakeview Drive, St. Albans, W. Va.; two daughters; two grandchildren; and his father.

Edythe T. Garnand, 73, retired Abingdon customer services clerk A, died May 14. A native of Abingdon, Va., she joined Appalachian in 1953 as a junior clerk and elected early retirement in 1978. Garnand is survived by her husband, Harry J. Garnand, Jr., Route 1, Abingdon; one son; two grandchildren; one sister; and one brother.

Robert Allen Pope, 51, condenser specialist, GO T&D Station, Roanoke, died May 3. A native of Roanoke, Va., he was hired in 1965 as an engineering aide. Pope is survived by his wife Jeanette, 1699 Alpine Drive, Daleville, Va.; one stepdaughter; one stepson; his mother; one sister; and one brother.

Curtis E. Graham, 61, retired transmission mechanic A, GO T&D Transmission, Bluefield, was killed in an automotive accident on May 16. A native of Princeton, W. Va., he was hired in 1956 as a system transmission man helper and elected early disability retirement in 1990. Graham is survived by his wife

Betty, Route 6, Box 390A, Princeton; two daughters; two sons; four grandchildren; one sister; one half sister; one brother; and one half brother.

Walter L. Crouse, 73, retired Grundy general servicer, died April 30. A native of Canebrake, Virginia, he began his career in 1945 as a serviceman B in Welch and elected early retirement in 1980. Crouse is survived by his wife Juanita, Route 4, Box 128, Grundy, Va.; one son; two daughters; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters; and two brothers.

Eugene E. "Buck" Fanning, 67, retired Bluefield building supervisor, died May 2. A native of Bland County, Va., he was employed in 1947 as a meter helper B in Pulaski and elected early retirement in 1985. Fanning is survived by his wife Diane, 413 Mountain Lane, Bluefield, Va.; two sons; one daughter; eight grandchildren; three sisters; and four brothers.

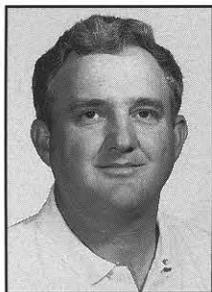
Samuel Herbert Martin, 66, retired Roanoke customer accounts assistant, died May 18. A native of Rocky Mount, Va., he began his career in 1949 as a clerk intermediate and elected early retirement in 1985. Martin is survived by his wife Elizabeth, Box 24, Rocky Mount; one sister, and one brother.

Edith L. Shy, 89, retired Huntington junior distribution record clerk, died May 11. A native of Barboursville, W. Va., she joined Appalachian in 1930 as an authorization clerk and elected early retirement in 1953. Shy is survived by two sisters.

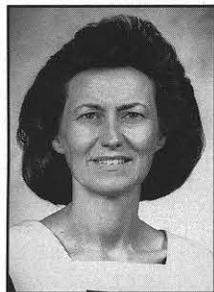
Clyde E. Thompson, 78, retired Huntington stationman helper B, died

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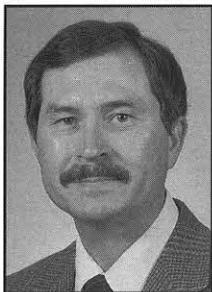
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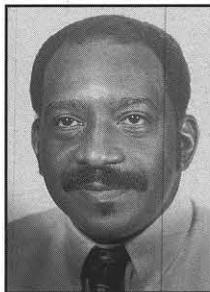
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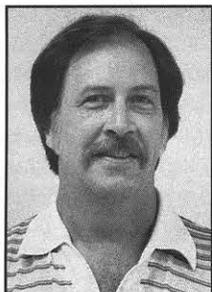
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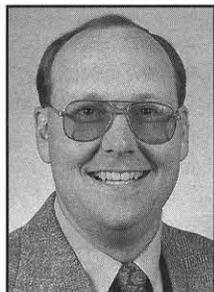
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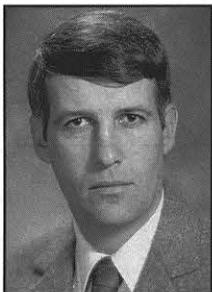
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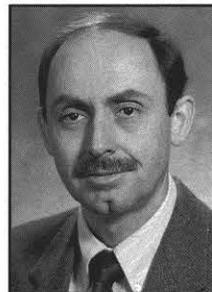
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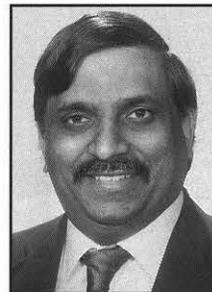
Martin



