

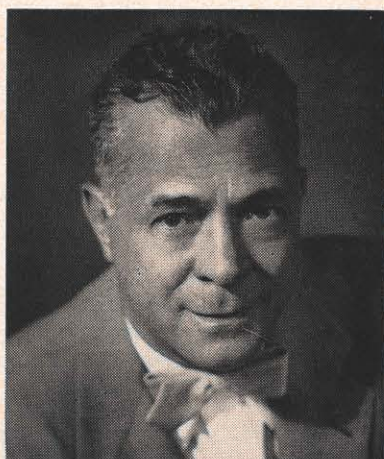
Cook Elected President To Succeed Sporn



Mr. Cook



Mr. Sporn



Mr. Kammer

Will Head Our Companies; Kammer Named To New Post

Donald C. Cook took office on December 1 as president and chief executive officer of American Electric Power Company and of all its subsidiary companies, including our three companies. In each of these posts he succeeded Philip Sporn, who retired on that date at the age of 65.

Mr. Cook's election as president of AEP and of the AEP Service Corporation took place at meetings of those companies' respective boards of directors on November 9; he was subsequently elected to the presidency of the other AEP System companies, including the six operating companies, at their board meetings on November 29.

A director and member of the executive committee of AEP, Mr. Cook previously had been a vice president of AEP, as well as executive vice president - legal, finance and accounting, of the Service Corporation.

New Committee

Simultaneously with Mr. Cook's election, the parent board established a new standing committee, the System Development Committee, and appointed Mr. Sporn as its chairman. In addition to his duties in this assignment, he will continue to serve as a director and member of the executive committee. He will also serve as advisor and consultant to the directors and officers of AEP, in accordance with an arrangement entered into with the company in 1959.

In still another action, the Service Corporation directors elected H. A. (Bert) Kammer, previously executive

vice president - engineering and construction, as senior vice president, also effective December 1.

Mr. Cook, who is a former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, joined the Service Corporation in 1953 as vice president and assistant to the president and was elected its executive vice president for legal, finance and accounting in 1954. He was elected a director of AEP in January 1960, a member of the AEP board's executive committee in October 1960, and a vice president of AEP in April 1961. In addition, prior to his election to the presidencies of the Service Corporation and the operating companies, he had been a vice president, as well as a director, of each of them.

The companies of the AEP System which Mr. Cook now heads, succeeding Mr. Sporn in each instance, are:

American Electric Power Company, American Electric Power Service Corporation, and the six operating companies: Appalachian Power Company, Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, Kentucky Power Company, Kingsport Utilities, Inc., Ohio Power Company, and Wheeling Electric Company.

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Mehlman Named To New York Post From Sporn Plant

Albert G. Mehlman, manager of the Philip Sporn plant, has been appointed operating manager—production of the AEP Service Corporation, effective January 1.

In this capacity, he will direct the operations of the AEP System's series of major plants. He succeeds John E. Geue, who extended his working career in that post for approximately a year beyond his normal retirement date at the request of the company. Mr. Geue, however, will remain on the job to assist Mr. Mehlman over the next several months.

Mr. Mehlman in 1956 was named manager of Sporn plant. Prior to that he had been assistant manager of Cabin Creek plant. He joined the company in 1940 as maintenance man at Cabin Creek. In 1941 he was named assistant results engineer, and held the posts of assistant master mechanic, supervising mechanical engineer and acting assistant plant manager before being named assistant plant manager in 1951.

He was born at Bridgeport, O. and received a B.S. degree in chemical engineering in 1934 from Linsley Institute of Technology in Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr. Geue, a 39-year veteran, started his career in 1922 at Ohio Power's Windsor plant. He worked at various plants until 1947, when he was named plant consultant for the Service Corporation. He was appointed operating manager—production in 1954. He is a director of the Service Corporation, being named to that post in 1955.



Mr. Mehlman

Types Of Nuclear Reactors Will Be Studied By ECNG

East Central Nuclear Group, Inc., composed of 14 investor-owned electric utilities, including Appalachian, will undertake a year's study of three types of nuclear reactors in the size of 500,000 kilowatts.

Its objectives will be to determine the probable cost of energy and the estimated effort required to solve the technical problems associated with each of the three types.

ECNG has completed arrangements for a privately-financed, \$680,000 survey of a heavy water-moderated, pressure tube reactor employing three different cooling media: high-pressure gas, pressurized heavy water and boiling heavy water.

The evaluation of heavy water reactors is being made, ECNG said, in response to a suggestion by the Atomic Energy Commission.

These reactors have received relatively little attention in the United States, but the Canadian nuclear power program is largely committed to the heavy water concept. The attractiveness of these reactors lies in their exploitation of heavy water's exceptional nuclear properties, which allow considerably more economic fuel utilization than is possible in light water reactors. These heavy water reactors can be operated on non-enriched fuel.

ECNG will also review the most recent developments in nuclear power, including those reactor concepts proposed by major reactor manufacturers as the most attractive for future application.

Studies will also be undertaken to determine the effects of variation or

loss of Federal subsidies on the fuel costs of enriched uranium reactors. Changes in subsidies could result from private ownership of enriched fuel, as recently proposed by the AEC, by the reprocessing of spent fuel by private industry, and by the establishment of a free market for plutonium.

Over a three-year period, ECNG and the AEC had sponsored research and development on a gas-cooled, heavy water-moderated reactor. They had hoped that a 50,000 kw prototype of this reactor could be constructed in Florida by the Florida West Coast Nuclear Group. However, at the request of the AEC, because of technical and economic uncertainties, the project was terminated last June.

TO ALL MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES OF THE AEP SYSTEM IN VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE

When on the night of November 9, at a dinner in the Biltmore Hotel in New York attended by some 300 of our people who were participating in the 14th Annual Management Meeting of the AEP System and by our Directors and their wives, there was flashed on a screen a projection of the \$100,000 check drawn to the "Philip Sporn Educational Trust," the check representing the contributions of almost 9,000 employees of the System and the contributions of the AEP Company itself. I experienced one of the most significant and unalloyed thrills of my life. Under the strain of deep emotional excitement I lost almost completely my power of speech. The response which I subsequently made was, I hope, a moderately creditable and partially adequate expression of my gratitude.

I would like to improve on that inadequate performance with a personal reply to every one of you, but since this is impossible, I am taking advantage of the availability of the columns of "The Illuminator" to first thank each of you individually, and all of you collectively, for this magnificent gift. I particularly want to tell you of the great satisfaction and pleasure you have given Mrs. Sporn and me, in making me the symbol and instrument of your generous gift to American education.

The American Electric Power System has established a great record of pioneering in the technology of producing, transmitting, distributing and marketing and making possible the continually growing usefulness of electric energy, but I venture the opinion that no other previous pioneering activity has managed to achieve the distinction that this unique gift has achieved.

We hope to put this gift to great and constructive use and at the proper time we shall announce to all of you what that use will be. On the personal side, it has added immensely to Mrs. Sporn's and my own already deep pride in the AEP System and its people and to our gratefulness for the privilege of leading for 15 years our organization to its present heights of achievement.

From the depths of our hearts we thank you. With wishes for a much greater, more useful, and over-all more rewarding AEP System, to which I hope to be able to contribute in the years ahead, and with best wishes to all of you in your lives and in your work in the Company, I remain

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Philip Sporn

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AEP System Hits All-Time Peak

The AEP System hit its first 5-million kilowatt peak at 11 a. m. Monday, November 20, with a reading of 5,125,000 kw.

The System's previous all-time peak had been 4,936,000 kw, reached exactly two weeks before.

Two System companies, Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan, registered new peaks at the same hour on the 20th—Ohio reached 2,186,000 kw and I&M touched 1,180,000 kw.

Appalachian reached a peak of 1,785,000 kw at 6 p. m. the same day. Its previous peak had been 1,728,000 on September 5.

First In Nation - Clinch Efficiency Is Made Official

Half of the nation's ten most efficient plants in 1960 are on the AEP System with one, Clinch River, taking the top spot in official Federal Power Commission listings.

Clinch River became the country's most efficient plant with an average 1960 heat rate of 8,975 Btu per kilowatt-hour.

The four other AEP plants among the top ten were: Kanawha River, third; Muskingum River (Ohio Power), eighth; Kamer (Ohio Power), ninth; and Tanners Creek (Indiana & Michigan), tenth.

In addition, two AEP-designed plants, Clifty Creek of Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation, and Kyger Creek of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, were fifth and thirteenth, respectively. In all, AEP placed seven plants among the 15 outstanding power stations in the U. S.

Breed plant of I&M was singled out in the FPC report as having the lowest unofficial heat rate of all plants—8,807 Btu per kwh. However, because it operated for less than six months in 1960, Breed was not included in the official listing.



Voice From The Past, Words For Today

I am your friend and my love for you goes deep. There is nothing I can give you which you have not got; but there is much, very much, that, while I cannot give it, you can take. No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in today. Take Heaven! No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in the present little instant. Take Peace!

The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it yet within our reach is Joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see—and to see we have only to look. I beseech you to look.

Life is so generous a giver, but we, judging its gifts by their covering, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering and you will find beneath it a live splendour, woven of love, by wisdom, with power. Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the Angel's hand that brings it to you. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow, or a duty, believe me, that Angel's hand is there; the gift is there, and the wonder of an overshadowing Presence. Our joys too; be not content with them as Joys. They, too, conceal diviner gifts.

Life is so full of Meaning and Purpose, so full of Beauty—beneath its covering—that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven. Courage then to claim it; that is all! But courage you have; and the knowledge that we are pilgrims together, wending, through unknown country, home.

And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you. Not quite as the world sends greetings, but with profound esteem and with the prayer that for you now and forever, the day breaks, and the shadows flee away.

—Extract from a letter written by Fra Giovanni—Anno Domini, 1513

Quoting Others

I hope we shall never forget that we created this nation, not to serve ourselves, but to serve mankind. — Woodrow Wilson.

Investor-Owned Utilities Are Working With Atom

The pre-eminent position of the United States among the nations of the world in the development of electricity from atomic sources, and the contribution of investor-owned electric companies to that development have gone largely unrecognized in this country. In a recent nationwide survey, 81 per cent of the people questioned did not know of any electric light and power companies working on atomic power projects.

The fact is that the investor-owned electric companies, working in co-operation with manufacturing companies, engineering construction firms, the Atomic Energy Commission, and various service organizations, are carrying on the most comprehensive program of research and development in atomic power in the world.

There are now six nuclear power plants in operation in this country. Electric companies are operating five of them. So far as we know, there are more nuclear power plants in the United States than in any other nation in the world.

The first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction in history was accomplished by U. S. scientists at the University of Chicago on December 2, 1942. Because of its military importance, development of atomic energy quickly came under strict government control. It remained a Federal monopoly until 1954.

Early in the 1950's the United States Atomic Energy Commission began a comprehensive program of basic research and experimental development toward peaceful uses for atomic energy. In the meantime, investor-owned electric utility companies were studying the possibilities of atomic power under the Commission's industrial study group program.

AEP System Active In Work With Atom

American Electric Power has been active in the development of electricity from atomic sources.

Its Service Corporation is one of eight member companies of Nuclear Power Group, which has been engaged in the research and development phases of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station project. Through 1960, the AEP System had contributed over \$2.8-million toward this work.

And Appalachian, Ohio Power and Indiana & Michigan Electric are member companies of East Central Nuclear Group, Inc. ECNG, made up of 14 investor-owned electric utilities, has just announced it will undertake a year's study of three types of nuclear reactors in the size of 500,000 kilowatts (see story this issue). ECNG and AEP, over a recent three-year period, had sponsored research and development on a reactor, with the hope that a 50,000 kw prototype could be constructed in Florida by the Florida West Coast Nuclear Group. However, because of technical and economic uncertainties, and at the request of the AEC, the project was terminated last June.

