

About the time a man is cured of swearing, it is time to make up another income tax report.

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Appropriate: "Tax" comes from the Latin word "taxare," meaning "to touch sharply."

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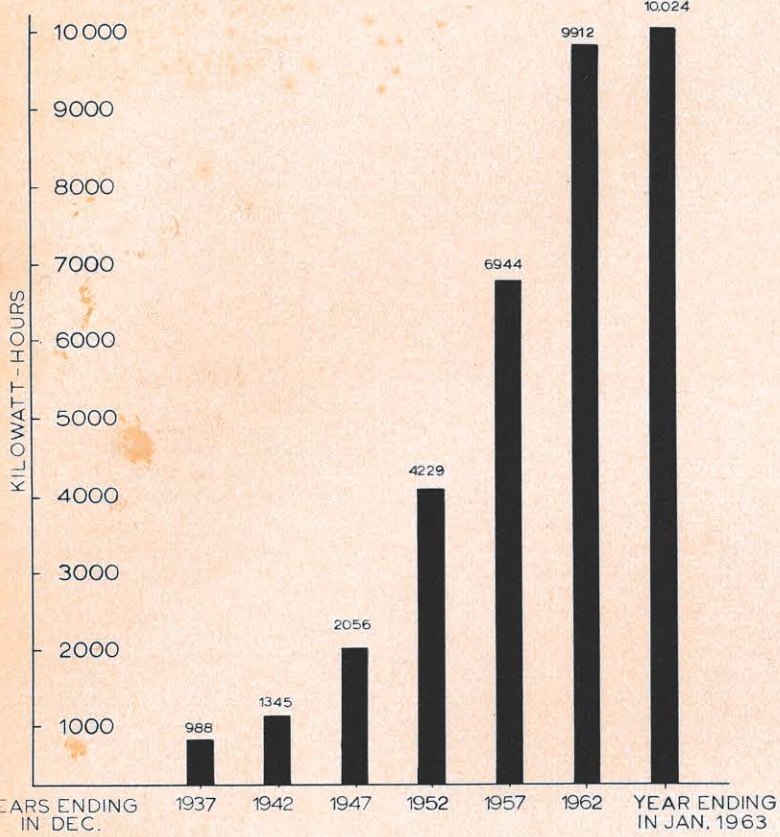
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March 1963



This chart shows that the average annual usage of electricity each by Kingsport residential customers is more than 10 times today what it was 25 years ago.

Kingsport Residential Sales Reach Goal Of 10,000 Kwh

Residential customers served by Kingsport Utilities are now using an average of more than 10,000 kilowatt-hours each annually.

The mark, highest in the AEP System, was reached by the end of January 1963, when the average residential customer was using 10,024 kilowatt-hours annually. It had risen from a mark of 9,912 kilowatt-hours for the 12-month period ending December 31, 1962.

There are 20,455 residential customers on Kingsport's lines, and 23%, or 4,660, of them heat their homes electrically. Sixty percent of the company's active employees have electric heat in their homes.

The saturation in major appli-

ances is also a contributor to the high use of electricity in Kingsport's service area. Of the total number of residential customers, 91% cook with electricity, 82.3% have electric hot water heaters and 34% have electric dryers.

In addition, 99.5% own electric refrigerators, 50% have freezers, 95% have television sets and 8% have room air conditioners.

Pulaski Chosen For Virginia 'Project Decision' Building

Pulaski was chosen as the site of the Virginia shell building in Phase Two of Appalachian's Project Decision Shell Building for Industry program.

The selection of Pulaski followed by a month the naming of the Bluefield-Princeton area of Mercer County as the site of the West Virginia building.

The Town of Pulaski was top-ranked among 20 communities in the latest phase of the program and was offered the building at a meeting of community and civic leaders of the area. Acceptance and the formation of a non-profit industrial foundation, the NRV Industrial Foundation, came shortly after.

The foundation launched a drive for \$250,000, one of the contingencies to be met, and within two hours had passed its goal. The subscription campaign was nearing \$300,000 at the latest report.

A. M. Harman, Jr., Pulaski attorney, is chairman of the NRV Industrial Foundation. Subscriptions came from individuals and groups not only in Pulaski but also in Pulaski County and the New River Valley area surrounding the town.

The building will be constructed on property adjacent to Route 99, a half-mile east of the corporate limits of the town. The route connects the community with Interstate 81 under construction in western Virginia.

In the Project Decision program, Appalachian makes the original investment in the shell building, including site costs, and the community puts in escrow an equal amount which will be repaid Appalachian after completion of the building and the securing of a suit-

(See Project Decision, page 3)

Porterfield Will Become Assistant To GM; Move Affects Three Others

M. C. Porterfield, manager of Appalachian's Logan district, is being named to the position of assistant to the general manager of the company.

George E. Hervey, manager of the Point Pleasant district, will succeed Mr. Porterfield as manager of the Logan district.

O. C. Hall, now Point Pleasant district superintendent, will become Point Pleasant district manager.

And Lenzie J. Hedrick, area superintendent in St. Albans of the Charleston district, is being named Point Pleasant district superintendent.

The changes are effective April 1.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Porterfield joined Appalachian at Bluefield, W. Va., in 1935 as a rural surveyor. He was later named assistant distribution engineer in Bluefield and then moved to Pulaski as a distribution engineer. He held the position of district superintendent in Pulaski before being moved to Welch as assistant district manager in 1950. He was named district manager at Logan in 1954.

VPI Graduate

Mr. Porterfield, who is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been active in civic affairs in Logan. He is a director of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce and the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

He is on the board of stewards of the Nighbert Memorial Methodist

Church, the executive committee of the Huntington Regional Blood Center, and chairman of the Logan County Red Cross Blood Program.

He is married and the father of three children. He plans to move his family to Roanoke after school is out.

In 23rd Year

Mr. Hervey was first employed by Appalachian in 1940 in the Charleston district as an electrical engineer. He successively held the positions of substation supervisor, district supervising engineer, assistant district superintendent and district superintendent in the Charleston district. In 1957 he was named manager of the Point Pleasant district.

A native of Morgantown, W. Va., Mr. Hervey was graduated from West Virginia University. He served in the Signal Corps in World War II as a major and now holds the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Army Reserves, retired.

A registered professional engineer, he is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Central Ohio Valley Industrial Council, the Mid-Ohio Valley Engineers Council, Army-Navy Club, Rotary Club and is past president and a member of the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. He is married, has two children. He plans to move his family to Logan after school is out.

Mr. Hall, who came to Point Pleasant from Charleston in 1958, has been associated with Appa-



Mr. Porterfield

lachian since June 1950 following his graduation from the University of Kentucky. He began work for Appalachian as an engineer trainee in Roanoke. He was moved to Beckley as a distribution engineer in 1951 and later became local superintendent at Rainelle, W. Va. In 1954 he was named area supervisor at Oak Hill and in 1956 was moved to Charleston as a power sales engineer.

Mr. Hall is active in civic affairs in Point Pleasant and was recently elected president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a member and

(See Move Affects, page 3)

For Appalachian

Lloyd Directs Area Development

Jack Lloyd of Charleston has been named director of Appalachian's area development department.

He succeeds Dorman M. Miller, who is now assistant to the general manager of Appalachian. Mr. Lloyd moves to his new post from that of area development representative for the Charleston and Huntington divisions.

In two other moves in the department, Carl M. Dunn, administrative assistant to the Huntington district manager, has been named to the post of area development representative for the Huntington division, and Nicholas Roomy, Jr., Huntington division heating and builder sales coordinator, has been named area development representative for the Charleston division.

Mr. Dunn will be responsible for all of the area development activities of the company in the Huntington, Logan and Williamson districts; Mr. Roomy will work in the Beckley, Charleston and Point Pleasant districts.

Mr. Lloyd, who attended West Virginia Institute of Technology at

Montgomery, W. Va., has been employed by Appalachian since 1940. He held several positions with Appalachian before being named local superintendent at Montgomery, and then in 1956 he was appointed division area development representative at Charleston.

Active in community affairs and area and industrial development activities in Charleston and southern West Virginia, Mr. Lloyd is treasurer of the Mountain State Visitors Bureau and secretary of the West Virginia Industrial Development Association. He is secretary of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, financial vice president of the Charleston Light Opera Guild, a member of the Kanawha Country

Club and the Charleston Press Club. A member of the Baptist Temple in Charleston, he serves as chairman of the music finance committee.

He is married and they have two boys.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Dunn has been employed by Appalachian since 1941. He held several positions in the company's commercial department, rising to the position of residential and rural sales supervisor, and has been in his present job since 1959.

Active in civic affairs in Huntington, he has served as first vice president of the Huntington Kiwanis

(See Area Development, page 3)

Electric Rate Reductions Are Authorized By Commissions

Applications for authority to reduce electric rates to their customers living in all-electric homes, filed by Appalachian and Kentucky Power, have been approved by Commissions in the three states involved.

Approval came from the State Corporation Commission in Richmond, Va., the Public Service Commission of West Virginia in Charleston, and the Public Service Commission in Frankfort, Ky.

Appalachian also received approval from the Virginia Commission to adjust its rates for certain large commercial and industrial customers in that state.

The reductions were effective March 1.

The rate represents a decrease of 20% in the bottom step of Appalachian's and Kentucky's sliding-scale residential rate. Its effect on all-electric home customers will be immediate.

Commissions in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio also approved the new rates after applications had

been filed with them by Indiana & Michigan Electric Company and Ohio Power Company.

Illuminator Wins 'Freedoms' Medal

THE ILLUMINATOR has won a national award from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for material printed in 1962.

The George Washington Honor Medal has been awarded the publication, and a similar medal went to its editor, C. Richard Lovegrove.

It is the third consecutive year, and the fifth time, THE ILLUMINATOR has won the honor. The award comes in the "Americana" Division of the competition, and is for "current programs or activities which create or support a better understanding of our great fundamental American traditions in their application to the everyday lives of citizens of our Republic."

Annual Report Available

Active and retired employees of our companies may obtain a copy of the 1962 Annual Report of the American Electric Power Company by returning the self-addressed, postage-paid post card which is enclosed with this issue of THE ILLUMINATOR.

Just fill in your name and address in the spaces indicated and drop the card in the mail. Any employee who is an AEP stockholder will automatically receive the report and will not have to send the card.



Mr. Lloyd

Taxes — A Concern Of Everyone

All of us pay taxes.

We may not be sure exactly how much we pay to all governments each year, and we probably don't know what proportion of our income goes to taxes.

But pay them we do, and too often without thinking about them.

Every year about this time we do grow somewhat concerned about how high taxes seem to be. We are filing our returns, and we are seeing the lump sum figure for our Federal taxes and for our state taxes. They take a pretty big bite of our income.

This year, we have been made even more aware of taxes, what with questions of tax reductions, tax reforms, government spending and the national debt making headlines daily.

Even so, it is difficult to understand completely what is going on, whether our tax share is too large, or, as a matter of fact, where our tax dollars are going. Tax systems have become so complex and spending has reached such astronomical proportions that Mr. Citizen is unable to grasp the whole picture.

Such organizations as Tax Foundation and Human Events realize this and are making effective efforts toward bringing the tax story to the individual level where all of us can understand it. Theirs is a program of education.

Because our companies think it important that all of us have a better understanding of taxes, THE ILLUMINATOR is devoting this page, in this issue, to reprints of material from Tax Foundation and Human Events. This is being done in the interest of enlightened citizens, and with the proposal that all of us can take individual action—action that is more than just paying our taxes without complaint or real understanding.

These pointers are offered as further action every citizen can take:

1. Keep abreast of new tax proposals—local, state and national.

2. See how new tax proposals stack up against the best standards of a good tax system: Adequate? Fair? Simple to administer and understand? Doesn't handicap economic growth?

3. Write your Congressmen and Senators when tax measures are up for consideration and let them know your opinion.

4. Join with others working on tax problems, such as state and local taxpayers' organizations.

Material on this page doesn't begin to cover every facet of taxation. But it does represent some of the highlights of the subject, and it is hoped it will provide some background for better understanding and action.

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On What Path Is Taxation Taking Us?

From a speech

By General Douglas MacArthur

Whether we want it or not, we pay now for almost unlimited government; a government which limits our lives by dictating how we are fed and clothed and housed; how to provide for old age; how the national income, which is the product of our labor, shall be divided among us; how we shall buy and sell; how long and how hard and under what circumstances we shall work. There is only scorn for the one who dares to say, "The government should not be infinite."

Chief Justice John Marshall warned as early as 1819 that "the power to tax involves the power to destroy." And he might have added that the road to destruction is the road of socialism. Its evidences which we see and talk about so much—the collectors and dispensers of socialistically used funds, the planning committees and enforcement bodies, the services they presume to render and the pyramids they build, the votes they coerce to maintain control—all these expressions of socialism are but the offspring of excessive taxation. If we want economic liberty—want to be free to work most productively and to have what we produce—our concern must focus on the tax roots to shut off the revenue which nourishes the disease. To work at the other end and merely bemoan the detailed projects of socialism or damn the persons who happen to be manning those projects at the moment, or even to change political personnel, would be about as effective in stopping socialism as changing undertakers would be to stop death.

Excessive Taxation

Excessive taxation produces results somewhat resembling the evils of slavery and serf-

dom in days of old. To illustrate: the government takes in taxes over a third of the income of the average citizen each year. This means that he or she is required to work entirely for the government from January 1 until May 10. This begins to resemble the Soviet forced labor system. It practically reduces the citizens for protracted periods to what amounts almost to involuntary servitude. It is indeed the modern, although humanized, counterpart in the twentieth century of the abandoned slavery and serfdom of the preceding centuries. We will be fortunate if it does not finally reduce individuals to the universal status of robots.

The present tax structure is even now probably adequate eventually to socialize the United States. Our tax take is already greater than that of the admitted national socialistic countries, whether on this or the other side of the Iron Curtain. The effects may not yet be fully evident to the superficial eyes, but the erosion of incentive, ingenuity and integrity that results will be as deadly as the hidden cancer is to life. It can in time change the basic character of this great nation, as it has every other nation where it has become indelibly affixed.