Saunders



Calhoun



Kanth

Steve Neal, Beckley automotive mechanic A, was promoted to automotive supervisor NE on May 2.

Jeanette Frazier, Hillsville customer services office supervisor NE, was promoted to customer services office supervisor exempt on May 1.

Vic Taylor, Jr., Clinch River Plant chief chemist, was promoted to supervising engineer-environmental on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Lincoln Memorial University.

Andy Faucett, Charleston meter electrician supervisor NE, was promoted to engineering technologist I on May 1.

Delta Purkey, Gate City customer services office supervisor NE, was promoted to customer services office supervisor exempt on June 1. She holds an associate in science degree in business administration from Mountain Empire Community College.

Greg Hedrick, engineering technician senior, was promoted to engineering technologist I, GOT&D Telecommunications, Huntington, on March 1.

Robert Freyberg, Philip Sporn Plant equipment operator A, was promoted to unit supervisor on May 1.

Ricky Chafin, Clinch River Plant chem-

ist assistant, was promoted to chemist I on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in math with a minor in chemistry from King College.

Phillip Martin, Kanawha River Plant chemist senior, was promoted to chief chemist on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in biology from University of Charleston.

Jimmie Saunders, Clinch River Plant chemist I, was promoted to chief chemist on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from West Virginia University.

Lin Calhoun, Kanawha River Plant chemist assistant, was promoted to chemist II on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree in public relations-journalism from West Virginia University and a master of science degree in environmental science from University of Charleston.

Rudy Kanth, Amos Plant performance technician supervisor, was promoted to chief chemist on April 1. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Osmania University and a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from West Virginia State College. He also has attended Marshall University, working toward a master's degree in business administration.

Abingdon

Lonnie Cunningham from line mechanic C to line mechanic B.

Debra Gibson from customer services representative D to customer services representative C, Gate City.

John Amos

Tascia Woofter from junior clerk to plant clerk C. **Sandra Manning** from stores clerk B to stores clerk A.

Diana Jeffries from control technician junior to control technician.

Jimmy Adkins from control technician junior to control technician.

Bluefield

Randy Powell from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Pineville.

Van Hall from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Pineville.

Joe Turner from meter electrician C to meter electrician B.

David Ray from parttime meter reader, Grundy, to meter reader, Welch.

Charleston

Sonora Murphy from customer services representative D to customer services representative C.

Ronnie Meadows from line mechanic B to line mechanic A.

Duke Hitchcock from station mechanic C to station mechanic B.

Don Dailey from station mechanic D to station mechanic C.

Scott Casto from engineering technician to engineering technician senior.

Mike Calhoun from engineering technician to engineering technician senior.

Clinch River

Ricky Watts from filter plant operator and sampler to chemist assistant.

Lovell McDonald from utility worker A to instrument mechanic C.

General Office

Debbie Barlow from secretary-stenographer B to tax accounting clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke.

Kathleen Martin from human resources clerk B to human resources clerk A. GO Human Resources, Roanoke.

Dennis Slaska from engineering technician to engineering technician senior, GO T&D Measurements, Roanoke.

Betty Young from station clerk B to station clerk A, GO T&D Station, Roanoke.

Anita Hollins from engineering clerk B to engineering clerk A, GO T&D Engineering, Roanoke.

Tucker Holdren from telecommunications clerk B to telecommunications clerk A, GO T&D Telecommunications, Roanoke.

Huntington

Jeff Rowe from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

Ann Carter from line mechanic D to line mechanic C.

