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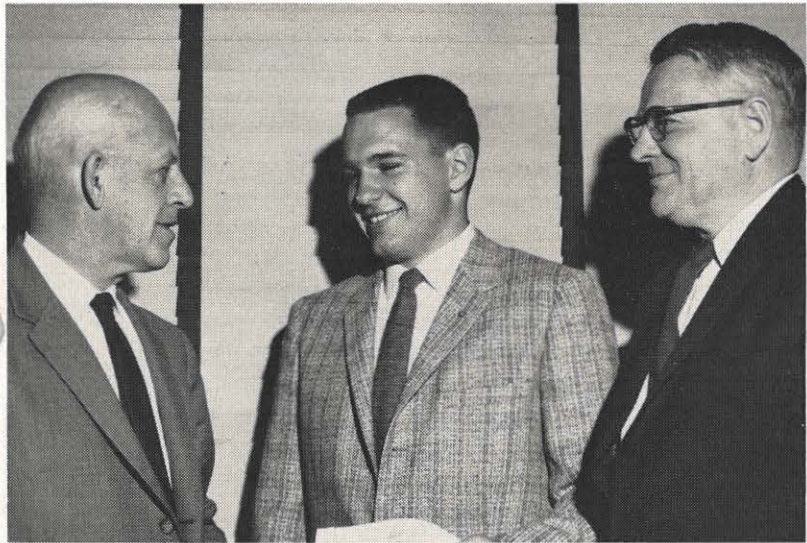
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## Outstanding Students Win Education Awards



Joel Millikan (center) is handed a congratulatory letter from Philip Sporn, president of AEP and of our companies, by F. M. Baker, Kentucky vice president and general manager. At right is Joel's father, R. F. Millikan, Kentucky general safety and employee relations supervisor. Joel is the third consecutive Kentuckian to win a \$500 AEP Education Award. Photo courtesy 'Ashland Daily Independent'.

### Employees' Children From Appalachian, Kentucky Selected

Four outstanding high school seniors from Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia have been named winners of 1959 \$500 American Electric Power Education Awards.

The four, sons and daughters of Kentucky Power and Appalachian employees, are among 10 students throughout the AEP System who won Education Awards in this year's competition. They include:

Joel A. Millikan of Ashland, Ky., son of R. F. Millikan, Kentucky general safety and employee relations supervisor;

Carolyn E. Chapman of Salem, Va., daughter of Carroll S. Chapman, Roanoke district right of way agent;

Jimmy D. Keatley of Bozoo, W. Va., son of James C. Keatley, Glen Lyn plant maintenance mechanic;

Mary Sue Skaggs of Charleston, W. Va., daughter of H. C. Skaggs, Jr., Kanawha River plant manager.

#### Kentucky Winner

Joel Millikan was the winner from the group of companies consisting of Beech Bottom Power, Central Operating (Philip Sporn plant), Kentucky Power, Kingsport and Wheeling Electric. He is president of the student council and the Key Club at Ashland High School, where he was co-captain and guard of the undefeated football team this past season.

A member of the National Honor Society, he recently received a com-



Appalachian's winners of \$500 AEP Education Awards discuss their plans for college with G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, at the awards luncheon in Roanoke. From left are Mr. Furr, Carolyn E. Chapman, Roanoke; Mary Sue Skaggs, Kanawha River plant; and Jimmy D. Keatley, Glen Lyn plant.

mendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for his standing in the qualifying tests taken by 478,000 high school students throughout the nation. He ranked in the top two per cent. He is active in the First Presbyterian Church and its Youth Fellowship program.

Joel plans to attend Oberlin College. His major scholastic interests are science, math and economics. He is the third consecutive winner of an Education Award from Kentucky Power.

#### DAR Honors

Carolyn Chapman is outstanding in many fields. In March she was selected to receive the state award for good citizenship from the Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution. A senior at Andrew Lewis High School, she is co-editor of the yearbook, recording secretary of the Beta Club, treasurer of the Latin Club and vice president of the National Forensic League.

She is also president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at her church, a member of the Garden Club and a former delegate to Girls' State. Ranking in the top three per cent of her class, she plans to major in journalism in college.

#### Math Standout

Jimmy Keatley is the top student in his class and the best math student Peterstown High School has had in many years. He played basketball and baseball on school and community teams.

Jimmy plans to attend West Virginia Institute of Technology, where he will study electrical engineering.

#### Science Career

Mary Sue Skaggs is interested in the field of scientific research. A senior at Charleston High School, she would like to attend either Randolph-Macon Woman's College or Duke University, and eventually do a study on the mutations caused by excessive radiation.

She is a member of the staff of *Book Strap*, school paper, vice president of the Dramatic Club, member of the tennis team, Junior Academy of Science and Radiological Study Club and a hospital volunteer.

A total of 100 sons and daughters of AEP System employees competed for this year's 10 awards, including 25 from Appalachian, 7 from Kentucky and 3 from Kingsport. In addition to the Appalachian and Kentucky winners, three awards were given in Ohio Power, two in Indiana & Michigan, and one in the AEP Service Corporation.

#### Other Winners

Winners of these other awards were: Ruth Anne Miller, Marion, Ind.; P. Graydon Reinoehl, South Bend, Ind.; Jerry Lee Matheny, McConnellsville, O.; Robert C. Moyers, Steubenville, O.; Martha Jean Russell, Shadyside, O.; and Phyllis Brooks, Brooklyn.

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## Appalachian To Be Honored For Service To Virginia

Appalachian will be honored "for outstanding contribution to industrial enterprise and economic growth of the Commonwealth and borders beyond Virginia" by the Bank of Virginia May 5.

The company has been announced as the recipient of the 1959 citation and recognition from the Bank of Virginia in its annual program of Salute-To-Virginia Industry. Announcement was made in April by Herbert C. Moseley, bank president, and Lewis P. Thomas, vice president and in charge of the organization's Roanoke bank. The presentation will take place at a banquet in Roanoke, and Philip Sporn, president of American Electric Power and of our company, will accept the citation.

The Salute-To-Industry program was begun last year "to encourage Virginians to appreciate the importance of a balanced industrial growth and of the chain-reaction values of investment in industry for all segments of Virginia." Reynolds Metals Company received the 1958 citation.

In the announcement Mr. Moseley said: "The Bank of Virginia wishes to encourage all Virginians to take

a fresh look at Virginia industrial accomplishments, to see the importance of the many developments of our times, to encourage and work with our existing industry which brings benefits to every man, woman and child in Virginia and our neighbors in bordering states."

Commenting on Appalachian, Mr. Moseley described the company's operations, including service area, offices, plants, lines, customers, employees, payroll, investment and use of coal.

### Second District

## Fieldale Customers Exceed 4,000 Kwh

Fieldale is the second district in Appalachian to exceed an annual usage of 4,000 kilowatthours per residential customer. Use reached an all-time high of 4,023 kwh during February.

Only seven years ago usage in the district, which joins Roanoke district in the exclusive 4,000 kwh circle (see related story below), was 1,990 kwh per residential customer. During the past 12 months residential customers have averaged an increase of 321 kwh each.

While the number of customers in the district has increased from 10,229 in 1952 to today's 13,459, use of electricity has grown even more. Jack M. Burnett, district commercial manager, feels several factors have contributed to this growth. A total of 56 per cent of residential customers in the district use electric ranges, while 45 per cent use electric water heaters. And 620 customers use electric clothes dryers.

Another important factor, according to Mr. Burnett, is that there are 208 electrically heated homes in the district, including 9 using the heat pump. Last year 68 customers installed electric resistance heating and another 4 installed heat pumps.

The Fieldale district serves parts of Henry, Patrick, Pittsylvania and Franklin Counties. No large communities are included in this area.



How many uses of electricity do you see in this kitchen? A greatly increased number of uses of electricity in the home is the main reason for the Fieldale district becoming the second in Appalachian to exceed an annual usage of 4,000 kilowatthours per residential customer. Here, Mrs. H. Earl Bullard, wife of the Fieldale district instrument man, and their daughter, Meryl Ann, are shown in the kitchen of their all electric home. Visible in the picture are these uses of electricity: dishwasher, range, range clock, mixer, fry pan, coffee makers, radio and lights (switches at left).

## Roanoke Customers Hit Milestone

Roanoke, the first district to exceed an annual usage of 4,000 kilowatthours per residential customer, has now reached the magic 4,500 kwh mark.

Residential customers averaged an increase of 184 kwh during the past 12 months to reach 4,501 kwh each in March. One big reason for the increase has been the addition of 143 homes using electric heat and the heat pump.

Then too, of the 51,782 residential customers in the district, 81 per cent use electric ranges, 49 per cent electric water heaters and 10 per cent electric clothes dryers. Customers reached the 4,000 kwh mark in April 1957.

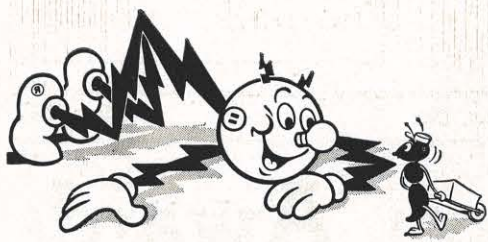
## Freedoms Foundation Honors 'Illuminator'

A George Washington Honor Medal has been awarded THE ILLUMINATOR by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge.

The award is for "an outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American Way of Life during 1958." It was based on material carried in the employee publication in 1958 issues.

Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge was established in 1949 as a non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political organization to create and build an understanding of the spirit and philosophy of the Constitution and Bill of Rights and to inspire love of freedom. THE ILLUMINATOR also won a George Washington Honor Medal from the Foundation in 1950.

### Our Grain Of Sand



Ever watch an ant at work? The industrious, energetic little fellow never seems to stop. It's as though he realizes that the tiny grain of sand he carries is a very vital part of the ant hill.

It seems the ant never tires of building for his future; never loses sight of his obligations to society; never feels that his bit is unnecessary.

That's why his nation is constantly rebuilding, constantly expanding, constantly improving. It's an energetic nation of individual effort combined for the good of all its citizens.

Is there a lesson here for us? Is there a grain of sand for each of us?

A large and potentially dangerous nation has openly challenged our system of free enterprise. This nation's leaders claim their economic "ism" can overtake and surpass our system. From all indications, their people are working hard in a united effort to prove their point.

Are we working just as hard to prove ours?

Each of the stout, brave men who built our country carried a grain of sand. They carried their grains from England, Europe and every continent. They carried them to use in building a new, free nation.

They carried their grains of sand in knapsacks, in crude "prairie schooners", in barges to every part of the nation. They poured their grains of sand into factories, mines, refineries, and machinery. They developed land for crops, grazing and every necessity for a strong nation.

When they passed away, they left this heritage. They left something else, too. They left their grains of sand. They left them for us to carry in support of free enterprise and democracy.

If we value our nation and prosperity, we had better pick up our grains of sand. We each have one somewhere, but it's up to each of us to find his own.

### True Liberty

Our institutions were not devised to bring about uniformity of opinion; if they had been we might well abandon hope. It is important to remember, as has well been said, "the essential characteristic of true liberty is that under its shelter many different types of life and character and opinion and belief can develop unmolested and unobstructed."—CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.

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# Your Opinion

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What benefits should you and your family get from a vacation?



W. C. McCLELLAN, Truck Driver-Groundman, Kingsport

I think a family should be as comfortable as possible on a vacation. Choose a vacation that each member of the family will enjoy. Being with the family and doing the things we like to do is the greatest benefit we get from our vacation.

A planned trip or just being together at home is what we look forward to from year to year on our vacation.



BONNIE J. EVANS, Cashier, Beckley

We think anticipating a vacation is almost as good as going. But, then one day we flip a coin, turn around three times and head for who-knows-where. No alarm clock, no radio and no TV—If the sun shines we get a tan, if it rains we maybe get wet, but who cares? We're out to sleep late every morning, go where we've never been and do what we've never done, even if it's nothing.

Not to sound trite, but getting away from it all is about what we try to do. When the vacation is over, if we hate to quit and yet want to get back home, then it has been a good vacation.



FERRIS JUSTICE, Maintenance Man, Philip Sporn Plant

My family and I look forward to vacation time. We plan our vacation weeks ahead and

enjoy doing so. We discuss vacation spots that interest each of us; then we decide which place would be more interesting for all of us. We consider the best part of our vacation as being the time spent in relaxing and having fun together doing all of the things we don't have time for during the rest of the year.

Even after vacation is over we talk about the educational and interesting places we have been and enjoy recalling the funny incidents that happened along the way. God has created many wonders and our family benefits greatly by being able to enjoy them together.



JERRY BARTLEY, Appliance Serviceman, Pikeville

The benefits a family should get from a vacation are peace of mind, feeling of well being, doing things together and relaxation of the body in order to enable the family to be better prepared for the task in between vacations.

In order to gain the above mentioned benefits, my family and I get in the family car and away we go to scenic spots and parks. We love the great outdoors and enjoy most outdoor activities. This makes it easier to do things the children can also enjoy, like going swimming in rivers and lakes, boat riding and go on family picnics. By doing these things together, one of the greatest benefits of all is gained: Being closer together by doing together.



ANNE R. COTHRAN, Clerk-Typist, Lynchburg

Regardless of whether we go to the seashore, the mountains or just stay at home, we should plan our vacation well, to provide fun and relaxation for all. We should leave our daily worries behind and just enjoy life at its best with our family in the things that we enjoy doing together, and the things we have always wanted to do and somehow never found the time.

When our vacation is over we should have achieved rest and relaxation and strengthened family ties, so that when we return to our job or school we will in many ways be a better person.



FRANCES KELLER, Secretarial Stenographer, Bluefield

Vacation time is a time when one wishes to change his routine to the point where there are no demands on your time or no routine schedule to follow. I think that everyone should plan their vacation to enjoy it to the fullest extent.

It is a time when a person can relax and do the things he has been wanting to do all year without too much effort on his part, whether it be winter, spring, summer or fall. Vacations should be well planned to be of interest and beneficial to you and your family whether it be sight-seeing or a trip to the beach.

The greatest benefit one can derive from a vacation is to observe the safety rules necessary in spending a safe and happy vacation.



IRVIN M. TURNER, Groundman, Logan

A complete change from normal routine is good for the whole family. Planning a vacation to include activities each member would enjoy is important. To keep up the interest of the children, visits may be made to parks, zoos and beaches. Aside from entertainment and relaxation the youngsters have an opportunity to gain a better understanding of nature, of geography and of history when they travel.

As for my wife and me, we like to take our time doing the things we want to do, instead of always being rushed and on schedule every hour of the day.

