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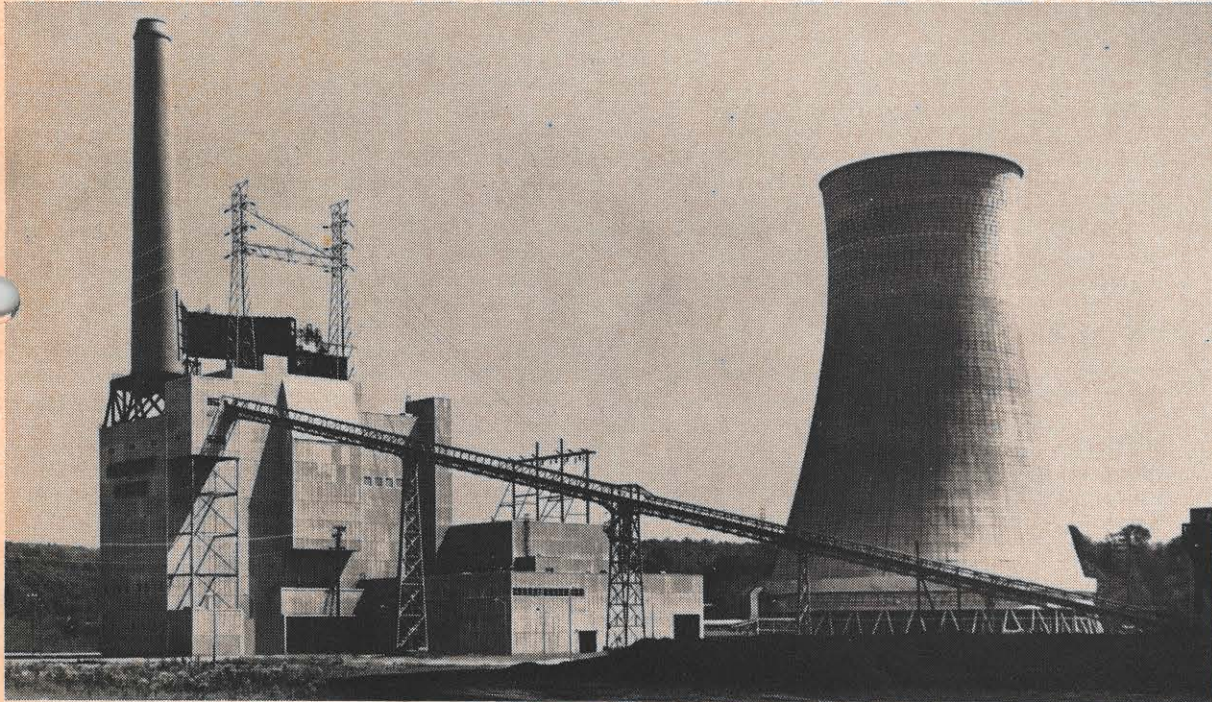
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Ready for dedicatory ceremonies and open houses is the 265,000 kilowatt Big Sandy plant of Kentucky Power Company. Sitting beside the plant is its giant hyperbolic-shaped cooling tower.

Kentucky Power's Big Sandy Plant To Be Dedicated, Shown To Public

Dedication of Kentucky Power Company's Big Sandy plant at Louisa will be held November 8, signaling the completion of construction of the \$39-million power plant.

A public Open House is scheduled November 10 and 11. Both events will be preceded by an Open House for employees Sunday, November 4, from 1 to 4 p. m.

Governor Bert Combs of Kentucky, who took part in the plant's groundbreaking ceremony in August 1960, will again be a principal speaker at the dedication. Another

key address will be given by Donald C. Cook, president of the American Electric Power Company and of our companies. Mr. Cook attended the groundbreaking as an AEP vice president.

In an announcement of the dedicatory ceremonies and the Open Houses, F. M. Baker, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Power, pointed out that the plant will "produce 265,000 kilowatts of power for progress in Eastern Kentucky." He emphasized the plant's contribution to the area's economy by its use each year

of about 750,000 tons of Eastern Kentucky coal. "By visiting the plant during the Open House," he said, "the public will see that 'electricity is coal . . . coal by wire'."

Hours for the public Open House will be 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturday, November 10, and 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. Sunday, November 11. Tour highlights in the plant will include the generator, the 155-foot boiler, the control room and chemical lab.

Visitors will also see the giant cooling tower, the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. The 320-foot-hyperbolic-shaped tower, different from other cooling towers in the nation in that it uses a natural draft of air instead of mechanically forced air, will keep a constant supply of water flowing through the plant's condensers.

Also to be seen from the plant are the V-shaped transmission towers which were installed by helicopter in February, marking the first time in the nation that towers of this type were installed by helicopter.

Employee Role Looms Large In Selling Of Electric Heat

Twenty-seven percent of the prospects for electric heating turned in by Appalachian employees during 1962 have been sold.

Through October 15, employees of the company turned in 2,051 prospects, and dealers in our territory sold residential electric heat to 556 of them.

This fine record has played a major part in overall electric home heating sales through October 1962. During the first 10 months a total of 1,383 homes in company territory have had installed either resistance heating or heat pumps.

At the same time, employees turning in these prospects for electric heat that were sold have earned Electrobucks, redeemable for nationally known merchandise. So far, during the Employee Prospect

And Win Program, employees have earned 35,509 Electrobucks. Of this number, 11,860 were earned in electric heat sales.

The rest—23,649—were earned for selling Dusk To Dawn lights. Sales in these two categories make up the program, which runs through December 15, giving employees another month and a half to earn even more Electrobucks.

Employees in the Bluefield division have earned 13,126 Electrobucks, Charleston 12,032, Huntington 6,642 and Roanoke 3,709.

In electric heat sales, there is this breakdown: Bluefield—273 sales from 902 prospects; Roanoke—132 sales from 612 prospects; Charleston—114 sales from 361 prospects; Huntington—37 sales from 176 prospects.

Two For One

Common Stock Split Voted By The Shareowners Of AEP

Shareowners of American Electric Power Company approved a 2 for 1 split of the common stock at a special meeting October 9. As a part of the action, the stock's par value was changed from \$10 to \$6.50 per share and the number of authorized shares was increased from 25,000,000 to 50,000,000.

The stock split was effective October 15 and the new shares were scheduled to be distributed to shareowners about October 30.

As reported earlier, the board of directors previously had declared a

regular quarterly cash dividend of 27 cents per share on the new \$6.50 par value shares, which will be payable December 10 to holders of record November 13. The company had been paying 49 cents per share prior to the split. The increase brings the annual dividend rate to \$1.08 per share (\$2.16 per share prior to the split), as contrasted to the previous annual rate of 98 cents per share (\$1.96 per share prior to the split).

This is the 10th consecutive year in which the cash dividend was increased.

Lake At Leesville Now Forming; First Water Spilling At Lower Dam

Water is spilling at Leesville Dam and the lake has begun forming. These two developments followed the closing of the dam in late September, marking another milestone in the construction of the lower dam of the Smith Mountain Combination Hydroelectric Project.

The filling lake had reached a 50-foot depth by the time newsmen of the area visited it October 16, and water is coming over two of four spillways to maintain the regular downstream flow.

The closure was made to allow for the third and final stage of construction of the dam. Tons of earth were pushed into the path of a diversion channel to force the water to build up and to spill over the spillways. Now workmen are pouring concrete to complete the final portion of the dam in the area which had been used as the diversion channel.

It is estimated that the first electricity will be generated at the dam by the end of the year and that construction of the dam should be "pretty well wrapped up" by spring, according to Homer Martin, assistant resident engineer in charge at Leesville.

In other areas of construction, subcontractors are assembling one of two of the 20,000 kilowatt generators in the powerhouse. Concrete work in the powerhouse area is 99 percent complete, and a permanent gantry crane has been completed. It will be used in installation of the generators and will be a part of the dam's maintenance equipment.

The Schutt Construction Company of Genoa, Wis., has completed the clearing of all trees and brush in the reservoir, amounting to more than 3,000 acres of land.

At the upper Smith Mountain Dam, work near the end of October was aimed at completing the second stage diversion of the river. On completion of the diversion, workmen were to begin excavation work in the base of the river preparatory to placing concrete.

Already 72,000 cubic yards of concrete have been placed in the dam. Machine cutting on the perimeter clearing of the upper reservoir has been completed by Nello L. Teer Company.

In a third part of the overall project, six bridges are being built by Appalachian. Already completed are Hardy's, Toler's, Brook's Mill and Gill's Creek Lower bridges, and expected to be completed soon are the Halesford and Gill's Creek Upper bridges. Fourteen miles of new road have been built to connect these bridges to existing roads.

Roanoke To Host AEP Managers' Annual Meeting

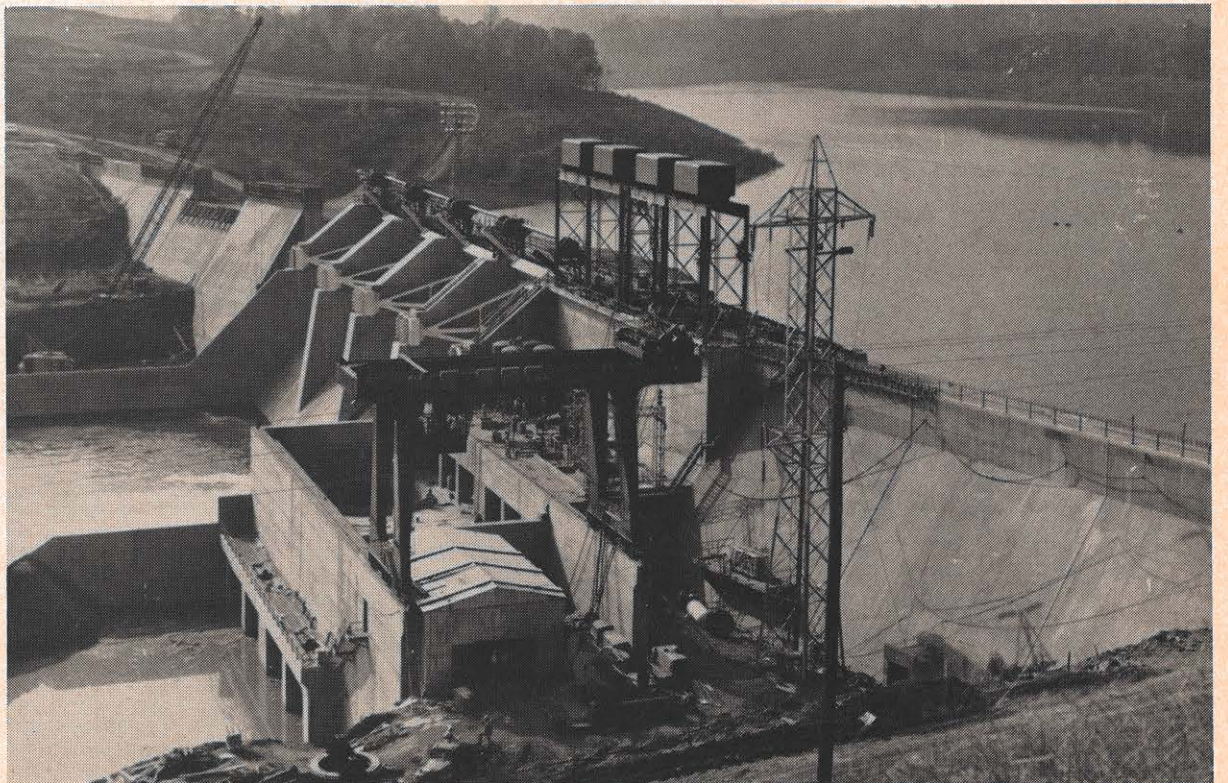
A keynote address by AEP President Donald C. Cook will open an intensive three-day program for some 300 members of AEP System Management at the 15th annual Management Meeting to be held November 14-16 at Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke.

