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Mr. Archer



Mr. Abolin

## Personnel Changes Made At Clinch River, Glen Lyn

Clarence E. Archer, Glen Lyn plant manager, has been named manager of the Clinch River plant, succeeding the late John A. Patterson.

Succeeding Mr. Archer at Glen Lyn is T. W. Abolin, who moved up from the position of assistant manager of Kanawha River plant. At the same time, W. G. Bell, Glen Lyn plant supervising engineer was promoted to assistant manager at Glen Lyn. The changes were effective April 1.



Mr. Bell

Mr. Archer has been associated with Appalachian since 1937, following his graduation from the University of Kentucky. He was employed as an electrician at Welch and was a relay engineer before becoming supervisor of maintenance at Glen Lyn in 1945. He became assistant manager in 1951 and plant manager in 1957.

## House Committee Approves Measure To Allow TVA To Finance Expansion

The House Public Works Committee has approved the Davis Bill providing for self-financing by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The committee on March 17 voted 19-14 to let TVA sell revenue bonds to finance expansion of its power system facilities. The bill, however, contains a territorial restriction based on an amendment proposed by Rep. Carl Vinson (D-Ga.).

### Area Limit

At hearings on March 11, Rep. Vinson proposed that the bill be amended to limit TVA operations to the 80,000-square-mile area it served on July 1, 1957.

Among those testifying at the hearings was Philip Sporn, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies.

Mr. Vinson stated that under a "gentlemen's agreement" with private power companies not to expand further, TVA operates today in 80,000 square miles. "My amendment converts the gentlemen's agreement to law," he told the committee.

Mr. Abolin, a graduate of Purdue University, joined Appalachian at Logan in 1948 as results engineer, after service with Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. He was supervising engineer at Logan plant before going to Kanawha River as operations supervisor in 1952. He became assistant manager in 1954.

A graduate of VPI, Mr. Bell has been associated with Appalachian and the AEP System since 1950. He was appointed supervising engineer at Glen Lyn in 1957 after serving with the AEP Service Corporation and Ohio Power.

## 'Long-Term' Investment

## Appalachian In Contract For Nuclear Plant

A contract for the development and construction of a nuclear power plant of advanced design has been signed by two electric utility combines and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The two electric utility combines are the East Central Nuclear Group,

of which Appalachian is a member, and the Florida West Coast Nuclear Group. Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan are also members of the 14-company ECNG.

Under terms of the contract, research and development work on a 50,000 kilowatt gas-cooled prototype reactor will be carried out by East Central cooperatively with the two-company Florida group and the AEC. The 50,000 kw reactor, prototype of a later 200,000 kw reactor, will be built in Florida by the Florida group.

The AEP System's contribution to pre-operational research and development of the East Central project is

## Bluefield Division's L. W. Bates Named Director Of AEP Service Corporation

L. W. Bates, Bluefield division manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Mr. Bates, who became manager of the Bluefield division August 1, 1958, is a veteran of over 40 years in the electric utility business. He was employed in the meter department in Bluefield in 1917 and served in various capacities in Bluefield before becoming assistant division manager in 1951.

He has served as mayor of Bluefield, Va., and is a vice president and director of a Virginia bank and a member of the board of directors of a West Virginia bank.

Also elected new directors of the Service Corporation were D. M. Conn, manager of Ohio Power's Western division; P. W. Emler, commercial vice president of the Service

## Open To All

## 'Notes' Now 'Operating Ideas'; Has Higher Awards, Broader Scope

The American Electric Power System's idea exchange program—which will note its 30th anniversary on June 12—has been revised and broadened in scope.

Beginning with the April 1 issue of *Monthly Operating Notes*, the following changes have taken place:

- A new name
- A new cover
- Higher cash awards
- More merit recognition
- New annual prizes
- Broader coverage

Since its beginning in 1929, this publication has provided a vital channel of communication for the exchange of operating experience and ideas for improving methods and reducing costs throughout the AEP System. Through the years, it has developed into a comprehensive, semi-technical publication. For this reason, and to reflect more accurately its idea of exchange character, a new title—*AEP Operating Ideas*—has been adopted. The theme of the publication, however, will continue to be the sharing of methods and technology for better electric service based on System experience.

### Higher Awards

Beginning April 1, \$25 will be



First copy of the "AEP Operating Ideas", with its new name, cover, award system and scope, is being presented here to Philip Sporn, right, president of AEP and of our companies, by Morley G. Melden, editor. Mr. Sporn in 1929 originated the idea of a System-wide publication for sharing experience gained on the System, and served as its first editor.

paid for each published idea, instead of the former \$15. An idea considered especially valuable will be awarded an additional \$25 for merit, or a total of \$50.

All merit ideas awarded since the beginning of the year will be eligible to compete in a new plan for award-

ing annual prizes. Under this plan, judges will award up to a maximum of five annual prizes for ideas submitted by personnel of the System's operating companies. Value and number of the prizes will be determined by the judges and President Philip Sporn, based on quality of the ideas. First prize can be as high as \$500, second prize as high as \$200, and third, fourth and fifth prizes, if awarded, at least \$100.

### Scope Broadened

To broaden the scope of ideas to be accepted, the pages of *AEP Oper-*

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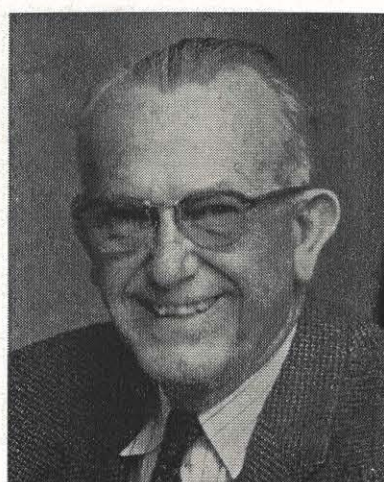
## Sporn To Retire In 1961, Remain In Consulting Post

Signing of an agreement calling for the part-time services of Philip Sporn, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, following his retirement in 1961 has been announced in New York. The agreement is for a seven-year period beginning on Mr. Sporn's normal retirement date of Dec. 1, 1961.

That date will see Mr. Sporn relinquish his duties as president and chief executive officer of the system, and begin the period of service in a consulting and advisory capacity to the companies. This period would extend to December, 1968.

In expressing his gratification with this arrangement, Mr. Sporn said: "While this is of some importance, of much greater importance is the belief of the directors of the Service Corporation and the company and my own hope, this will prove beneficial to the entire AEP system and its people, and that it will be particularly helpful to those who will be entrusted with the task of administering the great and complex AEP system in the years following 1961."

By 1968, Mr. Sporn will have more than 48 years of service with AEP. He joined the company in 1920, became its chief engineer in 1933, and was elected its fourth president in 1947.



Mr. Bates

Corporation; and C. W. Feil, manager of Ohio Power's Southern division.

## Dollar Signs On Your Vest

Not too many years ago, the cartoonists' idea of a capitalist was a well-fed fellow whose enormous girth was covered by a vest marked with dollar signs. From the vest pockets peeked the crammed ends of currency, and usually there was somewhere in the cartoon, a downtrodden, washed-out specimen labeled "the worker."

In those days, "capitalist" was a term used in connection with a handful of men who had cornered most of the nation's money and were putting it to some rather spectacular uses. The only ones left these days who still believe that the capitalist delights in dispossessing widows and orphans—preferably on cold, stormy nights—are the Russians. To the Russian, "capitalist" isn't a noun, but an uncomplimentary adjective: "capitalist imperialist" and "capitalist oppressors" are two favorite uses.

To the American there is today a warmer meaning to the word, and he looks on the capitalist with a kinder eye; for these days a capitalist is his neighbor, his friend, his brother, himself.

Anyone who puts a few dollars in his bank account, or makes monthly house payments on a wall-to-wall mortgage, or pays life insurance premiums, or owns a share or two of General Motors or American Electric Power; anyone who does one or all of these things is a capitalist, and there probably isn't an imperialist in a carload. They are investors in their future, and investors in America.

Invest-in-America is a simple market to play. All you have to do is save or buy something of permanent value—a home, insurance, bonds. April 26 through May 2 happens to be Invest-in-America Week, and it's a good time to take the plunge.

## Oyster Or Eagle?

The oyster is endowed with a ready-made house to live in. All he has to do is to open the doors of his house to take in his food and to close them again to keep out his enemies. He has perfect security. Yet he is the easiest fish in the world to catch, crush, and cook.

The eagle, on the other hand, is peculiar among created things in another respect. When a severe storm strikes, all other birds either hide from the storm or try to fight it as long as their strength holds out. The eagle neither fights nor runs away. He simply sets his wings so the fury of the storm itself lifts him above the bad weather where the sun is shining, and he remains "free as a bird", until the disturbance is over.

To our forefathers freedom was a positive thing, and they wisely chose the eagle as their national emblem.

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# Your Opinion

In talking to a prospective home builder, what advantages of all-electric living would you point out to him?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**GLADYS MANN, PBX Operator, Glen Lyn Plant**

There are many advantages to be considered in all-electric homes of today. One of the most outstanding features is an electric heating system, which we have had in operation for the past seventeen months. First an even degree can be had by setting the thermostat on the desired temperature. Second, cleaning and painting can be kept at a minimum, thus reducing work and expenses.

I would also recommend to anyone who is considering building a new home to be sure to plan for adequate lighting, plus plenty of convenient outlets; since each year we are using more and more appliances, which all contribute to a more comfortable living.



**W. C. KERLEY, Meterman, Kingsport**

In talking with a prospective home builder, I would first point out the advantage of an electric kitchen with automatic washer and dryer built in with the cabinets. It not only saves the cost of building a laundry room, but it saves time.

Also, electric heat is the cleanest heat you can have. It saves the cost of redecorating so often; it is safe and economical. In an all-electric home you can have heating, cooling, cooking, and many other time-saving devices—all in one bill.



**WILLA BIRD TYREE, System Operating Analyst, Roanoke**

My busy day at home begins electrically—the clock radio to awaken me and then the smell of coffee from the timed percolator to start the day right.

It's Saturday—my day off—a hot bath drawn from my electrically heated water tank and a bathroom kept warm with electric heat. Then I place my wash in the electric washer and dryer. While it is operating, I run the electric sweeper; remove my dinner from the deep freeze; put it in the oven; set the timer and go shopping. At night I go to bed covered lightly with my electric blanket.

In addition to all these conveniences, I have the comforting thought that my electric heat is noiseless, non-explosive, odorless, clean, greaseless, easy to operate and no hot or cold spots. I have many reasons to like electric heat; but probably the outstanding one is that when I leave my home I have no fear of fire destroying it because of the safety of electric heat.

In the summer I convert my heat to air cooling. The house is cool when I come in from mowing the lawn with my electric mower.

The electric grinder, blender and cooker make easy the preparation of food for storage in my deep freeze.



**MRS. ROY M. MILLER, Wife of the Rural Sales Representative, Hazard**

My main interest in life is my family and home, and I feel that I'm one of the luckiest people to live in an all-electric home.

There are many advantages which could be pointed out to prospective home builders, but some of the most important are the advantages you receive from electric heat. Now that spring is coming on, I am more thankful than ever for electric heat. I've lived two years in an all-electric home, and house cleaning has been my easiest chore. Walls and ceilings have never been touched, and draperies have been hanging over two years.

I can't forget the advantages of my electric dryer. I could go on, but there's not enough space to tell all the advantages of "Living Better Electrically."



**S. H. MARTIN, Rocky Mount Utility Clerk, Roanoke District**

In my opinion electric heat is one of the greatest advantages of all-electric living. Electric heat is clean, convenient, saves space, is economical to install, and requires little maintenance.

Electric heating equipment is available in a variety of styles to suit desired requirements. Plans for installing electric heating systems are provided free by most electric heating dealers.

If I were building another house, I am sure I would install electric heat again.



**B. C. MARTIN, T&D Clerk, Charleston**

There are so many advantages of all-electric living, that I find it difficult to determine which one I would consider the most important. Each is equally important to me:

**Comfort**—Each room thermostatically controlled to individual desires.

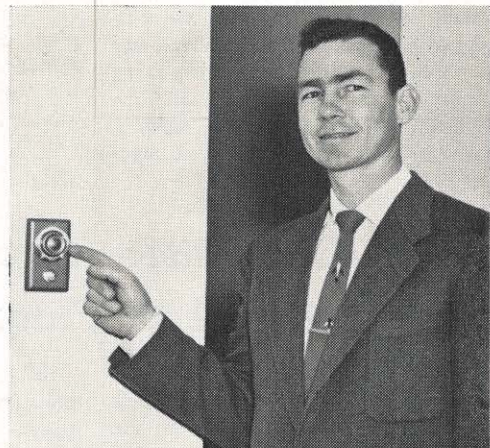
**Safety**—The freedom from worry about asphyxiation and fire is truly enjoyable.

**Cleanliness**—The elimination of dirt, grease and fumes is very noticeable, thus resulting in less labor to maintain a clean, attractive and cheerful home.

**Health**—No drafts, no "hot or cold spots"; the uniform temperature helps eliminate colds. It is not necessary to have containers of water sitting around to moisten the air. Electric heat is very soothing to the nose and throat.

**Maintenance**—Practically no repair bills. It is ready to operate at all times.

There are many ways of living, but for me and my house we will live electrically.



**W. C. HAGER, Agricultural Sales Engineer, Pulaski**

All-electric living offers to you modern lighting, the use of electrical appliances, and the comfort of electric heating.