One thing I enjoy is to take pictures wherever I go, so that we can relive the happy events of a vacation over and over after returning home.

A vacation should be a refreshing experience that helps improve our outlook for the rest of the year.

### Reddy Rates Replies

Dear Reddy K.

I am very sorry for this delay.

This is one bill I forgot to pay.

In the future I will be on time,

For the electricity you serve is fine.

—Bluefield Customer

**At Annual Meeting**

**Gross Revenue For AEP System To Increase 45% In Next Four Years, Sporn Predicts**

A 45 per cent increase in gross revenues in the next four years was predicted at this year's 52nd Annual Meeting of American Electric Power Company by its president, Philip Sporn.

In 1958, American Electric Power revenues were \$297-million; by 1962, they are expected to reach \$430-million. This prediction is based both on the experience of past growth and on an anticipated increase of 44 per cent in the AEP System's peak demand — from 4,331,000 kilowatts in 1958 to 6,250,000 kw in 1962.

**Growing Industry**

Mr. Sporn singled out the electric power industry as "one of the great growth industries in this country". He said that this has been true for over 75 years and that it "certainly would appear to be destined to continue to be one for many decades to come."

By way of elaboration in respect to his own company, Mr. Sporn pointed out that the AEP System had

**Electrification Group Elects Smith Leader**

The new chairman of the West Virginia Farm & Home Electrification Council for 1959-60 is Guilford C. Smith, administrative assistant, Charleston district. He was elected at the Council's 23rd annual meeting at Jackson's Mill. Mr. Smith and L. L.

Koontz, system supervisor of rural and residential sales, are Appalachian's official delegates to the conference.

Under its new chairman the Council will continue its efforts to further the use of electricity on the farm and in the home. As part of its continuing program, it operates and maintains the farm and home electrification laboratory at Jackson's Mill. Last year approximately 20,000 persons went through the laboratory to see the five completely all-electric kitchens, and the demonstration laundry which can operate simultaneously four automatic washers and four electric dryers.

Other West Virginia agencies participating in the Council are farm women's clubs, electric utilities, farm bureaus, public utilities association and various agricultural groups.

Mr. Smith, elevated from vice president, has also served as secretary-treasurer. A. W. McMillan of Wheeling Electric was named vice chairman of the group.

**Education Awards . . .**

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Winners were determined on the basis of scores on the Standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test, school records furnished by each contestant's high school principal, and additional information about each contestant furnished by the contestant.

This year's awards bring to 34 the number of Education Awards made since the program was initiated in 1954 with one award in 1955. The awards were increased to five in 1956, to eight in 1957 and to ten in 1958.

**AEP System Record Of Growth**

	1948	1958	Gain
Peak Demand (Kilowatts)	1,971,000	4,331,000	120%
Sales Of Energy (KWH)	10.3 billion	22.7 billion	120%
Operating Revenues	\$145,000,000	\$297,000,000	105%
Net Earnings	\$ 19,348,000	\$ 46,294,000	139%

recorded growth of well over 100 per cent in peak demand, sales of energy, revenues and net earnings during the 10-year interval 1948-58. (See the accompanying box for this growth record.)

**Road To Efficiency Open**

The president also made a point of refuting a widely-held notion that the electric power industry had come practically to the end of the road in technical progress and that, from this point, the industry would be confined to building and operating on the basis of today's technology and efficiencies.

"We in American Electric Power do not believe that is so," Mr. Sporn said. "On the contrary, I believe that in the industry in general, and on the AEP System, in particular, there are still a great many opportunities for technical improvements, and we are working to bring these about and to exploit them for the benefit of our customers and our shareowners."

Citing past experience once again,

**Sporn Plant Unit Three Is Returned To Service**

Philip Sporn Plant Unit No. 3 returned to service April 12 following a scheduled outage of slightly more than two weeks.

Major repair work during this period consisted of acid wash of boiler, turbine valve cleaning, casing repairs and equipment inspections. Mr. Sporn used the AEP System's

power generating efficiency as an example of this point. He stated that this efficiency had been improved by 30 per cent in the last 10 years and that in 1958, for the first time in the company's history, the average number of BTU's of fuel required to generate a single kilowatt-hour dropped below 10,000. Such improvements, he concluded, meant a saving of \$20-million in the System's 1958 fuel bill—against what it would have been if efficiency had remained at the 1948 level.

**Brittain To Lead UCT In Roanoke**

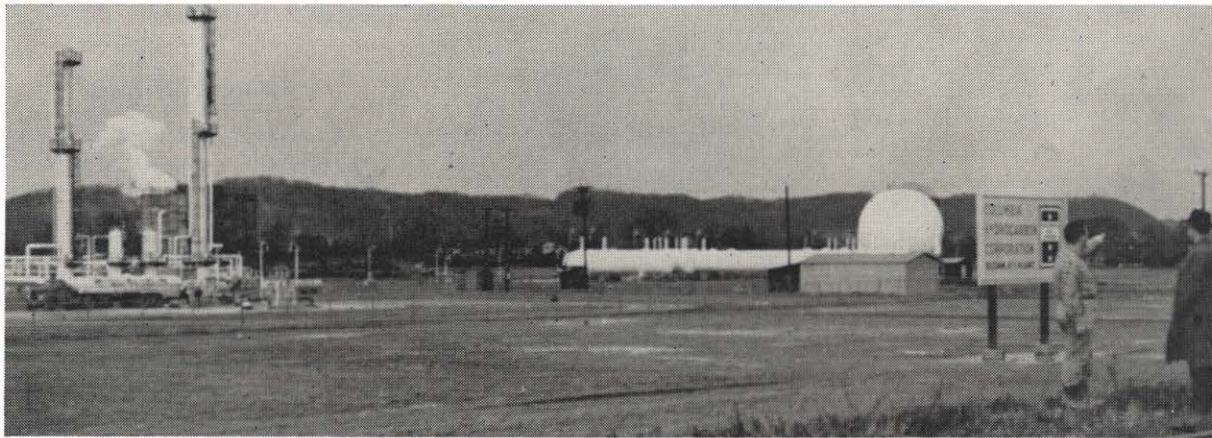
Roanoke Council 174, United Commercial Travelers of America, has elected Jesse G. Brittain senior counselor, the presiding officer of the Council. Mr. Brittain is merchandise bookkeeper in the Roanoke local accounting office.

The Roanoke Council of 3,400 members is the organization's largest in the United States and Canada. Mr. Brittain served six years as Council Chaplain. He is also active in the work of his church, Roanoke First Baptist. He is institutional representative for the Boy Scouts and organist for Elk Lodge 197.



Mr. Brittain

**Forerunner Of Chemical Complex At Siloam, New Columbia Hydrocarbon Plant, Dedicated**



Pointing out a feature of the new Columbia Hydrocarbon Corporation's fractionation plant at Siloam, Ky., is Mark Griffith, Columbia works foreman. Observing is Rufus P. Thomas, Kentucky Power industrial representative.

Columbia Hydrocarbon Corporation's new plant, forerunner of a large chemical complex, was officially dedicated at Siloam, Ky., April 21.

The \$13-million plant, which is fractionating hydrocarbons into butane, propane and natural gasoline, is located on a 160-acre site in the Ashland district. At dedication ceremonies, Cecil Loomis, president of Columbia Hydrocarbon, speaking of the chemical complex, said that his company has optioned a 400-acre site adjacent to the present plant. On this land, he said, Columbia plans to locate one or more chemical plants that will use ethylene. When these plants are located, an ethylene plant will

then be built to furnish raw materials to the chemical plants.

He further predicted that Columbia may, later on, be in a position to produce polypropylene for the plastic industry. About 50 people are now employed, with an increase in employment expected.

The butane and natural gasoline from the new plant are being shipped by river barge to the Ashland Oil & Refining Company's Leach Refinery. The propane is being shipped by rail to Cumberland Oil Company.

Fifty people attended the dedication ceremonies. Following a tour of the plant the group then went to Portsmouth Country Club where



Appalachian's 12th member of the exclusive Turtle Club receives his membership certificate from W. S. Kitchen, system safety supervisor, left. The new member is Frank R. Cecil, Pulaski lineman, whose life was saved by a hard hat.

**Frank R. Cecil's Hard Hat Takes Blow When Pole Falls**

That valuable piece of equipment, the hard hat, has for the 12th time in Appalachian history proved its worth.

Frank R. Cecil, Pulaski lineman in the Christiansburg crew, owes his life to a hard hat, and recently became the 12th Appalachian member of the Turtle Club, the national organization of people whose lives have been saved by hard hats.

Mr. Cecil was helping replace a pole on a hillside, when the pole slipped on the frozen ground. As the pole fell, Mr. Cecil was thrown to a sitting position, and the pole struck him on the head and shoulder. But the main impact of the blow was absorbed by the hard hat.

Always a believer in hard hats, Mr. Cecil has now become a confirmed booster of them.

**Completion of Third 225,000 KW Unit Puts Kammer Plant In Full Operation**

Commercial operation of the third 225,000 kw generating unit has put the \$91-million Kammer plant into full-scale service. The first two units went into service last year.

The entire plant, operated by Ohio Power Company, is expected to use 1,800,000 tons of coal a year, all delivered by conveyor from an adjacent, major new deep mine opened by Consolidation Coal Company.

Units 1 and 2 of the new plant are owned by the Ormet Corporation, a joint subsidiary of Olin

Mathieson Chemical Corporation and Revere Copper & Brass, Inc., and provide the electric power requirements of Ormet's nearby new aluminum operation at Clarrington, Ohio. Unit 3 is owned by Ohio Power.

AEP has put into service a total of 20 generating units in the 150,000-225,000 kw class in less than ten years. The next units to be completed are two giant 450,000 kw turbine-generators, one at the Philip Sporn plant, scheduled for 1960 service, and the other at the Breed plant in Indiana, scheduled for completion this year.

With the completion of Unit 3 at Kammer the total generating capacity of the AEP system has been raised to 5,567,000 kw, or almost 4.1 kilowatts for every single customer on the system. Putting it another way, it is the equivalent of the availability all at once of the labor of 50 physically fit men for every one of the system's 1,375,000 customers.

**Waggoner Promoted In Logan Office**

Robert B. Waggoner has been promoted to the position of local office manager at Logan. He moves up from assistant local office manager to succeed Nicholas Roomy, Jr., whose promotion to Huntington division sales supervisor was announced recently. Mr. Waggoner's move was effective April 1.

Mr. Waggoner has spent 21 years with the company, serving in Roanoke as meter reader, clerk and head contract clerk. He moved to Williamson in 1950 as utility clerk, and was named assistant local office manager there in 1955. He came to Logan last year.

He served in the Navy during World War II.



Mr. Waggoner



James J. Potts, line section, has returned to work after an illness.

Nancy Umberger, daughter of assistant local office manager F. K. Umberger, won second place in original oratory in the annual tournament of the Tennessee Speech and Drama League.

Judy Duncan, daughter of local office manager J. T. Duncan, and Doris Bolton, daughter of meter supervisor J. W. Bolton, attended the National Cherry Blossom Festival Drill Team Competition with the East Tennessee State College ROTC Sponsor Corps.

Mrs. John E. Faust, wife of the power sales engineer, has been elected vice president of the Green Acres Garden Club.

Mrs. G. W. Gott, wife of the meterman, has been named librarian of the Sullivan Gardens Child Study Club.



#### Logan Plant

Bernard R. Ray, laborer, is a new employee.

E. E. McDonald, control operator, has returned home after hospitalization.

Ray Pridemore, mechanical maintenance man, has been confined to the hospital with a heart condition and is expected to be off from work several months.

#### Williamson District

Lawson King, son of E. E. King, Williamson-Sprigg district superintendent, was elected chairman of a fund-raising committee in the K Club at the University of Kentucky.

Patsy V. Hackworth, accounting, is a new employee.

Mrs. W. H. Stratton is recuperating at home after surgery.

Ford Muncy, draftsman, has returned to work after hospitalization.

H. W. Cerrato was installed as Esquire in the Williamson Lodge No. 1408, B. P. O. Elks.

Mrs. G. B. Trent and Mrs. Woodrow Holbrook are hospitalized.

Barbara, daughter of Virginia Stafford, and Bill, son of Everette Carrico, were selected by the First Presbyterian Church as delegates to the Vocational Guidance Counseling at Davis & Elkins College.

#### Logan Plant

Coy E. Marshall, chief plant dispatcher, was elected to the board of directors of the Logan Rotary Club.

Retired employee Tom H. Johnson visited the plant.

Elias Adams, assistant boiler operator, is recuperating at home after surgery.

#### Logan District

Doris A. Vbranch, accounting, is a new employee. She replaces Jean B. Patty who resigned.

Calvin Cyfers, lineman, has returned to work after hospitalization.

I. M. Turner, groundman, underwent knee surgery and is recuperating at home.

Gayle Porterfield, daughter of district manager M. C. Porterfield, has been inducted into the Logan Chapter of the National Honor Society.



H. J. Collins, personnel supervisor, was re-elected secretary of the Logan Community Council.

Sympathy is extended H. J. Collins, personnel supervisor, on the death of his father-in-law.

Miller Porterfield, Jr., son of the district manager, was elected treasurer of the Student Chapters of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at the Southern Regional Conference held at the University of South Carolina.

#### Huntington District

Mrs. W. E. Keck, wife of the division R/w supervisor, was elected secretary of the Southside Mothers Club.

Azel C. Walters, station man, and Wayne D. Willis, station man, have returned to work following extended illnesses.

L. F. Erwin, meter reader, has returned to work after four weeks' absence due to temporary loss of sight in one eye.

Sympathy is extended W. D. LeSage on the death of his mother-in-law and M. B. Falls on the death of his father-in-law.

Azel McCurdy, Jr., district personnel supervisor, received his 20-year service pin from the Huntington-Cabell County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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#### Philip Sporn Plant

Leo C. Hill, maintenance man, has returned to work after a four months' absence due to illness.

Sympathy is extended William H. King, instrument maintenance man, on the death of his mother and Luther O. Smith, auxiliary equipment operator, on the death of his father-in-law.

#### Point Pleasant District

R. D. Miller, lineman; J. W. Campbell, janitor; and J. W. Morrison, truck driver-groundman, have returned to work after illnesses.

Elizabeth K. Mattox, clerk-stenographer, has resigned.

T. J. Rose, T&D clerk, was appointed a member of the steering committee of the Mason County Country Club.

W. O. Sallaz, line foreman, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Ripley Rotary Club.

Bessie S. Jones, clerk-stenographer, was elected recording secretary of the Junior Woman's Club.

