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It matters not how long you live, but how well. —Syrus

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Men were made to listen as well as talk. —Proverb

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KINGSPORT UTILITIES, INC.

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Not able to wait, two Lynchburg employees who will be housed in the service building to be constructed next spring, set up shop on the site recently. J. R. Martin, line and station supervisor, and Miss Kay Hudson, T&D clerk, brought chairs, notebook, and pencil, and all they need is the building around them.

New Service Building Planned For Lynchburg

A new center for district service operations and facilities will be built in Lynchburg next spring.

The building will go up on a 22-acre site near the Lynchburg Expressway, and across Mayflower Drive from the H. K. Porter transformer plant.

The one-story 23,500 square-foot building will put under one roof service facilities now located at various points in Lynchburg. Among them are quarters for the company's servicemen and line and station crews; garage facilities; line and station tool room and maintenance shops; a 7,500-square-foot storeroom; offices, and a meeting room. The building will have a covered loading dock big enough to accommodate ten trucks, a 9,000-square-foot outdoor storage yard, and a pole storage yard, plus parking areas for employees' cars. The building will be equipped with electric heating units and heat pumps.

At the present time all of these facilities are in a building at the rear of the Main Street office, at a garage and automotive maintenance building on Rivermont Avenue, and at a station shop at Blackwater station. The pole storage yard is near the company's 15th Street station. Functions operating from the main office will remain there.

In announcing the new building, W. S. White Jr., Lynchburg district manager, said its location would permit easy access to all points in the city and surrounding area, and therefore better and more efficient service to customers.

Kingsport Passes Two-Million Mark In Safety Effort

Kingsport Utilities employees completed two-million manhours without a disabling injury August 2.

Of this performance, J. E. Wright, vice president and general manager, told employees "Congratulations to all who have made this achievement possible. May we now work towards the 3-million manhour goal. Thank you for your part in our safety program."

The long accident-free period began November 6, 1954. The one-million manhour milestone was passed February 17, 1957. In the course of the years Kingsport employees have twice won—in 1960 and 1962—the American Electric Power System's highest safety award. Kingsport presently has 112 employees.

J. W. Bolton, meter supervisor reported to employees on the record, and listed five essential ingredients: a group of employees working together; a loyal team of employees; a happy group; a spirit of pride and goodwill, and a good attitude.

Number, Value Of Education Awards Upped; Appalachian Allotted Four, Kentucky One

The American Electric Power System Education Awards, presented annually to children of system employees, have been increased both in number and value for the 1964 competition. For the first time an award has been allocated to Kentucky Power Company, which previously was in competition with the other companies for an award.

Registration for the 1964 awards competition opens Tuesday October 1.

Donald C. Cook, president of AEP and of our companies, announced that 15 awards of \$750 each will be made next year to employees' children scheduled to enter their freshman year in college.

possible through increased earnings of the Educational Trust Fund, which is invested in American Electric Power Company common stock.

1955 First Award

This is the fifth time that the number of annual awards has been increased and the second time their value has been increased since the program was begun in 1955. At that time, one \$500 award was made. It was the outgrowth of a cash prize presented to the AEP system for winning the electric

utility industry's highest honor, the Charles A. Coffin award.

The number of \$500 awards was increased to five in 1956, to eight in 1957, to ten in 1958, and to 14 in 1960. The value was raised to \$600 last year. Thus, the current broadening of the program will raise the total number of awards over a ten-year period to 105, with a total value of \$57,650.

As in the past the competition is open to all AEP system employees' sons and daughters who plan to enroll in their freshman year of college (any degree-granting institution) in September 1964. Each participant must take the standard College Entrance Board Scholastic Aptitude Test, a competitive test December 7. Locations of the test centers will be announced in the October issue of the *The Illuminator*

Forms Available

Information and application forms will be available from all company personnel supervisors in late September. Entries may be submitted on or after October 1, but must reach the personnel supervisor by October 25.