Logan-Williamson

Terry Dempsey from line mechanic D to line mechanic C, Logan.

Sarah Lowe from engineering technician to engineering technician senior, Logan.

Ralph Evans from custodian to senior custodian, Logan.

Lynchburg

Lee Mason, Jr. from meter electrician C to engineering technician.

Janice Johnson from T&D clerk B to T&D clerk A.

Pulaski

Benny Cruise from line mechanic C to line mechanic B, Christiansburg

Jeff Epperly from line mechanic B to line mechanic A, Christiansburg.

Roanoke

Brenda Nichols from stenographer to secretary-stenographer B, Fieldale.

Gloria Moyer from customer services representative D to customer services representative C.

Philip Sporn

Roger Fink from control technician junior to control technician. □

Congratulations, employee graduates



Langford



Childress



Nguyen



Coburn

David Langford, Beckley energy services technologist, bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology, Bluefield State College.

David Childress, staff engineer, GO Hydro, Roanoke, master of engineering management degree, Old Dominion University.

Thuy Nguyen, engineer senior, GO T&D Station, Bluefield, master of engineering management degree, West Virginia University College of Graduate Studies.

Warren Coburn, telecommunications

specialist, GO T&D Telecommunications, Roanoke, master of business administration degree, Averett College.

Mary Campbell, Lynchburg secretary, associate in applied science degree in business management, Central Virginia Community College (summa cum laude).

Roxey Fisher, stenographer, GO Accounting, Roanoke, associate in applied science degree in business management, Virginia Western Community College. □

APCo team walks for healthier babies



For the third consecutive year, Appalachian employees, family members, and friends participated in the Roanoke Valley's Annual Walk America. The team of 40 volunteers raised over \$1,500 for the March of Dimes. The Roanoke Division and General Office employees participating represented the Appa-Mo, Jolly Watt, and Reddi-Lite Clubs.

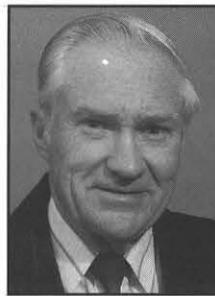
Service Anniversaries



Johnny Kidd
area supervisor
Galax
40 years



Bob Lowther
engineer senior
GO-Charleston
35 years



Marvis Overstreet
asst. sys. analyst
GO-Roanoke
35 years



Curtis Caldwell
cler. supv.-st. acctg.
GO-Roanoke
35 years



Bill Ernest
prod. supt.-op.
John Amos
35 years



Bill White
line con. & maint. rep.
Beckley
35 years



Jerry Cunningham
shift op. eng.
Mountaineer
35 years



Nancy Goodwin
cust. serv. rep. A
Abingdon
30 years



Paul Blount
joint use adm.
GO-Roanoke
30 years



James Mitchell
trans. mech. A
GO-Bluefield
30 years



Jim Williams
general servicer
Princeton
25 years



Don Watts
gen. line crew supv.
Huntington
25 years



Burton Grogan
line crew supv. NE
Fieldale
25 years



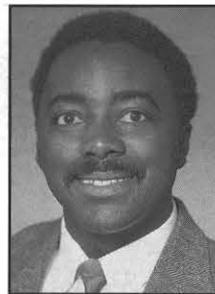
Ray Armstrong
meter serv. mech. A
Milton
25 years



Charles Brown
maintenance supv.
Kanawha River
25 years



Ron Brown
harbor boat operator
John Amos
25 years



Sherwood Robertson
automotive attend.
Roanoke
25 years



Everett Fields
eng. technologist I
Kingsport
25 years



Dave Machir
line crew supv.
Point Pleasant
25 years



Lester Searls
trans. gen. supv.
GO-Turner
25 years



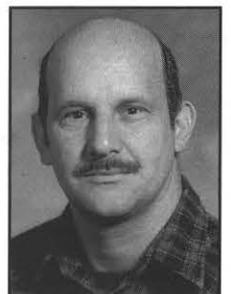
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hydro mechanic A
GO-Claytor
25 years



