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Philip Sporn, president of AEP and of our companies, second from right, was the speaker at the opening session of the College Faculty Conference in Roanoke. With him here are from left: Dean J. W. Whittemore, VPI; Dean

C. A. Arents, West Virginia University; R. E. Hodges, Appalachian vice president and general manager, and Graham Claytor, consultant, AEP. School representatives were told of engineers' opportunities on the AEP System.

## College Faculty Conference

# Future To Challenge Engineers, Sporn Tells School Officials

Representatives of 10 area colleges and universities were told of the opportunities for engineers in the AEP System when our companies played host to the College Faculty Conference in Roanoke last month.

Deans of engineering, heads of college electrical and mechanical departments and placement directors were invited to the meeting, which began the evening of February 8 with an address by Philip Sporn, president of AEP and of our companies.

Joining Appalachian, Kentucky Power, Kingsport and Central Operating (Philip Sporn Plant) in sponsoring the meeting was Wheeling Electric. During the all-day meeting February 9 representatives of these companies and of AEP and of the schools themselves spoke on various phases of engineering. Schools represented were Duke and West Virginia Universities, Georgia Tech, the Universities of Kentucky, Tennessee, and

Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, West Virginia Tech and North Carolina State.

During his talk Mr. Sporn told his audience that engineering graduates of the class of 1965 must be trained to understand the "brave new world" of the year 2000. In past years business determined what the problems for engineers were, told the engineers to solve them. For the "brave new world" of 2000, it is the engineer who must anticipate what the problems will be and solve them.

He went on to say that he advocated an orientation course in engineering in the freshman year of college, or, if possible, in high school because "altogether too large a percentage of high quality young people are attracted to other disciplines—law and business".

"The world of today is essentially a world that has been put together by engineers. While the world of

today gets by, I don't think it has worked too well, and the world of tomorrow may not work as well," he said.

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## W. P. Booker Is 'Boss Of Year'

W. P. Booker is Roanoke's Boss of the Year.

The Roanoke district manager was selected for the honor by the Roanoke Junior Chamber of Commerce, and presentation of the award was made at the Jaycees' annual Bosses' Night dinner in February. He becomes the seventh man so honored. The first was G. L. Furr, Appalachian vice president, in 1954.



Mr. Booker

Bosses are nominated for the award by individuals, and judging is done by a committee of past Jaycee presidents on, among other things, contributions to the welfare of the community and reputation as a boss.

Recently elected president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Booker was vice president in 1960. He is a commissioner of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, director of the Roanoke County Chapter of the American Red Cross and of First Federal Savings and Loan Association, a member of the board of trustees of the United Fund of Roanoke Valley and the Greenvale Nursery. He is also a lecturer for the vocational guidance program of the Roanoke City public schools. He is chairman of the board of deacons of the First Presbyterian Church.

electric heat in their homes, a saturation of 17.7 per cent.

The importance of electric heat in the sales of kilowatthours is shown by this comparison: those Kingsport users who do not have electric heat use an average of 6,742 kwh each annually and those who have electric heat use an average of 22,503 kwh each annually.

Among electric heat users are 46 employees.

Mr. Simpson also points to the use of major appliances by customers. For example, 90 per cent of Kings-

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# Milestones In Sales Reached by Kingsport

Two coveted milestones in the sale of electric power have been reached by Kingsport Utilities.

At the end of January 1961, the average annual usage per residential customer had passed the 9,000-kilowatthour mark, reaching an actual figure of 9,141 kwh. The other milestone was the average increase per residential customer during 1960 of 853 kwh, the largest annual increase in Kingsport history.

M. C. Simpson, Kingsport commercial manager, credits electric heat as the big reason for both the 1960 increase and the high usage per customer. Among Kingsport's 19,420 residential customers, 3,511 have

# High Conversion Sales Give Heat Campaign Fast Start

Seldom has a campaign gotten off to the start that Appalachian's first concentrated electric heating campaign has.

Scheduled to run from the first of February until the last of April, the campaign is aimed at converting the heating systems in existing homes in our area to electric heat.

During the first two weeks of February, here is what happened:

There were a total of 85 home heating sales reported, of which 45.9 per cent were conversions.

Of this number 77 were resistance heating sales—42 new homes and 35 conversions.

And 8 were heat pump sales—4 new ones and 4 conversions.

In the program Appalachian is working with its Appalachian Reddy Kilowatt Recommended Electric Home Heating Contract Dealers. In the last month the number of these dealers has grown to 100. Using the theme of "Switch To Flameless Electric Heat," these dealers are offering special trade-in inducements to home owners converting to electric heat. Appalachian is working with the dealers in furnishing promotional aids and other special help.

Employees are being asked to play a major role in the campaign. As an aid, management-sponsored contests among districts, plants and teams are being formulated.

# AEP Company Is Nominated For High Industry Honor

The American Electric Power Company has been selected as one of four nominees for the 1960 Edison Award of the Edison Electric Institute—the electric utility industry's highest honor.

The award is presented annually to the electric utility company or group whose accomplishments during the year are judged to have been most significant to the public and to our industry. It supersedes the Charles A. Coffin Award, presented to AEP in 1956 and 1953, and consists of a gold medal and a contribu-

tion of \$1,000 earmarked for employee welfare in the winning company.

Along with American Electric Power, the judges also nominated Georgia Power Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company.

AEP's nomination was based on: the world-leading size and efficiency of the new 500,000-kilowatt generating units at the Breed and Philip Sporn plants; the 186-mile, 345,000-volt, double-circuit transmission line, the nation's longest Extra High Voltage line, which ties Breed into the AEP System; development of the "bare hands" technique for working live transmission lines; and for outstanding promotion of electric home heating which added 6,200 homes to AEP System lines during 1960.

Georgia Power was nominated for development of procedures that cut wiring costs to customers for major electrical appliances, thereby building load. In the case of Pennsylvania Electric, the nomination was based on the utility's design and construction of the nation's first 460,000-volt transmission line operating as part of an integrated power system. Southern California Edison received the nomination for its development of advanced management policies that speed decision-making at all levels.

The winner of the award will be announced at the Edison Electric Institute's annual meeting in June.

## Highest Rating Earned By AEP

Top rating among the nation's electric utilities has been accorded American Electric Power Company for the fifth consecutive year by *Forbes* magazine.

In its 1960 industry evaluation report, the magazine gave AEP a score of 95 in judging of a number of yardsticks of performance. AEP was the only electric utility to score this high.

The report appeared in *Forbes'* Thirteenth Annual Report On American Industry, appearing in the January 1961 issue of the magazine.

## Voice From Home

The wonderful thing about our system of government is that we are not told what to do, but rather tell the government what we want to do.

At least, that is the way it works for those who speak up, who use their voices. Our voice is not just our vote—it is the actual speaking with our representatives in government through the mail or personally, and letting them know what we want and what we favor.

No group has the influence with a member of Congress that the voter from his home district has. No one influences the member of the State Legislative body more than the citizen back home. No voice speaks as loud to the City Councilman as the voice of the private citizen.

What does this mean to us? We elect these people to office, send them off to Washington, or to the state capitol, or to council meetings, to make the decisions that influence our lives. Should we send them uninstructed? If we do, then we have no complaint about the bills they pass into law.

And the last man on earth who wants to be sent to make these decisions without instructions from the people who elected him is the representative. He cries out for guidance, he is grateful for it, he does his work by it.

And he needs more. He needs us to tell him so when he does a good job. He needs our constructive criticism all through his tenure. Our sincere praise of his efforts is a boost to him.

Therefore, it is vital that we use our voices in government. A letter, a phone call, a postal card, a few words on the street—they wouldn't take much time but would bear bountiful fruit. No one speaks to our representatives in government so clearly, so forcefully, with such influence as the voice from home.

## Good Old Days?

The Good Old Days? Judge for yourself after reading this actual list of office rules from 1872, issued by a Boston company.

"Office employees each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Each clerk will bring in a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's business.

"Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to your individual taste. Men employees will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings if they go regularly to church.

"Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form or frequents pool and public halls or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

"The employee who has performed his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of five cents per day in his pay, providing profits from the business permit it."

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# Your Opinion

As a user of electric heat, what can you tell our customers about it?

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**LESLIE T. LAUGHON, Chief PBX Operator, Roanoke**

We've had electric heat for six years and enjoyed every minute of it.

Our health is better, there is less labor, and the cost of maintenance is very little due to its cleanliness.

The individual room control lets each person dial his own room temperature. Full insulation, necessary with electric heat, also pays off with a warmer house in winter and cooler in summer. It is space saving, silent and no fuel worries.

When did we ever get so much for so little? Therefore, my only regret is that we didn't have electric heat twenty years ago, but I am thankful I have it now.



**MRS. MCKINLEY CORNETT, wife of the Division Station Engineer, Bluefield**

As a user of electric heat, I would like to say there just isn't any comparison to other types of heat. Electric heat is cleaner, safer and healthier.

We have been in our new house nearly three years, and the drapes have not been cleaned since they are not soiled, nor have the walls been re-painted as they, too, are clean.

There is less danger of fire and no worries about keeping a supply of fuel.

A heat pump like we have in our home gives you any desired temperature the year around. It provides more comfort, leisure time, and is less trouble than any other type of heat.



**ERNEST BAILEY, Line Foreman, Williamson**

I like electric heat so well I bought it twice. Three years ago I had ceiling cable

installed and after two seasons I decided I would also like to have air-conditioning. By installing a heat pump I found I could heat and air-condition my home for very little more than the cost of air-conditioning alone.

I use my heat pump almost entirely, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that if I should need a little more heat in a particular room I can utilize my ceiling cable. I think electric heat is the most satisfying feature of my home. It is the easiest, cleanest and certainly the safest way to heat and the cost is so little compared to other methods.



**RAYMOND COMPTON, JR., Maintenance Man, Glen Lyn Plant**

As a user of electric heat I can tell any prospective buyer the following:

With an electric heat pump installed in my house, I am glad to mention some of its features for modern living.

Convenience is an important feature. It saves time and work because it automatically takes care of itself. The temperature is always comfortable, never too hot or cold. We set the thermostat and forget it for it heats in winter and air conditions in summer.

It does not cause dirt or soot and is cleaner than any other kind of heat. After seventeen months our walls are still clean.

There is no need to worry when you are away from home. Flameless electric heat is safe and eliminates the danger of fumes.

My family enjoys better health and has less sickness as a result of dust free conditioned air. My sinus condition has greatly improved since I began using this type heat.



**NORMA GRIFFITH, Pre-Audit Clerk, Ashland**

As a user of electric heat, I have found that there are many surprising and economical features. Foremost in my mind is the fact that I think of the heating system in our home as a warmth instead of a heat. It is there from hour to hour, the temperature that is comfortable to you, without the sudden heating and sudden cooling of other heating systems. Electric heat is economical as to cost

and is more so from season to season because walls and drapes continue to stay clean.

There are many more points such as no fumes, noise or excessive moisture that could be discussed, but I think it can just be said, "You can have cleaner and better heat with electricity."



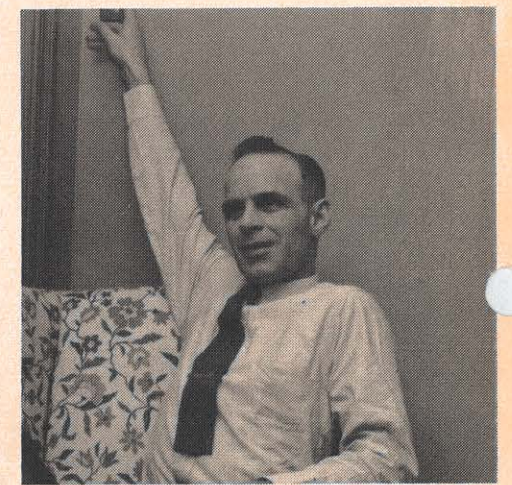
**WILLIAM L. BEELER, Meter Reader, Kingsport**

As a user of electric heat, I would like to tell our customers the facts that I know about electric heat and why I personally like it.

First, Reddy does all my work for me. Previously, it was a continuous job of firing the furnace, removing ashes and cleaning the walls. Electric heat is the cleanest of any heat.

Its economical advantages are far superior, whereas at all times it is ready with an even flow of heat for the exact temperature you want and the economical price you can afford to pay.

Its dependency, its cleanliness, its noiseless operation speak for themselves. Therefore, as a user of electric heat, I recommend it to all my friends and to everyone concerned.



**C. A. BURDETTE, Stores Supervisor, Point Pleasant**

This has been the third winter for our baseboard units, electric heat. I can tell our customers it is the safest, cleanest, most comfortable and trouble-free heat I have ever experienced. Features which impress me most are safety—no flames, no fear of fire, asphyxiation or explosion. Cleanliness—no smoke, soot fumes or grimy films. Comfort—no drafts, each separate room the temperature you desire.

Trouble-free—no worries of acquiring fuels, no ashes to empty, no flues necessary, just set the thermostats and enjoy it. Cost—when all of the above features are considered carefully, I am convinced, and I feel sure most of our customers could be also, that the cost of electric heating is less than most competitive fuels.

# Outdoor Lighting Service Expanded By Appalachian

Appalachian's Dusk-To-Dawn outdoor lighting service, receiving wide acceptance by customers since its introduction in 1959, is being expanded.

The company is now offering a total of three different outdoor lights of various degrees of intensity to customers. In the program, the automatic outdoor lights will be installed on existing power company facilities at a flat monthly rate. The rate for the 2,500 lumen light, offered since 1959, is \$3.00 a month. Rates for the two new lamps will be \$3.50 for the 4,000 lumen and \$4.00 a month for the 7,000 lumen.

