

He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help.

# The Illuminator

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KINGSPORT UTILITIES, INC.

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## Five Major Personnel Changes Are Made In Bluefield Division



Mr. Minichan

Five major personnel changes in the Bluefield division became effective January 1.

David P. Minichan has become the assistant manager of the Bluefield division. He rises to the position formerly held by L. W. Bates, now manager of the Bluefield division.

Succeeding Mr. Minichan as Pulaski district manager is A. F. Horne, manager of the Welch district.

C. K. Kirkland, Abingdon district manager, has been named manager of the Welch district.

He has been succeeded as Abingdon district manager by L. F. McPherson, Jr., assistant Pulaski district manager.

E. Lane Whitley, Pulaski district commercial manager, has been named assistant Pulaski district manager.

A native of Roanoke, Mr. Minichan has been associated with Appalachian since 1930, when he was employed as a salesman in Roanoke. He successively held the positions of power engineer, district commercial manager and division commercial manager. He was named to the Pulaski district managership in 1947.

Mr. Horne, new Pulaski district manager, is a native of Glade Spring and was graduated from VPI in 1924 with a BS degree in electrical engineering.

He joined Appalachian at Bluefield in 1926 as a transit man and was later named electrical engineer. In 1945 he became substation superintendent and was transferred to Welch as acting district manager in 1946.



Mr. Horne



Mr. McPherson

He became district manager in 1947.

Mr. Kirkland, new Welch district manager, has been associated with Appalachian since 1937, when he was employed as a rural service engineer. In 1948 he was named Abingdon district rural and residential sales supervisor. He has held the positions of district superintendent and assistant district manager at Abingdon and in 1953 was named district manager.

Mr. McPherson joined Appalachian in Bluefield in 1945 as a power engineer and in 1948 moved to Abingdon as district commercial manager. Six years later he moved up to assistant Bluefield district manager and in 1957 became assistant Pulaski district manager.

Mr. Whitley joined Appalachian in 1935 as a commercial clerk in Roanoke and in 1936 went to Lynch-



Mr. Kirkland



Mr. Whitley

burg. He went to Bluefield before going to Pulaski as district commercial manager in 1952.

## Clinch Unit Two Now In Service

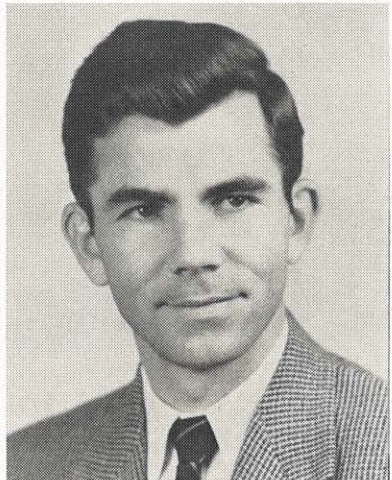
The second 225,000-kilowatt generating unit is now in service at Appalachian's 450,000-kw Clinch River plant.

Operation of Unit 2 at the \$60-million plant raised American Electric Power System generating capability to 5,432,000 kilowatts.

The second unit went on the line about three months after the first unit. The two units are expected to consume a total of almost 1,300,000 tons of coal per year, all of which will be supplied by the Clinchfield Coal Company Division of The Pittston Company and delivered by the Norfolk and Western Railway. Appalachian and these two companies have invested a total of over \$100-million in the Western Virginia area during the past three years.

In addition to serving the Appalachian system, the new power plant will also provide power directly to Kingsport and Kentucky Power by newly-constructed 138,000-volt transmission lines.

In ceremonies on November 18, the plant was dedicated to service and continued economic development of the region it serves. As part of these ceremonies, over 700 industrial and civic leaders toured the plant and Clinchfield's Moss No. 3 mine operation and preparation plant. They also saw the N. & W.'s 1½-mile long tunnel, part of the railroad's system serving the mine and Clinch River plant.



Mr. Palmer

and the father of a son.

## J. A. Palmer Named Kentucky Director Of Public Relations And Advertising

Jack A. Palmer has been appointed to the new position of director of public relations and advertising for Kentucky Power Company.

Mr. Palmer, former editor of THE ILLUMINATOR, goes to the Ashland post from the position of public relations assistant for the AEP Service Corporation.

A World War II veteran, he served with the Army in the European Theatre of Operations. He is married

## Over \$30-Million Slated For Construction In 1959

Construction budgets for 1959 totaling over \$30-million have been planned by our three companies.

Appalachian has slated about \$26.2-million for construction during the year, and Kentucky Power has announced a budget of about \$3.1-million. Kingsport will spend approximately \$817,000.

These figures are part of the \$134-million construction budget for 1959 announced by the American Electric Power System. This is the fourth year of AEP's expansion program of 1956-60, during which a total of \$800-million will be spent in construction.

### Appalachian Budget

The largest portion of Appalachian's budget this year will go to-

### Peaks Hit By AEP, Operating Companies

Cold weather, increased industrial production, longer store hours and Christmas lighting combined December 15 to push demand on the American Electric Power System to a new record peak—4,331,000 kilowatts.

The peak was hit between 5 and 6 p. m., and at the same time Appalachian hit a new all-time record peak of 1,510,000-kw. Appalachian sister companies Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan Electric also hit new peaks on December 15. During the same 5-6 p. m. period, Ohio Power demand reached 1,826,000-kw. The Indiana & Michigan peak of 1,046,000-kw came between 10 and 11 a. m.

Temperatures throughout the AEP System's 7-state area on December 15 ranged from near zero to about 27 degrees.

### Ties For First

## Charlestonian Is Among 'Operating Notes' Winners

Winning \$50 for his share of top honors in the annual AEP System Monthly Operating Notes competition is Charles Gray, Charleston office messenger.

His idea, "Saving Money On Postage," appeared in the July 1958 issue of "Notes", the publication that prints employees' ideas for saving time, work and money.

The panel of judges for the annual award decided that the three best ideas published during 1958 by employees of the AEP operating companies were equal in merit. Therefore, they divided the usual \$100 first prize and added the \$50 second prize to provide three equal prizes of \$50.

President Philip Sporn commended each winner in a congratulatory letter.

ward distribution facilities. About \$11-million will be spent in practically all parts of company territory on lines and stations.

Another \$6.3-million has been slated for continuing development of the company's Smith Mountain hydroelectric combination project. This expenditure is contingent on approval by the Federal Power Commission of Appalachian's application for a license to construct the project.

Appalachian will also spend about \$5.1-million on transmission lines and stations, and has allocated another \$3.8-million for miscellaneous projects, including land purchases and other plant work.

### Kentucky's Plans

About two-thirds of Kentucky's budget, \$2.2-million, will go to distribution work, including construction of a new Olive Hill station. Another \$680,000 will be spent for transmission lines and stations. Two projects in particular highlight transmission work in Kentucky during 1959.

The Morehead-Leon line will be converted from 34.5 kv to 69 kv, and a 69 kv tie line will be constructed between the Fleming, Ky., station and Appalachian's Red Onion station in the Abingdon district. In addition, a new 20,000 kva transformer will be installed at Fleming.

Kentucky also plans to spend an additional \$140,000 on general projects.

### Kingsport's Budget

The largest portion of Kingsport's budget of \$817,000 is slated for transmission lines and stations. Included in the \$403,000 transmission budget is the continuing work on the

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Mr. Gray

The winning ideas come from three varied phases of our operations—processing of mail by offices, electrical installation on the primary distribution system, and maintenance of valves in power plants.

The other winners in the three-way tie are: R. I. Braden, lineman, and Donald Hunter, groundman, Newark, Ohio Power, for their January article "Installation of Live Line Taps Simplified"; and K. Cocanower, maintenance man, and J. Stockberger, maintenance foreman, Twin Branch plant of Indiana & Michigan, for their November article on "Tool Kit For Refacing Valve Seats."

Of the suggestion on postage, the judges said: "Charles Gray's plan for saving money on postage suggests how careful analysis and a questioning attitude can cut costs in an operation where costs are sometimes taken for granted. He shows how every one of our offices can take a good look at its mailing operations and save some money by more thorough understanding of the postal regulations."

### Our Job

Our job is generating electricity and getting it to where it's used. We're in this business because it is concerned with the supply of a fundamental requirement of modern living, because it's an honorable one, because we like it, and because we want to earn a living at it.

We aim to give one kind of service to everyone... the best that's possible. That means supplying our customers with what they want when they want it. It means being courteous at all times and maintaining attractive easy-to-do-business-with offices. It means doing everything we can to keep complaints from arising, and it means prompt and fair handling of those that do.

We are a citizen of each community we serve and take an active part in its affairs. Like any other citizen, we want our neighbors to think well of us. Besides, it makes good business-sense. We can only prosper as the community prospers so we help it thrive in every way we can.

Such is our job as we see it. We are trying to do it well and to do it better all the time.

### New Year Credo

This is 1959. This is the annual time in our lives when we pause to look back at the year past, and look with hope and renewed faith to the year ahead.

This is the time when we vow that we will get done those things we left undone in 1958. We promise ourselves that the New Year will be better than the Old.

The following is a Credo for the New Year. It will be a better world if all of us can live by this Credo.

I believe in working, not weeping; in boosting, not knocking; and in the pleasure of my job.

I believe that a man gets what he goes after, that one deed done today is worth two deeds tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself.

I believe in today, and in the work I am doing, in tomorrow and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds.

I believe in courtesy, in kindness, in good cheer, in friendship.

### It's Up To Us

Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people.

—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

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# Your Opinion

What suggestions would you make for employees and the company in improving customer relations in 1959?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



L. C. TACKETT, Power Sales Engineer, Pikeville

As a company, let us do a little better job advertising ourselves in 1959. Let us tell the public how much we pay in taxes in each political sub-division. Let us make known to our customers the strict Federal and State regulations under which we operate. Let us give the customer a better insight into the operation of our company.

As individuals, let us ever be mindful of the fact that the customer pays the bill, and is, therefore, entitled to his opinions. Let us give him an opportunity to express these opinions, and give them due consideration in our dealings with the customers.



M. C. SIMPSON, Commercial Manager, Kingsport

Although the company as a whole continues to be a leader in the community, too often we all fail to do that little something extra that, although not required, could stamp a never-ending impression on our customer's mind.

This might be in the form of a smile while listening to a complaint or a courteous and safe driving act. We should always remember that wherever we are, whatever we are doing, we are still Mr. Power Company to our customers—night or day, at work or play. It's up to us to give our customers what they pay for—the best service available—and to give it to them in the best interest of the company while making them feel that they are king.

Treat them like you would like to be treated and remember "The customer is always right".



ANNA LAURA CALVERT, Contract Clerk, Charleston

We would best improve our customer relations in 1959 by keeping in mind the following "Ten Commandments of Big Business":

1. A customer is the most important person in any business.
2. A customer is not dependent on us. We are dependent on him.
3. A customer is not an interruption of our work. It is the purpose of it.
4. A customer does us a favor when he calls. We are not doing him a favor by serving him.
5. A customer is a part of our business, not an outsider.
6. A customer is not a cold statistic. He is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.
7. A customer is not someone to argue or match wits with.
8. A customer is a person who brings us his wants. It is our job to fill those wants.
9. A customer is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.
10. A customer is the life blood of this and every other business.



AUDREY J. HAGA, Stenographer, Abingdon

My suggestion for employees improving customers' relations for 1959 is making the customer feel his importance. Employees should always take time to listen with interest to customers' inquiries, get answers without delay.

The company should take inventory of distribution and transmission system facilities to insure better service. Look ahead and anticipate additional load to be added in the future and make arrangements to have facilities ready when needed. What customers really want is "service reliability". Convince him that all service outages are unavoidable. Customers should receive error-free bills which will cause him to have confidence in our meter reading.

Study methods and procedures, striving at all times to give the best service at the least possible cost, so as not to be forced to increase rates.



D. B. STONER, Customer Service Representative, Roanoke

Two thoughts come to mind in improving customer relations in 1959.

First, the big product of our company is service. A determination of each individual employee to better this service every day of

1959 as in the past, will bring satisfaction to both employee and customer.

Secondly, more knowledge concerning the service extended, and the benefits derived from the use of electricity. One excellent step towards this education has been the publication of "Electric Service Cost Study" now available to our customers.

Over 4,000 employees read THE ILLUMINATOR. With a little more knowledge of the small, individual problems of our customers, what a tremendous job of selling they could and should do.



LANNA D. ADAMS, Administrative Assistant, Logan Plant

When dealing with the public you should be very courteous, meeting each person with a smile and a cheerful "Hello". Upon receiving a complaint give it your immediate attention, treating the small ones with as much respect as the large ones, and be sure to notify the complainant of the action taken.

For the collection of bills in some areas of the Appalachian System there could, without a doubt, be much improvement made as to collection stations. If we had more convenient places for parking or a drive-in window, speedier service could be accomplished and bad weather problems greatly alleviated. In outlying communities there could be more designated places for receiving customers' payments, such as the local grocers, or some other responsible business establishment.



SYREAN D. BAKER, Assistant Credit Supervisor, Logan

First, I think the employees should avail themselves of the information on policies of the company and make this the cornerstone of good customer relations.

Time changes though, and so should policies. If an employee who actually performs a job spots an outdated policy, he should bring it to the attention of his supervisor to see if it is sound.

Since we still want to sell electricity, and we are convinced the rates are fair, we should be able to convince the public and be helpful with customer complaints.

The employee is the company. We must make every impression of our company, and of us, a good impression, thus forming a good public opinion.

Let's face it—what happens to the company happens to us.

**For AEP Service Corporation**

**Emler Named Commercial Vice President As Shannahan Succeeds; Divisions Formed**

Paul W. Emler, assistant commercial vice president, on December 29 was elected commercial vice president of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

The company's board of directors also elected J. H. K. Shannahan, commercial manager of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, as assistant commercial vice president of the Service Corporation.

Both elections were effective January 1.

In his new capacity, Mr. Emler will direct the electric power sales and other commercial activities of the seven-state American Electric Power System. He succeeds the late Paul D. Brooks, who died October 23.