Special emphasis will be given to load building, area development, performance within the System, service to our customers, and recent developments in legislation and taxation.

Also featured at the meeting will be addresses by Dr. Norman H. Martin of New York University's Graduate School of Business Administration on "Management Development" and by Professor Paul W. McCracken, School of Business Administration, University of Michigan, on "The State of the Economy."

Philip Sporn, former president and now chairman of the AEP System Development Committee, will speak on "The Future Development of the AEP System" and, in addition, will outline the scope and purpose of the national power survey sponsored by the Federal Power Commission. Mr. Sporn is chairman of the Executive Advisory Committee of the Survey.

The opening phase of the meeting's program, load building, will deal extensively with selling electric home heating, appliances, all-electric homes and apartments, and commercial and industrial lighting, heating and air conditioning. This phase of the program will also stress the role of System employees in developing load by using electric heating and appliances.



Rapidly forming back of the Leesville Dam is its lake, ultimately to cover 3,400 acres. In the foreground, work continues in the powerhouse section, while at

left, where the crane is, concrete is being poured in the final gap in the dam. See a picture of water spilling on page 3 of this issue.

It Can Be Fun If We'll Only Let It

The leaves are turning and falling, cold winds are bringing new life to the air, animals are thickening their fur and the sounds of foot against football and the cries from the playing field are turning thoughts from the World Series.

It is nearing the time when the hunter will take to the fields and woods to enjoy a sport as old as man and to bring back meat for his table.

It is every hunter's hope that he will enjoy his trip and that he will come back. But each year it seems the woods and fields must fit into their confines, alongside the wild life, more humans. And each year the accident reports from these humans cause more concern.

To remind us, and to put it into black and white, a "10 Commandments Of Hunting Safety" has been written to guide our actions when we're out hunting. If we would read them, give them some thought and then act on them, we would enjoy hunting, and we would come back.

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. This is the first rule of gun safety.

2. Guns carried into camp or home, or when otherwise not in use, must always be unloaded and taken down or have actions open; guns always should be carried in cases to the shooting area.

3. Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are carrying. Remove oil and grease from chamber before firing.

4. Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle even if you stumble; keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.

5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger; know the identifying features of the game you intend to hunt.

6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot; avoid all horseplay while handling a gun.

7. Unattended guns should be unloaded; guns and ammunition should be stored separately beyond reach of children and careless adults.

8. Never climb a tree or fence or jump a ditch with a loaded gun; never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.

9. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water; when at target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.

10. Avoid alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.

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Plant Makes Industrial Dream A Reality

Not too long ago it was an industrial dream of a few enterprising individuals. Today, it is a reality. And, more than that, it is hope for the future, encouragement for the present, and justification for the foundations of the past.

The dream and the reality is the National Seating and Dimensions plant near Varney in the Williamson district, which has begun production just months after citizens of the area started working on it. The plant produces furniture parts to dimension for furniture manufacturers in its three-building facilities, which cost \$1,148,000. Employment by the end of 1962 will be 100 persons, and within three years could rise to 300.

James H. "Buck" Harless, Mingo Countian and president of the company, was the motivating force behind the new industry. Mingo County, like much of the rest of the coal fields, was suffering from unemployment, and Mr. Harless and others originated the idea of building this plant to take advantage of the large supplies of timber in the area. In addition to joining a growing industry—that of dimensional furniture parts—the plant would be providing much-needed jobs for natives.

It is hoped that in time the plant can diversify its production, going into church and school furniture manufacturing and other woodworking fields. Its employment



Nestling between the hills of Mingo County, the new National Seating and Dimensions plant has begun production of dimensional furniture parts.

of 100 is just part of that side of the picture—it is estimated that for every one person needed in the plant, six are needed in timber-cutting and sawmill operations to supply National Seating and Dimensions' requirements for raw lumber.

Initial money for the plant came from area citizens, who invested \$200,000 in the

corporation when it was set up. The Area Redevelopment Administration has put up a loan of \$572,000, a \$288,000 loan has come from the Small Business Administration and the West Virginia Industrial Development Authority made an \$88,000 advance. The ARA loan was the first such in the State of West Virginia.

Frenchmen Inspect Heat Pumps In Visits

Representatives of Electricite de France, the nationalized electric utility serving France, visited Roanoke and Huntington in October to inspect electric heating and heat pump installations.

The two—Jean Delooz, assistant director of research, and P. Chambadal, head of the thermal research department—visited other areas in the AEP System during their stay in this country. Their primary objective was to learn more about electric heating, particularly the heat pump.

Among the heat pump installations visited in Roanoke were Cloverdale School and the Towers and Crossroads Shopping Centers. Several Appalachian commercial department representatives talked with them at length and went with them on their tour of inspection.

Their visit began when they arrived in New York and became the guests of AEP's New York office. On their way to Roanoke the two stopped at Westinghouse's plant in Staunton, Va., where heating and cooling equipment is manufactured. From Roanoke they went to Huntington and then on to Fort Wayne, Ind., and Indiana & Michigan's territory. The final leg of the journey took them to New York for their return to Paris.

news events in brief

WELCH—A correction: an item in last month's "News Events In Brief" column stated that 3,000 acres of land had been donated by the Pocahontas Land Corporation, land-holding subsidiary of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. The item should have read this way: construction has begun on a \$3.5-million, 4,500-acre Twin Falls State Park in Wyoming County. It will be located midway between Mullens and Pineville and the entrance road will begin at Saulsville. More than 3,000 of the 4,500 acres have been donated by the Pocahontas Land Corporation, land-holding subsidiary of the Norfolk and Western Railway, and the Western Pocahontas Corporation, land subsidiary of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

HUNTINGTON—Twenty-five million dollars will be spent in modernization by the end of 1964 at the Huntington plant of International Nickel Company. The program

could reach \$30-million before it is completed.

ASHLAND—Ashland Oil & Refining Company plans to purchase all facilities of the United Carbon Company of Houston, Tex. United Carbon presently employs 1,500 people, Ashland Oil 4,700. United produces carbon black and allied products at several plant locations throughout the United States and some foreign countries. The acquisition is estimated to involve between \$136-million and \$150-million, and is subject to approval of both companies' stockholders.

FIELDALE—Record one-day sales were set by the Danville and Martinsville tobacco markets October 1. In Danville, a total of 2,127,196 pounds of tobacco was sold for \$1,422,499. Martinsville's sales totaled 441,866 pounds for \$279,300.

ROANOKE-FIELDALE—The old Atlantic & Danville Railway has been purchased at public auction by the Norfolk and Western Railway for \$1.5-million. The 207-mile line runs between Danville and Portsmouth, Va. Its new name is the Norfolk, Franklin and Danville Railroad, and the N&W plans to spend about \$1.8-million to improve it.

HUNTINGTON—Expansion and diversification of the operations of Corbin Ltd. and Quad Manufacturing Company in Huntington are planned. The firms have leased a building, of which 16,000 square feet will be turned over to manufacture of men's trousers and slacks. More of the building will be occupied by a new company, the Data Processing Corporation, which has installed a UNIVAC system of punch card data processing.

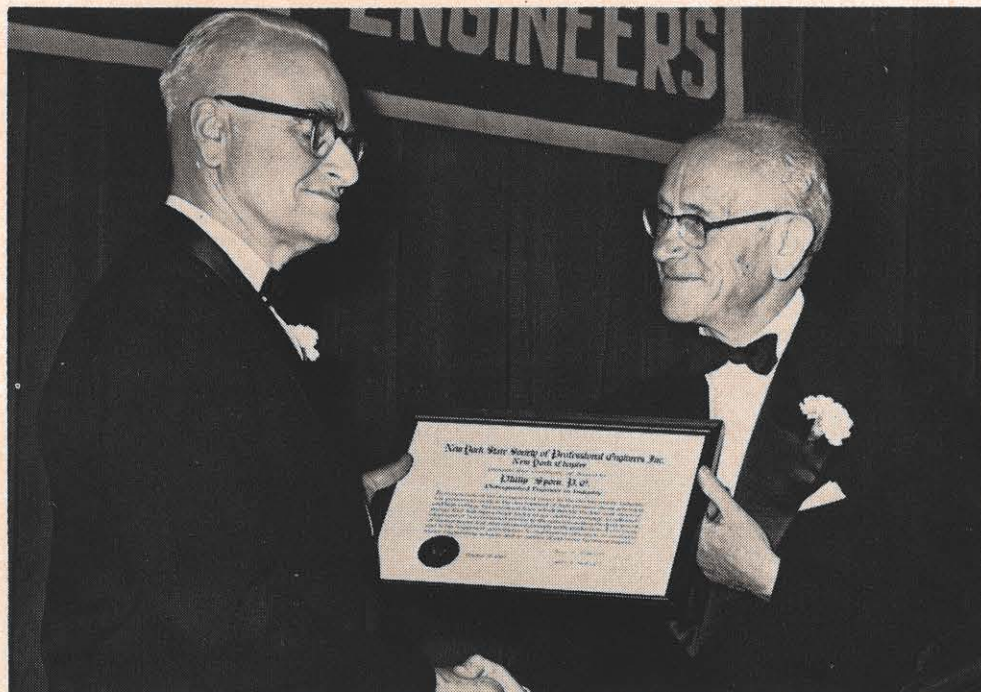
PULASKI—The Manikan Company, a new division of Camcar Screw and Manufacturing Company, has opened a new plant in Wytheville to manufacture precision die parts. Camcar is a division of Textron Industries, Inc. About 15 are employed.

ROANOKE—A plant will not be established in the old American Viscose building in Roanoke by Burlington Industries. Last April the company leased 70,000 square feet of floor space and spent \$75,000 on remodeling. Burlington's latest announcement said that the space would not be needed due to a change in plans relating to this particular type of operation.

ABINGDON—The New Garden Development Corporation has been incorporated in Honaker and has commissioned an architect to prepare plans for a 20,000 square foot building to house operations of Russell Manufacturing Corporation, Lebanon. The latter is a subsidiary of Top Form Mills of New York City. The development corporation will provide \$60,000 and local banks \$50,000 toward construction costs. Ladies' lingerie will be produced at the plant, to be in operation by February 1.

BLUEFIELD—Final approval has been given by the board of Milam Pharmaceuticals for the moving of its headquarters from White Sulphur Springs to Princeton. Eighty persons will be employed.

CHARLESTON—Wood flour and flock filler, a raw material used by Union Carbide, will be manufactured by the International Filler Corporation of North Tonawanda, N. Y. in its new 10,000 square foot building at Nitro. Initial employment will be 16.



An illuminated scroll, the "Distinguished Engineer in Industry" award, is presented Philip Sporn, right, by George R. Brownell, president of the New York chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers.

Of Philip Sporn

Industry Pioneering Being Honored

Philip Sporn, retired president of the American Electric Power Company and of our companies and now chairman of the System Development Committee, will receive the 1962 ASME medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at its annual banquet November 28 in New York.