This includes the necessary equipment, installation and the electricity used where existing facilities are utilized, and maintenance, including free replacement of bulbs. Customers will be billed the cost of any new facilities.

By the end of 1960, a total of 2,800 of the 2,500 lumen lights had been installed by Appalachian customers.

Kentucky, which is following the essential program, part of which is not formally in operation yet, had in-

stalled 701 of the lights. And Kingsport, which started its outdoor lighting program with three different lights the middle of 1960, had installed 60 lights by the end of the year.

The lights have unlimited applications for residential and commercial users. They are practical for yards, patios and other outdoor areas around the home, and have many uses on the farm. Businesses find the lights useful for parking areas, for protection and as an attention-getter. They are available anywhere municipally contracted street lighting is not available, and in some places home owners have gone together to purchase this service to provide lights for their street or neighborhood.

One of the major features of all three lights is their automatic nature. Each light has a photoelectric cell, which automatically cuts the light on right after dusk and then cuts it off shortly after first light of day.

Also with all three lights, two lighting patterns are available—an elongated pattern for wide coverage, such as on a street, and a circular pattern for concentrated light, such as in a farm yard.



Pausing before the Smith Mountain display at the College Faculty Conference were these company and school representatives. They are from left: Dean W. J. Seeley, Duke

University; J. S. Miller, University of Virginia; F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power, and W. H. Cato, VPI.



W. J. Stewart, vice president and general manager of Wheeling Electric, right, chats with three school representatives at the College Faculty Conference. From left

are H. M. Cather, West Virginia University; J. E. Miles, West Virginia Tech, and James G. Wohlford, Georgia Tech. Wheeling was a sponsoring company.

## Kingsport Milestones . . . (Cont. from Page 1)

port's residential customers use electric ranges, 80.9 per cent use electric water heaters and 26 per cent use electric dryers.

He added that portable electric heaters have meant much to electric

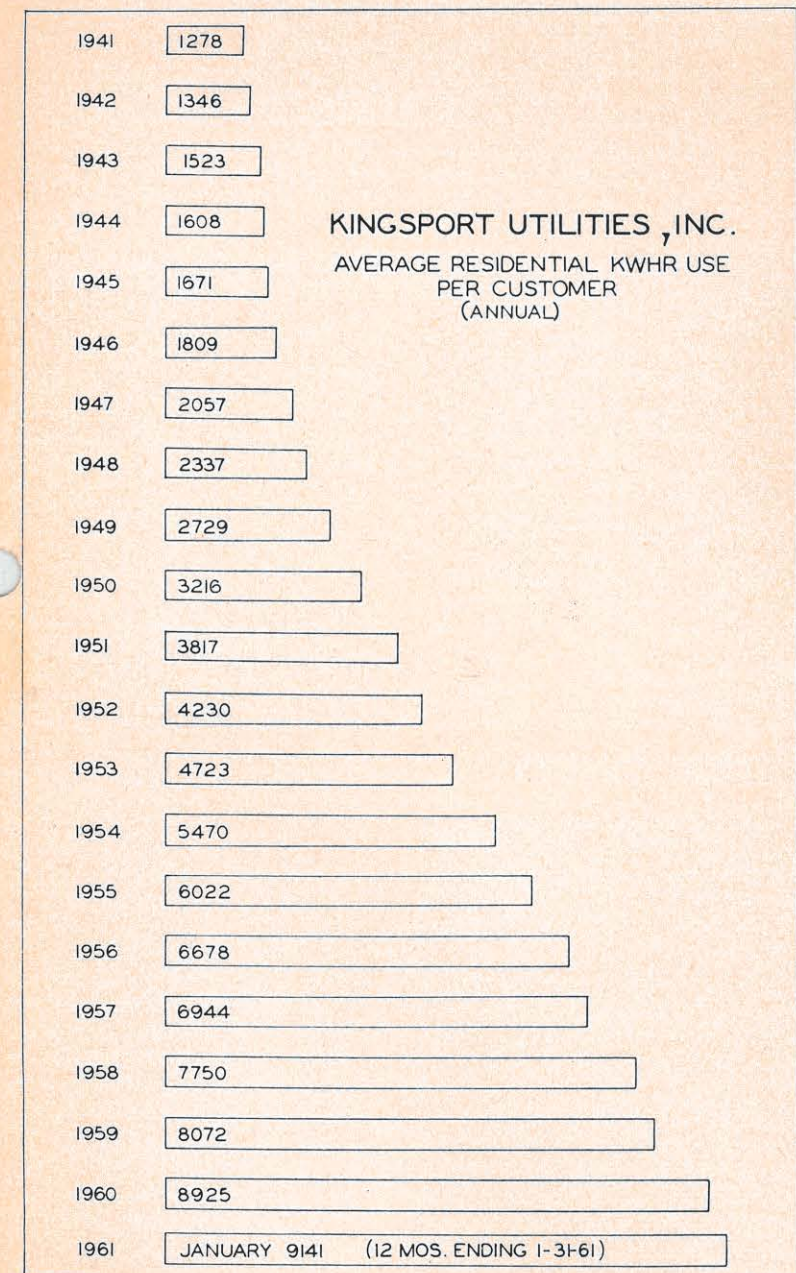
power sales. Many homes that do not have electric heat use portable units to supplement their heating systems, and others have put the heaters in additions they have built to their homes.

## College Conference . . . (Cont. from Page 1)

He pointed out that engineering needs more men with "deeper and broader" training in language, history and the history of science. Exploding

populations, the awakening of the underdeveloped countries, the conflict between communism and the West, and the problem of massive

defense industries—all these are problems the engineers of tomorrow must understand.



This chart shows the rapid increase in annual kilowatt-hour usage per residential customer over the last 20 years in Kingsport.



Mr. Jett

## Jett Retires In Roanoke

John P. Jett, Roanoke district dealer sales representative, retired March 1 after 29 years of company service.

Mr. Jett was first employed February 1, 1932 as a salesman. He moved to power engineer in 1942, and was promoted to payroll supervisor the next year. He was made dealer sales representative in 1947.

Mr. Jett attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and the University of Bordeaux, France, and served in the Army during the first World War.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church and the American Legion. In retirement he plans to devote much of his time to traveling and fishing.

## Technion Awards Honorary Degree To Mr. Sporn

The honorary degree of Doctor of Technical Sciences will be conferred on Philip Sporn, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, by Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology. The award will be made at a special convocation in New York March 8.

The degree is in recognition of Mr. Sporn's work on behalf of the Institute. He was instrumental in organizing of the American Technion Society, which has given technical and financial help to the Institute, and served as its first chairman.

The degree is the 10th honorary one conferred on Mr. Sporn, and the second by a foreign university.

## Retired Counsel Of Former AGE Dies At Age 78

J. P. Van de Voort, 78, retired vice president and chief legal counsel of the former American Gas and Electric Company, New York, died at his home in Tryon, N. C. February 1.

A native of Alabama, he was born on Christmas Day in 1882, and joined AGE in 1917. He became chief counsel in 1942, and retired in 1947. His only immediate survivor is his wife.



Mr. Rowland

## System Man At Kingsport Retires

Kenneth R. Rowland, system station operator at Holston Station, retired February 1.

He started with Kingsport Utilities in November 1922 as maintenance man in the Kingsport steam plant. He transferred to the service department in 1927 as an appliance repairman. Mr. Rowland moved to Holston station in 1931 as an operator, and became a system operating employee in 1935 when the department took over operation of the station.

Mr. Rowland is a Navy veteran of World War I, and is a member of the Methodist Church in Kingsport and the American Legion. He plans to spend much of his retirement time on his favorite hobbies of fishing and woodworking.



**Fieldale**

A dinner and miscellaneous bridal shower was given in honor of Polly Goad, T&D clerk, by Virginia Mullins, Elaine Williams, Betty Romero, Audrey Harlowe, Jo Ann Rakes and Sandra Palmer.

**Roanoke**

G. H. Broyles, service foreman, received his two-gallon donor pin from the Red Cross recently . . . Mildred Campbell, PBX operator, has resigned.

**Lynchburg**

F. M. Cloyd, administrative assistant, was appointed to the program committee of both the Lynchburg Kiwanis Club and the Lynchburg Society of Engineering and Science . . . D. C. Kennedy, district manager, was elected second vice president of the Lynchburg Area Development Corporation . . . His son, Cadet D. C. Kennedy III, has been elected to the National Association of the United States Army, an honorary military society. He is a student at V.P.I. . . . Wilburn R. Durham, meter reader, and Edgar M. Hollandsworth, Jr., have resigned.



**Hazard**

Marvin Combs, meter reader, is the new president of the Yellow Creek Graded School PTA, at Sassafras. He succeeds his wife in the office.

**Ashland**

Carlin Cassidy, son of E. C. Cassidy, general power sales supervisor, and a junior at V.P.I., was elected to membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, national physics honor society.

**Pikeville**

H. H. Kincaid, district manager, was appointed to the chairmanship of the Lonesome Pine Council of the Boy Scouts.

**Five Years' Work Earns Degree**

After five long years of combining the duties of housewife, school teacher, mother and student, Mrs. Everette Carrico has earned her bachelor of arts degree from Teachers College, and will receive her diploma at Marshall College's May commencement.



Mrs. Carrico

Mrs. Carrico, whose husband is Williamson line foreman, attended summer and Saturday classes at Huntington (85 miles from Williamson) and extension classes in Williamson. She made the Dean's List, and maintained a B average for the entire period. Such work has apparently become a habit: Mrs. Carrico has now enrolled in Marshall College's graduate program and is working on her master's degree.



**Pulaski**

Recognition for civic interest made news . . . R. J. Blair, division agricultural sales coordinator, was awarded the Old Monarch Certificate and chevron in recognition of 20 years of Lions Club service by the Pulaski Club. G. K. Smythers, T&D clerk, was toastmaster for the occasion . . . Mrs. Edna V. Love, wife of Robert B. Love, electrical engineer, was named chairman of the Pulaski County 1961 Heart Fund drive . . . Mrs. June C. Miller, wife of W. E. Miller, line inspector, was elected president of the newly formed garden club, Town and Country. Mrs. H. H. Sumner, wife of the station man, was named conservation chairman . . . In other news, David D. Taylor, Wytheville local office supervisor, has completed a correspondence school course in office management . . . Kathy Sheets, daughter of R. E. Sheets, meter man, represented Pulaski High School at the annual all-state band festival at Abingdon, playing clarinet in the workshop band.

**Welch**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Peery were honored at two parties. He retired March 1 and they will leave for Florida soon. Mrs. Peery was feted at a party in Coalwood, with Mrs. B. G. Pearman, wife of the area serviceman; Mrs. D. C. Wright, wife of the record supervisor; and Mrs. Steve Dudash, wife of the station man, handling arrangements. Mr. Peery was honored by 40 of his fellow employees, who presented him with a fishing rod and reel . . . William T. Collins, Grundy local office supervisor, has been elected chairman of the leadership training program of the Breaks district of Boy Scouts. He was also elected a deacon of the Grundy Presbyterian Church . . . James Kaluk, groundman, has resigned.

**Abingdon**

Employees and wives of employees continued work in civic activities . . . Rufus M. Bondurant, district super-

**New Service Truck**



This new type of meter service truck is now in service in the Roanoke district. A panel truck based on the compact principle, it offers low initial cost and operating economies as well as efficient loading and storage. Special bins were installed inside the truck for miscellaneous parts, and a double ladder rack on top for two extension ladders. Both the rear and side doors of the unit open back against the body, permitting the operator easy access to the contents. Completely enclosed, the truck gives protection to all materials. Here, P. A. Grisso, meter serviceman, left, and E. W. Holland, meter service foreman, look the truck over.

intendent, was elected chairman of the executive committee of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, while Fillmore P. McPherson, Jr., district manager, and James B. White, assistant district manager, were named to the Chamber's board . . . Mrs. James B. White, Mrs. Fillmore McPherson, Jr., and Paul S. Dunn, administrative assistant, were named to the board of the Virginia Highlands Festival . . . Mrs. L. C. Angle, Jr., wife of the division power sales engineer, was selected chairman of the Volunteer Workers of the Johnston Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

**Bluefield**

Honors in the form of church and civic elections were predominantly in the news this past month. Benjamin E. Bates, division meter supervisor, has been elected treasurer of the First Methodist Church in Bluefield, Va., where he also serves as general superintendent of the Sunday School and vice president of the Methodist Men's Club . . . McKinley Cornett, division station engineer, has been named Lion Tamer of the Bluewell Lions Club . . .

James J. Harman, Jr., division electrical engineer, was elected to the Board of Deacons at the Graham, Va., Presbyterian Church . . . William C. Kidd, division line engineer, is also a member of the Board of Deacons of the College Avenue Baptist Church in Bluefield . . . Wade L. Nash, division meterman, has been selected Church Lay Leader of the Bailey, Va., Methodist Church . . . Alfred H. White, division photographer and reproduction man, is the new Bluefield, W. Va., Lions Club Lion Tamer . . . Mary Ruth Chambers, president of the Bluefield Chap-

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Congratulations to Jimmy White, son of Keene White, payroll supervisor, on attaining the rank of Life Scout . . . Mae B. Deakins, commercial, has been named membership chairman of the Skyland Garden Club . . . Joan Clayman, cashier, has resigned.



