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## Appalachian's Richard E. Hodges Dies Unexpectedly At Age 59

Richard E. Hodges, vice president and general manager of Appalachian, died in his sleep early September 27 aboard a train en route to a board of directors' meeting in New York. He was 59 years old.

Mr. Hodges became vice president and general manager of Appalachian February 1, 1960. Born at Alderson, W. Va., March 14, 1903, he received a BS degree from West Virginia University's School of Engineering in 1926. Soon after, he joined Appalachian in the meter department at Sprigg, W. Va.

In 1927 he transferred to Pikeville, Ky. as a junior power engineer

with Kentucky Power, and in 1930 was promoted to Pikeville district manager. He transferred to Ashland in 1940 as assistant general manager of Kentucky Power, and in 1943 became general manager of Kentucky Power. In March 1948 he became Charleston division manager of Appalachian, and in February 1954 went to Roanoke as assistant general manager of Appalachian.

He was vice president and director of Kanawha Valley Power Company, West Virginia Power Company, Central Appalachian Coal Company, and Central Coal Company. He was a director of Appa-

lachian, Kingsport Utilities, Inc., and the American Electric Power Service Corporation, and a trustee of the East Central Nuclear Group. He was also vice president, general manager and director of Central Operating Company.

He was a past director of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. Among his professional activities he listed the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. In the fall of 1953 he attended the advanced management school at Harvard. He was also a member of Roanoke Valley Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission, the Shenandoah Club, and the Roanoke Country Club, a director of the Roanoke Valley Development Corporation, and president of the Roanoke Symphony Society.

Mr. Hodges is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, a brother and a sister.



Mr. Hodges

## Work Underway On Addition To Roanoke Office Building

Work has begun in the former parking garage and on the ramp in preparation for the four-story addition being constructed to Appalachian's general office building in Roanoke.

The chatter of jack hammers tearing away concrete signaled the beginning of the 40,000 square foot addition. It will be connected to the present building and will extend back to Bullitt Avenue at the rear of the company property.

The addition will allow for consolidation of some facilities and will provide space for some new sections. Notable among these is space for an emergency shelter on the first floor. The latter will be fully equipped to house 12 men for 2 weeks, and will be used by system operations people during an emergency to keep the company facilities operating.

## Company 4-H Work Gets Recognition

Appalachian has been honored by the Agricultural Extension Service of VPI for its contributions to 4-H work.

The company was presented a plaque for Meritorious Service at the Virginia 4-H Electric Congress in Richmond, which Appalachian helps sponsor each year. W. H. Daughtrey, associate director of the extension service, in giving the plaque to L. L. Koontz, Appalachian supervisor of residential and rural sales, said: "This help has been important in encouraging and making it possible for thousands of boys and girls in Virginia to grow and develop themselves into more useful and desirable citizens through the 4-H educational program."

(See 4-H Work, page 3)



A gaping hole, one of several being cut in the former ramp, is evidence of work beginning on the addition to Appalachian's general office building in Roanoke.

In addition to offices, an elevator and a dumb waiter will go into the addition. Several conference rooms will be provided, as will a stairwell. Three elevators and two stairwells serve the existing portion. Corridors will be cut through the present rear of the office to tie the two sections together.

A tentative alignment of departments and offices is as follows:

First Floor—present building: local accounting and division commercial; addition: record center, mail room, duplicating and reproduction facilities, forms and supplies and the emergency shelter.

Second Floor—present building: district managerial, division managerial, division T&D, district personnel and safety and division personnel; addition: system purchasing and stores and electronic data processing. A service entrance will be constructed at the rear of the second floor, which will be on street level.

Third Floor—sections of system accounting will occupy the entire third floor, including administrative, general bookkeeping, accounts payable, stores accounting, key punch, auditors, budgets, tax, payroll, customer billing and accounting and electric plant.

Fourth Floor—present building: managerial, system personnel and system commercial; addition: area development, system hydro and space for future growth.

Fifth Floor—present building: system T&D (including administrative, civil engineering, distribution and station), system public relations and system transportation.

Sixth Floor—present building: system operation, system valuation and system real estate and right of way, which will be moved from the company's Walnut Avenue service building in Roanoke.

## Value Of Fourteen AEP Educational Awards Increased To \$600 Each; Registration Open

The 14 American Electric Power System Educational Awards will be increased from \$500 to \$600 each beginning September 1963, according to an announcement by the trustees of the program's Trust Fund. Competition for the awards will take place in December.

The increase was made possible, the trustees said, by the steady growth in earnings of the principal of the Fund, which is totally invested in shares of AEP Company common stock.

### Total Now \$8,400

This brings to \$8,400 the total of the awards to be granted next September. Of this total, Appalachian and Ohio Power, with four awards each, will receive \$2,400; Indiana & Michigan Electric, three awards, will receive \$1,800. The AEP Service Corporation and the remainder of the System companies, which include Kentucky Power, Kingsport and Central Operating, will share two awards. The "floating" award will go either to the Service Corporation or the remaining group of companies.

Deadline for registration for this year's Educational Awards competition is October 19. Registration began October 1.

If you are an employee of any AEP System company and if your son or daughter plans to enter the freshman year of college in 1963, he or she is eligible to compete. Each applicant must take the standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test. It will be given at key locations throughout the System on Saturday, December 1.

### Test Locations

Following are the closest test locations for children of employees of our companies:

Kentucky—Ashland and Harlan. Ohio—Athens and Portsmouth. Tennessee—Bristol.

Virginia—Altavista, Amherst, Bassett, Blacksburg, Chatham, Danville, Grundy, Lynchburg, Marion, Martinsville, Natural Bridge, Radford, Roanoke, Rocky Mount, Salem, Stuart, Wise, Wytheville.

West Virginia—Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg, Williamson.

The company will pay the cost of the examination, but contestants must pay for their own travel expenses, if any. An applicant may take the test in another state if that location is nearer or more convenient than one in his own state.

### Register Now

Register now—all company personnel supervisors have complete information and forms for the competition; either the employee or his child may obtain them, but they must be completed and returned to the personnel supervisor not later than October 19.

The examinations will be administered and scored by the agency which prepared them, the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J. An impartial and prominent educator will judge the completed exams. Winners will be selected on the basis of: (a) the test scores; (b) the school records furnished by the applicant's high school principal; and (c) other information about the applicant provided by himself or herself.

Winners of this eighth annual awards program will be announced about February 1, 1963. The 14 awards will be distributed among the System companies as equally as possible, based on the number of employees in each company. Once a winner has enrolled in college, his \$600 award will be deposited with the college treasurer for use in paying charges for tuition, room, board, books or lab fees.

## AEP Directors Will Tour Sections Of Two Companies

Inspections of new facilities of Appalachian and Kentucky Power and of major industrial operations in the Charleston, W. Va., and Ashland, Ky., areas will highlight the annual tour of the American Electric Power Company board of directors on October 10-12.

A visit to Appalachian's Smith Mountain and Leesville Dams in the Smith Mountain hydro-electric development in Virginia will feature the first day.

The October 11 schedule calls for visits to the FMC Corporation plant and the Union Carbide Corporation Technical Center, both in South Charleston; the new AEP-Westinghouse 775,000-volt transmission test project at Apple Grove, W. Va.; and the all-electric Arlington Park residential development in Huntington, W. Va.

The third and final day will bring the group to Kentucky. After an inspection of Kentucky Power's new Big Sandy plant, at Louisa,

Ky., now nearing completion, they will visit the Ashland Oil & Refining Company and Armco Steel Corporation operations at Ashland.

Directors on the trip include: John E. Amos, Charleston attorney and businessman; John S. Battle, of Charlottesville, Va., former governor of Virginia; Harold Boeschstein, president, Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, Toledo, Ohio; Donald C. Cook, AEP president; S. N. Fiala, vice president of the AEP Service Corporation.

Also, Charles V. Graham, New York, the company's legal counsel; Clarence E. Hall, Philadelphia attorney; H. A. Kammer, senior vice president of the Service Corporation; W. J. Rose, AEP vice president and secretary; Philip Sporn, chairman of the AEP System Development Committee and retired president; Charles H. Stockton, Boston attorney, and Harry A. Winne, Schenectady, retired General Electric vice president.

## The Miller Who Made Texas A State

The story is told of a miller in Dekalb County, Indiana, who, one day in the 1840's, was on his way to the mill to grind his grain. On the way, he was met by some friends who persuaded him to go to the polls instead, since it was election day.

Records of that election show that the candidate to the state legislature won by one vote, and the miller had voted for him. That same candidate later cast the deciding vote that sent Edward Allen Hannegan to the United States Senate.

Hannegan became president pro tem of the Senate, and during his term the question of statehood for Texas came up. A vote was taken and a tie resulted. Mr. Hannegan, who was elected by the vote of a man who was elected by one vote, cast his one vote for statehood, and Texas joined the Union.

The stories about the merits of one vote are many, and they all emphasize that every vote carries a great deal of weight. Back in 1876, you could have asked President Hayes—he was elected by one electoral vote.

It is a marvel, when you think about it, that we can vote at all—that we have a definite voice in who represents us at all levels of government. Not many people do.

But thanks to our ancestors, we have the privilege of a voice in governmental affairs. Do we use it? Unfortunately, election records show that many do not.

But are not those who do not vote shirking their responsibility? Is it not a citizen's responsibility to, first, learn the issues and study the candidates, and then go to the polls to express his preference?

Our forefathers thought so, and our system of free elections has lasted a good many years. Its future depends on each vote—your vote and mine. The vote we cast for a candidate, or an issue, is also a vote for preserving America and our system of government by the people.

## A Fable

A man was not happy with his lot, and remarked to a friend that he would prefer heaven or hell. "But," he grumbled, "from what I hear, they're not much better either."

His friend was instantly transformed into an angel and offered to show the man heaven and hell. "Let's go," said the man, and off they went to hell. When they arrived the man saw people sitting in front of giant tables loaded with every delicacy imaginable. But the people's arms were encased in iron chains, and they could not get the wonderful food to their mouths. They were screaming and thrashing and thoroughly miserable.

"Let's get out of here," the man said, and they went to heaven. There the man again saw the wonderfully loaded tables, but he also saw people with their arms encased in chains. But these people were happy and heaven was a pleasant place. "There is a difference," the man said.

The people in heaven were feeding each other.

This year, Give The United Way.

## Quoting Others

Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction—we didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children, and our children's children, what it was like in the United States when men were free.

—RONALD REAGAN

# Voters Will Have Chance To Choose Leaders

Voters in our four states will be called to the poll again November 6 to vote for men who will be leading them on the state and national levels.

Congressional and state races are in progress in all four states, and in one, Tennessee, a gubernatorial election will be held. In addition, in some areas voters will be asked to vote on constitutional amendments.

Popularly known as an off-year election, because there will be no voting for president of the United States, 1962 nevertheless offers a large number of candidates for a great many offices. Following is a listing of candidates for gubernatorial and congressional offices for our employees' consideration in the weeks preceding the election.

### Kentucky

U. S. Senator—Thruston B. Morton (R), incumbent, opposing Wilson Wyatt (D).

U. S. Congressman, District 7—Carl D. Perkins (D), incumbent, opposing Alex Parker (R).

### Tennessee

Governor—Frank G. Clement (D), Hubert D. Patty (R) and E. B. Bowles (Ind.).

U. S. Congressman, First District—James H. Quillen (R) opposing Herbert Silvers (D).

### Virginia

All elections listed are for the U. S. House of Representatives.

Fifth District—William M. Tuck (D), no opposition.

Sixth District—Richard H. Poff (R), incumbent, John P. Wheeler (D) and J. B. Brayman (Ind.).

Seventh District—John O. Marsh, Jr. (D) opposing J. Kenneth Robinson (R).

### West Virginia

Fourth District—Ken Hechler (D), incumbent, opposing Clyde Pinson (R).

Fifth District—Elizabeth Kee (D), incumbent, opposing Strother Crockett (R).

Sixth District—John M. Slack, Jr. (D), incumbent, opposing M. G. Guthrie (R).

### Amendments

Voters in West Virginia will be asked to consider five amendments to their state constitution, and in Virginia voters will decide one way or the other on three amendments to their state constitution. News media in all areas of our companies will be carrying information on these amendments, as well as on all the candidates, throughout the next few weeks.

## news events in brief

**HUNTINGTON**—Novamont Corporation at Neal plans to expand its plastic plant to manufacture polypropylene fiber, to be known commercially as Meraklon.

**POINT PLEASANT**—Two hydrographic research vessels will be built by Marietta Manufacturing Company, adding 300 people to the payroll during the construction period. The company's \$7-million job brings to \$20-million it has received in government contracts in the last 18 months.

**WELCH**—Twin Falls State Park is being built in Wyoming County, W. Va. on 4,500 acres between Mullens and Pineville. It will cost \$3.5-million. More than 3,000 acres have been donated by the Pocahontas Land Corporation, land-holding subsidiary of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. The park will be designed primarily for day use, but will have camping areas.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—The state's population, which declined by 7 percent during the 1950's, will also decline during the 1960's, according to a report issued by Governor Barron. The Governor's report indicated that a decline not to exceed 5 percent could be expected, a figure lower than ones made by the National Education Association and the Kiplinger Washington Editor's Report. The governor based his figure on expected tourist business and federal aid to depressed areas which could curb migration.

**CHARLESTON**—Myron R. Renick resigned as Public Service Commissioner of West Virginia to return to private law practice, and has been succeeded by Mrs. Virginia Mae Brown. Her term runs until May 31, 1963.

**ROANOKE**—Two records have been set by the Norfolk and Western Railway. Its first unitized coal train from Roanoke to South Amboy, N. J. was placed in service and on a test delivered 110 carloads (7,730 tons) of western Virginia coal. It was the first N&W unit movement under a recently published

tariff allowing lower rates for shipments of 100 or more 70-ton carloads billed on the same day from a single origin group to the same consignee, and it was the first substantial all-rail movement of Southern Appalachian coal to the Jersey piers since World War II.

**WELCH**—The first major new lumber operation in Wyoming County, W. Va., in 25 years is under construction. It is the Georgia-Pacific Corporation's electric belt sawmill, where 80 people will be employed and an additional 125 men employed by contractors harvesting logs and delivering them to the mill.

**HUNTINGTON**—Chemicals that have become contaminated will be reprocessed by Thermodynamics Chemical Corporation, which has begun operations at Ona. The 18 employees will make the chemicals reusable by the chemical industries in the area.

**WILLIAMSON**—Most of the Norfolk and Western Railway's car repairs will be done at Williamson when a complete renovation of car department facilities are completed later this year. Sixty-five people have just been recalled to the shops by the N&W.

**BLUEFIELD**—Employment is now up to 250 at North American Aviation's Princeton plant, where another 40 will be added soon.