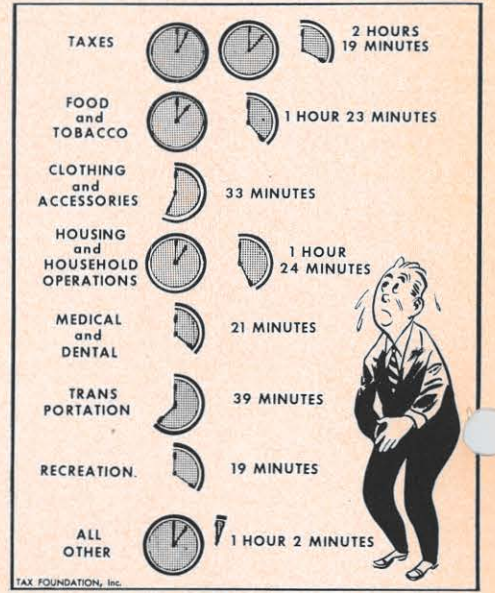
Creeping Inflation

In the last two decades our tax system has resulted in a creeping inflation which has devitalized the American dollar to 40 per cent of its previous purchasing power. If the present trend continues, the dollar may well sink to half its present value within another decade. Those who suffer most from such fiscal debasements are the men of small means—those living on fixed incomes, wages, annuities or pensions—especially the working man. But inflation does even more than debase a nation's currency; it also debauches a nation's morale. It creates a false illusion of prosperity; it discourages thrift and honest effort; it encourages a kind of speculation that expects something for nothing.

The painful truth is this: the government produces nothing of itself. Whatever it spends for people it must previously take from the people in the form of taxes. Moreover, whenever the government gives a service to people, it must at the same time take away from the people the right to provide and decide for themselves. And the amount which government does back to the people or spends to promote welfare is always only a fraction of what it takes away, because of the excessive cost of governmental administration. It is the little people that pay the largest part of the bill.

Who Pays?

Eighty-five per cent of all the billions of dollars paid in income taxes comes from the lowest rate—the 20 per cent paid by all persons with taxable income. Only 15 per cent is added by all the higher rates up to 91 per cent. Indeed, it has been suggested that one reason for the steep graduation of the income tax is to make the public think that people with higher incomes pay most of the taxes. It is another illusion to think that excessive rates of a graduated income tax tend to redistribute the wealth. It merely prevents its accumulation and thereby blocks expansion of the nation's economic strength. The very source of new and better jobs thus disappears. This is economic folly based on the false proposition that growth can be maintained through continuous inflation.



Americans worked 2 hours and 19 minutes of every 8-hour day in 1962 just to meet their Federal, state and local tax bills.

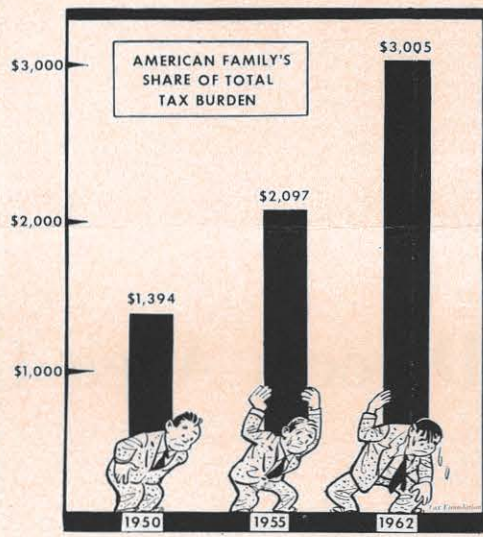
There are many who have lost faith in the early American ideal and believe in a form of socialistic, totalitarian rule, a sort of big brother deity to run our lives for us. They no longer believe that free men can manage their own affairs. Their central thesis is to take your money away from you on the presumption that a handful of men, centered in government—largely bureaucratic, not elected—can spend the proceeds of your toil and labor to greater advantage than you who create the money.

From History

Nowhere in the history of the human race is there justification for this reckless faith in political power. It is the oldest, most reactionary of all forms of social organization. It was tried out in ancient Babylon, ancient Greece and ancient Rome, in Mussolini's Italy, in Hitler's Germany and in Communist countries. Wherever and whenever it has been attempted, it has failed utterly to provide economic security, and has generally ended in national disaster. It embraces an essential idiocy, that individuals who, as private citizens, are not able to manage the disposition of their own earnings, become in public office supermen who can manage the affairs of the world.

The Soviets have tried to legislate the perfect society; and today the average Soviet citizen has little more freedom and less comfort than the inmates of American jails. The old American philosophy of government more effectively promoted the ideal of human freedom, with greater material abundance for more people, than any social system ever propounded; freedom to live under the minimum of restraint—freedom to make your own mistakes if you will. The fundamental and ultimate issue at stake, therefore, is not merely our money. It is liberty itself: the excessive taxation of an overgrown government versus personal freedom; a least common denominator of mediocrity against the proven progress of pioneering individualism; the free enterprise system or the cult of blind conformity; the robot or the free man.

The 1962 Tax Bite



Each American family's share of total taxes collected in fiscal 1962 by Federal, state and local governments amounted to \$3,005, or about \$93 more than it was in fiscal 1961. The per family share in fiscal 1950 was \$1,394.

Who Got Your Tax Dollars?

1. Afghanistan	\$ 182,900,000	40. India	3,071,900,000	79. Saudi Arabia	46,600,000
2. Albania	20,000,000	41. Indochina	1,535,000,000	80. Senegal	3,600,000
3. Argentina	537,900,000	42. Indonesia	583,500,000	81. Sierra Leone	1,000,000
4. Austria	1,170,900,000	43. Iran	1,195,200,000	82. Somalia	13,300,000
5. Belgium & Luxembourg	1,949,500,000	44. Iraq	67,000,000	83. Spain	1,631,000,000
6. Berlin	131,000,000	45. Ireland	146,200,000	84. Sudan	53,500,000
7. Bolivia	221,800,000	46. Israel	793,300,000	85. Surinam	2,900,000
8. Brazil	1,698,500,000	47. Italy	5,641,900,000	86. Sweden	108,900,000
9. British Guiana	1,900,000	48. Ivory Coast	400,000	87. Tanganyika	4,500,000
10. British Honduras	1,600,000	49. Japan	3,574,000,000	88. Thailand	632,600,000
11. Burma	94,500,000	50. Jordan	303,000,000	89. Togo	1,900,000
12. Cambodia	289,100,000	51. Kenya	7,400,000	90. Tunisia	255,200,000
13. Cameroun	2,100,000	52. Korea	5,029,600,000	91. Turkey	3,491,600,000
14. Ceylon	74,900,000	53. Laos	374,400,000	92. Uganda	1,100,000
15. Chad	2,000,000	54. Lebanon	89,900,000	93. U. S. S. R.	419,000,000
16. Chile	512,700,000	55. Liberia	116,300,000	94. U. A. R. (Egypt and Syria)	438,800,000
17. China	4,161,100,000	56. Libya	180,000,000	95. United Kingdom	8,685,600,000
18. Colombia	319,300,000	57. Malagasy Republic	500,000	96. Upper Volta	1,300,000
19. Congo	78,300,000	58. Malaya	22,200,000	97. Uruguay	80,200,000
20. Costa Rica	80,100,000	59. Mali	2,500,000	98. Venezuela	104,000,000
21. Cuba	52,000,000	60. Mauritania	1,500,000	99. Vietnam	2,118,500,000
22. Czechoslovakia	191,000,000	61. Mexico	630,300,000	100. West Germany	4,997,100,000
23. Dahomey	1,400,000	62. Morocco	307,700,000	101. West Indies Federation	17,000,000
24. Denmark	856,900,000	63. Mozambique	12,500,000	102. Yemen	17,000,000
25. Dominican Republic	8,900,000	64. Nepal	43,500,000	103. Yugoslavia	2,280,300,000
26. East Germany	17,000,000	65. Netherlands	2,450,300,000	Other Aid:	
27. Ecuador	96,400,000	66. New Zealand	11,000,000	Int'l Banking Org's	4,875,200,000
28. El Salvador	16,700,000	67. Nicaragua	53,100,000	Regional Europe	2,574,300,000
29. Ethiopia	181,300,000	68. Niger	700,000	Regional—South Asia	945,100,000
30. Finland	87,000,000	69. Nigeria	16,400,000	Regional—Far East	417,200,000
31. France	9,431,400,000	70. Norway	1,082,000,000	Regional—Latin America	138,100,000
32. Ghana	6,600,000	71. Pakistan	1,430,900,000	Regional—Africa	75,400,000
33. Greece	3,213,400,000	72. Panama	75,700,000	Regional—Brit. E. Africa	1,200,000
34. Guatemala	149,600,000	73. Paraguay	42,600,000	Refugees, Children, etc.	3,715,500,000
35. Guinea	3,800,000	74. Peru	388,700,000	Central Treaty Org'n	25,000,000
36. Haiti	92,600,000	75. Philippines	1,675,700,000	Various African Misc.	12,400,000
37. Honduras	40,500,000	76. Poland	514,500,000	Total to July, 1961	\$96,175,800,000
38. Hungary	27,000,000	77. Portugal	402,200,000		
39. Iceland	70,200,000	78. Rhodesia and Nyasaland	33,300,000		



Mr. Hervey



Mr. Hall

C. B. Talley To Retire; Managerial Changes Affect Munday and White

C. B. Talley, manager of the Charleston district, has requested retirement at age 60 under the provisions of the company's early retirement plan and his request has been regrettably granted. He plans to retire July 1, 1963.

E. L. Munday, Jr., manager of the Fieldale district, will succeed Mr. Talley as Charleston district manager.

James B. White, assistant manager of the Abingdon district, is being promoted to the position of Fieldale district manager, succeeding Mr. Munday, effective April 1.

A veteran of more than 38 years with Appalachian, Mr. Talley is a graduate of Ohio University. He joined Ohio Power in 1925. He has lived in Charleston since 1928, when he joined Appalachian in the commercial department. He has served in various capacities, including the post of commercial manager for the Charleston division. He became Charleston district manager in 1951.

He is a member of the board of the West Virginia Safety Council and a member of the Kiwanis Club, Charleston Civic Center board, Electric League of Charleston, American Institute of Electrical Engineers and Society of Professional Engineers. He is active in the Charleston and West Virginia Chambers of Commerce and the United Fund of Kanawha Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Talley plan to move from Charleston to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in July, where they have a home under construction. They have one son, who is with General Electric Company in Philadelphia.

A graduate of VPI, Mr. Munday has been associated with Appalachian since 1936 when he was employed at Roanoke. He has served in the Roanoke district commercial department, becoming district commercial manager in 1955. In 1956 he was named assistant manager of the Roanoke district and was promoted to the position of Fieldale district manager in 1960.

He is a member of the boards of the Virginia State and Martinsville-Henry County Chambers of Commerce. He was 1961-62 chairman of the United Fund campaign and is a member of the Martinsville Kiwanis Club and Danville Chamber, and is past president of the Virginia Mountain Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

He is married and has two children, a son and a daughter. He plans to move his family to Charleston shortly after school is out.

Mr. White is a native of Pulaski and has been associated with Appalachian since 1938, except for his military service and completion of his college work at VPI, from which he graduated in 1948.

Following his graduation, he was employed at Abingdon as an engineer and later was transferred to



Mr. Talley



Mr. Munday

Bluefield as a power sales engineer. He returned to Abingdon as district commercial manager in 1954 and has been assistant district manager since 1958.

Married and the father of two sons, he is a member and past deacon of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, member and past director of the Abingdon Rotary Club, and a director of the Industrial Development Corporation of Abingdon and the Washington County Industrial Foundation. He is a past president and director of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and is chairman of the Washington County United Fund, vice chairman of the Ocanosta District of Boy Scouts of America, and past president and director of the Virginia Highlands Society.

He expects to move his family to the Fieldale area shortly after school closes.



Mr. White

Move Affects Three Others . . .

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has served as president of the Mid-Ohio Valley Engineering Council and is a past president and member of the Kiwanis Club. He is a registered professional engineer and a member of the Society of Professional Engineers.

He is married, has two daughters. Mr. Hedrick is a native of Randolph County, W. Va., and attended Chicago Technical College. He was employed by Appalachian at Charleston in 1956 as an electrical engineer. Two years later he was appointed assistant district engineer and in 1958 was promoted to the position of area superintendent at St. Albans.

He is a member of the St. Albans Rotary Club and the First Presbyterian Church.



Mr. Hedrick

Changes In Area Development . . .

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Club, vice chairman of the public relations committee of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Ceredo-Kenova Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Board of Deacons of the Baptist Temple and president of the Men's Council of the church.

He is married and has two children. A native of Logan, Mr. Roomy is a graduate of National Business College at Roanoke and attended Marshall University. He has been employed by Appalachian since 1938 when he began work in the meter department at Logan. He was named assistant local office manager at Logan in 1954 and then in 1956 moved into the company's commercial department there as a heating and builder sales representative. In 1958 he was named local office manager at Logan and a year later became residential sales supervisor in the Huntington district.



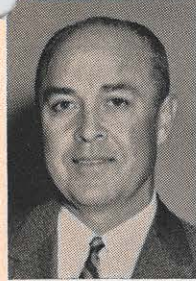
Mr. Dunn Mr. Roomy

Mr. Roomy has been active in Boy Scout work and other civic and community affairs. He is vice chairman of the State Board of Christian Churches of West Virginia, chairman of the board of Central Christian Church in Huntington, and past president of the West Virginia Christian Men's Fellowship.

He is married and has one son, who is presently attending Union Theological Seminary in New York, after having graduated from Texas Christian University.

Accounting Post Goes To Marshall

Noble G. Marshall has been promoted to supervisor of accounting for the Radford Ordnance plant in the system accounting department.



Mr. Marshall

Rising from the post of head-general books section, he succeeds P. C. Ray, who retired February 1.

He is a graduate of Roanoke College and received a master's in business administration from the University of Virginia. He joined the company in July 1937 as a clerk in system accounting, became general bookkeeper in 1939 and head-general books section in 1954.

Mr. Marshall is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, where he teaches a Junior Hi Boys' Sunday School class. He is a member of the Business Mens Club, Industrial Management Club, recreation committee of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Salvation Army Boys Club.

He is married and has two sons.

Project Decision Building In Pulaski . . . (Continued from page 1)

able tenant for it. After a suitable tenant is found, the industrial foundation completes the building to the specification of the industry and works out its own arrangement

with the company. Project Decision was introduced by Appalachian as an industrial development and community improvement program in 1961. One

shell building—in Abingdon—was constructed in the first phase. It was occupied in September 1962 by the HAPCO Division of Hubbard and Company.