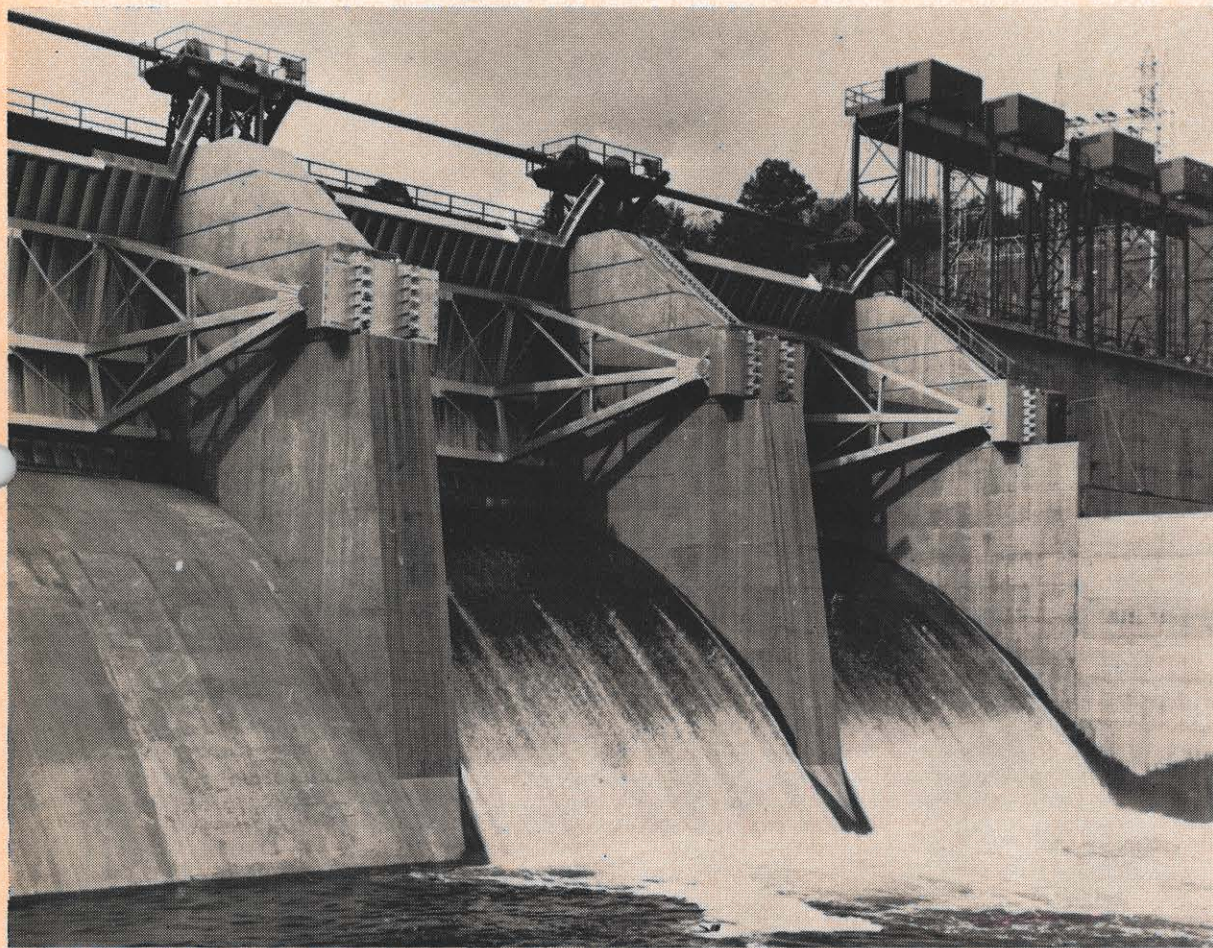
Last month, Mr. Sporn was presented the "Distinguished Engineer in Industry" award by the New York Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers for his pioneering work in high-voltage generation and transmission, his guiding work in the development of nuclear

power and his contributions as engineering council to major engineering schools and as author of extensive technical papers.

The ASME award, a gold medal and certificate, will be given to Mr. Sporn for his pioneering achievements and leadership toward more economical and efficient generation of steam-electric power, culminating in development and bringing to commercial fruition of the super-critical-pressure cycle.

The Professional Engineer Society award, an illuminated scroll, was presented at the Society's annual banquet on October 18 in New York.

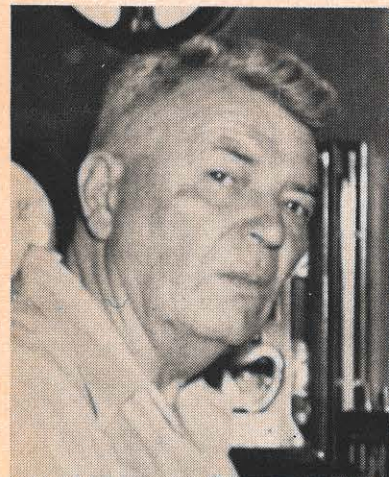
Water Spills At Leesville



Water spills over two of the four spillways at Leesville Dam, controlled by giant tainter gates. The flow of water over the spillways, maintaining the regular stream flow, allows for work on the final stage of constructing the dam. A story on milestones in the project appears on page 1.

Damascus Veteran In Industry Dies

FPC Members Tour Portions Of Appalachian, Kentucky



Mr. Wright

R. D. "Uncle Dave" Wright, electric industry veteran in Damascus, died at the age of 74 on October 16 at his home.

At the time of his retirement on September 30, 1951, he had completed 42 years of service, the longest term on record in the Abingdon district.

He was first employed by the Town of Damascus in 1905 to keep the oil street lights burning and was paid 15 cents a day for his efforts. Then his father built a small hydro plant and mill on Beaver Dam Creek and called it the Damascus Power and Light Company. Mr. Wright became operator of the plant, which supplied electricity only for night lighting.

When Damascus hydro was built in 1924 on the Holston River at Laurel, he became the operator there. He continued to operate the plant as it was acquired by the Edmondson Electric Company, the Republic Service Company and Holston River Power Company. The latter company was acquired by Appalachian in 1945 and operated under that name until the Abingdon district was formed in 1948. In 1950 Mr. Wright was transferred to the stores department.

When he retired Mr. Wright opened his home to tourists and pursued his hobbies of radio and collecting Indian relics.

He is survived by his wife, three children and three brothers. Funeral services were held at the Damascus Methodist Church and interment was in the Mock Cemetery.

The American Electric Power System was host on October 22-23 to three members of the Federal Power Commission for a tour of generation and transmission facilities in Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, and Kentucky.

Chairman Joseph C. Swidler, Commissioners Harold C. Woodward and Charles R. Ross and five members of the FPC's staff took part in the trip. The tour was led by AEP President Donald C. Cook and Philip Sporn, chairman of the AEP System Development Committee.

The group inspected the Muskingum River plant of Ohio Power Company, the Philip Sporn plant of Ohio and Appalachian Power Com-

panies, the Apple Grove Research Project, Big Sandy plant of Kentucky Power Company and Appalachian's Smith Mountain Dam. The Ravenswood, W. Va. Works of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation was also visited.

The tour was the first of the AEP System by members of the Federal Power Commission and the second such trip of an investor-owned power system by the FPC. The Commissioners have been making a series of such tours as part of a self-orientation program to broaden their background in the fields of both electric power and natural gas.

Tax Credit Bill Enacted Into Law

A bill designed to encourage spending for new plant by industry by allowing a three percent tax credit to most utilities and a credit of seven percent to all other industries was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy on October 17.

First proposed by the president in a message to Congress in April 1961, the measure then sought to exclude utilities, other than transportation and natural gas pipeline companies, from the tax credit. Philip Sporn, then president of American Electric Power Company, later opposed this exclusion feature in a statement to the Ways & Means Committee of the House of Representatives.

Last April, AEP President Donald C. Cook testified before the Senate Finance Committee, urging that utilities not be excluded and that they be given equal treatment with other industry since availability of the credit would encourage capital investment more in the case of electric utilities than in any other industry. He also pointed out that AEP would immediately begin spending \$21-million for new facilities not previously budgeted if granted a credit of seven percent and \$9-million if the credit were held to three percent.

With the signing of the bill, Mr. Cook directed AEP's operating companies to begin construction planning for \$9-million in facilities. The telegram containing his directive was reproduced as a full-page advertisement in the October 18 issues of *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*.



Mr. Chambers

Illness Is Fatal To Glen Lyn Man

Raymond Chambers, 56, shift operating engineer at Glen Lyn plant, died September 30 following a lingering illness.

A 36-year veteran, he joined the company in October 1926 at the plant. He was a native of Lurich, Va., and graduated from Narrows High School. He was employed as timekeeper and also served as switchboard operator and shift supervisor.

He was the first Red Cross instructor in Giles County and was one of the organizers of the Giles County Rescue Squad. Mr. Chambers was a member of the Giles County Industrial Management Club and the choir at Narrows Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and two grandchildren.

J. D. Murray Retires As Appalachian Accounting Official On November 1

J. D. Murray, assistant accounting manager of Appalachian and a 19-year company veteran, retired November 1.

Fellow employees of the system accounting department held a dinner in his honor at the Hidden Valley Country Club, where they presented him with a television set and a framed scroll bearing the names of all accounting employees. The Appa-Mo Club, accounting social organization, of which he is a member, presented him with a dozen golf balls.

Mr. Murray joined Appalachian in October 1943 in Roanoke as administrative assistant in system accounting. He was named assistant accounting manager in 1951.

He was an employee of the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia from 1922 to 1934, a year of which he served as chief accountant. During that period he was responsible for the preparation of all accounting exhibits submitted to the committees of Congress in connection with the merger of the street railway companies in the District of Columbia.

From 1934 to 1943 he was a member of the accounting staff of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, serving the last five years as chief accountant.

A native of Frederick County, Md., he attended Strayer's Business College and Pace Institute of Accounting in Washington, D. C. In 1955, he attended the Management Development Course at the University of Michigan.

He is a member of Christ Lutheran Church, where he is a member of the Church Council, chairman of the Deaconess and Pulpit Supply Committee and chairman of a special committee to revise the congregation's constitution to conform with the recent merger of Lutheran Churches in America. He is chairman of the church's stewardship program this fall.

He is a member of the Roanoke and Virginia Chambers of Commerce, the Hidden Valley Country Club, Masonic Lodge in Washington, and the Roanoke Chapter of the National Office Management Association. He was president of the latter organization in 1960. At the September meeting of the Association, Mr. Murray was presented a special merit award from the national group for outstanding services rendered the Roanoke Chapter.

He is married and has one son and one grandchild.



Mr. Murray

Two-Million Mark Hit By Employees

For the first time in history, employees of Appalachian have worked over two million consecutive manhours without a disabling injury.

Figures recently confirmed show that in the period from March 8 to July 29 company employees compiled a total of 2,512,355 safe manhours, more than doubling any previous high number of manhours.

That previous high was from December 21, 1955 to February 20, 1956, when 1,232,076 manhours were accumulated.

The most recent safety achievement contributed to the company employees' outstanding accident frequency rate of 1.47 through the end of September. Accident frequency rate is the number of disabling injuries per million manhours worked. This year's rate is the lowest in company history, the best previous year being 1956, when the rate was 2.97. Employees have suffered seven disabling injuries through September 30.

Promotions Affect Three at Glen Lyn



Mr. Drain Mr. Thompson

Three employees have been promoted at Glen Lyn plant.

O. Shell Knight, assistant shift operating engineer, has moved up to shift operating engineer. John C. Drain, unit foreman, has been named assistant shift operating engineer, and has been succeeded as unit foreman by Ervin E. Thompson, switchboard operator.



Mr. Knight

Mr. Knight joined the company April 10, 1935 in the operating department and has held several jobs there. He is married and has a daughter. Mr. Knight is presently serving as mayor of Glen Lyn, Va.

Mr. Drain joined Glen Lyn as a laborer June 16, 1936 and has held several operating department jobs. He served with the Army for three years during World War II. He is married and has a daughter.

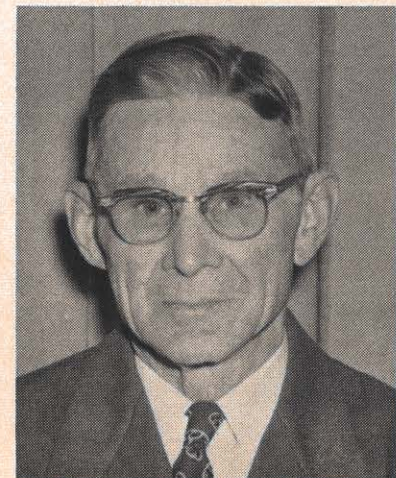
Mr. Thompson was employed May 7, 1941 as a laborer and he, too, has served in the operating department. Mr. Thompson also served with the Army for three years in World War II. He is married and has two sons and a daughter.