The Company also announced the organization of the commercial department into three new divisions, and the promotions of three executives to head the divisions. Announced, too, was the appointment of E. A. Snyder, manager of the sales division, to the newly-created position of sales consultant to the commercial department, reporting to Mr. Emler.

The new divisions are:

**Rate Division**—S. W. Andrews, manager. This division has responsibility for the System's rate, tariff and regulatory activities; and for the commercial department's statistical and report functions.

**Industrial Sales Division**—John G. Howard, manager. This division is in charge of sales to industry, sales to municipalities and other governmental bodies, and special studies.

**Residential and Commercial Sales Division**—John G. Snyder, manager. This division will be responsible for the direction of sales to all residential, commercial and farm customers.

Paul Emler, of Chatham, N. J., has been associated with the AEP System for 27 years. He is a native Ohioan and served in five operating divisions of Ohio Power Company prior to his transfer to the Service Corporation in 1948. He was director of industrial power sales until 1957, when he became assistant vice president. He is a Purdue University graduate.

Jack Shannahan, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been commercial manager of I&M since 1955. He has been with I&M and its predecessor companies in Indiana for more than 24 years. He was born in Maryland and is a Princeton University graduate.



Mr. Emler



Mr. Shannahan



E. A. Snyder

Mr. Andrews



Mr. Howard

J. G. Snyder

and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

John Howard, special studies engineer in the commercial department, also has served in the Service Corporation's engineering and administrative departments. He joined the Company in 1948. He was born in Passaic, N. J., and holds BS and MS degrees from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He attended and instructed at New York University and held a Sloan Fellowship at M. I. T.

John Snyder was promoted from director of domestic and commercial sales, a position he had held since 1951. He joined the Service Corporation in 1940, transferring to Ohio Power later that year, and returning to New York in 1948. He was born in Albany, N. Y., and is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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Reedy Creek 60,000 kva station.

Another \$377,000 will go toward distribution lines and stations in the Kingsport service area, while \$37,000 has been allocated for miscellaneous projects.

In the AEP System budget, almost \$72-million will be spent for completion or continued construction of about 1½-million kilowatts of new generating facilities. Scheduled for operation this year are the 225,000-kw Unit 3 at Kammer plant and the world's largest generating unit of 450,000 kw at Breed plant. Continuing under construction will be the 450,000 kw unit at Philip Sporn plant.

Upon completion in 1960 of Sporn's Unit 5, the plant will join the nation's limited circle of million-kw plants. Sporn plant capacity will rise to 1,050,000 kw.

**Kammer In February**

Ohio Power's Kammer plant Unit 3 is scheduled for operation in February. It will mark the completion of the 675,000 kw plant at Captina, W. Va., where the first two units are owned by Ormet Corp., formed by Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. and Revere Copper & Brass, Inc. The plant will provide all the power requirements of Ormet's major new aluminum operation at nearby Clarington, O. All three units are operated by Ohio Power.

Breed plant of I&M in Sullivan County, Ind. is scheduled for service in the fall when its unit will come on the line.

At the end of 1958, the AEP System had a total generating capability of 5,432,000 kw—the largest power capacity of any company. By the conclusion of the current expansion program in 1961, AEP System capacity will be near 6½-million kw.

**FPC Finds Kanawha Plant Is Nation's Most Efficient**

A recent Federal Power Commission report confirms preliminary electric industry figures that an American Electric Power System plant was the world's most efficient steam power station in 1957. This marks the eighth consecutive year that an AEP-designed plant has headed the list.

In addition, five of the six most efficient plants were AEP-designed power stations.

As reported in August, Appalachian's Kanawha River plant ranked first in 1957 with a heat rate of 9,118 Btu per kilowatt-hour of net generation. In second place was Ohio Power Company's Muskingum River plant with a heat rate of 9,139 Btu. Tanners Creek plant of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company ranked fifth with 9,180 Btu.

The two Ohio Valley Electric Corporation plants, Clifty Creek and Kyger Creek, ranked fourth and sixth, respectively. These two AEP-designed plants had heat rates of 9,147 and 9,201. (Appalachian, I&M and Ohio Power are three of the 15 sponsor companies of OVEC.)

In third place with 9,140 Btu was Detroit Edison Company's River Rouge plant. Detroit Edison's St. Clair plant and the Bay Shore plant of Toledo Edison Company tied for seventh with 9,210 Btu. Ninth was Duke Power Company's G. G. Allen plant with 9,349 Btu, followed by the John Sevier plant of the Tennessee Valley Authority with 9,350 Btu.

Reflecting rapid progress in power plant technology, Philip Sporn plant finished 11th in 1957 with a better heat rate of 9,370 Btu than it did when it placed first in 1950 with a heat rate of 9,379 Btu. This plant is jointly owned by Appalachian and Ohio Power.

Of the 15 plants listed by the Federal Power Commission with 1957 heat rates of less than 9,500 Btu, the 13 most efficient used coal as a fuel. The FPC reported that coal is predominant among three boiler fuels—coal, natural gas and oil.

In 1957 the entire electric power industry burned 160.8 million tons, which accounted for 69% of the total steam power generation. Natural gas accounted for 23% and oil for the remaining 8%.

The report showed that the industry averaged 1 kilowatt-hour from 3 pounds of coal in 1920, from 1.6 pounds in 1930, from 1.4 pounds in 1938, and from 0.93 pound in 1957. This improved fuel rate gave the nation's electric industry a 1957 heat rate of about 11,400 Btu per kilowatt-hour.

**Point Pleasant Men Serve Civil Defense**



Mr. Darby

Mr. Murray

Two Point Pleasant district employees have been named to high posts in the Mason County civil defense program.

J. L. Darby, heating and builder sales representative, has been appointed director of supporting services. C. H. Murray, Jr., inspector in the T&D department, has been named director of operating services.

Mason County civil defense authorities have recruited persons in various fields of work as part of a disaster preparedness program.

**M. C. Funk Named Director Of NAM**

M. C. Funk, vice president and director of Appalachian, has been elected a director of the National Association of Manufacturers.

He was elected at NAM's annual board of directors meeting during the Congress of American Industry in New York. The Congress was held at the Waldorf-Astoria.



Mr. Funk

A native of Grayson County, Mr. Funk began his utility career in 1912 with the Tug River Power Company. In 1928 he became general manager of Kentucky Power, and in 1943 was appointed vice president and general manager of Appalachian. In 1952 he retired as general manager, continuing as vice president and director.

**Reddy Rates Replies**

Dear Reddy:

Of all my helpers you are the best. Without you I'd never get any rest. So, forgive me for forgetting you, I'll gladly pay you what is due!

—Hurricane Customer  
in Huntington District

**Student Honored By Air Force**



Being congratulated on his promotion to Lt. Colonel in the Air Force ROTC is James R. Stidham, right. Congratulating him is Glenn Lovern, city manager of Lexington, Ky., as an Air Force Colonel looks on. A student engineer in the Hazard district, James is the son of Gaine Stidham, Hazard district superintendent. He was one of 11 chosen as distinguished students at the University of Kentucky out of a class of 1,000. A senior, he is a member of Tau Beta Pi, an honorary society of engineering students, and is in the upper fifth of his class. He is also a member of Eta Kappa Nu, an honorary society for student electrical engineers who are in the top third of their class.

**Witzel Promoted To Division Post In Huntington**



Mr. Witzel

W. R. Witzel has been named personnel supervisor for the Huntington division, succeeding the late Clarence H. Price.

A 31-year veteran with Appalachian, Mr. Witzel has been Charleston district personnel supervisor for the last seven years. He joined the system in 1927 as a member of the construction department at Atlantic City, N. J., and was transferred to the Cabin Creek plant in 1928. In the next 20 years he held various positions in the accounting and transmission and distribution departments at Montgomery, Mt. Hope and Beckley. From 1948 to 1951 he was personnel supervisor for the Beckley district. In 1951 he was named to the post of Charleston district personnel supervisor.

A native of Florida, he attended Hampden-Sydney College.



### Philip Sporn Plant

Donald C. Brown, chief chemist, attended the 19th Annual Water Conference sponsored by the Engineering Society of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Clayton A. Athey, 1st assistant shift operating engineer, and his wife are both recovering at home after undergoing surgery.

Sympathy is extended Frank Titus, maintenance foreman, on the death of his father-in-law and George Jeffers, unit foreman, on the death of his brother.

Sympathy is also extended Mary Jane Sayre, clerk-stenographer, on the death of her mother-in-law.

### Point Pleasant District

Phyllis Miller, personnel clerk-stenographer, has been appointed to the Yearbook Committee for the 4-H Leaders' Association of Mason County.

Mrs. J. K. Shinn, wife of the engineering aide, is recuperating at home after major surgery.

### Charleston District

Malcolm Murphy, transportation, and Robert Gumm, accounting, are new employees.

R. R. Lucas, retired stores clerk, is recuperating at the Veterans Hospital in Huntington.

Joe E. Bedinger, C. E. Spradling, Charlie D. Cooper, O. L. Williams, Jennings Fulkner, Maxine Urwin, George Litsinger, Fred Clendenin, Frank Harkins, T. E. Caldwell, Guy Mountse and E. D. Dahmer recently completed a first aid training course instructed by P. H. Parsons.

John Frazier attended the monthly meeting of the American Society of Safety Engineers in Beckley. W. Price Carter, system transmission line superintendent, presented a program on "Construction and Maintenance by the Use of Slides of 345,000 Volt Transmission Lines".

Georgie Sevy, division managerial secretary, and Romie Gulley, Montgomery line foreman, have returned to work after hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended A. T. Reed, St. Albans meter reader, on the death of his father and Helen Baird, commercial, on the death of her mother.

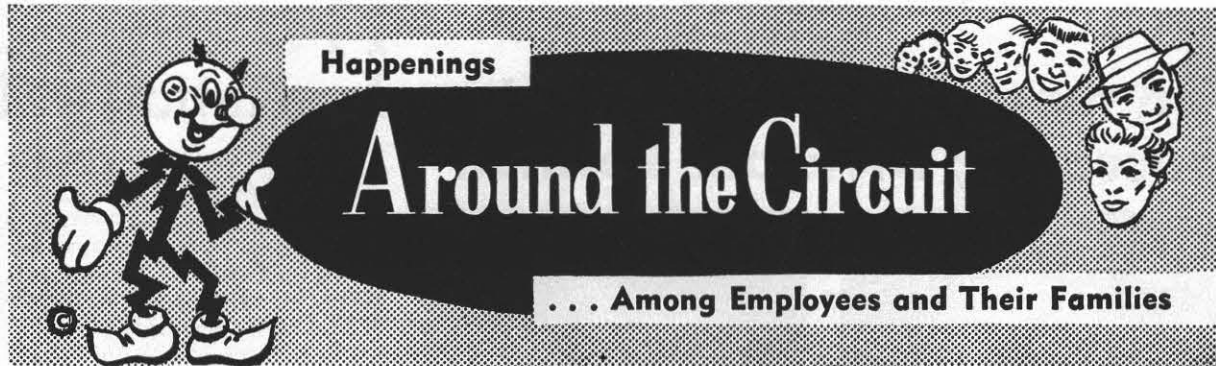
### Beckley District

Maxine Prince, commercial stenographer, has resigned.

## Retired Employee Given TV Set



Although he retired in 1950, H. K. Stone wasn't forgotten by friends in the Roanoke meter department. The retired meterman was presented a television set as a Christmas present. Here, R. E. Leftwich, meter serviceman, left, and W. C. Reynolds, meterman, make the presentation.



Edward Dzedzic, co-op student who has completed his final work assignment with the company, was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholastic fraternity at VPI.

R. L. Lively, co-op student, has returned to work for his fourth work assignment.

Danny Wilkerson, co-op student, has left to return to school.

Sympathy is extended John Gates on the death of his father and B. H. White, Jr., on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended John Thompson on the death of his mother-in-law.



### Lynchburg District

David L. Goodwin, groundman, is a new employee.

Thomas H. Pillow and Roy A. Tibbs, district power sales engineers, were elected vice president and member of the board of directors, respectively, of the Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science.

### Roanoke District

Roanoke cashiers were honored with a dinner for having been in balance for two months.

Forty-one Roanoke system, division and district employees, with a total of 1,145 years of service, were honored at a service pin dinner recently.

F. N. Kellermann, garage supervisor, won a \$30 safe driving award sponsored by a local radio station.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Jr., wife of the engineering aide, was the safety slogan of the month winner.

B. H. McKeever, meter supervisor, joined the "Gallon Blood Donor Club".

C. R. Mills, head cashier, is recuperating at home from an illness.

Bertha Baldwin, head, mailing section, has returned to work after an operation.

Roby J. Jarrett and W. D. Clower, power sales engineers, have resigned.

Sympathy is extended Hugh A. Howbert, area sales representative, on the death of his father and H. P. Laughon, division residential and rural sales supervisor, on the death of his father.

### System

The ladies of the system accounting department held their annual Christmas luncheon in the company auditorium.

The Appa-Mo Club of the system accounting department furnished seven baskets of food to Roanoke area families. Members of the committee were: T. P. Barnett, chairman, Tida Long, Oneda Farmer, Henry Howell, Paul Clower and Jack Whitenack.

June James and Norma Johnson, system commercial stenographers, and Norma Akers and Janice Huffman, system accounting, have resigned.

Patricia Ferguson, system accounting, and Pat Gravely, system commercial, are new employees.

Sympathy is extended S. C. Smith, system accounting, on the death of his father and Wallace Coffey, assistant tax and statistical supervisor, on the death of his wife.

Sympathy is also extended Richard M. Painter, business administration trainee, on the death of his infant son.

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W. K. Bradshaw, line section, has returned to work following an automobile accident.

Herbert H. Benton, line section, has returned to work following an illness.



### Pikeville District

The commercial department had its annual department Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jopp.

Sympathy is extended Betty Robinette, secretarial-stenographer, on the death of her father-in-law.

### Hazard District

Lillian, daughter of Pauline Garrett, home service representative, was the winner of a \$25 bond for writing the winning essay on soil conservation in a contest conducted by the Louisville Courier Journal.

Ruby Penny, commercial department, is a new employee.

Hershel Adams, lineman, has returned to work after an extended illness.