Four Bluefield employees survey and run levels on the Princeton site of the Project Decision shell building to be constructed in West Virginia. The Bluefield-Princeton area of Mercer County was top-ranked by Appalachian and offered the building. A similar offer to Pulaski in Virginia followed a month later. Mean-

while, Bluefield-Princeton's subscription campaign went well over its \$250,000 goal, assuring building construction. In the picture are Joel Pugh, draftsman; Jack Newland, line inspector; W. C. Cox, instrument man; and Leroy Poythress, civil engineer, all of the Bluefield district.

News Events In Brief

ASHLAND—Eight hundred employees—all that were laid off in December—have been recalled by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway at its Russell shops. The reason: extensive repairs to 500 70-ton hopper cars and the construction of another 500.

ROANOKE—The first industry to open in the Blue Ridge Park for Industry, Sealtest, began operations in its milk processing plant, capable of processing 25,000 gallons daily. Employment of 30 is expected to reach 150 to 200.

HAZARD—Magic Mountain is nearer reality. Plans for the \$4,689,000 recreational resort at Hazard were announced by residents, who are promoting the resort. The project will provide direct employment for 246 and

home employment for 230 craftsmen.

POINT PLEASANT-BECKLEY—Two other recreational areas have gotten boosts. Federal funds totaling \$1,065,000 will be loaned by the Area Redevelopment Administration for the long-planned Point Pleasant Resort. And ARA also made a grant of \$211,000 to improve Grandview State Park in Raleigh County.

WEST VIRGINIA—A new high in payments will be made in the coming fiscal year by West Virginia taxpayers, according to the state's Chamber of Commerce. More than \$1-billion, or about one-third of their personal income, will be paid in local, state and Federal taxes.

BLUEFIELD—Already employing 730, General Instrument of Tazewell will add another 160 to its payroll when an 8,000-square-foot addition is completed to the present plant. The new employees will bring the plant's present \$1,750,000 payroll to over \$2,000,000 annually. Completion is slated for 1964.

ROANOKE—The best year in industrial development ever was experienced by the Norfolk and Western Railway in 1962. The company's industrial development department assisted in the location of 120 new plants in its six-state operating territory. Ninety-five additions were made to existing industry. These plants created 10,300 new jobs.

HUNTINGTON—In full operation now is the Neal plant of Novamont Corporation, employing 250 people.

PULASKI—A new contract for full-fashioned hosiery has meant the recall of 95 people at the Grayson-Millis Hosiery Mills at Independence. Their machines have been idle since 1960.

BECKLEY—One hundred people will be employed when a new operation opens in Beckley. It is the Melpar Division of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company of Falls Church, Va. Melpar is engaged in research, development and production of electronic equipment for the U. S. Government and prime contractors in training systems, data handling, fuses and radar beacons.



Huntington

Two elections made news . . . M. A. Fotos was elected secretary of the Huntington Foreman-Managers Club . . . A. R. Neal, Jr. was named to the board of the Huntington Engineers Club.

Williamson

Welcome to Mrs. Ruth S. Boothe, new contract clerk . . . Monroe "Gene" Hall, Jr., instrument man, Myrtle M. Bevins, general clerk, and Patsy V. Hackworth, part-time accounting employee, have resigned . . . The K Appa K Girls Club held a dinner for Myrtle Bevins and gave her an electric steam iron and other gifts . . . She and Monroe Hall were guests at a buffet dinner given by office employees . . . E. E. King, district superintendent, has been elected for the 13th consecutive year to the board of the Tug Valley Country Club and, in addition, was named treasurer.

Logan

Dorsie G. Drake, T&D clerk, has been elected vice president of the local chapter, West Virginia Model "A" Club . . . Mrs. Wayne Warren, wife of the assistant stores supervisor, was one of the co-chairmen in the Mother's March of Dimes Drive.



John E. Faust, power sales engineer, has been appointed to the seven-man Recreation Commission.



Bluefield

Clyde L. Farley, line foreman, completed a course in Industrial Foremanship . . . Bill Goodloe, system records supervisor, is beginning his 15th consecutive year as Secretary of the Bluefield Kiwanis Club . . . Grady L. Parker, division commercial sales engineer, has been elected Clerk of the Session at the Princeton Presbyterian Church. Grady has also been made chairman of the Golf Tournament Committee for the Glenwood-Green Valley Kiwanis Club, for the State Tour-



Happenings

Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families

Appaleisure Officers



The Appaleisure Club in Beckley elected these employees to office. They are, from left: T. G. Allen, vice president; Emma Jean Wilson, president; and J. A. Kirby, secretary-treasurer. The club's main project is the district coffee shop, and profits are used for parties for all employees. The latest was a bingo party February 22.

namment to be held in July, 1963 at the Princeton Elks Country Club . . . Mrs. Garland Morrison, wife of the janitor, has been elected President of the Tazewell Parent-Teachers Association . . . Mrs. E. E. Fanning, wife of the Customer Service Representative, is assistant leader of a Brownie Scout Troop . . . Mrs. Ben Bates, wife of the division meter supervisor, has been elected secretary of the Golden Age Club Board of Governors. Mrs. W. J. Gillespie, Jr., wife of the assistant division manager, has been elected to the membership of the Board, while M. E. Rich, records supervisor, has been elected vice-chairman . . . C. B. Yearout, division personnel supervisor, and son Bill attended a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion in Charleston, the occasion being national observation of Boy Scout Week . . . Frances Harvey, home service representative, who resigned February 28 to be married, was feted with a luncheon by the Girls' Service Club. She was also honored with a dinner party at Club Ramon given by Frances Keller, secretarial stenographer . . . Garlin Hill, station man, rolled a 683 series in the Industrial League at the Princeton Bowling Center. He came through with games of 203, 201 and 279. He is a member of four local leagues and averages between 182 and 185 in

each. For his series, he will receive an ABC merit award and belt and buckle. Garlin coaches a Junior Bowling League at the Princeton Bowling Center . . . Lois K. Rounion, division secretarial stenographer, attended a two-day Secretarial Institute in Knoxville, co-sponsored by the Knoxville Chapter, National Secretaries Association, and the University of Tennessee. This is the 10th annual Institute sponsored by these organizations.

Welch

The Board of Governors of West Virginia University has appointed W. T. Lanter, head material clerk, a member of the McDowell County Extension Committee . . . Attitudes and how they affect a community were discussed by a panel of five McDowell Countians, including W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant, over WKOY-TV in Oak Hill.

Abingdon

Harry Garnand, son of Mrs. Edythe Garnand, stores, was selected to the All-State Band. He is a sophomore at Abingdon High School . . . Safe driving cards were presented to 60 employees who regularly drive company vehicles and who were not involved in accidents during 1962. Thirty-four of the group have perfect records during their employment with the company.



Lynchburg

Congratulations to John R. Martin, line and station supervisor, who has been elected taitwister and chairman of the program committee of the Timberlake Lions Club . . . And to W. S. White, district manager, who has been named to the boards of the Lynchburg Area Development Corporation and the United Fund.

Roanoke

Mary Ann Schuermann, personnel stenographer, has resigned . . . John W. Vaughan, assistant division manager, has been named to the board of the Roanoke Valley Safety Council.

retary of Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Ohio University . . . Bonnie was selected chairman of the Mason County Cannister Heart Fund, co-chairman of Heart Sunday drive for the county, and chairman of the Centennial Badge Drive in connection with the West Virginia Centennial . . . W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant, was re-elected treasurer of Christ Episcopal Church.

Beckley

R. R. Griffith, Oak Hill area supervisor, was appointed to the finance committee of the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation . . . Mrs. R. E. Presley, wife of the stores supervisor, was appointed the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Representative of the Raleigh County Chapter of the Red Cross.



Pikeville

John Turnley, serviceman, was elected senior warden of the J. W. Hall Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Martin . . . Harry Bradley, janitor, is a new employee.

Kentucky System

Congratulations to Melvin A. Sutphin, son of O. F. Sutphin, administrative assistant, who was elected president of Kappa Pi art fraternity at Eastern State College in Richmond, Ky., where he is a junior majoring in art and industrial designing . . . Linda Dickerson is a new clerk-trainee in system accounting in Ashland.

No Trouble At All



He took a number in a magazine into the auto dealer, checked it on a list, filled in a coupon and walked out with the keys to a brand new Rambler Classic sedan. The fortunate man was Oscar Kallmerton, Charleston line foreman, whose big win came in a national contest. In the picture, Mr. Kallmerton, second from right, is accepting the keys from E. S. Thompson of Thompson Motors of St. Albans. Mrs. Kallmerton, son Larry and daughter Karen are pleased onlookers. His new car makes it two Ramblers Mr. Kallmerton now owns.

Pleasing To The Ears And Eyes

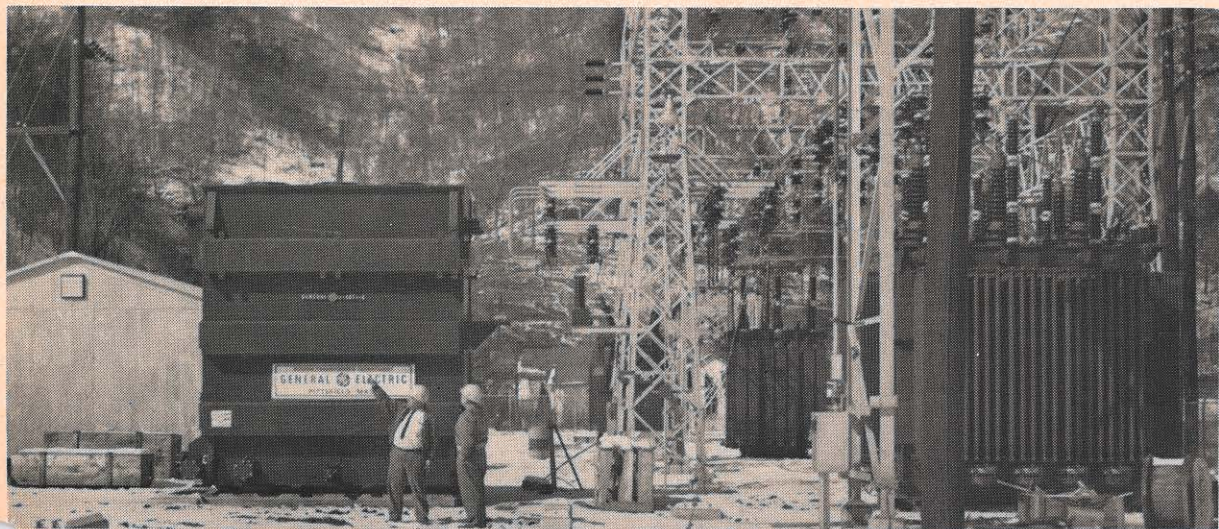


The Pleasantaire's furnished singing entertainment at Point Pleasant's Christmas party, and they did so well that they now have these new outfits. Following their appearance, the girls were given money by the company. Their director, C. L. Head, used it to buy material to have these red and white look-alike outfits made. The girls are, from left: Vicki Wright, Carolyn Woodrum, Opal Rose and Kathy Blain. Opal is a sister of T. J. Rose, T&D clerk.

Leaving The Snow Behind



Clarence and Eloise Pierce study with anticipation a travel folder, counting the days until they leave for Jamaica in the British West Indies. Mrs. Pierce is a Beckley T&D clerk, and Mr. Pierce is an account executive with the E. F. MacDonald Stamp Company. He is also the company's top salesman nationally, and the seven-day trip was the top prize in a sales contest held by his company. The couple was scheduled to leave Charleston by plane March 2.



J. M. Nuckolls, Grundy area supervisor, shows W. T. Collins, local office supervisor, where a new 138,000 volt line will come into the Garden Creek station from Clinch River plant. On the right is the station's 69,000 volt structure and at the extreme rear is the new 12,000 volt aluminum structure.

Cooperation Keynote In Major Station Work

Cooperation among system transmission and distribution, Bluefield division and Welch district personnel has resulted in the completion of the tie-in of the Garden Creek, Slate Creek and Grundy stations.

Most of the conversion work was changing 34,500 and 88,000 volt service to 69,000 volts. Before the work began, personnel of system, division and district met and planned the entire job, including the feeding of power from other sources while construction was going on. All three groups took part in the many phases of construction and conversion.

One final phase of the work is yet to be completed. That is the building of a 138,000 volt line from Clinch River plant to Garden Creek. Right of way has been cleared for this line.

Engineering Council Taps PSP Employee

Philip J. Wolpert, operations supervisor at Philip Sporn plant, has been elected chairman of the Mid Ohio Valley Engineers Council. Charles Evans, plant engineer, was named secretary of the 50-member group. Gene Gloss, assistant plant manager, is past chairman.



Mr. Wolpert

The Council's plans include the promotion of interest of young engineers in state registration, as well as the interest of promising high school students in the engineering profession.

Mr. Wolpert was employed at Ohio Power's Philo plant as a test engineer in 1936, went to Sporn as results engineer in 1949 and became operations supervisor in 1952. He is a mechanical engineering graduate of Ohio State University. He is married and has a daughter.

Charlestonian Has An Article In EL&P

W. L. Turley, Charleston line foreman, wrote an article appearing in the February issue of *Electric Light & Power*. The article, "Metal Protector Prevents Wood Molding Damage," appeared in the Utility Man's Notebook section.



Reviving Oxen Is Just One Experience In 35-Year Career Of System Retiree

C. C. Lance, who adds a touch of humor to his recollections of 35 years of service with the company, retired March 1 as system regional dispatcher at Switchback station.



Mr. Lance

A native of Monterey, Mexico, he joined the company in April 1924 as a material man on the first 138,000-volt line constructed in the eastern part of the United States, between Turner and Logan stations. He worked on construction until 1928, when he transferred to Holston station as an operator. In 1934 he went to the Roanoke station and in 1937 to Switchback.

Listen to his description of line building in 1924: "In those days ox teams and wagons were the only means of transporting materials over the rough terrain, and these and a block and fall line had to be used to get material to tower locations. The delivery to the 5th structure out of Logan illustrates best the difference between the present method of helicopter delivery and the work it took then."

"To begin, the best driver of oxen took two or three looks at the mountain and at me, threw his whip down and walked off without a word. There were seven loads of insulators and hardware to block up on the first ridge. Then two of these had to be hauled the length of the ridge and blocked up 2,000 feet more. Fourteen yoke of oxen hauled a steel snatch block, a chain to fasten it with and the end of 2,000 feet of steel cable up to the towers.

"That cable just reached the wagon tongue at the foot of the hill. After the block was secured, the oxen started down, hauling the load up. Now 14 yoke are quite a string of oxen, and when the leaders reached the foot of the mountain and started out on the flat the wagon was still quite a distance from its destination.