C. H. Murray, Jr., inspector, has been appointed director of the M-G-M Spring Camporee of the Boy Scouts to be held at Camp Chester, Ohio.

Randy, son of local office manager L. C. Bias, was presented a haversack for selling a ticket to the Scout-O-Rama at the "mystery house" which had been secretly picked.

#### Kanawha River Plant

A. D. Kraft, C. L. Knight and Kenneth Webb have returned to work after long illnesses.

J. H. Blankenship, maintenance man, has resigned.

#### Beckley District

W. D. Collier, groundman, has returned to work after a two-year military leave for service with the Army in Germany.

C. A. Marshall, T&D record supervisor, has been appointed chairman of the recreation committee of the Mount Tabor Community Improvement Program.

Marjorie H. Willard, Oak Hill accounting, has resigned.

W. J. Groseclose, Jr., groundman, and Meta Akers, T&D clerk, have returned to work after extended illnesses.

Sympathy is extended E. L. Lawson on the death of his brother and James D. Morgan on the death of his grandfather.

#### Charleston District

Cecil Evans, Whitesville local office supervisor, was elected vice president of the Sylvester PTA.

Claudette Midkiff, commercial, and W. W. Tolley, line section, have resigned.

Retired employees J. E. Beale and J. W. Russell visited the office.

Margaret Parsons, daughter of Paul Parsons, personnel, was a member of the Park-Pontiac team which advanced to the semi-finals in the West Virginia State Women's Basketball Tournament.

Sympathy is extended A. I. Bailey, line department, on the death of his son and Frances McHenry, personnel, on the death of her father.

Mrs. Hobart Ballenge, wife of the general clerk, was awarded a plaque, wrist watch and luggage upon her retirement from the J. E. Robins Grade School, ending 43 years as an elementary teacher.

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#### Fieldale District

Norma Jean Woodward, Shirley Shelton and Percy Lawrence have returned to work after illnesses.

These persons attended the Bosses Night Banquet sponsored by the Blue Ridge Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (Int.): Bruce Cox, Audrey Harlowe, R. A. Youngman, Virginia Mullins, Jack Burnett and Betty Baker. Betty is recording secretary of the Chapter.

#### System

W. T. Hubbard, supervisor customers' records, has returned to work after eight weeks' confinement in the hospital.

Wanda Giesen, accounting machine operator clerk, has resigned.

Sympathy is extended Glada Fleshman, secretarial-stenographer, on the death of her mother.

#### Roanoke District

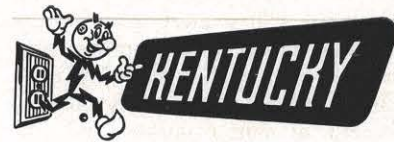
R. G. "Bobby" Garrett, who has been serving in the U. S. Marine Corps, has returned to work as a draftsman in the division T&D department.

Seventy-five Roanoke employees donated blood through the American Red Cross Blood Bank during the first three months of this year.

Lewis A. Sydnor, Sr., husband of Elizabeth Sydnor, building service department, was re-elected treasurer of Burrell Memorial Hospital.

Annie Craig, private secretary, has returned to work after hospitalization.

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#### Pikeville District

A. H. Jopp, district commercial manager, attended a meeting of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers as a delegate from the Big Sandy Chapter.

Shirley Ratliff, groundman, has returned to work after an illness.

Mrs. James Burke, wife of the groundman, is hospitalized due to an extended illness.

#### Hazard District

Betty Lou Maggard, commercial, and Jean Ruth Brashear, accounting, are new employees.

Carlen Byrd, station man, is recuperating at home after surgery.

#### Ashland District

Fred Gesling, son of W. D. Gesling, distribution engineer, received superior rating in state-wide speech contests.

Bill Holbrook, head distribution record clerk, was elected chairman of Ashland's Board of Zoning Adjustment Committee.

Samuel Humphrey, son of E. J. Humphrey, engineer, received the ROTC inspection award.

Waldo S. LaFon, assistant general manager of Kentucky Power Company, was elected to the board of directors of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

These employees' children were inducted into the National Honor Society at Ashland High School: Fred, son of W. D. Gesling, distribution engineer; Patricia, daughter of William Holbrook, transmission and distribution department; and Joel, son of R. F. Millikan, Kentucky Power Company general safety and employee relations supervisor.

Sympathy is extended C. David Broughton, engineering aide, on the death of his father and John Via, assistant general office manager, on the death of his father-in-law.



#### Welch District

Mrs. William T. Collins, wife of the Grundy local office supervisor, was selected as the new Troop Leader of a recently-organized Grundy Girl Scout Troop.

Frances Nuckolls, daughter of B. M. Nuckolls, Grundy area supervisor, has received her cap at the Grace Hospital in Richmond.

Duke C. Wright, Welch record supervisor, was elected president of the Coalwood PTA.

Alice R. Spencer, personnel assistant, was elected treasurer of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church.

Nancy Smith, cashier, was elected corresponding secretary of the Welch Junior Woman's Club.

John E. Horton, Switchback T&D clerk, has returned to work after being off several weeks with back trouble.

Jessie Hill, Pocahontas cashier, and James P. Sutphin, Switchback station man, have returned to work after hospitalization.

Sympathy is extended Jessie Hill on the death of her mother-in-law.

#### Abingdon District

John H. Quillen, R/w agent, has returned to work following an illness.

James White, assistant district manager, and Nancy Ware, home service representative, served as counselors in engineering and home economics at the Washington County Guidance Clinic sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant, was in charge of the business and professional groups.

Fillmore McPherson, Jr., district manager, attended the annual meeting of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. V. R. Parris, wife of the auto repairman, and R. D. Wright, retired employee, are recuperating following surgery.

Sympathy is extended R. P. Miller, transportation supervisor, and M. M. Miller, retired employee, on the death of their uncle and brother-in-law.

#### Clinch River Plant

Clyde F. Yates, Randal C. Musick, and L. R. Brewer, Jr., laborers, are new employees.

Betty M. Humphreys, clerk-stenographer, is at home following hospitalization.

Norman E. Bass, unit foreman, has returned to work after hospital confinement.

Sympathy is extended Doris D. Campbell, unit foreman, on the death of his brother.

#### Pulaski District

W. H. Spangler, line supervisor, and Stanley C. Smith, line inspector, recently instructed first aid classes.

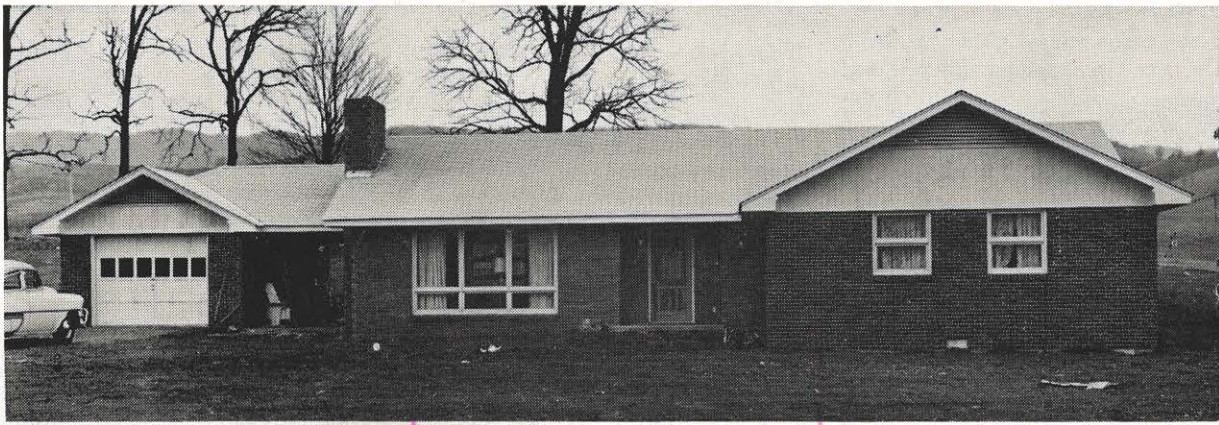
The girls of the Pulaski office were guests at a morning coffee for Mrs. A. F. Horne, wife of the district manager, given by Mrs. A. D. Clark, wife of the district superintendent.

Mrs. Gleason K. Smythers, wife of the T&D clerk, has been elected corresponding secretary of the Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Dorothy N. Whitaker, stenographer, was elected corresponding secretary of the Madeline Harman Woman's Club.

(See *Pulaski*, Page 5)

# Six Clinch River Employees Build Own Homes



One of four new all-electric homes built by Clinch River plant employees is this one belonging to Lee A. Singleton, maintenance foreman. It is one of six homes that employees have done most of the construction work on themselves. In addition, two employees remodeled existing homes.

Six Clinch River plant employees are justifiably proud of their new homes. The big reason is that all of them have done most of the work on the houses themselves.

Four of the homes are all-electric. These belong to Eli D. Buskirk, shift operating engineer; Howard Ferguson, assistant results engineer; Lee A. Singleton, maintenance foreman; and

Steuben Cain, assistant shift operating engineer. Guy E. Puckett, utility man, and Rolound D. Kiser, plant janitor, round out the six.

The all-electric homes utilize ceiling cable with wall heaters in some rooms. The homes contain many built-in appliances plus other home electric aids.

Two other plant employees have

also bought existing homes in the Lebanon area—Nathan E. Minnick, equipment operator, and James A. Massie, auxiliary equipment operator.

While remodeling his home, Mr. Minnick converted it to resistance type electric heat. Mr. Massie installed a completely electric kitchen shortly after he moved into his house.

## Charleston . . .

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Paul Bryant, division commercial manager, was a speaker at a meeting of the Electric League of Charleston and conducted a workshop having to do with the application of heating, cooling and humidity controls in indoor air regulation.

Employees completing the standard first aid course recently are Hilda Zontini, Kathryn Wilkerson, Ouida Miller, Golda Johnson, Bill Garten, James E. Webb, Charles Basham, Ernest Kavinsky, Howard Mathews, R. W. Lacy and James M. Crane. The course was instructed by Willie Clay.

## System Foreman Writes Article In Publication

Another aid to continuity of electric service is described by J. B. Doss, system transmission line general foreman, Bluefield, in *Electrical World*.

The April 6 issue of the magazine carried Mr. Doss' article on "Temporary Substation Bus Aids Service Continuity."

## O. M. Smith Dies After Long Illness



Mr. Smith

Oliver M. Smith, retired PBX operator, Charleston district, died April 11. When he retired early this year he had more than 35 years' service with the company. He had been in ill health for some time.

Joining Appalachian in 1923, he worked as cook in construction camps, as a lineman, and later as PBX operator. Despite the handicap of one arm, Mr. Smith was noted for his friendliness, efficiency and personal courage.

Pallbearers at his funeral were fellow employees from the line and accounting departments.

He is survived by his wife, son, two grandchildren, sister, brother and half-brother.

## With Seven Articles

# Employees Help Inaugurate First AEP 'Operating Ideas'

Helping to inaugurate the first issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*, the revised and broadened version of *Monthly Operating Notes*, were one Kingsport and six Appalachian men.

The seven wrote articles appearing in the April 1959 issue of the publication, which is now open to all employees for ideas that will save time, work and money. A complete story on the new idea program appeared in last month's *ILLUMINATOR*.

In the April issue, Virgil Adams, Jr., results engineer at Clinch River



Mr. Adams

plant, was the author of "Measuring Turbine Control-Valve Leak Off." Explaining that all our plants have been measuring steam leak-off from a high-pressure turbine control valve as a guide to when turbine valves need to be cleaned, Mr. Adams describes a new, improved method of measurement now in use at Appalachian's newest plant. The new method is proving more efficient and accurate than the old.

"Work Simplification Aids Trash Removal" was written by Ed Jarrett, labor-janitor foreman at Cabin Creek plant. A flow process chart analysis showed that it required six miles of travel, nine manhours and three truckhours a week to dispose of three boxes of trash paper and rags. Further analysis and study brought a solution—erection of an electric incinerator at the site of the trash boxes, resulting in a savings of \$910 a year in this operation. Study and solution methods were learned in the company's work simplification program.

Another Cabin Creek man, R. W. Fleming, results clerk, wrote "Plan For Turning Off Lights." A survey of the plant's lighting system, which is controlled from switch cabinets, showed that they were being left on unnecessarily. A color code was devised for lights denoting when each one should be off or on. It is calculated that \$1,500 will be saved a year at the plant. In addition, the plan gives assurance that lights that should be on all the time for safety and other reasons are kept on.

"Tubing Vibration Stopped" was contributed by C. R. Dunbar, instrument maintenance man at Kanawha River plant until his resignation in



Mr. Jarrett



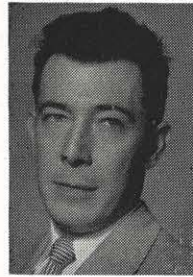
Mr. Fleming



Mr. Dunbar



Mr. Kern



Mr. Pell



Mr. Scarlett

February. He describes use of a flexible hose used in pulverizer differential lines to eliminate damaging vibrations.

J. L. Kern, instrument maintenance man at Kanawha, was the author of "Brass Or Stainless For O2 Analyzer Inductors?" He describes studies made at the plant which resulted in the use of brass for oxygen analyzer inductors. Brass was proved in this plant's case to have better immunity against corrosion from chemicals.

E. M. Pell, also an instrument maintenance man at Kanawha, wrote "Sand Blasting Frees Sticking Valve Gates." By sand blasting valve gates with aluminum oxide when the gates become clogged, the plant has been able to save much time in comparison with former cleaning methods.

"Protective Covers For Bushings" was authored by R. C. Scarlett, station supervisor at Kingsport. He describes covers designed for transformers and breakers to protect bushings from possible damage during station construction and maintenance. The covers are made from slats of wood, joined together by staples and rope, making them flexible.

## Wives Learn About Electric Heat



The virtues and advantages of electric heating is the topic of conversation of these ladies, and not the new summer fashions. The three, wives of Charleston Division commercial department employees, are left to right, Mrs. J. D. Porter, Mrs. W. R. Woodyard and Mrs. R. S. Young, Sr. They are reviewing a booklet mailed to all employees describing the comfort, cleanliness, safety and economy of electric heating. The idea is to provide specific information for the guidance of employees in answering questions about electric heating put to them by friends. The book also contains pictures and information on 50 homes in the division heated electrically.

## Pulaski, Bluefield . . . (Continued from Page 4)

Mrs. E. L. Whitley, wife of the assistant district manager, and Mrs. A. F. Horne, wife of the district manager, have returned to their homes from the hospital.

Sympathy is extended S. L. Sisson, Hillsville area representative, on the death of his father and Robert D. Carson, electrical engineer, on the death of his father.

