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We can go through life happily if we will only like people and show it.

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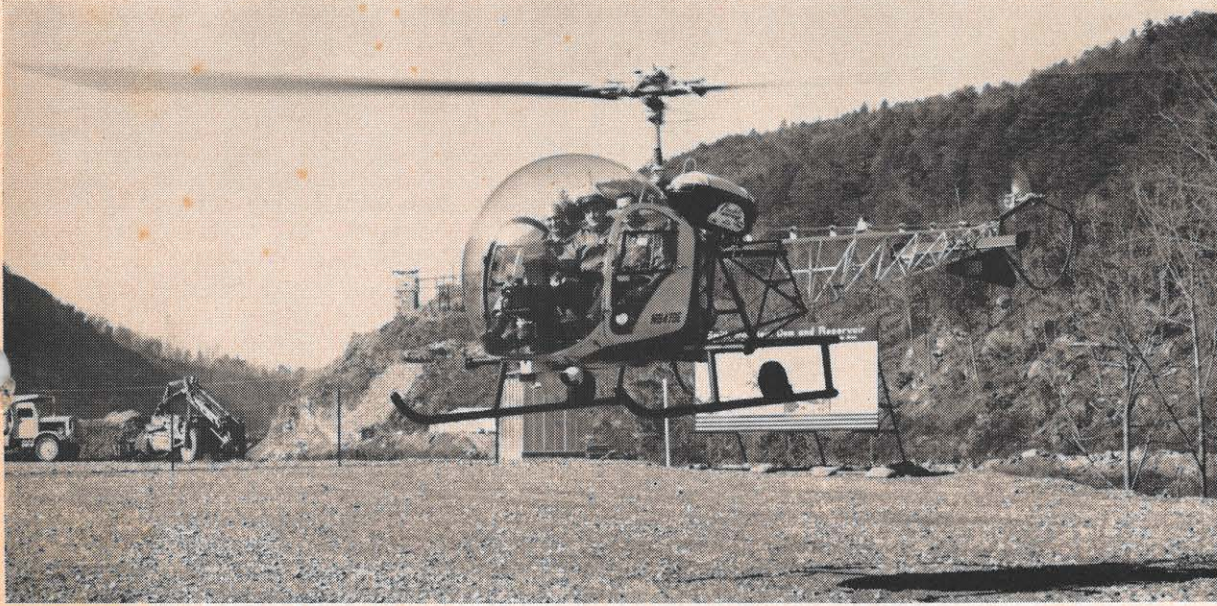
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Taking off for an observation flight at Smith Mountain are, from left: Howard Martin, chief electrical supervisor; Earle Snodgrass, resident engineer; and Harold Brown, commercial pilot.

## Helicopter Is Dam Project Asset

Another use in our business has been found for the helicopter—one is being used by the Smith Mountain construction department for its reservoir progress observation, road and bridge construction work and aerial photography programs.

Scheduled every other Wednesday afternoon at Smith Mountain is a Bell model owned by Campbell Air Service of Roanoke. According to Earle Snodgrass, resident engineer of both dams in the project, the three-seater "serves us very nicely in our reporting and observing the clearing progress in the reservoir areas. Roads in and out of the area are few and only heavy construction machinery can get in at several places. The helicopter has us in a matter of minutes."

Another advocate of the helicopter

is Jim Bauknecht, engineer at the Smith Mountain reservoir clearing. He says: "Eventually, we will clear 20,000 acres in this area. By observing the area from the air we can determine where the best accesses are, what our rate of progress is, what obstacles are in our way. Saves me a lot of time and miles."

Jack Holbert, Leesville reservoir clearing engineer, echoes him, saying that "you can't see much progress

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## Forty-Eight Years Of Service End With April Retirement Of H. C. Arthur

The oldest Appalachian employee from point of service has retired. He is H. C. Arthur, Roanoke district station man, who retired April 1 after 47 years and 11 months of active service.

Actually his intention as a 17-year-old back on May 1, 1914 was to work two weeks as a maintenance man installing stokers in the boilers at the old Walnut Avenue steam plant. But it just seemed that when one job was done, there was another waiting, and the two weeks stretched almost 48 years.

Mr. Arthur remembers that in those days he worked 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, with no vacation, at a salary of \$75 a month. Things got better though—it wasn't long before he was given one day off a month.



Mr. Arthur

The capacity of the plant in 1914 was 5,000 kva and when an emergency arose the plant would take care of the entire Roanoke district load. Today that load is 230,000 kva. Always a matter of pride with him was how fast they could get the plant on the line in an emergency. With the fires in the boiler banked, it took only eight minutes to have the station on the line.

Through the years Mr. Arthur worked as oiler and chief operator of the plant. When the plant was retired in 1953 he became a station man, and during the past 9 years it has been his responsibility to inspect and maintain the transformers in the district.

Mr. Arthur is a firm believer in saving old records. For example, he has every check that he ever received from the company, filed in the order in which he obtained them. He also has every tax ticket he ever paid. Another matter of pride with him is the fact that he has voted in every national, state and local election since he was 21 years old.

Mr. Arthur is married and has one daughter and two grandchildren, and attends the Belmont Christian Church. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

Retirement plans? He says he has so much to do he doesn't know where to start. But one of the first things will be to paint his house inside and out.

## Wife Of Employee Is Woman Of Year

A lady politician, active in civic affairs, has been elected Woman of the Year by the members of Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.



Mrs. Smith

She is Lucille S. Smith, wife of Chester Smith, Pikeville power sales engineer. Mrs. Smith has been elected Pike County tax commissioner three times, a feat not accomplished before or since.

She is governor of the seventh district of the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs and holds the chairmanship of several committees. She is an honorary member of the Pikeville Kiwanis Club. Mrs. Smith, who has a son, is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

## Project Decision Building Finished

Appalachian's first Project Decision building has been completed on a 14½-acre site in Washington County's new industrial park, four miles east of Abingdon. (See picture, page 3)

The building, designed for expansion, has 48,000 square feet of manufacturing space and 2,500 square feet of office. It is built of lightweight block with brick facing on the front and office sections. Interior and exterior have been painted, and as soon as weather permits the driveways and parking areas will be paved and the grounds landscaped.

When a suitable tenant has been found for the building the interior will be completed to meet desired needs.

After this is done, Appalachian's investment will be returned and then another community will be selected for a similar building.

Project Decision has been widely noted as a bold new approach to industrial development work. The *New York Times* in January carried a long story about the program.

## Exceeds 5,000 Kwh

# Roanoke Division Sets Electricity Use Mark

A major milestone in the use of electricity has been reached by Roanoke division residential customers.

Customers of the division became the first in Appalachian to exceed an average annual usage of 5,000 kilowatt-hours each when the yearly average per customer reached 5,041 kwh at the end of February.

At the same time customers of the Fieldale district of the Roanoke division went over the 5,000 kwh mark, reaching 5,009 each.

A West Virginia residential mark has also been set—Point Pleasant became the first district in the Appalachian portion of that state to reach 4,000 kwh. The district reached 4,027 kwh per residential customer at the end of January, and at the end of February this figure was 4,040 kwh. Welch earlier reached the mark, but it serves in both Virginia and West Virginia.

Just ten years ago the Roanoke division showed an average annual kilowatt-hour usage per residential customer of only 2,409. Between 1952 and 1962 use has more than doubled, and electric heat has been a major contributor. In 1956, 382 residential customers used electric heat in their homes; at the end of 1958 there were 953. By December 31, 1961, there were 2,659 electrically heated homes in the Roanoke division, including 195 homes belonging to employees.

The importance of electric heat in the growth of the division's load can be seen in a comparison. The average customer with an electrically heated home in the division uses 18,431 kwh annually; one without electric heat uses 4,697 kwh a year.

Fieldale's growth has paralleled that of the division. In 1952 the average residential customer used 2,112 kwh annually and has more than doubled this in 10 years.

Point Pleasant also credits electric heat with its new mark, showing a 4½ per cent saturation of residences in the district. Here, too, employees have played an important part—49 per cent of the district employees use electric heat in their homes.

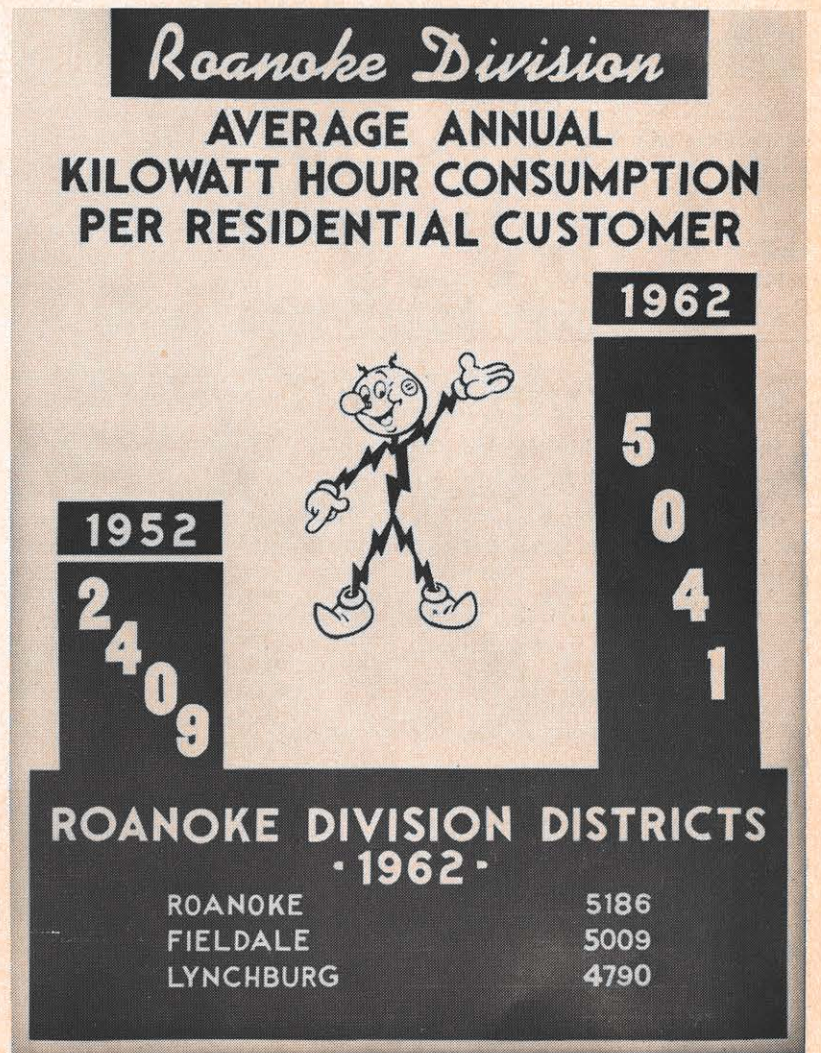
## Bonds, Debentures Will Be Offered By Appalachian

Appalachian Power Company will offer for sale this month \$25,000,000 in first mortgage bonds, due April 1, 1962, and \$20,000,000 in debentures with the same due date.

Part of the proceeds from the sale of these securities will be used to prepay \$20,000,000 in bank loans borrowed for construction purposes; the remaining amount, together with funds generated internally, will be used to meet the company's estimated 1962 construction costs of \$54,200,000 for new generation, transmission and distribution facilities and equipment.

Of this total construction figure, more than half—\$28,119,000—will be spent on power plant construction, mainly for the Smith Mountain Hydro Electric Development.

Appalachian estimates that its construction program for 1963 will cost \$28,900,000. It expects to meet a small portion of this amount through short-term bank loans and eventual long-term financing.





## Does It Make A Difference?

"Yes, Mr. Jones is here. May I say who's calling, please?"

How many times have you received a reception like this when making a telephone call? And how many times have you wondered: does it make a difference who's calling?

We are employees of a public utility, and just about everyone who calls any of our offices is a customer. The implied suggestion that it might make a difference "who's calling" as to whether Mr. Jones wants to talk or not is discourteous in ordinary circumstances. But in a company like ours, where almost every conversation is with a customer, it is worse.

Telephone courtesy requires little effort but the dividends are big. The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia suggests that when you answer someone else's telephone, maintain an interested control of the situation. For example, answer it: "Mr. Jones' office, Miss Smith speaking," and certainly never "Who's calling?" If Mr. Jones is not in his office, how about this: "No, I'm sorry he's not here. May I have him call you?" It's friendly as well as efficient.

Sometimes the element of control is needed at the other end of the line on the part of the calling party. If Mr. Jones is not in, the caller can pick up the cue by saying: "This is John Smith. Will you please have him call me on extension 333?"

The elementary rules of good service include prompt answering, proper identification, alertness, cheerfulness and the avoidance of any phrase that might irritate.

## The Cycle That Must Not Be

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back again into bondage.

In 15 years our United States will be 200 years old. This cycle is not inevitable. It depends on you and me to break it.

## news events in brief

**ASHLAND**—Kentucky became the first state ever to win an award from the National Advisory Council of Keep America Beautiful. The state's "Make Kentucky A Greener, Cleaner Land" program did it. Only cities or localities have won before.

**HUNTINGTON-WELCH**—The Island Creek Coal Company of Japan, Ltd. has been

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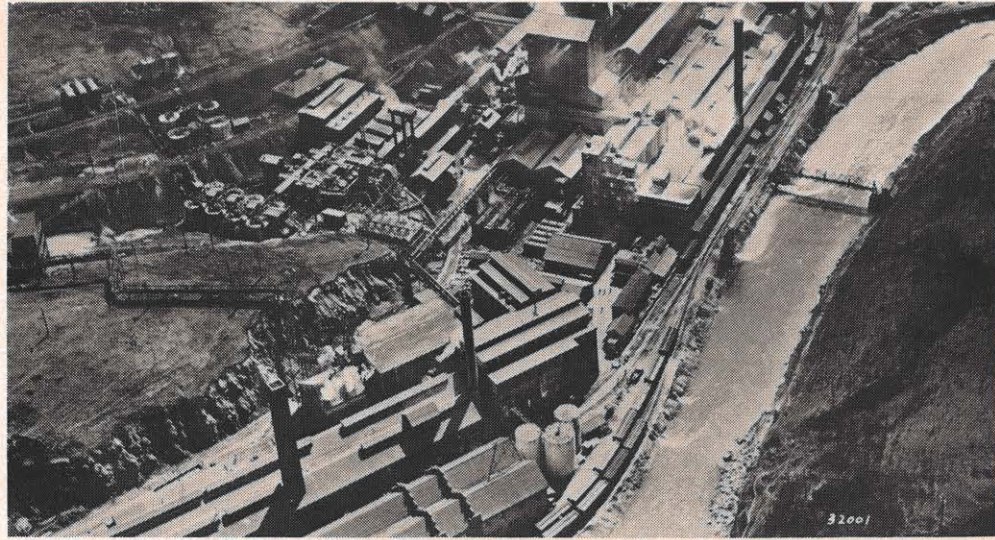
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# People Shape Pulaski District Economy



An aerial of Olin-Mathieson at Saltville shows a large portion of its sprawling facilities, excluding the new anhydrous hydrazine plant.