The 15 awards have been allocated among the various AEP System companies on a basis as nearly proportionate as possible to the number of employees in the respective companies. The allocation:

Four awards to Appalachian Power Company, four to Ohio Power Company, and three to Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. One award each goes to Kentucky Power, the service corporation, and to the remaining system companies, including Kingsport Utilities and Central Operating Company. In addition, a floating award will be made to a high-ranking contestant chosen from any of the system companies.

In announcing the new details of the competition, Mr. Cook said "The trustees of the AEP System Educational Trust Fund have increased the number of annual awards from 14 to 15 and their value from \$600 to \$750. This is a most gratifying move, made at this time in recognition of the mounting costs of obtaining a college education."

He added that the improvements in the awards program were made

Lions, Bert Combs Honor Engineer

Two significant honors have come the way of Joseph D. Higgins, commercial sales engineer in



Mr. Higgins

Fieldale, Kentucky Governor Bert Combs has commissioned him a Kentucky Colonel, and Lions International has notified him that he will be named international counsellor for the organization. Mr. Higgins has just completed a term as district governor, and his record of achievement in all areas of responsibility while holding that post qualifies him for international counsellor. The appointment will come officially during the October meeting of the Lions International Board.

It was his work as district governor which led directly to his commission as colonel. During the floods in southwest Virginia, southern Kentucky, and West Virginia last spring, Mr. Higgins undertook collection of food, clothing, and home furnishings for the flood's victims. He organized and coordinated the work of Lions in the eleven-county area making up his district.

Accident Victims Helped By Crew

The station wagon hit a wet spot in the road, skidded over an embankment and came to rest 15 feet down a hill, held by a tree from another drop of 30 feet into a creek.

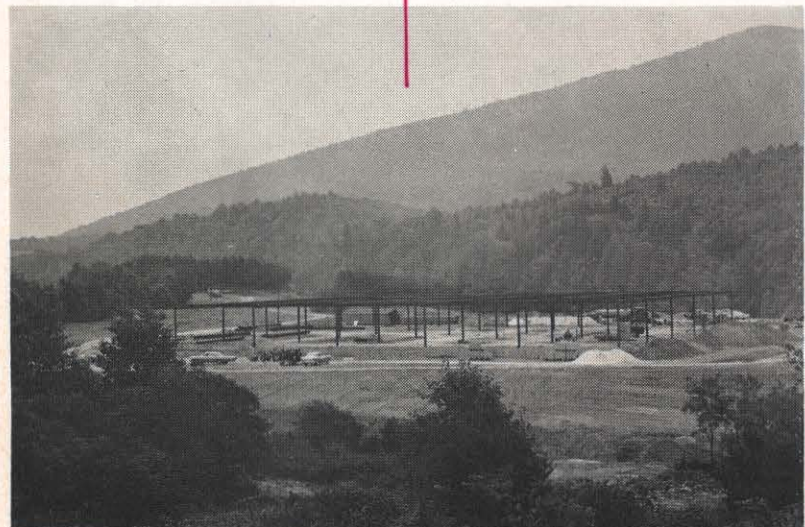
No one was seriously injured, but the five occupants were saved from that other, longer drop and possible serious shock by the fortunate presence and quick, knowledgeable action of the Logan district station crew.

The crew was on its way to Becco station when, near Man, it came upon the accident. When the crew members got to the side of the road, three boys had managed to get out of the station wagon and another was making his way out of a window. But the driver was still inside. So crew members tied off the wagon to keep it from rolling further.

They then helped the woman out and up the hill and treated her for shock. None of the occupants required medical attention and a little later in the day a wrecker removed the wagon.

Crew members include Paul Adams, foreman, Richard Trammell, Joe Pearl, Jim Sullivan and Siegel Hainor.

A Sight For Industry



The site for Appalachian's Project Decision shell building at Pulaski is a lovely sight for industry, with the Blue Ridge mountains all around it. The building is on a 17.8-acre site facing Route 99, a mile east of Pulaski.