**LYNCHBURG**—A new 15,000 square foot, two-story, \$250,000 office building is being constructed in downtown Lynchburg by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company.

**ABINGDON**—Top Form Mills, Inc., operator of the Russell Manufacturing Company in Lebanon, has started construction of a 20,000 square foot building in Honaker.

**HUNTINGTON**—A garment manufacturing plant will be established in Huntington by the newly-organized Alamin Togs, Inc. The plant will employ 45 initially and 100 within 5 years.

## Exhibit Ground Broken For '64 World's Fair

Ground was broken September 26 at Flushing Meadow Park for the investor-owned electric utility industry's exhibit at the New York 1964-65 World's Fair.

Ceremonies were conducted by Fair President Robert Moses and Ernest R. Acker, president of Electric Power and Light Exhibit, Inc., the corporation set up to administer the electric companies' participation in the exposition.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Acker, who is also board chairman of Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation, noted that it was just 80 years ago this month on Pearl Street in lower Manhattan that Thomas A. Edison opened the world's first central generating station for what was then large-scale production and distribution of electricity. "Since that time," he stated, "electricity in abundant quantities has become literally commonplace to Americans. But it has taken uncommon effort over the years to bring this silent servant to homes, industry, commerce and farms."

He then pointed out that the electric utility companies in the United States spend more money on new construction each year than any other industry—over \$3 billion. "The United States is the greatest producer of electric power on earth—producing more electricity than the next six nations combined."

Visitors to the groundbreaking viewed a one-ton scale model of the electric companies' exhibit building. Vertically staggered triangular metal prisms will rise to a height of 80 feet, forming an irregular multicolored structure resembling a Gothic "Cathedral of Light." Crowning the pavilion of prisms will be three vertical pylons rising from a mass of searchlights within the central core of the building. Inside the building visitors will see exhibits as they are carried on an elevated revolving ring.

## Quoting Others

If we win men's hearts throughout the world, it will not be because we are a big country but because we are a great country. Bigness is imposing. But greatness is enduring.—Adlai E. Stevenson.

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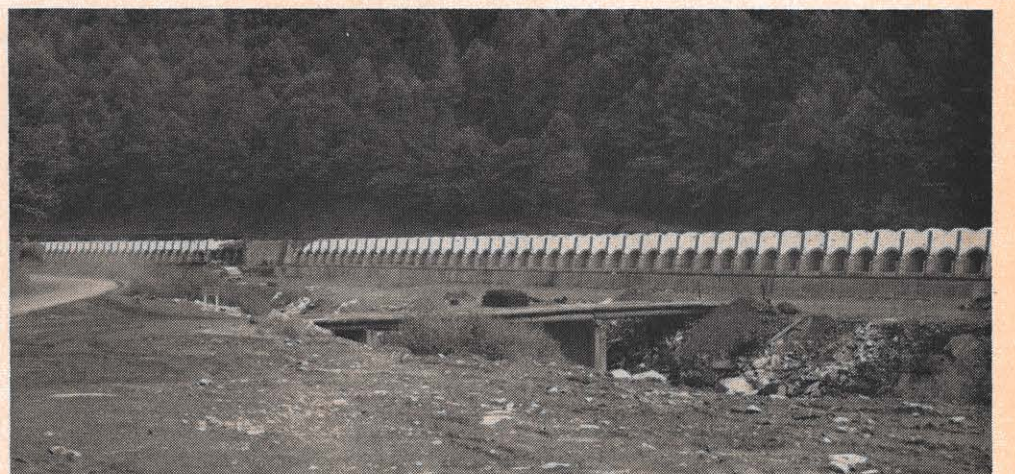
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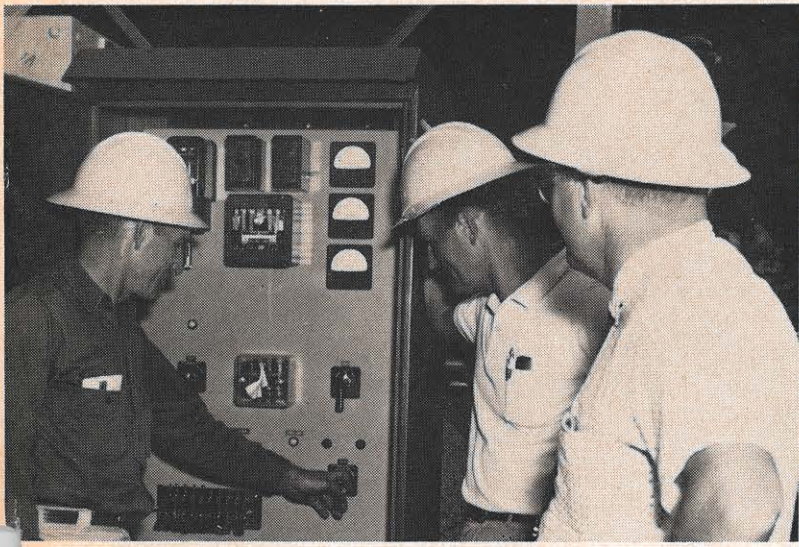
## Coke's Comeback



Coke is making a comeback in the Welch district. Most of the coking operations there have long ago disappeared, but now the Jewell Smokeless Coal Company is making a major investment in the construction of

225 beehive coke ovens, shown here. About 100 are completed, the rest under construction. Ultimately 400,000 tons of Buchanan County coal a year will be turned into coke for steel-making purposes.

### Power At Bassett



A \$250,000 project to increase service to the Bassett area of the Fieldale district, and to Bassett Industries, has been completed. Here, D. G. Merriman, Fieldale station man; J. W. Wells, Bassett Industries electrical supervisor; and R. A. Youngman, Fieldale line and station supervisor, check controls in the new Bassett station. Also a part of the project were a new breaker and station work at Fieldale and a 5 1/4-mile, 69,000-volt line.

### Retirement Ends 37-Year Career



Mr. McKinney

C. A. McKinney, Pikeville district superintendent, retired October 1 after 37 years of service.

Born in Fayette County, W. Va., he worked for several coal companies as an electrician and coal mine superintendent before joining the Pikeville district as a substation man September 24, 1925. He became station foreman in 1936, and helped build many of the major stations in the district. In 1945 he was named district superintendent.

His hobbies are auto racing (as a spectator), golf and scouting. He has been president of the Rotary Club twice and held other offices in the club. He played a part in the organizing and building of the present Green Meadow Country Club.

He and his wife are members of the Pikeville Baptist Church and have five children and several grandchildren.

Future plans call for staying in Pikeville at the present, visiting with children and friends, a possible trip to Florida this winter and "playing as much golf as I can."

### UDC Recognizes Vet With Service Award

George B. Chumbley, Pulaski T&D clerk, has been awarded a military service cross by the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



Mr. Chumbley

The award is made to those people who themselves have been in service and who are lineal descendants of confederate veterans. Mr. Chumbley is only the third person so recognized by the Pulaski Chapter of UDC.

His grandfather, George W., served with Company F, 54th Virginia State Infantry Regiment. Mr. Chumbley served in World War II as a sergeant with the 4th Infantry Division, 8th Regiment, and landed in France on "D Day".

### Always On Duty

What is about the most unlikely place for a power company employee to take an order by telephone for electric service?

Many would say the gas company office, including T. J. Rose, who has just gone through such an experience. Tom, Point Pleasant T&D clerk, was standing in front of the United Fuel Gas Company's office, chatting with the manager about Rotary. The receptionist came to the door and told Tom he had a phone call.

On the telephone was a lady wanting information on electric service for a trailer. Tom took care of the request right there in the strange surroundings.

### 4-H Work . . .

(Continued from page 1)

The major objective of the 4-H electric program is to provide opportunities for 4-H members to develop desirable character, good citizenship, and effective leadership; to learn more about electricity and to use and care for electrical equipment safely; and to help others learn more about electricity and its uses.

The first 4-H electric project program was established in the state in 1949 with enrollment of about 1,200. Two years later the first Congress was held. At it area projects and winners were recognized, state awards presented and the state winner presented an all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress.

In 1961 over 12,000 youngsters took part in the program, giving Virginia the largest enrollment of any state in the nation. About half of these boys and girls are in the territory served by Appalachian.

Throughout the year, Appalachian representatives work with 4-H youngsters, teaching them the proper uses of electricity and electrical equipment, demonstrating uses and providing guidance for other instructors. Appalachian also joins with other power suppliers in the state in providing trips for county winners to the state 4-H Congress and sponsorship of the Congress and the awards presented there.

### Board Post Goes To Joe P. Gills

Joe P. Gills, assistant general manager of Appalachian, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Julian C. Hansbarger, Charleston division manager, has been elected a director of the Kanawha Valley Power Company.

## Seven Company Vets Observe Anniversaries

Seven veterans of our companies have observed their 35th anniversaries of service.

They are R. A. Macomb, Ashland; C. M. Fletcher, Bluefield; L. T. Smith, Lynchburg; Burnette Caldwell and E. E. Ratcliffe, system; R. S. Musgrave, Huntington; and J. J. Duncan, Pulaski.

#### R. A. Macomb

Mr. Macomb joined Kentucky Power in 1927 in the commercial department and was named district commercial manager in 1944. In July 1959 he became general residential and rural sales supervisor for the company.

He is married and has a son and a grandchild. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and is active in Boy Scout work.



Mr. Macomb

#### C. M. Fletcher

Bluefield district line supervisor, Mr. Fletcher was employed in 1927 as a laborer. He became a lineman in 1936, line foreman in 1938, general foreman in 1950 and line supervisor in 1953.

A Russell County native, he is a member of the Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge and the Pocahontas Electrical & Mechanical Institute.

#### L. T. Smith

Mr. Smith was employed September 13, 1927 as an electrical engineer and is now Lynchburg district administrative assistant. During the intervening years he held positions as contract agent and supervisor of residential sales.

He graduated from VPI with an electrical engineering degree in 1927, and prior to that worked for five years for the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company, an Appalachian predecessor.

He is a member of the Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Industrial Management Club, UCT, Rotary Club, Lynchburg Ad and Sales Club and the Bedford Country Club. He is a Mason and past exalted ruler of Lynchburg Lodge of Elks 321, and an honorary member of the Amherst, Brookville and



Mr. Caldwell



Mr. Ratcliffe



Mr. Fletcher



Mr. Smith



Mr. Musgrave



Mr. Duncan

#### J. J. Duncan

Mr. Duncan, Pulaski record supervisor, joined Appalachian shortly after the Virginia division got its start. He worked in store sales for accounting, and later became cashier. In 1945 he became record supervisor.

He is a graduate of National Business College in Roanoke and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and past president of the Dublin Ruritan Club and Industrial Management Club.

#### Burnette Caldwell

Supervisor of budgets and special reports in Appalachian's system accounting department, Mr. Caldwell joined the company as an accounting clerk September 14, 1927. In 1936 he became assistant department supervisor of the construction and operating section of accounting, and was made department supervisor in 1945. He was promoted to his present post in 1949.

He is a member of Williamson Road Lodge 163, AF&AM, and is secretary-treasurer of the Ushers Guild and secretary of the Men's Bible Class at First Presbyterian Church. He is married and has two sons.

#### E. E. Ratcliffe

Mr. Ratcliffe, regional chief operator at the Danville station for system operating, joined the company in 1927 as a laborer in Bluefield. A native of Grundy, he became a system operator in 1936 and worked in Williamson, Bluefield, Huntington, Portsmouth and Roanoke before going to his present location. That happened in 1952, when he was named chief station operator. He went to his present post in May of this year.

He is a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner and is a member of the Moffett Memorial Church. He is married and has three sons.

#### R. S. Musgrave

Mr. Musgrave, Huntington division commercial manager, joined the company September 6, 1927 as residential salesman in Huntington. He served as illuminating engineer, power engineer and district commercial manager before being promoted to his present position in 1949.

He is a graduate of Marshall University and received electrical engineering training through a correspondence school. He is a member of the Huntington Elks, Masonic Lodge and Spring Valley Country Club. He is married and has two sons and two grandsons.

### Retiree To Raise Sheep And Cattle



Mr. Wilton

Fifty ewes are on their way from Montana to join a herd of Black Angus on the farm of R. C. "Rex" Wilton.

Mr. Wilton retired October 1 as Huntington district customer service representative, and will spend his time at what has been a hobby—farming. He joined the company January 7, 1943 as a meter reader and has also been rural sales representative, area sales representative and engineering aide.

A native of Waynesboro, Va., where he attended Fishburne Military School, he served for two years in the Navy. He is a member of the Elks Club and is married.

Commenting on his years with the company, he said: "I have never worked for a nicer bunch of people."

## Collecting The Past Is Hobby Of Lineman

Reminders of days long gone add a quaint flavor to the Grundy home of W. L. Mitchell, Welch district lineman.

For more than 20 years he has been collecting such things as old clocks, jugs, tea kettles, wool combing and weaving equipment, churns, foot warmers, tools and furniture, until he has assembled more than a hundred pieces of Americana. Some of them are well into the age period that makes them "antique", the oldest being an open top jug. Other notable pieces include a marble top table and a wash bowl and pitcher.

His pieces come to him from many sources. Many things belonged to his family or his wife's, some he bought, and the bulk were gifts from friends who knew of his interest in old things.

His collection is usually scattered throughout his home, taken out from time to time for display in the Buchanan County Fair, and during the county centennial celebration a few years ago. Eventually he plans shelves across one wall of his den to house the collection.

Mr. Mitchell has no idea of the total value of his collection, although an antique dealer told him

several would bring a high price in the market. But as far as he is concerned,

no amount of money could buy the collection.



W. L. Mitchell sits beside the collection of old farm and home items that has kept him occupied for more than twenty years. A number of pieces, he's been told, are quite valuable. He is a lineman in Grundy.

Happenings

# Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families



## BLUEFIELD

### Bluefield

Ira W. Henderson, administrative assistant, has been appointed to the publicity and promotion committee of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce and the public relations committee of the United Fund. . . . Appearing in the *Princeton Daily Times* under "Kamera Kapers" was Appalachian's marquee sign "What You Can't Eat You Can Electrically" . . . . Jane McNabb, home service representative, who will resign effective October 12, was feted with a luncheon by Mary H. Kirby, Pearisburg home service representative. She was also honored with a china shower by Frances Keller, secretarial-stenographer; Thalia Myles, stenographer; and Eulalia Footo, stenographer. . . . Jane, wife of H. S. Meadows, electrical engineer; and Lina Light, private secretary, were honored as past presidents of the Bluefield Civic League when the League

### Overseas



N. J. Jessee, retired Glen Lyn plant employee, had this picture taken as he stood in the gardens of the Anne Hathaway estate in Stratford, England. He was in England, as well as France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and Belgium on a 30-day trip that included being a delegate from the Rich Creek Lions Club to the International Convention in Nice, France. He was accompanied by his wife and they traveled by jet.