"As the leading yoke progressed out on the flat, the line up the mountain rose higher and higher, until the four rear yoke were hanging by their necks several feet in the air. The wagon was tied off as quickly as possible, and the oxen backed until those in the air were on the ground. The last six went down flat on their backs and didn't show any signs of life.

"The quick-thinking driver ran back, jumped up on the side of one and started hopping up and down. Several of us followed his example. It was rough artificial respiration, but it worked. Having tried to dispose of a couple of carcasses of these animals lost from over-heating, I was thankful. These same teams were used to string conductors until we got tractors with winch lines."

Mr. Lance is married and has four children. He is interested in Youth Center work, television and electronics.

His comment on retiring was: "The growth of the company and the improvements in lines and equipment, continuous service to

customers and of equipment are almost too great to grasp unless one has had experience between the infancy and present efficient operation of the company."

Sporn Plant Vets Observe 40 Years



Mr. Tennant

Mr. Carroll

Two Philip Sporn plant employees—Clarence R. Tennant and Charles E. Carroll—have observed their 40th anniversaries with the company.

Mr. Tennant, shift operating engineer, joined the Windsor plant of Beech Bottom Power Company February 22, 1923 as a laborer. He was a boiler room man, boiler operator and assistant boiler room foreman before transferring to Sporn in 1949 as assistant shift operating engineer. He was named shift operating engineer in 1953.

A native of New Martinsville, W. Va., he is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is married and has eight children.

Mr. Carroll, shift operating engineer, also joined the Windsor plant as a laborer, on February 11, 1923. He was a boiler room man, turbine operator and assistant boiler room foreman before going to Sporn in 1949 as assistant shift operating engineer. He became shift operating engineer in 1952.

He is a native of Middlebourn, W. Va., and is married and has two children.

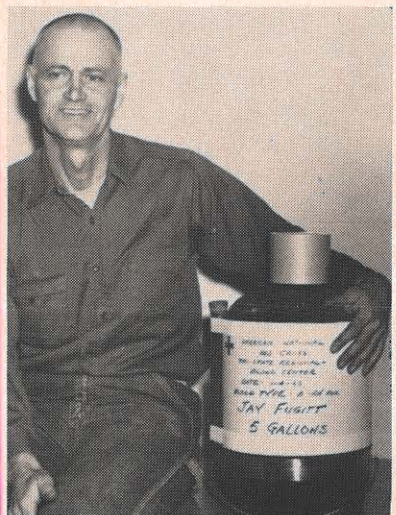
Ashland's Walking Blood Bank Makes It Five Gallons Donated In Ten Years

At the Ashland Bloodmobile recently, a familiar figure took his place in line. When the typewriter had been stilled, the finger jabbed and the needle removed, Jay Fugitt was the first employee of Kentucky Power to become a member of the Red Cross Five-Gallon Club.

Since the Ashland employee—he is part of the line team operating the district's hot-line bucket truck—began donating blood in 1952, he has given 40 pints on a regular basis.

An employee since 1945, he is a deacon and associate Sunday School superintendent at the Unity Baptist Church. He is married and has one daughter.

Jay declares that he will soon be in that line again, starting on his sixth gallon of blood.



With a mock-up of a pint blood container holding five gallons is Ashland's walking blood bank, Jay Fugitt. The Ashland employee has given five gallons of blood to the Red Cross in a little over 10 years.

G. W. Wise To Head New AEP Division

Consolidation of the Insurance and Pension Divisions of the American Electric Power Service Corporation into a single Insurance and Pension Division and the appointment of George W. Wise to direct it have been announced by President Donald C. Cook.

In this capacity Mr. Wise will direct the corporate insurance and pension programs of the entire AEP System. The appointment was effective March 1.

A 38-year AEP veteran Mr. Wise succeeds Alfred W. Reid who retired February 1 as Director of Corporate Insurance and Kenneth W. Leslie who retired March 1 as Director of Pensions.

In the new post Mr. Wise will administer a corporate insurance program with a total coverage of more than \$1 billion on the AEP System's physical assets and will administer a pension program covering 10,470 present employees and 1,750 retired employees.

He joined AEP in 1925, working first in the finance and accounting department, and in 1946 became a senior auditor. He entered the Insurance and Pension Divisions in 1955.

Mr. Wise has studied accounting at New York University and at George Washington University, Washington, D. C. and was a member of the AEP-sponsored management course at Georgia Institute of Technology in 1957. He is married and has a 17-year old son.



Mr. Wise

Pension Director Retires From AEP

Kenneth W. Leslie, director of pensions for the AEP System, retired March 1 from the Service Corporation after 39 years of service.

He began his AEP career with Ohio Power as a distribution engineer in 1924. He went to the Service Corporation in 1938 and was named director of pensions in 1955.

He is an engineering graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, is married and has two married daughters and one grandchild.

Insurance Purchaser For Company Retires

Al Reid was an insurance man, but he didn't sell it—he bought it, and for the entire AEP System.

Al (Alfred W.) retired February 1 as the AEP Service Corporation's director of corporate insurance. In that job, he placed the insurance policies that cover all the physical assets of AEP Company.

"When I began work in 1923 with the Service Corporation as an insurance agent, the Company took out coverage on \$100-million worth of plant and equipment and lines.

"In the 39 years since, we've had amazing growth; we now have insurance coverage about ten times as large—a billion dollars worth," he pointed out.

The Winter Scene

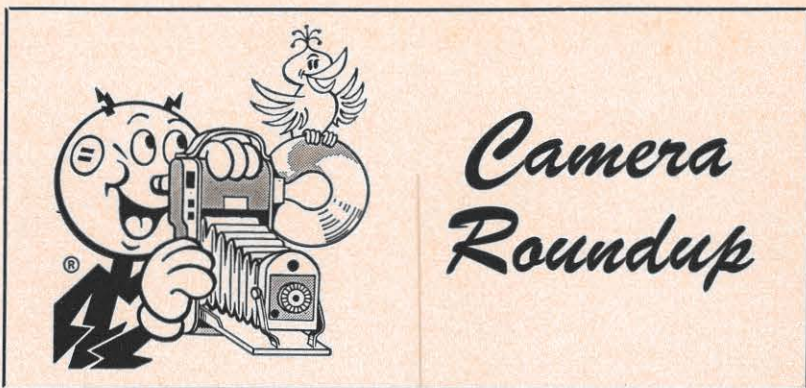
Winter's cold blasts presented problems in various areas of our companies, and at least two of them were solved. One that wasn't is at left, where this telephoto was made of a group of starlings helping with the economy by salvaging what they could of heat from a chimney. This is a common sight from the upper windows of the Bluefield office on cold mornings. This particular shot was made when the temperature was four degrees above zero, and copies have been given to electric heat people as a good example of heat loss from a vented heating system. In the photo at right, Jesse Hackney, Clinch River plant results helper, applies the torch to piping of the condensing reservoir just off the main stream lead at right. Temperature of the steam lead was 830 degrees above zero. Outside air temperature was 14 degrees below zero, and a

freeze-up of the main steam flowmeter happened only inches between the extremes. Other facilities at the plant were given close attention during the cold spell. One World War II veteran remarked that he had not seen so many wool knit caps in use since the winter of '44. And at right, Frederick L. Jones, Welch line man, solved a personal problem with this portable heater he built. He uses it as a car warmer and defroster and to keep pipes under his house from freezing. His house, in Coalwood, is without a garage, so on these cold mornings he would warm the interior of the car as well as melt snow and frost from windows. The heater, running from a receptacle on the back porch, is thermostatically controlled. It has also been useful in keeping exposed water pipes under the house from freezing.

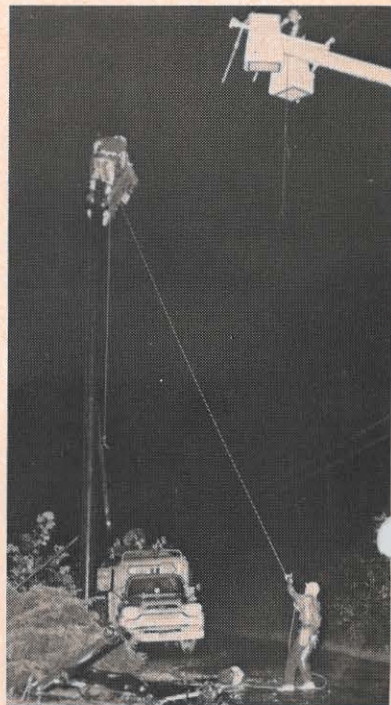




A hard hat prevented serious injury to S. E. Kees, Kanawha River plant maintenance man, last August 30, and he has just been admitted to membership in the Turtle Club. Presenting the club hat to him are H. C. Skaggs, plant manager, left, and J. C. Burnette, safety supervisor. Mr. Kees was struck by a heavy lug, and the blow was so hard that, despite the hat, he was knocked out. He is the third Kanawha member of the club—the others are J. E. McClain and T. P. Grady.



Dusk to Dawn lights installed around major schools in the Welch district have eliminated a real problem. In recent years, seven fires broke out in school buildings and caused extensive damage. The automatic lights, brightening up the area around the schools, has brought an end to the arson. This picture shows the Welch Elementary School protected.



A bucket truck was put to good use in Ashland not long ago when service to 314 customers was knocked out. Use of the bucket eliminated approximately an hour and a half of further interruption, which included the time during which the repaired 12-kv conductors were energized and supported in the air on the insulated boom while the new pole was being set.



An experimental hand mitt was used during a painting job on a river crossing tower in Point Pleasant not long ago. Manufacturers claim the mitt is quicker, easier than a brush. That's R. L. Barrette, lineman, using the mitt.



Frances Keller, Bluefield stenographer, and Pete Montague, behind the fringe, model costumes they will wear at work June 20, West Virginia Statehood Day, to commemorate the state's 100th anniversary.



Here is Jerry Akers, groundman at Williamson, and a unique suggestion box. His pastor felt the church, the Freewill Baptist Church at Matewan, needed such a project, and Jerry's response was to build a replica of the church itself to scale; he painted it, put in glass windows, and then wired it.



One customer in Lynchburg believes in playing it safe. For the past several years, this customer makes use of the night depository to pay his bill. It's always in exact change, sealed and stapled in a bank coin envelope, and then a safety pin fastens the envelope, service bill and paper money. J. W. McCarthy, assistant office manager, has the latest deposit.



New officers were elected by the Lynchburg Apelco Club. They are from left: James H. Haley, Jr., vice president; Mrs. Nancy Beane, treasurer; Mrs. Charlene Thompson, assistant treasurer; and Joseph B. Rice, president. Absent was Anna Lackey, secretary.



Mrs. Pauline Duff, Bluefield stenographer, shows off a group of unique place cards she designed and made for use at recent luncheon the Girls' Service Club gave for Frances Harvey, home service representative and a bride-to-be.



A happy moment for this Charleston family: Mrs. John T. Shriver has just pinned Scouting's God and Country medal on her son Clarence while Mr. Shriver looks proudly on. Mr. Shriver is Charleston division rural and residential sales supervisor.



Outstanding work during 1962 for the Boy Scouts has earned a plaque of appreciation for A. R. Barber, Hazard district manager, right. Presenting the plaque is H. E. Greer, honorary president of the Lonesome Pine Council.



Edward Brown, son of D. H. Brown, Kanawha River plant stores department, recently received the God and Country medal at the Old Kanawha Baptist Church at Pratt. From left are Mr. Brown, scoutmaster; Mrs. Brown, Edward, and Rev. R. H. Carroll.

"Voice With A Smile" Is Important In Communications Center Of Office

"Good afternoon. Kentucky Power Company." It is a musical sound, and immediately the caller is off on the right foot with the company.

That voice with a smile belongs to Judy Fairchild, PBX operator at the Ashland office. She is one of many operators in our companies who have the heavy responsibility of being the first contact a caller has with the company. And these employees are in the unique position of being in constant contact, throughout every working day, with customers and employees.

Their switchboards, then, become a kind of meeting place for voices and an important center in the day-to-day operation of our companies. The employee who operates the switchboard—the PBX operator—is a kind of chairman of the board, and her actions and responses to her calls of duty play a valuable role in our relations with customers and other employees.

To follow Judy through a day at her board is to see, generally, what the duties of all PBX operators are. There are variations, depending on local conditions, but the main responsibilities are the same.

Judy's day begins at eight in the morning, and it's not long before her board starts flickering away, lights springing into action. For the untrained, it might be a time to panic. But for Judy and her fellow PBX operators, it is a matter of knowing what to do. Throughout the day, she will pass along 350 phone calls. Some of the callers will know who they want and that is a simple operation. Others will not, and Judy must be familiar with the operations of the company, who handles what phase, and who can best answer a caller's request.

The law of averages says that she will receive some calls that



Located as she is in the lobby of the office, Judy supplies information to visitors in addition to her job as PBX operator. Her day is a full one, with constant contacts with customers and employees.

require considerable tact and more patience. Others may need sympathy, and a few will require a good listening ear.

And some of the calls are real stumpers. Judy has had people asking to talk to Reddy Kilowatt and Freddy Kilowatt, and others wanting to know such and such about their gas or telephone bills. But she says the variety makes the job all the more interesting.

In her particular job Judy is located in the lobby of the Ashland office and does a little traffic-directing among individuals who come to the office. During the times when her switchboard is quiet and the lobby is empty, she helps out on other jobs, posting cashier stubs in ledgers and preparing delinquent notices for mailing, for example.

Judy has been with the company a year now, beginning as a clerk-trainee, and has not yet been through a time of real emergency. This is the time that tests the mettle of a PBX operator—when a sudden snow storm knocks out power or a flash flood sweeps facilities away.



"The voice with a smile" at Ashland's office belongs to PBX Operator Judy Fairchild.

Pearisburg DSA Presented Boulton

James Boulton has been named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Pearisburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.



Mr. Boulton

He is heating and builder sales representative in the Pearisburg office of the Pulaski district. The honor was conferred at the organization's annual Service Award and Bosses' Night banquet. Mayor C. J. Taylor, chairman of the award committee, made the presentation, and among Mr. Boulton's achievements listed were these: chairman of the Lord's Acre sale for the Methodist Church, chairman of the Leas & McVitty Sesquicentennial Parade, vice president of the Pearisburg Chamber of Commerce and top salesman in his department of Appalachian.

Bob Crutchfield Pikeville Retiree

Rodman "Bob" Crutchfield, who helped build and maintain most of the Pikeville district lines and facilities, retired March 1 after 34 years of service.