The Ripley line crew restores service and replaces damaged wires in the aftermath of the sudden storm which shook Ravenswood in July. Six hundred customers were out of power as a result of storm damage.



At right, an auto parts firm is minus the front of its building, ripped away by the high winds. Damage like this was a common sight in Ravenswood after the storm. (Photos by Joe Short, Ravenswood News.)

Violent Storm Smashes Through Ravenswood

Some described it as a tornado, and others insisted it was a hurricane, but whatever it was, the storm that roared through Ravenswood last month will be remembered for a long time.

Homes were wrecked, roofs ripped off and flung through the air, trees were up-rooted, plate glass windows were shattered, and house trailers flipped over like building blocks. Although damage in Ravenswood totaled about \$150,000, no

one was injured. Over 600 customers were out of power for varying lengths of time until Point Pleasant district crews could clean up the damage, which included repairing 30 service drops.

After the storm, several persons reported seeing a funnel-like twister moving down the Ohio River Valley, and the path of damage indicates the storm followed an erratic course.

The heaviest damage to trees was

in the vicinity of the river. Persons leaving the showboat "Rhododendron" after the last performance of "East Lynne" had to pick their way over trees that had fallen into the street. While aboard the boat watching the old melodrama, the audience was unaware of the violent storm ashore. The showboat was grounded during the storm, and had to be pulled off by a towboat before it could move along the river to its next stop.

Stuart T. Saunders

It is not our custom in this corner to talk about individuals. But this time, for reasons which will become apparent, we think it's appropriate to talk about a man whose work and energy have touched many, many people and communities in the land we serve. He is Stuart T. Saunders, president of the Norfolk and Western Railway.

He leaves Roanoke next month to take up one of the most challenging jobs in American industry, the leadership of the Pennsylvania railroad. Men come and go, and few there are whose absence is long noted; but Stuart Saunders will be missed for a long time to come.

Although a citizen of Roanoke, he is no stranger in our service area. That's because the Norfolk and Western and Appalachian both serve the same parts of Virginia and West Virginia, and because, in many ways, our businesses are similar. We have enjoyed a long and happy relationship with the Norfolk and Western and with Mr. Saunders.

Mr. Saunders is more than a businessman. He has been a real leader in Roanoke, in the state of Virginia, and in the area served by the Norfolk and Western. Over the past few years there have been few major community, industrial or educational activities in which he has not participated.

His direction of the nation's "going-est" railroad has brought him national recognition. By his boldness Mr. Saunders has put new life in an industry plagued for many years with some difficult problems. The merger he planned between the N&W and the Virginian Railway, the first of any consequence in this century, helped establish new concepts of railroad

operations, and has already had a considerable impact on the industry.

He leaves the N&W at a time when its consolidation plans with the Nickel Plate and Wabash Railroads are close to completion, and goes to Philadelphia to direct the Pennsylvania's bid to merge with the New York Central. As architect of the new merger principle, it is fitting that Mr. Saunders also takes on the role of its master craftsman.

Taking Mr. Saunders' place in Roanoke is Herman Pevler, who comes from the presidency of the Wabash Railroad. In welcoming him, we extend our best wishes, and assure him of our cooperation. As president Mr. Pevler will have the assistance of two outstanding officials who were close associates of Mr. Saunders. They are Harry C. Wyatt and John P. Fishwick, who have been elected senior vice presidents of the railroad. To them we also extend our best wishes.

As Mr. Saunders leaves Roanoke, we wish him continued success, and, in the language of his trade, a clear track ahead.

FPC Research Group Picks Sporn

Philip Sporn, chairman of the American Electric Power System Development Committee, has been appointed to a Federal Power Commission committee to recommend a continuing research program and organization for the electric utility industry.

The new committee's activities will include: 1) an appraisal of research needed, what it will cost and how it will benefit the industry; 2) sponsoring industry-wide research programs and acting as a research clearinghouse for the industry, and 3) keeping in touch with Federal and foreign research programs.

Erwin Will, Virginia Electric & Power



Reddy Kilowatt and his Gold Medallion key identify Pikeville's newest apartment development as featuring the best in electrical living.