### Ashland District

Sandra Horgen, clerk trainee, is a new employee.

Phyllis Hamm, general accounting clerk, has resigned.



### Williamson District

Larry, son of Lorraine Corea, secretary-stenographer, was a member of a Scout group which won a blue ribbon for authentic Indian costumes and headdresses at a recent Scout Fair. Mrs. Corea made the tepee and her son's costume and headdress.

Price Copley, T&D clerk, won a ham in connection with the pre-Christmas sales campaign sponsored by the Williamson Retail Merchants Association.

Sympathy is extended E. E. King, district superintendent, and W. H. King, lineman, on the death of their mother.

Sympathy is extended H. M. Strong, Jr., local office manager, on the death of his mother.

### Logan Plant

L. D. Adams, administrative assistant, served as guide for a tour of the plant by Den 1 of Cub Scout Pack 217.

### Logan District

Jean Williams, contract clerk, and Wanda Neal, cashier, have resigned.

H. J. Collins, personnel supervisor, was elected an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. J. A. Kovich, district engineer, was elected chairman of the board of deacons of the church and P. M. Vannoy, district commercial manager, was elected to serve on the board of deacons.

Maurice A. "Sonny" White, working foreman, was a member of the ritualistic team of Logan Lodge 1391, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks which recently won the statewide ritual contest. Mr. White was the esteemed lecturing knight.

### Huntington District

C. A. Beatty, commercial manager; J. T. Bing, working foreman; and C. E. Porter, lineman, are recuperating at their homes after surgery.

Oscar Endicott, general serviceman, and Clarence Copley, truck driver-groundman, are recuperating at home following hospitalization for heart trouble.

Albert Alley, station man helper, is recovering at home from an illness.

Sympathy is extended J. M. Frampton on the death of his brother.

Dorcas Lindsey, accounting, has returned to work after a two months' absence due to surgery.

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### Abingdon District

Thomas G. Brabson, commercial sales representative, has been elected president of the Bethel-Zion Community Club.

Virginia Lester, petty cash clerk, has returned to work after an illness.

R. A. Sheffey, Jr., district engineer, was elected president of the Abingdon Men's Chorus at its organizational meeting.

Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant, and James B. White, assistant district manager, were elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Virginia Highlands Dance Society.

Sympathy is extended Shirley G. Landreth, clerk-stenographer, on the death of her grandmother and H. S. Fogleman, T&D clerk, on the death of his father-in-law.

### Welch District

Lonedra Farley, Pineville cashier-clerk, was honored with a house warming when she moved into her new all-electric home.

Mrs. Carl J. Peery, wife of the Coalwood station operator, has returned home after an operation.

Charles Brown, Grundy serviceman, has returned to work after several weeks' absence due to illness and an operation.

Russell Sanderson, Pocahontas serviceman, has returned home after spending several weeks in the hospital.

William B. Belchee, power sales engineer, and W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant, were elected to the board of directors of the Welch Kiwanis Club.

Sympathy is extended W. T. Lanter, head material clerk, on the death of his mother.

### Pulaski District

Carson W. Dalton, power sales engineer, has been ordered by doctors to spend several months in Florida for his arthritis.

(See Pulaski, Page 9)

## Electric Units Shown At Convention



At the annual convention of the Virginia Restaurant Association, Clarence Moore, right, Roanoke power sales engineer, discusses a steam cooker with a manufacturer's representative. About 1,500 food service operators attended the convention held in November at the Hotel Roanoke. An exhibit sponsored by Appalachian and local equipment dealers featured all-electric equipment and demonstrations.

## Five Appalachian Employees Observe Service Milestones Of 35, 40 Years

Five Appalachian veterans have recently completed 35 or more years of service.

Reaching their 40-year service milestones were Marcelle E. Saunders, Bluefield division assistant payroll supervisor; and J. W. Smith, system sales analyst.

Completing 35 years of service were Emily L. Wade, cash book clerk in system accounting; William H. Garten, Charleston meter clerk; and Earl E. Sprinkle, Bluefield head meter clerk.

### Marcelle Saunders

Miss Saunders joined the company 40 years ago on December 16, 1918. She has held the positions of clerk, payroll clerk and is now assistant payroll supervisor for the Bluefield division.

A native of Bedford County, Va., she was graduated from Beaver High School in Bluefield and attended Summit City Business College. She is a charter member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Bland Street Methodist Church and is also a member of the YWCA.

She holds the distinction of being the first woman in the Bluefield division to achieve a record of 40 years' continuous service with the company.

## Pioneer Builder Of Lines Dies



Mr. Turner

Ernest Austin Turner, 71, pioneer builder of transmission lines for Appalachian, died December 1 at the home of his daughter, Dr. Louise Turner Forest, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

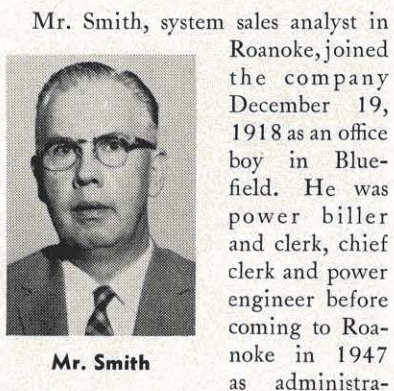
A resident of Cave Spring, near Roanoke, Mr. Turner was born April 22, 1887, in England and came to this country at an early age. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

He joined Appalachian October 1, 1919 as superintendent of construction. During his career he was instrumental in the construction of high voltage lines in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, resulting in an integrated system of transmission lines.

Under his direction the first long span steel line in this part of the world was constructed from Logan to what is now Appalachian's Turner transmission station near Charleston. This station was named for Mr. Turner.

Mr. Turner retired from active service with the company in 1948 as superintendent of the real estate and right of way department but remained in a consulting capacity for several years.

### J. W. Smith

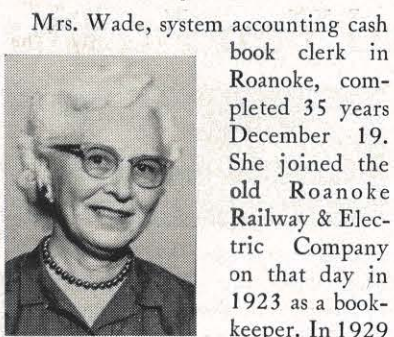


Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith, system sales analyst in Roanoke, joined the company December 19, 1918 as an office boy in Bluefield. He was power biller and clerk, chief clerk and power engineer before coming to Roanoke in 1947 as administrative assistant. He moved to his present position in 1954.

A native of Bluefield, he served in the Army from 1942 to 1945. He is married and a member of the First Baptist Church of Bluefield.

### Emily Wade



Mrs. Wade

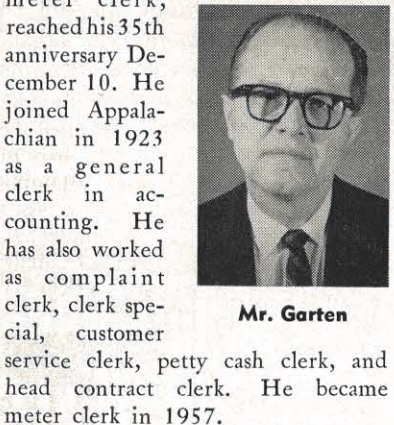
Mrs. Wade, system accounting cash book clerk in Roanoke, completed 35 years December 19. She joined the old Roanoke Railway & Electric Company on that day in 1923 as a book-keeper. In 1929 she became billing machine operator for Appalachian.

She held other positions in the billing department before being transferred to system accounting as cash book clerk in 1952.

She is married and an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church and its Euzelian Bible Class.

### W. H. Garten

Mr. Garten, who is Charleston meter clerk, reached his 35th anniversary December 10. He joined Appalachian in 1923 as a general clerk in accounting. He has also worked as complaint clerk, clerk special, customer service clerk, petty cash clerk, and head contract clerk. He became meter clerk in 1957.

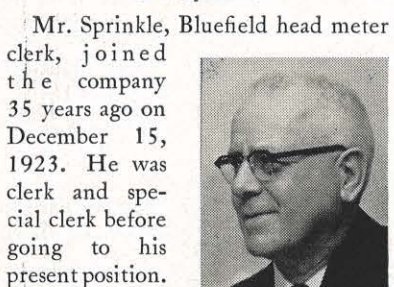


Mr. Garten

A native West Virginian, he was graduated from Hinton High School and Capital City Commercial College. He was formerly an athletic director in the Knights of Columbus and had his own band for several years.

Mr. Garten is married and has one son.

### E. E. Sprinkle



Mr. Sprinkle

Mr. Sprinkle, Bluefield head meter clerk, joined the company 35 years ago on December 15, 1923. He was clerk and special clerk before going to his present position.

Prior to company employment, he worked for six years for the N. & W. Railway in Bluefield. A native of Groseclose, Va., he attended public schools in Bluefield. He is married and a member of the Bland Street Methodist Church and is a bowling enthusiast.

## Kwhr Cost Declines, Old Contract Shows

An old contract found recently by E. M. Payne shows graphically how the cost of a kilowatt-hour has declined through the years.

The head material clerk in the Roanoke stores department came upon a contract between his grandmother and an Appalachian predecessor, the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company.

The contract, dated November 6, 1912, was secured by W. S. "Pat" Peek, retired employee.

In part, the contract reads: "The Consumer agrees to pay monthly at the Company's office for said electrical energy at the rate of (8) cents per kilowatt-hour. The Consumer, however, agrees to pay the said Company for service for a minimum of 12 1/2 kilowatt-hours for each monthly period."

## 30-Year Veteran Retires In Logan



Mr. Blankenbeckler

Gilbert A. Blankenbeckler, Logan district station man, has retired early because of ill health.

A veteran of over 30 years with the company, he was employed in June 1928 as a painter. He became an overhead man in 1934 and station man in 1949.

A native of Smyth County, Va., he attended schools there. He is married and has four children.



W. S. "Pat" Peek, right, retired employee, and E. M. Payne, head material clerk in the Roanoke stores department, discuss a 1912 incandescent light contract. The document, which Mr. Peek secured for Mr. Payne's grandmother, shows how the cost of a kilowatt-hour has dropped since 1912.

Today, the average Appalachian residential customer in Roanoke uses 4,436 kilowatt-hours annually at a cost of \$100.25. If Mr. Payne's grandmother had used this same amount of current under the 1912 contract, it would have cost her \$354.88—over 3 1/2 times today's cost.

## Winston E. Miller Named To Lodge Post

Winston E. Miller, Pulaski line inspector, has been elected Worshipful Master of the Pythagoras Lodge No. 239.

He has served the order as Past High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter.

An employee since 1937, Mr. Miller is active in church and civic work. He is president of the Friendly Bible Class at the First Methodist Church; vice president of the Claremont School PTA; vice president of the Wurno Community Club, and committee chairman of Claremont Cub Scout Pack 143.



Mr. Miller

## Boyd Richardson Dies In November



Mr. Richardson

Boyd Richardson, Huntington division senior line engineer, died November 25 following a heart attack. He was 59.

Born in Fort Gay, W. Va., Mr. Richardson joined the Logan district as a draftsman in 1926. He was promoted to district engineer in 1935 and to district superintendent in 1945. He transferred to Huntington as senior line engineer in 1957.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a son, a sister and a brother.

## Awards Registration Ends January 23

Employees' children should register now for the fifth annual AEP System's Education Awards competition. The registration period began January 2 and will end January 23.

A total of ten \$500 awards will be given again this year. Three awards will be made to winners from both Appalachian and Ohio Power. Two awards will go to winners from Indiana and Michigan Electric. One award will be presented to the winner from the AEP Service Corporation and one award to the winner from the remainder of the System companies.

Your personnel supervisor has complete information and forms for entering the competition. This material may be obtained by the employee or by the son or daughter. However, this should be done immediately in order to make sure all entry forms are completed and returned to the personnel supervisor by January 23.

Eligible to enter the competition is any employee's son or daughter planning to enter the freshman year at a degree-granting institution in the fall to pursue a course leading to a baccalaureate degree. To try for the award, applicants must take a competitive examination—the standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test.

This exam will be given Saturday morning, March 14, in key cities in or near our service area. These include Huntington, Charleston, Bluefield, Clarksburg and Parkersburg,

W. Va.; Roanoke, Lynchburg and Chatham, Va.; Bristol, Tenn.; Pikeville, Lexington and Danville, Ky.; Portsmouth and Marietta, Ohio.

Cost of the examination will be paid by the company, but each contestant will bear his or her expenses, if any, to and from the city where the test will be given.

All examinations will be prepared, administered and scored by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J. Test results then will be turned over to an impartial and prominent educator who will be the judge. This year's ten winners will be determined on the basis of (1) test scores (2) school records furnished by each contestant's high school principal and (3)

additional information about each contestant provided by the contestant.

Names of the winners will be announced on or about May 1.

As soon as the award winner enrolls in a college, the \$500 will be deposited with the school treasurer and may be used for tuition, room, board, books or laboratory fees.

Winners who go into military service prior to entering college may defer use of the award money until the conclusion of their terms of service.

A total of 123 students entered last year's competition. Included were 28 who entered from Appalachian, nine from Kentucky Power and one each from Kingsport Utilities and Sporn plant.

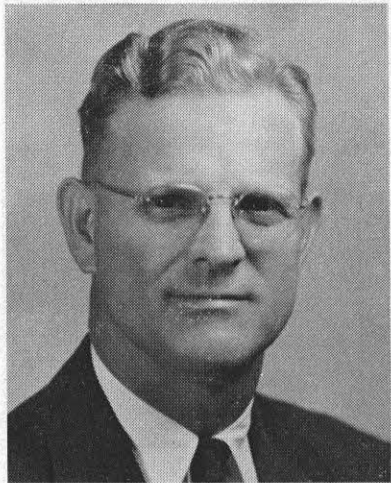
## Celebrate Golden Anniversary



A cake symbolizes the golden wedding anniversary observed November 23 by Mr. and Mrs. G. M. McCormick. Mr. McCormick is a retired Charleston district lineman. The McCormicks have four children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## For Roanoke Division

### Whitmore Named Planning Engineer; Vaughan To Be Commercial Manager



Mr. Whitmore

John B. Whitmore has been named to the position of planning engineer for the Roanoke division. He has been succeeded as Roanoke division commercial manager by John W. Vaughan, Roanoke district commercial manager.