Maxwell L. Saunders, lineman, has returned to work following surgery.

Janie Lou Robinson, daughter of Wytheville lineman L. H. Robinson, is recovering from recent surgery.

Retired employee Frank Aldred is recuperating from injuries received in a fall.

Mrs. R. J. Blair, wife of the district sales supervisor, has been named vice president of the WSCS, First Methodist Church of Pulaski.

Sympathy is extended Hazel L. Hawkins, Galax contract clerk, on the death of her mother.

### Bluefield District

John B. Kahle, division heating sales engineer, has been elected to the board of directors of the Bluefield, Va., Lions Club.

Bill Shepherd, husband of Neva F. Shepherd, Princeton cashier, has been elected exalted ruler of the Princeton Elks Lodge.

Mary Anne, daughter of David M. Davis, Pearisburg working foreman, is recuperating after two periods of hospital confinement.

Sympathy is extended James E. Hash, Jr., rodman, on the death of his son.

Mrs. John R. Greear, wife of the meter reader, and Bernard Allen, son of Glenn B. Nash, Tazewell groundman, have returned home after hospitalization.

Bobby S. Hylton, Mullens groundman, has returned to work after an appendectomy.

Sympathy is extended A. R. Grinstead, division administrative assistant, on the death of his father-in-law, and Pauline B. Bowman, division clerk-stenographer, on the death of her grandmother.

Jackson E. Boyd, merchandise order and billing clerk; Frances Keller, secretarial-stenographer; and James D. Butler, Pearisburg lineman, have returned to work following illnesses.

Beth, daughter of district engineer Howard S. Meadows, has been selected a cheerleader of Bluefield High School.

Mrs. Earle Wood, wife of the division residential and rural sales supervisor, served as chairman of the Brushfork-Falls Mills Road area for the Mercer County Cancer Crusade.

Clyde L. Farley, Mullens working foreman, is recuperating at home from a broken arm.

Lena G. Moseley, home service representative, was honored with a dinner party upon her retirement.

Retired employee L. H. "Jack" Saunders visited the office.

James Cook, building supervisor, has been elected president of the Bluefield Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans.

## Fire Fighting Class At Sporn



Classes in fire protection for 46 employees of the Philip Sporn plant were taught recently by C. H. Yoho, fire protection supervisor of the American Electric Power Service Corporation. Employees and members of neighboring fire departments learned in lecture sessions some of the problems encountered in plant fires, and employees were trained in the use of fire trucks, portable pumps, hose lays and rescue methods.



"Uncle Dave" Wright shows off part of his collection of Indian relics. He began collecting arrowheads and other items before the turn of the century and has added to his assortment in the 60 years since.

### Washington County Hunting Ground For Avid Indian Relic Collector

The Indians had scarcely disappeared over the mountains near Damascus before R. D. "Uncle Dave" Wright started his hobby of collecting their relics. This was prior to 1900, before he began a long and useful career with Appalachian and predecessor companies in Abingdon.

The banks along Laurel and Beaver Dam Creeks were happy hunting grounds for arrowheads, spears, tomahawks and hammers, and his collection of nearly 300 items includes many perfect specimens of each found there.

He discovered many while he was working as serviceman and operator of the hydro plants near Damascus.

At that time "Uncle Dave" was working for Damascus Light and Power Company which, after a series of mutations, became part of the Appalachian system in 1945. "Uncle Dave" retired in 1951 with more than 42 years of service in Washington County.

He and his wife now operate a tourist home in Damascus.

### Retired Since '50, J. G. Windle Dies

James G. Windle, who retired from the company's service in Huntington in 1950, died there April 16.

He was first employed as cash poster in October 1931, and served subsequently as petty cash clerk and assistant credit manager, before retiring.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington. Mr. Windle is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Three Promoted At Clinch River



Mr. Johnson

Mr. Minnick

Larkin E. Hollins, unit foreman at Clinch River, was promoted April 9 to assistant shift operating engineer there, succeeding Roy W. Trail, who was transferred to the Breed generating station of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company.



Mr. Hollins

In other changes at Clinch River, Joe E. Bowers, unit foreman, was also transferred to Breed. Filling the two unit foreman vacancies were Harold V. Johnson and Nathan E. Minnick, who moved up from equipment operator.

Mr. Hollins joined the company at Cabin Creek plant as laborer. He was turbine auxiliary equipment operator at the time of his transfer to Kanawha River plant in 1953. In March 1958 he was promoted to unit foreman at Clinch River.

First employed in February 1951 at the Radford Arsenal plant as boiler operator, Mr. Johnson was promoted to equipment operator at Clinch River in March 1958.

Mr. Minnick also joined the company in 1951 as boiler operator at Radford Arsenal, and moved over to Clinch River in March 1958 as equipment operator.

### Peggy Collins Rules Clean-up Program

Roanoke's annual Clean up, Paint Up, Fix Up campaign this year had a pretty Appalachian girl as its patroness.



Miss Collins

She is Miss Peggy Collins, clerk-typist, system station department, Roanoke. Her duties as Miss Clean Up involved presiding over many of the special activities developed by the Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations to promote a cleaner, tidier city.

Recently, Miss Collins was runner-up in the Miss Roanoke County contest.

### Sales Boost



Top salesmen can look forward to recognition; in the Bluefield district, the division commercial manager has a monthly gift for the low man as well: a golden slipper with a spike in the toe to serve as a pepper-upper, a burr, a reminder that he who plods gets a prod. Paul V. Kelsey, the commercial manager, holding the trophy seems to be looking for this month's recipient.

### Seven-Diamond Pins Awarded Veterans For 35-Year Service Mark

Seven-diamond pins have been presented five Appalachian veterans for reaching the 35-year service milestone with the company.

The five who have recently completed 35 years with the company are Charles W. Singleton, Lynchburg; K. P. Counts and J. W. Donegan, Charleston; Joe C. Hill, system operating; and Fred R. Poe, Pulaski.



Mr. Counts

Mr. Donegan

#### C. W. Singleton

Mr. Singleton, Lynchburg meter serviceman, joined the company at Lynchburg April 1, 1924 as a groundman. Five years later he transferred to the meter department as meter installer, and moved to his present position in 1937.

A Navy veteran of World War I, serving from 1918 to 1922, he is a member of Elon Post 100 of the American Legion. He is a former deacon and present Men's Bible Class substitute teacher at the Monroe Baptist Church. He is married and has one son and two grandchildren.

#### K. P. Counts

Charleston local office manager, Mr. Counts joined the company April 14, 1924 as assistant storekeeper at Charleston. He was assistant chief clerk and assistant local office manager before being named to his present position in 1946.

A native Virginian, he is a graduate of Grundy High School and National Business College, the latter in Roanoke. He is a member of the Charleston Lions Club, the National Rifle Association and all Masonic bodies and is secretary-treasurer of the Sons of the American Revolution. He served three years in the Navy in World War I. Mr. Counts is married and has one son.

#### J. W. Donegan

Mr. Donegan, who is area serviceman for the Nitro-St. Albans area of the Charleston district, was employed April 28, 1924.

He joined the company as a groundman, and was an apprentice lineman, lineman and troubleman before becoming area serviceman in 1953.

Born at Bancroft, W. Va., he attended Pocahontas High School. He is married and has three daughters. His hobbies are baseball, hunting and fishing.

#### J. C. Hill

Mr. Hill, system regional chief dispatcher at the Kanawha dispatching office, was employed at Cabin Creek plant as an electrician helper April 1, 1924.

### Supervisors Hear AEP Vice President

Supervisors of the Philip Sporn plant last month heard a talk on the engineering planning of features going into the new 450 kw unit at Philip Sporn by S. N. Fiala. Mr. Fiala is vice president and chief engineer of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Following his talk at the dinner meeting, Mr. Fiala answered supervisors' questions about the unit, and a general discussion of operating problems concluded the meeting.



Mr. Hill

Mr. Poe

He was a dispatcher, assistant chief dispatcher and chief dispatcher before transferring to the system operating department in his present position in 1952.

Mr. Hill is married and has three daughters. His hobby is farming.

#### F. R. Poe

Employed in Bluefield April 1, 1924 as an electrician, Mr. Poe is now area sales representative in the Pulaski district. From Bluefield he moved to Marion of the Pulaski district in 1930 and was district serviceman and rural sales representative before going to his present position.

He is a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church, past member of the Kiwanis Club board of directors, past master of the Masonic Blue Lodge, former roll call chairman and chapter chairman of the Smyth County Red Cross Chapter, and for 25 years was a member of the Marion Fire Department. He is married and has two sons.

### J. J. Galligher, Retired, Dies



Mr. Galligher

John J. Galligher, 65, retired Huntington employee, who had been in ill health several years, died at his home March 22.

He was troubleman in the Huntington district for almost 28 years, retiring early May 1, 1953 because of ill health. He worked for the C&P Telephone Company and the N. & W. Railway before joining Appalachian.

Born November 27, 1893, at Meadowview, Va., he was a veteran of World War I and lived in Huntington for 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a foster daughter, two sisters and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Steele Funeral Home with burial at Spring Hill Cemetery.

### Marmet Hydro Plant Suffers Damage From Heavily-Loaded Runaway Barge



With the intruding barge out of the way, this is the repair task that awaited maintenance men at Marmet. This used to be the log boom.

A freak accident that could have had far-reaching and costly consequences had hydro maintenance men at Marmet hydro plant busy recently.

The chain of events began around six in the morning of March 28. A barge, loaded with 900 tons of coal, broke loose from its moorings at Bradford docks, about a mile up the Kanawha River from the plant, and began drifting down.

The lockmaster at the docks called R. W. Speas, hydro plant supervisor, who in turn called his crew. When they got to the plant, they saw the heavy barge had been dragged along by the current, and, smashing the log boom, had drifted into the plant

forebay. Lying low in the water the barge was able to clear the bridge and other superstructure.

Serious danger threatened when the barge's bow was stove in by collision with the pier. Fortunately the hole was above the water line; otherwise the barge would have sunk, and loose coal would have poured into the plant's turbine intakes.

By ten o'clock, two boats had arrived to bring back the errant barge, and in less than an hour, all three vessels were heading back up-river. By noon, the repaired and re-anchored log boom was back in service.



Photography students of E. E. King pose for the camera, a custom likely to be repeated many times as the group looks for practice. From left, front row: Florence Murphy, Alberta Shelton, Larry Corea, and his mother, Lorraine Corea. Back row: Milton Cole, Ford Muncy, Jay Runyon, Blake J. Oney, C. L. Miller, Claude Ward, and E. E. King. The picture was made by another student, E. J. Clouser.

### King's Photography Course Attracts Amateur Shutterbugs In Williamson

The ins and outs of photography are being taught to a group of Williamson district employees by E. E. King, district superintendent. Two classes have already been held, and a third, a field trip for practical experience, is projected for the near future.

In the first session, Instructor King examined the working principles of the three factors involved in making good pictures: camera, film and light. In the second meeting the mysteries of the light meter were unveiled for all to see, and various camera settings and their effect on depth-of-field were demonstrated.

### Total Electric Home Draws 10,000 At Charleston Show

More than 10,000 persons went through the Westinghouse Total Electric Home displayed as part of the Charleston Home Show recently.

Under the joint sponsorship of Appalachian, Westinghouse and Thomas-Field Company, the home is a vivid demonstration of a new approach to residential living habits through a fuller use of electricity.

The first public showing of the total electric home was in Roanoke in February. The home, and its electric living centers where electricity does everything from heating and cooling to de-icing sidewalks, was featured in the March ILLUMINATOR.

During the Charleston show, heating and building sales representatives manned the heating display to demonstrate the heat pump, baseboard resistance heating and weather control features. The home service department attended to cooking and laundry centers, and a local Westinghouse dealer, Hoylman and Huffman, staffed the recreation center.

The crowd exceeded advance estimates by a wide margin. A line that often stretched 60 feet was outside

the display, and an average of 470 persons an hour passed through the home. The home show of which the total electric home was a part, is an annual Charleston affair.

### Huntington . . .

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James L. Dorsey, building service supervisor, has returned to work after a seven weeks' absence due to surgery.

Oscar Endicott, general serviceman, is still recuperating at home from a heart attack suffered in August 1956.

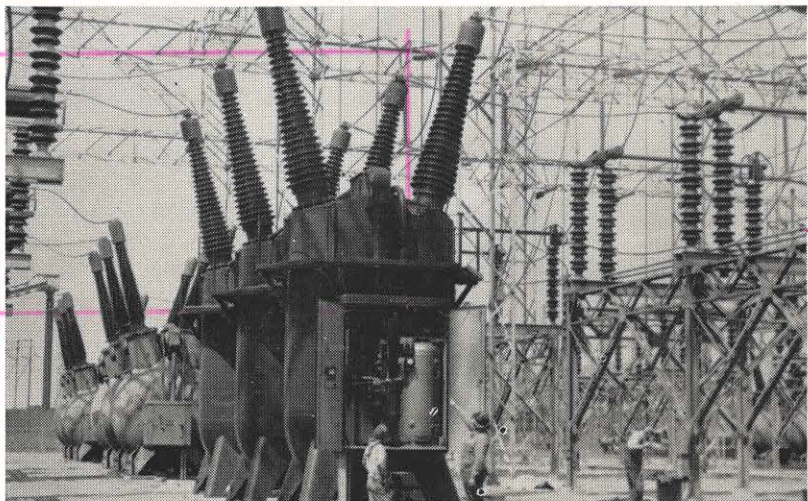
James E. Vaught has returned to work after being off three months due to injuries received in an automobile accident.

Sympathy is extended C. C. Hobbback, retired employee, on the death of his brother.

R. D. Kuster, commercial sales representative, was one of three judges of the 1959 Recipe Contest sponsored by the *Herald-Advertiser*.

Azel McCurdy, Jr., personnel supervisor, was elected to a two-year term on the board of directors of the West Virginia Safety Council.

### New 345,000 Volt Circuit Breaker Installed At Philip Sporn Substation



Charles O'Dell, left, circuit breaker foreman at Philip Sporn plant, and Lindsey B. Ferguson, regional chief dispatcher, examine the new 345 kv circuit breaker at the plant substation.

A new 345,000 volt oil circuit breaker was put in service last month on the Philip Sporn-Kanawha 345 kv circuit.

The same capacity oil circuit-breaker formerly used on this circuit is now in service on the Philip Sporn-

Muskingum No. 1 circuit, originally constructed in 1953 for 345 kv service, but which has been operating at 138 kv.

The changes result in stronger interconnection between Appalachian and Ohio Power Company.