### Cannibal Class



This cannibal costume, made by his mother, won first prize for Jeffrey Simpson in the costume class of the Bunny Bee Stable Horse Show. Jeffrey, seven-year-old son of Marvin Simpson, Kingsport commercial manager, won out over 25 others. Then he went on to take fifth place in the walk-trot horsemanship class, his sister, Emily, who is 11, winning fourth.

celebrated its 20th anniversary. . . . L. W. Bates and J. P. Gills, both retired division managers, have been appointed to the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce Road Committee. . . . Jane, wife of H. S. Meadows, electrical engineer, has been elected chairman of the Mercer County Centennial Queen's Contest committee. . . . Judy and Danny, children of Clyde Farley, Princeton working foreman, were representatives of the Princeton First Methodist Church at the Canandagua Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship in Athens. . . . J. S. Dodd, division dealer sales coordinator, has been appointed to the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce agricultural committee. . . . Randy, son of L. W. Robinette, division power engineer, completed the Red Cross Beginners' Swim Course. . . . Judy and Lisa, wife and daughter of James H. Kiser, station man, also completed the Red Cross Advanced Beginners' Course in swimming. . . . Mrs. Oscar Adams, wife of Princeton area supervisor, has been appointed leader of the Donella John Circle of the First Methodist Church in Princeton. . . . Ernie Linkous, assistant stores supervisor, is among a group of six to be the first bowlers elected to the Bluefield Area Bowling Association's Hall of Fame. . . . Nancy, wife of John B. Kahle, division heating and air conditioning sales engineer, is the newly elected president of the Women of Graham Presbyterian Church. . . . E. E. Fanning, customer service representative, has been elected high priest of W. G. Baltimore Royal Arch Masons, Chapter 28, Bluefield, Va.

### Clinch River Plant

Welcome to two new employees: William A. Griswold, Jr. and William H. Austin, both test engineers; and welcome back to Grover G. Bradley, utility man, who has returned from military leave of absence. . . Assistant Plant Manager Russell E. Senter has been appointed to the Lebanon town council to fill a two-year term vacancy.

### Welch

Church activities were in the news. . . Mrs. W. T. Collins, wife of the Grundy office supervisor, has been installed as spiritual growth chairman of the Women of the Buchanan First Presbyterian Church. . . Mrs. Frank Barns, wife of the line supervisor, and Mrs. Joe Barns, wife of the line inspector, will serve as world missions chairman and friends of the seminary chairman, respectively, of the Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Welch. . . At the same church, Mrs. Charles Taylor, wife of the meter serviceman, and Nell Nunnery, secretarial-stenographer, will serve as co-chairman of their circles. . . Judy Dee Farley, daughter of Lonedo Rose, cashier clerk, has been elected secretary of the freshman class at Pineville High School and Hope in Fred Shannon Assembly 51, Order of Rainbow for Girls. . . Norma Vermillion was installed as worthy advisor and Francene Adams as patriotism of Welch Assembly 18, Rainbow. Norma is the daughter of J. W. Vermillion, meter service foreman, and Helen Vermillion, PBX operator, and Francene is the daughter of Fred Adams, division heating and builder sales representative.

### Essay On Shipping Wins For Student

Winner of the 1962 Harold Harding Memorial Essay Contest sponsored by Huntington Port 90 of the Propeller Club of the U.S. was Frank A. Titus. The son of Frank E. Titus, Philip Sporn plant maintenance foreman, Frank wrote an essay entitled "The Role of American Shipping in Today's World." For his efforts he received a wrist watch at a dinner in Ashland, Ky.



Frank Titus

Frank will be a junior at Pomeroy, O. High School this fall.

ter of Lonedo Rose, cashier clerk, has been elected secretary of the freshman class at Pineville High School and Hope in Fred Shannon Assembly 51, Order of Rainbow for Girls. . . Norma Vermillion was installed as worthy advisor and Francene Adams as patriotism of Welch Assembly 18, Rainbow. Norma is the daughter of J. W. Vermillion, meter service foreman, and Helen Vermillion, PBX operator, and Francene is the daughter of Fred Adams, division heating and builder sales representative.

### Pulaski

Four employees were elected to offices by Chapter 39 of the Royal Arch Masons. O. B. Kidd, area supervisor, was named high priest; S. C. Smith, line inspector, king; R. C. Nickols, working foreman, grand master of the first veil and W. E. Miller, line inspector, steward. . . Carl Schmidt, accounting clerk, was a delegate to the Constituting Convention of the New Lutheran Church Men in America at Hickory, N. C. He is chairman of the joint planning group of the Virginia Synod. . . Welcome to new employee Nancy Carol Bowden, Galax home service representative. . . Bruce McCall, power sales engineer, was elected second vice president of the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce.



## HUNTINGTON

### Williamson

Three elections and appointments made news. . . Thurman Ball, working foreman, has been appointed to the board of governors of the Williamson Gun Club. . . Mrs. Patsy Hackworth, part-time clerk-stenographer, has been elected secretary of the newly-formed Tug Valley Area Council for Aid to Retarded Children. . . Harry M. Strong, Jr., district office supervisor, has been named to the finance committee of the Mingo County Centennial Committee.

### Logan

Harold Jimison, meter serviceman and Donald Coffey, truck driver groundman, have returned from military leave after being called up last fall with the local National Guard unit. . . C. W. Broughton is a new T&D clerk. . . Mrs. R. E. Blankenbeckler, wife of the retired line and station supervisor, was high scorer in a recent invitational bridge tournament at Tridephia Country Club at Man.

### Huntington

Stormy Belville is a new AEP lab employee and Robert Phillips has joined the AEP Service Corporation air conditioning section in Huntington. . . Mrs. June Deal, has resigned from the AEP lab. . . Leo G. Cook is a new electrical engineer.



## ROANOKE

### Fieldale

Welcome to Judy Ramsey, new PBX operator. . . W. H. Kahle, lineman, has been elected vice president of the Patrick County Chapter of the Virginia Tech Student Aid Association. . . E. L. Munday, Jr., district manager, has been elected president of the Henry County-Martinsville United Fund. . . He and Melvin W. Brown have been re-appointed to the chairmanships

## Safety On Wheels



An "Obey Safety Rules" theme in his decorations won second prize for Randall Mark Epling in a bicycle decorating contest sponsored by the Beckley J. C. Penney store. Mark, shown in the middle of the first and third place winners, is the seven-year-old son of W. F. Epling, Beckley pre-audit clerk. He received a gift certificate and took part in other activities during the store's "Back To School Safety" event.

## For The Home



Jim Musgrave gets some "supervision" as he puts the finishing touches on a Charleston office lobby display. The heating and builder sales representative designed the display to help promote electric heating for the home. Division efforts so far have resulted in electric heating in 1,024 new homes and 567 conversions of older homes. Of this number, 265 are division employees.

of Chamber of Commerce committees—Mr. Munday to the sites committee of the area industrial development division and Mr. Brown to the solicitation committee. . . G. F. Sanders, foreman, continued to show his skill as a hunter when he received bounty fees for 385 crows, 10 hawks, and 2 foxes.



## CHARLESTON

### Beckley

Welcome back from military service to E. J. Wood, lineman; W. J. Groseclose, Jr., truck driver groundman; and L. W. Swanigan, groundman. . . John M. Gates, administrative assistant, has been named chairman of the public relations committee of the newly-organized United Fund. . . Archie Riner, T&D clerk, and L. C. Jones, station man, received certificates of appreciation from the Raleigh County Chapter of the Red Cross for their outstanding service. Riner, first aid chairman, and Jones, instructor, reported 591 persons were trained in first aid in 30 classes during the year.

### Charleston

Malcolm Murphy, transportation, has resigned. . . Barbara Ann Adkins, accounting, was the *Charleston Gazette-Mail's* "Beauty of the Month" for September. . . Chris Mitchell received trophies in the Summer Bowling League for high average, high game and high series for girls. She and her husband, Denzil, also rolled on the champion team.

### Point Pleasant

John, son of P. F. Rairden, R/w agent, led the Pee Wee League in home runs this summer. . . Shirley, daughter of W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant, passed her senior life guard saving test. . . She and Diane, daughter of J. R. Crump, line foreman, were two of only eighty admitted to Marshall University with honors.



## KENTUCKY

### Ashland

Welcome to Randolph Barnes, new system accounting employee.

## Service Veterans Honored



**Imogene Legg Charleston**  
30 Years



**S. S. Stevenson Abingdon**  
30 Years



**Edward Stump Huntington**  
30 Years



**T. A. Kirby Roanoke**  
25 Years



**L. H. Price Roanoke**  
25 Years



**E. E. White Pulaski**  
25 Years



**Paul Roe Abingdon**  
25 Years



**J. C. Hansbarger Charleston**  
25 Years



**William Holbrook Ashland**  
25 Years



**G. N. Clarkson Huntington**  
25 Years



**H. M. T. Garrison Lynchburg**  
25 Years



**J. W. Vermillion Welch**  
25 Years



**T. W. Jett Roanoke**  
25 Years



**P. E. Peters Roanoke**  
25 Years



**C. I. Dixon Roanoke**  
20 Years



**R. R. Dove Roanoke**  
20 Years



**G. E. Campbell Cabin Creek**  
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**L. G. Samples Cabin Creek**  
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**D. L. Toney Cabin Creek**  
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**L. H. Myers Welch**  
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**Hiram Stollings Williamson**  
20 Years



**A. M. Hill Glen Lyn**  
20 Years



**L. M. Safriet Kingsport**  
20 Years

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

### Ashland Architect To Study Overseas

Niles Owen Sutphin, 28-year-old Ashland architect, has been awarded a \$1,000 grant to study city planning at Delft's International Federation for Houses and Planning in Holland.

The son of O. F. Sutphin, administrative assistant in the system accounting office of Kentucky Power, he left in September. He is one of eight Americans awarded scholarships by the Netherland-America Foundation. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, he has been serving as assistant to the director of planning at Rutgers University. He is married and has two children.



Mr. Hanna

### Cabin Creek Man Retires Early

Alva F. Hanna, turbine auxiliary equipment operator at Cabin Creek plant, retired early due to disability on September 1.

He was employed as a laborer and boiler room man March 1, 1943 and worked in operation until his retirement. A native of Saxman, W. Va., he worked for Monsanto Chemical Company at Nitro prior to joining Appalachian.

Mr. Hanna's wife died two weeks before his retirement. He has a daughter, whom he plans to visit during retirement.

### G. S. Dunn Heads Utilities Group

G. South Dunn of Roanoke has been elected president of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias for 1963.

He is Appalachian public relations director. His election came at the group's 44th annual meeting at White Sulphur Springs. His term as president of the two-state organization of investor-owned electric and gas utilities begins January 1. He is first vice president this year.



Mr. Dunn

Re-elected treasurer of PUAV was William F. Keehne, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer and accounting manager of Appalachian. Named first vice president was Miles Cary, vice president of Virginia Electric and Power Company, and Donald M. Kammert, vice president of Monongahela Power Company, was elected second vice president. Arthur T. Ellett, vice president and general manager of the Roanoke Gas Company, was elected assistant treasurer.

Approximately 400 representatives from Virginia and West Virginia utilities attended the two-day meeting.

### Plant, System Men Write For Journal

Two articles by three Appalachian employees appeared in the August issue of *Electric Light and Power*. They were in the "Utility Man's Notebook" section.

W. L. Nuhfer, chief electrician at Cabin Creek plant, wrote one of them, "Off-Peak Switching Of Power Transformers Saves \$593 Yearly." The other, "New Method Reduces Transformer Drying Time", was written by E. C. Rankin, supervising station engineer, and T. W. Old, senior station engineer, both of the system transmission and distribution department.

## Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

### Appalachian Power Company

#### Abingdon District

EVELYN S. SANDERS from clerk-stenographer, accounting to clerk-stenographer, T&D record section.

#### Charleston District

RALPH BAUGHAN, JR. from general clerk, sr. to utility clerk; LINDA BRYANT from clerk-stenographer to stenographer; W. H. BOSTIC from draftsman to draftsman, sr.

#### Huntington District

WILLIAM E. CHAPMAN from general clerk, sr. to credit supervisor; LEANNA K. FORD from clerk-typist to clerk-stenographer; WILLIAM F. GILES from division power analyst to commercial sales engineer.

#### Roanoke District

J. D. COOPER from line inspector to right of way agent.

#### Smith Mountain

LAWRENCE H. LIEVING, concrete engineer from Smith Mountain Dam Construction to Tanners Creek Plant Construction.

### Kentucky Power Company

#### Ashland District

RICHARD HUTCHINSON, JR. from engineering record clerk to engineering aide.

### Line Record Set For Construction

A brand new record in transmission line construction—the erection of 102 towers in just two working days—was achieved in September along Ohio Power Co.'s 345,000-volt Tidd-Canton line.

Using a helicopter, pre-assembled aluminum towers, and a newly fabricated hinge-type template which joins tower masts to foundations, ground crews erected a total of 153 towers in four days.

A few of the line's aluminum towers were flown to their sites from marshaling areas, but the majority were erected using the new "hinge." Under this method of erection, the towers are assembled at their prepared foundation bases, then hinged to the bases for easy raising into position by the helicopter.

With five ground crews on the job, the helicopter, during the week of Sept. 10, set 13 towers on Monday, 47 on Tuesday, 55 on Wednesday and 38 on Friday. Twenty other aluminum towers on the project were erected by a mobile crane rig. The helicopter also was used on the 5.6-mile extension of the line which eventually will tie into the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.'s transmission network.

### Retired Veteran Dies At Age 71



Mr. Fennell

Harry F. Fennell, 71, retired Charleston employee, died in Laird Memorial Hospital in Montgomery September 8. He had been visiting relatives in Pratt when he became ill.

A native of Pennsylvania, he joined the company February 1, 1914, and had over 41 years of service when he retired October 31, 1955. Holding a civil engineering degree, he joined the company as superintendent of construction, became general superintendent in 1937, division T&D superintendent in 1946 and division supervising engineer in 1953.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church at Lykens, Pa., Coal Valley Lodge 74, AF&AM, York Rite Bodies and Beni Kedem Shrine.

He is survived by his wife. Services were held September 10 and burial was in Sunset Memorial Park at South Charleston, with Masonic Rites by the Coal Valley Lodge.

### Veterans' Groups Name Employees

Two Lynchburg men have been named to high posts in veterans' organizations. Baxter McIntosh, retired, was elected commander of Lynchburg Barracks 1091, Veterans of World War I. And Herbert M. Figg, Jr. was elected commander of the Sixth District of the American Legion.