Pikeville Veteran Retires November 1

G. C. Bevins, who worked in the Pikeville district for nearly 27 years, retired as stationman there November 1.

A native of Pike County, Mr. Bevins served in the first World War, attended Transylvania College, worked his own farm, and held other jobs before joining Kentucky Power Company April 1, 1936. His first job was groundman in the T&D Department, and he worked later as electrician's helper, maintenance man, and substitution man before he became stationman in 1954.

Mr. Bevins is an active member of the local Sportsman Club, and plans to spend more time in retirement on his favorite hobbies of hunting and fishing. He and his wife make their home in Pikeville.



Mr. Bevins

Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families

KINGSFORT

Kingsport
John Faust, power sales engineer has been active lately. He has been named chairman of the board at Broad Street Methodist Church, a director of Kingsport Community Chest and member of the Kingsport Board of Education. Mrs. J. T. Duncan, wife of the office supervisor, has been elected president of the Day Social Club.

CHARLESTON

Philip Sporn Plant
Welcome back to James L. Fry, coal handler, who has returned from military leave of absence.

Point Pleasant

Employees' children earned honors. Bobby, son of R. D. Tillis, customer service clerk, and Lynda, daughter of O. C. Hall, district superintendent, were elected student council representatives. Jeffrey, son of R. D. Miller, lineman, was named secretary of the Junior American Citizens Club at Ordinance School. And Vivian, daughter of W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant, was named homeroom president.

Beckley

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Elliott, selected earlier as the Lewisburg, W. Va. Methodist Family of the Year, were honored with a trip to the Methodist Conference on Family Life in Chicago. He is a lineman in the Rainelle area. C. R. S. Garten, assistant district office supervisor, has been elected president of the St. Francis De Sales School PTA.

Cabin Creek Plant

Mrs. Dixie Sue Foster, former employee, joined the company as secretarial-stenographer in the plant manager's office.

Charleston

Appalachian's float in the United Fund Parade depicted the services of the Davis Child Shelter. Frances

Lowe, home service representative, and her four children (Linette, Adrienne, Edward, and Norman) rode the float, which was driven by G. T. Turley. The float was prepared by Guilford Smith and Chris Mitchell. Also in the parade was Denny Caldwell, a sergeant in the Beni Kedem Shrine Patrol. Meanwhile, in company solicitation, Kermit W. Fisher was named chairman and H. H. Hutcheson and Ben Martin, lieutenants. Peggy A. Newman, coal procurement, has resigned. Tommy, son of Katie Wilkerson, assistant credit supervisor, has been elected student council representative at Charleston High School. Guilford Smith, as secretary-treasurer of the Electric League of Charleston, attended the International Association of Electric Leagues convention in Chicago.

HUNTINGTON

Logan
Mrs. Howard Foglesong, wife of the engineering employee, has been elected president of the Mountain Laurel Girl Scout Council.

Williamson

E. E. King, district superintendent, and H. M. Strong, Jr., district office supervisor, have been re-elected to the board of the Mingo-Pike District of the Chief Cornstalk Council, Boy Scouts. Mrs. Grace Carrico, widow of the groundman, has been appointed to the personal growth and services and initiation committees of the Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Huntington

Congratulations to Paul M. Vannoy, division power sales engineer, who was reelected treasurer of the Huntington-Cabell County Chapter of the Red Cross, and to Ted McCurdy, district personnel supervisor, who was named again to the board of the West Virginia Safety Council. Mrs. A. C. Mirtz, wife of the T&D records section employee, and vice president of the Huntington Altrusa Club, attended the District 5 conference of Altrusa International in Cleveland. Alice Gilchrist, accounting secretarial-stenographer, has resigned.

ROANOKE

System
Welcome to new system accounting employees Sandra F. Peregoy, Wayne H. Finch, Martin L. Ratcliffe and Purcell L. Humphreys. Mary H. Thompson and Patricia C. Spencer have resigned from system accounting.

Roanoke

Two employees have resigned—Mrs. Nancy Cook, clerk-stenographer in T&D records, and Mrs. Alma Obenchain, contract clerk. Welcome to two new employees—Barbara Call, clerk-trainee, and William Aldrich, office messenger.

Lynchburg

Employees with 20 years of service or more observing anniversaries this year were honored at a dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant. D. C. Kennedy and J. W. Vaughan were guests from the Roanoke division office. Loyd T. Smith, administrative assistant, has been appointed chairman of the fire prevention committee of the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

KENTUCKY

Ashland

Mrs. Otto Russell, wife of the electric plant and stores accounting supervisor, was elected to two posts, the presidency of the Old Orchard Homemakers Club and the vice presidency of the Paul G. Blazer High School PTA. Two new T&D employees, Lyle Wells and Virginia L. Kitchen, are welcomed.

BLUEFIELD

Clinch River Plant

Sons of employees received recent school honors. Bernie, son of Bernard Myers, shift operating engineer, was chosen editor of the Lebanon High School "Trail Blazer." Tommy, son of Lon R. Brewer, unit foreman, was elected president of the Science Club. And Tommy Bunton II, son of the plant office supervisor, was elected vice president of the French Club.

Pulaski

Congratulations to two young ladies. Nelva, daughter of Walter M. Taylor, Byllesby hydro maintenance man, has been elected vice president of the Vaughn 4-H fifth and sixth grades. Sandra, daughter of the late Guy Beasley of Byllesby, has been named a reporter for Fries High School.

Welch

Officers of Welch Assembly 18, Order of Rainbow Girls, were installed recently. Helen P. Vermillion, PBX operator, was installing advisor, and installed were Delores, daughter of J. W. Booth, lineman, as Outer Observer, and Carol, daughter of L. J. Mills, lineman, as Religion. Norma, daughter of Mrs. Vermillion and of John W.

New Colonel

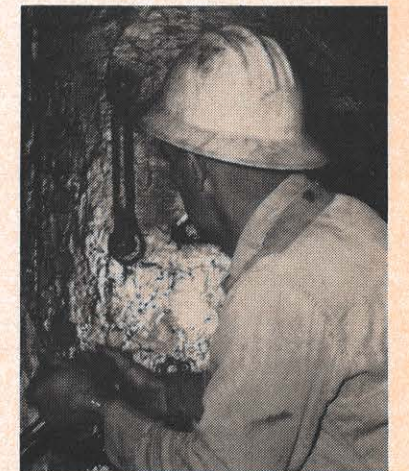


A new colonel on the staff of Kentucky Governor Bert T. Combs is C. A. McKinney, who retired recently as Pikeville district superintendent. Here Mr. McKinney, left, accepts his commission from R. C. Anders, station foreman, acting for the governor. The appointment recognizes Mr. McKinney's work with Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, and other civic activities, and his efforts in keeping electric service dependable to customers in the Pikeville district.

Vermillion, meter service foreman, has been elected co-editor of the Welch High School annual staff. She and Jenny, daughter of H. H. Bivens, district stores supervisor, have been selected as the school's news editors to the Bluefield Daily Telegraph. William C. Groseclose, administrative assistant, was a delegate from the Welch Kiwanis Club, as its president, to the West Virginia District Convention in Wheeling. William T. Collins, Grundy local office supervisor, is chairman of the Buchanan and Dickenson Counties committee for the Presbyterian Development Fund. Dorothy W. Lawless, stenographer, attended the Annual Grand Chapter meeting of the Eastern Star in Wheeling. Evelyn, wife of Jack D. Martin, meter serviceman has been named chairman of the publicity and a member of the program committees, and civil defense officer, in the Gamma Xi chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority in Pineville.

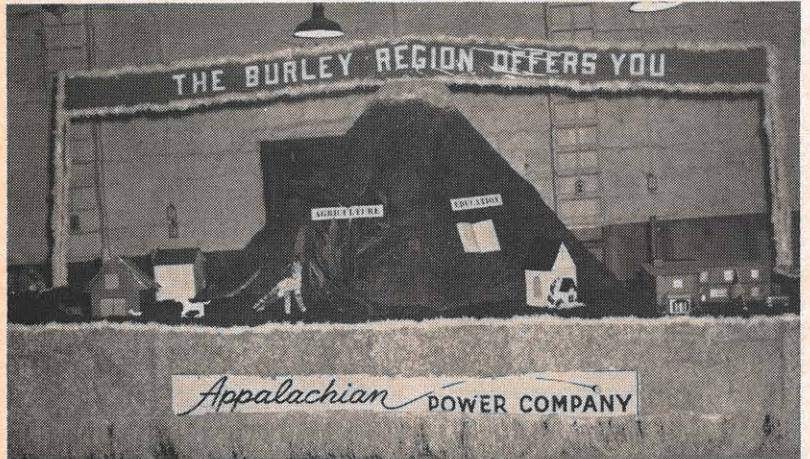
Walton Meador, division radio engineer, attended the trap shoot held recently in South Charleston, W. Va. Mrs. O. C. Hawley, stenographer, has been elected treasurer of the Harry School P. T. A. Cecil A. Rhudy, Tazewell area serviceman, was director of the Annual Lord's Acre Sale in Tazewell. Mary Ruth Chambers, system secretarial-stenographer, attended the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs, District One, in Rural Retreat. D. P. Minichan, division manager, is serving as national firms division head for both the West Virginia and Virginia side of the United Fund. Pauline Hawley, senior cashier, is serving as captain in General Division "A" of the United Fund. Mrs. M. M. Yost, wife of station supervisor, and Mrs. Chalmers Bailey, wife of division right-of-way supervisor, attended the Greenbrier District meeting of Garden Clubs at the Gary Country Club in Gary. Nancy, daughter of W. C. Kidd, division line engineer, was elected representative of her senior class to Bluefield High School Students Council. Mrs. Lewis Thomas, wife of commercial sales representative, has been elected treasurer of Circle No. 5 of College Avenue Baptist Church. J. E. Taylor, district office supervisor; Okey B. Yost, assistant district office supervisor; M. E. Rich, records and transportation supervisor; H. H. McClung, division engineering aide; and W. J. Gillespie, Jr., division manager, are serving on the board of directors for the Salvation Army. O. W. Adams, Princeton area supervisor, was elected to the board of directors of the Princeton-Athens Kiwanis Club. Lynn, daughter of James R. Bailey, general serviceman, sold the most magazine subscriptions for the Band Boosters' Campaign, which won her a \$25.00 merit certificate, gold trophy, \$100.00 lapel pin and certificate, Coral watch and a steak dinner. Karl Mann, heating and builder sales representative, has been elected treasurer. (See Bluefield page 9)

Claytor Maintenance



Jack Davis, hydro maintenance man, secures bolts on the door of the scroll case of Claytor Dam's No. 4 turbine following the annual inspection. Worn places on the unit's water wheel were cleaned out by cutting electrodes and air jets, and then were built up by stainless steel welding.

Life In Burley Region

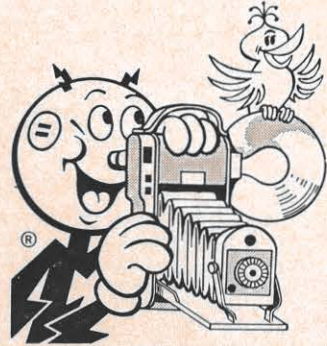


Depicting life in the burley region and featuring industry, education, agriculture and recreation, this Appalachian float won third place in the 12th annual Burley Tobacco Festival Parade in Abingdon. The Appalachian Employee's Club entered the float, which won \$75. Fillmore McPherson, Abingdon district manager and president of the Kiwanis Club, was parade marshal, and Paul Dunn, administrative assistant, was chairman of the float committee.



One kind of solution, though not recommended, to parking problems was offered during a recent Gold Medallion Home open house in Charleston. A new station wagon was hoisted to the roof to demonstrate the strength of truss construction. The two homes open to the public are in Rolling Hills; one is heated

by ceiling cable, one by baseboard. The development is the result of co-operation among David L. Atkinson, the builder, Old Colony Realty Co., Pease Woodworking Company, General Electric, and Appalachian. The open house was held during National Home Week October 1-5.