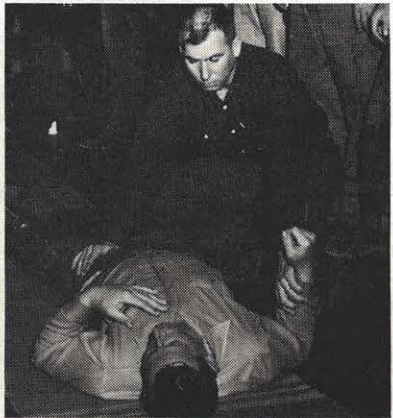
### AEP Engineer Wins Fellowship

Conrad F. DeSieno, AEP Service Corporation staff engineer, has been awarded an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship in Executive Development, and will soon begin a 12-month course of study at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Sloan Fellowship, considered one of the highest honors available to young men entering major executive responsibilities, leads to a degree of master of science in industrial management. Mr. DeSieno was nominated by the company for the award, to compete with nominees from other companies, and was selected by MIT.

Holding degrees from Cornell University and Illinois Institute of Technology, Mr. DeSieno worked for Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago before joining AEP Service Corp. in 1951. He started as engineer; was successively, senior engineer, assistant planning and technical studies engineer, and finally staff engineer.

### First Aid



Nineteen linemen from three crews in Roanoke District have completed the standard First Aid Course of the Red Cross. Here W. E. Collins demonstrates the use of pressure to stop bleeding on J. L. McManaway. Instructor for the course was G. T. Brown.

### Roanoke . . .

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Betty Sweeney, contract clerk; R. O. Dennis, head-reproduction office supply section; H. E. Nash, customer service coordinator; C. T. Smith, chief hydro operator; R. G. Amos, Jr., groundman; A. S. Pullen, street light attendant; E. B. Ferguson, truck driver-groundman; C. E. West, lineman; D. N. Sink, lineman; J. H. Witt, line foreman; and J. W. Thomas, Jr., engineering aide, have returned to work after illnesses.

Jesse L. Ashworth, payroll clerk, and J. R. Slaughter, engineering aide, are recuperating at their homes following hospitalization.

D. B. Roberts, division heating and air conditioning engineer, is recuperating in the hospital after surgery.

New employees are Katharine B. Ward, home service representative, and Patricia L. Medley, clerk-trainee.

### Lynchburg District

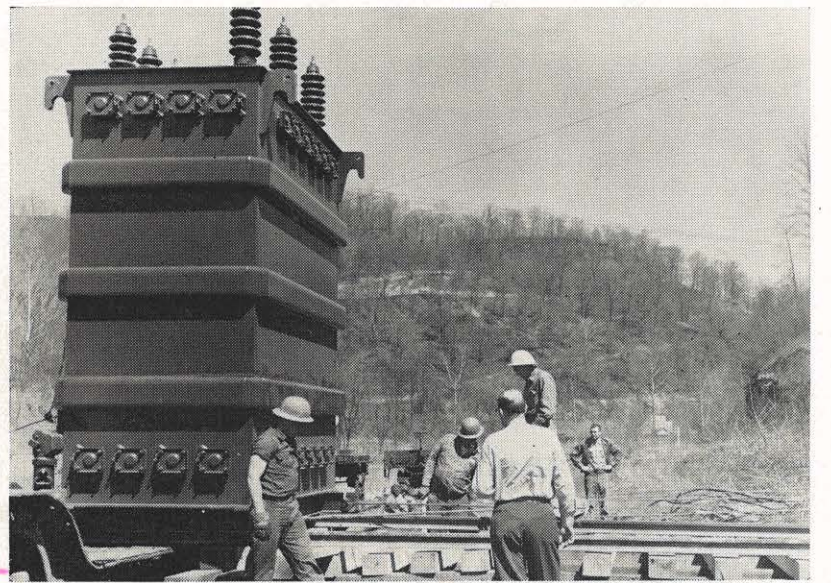
The Apeloos Club sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for employees' children under ten years of age. Earl R. Driskill, assisted by Thomas H. Pillow, was in charge of arrangements and James R. Dorman, Joyce A. Brown, Anne R. Cothran and L. G. Donagan also helped.

D. C. Kennedy, district manager, attended the 35th annual meeting of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

L. R. Hudson, personnel assistant, has been elected vice president of the Lynchburg Stamp Club.

Sympathy is extended D. C. Kennedy, district manager, on the death of his brother and James K. Reid, lineman, on the death of his father.

### Transformer, Construction Materials Arrive At Fleming Substation Site



Beginning the delicate business of unloading the transformer at Fleming substation are I. to r., H. Clark, groundman; O. Hamilton, line foreman; C. A. McKinney, district superintendent; H. M. Eagle, general foreman, and W. Miller, distribution engineer.

With the arrival of a new 20,000 kva auto transformer and material needed for the construction of a new bay, work at the Fleming station of the Pikeville district began in earnest March 30.

The project includes building 10.5 miles of single circuit 69 kv line from Fleming to Red Onion. When completed, the line will provide voltage support to the Beaver Creek-Fleming-Blackey area in the Pikeville and Hazard districts, and restoration of a reliable two-way service in this area.

The new line and station facilities will also provide an alternate source of power for the Red Onion station, which now feeds from the Fremont station of Appalachian. In addition reinforcement will be afforded to the 69 kv system in the event of total outage at Fremont or Clinch River. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$450,000.

Arrival of the transformer posed a severe unloading problem for Pikeville employees. It was solved by building a short track from the flat car on which the equipment arrived, and then pulling the transformer off the car onto the track. There it will stay until time for its permanent installation on concrete pads in the bay.

The Pikeville substation crew and one line crew unloaded the equipment. In charge were C. A. McKinney, district superintendent; H. M. Eagle, general foreman; R. C. Anders, station foreman, and W. R. Miller, distribution engineer.

### Operator Retires From Glen Lyn



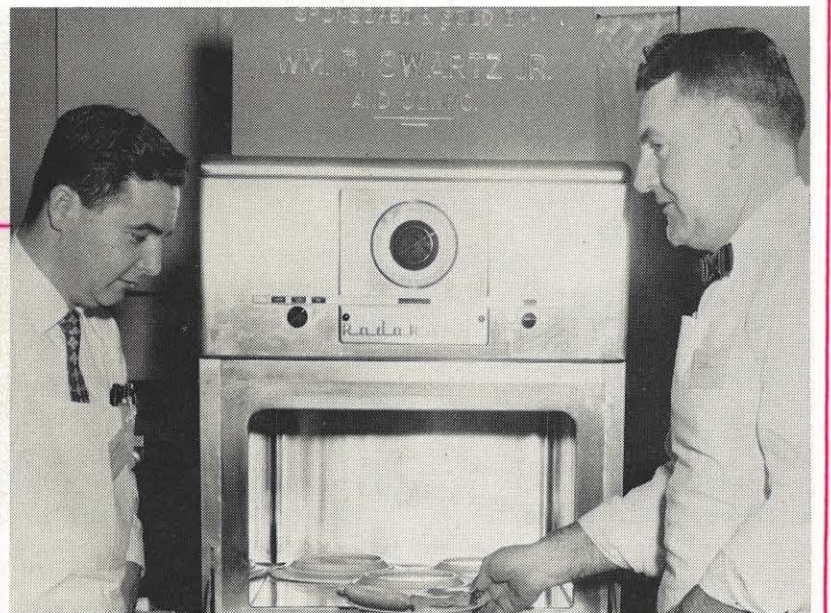
Mr. White

Giles Allen White, completing 23 years of company service, retired April 1 from his post of auxiliary equipment operator at Glen Lyn.

Beginning his career as temporary employee during the 1935 flood at Glen Lyn, he was transferred later to the regular force. Before being assigned to auxiliary equipment in 1944 he worked as laborer and boiler operator. He had previously taught school for a number of years in Mercer County.

He has recently built an all-electric home at Peterstown, W. Va., where he and his wife will live. Their son, James M. White, is utility man at Glen Lyn.

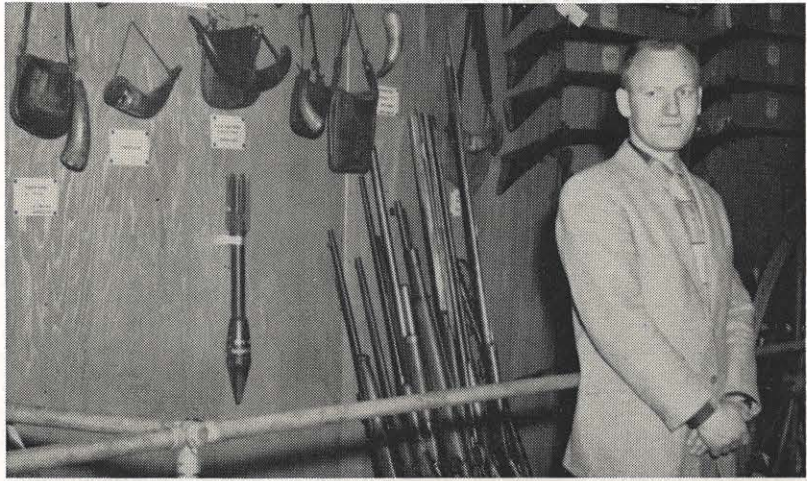
### Ten-Second Cheeseburger



Mother can say "dinner's ready" almost before she puts it into the oven with the Radara, which can cook frozen hams and turkeys in 30 minutes, cheeseburgers in ten seconds. Here, at a demonstration in the company auditorium in Lynchburg, Clarence Moore, right, of the Roanoke division commercial department, offers the cheeseburger to George Hawkins, of Wm. P. Swartz, Jr. & Co., of Roanoke, Radara dealers. Two Lynchburg firms are now using the Radara on an experimental basis.

Williamson Museum

Family's Antique Collection Grows And Becomes Community Attraction

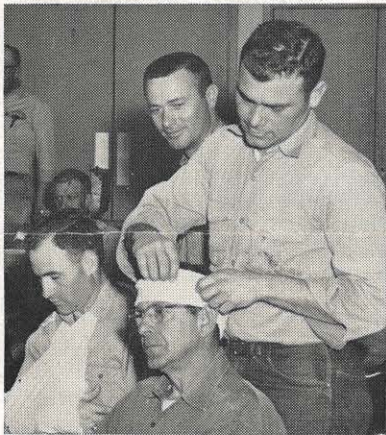


Moir Nowlin looks around the military section of his family museum in Williamson, where he and his father have collected more than 3,000 items of age and interest.

A soapstone fireplace, an original portrait of that old fire-eater "Devil Anse" Hatfield, Indian relics, old guns and a 200-year-old plow from India may not appear to have much in common. But they have been brought together under one extensive roof as part of a museum developed by Moir Nowlin, dealer sales representative in Williamson, and his father.

These items are only a few of an

Course Ends



Pictured are a portion of the Point Pleasant employees who completed the standard first aid course given there recently. Graduating were K. G. Roush, C. W. Jewell, J. R. Hoffman, J. R. Pugh, D. L. Nowlin, G. C. Fowler, R. L. Barnette, C. E. Fowler, Jr., J. G. Tucker, L. I. Roush, R. D. Miller, J. L. Stewart, W. P. Workman, T. A. Jewell, H. J. Patterson and co-op students H. E. Rhodes, Jr. and J. K. Sterrett. Instructors were W. H. Stricklen and J. R. Crump.

estimated 3,000 antiques and near-antiques in a collection begun 40 years ago by Mr. Nowlin's father. As the younger Mr. Nowlin began adding pieces, the collection outgrew its rambling quarters in the attic, basement and a storage house, and they built a 40-foot long museum. Since then, the museum has been expanded twice, until it now measures 90 feet in length.

While it was originally a family project, the community became interested in it and soon persuaded the Nowlins to keep their museum open on Sundays so others could have a chance to see the collection.

Science classes from nearby schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other organizations have availed themselves of the opportunity thus presented, and have seen old lamps, furniture, looms, coffee mills, coins, pottery, and relics from the two World Wars, even an old organ.

The two pieces in the museum most people find interesting are the soapstone fireplace and the Indian plow. The fireplace came from North Carolina, and was so bulky and heavy that the Nowlins had to saw each block of stone in half and ship the pieces back to Williamson separately to be reassembled there. The plow, originally designed to be pulled by humans two centuries ago, somehow got to Cincinnati, where it was found by a friend of the Nowlins in a building being torn down. It cost them \$50, but adds an exotic touch to the Nowlin museum.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District—30 YEARS: W. L. PIERCE, station operator. 10 YEARS: THOMAS F. CRABTREE, meter reader; S. W. GILLENWATER, janitor; VIRGINIA N. LESTER, petty cash clerk.

Bekley District—30 YEARS: J. ORR GRAHAM, customer service representative.

Bluefield District—10 YEARS: EARL H. GRAHAM, division radio engineer.

Cabin Creek Plant—25 YEARS: H. R. CURRY, shift supervisor.

Charleston District—35 YEARS: K. P. COUNTS, local office manager; J. W. DONEGAN, area serviceman. 25 YEARS: WOODROW W. WEBB, station man. 10 YEARS: JERRY J. FAIN, meterman.

Glen Lyn Plant—15 YEARS: EDWARD J. CANDLER, utility man.

Huntington District—10 YEARS: OSCAR FOWLER, JR., T&D clerk; OTIS GADDIS, janitor; BERNARD L. MOORE, heating and builder sales representative.

Logan Plant—10 YEARS: NAAMAN R. PRIDEMORE, mechanical maintenance helper.

Lynchburg District—35 YEARS: CHARLES W. SINGLETON, meter serviceman. 15 YEARS: WESLEY GARNER, meter service helper. 5 YEARS: WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON, station man helper.

Roanoke District—25 YEARS: ANNISE P. CRAIG, private secretary. 20 YEARS: G. T. BROWN, meter serviceman. 10 YEARS: WILLIE E. SMITH, maid.

Philip Sporn Plant—10 YEARS: JAMES L. HART, assistant yard foreman; GLENITH L. HENSLER, unit foreman; HARRY H. HOFFMAN, labor-janitor foreman; DON F. THOMPSON, crane operator. 5 YEARS: JOHN T. FERGUSON, laborer.

System—10 YEARS: J. E. COLLINS, agricultural sales engineer.

Welch District—10 YEARS: O. L. ROBINSON, local office manager. 5 YEARS: HELEN P. VERMILLION, PBX operator.

Williamson District—5 YEARS: EDDIE SOLOVEY, draftsman.

Kentucky Power Company

Hazard District—15 YEARS: FARRIS ERWIN, serviceman; MRS. LOUIS S. GRAEF, meter clerk.