In 1954 Congress completely revised atomic legislation and, for the first time, gave the Atomic Energy Commission authority to license organizations to undertake development of nuclear power. Immediately, electric companies, equipment manufacturers, and other organizations set to work. Some grouped together to share the expensive research, development, testing, and construction of plants that could make use of this new energy source. Others obtained assistance from the AEC in constructing developmental plants. Still others worked independently, financing nuclear projects entirely in the free market.

The problem facing the companies was to develop the machinery and the methods that would make it possible for electricity to be produced in nuclear power plants as economically as it could be produced in con-

ventional steam plants. Reaching this goal was made more difficult by the fact that, simultaneously, the companies were continuing to improve the efficiency of the conventional plants. As a result, the target seemed to be continually receding.

In 1961, 129 electric light and power companies were participating in 24 nuclear power projects involving a total utility company expenditure of about \$700 million. These projects are expected to have an electrical capacity of two million kilowatts.

According to a report issued by the Atomic Energy Commission, civilian nuclear power projects in the United States (excluding the \$58-million nuclear power plant at Shippingport, Pa., operated and partly supported by Duquesne Light Company, which was planned prior to the 1954 Act) have cost an estimated \$986.8 million through March 31, 1961. Of the \$865.5 million of the total which has been designated for electric power prototypes and experiments, the investor-owned companies have provided \$480.8 million while the AEC has contributed \$384.7 million.

news events in brief

APPALACHIAN—Another electric heating barrier has been broken—the number of homes using electric heat in company territory passed the 7,000 mark when it reached 7,064 by November 15. The "Up To \$150 Trade-In" campaign was extended by the company until November 30.

PIKEVILLE — Things are happening in Paintsville, a community of 4,200 with no recent industrial development. Under construction is a \$750,000 low-rent housing development, a million dollar sewage treatment plant and an \$80,000 county health center. A \$350,000 filtration system is completed and a 215,000 gallon water storage tank is being installed. Plans are being made for a \$250,000 30-unit motel, and bids are being taken for a new library.

HUNTINGTON—It was a doubly eventful occasion for the Huntington area when Novamont Corporation dedicated its polypropylene plastics plant at Neal, and announced that another plant would be built on the same site. The plants will employ 250 persons each.

WELCH—A new shaft mine, operated by a new company, is being built near Oakwood, Virginia in the Welch district. The Beatrice Pocahontas Coal Company was formed by the Island Creek Coal Company and Republic Steel Corporation to operate the mine, which will have three shafts. Appalachian is building a new station and line to serve the mine, the line carrying 34,500 volts initially and 69,000 volts when the mine begins operating.

ASHLAND—The Consumers Credit Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, set up by a group of rural electric cooperatives to promote wider use of electricity, has lost its fight to be exempt from federal income taxes. The corpo-

ration has handled more than \$2-million in loans to consumers of the co-ops for the purchase of electric appliances and improvements, such as wiring. The United States Tax Court ruled that the corporation made profits and is subject to taxation, and that the corporation cannot deduct as interest the amounts paid by member co-ops purchasing its debentures to finance the loan operations.

POINT PLEASANT—An ultra-modern resort, costing \$2-million, is to be built at Camp Conley, across the river from Kyger Creek plant near Point Pleasant. It will feature a motel, convention hall, shopping center, restaurant and swimming pool. West Virginia Industries Development Corporation is the backing organization.

HAZARD—A first on the AEP System may have been achieved by the Hazard district when the town of Hyden converted to a complete mercury type street lighting system, replacing filament lights with 7,000-lumen mercury lights.

AEP SYSTEM—A total of 4,799 customers in the AEP System have installed electric heat in their homes during the first ten months of 1961. Of these, 1,408 are in Appalachian, 137 in Kentucky Power, 540 in Kingsport Utilities, 1,403 in Indiana & Michigan Electric, 1,226 in Ohio Power and 85 in Wheeling Electric.

WASHINGTON—From the National Coal Policy Conference, Inc.: "... 2,200,000 homes will be electrically heated by 1965 and 29 million by 1980. Since each electrically heated home uses about 20,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, and coal is used to generate at least 60 percent of all electric power, this means there will be created a new market for several hundred million tons of coal each year."

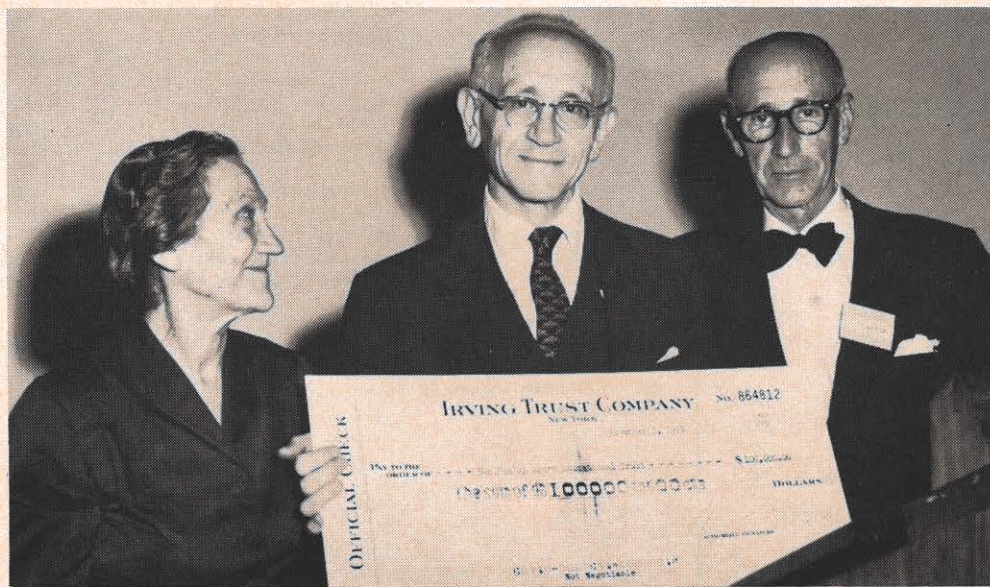
Employees Present \$100,000 Trust To Philip Sporn

In a surprise presentation that "completely overwhelmed" him, Philip Sporn, retired president of AEP and of our companies, received a check for \$100,000 to establish "The Philip Sporn Educational Trust" at the annual Management Meeting November 9.

Occasioned by his retirement December 1, the trust was made possible by the individual contributions of almost 9,000 of Mr. Sporn's fellow employees of the AEP System and its officers and directors.

Mr. Sporn termed the gift "an immensely pleasing and gratifying remembrance." He said it had particular significance for him, since through the years he has tried, by serving on various university advisory groups, to repay in some measure the various educational grants which made possible his own education at Columbia University.

In addition to the check, Mr. Sporn also was presented a 90-page, leather-bound volume containing the names of the almost 9,000 donors to the trust.



Philip Sporn displays the yard-long, \$100,000 check which will form the basis of "The Philip Sporn Educational Trust." Looking on are Mrs. Sporn and AEP Director Graham Claytor, who presented him the check.

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Speaking To Managers

Goals For AEP System Growth Projected By Sporn In Finale

Growth rates ranging to better than 200 per cent by 1975 were projected for the American Electric Power System by Philip Sporn in his closing talk November 10 at the 14th annual Management Meeting in New York—his final address as president of the company.

"Tough as these goals are, they are not quite as tough as the goals we set for ourselves 15 years ago in 1946," Mr. Sporn emphasized to the 300 members of management who attended the three-day session.

His projections for the next 14 years were as follows: generating capability—from 6,720,000 kw in 1961 to 17,000,000 kw in 1975, a 153% increase; peak demand—from 5,350,000 kw in 1961 to 15,000,000 kw in 1975, a 180% increase; system input—from 31.5-billion kwh in 1961 to 93-billion kwh in 1975, a 195% increase; revenues—from \$355,900,000 in 1961 to \$1,020,000,000 in 1975, a 187% increase; net earnings—from \$55,600,000 in 1961 to \$170,600,000 in 1975, a 206% increase.

"To Achieve . . ."

"To achieve these goals," Mr. Sporn said, "we will need above all to do a great deal of visualization and imaginative thinking in the projection of more efficient generation, transmission and distribution. This will mean possibly larger generating units, possibly higher or even much higher transmission voltages, and possibly higher distribution and utilization voltages. It will possibly also mean the selling of fuel cell generators for the home, or the use of nuclear fuels or magnetohydrodynamics."

He asserted that the System will have to be "inertia-less", unafraid to keep what has been tried and found

to be good until something better comes along, but also unafraid to pioneer in finding new technologies and practices that promise success.

Mr. Sporn, in noting that after his December 1 retirement he would become chairman of the newly created System Development Committee, explained that the committee's aims would be to stimulate and guide work in developing areas of service, energy sources, generation, transmission and distribution facilities, marketing areas and executive and management resources.

Imagination Center

He said that an Imagination Center was "one of the things I have been thinking about." He noted that its form was still uncertain, but that its purpose was to "stimulate and develop imaginative, creative thinking in electric power."

Other possible areas for the System Development Committee to look into, he said, are: a management seminar; further enhancement of the concept of the total-electric home by taking advantage of the thermal inertia or momentum of the physical mass of a home to help reduce the cost of heating it electrically; and formation of a personnel program "that will permit our people of quality, character and ambition to grow and develop."

Mr. Sporn's remarks concluded three days of meetings and 43 talks on such subjects as load building,

research and development, area development, personnel relations, public relations, system interconnections, relations with government and the role of the Service Corporation.

Other Speakers

Among those who addressed the management members were: Daniel L. Goldy, deputy administrator, U. S. Redevelopment Administration; George S. Odiorne, Bureau of Industrial Relations, University of Michigan; and Joseph C. Bevis, chairman, Opinion Research Corporation.

Those who addressed the meeting from Appalachian were: H. L. Cushing, commercial manager; L. L. Koontz, supervisor of residential-rural sales; R. H. Hively, supervisor of commercial-industrial sales; and Dorman M. Miller, assistant to the general manager.

New Directors Are Elected For Our Three Companies

New directors have been elected to the respective boards of Appalachian, Kentucky Power and Kingsport Utilities as the result of vacancies created by the retirement of Philip Sporn on December 1.



Mr. Fiala

Kentucky Power has elected H. B. Cohn, vice president and chief counsel of the AEP Service Corporation, as a director.

R. O. Whitman, treasurer of all companies of the AEP System, has been elected a director of Kingsport Utilities.



Mr. Cohn

Mr. Whitman

In other actions, Carl P. Zimmerman, chief engineer of the Service Corporation, has been elected a director of that company.

Indiana & Michigan Electric's new director is H. A. Kammer, senior vice president of the Service Corporation, who is also a vice president of I&M and a director of AEP.

Mr. Cohn has also been elected a director of Ohio Power, and Mr. Whitman a director of Wheeling Electric.

Cook Succeeds Sporn . . . (Continued from Page 1)

Also, these other companies: Captina Operating Company (Kammer Plant), Central Appalachian Coal Company, Central Coal Company, Central Ohio Coal Company, Central Operating Company (Philip Sporn Plant), Franklin Real Estate Company, Indiana Franklin Realty Company, Kanawha Valley Power Company, South Bend Manufacturing Company, Twin Branch Railroad, and West Virginia Power Company.

Fifth President

Mr. Cook is the fifth president in AEP's 55-year history. He was born in Escanaba, Mich., and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from University of Michigan in 1932 and 1935, respectively, and the degrees of juris doctor and master of laws from George Washington University in 1939 and 1940, respectively. He is also a certified public accountant.