Mr. McIntosh, who was meter supervisor and retired May 1, has been active in the Veterans of World War I organization since it was organized several years ago. He was a lieutenant in the Coast Artillery.

Mr. Figg, heating and builder sales representative, was sponsored by Lynchburg Post 16, of which he has been a member for 12 years, adjutant one year and commander for the past three years. He is a captain in the First Battle Group, 116th Infantry, Virginia National Guard. The Sixth District is one of ten in Virginia.



Mr. McIntosh



Mr. Figg

### Paul Sowers Named By Hillsville Lions

A unanimous choice, Paul L. Sowers has been elected president of the Hillsville Lions Club.

The Hillsville lineman of the Pulaski district has perfect attendance eight of his nine years of membership, and has served as second vice president and tail twister.

Mr. Sowers is also a member of the Band Boosters Club, and he and his wife and daughter, Lynda, have a family hobby of training and showing saddle horses.



Mr. Sowers

# Healthy Lynchburg Economy Spurred By Industry

Dairy and beef cattle still graze on the hillsides. Some tobacco is still grown and apples remain a large crop. There are even some new adventures into agriculture, such as sheep raising.

But the cattle, the tobacco, the apples are keeping pace with a new movement in the Lynchburg district of Appalachian—the fast-growing influx and expansion of industry doing everything from making shoes to working with nuclear power and other influences of the present and future.

The big change from agriculture to atoms has come in the past 10 years, and has brought a new prosperity to a land that has always had its historical significance and its place in the affairs of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Agriculture, the fruit industry, cattle raising and other rural area occupations continue to contribute millions of dollars annually to the Lynchburg district, which covers parts of Bedford, Campbell, Amherst, Albemarle and Nelson Counties.

## Never Brighter

But the events that led the officials of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce to say that "things were never brighter" were the events in the field of heavy industry. General Electric and Babcock & Wilcox built giant plants and have expanded several times, all since about 1955. Other smaller industries have moved in, existing ones have expanded, industrial parks have sprung up, the economy has gone up and up.

Because of these events, unemployment is down to 2.7 per cent, exactly half of the national average. In a ten-year study made by the Chamber of Commerce, bank debits have gone from \$670,000 to \$969,000; the uses of water, electricity and gas have tripled; building permits have gone from a value of \$2,471,934 in 1952 to \$11,719,555 in 1961; and 3,109 new families have moved into the city. In the past 8 years, industrial payrolls have grown from \$26-million to \$90-million.

GE and B&W are the companies that have led the march in the new Lynchburg area. Both began production in 1957 and both have grown and expanded until today GE is the area's largest employer and B&W is continuing to expand.

## The Largest

Announcement of GE's new plant came in 1955 and occupation took

## And They Keep On Coming

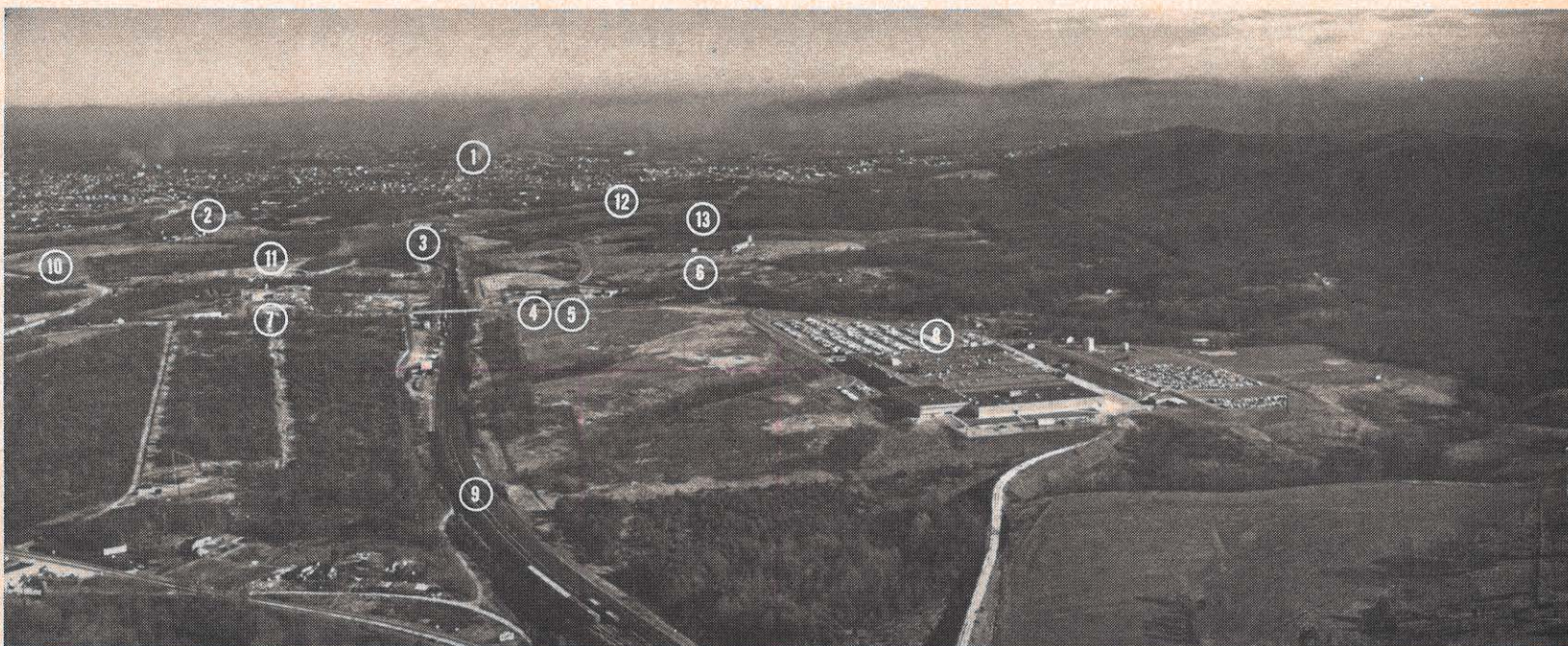
Shortly after this story went to press, Virginia Gear & Machine Corporation of Lynchburg announced a major expansion.

The firm is purchasing 37 acres in the Montview industrial park, across from the plant being built by C. B. Fleet (see picture of park), for the future construction of a plant which may manufacture a revolutionary new device now being developed by Philadelphia Gear Corporation, Virginia Gear's parent firm.

The device is the Roll-Ramp Actuator, which may, among other things, be used to lift the Saturn rocket a distance of 120 feet in the air. Actual construction of the plant depends on two factors: exhaustion of available space at the company's present Kemper Street location, and how soon the actuator is developed.

The company opened with 16,602 square feet of space in Lynchburg in 1949, today uses 65,686 square feet and is working on additional expansion at Kemper Street.

According to Philadelphia Gear President Russell C. Ball, Jr., also president and treasurer of Virginia Gear, Lynchburg was chosen for the new plant because of "friendliness of the people, good foundries to supply cast iron, good labor supply, good transportation and progressive civic attitude."



This aerial of Lynchburg shows the rapid industrial growth in the area. In an area roughly bounded by the city (1) on the north and the new General Electric plant (8) on the south and centered on the Southern Railway (9) are shown other new industrial operations: (2) Craddock-Terry; (3) Weyerhaeuser's Container Division; (4) Imperial Battery; (5) Pepsi-Cola Bottling; (6) H. K. Porter Company, Delta Star Division;

(7) Hill City Trucking; (10) C. B. Fleet Laboratories; (11) land purchased by the Norfolk and Western Railway for an industrial park; (12) land being developed by Lynchburg Industrial Enterprises, organized by local businessmen, into an industrial park; (13) other industrial property.

place two years later when the rectifier department set up shop, making equipment and components. As Donald M. Lloyd, specialist, employee and community relations, points out, 1958 was a big year for the plant. First, employment went to 900, and then, the rectifier equipment section was transferred to Philadelphia and the Communication Products Department, which had been in Syracuse, moved to Lynchburg. In July 1961 employment reached 2,600, and today employment stands at 3,500.

Products at the plant range from microwave, carrier current equipment and multiplex to rectifier components.

General Electric, back in 1955, selected Lynchburg over 200 other locations, because Lynchburg came up tops in overall evaluation. H. Van Aken, general manager of the Communication Products Department, still gives the area a high rating: "GE's experience here—first with the rectifier business and then with its Communication Products Department headquarters and plant plus a satellite operation for rectifier components—has more than lived up to our expectations. From Lynchburg and the surrounding area, we have found an ample supply of industrious, high-calibre people. And city and state officials and other groups having an influence on the business climate have been cooperative and helpful in numerous situations. The area appears to be growing gracefully in all the major areas of concern and as relative newcomers we are enjoying working together for community and industry progress."

## Into the Future

To walk into any one of the several buildings Babcock & Wilcox occupies is to walk into the future, because in Lynchburg is housed the company's nuclear facilities. The plant was set up to become the first major facility

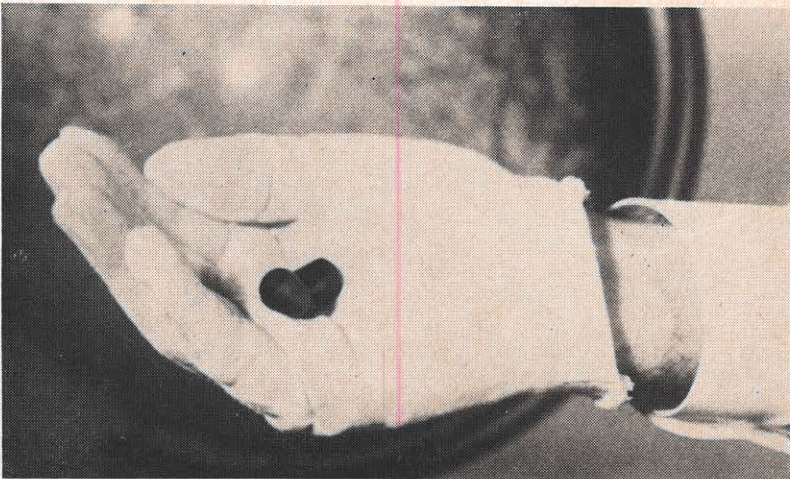
erected entirely at private expense to make test nuclear fuel elements and related products for peacetime use.

This company too has grown in Lynchburg and has over 700 employees. Another 100 will be added when work is completed on a facility that will "mark the first time that private industry has had the capability of designing and developing, testing, manufacturing and servicing nuclear reactor cores on one site," according to R. H. Harrison, manager of B&W's Atomic Energy Division.

This facility, announced April 5, will be a \$3.5-million test reactor and nuclear fuel laboratory at its Mt. Athos site near Lynchburg (the company also maintains offices in the city). The two new facilities will join the existing critical experiment laboratory to become the B&W Nuclear Development Center.

B&W had 92 qualifications for the site of its plant in 1955, and through exhaustive studies, tests and searches the Mt. Athos site was selected. Has the company's judgment been vindicated now that seven years have passed? John W. Landis, manager of the Lynchburg operations, stated that "we have found the city of Lynchburg, Campbell County . . . cooperative with respect to the development of nuclear power facilities." And Thomas L. George of public relations points out that Lynchburg has proven "one of the best labor markets in the country."

These large industries have played a big role in strengthening the area's economy, but what has really been the foundation has been the diversification of all industry. In Lynchburg you will find manufactured shoes, foundry products, paper products, garments, paper boxes, batteries, hosiery, pharmaceutical products, cosmetics, chemicals and many other products.



Two atomic pellets equal one mile—the two pellets above are similar in size and shape to the uranium oxide fuel pellets providing the source of power to drive the N.S. Savannah, world's first nuclear-powered passenger-cargo ship. They represent the atomic energy required to propel the historic ship approximately one mile. Over 682,000 of these pellets comprise the charge in the vessel's atomic reactor, which was designed and built by Babcock & Wilcox at its Lynchburg plant.

## Among the Leaders

Among the hundred-plus industries are these larger ones: Craddock-Terry, shoes, 2,500 employees; Allen-Morrison Sign, outdoor signs, 250; Dale Garment, children's clothes, 130; Old Dominion Box, shoe boxes, 130; Lynchburg Foundry, iron products, 1,150; Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry, 425; Virginia Gear & Machine, precision machines, 185; Lynchburg Hosiery, 800; Mead Corporation, paper products, 540; Morton Manufacturing, cosmetics, 200; W. Kotkes & Son, clothes, 215; Duti-Duds, uniforms, 215; Blue Ridge Manufacturing, overalls, 600; Montague-Betts, iron and steel fabrication, 170; N&W Industries, overalls, 375; H. K. Porter, Delta Star Division, transformers, lightning arresters, industrial insulators, 226; Weyerhaeuser, Shipping Container Division, 27; U. S. Rubber (in Scottsville), rayon and nylon tire fabrics, 200; American Cyanamid (Piney River), chemical, 405; and International Mineral & Chemical Corporation (Piney River), chemical, 26.

Weyerhaeuser and H. K. Porter are new to the area, while Craddock-Terry, U. S. Rubber and others have been involved in recent expansions.

Working with these industries and with others is an unusual organization, Central Virginia Industries. As G. Donald Loudon, executive secretary, points out, CVI's purpose is "to encourage and support the industries of the State, afford a medium of cooperation among the industries, work for constructive policies, oppose class legislation, and to initiate, encourage, foster, and promote constructive activities on behalf of industry." It was formed 17 years ago by industries in a 40-mile radius of Lynchburg, and is a member of the National Industrial Council.

CVI is therefore in a unique position to back up statements of area industrialists on the quality of labor in the area. Mr. Loudon reports that the Industrial Council has found the Lynchburg area has the best record in the nation in labor relations. And to meet the high standards of industries newly settled in Central Virginia, CVI and others are pushing a crash program in vocational training at E. C. Glass High School to provide top-flight people. As he says, "Business here is almost too good. But we're meeting the demands."

## Three for One

CVI is one of three members of another city organization that rather well defines the area's progressive attitude toward expansion, industry and a rising economy that Mr. Van Aken spoke of. CVI, The Chamber and the Retail Merchants Association have formed what they call the Tri-Partite Committee, the purpose of which is to "advance the civic interests and the agricultural, commercial, industrial, transportation, and economic growth of the city and adjacent areas." Tri-Partite goes on to say: "We firmly

believe in and support the principle that the sound, orderly economic and business growth of our community is an essential, desirable goal. To attain this objective requires continuous effort to assure that it can be accomplished on a realistic basis, consistent with the ability of the labor market and community facilities to absorb additional industrial and population growth, so that the efficient operation and expansion of existing businesses will not be hampered or disrupted."