Electric lighting can add beauty to your home, protect your eyesight, and make your home a safer place to live.

Today, there are many electrical appliances for use in the home. These appliances are all convenient to use; some are completely automatic; all save time and labor; they are safe; and the cost of owning and operating them is very economical.

Electric heat is an outstanding feature of all-electric living. Electric heat is clean, safe, automatic, and economical in cost of installation, operation, and maintenance. Electric heat is easy to control with individual room thermostats and is the only heating system that can keep the temperature even throughout a room or house.

It is a pleasure for me to know that while I am absent from home, my family will have an assortment of electrical appliances working for them and a heating system that will keep them warm and comfortable.

# Roanoke ITT Plant Dedicated; Called "Significant Step" In Area Development



"You have made us feel at home here," B. A. Parkhurst, president of the ITT Components Division, told the Roanoke audience attending dedication ceremonies at the company's new plant. Appalachian worked closely with plant and community officials during the negotiations that brought the company to the area.

Dedication of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation's new Components Division plant in Roanoke late last month was regarded by company, state and local officials as a "significant step" in industrializa-

tion work in Virginia. It is the first electronics plant in the Roanoke Valley.

Virginia's Governor J. Lindsay Almond, a speaker at the dedication, said the plant's presence in Virginia

was a "significant milestone" in the state's industrial development campaign. Both Governor Almond, and Roanoke Chamber of Commerce President Arthur Ellett, who spoke later at a dedication luncheon, expressed pleasure that ITT had chosen Virginia—and Roanoke—as the site for its plant.

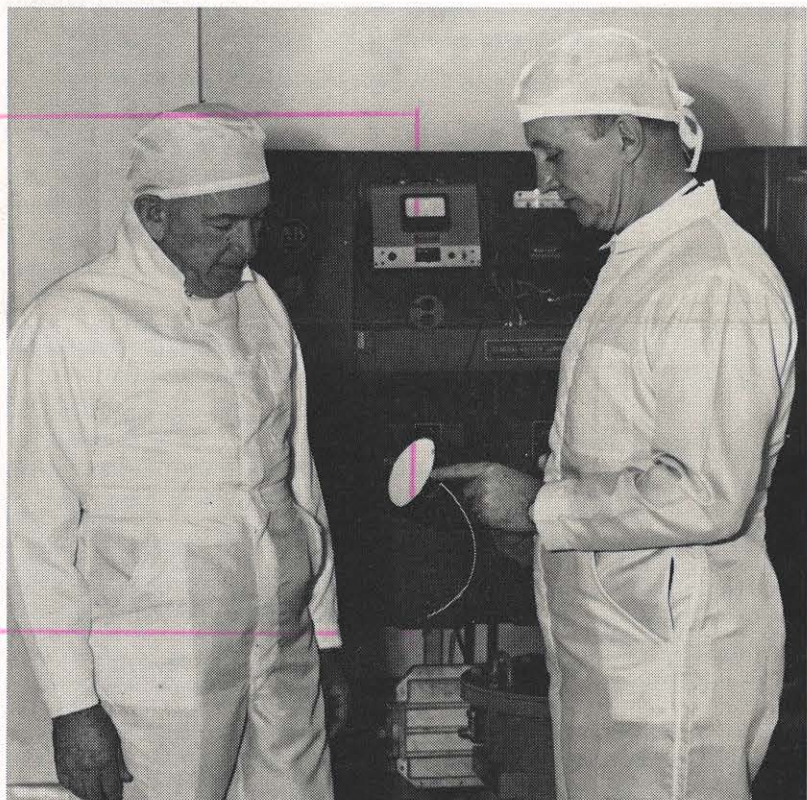
### Communications Use

In full production, the plant will manufacture traveling wave tubes and image storage tubes. The traveling wave tubes, a development of enormous complexity, has applications in world-wide communications. ITT officials foresee the day when the tube will be small enough to be fitted into a satellite, and handle hundreds of relay messages simultaneously while hurtling through space. The storage tube, a refinement of airborne radar, not only shows storm patterns, but retains an image of it for later reference.

### Future Development

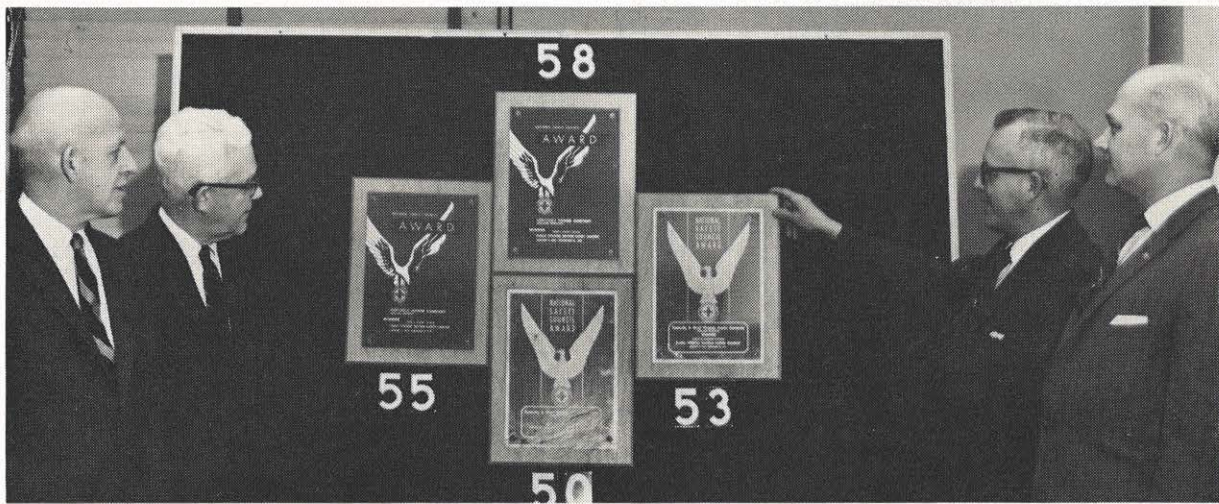
Even though the plant has not yet attained maximum production, there has been some talk of future expansion. ITT's executive vice president Fred Farwell, said that "we have definite plans to enlarge it if we find that the precision type tubes to be made here have enough demand on the market." The plant now has about 58,000 square feet of space, and is set in a tract of nearly 18 acres.

ITT spokesmen predicted that plant employment would expand to roughly 200 by the end of the first year of operation.



Clad antiseptically in white nylon, Virginia Governor J. Lindsay Almond, left, inspects an latron, or image storage tube, held by Fred Farwell, ITT executive vice president. The new plant will manufacture these storage tubes and a traveling wave tube, used in satellites. All plant workers will wear the protective costumes to minimize contamination of the delicate parts by dust and dirt. In some plant areas, air is passed through cleaning filters which block dirt particles larger than .0000005 inches.

# Kentucky Wins Coveted Award



Kentucky Power Company has won the top award of the National Safety Council for its perfect safety record last year. The company was competing with 44 other power companies of its size group. It is the fourth time in nine years Kentucky Power has won the award of honor. In 1958 the company had no disabling injuries in the 744,562 manhours worked. The 1958 award comes soon

after employees had completed a million manhours without a disabling injury. That milestone was passed in February. Shown proudly examining the four awards earned by employees are from left: F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager; H. S. Scott, Ashland district manager; H. H. Kincaid, Pikeville district manager, and A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager.

# Kingsport Wins Four Safety Awards For Outstanding Employee Records

Four safety awards for employee safety performance were handed to Kingsport Utilities employees at a safety luncheon last month. The luncheon itself was a recognition of four consecutive years worked without a disabling injury, and for reaching the million manhour mark in February.

J. E. Wright, vice president and general manager presented the awards from the National Safety Council, for first place in the company's division; the Southeastern Electric Exchange plaque for outstanding performance; the Certificate of Merit for a perfect year in 1958, and the Edison Electric Institute Safety

Achievement for completing the million injury-free manhours. In presenting the awards Mr. Wright remarked that the second million man-hours was now the goal.

Later Mr. Wright presented new service emblems to 15 employees who have had anniversaries since June of last year.

# Zoellers To Head Red Cross Drive

Perry County's 1959 Red Cross drive will be directed by C. A. Zoellers, Hazard district commercial manager. He brings to the task a considerable experience in fund-raising, having worked in similar projects for the Boy Scouts, the March of Dimes and the Crippled Children's campaign.



Mr. Zoellers

Mr. Zoellers is active in other civic and professional affairs: 4-H and conservation groups, Scouting, Hazard Kiwanis Club, of which he once served as president, and the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers, of which he is state director.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Mr. Zoellers joined the company as power sales engineer in 1947. He was promoted to his present post in September 1948.

# 'Power' Book Now Available

A new, revised "Power For Progress" booklet picturing and describing the major plants of the AEP System has been published and is available for distribution.

Aside from containing up-to-date information about AEP System plants, the new pamphlet includes a brief history of the technological developments at the System's power plants.

Employees desiring a copy may receive one by sending a postal card to THE ILLUMINATOR, Appalachian Power Company, Box 2021, Roanoke, Virginia.

# Changes Made In Huntington



Mr. Dunn

Mr. Roomy

Carl M. Dunn has been named to the new position of Huntington division promotional and sales relations representative.

He has been succeeded as Huntington district sales supervisor by Nicholas Roomy, Jr., local office manager at Logan.

A native of Wolfe County, Ky., Mr. Dunn attended Ashland Senior High School and Miller's Business College. He joined Appalachian as a clerk in 1941 and was a new business solicitor and residential representative before becoming department supervisor in 1946. He became district sales supervisor in 1952.

Married and the father of two daughters, Mr. Dunn is active in the Baptist Temple and the Huntington Advertising Club.

Mr. Roomy has been with Appalachian since 1938. He served in Logan's accounting department in various capacities before becoming heating and builder sales representative. He rose to local office manager in 1958.

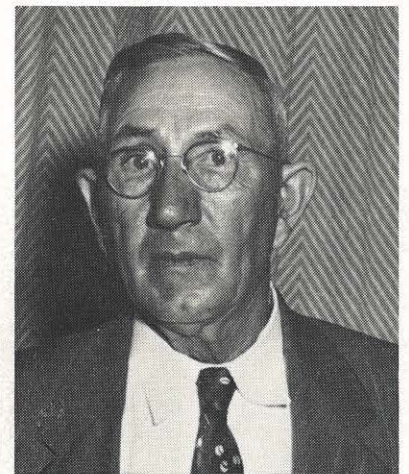
He attended National Business College in Roanoke, majoring in banking and finance, and during World War II served in the Army. He has served on the Logan City Council, has been president and vice president of the Logan Kiwanis Club, a leader in Scout work and active in his church. He is married and has one son.

# Paintsville Office Will Open April 24

Only a few last details remain to be checked off before the new Paintsville office building will be ready for business.

Most of the work has been completed: painting, landscaping and installation of furniture will be accomplished before open house ceremonies for employees take place April 24. For two hours, 7 to 9 p.m., employees will have an opportunity to tour the new facility. Formal opening for the public is scheduled the next day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

# S. L. Wood Dies; Retired In '53



Mr. Wood

S. L. "Bill" Wood, 70, retired Roanoke district groundman, died March 21.

He started work in July 1927 and retired in July 1953 with 26 years of service. During his career he established a reputation for training new employees in the line department.

He is survived by two daughters, a brother, sister, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

# KINGSFORT

R. L. Herr, Holston station chief operator, was elected vice president of the Kingsport Amateur Radio Club.

B. J. Ingram and Jack Pippin, meter section, and James L. Kesterson, commercial, have returned to work following operations.

William G. Hartgrove, line section, has returned to work after an illness.

Sympathy is extended Hubert Greene, line section, on the death of his father.

# CHARLESTON

## Beckley District

Emory W. McGuffin, meter reader, is on military leave of absence for six months.

Ruth E. Thomas, home service representative, and Margaret A. Garges, office messenger, have resigned.

Robert L. Lively, co-op student, has returned to school. Danny F. Wilkerson, co-op student, has returned for this working quarter.

John L. Lemons, student engineer trainee, has been elected to the Arnold Air Society, honorary society for military students at VPI.

Walter J. Groseclose, Jr., groundman, is improving at home following surgery.

June Winner has returned to work after a five weeks' illness.

Mildred L. Webb, cashier, is still off from work after an illness of five weeks.

Mason T. Wood, power sales engineer, served as chairman of Engineering Week held in Beckley recently.

Sympathy is extended W. E. Zopp on the death of his father.

J. V. Mann, district manager, has returned to work after hospitalization.

Archie Riner, T&D clerk has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Methodist Men's Club at the St. Mary Methodist Church.

## Kanawha River Plant

B. W. Dockery, test engineer, and C. R. Dunbar, instrument maintenance man, have resigned.

W. L. Hughes, A. D. Drennen and J. W. Martin have returned to work after extended illnesses.

## Point Pleasant District

Jean S. Golway, home service rep-

# Happenings

## Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families

representative, is a new employee.

Donna M. Mullin, commercial clerk-stenographer, has resigned.

T. A. Jewell, groundman, has returned to work after hospitalization.

Marsha Lee and Tamara Lane, daughters of H. J. Patterson, inspector, have been ill with rheumatic fever and influenza, respectively.

G. C. Fowler, lineman, has been off from work due to a home accident.

W. F. Machir, head T&D clerk, has returned to work after an operation.

## Philip Sporn Plant

Susan Wolpert, daughter of operations supervisor Philip Wolpert, and Jerry Wiles, son of assistant office manager Karl Wiles, were selected by the Wahama High School teachers to represent the school at the West Virginia Educational Day held in Charleston.