**Kanawha River Plant**

J. E. McClain, unit foreman, has been elected chairman of the Board of Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church of Chelyan. He has also been elected secretary to the Upper Kanawha Valley Laymen and Ministers Christian Association.

**Charleston**

The "beauty of the week" in Charleston recently, as selected by the staff of the Charleston Sunday Gazette-Mail, was Janet Hypes, stores clerk-stenographer . . . Dave Matthews and Rufus Cook, engineering, and Ann Calvert, contract clerk, have resigned . . . Chairmen of district committees have been named. They are C. L. Mollohan, line-meter-station; Floyd Taylor, educational; and D. R. Huffman, general . . . Pauline Murray, wife of E. A. Murray, commercial, and Dottie Kirk placed 14th in the doubles event at a recent bowling tournament in Columbus, O. . . . Fred Reed, son of the Murrays, has been promoted to sergeant at Greenbrier Military School, where he is a junior.



**Huntington**

Mrs. Ethel L. Hyldahl, draftsman, and National Council member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, recently attended the Women's Forum on National Security in Washington.

**Williamson**

Deanna Copley, daughter of Price Copley, T&D clerk, served as information booth hostess at the inaugural ceremonies of President John F. Kennedy. She is secretary to Congressman Dent of Pennsylvania . . . Several wives and employees will be involved in the Tug Valley Junior Woman's Club annual style show. Mrs. E. J. Clouser, wife of the district personnel supervisor, will be commentator; Mrs. Patsy Hackworth, clerk-stenographer, will be co-chairman of the reception committee; and Mrs. Portia Doka, wife of the deceased employee, will be co-chairman of the program committee.

**Bluefield Y Names Gillespie President**

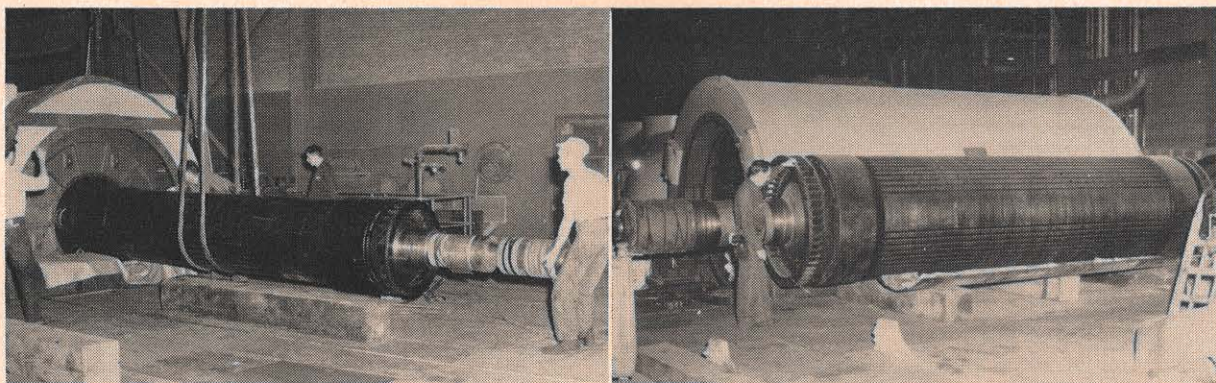
W. J. Gillespie, Jr., Bluefield district manager, is the new president of the Bluefield YMCA.

This is the latest in a long series of community activities Mr. Gillespie participates in. He is vice president of the Lions Club, and a member of the board of directors of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army, Greater Bluefield United Fund, Bluefield Area Development Corporation and the Bluefield Country Club. He is also a member of the University Club and the Pocahontas Electrical and Mining Institute.



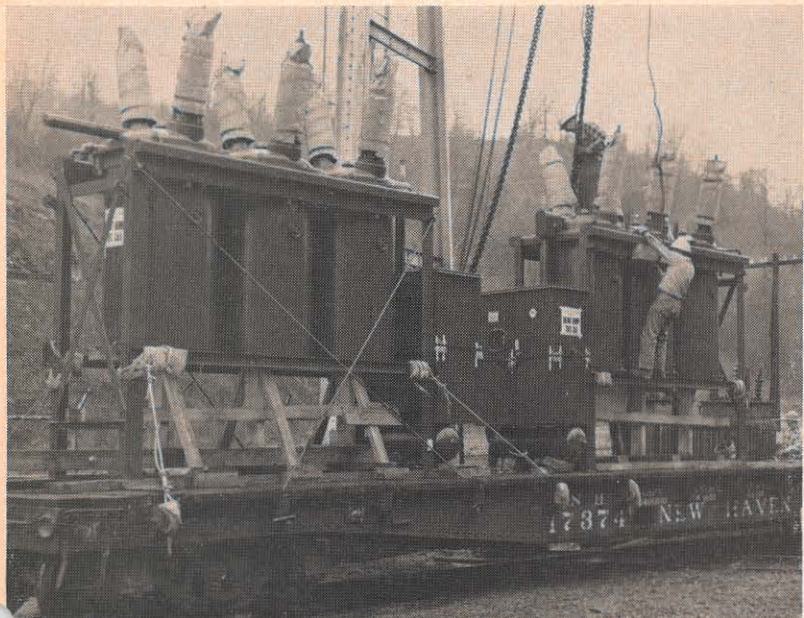
Mr. Gillespie

**Outage Time Allows For Inspection**



When it became necessary to replace the high pressure turbine shells on Philip Sporn Plant Unit 2, the outage time was utilized to make other major inspections of the equipment. At left, the high pressure generator rotor was removed for the first time since it went into operation over 10 years ago. Here, from left, Gail Buck, maintenance man; Wyatt Chadwell, maintenance foreman; and

Samuel Holliday, maintenance man, work with the aid of a crane. The rotor, which weighs 41,900 pounds, was found to be in satisfactory condition. At right, the low pressure generator rotor, weighing 150,000 pounds, was also removed for inspection and found to need minor repairs. Don Rea, master maintenance man, is inspecting the rotor, which was last removed in 1954.



The first of 20 new 69-kv oil circuit breakers for the Pikeville district arrives at Beaver Creek station. The new equipment will be a part of the transmission station rebuilding program which helped to make Kentucky Power's 1961 budget a record one. The breakers will go in various district stations.



James C. Smith, Jr., Bluefield division power sales engineer, holds the Distinguished Service Award presented him by the board of governors of the University Club of Bluefield. He is a charter member of the club, and was its second president in 1937.



The Clinch River plant "Clinchers" have elected new officers for 1961: Sandra Arrington, secretary; Paul Blizzard, president; James Massie, vice president; and Betty Stevenson, treasurer. All plant employees are members of this social club.

# Camera Roundup



A rare record belongs to Neva O. Shepherd, left, Princeton cashier, and Bertha M. Hall, Princeton utility clerk of the Bluefield district. They had a perfect balance in their accounts for the entire year of 1960, handling in excess of \$1,200,000.



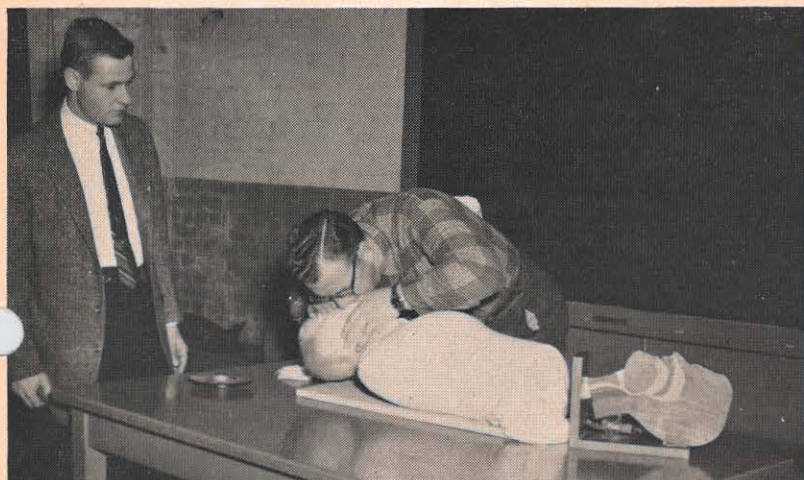
The Apelcoes, service club of Lynchburg employees, have new officers. They are, from left: C. R. Wooten, treasurer; Ralph H. Johnson, president; Raymond E. Thomas, secretary, and Charlene L. Thompson, assistant treasurer.



Overseeing disbursement of the Williamson employees' chest fund this year are these new officers: C. L. Miller, treasurer; Myrtle Bevins, vice president; Alberta Shelton, secretary, and Mike Kohari, president.



A. H. Bieler, left, AEP Service Corporation, presents Harold V. Johnson, Clinch River plant unit foreman, a graduation certificate in Basic Physics. Twenty-four employees completed the 60-hour course taught by W. W. Williamson. This is the first Appalachian group to complete the course. A total of 43 have now enrolled in the Basic Electricity class.



Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, using a specially-designed manikin, is practiced by M. L. Waggoner, groundman, at a Roanoke district line and station department safety meeting. At left is the instructor for the manikin's use, C. W. Dickinson, safety department manager of Jones Welding Supplies, Roanoke.



Here is Willard Johnson, Princeton meter reader, who must rank well to the top of any list of blood donors. His total is 28 pints, or 14 quarts, or three-and-a-half gallons, and this does not include the many additional pints of blood he has given at the hospital from time to time.



Welch employees' children had honors heaped on them recently. At the top are those who were made members of the Welch High School Honor Society—front row: Eddie Richardson, principal, John William Belchee, Scott M. Robinson, Peggy Groseclose, and Mrs. Rose Moore, sponsor of the Junior Honor Society; back row: Mrs. Katherine Hardin, sponsor of the Senior Honor Society, Ruth Barns, Howard H. Bivens II, and Virginia Bivens. In the bottom picture, Stephanie Lou Robinson admires her certificate as a Kentucky Colonel as her father, O. L. Robinson, district office supervisor, beams proudly. She earned the honor several years ago but had to wait until she was 16 to collect her certificate. She got her commission when her uncle, Simeon Willis, was governor.



Officers selected to lead Logan's Appa-Lassie Club for 1961 are, front row, l. to r.: Gleneeda Perry, president; Eunice Fitzgibbon, first vice president; back row: Syrean Baker, secretary; Marjorie Parkins, second vice president, and Eleanor Cunningham, treasurer.

## For Sale

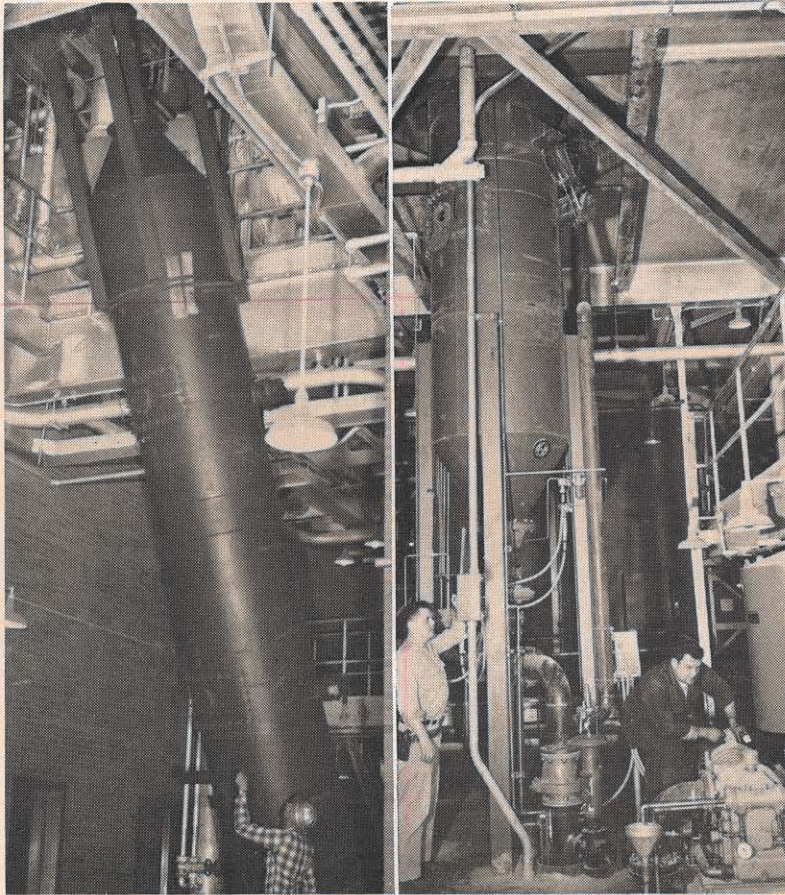
## Kanawha Work Provides Dry Flyash

Appalachian will begin the sale of dry flyash after completion of equipment now being installed at Kanawha River plant.

Dry flyash is superior to flyash in the wet state and offers the best potential growth market. Among new uses developed for dry flyash are a replacement for part of the cement in concrete and a filler in asphalt. Experiments are underway to develop new uses.

In the present system for collecting flyash, it is disposed of by means of a water slurry into a disposal area. The water changes its chemical composition, thus rendering it useless as an additive for such things as concrete.

The new system being installed intercepts the flyash before the water is added, collecting the dry ash in a primary collector. From this, the flyash is blown by means of a 100 horsepower blower through a five-inch steel pipeline to a 300 cubic yard silo located in the plant yard. The silo is situated so that flyash can be loaded into railroad cement cars or covered trucks.