Lynchburg and the area have many other things going for them—cultural achievements (a new fine arts center opened September 23), educational facilities, a good location in the state, plenty of raw materials. And they have a strong economy.

As executives of the Chamber reiterated, "We're working with more industrial prospects than ever before. Things were never brighter."

## Students Informed About Company

Six hours of talks and demonstrations on the company and its operating functions, including a visit with Donald Cook, AEP president, were experienced by college students working in the Huntington division this summer.

Just before they returned to school the students heard division staff members as well as personnel from the Huntington, Logan and Williamson districts explain the company and functions of various departments.

Mr. Cook, who was in Huntington for another occasion (see page 12), met with the group for lunch and talked with them about the AEP Service Corporation.

## United Fund Elects Charter President

W. C. McMahan has been elected charter president of the newly organized Beckley United Fund.

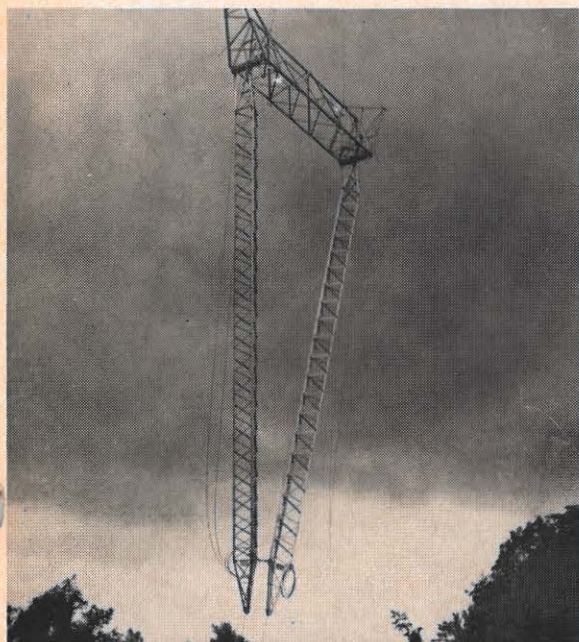


Mr. McMahan

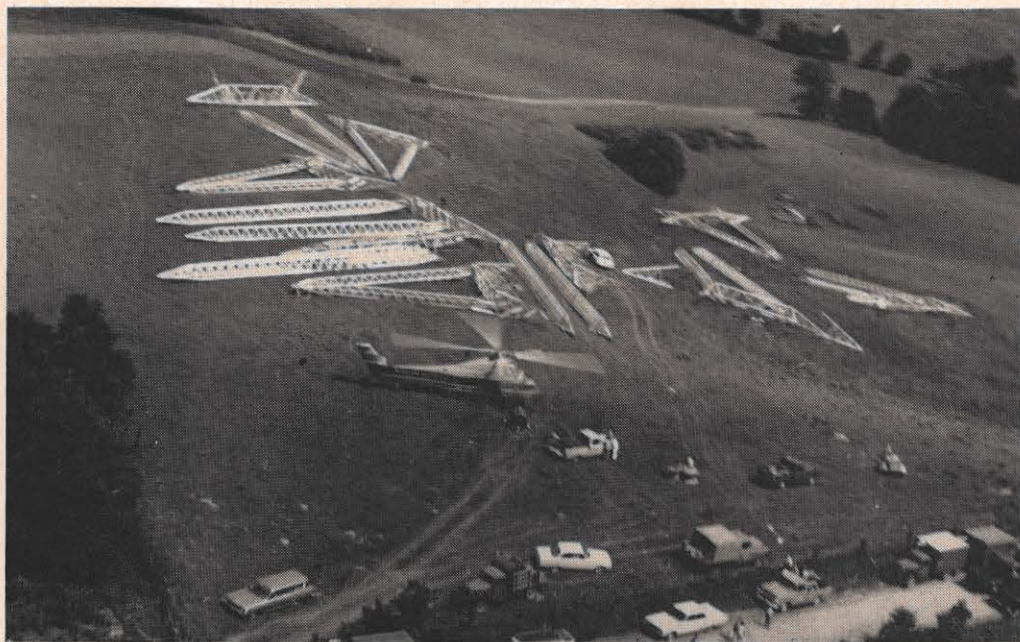
The Beckley district manager will lead the organization in its first drive this fall or winter. The driving force behind organization of the United Fund has been the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. McMahan is also chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, and a member of the Rotary Club, Elks and the First Baptist Church, where he teaches the young adult department. He is married and has four sons.

# Building A High Voltage Line The Modern Way



Glowing skies in West Virginia form a dramatic backdrop as a helicopter lifts a partial tower off to its destination. Rain brought work to a halt; the best flying weather was cool, with a slight breeze.



This marshalling yard, not far from Newport, Virginia, shows several completed towers, parts of many more, and the larger of the two helicopters on the job refueling. The picture was made from the smaller, which was used to carry ground personnel and equipment from site to site.

Building a power line is more than just saying, "Well, we need more electricity in this area. Let's put up some poles and wire."

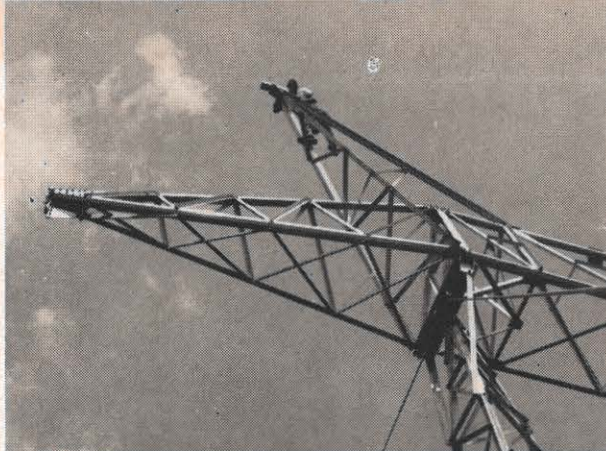
Months of planning, studies of needs and costs, and final determination of the line precede the actual beginning of construction. But when construction does start, it is an adventure in precision, time, sweat, know-how, and, often, beauty.

Such is the case with the 345,000-volt line being constructed from Kanawha River plant to Cloverdale near Roanoke, 122 miles across some of the roughest terrain in the system. Helicopters are being used from start to finish on the job, carrying aluminum towers or parts of towers, helping erect towers, carrying crews and equipment and, finally, stringing the lead line.

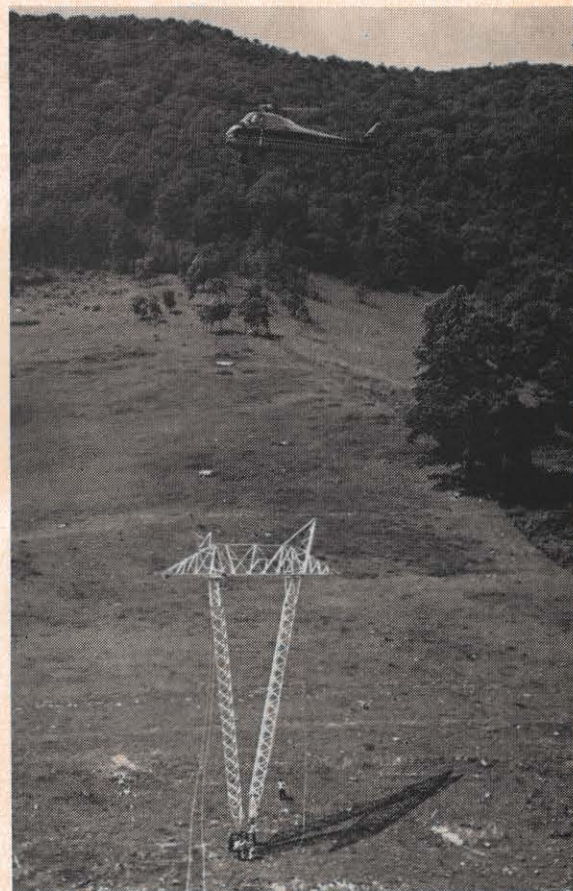
On this page are some of the many pictures taken during various phases of construction of the transmission line. The use of the helicopters and aluminum towers, and the construction of the line, are writing another page in the story of our companies' efforts to provide plenty of electricity to our customers with the best possible service and at the lowest possible cost.



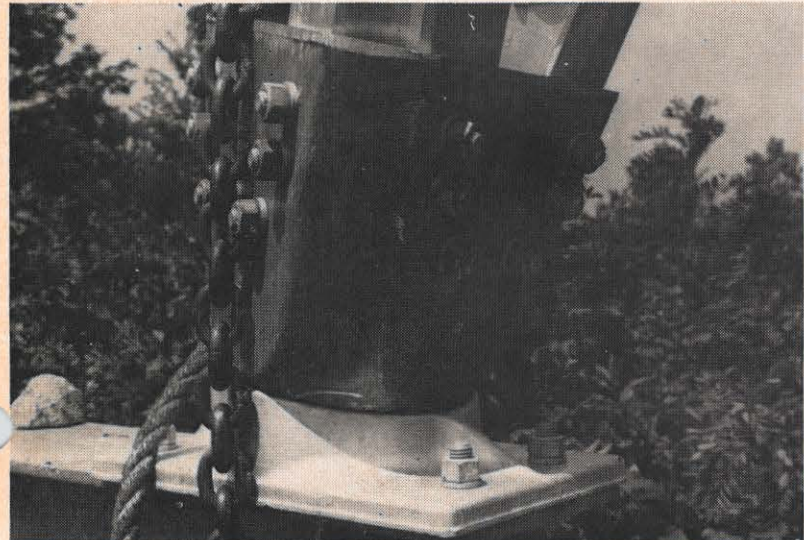
One hot day on Catawba mountain, the helicopter was silhouetted against a cloud while carrying the top part of a tower: the bridge, the arms, and the goat-heads. It was sometimes necessary to carry parts of towers to their sites to be reassembled. Later the helicopter would return to raise the tower in place.



Modern techniques, designs, and materials went into construction of this line, but there was still a big place open for muscle. In the picture above a man is bolting together members for the goat-head in a marshalling yard. Below, a crew member climbs to the top of the goat-head to assemble hardware for the ground wire. This task was considered desirable in many crews.



This is what all of the work and planning was for: a ground crew fits the base of the tower on the foundation while the helicopter holds it up. Guy wires are visible trailing from the arms. Under ideal conditions, a crew can fasten the tower down and release the helicopter in a matter of two or three minutes.



This is a close-up of part of the tower base and the cup in which it rests. As the helicopter hovers with the tower, the ground crew wrestles the legs of the tower into this position. After it is set the chain and ropes are removed.



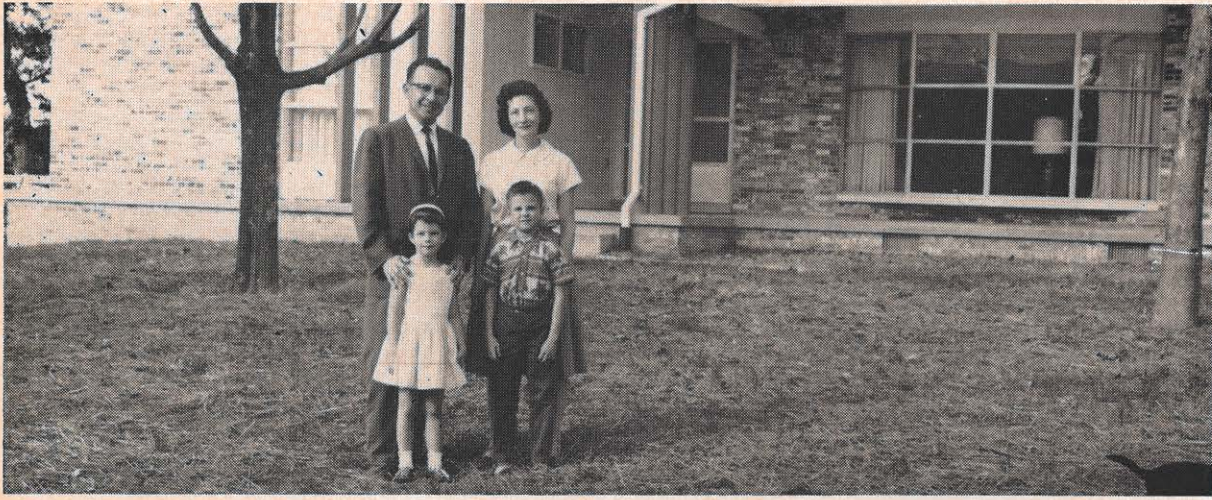
Wherever the helicopters went, so did interested and curious neighbors.



The foreman of a setting crew checks with a level and bob to make sure that the tower is level. By loosening and tightening guy wires, the crew is able to follow his instructions, and bring the tower erect.



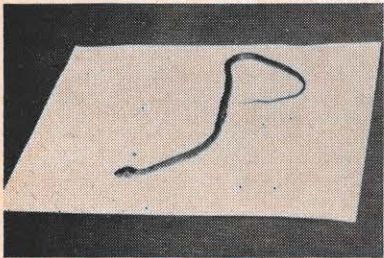
Erection of the towers was completed in August, and work began on stringing the conductor and ground wire. A helicopter was used on this job too, carrying the lead line for the conductor from tower to tower; the lead line is made fast to the conductor, which is then pulled through by winching.



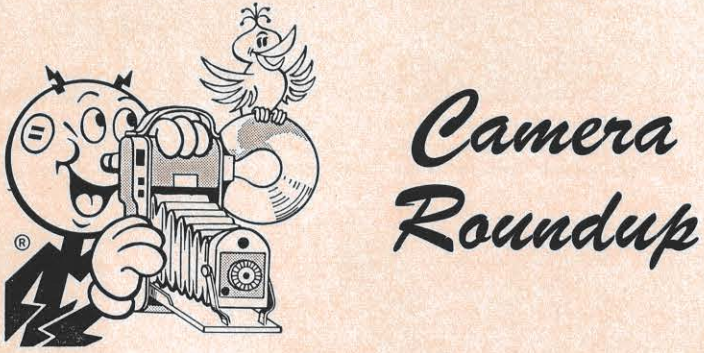
They say "the third time's the charm," and this all-electric home of Frederick O. Helm, Beckley district superintendent—his third—is a real charmer. Mr. and Mrs. Helm and their children, Kay and Jim, have just moved in. Since the other two homes, one in Charleston, and one in St. Albans, have been sold, Mr. Helm should be given credit for two Gold Medallion home sales.



Fire-fighting equipment, now obsolete for plant protection purposes, plus \$50 checks, were given to the Chesapeake and East Bank Fire Departments by George L. Briers, Jr., assistant manager of the Cabin Creek plant, center, to department officers.