Rural Retreat is a quiet Virginia town with a population of about 500 in Wythe County. It is a town of determination.

Back in September last year Glenn Thornhill, who owns the Christianburg and Floyd Garment Companies, as well as Skyline Sportswear in Floyd, was looking for a site for another textile plant. To get the plant, a community needed \$250,000 to build a building for a lease-purchase arrangement with Mr. Thornhill.

Rural Retreat people said, "We'll do it." Others in the county replied, "It can't be done. The area can't support the raising of such a large amount of money."

Undaunted, citizens of the small community, which only has one other industry, J. Freezer & Sons (formed in 1936), formed the Rural Retreat Development Corporation. The corporation began selling stock throughout the county, accepting small as well as large purchases, and in three months had their \$250,000.

The corporation also had a five-acre site for the plant, donated by the town. Unfortunately, soil samples proved it unstable for a building so large. The corporation located another site only to go through the same disappointment. But perseverance paid off—a third site was ideal.

Now work is underway on a 30,000 square foot plant to house the Rural Retreat Garment Company, to employ 300 to 350 people.

formed to promote the sale of Island Creek and other coals in the Japanese market. The formation was announced by the Island Creek Coal Sales Company and the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation of Chicago.

**CHARLESTON**—Employment for 1,250 people will be provided by a contract awarded to the FMC Corporation, South Charleston, by the Department of the Army. The contract of \$64,036,241.34 is for the Army's M-13 armored personnel carriers.

**ROANOKE**—Three contracts totaling \$1¼-million have been awarded to Roanoke firms by Sealtest Foods for its 120,000 square feet processing plant in the Blue Ridge Park for Industry. Quarters will be occupied in 15 months, employment will be between 150 and 200 persons.

**WELCH**—An additional 400,000 tons of coal will be produced each year by the Jewell Smokeless Coal Corporation at Whitewood, Va. to meet its new 15-year contract with McLouth Steel Corporation of Detroit. The contract is for coke, and Jewell has begun installation of 200 beehive, Mitchell-type ovens near the Buchanan County Country Club.

**BLUEFIELD**—A shell building for Richlands Manufacturing Company, to make ladies' and children's sleepwear, will be a reality now. The Richlands Area Industrial Development Corporation has been advised its application for a \$250,000 Small Business Administration loan has been approved. This came after the corporation raised \$200,000 locally.

One of the oldest and largest of Pulaski district's industries, Olin employs over 1,400 people here.

The success of this community so encouraged people in the area that, about the time Rural Retreat was completing its money raising, Wytheville launched another \$250,000 search to secure a plant of the American Screw Company, one of the established names in the screw manufacturing industry.

### Another \$270,000

The Wythe Development Corporation got to work and in about 30 days had \$270,000, not only enough to build American Screw a building, again on a lease-purchase arrangement, but also enough to remodel an abandoned building for American Screw to use as temporary quarters. This company will employ from 300 to 800 persons.

From a "it can't be done" view, \$500,000 was raised for two new industries in the area in six months. It's true that this is not something that is done every day. It is unusual, but it is an example of people at work in the economy of Appalachian's Pulaski district.

The important thing about industry in the district is that most of it has been built by the people who live there. It is a large district—the largest in Appalachia, covering over 3,100 square miles and serving all or parts of Wythe, Smythe, Pulaski, Carroll, Grayson, Montgomery and Floyd Counties.

Years ago the area was primarily one of agriculture, particularly beef cattle raising and dairying. Agriculture is still important—for example, in 1961 farmers sold 41,970 head of beef feeder cattle for an income of \$4,728,827. But today the chief contributors to the economy are the textile, furniture and minerals and chemicals industries.

In the textile industry, there are 33 major plants involved in sewing and knitting operations, employing over 10,500 people. Glenn Thornhill's operations employ over 700, and Burlington Industries, with plants at Chilhowie, Marion, Dublin, Radford and Galax, employs 1,500. Among some of the other large textile operations in the district are Blue Ridge Overall at Christiansburg, employing 1,000; Jefferson Mills, Pulaski, 750; P. H. Hanes Knitting Company, Galax, 500; Bluemont Knitting Mills, Galax, 1,000 and Washington Mills, Fries, 1,500.

Many others employ from 200 to 300, including Virginia Maid Hosiery Mills, Pulaski; Kenrose Manufacturing, Radford; Harris-Marshall Hosiery, Galax; Wonderknit Corporation, Galax; Klearknit Inc., Independence; Grayson-Millis Hosiery, Independence; and Marion Manufacturing. There are others employing below 200.



Textiles play an important role in the economy of the Pulaski district. Here, two employees work at a section of seamless hosiery machines

Products practically span the field of clothing—overalls and other work clothes, hosiery and shirts for all members of the family, sleepwear, underwear, dresses, uniforms. There are also plants turning out tape and ribbon, seat covers, drapery material and yarn, and ones involved in fabric finishing and silk throwing.

Over 3,000 people are employed in the major furniture industries of the district. There are 13 such plants — Montgomery Manufacturing, Christiansburg, 115; Coleman Furniture, Pulaski, 600; Pulaski Veneer & Furniture, 425; Galax Furniture, 130; Sawyer Furniture, Galax, 130; Vaughan-Bassett, Galax, 325; Vaughan Furniture, Galax, 310; Webb Furniture, Galax, 440; Galax Chair, 45; Appalachian Manufacturing, Marion, 141; Virginia Highland Furniture, Marion, 151; Virginia Oak Flooring, Pulaski, 165; and Wytheville Chair, 70. Galax Mirror, with 170 employees, makes mirrors for the furniture industry.

### Minerals and Chemicals

Minerals and chemicals play an important role in the economy of the area, drawing on resources as have the textile and furniture industries. There is the New Jersey Zinc Company at Austinville, the oldest industry in the district, established in 1875. It employs 325 people to produce ferrous zinc products. Olin-Mathieson at Saltville has 1,405 employees, produces caustic soda, chloride. Olin also operates an anhydrous hydrazine (rocket fuel) plant for the government at Saltville. National Gypsum at Plasterco makes wallboard with 360 employees and General Chemical at Pulaski has 125 employees producing sulphuric acid. National Carbide at Ivanhoe makes carbide and has 182 employees.

This age of space and electronics is feeling the effects of Pulaski district industry too. The area's largest industry, Radford Arsenal, has about 4,000 employees, with missile propellants its chief product. A coated fabric electronic operation at Pulaski, Electro-Plastics, turns out material for missile covers, ponchos and tents, with 450 employees. Also working in plastics, as well as in school furniture, is the Brunswick Corporation at Marion. There 1,000 people work in one plant at present, but plans call for another, also in Marion, that will house the plastics division. The product—nose cones for missiles.

Two relatively new industries are located in Blacksburg and work with Virginia Polytechnic Institute. They are concerned with electro-mechanical components. One is the Electro-Tec Corporation, the other Poly-Scientific Corporation. Both employ 220 workers. Electronic components will also be the product of an industry just beginning operations—the Sprague Electric Company at Hillsville. It will employ from 250 to 300.

### People

The list of industries contributing to the economy of the district goes on. They are industries that depend on their location for much of the material they work with. And they are, like most industries, dependent on the people who live and work there.

They are people who, if they lose their job, generally have some land to fall back on, farming until they get a job. They are people who are flexible enough to support companies in several industrial fields, but who do not forget how important their first economy—agriculture—is to them.

And they are people like those at Rural Retreat, Wytheville and Galax (where \$1-million was raised in 30 days a few years back) who are optimistic, and have proved they have a right to be.

at the Virginia Maid Hosiery Mills in Pulaski, one of 33 major textile plants in the district's area in western Virginia.





Mr. Jeffrey

### Retirement Ends Company Service

Thirty-five years of active service ended for D. E. Jeffrey of Kanawha River plant when he retired March 1. His early retirement came because of ill health.

He joined the company at Logan plant July 24, 1926 and except for one month in 1934 has had continuous service. His experience ranged from that of laborer through operating positions to that of assistant boiler operator. He transferred to Kanawha on May 1, 1961.

Mr. Jeffrey is married and has two children. He lives near Peach Creek, W. Va.

### Customer Bouquet For Williamson

From the "Comments We Appreciate" department:

"May I express the appreciation of my family and myself for the efficient and friendly service given by your service personnel. Over a period of time I have come to realize that this type of service is constant. It is certainly refreshing in this age of 'don't-care-ism.' Thank you again."

The letter came to the Williamson office of Appalachian after a heat pump service call to a customer.

## Methodists Honor Elliotts As "Family Of The Year"



The Lewisburg District "Methodist Family of the Year," and now eligible for national selection, the Paul C. Elliott family was first honored by its own church in Rupert, W. Va. From left are Paul, Richard, Debra and Evelyn.

The Paul C. Elliotts of Rupert, W. Va., have been selected "Family of the Year" by the Lewisburg District of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Elliott, lineman in the Rainelle area of the Beckley district, his wife and two children were first honored by their own church, the Bascom Methodist Church, and then were selected by the district, which includes Hinton, Meadow Bridge, Rupert and Greenbrier County. Now they are eligible for national selection by "Together," the national magazine of Methodism.

Qualifications considered in selecting the Elliotts were: the family

## Sporn Heads Group To Assist FPC's U. S. Power Survey

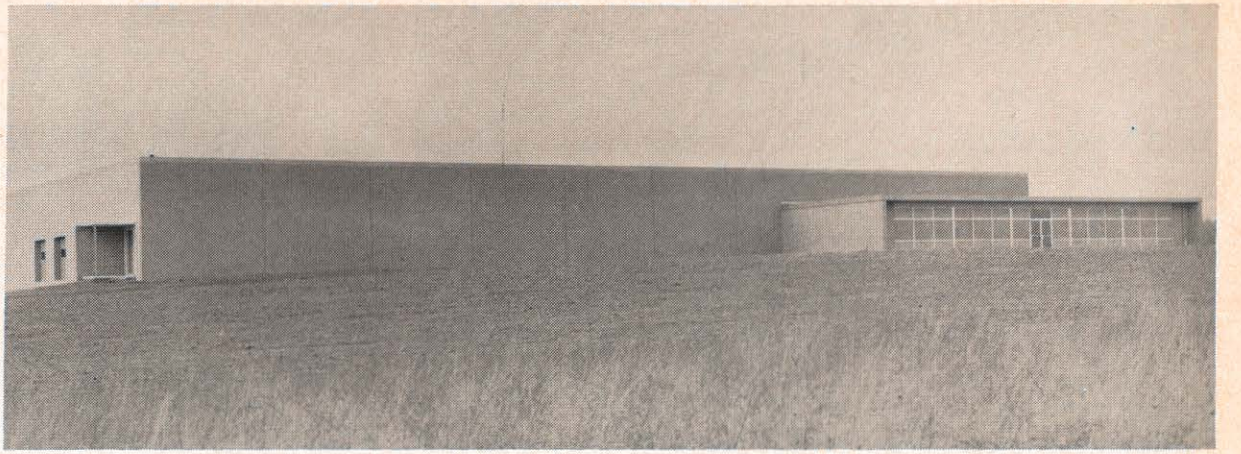
Philip Sporn has been named chairman of a seven-member committee appointed to help draw up preliminary plans for cooperation of the electric power industry in a coordinated national power survey proposed by the Federal Power Commission. Mr. Sporn is chairman of the System Development Committee of the American Electric Power Company and the retired president of AEP and of our companies.

The committee was named by FPC Chairman Joseph C. Swidler, and represents both the investor-owned and government-owned segments of the industry. He had announced the power survey in January, and at that time said that the Commission expected to name consulting committees drawn from all segments of the industry to work on various aspects of the program. The temporary committee headed by Mr. Sporn met with Chairman Swidler in Washington on March 2 to assist in formation of the permanent groups that will cooperate in the survey.

Other members of the committee are: G. O. Wessenaer, manager of power, Tennessee Valley Authority; William Webster, president, New England Electric System; Paul J. Raver, superintendent of lighting, city of Seattle; J. Harris Ward, president, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; E. W. Morehouse, former vice president, General Public Utilities Corporation; and Harold Quinton, chairman, Southern California Edison Company.

The proposed national power survey, according to the FPC, would develop a long-range program to meet the nation's rapidly expanding electric power requirements through a coordinated and interconnected transmission system throughout the country. It would suggest in broad outline how the nation's 3,600 electric systems can key their future expansion plans to a national scale rather than to a local or area basis.

## First Project Decision Building Completed



This is the shell building for industry, constructed by Appalachian in Abingdon as part of Project Decision. The grounds will be landscaped and the interior will be finished to the specification of the tenant who occupies it.

### Development Group Names D. C. Wright

Duke C. Wright, Welch records supervisor, has been elected president of the Coalwood Community Development Corporation.



Mr. Wright

It also works with the McDowell County Development and Improvement Corporation.

Mr. Wright has served two consecutive terms as president of the Coalwood PTA, is secretary of the Welch Rotary Club and active in other county and Coalwood civic affairs.

### Shannahan Leaves For Kansas Post

John H. K. Shannahan, assistant commercial vice president of the AEP Service Corporation, has been appointed assistant to the president of The Kansas Power and Light Company, Topeka, Kan. He will assume his new duties in April.

Mr. Shannahan was transferred to the Service Corporation as assistant vice president in 1959 from Indiana & Michigan Electric Company, where he had been commercial manager since 1955.

### Two Awards Won In Advertising By Appalachian

Television commercials and Project Decision mailing pieces have won awards for Appalachian from the Roanoke Advertising Club.

A first award was presented the company's value commercials, using customer testimonials, prepared for television. It is the second consecutive year the company has won this award. Robert T. Yobaggy, assistant advertising supervisor, wrote the copy for the commercials.

A special citation in the Direct Mail category was given the Project Decision mailing pieces. Art work on them was done by James F. Wellman, public relations assistant.

Judging for the awards was done by the Campbell-Ewald Advertising Agency of Detroit. The awards were presented March 27 by Colin Campbell, executive vice president of the agency. Accepting for Appalachian was William A. McClung, advertising and publications supervisor.

This is the second year the Roanoke Ad Club has presented annual awards in the advertising field. A total of eight categories were judged.

### Helicopter . . .

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when your four-wheel drive truck is axle-deep in mud. We can see more working areas from the helicopter in 15 or 20 minutes than we can see in many hours on the ground."

Although this is the first time a helicopter has been used at the project for observation, it is not the first such machine to work there. A Sikorsky S-58 pioneered the use of a helicopter in the full-scale building of a transmission line when it set poles and strung wire on the Altavista-Smith Mountain line in 1960. This machine is now being used on construction of the new 345,000-volt Kanawha River-Cloverdale line.

Even more work is seen for the Bell helicopter. As construction progresses, for example, it will be used to observe reservoir fill-up, which will be done in stages.