A native of Whitley County, Ky., the head T&D clerk worked for the East Kentucky Home Telephone Company as a maintenance man and lineman from 1919 until 1926. He served in the Navy during World War I.

On February 25, 1929 he joined the Pikeville district as a lineman. He served as a right of way agent and line inspector before becoming line foreman in 1943. He became head T&D clerk in 1955.

He and his wife, Mary, plan to visit Florida and other sections of the country. They own property in Lehigh Acres in Florida and in fact Bob was the top salesman in the country of lots in the development a few years back.

He also wants to catch up on his favorite pastime, fishing.



Mr. Crutchfield

Operators have been known to work long hours, acting as the communications center in rescue and restoration operations. One operator in Roanoke even remembers sitting at her board, continuing to work while flood waters lapped the bottom of her chair.

Many of the callers to the Ashland office probably do not recognize Judy's voice, but they would know her if they saw her. She was Miss Ashland in 1961 and the city's entry in the Miss Kentucky pageant. A redhead, she is married to Troy Fairchild, Jr., who operates an automobile agency across the street from the office.

Judy is a native of Ashland and attended the local center of the University of Kentucky.

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

Charleston Selects Its 'Man Of Year'

Charleston's Outstanding Young Man of the Year is Jack Lawhorn, son of Mrs. Myrtle Lawhorn,



Mr. Lawhorn

Charleston PBX operator. Mr. Lawhorn, director of Municipal Parks and Recreation Department, was honored by the Charleston Junior Chamber of Commerce. The award was based on his activities in the City Industrial Basketball League, YMCA Physical Education and Health Committees, Red Cross, Charleston Youth Community, Kanawha Welfare Council and West Virginia Recreation Society.

A 1956 graduate of Morris-Harvey College, he holds a degree in sociology. He has also earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary. At Morris-Harvey he was on the varsity football and basketball squads and in his senior year was president of the Pan-Hellenic Council. He is married and the father of two daughters and a son.

Filed Your 1962 Medical Claims?

Employees insured under our companies' Comprehensive Medical Plan are reminded to file 1962 medical claims no later than March 31.

In some instances, where no claim was filed in 1962, the expenses incurred during the last three months of 1961 may be considered part of your 1962 claim.

Such claims must be filed by March 31, 1963. Contact your personnel department for details about these instances.

H. P. Crickenberger, Helper In Getting System Operating Organized, Retires

A 45-year veteran who helped with the organization of the system operating department, Harold P. Crickenberger, retired March 1 from Appalachian.

Administrative assistant in system operating, "Crick" is a native of Luray, Va., and joined the company in 1917 as an operator at Cabin Creek plant. During World War I he entered West Virginia University for officer training with the Army, and on discharge returned to Cabin Creek as a dispatcher. Later he entered Bliss Electrical School, graduating in 1921.

In 1926 he went to the Charleston office and worked part-time at Turner station as a system operator. It was during this period he helped in the establishment of the department. In 1942 he became statistician in the department and in 1946 was named administrative assistant. His knowledge of the system is broad, since much of his work had to do with contracts with interconnected companies and with compiling data for regulation agencies.

He is past commander of American Legion Post 21, Dunbar, and a past member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Elks. He is an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Roanoke.

Married, he admits that his wife



Mr. Crickenberger

is a better fisherman than he is, and he plans to spend part of his time in retirement trying to rectify this. He and his wife, Margaret, will continue to live in Roanoke.

They have three sons and four grandchildren. One of the sons, David, is an electrical engineer with the system meter department in Roanoke. Harold, Jr. is with General Electric in Brockport, N. Y. and Dallas is working toward his MD at the University of Virginia.

Remembering his service, he says: "When you consider that I started at Cabin Creek and worked 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, and after a month's time the schedule was changed to an 8-hour shift with one day off each three weeks, and the pay ranged around 30 cents an hour, you can readily see that present-day conditions have greatly improved working standards. Customer service has also improved to a point where we hardly accept any interruption, no matter how short the duration."

Retired Kanawha River Man Dies



Mr. Snider

W. H. Snider, 63, retired Kanawha River plant employee, died January 26 after a long illness.

Born at Huntington November 8, 1899, he was first employed at Logan plant in 1924. Later he left the company, to return in 1929. He transferred to Kanawha River in 1961.

He is survived by his wife, who lives at West Logan.

God And Country Award Presented

Sixteen-year-old Tony Blair of Pulaski has been presented the Boy Scout God and Country Award.



Tony Blair

The son of R. J. Blair, division agricultural sales coordinator in Pulaski, Tony is a First Class Scout and earned the award by giving his church special services for the last year in these areas: Christian faith, Christian witness, Christian outreach, Christian citizenship and Christian fellowship. The award and requirements are given scouts by their ministers—in Tony's case it was Dr. Frank E. Trotter of the First Methodist Church.

Tony has been active in scouting since he was a Cub. He is a member of Troop 48 and the Order of the Arrow and is completing requirements for the Eagle rank.

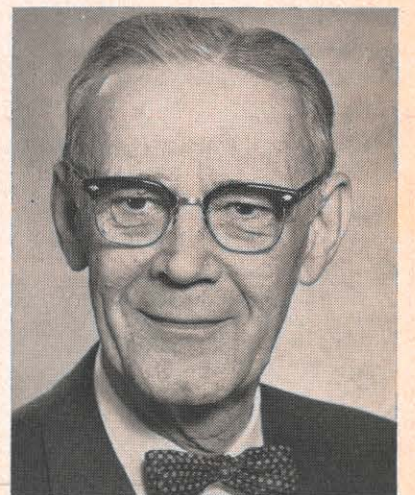
A junior at Pulaski High School, he has been a member of the All-State Band for two years and collects fluorescent minerals as a hobby.

Two At Cabin Creek Join Donors' Club

Two employees at Cabin Creek plant are the latest members of the Red Cross two gallon blood donor club.

They are Don E. Ballard and Roy J. Rader, both boiler maintenance mechanics.

Employees at the plant have been members of the Chelvan Blood Bank for a year and a half, donating as well as receiving blood from it.



Mr. Frampton

Mills Frampton Ends Long Career

J. Mills Frampton, Huntington credit supervisor, retired March 1 after 43 years of service.

He was employed March 1, 1920 by Consolidated Light, Heat and Power Company as a meter reader and collector. In 1921 he became cashier and in 1925 he became credit manager and established the credit office in Huntington. A year later the company became a part of Appalachian.

In 1945 Mr. Frampton became department supervisor and was named credit supervisor in 1950.

A native of Cabell County, he is a member of Cabell Masonic Lodge 152 and the Episcopal Church. He is past president of the Huntington Credit Bureau and past vice president of the Exchange Club. His hobby is woodworking. He has a daughter, a son and five grandchildren.

Emblems Presented Service Vets



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DISTRICT—25 YEARS: JAMES BOOTH, JR., assistant local office supervisor 5 YEARS: PERRY G. JOHNSTON, right of way agent.

BECKLEY DISTRICT—10 YEARS: PARTHENIA H. GLOVER, stenographer.

BLUEFIELD DISTRICT—25 YEARS: HYLBERT McCLUNG, division engineering aide; GEORGE RUTHERFORD, meterman. 15 YEARS: CLYDE E. WYSOR, lineman. 5 YEARS: ARDIS E. ANDERSON, station man helper; KENNETH A. JACKSON, utility clerk.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—20 YEARS: H. W. BELCHER, laborer; H. D. MOORE, electric maintenance helper; R. A. MILLER, laborer; EARL O'NEAL, mechanical maintenance helper; J. D. ARTHUR, laborer; J. H. MARTIN, turbine auxiliary equipment operator.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT—25 YEARS: CHARLES J. CRAWFORD, auto repairman. 15 YEARS: SAMUEL C. MORRIS, JR., meterman; C. H. WALL, stationman B; LENDON R. JIVIDEN, dealer sales representative. 10 YEARS: DONALD R. HUFFMAN, engineering aide; H. A. WILTON, JR., engineering aide. 5 YEARS: ED SHEETS, heating and builder sales representative.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—20 YEARS: LON R. BREWER, unit foreman; ARNOLD J. CONLEY, unit foreman; EARL S. KEES, maintenance man. 10 YEARS: CLARENCE E. BROWNING, maintenance man.

FIELDALE DISTRICT—15 YEARS: A. W. MCBRIDE, auto repairman. 10 YEARS: J. B. WOOD, meter reader.

GLEN LYN PLANT—10 YEARS: W. R. FLESHMAN, head material clerk. 5 YEARS: S. K. PENNINGTON, test engineer.

HUNTINGTON DISTRICT—15 YEARS: F. G. BRUCE, station man; F. W. CHAPMAN, head janitor. 10 YEARS: LOUISE E. BROWN, private secretary.

KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—10 YEARS: J. L. JOHNSON, maintenance man; H. C. EDELMAN, guard; F. W. HOLDREN, JR., maintenance man.

LOGAN DISTRICT—20 YEARS: LAWRENCE J. CHATFIELD, material clerk. 15 YEARS: HOLMES CASSADY, meter serviceman. 10 YEARS: W. W. CHAMBERS, meter serviceman; RUBY J. WALLS, T&D clerk.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—40 YEARS: CHARLES E. CARROLL, shift operating engineer; CLARENCE R. TENNANT, shift operating engineer. 10 YEARS: EDWARD N. HUMPHREY, filter plant operator and sampler.

PULASKI DISTRICT: 25 YEARS: R. A. MELTON, meter serviceman. 20 YEARS: J. B. SMITH, assistant hydro operator. 15 YEARS: H. L. HONEYCUTT, assistant hydro operator. 5 YEARS: WILLIAM H. LINEBERRY, truck driver-groundman.

RADFORD ARSENAL STEAM PLANT—10 YEARS: I. B. MILLER, boiler operator. 5 YEARS: W. F. EPLING, plant clerk.

ROANOKE DISTRICT—30 YEARS: O. D. SMITH, station man. 15 YEARS: B. M. GRISSE, customer service representative; JAMES E. LONG, janitor; G. L. MURPHY, janitor.

SMITH MOUNTAIN DAM—10 YEARS: HOWARD D. HUCK, assistant cost engineer, Leesville.

SYSTEM—25 YEARS: T. M. ROBERTS, chief draftsman. 15 YEARS: C. L. SMITH, regional dispatcher; PAULINE SMITH, accounts receivable clerk; NORWOOD C. TURNER, tax accounting clerk; JOHN W. WHITTENACK, systems and procedures analyst. 10 YEARS: HELEN L. THOMPSON, stores record audit clerk; V. N. WILLIAMS, classification clerk. 5 YEARS: ROXANA S. CAUDILL, stenographer; MARY E. SWIM, stenographer.

WELCH DISTRICT—15 YEARS: J. W. BOOTH, lineman; J. B. RHUDY, meterman.

WILLIAMSON DISTRICT—10 YEARS: JUNIOR STANLEY, lineman.

Kentucky Power Company

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT—15 YEARS: OTTIS BLANKENSHIP, meter reader. 5 YEARS: L. J. HORNE, JR., distribution engineer.

Employees Write For 'AEP Ideas'



Mr. Wolford Mr. Pawliger

Two ideas from Appalachian were included in the February issue of *AEP Operating Ideas*.

J. R. Wolford, transmission line foreman in Bluefield, wrote "Expansion Joint Stops Insulator Breakage." He describes a problem in older stations of no provision for expansion and contraction of copper tubing conductors due to change in temperature, and how an assembly of a special lug and joint of copper bar and wire braid solved the problem.

"Mobile Rig Simplifies Gas-Moisture Testing" was written by Richard Pawliger, test engineer at Clinch River plant when he wrote the article and now with the results section of the AEP Service Corporation. He describes a mobile apparatus designed at Clinch to bring together in one convenient-to-use package all of the items needed for making dew-point tests on compressed gases.

Sons Of Employees Excelling In School

It's been a good first half school year for sons of several Clinch River plant employees.

Larry A. Massie and Ronnie L. Brown, AEP Educational Awards winners, made the dean's list at Clinch Valley College. This is three out of three semesters for Larry and success on the first try for Ronnie.

Tom Brewer and Bill Lawson were 2 of 36 Lebanon High School students tapped by the National Honor Society. Among those on the junior and senior "superlative" lists were: Bill Lawson, most popular senior; John Singleton, most intellectual senior; Tom Brewer, most dependable senior; and Harold Cook, most intellectual junior.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Power Company

Beckley District

H. H. FARLEY, JR., from head material clerk to engineering aide.

Charleston District

MARJORIE PARKINS from senior cashier, Logan, to credit and collection clerk, Charleston; SYLVIA McCLURE from credit and collection clerk to general clerk.

Clinch River Plant

GEORGE E. MUNSEY from laborer to utility man.

Huntington District

PATRICIA A. WILLIAMS, from home service representative to home service representative, senior.

Kanawha River Plant

B. P. MEADOWS from laborer to utility operator.

Williamson District

PRICE COPLEY from T&D clerk, senior to head T&D clerk.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

HOWARD G. HUDSON from tracer to draftsman.



Wiring Workshop

Electrical contractors in Appalachian territory were offered a Commercial Wiring Profit Workshop recently, with 105 representatives of 74 electrical contracting firms successfully completing the course. In the picture, J. M. Burnett, Roanoke division commercial manager, left, presents a certificate to John M. Murphy, Roanoke electrical contractor. In the middle is C. L. Reynolds, commercial sales representative, who taught the Roanoke division course. The contractors met one night a week for four weeks and learned, through group participation, how they could increase their profits by improving their selling technique—selling more electric heat and influencing their customers to upgrade their wiring, lighting and so on.

Success Recipe In Selling

One phone call, plenty of enthusiasm and information, a contract and installation work—these were the ingredients that were mixed together in two days to produce the conversion of an office to electric heat.

The recipe for success was written in Oak Hill of the Beckley district. R. E. Kelly, Jr. called the office to ask about resistance heating for his Oak Hill Investment Company office. Jean Kay Brash, cashier, answered the phone and proceeded to give him the full story—how electric heat is the modern way, about our new commercial electric heating rate and how Reddy Kilowatt Heating-Cooling Dealers have a special trade-in offer.

Her next move was to turn Mr. Kelly's name over to T. L. Humphries, commercial representative, and he and John Steele of the Beckley Insulation Company went to call on Mr. Kelly.

The office space was measured and heating requirements and operating cost were given to Mr. Kelly, and he signed a contract on the spot. Two days later the conversion of the office was completed.