This fellow was an early and unwelcome visitor in the Fieldale office recently. No one knows how he got into the building, but a customer paying his bill took care of the intruder with his crutch.



## Camera Roundup



Judy Lynne Farley, a sophomore, will be head majorette for Princeton High School this year. An honor student, she is the daughter of Clyde L. Farley, Princeton working foreman in the Bluefield district.



Two blue ribbons for corn and cushaw and a red ribbon for a roaster were the prizes brought home from Galax agricultural fair by C. W. Alley, Pulaski district meter serviceman. He lives on the old homeplace in Wythe County.



One of the models in a back-to-school fashion show in Fieldale recently was Mary Lynn Munday, seated. She is the daughter of E. L. Munday, Jr., Fieldale district manager.

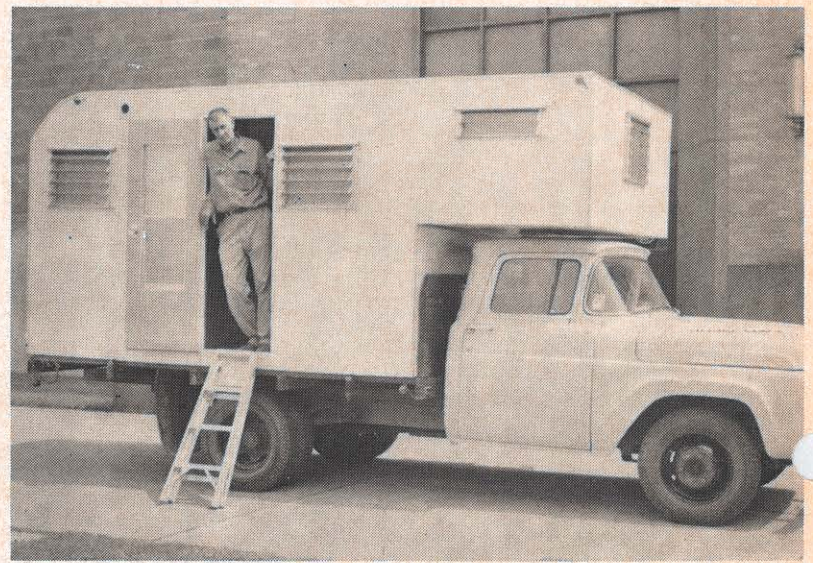


Two Clinch River employees, George Abshire and James Combs, install a 71-kw wall heater in the Lebanon Church of Christ. Both are members of the Board of Deacons of the church, and were largely instrumental in planning the new building to be all-electric, and spent much of their own time and effort to realize the plan. It is the second all-electric church in Lebanon.



Sgt. Emory McGuffin, center, accepts a certificate of commendation from the commander of his Army Reserve Unit in Beckley. During the unit's active duty assignment this summer, Sgt. McGuffin was selected as one of the two top soldiers in the unit on the basis of map reading, military command, intelligence, and smart appearance in uniform. He is a meter reader in the Oak Hill section of the Beckley district.

He got tired of sleeping in tents on camping trips, so H. P. Jackson, Sr., assistant shift operating engineer at Glen Lyn, did something about it. He spent about 150 hours building a trailer to fit on his one-ton pick-up truck; it can sleep five, has built-in refrigerator, stove, sink, cabinets, dinette, and chemical toilet, the whole thing being wired. When Mr. Jackson wants to use his truck without the trailer, he can remove the trailer part with jacks in 15 minutes. His two sons, H. P., Jr., and Lloyd, also work at Glen Lyn.



New officers of the Roanoke area Appalachian Employees' Benevolent Association prepare for another year of activity. From left, Bobby L. Saul, treasurer; Frances Ford, secretary, and G. L. Furr, Jr., president.



A driver improvement program in Bluefield saw 158 employees participate in road, vision, and written tests. Among them were, seated, Jerry Whitehurst,

C. M. Wagner, Paul W. Parks, and F. L. Bocoek. Standing are M. E. Rich, C. L. Shockey, B. E. Bates, and W. A. Crotty.



# Abingdon Lineman Is Many Things To Many People, And He Enjoys It



Starting the day's work, the line crew holds its regular tailboard conference. From left are William McFall, Charlie Bailey, John Orr, C. R. Quisenberry, Mr. Gregory, and C. W. Frye.

## Pikeville's Safety Committee Members Named Honorary Kentucky Colonels

All members of the safety committee of the Pikeville district have been commissioned Kentucky Colonels.

The full designation reads "Honorary Colonels of Kentucky State Police and Colonels, Aide de Camp of Commissioner's Staff of the Department of Public Safety of the Commonwealth of Kentucky." The unusual gesture was made by the department's commissioner, Glenn Lovern, when he was a guest speaker at a monthly safety meeting.

It may be the first time an entire committee has received the designation, certainly in the company.

Mr. Lovern complimented the district on its safety record (1,200,000 manhours without a disabling injury) and urged employees to allow their safety consciousness on the job to spill over

into off-the-job activities.

Members of the safety committee include: C. J. Aders, station operator; R. C. Anders, station foreman; Bill Barnett, district personnel supervisor; J. R. Burdsal, district supervising engineer; H. M. Coleman, stores supervisor; H. M. Eagle, general foreman; C. H. Fields, residential sales advisor; H. R. Flanagan, district office supervisor; R. H. Flynn, assistant district office supervisor; Oscar Hamilton, line foreman; A. H. Jopp, district commercial supervisor; C. A. McKinney, district superintendent; L. M. Newsom, records supervisor; T. E. Steele, area supervisor in Paintsville; V. A. Syck, line foreman; Denver Layne, line foreman; R. V. Weddle, distribution engineer; W. W. Zoellers, distribution engineer; and H. H. Kincaid, district manager.

To one group of Washington County youngsters, Roy R. Gregory is a scoutmaster; to another he is a baseball and basketball referee; to another he is a Sunday School teacher, and to still another group—five boys and a girl—he is dad.

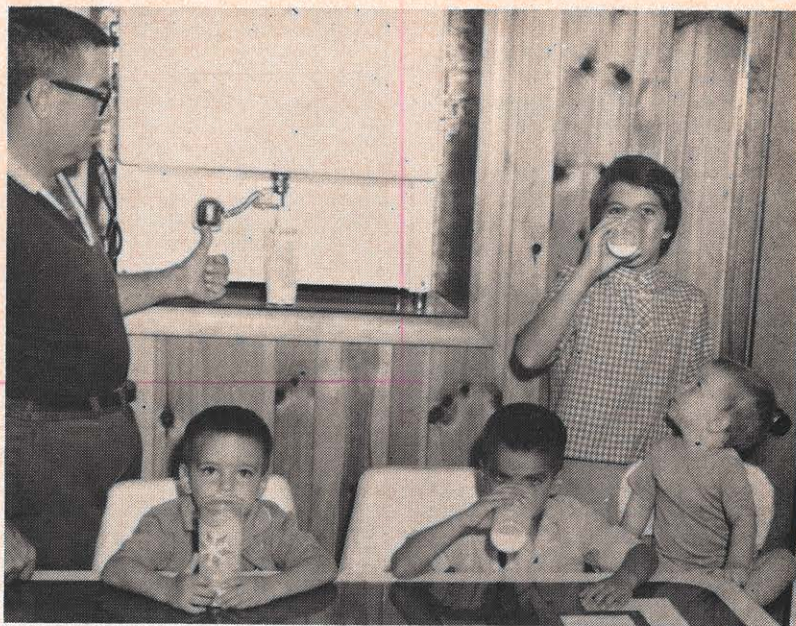
This thing of being all things to all people can be carried even further: to Appalachian employees in the Abingdon district, he is a very good lineman and friend, and to thousands of the company's customers in Washington County, he's the man who helps keep electric service coming their way.

Normally his day begins at eight in the morning when he and the other members of the Washington County line crew arrive at headquarters. J. J. Roseberry, the foreman, announces the work for the day, and the crew goes over plans in detail, including the material, tools, equipment, and manpower needed to carry out the assignment. Then at the site of the job, the crew holds what they call "a tailboard conference" at the rear of the truck. Possible hazards, precautionary measures and specific job assignments are passed out. Although Mr. Gregory sometimes assists in such chores as digging holes for poles and anchors, his job is usually on the pole. In one day he may climb up and down as many as two dozen poles.

Routine line crew jobs deal mostly with building new distribution lines, installing new services, changing transformers. It's the non-routine jobs that bring out the mettle of a line crew.

Mr. Gregory, like everyone else in the crew, is on call 24 hours a day; and when he's called out after dark, or on week ends or on holidays, he knows a line is in trouble, and somebody needs electric service. Although trouble like this is sometimes minor—a tree removed from a line, or the carcass of an animal inquisitive enough to climb into a line—it comes in large quantities when snow, rain, or electrical storms strike. When that happens, he goes out and usually stays until service has been restored; his family doesn't see him during that time, but they know he's well taken care of. It is a tradition that in times of trouble, there's always somebody on hand with a pot of good black coffee and a heap of sandwiches. Line trouble elsewhere is Mr. Gregory's meat too. He and his crew worked through the floods in southwest Virginia and Kentucky in 1957, and only last winter, rolled north to Appalachian's Beckley district to help when violent snowstorms knocked out service to hundreds of customers.

Part of his job preparation during the tailboard conference deals with safety. Mr. Gregory constantly must protect himself and his fellow workers and his customers from danger. By his job training and



Roy Gregory sounds milk call for four of his youngsters. At the table are Michael, 6; George, 4; Scott, 2; and Ellen, 11. The Gregorys' other two children are Charles, 13, and Gary, 8.

advanced first aid training he is equipped to do just that, and some times it takes something extra. There was the time he worked successfully to free a boy whose foot was caught in a railroad track, and all the while he could hear a train approaching.

He is a well-informed man in activities of his company and of the entire electric industry, and can discuss them intelligently with friends and customers; he works hard to do his job right, whether it's cleaning up a work area when a job is done, or rebuilding a line in a driving rain. He thinks his is just about the most important job in the company. And he may well be right.

(EDITORIAL NOTE: This is another in a series of stories about the men and women of our companies whose job it is to keep our performance at the highest possible level.)



Mr. Gregory was president of the Abingdon Little League, one of his many community projects, and here he poses with the winner of the Outstanding Player Award—Charles Gregory, his oldest son.

## District, Plant Improvements Are Described In 'AEP Ideas'



Mr. Fletcher      Mr. Yost      Mr. Farthing      Mr. Turley

Four articles by five Appalachian employees appeared in the September issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

John C. Frazier, Charleston division safety supervisor, was the author of "Will You Always Count To Ten?" He describes a three-part safety program, lasting 75 minutes, that has been presented division employees to impress on them the importance of fingers and their protection. The program is supplemented with 110 slides.

"Treating Ladders With Linseed Oil" was written by C. M. Fletcher, line supervisor, and M. M. Yost, station supervisor, of the Bluefield district. To extend the life of ladders, reduce breakage, and reduce the cost of maintenance, the district now purchases untreated ladders and treats and maintains them with hot pre-boiled linseed oil. The procedure has been so successful that a reviewer's comment at the end of the men's article pointed out that it has been instrumental in initiating an AEP-wide review of ladder conditions and maintenance practices.

"Cleaning Ash Hoppers After Outage Work" was written by G. S. Farthing, now operating foreman at Big Sandy plant but assistant shift operating engineer at Kanawha River when he wrote the article. He describes a new, more efficient and safer method of cleaning ash hoppers of material that cannot be run through the clinker grinder.

W. L. Turley, Charleston line foreman, was the author of "Protecting Wood Molding From Sling Damage." He tells of a protective device designed to place over wooden moldings on poles when it becomes necessary to place a sling or winch line around a pole.

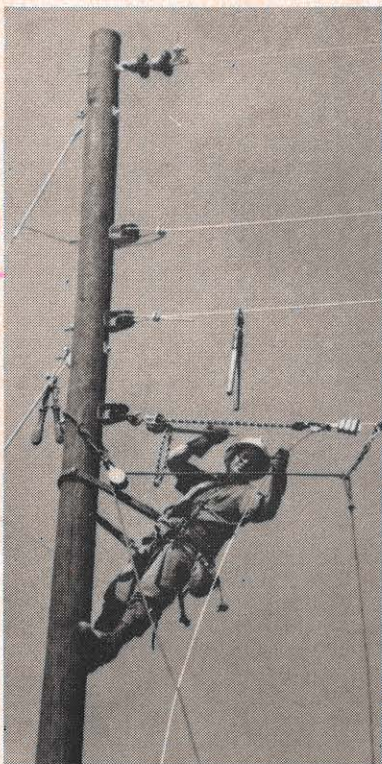
### Five Write EL&P Maintenance Articles

Five Clinch River plant employees wrote articles appearing in the September issue of *Electric Light and Power*, in the magazine's "Utility Man's Notebook" section.

Noel McMillan of the maintenance department and J. F. Burke, former employee of the maintenance department wrote "Electrode Test Device Cuts Oil Lighter Failures," and "Atomizer Prechecks Eliminate Lighting Off Failures" was written by C. M. Powers, E. E. Mamaron and E. E. Crist, also of the maintenance department.



Mr. Frazier



Part of building a new line is sagging the conductor, and that's a job for a lineman. This is Mr. Gregory at work on that chore.