Pilot of the helicopter is 30-year-old Harold Brown, a graduate of the United States Army Helicopter Training Station at Fort Sill, Okla. In addition to three years of flying experience in the Army, he has flown helicopters as a commercial pilot for five years.

### Past AEP Director, J. B. Taylor, Dies

Dr. Jacob B. Taylor, 63, former director of American Electric Power Company, died in New York City, March 14.

Dr. Taylor served on the AEP board from 1954 until 1958. At the time of his election he was a vice president, treasurer and business manager of the Ohio State University. He joined General Telephone and Electronics Corporation, New York, in 1957 as vice president—finance.

## Earning Electrobucks? Read This About Inserts

Appalachian employees will find two items enclosed in their copies of this month's ILLUMINATOR—a miniature catalog and a prospect card.

They are part of the continuing Employee Electrobuck Prospect And Win Activity now in progress, where employees can earn Electrobucks, redeemable for nationally known merchandise.

Take the catalog, for example. It is really part of the overall merchandise catalog, and only shows some of the items that can be obtained with just 20 Electrobucks each, the result of one successful electric home heating conversion prospect. There are over 700 merchandise prize awards available for various numbers of Electrobucks in the big catalog.

Here is how the program, which began February 1 and will run through June 15, works: Ten Electrobucks will be awarded for each new home prospect that results in an installation of electric heat, and 20 will be awarded for each successful conversion prospect. In addition, Electrobucks will be awarded to employees for dusk-to-dawn lights that they sell, as explained in the brochure enclosed with the January issue of THE ILLUMINATOR. Additional copies of this brochure are available from the residential section of your commercial department.

Know someone building a house, or thinking that his present heating system isn't doing the job it should? Let the company know about them. Know a spot for a dusk-to-dawn light? Sell the owner on one. Earn Electrobucks and merchandise prize awards for yourself, and help the company increase its sales of electricity.

You'll then be helping yourself twice.

### Are You Moving? Let Us Know

THE ILLUMINATOR is your employee publication — it is printed to supply you with information about our companies, the industry and other employees.

The paper is mailed to employees' homes, but of late some of our people have not been getting their copies — people who have moved. This is because we do not know these employees' new addresses.

New post office laws went into effect January 1. One stated that no mail other than first class would be forwarded. Since THE ILLUMINATOR is mailed third class, it is returned to the staff if the address on it is not correct. And a second law comes into effect here — the postage the post office charges for returning undeliverable copies is double what the original postage was.

We need your help, not only to assure your receiving THE ILLUMINATOR promptly, but to save the company the additional postage for returns. When you move, or are preparing to move, please notify your personnel supervisor immediately of your new address. He will, in turn, notify system payroll in Roanoke, which maintains THE ILLUMINATOR address file.

This way your address will be up to date, you will continue receiving every issue of the paper, and we will be cutting down on postage for the paper.





### System

Congratulations to Jimmy Combs, son of W. H. Combs, data processing supervisor, who was one of 9 juniors from a class of 262 at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke to be tapped for membership in the National Honor Society . . . Dr. Howard M. Hamilton, Jr., son of the system accounting administrative assistant, has opened an office for the practice of optometry in Roanoke . . . Mary Claire Rankin, daughter of E. C. Rankin, system station, has been named to the dean's list at Madison College. Miss Rankin, who won an AEP Educational Award last year, carries an academic average of 3.89 out of a possible 4.00 . . . Joseph Angell, system real estate and right of way, reports that his son, Joseph, Jr., has been elected president of the Delaware Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He received his degree in architectural engineering from VPI . . . Welcome to Marcia Irvine, new clerk-stenographer in system meter . . . Glenna Sutphin, system meter clerk-stenographer, has resigned.

### Smith Mountain

Welcome to new employee John L. Coles, clerk in the Leesville Dam cost department.

### Lynchburg

W. S. White, assistant district manager, has been elected to the board of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce . . . C. B. Higgins, Jr., draftsman, has resigned . . . Robert L. Hatch, hydro plant supervisor, has been named to the board of the newly formed Peakland Swimming Club.

### Fieldale

Two families made news . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. L. St. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Romero were appointed to the planning and building committee of the newly organized Villa Heights Baptist Church. Mr. St. Clair is right of way agent and Mrs. Romero—Betty—is a T&D clerk. Mr. St. Clair has also been elected to serve on the membership committee for Boy Scout Troop 80, and his wife has been named treasurer of the Villa Heights Garden Club. Mrs. Romero was elected secretary.



### Huntington

Joycelyn A. Bowles is a new accounting employee.

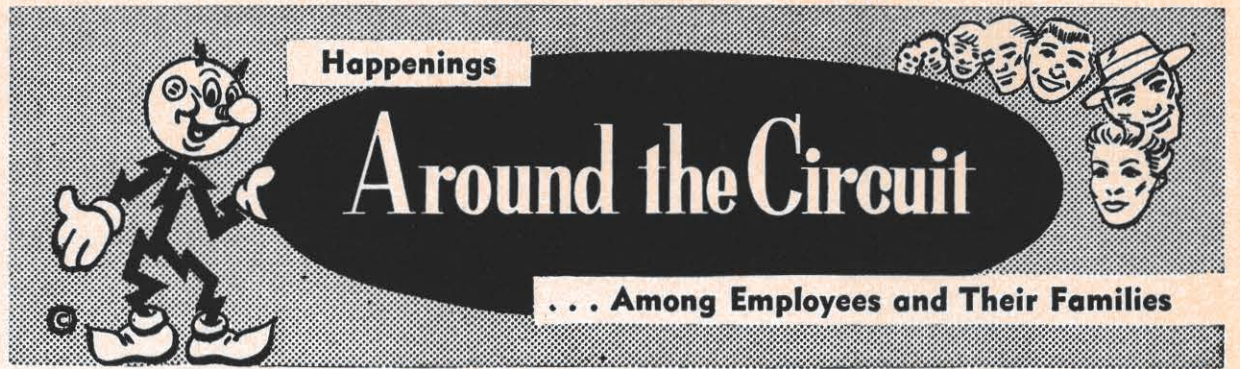
### Logan

Tommy, son of T. J. Hanley, heating representative, was inducted into the National Honor Society at Logan High School . . . Mrs. Howard Foglesong, wife of the electrical engineer, and president of the Logan County Girl Scout Council, took part in a pageant observing the Golden Anniversary of the Girl Scouts. Jenni Jo, daughter of J. A. Kovich, district engineer, was a color guard . . . W. H. Honaker, line and station supervisor, was a judge for the Logan Junior High Science Fair.

### Williamson

Just about the most rabid basketball fans around are C. J. and Rita Maynard (he's assistant credit supervisor). When the Chattaroy High School Yellow Jackets won the Class

A, Area 4 playoffs, the couple entertained the entire team, the coach and cheerleaders with a dinner. Throughout the season Mr. Maynard has provided transportation to all out-of-town games for the team, and he took five members to the Class A meet in Morgantown . . . Two superlatives were voted—Jeffrey, son of Victor Harris, area serviceman, was selected Student of the Month by the Magnolia High School Student Council in Matewan. He is a seventh grader . . . And Karyn, daughter of Naomi Cantees, contract clerk, was voted Best Sport by her seventh grade classmates at Williamson High School. She has also been elected secretary of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the Hardy, Ky. Methodist Church . . . Monroe "Gene" Gall, instrumentman, was elected vice president of the newly formed Pond Creek PTA Council. He is also Cubmaster of Pack 3 at Belfry, Ky. . . Charles F. Burchett, groundman, is serving as advisor to the newly organized Boy Scout Explorer Post at Kermit, a group that will specialize in Civil Defense work . . . J. E. "Sonny" Runyon, heating and builder sales representative, has been elected second lieutenant in the Big Sandy unit of El Hasa Color Guard . . . George T. Booth, Jr., commercial sales representative, won a 15-pound baked ham at the Williamson High School Band Spring Concert. The refreshment stand and raffle were sponsored by the ways and means committee of the Williamson Band Parent's Association. The committee is headed by Mrs. Lorraine Corea, secretarial stenographer, and Mrs. Hazel Farris, pre-audit clerk, is a committee member.



### Beckley

Lloydette Humphrey, daughter of Lloyd Humphrey, engineering aide, was named "Teen of the Week" by local newspapers. The ninth grader at Beckley Junior High School is active in a number of school and outside organizations . . . E. F. Eager, division power sales engineer, has been elected secretary of the New River and Winding Gulf Electrical, Mechanical and Mining Institute.

### Point Pleasant

The Point Pleasant Junior High School Chorus recently made a trip to Huntington to present a patriotic musical program to the Huntington Rotary Club. Among the 55 students were Randy, son of Leo C. Bias, local office supervisor, and Bonnie, daughter of George E. Hervey, district manager . . . Diane, daughter of J. R. Crump, line foreman, was

selected "Girl of the Month" at Point Pleasant High School . . . R. D., Jr., son of R. D. Tillis, customer service clerk, was one of four selected to represent Point Pleasant Junior High School in the Regional Science Fair . . . C. H. Murray, Jr., line inspector, was chairman of the annual tri-county Scout-O-Rama, which drew 6,000 people . . . W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant, was re-elected treasurer of Christ Episcopal Church.

### Charleston

A camera and a lifetime supply of film were the prizes Mrs. Gretis Raines, PBX operator, recently won in a Mercury car contest . . . Mrs. W. H. Zinn, wife of the local office manager at Montgomery, has finished a year's training in practical nursing and was graduated March 1 . . . Jack Lawhorn, son of Mrs. Myrtle Lawhorn, accounting, was recently appointed to the position of Charleston Park and Recreational Director . . . Cub Scout Pack 88, under the direction of Lewis E. Duff, meterman and Cub Master, presented a skit at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church recently . . . Completing a first aid course, under the instruction of Clifford Picklesimer, were: Curt Willis, C. E. Hawkins, Jack Wilkinson, H. R. Hill, Charles Carrico, J. H. Vickers, A. M. Jones, Tom Hardman, E. A. Humphreys, W. W. Champe, R. H. Taylor, Selly Robie, Harold Carrico, Bill Abbott, Don Newman and Leroy Goode.

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### Ashland

Jo Nell Robinson, clerk trainee, has resigned.

### Hazard

Welcome to two new accounting employees: Mrs. James Teague and Mrs. Ilene Clay. Also, welcome to Harold D. Sellers, new in the service section . . . A. R. Barber, district manager, has been appointed chairman of Hazard-Perry County Opportunities, Inc., an organization formed to encourage industry to locate in the area.

### Pikeville

The news this month was about employees at Beaver Creek station . . . Bernard Little, station operator, has passed his examination and was appointed to the Kentucky High School Basketball Athletic Association staff as a referee . . . Cliff Aders, station operator, was elected senior deacon of Wheelwright Lodge 889 AF&AM. He was also named to the board of the Beaver Valley Kiwanis Club of Wheelwright . . . Curtis Wallen, station operator, was elected, for the fifth consecutive term, to the presidency of the Clear Creek PTA. The organization conducted an open house recently in the school building to dedicate the new lunchroom.



### Abingdon

J. J. Roseberry, area supervisor, who was already lay leader and adult Bible class teacher at the Abingdon Bible Church, was named chairman of the board of elders . . . Wives of three employees were named to Abingdon Random Arts Club offices: Mrs. James E. Fleenor, wife of the customer service representative, president; Mrs. J. R. Warden, wife of the commercial sales engineer, vice president; and Mrs. Jack B. Frier, wife of the personnel supervisor, treasurer.

### Welch

Two social notes in the district—A pot luck supper honoring Dorothy Jean Fletcher and David L. Kendrick, Jr. (he's commercial sales engineer in Grundy) was given by employees of the Grundy office. The two will be married in April . . . Janet Browning, clerk-stenographer, also planning an April wedding, was honored at a bridal shower given by Nancy Day, cashier, and Grace Hajas, general clerk . . . Sank Smith, personnel supervisor, and W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant, are teaching advanced first aid classes in Welch and Kimball.

### Pulaski

Honors came to daughters of two employees . . . Carole Robinson, daughter of C. N. Robinson, heating and builder sales representative, was initiated into Kappa Phi Alpha sorority at Emory and Henry College, where she is also a member of the college radio station and a disc jockey on WGLG . . . Margaret Ann Whitley, daughter of E. L. Whitley, division engineer, has been elected an official delegate to the model General Assembly in Richmond, representing the Senior Tri-Hi-Y . . . J. B. Brillheart, Jr., draftsman, has been elected esteemed leading knight of the BPOE, Pulaski Lodge 1067 . . . C. A. Schmidt, customer service clerk, has been elected secretary of the United Lutheran Church Men in Pulaski, and re-appointed chairman of the evangelism committee . . . In elections at the Pulaski Country Club, S. A. Dewey was named first vice president, B. B. McCall second vice president. J. M. Brown and V. W. Hinton were re-elected to the board.

### Glen Lyn Plant

Edwin Brown, son of T. H. Brown, chief plant dispatcher, has completed his barber training course in Roanoke and is now employed in a shop in that city. He was recently married to Judy Ann Miller, granddaughter of retired employee Frank B. Duncan.

### Bluefield

An article written by Ira W. Henderson, administrative assistant, pertaining to seat belts, was published in the periodical, *West Virginia Hill-billy* . . . Diane, wife of E. E. Fan-  
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## Science Fairs



Winners in two Science Fairs were these exhibits. At top, Cynthia Vassar stands beside her first place exhibit on the evolution of the horse. It won in the Tazewell ninth grade fair under the Development category. The daughter of Basil M. Vassar, Bluefield division agricultural sales engineer, Cynthia lists horses as her hobby and she freehanded all the drawings in the exhibit. The skull is that of a draft horse. At bottom, two students show an all-electric home exhibit which won second place in the Mercer County Science Fair in Bluefield. Stephen Melcher, left, built the home and included insulation, wiring and all the trimmings, including a small gold medallion to the right of the front door. The ninth grader, who built the roof so it could be raised, is joined here by a fellow exhibitor, Jim Hyams, right.





Comparing safety manuals are Louise Brown, private secretary in the Huntington division managerial department, holding today's manual, and Paul E. Harlan, Huntington line supervisor, holding a 34-year-old manual.

## Original Manual Proves Importance Of Safe Work Same Today, 34 Years Ago

"The ideal for which the Company strives through the entire organization is courtesy to the public and the best possible service with safety to all employees. This can only be reached by the local and intelligent cooperation of every employee . . ."

Sound familiar? Words similar to these appear in the front of your present employee safety manual. But these exact words come from the preface to "Safety Hand Book," printed July 1, 1928 as the first safety manual Appalachian ever had. Its publication date came two years after the company was formed, and the quotation is from a copy recently given the Huntington district personnel department.

The black leatherbound book is three inches by five inches and contains 67 pages of what are called

"Safety Rules". Today these are called "Recommended Safe Practices."