Camera Roundup



The Bluefield Girls Service Club made its September meeting do extra duty. The ladies combined the meeting with a luncheon in honor of Betty Jane McNabb, home service representative, and a bride-to-be; and following presentation of a gift, other members staged a fashion show. Models were, from left, Mary Ruth Chambers, Bonita Pruett, Frances Harvey, Eulalia Footo, Eva Sue Williams, Thalia Myles, and Frances Keller.



A second Gold Medallion Open House program in Charleston attracted around 6,500 visitors to the Meadowview Addition. Four homes were open to the public, including the "Better Homes and Gardens 1962 Idea Home," which was furnished and decorated by Grace Furniture Company of Charleston.



Homecoming Queen for Wahama High School this year was Barbara Mulford, whose father, Ira R. Mulford, is equipment operator at Philip Sporn plant.



Newly-elected officers of the Bluefield district Benevolent Association are, from left, B. E. Bates, chairman; Eileen Wagner, secretary, and Chester G. Smith, treasurer.



For the third straight year, the Fieldale district has recorded 100 per cent participation in the United Fund campaign. J. W. Wright and B. C. Harlowe display the plaque given employees for their achievement. They took part in the Martinsville-Henry County Fund, which went 11% over its goal this year. President of the UF is E. L. Munday, Jr., Fieldale district manager.



Norwood Dingess, labor-janitor foreman at Clinch River plant, has discovered that all good spaghetti isn't necessarily Italian: some of it can come from your own backyard. A seed catalogue described a plant that looks like a pumpkin, but has spaghetti-like strands in the center. He planted some with results shown here.



Fieldale's A. P. Company club recently elected officers to lead it through 1963. Chosen were, from left, R. D. Morris, vice president; Virginia Mullins, treasurer; Iris Nash, secretary, and J. W. Eanes, president.



Winner of an essay contest sponsored by S. E. Massengill Company, L. C. Angle III, third from left, is congratulated by Frank DeFriece, Jr., president of Massengill. The winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Angle, Jr., left and right, of Abingdon, and competed against students from 14 high schools in the Bristol-Abingdon area during National Pharmacy Week. His prize was a four-day expense-paid trip to Washington for himself and one of his parents. The essay subject was "The Pharmacist's Place in Community Health," and the winner was announced at a banquet for doctors and pharmacists in Bristol. Lynn is a senior at Abingdon High, vice president of his class, president of the Science Club, and Eagle Scout, and plans to enter VPI next fall to major in physics. Mr. Angle is power sales engineer in Abingdon.



The Vermont Ruritan Club, at Kingsport, has demonstrated that even with molasses-making, electricity can do the best job. In a recent exhibit a motor-driven

mill produced 30 gallons of molasses an hour. At left, club members gather the cane, and, right, squeeze it through the mill.

People Of Bluefield Meeting Economic Challenge

There are two distinctly different sections wrapped up in the boundary lines of the Bluefield district of Appalachian. There are differences in the sections, but there is a unity of purpose that ties them together into an aggressive bundle.

The district is one of two that lie in two states (Welch is the other). Half of the district lies in West Virginia, the other half in Virginia. This provides one separation in the district.

But more important is an economic separation, the way of making a living that the people have. The northern part of the district depends on the coal industry to a large degree for its livelihood, although there are some other industrial contributors to the economy. And the southern portion, mostly in or near the New River Valley, is an agricultural region. It too has some industry.

The unity of purpose that draws the sections together is one of strengthening the economy by bringing in new industry, holding on to ones already located there, and attempting to diversify the economy. Both sections have had some measure of success, particularly lately, and both hold high hopes for the future.

Industrial development organizations have sprung up throughout the district in recent times, and they have gone about the serious business of attracting industry. More about their results later.

The Center

Bluefield (actually two Bluefields, one in each state) is the center of the district and its activities. It is known as a hub for coal operations in that area. But it is not because there are a lot of coal mines around it—on the contrary, there are a few major ones and actual coal production in Mercer County, in which Bluefield is located, is low compared to surrounding counties. But Bluefield has its reputation because several of the coal companies have their headquarters in the city and the city is a distribution center for mining equipment and supplies.

The coal industry in Bluefield, as elsewhere, has had its problems. Employment has been down, but lately other industries have begun picking up the load. As Dan Paul, managing director of the Chamber of Commerce, points out, unemployment has dropped from 16.9% last year to 11.9% this year, still high but improving. "We expect it to drop further during the remainder of the year, however."

Bluefield is also a hub for the railroad and for distributors. The Norfolk and Western has approximately 1,000 employees in the area, working in machine shops, the Pocahontas Land Corporation office, in the terminal and in the large freight yards. And there are 80 wholesale outlets in the area with annual sales amounting to \$112-million.

On the Mend

In addition to the drop in unemployment, there are other indications that things are on the mend in Bluefield. Mr. Paul, in recent interviews with manufacturers, found that their orders are picking up and some businesses are doing better than they have in years. He also pointed out that people are letting go of their money, and "our industrial and retail sales should show a marked improvement over 1961." He described it as "a new mood of business, leading to freer and better merchandising as everyone gains confidence."

The other industries in the city are, on the whole, mining-connected. To name a cross section they are: Coppinger Machinery Service with 90 employees; a new, home-grown industry; National Electric Coil, with 205 employees; West Virginia Armature with 118 employees; Kersey Manufacturing (mining equipment) with 48 em-

ployees, a home-grown industry; and many other small ones. There is some diversification, provided by firms producing mattresses, crushed stone, upholstery and drapery trim, church furniture, steel and iron products, flooring, textile dyeing and road materials.

The coal industry itself will continue to play a major role in the community. However, W. W. Walker, president of the Smokeless Coal Operators Association, points out that "we expect production and employment in the coal industry to continue at its present rate. At the same time, we hope that other industries can be brought into the area that will improve our economic situation. I also hope we can increase the number of tourists and vacationists coming to our area."

... And In Princeton

One of the inspiring stories of the district is being written in Princeton, 10 miles from Bluefield and the county seat of Mercer. Princeton also has felt the effects of unemployment and here, too, something is being done about it.

The city has obtained one major new industry, North American Aviation, has created a number of acres of good industrial land by constructing a drainage ditch that eliminates flooding problems in a section of the city, has developed an over-all development plan and has attracted a facility that can mean much to the entire area.

That facility is the Forest Products Marketing Research Laboratory being constructed by the U. S. Forest Service to accomplish four things: comprehensive market analyses and studies of industrial development opportunities; establishment and operation of experimental and demonstration forests; pilot tests of wood-using processes; and establishment and operation of lumber concentration yards. F. R. Longwood, who will be in charge of the facility, has said that "with the decline in the coal industry, forests have become West Virginia's greatest potential natural resource."

The timber is there, and the center should help the area, and the state, make better use of it. People in Princeton see the center having another benefit too: the possibility of industries which would make use of methods developed at the center establishing plants in proximity to it. Already one (although it is a coincidence) has moved to Bluefield: Cherokee Wood Products.

The wood research facility and North American were brought in



A continuous miner works at a seam of coal in a contributor to the economy of the Bluefield district's mine in the Bluefield area. Coal remains a chief general area.

with the valuable help of such organizations as the Bluefield Area Development Corporation and Mercer County Projects Committee. This latter organization, rather unique, is made up of representatives of Princeton, Bluefield, Matoaka, Athens, Bramwell, Bluewell and Oakvale. The objective of the organization is to present, on behalf of Mercer County, a unified front to prospective industries, state officials and others it works with, and to meet the problems of the area. Ira Smith, Princeton attorney and chairman of MCPCC, describes the membership as men who can: "make definite commitments right then and there when they need to... men of understanding and vision with the intelligence and ability to see the broad aspects of things."

The committee has been busy on many things, but no harder work on any of them was done than on bringing North American Aviation into the area. Today the company has a beautiful new plant employing 350 people making components for the Minuteman missile and for other government jobs.

How does North American Aviation like southern West Virginia? Recently the Princeton plant manager, Thomas L. Regan, said that the company liked it fine. He pointed out that one of the deciding factors in locating a plant there was "the alert civic leaders anxious to attract new industry" and the overall community spirit. He also pointed to the high degree of community cooperation, and says that "this spirit still characterizes our relations in this area. Employees here have been excellent performers, company morale is high."

In Old Dominion

Over in Virginia, things are moving too. In Tazewell, which supplies many coal miners, the Micamold Corporation Division of General Instrument Corporation is expanding its operations. The company makes electronic components and has 750 employees.

In nearby Richlands, people took things into their own hands. Needing industry, they formed the Richlands Area Development Corporation, which raised \$200,000 to build a 70,000-square-foot plant, and then went out and got an industry. Eastern Isles Manufacturing, a textile firm, has moved into the total electric building and is currently employing 300 people. Just a few days ago, Governor Albertis S. Harrison of Virginia journeyed to Richlands to dedicate the plant, which is opening a new future for people of the area.

In the New River section of the district things are moving too. Celanese Corporation, near Pearisburg, long the area's largest employer with 2,291 employees, is spending \$4-million to expand and hire 120 more. Leas & McVitty, Inc., 100 years old, continues to prosper. This tannery employs 210.

At Bland, its largest industry closed over two years ago. It was a good chance to be discouraged, but instead, residents formed the Bland County Development Association, which was successful in securing a \$250,000 loan from the Small Business Administration. Cause of the closing was that the plant was equipped to produce only full-fashioned hosiery, and there was no market. The money was used to renovate so the plant could produce seamless hosiery, and today 45 people are back to work.

Giles Manufacturing, a textile firm at Narrows, is growing larger every day and hopes to have an employment of 200 by mid-1963.

Other Indicators

Industrially, the area is showing rejuvenation and community leaders are encouraged by recent developments. But they point out

that industrial growth is not the only indicator that shows which direction an area is heading. There are other things that make these leaders feel the present is good and the future will be better.

Item: Bluefield raised \$452,000 in a YMCA drive last year.

Item: Another \$500,000 was raised for a new 18-hole golf course under construction.

Item: The \$130,000 Community Chest Drive went over the top.

Item: Seventy-two acres of land has been purchased for a recreation park in Bluefield, a new recreation area is being developed in Tazewell, Pearisburg has a new recreational area.

Item: A \$3-million urban renewal program in Bluefield soon to be underway.

Item: The Bluefield Chamber is averaging four letters a day from people wanting to know more about the area, with the idea that they may move there (opposite to the situation in recent years, where the population of the area has declined).

Item: Bluefield State College is adding a technical vocational training program to its curriculum, and other schools are intensifying theirs.

Mr. Regan described Mr. Smithson's remarks at North American's groundbreaking as "something of a challenge," and then he went on: "And it is my observation that the people of Mercer County know how to accept one."

He could well have been speaking of all the people in the two sections—with one purpose—that make up the Bluefield district.

No Laurel Resting For Young Scout



Eagle Scout Larry Litteral

Larry Litteral has reached the top of the ladder in the Boy Scouts of America, and now plans to go on to Explorer Scouting.

The son of Starlin F. Litteral, Bluefield line inspector, Larry has become an Eagle Scout. The rank capped a scouting career that saw him named Scout of the Year in 1961, earn 28 merit badges, and named to the Order of the Arrow.

He has held troop offices of assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and senior patrol leader. During his pre-boy scouting days, he was den chief of a Cub Scout troop.



North American Aviation's new plant in Princeton is located near the giant drainage ditch constructed by the city to eliminate flood conditions in an area of good industrial sites. In the background is a portion of the city.



Dedication ceremonies, featuring Virginia Governor Albertis Harrison, were just held for the new Richlands plant of Eastern Isles. A portion of the 70,000 square foot building is shown in this picture.