# Service Anniversaries

### Appalachian Power Company

- ABINGDON DISTRICT—30 YEARS: S. S. STEVENSON, lineman. 25 YEARS: PAUL ROE, stationman. 15 YEARS: R. L. PUCKETT, truck driver-groundman.
- BECKLEY DISTRICT—5 YEARS: MARCENE SHAVER, clerk-stenographer.
- CABIN CREEK PLANT—20 YEARS: G. E. CAMPBELL, boiler maintenance man; L. G. SAMPLES, boiler maintenance man; D. L. TONEY, control operator. 15 YEARS: S. L. VEALEY, results maintenance mechanic.
- CHARLESTON DISTRICT—30 YEARS: IMOGENE LEGG, customer service clerk. 25 YEARS: J. C. HANSBARGER, division manager. 15 YEARS: CECIL L. EVANS, assistant district office supervisor. 5 YEARS: BLAKE BLACKSHIRE, T&D clerk; W. D. JAMES, T&D clerk.
- CLINCH RIVER PLANT—5 YEARS: SANDRA C. ARRINGTON, stenographer; HARVEY G. GILLESPIE, JR., test engineer; WILMER L. GRUBB, time clerk; JAMES G. KISER, equipment operator.
- FIELDALE DISTRICT—15 YEARS: H. L. AGE, meterman. 5 YEARS: POLLY G. WRIGHT, T&D clerk.
- GLEN LYN PLANT—20 YEARS: A. M. HILL, auxiliary equipment operator. 10 YEARS: G. M. GOAD, utility man.
- HUNTINGTON DISTRICT—25 YEARS: R. S. MUSGRAVE, division commercial manager. 30 YEARS: EDWARD STUMP, line inspector. 25 YEARS: G. N. CLARKSON, auto repairman. 15 YEARS: V. D. ALTIZER, head material clerk; B. C. CONNELLY, engineering aide.
- KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—5 YEARS: J. I. CREASEY, results helper.
- LOGAN DISTRICT—10 YEARS: S. C. HALSTEAD, lineman.
- LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—35 YEARS: LOYD T. SMITH, administrative assistant. 25 YEARS: H. M. T. GARRISON, hydro maintenance helper.
- POINT PLEASANT DISTRICT—10 YEARS: H. J. PATTERSON, line inspector. 5 YEARS: G. K. ROACH, meter reader.
- PULASKI DISTRICT—35 YEARS: J. J. DUNCAN, record supervisor. 25 YEARS: E. E. WHITE, hydro maintenance man. 5 YEARS: HELEN C. BANE, petty cash clerk.
- ROANOKE DISTRICT—25 YEARS: T. W. JETT, general serviceman; T. A. KIRBY, safety supervisor; P. E. PETERS, electrical engineer; L. H. PRICE, general serviceman. 20 YEARS: C. I. DIXON, meter reader; R. R. DOVE, division power analyst.
- PHILIP SPORN PLANT—10 YEARS: LELAND C. BUMGARDNER, JR. maintenance man; KENNETH E. CARTER, tractor operator; GEORGE E. HOLMAN, auxiliary equipment operator; JACK W. NEEDS, maintenance man; ROGER C. PHILLIPS, chemist assistant; WILLIAM D. WINEBRENNER, maintenance man.
- SYSTEM—35 YEARS: BURNETTE CALDWELL, supervisor of budgets and special reports. 15 YEARS: J. B. FARMER, regional dispatcher. 10 YEARS: ONEDA FARMER, service order audit clerk; BETTY R. FOUTZ, accounting machine operator; JEANNETTE S. KIDD, private secretary. 5 YEARS: P. S. FRANCISCO, JR., rodman; J. H. PALMER, rodman; E. F. SULT, system instrument man.
- WELCH DISTRICT—25 YEARS: J. W. VERMILLION, meter service foreman. 20 YEARS: L. H. MYERS, area supervisor. 10 YEARS: W. P. HORTON, T&D clerk.
- WILLIAMSON DISTRICT—20 YEARS: HIRAM STOLLINGS, station man helper.

### Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DISTRICT—35 YEARS: R. A. MACOMB, general residential and rural sales supervisor. 25 YEARS: WILLIAM HOLBROOK, head T&D clerk. 15 YEARS: CLAY DANIELS, station man. 10 YEARS: DONALD BRYAN, area sales representative. 5 YEARS: BILL POTTER, meter reader.

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT—15 YEARS: J. R. BURDSAL, district supervising engineer; VIRGIL S. CARTER, area sales representative; AUBORN HELVEY, lineman.

### Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: L. M. SAFRIET, meter serviceman. 15 YEARS: WOODROW BALL, groundman; E. M. JONES, station man; J. D. SPIVEY, station man.

### John Who?

There must have been several double-takes when the order for a Dusk to Dawn Light came into the Welch office. The customer: John F. Kennedy.

It wasn't the president, but a man who lives at Caretta and works for the Olga Coal Company. Mr. Kennedy says he isn't even kin, but he does like his name.

## Busy Summer Ends For Three Campers

Three Point Pleasant girls had a busy summer, attending a grand total of 10 camps. The three were Suzanna and Diane, daughters of J. R. Crump, line foreman, and Bettina Ann, daughter of L. C. Bias, district office supervisor, and they attended as campers and counsellors. Suzanna earned her All-Star pin for 4-H work while representing Mason County at the State Older Youth 4-H Camp at Jackson's Mill. Then she earned her gold and blue award at the Mason County 4-H Camp and followed with two weeks as counsellor at the Ev-Un-Breth Acres Church Camp and attendance at the Older Youth Conference and Older Youth and Young Adults Retreat, both at Buckhannon. She is a sophomore at Marshall University.

Her younger sister, Diane, also represented Mason County at the Jackson's Mill camp, and she too served as counsellor at the Mason County camp, where she earned her gold and blue award. She is a freshman at Marshall. Bettina Ann attended the Youth Annual Conference at West Virginia Wesleyan College, representing the Point Pleasant sub-district. The next week she went to the Senior Young People's Assembly. Then she represented the Huntington district at the Appalachia Missionary Conference at Wesleyan, and to finish up she attended church camp at Asbury Woods. She is a Point Pleasant High School senior.

## Student Body Elects Employee's Daughter

Ellen Wood has been elected president of the Abingdon High School Student Cooperative Association after a spirited campaign. The entire student body voted on the office. She is the daughter of George G. Wood, Abingdon district office supervisor, and is a senior. She is a member of the Beta Club, and Civinette Club and is Key Club sweetheart. Ellen plays the flute and is a majorette for the high school band. She is also moderator for the senior high youth fellowship for the Abingdon Presbytery.



Ellen Wood



Married in recent weeks were, top row, from left: Mrs. John Staples Candler, Lynchburg; Mrs. James William Elliott, Jr., Clinch River plant; Mrs. Jeryl Alan Stinson, system; and Mrs. Brewer Lee Arthur, system.

Bottom row, from left: Mrs. Michael Jon McGinnis, Huntington; Mrs. Cleveland Bowser III, Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Roger Spicer, Roanoke; and Mrs. Clark Bryan, Kingsport.

## Wedding Bells Ring For Eight Couples

### Broyles-Bowser

Nancy Coleen Broyles and Cleveland Bowser, III were united in marriage on September 1 at Oakland Baptist Church. Mrs. Bowser is the daughter of Gordon H. Broyles, service foreman in Roanoke.

### Hoover-McGinnis

Barbara Joyce Hoover became the bride of Michael Jon McGinnis on September 8 in the Baptist Temple in Huntington. Mrs. McGinnis is the daughter of Berchard C. Hoover, Huntington district line inspector.

### Himes-Arthur

Joyce Marleen Himes and Brewer Lee Arthur were married on August 21 at the North Roanoke Baptist Church. Mrs. Arthur is the daughter of Lauren Himes, an employee in the system accounting office.

### Blizzard-Elliott

The marriage of Nancy Ellen Blizzard to James William Elliott, Jr. was solemnized August 25 in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bristol, Va. Mrs. Elliott is the daughter of Paul B. Blizzard, maintenance foreman at the Clinch River plant.

### Stansbury-Candler

The First Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg was the setting of the August 25 wedding ceremony of

Linda Hill Stansbury and John Staples Candler. Mr. Candler is the son of Harry L. Candler, division agricultural engineer in Lynchburg.

### Grant-Spicer

August 25 was the wedding day of Oneida Faye Grant and Darrell Roger Spicer, who were married at the Ninth Street Church of the Brethren in Roanoke. Mr. Spicer is the son of D. R. Spicer, truck driver-groundman in Roanoke.

### Rich-Bryan

A double ring ceremony performed at the First Methodist Church in Morristown, Tennessee September 13 united Shirley Rich and Clark Bryan. Mr. Bryan is the son of C. J. Bryan, assistant general manager, Kingsport Utilities.

### Bowman-Stinson

Joy Sue Bowman and Jeryl Alan Stinson were united in marriage August 25 at the Villa Heights Baptist Church. Mrs. Stinson is an employee in the system accounting office.

## Huntsman Terms Archery "Fine Sport of Man"

"Archery is one of the fine sports of man." That opinion, expressed here by Maurice Langford, Lynchburg working foreman, is one that has been held by man from Biblical times.

Mr. Langford looks on archery as a good way to relax after working hours, and points out that "the bow and arrow has been an implement of war as well as a means of getting food." Although he has never used his equipment in anger, Mr. Langford has hunted with his bow as well as done a little target shooting.

What makes archery even more interesting for him is that he makes quite a bit of his own equipment, and has since the sport first took hold of him. He made his first bow, years ago, out of green hickory, and used sourwood, which grows rather straight, for the arrows.

"In those days," he commented, "there were no such things as archery sets on the market. In fact, it was the late thirties before you could buy a set, but even then it was not a popular sport in Virginia."

He bought his first set at that time, and still has it. "I like it very much because now it is a real relic."

After World War II glass, steel, and fiber glass became popular as material for bows and arrows, and today most bows are glass and laminated wood glued together and made in various sizes and shapes to please the user. Aluminum arrows currently top the popularity poll.

Mr. Langford's pride and joy is a bow he made himself. It is of glass and Canadian hard maple with black walnut in the handle. He also makes his own bow strings.

His philosophy of the sport he puts this way: "In my opinion every man who takes his bow and arrows to the field is thought of as a good fellow who loves the woods, water and wild life and is not a game hog. I have enjoyed my misses as if I had made a hit."

And to prove it, he tells this story on himself. One day he was hunting with his bow and arrow and came on a gun hunter from Minnesota. They swapped hunting stories, and then his friend said: "There is a deer about 80 feet directly behind you. Can you take him with that 'Indian boy outfit' or shall I do the job?"



Maurice Langford polishes his bow as he prepares to go on another hunting trip.

Mr. Langford turned slowly, saw the buck and told his friend to watch what a real hunter could do. He carefully fitted an arrow to the string, pulled back, and let fly.

He could not possibly miss, but, of course, did. It took several months for the gun hunters in Amherst County to get over it.

### Dream Come True

It was a dream come true for Jimmy Woods, retired Bluefield division payroll supervisor.

For 15 years he and his wife have been going to New York for their vacation, and each year they have attended mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. And each year they had hoped to see Cardinal Spellman.

This year Jimmy went alone and was fortunate enough to attend a mass being conducted by the Cardinal. In addition, he was asked to take up collection in a section of the church. The dream come true was too exciting—he forgot to put in his own offering.

### Boy Of Year



"The Outstanding Roanoke YMCA Boy of the Year" is Sheryl Smith, left, 10-year-old son of Clifford E. Smith, Roanoke division air conditioning engineer. He was chosen by a committee for his leadership and sportsmanship. Presenting the fourth annual James W. Long Memorial Award to Sheryl is James W. Long, Jr. Photo courtesy Roanoke Times.

## New Arrivals

### Fieldale

MR. AND MRS. JOHN B. BELL, a daughter, Shawn Elizabeth, August 31. Mr. Bell is a meter service helper.

### Huntington

MR. AND MRS. RONALD HONAKER, a daughter, Debra Lynn, September 15. Mrs. Honaker is a former employee in the American Electric Power Service Corporation Air Conditioning Section.

### Kanawha River Plant

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM OSTROM,

adopted son, Leonard Ray, August 16. Mr. Ostrom is a junior maintenance man.

### Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. EMORY J. FUGATE, a son, Michael Howard, September 13. Mr. Fugate is an electrical engineer.

### Roanoke

MR. AND MRS. RALPH WEBSTER, a son, Edwin Lee, August 13. Mrs. Webster is a former home service representative.

## Artist Dominates Fair



Top honors in the art exhibit at the Magnolia Fair at Matewan were taken again this year by Marian Messerian, Williamson home service representative. Last year she took first prize for a charcoal portrait of a Lebanese boy, and this year a black and white painting of the crucifixion won first prize. Although she is quite serious about her painting and spends much time with it, her winning painting this year was done in 15 minutes for a friend who wanted it for a church program. She also won second prize for an oil portrait of a former schoolmate, Marian, who started painting when she was 13 and took art lessons at Radford College, is shown above at the fair with some of her many works.

## Player-Coach Maintains Winning Way



Reggie Oliver poses with some of the trophies his teams have won in basketball and softball in the past 12 years.

The name "Reggie Oliver" and sports are synonymous in Roanoke.

Reggie, Roanoke district engineering aide, has made sports a hobby and since school days he has excelled as a player and coach of baseball, softball and basketball. His Central Brethren softball team has just won the Industrial Division of the City-County Softball Tournament, Reggie coaching, and he was named the division's outstanding player, batting .750 and catching. For the season, the team won 21 and lost 4.

He can't remember when he wasn't interested in sports. He made the varsity basketball team as a junior at Bridgewater High School and played third base and caught for the baseball team. The next year he batted .400.

He joined the Navy in 1944, and when he was assigned to a carrier he joined one of the ship's basketball teams. They had a regulation court, but Reggie remembers the steel deck was "pretty rough on the knees." During 15 months in the South Pacific his team won 59 and lost 1. One of his teammates went on to professional basketball, another became a standout for UCLA.

### Varsity Ball

When he left the Navy he entered Bridgewater College and promptly made the varsity. He recalls that they were the only team that year to beat Roanoke College, a Virginia power during that period.

It was in 1949 that Reggie joined the company, and at the same time became a player-coach in basketball and softball. He helped organize Central Brethren's teams in the sports and for 12 years they have won so many trophies under Reggie's guidance that the church has a real problem finding room for them. For example, the team won the City A League court title three years in a row, and won the Southwest Virginia Gold Medal Tournament four years.

One of his proudest memories is of the days when he coached and played with Lewis Mills, a former employee, who went on to become captain of the VPI varsity basketball team, a high school coach and this year freshman coach at the University of Richmond.

Reggie also managed and played for two company softball teams, in 1954 and 1955, and both years the team took the consolation trophy in the company tournament.

Reggie says he has no plans for retirement. But when he does he has Richard, 9, and Michael, 4, to keep the name of Oliver on the sports pages.



Happy about their championship are Marion's W. B. McGlothlin, his team and his daughter, Rhonda Lynn, team mascot.

## Monte Huffman And Jim Richmond Top Field Of 36 At Logan Golf Tournament

Monte Huffman and Jim Richmond, Jr., took top honors during the annual Huntington Division Golf Tournament at the Logan Country Club.

Mr. Huffman came in with low gross of 76 among the 36 golfers competing from the Huntington, Logan and Williamson districts. Mr. Richmond had low net of 67.

Other awards for an assortment of achievements included: low gross runner-up—John Browning; low net runner-up—Paul Baker; low putts, front nine (14)—Miller Porterfield; low putts, back nine (12)—Ralph Bragg and Joe Pearl; low gross, six par 3 holes (21)—Red Bivens; high gross, six par 3 holes (35)—Howard Hout; low gross, two blind holes—Paul Vanoy; high gross, two blind holes—Ted Smith, Sonny White and Hal Burns.

Also most pars, front nine—Dean Jenkins and Gene King; most birdies—Les Toler, Bill Witzel and Dick Wilson; high gross (125) Harold Trussell.

## Braid Supervisor, Not Line Inspector

Apologies from the staff of THE ILLUMINATOR are due E. H. Braid of Charleston.