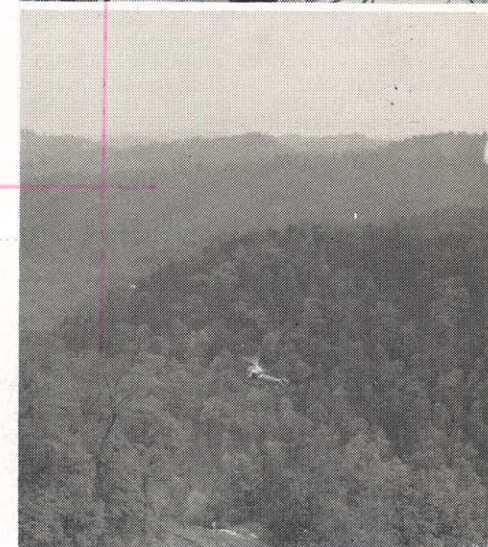
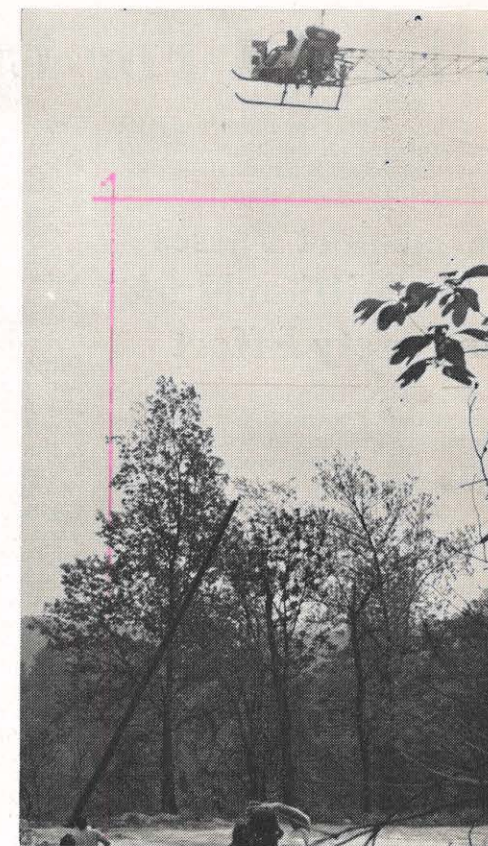
Apartments To Be Gold Medallion

A Gold Medallion apartment building convenient to Pikeville College and the downtown area is being built in Pikeville.

The Whitman Apartments will have 16 units and is being built so that 8 more units can be added in the future. They are being built by Dr. Walter T. Hatcher Jr.

Electric heating cable will be used and "through the wall" heating-cooling units will provide comfort conditioning for each apartment. They will also feature all electric appliances and proper lighting required in a Gold Medallion unit.

The Chopper Does It Again



That new and useful tool, the helicopter, was put to work in Williamson district recently and did in 37 minutes a job that would have taken about two and a half days on the ground. The task was to provide service to a fire tower on Pickering Knob by setting six 35-foot poles. The beginning point was 2,000 feet from any road or path, and was inaccessible; however, trucks were able to deliver the poles to the top of the mountain. From there the chopper picked up the poles, flew them to sites and set them in previously dug holes. In bottom picture note the rugged terrain.

The Red Badge Of Giving

At the same time of the year when red leaves fall from the trees, red feathers begin to appear on coat lapels. It's Community Fund time.

The Red Feather is a badge of giving all over the area we serve. Employees of our three companies have made notable records not only in contributions of money, but also in donations of time and ability. We have directed campaigns, headed committees, knocked on doors. We're a part of every Fund campaign, whether it's called United Fund, Community Fund, Community Chest, or some other name.

We don't need to be urged to contribute; we only need to be reminded.

This is the reminder: It's Community Fund time.