Robert Price
machinist 1st class
CMS
20 years



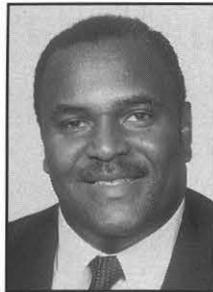
Kenny Landers
maint. mech. A
John Amos
20 years



John Harrison
maint. mech. A
Kanawha River
20 years



Leroy Williams
station mech. A
Lynchburg
20 years



Tom Hill
unit supervisor
John Amos
20 years



Daniel Casto
maintenance supv.
John Amos
20 years



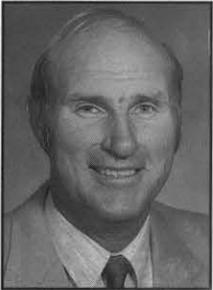
Bud Blackshire
maintenance supt.
John Amos
20 years



Liz Taylor
secretary-steno. B
GO-Roanoke
20 years



Greg Martin
perf. tech. sr.
John Amos
20 years



William Willhite
line crew supv. NE
Roanoke
20 years



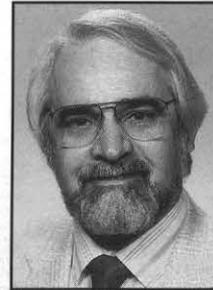
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Paul Nickell
production supv.
CMS
20 years



James Canterbury
production asst.
CMS
20 years



Dick Thewes
maint. mech. A
John Amos
20 years



Jerry Hagood
station mech. A
Kingsport
20 years

Central Machine Shop

5 years: **Sidney Warner**, welder 2nd class.

Centralized Plant Maintenance

15 years: **Donnie Dye**, maintenance mechanic-welder. **Jack Samms**, maintenance mechanic-welder. **Bob Wilkinson**, maintenance supervisor.

Charleston

15 years: **Richard Garretson**, automotive mechanic A. 10 years: **Charles McDaniel**, line mechanic C, Montgomery. 5 years: **Tony Saunders**, meter reader.

Clinch River

35 years: **Johnney Skeen**, coal equipment operator. 25 years: **Arch Stinson**, maintenance mechanic A. 10 years: **David Lowe**, maintenance mechanic C.

General Office

25 years: **Dianne Shank**, tax accounting special clerk, GO Accounting, Roanoke. 15 years: **Roger Allen**, express driver, GO General Services, Huntington. **Gary Hedrick**, engineer senior, GO T&D Relay, Marmet. 10 years: **Gregg Holland**, customer services coordinator, GO Marketing & Customer Services, Roanoke. **Gary Hatcher**, industrial hygienist associate, GO Human Resources, Roanoke. **Gary Simmons**, tax accountant, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Cheri Bohon**, T&D clerk B, GO T&D Administrative, Roanoke. **David Oliver**, forestry control specialist, GO T&D Distribution, Roanoke. 5 years: **Lisa Doss**, general records clerk B, GO Accounting, Roanoke. **Carmen Agra-Boitnott**, hydro clerk C, GO Hydro, Roanoke. **Lloyd VanHoose**, transmission station mechanic B, GOT&D Station, Kenova.

Huntington

15 years: **Gary Falls**, line mechanic A. 5 years: **Terry Adkins**, line mechanic B, Hamlin.

Kanawha River

5 years: **David White**, maintenance mechanic C. **Lin Banks**, utility worker A.

Kingsport

5 years: **Thelma Cradic**, customer services representative II.

Lynchburg

5 years: **Cil Jones**, T&D clerk C.

Mountaineer

10 years: **Greg Keffer**, barge handler.

Roanoke

15 years: **Geraldine Pearman**, drafter. 10 years: **Janice Harlowe**, secretary stenographer A. **Donald Hall**, line mechanic A. **Timothy Rogers**, line mechanic A. **Jeffrey Harlow**, line mechanic A. 5 years: **Anthony Holland**, meter reader, Rocky Mount.