Mr. Cook was a member of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission during the period 1935-45, the last seven years in its Public Utilities Division, where he served as assistant director. He was special counsel to the House Committee on Naval Affairs during the period 1943-45; executive assistant to the U. S. attorney general, 1945-46; and director of the Office of Alien Property, Department of Justice, 1946-47. During the years 1947-49, he practiced law as a partner in the Washington law firm of Cook and Berger.

He returned to government service in 1949 when he was appointed by President Truman as a commissioner of the SEC. He was elected vice chairman of the SEC in 1950 and chairman in 1952. During 1950-52 he also served as chief counsel to the Preparedness Investigating Sub-Committee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Cook is a member of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, a trustee of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (Stanford, Calif.), and a member of the American and Michigan Bar Associations, American Judicature Society, American Accounting Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Theta Xi Fraternity, and the National Capital Democratic Club. He is a past director of the Edison Electric Institute, national as-

sociation of investor-owned electric utility companies, and is the author of numerous articles on legal, financial, and accounting subjects.

Mr. Cook and his wife, Winifred, have one son, Nicholas Bryant, and reside in New York City.

41 Years

Philip Sporn, who joined AEP in 1920, has been president of the parent company and of all of its subsidiaries since 1947. Starting as an assistant engineer, he became chief electrical engineer by 1927 and chief engineer in 1933. Since then, he has led the AEP System's extensive technological pioneering work in electric generation, transmission and distribution, and its years of promotion of the total-electric concept in every phase of modern living, business and industry.

He has devoted much time and effort to nuclear energy and its application in power generation. He has participated in a number of committees and groups studying atomic energy, both industrial and governmental. He is a former president of Nuclear Power Group, Inc., and has been chairman of the Research & Development Committee of the East Central Nuclear Group, Inc., since its formation in 1958. He was instrumental in the formation of Ohio Valley Electric Corporation in 1952, an organization of 15 private electric utilities — including Appalachian — providing electric power to the Atomic Energy Commission's Portsmouth (Ohio) Project, and has been its president since then.

Mr. Sporn has been active as a consultant and advisor to various Fed-

eral agencies and educational institutions, including Columbia, Princeton and Cornell Universities, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as to private and governmental agencies in several foreign countries, including Israel. Among his many posts, he has been a trustee of the Committee for Economic Development, member of the Board of Governors of Weizmann Institute of Science, director of The Advertising Council, and director of the Edison Electric Institute.

He is a 1917 engineering graduate of Columbia, has authored two books and hundreds of technical papers and articles, and has received numerous engineering honors, including the coveted Edison and John Fritz Medals. He also is the holder of honorary degrees from Ohio State University, Marshall University, Indiana Technical College, Tri-State College, Hanover College, Illinois Institute of Technology, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, as well as the University of Grenoble, France, and Haifa Technion, Israel.

The 1,100,000 - kilowatt Philip Sporn Plant, New Haven, W. Va., jointly owned by Appalachian and Ohio Power, is named in his honor.

Sporn was born in Austria, brought to the United States as a child by his parents, and naturalized in 1907. He and his wife, Sadie, are the parents of two sons and a daughter and they have two grandchildren.

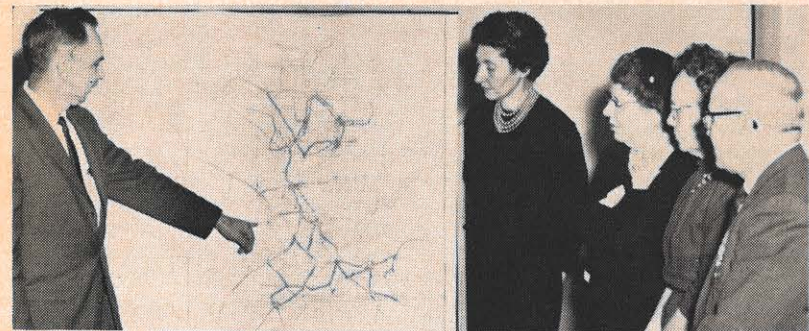
Kammer's Career

"Bert" Kammer is a 37-year veteran with AEP. In addition to being senior vice president-engineering and construction of the Service Corporation, he is a director of AEP and the Service Corporation, and a vice president and director of the six operating companies.

Born in Brooklyn and educated at Pratt Institute and Brooklyn Poly, he joined AEP in 1924 as an assistant design engineer. He was named structural and construction engineer in 1938, design and construction engineer in 1945, chief of design and construction in 1947, vice president of the Service Corporation in 1950, and its executive vice president in 1953. He is also a vice president of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation.

Ohio Power's Kammer Plant at Captina, W. Va., was named in his honor.

Teachers Visit Districts To Learn Of Our Business



TOP: O. O. Henderson, Ashland district engineer, points out details of the AEP System map to visiting teachers. BOTTOM: Claud K. Kirkland, Welch district manager and president of the Welch Chamber of Commerce, pauses with a group of teachers during their visit to the Welch office.

School teachers saw how our companies operate when two districts, Ashland and Welch, played host to them during annual Business-Education Days.

Twelve teachers visited the Ashland district, where they were taken on a short tour of the 25th Street station and given several demonstrations of safety equipment worn by linemen. R. F. Millikan, R. G. Thompson and O. O. Henderson gave short talks on various phases of our business.

The first B-E Day in Welch his-

tory was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce with Appalachian as host. Forty-five teachers and businessmen took part. After a short introduction in Appalachian's community room, the teachers chose the business they wanted to visit, with many of them staying to see the Welch office.

After a luncheon, Dorman M. Miller, assistant to the general manager, spoke to the entire group on Appalachian's area development efforts, including Project Decision, and on the part communities can play in area development.

AEP Presidents

During its 54-year history, the American Electric Power Company has had five presidents:

H. L. Doherty—January 15, 1907 to July 18, 1910.
 R. E. Breed—July 18, 1910 to March 14, 1923.
 George N. Tidd — March 14, 1923 to May 22, 1947.
 Philip Sporn — May 22, 1947 to December 1, 1961.
 Donald C. Cook—December 1, 1961 to ———.

Advent Wreath



Lighting the first candle in her Advent Wreath is Eulalia Footo, personnel stenographer in Bluefield. The candles represent the four weeks in December and each Sunday an additional candle is lit. The custom originated in Germany several hundred years ago and is becoming a custom in America in many church denominations.



Lynchburg

Ten women employees visited the Smith Mountain and Leesville dams to view construction. Making the trip were Bessie Johnson, Kay Hudson, Agnes Dillard, Charlene Thompson, Rose Harvey, Joyce Brown, Jane Plunkett, Judy Irby, Anna Lackey and Anne Cothran . . . Judy Irby is a new clerk-typist in T&D records . . . Ralph E. Johnson, credit and collection clerk, has been elected secretary of the Wright Shop Ruritan Club of Madison Heights.

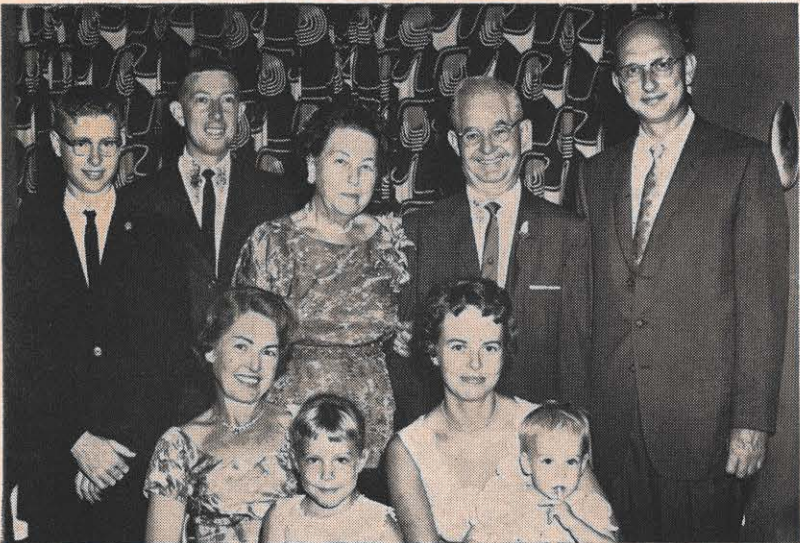
Fieldale

Jo Ann Rakes, who has resigned from accounting, was honored at a steak dinner by employees Betty Romero, Elaine Wilkinson, Virginia Mullins, Sandra Palmer, Polly Wright and Audrey Harlowe . . . Iris Nash is a new accounting employee.

Roanoke

Ruby Faye Bratton, daughter of George D. Bratton, Jr., Rocky Mount line employee, has been elected to membership in the National Beta Club at Franklin County High School . . . J. A. Wheeler, T&D

Fifty Years



Celebrating their 50th anniversary with members of their family recently were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Trout, center rear. They are the parents of Mrs. J. G. Hunt, Jr., former Roanoke local accounting employee and the wife of the Roanoke division heating and builder sales representative. In the picture are front row from left: Mrs. Hunt, Lynne Allen Bentley, granddaughter; Mrs. Clayton Bentley, daughter; and Robyne Bentley, granddaughter. Back row from left: Tommy Hunt, grandson; Mr. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Trout and Mr. Hunt. The Hunts were also celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary.



Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families

clerk, has completed a 15-hour instructor's course in first aid, following the standard and advanced courses.



Huntington

Bari Baker, daughter of Paul R. Baker, commercial sales representative, was selected as one of two attendants to Miss Pony Express of 1961 at Huntington High School, helping reign over the homecoming game and Victory Ball . . . Ethel Hyldahl, draftsman, was named treasurer of the American Business Women's Association . . . R. W. Stiltner, draftsman, has resigned.

Logan

Mary Elizabeth Davis, managerial stenographer, will appear in the Little Theatre production of "Bad Seed" . . . Recent gallon blood donors were M. A. White, working foreman, and H. L. Foglesong, engineer . . . Mr. White's wife was narrator at a comic style show presented by her chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority . . . W. E. Bivens, customer service coordinator, as president of the Logan County Court, attended the annual meeting of county commissioners and assessors in Charleston . . . M. R. Atkinson, administrative assistant, attended the Bottlers' Convention in San Francisco . . . Among the pupils of Justice Grade School who toured Williamsburg was Lana, daughter of Harold Garrett, meterman . . . Eddie, son of Ed Yeager, engineering aide, was elected to the National Junior Honor Society of Logan Central Junior High School . . . The ritualistic team of Logan Lodge 1391 BPOE, with M. A. White and R. B. Waggoner as members, captured the district championship in competition at Beckley, and then went on to take the state title at Parkersburg for the second year in a row. Also members of the team are Tom Henritze, son of T. L. Henritze, retired line foreman, and Clarence W. Parkins, husband of Marjorie Parkins, accounting.

Williamson

Wives and children were in the news . . . Mrs. Eugene King, wife of the district superintendent, was elected president of the Rotary Ann Club . . . Mrs. Joe Hartzog, wife of the meter service foreman, was elected president of the Williamson Homemakers Club . . . James David, 13, and Cathy, 9 months, children of Helen Honaker, part-time clerk-stenographer, were first place winners in the Halloween contest of the Lions Club, both dressed as Easter bunnies and Cathy's stroller decorated like an Easter basket . . . H. W. Cerrato and C. R. Wilson, Jr. represented the Williamson Elks Lodge in the district ritualistic competition at Beckley . . . W. H. Stratton, retired line and station supervisor, was commissioned an honorary Kentucky Colonel by the Kentucky State Police Highway Patrol.

electd a director of the Bluefield Community Concert Association . . . Helen Sue Spangler, secretarial-stenographer, has been re-elected secretary of the same organization . . . Mary Alice Nunn, T&D clerk, was given a birthday party by the Girls Service Club . . . Jack E. Boyd, customer service representative, has resigned.