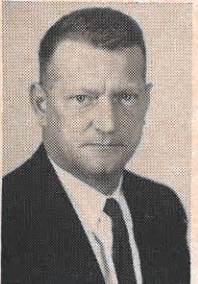
Veterans Honored For Service



C. E. Jordan
Lynchburg
30 Years



D. C. Kennedy
Roanoke
30 Years



O. W. Kallmerton
Charleston
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H. E. Bragg
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W. E. Miller
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G. P. Williams
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P. E. Theis
Sporn Plant
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K. S. Lazenby
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Wallace Coffey
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J. A. Lyon
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J. A. Mundy
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R. F. Miller
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Dorothy Lawless
Welch
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Virginia Oakley
Huntington
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H. M. Mann
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W. B. Jackson
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L. E. Hopson
Roanoke
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Henry Gilreath
Kingsport
20 Years



Hilda Winner
Beckley
20 Years



Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon District

PEGGY J. JOHNSON from clerk-stenographer, T&D record section to clerk-stenographer, division commercial.

Charleston District

WILLIAM T. DURRETT, JR. from truck driver-groundman to lineman C; O. E. HAMMON, JR. from groundman to truck driver-groundman; JO ANN JARRETT from clerk-stenographer to stenographer; A. M. JONES from groundman to truck driver-groundman.

Huntington District

LUCIAN E. MAYNARD from meter reader to collector; GEORGE T. McCLURE from collector to customer service representative.

Logan District

ALPHA D. OSBURN from groundman, Logan area to truck driver-groundman, Madison area.

Lynchburg District

NANCY BEANE from T&D clerk, records section to stenographer, personnel department; GEORGE W. STONE, JR. from stores clerk, stores department to engineering aide, engineering section; RAYMOND E. THOMAS, draftsman sr. from Lynchburg to Roanoke division T&D department.

Roanoke District

BONNIE G. MOORE from clerk, trainee, system accounting department to clerk, trainee, local accounting department; C. E. BAISDEN from groundman to lineman C; ANN MARIE SWAIN from PBX operator to contract clerk.

Philip Sporn Plant

GEORGE N. HAVENS from electrical engineer, Roanoke Division to test engineer, Results.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland District

GARY GENE LAYNE from contract clerk to general accounting clerk, Jr.; WILLIAM T. McKINNEY, lineman B, transferred to Big Sandy Plant; DANA RILEY from general accounting clerk, Jr., system accounting to general clerk, local accounting.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

WOODROW BALL from groundman to truck driver-groundman; T. C. DORTON, JR. from lineman A to working foreman.



Appalachian Power Company

BECKLEY DISTRICT—20 YEARS: HILDA J. WINNER, cashier.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT—25 YEARS: HOMER E. BRAGG, credit supervisor; OSCAR W. KALLMERTEN, line foreman. 20 YEARS: HARVEY E. BROWN, assistant hydro utility operator. 5 YEARS: JOAN BONHAM, credit and collection clerk; WILLIAM T. DURRETT, JR., lineman; ROBERT G. HARPER, draftsman (on military leave).

GLEN LYN PLANT—20 YEARS: H. M. MANN, maintenance mechanic. 10 YEARS: B. A. WALKER, utility man.

HUNTINGTON DISTRICT—35 YEARS: A. L. MERRIFIELD, distribution engineer. 20 YEARS: VIRGINIA S. OAKLEY, assistant credit supervisor; WILLIAM B. JACKSON, janitor. 15 YEARS: WILLIAM H. JACKSON, truck driver-groundman.

KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—5 YEARS: G. M. DOUGLAS, auxiliary equipment operator; J. W. KITCHEN, auxiliary equipment operator; W. F. GRAY, work order clerk.

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—30 YEARS: C. E. JORDAN, lineman.

POINT PLEASANT DISTRICT—5 YEARS: J. W. CAMPBELL, janitor.

PULASKI DISTRICT—25 YEARS: W. E. MILLER, line inspector; G. P. WILLIAMS, engineering aide. 20 YEARS: J. E. WOLFORD, meter serviceman. 15 YEARS: VIRGINIA E. RORRER, clerk-typist.

RADFORD ARSENAL STEAM PLANT—10 YEARS: H. G. LAWSON, maintenance man; D. M. MINNICK, maintenance mechanic; VICTOR SEMONES, JR., utility operator.

ROANOKE DISTRICT—30 YEARS: D. C. KENNEDY, JR., division manager. 25 YEARS: R. F. MILLER, engineering aide. 20 YEARS: L. E. HOPSON, head janitor; J. J. JORDAN, janitor. 15 YEARS: J. W. THOMAS, JR., engineering aide. 5 YEARS: LOIS D. BOND, PBX operator.

SMITH MOUNTAIN—10 YEARS: HARRY C. CARSON, material clerk.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—25 YEARS: PAUL E. THEIS, accounting supervisor. 10 YEARS: JAMES H. BEARHS, maintenance man; OSCAR O. CASTO, maintenance man; PAUL E. FORBES, filter plant operator and sampler; BOB R. MOORE, JR., maintenance man; TOMMY B. SIMMONS, tractor operator; DENVER E. WELL, JR., maintenance man. 5 YEARS: ROBERT M. GILLAND, auxiliary equipment operator.

SYSTEM—25 YEARS: W. H. COFFEY, assistant tax and statistical supervisor; K. S. LAZENBY, right of way agent; J. A. LYON, supervisor wage and salary administration; J. A. MUNDY, employee relations supervisor. 10 YEARS: P. R. SYNAN, system transmission man. 5 YEARS: L. E. CHITTUM, system control wireman; R. T. YOBAGGY, assistant advertising supervisor.

WELCH DISTRICT—20 YEARS: DOROTHY W. LAWLESS, stenographer. 10 YEARS: JANE BEARRE, petty cash clerk.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DISTRICT—15 YEARS: CALVIN BURNETTE, truck driver-groundman.

HAZARD DISTRICT—10 YEARS: REX B. CRAFT, meter reader.

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT—15 YEARS: HARRY D. TRIMBLE, serviceman. 5 YEARS: JAMES W. SKILES, meter reader.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: HENRY GILREATH, PBX operator. 15 YEARS: J. L. KESTERSON heating and builder sales representative.

Especially Clocks, Lamps

Hard-To-Find Antiques Create Relaxation

"I was buying an antique for \$10, spending 25 hours fixing it up and then selling it for \$8. So I quit the antique business."

And now it's a pleasant, relaxing hobby for Hugh M. T. Garrison, hydro maintenance helper at Reusens hydro plant in the Lynchburg district.

Up until three years ago, Mr. Garrison had no particular way to spend his off-duty hours, except to do a little hunting in season. One day he was visiting a fellow employee and watched him refinish and wire an old lamp. Then the friend showed Mr. Garrison how to clean an old clock, refinish the case and repair the works. What he hoped would be a profitable part-time business began for Mr. Garrison.

Alas, business was not good, but he found he enjoyed the work so much he decided to keep right on with it, particularly working on clocks and lamps. Now he either gives them to friends or keeps them. During 1961 he refinished six clocks and lamps and gave them away.

He subscribes to several rural papers throughout the state to watch for auction sales, particularly at old farms where a house full of furniture is going to be sold. If possible, he attends the sales.

According to Mr. Garrison, antiques are becoming more difficult to find. He has also found that what is being advertised as an antique many times is between 40 and 80 years old, while real antiques are 100 or more years old.

Once in a while, he points out, you can stumble on a real find. He gives this example: during the past year he attended a sale where things weren't moving too fast. The auctioneer held up a picture frame for bids, and getting none, asked in disgust, "Will anyone give me \$1.75?"

Mr. Garrison would and did. He took it home and soon went to work refinishing it. First he removed the picture from the frame, rolled it up and stuck it away. One day a neighbor interested in oil paintings saw it and cleaned it up. She found the name of a well-known artist on it and the canvas is going to be sent to New York to an art dealer to have it appraised. It may be a real find.

Most of the rewards of such a hobby are not so dramatic. As Mr. Garrison puts it, the real value is in the opportunity to relax and get away from everyday worries.



H. M. T. Garrison stands beside some of the treasures he has found in his antique hobby. The lamp at right is 125 years old, the clock 100 years old. He also has a bread bowl over 100 years old, and the three items are valued at over \$1,000.

Just Pull — And Lights Out

Tom Peay of Clinch River plant must know something no one else does. He gave a pretty startling demonstration of this recently.

He was teaching a class of employees in electrical blueprint reading when he got a question about what should be done if a certain emergency situation should arise. Mr. Peay's answer, given with a pull through thin air with his right arm, was "Pull the emergency trip cord."

As he said it and demonstrated it, all the lights in the town went out for a few seconds.

There was silence in the class for a moment, finally broken by laughter at Tom Peay's coincidental timing.

High Honor Awarded To Club, President

Don P. Wade of Ashland was one of 76 Optimist Club presidents in the United States and Canada to earn the Distinguished President Award from Optimist International. There are over 2,000 clubs and presidents in the two countries.

His club in Ashland was also honored as an Honor Club, one of only 157 to earn this achievement. Mr. Wade is residential sales advisor.

The club earned the award for excellence in five major phases of club activity—membership, attendance, new club building, boys' work and life membership.



Mr. Wade

Couples Wed In Ceremonies



Married in recent weeks were, top row, from left: Mrs. Paul Allen Beckett, Logan; Mrs. Walter C. Jessel, Bluefield; and Mrs. Ira G. Owens, Clinch River plant. Bottom row, from left: Mrs. Stephen Allen Buchanan, Kanawha River plant; Mrs. Carl E. Richards, Jr., Clinch River plant; and Mrs. E. E. Echols, Roanoke.

Childress-Owens

Judith Anne Childress was married to Ira G. Owens in a double ring ceremony at the Presbyterian Church near Haysi, Virginia, on September 9. Mr. Owens is a utility man at the Clinch River plant.

Beckett-Beckett

Judy Lynne Beckett and 2nd Lt. Paul Allen Beckett were united in marriage at the Marshall University Chapel in Huntington, W. Va. Mrs. Beckett is the daughter of Jack Beckett, system operator at the Logan plant.

McNabb-Jessel

Betty Jane McNabb became the bride of Walter C. Jessel in the Little Church Around The Corner in New York City on October 4. Mrs. Jessel is a former home service representative in the Bluefield division commercial department.

Cantley-Buchanan

The marriage of Janice Ann Cantley and Stephen Allen Buchanan was solemnized October 12 at the

Boomer Baptist Church. Mr. Buchanan is the son of W. J. Buchanan, maintenance supervisor at the Kanawha River plant.

Hughes-Richards

A double ring ceremony performed in the Clintwood, Virginia Baptist Church August 2 united Helen Rose Hughes and Carl E. Richards, Jr. Mr. Richards is the

son of the Clinch River plant assistant shift operating engineer.

Buchanan-Altizer

Frances Lee Buchanan and George Donald Altizer were married on October 6 at Christ Lutheran Church in Roanoke. Mrs. Altizer is an employee in the system accounting department.

Weston-Echols

Mrs. Julia Weston became the bride of E. E. Echols at the Virginia Heights Baptist Church in Roanoke October 16. Mr. Echols is a radio engineer in the division T&D department.

Active Girl Chosen As 4-H Club Leader

A young lady active in 4-H, church, Girl Scouts and school work has been elected president of the Buchanan County 4-H Club.



Ellen Hardy

for her handicrafts and cooking. She has attended the 4-H camp at Abingdon the past three summers.

A talented musician, she particularly enjoys the piano. She is a member of the Hi-Y, Senior Girl Scouts and YWA in the Baptist Church, and is a sophomore at Grundy High School. Her mother, Sybil Hardy, is a 4-H handicrafts instructor and counselor.

They're Engaged

SHERIDAN ANN KEES to George Kincaid. Miss Kees is the daughter of Shalous E. Kees, maintenance man at the Kanawha River plant.

KAREN LOUISE OLIVER to Bernard L. Patton. Miss Oliver is the daughter of Dwight C. Oliver, member of the labor department at Philip Sporn plant.



New Arrivals



Beckley
MR. AND MRS. T. A. DICKENSON, a son, William Alan, October 22. Mr. Dickenson is a line foreman.