Philip Sporn

10 years: **Milton Roush**, maintenance mechanic B. **Judy Sturgeon**, maintenance mechanic C. **J. P. Jones**, maintenance mechanic C. **Mark Gillilan**, maintenance mechanic A. **Kenny Jacks**, maintenance mechanic B. **Buddy Peaytt**, maintenance mechanic A. **Jack Wray**, maintenance mechanic B. **Greg Thomas**, maintenance mechanic B. **Larry Hollon**, equipment operator B. **Rack Casey**, equipment operator B. □

Abingdon

5 years: **Avery Fansler**, line mechanic C, Gate City. **John Jenks**, line mechanic B, Lebanon.

Beckley

15 years: **Carolyn Akers**, customer services representative B. **Larry Brown**, engineering technologist supervisor. **Bernie Lough**, line crew supervisor NE. 5 years: **Debbie Edwards**, customer services representative C, Oak Hill. **Rodney Lively**, energy services engineer I.

Bluefield

15 years: **Clifford Smith**, meter reader, Welch. **Shirley Saunders**, T&D clerk B. **Teresa Branham**, customer services representative A. **Edna Bone**, customer services representative B. 10 years: **Greg Shay**, engineering technician senior.

Kingsport Power celebrates 75th birthday

Kingsport Power Company celebrated its 75th birthday on May 21.

The birth of the company was under somewhat unusual conditions. After the completion of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad to the Clinchfield coal fields, the railway company solicited various types of industrial plants to locate along its lines to develop natural resources and thus furnish freight to be hauled by the railroad.

Among the plants locating along this railroad was the Clinchfield Portland Cement Corporation, located in what is now Kingsport. Since no electric power was available within a 25-mile radius, the cement plant built its own generating plant for the operation of the cement mill. Construction of this plant started about 1909.

At the beginning of World War I, Kingsport was a sleepy little village with a population of about 200. Two area residents, George L. Carter and his brother-in-law, J. Fred Johnson, conceived the idea of building a beautiful city on the banks of the Holston River and making it a model industrial community. Every phase of the project, including a model city charter, was planned before operations were begun. Mr. Johnson and his associates formed the Kingsport Improvement Company.

Originally electric energy to serve the

village was purchased from the cement plant and distributed by a subsidiary of the Improvement Company, Kingsport Light and Power. One of the first projects was the enlargement of the electric power plant and distribution facilities. Between 1911 and 1917 the generating plant was enlarged several times to keep pace with the community's growth.

In 1917 the City of Kingsport was incorporated, and Kingsport Light and Power was reorganized as Kingsport Utilities, Inc., a corporation empowered by law to serve the community.

From 1917 until 1925 the city's growth was rapid, and the leaders of the new town realized that, to keep abreast of the rapid development, a reliable source of electric energy must be found.

Consequently, on December 21, 1925, Kingsport Utilities was sold to the then American Gas and Electric Company (now American Electric Power). The following year a 65-mile 132,000-volt transmission line was constructed to Kingsport from Switchback, West Virginia, the location of a major substation of Appalachian Power Company (then Appalachian Electric Power Company). The line was put in operation in 1927. Meanwhile, the old cement company power plant was used less and less and finally put in reserve for

emergencies. It was last used during the Korean War, then was shut down and sold for scrap in 1954.

In 1964 Kingsport Utilities' name was changed to Kingsport Power Company. Today the company's 102 employees serve 39,385 customers in a 220-square mile operating area. Kingsport Power continues to purchase its electric energy requirements from Appalachian Power.

Kingsport Power is unique, with three outstanding claims to fame:

- Three out of four of Kingsport Power's residential customers use electric home heating. (The first such installation in the AEP System was in 1946 in the home of the late Dr. Raymond Steadman, a Kingsport physician.)
- Its residential customers use more electricity per capita—approximately 16,874 kilowatt-hours per year—than those of any other electric utility in the United States.
- It is the only investor-owned electric utility in Tennessee, almost surrounded by the federal government's Tennessee Valley Authority.

A TVA dam, Fort Patrick Henry, is located on the edge of the city. Ironically, Kingsport Power provided power for the construction of this dam in the late 1950's. □

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