Beverly, daughter of maintenance man George Burns, is recovering after being struck by a car in front of her home.

Several employees' children were selected, because of their outstanding musical ability, to attend the Eastern Kentucky Band Clinic at Morehead, Ky., State College. These included: Susan, daughter of Philip Wolpert; Henry, son of Roy Burgess; Bob, son of Frank Harris; and Kenny, son of Albert Dodson.

## Charleston District

Alan Harrison, office messenger, is a new employee.

Connie Price, record section; Marlene Foster, division payroll; and Frederick Lawrence, station section, have resigned.

Retired employee Oliver Smith remains critically ill in the hospital.

Fred Wise, station section, has returned to work after a two weeks' illness.

Sympathy is extended Gordon Moir, Jr., records section, on the death of his father and Chris Christy, managerial, on the death of her father.

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## Scout Honors



Sank Smith, personnel supervisor at Welch, admires the God and Country Award worn by his nephew Steve Green. Mr. Smith is aware of the value of high Scouting honors, since he himself recently received one for his 12 years of work with the Scouts in Welch. He is now serving as institutional representative.

# HUNTINGTON

## Logan Plant

Tyler A. Fender, laboratory attendant, has been elected vice president of the Logan County Amateur Radio Club.

Anthony Adams, coal conveyor operator, and Wiley J. Dingess, boiler operator, have returned to work after a month's illness.

Dennis F. Brumfield, electrical maintenance helper, is recuperating at home after surgery.

Lanna D. Adams, administrative assistant; Frank E. Hay, test engineering aide; and Gary V. Mauck, test engineer, guided members of the Junior Engineers Technical Society of Logan High School on a tour of the plant.

## Williamson District

Monroe Hall, Jr., instrument man, has returned to work after surgery.

Florence Murphy has returned to work after illness.

Sympathy is extended J. T. "Jay Bird" Harrold, retired employee, on the death of his father.

## Logan District

P. C. Gosney, Madison area supervisor, was elected secretary of the Madison Rotary Club.

M. C. Porterfield and J. A. Kovich were elected to the board of directors of the Logan Rotary Club. Mr. Kovich was also elected secretary of the club.

Eleanor Cunningham, managerial, participated in the W. Va. State Woman's Bowling Tournament.

E. W. Watts, car washer, has resigned.

Calvin Cyfers, lineman, is improving at home following hospitalization due to bronchitis.

W. K. Shelton, general serviceman, and Dawna C. Perry, cashier clerk, have returned to work after surgery.

Sympathy is extended W. E. Burgess, janitor, on the death of his mother-in-law and Frances Thompson, T&D clerk, on the death of her brother-in-law.

Sixty fellow employees presented G. A. Blankenbeckler, station man, with a camera and accessories at a

party in his honor upon his retirement.

Robert Porterfield, son of M. C. Porterfield, district manager, made and exhibited a poor man's fire alarm in the Logan High School science fair.

# BLUEFIELD

## Abingdon District

A. C. Hutton, Jr., gave his 16th pint of blood and received a two-gallon donor pin from the Red Cross.

Forrest L. Bocoock is serving on the district finance committee for the Southwest Virginia 4-H Center.

Nancy M. Ware, home service representative, is a new employee.

Calvin M. Jackson has been elected to the board of directors of the Clintwood Industrial Development Corporation.

## Glen Lyn Plant

Ruth M. Thompson, time clerk, has returned to work after undergoing surgery.

Robert R. Coffman, chemist assistant, and William M. Collins, maintenance man, have returned home after hospitalization.

Marvin L. Lester, Jr., janitor, has resigned.

## Welch District

Ruth Barns, daughter of line supervisor Frank B. Barns, has been taken into the Welch High School Honor Society.

Freddie Farley, son of area supervisor Claude E. Farley, represented Pineville High School in Charleston, W. Va., on "Know Your Government Day".

Vicky, daughter of Grundy meter serviceman Walter Crouse, is hospitalized with rheumatic fever.

"Preacher" Hardy, Grundy meter serviceman, was a delegate from the Grundy Baptist Church to the Baptist Brotherhood Convention in Richmond.

Thomas B. Henly, R/w agent, is hospitalized with pneumonia.

Nancy Smith, cashier, and Janet Browning, clerk-stenographer, were

## First Aid



Fifteen Point Pleasant employees have completed the Standard Red Cross First Aid Course. The picture shows practice during a recent class. Graduates of the program are G. E. Hervey, O. C. Hall, M. C. Clark, H. L. Chambers, C. A. Simmons, C. E. Gore, J. R. Pugh, J. K. Shinn, Vonda Barnette, Joan Baird, Bernice Roush, Bessie Jones, Mavis Weaver, and Phyllis Miller. W. C. Gilmour was the instructor.

hostesses at a Pancake Festival sponsored by the Welch Lions Club. Door prizes were won by Mrs. J. W. Nunery, wife of the serviceman, and Guy Marino, husband of Betty Marino, clerk-typist.

## Bluefield District

Trubie Paul Dalton, auto repairman helper, is a new transportation department employee.

Mrs. Paul W. Parks, wife of the division sales analyst, is recuperating in the hospital after undergoing surgery.

W. J. Gillespie, Jr., district manager, has been re-elected to the board of directors of the Bluefield Flat Top National Bank.

Mrs. Willard A. Johnson, wife of the Princeton meter reader, has been elected president of the Women's Division of the Princeton Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. G. Leroy Poythress, wife of the division civil engineer, has returned home after hospitalization.

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# ROANOKE

## Fieldale District

W. G. Gourley, D. G. Merriman and J. W. Wright, Jr., attended the annual Virginia Baptist Brotherhood Conference in Richmond recently.

## Lynchburg District

Nicholas K. Langhorne, material clerk, has returned to work after a month's absence due to illness.

James H. Haley, Jr., customer service representative, instructed a Standard First Aid Course for foremen of the American Cyanamid Company at Piney River, Va.

Mrs. D. C. Kennedy, wife of the district manager, has been elected to the YWCA board of directors for a three-year term.

Ernest B. Pinkard, truck driver-groundman, has returned to work after recuperating from electrical burns received in November.

## Roanoke District

G. O. "Gillie" Givens, T&D clerk, has returned to work after serving two years in the Navy.

Rosemary Henry, daughter of assistant stores supervisor D. W. Henry, is a candidate for "Miss Roanoke County".

S. E. Murray, meterman; Lois Gordon, meter clerk; and P. H. Lynch, draftsman, have returned to work after illnesses.

R. R. Snedegar, electrical engineer, attended the executive committee meeting of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce in Oklahoma.

Annis P. Craig, private secretary, is recuperating at home following an operation.

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# KENTUCKY

## Pikeville District

Marda Preston, local accounting, is a new employee.

Presentation of service pins was the highlight of a covered dish dinner for commercial department employees and their families.

Mrs. Ed Marrs, wife of the retired employee, has returned home from the hospital.

## Logan Plant Course Ends



The second group of employees at Logan plant to complete the Red Cross First Aid Course watch J. B. Bell practice artificial respiration on Michael Babinetz, Jr. The class was under the instruction of R. L. McComas, extreme left. Others in the picture are front row, from left: Opal White, W. E. Fortune, W. L. Halstead, G. W. McAbee, and Elizabeth Egnor; back row: S. M. Rainor, George Frey, J. J. Pearl, D. D. Lambert, Jr., and J. R. Ellis.

## Service Vets Honored



**A. H. Gravely**  
System  
30 Years

**W. S. Mattox**  
System  
30 Years

**Frank Huffman**  
Ashland  
30 Years

**Harry A. Davis**  
Philip Sporn  
25 Years



**W. W. Grim**  
Huntington  
25 Years

**C. H. Campbell**  
System  
25 Years

**Leonard Brown**  
Cabin Creek  
25 Years

**Carlyle Toney**  
Logan Plant  
20 Years

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

### Appalachian Power Company

**Cabin Creek Plant**—25 YEARS: LEONARD BROWN, turbine operator. 15 YEARS: C. H. HYPES, plant janitor.

**Charleston District**—35 YEARS: ROMEO C. CARTE, meter serviceman. 15 YEARS: MYRTLE D. LAWHORN, PBX operator. 10 YEARS: EUGENE D. MCGRAW, collector; FRED A. SHIPLEY, clerk-typist; EARL A. STONE, garage foreman. ROBERT S. YOUNG, SR., heating and building sales representative. 5 YEARS: MARY C. HANLEY, home service representative.

**Clinch River Plant**—5 YEARS: MARVIN V. PACK, maintenance foreman.

**Huntington District**—25 YEARS: WILLIAM W. GRIM, station man.

**Kanawha River Plant**—15 YEARS: JOHN TELISKO, JR., master maintenance man. 5 YEARS: WOODROW McCLUNG, helper.

**Logan Plant**—20 YEARS: CARLYLE TONEY, turbine operator.

**Point Pleasant District**—10 YEARS: W. B. LANGFORD, area serviceman.

**Pulaski District**—5 YEARS: ROZELL M. CLAYBURN, janitress.

**Roanoke District**—10 YEARS: C. R. L. BROWN, groundman; W. B. FULCHER, payroll clerk; D. J. HILL, janitor; R. L. MILLS, division power sales engineer; R. A. OLIVER, engineering aide; CATHERINE B. SWAIN, maid.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—25 YEARS: HARRY A. DAVIS, 1st assistant shift operating engineer.

**System**—30 YEARS: ARCHER H. GRAVELY, JR., system senior operating engineer; W. S. MATTOX, head—retirement section, system accounting. 25 YEARS: C. H. CAMPBELL, supervisor, file maintenance section, system accounting. 10 YEARS: A. D. JANOSKO, system chief of party; A. L. McCLAUGHERTY, Radford Arsenal maintenance man. 5 YEARS: W. F. COCHRAN, system transmission man.

**Williamson District**—5 YEARS: HAZEL T. FARRIS, pre-audit clerk.

### Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District**—30 YEARS: FRANK HUFFMAN, serviceman. 15 YEARS: C. R. NESTER, line inspector. 10 YEARS: CLYDE W. WATKINS, appliance serviceman B.

**Pikeville District**—10 YEARS: MARVIN B. SWORD, meter reader.

### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: MARIE HICKMAN, secretarial-stenographer.

## Baker Is President Of Boyd County Chest, Cross Drives

F. M. Baker has been elected president of the Boyd County Community Chest and Red Cross for 1959.



**Mr. Baker**

The Kentucky vice president and general manager served as vice president of the organization in 1958. Active in other civic work, Mr. Baker joined Kentucky Power at Pikeville in 1931. He served in several positions before becoming district manager in 1947, and became assistant general manager of the company in 1956. He was named to his present post in 1957.

## Former Appalachian Man Gets AEP Post

A former Appalachian employee, Harold D. Anderson, Jr., has been appointed chief tax accountant for the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

A veteran member of the tax section of the Service Corporation, Mr. Anderson succeeds Howard G. Dernberger, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Service Corporation, who recently resigned to move to California. Mr. Dernberger was also assistant treasurer of the operating companies of the AEP System.

Mr. Anderson began his career with Appalachian in 1936, transferring to the AEP New York office in 1937. He is a graduate of Lafayette College and a resident of Westfield, N. J.

He is the son of the late H. D. Anderson, who was vice president and secretary and a director of the AEP Company and who had been associated with the AEP System for more than 40 years. He died in 1950.

## Chaffins Retires After 18 Years



**Mr. Chaffins**

Arlie Chaffins, Huntington meter service helper, retired April 1 after completing nearly 18 years of company service.

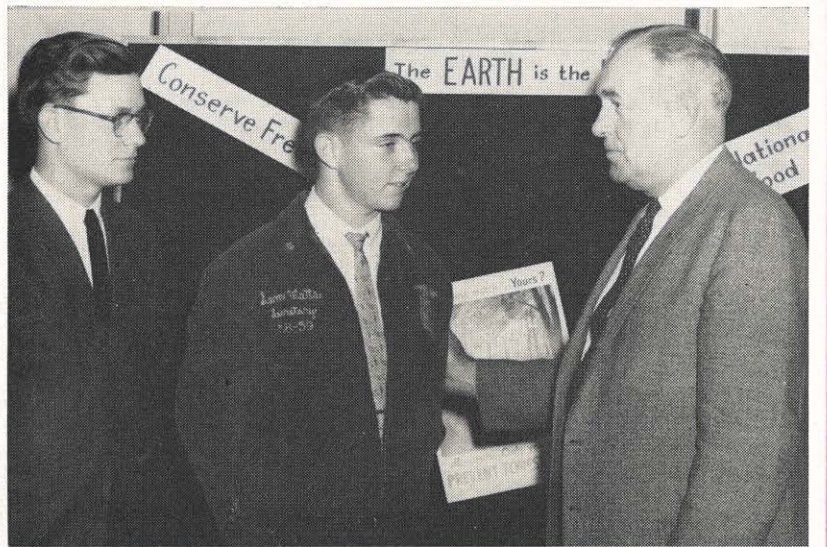
A lifelong resident of Kenova, he has spent his entire Appalachian career in that section. He joined the company in June, 1941 as a maintenance man in the Kenova plant, and transferred to the Huntington Meter Section in September, 1954. Before joining Appalachian he had worked for the Norfolk and Western for 15 years.

In Kenova he and his wife are living in the house they have occupied for 35 years. He has two sons. He attends the First Church of God in Kenova.