But that is almost the only difference between the contents of the 34-year-old book and today's manual. Yesterday's rules and today's recommended safe practices are in essence the same, perhaps expanded and encompassing a little more today.

The company has changed in 34 years, but this little 34-year-old book proves that the ideas of safety, and the company's concern for the safety of its employees, remain the same.

## Danville Operator Is Early Retiree

Henry T. Johnson, system operating, retired March 2 because of ill health, the same day he observed his 20th anniversary with the company.

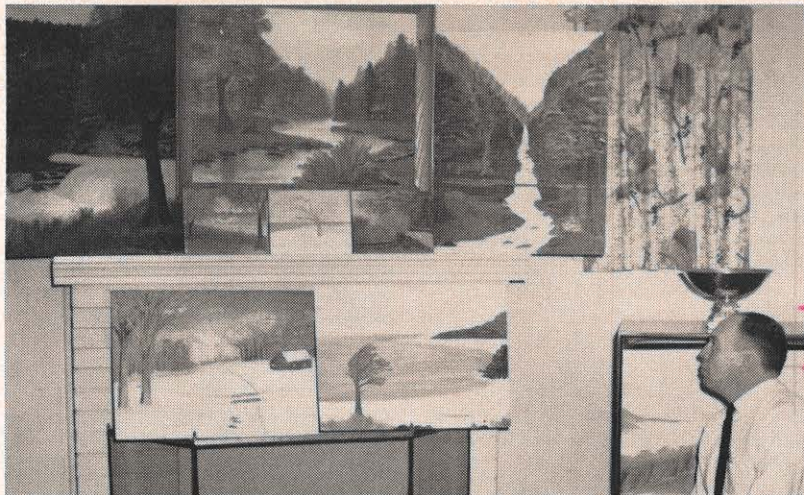
He was Danville station operator at the time of his retirement. He joined the company as a special guard in 1942 at Fieldale station and worked in station maintenance crews until he went to Danville in 1950.

A native of Pittsylvania County, he is married, has one son and lives in Danville.



Mr. Johnson

## Grundy Man Takes Up Art



Mr. Collins examines his private art gallery, consisting of pictures he has painted since starting art lessons six months ago. He is local office supervisor in Grundy.

From dabbler to professional in six months is the art history of W. T. Collins, Grundy local office supervisor of the Welch district.

Six months ago Mr. Collins enrolled in an art course sponsored by a shop in Grundy, fulfilling a long-held wish. He developed proficiency in working with oils, and decided to concentrate in that medium.

He has, in these few months, completed twenty pictures. Of these he has given away five, and sold one, keeping the remainder himself. Mr. Collins reports that he could have sold more, but wanted to keep his pictures.

What you must have to paint successfully—if you are not working on a specific scene in front of you—is imagination, memory, and a clear

## Hobbyist Returns Beauty To Old Clocks

One winter night a year ago, the temperature hovering around the freezing mark, Robert Hooper, Lynchburg meterman, was sitting quietly in his living room reading the paper. The door bell rang.

When Mr. Hooper answered, a perfect stranger pushed past him and went into the living room, stopping in front of a clock on the mantle. He said: "That is the prettiest old clock I have ever seen. I saw it through the picture window as I passed your house. How old is it? How much do you want for it, because I want to buy it?"

Mr. Hooper finally got the man settled down and explained to him that the clock was not an antique, that he had made it himself, and that making clocks was a hobby. It took a trip through Mr. Hooper's basement workshop to finally convince the stranger that Mr. Hooper spoke the truth.

But that's the way his clocks are, expertly made and finished, a beautiful piece of furniture on completion. Listen to Mr. Hooper talk about his hobby, and it's not hard to see why: "I have always been fascinated by clocks. They are very interesting. If anyone ever takes the time and trouble to carefully examine a timepiece, he cannot help being impressed with the orderly arrangement, proper



Working on an old clock, one of many he has completed, is Robert Hooper of Lynchburg.

balance and exact precision that is found in a clock. Every part, regardless of the size, has to work in conjunction and in harmony with every other part."

Although he is involved in many things and has little time for his hobby, he is constantly on the lookout for old clocks. When he finds one he begins on the works. After it is in running order he starts on the wooden case. He is partial to cathedral or steeple cases, so most of his construction follows that design.

In making one clock case, he used

six different types of wood—mahogany, cypress, fir, birch, maple and magnolia—which he picked up from a furniture manufacturer's scrap pile. Sometimes it is necessary to hide the homemade pendulum, and here he uses frosted glass. He takes a clear window glass and rubs it down with valve compound until he has achieved the desired frosting effect.

So far he has never sold any of his clocks, but says that someday, if the price is right, he might do so. Meanwhile, check that antique clock. It might be a Hooper product.

## AEP Auditor Retires After Long Service

Hobart S. Jessee, assistant chief auditor for the AEP Service Corporation, retired April 1 after 41 years with the company.

Mr. Jessee, born in Carterton, Va., began his career in the AEP System with Appalachian in 1921. Eight years later he was transferred to the Service Corporation as an internal auditor and rose to senior auditor in 1945. He was named assistant chief auditor in 1955.



## Service Anniversaries

### Appalachian Power Company

**Abingdon District—25 YEARS:** F. S. ROSENBAUM, station man.

**Beklev District—5 YEARS:** BILLY R. CANADAY, meter reader; SAM H. WILLIAMS, groundman.

**Bluefield District—35 YEARS:** C. M. BAILEY, division right-of-way supervisor. 25 YEARS: C. R. T. RYAN, JR., division service coordinator.

**Charleston District—20 YEARS:** GRETIS RAINES, PBX operator. 15 YEARS: RONALD GIVENS, collector; WALTER H. MINSKER, heating and builder sales representative; GEORGE S. ROBINSON, lineman; RICHARD H. TAYLOR, truck driver-groundman.

**Clinch River Plant—25 YEARS:** W. HENRY BROWN, head material clerk. 10 YEARS: BOBBIE J. GEORGE, equipment operator; CLAUDE F. HERBERT, equipment operator; IRVEN W. WREN, unit foreman.

**Glen Lyn Plant—20 YEARS:** J. A. BOOTH, auxiliary equipment operator. 15 YEARS: P. H. MANN, instrument maintenance mechanic; P. J. WHITTAKER, maintenance helper. 5 YEARS: J. H. WITT, JR., senior time clerk.

**Huntington District—25 YEARS:** GEORGE N. DOGGETT, station supervisor. 15 YEARS: T. R. TEMPLETON, working foreman. 10 YEARS: WILLIE M. WALLS, JR., commercial sales representative.

**Logan District—25 YEARS:** G. W. LeGRANDE, line foreman. 10 YEARS: M. A. WHITE, working foreman; D. A. KINSER, station man.

**Lynchburg District—35 YEARS:** J. T. DAVIS, street light attendant; E. B. PINKARD, truck driver. 15 YEARS: J. O. FRANKLIN, T&D clerk.

**Point Pleasant District—15 YEARS:** E. D. BOGGESS, area serviceman. 5 YEARS: PHYLLIS M. HESSON, clerk-stenographer.

**Pulaski District—35 YEARS:** H. M. LAWRENCE, general clerk, Sr. 25 YEARS: K. L. BUCKLAND, T&D clerk; E. W. SMITH, station foreman.

**Roanoke District—15 YEARS:** J. D. ADAMS, lineman; J. I. MUNCEY, commercial sales representative. 5 YEARS: O. L. TURNER, lineman.

**Smith Mountain—5 YEARS:** DON McNEIL, engineer-rodman-chainman.

**Philip Sporn Plant—10 YEARS:** CARL D. KING, maintenance man; LUTHER O. SMITH, auxiliary equipment operator; WILLIAM L. ZERKLE, maintenance man.

**System—35 YEARS:** L. L. CROWELL, system senior operating engineer. 25 YEARS: LOIS C. HART, secretarial-stenographer; H. L. MANN, machine operator; H. L. WEBB, lead draftsman. 15 YEARS: S. N. BURCHETTE, system transmission man; HARRY R. MILLER, electrical engineer. 10 YEARS: O. V. MIDDLEKAUFF, system station man; M. L. POLLARD, electrical engineer; G. H. PRICE, system transmission man; R. L. TUCKER, system station man. 5 YEARS: D. C. FLETCHER, system transmission man.

**Welch District—10 YEARS:** HENRY E. FARMER, JR., lineman.

### Kentucky Power Company

**Ashland District—20 YEARS:** HUGH EADS, assistant stores accounting supervisor. 15 YEARS: CLIFFORD BOLTON, station man; HILLARD LOWE, lineman; ELMER MUSSER, auto repairman.

**Hazard District—25 YEARS:** K. C. BRASHEAD, meter serviceman. 15 YEARS: WOODROW FUGATE, engineering aide; JOHN PENNINGTON, lineman.

**Pikeville District—5 YEARS:** SANNIE CARTER, meter reader.

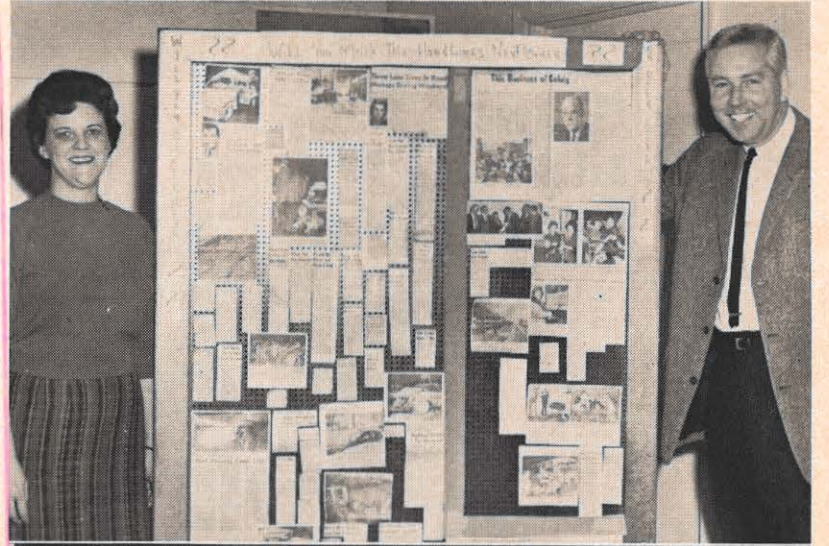
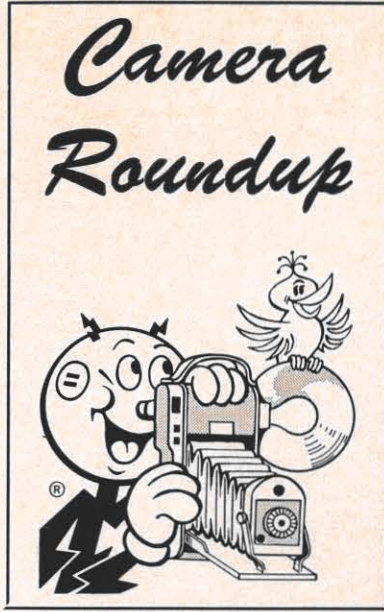
### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

15 YEARS: HUBERT GREENE, groundman. 10 YEARS: C. L. BARNES, meter reader.





Bluefield district's first line construction and maintenance body truck—above—was designed by W. P. Carter, now system transmission line superintendent, in 1928. Before that the trucks used were simply stake body trucks. Oscar Adams, Princeton area supervisor, ran across this photo in some old records recently. Strangely enough, the design of compartments and doors has changed little since those days, and even the water keg next to the hood—a "wagon train" touch—has its counterpart today in a vacuum jug. Laurence B. Riggs, present line inspector in the district, drove the truck for many years.

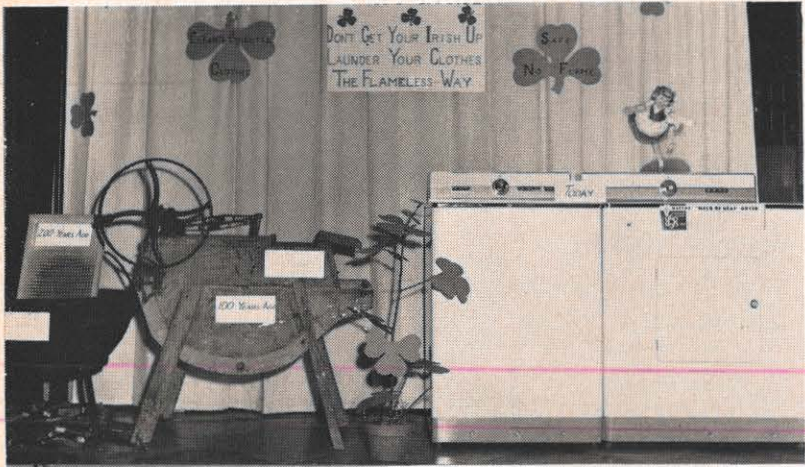


Two ways of telling the safety story, even though far apart in technique, were equally effective in Charleston and Fieldale safety meetings recently. In the top picture, Jackie Maffett, home service representative, and Lindy Jividen, division dealer sales representative, show the month's collection of newspaper clippings. One side of the board has stories about accidents, the other, about safety. The theme of their presentation was "Which Side Will You Be On?" Below, E. H. Bullard, of Fieldale's T&D section, shows the collection of baby pictures and their safety-oriented captions used in the meeting there.



A design for an electrically-heated building in Roanoke won barometer awards from "Electric Heating Journal" for the architect and owner. Winston Sharpley, second from left, was the architect, and William A. Sowers, third from left, is a partner in the consulting engineering firm of Sowers, Rodes and Whitescarver, whose new building was designed by Mr. Sharpley. J. D. Lawrence, Roanoke division manager, presents the award as W. P. Booker, Roanoke district manager, left, and J. W. French, division commercial sales engineer, watch.

New officers of the Williamson Employees' Chest Fund are, from left, Alberta Shelton, secretary; J. E. Runyon, vice president; W. H. King, president, and T. F. Valley, treasurer.



The evolution of today's modern electric laundry equipment is shown in this display in Kingsport Utilities' lobby: from the iron kettle to the first wooden-handle washer (about 100 years old) to an electric washer and dryer. The display was designed by M. D. Williams, dealer sales representative.



C. P. McClaugherty, a resident of Narrows, Virginia, has found a new use for old radiators. When he installed electric heat, he found himself with a number on hand. Solution: convert them to porch railings, and use the wooden covers for potted plants and flower boxes. He is a retired employee of the Virginia Department of Agriculture.



Point Pleasant employees gather around to watch L. C. Bias being lifted during a standard Red Cross first aid refresher course. Seventy-six per cent of the employees took this training in February and March. Instructors were J. R. Crump, W. A. Stricklen, C. H. Murray, Jr., and W. C. Gilmour.



It's not exactly a branch of Wells Fargo, but mail delivery in Charleston has been simplified and speeded up by the use of super-market grocery carts. Jack Walters, assistant district office supervisor, suggested using file folders to separate mail. Brenda Miller, left, and Barbara Adkins carry the mail here.