LEFT: Here the primary collector is being lifted through a hatchway on its way to its installation base. It is being lifted upside down for easy maneuverability. RIGHT: This is the lower half of the primary collector. The tank is 25 feet in length, extending 10 feet through the next floor level, and 42 inches in diameter. A. F. Manning, master maintenance man, is shown at right inspecting the blower which provides air to transport flyash to the storage silo. At left George Youell, results maintenance man, checks wiring for some of the controls.

Studies Revised  
On Revolutionary  
Muskingum Unit

As a result of extensive pilot plant tests, studies of a combination gas turbine and steam turbine generating unit slated for Ohio Power's Muskingum River plant have been revised.

The new approach will investigate the development of a process centered on total gasification of coal to provide a fuel for the gas turbine. The Babcock & Wilcox Company has joined AEP and General Electric Company in this effort. Originally, the gas turbine part of the unit was to use gas generated from coal in a fluidized bed carbonizer.

First announced a year ago, the combined-cycle unit had been scheduled for installation at Muskingum this spring. This would have been the first unit to employ a coal-gas-fired turbine for the production of electric energy.

Employee's Wife  
Saves Phone Service

Alertness and quick thinking on the part of Mrs. Price Copley recently saved telephone service from Williamson to Logan.



Mrs. Copley

Mrs. Copley, wife of the T&D clerk in Williamson, is a traffic operator for the telephone company there. She noticed a red light burning on the board, indicating trouble. She quickly notified the plant wire chief, who located the source of trouble in the underground Williamson-Logan cable.

According to the company, Mrs. Copley not only saved telephone service between the cities, but also short-cut costs that might have come to hundreds of dollars.

Retirement Ends  
Longest Service

The American Electric Power Service Corporation's longest-service employee, Hilbert J. Hirschauer, retired February 28 after a 45-year career.

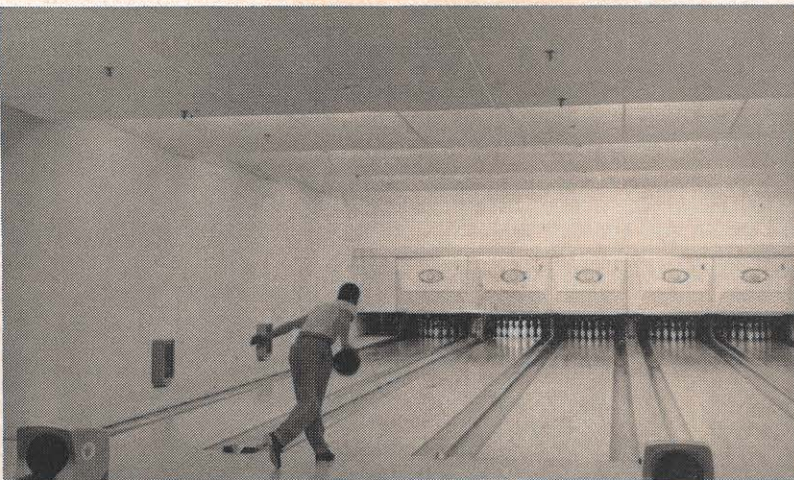
Mr. Hirschauer went to the Service Corporation in New York in 1938 as senior statistician after 33 years with predecessors of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. He began his utility career in 1915 as a collector with the Muncie (Ind.) Electric Light Company.

AIEE Award Goes  
To AEP Engineer

Solon C. Bartlett has been named first-prize winner in the annual judging of technical papers in the Power Division by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

He is electronics and communication engineer with the AEP Service Corporation. His paper was titled "Microwaves And Their Use In Power Systems", published in the January 1960 issue of *Communication and Electronics*.

He received the \$100 first prize and a certificate.

They're Bowling Better . . . Electrically  
At New Lanes; Heat Pumps Installed

A bowler lets one go in the new all-electric bowling lanes in the Pulaski district.

Bowlers have begun action in the first all-electric bowling alley in Appalachian territory.

Triangle Lanes, located between Christiansburg and Blacksburg on Route 460 in the Pulaski district, makes use of three heat pumps and supplemental resistance wall heaters. The latest in direct and indirect lighting, and an electric kitchen to serve the counter and dining area, contribute to the lane's modern, all-

electric qualities.

The 100 foot by 150 foot building contains 16 lanes, equipped with automatic pin setters and ball returns. The building is so constructed that additional lanes may be added when they are needed.

J. B. Kahle of the Bluefield division made heating layouts for the establishment, and A. L. Graham, Jr., Pulaski area commercial sales engineer, did the lighting layouts.

Improved Shovel, Water Screen Lift  
Described In "AEP Operating Ideas"

Roanoke and Philip Sporn plant men were authors of articles appearing in the February 1961 issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

Three Roanokers—L. M. Absher and J. C. Shelton, line foremen,

and L. S. Caldwell, lineman—wrote "Modified Shovel Digs Pole Holes Faster". The men point out that it is perhaps strange to be interested in hand shovels in "this day of mechanization", but there are many places where digging equipment such as an auger cannot be used to dig holes. However, the standard shovel of 9-inch width was not suitable because of several disadvantages. So in Roanoke this shovel's blade was trimmed on each side to bring it to a 6-inch, non-curved width, perfect for the job. In Roanoke alone, it is estimated the adaptation will save 500 manhours yearly.

All shovels presently in use were adapted by employees because none



Mr. Absher



Mr. Shelton

Mr. Caldwell



Mr. Lewis

Mr. Burt

were available commercially. But in a footnote to the article, the editor of *Ideas* says that "as a result of this idea, our purchasing department is arranging a source for purchasing the narrower shovel as desired."

"Better Way To Lift Traveling Water Screens" was written by John Lewis, helper, and Marvin Burt, master maintenance man, at Philip Sporn plant. They describe an improved method of raising traveling screens from the river for inspection and repair. The new method saves about 288 manhours annually on the plant's 12 screens and is proving a much safer method than the old one.

Got An Idea?  
Let Others Know

A comment from M. G. Melden, editor of *AEP Operating Ideas*, in the February issue of that publication, applies to all employees of our companies. He says:

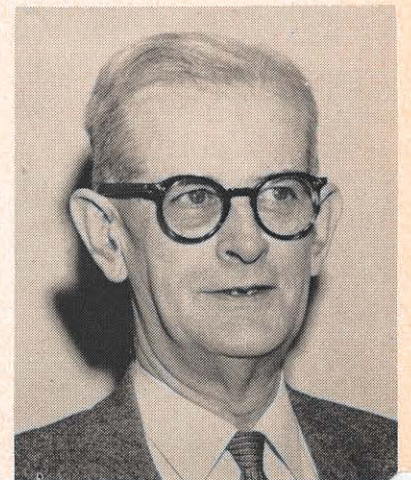
"With the enlarged scope of *AEP Operating Ideas*, all employees are reminded that they are eligible to submit suitable ideas; this includes those from commercial operations, personnel and training, accounting, and other office work—as well as relaying, transmission, distribution, metering, station work, construction, installation, testing, power plant operations, etc.

"Information and experience on ideas tested and approved should be forwarded, with suitable illustrations, through your field editor."

Following is a list of field editors in our companies:

Abingdon—R. M. Bondurant; Beckley—R. R. Griffith; Bluefield—P. E. Hilliard, L. B. Lee; Cabin Creek plant—R. E. Morrison; Clinch River plant—E. P. Ott; Charleston—C. A. Perkins, F. Q. Brown; Fieldale—R. A. Youngman; Kanawha River plant—J. A. Bennett; Glen Lyn plant—R. H. Walton, Jr.; Huntington—A. R. Neal, Jr., G. F. Schwartz; Logan—J. L. Richmond; Logan plant—M. Babinetz, Jr.; Lynchburg—P. L. Bailey; Point Pleasant—O. C. Hall; Pulaski—R. D. Carson, F. E. Rotenberry; Radford—L. A. Linkous; Roanoke System—O. P. Cornelison, H. P. Crickenberger, H. M. Hamilton, P. J. Johnson, W. S. Kitchen; Roanoke—J. L. White, M. E. Reed; Welch—W. C. Groseclose; Williamson—E. E. King.

Philip Sporn plant—P. J. Wolpert; Ashland—O. O. Henderson; Hazard—E. S. Stone; Pikeville—J. R. Burdsal; Kingsport—W. Z. Trumbo.

Thomasson Retires  
After 25 Years

Mr. Thomasson

Herbert F. Thomasson, merchandise order and billing clerk in Beckley, retired March 1 after nearly 25 years of service.

He joined the company in June 1936 as bookkeeper in the accounting department. He subsequently worked as assistant chief clerk, payroll clerk, and credit manager. In April 1949 he transferred to the commercial department and worked as power billing clerk and merchandise order and billing clerk. Before joining Appalachian he had worked in the Ansted National Bank. He served with the Navy during the first World War.

He is the father of two children. Mrs. Thomasson died in November 1960.

At the end of the school term Mr. Thomasson and his son will make their home in Athens and at Claytor Lake. The retiree is active in Episcopal church affairs, and enjoys wood-working as his hobby.



Love, care, and enthusiasm went into this remodeled Bedford County farmhouse. Mary Dulaney, Lynchburg home service representative, and her husband did most of the work to turn it into an all-electric home, and Mrs. Dulaney herself refinished the furniture and braided the rugs that make it so attractive.

### Do-It-All Dulaney's Skills, Hobbies Make Her An Old-Fashioned Pioneer

If someone should ask Lynchburg's Mary Margaret Dulaney if she enjoyed her hobby, she would likely say "certainly—but which one do you mean?"

The fact is that Mrs. Dulaney, home service representative, has not one, but fully a half-dozen hobbies, which, taken in sum, qualify her as a pioneer woman moved forward in time.

Consider this list of pastimes she enjoys, and if it doesn't make her out to be about as self-sufficient a person you could find, we miss our guess: refinishing furniture, making rugs, gardening, raising calves, knitting, sewing, and cooking. While these do represent a throwback to the day when a homemaker had to do everything, there's nothing old-fashioned about the Dulaney household.

A few years ago, she and her husband bought a 225-acre farm near Lynchburg. It needed a lot of work to make it livable. Who did the bulk of it? Right. Mr. and Mrs. Dulaney. They painted the house, inside and out, refinished the floors, did some major carpentry work, and some wiring involved in remodeling, and then had installed electric heat, all-electric kitchen and laundry, and even an all-electric pressure water system. All the furniture in the house is antique, and all of it was refinished by the Dulaney's themselves, and Mrs. Dulaney braided all the rugs.

She came by these hobbies naturally. When she was a small girl she would watch her mother and grandmother working on old furniture, or doing beautiful needlework for the home. As she grew older she started helping out, and cultivated not only skills, but affection for creating beautiful things.

The rugs she made are involved in a story all their own. Last fall, Mrs. Dulaney's uncle visited the all-electric, all-Dulaney farm. A resident of Hong Kong, he was in the U. S. to buy machinery for his factory there which manufactures rugs. He was much impressed with the beauty and usefulness of the braided rugs, and took a cram course on their manufacture. When he returns to the Far East he proposes to pass on the instruction to natives, and sell through his factory the braided rugs they will make in their homes. Perhaps the hobby of a Bedford County woman will change the economy of women of Hong Kong.

And there's no end in sight to the constant output of work. Mrs. Dulaney faces with enthusiasm the task of refinishing a towel rack, an armchair with a needlepoint seat, and a rocking chair. There is a wall-type telephone that will shortly become a radio, and an old upright churn and an iron coffee mill whose destiny is to become lamps. After that, who knows?

### "Ground To Ground"

## Total Protection For Lineman Program's Aim

"The employee is safer at work than in his home."

And this will be even more true in the Beckley district, which has recently formulated and adopted a "Ground To Ground" protection policy for linemen.

Essentially, the program requires a lineman to don rubber gloves, rubber boots and rubber sleeves before leaving the ground to climb a pole. And he must wear the protective equipment until he returns to the ground. The policy includes all voltages on primary and secondary circuits. Previously, the equipment was required on primary circuit work, but workers were, for the most part, left at their own discretion in handling secondary circuits.

Installation of the new policy was not an overnight thing—it has concerned management for years. The Beckley district safety committee worked for four months, gathering first-hand information from linemen and their foremen. Other companies were contacted on their policies, and some of their ideas adapted into Beckley's new policy.



Illustrating the "Ground To Ground" protection program for the Beckley district are T. A. Dickenson, working foreman, on the pole, and E. C. Robertson, lineman.

### Ohio Power Men Join Kincaid To Lead Corporation Board Pike County COC



Mr. Fournace Mr. Osterholm

E. E. Fournace and Robert W. Osterholm of Ohio Power have been elected directors of the AEP Service Corporation.

Mr. Fournace is assistant to the vice president and Mr. Osterholm is commercial manager. Both are located in Canton, O.

H. H. Kincaid, Pikeville district manager, has been elected president of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce.

Vice president during 1960, he has been a member of the board since the organization was activated in 1958. He has also served as chairman of the flood control committee since 1958.



Mr. Kincaid

Mr. Kincaid is active in Kiwanis and is chairman of the Pike District of the Lonesome Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is married.

### McClung Elected Leader Of Ad Club

W. A. McClung, advertising and publications supervisor in system public relations, has been named president of the Roanoke Advertising Club.



Mr. McClung

Named treasurer of the club was Mrs. W. S. Kitchen, wife of the system safety supervisor.

A native West Virginian and graduate of Concord College, Mr. McClung joined Appalachian in January 1949 as editor of the company publications. He went to his present position in 1955. He previously worked for the Associated Press in West Virginia, the Bluefield newspapers and daily newspapers in North Carolina.