## Pearisburg Man Likes Refinishing



Dave Whittaker, Pearisburg area supervisor of the Bluefield district, starts refinishing work on an antique loveseat. An amateur refinisher and upholsterer of considerable ability, Dave has rebuilt a platform rocker, an easy chair and two loveseats in the past year. While he covers his largely rural territory, Dave keeps an eye open for antique furniture standing in need of his skills.



Award winners of the Amherst Future Farmers Chapter are shown after the Chapter banquet. Rodney Higginbotham, left, received the Chapter Star Farmer Award; Sam Watts, chapter secretary in the center, earned the Chapter Public Speaking Award, and Loyd T. Smith, right, Appalachian administrative assistant in Lynchburg, received the honorary Chapter Farmer Degree from the group.

## Amherst Future Farmers Hear Talk On Soil Conservation, Honor Smith

Loyd T. Smith, Lynchburg district administrative assistant, was presented the honorary Chapter Farmer Degree by the Amherst Chapter of the Future Farmers of America at a banquet recently.

The award came in recognition of Mr. Smith's work with this group and with other rural youth organizations. It was presented by the Chapter officers. He is also an honorary member of the Brookville and Rustburg FFA.

In the principal address of the evening, Prince E. Thornton, system public relations assistant, told the future farmers that conservation of national resources is the chief problem facing the world and them. He listed good farming practices that have become good conservation practices: contour farming, strip-cropping, crop rotation, seep spring utilization for land drainage and water

use, and replanting of wasted lands with young trees.

"The earth is the Lord's," Mr. Thornton told the young people. "Man arrives on it empty-handed and leaves the same way. We must work wisely today or we shall not have a good earth tomorrow."

Eugene Wheeler, Chapter president, presided over the banquet attended by 52 members, their fathers and guests.

## Charlestonian Marks 35th Anniversary

Romeo C. Carte, Charleston meter serviceman, completed 35 years of service with the company March 24.

He joined the company in 1924 as a helper in the meter section, and moved to his present position in 1944.

A native of Kanawha County, he attended Elkview High School. He is a veteran of World War I, serving with the Army in 1918. He worked for the Comstock Electric Company of Cleveland before joining Appalachian.

He is married and has one son.



**Mr. Carte**

## Retired Man Dies Of Heart Attack



**Mr. Layne**

John W. "Jaybob" Layne, 52, retired Charleston commercial employee, died February 23 in Orlando, Fla. of a heart attack.

He had retired early September 1, 1958, after working for Appalachian over 30 years. He joined the company in 1927 as a record clerk and was made chief clerk ten years later. From 1943 to 1945 he served in the Navy, and returned to Appalachian in 1950. In 1955 he became commercial sales representative, and a year later heating and building sales representative.

A native of El Paso, Texas, he studied law at West Virginia University. He was a member of the Humphreys Memorial Methodist Church, where funeral services were held.

He is survived by his wife, a son, his mother, five sisters and three brothers.

## Employee Takes High FFA Honor

Interest in and vital aid to work of the Future Farmers of America has resulted in C. R. Street receiving that organization's highest honor.

The Point Pleasant heating and builder sales representative at Ripley has been awarded the Honorary Farmers Degree by the Ripley Chapter. The award was made at the chapter's annual Parent and Son Banquet.

The award is made to people who have helped advance vocational agriculture and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service to the local chapter. In Mr. Street's case, he was selected for the degree for his part in presenting the Farm Electrification Award, for securing many electrical training devices for the Voag department, and for other services.



**Mr. Street**

## 'Operating Ideas' . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

ating Ideas are now open to all employees regardless of their area of operation. For example, articles on improving administrative, clerical and accounting practices can be just as valuable to readers and to the company as those on engineering, operation and maintenance—the fields to which the publication heretofore has been restricted.

The new policy of expanded scope will make it possible for other departments and their members to receive System-wide credit and recognition for their ideas. Until now, many departments have had a limited opportunity to share their ideas with similar groups in other System companies.

### Criterion Same

However, the criterion for an idea to be acceptable for publication remains that it must be tried and proved valuable.

Morley G. Melden, editor of *Operating Ideas*, in commenting on the broadened program, said:

"Employees can get help in preparing information for *Operating Ideas* by consulting their field editors. Naturally, there are more good ideas being developed than we could ever hope to publish, and we trust that judgment will be used so that ideas submitted will be truly worthy of System-wide consideration."

## Your Field Editors

Several new field editors in our companies have been named for *AEP Operating Ideas*.

These men, with others, will serve as a liaison between the employee with an idea and the publication itself. These are the men an employee should see for help in presenting an idea that he believes will save time, work and money. Following is a list of field editors.

- Appalachian Coordinator — E. W. Hoge.
- Abingdon—Rufus M. Bondurant.
- Becklev—to be named.
- Bluefield—P. E. Hilliard, L. B. Lee.
- Cabin Creek—R. E. Morrison.
- Charleston—C. A. Perkins, F. Q. Brown.
- Clinch River—E. P. Ott.
- Fieldale—R. E. Youngman.
- Glen Lyn—C. L. Spangler.
- Huntington—N. B. Kean.
- Kanawha River—to be named.
- Logan District—J. L. Richmond.
- Logan Plant—Michael Babinetz.
- Lynchburg—P. L. Bailey.
- Point Pleasant—M. C. Clark.

- Pulaski—R. D. Carson, F. E. Rotenberry.
- Radford Arsenal Steam Plant—Lloyd Linkous.
- Roanoke—J. L. White, M. E. Reid.
- Welch—W. C. Groseclose.
- Williamson—E. E. King.
- System—Hydros: P. J. Johnson; Accounting: H. M. Hamilton; Operating: H. P. Crickenberger; T&D: O. P. Cornelison; Miscellaneous offices: W. S. Kitchen.
- Central Operating (Philip Sporn Plant)—P. J. Wolpert.
- Ashland—O. O. Henderson.
- Hazard—E. S. Slone.
- Pikeville—J. R. Burdsal.
- Kingsport—S. H. Chandler.

### VPI Seniors Visit Pulaski District

Ten agricultural engineering seniors from Virginia Polytechnic Institute were taken on a tour of farms in Montgomery, Pulaski, Carroll and Floyd counties by R. J. Blair, residential and rural supervisor, Pulaski district.

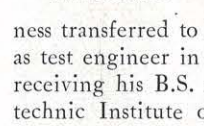
The group, accompanied by Professors E. T. Swink and John Siogren of the Agricultural Engineering Department, saw examples of poultry, cattle, sheep, dairy and fruit farming. Methods of each were discussed with particular attention paid to electric power applications.

Mr. Blair and E. Lane Whitley, assistant district manager, explained Appalachian's farm services.

### Military Service Calls Sporn Man

Charles K. Parness, test engineer at Philip Sporn plant, was inducted into military service March 15.

First employed as a senior clerk in the American Electric Power engineering department in New York in September 1955, Mr. Parness transferred to Philip Sporn plant as test engineer in March 1958 after receiving his B.S. degree from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn.



Mr. Parness

### In Newspaper Contest

## Young Roanoker Wins Easter Trip To Italy

John Douglas Griffin, 12-year-old Roanoker who wants to become a Catholic priest, spent Easter in Italy.

The trip was Doug's award as winner of the Young Columbus III contest sponsored by the *Roanoke Times*, *Roanoke World-News* and *Parade Magazine*. He is the son of George D. Griffin, stores auditor in system accounting.

First alternate in the contest was Billy Lawson, 13-year-old son of Fred Lawson, system regional chief dispatcher at Clinch River plant. Billy, who was to have taken the trip to Italy if Doug couldn't have made it, received a Polaroid Land camera.

Second place in the contest went to Charles "Bud" Covey, the son of Marshall G. Covey, Roanoke district electrical engineer. He also received a Polaroid Land camera.

To be eligible for the finals of the contest, newspaper carriers for the two Roanoke papers competed for the largest number of new subscriptions. The top ten then wrote an essay on "why I think handling a newspaper route is an excellent kind of work for a school boy." Essays by Doug and Billy were judged the two best. Bud had the highest number of subscription orders for his second place finish.

Doug left Roanoke March 26 to go to New York, where on Good

### Weather-ton Named KSPE President

G. A. Weather-ton, general commercial manager of Kentucky Power has been elected president of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

Mr. Weather-ton joined the company in 1931 as merchandise salesman, serving later as residential sales supervisor. He became general commercial manager in 1948.

He is a member of the Kiwanis, Elks Club, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Kentucky Inter-Industry Farm Electric Council. He is a Presbyterian, is married and has one daughter.



Mr. Weather-ton



Pointing out Rome to his father is Doug Griffin of Roanoke. Doug won an Easter trip to Italy in a newspaper promotional contest in Roanoke. His father is George D. Griffin, stores auditor in system accounting.



Billy Lawson

Bud Covey

Friday he and more than 50 other newspaper carriers from across the country took a plane to Italy. They landed in Rome Saturday, March 28, and remained there three days.

During the visit in Rome Doug was hoping to see Pope John XXIII, in whose footsteps he would like to follow. Before Doug left many per-

sons, including his priest and the Chancellor of the Richmond Diocese, were working to arrange an audience with the Pope for the boy.

After leaving Rome the group went on to Mount Vesuvius, Naples, Milan, Florence and the Isle of Capri. Doug was scheduled to return to Roanoke April 5.

He is an altar boy at St. Andrew's Church and an honor student in the seventh grade at St. Andrew's School.

Billy Lawson is in the eighth grade at Lebanon High High School. He is secretary and treasurer of his class and vice president of his Sunday School class.

Bud Covey is also an eighth grader, attending Woodrow Wilson Junior High in Roanoke. He is a member of the school's band.

### Safety Record Earns Steak For Crew

C. F. "Preacher" Mundy, Mullens line foreman, has his own method of recognizing the safety achievements of his crew. When his men go through an entire year without a disabling injury, "Preacher" gives a steak dinner to the whole crew. This year he paid for 1958's performance.

It's a custom he started back in 1946. Since then the gang has experienced only three disabling injuries, which makes it seem that safety has cost "Preacher" a great many steaks.

The crew has five pieces of automotive equipment, which roll up about 60,000 miles per year.

### Lena G. Moseley, Bluefield, Retires



Mrs. Moseley

Mrs. Lena G. Moseley, Bluefield home service representative, retired March 1 after over 23½ years' service.

She was guest of honor at two luncheons on her retirement. The Bluefield Girls' Service Club held a luncheon for her, presenting her with a sterling silver candelabrum. Then at the monthly supervisors' luncheon, Mrs. Moseley was given a bond and other gifts.

A native of Due West, S. C., she graduated from Erskine College, where she received her A.B. and M.A. degrees. She joined the company in 1935.

She is the widow of J. B. Moseley, who was Bluefield division commercial manager at the time of his death in 1935.

Mrs. Moseley is a member of the Board of Stewards of the Bland Street Methodist Church, past president of the Bluefield YWCA and a member of the Quota Club. She is the mother of three children.

## Response Enthusiastic Over New Pins



Admiring their new service pins are these Ashland employees. Pins to be presented employees in our three companies who observe service anniversaries from June 1958 to the end of 1959 have begun arriving at company offices from New York. The new design replaces one that has been used for 25 years. Shown here are from left: John Via, with a lapel pin with a bayonet-screw back; Annis Ketterer with a bracelet; Felicia Billips with a lapel pin with safety clasp; and O. O. Henderson with

a tie bar. Response from employees at Kentucky, Kingsport and Philip Sporn plant, who have received their pins, has been enthusiastic. Pins for Appalachian employees will be received in the next few weeks. A breakdown shows that our companies ordered a total of 1,117 of the new pins for the last half of 1958 and all of 1959. Of these, 956 are Appalachian, 51 Sporn plant, 95 Kentucky and 15 Kingsport.



(The following items are based on material appearing in recent issues of "Electrical World.")

**Then And Now:** The site of Thomas A. Edison's pioneer Pearl Street generating station is today occupied by a sanitary supply house selling rock salt, snow shovels, and cocoa mats. It is on New York's lower east side.

**Year In Review:** Here are some of the highlights of electric utility industry activity during 1958: energy sales climbed 2.1% (the breakdown shows residential sales up 8.1%, commercial sales up 6.4%, industrial sales down 2.6%); average residential use hit 3,337 kwhr, up 203 kwhr over 1957; electric company revenues rose 4.8%.

**Progress:** Three large scale nuclear power plants coming on the line in the early sixties will have fuel costs which are only half of those of the first commercial-size atom plant at Shippingport, Pa.

# Today's Secretary Indispensable In Business World

Today's secretaries are a far cry from those of yesteryear.

The word "secretary", as Webster points out, comes from the Latin "secretarius" and "secretum", literally meaning Keeper of Secrets.

Just fifty years ago secretaries, as they performed their duties then, were called typewriters. From these rather confining titles, today's secretary has become an indispensable part of the business world.

The job of secretary is one necessary to the efficient operation of our companies. In our three companies there are over 200 employees who

perform the duties of a secretary. They are classified as clerk-stenographers, stenographers, secretarial-stenographers and private secretaries.

What is the value of the secretary in our companies? Actually it lies in more than the performance of the technical aspects of her field, such as typing, dictation, filing. In our offices, as in the rest of the modern-day business world, the secretary helps to make her boss more productive. She does this by performing for him tasks that give him more freedom from details, freedom to think, judge and plan, freedom to execute his

plans without digressive influences. She does this in many ways, and performs many functions in an office that contribute to its smooth opera-

tion. Some of these jobs she performs are pictured below.