Pikeville District—25 YEARS: JOHN LAYNE, janitor. 15 YEARS: IRELAND CHARLES, station man.

Point Pleasant Man Called To AF Duty

Reporting April 29 for pre-flight training with the Air Force as a second lieutenant was Joseph F. Elefritz, electrical Engineer at Point Pleasant.



Mr. Elefritz

Elefritz has been an employee since June 1958.

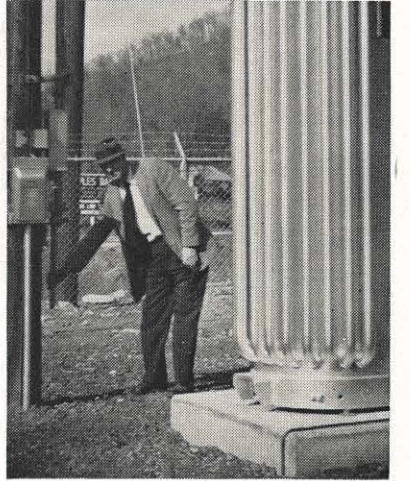
He will receive his active duty training at San Antonio, Texas.

Eagle Scout



Ched Yearout, son of C. B. Yearout, Bluefield division personnel supervisor, has won his Eagle Scout award. An Explorer Scout in Princeton, Ched has been outstanding in Scouting since he joined the Cubs. In the Cubs he won the Webelos Award, and in 1956, he won the God and Country Award.

Station Energized



Gaine Stidham, Hazard district superintendent, energizes the new Daisy station in the district. The new station, serving the Leatherwood section, was erected to meet growing demands for power in the area. One reason for the growth of the area has been the construction of a major highway to the section, and building of several other roads.

Public Relations Changes Made



Mr. Yobaggy Mr. Piedmont

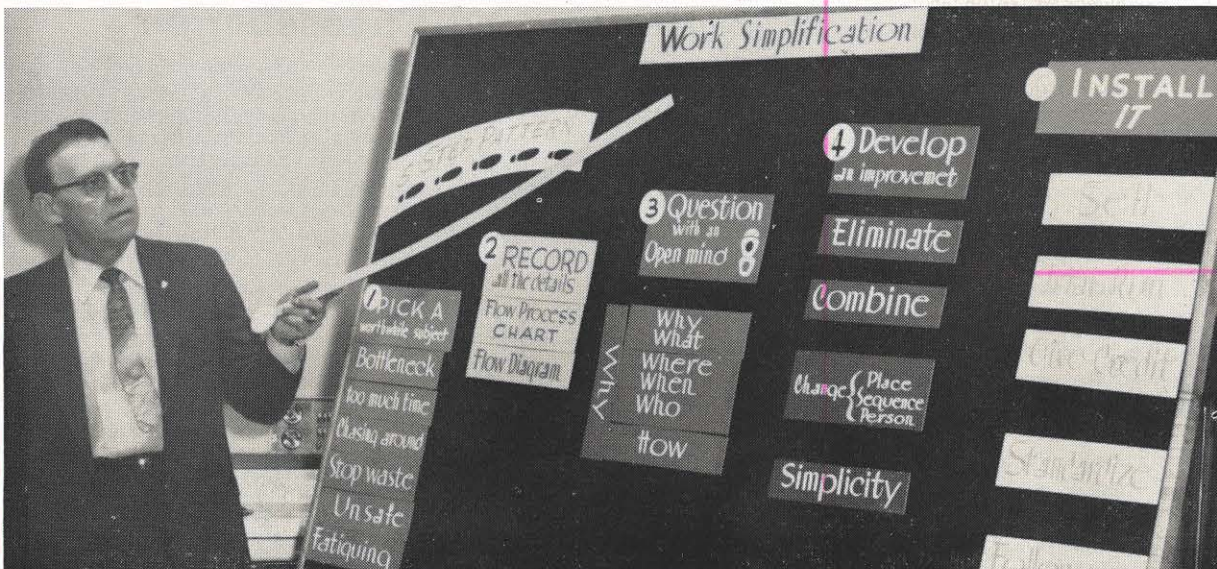
Robert T. Yobaggy has been promoted to the position of assistant advertising supervisor in the system public relations department in Roanoke.

He has been succeeded as feature writer by Donlan Piedmont.

Mr. Yobaggy, who joined the public relations department in October 1957, is a journalism graduate of the University of Tennessee. He is a member of the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce and a lieutenant in the Army Reserve. He is married and has a son.

Mr. Piedmont, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, was formerly assistant editor of the Norfolk and Western Magazine. He later served as acting publications editor for Lago Oil and Transport Company at Aruba in the Netherlands Antilles. He is married and has three daughters.

Work Simplification Taught In Kentucky



Morgan Ozee, Hazard district personnel supervisor, teaching the work simplification program, demonstrates the five-step pattern. All Kentucky power employees took the one-day course.

Every employee of Kentucky Power has been instructed in the principles of work simplification. The last group of employees completed the one-day course last month, and already signs of the program's effectiveness are showing.

The Hazard district, which completed its share of the program in March, has had ten work simplification ideas submitted. Six have been processed and put into practice; the remaining four are receiving further study.

Company supervisors took a three-day course taught by John W. Scholtens, administrative assistant. Morgan Ozee undertook the sessions for Hazard employees, Bill Barnett, Pikeville district, and Paul Lombard, Ashland district.

Navy Recruit Searls Chosen Honor Man

Roger Searls, son of H. C. Searls, boiler operator at Cabin Creek, was selected as Honor Man of his company at the Recruit Training Command, U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The award comes as a result of individual performance of duty in all phases of basic training, including leadership initiative, military bearing, sportsmanship, response to orders, general cleanliness, high scholastic standing, and qualifications of a good shipmate.

At recruit graduation ceremonies he was presented with a certificate of honor and an engraved plaque. His family was invited to watch the presentation from the reviewing stand as guests of the commanding officer.



Roger Searls



Lynchburg: General Electric Company's technical products department is being combined with the communications products department in Lynchburg. The technical products department employs 750 people, and will remain in Syracuse, N. Y. for the present, having no effect on Lynchburg operations.

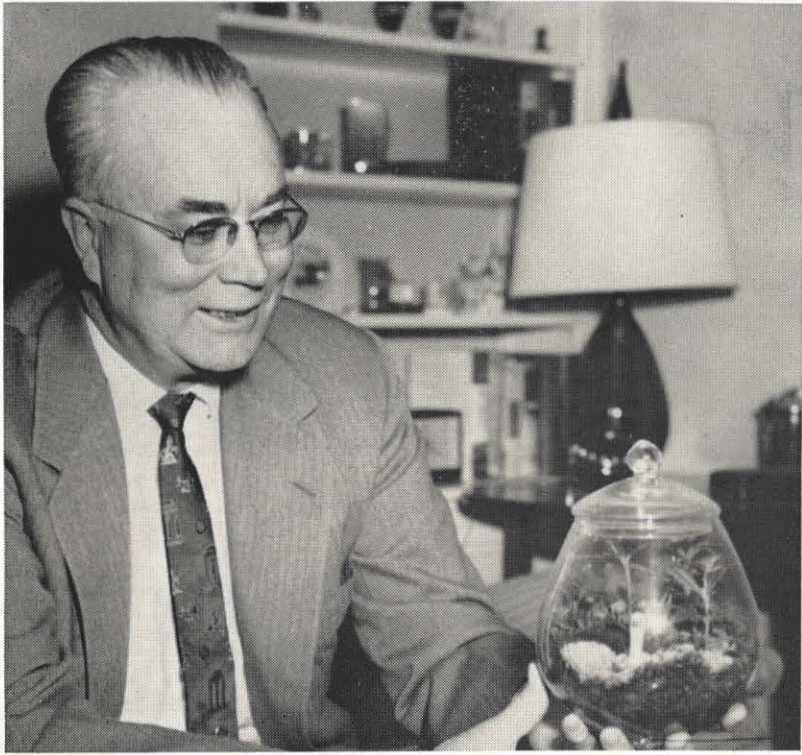
Pulaski: The Penry Manufacturing Company of Galax has purchased the machinery and equipment of the Old Dominion Knitting Company which recently decided to discontinue operations. The Penry Company manufactures children's wear, and its employment will increase from 162 to 200 persons.

Ashland: Employment at Armco in Ashland has reached an all-time high of 4,010 persons.

Roanoke: The Double Envelope Corporation will build a 175,000 square foot plant in Roanoke County, providing 31,000 square feet more space than the present plant.



## Lovell-y, Small Garden Developed By Charleston Assistant Manager



That's a terrarium C. W. Lovell is holding, a miniature garden in an airtight glass jar. Mr. Lovell, a gardener of note, and president of the Charleston Rose Society, is assistant division manager at Charleston.

Unless you happen to be an inch tall you won't be able to stroll through one of C. W. Lovell's gardens—the little one, not the famous and beautiful rose garden.

Mr. Lovell, assistant division manager at Charleston, has developed a miniature woodland that is impervious to heat or drought and requires but a half-cup of water every two months. It is located in an airtight glass container, and the whole thing, container, moss, pebbles, and growth is called a terrarium.

According to Mr. Lovell and his wife, who share gardening interests, a terrarium is easy to make, easy to maintain. The lower part of a glass container is lined with moss, green side out, and covered with pebbles and charcoal. A mixture of loam, peat moss and sand in equal parts goes in next, and arranged in slopes and valleys. Mr. Lovell put in woodland greenery sodded with moss, but other terrarium enthusiasts use other growth, and even insects. Half-cups of water spooned over the planting takes care of moisture, and an airtight lid covers the container. The terrarium should be kept in a temperature range of 65-70 degrees, which keeps plants low and thick.

An article on the Lovell terrarium will appear in the July issue of *Living Magazine*.

## McClung Chosen Civitan President

The Roanoke Civitan Club has chosen W. A. McClung as its new president. Mr. McClung is Appalachian advertising and publications supervisor. He will take over his presidential duties in June.



W. A. McClung

In addition to participating in Civitan Club projects, Mr. McClung has also served as public information chairman of the Roanoke Chapter of the Red Cross. He is a director of the Roanoke Advertising Club.

Outstanding among activities of the Civitan Club is its presentation of its annual Good Samaritan Award.

## Pulaski Clerk Author Of Article In 'World'

An article by W. C. Mitchell, T&D clerk in Marion of the Pulaski district, appeared in the March 30 issue of *Electrical World*.

The article, entitled "Tire Chains Make Guy Wire Cage," appeared in the Operation and Testing section of the magazine.

# Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

## Appalachian Power Company

### Beckley District

W. F. EPLING from contract clerk, senior, to meter reader; CORRIE G. GRAFF from cashier, senior, to contract clerk, senior; HESTER M. LILLY from PBX operator to cashier; ELOISE D. PIERCE from meter clerk, senior, to PBX operator.

### Bluefield District

REESE T. BOWEN, JR., from groundman to truck driver-groundman; ERNEST W. LINKOUS from supply and building maintenance clerk to assistant stores supervisor; JOSEPH S. STINSON from head material clerk to T&D clerk, senior.

### Charleston District

LONDON R. JIVIDEN, division dealer sales representative, from Charleston to St. Albans; DAVE MATTHEWS from power sales engineer to electrical engineer; FRED SHIPLEY, clerk-typist, from commercial to T&D record section.

### Clinch River Plant

JOE E. BOWERS, unit foreman, from Clinch River Plant to Breed Generating Station, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company; GILES B. CARTER from utility man to utility operator; ENOCH L. CONLEY from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment operator; BOBBIE J. GEORGE from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; CLAUDE F. HERBERT from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; ALFRED D. LAMBERT from guard to laborer; GUY E. PUCKETT from utility man to utility operator; ROY W. TRAIL from assistant shift operating engineer at Clinch River Plant to shift operating engineer at Breed Generating Station, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company; STANLEY B. WAGONER from laborer to utility man.

### Kanawha River Plant

C. L. KNIGHT from results helper to instrument maintenance man C; E. M. PELL from instrument maintenance man C to instrument maintenance man B.

### Point Pleasant District

BESSIE S. JONES, clerk-stenographer, from division commercial to T&D engineering section; D. L. NOWLIN from meter service helper to groundman.

### Pulaski District

PEGGY R. REECE from clerk-trainee to cashier-clerk; BRUCE J. STONEMAN from meter reader to lineman C.

### Roanoke District

J. E. FITZGERALD from rodman to groundman; GUY V. FUNK from T&D clerk to T&D clerk, senior; P. H. LYNCH from rodman to draftsman; CLIFTON E. SMITH from clerk-trainee to T&D clerk.

### Philip Sporn Plant

JOSEPH E. CULLEN from laborer to utility operator.

## Kentucky Power Company

### Ashland District

CLAY C. DANIELS from station man C to station man B; LOUISE O'BRYAN from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer.

## Hard Work Rewarded



The hard work that went into Hazard's community improvement program is rewarded by Hazard district manager A. R. Barber, who presents a check for \$100 to Miss Mary Morgan. She is president of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Hazard, which participated in the contest. Hazard won second place in the big town group of the annual contest.

## Our Locations Rank High In AEP Safety

Nine of the top 15 positions in the first quarter of the AEP System Division Safety Contest are being held down by locations in our companies.

At the end of March, Western Division of Ohio Power is heading the list, with Kanawha River plant second and Kingsport third. Western climbed from sixth at the end of 1958 to top position, with a record of 1,133,762 manhours since the last disabling injury.

Other positions among the top 15 among our locations are Logan plant fourth, Charleston Division fifth, Roanoke Division seventh, Cabin Creek plant eleventh, Philip Sporn plant twelfth, Clinch River plant thirteenth and Huntington Division fifteenth.

## Maude McCulloch Dies In Bluefield



Mrs. McCulloch

Mrs. Maude McCulloch, for 25 years home economist in Bluefield, died April 17 at 70 years of age.

Mrs. McCulloch joined the company in March 1929 as home economist, and was senior home economist when she retired in March 1954.

Active in church and community affairs during and following her retirement, she was a member of Bland Street Methodist Church, where she was president of the Maude McCulloch Circle, and coordinator of the Helen Kim Wesleyan Guild. She was also chairman of the American Home Department of the Bluefield Woman's Club, and corresponding secretary of the Town and Country Garden Club.

She is survived by a daughter, a sister, two brothers and five half-brothers.

## Two-Sided Honors Come To Sergeant

Distinction in two dissimilar fields has come to T/Sgt. William A.



Sgt. Russell

Russell at his station in Anchorage, Alaska. He is the son of F. S. Russell, Kingsport line foreman.