Mr. McClung is immediate past president of the Civitan Club, member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and active in other church and civic affairs. He is married and has two daughters and a son.

### Insurance Eases Impact Of Health Care Expenses

Health insurance and prepayment plans are designed to ease the impact of hospital and medical expenses. They help to open the doors to hospitalization and to your own doctor's care.

Because needs of people vary, different types of insurance are available. Just as you can choose the car you desire, so you can select the type of coverage you need. The most widespread form of health insurance is basic coverage towards the cost of hospitalization, medical and surgical care.

However, just as there are accessories which you can add to your car, so also there are accessories in insurance which, for a small additional premium, can broaden your coverage. Today, programs of extended benefits, major medical or catastrophic coverages are widely available, safeguarding you against the occasional long and expensive illness. These plans may be written alone, in some instances, or as a supplement to basic benefits.

When you have purchased your protection, be sure you know what it can do for you and what it cannot do, so that you may use it wisely.

(From a pamphlet of the American Medical Association.)

### Charles Schiffler Retires In Ashland



Mr. Schiffler

Ashland's Charles D. Schiffler retired February 1.

Joining Kentucky Power in June 1944 Mr. Schiffler's first job was appliance serviceman. In 1952 he was promoted to residential sales representative, and in 1958 to his most recent job, merchandise order and billing clerk.

A veteran of Army service during the first World War, Mr. Schiffler is a member of the Rainbow Division Association, and is interested in photography and gardening. He is planning a trip to the west coast in the near future.

### Machir Promoted At Point Pleasant

W. F. Machir has been promoted in Point Pleasant from head T&D clerk to records supervisor.



Mr. Machir

Mr. Machir joined Appalachian at Point Pleasant July 23, 1946 as intermediate clerk. He was made senior clerk in 1947, and head T&D clerk in July 1954.

Mr. Machir is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose, and counts gardening as his hobby.

He is married and has three daughters.

## Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

### Appalachian Power Company

#### Bluefield District

WILLIAM ARNOLD CROTTY from utility clerk to engineering aide; EUGENE E. FANNING from division meterman C to district customer service representative; JOHN R. GREER from meter reader to collector; ARCHIE G. PHLEGAR from heating and builder sales engineer to electrical engineer; JACK D. SPRAKER from station man C to station man B; JOSEPH S. STINSON from T&D clerk, senior, to supply and maintenance clerk.

#### Point Pleasant District

R. E. CROMLEY from janitor to groundman; ROSE S. MARTIN from clerk-stenographer to cashier, senior; R. D. TILLIS from collector to customer service clerk; BESSIE M. WILSON from cashier to PBX operator; F. E. WOLFE from customer service representative to collector.

#### Philip Sporn Plant

JEAN F. COBB from coal handler to utility operator; OKEY R. KILLINGSWORTH from utility operator to maintenance helper; PAUL F. MARR from laborer to utility operator; JAMES R. PROFFITT from utility operator to auxiliary equipment operator; SARAH C. ROUSH from clerk trainee to clerk typist; JOE N. SAYRE from laborer to coal handler; BILLY L. THOMAS from auxiliary equipment operator to maintenance helper.

### Kentucky Power Company

#### Ashland District

GARY G. LAYNE from office messenger to contract clerk.

# Service Vets Honored



**George Akers** Huntington 25 Years  
**R. D. Smith** Beckley 25 Years  
**W. J. Burnside** System 25 Years  
**R. W. Ruble** Pulaski 20 Years



**J. G. Morrison** Fieldale 20 Years  
**J. W. Eanes** Fieldale 20 Years  
**G. F. Sanders** Fieldale 20 Years  
**S. A. Thomas** System 20 Years



**R. F. Cooke** Roanoke 20 Years  
**Chester Smith** Pikeville 20 Years  
**Hal Barker** Logan Plant 20 Years  
**W. T. Tibbetts** Charleston 20 Years



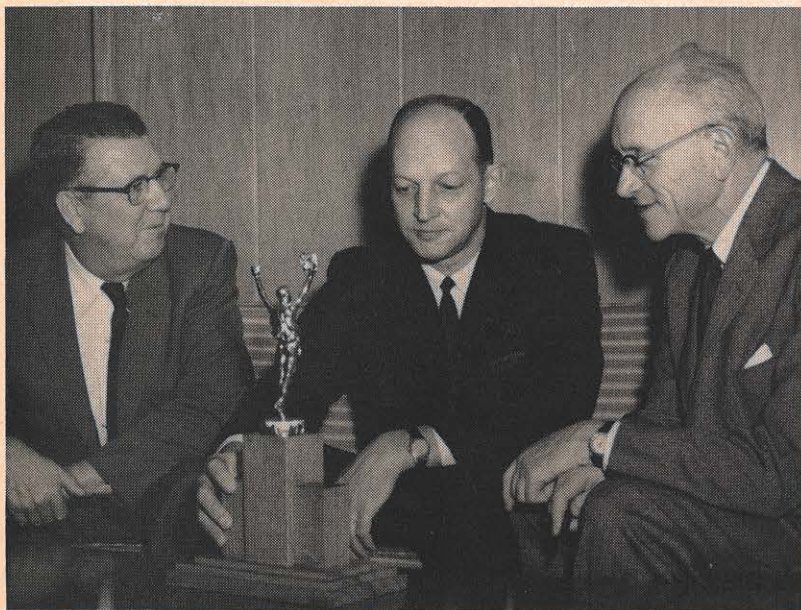
**J. L. Dorsey** Huntington 20 Years  
**J. B. Browning** Huntington 20 Years  
**W. F. Huss** AEP-Huntington 20 Years  
**A. R. Smith** Cabin Creek 20 Years



**F. P. Wilburn** System 20 Years  
**F. W. Isley** Kingsport 20 Years  
**G. E. Morrison** Kingsport 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.

## Trophy For Safety



This trophy has been presented to Kingsport Utilities' employees for their outstanding safety record and for winning the 1960 American Electric Power System division safety contest. Philip Sporn, president of AEP and of our companies, right, presented the award to J. E. Wright, Kingsport vice president and general manager, left, and W. Z. Trumbo, Kingsport personnel supervisor, center. In 1960 the employees completed their sixth consecutive year without a disabling injury.



### Appalachian Power Company

**Abingdon District**—15 YEARS: J. J. WHITE, lineman. 10 YEARS: C. E. BAILEY, truck driver-groundman; SHIRLEY LANDRETH, stenographer.

**Beckley District**—35 YEARS: C. E. PITSENBERGER, station supervisor. 25 YEARS: R. D. SMITH, local office supervisor. 10 YEARS: JACK C. KEATON, station man.

**Bluefield District**—5 YEARS: ALBERT B. HERALD, JR., lineman; FRANCIS E. McCLOSKEY, divisional electrical engineer.

**Cabin Creek Plant**—20 YEARS: A. R. SMITH, electrical maintenance mechanic. 10 YEARS: G. E. BRIERS, plant engineer; H. M. RUPERT, test engineer.

**Charleston District**—40 YEARS: WALTER D. PURVIS, meterman. 35 YEARS: C. W. LOVELL, assistant division manager; MAX A. MYERS, tractor-trailer driver helper; CARL A. PERKINS, division supervising engineer. 20 YEARS: WALTER T. TIBBETTS, R/w agent. 15 YEARS: BASIL A. THAXTON, lineman. 10 YEARS: ROBERT H. CLARKSON, station man; JOHN ROBERT MCGINNIS, Montgomery area superintendent; KEITH V. THOMAS, customer service clerk. 5 YEARS: CHARLES E. JONES, station man helper; SUE B. SHEETS, stenographer.

**Clinch River Plant**—10 YEARS: HAROLD V. JOHNSON, unit foreman; E. PAGE OTT, plant engineer; WILLIAM M. ROBINSON, JR., maintenance supervisor.

**Fieldale District**—20 YEARS: J. W. EANES, groundman; J. G. MORRISON, line foreman; G. F. SANDERS, line foreman.

**Glen Lyn Plant**—5 YEARS: WILLIAM H. DILLOW, coal conveyor operator.

**Huntington District**—35 YEARS: AZEL McCURDY, JR., district personnel supervisor. 25 YEARS: GEORGE AKERS, line foreman. 20 YEARS: JOHN B. BROWNING, groundman; JAMES L. DORSEY, building supervisor; W. F. HUSS, engineer. 15 YEARS: SALLY L. MARROW, stenographer. 10 YEARS: EARL M. BOWEN, meter reader. 5 YEARS: RAY T. BEATTY, meter serviceman; M. A. FOTOS, JR., electrical engineer.

**Kanawha River Plant**—10 YEARS: G. E. LeMASTERS, assistant plant manager.

**Logan District**—35 YEARS: O. L. TOALSTON, record supervisor. 10 YEARS: C. A. KEENER, auto repairman; FRANCES L. THOMPSON, T&D clerk.

**Logan Plant**—20 YEARS: HAL BARKER, turbine operator. 10 YEARS: ELBA R. CRADDOCK, guard.

**Lynchburg District**—15 YEARS: S. M. GLASS, instrument man; F. O. SMITH, station man. 10 YEARS: G. N. PATTERSON, auto repairman; W. H. STINETTE, groundman.

**Point Pleasant District**—10 YEARS: C. R. STREET, heating and builder sales representative.

**Pulaski District**—35 YEARS: O. B. KIDD, area supervisor. 20 YEARS: R. W. RUBLE, area serviceman. 15 YEARS: E. B. SUTHERS, lineman; S. C. WEATHERMAN, PBX operator.

**Roanoke District**—35 YEARS: H. E. NASH, customer service coordinator. 20 YEARS: R. F. COOKE, assistant local office manager. 15 YEARS: J. W. FAUCETTE, JR., electrical engineer; ALICE M. NAFF, cashier. 5 YEARS: HELEN E. YOUNG, draftsman.

**Philip Sporn Plant**—10 YEARS: NORMAN J. BAXTER, unit foreman; JAMES P. GILBERT, results engineer; SIDNEY P. FITZGERALD, maintenance man; DANA E. HOFFMAN, unit foreman; ROBERT S. LUTTON, master maintenance man. 5 YEARS: DORWIN D. CLARK, auxiliary equipment operator; W. JACK STEWART, barge attendant.

**System**—40 YEARS: H. M. HAMILTON, administrative assistant. 25 YEARS: N. J. BURNSIDE, system operations coordinator. 20 YEARS: S. A. THOMAS, work order cost clerk; F. P. WILBURN, system transmission foreman. 15 YEARS: WILLIE MAE HUNT, service order audit clerk. 10 YEARS: R. J. PINNELL, electrical engineer. 5 YEARS: T. L. ROWE, system transmission man.

**Welch District**—40 YEARS: SANK SMITH, district personnel supervisor. 15 YEARS: C. P. WYATT, JR., truck driver-groundman. 10 YEARS: P. W. HALL, meter serviceman.

**Williamson District**—15 YEARS: C. L. MILLER, engineering aide. 10 YEARS: CLAUDE WARD, dealer sales representative.

### Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District**—35 YEARS: J. W. ELLIS, JR., records supervisor. 15 YEARS: RUSSELL SCAGGS, groundman; LUTHER THOMPSON, station man; ROY VANHORN, PBX operator.

**Pikeville District**—20 YEARS: CHESTER SMITH, power sales engineer. 10 YEARS: R. C. ANDERS, station foreman. 5 YEARS: HERSELL DEAN CLARK, lineman.

### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

35 YEARS: OCHAEL WOOD, private secretary. 20 YEARS: FORREST W. ISLEY, supervisor area development; GEORGE E. MORRISON, groundman. 15 YEARS: RALPH E. CASTEEL, assistant credit supervisor; BALLARD J. INGRAM, meterman; WOODROW Q. SMITH, utility clerk; MACK D. WILLIAMS, dealer sales representative.

### Industry To Exhibit At World's Fair In 1964-65

The investor-owned electric industry will participate in the New York 1964-65 World's Fair.

A new corporation, Power & Light Exhibit, Inc. has been formed to conduct this participation. "We expect to have an exhibit that will be one of the Fair's principal attractions—and that will convey a strong industry story," said Ernest R. Acker, president of PL&E and chairman of the board of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.

"We have already taken an important step towards this goal in the selection of a 44,000-square foot lot in an excellent location, which the New York 1964-65 World's Fair Corporation has allocated to us for our exhibition building."

Mr. Acker is also chairman of Edison Electric Institute's World's Fair Committee, and one of the members of both the EEI committee and the P&LE Board is Philip Sporn, president of AEP and of our companies.

# Roy Tracy Dies At Smith Mountain



Mr. Tracy

Roy Tracy, concrete engineer at the Smith Mountain combination hydro-electric project, died January 19 after suffering several heart attacks. He was 40.

Mr. Tracy joined Appalachian in 1948. He worked as concrete engineer during construction of Sporn, Tanners Creek, Kyger Creek, and Kammer plants as well as at Smith Mountain.

A native of Pomeroy, Ohio, he was a member of the Federated Presbyterian Church there and a member of Masonic Lodge 363, Middleport, O. Funeral services and burial took place in Pomeroy.

Mr. Tracy is survived by his wife, three daughters, a son, and his parents.

# Henry M. Harris System Retiree



Mr. Harris

Henry M. Harris, engineering aide in the system transmission line department, retired March 1.