Welch

The board of the Grundy Kiwanis Club has a new member, William T. Collins, Grundy local office supervisor . . . Also from Grundy, Peggy Reece, contract clerk, chaperoned a group from the Buchanan County Presbyterian Church to Montreat, N. C. for a Youth Rally . . . R. H. Ruff, commercial power sales engineer, and O. J. Bragg, commercial sales representative, served as marshals for the Veterans Day parade.

Pulaski

Employees' children were in the news . . . At Pulaski High School, Christie Hurst, daughter of Christie Hurst (the name's the same), lineman, was elected president of the 8th grades and of a homeroom, and is also a member of the student council . . . Mary Catherine, daughter of R. E. Sheets, meterman, and Tony, son of R. J. Blair, division agricultural sales coordinator, were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at the same school . . . Jane, daughter of R. D. Carson, electrical engineer, is a cheerleader from the seventh grades of Pulaski . . . C. A. Schmidt, customer service clerk, has been elected to the church council of the Woman's Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church for a three-year term.



Clydetta Long Edwards, home service representative, has resigned.



Hazard

The two sons of K. C. Brashear, Sr., meter serviceman, are active at their schools. Glen Edward has been elected social chairman of Pearsons Hall dormitory at Berea College, and Richard has been named monitor of Mahan Hall at Cumberland College.

Ashland

The new district deputy grand master of District 34, Free and Accepted Masons, is Thomas J. Cogan, engineering aide.



Abingdon

Over 1,000 years of service were represented when 29 active and 8 retired employees got together for their annual dinner.

Bluefield

Elections and appointments brought honors to employees . . . Jay W. Farley, Jr., system transmission clerk, was named treasurer of the Wesleyan class of Bland Street Methodist Church, and his wife was named treasurer of the Stewart class . . . B. E. Bates, division meter superintendent, was named president-elect of the Bluefield, Va., Kiwanis Club . . . C. L. Shockey, personnel supervisor, was appointed to the Chamber of Commerce's recreation, parks and playgrounds committee . . . Mrs. Lois Runion and Mrs. Mary Ruth Chambers attended the Southwest District Conference of the National Secretaries Association in Atlanta . . . Mrs. Chambers has also been re-

Commissioned



"It says right here," says Jesse Lee Williamson, "that I am a Kentucky Colonel with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities . . . gold seal, ribbons, and the Governor's signature. And not only that, but I was even born in Kentucky." Col. Williamson, Kentucky-born, works in Tennessee as working foreman in Kingsport Utilities' T&D line department.

was appointed finance chairman for the Ripley-Ravenswood area of the Boy Scouts . . . O. C. Hall, district superintendent, was elected an elder of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church . . . Eighteen employees representing 220 years of service were honored at dinner for those receiving service pins in 1961.

Charleston

Welcome to new employees Lawrence Kitts, meter reader, and Lawrence Shepherd, janitor . . . Jack Lloyd, area development, spoke to the Governor's Conference on Wood Utilization . . . Paul Parsons, personnel assistant, has been teaching first aid classes at Dunbar as part of the town's Civil Defense efforts. He will be in charge of rescue stations being set up in the town, as well as all first aid instruction . . . Floyd Taylor, acting division commercial manager, was one of four members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers who counseled high school students on electrical engineering as a profession . . . Louis D. Saunders, janitor, and Charlie Basham, accounting, have resigned . . . Cadet Lawrence Frederick Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Murray, Jr., commercial department, has been promoted to lieutenant at Greenbrier Military School . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kallmerton (he's line foreman) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house celebration . . . Bob Metz and Claude B. Smith donated time to install Christmas lighting decorations in Montgomery . . . Earl W. Sharp, 33, has become one of the youngest majors in the Army with a recent promotion. He is the son of Joe Bedinger, commercial sales representative.

Philip Sporn Plant

William G. Baronick, payroll supervisor, and Roy M. Reuter, maintenance man, were named to the Pomeroy, O., Town Council . . . Don Ohlinger, janitor, has resigned.

Skilled With A Needle



Wearing apparel they made are these three, wives of Grundy employees of the Welch district. The clothes were made for, and worn at, the Women's Sewing Club Achievement Day Program. At left, Mrs. Walter Crouse, wife of the meter serviceman, wears a gray sheath dress with a teal tweed jacket. She also made a shorter jacket to match the dress. In center, Mrs. Alonza Hardy, wife of the meter serviceman, wears a black and white wool suit with a boxy jacket. At right, Mrs. Frank Wells, wife of the working foreman, wears a blue wool walking suit with pearl buttons.

Service Veterans



G. A. Weatherton
Ashland
30 Years



R. J. Rader
Cabin Creek
25 Years



S. H. Bryant
Pulaski
25 Years



E. F. Hannigan
Cabin Creek
25 Years



W. W. Champe
Charleston
25 Years



Joseph Angell
System
25 Years



Helen Brinegar
System
25 Years



C. G. Price, Jr.
System
25 Years



C. R. Paxton
Roanoke
25 Years



R. J. Siner
Roanoke
25 Years



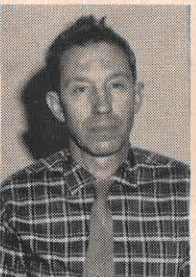
W. W. Krebs
Roanoke
25 Years



E. E. Mossman
Sporn Plant
20 Years



F. C. Brown
Welch
20 Years



S. E. Murray
Roanoke
20 Years



W. L. Dotson
Pulaski
20 Years



W. M. Collins
Glen Lyn
20 Years

Appalachian Kentucky Men Contribute Articles For 'AEP Operating Ideas'

Five employees of Kentucky and Appalachian contributed ideas printed in the November issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.



Mr. Burchett

W. S. Burchett, Ashland meterman, wrote "Harness Improves Testing Of Rubber Sleeves." He describes a harness developed to suspend sleeves in the high-voltage test tank. The harness improves the testing and cuts testing time in half.

For the second month in a row, S. D. LaCroix, Cabin Creek plant test engineer, had an article in *Ideas*. This one was "Improved Testing For Condenser Leaks," in which he tells of using a plastic bottle filled with Chlorothene cleaner to test for condenser vacuum leaks, rather than the harder-to-handle 25-pound cylinder of Freon.

"Extends Cable Openings For Work In Boiler" was contributed by H. H. Reed, maintenance foreman at Glen Lyn plant. He tells of a modification in the cable openings of boilers that eliminates the need for waiting until the section involved cools. A manufacturer has adopted the idea for its new boiler designs.

Safety was treated by John C. Frazier, Charleston division safety su-



Mr. LaCroix



Mr. Reed



Mr. Frazier



Mr. Loving

pervisor, in "Getting More Out Of Safety Meetings." He describes a new method of handling safety meetings, involving small groups of employees studying case histories, that makes meetings more effective and interesting.

"Mounting Heavy Units On Walls" was written by James R. Loving, Jr., Roanoke meterman. A yardstick, with holes drilled at appropriate distances, is used to mark walls for hole locations. This eliminates having to use the meter enclosure, which is prepared with wire meters and accessories before installation.



Service Anniversaries

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District—15 YEARS: R. L. CARTER, area serviceman; W. L. SMYTHERS, line inspector.

Beckley District—25 YEARS: EDWARD A. BERGINIS, line foreman. 15 YEARS: H. H. FARLEY, JR., head material clerk. 5 YEARS: WESLEY L. WALKER, material clerk.

Bluefield District—15 YEARS: WILLIAM A. CROTTY, engineering aide. 5 YEARS: HENRY S. COMPTON, groundman.

Cabin Creek Plant—25 YEARS: EUGENE FRANKLIN HANNIGAN, maintenance foreman; ROY JOHN RADAR, boiler maintenance mechanic.

Charleston District—25 YEARS: WOODROW W. CHAMPE, general serviceman. 15 YEARS: ELSIE WALKER, customer service clerk. 10 YEARS: CHARLES I. WALKER, customer service representative.

Clinch River Plant—5 YEARS: GILES B. CARTER, helper; AVON G. WHITE, utility man.

Glen Lyn Plant—20 YEARS: W. M. COLLINS, maintenance man.

Huntington District—10 YEARS: CHAPMAN RUTLEDGE, JR., meter serviceman. 5 YEARS: GLEN C. HICKS, lineman; T. J. McCOMAS, groundman.

Logan District—10 YEARS: R. C. KUHN, meter service foreman. 5 YEARS: R. C. ATKINS, meter serviceman.

Lynchburg District—5 YEARS: C. B. HIGGINS, JR., draftsman.

Point Pleasant District—10 YEARS: K. G. ROUSH, area serviceman.

Pulaski District—25 YEARS: SANDERS H. BRYANT, area serviceman. 20 YEARS: W. L. DOTSON, truck driver-groundman. 15 YEARS: JAMES T. KEGLEY, station man. 5 YEARS: BARBARA MARSHALL, cashier; B. R. WHITE, meter reader.

Roanoke District—25 YEARS: W. W. KREBS, district superintendent; C. R. PAXTON, electrical engineer; R. J. Siner, T&D clerk. 20 YEARS: S. E. MURRAY, meterman. 15 YEARS: R. C. SIMMONS, groundman; L. R. SPANGLER, PBX operator.

Smith Mountain—15 YEARS: B. N. EAST, structural engineer.

Philip Sporn Plant—35 YEARS: CLAYTON A. ATHEY, shift operating engineer. 20 YEARS: ELSIE E. MOSSMAN, assistant shift operating engineer. 10 YEARS: EDGAR A. ARNOTT, maintenance man; ERNEST L. DAMEWOOD, maintenance man; WILLIAM R. DOOLITTLE, auxiliary equipment operator; PAUL E. ICARD, maintenance man; WILLIAM H. JONES, instrument maintenance man; PAUL E. STEWART, maintenance man.

System—35 YEARS: L. E. JEFFERSON, invoice & accounts payable supervisor; BEE QUEEN, system station operator. 25 YEARS: JOSEPH ANGELL, draftsman; HELEN BRINEGAR, payroll clerk; C. G. PRICE, JR., head-cost accounting. 15 YEARS: J. L. COMBS, system transmission man. 10 YEARS: J. E. MOORE, system station man.

Welch District—35 YEARS: P. R. GRUBB, working foreman. 20 YEARS: F. C. BROWN, T&D clerk. 5 YEARS: F. L. JONES, lineman.

Williamson District—15 YEARS: L. W. JUSTICE, meterman; H. S. KISER, JR., T&D clerk; BURNICE SOWELL, car washer.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District—30 YEARS: G. A. WEATHERTON, general commercial manager.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: A. B. PAIRGIN, engineering aide.

County 4-H'ers Honor Crouch

James E. Crouch is highly regarded by the Roanoke County 4-H Club. The 1962 4-H Yearbook was dedicated to him for his contributions to the work of the cause over the years. In 1958 the same group chose him as a member of the Honor Club, to which membership comes by invitation only.



Mr. Crouch

Mr. Crouch, Roanoke district administrative assistant, joined the company in 1926 and worked as solicitor, contract clerk and supervisor of residential sales before taking over his present duties in 1951. In this job he works closely with farm and youth groups.

He is a member of the Virginia Press Photographers Association, Roanoke Lions Club, and Virginia Heights Baptist Church. He is past vice president of the Toastmasters' Club, and an honorary member of the Future Farmers of America and the State 4-H All Stars. He is married and has one son.



Mr. Dillon

Employee Killed In An Accident

Gerald R. "Jay" Dillon, 37, part-time janitor in the Ravenswood office of the Point Pleasant district, was fatally injured in a hunting accident October 31.

A World War II veteran, he served in the Navy, and was a member of Ables-Rayburn Post 118, American Legion. He was born at Ravenswood January 7, 1924, and was employed at the Ravenswood office September 4, 1958.

He is survived by his mother, three half-brothers and two half-sisters.

Bluefield Man Retires Early



Mr. Taylor

Orville R. Taylor, meter serviceman in Bluefield, has taken early retirement after 16 years of company service.