A. H. Jopp, Pikeville district commercial supervisor, looking for all the world like a college professor, used a flannel-board presentation at a recent operating meeting to discuss "Up-Grading Training." The topic was part of a general supervisory training review in the district. The cap and gown were used to attract the audience's attention at the beginning. Then Mr. Jopp removed them and presented his talk, emphasizing—among other things—"Be Yourself." "Up-grading training is a practical, on-the-job situation, not to be solved by classroom techniques," he said.



# Fifty Ideas Approved In 60 Days In Work Simplification Program

A total of 21 Work Simplification proposals were approved in the division of their origin during January, and 29 more in February.

## January

J. H. Raper of Logan T&D describes a method of setting grounding wires that is easier and gets them out of a working lineman's way.

Paris W. Hatcher, Jr. of Beckley transportation had three proposals. In one, he suggests using Army surplus 30-caliber ammunition boxes as glove compartments for jeep dispatchers. He also suggests relocating the cane shift on jeep dispatchers to avoid the driver hitting his knee when he's shifting gears. Finally, he suggests putting certain special equipment information in the vehicle equipment report book for ready reference. Another Beckley man, C. A. Marshall, T&D, proposes preparing a template with the word "NOTICE" for use in preparing notices of interruption for customers.

J. R. Loving, Jr. of Roanoke division meter reading, suggests using a tape solder in the field for soldering small meter wires. J. D. Lawrence, managerial, proposes discontinuing the weekly report showing daily Lynchburg district kilowatt-hour peaks, since it now serves no useful purpose.

H. A. Bowen of Cabin Creek plant stores had two proposals. One describes racks made from scrap material to store bushing, eliminating a fire hazard and gaining additional floor space. He also describes an intercom system between the two plant storerooms. G. E. Briers, Jr., production, tells of a study made of the plant telephone system that resulted in a more efficient, less costly system. W. R. McDaniel, results, describes a flyash sample collection system designed and made at the plant that does the job, eliminating the necessity of buying expensive commercial equipment.

At Glen Lyn plant, W. G. Bell, Jr., and R. H. Walton, Jr. tell of a proposal that involves installing a stationary water washing device on air heaters that were designed by the manufacturer and made at the plant. The device reduces cleaning time and the need for cleaning the air heaters. J. H. Oxley describes a new timetable for drying coal samples in the

drying oven that reduces oven operation by 10 hours a day.

W. J. Buchanan of Kanawha River plant had three proposals. He suggests a rotation of the feed tube to give it longer life, and proposes buying tubing and machining the plant's own boiler tube welding rings, saving time and money. In his third proposal, he tells of a cutting table fabricated to make cutting coil packing more accurate. Also from Kanawha, Guy R. Hartman proposes devising a special wrench to be used in repairing a coal feeder shear pin failure that saves work and time. And C. W. O'Daniels suggests retaining clutch plates from the scrubbing brushes of floor cleaning machines to be used with new brushes.

Three proposals came from Philip Sporn plant. Paul E. Huber, labor-janitor, suggests motorizing the operation of the roller-type door at the south end of the maintenance shop to save time and effort. J. L. Hart, yard, suggests installing a safety switch on conveyor belts to protect the belts from damage. And Martin T. Roush, operations, describes a more reliable alarm system on the Unit 5 condensate filter outlet strainer.

## February

Four proposals came from Kanawha River plant. W. J. Buchanan of maintenance had two—one proposed molded plastic covers for keeping water and dirt out of the up-turned carbon dioxide nozzles of the fire protection system, and the other suggested a temporary switch to keep the annunciator panel in service when the reset button fails. Kenneth Fridley, stores, describes a scale that makes inventory boiler tubes and pipes easier. And W. W. McColgan, results, suggested writing the barge weight report in pencil and then making copies on a duplicating machine.

At Glen Lyn plant, H. L. Surber, operations, describes a method of eliminating the seal water piping from water pumps on Unit 6. And E. V. Harris, chemist, describes an improved method of coal sampling that saves 864 manhours yearly.

At Clinch River, L. M. Marshall and L. P. McFarland, maintenance, describe a modification in the cabinet around each drum gage glass, making it movable by one man. J. T.

Bunton, accounting, suggests installing a sink and drain in the duplicating room for washing of reproduction machinery parts. Henry Brown and J. L. Blankenship, stores, describe a new, simplified method of replenishing open stock bins.

Four ideas came from Philip Sporn plant. C. E. Lester, results, had two—he suggests placing a rag can at the guard house for used rags, and using chlorothene instead of freon to detect condenser water box leaks. The results department describes a device for measuring B&W pulverizer balls or the diameter of any ball. And W. H. King, results, describes a tracing heating cable for chlorine supply line in the water treating plant.

W. C. Groseclose, Welch T&D, describes how advertising space in the *Welch Daily News* can be increased and costs could be reduced. C. R. Settle, Welch T&D, proposes wooden boxes for transporting materials for line jobs. And John A. Barns, T&D, suggests purchasing seat belts for cars that can be adjusted from the driver's seat.

Lewis C. Jones, Beckley station, proposes installing temporary grounds on station capacitor banks.

Five suggestions came from Charleston. L. W. Price, T&D, describes how one photo-electric eye can be used to control up to three Dusk-To-Dawn lights on the same pole. L. C. Shaffer, T&D suggests hauling 30-foot poles on top of trucks equipped with hydraulic "A" frames rather than use pole trailers. J. C. Frazier, division personnel, suggests using the Hand-Gienic automatic pencil for chalk. C. C. Jackson, Kanawha Valley Power, proposes providing for removable trash rack guides. R. W. Speas, Kanawha Valley, suggests replacing galvanized wire cloth with stainless steel cloth to make trash collecting more efficient.

H. M. Hamilton, system accounting, proposes using the teletype in system operating, rather than Western Union, for wiring the New York treasury department each day for disbursing agent funds.

E. T. Johnson and R. L. Mills, Roanoke division commercial, describe a peg board arrangement to hold sales material, pamphlets, etc. W. C. Reynolds, division commercial, describes a template for forming meter wiring on polyphase meter-instrument installations.

Three ideas came from Fieldale. M. W. Brown, accounting, describes how the district worked with the bank in having bank deposit slips preprinted with the company name and bank account number. M. B. Pitches, T&D, proposes a new filing method that makes drawings for new line construction easily accessible. And B. C. Harlowe, line, describes a modification that makes it necessary to carry only one wire cleaning brush that will fit any type hot stick.

E. F. Hannigan, Cabin Creek plant maintenance, tells how the plant people are now making their own pump strainer baskets.

## Energy Is Subject Of Columbia Talks

Philip Sporn, chairman of the System Development Committee, recently delivered three lectures on "Energy" at the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University.

Mr. Sporn received a degree in electrical engineering at Columbia in 1917 and did graduate work there. He has been an active alumnus and is presently serving on the advisory councils of the business and engineering schools.

# Service Veterans Honored



G. W. LeGrande Logan  
25 Years



K. L. Buckland Pulaski  
25 Years



E. W. Smith Pulaski  
25 Years



K. C. Brashear Hazard  
25 Years



F. S. Rosenbaum Abingdon  
25 Years



H. L. Webb System  
25 Years



H. L. Mann System  
25 Years



Mrs. Lois Hart System  
25 Years



W. H. Brown Clinch River  
25 Years



C. R. T. Ryan, Jr. Bluefield  
25 Years



G. N. Doggett Huntington  
25 Years



Mrs. Gretis Raines Charleston  
20 Years



Hugh Eads Ashland  
20 Years



J. A. Booth Glen Lyn  
20 Years

## Community Service Earns High Honor

Good citizenship and assistance to the community of Jackson has earned a Kentucky Colonelcy for Creal Lusk.

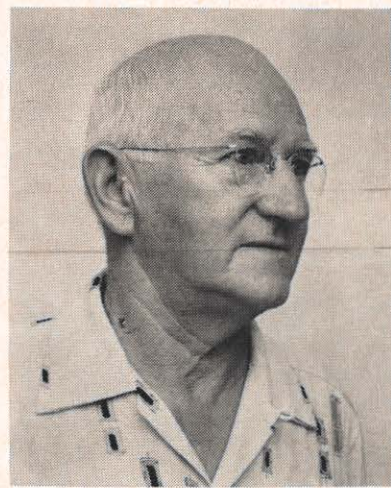
The Jackson area serviceman of the Hazard district received the honor from State Representative Thomas Howard, who presented it on behalf of Governor Bert T. Combs.

Mr. Lusk is the only full-time company representative in the Jackson area.



Mr. Lusk

## Retired Employee Dies In Florida



Mr. Trent

Percy M. Trent, 74, retired Bluefield employee, died at his Pinellas Park, Fla. home March 8 after a heart attack.

Prior to his retirement April 1, 1952, he had been employed in the transportation department for 21 years. Born in Campbell County, Va. on March 30, 1887, he was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church in Bluefield and attended the First Methodist Church at Pinellas Park.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, two sisters and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Osgood Funeral Chapel at Pinellas Park, with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Huntington Rotary Selects President

S. R. Pritchard, active in Huntington civic and church work, has been elected president of the Huntington Rotary Club.

He is a past vice president of the club. He is also a member of the industrial expansion committee of the Chamber of Commerce, active in United Fund drives, present treasurer and past president of the Tri-State Council of the Boy Scouts and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

An outstanding honor in church work is his membership on the Assembly's Committee on Minister and His Work, Presbyterian Church in the United States. He is also an elder of the Enslow Boulevard Presbyterian Church, is elder and clerk of the Session, and was commissioner of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in U. S. in 1944 and 1956. He is treasurer of the West Virginia Synod Men's Council of the church.



Mr. Pritchard

## Scale House Has Modern Features, Including A Heat Pump Installation



In the heart of the Welch coal fields sits this new, modern scale house, heated and cooled by Buchanan County's first commercial heat pump installation.

The first commercial heat pump installation in Buchanan County has been completed—it is the new Vansant Mining Company scale house.

A five-ton heat pump with a seven-zone control system for individual room comfort conditioning was installed in the Welch district building. It is the second scale house, used to weigh coal trucks, that Vansant has put a heat pump in.

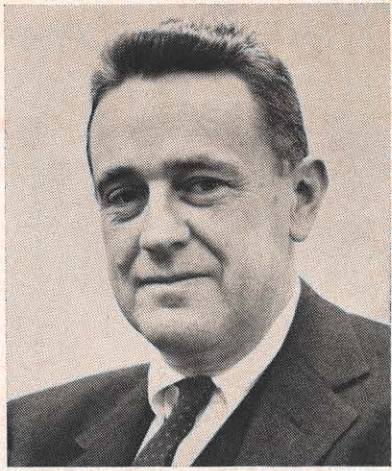
The building itself has quite a few features not ordinarily found in a scale house. Stereophonic music is piped to each room and the building has tinted thermopane windows and automatically controlled showers.

William Aughenbaugh, Vansant manager, and D. L. Kendrick, Jr., Grundy commercial sales representative, worked together on the heat pump installation plans.





Mr. Casabona



Mr. Garrity

## J. J. Casabona, Chief AEP Architect, To Retire; W. F. Garrity Is Successor

J. J. Casabona, chief architect for the AEP Service Corporation, will retire May 1 after 27 years with the company. After retirement, he will serve as a consultant to the Service Corporation.

He will be succeeded on that date by W. F. Garrity, architect and squad leader in the Service Corporation's Architectural Design and Drafting Section.

Mr. Casabona, in his career with AEP, founded the Architectural Section in 1945 and has supervised the architectural design of more than 250 buildings, including power plants, substations, office and service buildings as well as many other structures.

Before he joined the Service Corporation in 1935, Mr. Casabona had wide experience in the architectural and structural design and construction of factories, office buildings, paper mills, and hydroelectric projects with such firms as R. G. & W. F. Cory, George F. Hardy, E. H. Faile, Thompson-Starrett Company, and Turner Construction Company.

Some of the projects he was engaged in included the Starret-Lehigh Building at 270 Broadway, New York City, the E. R. Squibb Building in Brooklyn, New York, the Arena for the 1931-32 Olympic Games at Lake Placid, New York, and paper mills and power dams for the Spruce Falls Power Company and the Abitibi Power and Paper Company.

His first position with the Service Corporation was as a design engineer on the London and Marmet hydroelectric projects on the Kanawha River in West Virginia. Soon, afterward, he founded the Architectural Section as a one-man operation and began work on its first project, the Steubenville, Ohio office building.

The section was gradually built up

to keep pace with the System's expansion until it reached its peak of 16 employees at the time of its greatest activity about eight years ago. During its existence, the section has completed major design work on 11 power plants and additions to three others, as well as the Roanoke, Canton, and Fort Wayne office buildings and scores of smaller office and service buildings.

Mr. Casabona holds a degree in civil engineering from New York University, and studied architecture at Columbia University.

Mr. Garrity has been with the Service Corporation for 23 years. He joined AEP in 1939 as a draftsman. Two years later he entered the U. S. Army's Corps of Engineers, serving in a combat engineer battalion in Europe. He was discharged from the Army in 1946 with the rank of major and returned to AEP as a checker-designer in the Architectural Design and Drafting Section. He was promoted to squad leader in 1960.

In addition to his architectural work on buildings throughout the AEP System, Mr. Garrity also conducted the manpower and arrangement studies and supervised all construction for the new Service Corporation offices in New York. After obtaining an architectural degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology, he worked for several architectural and engineering firms before joining American Electric Power.

### Service Corporation Engineer Retires

Robert W. Sullivan, expediting engineer in the engineering construction department of the AEP Service Corporation, retired April 1 after 34 years with the company.

## Clock With Solid Tick High Point Of Hobby

J. E. Wolford worked almost a year on a German clock, but it never did run and strike perfectly.

That is the only failure the Wytheville meter serviceman of the Pulaski district has on his record, and he has repaired and rebuilt several hundred clocks of different kinds and makes.

In fact, he has become so proficient in the art that he now builds new clocks, starting with pieces from several old ones and turning out interesting new designs in timepieces.

The hobby began several years ago as a "tinkering" kind of thing and has grown to where Mr. Wolford will now tackle anything that ticks. His newest challenge is a clock that hadn't run for 30 years—it is now ticking away and in the process of being timed. The hobby is not only a challenge—it is profitable, because he has sold many of the timepieces he has rebuilt.

A project he just finished—the construction of a wall clock from parts of four others—is an unusual job, and gives an idea of the skill and imagination Mr. Wolford uses in his work.