What makes a good secretary? Many things go into her make-up,

including competence in the use of the tools of her trade. She must also be trustworthy, able to keep secrets. She must be courteous and tactful, have a cheerful disposition. She must show good taste in dress, maintain an orderly office, show initiative and always be mentally alert. She should like her work. Someone once put it this way: the good secretary must "look like a girl, think like a man, act like a lady and work like a dog."

Today's secretary has come a long way from the "typewriter" at the turn of the century. Secretaryship is now a profession—a profession of unending value to American business.

## Secretaries' Week, April 19-25

This article, while paying tribute to our companies' secretaries, also describes the functions of a job important to our organization.

The secretary will be honored all over the nation during Secretaries' Week, April 19-25. Co-sponsors of the week are the National Secretaries Association (International), of which many of our secretaries are members, and the Office Equipment Manufacturers Institute. Theme of the week is "Better Secretaries Mean Better Business", and is designed to focus attention on the important part the secretary plays in business and industry.



**TYPIST.** Fundamental to every secretary's job is her ability to type. The only thing a secretary did many years ago, typing today remains an important part of her job. This is Tommy G. Bailey, secretary to A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager.



**INFORMATION CENTER.** A secretary must be able to supply any information needed. This is Joyce A. Brown, secretary to Lynchburg district manager D. C. Kennedy.



**CONFIDANTE.** Much confidential information passes through a secretary's hands. She must be able to keep it confidential. In this picture, Mary C. Bower, Welch clerk-stenographer, records a confidential planning conversation between district manager C. K. Kirkland, left, and C. R. Settle, district superintendent.



**FILER.** A good filing system is a must in any office—filing is a talent secretaries must have. This is Sue Coleman, Huntington division personnel department.



**ORGANIZER.** Which work to do first? The good secretary knows what work is important, and what can wait until later. She organizes her duties, as illustrated here by Patricia N. Dunn, secretary to the Glen Lyn plant manager.



**DIPLOMAT.** Diplomatic handling of visitors, when her boss is busy, and other diplomatic chores, are essential to the smooth performance of a secretary's job. This is Marie Hickman, Kingsport accounting secretarial-stenographer, talking to a visitor.



**MECHANIC.** Changing a typewriter ribbon, making minor repairs or other more complicated jobs—a secretary must perform them with skill and know-how. This is Mrs. George Sevy, private secretary to Joe P. Gills, Charleston division manager.



**MEMORY EXPERT.** The secretary is called on to locate all kinds of materials, must be able to supply any information her boss may need. She must know where this material is at all times. Assisting J. A. Moore, assistant Cabin Creek plant manager, is his secretary, Dixie Sue Foster.

## Bluefield District Personals . . .

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Carol L. Shockey, district personnel supervisor, served as judge of the Bland County Science Fair. R. J. Wood, assistant district manager, is serving as chairman of the Science Fairs Committee of the Pocahontas Industrial Electrical Council for Education.

Fred J. Mullins, meterman, has returned to work after a three months' illness.

Sympathy is extended George G. Wilburn, division chief of party, on the death of his father and James W. Woods, Jr., division payroll supervisor, on the death of his mother.

J. P. Gills, executive assistant to the vice president and general manager, has been re-elected to the board of directors of the Bluefield Area Development Corporation.

George Wingate, Princeton

groundman, is recuperating from pneumonia.

Mrs. Earl Hager, wife of the system transmission foreman, has been elected president of the Greenacres Garden Club.

Mrs. Clyde L. Farley, wife of the Mullens working foreman, and Mrs. Dewey Jessee, wife of the Richlands area serviceman, are convalescing at home after hospitalization.

H. E. Mattox, retired employee, visited the office recently.

Mary Ruth Chambers, system secretarial-stenographer, was installed as Ruth in Bluefield Chapter No. 102, Order of the Eastern Star.

Clarence J. Light, stores supervisor; Edgar B. Brewer, Tazewell lineman; Dewey Jessee, Richlands area serviceman; James R. Boulton, heating and builder sales representative; Howard S. Meadows, district engineer; James B. Roach, station operator; and Murray R. Callaway, district R/w agent, have returned to work after illnesses.

Orville R. Taylor, Pearisburg meter serviceman, and Walter P. Hawkins, assistant stores supervisor, have returned home after hospitalization.

Richard J. Wood, assistant district manager, has been elected to the board of directors of the Bluefield Rotary Club.



**Lynchburg:** The Martinsburg, W. Va., Veneer Corporation has purchased a building in Lynchburg and started installation of equipment for a new plant to employ between 50 and 60 persons.

**Huntington:** ACF Industries has announced receipt of a 2,000-car order for the Huntington plant. The order will require about four months to complete and it is estimated that it will supply work for 1,200 people.

**Fieldale:** The H. K. Porter Company, Inc. has announced plans to occupy a new industrial plant to be constructed north of the Danville city limits by Danville Industrial Development, Inc. About 450 persons will be employed in the plant, which will be used for expansion of the manufacturing facilities of the Diston Tool Division.

### Charleston Engineer Writes EL&P Article

T. J. O'Connor, Charleston station engineer, was the author of an article appearing in the March 1 issue of *Electric Light And Power*.

"Cables Installed On Bridge", written by Mr. O'Connor, appeared in the "Utility Man's Notebook" section of the magazine.

## Woodworking Hobby And Scout Work Blend Successfully For Nolan Hays

A yen for woodworking and a generations-old dresser came together recently for Nolan Hays of Hazard, and the result is a handsomely finished solid walnut piece of furniture that antique-fanciers are eyeing enviously.

The dresser, which had been in his family for years, was finally discarded by Nolan's mother. He, a woodworking enthusiast, reclaimed the piece, and discovered after interminable sanding and scraping that it was well worth saving.

Nolan, a substation man, has a small shop in his basement, and from it comes a steady flow of new, repaired and refinished furniture for himself and his neighbors.

He has successfully blended this hobby and his interest in the Cub Den of his two boys Philip and Billy. Aided by them and others in the den, Nolan constructed a cubmobile for the Cubmobile Derby. Nolan himself started this annual event during his first year in Cub Scout work.



Nolan Hays prepares to rip a piece of wood destined for one of his furniture projects in the workshop basement of his home. A tidy shop and safety goggles mark Nolan as a careful craftsman.

## Ripley Turns On New Street Lights

Bright lights came to Ripley recently when Mayor Gay Duke pulled a switch which turned on a whole new lighting system in the town's business district. It marked the completion of the \$51,000 street lighting project that saw 281 lights installed in the Point Pleasant district town.

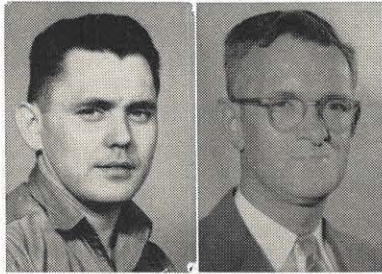
## Appalachian, Kingsport Employees Write Articles For 'Operating Notes'

The March 1959 issue of *Monthly Operating Notes* featured articles by three Appalachian and two Kingsport employees.

Joseph J. Pearl, electrical maintenance mechanic at Logan plant, was the author of "Automatic Timers Reduce Costs". He describes time switches installed on muffle furnaces used by the plant laboratory. Previously, the furnaces ran most of the time. With the switches, the furnaces can be cut off, and the switches cut them on automatically 1½ hours before employees report to work so that the furnaces will be sufficiently heated. It also eliminates leaving them on over week-ends. The switches save about \$208 a year in electric power.

George Youell, Kanawha River plant instrument maintenance man, wrote "New Probe Connection Saves Time." When an oxygen analyzer probe corroded, it was necessary to break a weld that connected the probe to a pipe cap to repair the probe. A new connection has been designed so that removing the pipe probe from the pipe cap has been made easy.

Writing his third article in the past two issues, W. J. Buchanan, Jr., maintenance supervisor at Kanawha River, was the author of "Improving Pneumatic Rappers On Dust Collectors." There are 90 pneumatic rappers for clearing deposits from the collecting curtains on the two electric dust collectors at the plant. Until a specially prepared top and threaded plug was designed, repairing broken guide bushings in the rappers had been quite a problem. It involved many things, including much machining and welding. The new method of plugging the top of the rapper is saving much time and money.



Mr. Youell Mr. Buchanan



Mr. Simpson Mr. Stair

"Dolly Aids Appliance Display" was written by M. C. Simpson, commercial manager, and A. W. Stair, power sales engineer, of Kingsport. They describe dollies they designed to make easy the movement of displays and appliances in the company's lobby. The dollies, using casters, have helped save damage to the floor, and made for more variety in displays since the displays are easier to move.

### Engineer To Present Paper At AIEE Session

A paper concerning high voltage air break switches will be presented to the AIEE Southeast and South Central District Meeting in Atlanta, Ga. in April, by E. C. Rankin.

Mr. Rankin, system supervising station engineer, wrote "Experience With Methods Of Extending The Capability Of High Voltage Air Break Switches". He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and will present the paper at the district meeting April 8-10.

## Students Hear Talk On Our Operations

A total of 130 students studying American Problems at Point Pleasant High School were given an insight into the operation of an electric utility recently.

G. E. Hervey, Point Pleasant district manager, talked to the students on the various phases of operations of our company. His talk, entitled "The Five Human Components of a Utility or Enterprise", defined an enterprise as one or more individuals forming a company to accomplish an objective. The individuals forming Appalachian, according to the talk, included stockholders, officials, employees, and customers.

He also covered many other phases, from taxes to rates to our facilities.

## R. R. Lucas, 65, Dies Of Illness



Mr. Lucas

Roland R. Lucas, 65, retired Charleston material clerk, died March 8 in a Huntington hospital after a short illness.

A native West Virginian, he was born at Villa in 1893. He retired from the company August 1, 1958, after over 40 years' service. He joined the company in 1917 as a consumer's record card clerk. He became bookkeeper of large power accounts in 1935, and went to the stores department in 1945.

A World War I veteran, he saw combat duty in France.

Mr. Lucas is survived by three sons, two daughters, three brothers, two sisters and eight grandchildren. Services were held March 13 at the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

## Drill Team Paced By Co-Op Student

The University of Cincinnati's crack Pershing Rifles Drill Team retained its regional championship in a tournament recently by sweeping five firsts and one second in six events.

At least one-eighth of the credit for the performance of this eight-man squad can go to Master Sergeant J. K. Sterrett, electrical engineering co-op student in the Point Pleasant district, and son of E. M. Sterrett, customer service representative.

The ROTC drill team has performed on television, at the University's Military Ball, and at football and basketball half-time ceremonies. Two notable events are planned for them: participation in an international drill meet, and in the drill meet at the Washington Cherry Blossom Festival this spring.



Mr. Sterrett

## Paintsville, Hazard Named Winners In Community Betterment Competition



R. P. Thomas, right, industrial representative, Kentucky Power Company, presents a \$100 check to O. J. Arnett, chairman of the Salyersville Improvement Association. Salyersville won first prize among eastern Kentucky towns of its size for its community improvement achievements.

Paintsville and Hazard have done the best self-improvement job of all Kentucky towns of their size, according to the judges of the state community improvement contest, and as such will receive cash awards at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce meeting April 14.

The two towns had previously won \$150 each as first prize in the eastern Kentucky regional competition.

Other communities winning the regional contests were Vanceburg, South Shore, Catlettsburg, Grayson, Jackson, Salyersville and Inez. Their awards were presented by R. P. Thomas, industrial representative for Kentucky Power Company, coordinator for the eastern Kentucky program. The prize money will be used by each town to further its 1959 program. Louisa, Whitesburg and Greenup won certificates of merit.

The self-improvement program has for its aim the establishment of community projects or programs designed to fill a need: a recreation center, new streets, farm help, or town beautification. The citizens themselves do the work on a volunteer, co-operative basis. Each participating community keeps a scrapbook of its

achievements, and this is turned in to the contest judges as the town's record. In the recent state contest, scrapbooks from eastern Kentucky represented about 20 per cent of the entries.

Thirty financial institutions in the area sponsored the contest.

## Army Promotes Paitsel To Captain

Marion P. Paitsel, dealer sales representative, Roanoke district, has been promoted to the rank of captain in the Army reserve.

After his commissioning in 1953, Captain Paitsel served with a photo-mapping company. He is now attached to the 2154th

Army Garrison in Roanoke.

He joined the company in 1948 in the system R/e & R/w department, and has also worked in the Roanoke division engineering department.



Capt. Paitsel

## Building Collapses In Welch; Four Employees Help Restore Order



Three Welch meter servicemen work on the service wires in the wreckage left when steel supports under a gasoline station collapsed in Welch. Those working are Guy Albertson, James W. Nunnery and Charles Taylor.

A sudden and spectacular disaster in downtown Welch that could have had serious consequences gave four company men an opportunity for distinguished public service.

Steel supports under a service station gave way without warning and flung the building down the bank and into the Tug River. Five persons were hurt, two seriously.

Almost before the debris had stopped falling, servicemen Guy Albertson, Charles Taylor and J. W. Nunnery, and area supervisor L. H. Myers reported to the scene. As soon as they completed their job of removing service wires, they pitched in to help rescue operations, and administered first aid to the injured.