Mr. Whitmore was employed by Appalachian in 1935 in the Roanoke meter department. He worked in the rural department and served as a power sales engineer prior to being named Roanoke district commercial manager in 1948. He has been division commercial manager since 1951.

He holds master of science and bachelor of science degrees from VPI.

He is a member of the Williamson Road Rotary Club, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Masonic Order, the Chamber of Commerce and the Huntington Court



Mr. Vaughan

Methodist Church. He holds the rank of colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve. Mr. Whitmore is married and has three sons.

A native of Blackstone, Mr. Vaughan has been associated with Appalachian since 1947, when he was employed as a power sales engineer in Roanoke.

He was transferred to Fieldale in 1949 and became district commercial manager there in 1951. He has held the position of Roanoke district commercial manager since 1955.

Mr. Vaughan is a graduate of Duke University, from which he holds a BS degree in electrical engineering.

He is a member of the Rotary Club, the Roanoke Advertising Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Grandin Court Baptist Church. He is married and has four children.

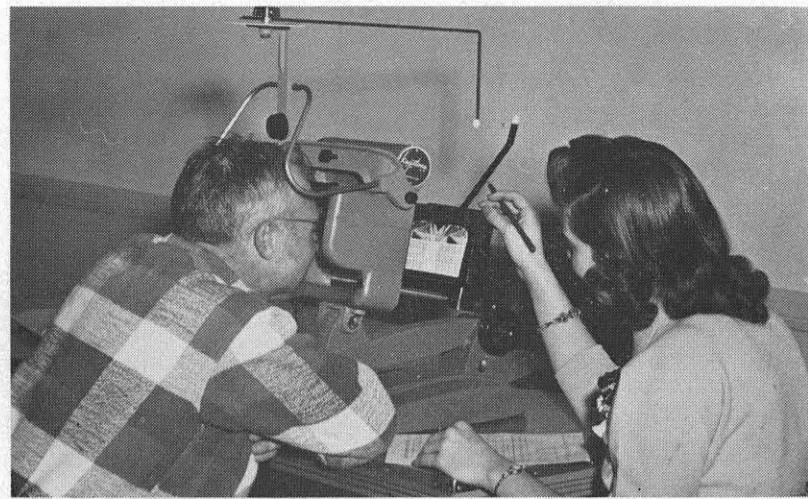
## Driver's Course Held At Point Pleasant

A driver's improvement course was given employees of Point Pleasant district recently.

As part of the course, employees were tested for foot reaction time, depth perception, color perception, vertical and lateral balance and fusion and usable vision of each eye and of both eyes together. Side vision of each eye was also tested along with night vision.

After these tests and a 20-minute written quiz, the employees took a 20-minute road driving course.

W. S. Kitchen, system safety department, assisted during the three days the course was given. District personnel assisting were J. C. Frazier, Charleston district safety supervisor; Phyllis Miller and W. C. Gilmour, Point Pleasant personnel department; C. H. Murray, Jr., and Joseph



M. G. Simmons, truck driver-groundman, is tested for color perception by Phyllis Miller. The test was part of a driver's improvement course held in Point Pleasant district recently. The device being used is the Keystone Driver Vision Telebinocular.

Elefritz, T&D department, and Eugene Sterrett, commercial department.

## Pointers Show How

### Care Can Guard You Against Winter Colds

An estimated 150,000,000 work-days—an average of 2½ days per person—are lost annually because of the common cold. This results in a \$5-billion cost to industry and the worker in medical bills, lost wages and production.

In the winter months, respiratory diseases, including influenza and pneumonia, occur at more than four times the summer rate. Deaths from these two diseases during January and February are 75 percent greater than in July.

The pity of this staggering toll is that it is too frequently caused by neglect and carelessness. Pneumonia and influenza no longer hold their threat for we know that antibiotic drugs can bail us out of these troubles. However, even wonder drugs can be ineffective in fighting off the respiratory infections which account for about one out of every 27 deaths.

Here are a few pointers to help you weather the winter in good health.

#### Build Your Resistance

Respiratory infections are most likely to strike when a person is "run down" or "tired out." Your strongest defense is physical fitness maintained by a balance of food, exercise and rest.

**Food:** We know that it takes more energy to maintain normal body temperature in cold weather. The calories in food produce this energy—so assure yourself of a well-balanced daily menu.

**Exercise:** For most of us, wintertime exercise is a scarce commodity. The path of least resistance leads to the easy-chair and TV set. But physical activity is important all year around in keeping up the body's defense against disease. Walking is the best form of exercise for adults. There are actually few winter days too stormy to take three 10 or 15 minute walks. And, if you are over 40, play it safe; hire a youngster to shovel the snow from your sidewalks.

**Rest:** Fatigue is one way to invite colds and respiratory infections like pneumonia. A tired body offers less resistance to germs. Most people require eight hours of sleep each day; few can get along with less.

#### Take These Precautions

In addition to building up and maintaining your physical condition for cold weather, there are other practical measures you can take to further insure yourself against colds and respiratory infections.

**Temperature:** The higher you keep the temperature in your home, the

## Your Health

greater adjustment your body must make when you step into the frigid outdoors. For the average household, a high of 68 to 70 degrees F. is practical. If there are sick or aged persons in the house, this temperature should be raised somewhat—perhaps to 74 degrees.

**Clothing:** Many of us overlook the

### Service Pin Vets Honored At Pulaski

A total of 72 employees with 20 or more years of service attended a Pulaski district dinner honoring 1958 veterans.

Special guests were the district's retired employees, who witnessed 10 employees representing 290 years of service being recognized for attaining service marks of 20 or more years during 1958. George Conner of Ivanhoe, one of the 35-year veterans, was absent because of a service call in his area.

## Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

### Appalachian Power Company

#### Bluefield District

JERRY R. WHITEHURST from electrical engineer to heating and builder sales representative.

#### Charleston District

ROBERT ISNER from meter clerk, sr., to T&D clerk, sr.; FREDERICK C. LAWRENCE from meter service helper to station man helper.

#### Clinch River Plant

GILES B. CARTER from laborer to utility man; GARLAND W. HACKNEY from guard to yard helper; CHARLES B. HINCHEY from results helper to instrument maintenance man C; JAMES G. KISER from laborer to utility man; PAUL C. KISER from yard helper to utility coal handler; ROLOUND D. KISER from guard to plant janitor.

#### Logan District

JIMMIE BUTCHER from lineman B to lineman A; HAROLD E. GARRETT from meterman C to meterman B; R. L. GOFF from pre-audit clerk to utility clerk; SAMUEL HALSTEAD from lineman B to lineman A; ONA MURRAY from power billing clerk to cashier clerk, sr.

#### Logan Plant

ARTHUR R. EVANS from utility operator A to auxiliary equipment operator; CURTIS D. JEFFREY from utility man to utility operator B; WILLIAM G. WORKMAN from utility operator B to utility operator A.

#### System

JEAN STULTZ from system accounting clerk-stenographer to system commercial stenographer.

### Kentucky Power Company

#### Ashland District

RAY ADKINS from lineman C to lineman B; ROY VANHORN from lineman B to PBX operator, sr.

## FACTS ABOUT

### Growth Picture In Peak Demand

	1958 Peak	1948 Peak	% Increase
American Electric Power System	4,331,000 kw 5-6 p.m. Dec. 15	1,952,000 kw 9-10 a.m. Dec. 15	122%
Appalachian, Kentucky and Kingsport	1,510,000 kw 5-6 p.m. Dec. 15	811,000 kw 10-11 a.m. Nov. 23	86%
Indiana & Michigan	1,046,000 kw 10-11 a.m. Dec. 15	435,000 kw 6-7 p.m. Dec. 14	140%
Ohio Power and Wheeling Electric	1,826,000 kw 5-6 p.m. Dec. 15	746,000 kw 6-7 p.m. Dec. 23	145%

### Roanoke Division Manager Presented Silver Beaver, High Boy Scout Award



G. L. Furr, left, Appalachian vice president and general manager, presents the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award to Roanoke division manager Joseph D. Lawrence. Cub Scout Tommy Waldron is looking on. Photo courtesy "Roanoke Times".

Roanoke division manager Joseph D. Lawrence has received a high Boy Scout honor, the Silver Beaver Award.

The presentation was made at a Rotary Club meeting by Appalachian vice president and general manager G. L. Furr. Mr. Furr is chairman of the Silver Beaver committee of the Blue Ridge Council.

In presenting the award, Mr. Furr explained that it is made annually to "those scouters who have been selected for giving distinguished and outstanding service to boyhood."

Mr. Lawrence started in scouting 24 years ago. He has served on the Blue Ridge Council's executive board and as chairman of several committees.

## Articles In AEP's 'Operating Notes' Contain Ideas Of Five Plant Employees

Five articles appearing in the December 1958 issue of AEP's *Monthly Operating Notes* were written by Appalachian employees.

"Hypodermic Refill For Recorder Pens" was written by J. L. Kerns, instrument maintenance man at Kanawha River plant. After installing recorder pens with disposable ink sacs for use on recording meters, plant personnel looked for a way to reuse the sacs. They found a hypodermic needle could be used to refill the sacs with ink, saving on sac replacement cost.

Another Kanawha River man, A. F. Hanning, master maintenance man, was the author of "Clean Air Cuts Compressor Maintenance." He explains that air intakes for plant compressors were extended from their basement location to a mezzanine above. The cleaner air there has cut down on compressor valve maintenance and has made filter cleaning easier and less time consuming.

Earl O'Neal, Cabin Creek plant boiler operator, wrote "Feedwater Tie Line Saves \$1,500 A Year." When banking a boiler, as on a week end, proper drum water level must be maintained so the unit can be brought back up to load when required. Re-

## Over 150 Ideas Appear In 'Notes'

A total of 110 ideas from the AEP System operating companies appeared last year in *Monthly Operating Notes*.

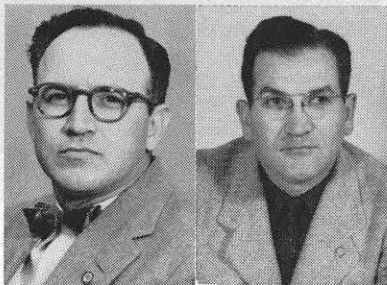
Also published were 18 suggestions from the AEP Service Corporation and 31 from the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, making a total of 159 published ideas in 1958.

Among the operating companies, Ohio Power employees submitted the most published ideas, 39, and won the most merit awards, 12. Appalachian had 37 ideas published with 6 merit awards, while I&M had 21 ideas published with 4 merit awards.

Other published suggestions came from the following: Philip Sporn plant, 5 ideas and 1 merit award; Beech Bottom Power, 4 ideas and 1 merit; Kentucky Power, 2 ideas and 1 merit; Wheeling Electric, 1 idea and 1 merit; and Kingsport, 1 idea.



Mr. Hanning Mr. O'Neal



Mr. Brown Mr. Speas

cently plant personnel connected the feedwater systems of units 8 and 9 together through a pipeline so that the pumps of the operating unit could be used to maintain the drum levels on both boilers.

Donald C. Brown, chief chemist at Philip Sporn plant, was the author of "Keeping Precipitator Sampling Lines Clean." He describes the use of piping connections to permit back flushing of sampling lines which control the precipitator blowdown. This method has reduced plugging of the lines and eliminated maintenance cleaning of the lines and other equipment.

"Grinding Collector Rings On Hydros" was written by R. W. Speas, Kanawha Valley Power hydro plant supervisor in the Charleston district. Collector rings are ground while still in place on vertical hydro generators so that they will be properly shaped for full-load operation. Men at the plant devised a cardboard shield, coated with grease, and a vacuum cleaner and intake funnel to keep copper and abrasive particles from falling into the bearings and windings of these verticle machines.

## Patricia Dunn Named Service Club Leader

Patricia Dunn, daughter of Carl Dunn, Huntington residential and rural sales supervisor, was recently elected president of the Huntington East High School Keyettes.

A service club composed of outstanding girls in the senior, junior and sophomore classes, the Keyettes are sponsored by the Huntington Kiwanis Queens. Membership in the club is determined by scholarship, citizenship and leadership.

A senior, Patricia was recently elected secretary of her class.

## John Simms Prevents Serious Fire Damage

A Rocky Mount customer can thank John C. Simms, meter reader, for preventing what could possibly have been a serious fire.

While at work, Mr. Simms noticed smoke coming from the eaves of a nearby home. He immediately notified the owner, who was not aware the house was on fire. Along with another passerby, Mr. Simms threw buckets of water on the fire, holding it in check until the fire department arrived.

He also helped move furniture from the kitchen, the burning room. When the fire department arrived, the room was empty and firefighters could easily get to the trouble area to put out the blaze.

## Class Princess



Two honors went to Nancy Blizzard recently. Daughter of Paul B. Blizzard, Clinch River plant maintenance foreman, Nancy was elected princess of the Lebanon High School junior class. She also was an attendant to the homecoming queen.



**Lynchburg:** General Electric's operational changeover in Lynchburg will bring a net gain of about 150 management employees to the city. GE is consolidating its communications products department in Lynchburg, and about 250 management employees and their families will move to the city. About 100 employees and their families will be transferred from Lynchburg's rectifier department.

**Kingsport:** Holston Defense Corporation's contract to operate the Kingsport Holston Ordnance Works has been extended through December 31, 1960 with an additional authorized expenditure of about \$9-million. This will help assure continuous operation of this facility, which employs about 600 people.

**Roanoke:** Roanoke Mills, Inc. plans to hire an additional 25 to 30 workers this month. The year just completed was the best in history for the company.

**Pulaski:** The Montgomery County Development Corporation has awarded a contract for construction of a 20,000 square foot building in Christiansburg to Gallimore and Lively of Pulaski. This building will house a garment factory and the offices will use heat pumps.

**Point Pleasant:** The Kaiser Aluminum Chemical Corporation at Ravenswood was low bidder on 90,000 pounds of aluminum that will be made into automobile license plates for the state of West Virginia. This marks the first time the state will use aluminum license plates.