IEEE Names Two To 'Fellow' Grade



Mr. Kinghorn Mr. Beiler

John H. Kinghorn and Albert H. Beiler, both of the AEP Service Corporation, have been honored by advancement to the grade of Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

IEEE was formed January 1 through the merger of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers.

Mr. Kinghorn, an electrical engineering consultant and former deputy chief electrical engineer, joined the AEP System in 1926 as a relay engineer with Wheeling Electric. Since he became an AIEE member in 1945, he has been chairman of subcommittees on protective relays and power generation, of the full committee on power generation, and Chairman of the power division. He served as AIEE technical vice president-power from August 1960 until the merger.

Mr. Beiler began work with the Service Corporation in 1927 as a senior electrical engineer. In 1946, he organized and became head of the technical education and training section, which is concerned with the training of power plant personnel and prepares operating instructions for plant equipment. He is the author of many technical papers and magazine articles and of a book on number theory. Since 1928, he has taught mathematics at a number of New York colleges and is currently a member of the mathematics faculty of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

Ohio Man Named To Service Board

Harry O. Gray, assistant to the vice president and general manager of Ohio Power, has been elected to the board of directors of the AEP Service Corporation.

He joined Ohio Power in 1955 in the merger of Central Ohio Light & Power, of Findlay, with Ohio Power. He had served as vice president of Central Ohio from 1948 until the merger. He was named to his present post in 1961.



Mr. Bailey

Hydro Man Ends 26-Year Career

Okey S. Bailey, hydro maintenance man for Kanawha Valley Power Company in the Charleston district, retired February 1 after 26 years of service.

His retirement was brought about by a disabling injury he suffered in an automobile accident in 1961.

A native of Charleston, he was a caddy at Edgewood Country Club before joining Appalachian in 1937 in T&D. He went to Kanawha Valley as a special guard in 1942 and since he has worked in several jobs at the company's plants at London, Marmet and Winfield.

Fellow employees gave him a rod and reel at a retirement party February 7. Fishing is one of his likes—he also enjoys gardening, hunting and raising beagles. He will move to his farm at Sissonville. Mr. Bailey is married and has two children and three grandchildren.

Employee Writes For EEI Magazine

Jennings Fulkner, Charleston dealer sales representative, wrote an article appearing in the January issue of Edison Electric Institute's *Sales Planner* magazine.

The two-page spread was about the "Operation Ping Pong" promotion held in Charleston last July.

G. G. Nicholson, Accounting, Dies

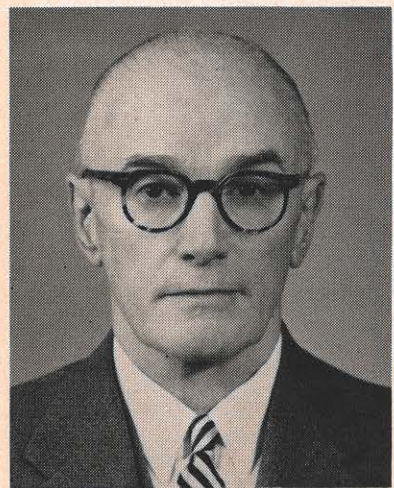
George G. Nicholson, 69, retired system accounting employee, died February 7 in Roanoke Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

A native of Sunderland, England, he was employed by the Kentucky and West Virginia Power Company in 1923. In 1926, when Appalachian was formed, he was assigned to the Huntington area as district purchasing agent and chief storekeeper. During this period he was especially known for his abilities as a baseball player and bowler.

In 1942 he went to Roanoke as assistant purchasing agent, and in 1947 was assigned to the stores auditing department in system accounting. He retired December 31, 1958.

He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were held in Roanoke and burial with Masonic rites was held in Newport News.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, two grandsons, a great granddaughter and a sister.



Mr. Nicholson

State Legislature Served By Student

A close look at state legislative bodies in action was gained by Tommy Wilkerson while he served as a page in the West Virginia House of Delegates.

The 15-year-old son of Mr. Herman Wilkerson, Charleston assistant credit supervisor, Tommy is a sophomore at Charleston High School. In addition to working, for which he received \$10 a day, he was also able to hear bills being introduced and discussed.

Asked his impressions of legislators, he said: "Well, for one thing, they do more than I thought they did." He says he knows more now about parliamentary procedure, but still wants to be a doctor when he grows up. The money he earned will probably go into his college education fund.

Tommy maintains a high scholastic standing, was president of the seventh grade, is first representative on the student council at high school and plays football.



Tom Wilkerson

Walter Tibbetts Retires In Hawaii



Mr. Tibbetts

Walter T. Tibbetts, Charleston right of way agent, has elected early retirement, effective March 1, to remain in Hawaii, where he went several months ago for his health.

He is suffering from a muscular ailment and is receiving treatment not only from a rehabilitation center but also from the climate.

Born at Grafton, he is a civil engineer graduate of Johns Hopkins University. He joined Appalachian in 1941 as a transitman, became an engineer in 1945, a civil engineer in 1950 and right of way agent in 1959. A registered professional engineer in West Virginia, he was project superintendent for the CCC Forest Service in Maryland and supervising engineer for the West Virginia State Road Commission before joining Appalachian. He is a World War I veteran, being discharged in 1919 as a second lieutenant.

Among his interests are bridge, reading, sports, theatre and dancing. He was named Champion Blood Donor by the Kanawha-Clay Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1953, giving 10 pints of blood in two years.

In a letter which expressed regret that his disability would prevent him from working until normal retirement in May 1964, he said: "By this act I part company with a group of people of whom I am very fond and with 22 years of most enjoyable work. The statement that large corporations have no soul is entirely false—every supervisor under whom I have had the good fortune to work has treated me with all kindness and respect and has gone far beyond the call of duty to help me personally... I wish I could personally thank each and every one of my fellow workers for their many kindnesses and for all the fun I have had while on active duty with Appalachian."

Because of his ailment, Mr. Tibbetts has difficulty in writing but would enjoy hearing from fellow employees. His address is Rehabilitation Center of Hawaii, 226 North Kuakini Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

If Flown Safely

Kites, Planes Still Popular With Youngsters

Mechanical dinosaurs, speeding miniature racing cars and guns that shoot play bullets and make loud noises are very big with children this year.

But the modern toys of today's younger generation have not completely replaced many of the traditional pastimes—kite and model airplane flying, for example.

They never seem to diminish in spring popularity. And the possible dangers involved in them are always present, too. But Reddy Kilowatt points out that the observance of a few common-sense safety rules will make the sports as safe as they are fun.

He points out that tinsel string, wire or twine with metal in it should not be used for the kite string, because these would conduct electricity if they should come into contact with an electric line. Many of today's model airplanes are controlled from the ground by means of a metal wire held in the hand of the operator. Reddy suggests that, if possible, control lines of non-conductive material, such as nylon, would be better.

To be even safer, don't fly kites or planes near electric lines, over television or radio aerials, or in rainy weather or during thunderstorms.

But if your kite does become entangled in a power line, or the plane should break its control wire and become lodged in power lines, leave them there. Buying a new kite or plane is cheaper than paying for the results of what might happen if you climb a power pole or try to pull them down. Along the same

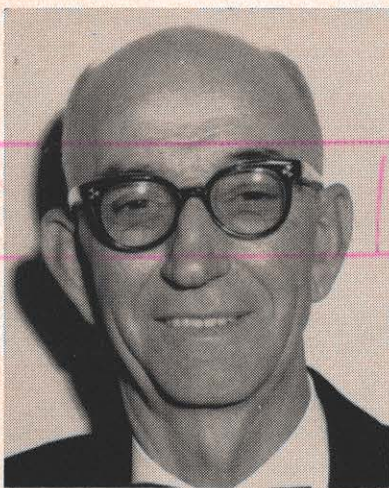
Richard C. Miller Of New York Dies

Richard C. Miller, 60, assistant chief of the AEP Service Corporation Construction Division, died February 10 following an extended illness.

He was born November 8, 1902 in Lancaster, O. and received his BS degree in electrical engineering from Notre Dame University. He joined Indiana & Michigan Electric Company in 1924 and went to the New York office in 1926. He became assistant chief of the Construction Division in 1961.

Survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters and several grandchildren.

One Of First Men At Glen Lyn Dies



Mr. Duncan

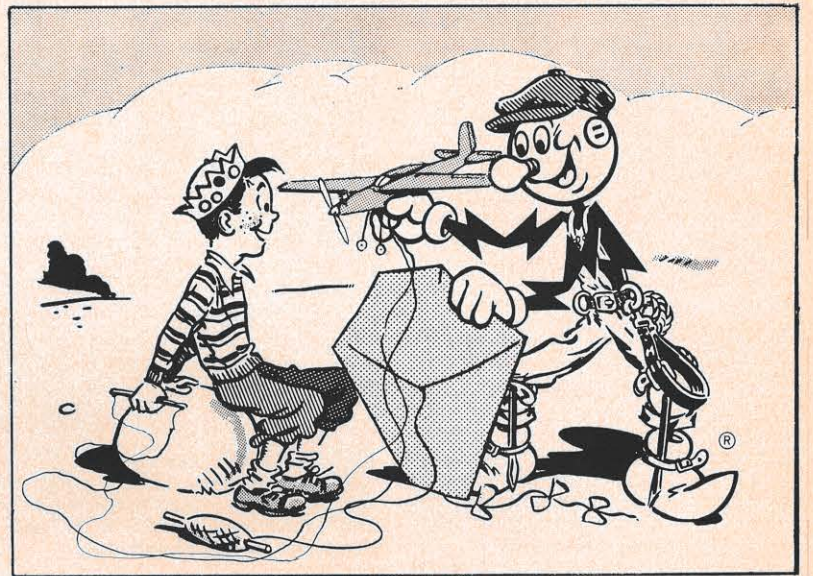
Frank Bailey Duncan, 69, retired Glen Lyn plant shift supervisor, died February 13 at the Princeton Memorial Hospital after a lingering illness.

He was one of the first employees hired at the plant and helped bring the original unit into service after joining the company July 1, 1919 as a fireman. During his service he was a boiler operator, control supervisor and shift supervisor, retiring July 31, 1959 after more than 40 years of service.

A native of Giles County, he attended school in Bland County. For many years he operated a small planing mill in his spare time.

He was a resident of Oakvale, W. Va. and a member of the Rich Creek, Va., Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, 4 children, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



line, Reddy admonishes youngsters not to touch fallen power lines.

He proposes one more rule: don't fly kites or planes where traffic is a problem. Always watch

traffic, and don't run across highways or streets.

You'll have more fun flying kites and planes when you're a safe pilot.

Dozen More Ideas From Appalachian And Kentucky Approved In Program

An even dozen Work Simplification proposals were approved in the division of their origin during January.

Four of them came from the Hazard district, three of those from J. K. Cody. His proposals dealt with the elimination of candidate posters on poles, a procedure of cleaning and lubricating energized disconnects, and painting behind transformer fins. G. C. Branson of Hazard described an improvisation of a hanger for old-type arrestors.

R. F. Millikan of Ashland described an improved method of measuring safety.

T. R. Templeton of Huntington told of rollers installed on service trucks for easy sliding of ladders into ladder racks.

Bonnie J. Evans of Beckley proposed a cashier stamp with a double stamp on it, eliminating having to ink and stamp the customer's receipt and cashier's stub separately.

From Point Pleasant, M. C. Clark described painting angle steel with a mitt instead of brushes, saving considerable time.

An "accident sketch" form for use by servicemen investigating motor vehicle damage was proposed by K. E. French of Roanoke, who says it would eliminate a field check by a draftsman.

Two ideas came from Kanawha River plant. J. Q. Blair proposed a centrally located, permanently mounted 120-volt/12-volt transformer with an extension cord for use in repairs on equipment. W. J. Buchanan suggested using the hydro-vactor as a heavy-duty plant vacuum cleaning system during outages to clean fly ash from boiler

vestibule sections and other areas, saving time over using the plant's normal vacuum cleaning system.

E. V. Harris of Glen Lyn plant described the addition of formaldehyde in the cooling water system of unit 6 to stabilize the sodium nitrite used as a corrosion control.

Roy Vanhorn, 50, Of Ashland Dies

Roy Vanhorn, 50, Ashland PBX operator, died February 13.

He joined the company as a groundman February 27, 1946 and after serving 10 years as a lineman was named a PBX operator.

He served with the Navy during World War II and was a member and past master of Green Hill Lodge 521, F&AM.

He is survived by his wife and three step-children.

Veteran Hydro Employee Retires

More concentration on his farm and the end of many years of hydro plant work came for Hurley F. Rotenberry when he retired February 1.

The hydro maintenance man at the Byllesby and Buck hydros in the Pulaski district joined the company shortly after the two hydros were completed in 1912. He worked on the construction of the first steel tower lines out of these plants in 1917 and later throughout the system with G. C. McCall. In 1935 he was with J. P. Jones on the construction of the hydro plants on the Kanawha River near Charleston. He also assisted with transmission station transformer rebuilds with Frank Grandin, and has worked continuously since 1940 in the Byllesby and Buck hydro maintenance crew.

During his retirement Mr. Rotenberry will graze a few cattle and look after his farm on Route 1 at Fries, about three miles from the Byllesby plant.



Mr. Rotenberry

Cabin Creek Honors 1962 Service Vets

Four hundred sixty-five years of service were marked by 22 employees when Cabin Creek plant held its annual service pin dinner in Charleston.

The 22 had reached service milestones during 1962, including 40 years by W. K. Evans, chief dispatcher, and 35 years by W. L. Nuhfer, chief electrician. Oldest employee from point of service present at the dinner was A. R. Hoffman, office supervisor, who has over 44 years of service.

Disbursing Agent Appointed For AEP

Vito A. Fortunato, of the cash control section of the AEP Service Corporation treasury department, has been appointed system disbursing agent of American Electric Power Company and its subsidiary companies.

In this new post he will be in charge of arrangements for the payment of the AEP System's day to day expenses, which average well over \$1 million daily.

Good Deeds Part Of Retiree's Plan

Continuing her hobby of doing at least one good deed a day is one of the retirement plans of Mrs. Jessie C. Chase, Roanoke division commercial clerk-typist.

Mrs. Chase retired March 1. She was employed as a comptometer operator in the valuation department of the American Gas and Electric Service Corporation, now American Electric Power, in 1936. That job, to last six months, stretched to eleven years, and in 1947 she transferred to Roanoke district accounting as a comptometer operator. She became a payroll clerk in 1949 and clerk-typist in commercial in 1960.