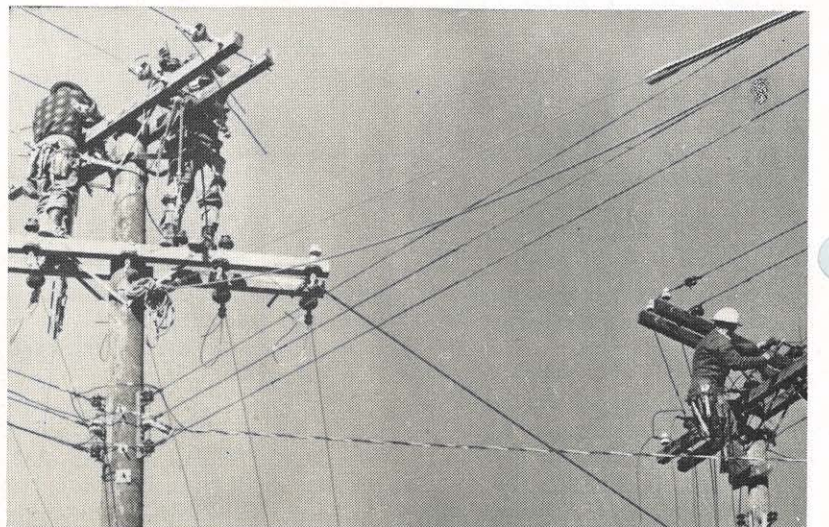
Some time later, the owner of the destroyed building wrote a letter complimenting the four men for their promptness and efficiency.

## Meter Group Moves In Williamson

The meter service group in Williamson has moved to new quarters, leaving the Williamson local office for remodelled space in the South Williamson service building. This move allowed the district commercial department to occupy the vacated space, thus consolidating company facilities.

Other improvements expected in the wake of the change are in parking, transportation, and re-stocking of service trucks.

## Allen Relocation Program Is Part Of Highway And Flood Improvements



Transferring overhead conductors and fixtures are, from left, Auburn Helvey, Earl Bellamy and Dennis Clark, all linemen. The work they are doing is part of highway and flood control improvements around Allen.

The perennial flood woes of Allen in the Pikeville district have prompted the state highway department to undertake highway and other improvements designed to reduce if not eliminate the danger of flood isolation. Kentucky Power people helped out in the project by relocating and raising existing lines and facilities serving Allen.

Allen is situated at the confluence of the Big Sandy River and Beaver Creek, and during high water periods, the low part of the town, and

the bridge and road crossing Beaver Creek is flooded. The answer was a higher bridge and approaches.

Power service to the area was switched out one Sunday morning and the work of transferring lines and equipment was started. New arms, poles and other equipment had been put in place the week before. In the operation that followed outage was kept at a minimum by the 11 men of substation and line crews who handled the assignment.



## Two Couples Wed



Mrs. Crews



Mrs. Minnick

### Roakes-Crews

Gladys Jane Roakes and William David Crews were married February 14 at the Centenary Methodist Church in Lynchburg. Mr. Crews is Lynchburg T&D clerk.

### Webb-Minnick

Helen Elizabeth Webber and Donald Athey Minnick were united in marriage February 21 in the Calvary Baptist Chapel in Roanoke. Mrs. Minnick was home service representative in the Lynchburg district.

## Roanoke . . .

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Charlotte Ringler, clerk-stenographer, has returned to work after an operation.

J. R. Slaughter, engineering aide, has been absent from work several weeks due to illness.

Mrs. R. A. Oliver, wife of the engineering aide, is recovering after surgery.

Sympathy is extended J. W. Craig, Jr., head T&D clerk, on the death of his father and O. C. Caldwell, local office manager, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended G. C. Likens, groundman, on the death of his mother and Annise P. Craig, private secretary, on the death of her father.

### System

Jimmy Y. Martin, system civil engineering clerk-stenographer, has resigned. She was replaced by Dorothy Ling.

Margaret Haley, system accounting, has been elected president of the Sequoia Club.

Sympathy is extended Doris Stultz on the death of her father.

Joseph Angell, Jr., son of the R/e & R/w draftsman, has been re-elected secretary of the Delaware Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

R. B. Sinclair, system civil engineer, and H. D. Veasey, assistant civil engineer, were re-elected to the offices of president and secretary, respectively, of the Roanoke Chapter of the Virginia Military Institute Alumni Association.

## Fifty Years Together



Fifty years together is the proud boast of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peyton who in February celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Peyton retired from the Huntington district in June 1950. The couple were married in Leep, West Virginia, and moved to Huntington in 1926. They have lived there ever since, except for the past few winters, which they have spent in Florida. Since his retirement nearly nine years ago, Mr. Peyton has kept up with his favorite pastimes: raising flowers and vegetables, fishing, and watching ball games.

## Miss Chapman Wins Citizenship Award

The daughter of a company man was chosen by the Daughters of the American Revolution to receive its state award for good citizenship. She is Carolyn Chapman, whose father, C. S. Chapman is T&D right-of-way agent at Roanoke. The award was made at the DAR annual meeting last month.



Carolyn Chapman

Carolyn, a senior at Andrew Lewis High School, was competing for the award with 128 contestants in Virginia. She had previously received the good citizenship award from the Fort Lewis Chapter of the DAR. She is a charter member of the Fort Lewis Chapter, Children of the American Revolution, and is now publicity chairman of the group.

At school, Miss Chapman is co-editor of the annual, recording secretary of the Beta Club, treasurer of the Latin Club and vice president of Andrew Lewis's National Forensic League. As if all those activities weren't enough, Carolyn is also president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at her church, a member of the Garden Club and a former delegate to Girls' State.

After graduation she plans to study journalism.

## Williamsonian Has Skill With Needle



Real N. & W. Railway buttons add the authentic touch to the conductor's uniform made by Mrs. A. O. Hatfield. The uniform, here modeled by her nephew, is only one piece of needlework Mrs. Hatfield has done. Drapes and cushion covers in her home, winter coats for herself, shirts for her husband, Williamson district store supervisor, and clothes for her son Gary and her two sisters have kept Mrs. Hatfield busy since she took up sewing seven years ago.

## Spring Show



Five of the models in the pre-Easter Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club fashion show were Williamson employees or members of their families. Here, left, Mrs. George Boothe, general clerk, models a light blue two-piece ensemble and matching hat for daytime wear. At right, Mrs. Lorraine Corea, secretarial-stenographer, models a sheath coat in a bold black and white check, complemented by a white straw sailor. Also modeling were Mrs. E. J. Clouser, wife of the district personnel supervisor; his daughter, Carolyn, and Barbara Stafford, daughter of Virginia Stafford, merchandise bookkeeper. Setting for the show was a Paris sidewalk cafe scene.

## Charleston . . .

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Wesley Zinn, local office manager at Montgomery, attended the district conference of the International Rotary Club as president of the Montgomery Rotarians.

Renee Snyder, daughter of Jo Snyder, Clendenin office, and Dorothy Lord, daughter of Adele Lord, Clendenin office, have been accepted into the National Honor Society.

Anne Calvert and Barbara Waggy, accounting, modeled in a fashion show at Rainelle recently.

Mrs. C. W. Lovell and Mrs. A. W. Brendel won a blue ribbon and white ribbon, respectively, in the "Set A Table" contest held in a local store.

Judy Speas, daughter of hydro plant supervisor R. W. Speas, was accepted into the National Honor Society of St. Albans High School.

Retired employees Jim Russell, Thoma Jarrell, Walter Stricklen and Denny Workman visited the office.

Retired employees Robert G. Skinner and Walter Ashworth are spending the winter in Florida. Retired R/w agent Oscar Dabney has just returned from a trip to Florida.

Barbara Waggy, accounting clerk-stenographer, appeared in a leading speaking and singing role in the Kanawha Players production "Charleston—'58".

Helen Braid, commercial, has returned home from the hospital, where she has been a patient since an accident last November.

Sympathy is extended K. P. McCoy, Nitro area serviceman, on the death of his brother and Ralph Allen, St. Albans collector, on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended Helen Braid on the death of her brother.

## They're Engaged

PRISCILLA RAY to Thomas L. Blackburn. Mr. Blackburn is the son of Allen Blackburn, Pikeville district auto mechanic.

## New Arrivals

### Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD SANFORD, a daughter, Tamara, February 19. Mr. Sanford is a groundman.

### Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY S. SKEEN, a son, Johnny S., Jr., February 17. Mr. Skeen is a utility coal handler.

### Fieldale District

MR. AND MRS. H. E. BULLARD, a son, Earl Keith, March 9. Mr. Bullard is an instrument man.

MR. AND MRS. D. G. MERRIMAN, a daughter, Penny Marie, February 25. Mr. Merriman is a station man.

MR. AND MRS. C. F. OSBORNE, a daughter, Miria Kay, March 15. Mr. Osborne is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. B. E. SHELTON, a son, Matthew Benson, February 10. Mr. Shelton is a groundman.

### Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. JOHNSTON, a daughter, March 9. Mr. Johnston is a laboratory attendant.

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN L. LESTER, JR., a son, February 22. Mr. Lester is a janitor.

### Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. A. F. HANNING, a son, James Robert, February 26. Mr. Hanning is a master maintenance man.

### Logan District

MR. AND MRS. JERRY NEAL, a son, Jeff Allen, February 23. Mrs. Neal is a former accounting department employee.

### Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. C. H. MURRAY, JR., a daughter, Lisa Jean, February 22. Mr. Murray is an inspector.

## Girl Debater Wins State Region Honors

Melinda Hervey, daughter of Point Pleasant District Manager George Hervey, won first place honors in debating at the Regional Speech Contest recently at Marshall College in Huntington. She represented Point Pleasant High School.



Melinda Hervey

Melinda will also participate with the debating team in the State Forensic contest at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

MR. AND MRS. W. P. WORKMAN, a daughter, Diana Lynn, February 21. Mr. Workman is a groundman.

### Pulaski District

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH F. BURNETT, a daughter, Mary Jo, February 28. Mr. Burnett is a Wytheville groundman.

### Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. WYLLIS F. DAVIS, JR., a son, Timothy Scott, February 16. Mr. Davis is a maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL E. FORBES, a son, Christopher Blaine, January 22. Mr. Forbes is a junior maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM F. FRY, a son, Mark Anthony, March 8. Mr. Fry is a maintenance man.

### System

MR. AND MRS. CURTIS G. CALDWELL, a son, Curtis Gene, Jr., February 21. Mr. Caldwell is a machine operator in system accounting.

MR. AND MRS. A. D. JANOSKO, a son, Jeffrey Daniel, February 16. Mr. Janosko is a party chief in system civil engineering.

MR. AND MRS. A. L. McCLAUGHERTY, a son, Andrew Ward, February 22. Mr. McClougherty is a maintenance man at Radford Arsenal steam plant.

### Williamson District

MR. AND MRS. VICTOR HARRIS, a son, John Samuel, March 9. Mr. Harris is an area serviceman.

## Spring Hat



Virginia Rorrer, clerk-typist in the Pulaski Stores Department, wears the hat she modeled recently in the Pulaski Junior Woman's Club Fashion Show. The hat is pepper green, trimmed with crystallized fruit. Proceeds from the show will be used for a scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school senior.

## M. F. Murray Dies Following Illness



Mr. Murray

M. F. Murray, 65, boiler operator at Cabin Creek plant, died March 3 in a Charleston hospital. He had been ill three months.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Murray was employed by the company in March 1925. He was active in company and community bowling leagues.

He was a member of Cabin Creek Post No. 8, American Legion, and of the Chelyan Baptist Church, where funeral services were held.

Mr. Murray is survived by his widow. A brother-in-law, L. C. Hurst, is employed at Cabin Creek plant.

## Virginia Jaycees Honor Jessee

J. Harold Jessee, utility man at the Clinch River plant, has been awarded life membership in the Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding work as a member of the Lebanon Junior Chamber.



Mr. Jessee

Since joining the Lebanon organization in 1950, Mr. Jessee has been president, vice president, treasurer and director. He took the lead in establishing the Russell County Fair, funds from which were used for civic improvements in Lebanon.

He is married and the father of one son.

## First Aid Technique At Clinch River Quickly Put To Use To Save Man's Life



Members of the third Red Cross First Aid course at Clinch River plant learn bandaging procedures. From left, the class includes E. S. Kees, K. H. Darnell, J. B. Britt, P. B. Blizzard, C. L. Lowe, N. E. McMillan, J. F. Burke, R. L. White, G. W. Underwood, E. E. Wyatt, J. L. Blankenship, P. C. Kiser, L. A. Singleton and R. D. Kiser.

Quick dividends from a Red Cross First Aid Course were paid last month when Harold O. Garrett and Glenn Marshall, both laborers at Clinch River plant administered first aid to victims of a serious traffic accident. An ambulance driver at the scene was quoted as saying that at least one life was probably saved by the employees' quick action.

# Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

## Appalachian Power Company

### Beckley District

MILDRED L. WEBB from meter clerk to cashier, senior.

### Bluefield District

JAMES R. BOULT from area sales representative to heating and builder sales representative; ELMER E. HASH from lineman C to lineman B; BASIL M. VASSAR from area sales representative (ag. engr.) to agricultural sales engineer.

### Charleston District

GEORGINA DANIEL from commercial clerk-stenographer, Beckley, to division T&D stenographer, Charleston; CHARLES GRAY from Charleston office messenger to St. Albans meter reader.

### Clinch River Plant

HAROLD O. GARRETT from guard to laborer; PAUL J. MUSSER from Clinch River plant test engineer to Logan plant test engineer.

### Logan Plant

STEWART R. ADKINS from laborer to utility man; WETZEL Z. LEE from utility man to utility operator B.