He has first of all received high rating for his historical work with the USAFSS Head-

quarters, and secondly, earned a reputation as bowler of considerable skills in intramurals on the Slappers bowling team. Last month he rolled a 290 game—the hard way. With nine pins on the first ball, and a spare in the first frame, Russell rolled 11 straight strikes.

## Vets Observe Anniversaries



J. O. Graham  
Pulaski  
30 Years



W. L. Pierce  
Abingdon  
30 Years



H. R. Curry  
Cabin Creek  
25 Years



John Layne  
Pikeville  
25 Years



W. W. Webb  
Charleston  
25 Years



Annise Craig  
Roanoke  
25 Years



G. T. Brown  
Roanoke  
20 Years

### SERVICE

These pins are awarded in recognition of years of faithful service. Each of these pins also recognizes the part the employee has played in the progress of the company during these years of service.

## Gavel Change In Ashland



The new president of the Kentucky Power Company's Quarter-Century Club, Hugh Mitchell, right, takes over the gavel from retiring president W. B. Garnett at the club's annual dinner meeting in Ashland. Other new officers are George Weatherton, vice president, and Mrs. Louise Cash, secretary. The club, organized in 1951 with 18 members, now has 30 members boasting 25 years of service or more with the company. They now represent service totaling nearly ten centuries.

## Guyda E. Hall Of System Selected Roanoke's Secretary Of The Year

Guyda E. Hall has been selected Secretary of the Year by the Roanoke



Being crowned Secretary of the Year in Roanoke is Guyda Hall of system accounting. Placing the crown is Anne Mack, president of the Roanoke chapter of the National Secretaries Association, and last year's Secretary of the Year.

chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International).

Announcement of the honor came at the group's annual Executive Night banquet during Secretaries' Week. Miss Hall is secretary for W. F. Keehne, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of Appalachian.

Her selection was based on devotion to chapter duties, service to the community and attitude toward NSA projects. She has been corresponding secretary, third vice president and second vice president for the local chapter, and earlier this year was general chairman for the third annual Secretarial Workshop in Roanoke attended by 300 secretaries. She has been on many chapter committees, attended several secretarial courses and organized others. In her two vice presidential offices she was director of education and editor of the chapter's "Bulletin".

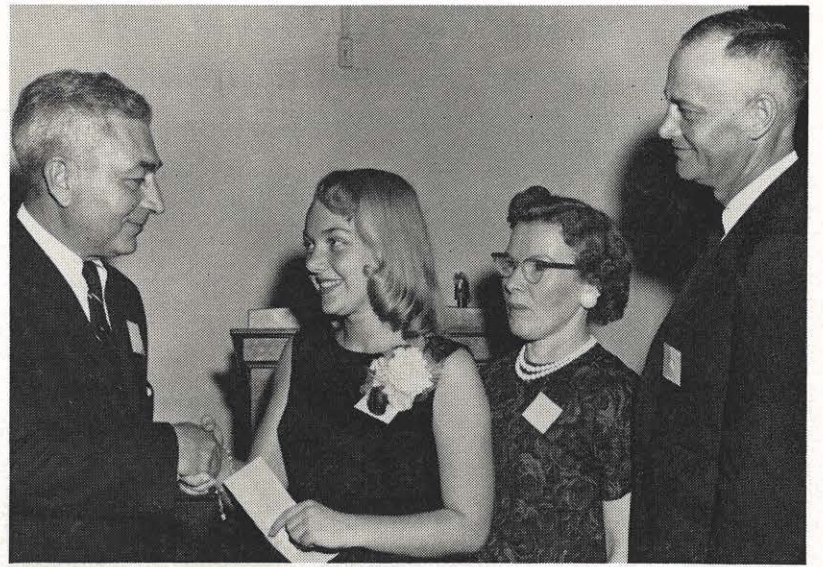
Miss Hall joined Appalachian in 1945 as a clerk and was promoted to secretarial-stenographer in 1948, at which time she became Mr. Keehne's secretary.

## Crowd Witnesses Bake-Off Contest

It was "standing room only" at the annual Bake-Off Recipe Contest sponsored by the Huntington Publishing Company and held in the Appalachian auditorium at Huntington.

A total of 485 homemakers, many of them standing, witnessed the three-hour bake-off with 16 finalists competing. Mrs. Jack Crigger was selected the winner by the judges, which included R. D. Kuster, Huntington district commercial sales representative; Mrs. Maida Smith, formerly of Maida's Kitchen on WSAZ-TV; and Nancie Stone, Martha White Mills home economist.

During this second annual Bake-Off, each contestant was interviewed by Mrs. Katie Doonan of WSAZ-TV, mistress of ceremonies. Cooking was done on six electric ranges furnished by appliance distributors and dealers.



Joyce Fugitt accepts her third prize check for \$100 from R. S. Gruver, Armco vice president-personnel and public relations. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Fugitt watch proudly.

## Employee's Daughter Wins Third Prize In Ashland Self-Reliance Competition

Participation in various school, church and home activities in the past year by Joyce Fugitt, daughter of Ashland lineman Jay Fugitt, qualified her for third prize in the annual Sebald Self-Reliance Awards.

The awards, instituted five years ago by W. W. Sebald, vice chairman of Armco Steel Corporation, aim to recognize individuals who have demonstrated themselves to be the most self-reliant, and able to use their time wisely in church, school, and community activities, as well as working with or without pay.

Joyce won \$100, competing against 352 high school seniors in Ashland. Judging was done by the Ashland Junior Chamber of Commerce, and was based on participation in school activities, including scholarship, as well as activities at church, work and home.

## Princeton Sorority Elects Mrs. Parkey

Mrs. Patty B. Parkey, home service representative in the Princeton office of the Bluefield district, was recently elected president of the Princeton-Athens chapter of the Alpha Sigma Tau national sorority. The local chapter has 15 members.



Mrs. Parkey

Mrs. Parkey was a home service representative in the Tazewell office in the Bluefield district, and in Roanoke, before moving to Princeton.

## They're Engaged

BILLY SUE BOWYER to Kermit Dale Bridges. Mr. Bridges is an electrical engineer in the Beckley district.

BETTIE JANE McNABB to Walter C. Jessel. Miss McNabb is a Bluefield home service representative.

NANCY TIBBS to James Mitchell. Miss Tibbs is a system clerk-stenographer in Bluefield.

ELLEN DAVIS CALLAWAY to Harold Lee Miller. Miss Callaway is the daughter of Murray R. Callaway, Bluefield district R/w agent.

DRAXIE ALICE NEWSOM to Bill Ray Kirby. Miss Newsom is the daughter of L. M. Newsom, Pikeville district records supervisor.

CHARLOTTE MARIE RINGLER to Pvt. Miller H. Bolling. Miss Ringler is a clerk-stenographer in the Roanoke district.

MARY LYNN AKERS to Ernest Carlyle Hutton, Jr. Miss Akers is the daughter of I. R. Akers, assistant hydro operator at Claytor Plant, Pulaski district.

## Wedding



Mrs. Wilson

## Wright-Wilson

Betty Marie Wright and Lt. (jg) Garry L. Wilson were united in marriage March 28 at the Old Forest Road Baptist Church of Lynchburg. Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Elga T. Wright, Lynchburg district lineman.

## New Arrivals

### Ashland District

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD HUTCHINSON, a son, Arnold Scott, April 9. Mr. Hutchinson is an Ashland engineer record clerk.

### Beckley District

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. WHITE, a daughter, Nancy Rebecca, March 20. Mr. White is a Rainelle area groundman.

### Bluefield District

MR. AND MRS. WILEY B. BUCHANAN, JR., twin sons, Thomas Blake and Kenneth Edward, March 26. Mr. Buchanan is a Pearisburg groundman.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT A. RUNION, a son, Terry Alan, March 8. Mr. Runion is a Mullens meter reader.

MR. AND MRS. WILBUR L. SLUSS, a daughter, Tammy Jo, March 8. Mr. Sluss is a Princeton lineman.

### Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. RUFUS COOK, a daughter, Elizabeth, March 28. Mr. Cook is an electrical engineer.

### Hazard District

MR. AND MRS. EVERETT BUSH, a daughter, Marcia Ann, March 31. Mr. Bush is a lineman.

### Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. KEENE WHITE, a son, Richard Henry, April 17. Mr. White is payroll supervisor.

### Logan District

MR. AND MRS. DONALD R. COFFEY, a son, Brian Francis, March 10. Mr. Coffey is a truck driver-groundman.

### Pikeville District

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN B. SWORD, a daughter, Janice Lynn, March 31. Mr. Sword is a meter reader.

MR. AND MRS. BILL WELLS, a daughter, Linda Gail, April 3. Mrs. Wells is a former accounting department employee.

### Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. O. T. BALSER, a daughter, Joyce Ellen, April 17. Mr. Balsler is a groundman.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. CRUM, a son,

Jeffrey Carl, April 20. Mr. Crum is a meter reader.

MR. AND MRS. J. G. TUCKER, a daughter, Rhonda Renee, April 11. Mr. Tucker is a groundman.

### Pulaski District

MR. AND MRS. MARLER D. SHARP, a son, Galen, February 24. Mr. Sharp is a Hillsville utility clerk.

### Roanoke District

MR. AND MRS. R. G. AMOS, JR., a son, Robert Alan, April 3. Mr. Amos is a groundman.

### Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. DONALD C. BEEVER, a son, Donald Randall, March 27. Mr. Beever is a test engineering aide.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS L. DUDDING, a daughter, Lisa Joann, April 9. Mr. Dudding is a unit foreman.

### System

MR. AND MRS. BILLIE BISHOP, JR., a daughter, Robin Lea, April 7. Mr. Bishop is a system transmission line employee in St. Albans.

MR. AND MRS. R. G. BURGESS, a daughter, Anne Billue, March 30. Mr. Burgess is a system operating employee at Sporn station.

MR. AND MRS. R. N. McDANIEL, a daughter, Angela Lauren, April 12. Mr. McDaniel is a system operating employee in Roanoke.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD R. WORRELL, a daughter, Susan Kay, April 1. Mr. Worrell is a system transmission line employee in Bluefield.

### Welch District

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BRANT, a daughter, Sabrina Ann, April 2. Mrs. Brant is a former clerk-stenographer.

MR. AND MRS. BOBBY STOKER, a daughter, Leanna Kathryn, March 27. Mr. Stoker is an electrical engineer.

### Williamson District

MR. AND MRS. MONROE HALL, JR., a son, Russell Jay, April 7. Mr. Hall is a district instrument man.

## Prose Reading Wins For Nancy Blizzard

Nancy Blizzard, daughter of Clinch River maintenance foreman Paul B.



Nancy Blizzard

Blizzard, placed first in the district VII high school Forensic Meet in Abingdon. She competed in the girls' prose reading division. The selection she read was "Soul of Ann Rutledge,"

the woman who, had she lived, might have been Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

A junior at Lebanon High School, Nancy last fall was Princess to the school's Homecoming Queen.

## Employee's Daughter Elected Cheerleader

Esteva Collier, daughter of N. W. Collier, Whitesburg area representative of the Pikeville district, has been elected a cheerleader for Whitesburg High School.



Esteva Collier

This activity will add to an already busy schedule. Esteva, an outstanding student in the top ten of her class, is a member of many school clubs, including the Beta Club, and plays clarinet in the school band.

Her brother Ronald was an AEP educational award winner in 1957.

## Hazard District Stages Baking Contest



Home economics students and teachers who took part in Hazard district's baking contest line up with some of their entries. Each of the girls was a winner in her own high school in the five-county district, and as a result was eligible to compete in the final competition. Grand winner was Cheryl Kay Frazier of Whitesburg High School,

who won an electric mixer. All the participants, as local winners, received portable mixers. Judges for the contest were Mrs. G. A. Weatherston, of Ashland; Mrs. David Huff, former home service representative in Hazard, and Miss Dorothea Chambers, Frigidaire representative from Louisville.

## Goody Wives Taught Electric Baking Ways

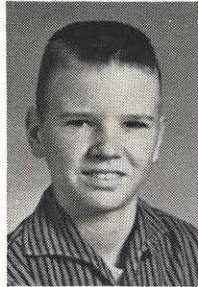
Exactly what electric cooking can do was demonstrated to Goody, Ky., housewives last month when Appalachian and Alley Furniture Company collaborated with General Mills for an "Easter Bake."

Mrs. Mary Kessinger, Williamson-Sprigg district home service representative, was on hand to answer questions and help the customers bake their cakes. Around 100 persons were present.

Cakes baked by Mrs. Emma Warren, maid, were given as door prizes.

### Young Courtman Nets Foul-Shooting Title

There is no better junior foul-shooter in all Charleston than 15-year-old John Lacy, son of R. W. Lacy, auto repairman in the Garage Department, Charleston. In a Charleston Recreation Association competition recently, he won the foul-shooting championship for the second time. He won also in 1957.



John Lacy

John was a member of the Central Methodist team which won the Junior Boy Division championship in the Church League last year. He is a freshman at Lincoln Junior High School.

### Folks Find Florida Fishing Fruitful



Beaming cheerfully, James Cook stands beside the sailfish he caught at West Palm Beach. Mr. Cook is Bluefield building supervisor.

Two employees who cast their lines in Florida waters found the fishing there much to their liking.

James Cook, building supervisor at Bluefield, caught a sailfish at West Palm Beach. This specimen, six feet, 10 inches long, weighed 45 pounds.

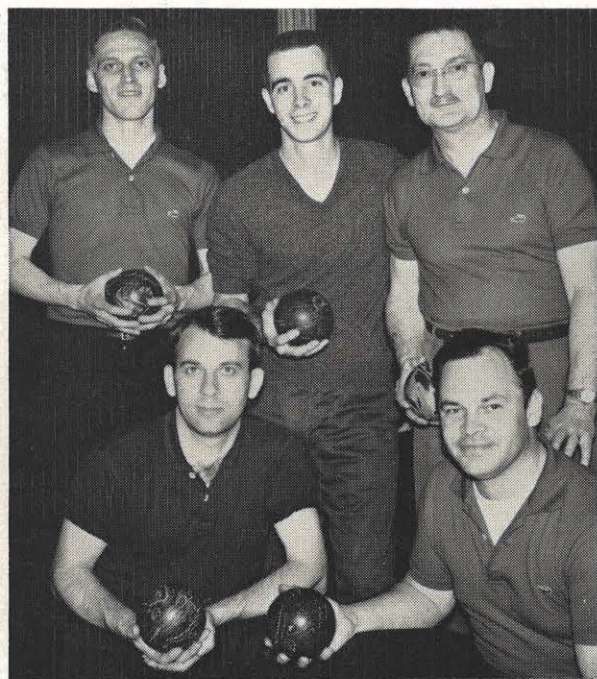
The other fisherman, Calvin T. Gills, Bluefield garage supervisor, went out at Punta Gorda with Mrs. Gills, and when they came back, they had 23 bass, each of which weighed about two pounds. Punta Gorda, according to Mr. Gills, is the ideal fishing ground.