Born and educated in Roanoke and one of nine children, she worked for seven years for Whorleys Market as bookkeeper and buyer, and for six years as a comptometer operator and clerk for the N&W Railway. She did not work from 1922 until 1936, when her husband died.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Chase also plans to do some traveling during retirement, particularly to see her daughter and four grandchildren in Flint, Michigan.

Mrs. Chase says that she has enjoyed every minute of her employment with the company and that her supervisors and co-workers were tops.

Center Reclamation Aided By Employee

Playing a role in the revitalized Second Avenue Community Center Project in Charleston is Carolyn Walker, home service representative.



Miss Walker

The center's future was uncertain until a local minister, working with the Charleston Park and Recreation Commission, started building it back. The neighborhood joined in, painting and repairing, and today it flourishes as a place for adults, teenagers and children to go for recreation, crafts and education.

Miss Walker conducts a class in charm for girls from the ages of 12 to 18. Hers is just one of many classes—there are others in math, science, social studies, physical education, home economics and elementary French.

Teaching is not new to Miss Walker—two years ago she was an instructress in modern ballroom, tap and ballet dancing. A graduate of West Virginia State College, she was majorette for 16 years. She started at the age of four as mascot for the Garnet High School band. She would march a block, ride in her mother's car for a block to rest her legs, and then march a block more. Later she was majorette in high school and college bands. She also served as playground director for the city for several years.

New WAC



Carol Altizer, daughter of Aubry C. Altizer, Rainelle lineman in the Beckley district, has enlisted in the WACs. Sgt. Eunice Long, left, of the Beckley Recruiting Station, says that Carol, at 5 feet, 10 inches, is the tallest girl she has enlisted. Carol is a graduate of Rainelle High School and plans to enter the clerical field after basic training.



Mabel Steenbergen and her mother, Mrs. Sally Chrisman Best, are shown with some of the many things Mabel has made. She is wearing a suit and holding a sport coat she made for her husband. She made the pocketbook, place mats and hot roll covers on the table and the draperies in the background.

Handiwork Shows Versatility Of Point Pleasant Woman

A home economist has to be versatile, and Mrs. P. H. Steenbergen is no exception.

The wife of the Point Pleasant district engineer, Mabel graduated from Berea College as a home economist, and has since put her many talents to use at home and in the community.

When she was 18 she began weaving after being taught by her mother. Her mother, Mrs. Sally Chrisman Best, was taught by her mother, who used to shear the sheep, spin the wool and weave it into fabric.

Among the many items Mabel has made is a pocketbook, woven from wool damask material over 100 years old. The material had come by steamboat to Point Pleasant in the early 1800's, and it was made into draperies for Mabel's grandmother's home. The draperies were later given to Mr. Steenbergen's parents, and when his father died, Mabel was given some of the material. Highly durable and even higher priced now, the wool damask was made into more draperies for Mr. Steenbergen's room, except for one piece.

That was used in the pocketbook, sewn around a gold frame in about four hours.

Mabel also keeps up with four col-

lege friends, making them something each Christmas. This year it was hot roll covers. She also cooks and sews, and has made a suit for herself and a sport coat for her husband, place mats, draw draperies and many other things.

In the past she has worked with 4-H groups, passing along her many talents to them. And just so she won't be idle, she enjoys playing the piano, especially when she is visiting her mother at Berea.

Montgomery Civic Leader Succumbs

Mrs. Betty Magaw Smith, 33, Charleston employee at Montgomery, died at her home at Deepwater January 30.

She joined the company February 2, 1948 as a cashier-clerk in the Nitor office. She worked in several jobs before becoming cashier-clerk senior shortly before her death. She went to the Montgomery office in 1953.



Mrs. Smith

An outstanding leader in community affairs, she helped organize the Montgomery Civitanette Club and was a past president. In this connection, she was chosen "Clubwoman of the Year" by the Civitans and Civitanettes in Montgomery in 1961.

She was also a member of the Montgomery Junior Woman's Club, the F. O. Harris Community Park Auxiliary and the Deepwater Methodist Church, where she had held several posts. She was treasurer of the Appalachian Bowling League at Montgomery.

Services were held February 2 at her church, with burial in the Montgomery Memorial Park at London. Several co-workers were pallbearers.

Survivors include her husband, Claude, lineman at Montgomery, a stepson, her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Two Wed Last Month

Bell-Fairchild

The chapel of the First Presbyterian Church was the scene for the wedding of Judith Ann Bell and Troy E. Fairchild, Jr., January 10 in Ashland. Mrs. Fairchild is a PBX operator in the local accounting office.



Mrs. Troy E. Fairchild Jr.

Baxter-Weikle

Antha Lee Baxter became the bride of M. E. Weikle on Saturday, February 2, in Beckley. Mr. Weikle is an auto repairman in the transportation department in the Beckley District.

Seminary Degrees Earned By Couple

Peggy T. Martin, daughter of P. E. Thornton, system public relations assistant, has received her master of religious education degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.



Mrs. Martin

At the same time her husband, Demas B. Martin, received his bachelor of divinity degree from the Seminary's School of Theology. Mrs. Martin had previously earned a BA degree at Roanoke College, and Mr. Martin a BA from Baylor University.

Shortly after graduation he accepted a call to the Huron, O., Baptist Church as pastor. The couple has three sons.

Ice Flow On Kanawha

Several days of sub-zero weather, followed by a warming trend and rain, caused quite an ice jam in the Kanawha River recently.

Pieces of ice, some of them as large as 20 by 20 feet and several inches thick, battered the locks at the Kanawha Valley Power Company's Winfield hydro plant.

Although the Kanawha River itself had not been frozen over, the ice was washed into the Kanawha from Coal, Elk and Poca Rivers. It clogged the dam until it succeeded in breaking loose the log boom and shoving it into the shore. Fortunately, there was no breakage or other damage to the intakes at the plant, but it took a day to repair the boom.

New Arrivals

Ashland System

MR. AND MRS. OTTO RUSSELL, a daughter, Jenny Lee, January 30. Mr. Russell is electric plant and stores accounting supervisor.

Beckley District

MR. AND MRS. W. S. WISEMAN, a daughter, Lisa Ann, January 24. Mr. Wiseman is an employee in the Rainelle area of the Beckley District.

Bluefield District

MR. AND MRS. L. W. ROBINETTE, a daughter, Pamela Kay, January 22. Mr. Robinette is division power sales engineer.

Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES E. CARRICO, a daughter, Lisa Marie, January 13. Mr. Carrico is a meter service helper.

Huntington District

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. TAYLOR, a son, Michael Blair, January 8. Mrs. Taylor was formerly employed in the division commercial department.

Lynchburg District

MR. AND MRS. RODNEY A. JESSEE, a daughter, Ann Alderson, February 5. Mr. Jessee was formerly a stenographer in the personnel department.

Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. W. R. WOODYARD, a son, David Stuart, February 1. Mr. Woodyard is a commercial sales representative in Point Pleasant.

Roanoke District

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT M. COOK, a daughter, Kathryn Elaine, February 6. Mrs. Cook is a former clerk-stenographer in the T&D operations department.

MR. AND MRS. R. O. RAGLAND, a son, David Glenn, February 6. Mr. Ragland is a draftsman in the Roanoke T&D department.

System

MR. AND MRS. DONLAN PIEDMONT, a daughter, Mary Patricia, February 18. Mr. Piedmont is a public relations assistant.

MR. AND MRS. E. L. MOREHEAD, a son, Gary Leonard, February 6. Mr. Morehead is an employee in the system transmission line department, Bluefield.

They're Engaged

VIVIAN ROYSTER SYDNOR to Daniel A. Payne, II. Miss Sydnor is in the division heating section, Lynchburg.

ELIZABETH ANN BLIZZARD to James R. Ashbrook. Miss Blizzard is the daughter of Paul B. Blizzard, Clinch River plant maintenance foreman.

CAROL SUE MACHIR to Frank Brown. Miss Machir is the daughter of W. F. Machir, record supervisor in Point Pleasant district.

ANNE LINDSEY to Robert Lowry Bowman. Miss Lindsey is a clerk-trainee in the accounting department, Abingdon.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL S. FRANCISCO, JR., a son, Timothy Wayne, January 3. Mr. Francisco is a system civil engineering department employee in Roanoke.

Smith Mountain

MR. AND MRS. AUBREY F. BOLES, a son, Aubrey Franklin, Jr., February 5. Mr. Boles is an engineer rodman chairman at the Leesville Dam.

MR. AND MRS. JOE DIVERS, a daughter, Suzanne Renea, February 1. Mr. Divers is an engineer rodman chairman at the Smith Mountain Dam.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HALE TERRY, a daughter, Jennifer Diane, December 12. Mr. Terry is a clerk at Leesville Dam.

Welch

MR. AND MRS. W. J. GROSECLOSE, JR., a son, Mark Bryan, February 17. He is a lineman.

Sandy Combs Wins Homemaker Award

Sandra W. Combs has successfully completed the first step in competition that could lead to a \$5,000 scholarship.



Sandy Combs

Sandy, the daughter of Clydia B. Combs, Hazard cashier, was judged first at Hazard High School in the 1963 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. This makes her eligible for the state competition and for 102 scholarships totaling \$110,000.

In the state, two scholarships are awarded, one each for \$1,500 and \$500. The winners will then go on an expense-paid tour of New York City, Washington and Colonial Williamsburg. Culminating the tour will be the awarding of national scholarships, amounting to \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000.

Prepared and scored by Science Research Associates, the knowledge and aptitude test, which won for Sandy in Hazard, is the basis for naming of local and state Homemakers of Tomorrow. Personal observation and interviews are factors in the national judging. Sandy is a senior at Hazard High.

Retires March 1



Glada B. Fleshman, secretarial-stenographer in system accounting, retired from Appalachian March 1.

Footlights



Lloydette Humphrey is hoisted by Danny Lilly during a scene in a recent Woodrow Wilson High School operetta. The daughter of Lloyd Humphrey, Beckley engineering aide, she was selected for a starring role in the operetta.



Rolling for Lynchburg in its fourth year in the Industrial B League are, from left: Paul Keys, Lawrence Hudson, Tom Witt, James Reid and Ralph Johnson. They roll ducks and recently took part in a tourney.



Glen Lyn's tournament team consists of Gerald Raley, Sidney Freeman, Sonny Wiley, George Thwaites and Kenneth Beasley.

Variety Of Activities Occupy Company Bowling Teams



Top bowlers in the recent Kanawha-Charleston match were, front row from left (from Kanawha): Madge Walker, Tom Redman and Marge Crawford; back row from left (from Charleston): Barbara Markham, Jack Jarrett, Chris Mitchell and Dick Bradley.

League Race Close Among All 12 Teams

Only four games separate the first and twelfth place teams in the early weeks of the second half of the Philip Sporn Plant Bowling League.

Athey's Team has an 11-7 record to lead, with Carroll's Team, Hydrovactors and Red Legs in second with 10-8 records.

Bob Gilmore has high average of 180, James Haggerty high set of 634 and Jack Johnson high game of 276.

Judo Champ



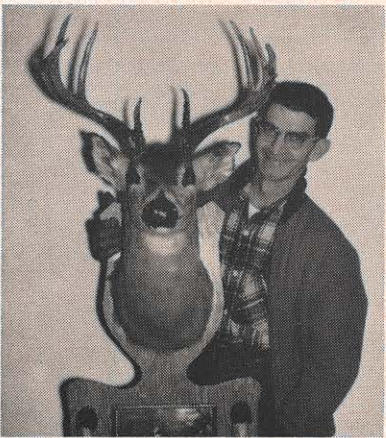
Sheryl Smith shows the style he used in winning the 10-year-old division of the Virginia State Judo Tournament in Richmond. The son of Clifford E. Smith, Roanoke division air conditioning engineer, Sheryl had his first judo lesson 8 months ago. He is a member of the YMCA Leaders Corps and winner of the James W. Long Award as the outstanding boy in the 1962 YMCA program. Photo courtesy Roanoke World-News.

Sports Award



The Coach's Award for Sportsmanship and Leadership at Brookville School has been presented Joe Wheeler, 12-year-old son of G. C. Wheeler, Lynchburg distribution engineer. The trophy is given each year by the Brookville-Timberlake Lions Club to a student at the school.

Mounted Deer



W. M. Woodyard, maintenance man at Glen Lyn plant, downed this 10-point buck on his farm in Giles County and then had its head mounted. He joins a select group of employees who had successful hunting trips in the past season.

Company bowling teams have been involved in a variety of activities in the past few weeks.

At Williamson, the High Volts romped to the first half title, finishing 6 1/2 games ahead of second-place Luminaires. The league is bowling ten pins for the first time and is using a new 20-lane facility in the town.

J. E. "Sonny" Runyon took all men's honors in the league with high average of 173, high series of 618 and high game of 234. For the women, Charlene Hatfield has high average of 141 while Hazel Farris has high series of 494 and high game of 192.

Charleston Wins

Charleston's Kilowatt League emerged winner in a match with the Kanawha Appalachian League, consisting of bowlers from Kanawha River plant, Montgomery, Cabin Creek plant and Central Appalachian Coal Company. Each league fielded five men's and two women's teams, and Charleston took five of the seven matches, finishing with an overall 481-pin margin.

High for the Kanawha bowlers were: actual pins—Tom Redman, 218 and 538, Madge Walker, 175, and Marge Crawford, 425; handicap—Redman, 247, Ed Sheets, 639, and Marge Crawford, 222 and 587.

Leading the Charleston bowlers were: actual pins—Jack Jarrett, 217 and 560, Dick Bradley, 560, Barbara Markham, 178, and Chris Mitchell, 506; handicap—Wilbur West, 249 and 645, and Linda Bryant, 230 and 634.

Tourney Victors

Five members of the Appalachian Bowling League at Glen Lyn plant won the March of Dimes Tournament at the Happy Lanes bowling center in Pearisburg. Team members included Gerald Raley, Sidney Freeman, C. D. "Sonny" Wiley, George Thwaites and Kenneth Beasley.

Lynchburg has a team in the Industrial B League for the fourth consecutive year. During the loop's recent tournament the team finished fifth, with Lawrence Hudson's 106 good for 11th among 40 participants.

Footballer To Play In All-Star Classic

Jesse R. "Jay" Collier, Jr. has been selected to play football in the Kentucky East-West All-Star Classic in August 1963.

His father is a Pikeville lineman. The game climaxes a week of athletic coaching clinics at the University of Kentucky.

Jay will play for the East squad in the annual game. All participants are high school seniors representing their regions of the state.

He played football for Pikeville High School last season until an injury sidelined him late in the season.