In the September issue, a story was run recognizing Mr. Braid for 35 years of service with Appalachian. Inadvertently, he was identified as line inspector for Charleston. Actually, Mr. Braid is district line supervisor.

## For Snake-Lovers, Grundy's The Place

There are people who find nothing repulsive about snakes, it's said. If true, they should visit around Grundy. Read on.

Walter Crouse, meter serviceman, went out to Slate Creek to connect a meter. Three women cutting weeds had cleared a spot around the meter. Mr. Crouse did his work and moved on. A few moments later one of the women found a large rattler and chopped off its head with her hoe. A small boy came by, picked up the severed head and got a bite on the finger for his curiosity. He was taken to a doctor for treatment.

Then there is Steve Dudash, stationman. What happened to him is enough to turn a man into an Alice-sit-by-the-fire. After work one day he walked into his hotel room and found a copperhead lying in the window. He moved into another room; the next day he came in to find not one but two copperheads. This time, he changed hotels.

## League Leaders



Chosen to lead the Williamson Bowling League in its new season were, clockwise from top: J. E. Runyon, president; Hazel Farris, secretary; Gene Hall, vice president; and Myrtle Bevins, treasurer. Team captains are G. B. Trent, Milton Cole, Hubert King, Leonard Justice, Fred Varney, Ernest Bailey, Jerry Akers and Gene Hall.

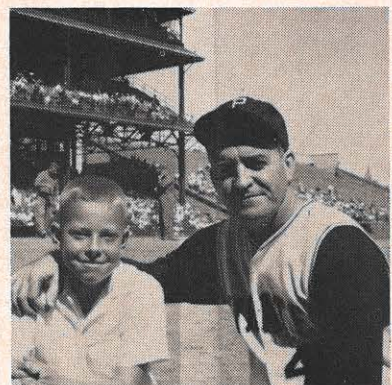
## Littlest Rebel Sees Favorite Team Win Series; Takes First Plane Ride

His first plane ride, his first major league game and the sweep of a three-game series by his favorite team will be memories that The Littlest Rebel will cherish for years.

He is Stephen Watkins, 10-year-old son of J. R. Watkins, Roanoke general serviceman, and he earned his title in a contest sponsored by the Salem Rebels' professional baseball team. Stephen sold more tickets—246—to a particular game than any other area Little Leaguer.

His prize was an all-expense paid trip to Pittsburgh for him and his father to see the Pirates sweep a series with the San Francisco Giants. He also met Danny Murtaugh, Pirate manager, and the batting coach. The two, plus Stephen's 12-year-old brother, Richard, flew both ways.

Stephen plays for the Edgewood Lions, coached by his father, and for the past two years has had batting averages of .585 and .420 to lead the team. He plays second base and



Danny Murtaugh, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, poses with The Littlest Rebel, Stephen Watkins.

itches. A commissioner of the Salem Sandlot Little League Program said that Stephen was the most improved player in the league this past season.

## Mentors and Stars Honored In '62 Baseball's Last Gasp

Additional honors have come to employees and their children as baseball had its final gasp of the season.



Mr. Sampson

and his daughter, Rhonda Lynn, was team mascot. The team won out over 9 others.

Elba Sampson, Logan meter reader, performed coaching chores for the Kiwanis Reds in the Logan Civic Little League, and they too won the championship. Elba is married and has three daughters, who provide moral support for his work with the boys in the league.

Pitcher and first baseman extraordinary—that was 12-year-old Walter Holbrook, Jr. The youngster

had a 7-0 record as a pitcher and a .333 batting average as a first baseman in pacing the Nicely Market team to the title in the Chesapeake, O., Little League. He is the son of Woodrow Holbrook, Huntington division dealer sales coordinator.

Walty struck out 40 in winning six games during the regular season, and then hurled a semi-finals win in the tournament.



This is what opposing batters in the Chesapeake, O., Little League saw when Walter Holbrook took the mound. The lefty finished with a 7-0 record.

## Whatever It Was, It Was "Ingenious"

Today's electronic computers and sorters and other electronic devices are remarkable devices, marvelous things.

But every age has its marvels. For example, the great-grandfather of such instruments—billed in the newspaper of the time as "Our Ingenious Contrivance"—came to Lynchburg in December 1903.

"The Lynchburg Traction and Light Company has placed in their office . . . an ingenious contrivance for addressing bills . . . and adding other necessary data. The company has nineteen hundred subscribers altogether, and it used to take three days to handle this part of the work . . . The bill form is slipped in place, and the foot is pressed against a lever and the whole thing is done. The various addresses are arranged in alphabetical order, and all the names of each letter are on a separate chain. When one letter has been completed, it is removed and another letter takes its place, and so on through the whole alphabet."

Everyone in Lynchburg who has read this clipping is impressed by the fact that up-to-date equipment has been the fashion for 60 years. But no one can really determine just what "the ingenious contrivance" was. Was it a prehistoric form of addressograph, or perhaps an odd kind of foot typewriter? Whatever it was, accounting people say, their electronic machines can cut that three-hour job to just a few minutes.



## Officers Lead Leagues

Three districts have named officers and opened their new bowling seasons. At top are the officers of the Appalachian Bowling League in Bluefield. They are from left: H. G. Stafford, president; E. E. Fanning, vice president; Thalia Myles, secretary; and R. M. Cooper, treasurer. At bottom are the new Beckley officers, from left: Tom Allen, captain; Maxie Dwornick, captain; Parthenia Glover, secretary; Lloyd Pomykata, captain; Keith Evans, captain and president; and Wesley Walker, vice president. The four-team league has 21 bowlers. In Pikeville, R. L. Huffman was named president; Bruce Prater, vice president; Mont Cline, secretary; and L. M. Newsom, treasurer. James Hopson is recording secretary. Members voted to join the American Bowling Congress.

# Huntington Celebration Spotlights Gold Medallion

## President Cook Pledges Service To Company Area

An eight-point pledge of service to the area was made by Donald C. Cook, president of American Electric Power Company and of our companies, in a talk at a Huntington luncheon honoring 19 builders of Gold Medallion homes.

After reviewing facts about AEP, Appalachian and the Huntington division of Appalachian, and pointing to the outstanding features of that area of West Virginia, Mr. Cook, speaking for AEP and our companies, pledged that:

1. We will render superior service—the best that can be had any place in the United States.
2. We will stand ready to supply power in unlimited quantities.
3. We will conduct our operations on the most economical basis possible.
4. We will serve our customers at the lowest possible rates.
5. We will be good citizens throughout the area in which we serve, participating to the fullest in community activities, and cooperating fully with government bodies and officials—local, state and federal.
6. We will carry on an extensive area development program for both old and new industries.
7. We will cooperate fully with chambers of commerce, state and local development groups, school boards, municipalities, departments of commerce in area development projects, as well as all others interested in making this area one of progress and prosperity.
8. We will assist in every way possible to help to advance the interests of those who join with us in doing things best the electric way. And this includes particularly the wonderful group of builders, architects and dealers—together with their allies—who have made the Gold Medallion Home the symbol of progress and good living in this wonderful area so rich with promise.

Earlier in his talk Mr. Cook pointed to the assets of the Huntington division area, listing such things as good industrial sites, vigorous and able development groups, excellent utility services, good transportation facilities, good educational facilities, a good state conservation program, ability to provide ample financing for new industry and outstanding community leaders.

He went on to describe the contributions that the AEP System is making to this, and other areas, saying: "We cannot grow unless the areas we are privileged to serve grow, and therefore, in our enlightened self-interest, we assist our areas in every way we can."

He told his listeners that the company's high quality of service and unlimited quantities of power apply to everyone, "regardless of the size of the community or regardless of whether service is rendered in a thinly populated rural area." He told them that six of the ten most efficient plants in the United States, according to the latest Federal Power Commission listings, were AEP-designed and operated plants,



The hundredth Gold Medallion home in Huntington's Arlington Park is visited by Donald C. Cook, AEP and Appalachian president, left. With him are from left: Mel Wright, developer of the subdivision; G. South Dunn, public relations director of Appalachian; Dan

Wright, developer of Arlington Park; R. E. Hodges, Appalachian vice president and general manager; G. C. Everett, Huntington division commercial manager; and L. L. Koontz, Appalachian residential and rural sales supervisor.

and that AEP's plants are burning approximately 14-million tons of coal a year.

As other contributions to the area he said: "We bring new capital to an area. For years we have invested more capital in the area than the total earnings of the properties." He mentioned engineering and consulting services available free to help customers with power applications and to help improve their marketing techniques, a vast program to encourage the utilization of electric energy, and extensive area development facilities designed to protect and expand existing industries and bring in new ones.

## District Of Church Chooses I. B. Peters

Ira B. Peters of Roanoke has been selected as the Moderator of the First District of Virginia Church of the Brethren.

The Roanoke district personnel supervisor was also re-elected chairman of the district stewardship and finance commission, and will remain on the district

board. In his local church, he is a Sunday School teacher and is completing a six-year term as Moderator.

Mr. Peters is a member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, Roanoke Valley Kiwanis Club and Personnel Association of Roanoke and is past president of the latter two. He is also on the personnel committee of the Roanoke County Chapter of the American Red Cross.



Mr. Peters

## Dozen More Improvements Approved In Companies' Work Simplification

A dozen Work Simplification proposals were approved in the division of their origin during August.

W. M. Holbrook of Ashland described an improved method for furnishing ice for field crews.

Harry A. Arnott of Beckley suggested providing, upon request, those customers with a good credit record transferring from one district to another with a courtesy card for immediate identification. R. L. Hardy proposed installing a cut-off valve near the end of the air hose to eliminate walking back to the air compressor each time a change of tools is required.

Two Charleston men had ideas. E. L. Spencer suggested welding a switch stick box to the bottom of a trailer to hold all ground rods and molding needed for a job, and C. L. Mollohan proposed using No-Oxide on fuses and the like to prevent corrosion and, therefore, interruptions.

Frederick L. Jones of Welch described an army surplus back-rack for carrying disc insulators to a job, freeing both hands for aiding in climbing mountains.

F. L. Carrico of Pulaski suggested making out one Monthly Report of Stores Cycle Inventory and Discrepancies for the entire district, rather than five.

From Roanoke, C. E. West described an improved method of grounding guy wire to the multi-ground neutral, while J. C. Irby suggested using heavy duty lamps on vehicles to prevent frequent burn-outs in headlights, signal lights and the like.

W. C. Kerley of Kingsport reported on a distribution map rack, while E. J. Fugate described a tube cutter to remove high density polyethylene.

And R. A. Fuller of system T&D described stores issue records and stores return records to be used for system station stock.

## Two Ohio Power Officials Retire

Two Ohio Power Company veterans retired September 1. They are Francis W. Frecker, safety director, and Karl H. Kindelberger, superintendent of system operations.

At the same time J. B. Christopher, former assistant superintendent of system operations, was named to succeed Mr. Kindelberger. He joined the company in 1936 as a meterman and held several posts before going to assistant superintendent in 1953.

Eugene B. Bell, has been appointed safety director to succeed Mr. Frecker. He has been assistant safety director since 1951, having joined Ohio Power in 1937.

Mr. Frecker joined Ohio Power as transmission line foreman in 1924 and was appointed safety director in 1943. Mr. Kindelberger's first job was as a foreman at Windsor plant shortly after World War I, and he became superintendent in 1950.

## Burdsal, Zoellers Promotions Follow C. A. McKinney Retirement In Pikeville

Two engineers in Pikeville have been promoted to new posts following the October 1 retirement of C. A. McKinney, district superintendent.

James R. Burdsal, district supervising engineer, was named to succeed Mr. McKinney as district superintendent, and William Ward Zoellers, senior distribution engineer, moved up to succeed Mr. Burdsal as district supervising engineer.

Mr. Burdsal joined Kentucky Power as an engineer September 16, 1947 in Hazard, following graduation with an electrical engineering degree from the University of Kentucky. He became substation foreman in 1951 and district supervising engineer in 1953. He went to Pikeville in the same post in 1955.

He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. He is past president of the Pikeville Rotary Club and he, his wife and three daughters are members of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Zoellers, also a University of Kentucky electrical engineering

## Division Builders Honored As Homes Are Seen By Many

Thousands of people were exposed to the Gold Medallion Home concept when the Huntington division of Appalachian conducted an aggressive, comprehensive program of promotion last month.

The program was carried out in three parts, all aimed at telling our customers what Gold Medallion Homes and living better electrically can mean. The program began with a special newspaper section, continued with a luncheon honoring builders of Gold Medallion homes and concluded with the company playing a major role in the division area's celebration of National Home Week.

The eight-page newspaper section, produced by the company and published by the Huntington Publishing Company, appeared in the Huntington, Logan and Williamson dailies. It featured the 360 Gold Medallion homes in the division, paid tribute to their builders, and contained many pictures and stories. The section also explained the benefits of electricity, its low cost and other points of interest to readers.

Highlighting the luncheon honoring builders was a talk by Donald C. Cook, president of the American Electric Power Company and of our companies (see accompanying story). The luncheon was given by H. D. Stillman, division manager, and 19 builders from Huntington, Logan and Williamson were presented Gold Medallion Home Builders Certificates. Many civic and business leaders were also present at the luncheon, and heard, in addition to Mr. Cook's talk, one by R. E. Hodges, Appalachian vice president and general manager.

A bus tour of Gold Medallion homes and apartments in the area followed the luncheon.

National Home Week was a full one for employees and builders. Seven homes and one apartment featured open houses, one of them being the 100th Gold Medallion home in Arlington Park in Huntington, being developed by Mel and Dan Wright. This home, the *Better Homes & Gardens* 1962 Idea Home, was open for several days and was visited by 7,500 persons.

The apartment was the 12-unit White Hart, built by Clark W. Adkins, marking four apartments with a total of 40 Gold Medallion units Mr. Adkins has built.

Career girl luncheons and chartered bus tours of Arlington Park and the White Hart apartments were taken by 250 club women leaders of the division, including 75 from Williamson and Logan.

Commercial representatives in the division estimate that 90,000 people were exposed to the newspaper section and additional publicity, and many more learned of the Gold Medallion concept from coverage by two television and four radio stations.



H. D. Stillman, Huntington division manager, presents a Gold Medallion Home Builders Certificate to Dan and Mel Wright, who have built 100 such homes in Huntington's Arlington Park subdivision.



Mr. Burdsal

Mr. Zoellers

graduate, joined the Pikeville district after school on August 13, 1951 as a distribution engineer. He was with the commercial department for a short period but has spent most of his career in the engineering section.

He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and Eastern Kentucky Electrical and Mechanical Institute. He is past president of the Pikeville Junior Chamber of Commerce and he, his wife and two sons attend the First Presbyterian Church