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news events in brief

CHARLESTON—The substance of a ruling by the U. S. Court of Appeals is that the merger between FMC Corporation and American Viscose Corporation may proceed. The three-man court ruled it had no right to interfere in an earlier decision by the U. S. District Court that the government had failed to prove the merger would violate anti-trust legislation.

ROANOKE—Coal loadings by the Norfolk and Western Railway set all-time records for the fourth time this year. The new record is 28,664 cars, and this enormous volume of coal has been attributed to good export business and high activity in the power and steel industries.

ASHLAND—An ARA loan totaling \$2,712,000 has been granted to Kentucky Electric Steel Corporation. The money will be used to build an electric furnace and install associated equipment at Coalton, near Ashland. The project will manufacture reinforcing steel, small bars, angles, and beams, and is expected to employ about 140 persons.

PULASKI—The Radford Ordnance plant has been awarded a supplement to its present contract for \$13.4-million for production of missile propellants and explosives. The contract will run to April 1965.

ASHLAND—Kentucky Utilities and Louisville Gas and Electric Companies have entered suit in U. S. District Court to block construction of the Big Rivers RECC generating and transmission project in the western part of Kentucky. The suit charges that the projects violate the TVA Act of 1959, and names as defendants Stewart T. Udall,

Secretary of the Interior; Charles W. Leavy, administrator; SEPA; TVA, and the Big Rivers Corporation.

ROANOKE—The board of directors of the Norfolk and Western Railway has elected Herman C. Pevler, 10th president of the railroad. He is presently president of the Wabash Railroad, and will assume his new duties in Roanoke October 1, the same day his predecessor, Stuart T. Saunders, becomes chairman of the board of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The board also elected as senior vice presidents John P. Fishwick, vice president-law, and Harry C. Wyatt, vice president and general manager.

ROANOKE—Judge Fred L. Hoback of the Roanoke County Circuit Court ruled that Appalachian should sell to the Town of Salem its distribution lines in the area annexed by the town in January 1960. His decision was made in litigation filed by Appalachian to determine its rights in the case. The decision held in effect that the company's limited franchise, granted in 1956, applied to the town after annexation in the same degree as before.

BLUEFIELD—About 100 new jobs are anticipated in Princeton as a result of a \$1-billion contract awarded to North American Aviation. The local plant now employs about 365.

CHARLESTON—The Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company has filed an application with the Federal Power Commission to conduct a feasibility study on a hydroelectric installation at the Gallipolis Dam on the Ohio River. Preliminary studies set the expected generation at 40,000 kw.

“What Kind Of A Nut?”

He wants to run his own business.
He wants to select his own doctor.
He wants to make his own bargains.
He wants to buy his own insurance.
He wants to select his own reading matter.
He wants to provide for his own old age.
He wants to make his own contracts.
He wants to select his own charities.
He wants to educate his own children as he wishes.
He wants to make his own investments.
He wants to select his own friends.

He wants to provide his own recreation.
He wants to compete freely in the market place.
He wants to grow by his own efforts.
He wants to profit from his own errors.
He wants to take part in the competition of ideas.
He wants to be a man of good will.

Who is he? A Nut? If he is, there should be more like him. He's an American.

(From Chamber of Commerce Reporter, Danville, Va.)



Scenes from two recent Point Pleasant safety programs show the variety of forms and breadth of participation the district has achieved. At left, Jerry Jordan, program chairman, watches W. M. Pancake and T. G. Allen perform a minor clerical task while blindfolded; purpose of this was to point out importance of sight-saving. At right, in a take-off on College Bowl, are

two teams competing in the Safety Bowl. The team at left, representing Live Wire College, is made up of John Campbell, Rose Martin, and Gene Wolfe; from Low Voltage University are W. M. Pancake, George Roach, and W. F. Machir. In the center are Bernice Roush, timekeeper, and Phyllis Hesson, mistress of ceremonies.

Thought, Planning Part of Safety Meetings

The question that besets every employee who has ever had the responsibility of preparing a safety meeting is "Are we doing any good?"