**Huntington:** The Huntington Furniture Corporation has acquired all the stock of Georgetown Galleries, Inc., placing under one management the two furniture plants.

## Yugoslav Engineers Visit Appalachian To Study System Operating Methods



H. E. McCormack, left, discusses system operations with two Yugoslavian engineers, center. Their interpreter, right, is translating Mr. McCormack's statements. The Yugoslavians visited Appalachian as part of a tour of American utilities. Photo courtesy "Roanoke World-News."

Appalachian was host recently to a group of chemical, electrical and hydraulic engineers from Communist Yugoslavia.

Touring this country under sponsorship of the International Cooperative Association, the visitors were studying American electric utility methods of plant and system operation.

From Roanoke they returned to Washington and then to their homeland.

During the meeting in Roanoke, talks were given by Appalachian engineers H. E. McCormack, J. W. Kepner, H. P. Crickenberger and J. A. Ebeling and by G. H. McDaniel of the AEP Service Corporation. Welcoming remarks were made by R. E. Hodges, assistant general manager of Appalachian.

Discussed during the sessions were operation and coordination of maintenance and interconnections; load frequency control, communication and telemetering; pool accounting; and operation of present hydro plants and the proposed Smith Mountain project.

Two interpreters accompanied the group, and during the sessions the

visitors used headsets to pick up the translations.

The visit to Appalachian was chosen for the Yugoslavians by the International Cooperative Association.

## Employee Is Leader Of Award Winning Peters Creek Club



Lawrence Hawks, right, Fieldale truck driver-groundman, accepts a first place award presented by the Peters Creek Community Improvement Club. Making the presentation is John P. Fishwick, president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hawks is president of the Peters Creek organization, which won the Roanoke area Community Improvement Contest this year.

The Peters Creek Community Improvement Club recently received a first place award in the Roanoke area Community Improvement Contest. President of the club is Lawrence Hawks, Fieldale district truck driver-groundman.

Mr. Hawks recently accepted a \$400 check on behalf of the club. The presentation was made at a luncheon by John P. Fishwick, president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce.

The contest was sponsored jointly by the Roanoke Chamber and the Agricultural Extension Service of VPI. Forty-four communities in 13 counties competed in the judging.

Mr. Hawks helped organize the club in 1957. He is currently serving his second term as president.

## Beckley Employee To Head Institute

E. F. Eager has been elected president of the New River and Winding Gulf Electric, Mechanical, and Mining Institute.

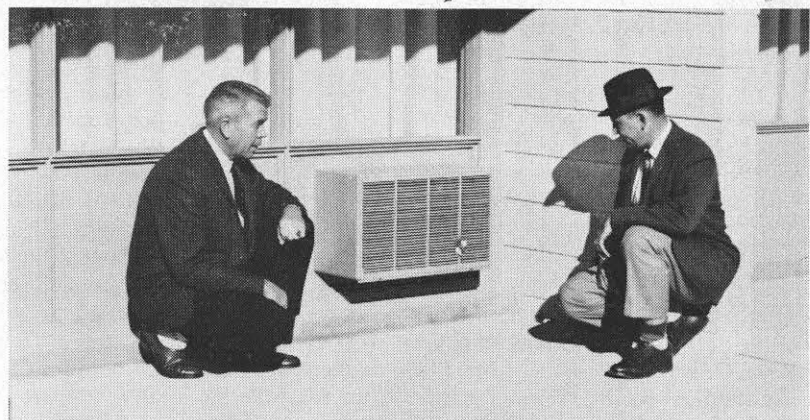
The Beckley district commercial manager joined the American Electric Power Company in 1929 and became Charleston power sales engineer in 1948. He rose to his present position in 1954.

A native of Cumberland Gap, Tenn., he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He is married.



Mr. Eager

## Motel Conditioned By 62 Heat Pumps



The new Howard Johnson 60-unit motor lodge, recently completed on U. S. 11 just north of Roanoke, features 62 heat pumps. Here, F. T. Meadows, motel manager, left, discusses one of the heat pumps with R. J. Jarrett, power sales engineer. The motel also has 60 resistance heaters, 36 supplementary resistance heaters and 15 electric water heaters of 80-gallon capacity.

## New Blaine Station In Service



R. A. Armistead, Roanoke district line and station supervisor, pauses in his check of the new 20,000-kva Blaine station. The 138/13.2-kv structure serves the Thompson Products plant in Franklin County. It was placed in service in late November. The station has two 10,000-kva transformers.

## Service Veterans



**James Simpson**  
Ashland  
30 Years



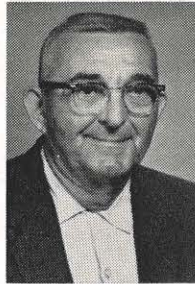
**B. W. Lanthorne**  
Logan Plant  
30 Years



**H. H. Wills**  
Charleston  
25 Years



**S. S. Gilbert**  
Lynchburg  
25 Years



**W. U. Blatt**  
Huntington  
25 Years



**J. E. Taylor**  
Bluefield  
25 Years



**S. P. Dahmer**  
Charleston  
20 Years



**Nicholas Roomy, Jr.**  
Logan  
20 Years



**W. L. Gordon**  
System  
20 Years



**H. M. Strong, Jr.**  
Williamson  
20 Years

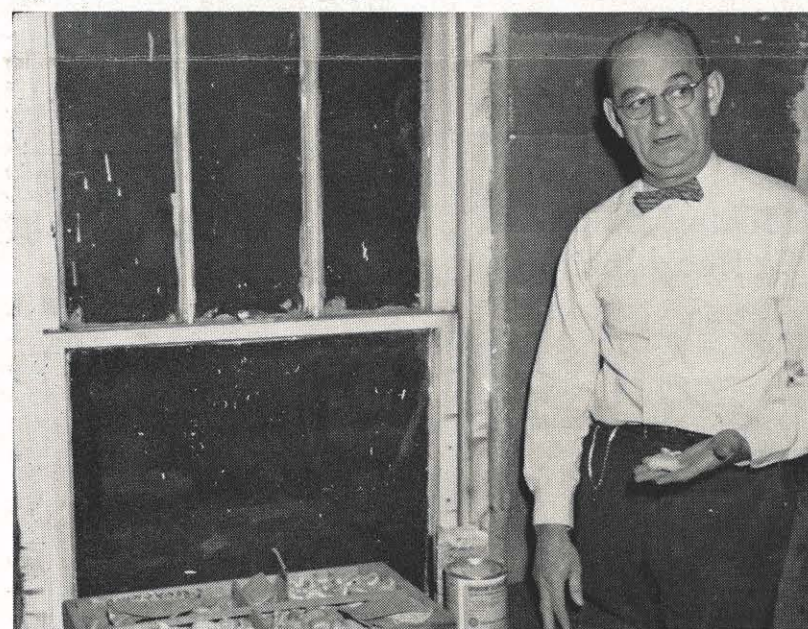


**G. D. Covey**  
Beckley  
20 Years



**J. T. Shriver**  
Charleston  
20 Years

## Growth, Hybridization Of Gladioli Hard, Rewarding Work For Clark Peck



The growth and hybridization of gladioli mean a lot of work, as Clark Peck can testify. The Abingdon employee is shown here examining one of his hybrid bulbs. Others are on the table.

You might say Clark Peck's hobby grew on him.

The Abingdon district record supervisor raises and hybridizes gladioli. This hobby, which began when a few volunteers sprang up in his garden, has developed into 1,500 plants a year.

His planting season begins with the leafing of the maples and continues to July. The entire season for glads is about eight months a year. This last season Clark cut about 100 dozen blooms for local florists, restaurants, his church and individuals.

The interesting part of the hobby, Clark declares, is the development of new varieties, which he does by cross-pollinating varieties. These "little swords", which is what the name gladioli means, are produced in three ways. One way, rather slow, is to split the bulb. Another is to plant the bulbs, which will propagate a true variety. Third is cross-pollination, bringing forth new varieties.

To give an idea of the work involved in producing a variety, Clark explains that the first year the seed is harvested and, after being cleaned, cured and marked according to its parentage, is stored for planting next year. The second year the seed is planted in beds and will produce cormels or bulbs. These are harvested, cleaned and stored and in the third year replanted. A number of these will produce flowers, although some take until the fourth year to produce.

The plants are checked for strength, the flowers for color and number to the stalk. All weak and off-color are destroyed. The best are kept and the stock is built up from bulbs. If the flower is outstanding, a number of bulbs may be sent to growers throughout the country for testing and rating.

If it rates high, it may be patented and the bulbs sold through established outlets. From the time the first seed is produced until the flower is put on the market in quantity, seven or eight years of hard work have passed.

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

### Appalachian Power Company

**Abingdon District**—15 YEARS: SYLVIA H. DARNELL, pre-audit clerk. 10 YEARS: JAMES W. CALLAHAN, lineman; RUTH K. DOLINGER, clerk-stenographer; S. J. GRIZZLE, JR., meter reader.

**Beckley District**—20 YEARS: G. D. COVEY, customer service representative.

**Bluefield District**—40 YEARS: MARCELLE E. SAUNDERS, division assistant payroll supervisor. 35 YEARS: EARL E. SPRINKLE, head meter clerk. 25 YEARS: JOHN E. TAYLOR, local office manager. 10 YEARS: PAULINE N. HAWLEY, cashier. 5 YEARS: THOMAS W. WOLFE, division payroll clerk.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—15 YEARS: D. T. BRILES, laborer. 10 YEARS: LINZIE VANCE, laborer.

**Charleston District**—35 YEARS: WILLIAM H. GARTEN, meter clerk. 25 YEARS: HENRY H. WILLS, truck driver-groundman. 20 YEARS: STANLEY P. DAHMER, division payroll supervisor; JOHN T. SHRIVER, division residential and rural sales supervisor. 5 YEARS: J. E. MOSS, lineman; JOHN B. SHAWALTER, JR., stores clerk.

**Fieldale District**—10 YEARS: L. R. HAWKS, truck driver-groundman.

**Huntington District**—25 YEARS: WALTER U. BLATT, truck driver-groundman.

**Logan District**—20 YEARS: NICHOLAS ROOMY, JR., local office manager. 10 YEARS: T. J. FLESHMAN, truck driver-groundman.

**Logan Plant**—30 YEARS: B. W. LANTHORNE, shift supervisor.

**Lynchburg District**—25 YEARS: SAYLOR S. GILBERT, hydro operator.

**Point Pleasant District**—10 YEARS: H. L. CHAMBERS, material clerk; J. W. MORRISON, truck driver-groundman; M. W. SCOTT, district rural and residential sales supervisor.

**Roanoke District**—10 YEARS: E. J. HAGA, stores clerk. 5 YEARS: CAROL C. BRANCH, clerk-stenographer; MILDRED G. CUNNINGHAM, PBX operator.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—5 YEARS: MARION K. OHLINGER, coal handler; FRED E. SMITH, laborer; BILLY L. THOMAS, laborer.

**System**—40 YEARS: J. W. SMITH, sales analyst. 35 YEARS: EMILY WADE, cash book clerk. 20 YEARS: W. L. GORDON, head, general books section. 5 YEARS: P. F. ROUSH, regional dispatcher, Sporn Station; FRANKLIN F. WEBB, system control wireman.

**Welch District**—10 YEARS: J. J. LANE, truck driver-groundman; W. C. GROSCLOSE, administrative assistant.

**Williamson District**—20 YEARS: H. M. STRONG, JR., local office manager. 10 YEARS: FLORENCE R. MURPHY, personnel clerk. 5 YEARS: JAMES PRESTON, JR., meter reader.

### Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District**—30 YEARS: JAMES SIMPSON, meter serviceman. 5 YEARS: ROBERT MUNCY, lineman.

### Sporn Named As Head Of NCCJ Fund Drive

Philip Sporn, president of the American Electric Power System and of our companies, is serving as chairman of the 1959 Special Gifts Campaign of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

His appointment was made recently by Benjamin F. Fairless, former board chairman of U. S. Steel Corp.; James F. Twohy, West Coast industrialist, and Lewis L. Strauss, secretary of commerce, national co-chairmen of the organization.

As chairman, Mr. Sporn will lead a country-wide effort for funds to finance the organization's program for building good will and understanding among Protestants, Catholics and Jews. He served the campaign last year as vice-chairman.

### Roanoke Man Chosen To Lead Ruritans

J. M. Peck, Jr. has been elected president of the Fincastle Ruritan Club.



**Mr. Peck**

The Roanoke district area sales representative has previously served as Lt. Governor of the Natural Bridge District of Ruritan. A member of the Masonic Lodge, he is also a deacon in the Fincastle Presbyterian Church. Mr. Peck is a member of the House of Delegates of Virginia, representing Botetourt and Craig counties.

An employee of the company since 1945, he is married and the father of a son and twin daughters.

### Ben R. Currence Dies In December



**Mr. Currence**

Ben R. "Spex" Currence, Charleston district meterman, died December 26 in Charleston Memorial Hospital after a short illness. He was 56.

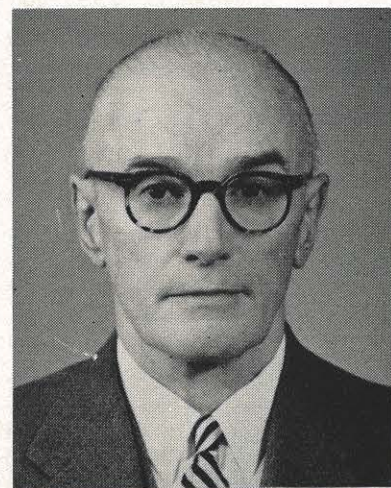
October 8 marked his 35th year with Appalachian. Joining the company in 1923 as a helper in the meter department, he became a meterman in 1944.

One of Charleston's most active Masons, he was a member of Lodge No. 153 AF & AM; John W. Morris Consistory of Scottish Rites Tyrian Chapter No. 13; the Royal Arch Masons Kanawha Commandry No. 4, Knights of Templar; Beni Kadim Shrine and KCCH of Scottish Rites.