Jay Collier



Winning the Williamson title were the High Volts. They are, front row from left: Hazel Farris, Jerry Akers and Marian Messerian; back row from left: Bud Robinson, Rufus Meade and Millard Phillips.

Rayfield Bowls Way To Finals Before Losing In Regional Television Match

J. G. Rayfield, who bowls in four weekly leagues, marched to the finals of a regional television bowling match before losing.

The Kingsport record supervisor appeared on the program over WCYB-TV in Bristol, besting some of the finest bowlers from Bristol, Johnson City, Greeneville, Morristown and Kingsport. His best three-game series was a 672.

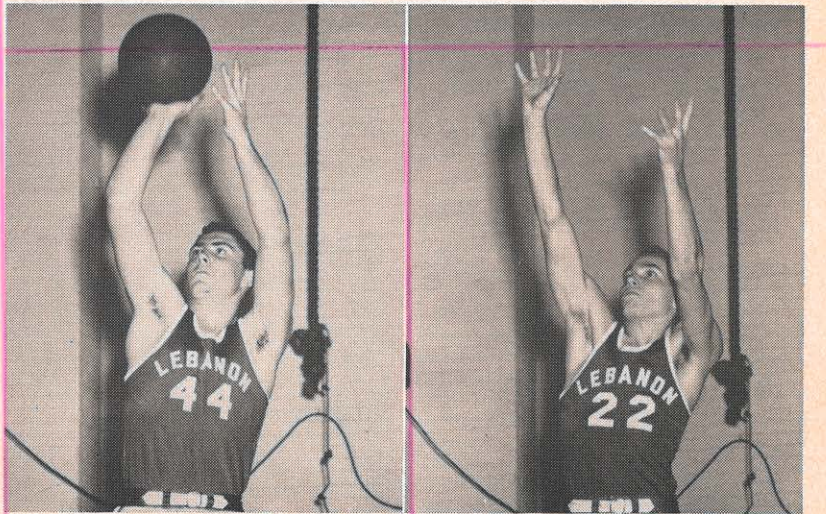
His opponent in the finals won over a thousand dollars in prizes, including a week-long trip to Daytona Beach.

Ray carries a 186 average in two of the leagues he bowls in, has a 184 in the third and 181 in the fourth. His average is the highest in three of the leagues.

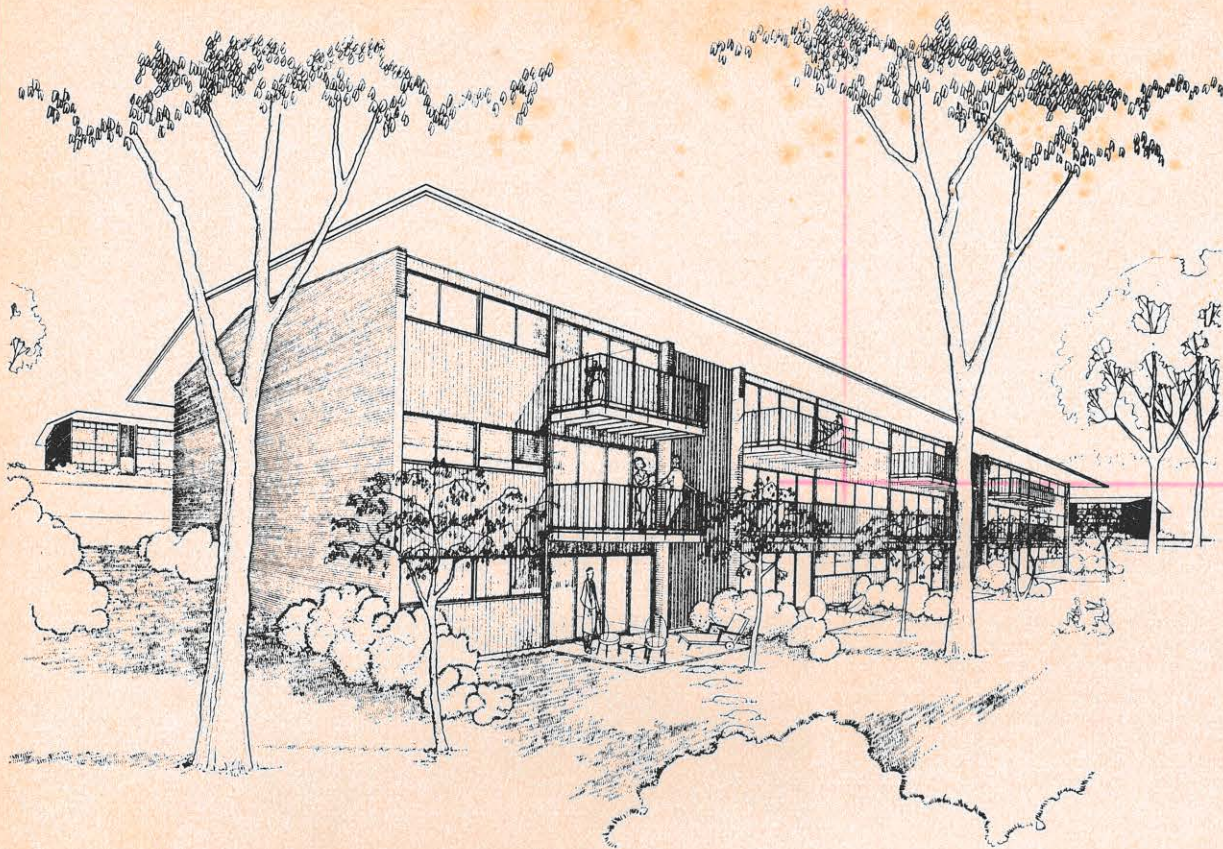


Consoling J. G. Rayfield over his finals bowling loss and using the traditional crying towels are Lena Hensley, T&D clerk, and Joyce Parsons, secretarial-stenographer.

Swish!



Mainstays on the undefeated Lebanon High School basketball team this season were L. F. Valley, left, and Bill Lawson. L. F. is the son of Leon Valley, Abingdon area supervisor, and Bill is the son of Fred Lawson, chief regional dispatcher at Clinch River plant. The Pioneers won 18 games during the regular season in District VII competition. L. F. averaged 18.6 points and almost 17 rebounds a game to spearhead the school's attack. Bill played forward alongside L. F. and was also a consistent scorer.



Construction has begun on the AEP System's largest all-electric apartment development, the McCausland Ridge Apartments in Lynchburg. There will be 204 units.

Largest All-Electric Apartment Development On AEP System To Be Built In Lynchburg

Ground has been broken in Lynchburg for the largest all-electric apartment development in the entire AEP System.

The McCausland Ridge Apartments, featuring individual heat pumps and many appliances, will have 204 units. Construction has begun on the first 114, with occu-

pancy scheduled for this spring.

The development will be located at the site of the historic Langhorne Road fortification used by Southern troops to turn back General Hunter's advance during the War Between the States, forcing his retreat. A Virginia Conservation Commission marker at

the site reads: "The fort on the hill here was constructed by General J. A. Early to protect the approach to Lynchburg from the West. Union cavalry skirmished with the Confederates along the road immediately west of the fort. The Unionists, driven back by General McCausland, were unable to enter the city from this direction."

The apartment project is being built by Leon Forman, Thomas L. Booker and Irvin Lewis, the builders of the Greenbrier Apartments, Lynchburg's first all-electric apartment house.

In addition to the heat pumps, each apartment will have a refrigerator, garbage disposer, water heater and a ductless-hooded electric range with a large oven and infra-red broiling. Each apartment will also have planned lighting and plenty of outlets. Coin-operated washers and dryers will be available in basements of the buildings.



A. G. Jefferson, Lynchburg vice mayor, wields a spade to break ground for the McCausland Ridge Apartments as Joe P. Gills, Appalachian vice president and general manager, left, looks on.

Roanoker Promoted To Station Foreman

R. W. Swain, station man, has been promoted to the post of Roanoke district station foreman.



Mr. Swain

He joined the company as a groundman September 28, 1936 and was a lineman before transferring to the station department as a maintenance man in 1945. He became a station man in 1950. He served as an electrician in the Army during World War II and is a past Pythian. He attends the Riverdale Baptist Church, and he and his wife have twin boys. His hobbies are fishing and flowers.

Lynchburg Employee Receives Promotion

J. Otis Franklin of Lynchburg has been promoted to the post of meter service foreman.



Mr. Franklin

He was employed March 10, 1947 as a clerk in the meter section and became senior meter clerk in 1954.

A veteran of World War II, he was a sergeant in the Army. He served for 3 years, 18 months of that time in the European Theater, earning a Bronze Star.

Married, he is a member of the United Commercial Travelers and the Bethel Lutheran Church, where he is an usher.

Rankin, Woody, Skaggs Affected In T&D Moves

Promotions affecting three men in Appalachian's system transmission and distribution department have been announced by J. P. Cruickshank, general superintendent of the system transmission and distribution department.

Emmett C. Rankin, assistant system station superintendent, was named to the position of assistant general superintendent of the system transmission and distribution department. Succeeding Mr. Rankin is E. W. Woody, who moves up from the post of system supervising relay engineer. George W. Skaggs, Jr., system senior relay engineer, became system supervisor of relays. The changes were effective March 1.

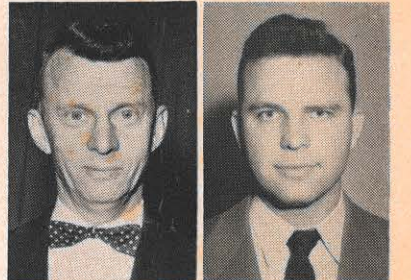


Mr. Rankin

27-Year Veteran

A graduate of Virginia Military Institute, Mr. Rankin has been associated with Appalachian since 1935 when he began work in Roanoke as a groundman. He worked in the company's Roanoke district as a meterman and meter tester before entering the Army in 1940.

He was released from active duty as a lieutenant colonel in 1946 and was transferred to the system transmission and distribution department in Charleston as an engineer. He later was named system foreman and returned to Roanoke. In 1948 he was promoted to supervising engineer in the system transmission and distribution department and in 1961 was named assistant system station superintendent.



Mr. Woody

Mr. Skaggs

Active In IEEE

He is a past chairman and member of the Virginia Mountain Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and for several years has served on the national substation committee of IEEE. He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

He is a member of the Raleigh Court Methodist Church and has served as president of the Men's Bible Class and as a member of the official board. He is married and has two children.

VPI Graduate

Mr. Woody, who is a native of Bramwell, W. Va., attended Bluefield College and was graduated

from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was employed by Appalachian at Charleston, as an assistant relay engineer in 1940. After serving in the Navy as a lieutenant, he was promoted to system foreman and then system supervisor before moving to Roanoke in 1949 in the system transmission and distribution department. In 1950 he was named system supervising control engineer and in 1958 was promoted to system supervising relay engineer.

He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, first vice chairman of the Virginia Mountain Section and member of the national relay committee of IEEE. He is married and has one daughter. They are members of the Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church.

Began at Charleston

A 1948 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Skaggs was employed by Appalachian at Charleston, W. Va., as a junior engineer. In 1949 he was moved to Roanoke, and a year later was named system relay engineer in the transmission and distribution department. He has been system senior relay engineer since 1954.

He served in the Navy from 1944 to 1946 as an electronics technician. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Cuban Family Finds New Life In Henry

Possibly the happiest family in Henry County right now is that of Gaston Font. He, his wife and two children were brought there from Cuba by the Henry County Baptist Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Font were employees of the power company in Cuba, he an electrician and she an accountant. He is now working for a local electric company.

Two of those chiefly responsible for the Font's good fortune are Mack Romero, husband of Betty Romero, local accounting, and J. W. Wright, Jr., local accounting. They are members of the Resettlement Committee of the Association.

Mr. Romero is a naturalized citizen from Havana and it was through his help a family was picked from information furnished by the Baptist Spanish Center in Miami. He was also one of those at the airport to meet the family, acting as interpreter.

As a welcome to the family, the Association had for them a house, its furnishings, food and even toys for the children. When they left Cuba, the Font's were forced to give up all of their possessions. Mr. Romero helped Mr. Font find a job, but the Font's are finding out themselves what a good life their new one is going to be.

Memories Of Machines And Friends Revived For Gills

During the groundbreaking ceremonies at Lynchburg's all-electric McCausland Ridge Apartments, Joe P. Gills showed interest in a bulldozer nearby.

After climbing up on it and working its various levers, the Appalachian vice president and general manager told a story from World War II.

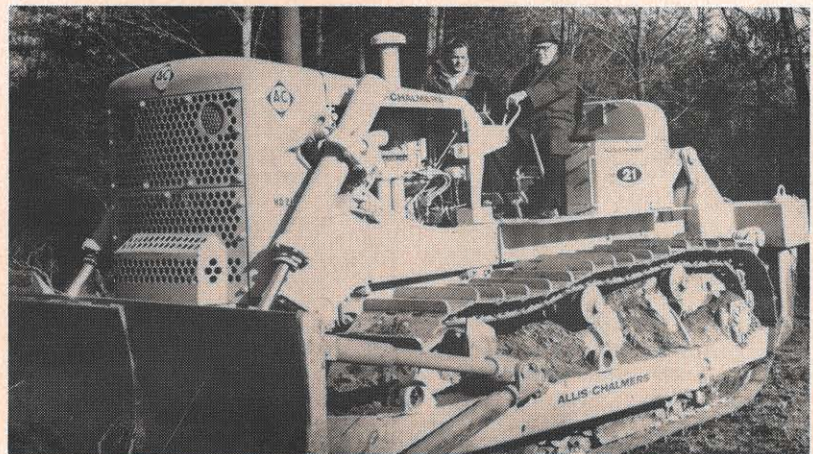
It seems he was stationed in India with the Corps of Engineers, working on the Ledo Road and in charge of several bulldozers and other heavy equipment. His outfit had been experiencing trouble with

lines and other places where they had no right to be.

Determined to put a stop to it, Mr. Gills stopped a jeep driven by an officer and proceeded to chew him out.

When the soldier turned, Mr. Gills noticed the bars on his shoulder. They denoted more rank than Mr. Gills had.

The next thing Mr. Gills noticed was the officer's face and Heaven smiled on him. It was a fellow employee, fellow alumnus and friend John Whitmore, now Roanoke division planning engineer.



An old interest was revived for Joe P. Gills when he attended an apartment groundbreaking in Lynchburg. Working the controls of this bulldozer brought back to him memories of his World War II days. See the groundbreaking story on this page.