In Point Pleasant, because a great many people have concerned themselves with effective safety programs, the answer is clearly, "Yes."

The Point Pleasant people have come up with a four-part formula which they apply to each meeting:

- 1) Have an objective, and make it timely, practical, and suitable for group participation. The more people, the better.
- 2) Organize ideas, develop an outline;
- 3) Develop support for ideas, especially in visual aids; and
- 4) Practice the entire program.

With these thoughts in mind the Point Pleasant people have prepared some memorable safety meetings this year. Here are two examples.

Jerry Jordan, engineering clerk-stenographer, conceived the idea for a program on eyes. She took as her theme "How Important Are Your Eyes?" She got the names of all those who would

attend the meeting and prepared a list of everyday tasks each would have to perform blindfolded. The meeting opened with a film on safety glasses, and afterward, the blindfolds were put on. Although this part of the program was good for laughs, it also demonstrated how good sight is taken for granted. And, a large number of employees took part in the program.

TV Inspired

Television was the inspiration of another safety program idea in Point Pleasant. Phyllis Hesson, clerk-stenographer in managerial, dreamed up "Safety Bowl" based on TV's "College Bowl" quiz. By reviewing the safety manual, first aid book, and other safety literature, Mrs. Hesson made up her questions, allotting varying point values for answers. She invented Low Voltage University and Live

Wire College, and three employees were selected for each team. Group participation was the aim here as it was with the sight program. Details of this program and its staging have been sent to other districts for use.

Point Pleasant's programs, based on safety to self, safety to fellow-employees, protection to the public, and protection to property, have been original; and because so many employees have taken part in them and carried away their message, they have been effective. Nobody could ask for more.

James Thomas Wins Scholarship

James M. Thomas, son of R. M. Thomas, system R-W records supervisor, has won a Lutheran Youth



James Thomas

College Scholarship for his "high scholastic records and evidence of leadership in church, school, and youth organizations." He will enroll in Lenoir-Rhyne College this fall and will major in chemistry.

He graduated in the top fourth of his graduating class at Cave Spring High School. He was in the choir for four years, serving one term as president, and an award this year as outstanding member. He was an officer of the Science Club and Fine Arts Club, and a member of the Latin Club. He became the first student from his school to be selected for the Virginia All-State choir, and last year he went with the school band to Europe.

James attends St. John's Lutheran Church, and has served as vice president and program chairman of the Luther League, and where he also sings in the senior choir.

Plant Man Named To Head Lions

J. A. Bennett, operations supervisor at the Kanawha River Plant, was recently elected president of the East Bank Lions Club.



Mr. Bennett

Active in community affairs, he is also the present chairman of the stewardship and finance committee of the East Bank Methodist Church.

Mr. Bennett a graduate of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, joined the company at the Cabin Creek Plant as a mechanical engineer in October 1950. He was transferred to the Kanawha River Plant and promoted to the position of assistant results engineer in February 1954. He held the position of plant engineer before his promotion to operations supervisor.

Married, he is the father of three children.

Five Veterans Mark Company Careers That Represent 180 Years Of Service

Five Kentucky and Appalachian veterans have celebrated anniversaries that total 180 years of service.

Jake Kimberlin of Hazard has marked his 40th year, and celebrating 35 years of service were William Davis, Lynchburg; G. E. Adams, Welch; T. F. Valley, Williamson, and M. L. Saunders, Pulaski.

Jake Kimberlin

Mr. Kimberlin, Hazard collector, joined the company in 1923 as a meter helper. During the next several years he worked in other jobs, and in 1947 became a collector.

A native of Marion County, Ky., he is married and lives in Hazard.



Mr. Kimberlin

T. F. Valley

Williamson's assistant district office supervisor, Mr. Valley, joined the company at Bluefield as a line-man's helper August 11, 1928. He was a clerk before going to Logan in 1943. In 1958 he went to Williamson in his present job.

Mr. Valley is a member of the Williamson IBPO Elks Club and attends St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is married and has one daughter and two grandchildren.