He was also an emeritus member of the Shrine Patrol, a member of the Royal Order of Jesters Court No. 111 and the Beni Kadim directors' staff.

A native of Elkins, W. Va., he was a member of Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters, five grandchildren and a sister.

## Stores Auditor Of System Retires



**Mr. Nicholson**

George G. Nicholson, system stores auditor, retired December 31 after more than 35 years with the company.

He was first employed as a stock ledger clerk with the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in Huntington in 1923. In 1924 he transferred to Charleston, and returned to Huntington as district purchasing agent and chief storekeeper on the formation of Appalachian in 1926.

He came to Roanoke in 1942 as assistant purchasing agent for the company, and in 1947 moved to stores auditor.

A native of Sunderland, England, Mr. Nicholson was educated at Colliery Council and Redby Preparatory Schools. He came to the United States in 1910 and attended International Business College in Newport News and Detroit Technological Institute. Prior to joining the company he was connected with the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Bethlehem Steel, the West Virginia State Police and the C&O Railway.

Mr. Nicholson is a ruling Elder in the Northminster Presbyterian Church and a member of various Masonic Lodges in Huntington and Roanoke. He is married and has a daughter. "And don't forget to mention my two grandsons, who are my pride and joy," he adds, speaking of David Huffman, a college sophomore, and his brother, Timmy, a high school freshman.

The Nicholsons plan three months in Florida this spring, and also want to visit their family and friends, do some fishing and take it easy.

Mr. Nicholson was honored at a retirement dinner in December, where he was presented a high fidelity set and records.

### Abingdon Reservist Promoted By Army

L. C. Angle, Jr., Abingdon district commercial manager, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserve.



**Mr. Angle**

He is at present attached to the 905th Field Artillery Battalion in Bristol. He received his second lieutenant commission from VPI in 1940. During World War II he served in the anti-aircraft artillery in Panama and the European and South Pacific areas.

Mr. Angle joined the company in 1940 at Pulaski and became Abingdon district commercial manager in February 1958. He is married and has two sons.



# Eight Affected By Changes In AEP Engineering Dept.

A series of promotions affecting eight men in the American Electric Power Service Corporation's Engineering Department became effective January 1.

In the Electrical Engineering Division, F. M. Porter, division head, became consulting electrical engineer. C. P. Zimmerman, electrical equipment section head, succeeds Mr. Porter as division head, and H. C. Barnes, relay section head, moves up to assistant division head. Arthur Hauspurg, acting relay section head, was promoted to section head.

The System Planning and Operating Division became two divisions. H. P. St. Clair, its manager, became consulting planning and operating engineer. T. J. Nagel, system planning section head, moves up to system planning division head, and C. A. Imburgia, head of the planning and technical studies section, becomes assistant division head. G. H. McDaniel, head of the system operating section, heads the System Operating Division.

In addition, John A. Tillinghast, staff engineer in the Mechanical Engineering Division, is moving to the System Planning Division. C. F. De Sieno, senior engineer in the System Planning Division, will be moving to the Electrical Engineering Division as staff engineer.

Also in January, the electronics and communications section headed by S. C. Bartlett is assigned to the Electrical Engineering Division, and the intra-company and interconnection agreements section headed by M. J. Lacopo is assigned to the chief engineer's office. Both sections had been in the System Planning and Operating Division.

All the appointments were announced by S. N. Fiala, vice president and chief engineer.

Mr. Porter, of Verona, N. J., is a 32-year veteran with the Service Corporation. He started as an engineer in 1926, became a section head in 1945 and rose to Electrical Engineering Division head in 1954. He holds an AB degree and a BS degree in electrical engineering from Lehigh University. He served with the Army Engineers in World War I.

Mr. St. Clair, Montclair, N. J., has been with the Company for 34 years. He started as an engineer in 1924, became assistant operating engineer in 1945, and moved up to division head of System Planning and Operating in 1954. He is a graduate of California Institute of Technology with a BS degree in electrical engineering.

Mr. Zimmerman, Cranford, N. J., is a 23-year veteran with the Company, starting in 1935 as an assistant engineer. He was promoted to engineer in 1945 and moved up to head of the electrical equipment section in 1954. He is a graduate of Purdue University with a BS degree in electrical engineering, and recently attended the Advanced Management Course at Harvard University. He was an Army officer in World War II.

Mr. Nagel, of Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J., started as an engineer in 1939, became a senior engineer in 1946, and rose to system planning section head in 1954. He is a Columbia University graduate with an AB degree and BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering. He was a Navy officer in World War II.

Mr. McDaniel, Plainfield, N. J., started with Indiana & Michigan Electric Company as an assistant engineer in 1934. He moved to the Service Corporation in 1936 as assistant



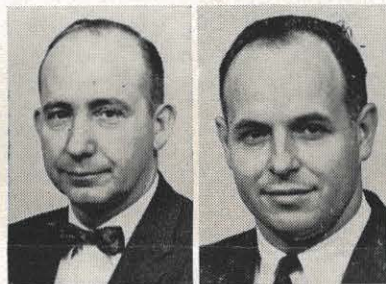
Mr. Porter Mr. Zimmerman



Mr. St. Clair Mr. Nagel



Mr. McDaniel Mr. Imburgia



Mr. Barnes Mr. Hauspurg

engineer and rose in 1954 to head of the operating-engineering section. He received a BS degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

Mr. Barnes, of Westbury, L. I., has 19 years' service. He started with Ohio Power Company in 1939 as an assistant engineer and joined the Service Corporation in 1944 as an engineer. He became head of the relay section in 1950 and acting head of the electrical equipment section in September. A graduate of Rose Polytechnic Institute, he holds a BS degree in electrical engineering.

Mr. Imburgia, of Merrick, L. I., a 34-year veteran, joined the Company in 1924 as an engineer and moved up to head of the planning and technical studies section in 1954. He is a graduate of Cooper Union College with a BS degree in electrical engineering.

Mr. Hauspurg, Mamaroneck, N. Y., joined Ohio Power in 1947 and moved to the Service Corporation in 1950 as an assistant engineer. He became an engineer in 1951, senior engineer in 1956, and acting relay section head in September. He holds BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering from Columbia and was a Navy officer in World War II.

## System . . .

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J. A. Mundy, employee relations supervisor, is recuperating at home after being off from work several weeks due to an illness and operation.

Mildred Dowdy, managerial private secretary, is continuing to improve at home after being off from work several weeks due to an illness.

Stanley, husband of Mary Hall, secretarial stenographer, has returned home from the hospital.

## Pulaski Personals . . .

Mrs. G. C. McCall, wife of the late retired employee, has returned home after several weeks' hospitalization.

Dorothy N. Whitaker, personnel stenographer, has returned to work after surgery.

Ann S. Poe, Marion contract clerk, is back at work after a six months' absence due to an injury.

B. E. Thompson, Claytor hydro operator, has returned to work after several weeks' absence for surgery.

## Bluefield District

Earl A. Jackson, Jr., Pearisburg local office supervisor, recently gave his sixteenth pint of blood, making him a two-gallon donor.

Cecil A. Kelly, line inspector, has completed a course in "Design and Construction of Overhead Power Lines".

Bobby Hylton, Mullens groundman, and his wife are convalescing at home following injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Maria, daughter of Paul C. Kelley, line inspector, is recovering at home following a tonsillectomy.

Susan, daughter of James S. Dodd, residential and rural sales supervisor, was chosen a member of the cast of the Bluefield High School annual musicale.

Helen Sue Spangler, division secretarial-stenographer, served as musical director of the West Virginia State Convention, First District of Quota International, held recently at Greenbrier Hotel.

Sympathy is extended Lamer Shrader, groundman, on the death of his father and Henry D. Smith, electrical engineer on military leave, on the death of his mother.

Thomas Wolfe, division payroll clerk, has returned to work after surgery and hospitalization.

Twenty-five members attended the Girls' Service Club Christmas party.

Sandra Jean, daughter of Dewey Jessee, Richlands area serviceman, is improving after an attack of pneumonia.

## E. C. Porterfield Is Recent Retiree



Mr. Porterfield

Eathel C. Porterfield, Pulaski hydro maintenance man, retired January 1.

He joined the company in 1934 as a laborer and served as a maintenance helper before becoming a maintenance man. His entire service was spent at the Byllesby and Buck plants. Before his permanent employment, he had broken service dating to 1925.

During retirement, he and his wife will live at their old home place near Woodlawn, Va. Mr. Porterfield plans to include raising Shetland ponies among retirement activities.

The Porterfields have two children.

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The all-electric home of Earl A. Thomas, car washer, was toured by the public and employees recently.

Jerry C. Umberger, Pearisburg line, and James T. Gregory, Bluefield substation, are new employees.

Maude J. McCulloch, retired employee, visited the office recently.

Retired employee Mary V. Jenkins is convalescing at her home after hospitalization.

Beth, daughter of Howard S. Meadows, district engineer, participated in the "Miss Bluefield" beauty contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Robert E. Shipwash, Princeton T&D clerk, has returned to work after hospitalization.

Fred J. Mullins, meterman, is hospitalized with influenza.

## Clinch River Plant

Nancy Artrip, clerk-typist; Isabelle Brooks, typist; H. F. Jessee, utility man; C. B. Parrott, yard helper; R. C. Chafin, plant janitor; B. G. Hobbs, laborer; N. J. Burk, laborer; and H. C. Jackson, laborer, are new employees.

Yvonne Kiser, clerk-stenographer, has resigned.

Roy Trail, assistant shift engineer, has returned to work after surgery.

Sympathy is extended Lon R. Brewer, unit foreman, on the death of his father and Richard L. White, chemist, on the death of his grandfather.

Three Clinch River plant employees have been named to posts in the Lebanon Junior Chamber of Commerce. J. R. Blankenship, safety engineer, was named vice president; H. G. Gillespie, Jr., test engineer, treasurer; and Kenneth H. Darnell, test engineer, member of the board of directors.

## D. C. Duncan Writes For T&D Magazine

An article by D. C. Duncan, system safety director, appeared in the December 1958 issue of *Transmission And Distribution*.

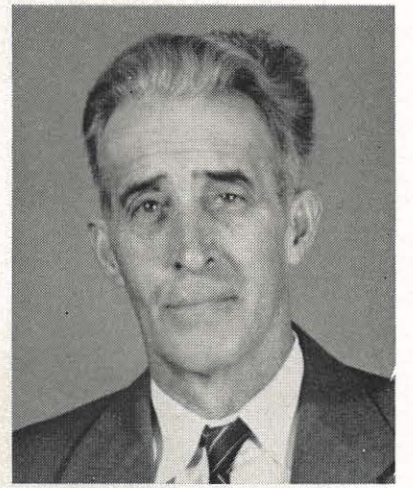
The article, entitled "Don't Isolate—Integrate", appeared in the magazine's "Safety Quote" section and dealt with integrating safety into all phases of operations of a company.

## 'Electrical World' Has Article By Kanawha Man

An article by H. L. Ballard, Kanawha River plant yard foreman, appeared in the December 8 issue of *Electrical World*.

The article was entitled "Continuous Reaving Doubles Life Of Lines."

## Charleston Man Retires Recently



Mr. Reed

A. T. "Dick" Reed, who believes he has read more meters than any other person in the AEP System, retired January 1 because of a heart condition.

December 1 marked Mr. Reed's 35th year as a meter reader in the Charleston district. He recalls that his early days of meter reading involved a lot of climbing and walking. Working for the West Virginia Water and Electric Company, he read both electric and water meters. In many cases, he says, one meter was in the attic and the other in the basement.

He remembers a meter reader's first transportation. "To start with, we had a bicycle. Then in 1930 the company got some motorcycles for us, but the roads were rough, and there were a lot of wrecks. I never would ride one, for I was afraid of them."

From a meter reader's viewpoint, he thinks one of the company's best improvements is the present-day location of meters. In the past, the bathroom was a general location for the electric meter, and sometimes it could be found in the attic.

Mr. Reed says he has enjoyed his work and the friends he has made in the company. He's not sure of retirement activities as yet, but there will probably be some hunting and fishing.

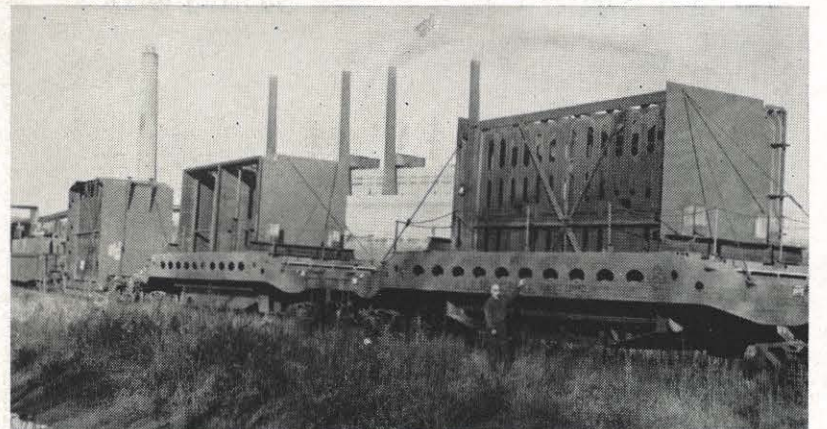
He is married and resides in Charleston. Prior to joining Appalachian, he worked for two years with Charleston-Dunbar Gas Company reading meters.

## Power Sales Engineer Heads E-B Day Committee

Richard Nash, Ashland district power sales engineer, served recently as chairman of Ashland's Education-Business Day planning committee.

On Education-Business Day 300 business and professional people visited schools for a look at the local education system.

## Special Cars For Plant Equipment



Equipment is arriving daily at the construction site of Unit No. 5 at Philip Sporn plant. Here, Al Smith, project engineer at the plant, inspects condenser tube sections which arrived on specially built railroad cars. These three tube sections are part of the 90,000 square foot surface condenser. The railroad cars are designed so that about one-third of the condenser sections extend below the bed of the car to within seven inches of the rails. This provides for more top clearance.