He joined Appalachian in 1945, and worked as lineman and groundman before being made meter serviceman in 1957.

A native of Bristol, Va., Mr. Taylor served in the Army from 1940 to 1945, and was assigned variously as truck driver, chauffeur, and machine gunner. He and his wife have three children, and live in Narrows, Va.

Two Promotions Made In Beckley



Mr. Pomykata

Mr. Mason

Lloyd F. Pomykata and Mason T. Wood have been promoted in the Beckley district following the retirement of C. E. Pitsenberger last month.

Mr. Pomykata moves up from area supervisor in Rainelle to station supervisor, replacing Mr. Pitsenberger, and Mr. Wood fills Mr. Pomykata's old job. Mr. Wood had been division commercial sales engineer, working in the Beckley district.

Mr. Pomykata joined the company in September 1953 as a distribution engineer. He worked later as electrical engineer, and was promoted to area supervisor in August 1956 and moved to Rainelle. He attended high school in Beckley, and graduated from West Virginia University in 1950 with a degree in electrical engineering. Mr. Pomykata served in the Army from 1943 to 1945. He is a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, and the Rotary Club and Methodist Church in Rainelle. He and his wife have a son.

Mr. Mason started his Appalachian career as power sales engineer October 1, 1955, and became commercial sales engineer in April 1959. He served with the Navy from 1942 through 1946, and later graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in electrical engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in West Virginia, a member of the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, secretary of the New River and Winding Gulf Electrical, Mechanical and Mining Institute, an Elk, and a deacon in the First Baptist Church. He and his wife have three sons.

Philip Sporn's Presidency . . . The Camera Roll



In recent years, the American Electric Power Company directors have annually visited and inspected the company's and customers' facilities throughout the 7-state AEP System territory. Here, President Philip Sporn (second from left,

front row) and his fellow directors and other officials take time out to have their picture taken at Ohio Power Company's Muskingum River Plant while on a shirtsleeve visit in 1954.



Twice in four years (1953-57) during Mr. Sporn's tenure as president, AEP won the coveted Charles A. Coffin Award (now the Edison Award) for the year's outstanding job by an electric utility. Above, Mr. Sporn (right) receives the 1953 award.



By jet plane, rail, auto, ship, helicopter, barge, subway and elevator, Mr. Sporn has traveled an estimated million miles carrying out his duties as president during the past 14 years. Here he takes a bus.



Kentucky Governor Bert Combs (foreground) shows 'em how as ground is broken for Kentucky Power Company's new Big Sandy Plant near Louisa, Ky., in 1960. That's President Sporn wielding the shovel in the middle.



Many honors have come to Mr. Sporn, including citations from U. S., foreign and local governments and from leading universities. Ohio State University (above) is one of 10 colleges which have bestowed honorary degrees.



A singular tribute came to Mr. Sporn when the AEP directors named the Philip Sporn plant in his honor. Here, at the plant's dedication in 1950, West Virginia's then Governor O. L. Patterson congratulates the company president. This 1,100,000-kilowatt station, the System's largest, is jointly owned by Appalachian and Ohio Power.



Also named in Mr. Sporn's honor was the American Barge Line's towboat Philip Sporn, christened by Mrs. Sporn at a ceremony in Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1957. Among the participants (l. to r.) were: Indiana Senator Homer Capehart; Patrick Calhoun, Jr., American Barge president; Mrs. Sporn; Mr. Sporn; and Kentucky Senator Thruston Morton.

Records Highlights And Memorable Moments



Mr. Sporn and Ohio's then governor, Frank J. Lausche (now a U. S. senator), jointly broke ground for the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation's Kyger Creek Plant in 1952. Here, Mr. Sporn (left) and Mr. Lausche confer at the site.



Indiana & Michigan Electric Co.'s Breed Plant was the scene of another directors' inspection. Here, Mr. Sporn describes one of the engineering features of the world's first 500,000-kilowatt generating unit.



YOU DID IT! West Virginia Governor W. W. Barron (left) congratulates Mr. Sporn when the AEP System's high-voltage transmission project at Apple Grove, W. Va., was energized at 775,000 volts earlier this year.



One of the highlights of any year is the annual meeting of shareowners, held each April in New York City. Here, Mr. Sporn tells stockholders at the 1960 meeting that "the history of growth and expansion in the decade 1950-59 will be sub-

stantially repeated in the decade 1960-69. And we believe that this will be true not only of physical expansion, but equally true of earnings." Mr. Sporn has presided at 14 such annual meetings.



The historic 25-year power agreement between the Ohio Valley Electric Corp. and the Atomic Energy Commission is signed in 1952 by OVEC President Sporn (right) and R. W. Cook, the AEC's then director of production.



When the AEP System in 1960 carried out its first transmission line construction by the use of helicopters, Mr. Sporn was on hand to inspect the job personally. Here, Sporn (in light suit), alights from helicopter at staging area in Virginia. Other System officials in photo include H. A. Kammer (in bow tie) and R. E. Hodges (right).



The John Fritz Medal, one of the highest individual honors in the engineering world, was presented to Mr. Sporn (center) in 1955. The medal, given annually and jointly by the AIEE, ASME, AIMME and ASCE, cited Sporn as "a distinguished engineer, pioneer in utility engineering practice, eminent executive, and human administrator."



Lin Stone of the Fieldale district puts the finishing touches on an addition to his house. He did all the work himself, even to making the wrought iron railing on the porch. Next job: a carport to the left of the new addition.

Beagles For Lumber Bartering Means Den, Carport For Fieldale's Lin Stone

Lin Stone of Collinsville has a new room on his house, the result of a need for more closet space and a unique bartering system involving beagle dogs.

To create the closet space, the

Fieldale district contract clerk added a den to his house. In the den is a giant closet, 10 feet long. And to obtain the wood for the addition, Lin, who raises and trains beagles, traded several for the lumber.

He built the entire addition himself, receiving help only on the concrete block work. The den which measures 14 by 16 feet, has mahogany paneling on the walls and a plastered ceiling. It is electrically heated, using ceiling cable, which Lin installed himself—the rest of the house utilizes baseboard electric heat.

The work began when Lin was on vacation in May, and was finished in October after week ends and nights of work. By doing the job himself, Lin feels he saved at least two-thirds of the cost of a contracted job.

Now that he has his den and his wife and daughter have their closet, Lin is not resting. He has started work on a carport off the new room, and the barter system of beagles for material will help him build it.

W. W. Ballinger Retires December 1

William Wallace Ballinger, meter serviceman of the Christiansburg crew, retired December 1 with nearly 17 years of company service.



Mr. Ballinger

He started with the local line crew at Christiansburg in February 1944. From 1944 to 1950 he served as line inspector for contract crews building rural lines. At the completion of the rural expansion program he returned to the crew and worked as lineman and meter serviceman up to the time of his retirement.

He is married to the former Thelma Hall, who at one time worked in the local accounting office in Christiansburg. They have two daughters, and are members of the Methodist Church. They live in Christiansburg.

Long Service Ends For Beckley Man



Mr. Lawson

Ernest L. Lawson, Beckley line foreman, retired December 1 due to a disability.

He came to work for the company July 7, 1925 as a lineman and was a serviceman before being promoted to line foreman in 1947.

Born at Livingston, W. Va., he attended schools in Princeton. He is married and has a son and a daughter. He and his wife plan to make their home in Beckley and Florida.

Sturgeon Promoted To New Office Post

V. F. Sturgeon has been promoted to the post of Huntington district office supervisor.

He rose from the post of assistant district office supervisor, to which he was named in 1945. He joined the company as a machine billing operator on March 15, 1928 and was a clerk and assistant chief clerk before going to assistant district office supervisor.



Mr. Sturgeon

A native of Putnam County, he graduated from Capitol City Business College. He is a member of the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, Elks, National Office Managers Association and Foremen-Managers Club. He is married and has one daughter.

Peck Re-Elected To Legislature

J. M. Peck, Jr., system properties representative, was re-elected without opposition to his fourth term in the



Mr. Peck

Virginia House of Delegates. He represents Craig and Botetourt counties. In the state legislature he is a member of the committees on Agriculture, Claims, Enrolled Bills, and Privileges and

Elections.

Mr. Peck joined the company in November 1945, and is the father of a son and twin daughters. A resident of Botetourt County, he is a member of the county volunteer fire department, past president of the Ruritan Club, a deacon in the Fincastle Presbyterian Church, and a Mason.

Employee Hailed As Samaritan

The man who did it said that anybody would have done the same thing, but this isn't likely.

How many would have done these things?

How many drivers, stopping at the scene of a bad wreck, would help the other driver pull his family out of the car just seconds before it exploded into a ball of fire; and then take the injured—a man, his wife, and five children—five miles to a hospital, and spend hours taking care of the lesser-injured children while the others were undergoing treatment?

How many people, having worked all day, then having performed this Samaritan work, still would have taken the father and the three children who were not hospitalized 84 miles, before dawn, to their original destination, to the bedside of a dying relative?

The man who did all this is D. O. Matthews, Kanawha River plant unit foreman. What he did was described in a story that appeared in the Charleston paper, but since no one had taken the trouble to ask his name, he was unidentified. Only later, when he made some references at work to his long and busy night, did his co-workers know just who the Samaritan was. He said that anybody would have done the same thing.

Four Promoted At Clinch River



Mr. Conley



Mr. Cook



Mr. Massie



Mr. Gilmore

Four men have been promoted to the position of unit foreman for Clinch River plant's New Unit 3.

Arnold J. Conley, Buell Cook and James A. Massie were promoted from equipment operators, and Walter H. Gilmore from auxiliary equipment operator.

Mr. Conley joined the company in 1943 at Logan plant and went to Clinch River in 1958. A former mayor of Chapmansville, W. Va., he is married and has a son and a daughter.

Mr. Cook was also employed at Logan plant, in 1950, and came to Clinch in 1958. A World War II veteran, he is active in scouting. He and his wife have four sons.

Mr. Massie joined the company in 1941 at Kenova plant in the Huntington district, and also came to Clinch in 1958. He is an ordained Baptist minister and a member of the Masonic order. He is married and has a son and a daughter.

Mr. Gilmore was employed at Radford Arsenal steam plant in 1952 and worked there until going to Clinch in 1958. He is a Navy veteran of World War II and active in Masonic work.



Mr. Boston

Farming To Keep Retiree Active

The stacks of Philip Sporn and Kyger Creek plants and Kaiser Aluminum are visible from Albert S. Boston's front yard. But he won't get much chance to look at them, according to his retirement plans.

The Sporn plant guard, who retired October 1, plans to run a 260-acre farm, where he will raise 32 head of cattle and the hay and alfalfa for their feed.

Mr. Boston joined the plant as a guard April 26, 1951, later became a janitor and returned to guard duties during construction of Unit 5. He is a native of Mason County. His first work was on a farm, and he also was a rodman for some engineers and a military guard at Akron, O. during World War II. He returned to the farm in 1947, where he stayed until joining the plant.

OVEC Vet Reaches 35th Anniversary

Roy E. Doss, who was with Appalachian for 28 years and is now with the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, has observed his 35th anniversary of service.

He joined Appalachian in 1926 and worked for the system transmission line department out of Bluefield. In 1954, he transferred to OVEC, which was being formed by 15 utilities, including Appalachian.

Mr. Doss is system transmission foreman for OVEC, whose principal customer is the AEC Portsmouth Area gaseous diffusion plant in Pike County, O.

His brother, J. B. Doss, is system transmission general foreman for Appalachian.

Holston Operator Is Now Retired



Mr. Childers

William M. Childers, system station operator at Holston station, retired December 1 after 20 years of service.

He joined the Kingsport steam plant as a turbine operator in 1941 and transferred to Holston in 1945.

He is married, and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Lyn Garden, Tenn. He includes hunting and fishing as his hobbies.



Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District

JAMES C. LAMBERT, JR., from meterman B to customer service representative.

Bluefield District

MERVYN ANDERSON from Bluefield car washer to Mullens line crew as groundman; CHARLES S. BOWLING, JR., from truck driver-groundman in Mullens to meter reader in Mullens; KENNETH A. JACKSON from customers' auditing department with American Electric Power Service Corporation to utility clerk in Bluefield; ROBERT A. RUNION from meter reader to T&D clerk, Sr.; JOE S. STINSON from supply and building maintenance clerk to division heating and builder sales representative.

Clinch River Plant

RUSSELL G. FERGUSON from Jr. maintenance man to maintenance man; HAROLD O. GARRETT from utility man to helper; ELWELL L. KIMMELL from Jr. maintenance man to maintenance man; ALBERT D. LAMBERT from utility man to helper; DONALD LASLEY from utility man to helper; LLOYD P. McFARLAND from helper to Jr. maintenance man; GLENN MARSHALL from utility man to helper; ALVIE NAPIER from maintenance man to master maintenance man; ROBERT L. PARKS from helper to Jr. maintenance man; MARSHALL H. STEVENSON, JR. from helper to Jr. maintenance man; PARKIS N. SUTHERLAND from Jr. maintenance man to maintenance man.

Kanawha River Plant

J. W. HAMMAR from maintenance man to master maintenance man.

Logan District

RICHARD C. ATKINS from meter serviceman C to meter serviceman B.

Philip Sporn Plant

RICHARD S. BARTON from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment operator; OSCAR O. CASTO, JR. from Jr. maintenance man to maintenance man; ANDREW D. DeCOY from utility operator to auxiliary equipment; LAWRENCE HALL from guard to coal sampler; SAMUEL E. HOLLIDAY, JR. from maintenance man to master maintenance man; CLARENCE S. JORDAN from Jr. maintenance man to maintenance man; ROBERT G. RHODES from helper to Jr. maintenance man; VIRGIL G. ROUSH from helper to Jr. maintenance man.



Whenever the Buchanan County winter gets too cold, this pup has — believe it or not — an electrically heated doghouse to go to. His owner, Mrs. Alice Lester, installed a 75-watt electric heating unit in the house; it's controlled by a thermostat set at 75 degrees. What will they think of next?



Roanoke district has recently placed in service this truck, designed by Appalachian, that makes installation of poles quicker and easier. Using hydraulic controls, the truck does the entire job of digging the hole and setting the pole. C. T. Rader, truck driver-groundman; R. D. Turner, working foreman; H. F. Carter, lineman; and J. C. Thomas, groundman, are the crew.



The K Appa K Girls Club of Williamson recently chose new officers for the coming year. From left they are Marian Messerian, secretary; Myrtle Bevins, president; Lorraine Corea, vice president, and Alberta Shelton, treasurer.



Heading the Clinch River plant Veterans' Club during 1962 are these three men: J. T. Bunton, secretary-treasurer; J. S. Carter, president, and J. B. Tucker, vice president. J. A. Massie and Norwood Dingess recently joined.



Appalachian-connected girls made all sorts of news last month, as this group of five pictures (above) shows. At the top left is Miss Washington County, also known as Miss Mary Anne Tucker, daughter of James B. Tucker, stores supervisor at Clinch River plant. She won her title from a field of 119 contestants in the Burley Tobacco Festival in Abingdon. Next to her is Miss Harriet Perdue, who was elected Victory Queen at the Ceredo-Kenova High School football game. Her father, H. H. Perdue, is station man in the Huntington district. In the middle picture, Miss Index '61, queen of the Industrial exposition held in Roanoke this past fall, examines the Washington County exhibit which features Appalachian's Project Decision building. At left in the third row is a picture of the company's float in Welch's Veterans Day parade, and its attractive decorations. From left to right are Patty and Peggy Groseclose, daughters of W. C. Groseclose, Welch administrative assistant, and Norma Vermillion, daughter of John Vermillion, service and meter foreman, and Helen Vermillion, Welch PBX operator. The float promoted the sale of dusk-to-dawn lights. Since the sales started, 758 lights have been sold in the district. At right, Patsy Mahoney, Bluefield stenographer, waves triumphantly from the fender of the second car she has won in six years. She won a Ford in 1955, and this Corvair November 11.



This home is the 1,000th electric heating job installed in the Lynchburg district. It is owned by P. M. Stinette, Clifford, Va., and is a conversion installation, using base-board units. J. F. Wilson, Jr., district heating and builder sales representative, stands on the porch.



Practically all employees at Cabin Creek plant have joined, for the first time, an organized blood bank to make blood donations on a regular schedule. The bloodmobile made its first visit November 2. N. D. Burroughs gives blood while Francis Hoyt, left, and M. F. Morrison watch.



Here's Jerry Akers, Williamson groundman, who got into making flower containers when he broke one belonging to his wife. He said he could replace it at a better price. So, using a tin can, covered with several coats of cement, a fork to make marks resembling tree bark, two coats of varnish and two of shellac, he did; it looked so good he has made more for sale.



Roy E. Pendleton, auxiliary equipment operator at Glen Lyn, is justifiably proud of the sugar beets and gourds he raised in his garden. The beets average four pounds each, and the gourds about 30 inches long.



Proving that he is a good salesman as well as a good first aid teacher, Paul Parsons, personnel assistant in Charleston, takes orders from employees who want seat belts for their personal cars. From left, are George Litsinger, Ronald Givens, Wanda Nelson, Mr. Parsons, seated, Fred Clendenin, Peggy Newman and Ralph Baughan. Another buyer of the safety device was Chris Mitchell, who made this picture. All are first aid class members.

Four Couples Married



Married in recent weeks were from left: Airman 1/c and Mrs. Kenneth R. Roush, Point Pleasant; Mrs. Jerry Edwards, Kingsport, and Mrs. Marvin Croft, system.

Long-Edwards

November 21 was the wedding date of Clydetta Long and Jerry W. Edwards, who were married in the Lynn Garden Baptist Church in Kingsport. Mrs. Edwards is a home service representative in Kingsport.

Wilson-Pallares

Phyllis Wilson and Toney C. Pallares were united in marriage on October 8 in Pearisburg, Virginia. Mr. Pallares is a heating and builder sales representative in the Beckley District.

Good-Roush

A double ring ceremony performed on November 4 in the Heights Evangelical United Brethren Church in Pt. Pleasant united Martha Charlotte Good and A 1/C Kenneth R. Roush. A 1/C Roush is the son of Bernice M. Roush, secretarial-stenographer in the Pt. Pleasant district.

They're Engaged

PATSY L. MAHONEY to William Selbee. Miss Mahoney is a stenographer in Bluefield.
 POLLY Y. GATEWOOD to Fred B. Mitchell. Miss Gatewood is a System transmission clerk in Bluefield and Mr. Mitchell is a System transmission man in Bluefield.
 SHELBY HARRISON to Cecil Carter. Miss Harrison is a clerk-stenographer in Kingsport.
 FRANCES THOMPSON to Richard Thompson. Miss Thompson is a T&D clerk in Logan.

Glass-Croft

The marriage of Shirley Ann Glass and Marvin "Gus" Croft took place at Melrose Methodist Church on October 7. Mrs. Croft is a clerk-stenographer in the system personnel office and Mr. Croft is a machine operator in the system accounting office.

Mrs. Warren No Gift Problem At Christmas



Heaped up on the table is a part of Mrs. Warren's jewelry collection. With her and her son, David, and "Illuminator" correspondent, Howard Collins.

What to give Nora Warren for Christmas is seldom a problem to her family and friends. They can't possibly go wrong with a necklace, bracelet, earrings or a pin. It's not that she needs these things to any great extent, but rather that they add to an already notable collection.

Mrs. Warren, whose husband, Wayne, is Logan district assistant stores supervisor, started her collec-

tion about ten years ago, and in the years since it has grown to such proportions that several large drawers are needed to house it. Like any proper collection, Mrs. Warren's has subdivided itself: summer and winter, with each division boxed up and put away during the off-season.

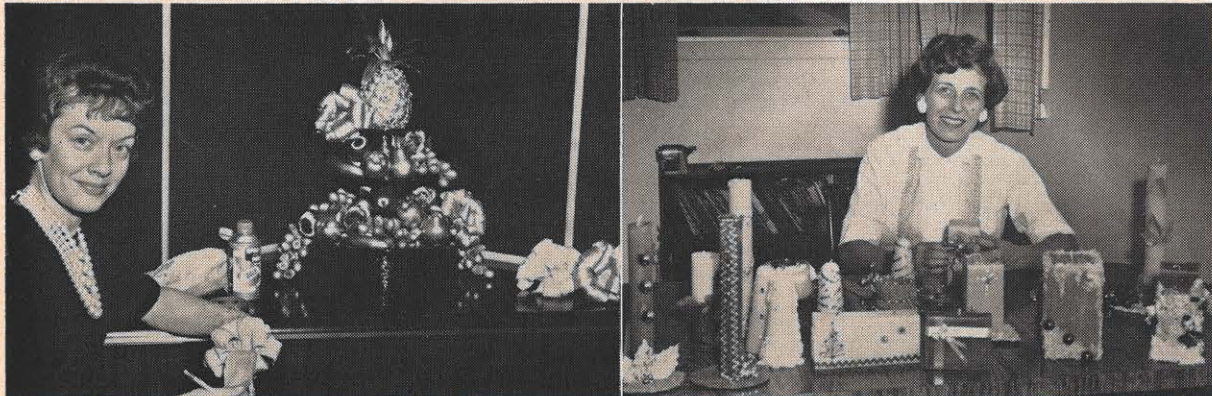
She doesn't know exactly how many pieces are in the collection, but practically each one has a special

significance, representing either the giver or the occasion. One of the most prized is a sterling bar pin with the heads of a boy and girl mounted on it. This was bought by the Warrens' daughter, Cynthia, now 13, in July four years ago, and kept until Christmas. The most recent acquisition is a matching set of earrings and necklace, a present from her husband on their anniversary, November 2.

To Mrs. Warren, as to any collector, the value of the piece is immaterial; but for the record, there is a scale of value running from an inexpensive pair of Reddy Kilowatt earrings to items that cost more than \$20. But whatever the cost, Mrs. Warren always wears jewelry. "I don't feel dressed without it," she says.

Mrs. Warren has other things to do besides collecting jewelry. An accomplished seamstress, she makes all her clothes and those of her daughter, and some for her four-year-old son, and draperies and slip covers as well. She enjoys bowling (she wears the Reddy Kilowatt earrings for that), and has only recently taken on the job of reporting Logan County goings-on for the *Charleston Gazette*. Mrs. Warren is a former employee, having worked at Cabin Creek plant, where she met the man who later became her husband.

Decorating The Home For Christmas



Two types of decorations will add a festive air to the homes of these women this Christmas. At left, Alberta Shelton, Williamson secretarial-stenographer, makes corn roses from ordinary corn shucks for decorations. To make the roses, remove the ear of corn, leaving the shuck and stem in one piece. Remove four or five outer sections and roll each around a pencil to form the rose. Tape the stem with florist tape and that's it. The roses may be used in their natural color or spray-painted. Actually, the roses

can be used in any season, as in this decoration, where they are used in an epergne piled high with artificial fruit accented by red satin apples. Mrs. Shelton suggests taping roses to a coat hanger to make a wreath or table centerpiece for Christmas. At right, Mrs. Zelda Robinette, former employee and wife of L. W. Robinette, Bluefield division power sales engineer, makes her own candles. She learned to make them two months ago, and is planning to use them as home decorations and as gifts.