First he took the works of the four clocks and fitted them together, an intricate job in itself. Then he made the pendulum from three pieces of 1/8-inch brass welding rod with a hook bar at the top and a weight screw at the bottom to allow for adjustment. These features gave him



Mr. Bailey

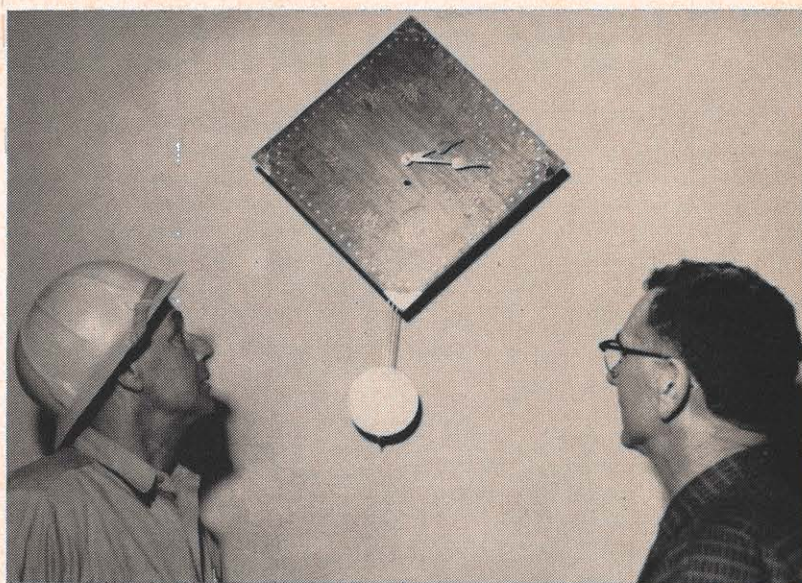
### Retiree Heading For Florida Home

A home at Ormond Beach, Fla., golfing and fishing, mixed with a little "just plain loafing", are the retirement plans of C. P. Bailey of Pulaski.

The electrical engineer ended 33 years of service with his retirement March 1. He joined the company as Bluefield division merchandise sales clerk in 1929 and worked at Welch and Pocahontas before going to Pulaski in 1930. There he was responsible for setting up the first rural department in the district.

His duties included working up the first rural lines and securing the rights of way, compiling maps and records, and serving as commercial lighting engineer. When the district entered a full-fledged rural expansion program, Mr. Bailey went to the engineering department, where he became responsible for the preparation of distribution pole maps, pole numbering, taxing records and telephone company attachments.

A native of Princeton, he attended Purdue University. He attends the First Christian Church and is a member of the American Legion, Elks and Pulaski Country Club, is past chairman of the Town Planning Committee and has served as director and treasurer of the Community Fund. He is married and has a daughter and two grandchildren.



J. E. Wolford shows his latest clock-building job, an unusual design of his own, to R. G. Doss. Both are Wytheville employees.

an eight-day movement with an open pendulum, providing for a highly satisfying and solid tick.

The face of the clock is quite unusual. It is diamond-shaped and consists of a solid black walnut wood finished in a natural tone. The minute and hour marks were made by setting 351 brass dowels into the wood face on end. The Roman numerals are also brass dowels. Sturdy brass minute and hour hands were fitted to shafts, which had been extended to accommodate the 3/4-inch thick face. The outer edge of the face and the corners are treated with brass. This clock took about 48 hours of spare-time work to build.

But the time is not important—the finished product is. It's a case

of "time spent on time is time well-spent."

### Ill Health Causes Early Retirement

Ill health has forced the early retirement of Zack Browning, former guard at Logan plant. Retirement date was February 1.

A part-time minister, Mr. Browning joined the company June 8, 1942 as a laborer. He also served as a boiler room man, utility operator and coal conveyor operator, and became a guard in 1955.

He is married and has two sons at home and one in military service. The family lives in West Logan.



Mr. Browning

### Sporn Plant . . .

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#### Philip Sporn Plant

Congratulations to Joan Carroll, daughter of Charles Carroll, shift operating engineer, who was capped March 11 at the St. Mary's School of Nursing in Huntington. She was on the "A" honor roll . . . Ralph S. Fink, material clerk, has resigned . . . Newly elected members of the Central Operating Company Employees Flower Fund are Leland Bumgarner, maintenance; Robert Hickel, results and laboratory; Clarence Bradford, operations; Glen Huffman, yard; Paul Marr, labor-ianitor; and William Weigand, office and stores.

## Another Generation Is Following Us

(EDITOR'S NOTE: An Appalachian district manager, speaking to his supervisors in an operating meeting recently, made some remarks that affect all parents. With his permission, we are reprinting below excerpts from his remarks.)

The closing remarks I have stem from a conversation I had with my daughter. She took the position with me that there were going to be certain accidents and they could not be avoided. I debated that with her at some length.

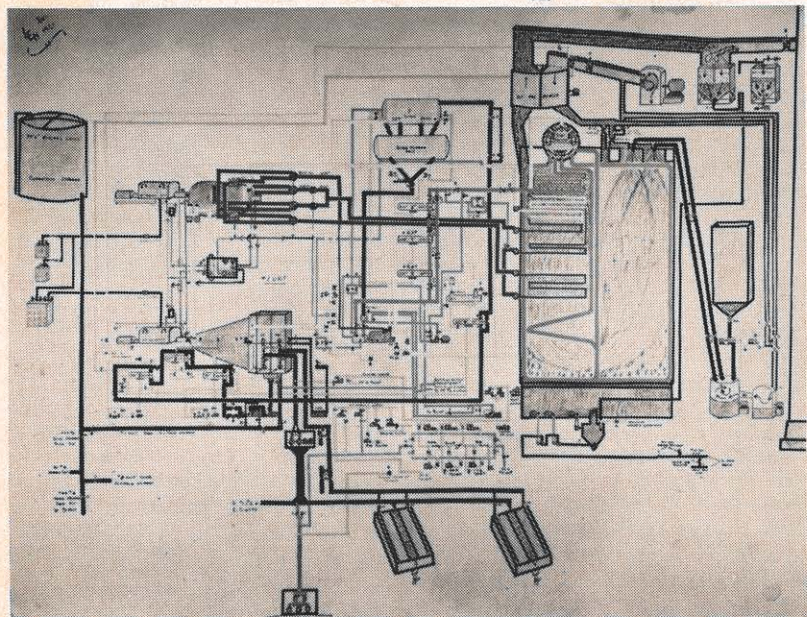
The conversation started about the automotive accidents and fatalities that were occurring during the holidays. The youngsters are home from school hopping from one party to another, running here and there. She was a little upset with me when I made some inquiries about where she was going and who she was going with. That was the argument she gave me—there were just going to be so many accidents and there wasn't a thing anyone could do about it.

She sort of startled me when she made that statement because you know we have not accepted such as the case for as far back as I can remember ever having anything to do with this company. I thought in our home we had talked about safe practices enough at mealtime or different times that she had developed a proper attitude towards safety and recognized that fatalities and accidents are something that don't have to happen. They are caused and causes can be controlled. They can be prevented. That was not the case and I was guilty of assuming something there.

I don't think I ever convinced her that such was not the case, but it leads me to this point—all of us in the particular group have had this safety business integrated in with our work for such a long period of time that we may be overlooking the fact that another generation is following right behind us. Part of our job is going to be to point out to these youngsters that are coming along the benefits we have learned from the practice of safe living.

A lot of you have youngsters that are perhaps the age of my daughter. Take a look and see if you made the same erroneous assumption that I did. I don't know how much I was able to do to correct it, but at least I tried.

### Valuable Training Aid



Six months of spare time at home for Larkin E. Hollins provided this valuable training aid at Clinch River plant. The assistant shift operating engineer found it difficult and time-consuming to convey to operating trainees the exact function and location of equipment throughout the plant. The problem was solved by this cross section of Unit 1, in color with all vital data marked on it. "An excellent piece of work" is the way veteran operators and maintenance men at the plant describe the drawing.



## Two Men Named To AEP Offices



Mr. Anderson Mr. Young

Two former employees of Appalachian have been named to offices in the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Harold D. Anderson, Jr., chief System tax accountant, and Ralph C. Young, Jr., System supervisor of customer accounting and auditing, have been elected assistant treasurers of the Service Corporation.

Mr. Anderson joined the AEP System in 1936 as an assistant valuation engineer with Appalachian. A year later, he was transferred to the Service Corporation's valuation department and in 1938 became a customer accounting auditor. He came to New York in 1941 as an assistant tax accountant and held the posts of tax accountant and division head before being named chief tax accountant in 1959.

Mr. Anderson holds a bachelor of arts degree from Lafayette College. His father, the late Harold D. Anderson, had been a director and vice president and secretary of American Electric Power Company. He is a member of the National Tax Association and the Taxation Accounting Committee of the Edison Electric Institute.

An AEP veteran of 27 years, Mr. Young started in 1935 in the Charleston, W. Va. office of Appalachian. He was transferred to the Service Corporation in 1943 as a traveling auditor and came to New York in 1953 as assistant supervisor of customer accounting. He was named supervisor of customer accounting in 1954.

Mr. Young studied accounting at the State University of New York and is a member of the Electronic Data Processing and Customer Accounting Committees of the Edison Electric Institute.

### New Division

The customer accounting and auditing division and the general auditing division of the Service Corporation have been merged to form the internal auditing division of the Treasury Department, effective April 1, President Donald C. Cook has announced.

The new division will be headed by Ralph C. Young, Jr., assistant treasurer. Mr. Young will be assisted in his new post by J. T. Taylor, former general auditing head.

## Native Of Roanoke Dies At Age Of 37

Daniel C. Hannabass, Jr., 37, a native of Roanoke, died at his North Hazlet, N. J. home March 22 of a heart attack. He was senior statistician of the AEP Service Corporation.

He joined the Service Corporation in 1953 after employment by the federal government. He held a BS degree in business administration from Virginia Southern College and had served during World War II in the Coast Guard.

He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter and his father. Funeral services were held at the Bedle Funeral Home in Keyport, N. J., with burial at Mountain View Cemetery, Vinton, Va.

# Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

### Abingdon District

ROBERT E. CRUSENBERRY from lineman A to working foreman.

### Ashland District

BILLY J. BARBOUR from appliance serviceman, Huntington to appliance serviceman, Ashland; JOHN CAINES from meter serviceman B to meter serviceman A; JACK PAULEY from meter reader to meter serviceman B; CLYDE WATKINS from appliance serviceman B, commercial department to material clerk, stores department; WILLIAM L. WATSON from meter clerk to T&D clerk.

### Charleston District

ALBERT G. AKERS from stationman B to stationman A; ROBERT W. GILLESPIE from groundman to lineman C; CHARLES GRAY from meter reader, St. Albans area to system stationman C, Roanoke system; WILLIAM GRIMMETT from groundman, Montgomery area to lineman C, Charleston area; LYLE HUDSON from meterman helper to meterman C; DONALD E. HUNDLEY from groundman to lineman C; CONDA FISHER MARTIN from clerk-stenographer to stenographer; SAMUEL C. MORRIS, JR., from meterman C to meterman B; ROBERT L. SELBE from groundman to lineman C; MARK E. YOUNG from tractor trailer driver helper to station man C.

### Logan District

E. M. JEFFREYS, JR. from stationman C to stationman B.

### Point Pleasant District

J. D. SPIGGLE from Charleston Division commercial sales representative to Point Pleasant District engineering aide; W. R. WOODYARD from commercial sales representative, Charleston to commercial sales representative, Point Pleasant.

### System

GUY L. FURR, JR. from methods analyst, Charleston to methods analyst, System.

### Philip Sporn Plant

STANTON E. BURDETTE from helper to Jr. maintenance man; WYLLIS F. DAVIS from maintenance man to master maintenance man; ARTHUR H. HART from Jr. maintenance man to maintenance man.

### Smith Mountain

KEITH D. REDWINE, concrete inspector, from Smith Mountain to Tanners Creek Construction Plant; JOHN J. SANTORO, mechanical engineer, from Clinch River Construction Plant to Smith Mountain Dam Construction.

### Welch District

ONSBIE YATES from clerk typist to meter reader.

## Family Records Vital; Can You Locate Yours?

Can you prove you are an American? Or that Junior was born in the U. S. A.? Or that he was vaccinated against smallpox in 1958?

Can you locate your 1958 Income Tax Returns? Can you prove you graduated from college in 1954? Or that you served in the armed forces during World War II?

"With time," you say, "probably." There are literally millions of Americans who fail to keep track of vital records. Time to locate papers occupies many lost hours and accounts for delays in settlements or claims.

Time is money—in the business of your own personal affairs as well as in business affairs. Be certain your family records and valuable papers are handy when needed.

### Old Bible Passe

Time was when the old family Bible was about all a person needed, but as the complexity of modern times caught up with man, he found himself bogged down with cumbersome records of this and that.

A "personal affairs" file should include marriage and birth certificates, naturalization papers, armed service records, income tax returns, receipts for paid bills (and expense records), diplomas, licenses and family health records (vaccinations, etc., with dates).

Banking records are most important also. Suppose your wife were accused of stealing her mink coat. Could you prove that you bought it properly? Banking records of cancelled checks are important and should never be tossed around.

You should have your hospital identification card with you. At home your family should be able to locate your group insurance policy,

and your retirement certificate. (This is a good time for you to ask yourself if your records are current. Are the beneficiaries as you would wish them?)

"Personal property" files should contain data on your car and, ideally, an inventory of household goods, jewelry, and other valuables.

### Plan For Disaster

Distasteful as it is to talk of disaster ("If anything should happen" . . . is the manner in which insurance companies speak of this) it is absolutely necessary that the wife or surviving member of the family knows enough to take over the "business" of the family.

Every person should have a will, whether he owns an estate or not. With a clear, legal will, complications resulting in money are often alleviated.

Apply the same common sense to the "business" end of the family as you would to your job. Inventory the valuable papers that are your assets. Know where they are at all times. Be certain that someone—preferably more than one person—besides yourself knows too. Plans, even disagreeable ones, must be made for the future of your family.

### Bonds Reclaimable

United States Treasury officials say that U. S. Savings Bonds may be recovered if the serial number to the lost or destroyed paper is known.

A lock box in any bank is a cheap investment for the protection of valuable papers.

The following test may be applied to personal business success. Score yourself 10 points for every "yes" answer. If your score is 90-100, your family business is in good order.

## Rocking Chair To Be Idle; Europe Beckons Retired Man

That rocking chair belonging to E. S. Brown of Charleston didn't see much action.

When Mr. Brown retired as electrical engineer January 1 he said he was "going to sit in a rocking chair for about three weeks and after that I will start rocking, but very slowly."

On April 9, Mr. Brown will leave from Washington National Airport on a 12-hour flight to Paris as one of eighty members of two American Legion policy-making bodies that will tour military bases in Europe on a fact-finding trip. The groups are the National Security Commission and the National Foreign Relations Commission.

Following briefing sessions from NATO and SHAPE, the groups will go to Frankfurt, Germany, and then see operations at Wiesbaden and Heidelberg, European headquarters of the U. S. Army and Air Force. A trip to West Berlin is also planned.