# Wedding Bells Chime For Ten Couples



Married in recent weeks are the brides and grooms pictured above. TOP ROW from left: Mrs. Earl R. Johnston, Jr., Roanoke; Mrs. Dallas R. Criner, Point Pleasant; and Mrs. Robert W. Campbell, Roanoke. MIDDLE ROW from left: Mrs. George Leroy Poythress, Jr., Bluefield; Mrs. Ioan A. Pughe, Roanoke; and Mrs. Harry Workman, Fieldale. BOTTOM ROW from left: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen Inghram, Charleston; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Steele, Huntington.

### Smith-Johnston

Margaret Ann Smith became the bride of Earl R. Johnston, Jr., on November 29 at Waverly Place Baptist Church of Roanoke. Mrs. Johnston is a stenographer in the Roanoke district commercial department.

### Saunders-Workman

Eunice Saunders was married October 3 to Harry Workman. Mr. Workman is a draftsman in the Fieldale district.

### Layne-Clark

The wedding of Katherine May Layne to Hershell Dean Clark took place on November 22. Mr. Clark is a Pikeville district groundman.

### Beaver-Steele

Margaret Ann Beaver and Richard T. Steele were married in a double ring ceremony performed November 21 at the Mt. Hope Methodist Church. Mr. Steele is an electrical engineer in Huntington.

## To Lead Club In Its 31st Year



As part of their Christmas celebration, the Bluefield Girls' Service Club installed officers for 1959. The new officers, to lead the club in its 31st year of operation, were installed by outgoing president Anne Turner. New officers are from left: Betty Williams, secretary; Frances Keller, treasurer; Frances Brooks, vice president; and Nancy Tibbs, president.

### Schenck-Criner

Cellestean "Jackie" Schenck was united in marriage to A/2c Dallas R. Criner on December 5 at the home of the groom's parents. Mrs. Criner is the foster daughter of M. C. Clark, T&D line and station supervisor in Point Pleasant.

### Perdue-Poythress

Ella Perdue became the bride of George Leroy Poythress, Jr., in a ceremony performed in Sparta, N. C., on November 29. Mr. Poythress is the son of G. L. Poythress, Bluefield division civil engineer.

### Cummings-Pughe

The Methodist Church in Wigan, England, was the setting for the October 25 wedding of Ruth Cummings and Ioan A. Pughe. Mrs. Pughe, a former Roanoke division payroll clerk, met her husband while visiting his sister, a pen pal, in England last May.

### Lawrence-Campbell

November 8 was the wedding day of Mildred Lawrence and Robert W. Campbell, who were married at the Galax Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Campbell is a Roanoke PBX operator.

### Harrison-Inghram

A double ring ceremony performed November 23 at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church united Sue Ann Harrison and Thomas Allen Inghram. Mr. Inghram is a coal procurement clerk in Charleston.

### Goff-Price

Constance Madlyn Goff and Warren D. Price were united in marriage November 29 in a double ring ceremony performed at the home of the groom's sister. Mrs. Price is a Charleston clerk-typist.

## Williamson Senior Named To Honor List

Barbara Varney of Williamson has been listed in the 1958 *Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities*.

The daughter of Fred Varney, Williamson line foreman, Barbara was selected for this honor by a student-faculty group on the basis of campus leadership and scholarship at Marshall College.

A senior home economics major in Teachers College, she is also active in campus affairs, and is a cheerleader. She was recently sponsored by her social sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, as a candidate for "Miss Marshall College of 1958."



Miss Varney



## New Arrivals



### Ashland District

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SHUTT, a daughter, Pamy Gaye, December 9. Mr. Shutt is a meter reader.

### Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM D. GRIMMETT, a son, Mark Allen, December 14. Mr. Grimmett is a groundman.

MR. AND MRS. NORMAN R. YOUNG, a son, Jeffrey Scott, November 10. Mr. Young is a station man helper.

### Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. A. P. LAGARDE, JR., a daughter, Kimber Ann, November 20. Mr. Lagarde is a utility operator.

### Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. A. R. TIPTON, a son, James William, November 14. Mr. Tipton is an appliance serviceman.

### Logan Plant

MR. AND MRS. LANNA D. ADAMS, a daughter, Patricia Lee, December 2. Mr. Adams is an administrative assistant.

### Lynchburg District

MR. AND MRS. HAMPTON L. DAVIS, a son, Kermit Leroy, November 15. Mr. Davis is a janitor.

MR. AND MRS. JACK D. HARKER, a son, Lewis Walter, December 15. Mr. Harker is an electrical engineer.

### Pikeville District

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HARRIS, a son, Richard Gregory, December 8. Mr. Harris is a meter clerk.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS FRANK TACKETT, a son, Wesley Kent, December 12. Mr. Tackett is a meter reader.

### Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. S. E. SAUNDERS, a daughter, Barbara Lynn, November 29. Mr. Saunders is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. C. A. SIMMONS, a daughter, Lee Ann, December 3. Mr. Simmons is an electrical engineer.

### Pulaski District

MR. AND MRS. W. BATES M-GLOTHLIN, JR., a daughter, Marena Elizabeth, November 6. Mr. McGlothlin is a Marion meter reader.

### Roanoke District

MR. AND MRS. J. A. DUNHAM, a daughter, Debra Lynn, November 22. Mr. Dunham is division heating sales engineer.

MR. AND MRS. IVY J. LAYMAN, JR., a son, Ivy J., III, November 24. Mr. Layman is a Rocky Mount groundman.

MR. AND MRS. SILAS F. PLYBON, a daughter, Sylva Frances, December 10. Mr. Plybon is a Rocky Mount meter serviceman.

### Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. PROFFITT, a daughter, Teresa Lynn, November 28. Mr. Proffitt is a laborer.

### System

MR. AND MRS. C. A. HELLER, JR., a son, Charles Andrew III, December 15. Mr. Heller is a business trainee.

## Wives Are Guests At Pulaski Meeting

Wives of supervisors were guests at the December Operational and Safety meeting in the Pulaski district.

This annual affair is designed to better acquaint these wives with the company and its organization. D. P. Minichan, then district manager, welcomed the group and pointed out to the wives the many ways they could help their husbands in their jobs.

Sarah Moore, Bluefield division lighting specialist, used color slides to illustrate a talk on functional lighting in the home. Then J. P. Gills, executive assistant to the vice president, discussed the local tax situation. He was followed by Bob Cunningham of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, who spoke on changes in the Social Security Law.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a talk by Dr. Laura Jane Harper on The Diet. The VPI speaker was followed by Paul E. Hilliard, who showed color slides he had taken on a recent trip through Europe.

## They're Engaged

PATSY M. VanHOOK to Clinton Hedrick. Miss VanHook is a clerk trainee at Clinch River Plant.

BARBARA NELL VARNEY to Phillip Brown. Miss Varney is the daughter of Fred Varney, Williamson district line foreman.

### Welch District

MR. AND MRS. HENRY FARMER, JR., a daughter, Cynthia Lynn, December 5. Mr. Farmer is a Grundy lineman.

### Williamson District

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE HACKWORTH, a son, Steven Eugene, December 13. Mrs. Hackworth is a former commercial department employee.

AFC AND MRS. JACK STRANGE, a daughter, Kathryn Merrill, December 1. Mrs. Strange is a former engineering section employee.

## Recipe Testing Becomes Hobby Of Williamsonian



"Party Dress" is the name of this cake baked by Mrs. H. A. Cross, Jr., of Williamson. Her hobby is collecting and testing recipes of all types.

Mrs. H. A. Cross, Jr. of Williamson is one woman who has so many recipes around home that she had to separate them into books.

The wife of the Williamson commercial sales representative, Mrs. Cross has a book just for pies, one just for cakes, one that contains only Christmas recipes, and so on. She started saving recipes in the seventh grade, and since then has clipped from magazines, bought by the book, and gotten from friends several hundred recipes.

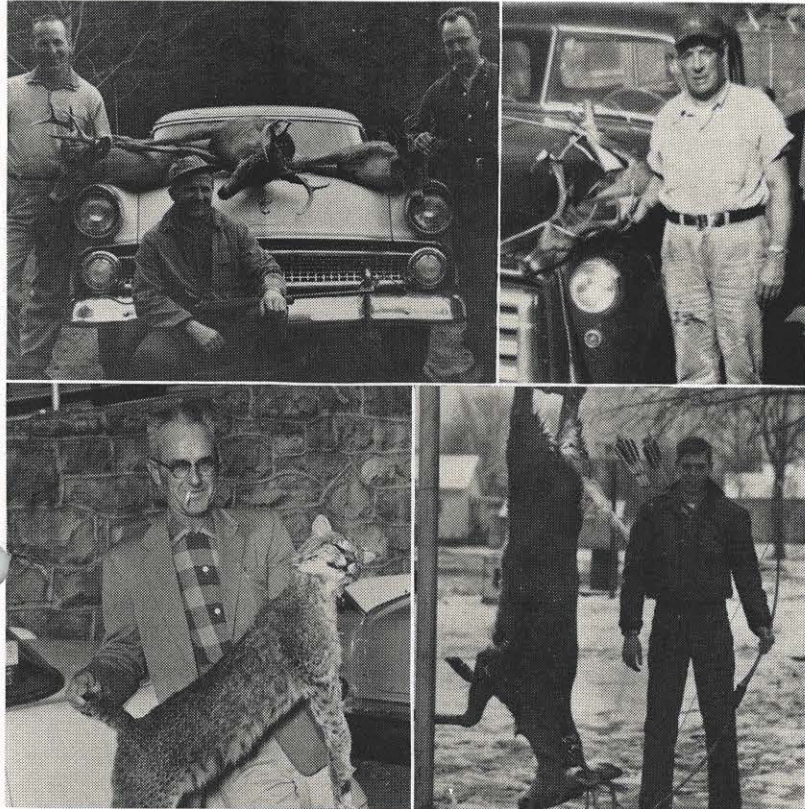
Her hobby doesn't end with saving them though. The best part is trying them out. A good example is her cake recipes—she has over 200 and has tested almost all of them at least once.

## Pretty Painter



Painting provides a relaxing hobby for Connie Smith, Roanoke local accounting stenographer. Shown here painting a still-life picture, she says her next attempt will be a portrait. She began painting about two years ago and has been taking art lessons for two months. Her greatest ambition is to have an exhibit of her own paintings.

## Trophies Tagged By Hunters Include Deer, Elk, Bobcat



UPPER LEFT: Williamson employees Thurman Ball, left, and Michael Kohari, center, pose with deer they downed this last hunting season. At right is Luther Ireson, a hunting companion. UPPER RIGHT: Earl E. Belcher, Welch area serviceman, stands beside the 285-pound buck he brought home. LOWER LEFT: Clifford "Tip" Fletcher was deer hunting when he picked off this 29-pound wildcat. LOWER RIGHT: Robert Harris, Philip Sporn plant guard, shows his 8-point buck and the bow and arrow he used to bag it.

Deer, an elk and a bobcat were prizes felled by company hunters recently.

At the last report, 15 deer had been killed by Philip Sporn plant employees. One, an 8-point buck, was killed by Frank Harris, guard, with a bow and arrow. It was Mr. Harris' first deer.

Other Sporn employees reporting deer kills were Joe Cullen, Tom Hoffman, Harold Russell, John Taylor, Bernard Hoffman, Robert Cook, Ed Clarke, Clyde Clark, Bill Wentzell, George Wolf, Marvin Roush, Dallas Cadle, Bill Cook and Larry King.

Two Point Pleasant employees downed large doe this season. They were W. B. Langford, Ripley area serviceman, and Paul Rairden, right-of-way agent. Also, Keith B. Mullin, whose wife, Donna, is a Point Pleasant clerk-stenographer, bagged a doe while hunting in Virginia.

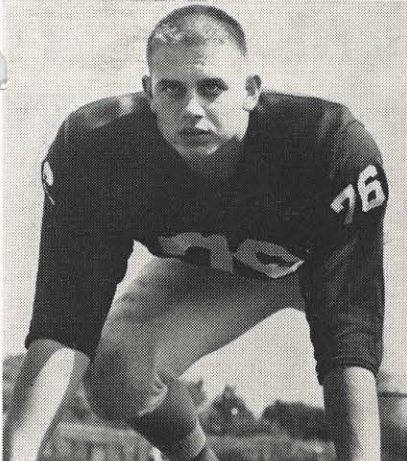
Among Williamson district hunters, Thurman Ball, working foreman, dropped a 10-point, 175-pound buck on the second day of the season. Michael Kohari, appliance serviceman, killed a 6-point, 200-pound buck on opening day.

An 8-point, 285-pound buck was the prize of Earl E. Belcher, Grundy area serviceman, in the Welch district. He killed the deer about five yards from the spot where he killed a buck last year.

Willie B. Rasnake, Pearisburg lineman in the Bluefield district, went for the big fellows with success. He downed a 600-pound elk.

Another Bluefield employee, Clifford "Tip" Fletcher, line supervisor, brought home the unexpected from his deer hunt. While on a stand in Bath County, he spotted a large bobcat strolling through the woods. An 8-millimeter slug nailed the cat which weighed 29 pounds.

## Hazard, Kingsport Employees' Sons Star On College, High School Gridirons



Fredrick Stidham



Lester Safriet, Jr.

Employees' sons from Hazard and Kingsport distinguished themselves on the gridiron last season.

Fredrick Stidham, whose father is Gaine Stidham, Hazard district superintendent, was a standout on the University of Kentucky freshman squad. U-K coaches cited the 210-pound, 6-foot, 3-inch athlete as a top prospect for the Wildcats.

A first string tackle for the Hazard High Bulldogs, Fredrick was awarded

a 4-year scholarship at U-K. For skillful high school play, he was named to three first string all-star teams.

Lester Safriet, Jr., whose father is a Kingsport meter serviceman, helped pace the Gate City Blue Devils to the district title this year. In recognition of outstanding play, he was named center of the 1958 All District Eight Conference Team. A senior, he plans to enter VPI after graduation.

## Roanoke Loop Ends In Tie For First

In the Roanoke bowling league, Meter-Distribution and Division Engineering ended first half play tied for first place. Each team has a 28-14 record.

A roll-off will be held to break the tie. In runner-up position is Line-Station with 24 won and 18 lost. In first half play, L. G. Gregory of Line-Station totalled high average of 110 and rolled high game of 151. W. M. Mills, Meter-Distribution scored high set of 389. Line-Station had high team game of 575 and high team set of 1,611.