Employed in 1937 as an engineer inspector at Logan plant, where high pressure steam units were being installed, he transferred to the system transmission line department in Bluefield later that year. He worked in various engineering and drafting capacities until becoming engineering aide in 1954.

A native of Scottsville, he studied mechanical and electrical engineering at VPI and the University of Virginia. At VPI, he was called into the Marines for two years' service overseas in France.

He has been vestryman, Sunday School teacher and director of acolytes in Christ Episcopal Church, committee member of Troop 17, Boy Scouts, and district advancement chairman for the Bluefield District of Scouting for 15 years. He is the holder of the coveted Silver Beaver Award for the West Virginia Council. He is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia.

Mr. Harris is married and has three children and six grandchildren. His hobbies are camping, swimming and tennis.



# 470 Years Of Service Observed

Thirteen company veterans, with service totaling 470 years, have received pins for 35 and 40 years' service.

Those observing 40 years were Walter D. Purvis, Charleston; H. M. Hamilton, system; and Sank Smith, Welch.

Observing 35 years were J. W. Ellis, Jr., Ashland; Ochael Wood, Kingsport; Max A. Myers, C. A. Perkins, and C. W. Lovell, Charleston; O. B. Kidd, Pulaski; H. E. Nash, Roanoke; O. F. Toalston, Logan; Charles E. Pitsenberger, Beckley; and Azel McCurdy, Jr., Huntington.

## W. D. Purvis

Mr. Purvis, Charleston meterman, joined the old Virginian Power Company at Cabin Creek in 1921 as an electrician's helper. He came to Charleston in 1937 as a meter tester and became meterman in 1941.

A native of New Brunswick, Canada, he attended schools there. In Charleston he studied mathematics and elementary electricity at night school. A member of St. Anthony's Church, he is married and has one son, Douglas, Charleston engineering aide.



Mr. Purvis

## H. M. Hamilton

Administrative assistant in system accounting, Mr. Hamilton joined the utility business as a cashier at Indiana General Service Company February 7, 1921. In 1924 he went to Indiana & Michigan Electric Company as local office auditor, and three years later became chief clerk with Appalachian. He was consumers billing supervisor and assistant disbursing agent before going to his present position in 1959.

He is an Elder in the Second Presbyterian Church, past board member and secretary-treasurer of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Round Table Club and Hidden Valley Country Club. He is married and has two children.

## Sank Smith

Mr. Smith, Welch district personnel supervisor, joined the company as utility man February 10, 1921. He was assistant district superintendent, commercial manager and administrative assistant before going to his present job in 1949. He has worked in the Pocahontas and Welch areas.

Born at Ocala, Va., in Carroll County, he attended schools there. He is an Elder and projects chairman of the First Presbyterian Church, and has been a Mason for several years. The father of one son, he enjoys picture framing and fishing as hobbies.

## J. W. Ellis, Jr.

Mr. Ellis, Kentucky records supervisor in Ashland, went to work February 2, 1926 as a plant clerk. He has also been bookkeeper, petty cash clerk, payroll clerk and engineering clerk special. He has been in his present position since 1953.

Mr. Ellis is a member of the American Legion, Owen Demolay, Masons, El Hasa Shrine and Elks Club.



Mr. Hamilton



Mr. Smith



Mr. Ellis



Mrs. Wood



Mr. Myers



Mr. Perkins



Mr. Lovell



Mr. Kidd



Mr. Nash



Mr. Toalston



Mr. Pitsenberger



Mr. McCurdy

## Ochael Wood

Mrs. Wood, private secretary with Kingsport, completed 35 years February 8. She joined the company that day in 1926 as a bookkeeper and assistant cashier. Two years later she became a stenographer and moved to the managerial department in her present position in 1933.

She has been active in church and civic affairs, and has held offices in the American Legion Auxiliary and League of Women Voters.

## M. A. Myers

Mr. Myers, tractor-trailer driver helper in the Charleston district, joined Appalachian February 8, 1926 as an auto mechanic. He has also served as a truck driver-groundman.

He was in the Marine Corps during World War I and is a native of Terre Haute, Ind.

## C. A. Perkins

Charleston division's supervising engineer, Mr. Perkins joined the Montgomery utilities, now part of Appalachian, February 1, 1926 as manager. He went to Charleston in 1928 as distribution engineer, served as assistant division superintendent and district superintendent before going to his present position in 1955.

A native of Louisiana, he holds a BS degree in electrical engineering from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, and did post-graduate work at Carnegie Tech. He is a member of the Charleston Press Club, Camera Club, Beni Kedem Shrine, Rose Society and alternate on the Kanawha Valley Industrial Emergency Planning Council. He is also a member of the board of ushers at Calvary Baptist Church.

## C. W. Lovell

Mr. Lovell, assistant Charleston division manager, joined the Fayette Utilities at Oak Hill as manager February 1, 1926. Two months later the company was purchased by Appalachian. He became distribution superintendent at Oak Hill in 1934 and went to Beckley in the same position the next year. He was Beckley district manager before going to his present position in 1947.

A native of Louisiana, he, like Mr. Perkins, is an electrical engineering graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana and did post-graduate work at Carnegie Tech.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Rotary Club, Press Club, Elks Club, Beni Kedem Shrine, Kanawha Country Club and West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He is chairman of the Con-

gressional Action Committee of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and state power liaison representative, Area 7 of the Defense Electric Power Unit, U. S. Department of the Interior. He is also past president of the Charleston Rose Society.

## O. B. Kidd

Mr. Kidd, Pulaski area supervisor, started with Appalachian on pole and tower line construction with E. A. Turner's department in 1922. He had broken service until 1926, when he joined G. C. McCall's group on line building. He came to Pulaski in 1928 and was foreman before going to his present position in 1939.

He is a member of the Masonic Order and at present is deputy grand high priest of District 9. He also enjoys hunting and fishing. Mr. Kidd is married and has five children, one of whom, Johnny, is a Hillsville lineman, and five grandchildren.

## H. E. Nash

Mr. Nash, Roanoke district customer service coordinator, joined the company February 9, 1926 as a clerk in accounting. He was chief clerk, salesman and area sales representative before going to his present job in 1954.

He attended Hampden-Sydney and National Business College, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Elks Club. He was a

charter member of the Roanoke Lions Club and directed the Choir at Greene Memorial Methodist Church for 12 years. His wife, Joy, is sales display arranger for the Roanoke division.

## O. F. Toalston

Logan district record supervisor, Mr. Toalston became an employee January 4, 1926. He was a statistician in Logan at that time, after spending a short period with Ohio Power. He has also been credit manager and chief clerk.

Living on a farm near Logan, he enjoys raising many varieties of flowers.

## C. E. Pitsenberger

The Beckley station supervisor joined the company at Williamson February 22, 1926 as a plant clerk. He went to Charleston in 1930 as substation man, and while there served as OCB engineer, relay engineer, general foreman, assistant superintendent of substation, and assistant division superintendent. In 1948 he went to Beckley as district superintendent, and moved into his present job later.

A native of Pool, W. Va., he holds an electrical engineering degree from West Virginia University. He served with the Army from 1942 to 1944 as a captain. He is married and has two children.

## Azel McCurdy, Jr.

Mr. McCurdy, Huntington district personnel supervisor, joined the company February 14, 1926 as contract clerk at Huntington. He went to Logan plant later that year as plant clerk and two years later became plant chemist. He returned to Huntington in 1938 as safety director and went to his present position when the personnel department was formed in the district in 1949.

A Cabell County native, he attended Marshall College. He is a charter member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, its past president and present finance committee chairman. He is a member of the American Society of Training Directors, past president of the Exchange Club, on the home safety committee of the West Virginia Safety Council, chairman of the industrial hygiene section of the West Virginia Public Health Association, member of the Huntington Personnel Association and member of the advisory committee of the Marshall College Foremen-Manager Personnel Conference. A member of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Mr. McCurdy is married.

## Racing Champ



Deftness in converting a block of wood, four nails and four wheels into the fastest model racer around has paid off again for 9-year-old Michael Whately. The son of E. C. Whately, system control wireman, Michael was recently declared the 1961 Pinewood Derby Grand Champion Winner in Roanoke, a title he also took in 1960. A Cub Scout project, the program demands that the boys and their fathers convert the basic ingredients into racers, and then the cars are thrown into a derby on a 32-foot inclined track. Michael, who is a member of Cub Pack 210, Den 4 of the South Roanoke Methodist Church, and his car won out over 21 others.

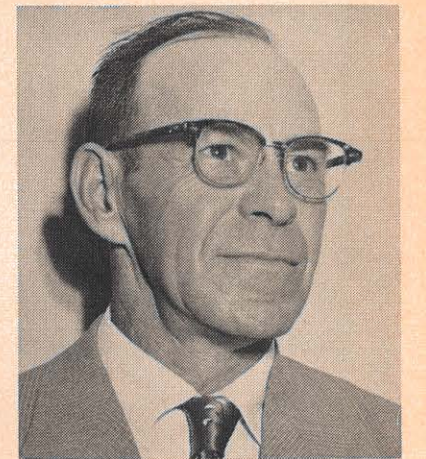
## Medical Claims Due By March 31

Employees insured under our companies' Comprehensive Medical Plan are reminded to file 1960 medical claims no later than March 31.

In some instances, where no claim has been filed in 1960, the expenses incurred during the last three months of 1959 may be considered part of your 1960 claim.

Such claims must be filed by March 31, 1961. Contact your personnel department for details about these instances.

## Logan Retiree Dies At 61



Mr. Blankenbeckler

Gilbert A. Blankenbeckler, who retired because of ill health in October 1958, died in Logan January 25. He was 61.

Mr. Blankenbeckler was employed June 25, 1928 in Logan as painter. He became overhead man in 1934 and station man in 1949. He was a native of Smyth County, Va., and had 30 years' service when he retired.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, a daughter, and several grandchildren.

## Employees Honor Hazard Retiree



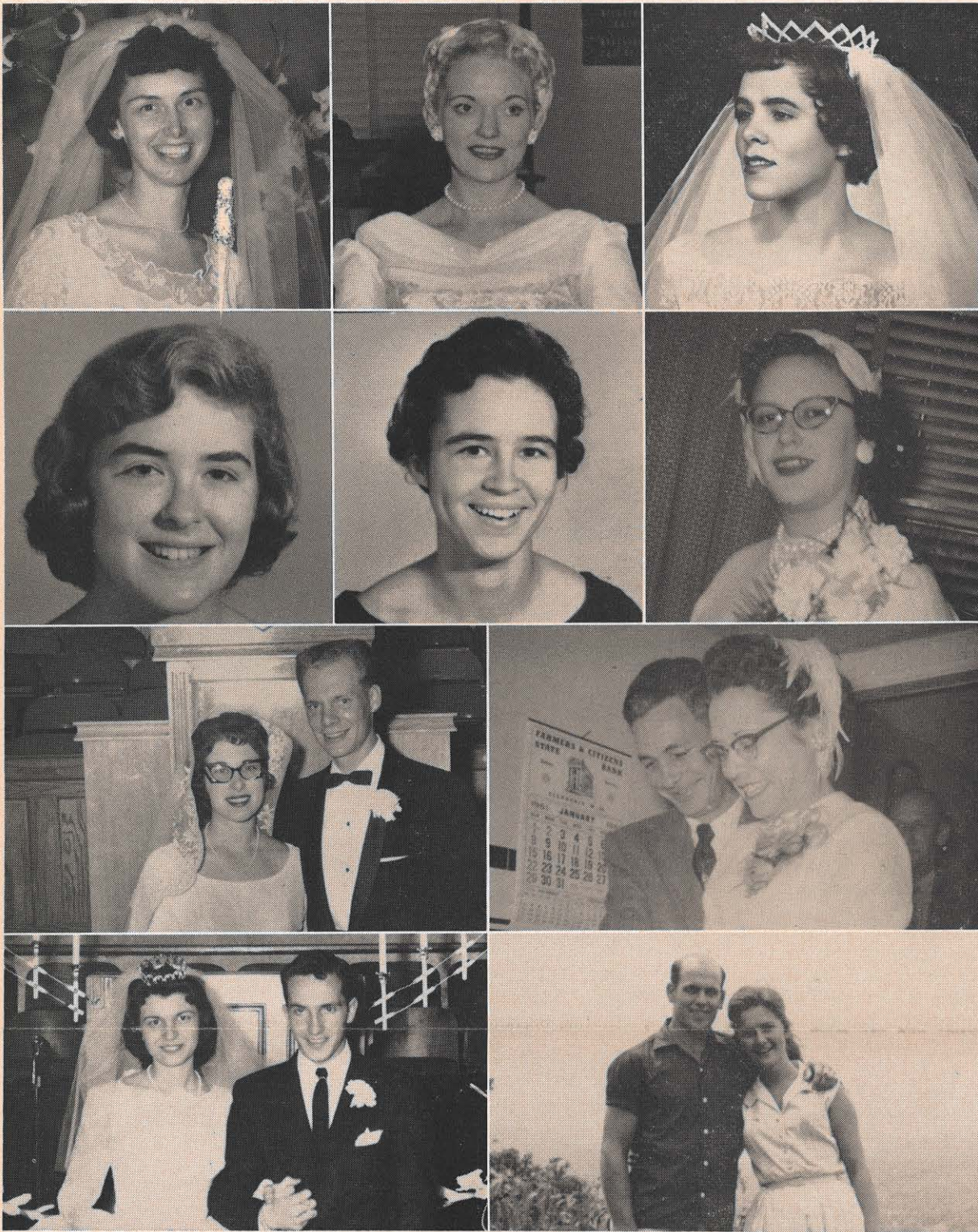
Mr. Payne

Jesse Payne, head janitor at the Hazard local office, retired February 28 after completing nearly 16 years of company service.