### Point Pleasant District

T. J. ROSE from meter clerk, senior, to T&D clerk, senior.

### Roanoke District

L. F. HOGAN from groundman to lineman C; C. L. REYNOLDS from electrical engineer to commercial sales engineer.

### Philip Sporn Plant

JOSEPH R. BAILEY from maintenance helper to utility operator; PAUL E. FORBES from maintenance helper to junior maintenance man; HELEN L. HANDLEY from clerk-trainee to clerk-typist; CHARLES E. HANNUM from maintenance helper to utility operator; GEORGE E. HOLMAN from laborer to utility operator; GEORGE R. JOHNSON from laborer to utility operator; MARION K. OHLINGER from coal handler to utility operator; RICHARD W. RUSSELL from laborer to utility operator; FRED E. SMITH from laborer to utility operator; BILLY L. THOMAS from laborer to utility operator.

## Kentucky Power Company

### Ashland District

MIRIAM J. SHOPE from power billing clerk to stenographer.

### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

ROY L. FERRELL, JR., from rodman to T&D clerk.

## Ninth Grader Has Active Music Life

Richard Buckingham, son of D. L. Buckingham, system station foreman, has been selected from more than 2,400 high school band members in Virginia to participate in the Elite Spring Band Concert. He plays the bass clarinet in William Fleming High School Band.

This band, under the direction of Otis Kitchen, will represent Virginia in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington.

Richard, an accomplished musician, also plays in the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra under Gibson Morrissey.

## Dewey Elected Head Of Golfing Group

The Southwest Virginia Men's Golf Association has elected S. A. Dewey, Pulaski power sales engineer, president for the coming year.



Mr. Dewey

Eight hundred men, members of golf clubs in Tazewell, Wytheville, Marion, Pulaski, Saltville, Blacksburg and Christianburg, make up the association.

Each club enters a team in a tournament held every other week. Mr. Dewey, a member of the Association for 13 years, has served as secretary-treasurer and as vice president before his election.

## Coal Committee Chooses Sporn

Philip Sporn, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, has been named a member of the executive committee of the National Coal Policy Conference. Others on the 15-man group are representatives of coal operators, coal-hauling railroads, coal equipment manufacturers, the power industry, and the United Mine Workers.

The Conference, organized recently after a proposal made last year by UMW President John L. Lewis, seeks to promote the coal industry's interests in the United States and abroad. Chairman of the Conference is George H. Love, president of the Consolidation Coal Company.

## Enthusiast Mauck Rebuilds, Repairs Rifles, Loads Ammunition, Talks Safety



Gunstock in the vise, finished guns against the wall, Virgil Mauck poses in his gun workshop. Not shown are other pieces of special equipment he uses in rebuilding and repairing rifles.

When Virgil Mauck, Logan District lead draftsman, talks about gun-smoke, he's not thinking about television's popular horse opera; he's thinking about his hobby of repairing and rebuilding guns, and his newly-developed sideline of loading his own ammunition.

This last, for a man who shoots as much as Virgil does, represents a big saving. Commercial ammunition averages 20 cents per round, and a skilled hand-loader can do the job for approximately three cents per round.

Back to Virgil's guns: rebuilding guns needs a variety of equipment. His basement workshop is full of heaters and blueing tanks (which Virgil built himself), woodworking tools for gun stocks, special tools and dies for manufacturing different shell calibres, plus shell-loading equipment. Two specialties of this amateur gunsmith are rebuilding military rifles for sporting use, and resighting and mounting sights.

Shooting, Virgil believes, is a worth-while hobby, provided the shooters handle their guns properly and safely. To this end, he has taught his family the safety rules of weapons, and his wife is now as enthusiastic and as careful as Virgil himself. Virgil is a member of the National Rifle Association.

## To Lead Bowmen



Guiding 50 Bluefield archers during the coming year will be James Cook, Bluefield building supervisor. Mr. Cook has been elected president of the Bluefield Bowhunters' Club. The club members maintain a five-acre field archery course with 14 targets at the Bluefield Recreation Park.

## Employees Named To Youth Group

Three Point Pleasant men will help guide the Mason County Little Men's League through another summer of activities.

L. C. Bias, local office manager, was chosen to serve on the Board of Directors. He was president last year. R. D. Tillis, of the Accounting Department was elected treasurer, and T. J. Rose, T&D clerk in the Record Section was re-elected secretary. Mr. Bias and Mr. Tillis have sons competing in the league, which is an independent organization aimed at preventing juvenile delinquency and stimulating interest in baseball.

## Leather Working, Ideal Hobby, Provides Employee With Both Pleasure And Profit



Flanked by some leather goods he fabricated by hand is Roy Pendleton of Glen Lyn. At extreme left is a simple arrow quiver; among the other items are a billfold, change purse, comb case and a large purse.

Six months of spare time work with leather has turned Roy Pendleton, utility man at the Glen Lyn plant, into a dedicated practitioner of a craft which provides both pleasure and profit.

Shortly after he acquired a beginner's leather-craft kit, Roy started producing small leather items for his own use, and for sale. As his skill grew so did his product line: belts

and watch bands were joined by billfolds, ladies' handbags, change purses, archery quivers, key and comb cases and a number of other items. He now enjoys a brisk little trade as his growing facility promotes more and more orders.

He has been an Appalachian employee since July 1948, stationed at Glen Lyn since that time.

## Champion Trotter Doesn't Mind Weather

The Post Office says rain, snow and sleet don't stop its swift couriers. And neither do they stop two brothers and their champion trotting horse, Mighty Preak, from energetic daily workouts.

Edward N. (Newt) Humphrey, filter plant operator and sampler at Philip Sporn plant, and his brother Ward, owners of Mighty Preak, can point to statistics which show conclusively that the daily job around the exercise track has had salubrious results: in 30 races last year, Mighty Preak finished first 20 times, second seven times, and third once; only twice did he finish out of the money. A prestige result of this performance is a ranking as third best aged trotter in the United States and Canada, rated by *Hoof Beat*, the official publication of the U. S. Trotting Association. A more tangible consequence is a total earnings figure of nearly \$3,500 last year.

Farm-bred, the Humphrey boys have always been close to horses. Newt says that on the farm he progressed from horses to tractors for work, but he still wanted horses around. So he started stocking his farm near Meigs County Fair Ground. He now owns two brood



Running about in the snow isn't a medically-recommended practice for people, but for one horse—Mighty Preak, shown with his owner, Newt Humphrey—it's been highly successful. Daily workouts, regardless of weather, have won 20 races for the horse and nearly \$3500 for his owners.

mares, a two-year-old filly, a saddle horse and Mighty Preak.

But Mighty Preak is the star of the show. He usually is entered in the Southeast Ohio racing circuit, but has raced—and won—in other area tracks such as Sandusky, Ottawa, and Canton in Ohio, Lewisburg and Pennsborough in West Virginia. Neither Newt nor Ward actually drive Mighty Preak in the races. They say that training and caring for the horses is task enough; they leave the driving, a talent in itself, to Sidney Spencer, whom they believe to be the best in the business.

### Williamson Jumpers Jump To Loop Lead

Williamson bowlers, fresh from a triumph over Logan, saw the Jumpers regain first place in the Williamson Bowling League, a post they won in the first half of competition.

The victory over Logan events at one match each the inter-city rivalry, Logan winning the first by 495 pins. Williamson's margin in the second encounter with 278 pins. Three teams from each district rolled three games each. Allen Cross from Williamson took high game and high series honors for the afternoon, and Virginia Stafford, also of Williamson, took women's honors with high single and high set.

In league play, the Jumpers jumped into first place in the second half race by sweeping three games from the Illuminators. They are paced by Jay "Sonny" Runyon, who holds high average of 153 and high set of 559. C. L. Miller of the Guys still has the high game of 221.

### "Almost" Is Story Of Basketball Team

Clark Bryan, son of C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager of Kingsport Utilities, might be forgiven if he seems somewhat discouraged every year at the time of the state basketball tournament. For the third year the Dobyns-Bennett High School team was knocked out of the title.

This year, Clark might have found it tougher than usual to take. For, as a senior and co-captain, he led the team to a remarkable 36-3 record, and was individual leader in both scoring and rebounds; he was selected to the All Tournament District team, All-Regional, and All-State honor squads, and added the title of most valuable player on the Kingsport team to his laurels.

He was selected unanimously for a place on the East Tennessee "dream team" picked by coaches of the area, as Dobyns-Bennett won the Big 7 Conference championship.

### Anglers Practice For Contest



Officers of the Roanoke Employees' Fisherman's Club try out equipment, water and winter-rusty skills. They are preparing for the club contest, which offers prizes for the largest fish of various species caught by members in Virginia fresh water between February 1 and December 1. The men here are the new club officers: from left, Buddy Hubbard, vice president; Elmo Payne, treasurer, and Scott Haskins, president. Bob Yobaggy is reporter and W. P. Booker, advisor.

## Court Ability Of Two Roanokers' Sons Help Spark First Season Of League

Sons of two Appalachian employees, playing for the two top teams, helped make the first season of Roanoke's basketball Little League a memorable one.

Mack McClung, son of W. A. McClung, system supervisor of advertising and publications, played guard for Jennings-Shepherd, league tournament champs. And Noble Marshall, Jr., son of Noble Marshall, head—general books section of system accounting, was a forward for the Salvation Army Boys' Club, regular season champ and tournament runner-up.

Mack was named the outstanding player in the loop tournament and selected a member of the league's All-Star team. Noble proved to be an outstanding defensive ace for his team, holding his opponents to less than two points a game. At the same time he averaged over five points a game.

Smaller than many of the boys in the loop, Mack, at 4 feet 8 inches in height and weighing 74 pounds, scored 70 points in seven games for a 10-point average, third highest in the league. He led the league in field goal accuracy with 38 per cent, and set a league record when he scored 20 points in one quarter. During this six-minute period he hit

### Employee's Son Sparks Champions

One of the sparkplugs of the Virginia District III basketball champions was Reggie Reynolds, son of W. C. Reynolds, Roanoke Division meterman.



Reggie Reynolds

The only junior on the starting team for Troutville High School, Reggie averaged 10 points a game as his team ran up a 20-3 season record. In the championship finals with Matthews, Reggie scored 14 points as Troutville won 45-38.

He isn't just a basketball man either. He is a track star, pitched for the baseball team, and played football for the school team which last year lost only one game.

## Team Wins Match, Loses Competition Despite Fine Efforts By John Steele



Leading their respective teams in the Charleston-Beckley bowling match recently were these bowlers. Back row, from left: E. O. Davis, Ted Hackney, Keith Evans. Front row: Emma Jean Wilson, Sue Shultz and John Steele.

John Steele's high game of 215 wasn't quite enough for Beckley bowlers to win entirely a two-match competition with Charleston, but it was sufficient to lead his team to a 186-pin victory in the second match last month.

Earlier, Charleston had triumphed by 190 pins, and the result of the second match gave them the title by a close four pins.



Mack McClung, left, and Noble Marshall were mainstays on the two top basketball teams in Roanoke's Little League this season. Photos courtesy "Roanoke World-News."

10 goals in 11 attempts, 9 of them in a row.

After the tournament final game, which was televised, Mack received a trophy as outstanding player and another award as top scorer in the game. His team won over Boys' Club 23-19, Mack scoring 10 points. He also received a jacket for his selection to the All-Star team. He has been described by his coach, Curt Prins, as the best ball handler in the league. He can dribble and shoot with both hands, unusual for a person his age.

Noble is five feet one-half inches tall and weighs 85 pounds. Although he joined the team late, he was a significant factor in the Boys' Club running up a 7-0 record in the regular season.

Both boys are outstanding athletes in their age group in the city, playing Little League baseball and football last season. And now that basketball season is over, both have begun practicing for the coming baseball season.

### One Game Is Lead In Roanoke Bowling

With the first four teams divided by only one game, Division Engineering has taken over the Roanoke bowling league lead.

Engineering has a 21-15 record, followed closely by Stores, Accounting and Local Office, each with 20-16 records. L. G. Gregory has high game of 151 and high average of 110, while W. M. Mills has high set of 389. Line-Station has high team set of 1,611 and Accounting high game of 592.

### Golfers Hit Holes-In-One

Holes-in-one, the golfer's dream, have been registered by system and Lynchburg employees.

W. F. Keehne, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of Appalachian, got the first ace of his career at Roanoke's Hidden Valley course. And Roy A. Tibbs, Lynchburg commercial sales engineer, bagged his fourth hole-in-one at the Oakwood Country Club.

Mr. Keehne's shot was made on the 167-yard, par-3 11th hole. He was playing with his son, W. F. Keehne, Jr. and U. K. Vaught, system purchasing agent.

Mr. Tibbs' perfect shot came on the 155-yard 9th hole. He was using a seven iron.

### Sports Writers Hail Jerry West

Everyone's All-American this year is Jerry West, versatile, high-scoring forward for West Virginia University.