From Germany the group will go to Naples, headquarters of the Naval Strike Force and base for the U. S. Sixth Fleet. The groups will return to this country near the end of April.

Then the men will pass on resolutions to the National Convention for possible adoption. The adopted resolutions will go on to Congress.

Mr. Brown will be seeing familiar places, since he served in France in World War I, and in 1957 he and his wife visited 9 European countries on a vacation.

After the trip, will he go back to the rocking chair? Mr. Brown believes he will do a little fishing instead, with Elvin Smith, another retired Appalachian man.



E. S. Brown, left, shows Frank Styles, Charleston division sales analyst, the itinerary of the American Legion trip to Europe in April.

## Two Have Articles In "AEP Ideas"



Mr. Reed Mr. Buchanan

Articles by two Appalachian plant men appeared in the March issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

H. H. Reed, maintenance foreman at Glen Lyn plant, wrote "Change Ash Hopper Sight Glass During Operation." He describes a slight change made in the holder that allows the changing of the ash hopper sight glass on the Unit 6 boiler ash hopper when the unit is in operation.

"Simulates Lighting Circuits" was written by W. J. Buchanan, Kanawha River plant maintenance supervisor. He describes a full-size graphic circuit representation on the front of the plant-lighting distribution cabinets, pointing out that such circuit identification can be useful in other places too.

## April Fool



"No, John, we have to use a steel brush first," Jim Whitlock, heating and builder sales representative, right, tells John Griffiee, division residential and rural sales development representative (both of Charleston). They are looking at a contract for painting 59 poles on four city streets. According to the contract, they are to paint each pole with two coats of car black metallic paint, for which they will receive 65 cents per pole if it is painted to the lower wire and 75 cents for each pole painted from top to base. The price includes all materials and labor, and the company is absolved from blame in case of accident. The two may be up to a little April Fooling, since the contract is dated March 24, 1915, and both men were born one week later on April Fool's Day. The agreement is between A. L. Gillispie and the old West Virginia Water and Electric Company, and was recently discovered in some files.





Mrs. Richard Lee Martin  
Charleston



Mrs. Howard Glenn Hudson  
Kingsport



Mrs. Arthur Clifton Price  
Roanoke

## Wedding Bells Ring For Three

### Fisher-Martin

Conda Ganell Fisher was married to Richard Lee Martin in a double ring ceremony performed March 10 at Fisher's Chapel Methodist Church in Sissonville. Mrs. Martin is a stenographer in Charleston T&D.

### Spurgeon-Hudson

Janice B. Spurgeon and Howard Glen Hudson were united in marriage, February 22 in the bride's home in Kingsport. Mr. Hudson is a tracer in the T&D department in Kingsport.

### Vandergrift-Price

Joan E. Vandergrift became the bride of Arthur Clifton Price on March 17 in the Central Methodist Church of Salem. Mrs. Price is a stenographer in the Roanoke local accounting department.



## New Arrivals



### Abingdon

MR. AND MRS. DONALD C. LANDRETH, a son, Mark Lee, March 4. Mrs. Landreth is a former commercial department employee and Mr. Landreth is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. ALLISON C. STEFFEY, a son, Allison Byron, February 9. Mrs. Steffey is a former accounting department employee and Mr. Steffey is a meter serviceman.

### Ashland

MR. AND MRS. BRONSON CALLIHAN, a son, Michael Bronson, February 16. Mr. Callihan is head material clerk.

### Bluefield

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH A. JACKSON, a daughter, Sandra Jane, February 25. Mr. Jackson is a utility clerk.

### Charleston

MR. AND MRS. R. E. CHRISTENSON, a daughter, Margaret Grace, February 18. Mr. Christenson is an engineering aide.

### Fieldale

MR. AND MRS. RALPH E. RAKES, a daughter, Lisa Ann, February 17. Mrs. Rakes is a former clerk-stenographer.

### Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. ARVLE FRYE, a daughter, Mary Lee, February 28. Mr. Frye is a unit foreman.

MR. AND MRS. T. P. GRADY, a daughter, Shannon Jo, March 12. Mr. Grady is a barge attendant, but is presently on military leave of absence.

### Logan

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD CRUM, a daughter, Edith Lynne, February 10. Mr. Crum is an auto repairman.

### Pikeville

MR. AND MRS. BILLY F. COMPTON, a daughter, Elodee Ann, March 11. Mr. Compton is a meter reader.

### Pulaski

MR. AND MRS. JAMES BENSON BRILLHEART, JR., a daughter, Laura Beth, March 14. Mr. Brillheart is a draftsman.

### System

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WILLIAM BACCHUS, a daughter, Christi Ann, March 5. Mr. Bacchus is employed at Turner Station.

MR. AND MRS. M. E. MAXEY, a daughter, Kelly Lynne, March 2. Mrs. Maxey is a former private secretary in system area development and Mr. Maxey is a Roanoke district heating and builder sales representative.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. ROTENBERRY, a daughter, Karen Leigh, March 18. Mrs. Rotenberry is a former stenographer in the system personnel department.

## Baby Doing Fine, Thanks To Donor

It was 1 a.m. when the call went out—O-negative blood was needed at the Lynchburg General Hospital. A newborn infant needed to have its blood completely replaced.

Two conditions prevailed, however. The donor had to be a man who had had no transfusions or a woman who had had no pregnancies. Four persons were called by the Red Cross; they were all willing but could not meet the conditions.

Then a fifth person was called at 1:30. He willingly got out of bed, went to the hospital and made the donation. The baby is now doing fine, thanks to R. C. Foster, Lynchburg records supervisor.

## Cashier Retires At Christiansburg

Mrs. Billie Gregory Frazier of the Pulaski district retired March 1 after 21 years with the company.

She was Christiansburg office cashier. She joined the company at the Marion office in 1941, moved to Wytheville in 1949 and went to Christiansburg in 1957.

A member of the Methodist Church, she has been active in the Wesleyan Service Guild. In fact, she has been so busy at her job and in church work that she says she hasn't had time to develop a hobby.

A native of McMinn County, Tenn., she plans to live at Athens, Tenn.



Mrs. Frazier

## They're Engaged

PATRICIA GAYE CHISOM to William Wesley Spencer. Miss Chisom is a machine operator in the system accounting department.

DOROTHY JEAN FLETCHER to David L. Kendrick, Jr. Mr. Kendrick is a division commercial sales engineer in Grundy of the Welch district.

KAREN FOSTER to William Moedebeck. Miss Foster is the daughter of W. D. Foster, Jr., lineman in the Beckley district.

MARGARET ROSE RODGERS to Dr. James Pitzer Gills. Dr. Gills is the son of J. P. Gills, retired Bluefield division manager.

JUDY SNODGRASS to Harry I. Wilson, Jr. Miss Snodgrass is the daughter of Earle T. Snodgrass, resident engineer, Smith Mountain Hydro Project.

## Girl, Six Lichens Mean High Honors In Science Fair

"Six lichens and a 15-year-old girl won three first places March 10."

So begins a story in the *Roanoke Times*.

The girl is Sally Minnich, daughter of Owen R. Minnich, system senior distribution engineer. The story goes on:



Sally Minnich

"The lichens:

Dog Tooth, Old Man's Beard, British Soldier, Smooth Rock, Tripe, Pixie Cup and Puffed Shield. The event: the two-day Roanoke County Science Fair at Cave Spring High School.

"A lichen, says the pretty Northside High School sophomore, is an organism consisting of a fungus living symbiotically with an alga.

"The display, which won first place in the senior girls' biological division, a trophy for the best exhibit in the fair and a smaller trophy for the best girl's exhibit in the senior division, shows the lichens in their natural habitat. 'I used basic ones that I could find easily and ones which are common to this area,' Sally said.

"How is it that a girl who is taking chemistry, not biology, in school would become interested in lichens? 'Our family does a lot of camping and I'd seen these plants on numerous trips and had to satisfy my curiosity,' said Sally. And satisfy she did, with an exhibit that was judged the sweepstakes winner over 180 entries.

"Sally said the exhibit required some two months of work and was an individual project. 'My father helped me build the frame since I'm not much of a carpenter,' she said."

## Pilot Class Made Up Of Advanced Students

Daughters of two employees are among the 18 members of a special sixth grade class of advanced students that is serving as a pilot effort in West Virginia education.

The 18 were selected from a group of 34 by certified psychologists. The 34 had been picked on the basis of past record, mental ability and teachers' opinions. The employees' children are Betty Wolfe, daughter of Eugene Wolfe, collector, and Lynda Hall, daughter of O. C. Hall, district superintendent.

November 20 was the official beginning of the Pilot Class (its offi-

cial name), where special attention is being paid to advanced students. The pupils and teacher chose units of study to be pursued and as the class has progressed plans have been discarded or altered to meet new situations. Basic fundamentals have played an important role in the students' studies, and the students themselves have assumed the leadership role.

American literature was one subject studied, government another. The latter was supplemented with a visit to the State Legislature and talks by state representatives. European

composers and their music followed. Library science received attention before the class got into science projects. After studying the human body, each class member selected a separate project of his own.

Many other subjects will be pursued, but throughout the importance of a proper attitude by the students toward other people, their class work and each student's own work is being stressed. Every eight weeks a special progress report from the teacher is sent to parents, and each child prepares a report on himself after evaluating his work.



O. C. Hall, Point Pleasant district superintendent, demonstrates a model power plant to a special class of sixth grade students. At left is Betty Wolfe, daughter of

Eugene Wolfe, collector, and at Mr. Hall's right is his daughter, Lynda. Mrs. Mabel Costen, behind the children at right, is the class teacher.



This just a portion of the more than 300 salt and pepper shaker sets collected by Mrs. Earl Belcher of Grundy.

## Salt And Pepper Set Collection Grows As All But 10 States Represented Now

Ten more states to go, and then she will have salt and pepper shakers from every state in the Union.

That is the record of Mrs. Earl Belcher, wife of the Grundy area serviceman in the Welch district, who has been collecting the sets for 20 years. A school teacher, Mrs. Belcher estimates she has over 300 sets. They are contained in a large cabinet in her kitchen and in every nook and cranny of her house.

Twenty-five of the shakers are in the form of animals, a like number in the form of birds. Others take the forms of fruit, vegetables and

other shapes, a few are antiques and all have some special significance in the collection.

Mrs. Belcher obtained the shakers in many ways. She or her family bought some while traveling, and her students have given her some. Complete strangers in other states who have heard of her collection have sent some, and many sets have been gifts to her on special occasions.

Mrs. Belcher will tell you that her collection may collect a little dust, but she considers her hobby a real pleasure and a good memories-provider.



# Trapping Is Profitable, But It's Work Too

If you don't mind rowing a boat, tramping up and down stream banks in all kinds of weather, driving about 50 miles a day and working hard, then G. N. Patterson has just the profitable hobby for you.

It is trapping fur-bearing animals, skinning them and selling the furs, and is the hobby of Mr. Patterson, Lynchburg auto repairman.

During the trapping season, which lasts from December through February, he attends his trap lines daily. He has 150 traps which he places along creek and river banks, since this is where most fur-bearing animals range and feed. His most common catches are muskrats, coons, minks and skunks. He services the traps from his boat, but uses a pick-up truck to get to the locations.

When the season is best, around Christmas, he drives 47 miles each day to check the traps, which extend from Stapleton below Lynchburg on the James River across the mountains

to Pedlar Mills northwest of Lynchburg. He must check the traps daily to keep other animals from eating the ones he's caught. But he has never been bothered by poachers. "I have had some people steal my traps, and I lose a few traps due to high water every year."

It was five years ago that Mr. Patterson first became interested in trapping. A friend had some traps out and he started going with him along the trap line. He found it fascinating, and after spending two years studying and learning the business, he launched his own enterprise.

He will tell you, however, that trapping the animals is a small part of the job. The work begins when one is taken from a trap. Skins must be removed from the animals carefully, since if a pelt is torn or punctured, its value will decrease by as much as 60 per cent.

For those interested, Mr. Patterson offers this procedure. The animal is

suspended by the hind legs with the stomach facing the person removing the hide. Using an exceptionally sharp knife and working with extreme care, the skin is cut down the left leg to the left thigh, across the body to the right thigh and up the right leg to the toes. The skin is then peeled downward, similar to the manner in which a sock is removed by turning it wrong side out. After the skin is free from the animal, it is reversed back to the hair side. It is then placed over a wire frame for drying. Caution must be taken that the toe nails, eyes, ears and mouth are left intact with the skin.

At regular intervals a buyer comes to Mr. Patterson's home and buys the pelts he has on hand. There is one exception to this, however.

This year he did not sell any mink pelts. As he says: "My wife has always wanted a mink fur piece, so I sent the pelts to a well-known furrier who will process them and fashion them according to my wife's specifications."

Trapping is, with Mr. Patterson at least, a hobby that he enjoys and is profitable. And it is a hobby with an extra bonus—furs for the wife.



G. N. Patterson takes a muskrat out of a trap, another one lying beside his right foot. The snow is just one of many conditions he must face in pursuing his trapping hobby.



Pleased with their title are the Comics of Huntington. From left are Bill LeMaster, Dorcas Lindsey, Monte Huffman, Jean Harbour and Paul Baker.

## Comics Not Funny To League — They Win Title And Other Bowling Honors

The Comics aren't so funny to the rest of the APCo-Kilowatt Bowling League in Huntington—they bowl too well. The team has just won the first-half championship of the ten-team league.

The team also rolled the high series of the first half — an even 3,000. Electric Heat rolled the high single game of 1,075.

In individual honors, Bill Dillon, retired employee on the Alley Pallies squad, and Monte Huffman of the Comics shared the lead for high single, each with a 236 game. Ted Smith of the Dead Ends rolled high series of 607. For the girls, Jean Harbour had a 535 series and Dorcas Lindsey a 207 single. Both roll for the Comics.

## Beckley Man Named By Salvation Army

B. H. White, Jr. has been named chairman of the advisory board of the Beckley Salvation Army.

The district office supervisor has been a member of the board for two years. Mrs. W. E. Mitchell, wife of the line supervisor, was elected secretary of the board.



Mr. White

Mr. White is also president of the local Sons of the American Revolution and secretary of the Beckley Civitan Club. He was employed in 1923 as a ledger clerk in Charleston and went to Beckley in 1944. He attended Capitol City Accounting School, is married and has two children.