Bluefield
MR. AND MRS. JAY W. FARLEY, JR., a son, Jonathan Walker, September 19. Mr. Farley is a system transmission engineering aide.

Cabin Creek Plant
MR. AND MRS. S. L. VEALEY, a son, Robert Jason, September 29. Mr. Vealey is a chemist.

Charleston
MR. AND MRS. B. E. BLACKSHIRE, a daughter, Leah Kay, August 14. Mr. Blackshire is a T&D clerk.
MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE SHEPHERD, a daughter, Carol Antionette, September 30. Mr. Shepherd is a janitor.

Clinch River Plant
MR. AND MRS. N. JACK BURK, a daughter, Beverly Jean, September 23. Mr. Burke is an equipment operator.

Hazard
MR. AND MRS. DAVID BEGLEY, a son, Christopher Eli, September 7, 1962.

Roanoke
MR. AND MRS. BOB KILGORE, a daughter, Sara Ellen, September 23. Mr. Kilgore is an electrical engineer.

Smith Mountain
MR. AND MRS. M. A. DOOLEY, a son, Mark Allen, September 11. Mr. Dooley is a stores supervisor.

Philip Sporn Plant
MR. AND MRS. EDWARD DELTON SAYRE, a son, Todd Owen, August 17. Mr. Sayre is an instrument maintenance man.

Welch
MR. AND MRS. S. W. HYLTON, JR., a daughter, Angela Leigh, October 13. Mr. Hylton is a heating and builder sales representative in Grundy.

Employees' Service Marked At Dinner

Eighteen employees with a total of 235 years of service were honored recently in Point Pleasant at a dinner.

Speaking to the group were District Manager G. E. Hervey, Charleston Division Manager J. C. Hansbarger and Assistant Division Manager C. W. Lovell. Supervisors introduced the employees, outlining their company service.

Employees honored were: 30 Years—W. O. Sallaz; 25 Years—W. C. Gilmour and L. C. Bias; 20 years—L. I. Roush; 15 years—C. W. Jewell, P. F. Rairden, R. D. Tillis, G. C. Fowler, Freda Simmons and E. D. Boggess; 10 years—H. J. Patterson; 5 years—J. W. Campbell, G. K. Roach, Vera Stephens, Phyllis Hesson, Bessie Wilson, J. E. Crum and W. R. Woodyard.

Employee Of System In Basic Training

Wayne A. Jacobs has entered military service with the United States Army.

He is reproducing machine operator in the system accounting department in Roanoke.

Mr. Jacobs will be stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., where he will undergo eight weeks of basic training. He was employed by the company in the Roanoke district June 10, 1957 as an office messenger, and went to system accounting last year.



Mr. Jacobs

Retiree's Wife Performing Vital Red Cross Services

Important, valuable, time-saving, vital—these are just some of the adjectives that describe the work Mrs. John F. Spencer has been doing for the Pulaski County Red Cross Blood Program for the past 10 years.

During that time the wife of the retired Pulaski district station supervisor has been staff aids chairman for the program. She took the post in February 1952, just a year after the program was initiated.

Her duties as a volunteer consist of such chores as meeting donors as they come to the center, recording vital information on them, finding out whether they're replacing blood, and maintaining the all-important files of each donor's blood type, so that when a type blood runs low or during an emergency a donor can be found with little lost time.

Mrs. Spencer also keeps a record of number of donations by each person, and finds it rewarding to see the cards fill up and see a person reach the gallon mark, then two and so on. She also helps see that the blood is gotten to Roanoke where the regional blood center is located.

The Spencers do not believe in standing by and helping others give blood. Mr. Spencer has donated 15 pints, Mrs. Spencer 20 pints.



Mrs. John F. Spencer checks through blood donation records in Pulaski, part of her volunteer job being to maintain files for the Red Cross.

More Honors In 4-H Come To Youngsters

Children of Point Pleasant employees continued to take 4-H awards and were honored at the annual Achievement Banquet.

Suzanna, daughter of J. R. Crump, line foreman, received first place awards on three projects: junior leadership, photography II and advanced recreation. Bonnie, daughter of G. E. Hervey, district manager, won first for Pack A Lunch, and Diane, daughter of Mr. Crump, won first for photography II. Cheryl Monroe, granddaughter of Inez F. Monroe, maid, won first on food preservation.

Winning second places were Vivian, daughter of W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant, for Pack A Lunch; Linda, daughter of Rose S. Martin, cashier, for cotton togs; and Marie, daughter of G. C. Fowler, lineman, for learning to sew project.

Engineer Observes 35th Anniversary

Albert L. Merrifield, Huntington distribution engineer, observed his 35th anniversary with the company October 10.



Mr. Merrifield

He joined the company as a lineman in 1927 and has worked as a lampman, inspector, engineer, and electrical engineer, and moved to his present post March 1 this year.

A native of Marion County, W. Va., he attended Marshall University and is a registered professional electrical engineer in West Virginia. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945 and at present holds the rank of lieutenant commander in the Reserves.

His hobby is woodworking and he is interested in genealogy and Civil War history. He is a member of the Mercer County Anglers Club, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the board of deacons of the 5th Avenue Baptist Church and the Huntington Engineers Club, and is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He is married and has two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Vet Of 39 Years At Plant Retires



Mr. Young

Thirty-nine years of service at Cabin Creek plant ended for Ellis P. Young when he retired early due to ill health on October 1.

He joined the plant August 10, 1923 as ash handler and became a boiler maintenance mechanic in 1944, the post he held at retirement.

Mr. Young was born at Okey, W. Va., and now lives in Chelyan, where he plans to remain during retirement to do some fishing and relaxing. He and his wife have a daughter.



Mr. Brown

Pulaski Golfer, Grower Retires

A man known in Pulaski for his golfing abilities, landscaping talent and long service with Appalachian has retired.

He is James M. Brown, district office supervisor, who retired October 1 after over 39 years of service. He joined the old Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company at Sprigg in 1923 and transferred to Appalachian at Pulaski as chief clerk in local accounting in 1935. He was named local office manager in 1945 and district office supervisor in 1961.

A native of Grayson County, he attended Emory and Henry College. He is married and has one daughter, Elizabeth Cloyd Brown, former employee. He attends the Baptist Church, and is a member of the Lions Club, Masonic Order and Pulaski Country Club.

Besides being quite a golfer himself, Mr. Brown has coached a large number of his fellow club members. In addition, he was active in landscaping the fairways by bringing in plants and by taking care of the white pine trees bordering the course. His chief hobbies are, of course, golf and horticulture.

Bowling Association Chooses President

The 82 men's teams in the Area Bowling Association have elected J. E. "Sonny" Runyon as their president.



Mr. Runyon

The teams come from Mingo, Pike and Martin Counties around Williamson, and have formed an association with 72 women's and 28 mixed bowling teams. Mr. Runyon is Williamson heating and builder sales representative, and also president of the Appalachian Bowling League.

Named secretary of the association was C. R. Wilson, division power sales engineer. An outstanding area bowler for years, Sonny is the charter president of the men's association, which is a member of the American Bowling Congress.

Woodworking Is Attracting Retiree



Mr. Jarrett

A new hobby, woodworking, will hold much of the attention of Glen Lyn Plant's Basil Jarrett, who retired early due to ill health on October 1.

He joined the company October 9, 1939 as coal handler and became a member of the mechanical maintenance department in 1944. He was named mechanical maintenance mechanic in 1952, the post he held at retirement.

He was born at Big Chimney, W. Va. He is married and has two daughters. The family lives in Chesapeake, W. Va.

Kingsport And Appalachian Employees Write Articles In 'Operating Ideas'



Mr. Buchanan



Mr. Thomas



Mr. Fugate



Mr. Wells

Five articles—two by Kingsport and three by Appalachian employees—appeared in the October issue of AEP Operating Ideas.

"Build-A-Display Tables Have Many Uses" was contributed by Mack D. Williams, Kingsport dealer sales representative.



Mr. Williams

The tables, designed and built at the office, can be used in many combinations to provide attractive display area for small appliances in the office lobby. Used to form the display areas are eight low-cost, trapezoidal-shaped tables.

L. R. Thomas, Roanoke meterman, wrote "Easy Way to Tighten Meter Cover Gaskets." He de-



Winning trophies in the Sporn plant golf tournament were from left: Butch Wehrung, Pee Wee Wright, Richard Russell, Nelson Roush, Glen Hensler, Willis Dudding, Clarence Tennant, Cricket Searls, Ed Ihle and Okey Killingsworth.

Strong Round Wins Tourney At Sporn For Killingsworth

Okey Killingsworth's 84 won the championship trophy in the annual Philip Sporn plant golf tournament.

Cricket Searls shot an 85 to finish second. Clarence Tennant shot an 85 to take the first flight, edging Glen Hensler, who had an 87. Butch Wehrung won the second flight with a 96 and Charles Yeager was runner-up with a 99.

Other prize winners included: Ed Ihle, longest drive on hole 6; Pee Wee Wright, longest drive on 8; Darrell Hoffman, closest to pin on 4; Okey Killingsworth, closest to

pin on 7; Ralph Warner, least number of putts; Richard Russell, most fives; Keith Arnold and Cricket Searls, tied for most pars; Glen Hensler and Billy Thomas, tied for runner-up, least putts; Clarence Tennant, most birdies. He had tied with Ed Stein, Ed Ihle and Willis Dudding and won out in a putting contest. Nelson Roush won the high score award.

Layne Named To High Lodge Post

Milford A. Layne, engineering department record clerk at Pikeville, has been elected Grand Master of the Kentucky Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for the year 1963. This is the highest office in the Kentucky jurisdiction.



Mr. Layne

secretary of the Pikeville lodge of the order, and also as Noble Grand. Mrs. Layne has also been active in all phases of the work of the Rebekahs, ladies' auxiliary of the Odd Fellows.

The Laynes and their daughter Linda are members of the First Baptist Church in Pikeville.

Bluefield . . .

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of the Princeton Jaycees. Karl has also been elected president of the Steadfasts Sunday School Class at the First Baptist Church in Princeton. . . . Welcome to Audrey E. Johnson, who is working as part-time maid in the Bluefield Office Building kitchen. . . . Welcome also to Charlene Sutton, division home service representative, who replaced Jane McNabb when she resigned to be married and live elsewhere. . . . Mrs. Howard S. Meadows wife of electrical engineer, attended the Southern District meeting of Women's Clubs held in Mullens.

Former Footballers Coaching Youngsters



Mr. Bowen



Mr. Crews

Two wins, two losses and two ties, with four games to go, is the record of the Bluefield, Va. midget football team in the Princeton League.

Made up of boys in age from 8 to 13, the team is getting the benefit of coaching from two employees who have played high school and college football.

The two are R. T. Bowen, Jr., lineman, and James N. Crews, office messenger, both of Bluefield. They played football at Graham High School and Mr. Bowen played at VPI and Mr. Crews at Emory & Henry College.

Clocks Have Appeal To People All Over

It started with a story in THE ILLUMINATOR, and today Robert Hooper is receiving letters from all over the country.

Back in April, a story of the Lynchburg meterman's hobby of making clocks was featured in THE ILLUMINATOR. In June the Duncan Register, trade magazine of the Duncan Electric Company of Lafayette, Ind., carried the same story.

Since then Mr. Hooper has been hearing from people all over, wanting to know about the clocks and how much they cost. He has answered them, saying he makes the clocks as a hobby and does not sell them. But he is keeping the letters to serve as a prospect list if he ever decides to go into business with his clock skills.

Leon Huffman Wins Another Kentucky Power Golf Meet

Leon Huffman of Pikeville nailed down his second consecutive Kentucky Power Company Golf Tourney championship as 37 golfers from Kentucky and Appalachian met on the links of the Hazard Golf Club.



Leon Huffman of Pikeville receives his championship trophy from A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager.