New Arrivals



Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD BANNISTER, a son, David Alan, November 9. Mr. Bannister is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. BOSTIC, a daughter, Jacqueline, October 13. Mr. Bostic is a draftsman.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. JIMMY LEE FERGUSON, a daughter, Sandra Gail, October 16. Mr. Ferguson is a utility man.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. MITCHELL, a daughter, Cheryl Ann, September 26. Mr. Mitchell is a utility man.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. JAMES P. GILBERT, a son, John Thomas, November 5. Mr. Gilbert is a results engineer.

Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. H. E. RHODES, JR., a daughter, Catherine Sue, October 27. Mr.

Rhodes is a co-op electrical engineering student and Mrs. Rhodes is a former clerk-stenographer.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. MORRISON, a son, James Daniel, November 16. Mr. Morrison is a truck driver-groundman.

Radford Arsenal Steam Plant

MR. AND MRS. ROY I. JENNELLE, a daughter, Teresa Anne, November 2. Mr. Jennelle is a maintenance man.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. RATCLIFFE, twin sons, Thomas Alan and Timothy Andrew, October 7. Mr. Ratcliffe is a boiler operator.

System

MR. AND MRS. JACK H. LIVESAY, a daughter, Lindsey Ann, September 26. Mrs. Livesay is a former secretary in the system commercial department.

Welch

MR. AND MRS. JAMES TURPIN, a son, David Allen, October 17. Mr. Turpin is an auto mechanic.

Betty Smith Named To Civic Honor

Mrs. Betty M. Smith, cashier in the Montgomery office, has been selected "Club-woman of the Year" by the Civinette Club and Civitan Club of Montgomery.



Mrs. Smith

Described by the *Charleston Sunday Gazette-Mail* as "a willing volunteer and worker," Mrs. Smith was selected for the honor because of her leadership, congeniality, good citizenship, service and outstanding civic accomplishments.

She is the wife of C. B. Smith, Montgomery lineman. She is immediate past president of the Civinette Club, a member of the Montgomery Junior Woman's Club, the F. O. Harris Community Park Auxiliary, and the Deepwater Methodist Church, in which she holds a number of posts. Mrs. Smith is also treasurer of the Appalachian Bowling League in Montgomery.

UK Home Ec Project Gets Kentucky Aid

A complete line of modern electric kitchen and laundry equipment has been installed in the teaching laboratories and demonstration areas at the University of Kentucky School of Home Economics through contributions from the Kentucky Inter-Industry Farm Electric Council.

Among council members making financial and other contributions to the project was Kentucky Power.

More than \$10,000 worth of appliances and other material were donated to provide the school with the latest electrical equipment for teaching home economics students and advanced and refresher training to extension personnel and other professional groups.

Cooking Taught In Big Fashion

Nearly two thousand Girl Scouts have earned cooking certificates in classes taught by Kingsport Utilities since 1932. M. C. Simpson, commercial manager of Kingsport made this announcement when he presented certificates to members of the most recent class last month.

Several mothers at the presentation had taken the cooking class when they were Scouts. Altogether there have been 641 classes for Girl Scouts and 250 demonstrations for Brownies.

Roanoker To Head Virginia Sorority

Lorena Walton of Roanoke was unanimously elected Virginia's president of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority for 1962.



Mrs. Walton

The system personnel record clerk has served her own chapter, Alpha Kappa, as president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, extension officer and corresponding secretary. She was named its "Girl of the Year" in 1956. She joined Beta Sigma Phi as a Nu Phi Mu in 1948 and transferred to her present chapter in 1951.

The sorority has 3,000 members in 125 chapters in Virginia, and is an international civic, social and cultural group. She was employed by Appalachian in 1951 as a tracer in system real estate and right of way, and moved to system accounting in 1954 and system personnel in 1956.

Award Winners In Who's Who



Miss Richardson Cadet Armistead

Two winners of AEP Educational Awards, both children of Roanoke employees, have been named to the new edition of *Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities*.

Nancy Richardson, daughter of C. E. Richardson, Roanoke division heating and builder sales representative, is a dean's list student at Westhampton College, a member of the Mortar Board, campus honor society, and president of the YWCA. She was president of the junior class last year, and is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Alpha Theta.

Cadet Robert A. Armistead, Jr., is the son of the Roanoke district line and station supervisor. When he won the Education Award in 1958 he had already earned a full athletic scholarship to Virginia Military Institute, and so requested that his award be given to the runner-up. He has stood second among all physics majors for two years, and will earn his degree in that field in June. This year he will also win his third monogram for varsity football. He is enrolled in the ROTC artillery program and will receive an Army commission at graduation.



Hunting was good, as these pictures attest. Top left, D. W. Cooper of Fieldale shows the form that bagged him a deer. Top right, Campbell B. Sharp, retired Pulaski district employee, shows the result of a squirrel hunting trip. Bottom left, Garland Thompson of Ashland displays the deer he got. Bottom center, Stuart Foehr of Charleston bagged this wild turkey, and had his picture taken by "Illuminator" reporter Curt Willis, a hunting companion. Bottom right, Hal Barker holds up the turkeys that he and his party shot on a recent trip.

Employees Successful

Another Hunting Season Arrives

First reports of this year's hunting season are in, with the bow and arrow taking its place beside the gun and wild turkeys joining deer as game.

D. W. Cooper, Stuart lineman in the Fieldale district, used a commercial bow, and an arrow he made himself, to bring down a 130-pound doe in Patrick County. The 40-yard shot was his first successful attempt at deer hunting with bow and arrow.

Garland Thompson, Ashland T&D employee, also used a bow and arrow to kill a 165-pound deer from a distance of 60 feet. His hunting ground was Bath County, Ky. It also was his first kill with a bow and arrow. Garland is president of the Greenbo Archery Club, and calls his kill his greatest hunting thrill.

Wild turkey and pheasant were the game Stuart Foehr, Curtis Willis and Jim Cook of Charleston were hunting for in Pocahontas County, V. Va. A 12-pound turkey, a pheasant and some squirrels were the result. Mr. Foehr, since he shot the turkey, had the honor of cooking it for Thanksgiving dinner for the

three. Hal Barker, Point Pleasant groundman, and his party bagged their limit of wild turkeys in Pocahontas County. He also bagged a 12-pounder. This is his fourth turkey hunting trip, this one lasting three days.

Campbell B. Sharpe, Marion re-

Two Plant Employees Enter Armed Service

Two plant employees from Glen Lyn and Clinch River have been called to duty in the Armed Service.



Mr. Dent

Thomas E. Dent, utility operator at Glen Lyn, was in the active reserves. And Grover G. Bradley, utility man at Clinch River, entered as a staff sergeant and aircraft jet mechanic, stationed at the Van Nuys Air Base in California.

tired employee of the Pulaski district, takes a different approach. He cannot stand the rigors of deer hunting or following a bird dog on a grouse hunt. But he makes the squirrel season pay off.

Mr. Sharpe calls hunting his chief hobby, and looks for squirrels on his farm, approaching it with care. First he learns their feeding habits, locates the trees they use and then gets his rifle to bag his game.

Meter Reader Has Outstanding Record

An outstanding record for accuracy has been established by D. K. Craft, Roanoke meter reader.

During the past 8 months, he has read 37,631 meters and made only 9 errors. This is an average of 4,181 meters read for each error. He made no errors in three of the eight months.

Mr. Craft was employed as a groundman in 1941 and became a meter reader in 1955.

Scouts Win Prizes For Their Exhibits

Three Logan employees watched proudly as their cub and Scout troops took top honors at the Logan County Scout Fair recently.

M. A. White, working foreman, is Master of Cub Pack 7 of Stollings, which won with a "Cub's Christmas" exhibit, displaying ways of celebrating the holiday.

R. D. Blevins, engineering aide, is Master of Cub Pack 51 of West Logan, which won a ribbon with its "Cub Scout Scientists" exhibit, which contained robots, electronic brains and other scientific objects.

And C. E. Yeager, engineering aide and Master of Troop 217 of the Justice Addition, watched as a ribbon was given his troop's "First Aid" exhibit.

Barber's Hole In One Wins Clubs; Bowling Is Also In Sports News

Everything from a hole in one that really paid off to bowling on television occupied employees' recreational time during the past several weeks.

The hole in one was hit by Arley Barber, Hazard district manager, and for the feat he received a set of custom-made irons valued at \$162. The clubs were his because he used a certain make of ball, and the manufacturer is paying off in clubs if the purchaser achieves the rare feat.

It was Mr. Barber's first hole in one in 20 years of golf, and it came on the fourth hole at the Hazard Golf Club. It is a 150-yard, 3-par hole, and he used an eight iron.

The television bowling was done by Paul Adams, Logan employee. He represented the Logan Bowling Center in a contest on WSAZ-TV, and although he won 2 of 3 games, he lost the match.

In other news, Roanoke bowlers traveled to Bluefield for an inter-district match, and came home after losing two of three matches. Roanoke's No. 1 team dropped their match 2543 to 2652, but team No. 2 won 2221 to 2122. The Roanoke

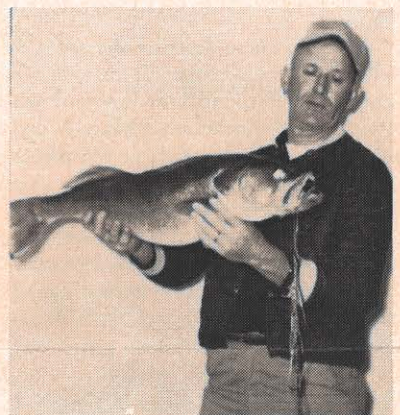
women then lost 2352 to 2445. Tommy Bryant of Roanoke had high set of 593, and Bluefield's Ernie Linkous had a 590.

Just two games separate first and fifth place in the Philip Sporn plant bowling league. Trippers and Tenants Shift, in first, have 18-9 records, Emmerts Shift is 17-10, Greenhorns is 16½-10½ and Grimes Shift is 16-11. Wyllis Davis is leading the league with a 176 average, Gerald Michael has high game of 255 and Doug Miller high set of 606.

In another golf item, W. C. Gilmour, Point Pleasant administrative assistant, has been named treasurer of the newly formed Hidden Valley Country Club Men's Golf Team.

In Roanoke, Nelson Hamrick rolled a season-high single of 265 and set of 630 in one of the tightest races in league history. Nelson started his big game with four strikes, then hit two spares and finished up with six strikes. He was rolling for Stores. Distribution leads the league, and three games back in second are four teams, Meter, Service, System and Operations.

No Fooling



When Harry B. Boyd listed fishing as one of his hobbies, he wasn't fooling. He recently caught this huge wall-eyed pike at Sandstone Falls in New River below Hinton, W. Va. It weighed 12 pounds, measured 31 inches, and took two hours and 20 minutes to be separated from the river. Mr. Boyd is a lineman in the Pearisburg line crew of the Bluefield district.

All-Stars



Here are three Kentucky boys, selected to play in the Pikeville Little League All-Star game. At left, Bill Collier, and at right, David Collier, sons of Jesse Collier, Pikeville lineman; and in the middle, Ronald Maxwell, grandson of H. M. Eagle, general foreman. Billy and Ronald played in the line, David in the backfield, and the combination helped their team scrape by with a 13-12 victory in the game.

Man Finds Tiny Chihuahuas Make Good Companions And Watch Dogs

Around the turn of the century, they say, there was a popular song briefly titled "It Makes No Difference If He Is A Hound, You Better Stop Kicking My Dog Around".

That Victorian sentiment might well be the motto of W. E. Metts, Lynchburg general serviceman, with the exception that his dogs are a far cry from being hounds: they are registered chihuahuas.