## Bluefield District Personals . . .

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ning, customer service representative, has been appointed to the nominating committee of the Logan Street PTA . . . Welcome to new employee Thomas A. French, Jr., office messenger, who replaces Gray H. Neel, Jr., who resigned . . . *Maytag Merchandising* magazine recently published a picture of Jane McNabb, home service representative, and Ray C. Heldreth, dealer sales representative, in which they were viewing displays . . . Ellen, wife of M. R. Callaway, right-of-way agent, has been named official delegate to the convention of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs to be held April 10-12 at Hotel Jefferson in Richmond, Virginia. She will represent the Woman's Club of Bluefield, Virginia . . . Tommy, son of L. W. Robinette, division industrial power sales engineer, received honorable mention in the recent Mercer County Science Fair for the 8th grade. His entry was a demonstration on the generation and use of electricity. Tommy also received his varsity letter at Fairview Jr. High, being the only one in the 8th grade to receive a letter . . . Billy, son of Ray C. Heldreth, dealer sales representative, won second prize for the 7th grade in the Mercer County Science Fair; his entry being a solar heated home—the same day he made the honor roll . . . Lois Runion, division secretarial-stenographer, during "Career Week" to juniors and seniors taking commercial subjects at the Bluefield High School . . . Lewis C. Thomas, commercial sales representative, recently won 5,000 green stamps when he registered at the new Acme Super Market in Bluefield, Va. . . . Lina Light, division private secretary, has been appointed chairman of the By-Laws Committee for the Quota Club . . . Howard Meadows, electrical engineer, has been appointed to the Electricians Examining Board for the City of Bluefield . . . Danny, son of James R. Bailey, general serviceman, is one of twelve Mercer County students who will participate in the All State Band which will be on the program for the first time at the West Virginia Music Educators Association Conference held in Charleston . . . Phil H. Fry, meter serviceman, has been re-elected to the office of treasurer and named to a three-year term on the board for the Mercer Anglers Club. Francis P. Claytor, retired system senior station engineer, was named to a one-year term on the board of this same club . . . Cheri,

daughter of William A. Crotty, engineering aide, recently appeared on WHIS-TV as a candidate for the selection of a Mercer County Heart Queen . . . Mary Lee, wife of Alfred White, division photographer and reproduction man, was on the winning team in an "Attendance" Contest of the Bluefield Lions Auxiliary . . . Mrs. C. M. Wagner, Jr., wife of division heating and builder coordinator, was recently appointed to the nominating committee of the Music Lovers' Club . . . Henry, son of Jerry Whitehurst, division area development representative, qualified to take a test for the National Merit Scholarship given at Princeton High School . . . Jane, wife of Howard S. Meadows, electrical engineer, accompanied Rise McClung, winner of the State division sewing contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to Clarksburg, W. Va. where she competed for the state contest . . . Mrs. W. J. Gillespie, Jr., wife of district manager, and Mrs. D. P. Minichan, wife of assistant division manager, were on a planning committee for a benefit bridge-canasta party sponsored by John Chapman Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution . . . Bill, son of C. B. Yearout, division personnel supervisor, helped the stage managers to locate properties at the Sixth District High School Drama Festival held at Princeton High School . . . E. E. "Buck" Fanning topped the high bowling game for the season at Mountaineer Lanes when he rolled 266 . . . In a bowling match between Beckley and Bluefield held in Princeton, W. Va. the results were as follows: Bluefield Team No. 1 beat Beckley Team No. 1 two out of three games with total pins being 3,023 for Bluefield and 2,946 for Beckley. Dwornick had high single game of 234 and tied for high series with Linkous of Bluefield with a 609 series for each. Beckley Team No. 2 beat Bluefield Team No. 2 two out of three games and a total of 3,046 pins to Bluefield's 2,868. Wright of Beckley had high game of 227, also high series of 571. For Bluefield, Hawley had 513. The Bluefield girls' team won two out of three games, but lost on total pins to Beckley lassies 2795 to 2787. Thalia Myles had high game of 170 for Bluefield, also high series of 458. Glover of Beckley had high game of 156 and Shaver had high series for Beckley girls of 410.

## Bowling News

# Rivalries Continuing In District Matches

Two inter-district matches and progress in another league highlighted recent bowling news.

The league progress was reported by Roanoke, where Accounting and Processing are tied in the second half after 27 games. Distribution is in second by one game. Meter has high team game of 972 and Store high set of 2,685. Individual leaders are Bill Sheaff, high average of 178; Nelson Hamrick, high game of 265; and Billy Mills, high set of 641.

Charleston bowlers edged Beckley by 99 pins in a three-set match in Charleston March 11, setting the stage for a return match in Beckley in April. The combined scores of the two matches will decide the 1962 champion.

Charleston's number one team won by 51 pins, the number two team by 45 pins and the Charleston girls by only 3 pins (that's one pin per game). Bob Selbe rolled high series for Charleston of 551, with Keith Evans topping Beckley with a 549. Homer Bragg of Charleston and Danny Murray of Beckley rolled high games of 202.

Jennie Gaziano's 173 game and Parthenia Winner's 418 series led



Leading their teams in a Charleston-Beckley bowling match were these individual standouts, from left: Bob Selbe, Barbara Adkins, Homer Bragg, Jo Ann Jarrett, Keith Evans, Parthenia Winner, Danny Murray and Jennie Gaziano.

Beckley's girls, while pacing Charleston were Jo Ann Jarrett with a 187 game and Barbara Adkins with a 497 series.

Logan bowlers and members of the Appalachian league (Montgomery office, Cabin Creek and Kanawha River plants, Central Appalachian Coal Company) traded matches. The Appalachian bowlers won 11,438 to 11,103 at Logan, and Logan came back with a 11,442 to 11,412 victory at the Tech Lanes after a luncheon

at Kanawha River plant. A luncheon was also held at Logan.

Thirty men and ten women participated in each match. In the first match, Paul Adams (597) and Mary Elizabeth Davis (492) paced Logan, and Ed Jarrett (575) and Jeanne Sheets (475) led Appalachian. In the second match, high for Appalachian were Harold Higginbotham (547) and Jeanne Sheets (446), and tops for Logan were Paul Adams (542) and Eleanor Davis (421).



### Five Men Observe 35th Anniversaries, Joining Appalachian In March Of 1927

Five Appalachian employees observed their 35th anniversaries with the company during March. They are L. L. Crowell, system operation; H. M. Lawrence, Pulaski; C. M. Bailey, Bluefield; and J. T. Davis and E. B. Pinkard, Lynchburg.

#### L. L. Crowell

Mr. Crowell, system senior operating engineer, joined the company at Charleston March 3, 1927 as a carrier current helper after completing a radio course in the U. S. Air Service. Incremental studies were his next assignment, and during 1933 to 1936 he traveled to many generating plants.

He became a results engineer in 1941 and went to the Roanoke office in 1949 in his present job.

A native of Berkeley County, W. Va., he is married and has two daughters. As a member of the Greene Memorial Methodist Church, he is a past president of the Men's Bible Class and is currently on the membership and evangelism committees. Active in lodge work, he is a member of the Masonic Bodies in Roanoke. He is a member of the Lakeland Lodge of AF&AM, Scottish Rite Bodies and Kazim Shrine Temple, where he served 12 years in the Shrine Patrol. He is also a member of the Elks.



Mr. Lawrence

Mr. Bailey



Mr. Davis

Mr. Pinkard

#### H. M. Lawrence

Mr. Lawrence, Christiansburg general clerk in the Pulaski district, is a native of Riner. He attended VPI and worked during the summers at Charleston on substation maintenance. His continuous service began in 1927 as electrician's helper at Cabin Creek plant.

He was chief dispatcher before moving to Pulaski's stores department. In 1949 he went to Christiansburg in his present job.

The Lawrences live in their total electric home in Riner. Mr. Lawrence lists farming and hunting as hobbies.

#### C. M. Bailey

Mr. Bailey is Bluefield right of way supervisor. He joined the company as a draftsman in 1927 after work with two engineering companies. He was chief draftsman, assistant civil engineer, statistician senior engineer and division right of way agent before becoming right of way supervisor in 1951.

A native of Bluefield, he is married and attends Trinity Methodist Church. He is past master of Mercer Lodge 160 AF&AM, past patron of Bluefield Chapter 66 OES, past president of the Bluefield Lions Club and the Salvation Army Advisory Board and is co-chairman of the site and data committee of the Bluefield Area Development Corporation. He is a member of the Mercer County Welfare Department Council and the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also chief air raid warden of Mercer County. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and outdoor living.

#### J. T. Davis

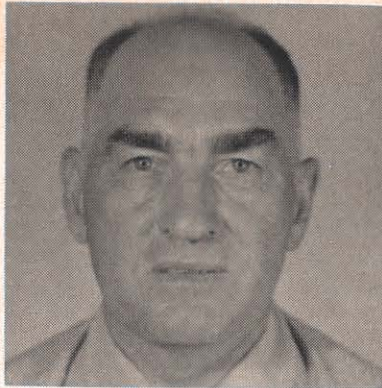
Lynchburg street light attendant, Mr. Davis was employed March 10, 1927 as a groundman. He was a truck driver before going to his present position in 1953.

He is a member of the Chestnut Hill Methodist Church and its Adult Bible Class, and a member of Lynchburg Lodge 12 of Odd Fellows. Mr. Davis is married.

#### E. B. Pinkard

March 19, 1927 was the employment date of Mr. Pinkard, who is a Lynchburg truck driver groundman. He began as a groundman and was an operator before going to his present position in 1952.

A World War II veteran, he is a deacon and treasurer of the Old Forest Road Baptist Church and president of its Men's Club. He is married.



Mr. Fields

### Retired Abingdon Line Veteran Dies

George L. Fields, retired Abingdon employee, died suddenly March 10 at the home of a daughter in Little Rock, Ark.

A native of Scott County, he retired from Appalachian October 1, 1960 after completing 18 years' service. He was employed by Kingsport in October 1942 and went to Abingdon in 1949. He worked with the Gate City line crew in the Scott County Service area.

Survivors include two daughters, two sons, one sister, one brother and 12 grandchildren.

### Clouser Promoted To Roanoke Post

E. J. Clouser, Williamson district personnel supervisor, has been promoted to the post of stores and purchasing assistant and transferred to system purchasing in Roanoke.



Mr. Clouser

In his new job, which he assumed April 1, he will assist U. K. Vaught, purchasing agent for Appalachian.

Mr. Clouser joined Appalachian in 1945 as storeroom helper and was assistant storekeeper, material clerk and acting district stores supervisor before becoming stores supervisor in 1948. He was named personnel supervisor in 1954. He worked for Kentucky Power for two years before going into the Army in 1943. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant in 1945.

### John E. Geue Retiring After 40 Years; Going "Back To Farm" In Washington

"If you've once been part of the land, you'll return to it sooner or later."

So says John E. Geue, who retired April 1 as the AEP Service Corporation's operating manager—production after a 40-year career in AEP power plants. He's going back to his farm in Snohomish, Wash., to put some of the experience he's gained in working with turbines into practice with dairy cattle.

"Not quite as far-fetched as it sounds," John states.

He'll be working on his 60-acre farm to improve the efficiency of cattle with his son, Dr. Allen Geue, a veterinarian. He and Allen intend to enlarge a service to farmers that includes analyzing cattle and fodder to improve the feeding program for dairy herds, increase milk production, and lower the over-all cost of feed.

"It's pretty much the same as power plant efficiency," John says, "where we try, as far as possible, to get back in electricity the coal energy we first put into the boiler."

John left the farm, which was homesteaded by his grandfather in the 1880's, to earn a degree in hydroelectric engineering at Washington State College in Pullman. With the degree in hand, he came East in 1917 to work as a testman for General Electric Company in its Schenectady Turbine Division.

In 1922, he joined the AEP System as a test engineer at Ohio Power Company's Windsor plant. After that, he worked as a results engineer at Ohio Power's Philo plant, as assistant plant superintendent at the Stanton plant of the erstwhile Scranton Electric Company (then part of the AEP System), and at Windsor, then to plant manager at Windsor and Appalachian's Cabin Creek plant. In 1947 he came to New York as power plant consultant for the Service Corporation. He was named operating manager—production in 1954.

John feels that his plans for retirement offer a great challenge—he'll be working at something of which he has only the most general knowledge, but, as he states, "Ignorance itself is a good teacher; at least you know what you don't know!"

Then too, of course, there is the lure of farm life itself. He won't be farming his 60 acres himself—they've been leased for some years—but he'll be living in the home of his youth and will shoulder the responsibilities of grandpa with 3 grandsons, two



Mr. Geue

being twins 4 years old, the third being 3 years old.

Fishing will play a big part in John's post-retirement agenda. He once had youthful visions of fishing in the spillways of a giant dam as a hydro-electric engineer but he never worked on a hydro project.

"Now," he says, "I'll just wander down to the creek with a couple of cronies, sit down, wait for the steel-heads to bite, and tell lies."

### Ancel C. Hutton, 42-Year Abingdon Veteran, Retires



Mr. Hutton

It was 42 years ago that Ancel C. Hutton, Sr. joined the Abingdon Utilities. During the next 25 years the company changed name and operations three times until it finally was acquired by Appalachian in 1945.

Mr. Hutton stayed with the company throughout, and on April 1 retired as area serviceman. His first job—or jobs—were construction, meter reading and collection for both water and electricity, and firing the boiler furnace at the company's small generating plant.

He continued with the system as it was operated in turn by Edmondson Electric Company, The Republic Service Corporation, The Holston River Power Company and Appalachian.

He has suffered only one injury during his 42 years—earlier this year he fell on an ice-covered road, breaking his hip and left arm. He is presently recuperating at his all-electric home in Abingdon.

A native of Washington County, he served two years in the Navy in World War I and was employed by a telephone company in East Tennessee for a year.

Married, he is the father of four children and has five grandchildren. His son, A. C., Jr., is dealer sales representative in the district. Mr. Hutton is a member of the Abingdon Baptist Church and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

## Clinch River Men Hitting The Books Again

Many Clinch River employees who spend their days engaged in the business of generating electric power are spending nights learning more about this business.

From September through May each year large groups of men at the plant have been hitting the books of higher learning in selected subjects that will improve their job knowledge and ability to progress in their occupations.

The courses they have taken and are taking were developed and presented through the efforts of A. H. Beiler of the AEP Service Corporation; J. A. Mundy, system employee relations supervisor; J. H. Lowe, principal

of the Washington County, Va. Technical School and his staff; and supervisors at Clinch River.

The first course was a 60-hour one in algebra and geometry. Another 60 hours of physics followed. A third major course just completed was one of 60 hours in the fascinating phenomena of electricity. Sandwiched in between these courses were short ones on the use of the slide rule.

What is next? Popular demand helped in the selection: the men will now go on to a course in blueprint reading and sketching, with special emphasis on electrical blueprint interpretation.



Some of the Clinch River men who have gone back to school at night are shown above. Front row from left: Giles Carter, Stanley Wagoner, Marshall Stevenson, Jr., C. E. Blevins (instructor), George Abshire, Noel McMillan, Albert Rookstool, D. D. Campbell and Alvie Napier. Back row from left:

Eli Buskirk, Norman Bass, Bennie Thompson, John Grimes, Jim Massie, Jim Hardwick, Lovell McDonald and B. C. Ferrell, Jr. Also in the classes are Earl Crist, Bobbie George, Harold Johnson, Dick Crumbaker, Walter Gilmore, W. N. Hall, Jr., Bernard Myers, Enoch Conley and Earl Farrell.