E. E. King of Williamson was runner-up in the two-day meet. Trophies were presented these two as well as the winners in each of 9 flights. Runners-up in the flights received prizes. Topping the flights were:

First—Bob Flynn of Pikeville 2-up over Arnett Strong, Hazard; Second—Tilden Justice 1-up over Bill Barnett, both from Pikeville; Third—Cliff Boyd, 1-up in 19 holes over J. K. Wells, both from Pikeville; Fourth—J. W. Scholtens, Ashland, 4 and 3 over Bill Zoellers, Pikeville; Fifth—J. M. Wood, Ashland, 3 and 2 over Herb Kincaid, Pikeville.

Sixth—J. Saltz, Ashland, 5 and 4 over Jonah Hall, Pikeville; Seventh

—Jack Palmer 1-up over Charles Stayton, both of Ashland; Eighth—C. A. McKinney, Jr., Hazard, 3 and 2 over C. McClung, Ashland; Ninth—Morgan J. Ozee, Hazard, 1-up over A. H. Jopp, Pikeville.

Young Football Standouts Are Joined By Parents In Welch's Little League



Active in Welch Little League football this year were, front row, from left: Pete Thomas, Tommy Chaffins, Fred Barns and Donnie White; back row, from left: Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Thomas, W. A. Chaffins, Mrs. R. J. B. Barns and H. S. White.

Four boys and their fathers and mothers got in the act during the Little League football season this year at Welch.

H. S. White, lineman, coached the 40 & 8 team, and Walter Thomas, meter serviceman, and W. A. Chaffins, storeroom T&D clerk, were assistant coaches for the Kiwanis team.

Mr. White's son, Donnie, played left halfback for 40 & 8, and was selected to play on the all-star team. Also selected was Tommy, Mr. Chaffins's son, who played halfback for Kiwanis. Pete Thomas, son of Mr. Thomas, played end for Kiwanis,

and proved the fastest runner on any of the teams. For example, he ran a punt return back for 65 yards and an intercepted pass back 60, both for touchdowns. Fred Barns, son of R. J. Barns, line inspector, was a guard for the Rotary team.

Two wives, Mrs. Walter Thomas and Mrs. R. J. B. Barns, helped with cheerleaders and aided in the maintenance of equipment for the teams.

The Kiwanis squad tied for first place in the league with the Lions, while Rotary was second and 40 & 8 last.

Bowling Brass



Two bowling leagues named officers. At top are the new leaders of the Clinch River plant Clinchers Bowling League. They are, from left: Carson Rasnake, secretary-treasurer; Wilmer Grubb, president; and Ray McComas, vice president. Eight teams make up the league, sponsored by the plant's social organization, The Clinchers Club. At bottom are officers of the Philip Sporn plant Bowling League. They are, from left: Karl Wiles, treasurer; Jerry Arnold, vice president; Cricket Searls, president; and Bob Couch, secretary. Eleven teams are rolling.



One of the stops the directors made on their tour was at Smith Mountain Dam, the upper dam in the Smith Mountain Combination Hydroelectric Project. There they saw at close range the progress being made on the dam. Appalachian officials accompanied them on the tour.

Kentucky, Appalachian Facilities

Three States Visited During Tour Of Inspection By AEP's Directors

The Board of Directors of the American Electric Power Company toured sections of Appalachian and Kentucky Power Companies on their annual inspection trip October 10-12.

Led by AEP President Donald C. Cook, 12 directors in all saw Appalachian's Smith Mountain and Leesville Dams, the Apple Grove Research Project and Kentucky Power's Big Sandy Plant.

In addition, the Board members visited the FMC Corporation plant and the Union Carbide Technical Center in Charleston, W. Va.; the

all-electric residential development, Arlington Park, in Huntington, W. Va., and the Ashland Oil and Refining Company and Armco Steel Corporation operations at Ashland, Ky. They also met with community and business leaders in Charleston, Huntington and Ashland.

Directors on the trip included: John E. Amos, Charleston attorney and businessman; John S. Battle, former Governor of Virginia; Harold Boeschstein, president, Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation, Toledo, Ohio; Mr. Cook; 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, AEP Service Corp.; 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.

Approvals Given To Nineteen Work Simplification Ideas

Fourteen ideas in September and five delayed ones in August have been approved in the division of their origin in the company's Work Simplification Program.

Nine of the ideas came from Glen Lyn plant employees, four of these from B. M. Brown. He describes a new signal timer easy to set to sound beginnings and ends of work periods. In another suggestion he proposes installing welding busses on the sides of No. 6 boiler to eliminate moving bulky welding machines from one elevation to another while working on the boiler. He also tells how 440-volt power supply was extended to the boiler area so that 440-volt welding machines can be used in addition to the 550-volt machines. Finally, he tells how a timer was installed to automatically defrost air conditioning units in the office area, saving time and work.

H. H. Reed of Glen Lyn had two proposals. He describes a steel rack built to store unit 6 pulverizer balls, making them easy to locate and obtain. He also tells of a box constructed to aid in the handling of the pulverizer balls, making work safer and easier.

J. H. Witt, Jr. of Glen Lyn tells of a new form designed to report six months maintenance man-hour studies to New York. The form eliminates having to go back through six months of daily time records. J. H. Oxley describes a threading board now being used to thread coal sampling identification cards. And D. T. Hayner tells of a jig now being used to lift small sizes of pipe, tubing, bar and angle iron from one elevation to another, providing safer working conditions.

Alfred Lambert at Clinch River plant proposes an easier method of removing balls from the pulverizer during ball changes.

At Pulaski, R. G. Doss and W. F. Childers describe the cluster mounting of three 100-ampere regulators.

C. R. Settle of Welch tells of a hose bag with two pockets designed to hold lengths of rubber hose, making it possible to send up a pole long and short pieces of hose as well as hoods and rubber blankets at the same time.

Three suggestions came from Charleston. Cecil Taylor and Earl A. Stone suggest installing tempered masonite over rubber mats in automotive equipment to prevent damage to the mats when moving appliances in and out. L. J. Post has a way of correcting the rich mixture of fuel in a certain make car. John C. Frazier suggests buying seat belts and installing them ourselves. He pointed out that manufacturers install them in a wrap-around fashion between the door and seat, causing two things: less protection from the belt and the wear and tear on it when it is dragged outside when the car door is opened.

Three more ideas came from Point Pleasant. W. H. Stricklen says to eliminate taking dead ends loose when resagging conductor, use sleeve and cut out excess wire in front of the dead end instead of taking clamps loose and sliding the wire through. C. H. Murray, Jr. proposes using a fender dent remover, which employs a suction cup, to remove indentations from vehicle body panels. And he and K. G. Roush suggest installing a throttle control near the front end winch so the operator can change speed without entering the truck cab.

Nathaniel Bowen of Huntington suggests welding short pieces of different size pipe to backs of trucks to make bends in riser wires and the like much quicker and easier.

J. D. Lawrence Will Retire, Ending 40 Years of Service

Joseph D. Lawrence, administrative assistant to the vice president and general manager of Appalachian, will retire from the company effective December 1. Mr. Lawrence requested early retirement for personal reasons. It was granted under provisions of the company's retirement program.

In announcing his retirement, Mr. Lawrence said, "I have had forty years of service with an outstanding company and have sincerely enjoyed all my associations."

He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1922 with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and joined Kentucky Power Company at Sprigg, West Virginia, in 1923. He rose through the ranks to positions in the management of Appalachian, becoming manager of the Williamson district in 1928 and then moved to Logan as manager of that district in 1943.

In 1946 he was named assistant manager of the Roanoke division and became manager of that division in 1956. He was named to his present position in July of this year.

Mr. Lawrence has been active in many civic affairs in Roanoke. He is a member of the executive board of the Blue Ridge Council of Boy Scouts, a member of the boards of directors of the Roanoke Rotary Club, the Old Dominion Industrial Exposition, Inc., and Junior Achievement of Roanoke.

He is a member of the Virginia State and the Roanoke Chambers of Commerce, the Roanoke City Planning Commission, the Virginia State Safety Council, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Eta Kappa Nu Fraternity, the Roanoke Country Club and the Shenandoah Club, and also serves on the special gifts committee for the Virginia Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He is a member of the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Roanoke Vet Ends Line Work Years

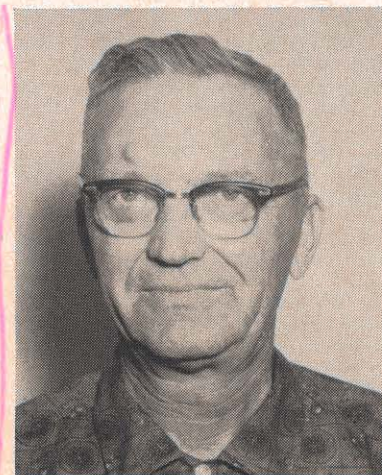
Forty-eight years of line work, 42½ of it with Appalachian, have ended for R. I. Musser, who retired November 1.

The Roanoke district line foreman joined the company May 12, 1920 as a groundman after five years with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company. He became a lineman in 1922 and line foreman in 1934.

Mr. Musser recalls that when he came to work there were only two crews of 14 men each, one using a Model T truck, the other a horse and wagon. He was assigned to the latter. Frequently, he remembers, he would ride a trolley to a location where a pole was to be set, dig the hole and wait for the wagon and the poles. He comments that safety has come a long way too—at that time there was only one pair of rubber gloves and one pair of rubber sleeves for each crew.

He moved into an electrically heated home two years ago and during retirement plans to do a little gardening and flower raising, pursue his cooking hobby and continue his regular visits to the city produce market.

He and his wife have eight children—five boys and three girls—and twelve grandchildren.



Mr. Musser



Mr. Lawrence

Foreman Is Named At Sporn Plant

Ralph M. Rottgen has been promoted to the post of maintenance foreman at Philip Sporn plant.

He moves up from the job of master maintenance man. He joined the plant January 11, 1950 as a maintenance helper, became maintenance man in 1951 and was named master maintenance man in 1956.



Mr. Rottgen

During World War II he served four years in the Navy, where he received schooling in diesel repair and overhaul and served in the Pacific Theatre. Prior to joining Sporn he worked as a machinist and maintenance man in the Cleveland, O., area.

He is married and has six children.

Two Pulaskians Get Promotions



Mr. Owens

Mr. Taylor

Two employees have been promoted in the Pulaski district following the October 1 retirement of James M. Brown, district office supervisor.

Earl P. Owens, assistant office supervisor, has succeeded Mr. Brown as district office supervisor, and David D. Taylor was named assistant office supervisor.

Mr. Owens joined Appalachian in 1936 in Pulaski and has worked as clerk, cashier and assistant local office manager. He became assistant district office supervisor in 1961. He is a trustee and elder of the Shiloh Christian Church, secretary of its board and superintendent of the Sunday School. He has also served as president of the Shiloh Community Improvement Club. He is married and has a daughter and a son.

Mr. Taylor joined the company in 1947 and worked in Bluefield and Welch before going to Pulaski in 1950 as general clerk. He became local office supervisor at Wytheville in 1951 and went to the Pulaski office in 1961. In Wytheville he was president of the Rotary Club. In Pulaski, he is a member of the Christian Church and assistant scoutmaster of its Boy Scout troop, No. 48. He is married and has two sons.



Mr. Burton

Active Citizen Dies In Princeton

A. Garfield Burton, 61, active in civic affairs in Princeton and a retired Appalachian employee, died October 3 at his home. He had been in failing health for several years and had retired early from the company July 1, 1956.

He joined the company in June 1934 as an appliance salesman and was a new business solicitor and rural representative before becoming a dealer sales representative in 1952, the post he held at retirement. He served in the armed forces from 1942 to 1945. He was born at Widemouth, W. Va., and attended West Virginia University. He was past president of the Mercer County Board of Education, Princeton Chamber of Commerce, Princeton-Athens Kiwanis Club and West Virginia Bridge League. He was a Mason and Elk and a member of the Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his wife, a son and three grandchildren.