Since joining the company in June 1945 he worked as laborer and groundman, and became head janitor in May 1956.

Fellow employees, at his retirement, gave Mr. Payne a power tool to complete his woodworking shop. Eighteen men attended the party given at the Hazard VFW Club February 24.

# Wedding Bells Ring For Couples



Married in recent weeks were the following: TOP ROW from left: Mrs. Bob L. Adkins, Huntington; Mrs. Willie M. Walls, Jr., Huntington; Mrs. Wayne Adren Jacobs, System. SECOND ROW from left: Mrs. Paul H. Matherly, Bluefield; Mrs. Charles Robinette, Welch; Mrs. Oscar L. McSweeney, Logan plant. THIRD ROW from left: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Key Ford, Huntington; Mr. and Mrs. William L. Salmons, Charleston. BOTTOM ROW from left: Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hesson, Point Pleasant; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell, Philip Sporn plant.

## Dodd-Salmons

December 26 was the wedding day of Ruby Kathleen Dodd and William L. Salmons. The double-ring ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister. Mr. Salmons is a draftsman in Charleston.

## Thomas-Robinette

Shelby Jean Thomas was married to Charles Robinette on February 4 at the home of her grandparents in Bluefield. Mrs. Robinette is the daughter of Walter J. Thomas, Welch meter serviceman.

riage on February 18 at the Melrose Baptist Church. Mrs. Jacobs is a system accounting clerk-stenographer in Roanoke, and Mr. Jacobs is a reproducing machine operator in the Roanoke district.

## Neal-Russell

Betty Neal and Harold R. Russell were united in marriage on December 24 in a double ring ceremony at the United Brethren Church in Mason, W. Va. Mr. Russell is a conveyor operator at Philip Sporn Plant.

## Lawson-Walls

Ina Lawson and Willie M. Walls, Jr., were married December 31 at the Aracoma Church of God in Logan. Mr. Walls is a commercial sales representative in Huntington.

## Ferrell-Matherly

The Highlawn Methodist Church in Huntington was the scene of the marriage of Donna Glen Ferrell to Paul H. Matherly. Mrs. Matherly is the daughter of Archie Glen Ferrell, Bluefield district lineman.

## Hoback-Adkins

Elsie Ruth Hoback became the bride of Bob L. Adkins on January 9 at the Central Methodist Church. Mrs. Adkins is the daughter of C. C. Hoback, Huntington district retired employee.

## Belcher-Jacobs

Nancy Louise Belcher and Wayne Adren Jacobs were united in mar-

## Miller-Hesson

A ceremony performed February 10 in the Church of God in Point Pleasant united Phyllis Ann Miller and George H. Hesson. Mrs. Hesson is a clerk-stenographer in the Point Pleasant district, and Mr. Hesson is a laborer at Philip Sporn plant.

## Queen-McSweeney

The Justice Christian Church was the scene of the December 31 wedding of Judy Kay Queen to Oscar L. McSweeney. Mrs. McSweeney is the daughter of Bee Queen, Logan plant shift supervisor.

## They're Engaged

ANNE BOLIN TURNER to William Franklin Bailey. Miss Turner is a stenographer in the Bluefield district.

PAULINE B. BOWMAN to Robert Lee Duff, Jr. Mrs. Bowman is a stenographer in the Bluefield division.

JOAN CLAYMAN to Murphy Miller, Jr. Miss Clayman is a cashier in Kingsport.

BARBARA A. WILLIAMSON to Fontaine Banks, Jr. Miss Williamson is a home service representative in the Williamson district.

## Harper-Ford

Phyllis Annette Harper became the bride of Larry Key Ford in a ceremony performed December 23 in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Ford is the son of Leanna K. Ford, Huntington district clerk-typist.



## New Arrivals



### Cabin Creek Plant

MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN LACROIX, a daughter, Mary Christina, January 5. Mr. LaCroix is a test engineer.

### Charleston

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES CARRUTHERS, a daughter, Cathy Lynn, February 9. Mr. Carruthers is a meter service helper.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT GUM, a daughter, Vicki Lynn, February 11. Mr. Gum is a business administration trainee.

### Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL E. MANN, a son, January 31. Mr. Mann is an auxiliary equipment operator.

### Logan

MR. AND MRS. ALPHA D. OSBURN, a daughter, Deanna Lynn, January 29. Mr. Osburn is a groundman.

### Pikeville

MR. AND MRS. BILL HARRIS, a son, February 8. Mr. Harris is a meter clerk.

MR. AND MRS. GENE STEWART, a son, February 1. Mrs. Stewart is a former contract clerk.

### Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN R. WHITE, a son, Gary Stephen, February 3. Mr. White is a meter reader.

### Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. E. T. JONES, JR., a daughter, Leigh Anne, January 20. Mr. Jones is assistant credit supervisor.

### Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. MARION W. ROUSH, a daughter, Brenda Lynn, January 24. Mr. Roush is a barge attendant.

### Welch

MR. AND MRS. HENRY E. FARMER, JR., a son, Steven Brian, January 28. Mr. Farmer is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. JACK D. MARTIN, a son, David Bruce, December 19. Mr. Martin is a meter serviceman.

## Bluefield "First" Retires Early



Miss Saunders

The first woman in Bluefield division to record 40 years of continuous company service, Marcelle Saunders, has taken early retirement.

Since that milestone she added two more years, and retires as division assistant payroll supervisor. She joined the company in December 1918 in Bluefield, and worked as clerk and payroll clerk before being promoted in 1949 to the job she held at retirement.

She is a charter member of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Bland Street Methodist Church, and is also a member of the YWCA.

## Youngster Selected For All-State Band

Karen Snodgrass, a junior at Franklin County High School, has been named to the Virginia All-State Band, the only member of her band so honored.



Karen Snodgrass

She is the daughter of E. T. Snodgrass, resident engineer of the Smith Mountain Combination hydro-electric project. She plays the flute, and competed with over 700 students to win the chair in the honor band.

She has played the flute for six years. She was majorette of her school last year and has attended the Pocahontas Music Camp near Bristol.

## Retired Man, Wife Wed 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Parks

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 1. Mr. Parks retired in July 1950 as auxiliary operator in the Roanoke steam plant. He had joined the company in 1918 as oiler.

The couple celebrated the occasion with an open house, during which Mrs. Parks wore her wedding dress. They have nine children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks have been members of the New Bethel Church of the Brethren for more than 30 years. Mr. Parks' hobby continues to be truck gardening, and during the summer sells his produce on the Roanoke City Market. Several times he decided to stop this endeavor, but each time his customers persuaded him to keep it up. Some have been buying watermelons and cantaloupes from Mr. Parks for more than 35 years.

## Charleston Girl Honored At WVU

Mary Linda Burks, daughter of Charleston's P. W. Burks, was one of 20 West Virginia University seniors chosen "most outstanding" by the college yearbook.



Miss Burks

Miss Burks was included on the list because of her record in scholarship, leadership and campus activities. She is president of the Spokes, senior women's honorary organization, treasurer of Alpha Xi Delta, social sorority, member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, national professional home economics organization, on the governing board of Associated Women Students, and a member of the YWCA.

Her father is Charleston division service coordinator.

## Charleston Whips Beckley



Exceedingly warlike were these bowlers from Charleston and Beckley, who posed for a picture before their annual match. From left, they are: C. B. Talley and Chris Mitchell, Charleston, and Parthenia Glover and Eugene O'Neal, Beckley. Charleston carried away most of the honors in the match, both team and individual, but Beckley refused to allow defeat to overcome hospitality: they were hosts at a steak dinner for their conquerors.

## Things Go Right For Sporn Bowlers

Pins were falling as they should for Philip Sporn plant bowlers last month. Three plant teams rolled a challenge match with teams from Muskingum River plant, and Sporn plant won all nine games. At least two of the games were close ones, being decided by two pins and four pins. In this match Sporn plant's Cricket Searls had high single game of 257, and the high three games of 645.

Employees also made up the Lieving Coal Company team which won the first half of the Men's Classic in the Point Pleasant Bowling Alleys. The five are Willis Dudding, Cricket Searls, Sonny Haggerty, Doug Miller and Junie Gibbs.

Competing against Muskingum were Karl Wiles, Clarence Tennant, Delbert Murray, Keith Arnold, Jim Hart, Mark Ward, Harry Davis, George Wright, Dorwin Clark, Dana Hoffman, Cricket Searls, Bob Gilmore, Pee Wee Wright, Bob Crouch and Les Damewood.

## Bluefield . . .

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ter of the National Secretaries Association (International), recently attended the fifth annual secretarial workshop sponsored by the Roanoke Chapter of the N. S. A. . . . Congratulations to C. L. Stacy, who is now retired, and his wife, Helen. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary January 31 . . . Mary Lee White, wife of Alfred H. White, division photographer and reproduction man, was elected president of the Business and Professional Woman's Club of the Bluefield YWCA.

## First Half Winners



Winners of the first half of the Beckley district bowling league are Reddy's Kids. In front, l. to r., are: J. B. Richmond, J. C. Barker, Parthenia Glover, H. A. Wilton, Jr.; in back, H. K. Evans, P. P. Hancock and E. R. Miller, team captain.

## Hunters Find Ducks Unpalatable

A favorite hunting cartoon came to life for two Point Pleasant district hunters not long ago.

Ranging along the Ohio River, looking for ducks, the two raised their heads above river-bank weeds and spotted their prey peacefully floating along. The two used pre-arranged hand signals, and one man fired upstream, the other down.

When the smoke cleared away, the prey still floated, but badly splintered. The only bag that day was three badly damaged decoys. The two were unable to locate the owner to pay for their mistake.

## Coon Hunters



Just before this picture was made, Troop, the hound, sniffed the coonskins hanging up, thought he was going off on another hunting expedition, and got mad as a . . . well, as a hound when he didn't go. Troop is the hound half of the coon-hunting team of Bob Lambert and Troop, posed here with 11 coonskins they trapped. Bob, Bluefield district lineman, is getting ready to ship off the coonskins, plus nine muskrats and one mink. Coon-hunting, a night time project, is a greater sleep thief than television says Bob. Arf, says Troop.

## Retired Employee Dies In Kenova

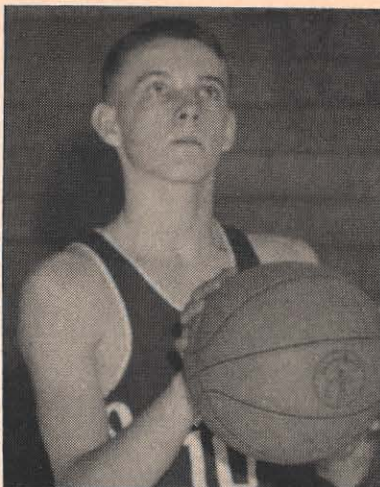
Elza Lett, 79, retired Huntington district employee, died January 29 in Huntington following a heart attack.

Mr. Lett retired July 1, 1946 after completing 35 years of service with the company. He started work in November 1911, and worked at Kenova plant as fireman, head fireman, water tender, boiler room man, and boiler operator. He had lived in Kenova for 55 years.

Services were conducted at the First Methodist Church of Kenova, of which he was a member, and burial took place in the Catlettsburg (Ky.) Cemetery.

His survivors include two daughters, two sons and five grandchildren.

## Trail Blazer



Here is Luther Trail, set-shot artist from outside, push-shot inside, and captain of the Cleveland High School Indians. Leading the team in scoring with a 16.4 average, Luther is writing a blazing finish to a three-year career. He is also active in other student affairs at Cleveland. His father is James R. Trail, Clinch River plant maintenance man.

## Roanoke Bowling Race Steamy

Processing has moved into the top spot in the Roanoke Bowling League in the second third of the season with a 20-10 record. A cat's whisker behind in second place is Service, 19½-10½.

D. L. Buckingham has high average of 168, O. A. Hawkins high set of 599, and J. W. Whitenack high game of 263. Operations has the high team set of 2633, and Accounting high team game of 924.

# GOOD IDEA!

Beginning with this issue, THE ILLUMINATOR will publish monthly a listing of ideas submitted in our companies' Work Simplification Program and accepted in the division of their origin. This month ideas accepted in January 1961 are listed. The listings include the employee originating the idea, his department, his location and a brief description of the idea.