## Williamson Man Heads BSA District

H. W. Cerrato has been installed as district commissioner of the Mingo-Pike District of Chief Cornstalk Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Mr. Cerrato

The Williamson head T&D clerk has been active in scouting for many years, and last held the office of health and safety committee chairman. As commissioner his chief duty will be to recruit and train a staff of commissioners to serve all scouts, provide training for his own staff and conduct staff meetings.

## Wife Doesn't Want To Stay At Home As Husband Fishes, Hunts When Retired



A plan to develop mutual interests for retirement activities took Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cole to this isolated Canadian lake. Mrs. Cole is learning to enjoy the outdoors. She doesn't want to be left at home when her husband fishes and hunts after retirement.

If the proper groundwork is laid, retirement can bring happy, productive hours of activity for both wife and husband.

One way to prepare for retirement activities is by developing mutual interests, suggest Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cole. Mr. Cole is Charleston district garage supervisor. His interests include mechanics, photography, ceramics, bowling and the outdoors—his favorite.

Knowing her husband would certainly devote many retirement hours to hunting and fishing, Mrs. Cole decided to develop her interests along the same lines. In a recent article in the Charleston Daily Mail, she is quoted as saying, "I figured I had better learn to get my feet wet, or he'll leave me behind once he retires from work."

That's why she joined Mr. Cole on a recent trip to Ontario, Canada. It started as a grouse hunting expedition, but because birds were scarce, they turned to fishing. With a former Charlestonian, who is now retired in

## Five Roanoke Anglers Awarded Prizes For Lunkers Landed In Fishing Contest



"Not too big, now," say R. S. Haskins, left, and F. N. Kellermann, right, to W. A. Henley, center. The three were first place winners in the Roanoke Employees' Fisherman's Club contest. Fishermen Haskins and Kellermann have on hand proof of their catches. Angler Henley's went into the fry pan.

Big fish paid dividends recently to five company anglers who entered the Roanoke Employees' Fisherman's Club contest. The five received cash prizes for catching the largest fish.

First prize winners were: F. N. Kellermann, garage supervisor, who caught a 5-pound, 4-ounce bass at Claytor Lake; W. A. Henley, draftsman, who took a 6-pound, 6-ounce pike from Claytor; R. S. Haskins, draftsman, who snagged a 2-pound, 10-ounce trout at Cripple Creek, and F. F. Webb, system control wireman, who brought in a 7½-pound catfish from John Kerr Dam.

Mr. Webb also won a second prize in the trout contest. Mr. Haskins and E. L. Wirt, transportation clerk, tied for second prize in the bass con-

test. In this year's contest, only fresh water fish caught in Virginia will be eligible. Prizes will be awarded for the largest trout, large mouth bass, small mouth bass, pike, crappie and catfish entered. The contest will run from February 1 to December 1.

## Huntington . . .

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J. R. Hughes has returned to work following a month's illness.

J. K. Butler, lineman, is back at work after being off five months due to injuries.

Carl M. Dunn, residential and rural sales supervisor, was one of the judges for the first annual Model Railway Show, sponsored by the Huntington Herald-Dispatch and the Huntington Railroad Community Committee and held in the Huntington office auditorium.

## Second Grader Named Prince Of Carnival

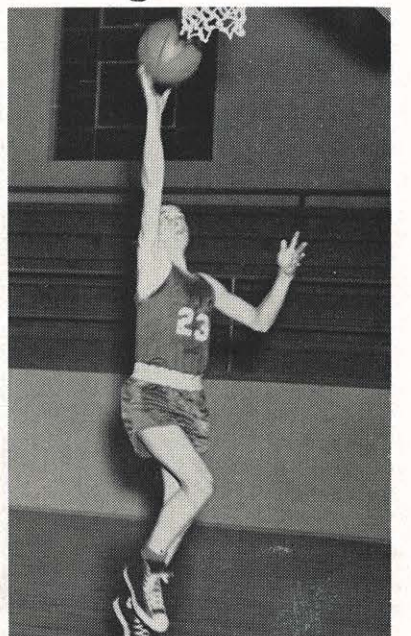
Second grader Richard Cantees was recently crowned "Prince" of the Hardy PTA Halloween carnival.

Richard is the son of Naomi Cantees, Williamson district contract clerk. Mrs. Cantees is currently serving the PTA as secretary. Funds raised from the carnival were added to monies from other events to purchase a new furnace for the school.



Richard Cantees

## High Scorer



Thadeus Helvey lays up a practice shot. The son of Homer Helvey, Pikeville lineman, Thadeus has led Johns Creek High School to one of its best cage years. A junior, he has averaged scoring more than 20 points per game.

## Five Point Pleasant Men Play On Church Teams

Five Point Pleasant district employees are playing basketball for churches in the Point Pleasant church league.

Players and their churches are: T. J. Rose, Trinity Methodist; C. A. Simmons, Bellemeade E. U. B.; F. E. Wolfe, St. Paul Methodist; G. K. Roach, Nazarene, and W. H. Stricklen, Baptist.



Harry Miller of Ashland, third from right, receives a check for \$1,000 as national winner of a commercial sales promotion program sponsored by Hotpoint Company. Presenting the check is Fred C. Teich, Midwest Zone Manager for Hotpoint, second from left. Others are

G. A. Weatheron, Kentucky general commercial manager, left; E. C. Cassidy, Kentucky general power sales supervisor, third from left; F. M. Baker, Kentucky vice president and general manager, second from right; and H. S. Scott, Ashland district manager, right.

## Sales Efforts Win \$1,000 For Ashland Man In National Hotpoint Promotion Contest

His efforts in the promotion of commercial sales have earned national honors and \$1,000 for Harry Miller of Ashland.

The Ashland district commercial sales representative was named top winner in a 100-day "Back On The Track" promotion sponsored by Hotpoint Company's Commercial Equipment Department. Richard Ellis, Hotpoint sales manager, stated that Mr. Miller's work was selected as outstanding from a group of 28 zone winners among utility representatives from over the entire country.

Fred Teich, Midwest Zone Manager, who had selected Mr. Miller for zone honors, then nominated him for the national award. Mr. Teich presented the award, and the \$1,000, to Mr. Miller at a dinner arranged in Mr. Miller's honor by the general commercial department of Kentucky Power.

What did it take to win? Back in June, when Hotpoint announced the "Back On The Track" promotion, Mr. Miller decided that the sales coverage he had been practicing for 25 years would pay off. He worked hardest during the Dog Days of July and August. He visited all his customers and prospective customers and built up a 104 percent of quota.

He used Hotpoint's Visualizer Sales Chart, and on many occasions gave repeat performances for employees of some of his operators at their request. Cleanliness, comfort, reliability and increased profit through use of electric commercial equipment was his story.

He developed 78 prospects for 104 pieces of equipment, and he and Hotpoint's dealers in the area sold 34 pieces to 18 different operations. This amounted to 348 kilowatts and

\$10,500 estimated annual revenue.

For the entire year of 1958, the Ashland district, represented by Mr. Miller and the dealers, has registered 268 pieces of cooking equipment for a load of 1,235 kw and an estimated annual revenue of \$36,050.

As evidence of the switch to electric cooking in commercial operations in the district, commercial depart-

ment officials point out that during the last 10 years a total of 6,456 kw has been added by customers for an estimated annual revenue of \$174,300.

Mr. Miller, who works with Dick Macomb, district commercial manager, and Jim Cassidy, general power sales supervisor, joined Kentucky Power in 1941. He went to his present position in 1948.

## Hearing Cry For Help, Pikeville Men Aid Mine Worker Trapped In Tipple



Willis Frank Tackett, left, and Billy Compton, Pikeville district meter readers, saved a trapped man from possible death in a coal tipple recently. The two discovered the man, who was partially buried in coal, and helped free him.

Reading a meter at a Pikeville district coal mine, two employees were startled by a cry for help.

The cry seemed to be coming from a point up a hill near the mine's tipple, and meter readers Billy Compton and Willis Frank Tackett hurried to investigate.

Climbing onto the tipple, the employees found a man buried in coal up to his armpits. Although he wasn't in pain the man was unable to move, and there was great danger that more coal would be dumped into the chute feeding the tipple.

One man was dispatched with a warning not to pour coal into the chute. Another let some coal out of the bottom of the tipple so the two metermen could pull the trapped man free.

The mine employee stated he had climbed into the tipple to break some frozen coal free when it gave way, trapping him.

## "Hot" Pill Films Depth Of Cracks In Welds Of Cabin Creek Boilers

A tiny radioactive pellet solved a big problem at the Cabin Creek plant recently.

Two boilers were taken out of service when cracks appeared in welds on the main steam drums. Grinding showed they were deeper than surface cracks. The problem then became: How deep?

To determine the actual depth, a radioactive pill, about the size of a BB, was used to take pictures of the weld. The process is called radiography, and it works on the principle of the X-ray.

The pill is radioactive cobalt, which sends off gamma rays. These rays cast an image on a photographic negative the same way light does in a standard-type camera. Each exposure taken of the weld required three hours and covered an area about 5 x 16 inches.

Every safety precaution was taken. The pill was encased in a thick lead container. A geiger counter was used to check the area for radiation, and the danger area was roped off to keep unauthorized personnel out.

Radiographs showed the crack went completely around the weld and almost completely through it. The cracked weld was then cut out with carbon torches, and built up again with weld metal. Over two tons of welding rods were used in making the welds.



A worker peers through a boiler drum head being repaired after it developed a crack. The drum head is encased in a heating unit which was necessary to raise the temperature to 300 degrees for welding.

## District Manager Is Chamber President

George E. Hervey, Point Pleasant district manager, has been elected president of the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce.

Since his transfer to Point Pleasant in 1957, he has served on several Chamber committees and on the board of directors.



Mr. Hervey

Mr. Hervey joined Appalachian in 1940 as electrical engineer in the Charleston district. He was serving as district superintendent upon his promotion to Point Pleasant. During World War II, he served in the European theater as a major in the Signal Corps.

## Fireman's Training Proves Its Worth

The volunteer fireman experience of Alonza Hardy, Jr., proved valuable recently during a routine service call.

The Welch serviceman in the Grundy area was quick to act when he noticed smoke coming from a house. Knocking, he found the front and back doors of the burning home locked.



Mr. Hardy

He ran next door to call the fire department and discovered that the neighbor had a key. Together, they entered the home, found the kitchen ablaze and went to work with water. By the time the fire department arrived, the blaze was extinguished.

## New Switching Gear Installed At Sprigg

A new-type switch, which eliminates much buswork and many guys, insulators and poles, was installed in the Sprigg district recently.

The switch, serving the Pond Creek 46-kv switching station near Belfry, Ky., replaces a 7-pole structure with three horizontal mounted switches. Mounted on one pole, it will serve three 46-kv circuits.

The installation was made by the crew of Fred Varney.

## Pikeville, Welch Brightened By New Lights

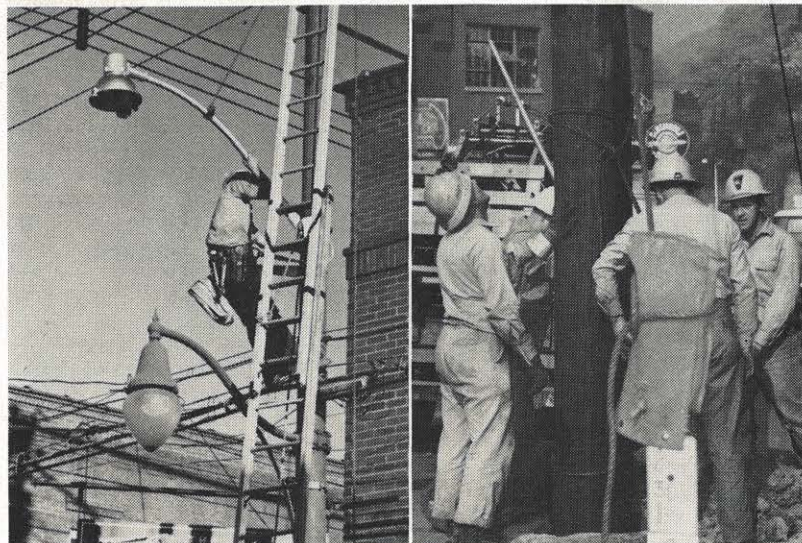
Pikeville and Welch each have a brighter nighttime glow since new street lights were installed in both towns.

In Pikeville, new fixtures have given more light to the business district, older residential areas and the Bowles Addition, annexed in 1957.

In the business district, 43 fixtures of 4,000 lumens were replaced with lamps of 10,000 lumens. In residential areas, 196 fixtures of 1,000 lumens were relamped for 2,500 lumens. Along heavily traveled streets, 61-2,500 lumen fixtures were relamped for 4,000 lumens. Twenty poles and 37-4,000 lumen lights were installed in the Bowles Addition.

In Welch, 54 mercury vapor lights have replaced 42 incandescent fixtures. The result is four times as much illumination in the city's business district.

A modern feature of the new system is the use of photo electric cells. Three different circuits control the cells, which cut the lights on and off



LEFT: Pikeville district groundman Everette Justice installs a bracket as part of a project which gave Pikeville a new street lighting system. RIGHT: A Welch line crew installs a new pole in a project giving the city of Welch four times as much illumination as before. From left are M. K. Spraker, L. J. Mills, L. E. Lane and J. W. Booth.

automatically. Controlled by the density of light, the cells cut lights on as the sun goes down and cut them off at sunrise.

## Williamson Wins 'Illuminator' Award



E. J. Clouser, Williamson district correspondent, has won the 1958 'Illuminator' Award, the second straight year he has taken top honors for the employee publication. Shown above are from left: Florence Murphy, personnel clerk in Williamson; C. R. Lovegrove, editor; Mr. Clouser, and C. C. Darrah, Williamson district manager. Other outstanding correspondents contributing to 'The Illuminator' during 1958 were: Bill E. Barnett, Pikeville; D. E. Trout, Roanoke; W. R. Witzel, Charleston; and W. C. Gilmour, Point Pleasant.