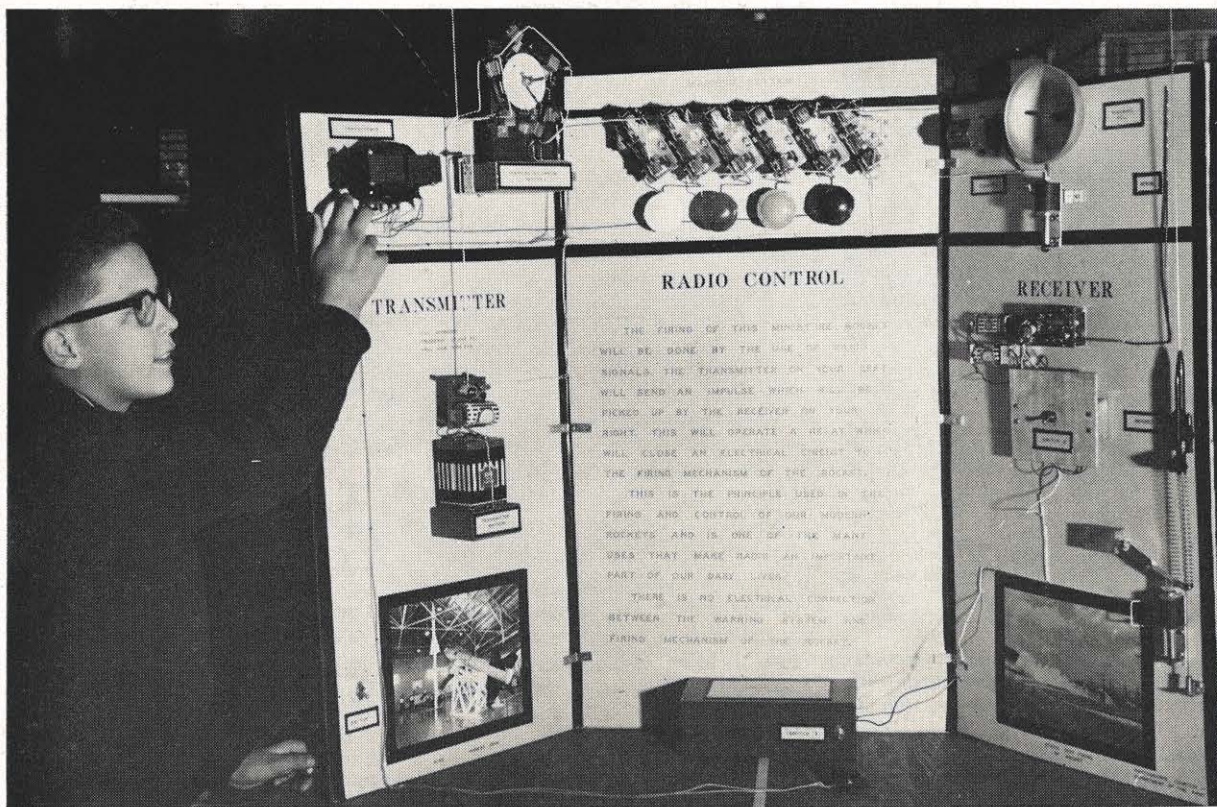
A former summer employee at Cabin Creek plant, and brother of Hannah Coleman, until recently an employee at the plant, Jerry is a junior at the school. So far this year he has been named All-American by the Associated Press, NEA, United Press International, Sporting News and others.

During the regular season he scored 768 points in 30 games for a 25.5 point per game average. Then, in leading his team to the NCAA finals, where West Virginia lost 71-70 to California, Jerry scored 160 points in five games, tying a NCAA tournament record. He scored 25 against Dartmouth, 36 against St. Joseph's, 33 against Boston, 38 against Louisville and 28 against California. His tournament scoring raised his average to more than 26 points a game.

But scoring isn't the whole story. He is also his team's leading rebounder and defensive ace, attributes which he also displayed in the tournament.

Although he isn't tall as basketball players go—he's six feet three inches—Jerry in seven years of play has been All-State and All-American in high school, All-Southern Conference and All-American in college. West Virginia's opponents in the NCAA started a defensive cry "Go for West, young man," a cry which the school's 1960 opponents will probably be using to.

# Employees' Sons Win Science Fair Awards



Using the same principle that fires and controls modern rockets, Charles Covey built this award-winning Roanoke Science Fair exhibit on "Radio Control." Pushing a firing button puts the exhibit into operation. Contacts mounted on a wheel arrangement operate a bank of relays which ring a warning bell and flash warning lights. The last

relay energizes a miniature transmitter. This signal is picked up by a receiver and operates a relay which closes a battery circuit to the firing mechanism. This sends a miniature rocket into flight. Charles uses no electrical connection between the warning system and firing mechanism of the rocket.

Because science is playing such an important role in our lives, industry and government carry on continuous programs urging the nation's youth to select science or engineering as a career.

One example is efforts being made in our own industry—one such contribution each year is a national Science-Youth Day, occurring on Thomas A. Edison's birthday.

Science Fairs are a contribution of communities and schools throughout the country. In these fairs students prepare exhibits on scientific experiments and studies they have made, and awards are given for the best work.

In recent Science Fairs in Roanoke and Bluefield, four sons of Appalachian employees placed high in competition with other youngsters their age. Charles Covey, son of Marshall G. Covey, Roanoke electrical engineer, won first place for eighth grade boys in the Roanoke City fair for his project on "Radio Control." Michael Henry, son of Dewey W. Henry, assistant Roanoke stores supervisor, won honorable mention for seventh graders at the same fair for a volcano study.

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## Woods To Direct College Fund Drive

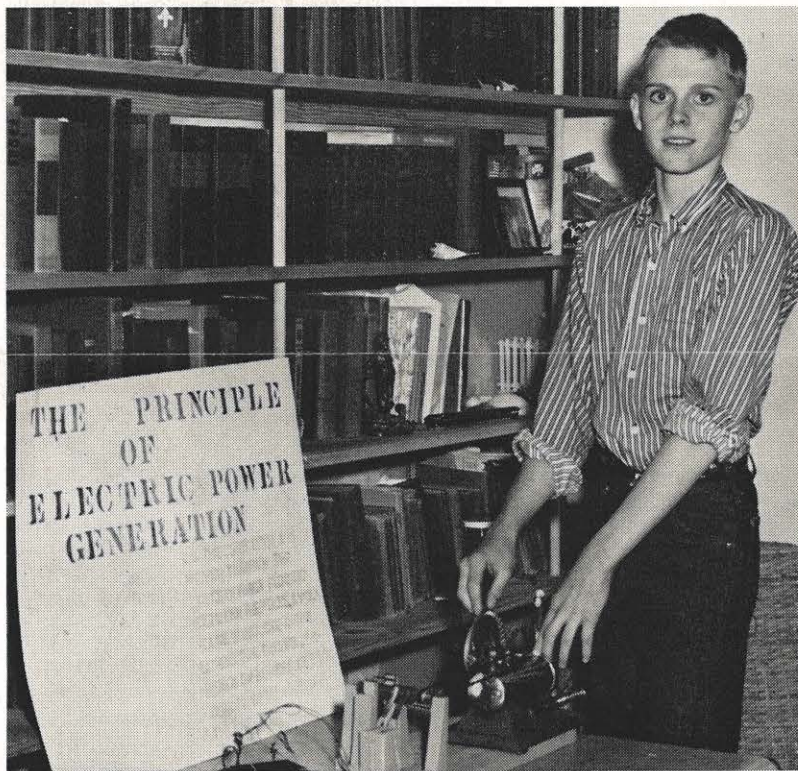
Jarrett M. Woods has been named to direct the Pikeville College Development Fund Campaign, and has already appointed another company man, Bill Barnett, to head the drive's Educational Division.

Mr. Woods is power sales engineer, and Mr. Barnett is district personnel supervisor, both in the Pikeville district.

Pikeville College started a four-year program some time ago, and the need for increased facilities has become greater with time. Of his appointment to head the campaign A. A. Page, president of the college, said "We are indeed fortunate to secure the leadership of such an outstanding citizen in this important undertaking."



Mr. Woods



Tops for eighth grade boys in the Bluefield Science Fair is this exhibit on "The Principle Of Electric Power Generation." Michael Whitehurst, who won a blue ribbon for the exhibit, is shown preparing to put it into operation.

Fair, Jimmy Thomas, son of Robert M. Thomas, system R/e & R/w, took second with an exhibit on "The Human Heart."

And at Bluefield, Henry Whitehurst's exhibit on "The Principle of Electric Power Generation," was judged best among eighth grade boys' exhibits. He is the son of Jerry R. Whitehurst, Bluefield heating and builder sales representative.

Charles Covey's exhibit, which took several months' work, was also judged best in its classification by the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. A miniature transmitter, radio and parts of a pinball machine were used. In addition to his interest in science, Charles is a member of the Woodrow Wilson Junior High band, American Modelers Association and the Roanoke Junior Bowling League.

Michael Henry's project was a volcano which actually erupts. It is made of plaster of Paris. Also as part of the exhibit is a drawing explaining the rock formation in a volcano.

Henry Whitehurst is a eighth grade honor student and a letterman on the school's football, basketball and track teams and has played on the Little League All-Star baseball team.

## Clinch Plant Honored For '58 Achievement

Employees of the Clinch River plant celebrated with a dinner their perfect safety record of 1958. All employees of the plant, construction group, and system operating employees attached to the plant switchyard were present.

D. C. Duncan, system safety director, praised the group for its achievement, and called attention to some positive actions which would contribute to the establishment of even more notable records.

Another speaker was C. H. Yoho, AEP's fire protection supervisor, who pointed out the close connection between fire protection and safety. Construction and operating personnel drew his praise for keeping fire loss at a minimum during construction and the critical start-up periods.

A certificate commemorating the injury-free year was accepted on behalf of the employees by R. E. Senter, assistant plant manager. Said he: "I feel sure that with this beginning, we will go on to reach even higher goals in safety."

# Million Manhour Celebrations Include Luncheons For Wives, Employees

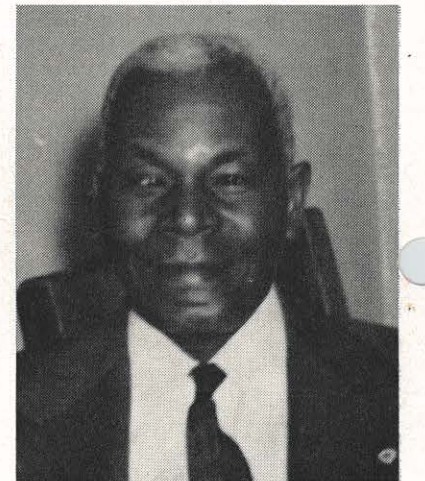
Everyone knows that chalking up a million injury-free manhours is the result of teamwork and hard work by every employee. Not many persons were aware, however, of the role played by supervisors' wives until Charleston District Manager C. B. Talley played host to a luncheon group of district supervisors and their wives recently.

The luncheon was a surprise to the men, who had been attending the regular district operating meeting. Moving over to Woodrum's Tea Room, they found their wives, each decked with a carnation, waiting.

The tribute thus paid to the "women behind the record" wasn't the only affair honoring the district safety achievement. At a buffet dinner in Charleston's Civic Center, 315 of the district's 435 employees were on hand to accept an Edison Electric Institute plaque awarded them for "outstanding performance

in accident prevention." Three employees, with 105 years of service among them, accepted the award. They were Imogene Legg, E. S. Brown and O. L. Williams, representing the Accounting, T&D and Commercial Departments.

## Roanoker Ends 40-Year Career



Mr. Patterson

Forty years of service to Appalachian came to an end with retirement April 1 for Oscar Patterson, Roanoke district janitor.

The career that began in April, 1919 washing street cars for the old Roanoke Railway and Electric Company has been a full one for Mr. Patterson, both on the job and at home. For his years of service he can claim quite truthfully that "I have many friends from one end of the system to the other." At home, he has raised two sons and five daughters and given them all an education. All the girls are college graduates; three are now teachers, and one has just returned from three years spent in Liberia as a missionary.

Mr. Patterson has been active in the work of his church, St. Paul's Methodist, and has served for 12 years on the Official Board, and for five as a director.

He likes to hunt and fish, and adds gardening and pool to these interests as his off-job pursuits. He even has a pool table in the recreation room of his home. More time for his hobbies, and more time to visit his children are the main reasons he has been looking forward to retirement.

In 1924, Mr. Patterson was assigned to instruct crews in Lynchburg and Huntington how to wash and clean street cars. He spent six weeks in each city on that task. He came to Appalachian in April, 1926.

## Nuclear Reactor . . .

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moderated, pressure tube reactor type, based on a concept originated by Dr. Walter H. Zinn and his associates of the General Nuclear Engineering Corporation. It was chosen after extensive investigation of the entire field of advanced reactors by the East Central and Florida groups showed it to be definitely promising as a major step toward competitive power.

Appalachian, as a member of the AEP System, is also involved in the Dresden Nuclear Station now under construction in Illinois. This 180,000 kw boiling water reactor, scheduled for operation next year, is being built by Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago, with Nuclear Power Group, Inc. contributing \$15-million of the plant's research and development cost. The AEP Service Corporation is a member company of NPG.

### Future Usefulness

In commenting on the AEP System's role in the development of atomic power, President Philip Sporn said that the Company's interest and participation in both the ECNG and NPG projects were based upon its conviction of the long-term, rather than the short-term, usefulness of atomic power.

In this regard, Mr. Sporn pointed out that only 7.5 per cent of the nation's total electric generation is expected to be by nuclear power by 1975 and about 55 per cent by nuclear power in the year 2000. He estimated that 40 per cent of the generation in 2000 will be based on coal, with gas, oil and hydro providing only small amounts.

## Still Going Strong After 35 Years



After 35 years of use, the Edison Mazda carbon filament 200-watt bulb, left, is still going strong in a Bluefield furniture company warehouse. Robert D. Lawrence, office messenger, holds modern 200-watt bulb on the right. The photo was made by Ira Henderson, Bluefield administrative assistant. In order to photograph the filaments in the old bulb, it was necessary to reduce the brilliance by using a No. 25A red filter in the camera lens.