GENE MOORE	Distribution	Ashland
Use Kearney Compression Connectors for dead-ending secondary conductors.		
W. D. FOSTER, JR.	T&D	Beckley
Install coil spring on hot stick handles to maintain pressure on eltap.		
R. R. GRIFFITH	T&D	Beckley
Use old transformers with taps for mine services.		
J. A. KIRBY	T&D	Beckley
Have Transformer Authorizations, Form 316, padded in sets of two.		
C. D. FITZPATRICK	Transportation	Beckley
Use air pressure to force oil out of drum.		
W. C. McMAHAN	Managerial	Beckley
Install positive action latch to lock, hold garage door in raised position.		
O. A. HESSON	Maintenance	Cabin Creek Plant
Reduce sootblower maintenance with service air.		
O. A. HESSON	Maintenance	Cabin Creek Plant
Use refractory on coal feeder screws.		
O. A. HESSON	Maintenance	Cabin Creek Plant
Gas burner ignition torch problem solved with standard pipe cap.		
W. K. EVANS	Control Room	Cabin Creek Plant
Install temperature recording device on 8 and 9 L.P. generator stators.		
E. P. YOUNG	Maintenance	Cabin Creek Plant
Jig for replacing ribbons on Foster-Wheeler pulverizer feeder screws.		
L. H. CARNIFAX	Maintenance	Cabin Creek Plant
Hydraulic shaper adapted for milling operations.		
G. E. BRIERS, JR.	Production	Cabin Creek Plant
Acid cleaning water lines.		
BASIL JARRETT	Maintenance	Cabin Creek Plant
Method of installing Pyrocast sleeves in Foster-Wheeler boiler burners.		
R. W. FLEMING	Maintenance	Cabin Creek Plant
Making operating logs, other forms on Multigraph Duplicator.		
R. W. LACY	Transportation	Charleston
Use head or belt type light when servicing vehicles in shaded parking areas to free hands for work.		
W. M. ROBINSON, JR.	Maintenance	Clinch River Plant
H. G. GILLESPIE, JR.	Maintenance	Clinch River Plant
Slag blower and steam header location charts.		
W. M. ROBINSON, JR.	Maintenance	Clinch River Plant
H. G. GILLESPIE, JR.	Maintenance	Clinch River Plant
Tube bank location charts.		
W. M. ROBINSON, JR.	Maintenance	Clinch River Plant
Breeching Dam saves \$9,600 annually.		
DORSIE DRAKE	T&D	Logan
Print form letter, with blanks, for requests for bids on right of way maintenance.		
FRANK QUEEN	T&D	Logan
Inking drawings with pen set that needs fewer refills, has seven point sizes.		
H. R. JACKSON	T&D	Logan
Make gasoline purchases in larger quantities, reducing number of purchases.		
C. A. SIMMONS	Engineering	Point Pleasant
STEVENSON CARPENTER	Engineering	Point Pleasant
Revise schedule for group replacement of street lights.		
P. E. PETERS	T&D Engineering	Roanoke
J. A. WHEELER	T&D Engineering	Roanoke
Set up a workable electric heat customer record file.		
C. L. MILLER	T&D	Williamson
Prepare station load reports quarterly instead of monthly.		
HAROLD AKERS	T&D	Williamson
Protector for carrying extension ladder in rack on service truck.		

## King Coal Cooks Better — Electrically

Around the end of January, people around Beckley had the opportunity — although they didn't know it — to buy coal rare, medium, or well done.

It's hard to believe, but that's just the way it happened. It seems that W. B. Belchee, Welch district power engineer, has been working with coal company people to find a way of drying coal that approaches 0 inch in size. Mr. Belchee and R. H.

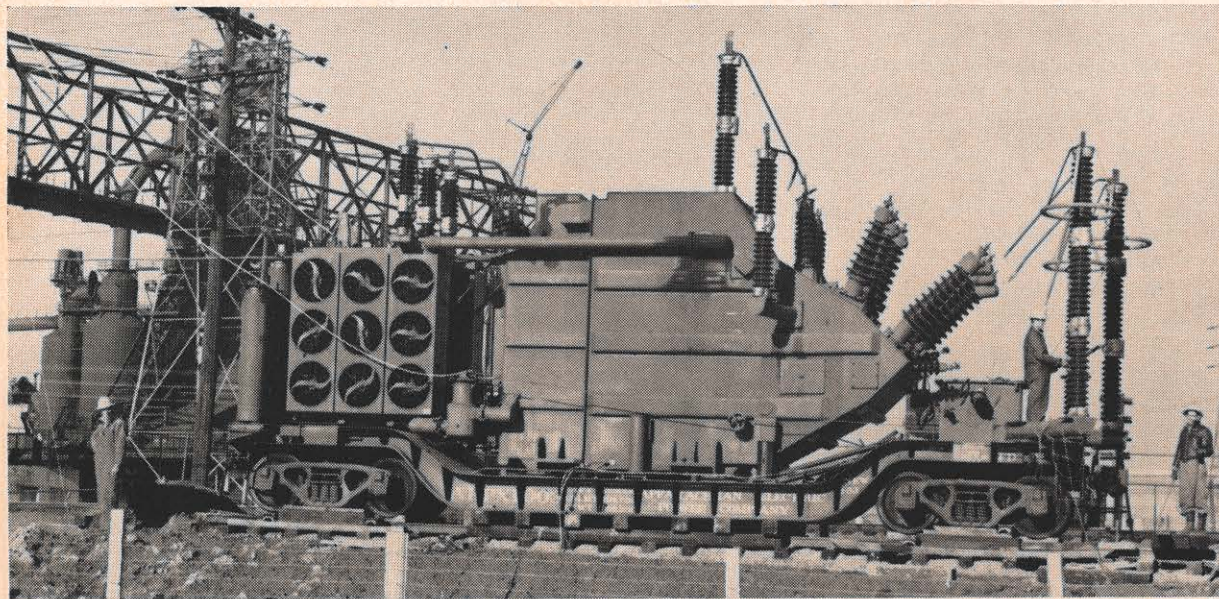
Ruff, another power engineer, got permission to use the electronic range in the King Tut Drive-In in Beckley for their experiments.

Heated under two 800-watt electronic tubes, the coal when dried, showed no change in its qualitative analysis after its oven treatment.

At the present time no electronic tube is being manufactured for this purpose, although one is being developed.

## Kentucky, Appalachian Work

# Major Industries, Others In Big Sandy Area To Benefit From Big Construction Project



Workmen install the 69,000 volt mobile station at Ashland district's Bellefonte station to handle 69,000 volt service to rebuilt lines. The work was part of a major project just completed by Kentucky Power and Appalachian.

A major project involving station and line work and providing service to three major industries in the Big Sandy area has been virtually completed by Appalachian and Kentucky Power.

The improvements will affect service to the Novamont Corporation at Neal, W. Va., the Ashland Oil and Refining Company at Leach, Ky., and the Pittsburgh Chemical Company at Savage Branch, Ky.

Involved was this station work: a new South Neal 69,000/12,000 volt station, new breaker in West Huntington station, a new Ashland Oil 69,000 volt station, addition of 69,000 volts to the Bellefonte station, and conversion of the Howard Collins station to 69,000 volts.

In addition, these lines were built: 69,000 volt line from West Huntington to South Neal, new 69,000 volt line from South Neal to Leach station, and rebuilding of 34,500 Leach-Bellefonte station and Bellefonte-Howard Collins lines to 69,000 volts.

Further, the Leach 34,500 station was abandoned, with its load being transferred to the new Ashland Oil station.

The Bellefonte 69,000 volt station is currently using a railroad mobile station on a nearby siding to supply power to the Ashland Oil and Howard Collins stations and the future Bellefonte-Morehead line.

## Darby Promoted To Division Post

J. L. Darby, heating and builder sales representative in the Point Pleasant district commercial department, has been promoted to division commercial dealer sales coordinator. He will make his headquarters in the Charleston office.



Mr. Darby

Mr. Darby was employed June 11, 1951 as agricultural sales engineer. He became heating and builder sales representative in August 1957.

A 1950 graduate of West Virginia University, Mr. Darby holds a degree in agricultural engineering, and is a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.



Energizing the South Neal station of the Huntington district were, from left: H. B. Hout, division station engineer; Loris Luciano, Montecatini (of Italy) development engineer; Dr. Carlo Vancini, plant manager for Novamont; V. L. Thacker, station supervisor; and S. R. Pritchard, district manager. Novamont is Montecatini's wholly-owned American subsidiary, and is building a plant at Neal in the Huntington district. The South Neal station will help supply the electricity for operation of the plant.

Conversion of this line from 34,500 volts to 69,000 volts was begun last year and will be completed this year. It is expected that the mobile station will be used until a 69,000 volt transformer is added at Bellefonte in 18 months.

The overall affect of the program is to give the Big Sandy area its first 69,000 volt service for present and future industries, and for other area users.

## New Type Tower Will Carry Line

Guyed aluminum towers that need only a single foundation and four wire anchors will be used for the first time in this country in the building of four major transmission lines by the American Electric Power System.

Similar to designs used in Sweden and Finland, the towers will carry the 138,000-volt lines a total of 100 miles. The lines will tie into the AEP system two power projects now under construction.

Two lines will be built from Appalachian's Smith Mountain combination hydro-electric project, and two more will begin at the Big Sandy Power plant of Kentucky Power Company at Louisa, Ky.

The V-shaped towers will vary in height from 50 to 100 feet, and in weight from 1500 pounds to 4000 pounds. The towers will be fabricated by Michael Flynn Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia. Delivery is expected to start August 15.

## System Engineer Retires Recently



Mr. French

William G. French, system transmission engineer, has retired after more than 38 years with the company.

He joined the Bluefield district as transitman in June 1922, and was an engineer before transferring to the system transmission line department in 1938. Prior to Appalachian service, he worked in the engineering departments of Pocahontas Land Company, Carter Coal Company and the City of Welch.

He is a Navy veteran of World War I, is married and has one son and two grandchildren. An expert gardener, he also enjoys hunting.

## Kennedy Picks Director Gavin As Ambassador

Lieut. Gen. James M. Gavin (USA ret.), newest director of the American Electric Power Company, was appointed Ambassador to France by President John F. Kennedy February 13.

President of Arthur D. Little, Inc., an international research and engineering firm, General Gavin was elected to the AEP board January 3. He retired from the Army in 1958, serving as chief of Army Research and Development at the time.

He was a captain on Pearl Harbor Day, and a major general when he commanded the 82d Airborne Division later in the war. He has been a friend of President Charles de Gaulle for a number of years.

## Coalwood Operator Retires March 1



Mr. Peery

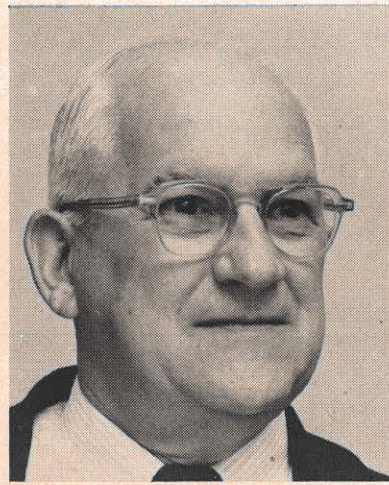
Carl J. Peery, Coalwood station operator of the Welch district, retired March 1. He started with the Company on the last day of 1925, and has over 35 years of service.

He was assigned as relief operator all through the Bluefield division before being made operator at Switchback in 1929. He went to Coalwood in 1937.

Mr. Peery was born in Tazewell, Va., and attended school in Springville. He served in the first World War, and later for the Norfolk and Western Railway before joining Appalachian.

Mr. and Mrs. Peery, parents of three children, will move to Tampa, Fla., where they own a home, after retirement.

## Engineer Retires In Bluefield



Mr. Stacy

Retirement has closed the 26-year-plus Appalachian career of Charles L. Stacy, Bluefield division power sales engineer.

Born in West Virginia and educated in New Jersey, New York and at the University of Virginia, Mr. Stacy joined Appalachian permanently in May 1934 as contract clerk in Bluefield local accounting department. He worked as clerk, junior power engineer, assistant district manager, district commercial manager and division power sales engineer. Before 1934 he had worked from 1929 to 1932 with the Appalachian construction department. He also served in the Army from 1917 to 1918.

Mr. Stacy is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, the Rotary Club, the Country Club, Chamber of Commerce and Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

## County 4-H Honors Dunn

Carl M. Dunn, administrative assistant in Huntington, recently became the first person in Cabell County



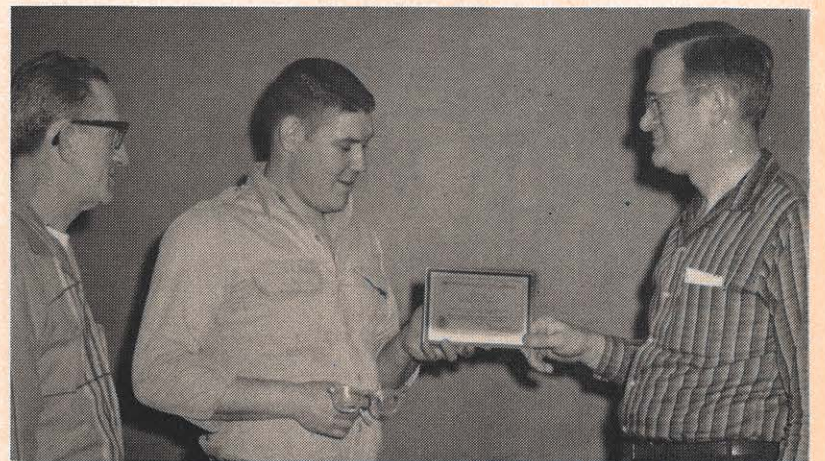
Mr. Dunn

to receive an honorary membership in the 4-H Club. Mr. Dunn was awarded the membership and a 4-H pin for his efforts in youth work in the county.

At the same time he also won an honorary 4-H Award for outstanding service to the movement in the past year.

Work with youth groups, especially in farming communities, has won many citations for Appalachian and its representatives in Virginia and West Virginia.

## Wise Owl



A thankful man is W. L. Hughes, center, maintenance man at Kanawha River plant. Here he accepts his membership certificate in the Wise Owl Club from W. J. Buchanan, Jr., plant maintenance supervisor. He won membership because the safety goggles he was wearing on the job saved him from serious injury when a piece of hot slag popped up from a weld and shattered the right lens of the goggles. J. C. Burnette, plant safety supervisor, looks on at left.