M. L. Saunders

Mr. Saunders joined the company in 1924, handling steel for a tower line being built between the Bylesby hydro and the Pulaski 88,000 volt station. Later he left the company, and began his continuous service when he rejoined the Pulaski district in 1928. He is a lineman.

Mr. Saunders attends the Presbyterian Church and enjoys hunting and fishing.

William Davis

Mr. Davis, janitor at the Lynchburg office, joined the company August 9, 1928.

During World War II he served in the Pacific, rising from the rank of private in 1942 to sergeant on his discharge in 1945. He is a member of the Arthur Grove Baptist Church of Forest, IBPO Elks of Lynchburg and the Revels Social Club. Mr. Davis is married.

G. E. Adams

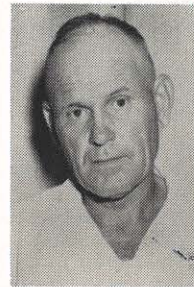
Mr. Adams, Pocahontas area supervisor in the Welch district, joined the company August 6, 1928.



Mr. Adams



Mr. Davis



Mr. Saunders



Mr. Valley

E. W. Hogg Dies After Long Illness

E. Welford Hogg, executive assistant for Appalachian Power Company in Roanoke, died August 11 in a Roanoke Hospital after a lingering illness. He was 61.

He had completed forty years of service with Appalachian and its affiliated companies in July.

A native of Gloucester County Va., he graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg in 1923, and joined Appalachian at Bluefield, West Virginia. Four years later he was moved to Kingsport, Tennessee, where he served as distribution superintendent for Kingsport Utilities.

In 1936 he moved to Pulaski as district distribution superintendent and became district manager there in 1938. He was later named assistant manager of the Bluefield division, and became executive assistant in 1951 and moved to Roanoke.

He was a member of the Enon Baptist Church at Hollins, the Shenandoah Club, Kazim Temple and the board of directors of the Mountain Trust Bank.

He is survived by his wife, two children, Mrs. Frederick Richmond of Bluefield, W. Va. and E. W. Hogg, Jr. of Waynesboro, Virginia; two brothers, Dr. Paul Hogg, Newport News, Virginia and C. Jennings Hogg, Gloucester; three sisters, Mrs. George P. DeHardit, Mrs. Guy Smith and Miss Elizabeth Hogg, all of Gloucester.

Funeral services were held at Oakey's Chapel in Roanoke with burial in Evergreen Cemetery in Roanoke.



Mr. Hogg



Appalachian Power Company

ABINGDON DISTRICT—20 YEARS: L. G. SMITH, stores supervisor. 10 YEARS: A. C. STEFFEY, JR., meter serviceman.

BECKLEY DISTRICT—15 YEARS: W. E. WARD, JR., area serviceman. 10 YEARS: LORETTA J. WISEMAN, cashier.

BLUEFIELD DISTRICT—20 YEARS: SADIE LEE BUNDY, maid.

CABIN CREEK PLANT—20 YEARS: D. D. BOWMAN, assistant control operator; D. A. MURPHY, laborer.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT—25 YEARS: JANICE CHAMPE, T&D clerk, senior; JOHN W. GRIFPEE, sales development representative; P. H. PARSONS, division personnel assistant; WESLEY H. ZINN, district office supervisor. 15 YEARS: SELLY E. ROBBIE, division right-of-way agent. 5 YEARS: CHARLOTTE CANTERBURY, meter clerk.

CLINCH RIVER PLANT—15 YEARS: LARKIN E. HOLLINS, assistant shift operating engineer; EDWARD E. MAMORAN, maintenance man. 5 YEARS: MARSHALL H. STEVENSON JR., junior maintenance man; LLOYD P. MCFARLAND, maintenance man; GARLAND W. HACKNEY, utility coal handler; ASA E. FERGUSON, master maintenance man.

FIELDALE DISTRICT—15 YEARS: C. F. OSBORNE, lineman.