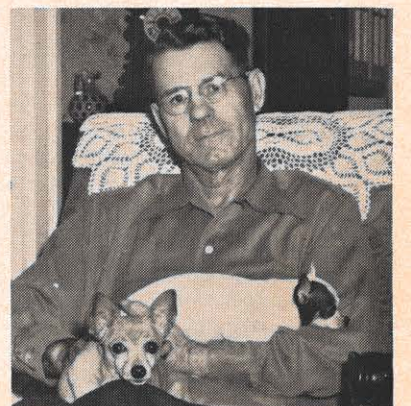
A chihuahua was the result of a survey Mr. Metts made several years ago. Being subject to night work, he wanted a dog around the house to bark if strangers ever showed up. Mr. Metts thought the dog he wanted should be easily housebroken, good natured, but able to bark loud and long, and easy to care for. The chihuahua was the dog that best filled those specifications.

The first one, over six years ago, was named Susie. She hadn't been in the house very long before she had taken it over, and was doing simple dog tricks. Three years later Mr. Metts bought a second chihuahua and named her Tina. After some mutual suspicion, the two dogs became fast friends.

Mr. Metts concedes that the dogs are some trouble and bother, possibly more than a Heinz breed. For example, at regular intervals, Susie and Tina have to be inoculated and

vaccinated, and taken to the vet's to have their nails clipped. Then there is the bath, and the once-a-day feeding that carries some difficulties. The dogs will not eat commercially prepared dog food, only roast beef or fried chicken leg, cooked and seasoned according to human taste.

Even though he has to treat them like queens, Mr. Metts gets true enjoyment and pleasure from training his dogs and having them around. Nothing, he says, is more gratifying than to have them in his lap, looking up at him with their large brown eyes, as if to say, "Thanks, Bill."



W. E. Metts relaxes with his two queens, Tina, right, and Susie. Or perhaps it's the other way around. In any case, these two chihuahuas are the pride of his life.

Glen Lyn, Pearisburg Bowlers



Six teams from Glen Lyn plant and the Pearisburg office of the Bluefield district have formed the Appalachian Bowling League. The men and women are bowling at the new Happy Lanes alley in Giles County. Team captains are T. B. Skelton, R. E. Johnson, E. S. Freeman, E. V. Harris, B. M. Brown and Dave Mann. New officers, shown above, are from left: W. D. England, president; D. E. Hall, vice president; C. B. King, Jr., secretary, and Ruth Thompson, treasurer.

Tireless Work To Restore Power In Storm Recognized

Letters and notes of appreciation continue to come in in the wake of the October snow storm that struck the Beckley, Bluefield and Charleston districts. From our customers, these letters thank the company for its efforts to restore service, and pay tribute to the employees who worked long hours under hazardous conditions.

Some of these employees received thanks in another way—in Bluefield, 85 district employees who worked round the clock were treated to a buffet dinner at the West Virginian Hotel November 14 by the district. A similar dinner was given to 28 Princeton and Mullens employees the next night. The affairs prompted one to say "it's an ill storm that blows no goodies."

One letter to the company came from a Meadow Bridge customer to the East Rainelle office of the Beckley district. The customer said: "I want to express my appreciation and thanks to your men who did such a tremendous job in restoring so quickly Reddy Kilowatt after such major damage to the system. We tend to take for granted uninterrupted service without realizing what goes on behind the scene to make it possible."

In a long letter to the Beckley Register and Post-Herald, a Fayetteville woman described her day without electricity, from arising at 5 a.m. to caring for her children to her husband's arranging a makeshift heating system. She found she couldn't play the radio, wash or iron clothes or do many things that ordinarily occupied her day, "so with all this time I could only spoil my baby."

She went on: "I thought of all the people who had left warm beds and homes to go out in the snow and wet to try to correct the trouble so I and people like myself might be warm and have other things convenient for our health and happiness. . . . Now when I can just push a button or touch a switch, I'll feel wonderful, I'll feel thankful to Him first, who gives us

life and then I'll think about those guys who worked at it until the lights were on again and I'll think truly, we are our brother's keeper."

And from the Beckley Post-Herald and Register, in the regular "Bug Dust" column, come other kind words. These are in a letter from a customer who lives near Rainelle on an egg-producing farm. The letter begins: "In the storm we have just experienced a true test of what it would be like to have it taken away from us permanently, with the weather and situations continuing and not knowing when it could or would be returned to us, my wife and I couldn't help but feel for those men working, climbing poles, inspecting lines, to give the power back to us. Our gratitude, our sincere gratitude, goes out to them and their loyalty to their company as well as the users of electricity. . . ."

"We silently, in our hearts, kept praying for them. Not from a selfish standpoint to have the power restored, but principally for their wellbeing."

He goes on to describe the snow at his farm, how he used it to give his chickens water, and how it tore down trees. He concludes: "May I say, electricity is wonderful for the power and privileges it gives us for our many material conveniences. . . . A thank you to the men who worked so diligently to give us back our material power and may the blessings of the Greatest Power be with them always."

V. R. Peterson Dies; Was Widely Known

V. R. Peterson, staff engineer in the mechanical engineering division of the AEP Service Corporation, died November 10 of a cerebral hemorrhage. He maintained an office in the system production and coordination group in Columbus, O.

He began his career at Ohio Power's Philo plant in 1934, transferring to incremental studies in system operations in 1935, where he rose to senior engineer and then section head of the incremental studies group.

He was well-known throughout the AEP System, having worked at Logan and Cabin Creek plants, and the Charleston system operating office. He went to his job as staff engineer in 1957.

Service Corporation Promotes R. K. Gum

Robert K. Gum has been promoted to junior auditor of the New York auditing staff of the American Electric Power Service Corporation, effective December 1. He has been a business administration trainee in the Charleston Accounting office since December 1, 1958.

He is a native of West Virginia, and holds a degree from West Virginia Institute of Technology, graduating in 1958.

In his new position, Mr. Gum will cover AEP territory from Beckley, W. Va. to Hazard, Ky.

He and his wife have two children and live in Charleston.

R. L. Gordon Dies After An Illness



Mr. Gordon

R. L. Gordon, administrative assistant at Ashland, died November 27 after a short illness.

He joined the company at Sprigg as an assistant operator June 27, 1921, observing his 40th anniversary this year. He went to Logan in 1923, where he became line superintendent a year later and assistant district manager in 1929. In 1931 he was named Hazard district manager and came to Ashland as administrative assistant in 1948.

Born in Fauquier County, Va., he graduated from VPI in 1921. He was past president of the Logan Kiwanis Club, Hazard Rotary Club and Hazard Chamber of Commerce, past vice president of the Lonesome Pine Council of Boy Scouts, and held the Silver Beaver award. He was active in the Masons, Elks and Episcopal Church.

Mr. Gordon is survived by his wife and two sons.

For Heating, Ventilation

School Will Use Unique System

Electric heat will be installed in a new school in Lynchburg, and the system, utilizing ducts, is the first of its kind in the American Electric Power System.

A high velocity single-duct all-air system for heating, ventilating and air conditioning (with cooling equipment to be added later) will be used in the Paul Munro Elementary School. In this system, the mechanical equipment will be installed at a central location in the building, with the heat and ventilation carried to all portions of the school by a duct system. The air is carried underneath the floor to each room, where there are air terminals to distribute the air along the outside wall. Individual thermostats in each room allow for comfort conditioning just the way occupants of the room want it.

This system is different from two other electrically-heated schools in Lynchburg, built in the past three years. In each of those, individual room units were used to provide the heating requirements.

In the Munro school system there are two air moving fans, one each for the inner and outer sides of the "L" shaped building. The building itself will contain 36,953 square feet, in-



An exhibit featuring the Paul Munro Elementary School and its unique heating and ventilating system was a highlight of the biennial meeting of the Virginia Chapter of Architects, the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and National Society of Professional Engineers. The exhibit was prepared by the Roanoke division of Appalachian. Shown in the picture are from left: J. Everett Fauber, Jr., architect for the school; Lewis D. Evans, Roanoke division heating engineer, and B. Gordon Watkins, Jr., associate of Wiley & Wilson, consulting engineers of Lynchburg, engineering firm for the school.

cluding 16 classrooms, a library multipurpose room, administrative suite and kitchen.

A feature of the building is that provisions have been made for a future installation of air conditioning equipment, using the same duct system. Meanwhile, to reduce the cooling load, the architect has provided overhangs on all sides to shield windows from the sun. Other provisions to reduce cooling and heating loads

include insulation in a suspended ceiling in hallways (suspended to provide a space for returning air from rooms to the central mechanical room), an insulated roof deck, and insulation under the slab floor.

Three Observe 35th Anniversaries



Mr. Queen

Mr. Jefferson

Three Appalachian veterans, one from Welch and two from system, have observed their 35th anniversaries with the company.



Mr. Grubb

They are P. R. Grubb, Welch, and Bee Queen and L. E. Jefferson, system.

Mr. Grubb joined the company on November 25, 1926 at Switchback as a laborer and is now Welch working foreman. He has worked as a truck driver, mechanic, foreman and auto mechanic, and moved to his present position in 1950.

A native of Cripple Creek, Va., he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Masons.

Mr. Queen, system station operator at Switchback, joined the company November 12, 1926 as a laborer at Logan plant. He held a number of positions before becoming shift supervisor in 1952. Earlier this year he transferred to the system operating department. He lists hunting as his hobby.

Mr. Jefferson, system invoice and accounts payable supervisor in Roanoke, joined the company November 3, 1926 as a general clerk in system accounting. He was assistant classification supervisor and assistant department supervisor before going to his present job in 1950.

He is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, has served as Clerk of the Session for three terms, and is a charter member of the Industrial Management Club of the Roanoke Valley. He is married and has one daughter.

Education Test With 14 Awards Has 131 Entries

Test results are expected early in January on the efforts of 131 high school seniors vying for the 14 grants of \$500 each in the 1962 American Electric Power System Educational Awards Program. The winners will be announced about February 1.

Of the total, 75 are boys and 56 are girls. Ohio Power fielded the program's largest number of contestants for its four awards—33 boys and 24 girls.

Next highest is Appalachian, where 17 boys are pitted against 13 girls for the company's four grants. Indiana & Michigan Electric, with three grants, has entered 10 boys and eight girls.

The other System companies, including the Service Corporation, have been allocated three awards. Fifteen boys and 11 girls are competing from those companies.

The total of contestants for the 1962 awards is lower than that of last year, when 154 students entered the competition, and of 1960, which had 145 entries. It is higher, however, than any other year since the program began in 1955.

Rayfield Promoted In Kingsport

Junious G. Rayfield has been promoted by Kingsport Utilities from head T&D clerk to record supervisor.

He joined the company in June 1947 as a clerk in the old plant record department, and has performed similar duties since that date.

A bowling enthusiast, Mr. Rayfield currently holds the highest average in two different leagues.

He is married and the father of three daughters.

Three Promoted To New Positions At Sporn Plant



Mr. Vance

Mr. Haley

Three employees at Philip Sporn plant have received promotions.



Mr. Athey

Clayton A. Athey, assistant shift operating engineer, has been named shift operating engineer, succeeding John H. Grimes, who retired November 1.

Bethel R. Vance, unit foreman, was promoted to assistant shift operating engineer, and Charles M. Haley, equipment operator, has been named unit foreman.

Mr. Athey, who received his 35 year pin in November, was employed November 10, 1926 as a laborer at Ohio Power's Windsor plant. He was a boiler room man and a turbine operator before going to Sporn in 1949 as a control operator. He was second assistant shift operating engineer before becoming assistant shift operating engineer.

Born at Williamstown, he is a Mason and a member of the United Brethren Church. He is married and has four children.

Mr. Vance was employed at the plant April 3, 1950 as an assistant control operator, and later became unit foreman. Born at Stallings, he attended New River State College. He is married and has one son.

Mr. Haley was employed March 12, 1951 as a laborer at Sporn and later became auxiliary equipment operator and equipment operator. He is a native of Rutland, O. and served in the Army in 1945 and 1946. He is married and has two children.



Mr. Rayfield