### Plan Company Tourney

## Pikeville Employees Form Own Golf Club

Not too long ago, Pikeville employees started going to the golf links in increasing numbers. Then last year these employees sponsored a Kentucky Power-wide golf tournament.

And this year, with golf interest at



LEFT: Rolling System into the championship of the Roanoke Bowling League were, front row from left: Gus Cromer and Roy Howard, team captain; back row from left: Dick Lovegrove, Dave Dew and Stuart Mattox. Team members not pictured are Bob Coffman and Chuck



Heller. RIGHT: Sweeping the Jumpers into Williamson Bowling League honors were these team members, front row from left: Jerry Akers, Allen Cross and Moir Nowlin; back row from left: Sonny Runyon, Betty Roach and Myrtle Bevins. Everette Carrico is not shown.

## Roanoke's System, Williamson's Jumpers Take Crowns; Sporn Bowlers City Champs

As the bowling season reaches its final days, two Appalachian leagues have crowned their champions.

Completing their seasons were the Roanoke and Williamson leagues. At the same time, Philip Sporn plant teams competed in recent tournaments in their area.

### Roanoke League

The System team has been crowned champion of the Roanoke Duckpin Loop. Finishing in the second division of the eight-team league in the first half of the season, System came back to take the second half crown and then defeat Meter-Distribution, first half champs, for the league championship.

"Comeback" is an apt description of the team's season—in the second half System began in first place, dropped to seventh, and regained a tie for first the last night of regular rolling. The team won the second half crown in a roll-off with Stores.

High single game of 151 for the season was rolled by L. G. Gregory, who also had high average of 110. W. M. Mills rolled high set of 389.



Pomeroy City champ is this team of Philip Sporn bowlers. They are, front row from left: Cricket Searls and Bill Hayes; back row from left: Wyllis Davis, Jim Hoffman, Willis Dudding and James Haggerty.

High team game of 592 was recorded by Accounting, and Line-Station had high team set of 1,611.

A banquet, where prizes were awarded team and individual pacesetters, closed the season.

### Williamson Loop

It was the Jumpers all the way in the Williamson League. The team won the first half and tied the Il-

luminators for the second half crown. A roll-off gave the Jumpers the league crown.

Sonny Runyon made a clean sweep of individual honors—he had high average of 156, high game of 235 and high set of 559. A banquet climaxed season activities.

### Sporn Bowlers

A bowling team of Sporn plant employees won first place in the Pomeroy City Association Tournament. The same team then went on to take doubles event and all events awards.

A score of 3,100, including handicap, was good enough for first place over 15 other teams in the tourney. Jim Hoffman and Willis Dudding took the doubles event with 1,305 pins, and Dudding came back to take the all events with a 1,910 score. Team members are pictured above.

### Boy Wins Unusual Football Honor

A 12-year-old right end was the only seventh grader at Point Pleasant Junior High School to win monograms in two sports this year. He is Roger Pancake, son of W. M. Pancake, T&D draftsman at Point Pleasant.



Roger Pancake

He is only the second boy in his class to win a football letter in six years, the team being composed almost entirely of eighth and ninth grade students. Standing five feet, 10 inches tall, and weighing 155 pounds, Roger was a big help to the team in winning all seven games on its schedule; he performed excellent work on the basketball squad also, which won 12, lost one.

An above average student, Roger's other interests are chemistry and reading.

### Hole-In-One Shot Hit By Atkinson

Dolph R. Atkinson, instrument man, system civil engineering department, can now stand among that select company and say "I shot a hole-in-one."

The great moment came for him Sunday afternoon, April 19, on the 115-yard seventh hole at Roanoke's Jefferson Hills Course. Playing in the foursome with him were Dr. C. C. Lipes, P. E. Peters and W. T. Goode, Jr.

The pin is blind from the tee, and Mr. Atkinson's was the fourth ace registered on the hole.

### Valley's Running Paces Track Win

The top individual scorer in a triangular track meet in southwest Virginia April 15 was the son of an Appalachian employee. The boy was Bruce Valley, the employee was Lyman C. Valley, Scott County area supervisor, the meet was a competition among Gate City, Big Stone Gap and Appalachian High Schools.

Running for the Gate City Blue Devils, Bruce won the 100-yard dash in 10.6 seconds and the broad jump with a leap of 18 feet, 8½ inches, placed second in the 220-yard dash and ran on the second-place 880-yard relay team. Thanks largely to his efforts, Gate City won the meet.



Officers of the newly formed Hill Top Golf Club, owned and operated by Pikeville district employees, are from left, seated: Bill Barnett, president; C. A. McClung, vice president; from left, standing: L. C. Tackett and Jarrett Wood, directors; Leon Huffman, secretary-treasurer; G. D. Ison and W. R. Miller, directors.

an all-time high, the employees have leased a golf course and incorporated the Hill Top Golf Club. Last month the incorporation by 11 members took place, and officers for the year were selected. Bill Barnett is president,

C. A. McClung is vice president, Leon Huffman is secretary and treasurer, and G. D. Ison, Winifred Miller, L. C. Tackett and J. M. Wood are directors.

The golf course is located at Shelby, where club members plan to spend week ends ditching around the greens, putting new sand on the greens, reworking the tees and doing other spruce-up jobs.

By-laws adopted by the club state that employees will be the only club members who can vote on affairs of the club. Associate memberships entitling the holder to golfing privileges only will be sold to the public, and facilities may also be used on payment of daily greens fees. The club plans to use a district retired employee to care for the pro shop and supervise the maintenance of the course.

One of the club's projects for which plans will be formulated in the near future is the sponsorship of the Power Company Invitational Tournament in September. Meanwhile, other matches between districts and local challenge matches will be worked out.

### Coon Hound Is Cover Dog



Black Mack, the dog at Emil Gore's right, is not only the best coon dog around, but he's also one of the more famous of his breed. He's had his picture on the cover of a national hunter's magazine, has ridden on the Appalachian float in the Logan Centennial, and has won cash and trophy prizes in hunting competitions. Emil, who is district dealer sales representative in Point Pleasant, is justly proud of him, and of the other two dogs, above, in his pack: Black Maverick and Yonkers Mable. In the background are the pelts of 32 coons the dogs—and Emil—trapped this season.

## 70 Company Men Attend Effective Selling And Promotion Twin Goals Of Bluefield Meeting



Two non-company men discuss how the power company and the distributor can improve lighting sales. The two, seated, l. to r., are Bernard Whittington, Virginia Electric Company, Charleston; and William McDougle, Bluefield Supply Company. Moderator at left is Bill Riley, power sales engineer, Bluefield district.

Ways and means of uncovering and exploiting new sales possibilities was the topic of the system-wide commercial and industrial sales conference held in Bluefield last month. Attending were 70 Appalachian men engaged in promoting and selling commercial and industrial lighting, heating, cooking and air conditioning equipment and the heat pump.

In opening the conference, G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president and general manager, told the audience that "effective selling of so many different types of loads has helped minimize the effects on our business of the recent recession", and said that he looked forward to more of that effective selling in the future.

In the addresses and panel discussions which followed in the three-day meeting, the commercial department men exchanged ideas and experiences they had found beneficial in such endeavors as techniques used in selling lighting; selling electric heating to commercial and industrial customers, selling school heating, selling commercial cooking equipment, and the part servicing plays in this kind of sales; the promotion and selling of small window-type heat pumps—air conditioners; selling the package heat pump, competitive equipment in the

air conditioning field, and cultivating and maintaining good customer relations.

One highlight of the conference was a brief "66" session, during which all participants wrote down every idea that occurred to them. This session was devoted to "How Can We Sell More Commercial Lighting." The results of the idea harvest were given later during the conference.

Most of the sessions were held in the auditorium of the Bluefield Supply Company. At the opening of the meeting the group was welcomed to the building and to the city by J. Taylor Frazier, president of Bluefield Supply.

Supplementing the company speakers were a number of experts from outside fields and organizations, who described new developments in equipment and techniques which

would be helpful. Among these were John Adams, General Electric; William McDougle, Bluefield Supply; Bernard Whittington, Virginia Electric Company; W. P. Swartz, Wm. P. Swartz & Co., Inc., Ralph Krueger, Hotpoint Company, and Drayton Heard, Jr., Westinghouse Corporation.

A special feature of the closing banquet was an address by Edgar Kobak, consultant of the American Electric Power Company. Urging imaginative selling, Mr. Kobak said "there is no substitute for footwork and the turning of doorknobs in the profession of selling." He said all speakers should have charts, and he was no exception; his "charts" were a pair of shoes and a doorknob.

Other AEP men taking part in the conference were E. R. Ambrose, air conditioning division, and J. G. Howard, commercial department.

## Schwartz New District Superintendent; Other Huntington Changes Announced

G. F. Schwartz, Huntington division lines engineer, has been named to the position of Huntington district superintendent, replacing N. B. Kean, who is leaving on account of ill health to make his home in Tucson, Arizona.

In other Huntington promotions, Paul C. Kelsey, Huntington district engineer, succeeds Mr. Schwartz; and Homer P. Hagaman of the division engineering department, becomes district engineer. The changes were effective April 1.

A veteran of almost 20 years with Appalachian, Schwartz joined the company in July 1939 as engineer in Logan. He became district engineer in 1954, and moved to Huntington as division lines engineer January 1, 1957. He is a graduate of West Virginia University, and served with the Army engineers during World War II.

Mr. Kelsey, a Purdue University graduate, spent several years with three Appalachian affiliates before joining the company as an engineer in Huntington 18 years ago. He worked there as distribution engineer and electrical engineer before moving up to district engineer in 1954. He is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia, and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Mr. Hagaman started his Appalachian career in Roanoke in 1949 as engineer trainee, and moved the next year to Huntington as electrical engineer. In June 1958 he was made engineer in the Huntington division engineering department. A native of Huntington, he holds an engineering degree from the University of Cincinnati. He is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia, a member of AIEE, and a veteran of World War II service with the Army Signal Corps.

An employee for more than 35 years, Mr. Kean joined Appalachian as assistant superintendent of distribution in the Huntington district. He served as civil engineer and acting superintendent of distribution and substations before becoming Huntington district superintendent in 1952. Mr. Kean is a registered civil engineer in West Virginia, a member of



Mr. Schwartz Mr. Kelsey



Mr. Hagaman Mr. Kean

the Foreman-Manager Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Elks Club. He attended Marshall College.

## Welch Man Enters Military Service

Joel R. Pugh, draftsman at Welch, entered the Army April 6 for a two-year term.



Mr. Pugh

He joined the company in May 1956 as junior draftsman, and has worked at that job since. Following graduation from Gary High School, he took a course in drafting at the Vocational School.

His hobby is doing mechanical work on old cars. He is currently stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

## Pulaski Area Clubs Elect Two Employees



Mr. Lester Mr. Taylor

Two Pulaski district employees have been elected president of organizations in their home towns.

Ray E. Lester, heating and builder sales representative in the Christiansburg area, was chosen president of the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club, and David D. Taylor, local office supervisor at Wytheville, was elected to head the Wytheville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Lester, a member of Kiwanis for several years, has served as program chairman, and last year, was vice president. He joined the company in 1947 as clerk, and was promoted to his present position in 1954. His home was the first in Pulaski to be equipped with a heat pump.

Mr. Taylor was an officer of the Wytheville Chamber for the past two years, and has been a member since 1950. He is also past president of the Wytheville Rotary Club, and is active in American Legion work, where he coaches a baseball team. A sandlot basketball team he coaches has taken top honors in its league for several years.

## Dan Lake Dies; 34-Year Veteran



Mr. Lake

Dan Lake, Ashland district meter supervisor, died at his home in Ashland April 13. He was 58.

He had worked for Kentucky Power Company for 34 years, beginning as meter helper in 1925. In 1950 Mr. Lake was promoted to assistant district meter supervisor, and to the district supervisor job later the same year.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and five grandchildren.

## Complete First Aid Course



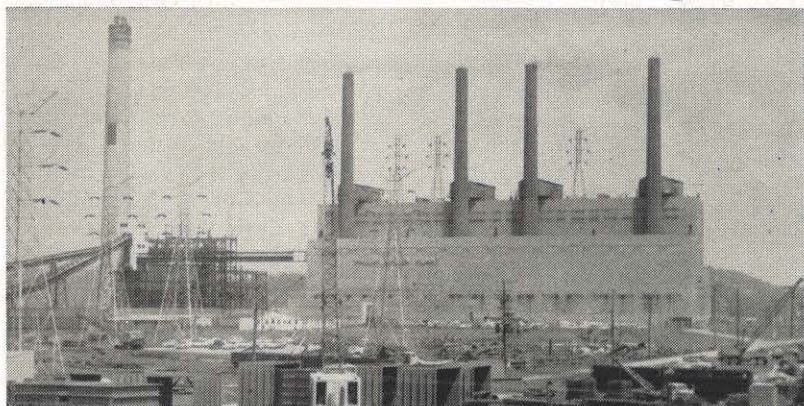
Twenty-nine employees of the line section of the Roanoke district T&D department completed a first aid program last month. All seven Roanoke line crews, a total of 48 men, have gone through the course since the first of the year. Here, G. T. Brown, at left, instructs F. G. Loyd, R. E. Dennis and L. G. Gregory tending L. A. Huff.

## Growing Stack Marks Sporn Unit Progress

Philip Sporn Unit No. 5, surrounded by acres of equipment and materials, is rising higher above ground every day.

More than half of the structural steel has been put in place in the boiler room and heater bay area, and the stack is two-thirds complete. When completed the stack will measure 648 feet. Three-fourths of the concrete in the condenser pit and turbine room area has been poured, but it is not yet above ground.

The new unit, with a capacity of 450,000 kw, is scheduled for completion and operation in 1960. It will bring to 1,050,000 kw the capacity of the plant.



Two-thirds complete, the stack of Unit No. 5 at Philip Sporn plant already tops the stacks of the existing four units. Visible is the structural steel part of the unit going up, seen beyond the materials and equipment yard in the foreground.

## New York CPA's Welcome Mahran

Joel Mahran, staff member of American Electric Power Service Corporation, has qualified as a certified public accountant in the state of New York.

Mr. Mahran, who took the CPA examination last November, has been an AEP man since 1957. He is a graduate of New York University.