HUNTINGTON DISTRICT—30 YEARS: F. C. LAKE, stationman. 15 YEARS: W. E. CHAPMAN, credit supervisor; R. M. BATES, T&D clerk, senior.

GLEN LYN PLANT—30 YEARS: H. L. NESTER, unit foreman.

KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—25 YEARS: T. H. WHITED, plant personnel supervisor. 5 YEARS: CLAYTON BARKEE, barge attendant. 10 YEARS: W. L. HUGHES, helper; R. L. VICKERS, helper.

LOGAN DISTRICT—15 YEARS: E. K. BIAS, heating and builder sales representative; ROBERT L. GOFF, utility clerk.

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—35 YEARS: WILLIAM DAVIS, janitor. 30 YEARS: E. P. HOGAN, meter reader. 15 YEARS: J. H. WARD, truck driver-groundman.

PULASKI DISTRICT—35 YEARS: M. L. SAUNDERS, lineman. 10 YEARS: C. H. CLAYBURN, janitor; T. M. BASS, lineman.

ROANOKE DISTRICT—25 YEARS: M. E. MAXEY, heating and builder sales representative. 20 YEARS: S. R. FERGUSON, truck driver-groundman. 15 YEARS: W. E. COLLINS, truck driver-groundman; P. H. LYNCH, draftsman; R. W. REESE, engineering aide.

SMITH MOUNTAIN—10 YEARS: CHARLES L. SEIBERT, assistant concrete engineer.

SYSTEM: 25 YEARS: T. S. LUNSFORD, JR., purchasing and stores assistant; H. W. TAYLOR, system right-of-way agent; C. E. BELL, system station man. 15 YEARS: G. F. CROMER, draftsman. 10 YEARS: P. E. BRYANT, JR., system heating and air conditioning sales representative; C. E. CARTER, system station man. 5 YEARS: ROSEMARY H. FINCH, stenographer; E. D. VAUGHT, JR., system electrical engineer.

PHILIP SPORN PLANT—30 YEARS: KARL M. WILES, head, general books. 15 YEARS: ROBERT L. PAYNE, utility operator; GEORGE R. MOODY, laborer. 10 YEARS: ROGER L. WALKER, junior maintenance man. 5 YEARS: HELEN L. HANDLEY, clerk typist.

WELCH DISTRICT—35 YEARS: G. E. ADAMS, area supervisor.

WILLIAMSON DISTRICT—35 YEARS: T. F. VALLEY, assistant district office supervisor. 30 YEARS: EVERETTE CARRICO, line foreman.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DISTRICT—20 YEARS: CHARLES W. POPE, assistant plant accounting manager.

HAZARD DISTRICT—40 YEARS: JAKE KIMBERLIN, collector. 30 YEARS: R. B. MUNCY, heating sales representative. 25 YEARS: JEFF TATE, janitor. 15 YEARS: S. J. CORONET, appliance serviceman; JACK CAUDILL, area sales representative.

PIKEVILLE DISTRICT—20 YEARS: HENRY H. BLACKBURN, engineering record clerk. 15 YEARS: GUALENE SMITH, home sales representative, senior.

Kingsport Utilities, Inc.

20 YEARS: A. R. TIPTON, appliance serviceman.



Bluefield

A candidate for long-distance swimming achievements may be found in the 15-year-old son of John B. Kahle, division heating sales engineer. David swam across Claytor Lake and back nearly two miles, in an hour and 27 minutes. He did it to win a Boy Scout merit badge . . . C. M. Wagner Jr., division heating and builder sales coordinator, was treasurer of the Reunion Committee for the Graham High Class of '38 . . . W. C. Kidd, division line engineer, was elected superintendent of Sunday school and Lewis Thomas, division commercial sales representative, his assistant, at College Avenue Baptist Church . . . Lina Light, division private secretary, modeled the latest fall fashions in a fashion show for the Bluefield Quota Club . . . O. W. Adams, area supervisor, was named captain of the campaign to raise \$83,000 for a Princeton library . . . Earl Shaw, electrical engineer, and Pauline Duff, division stenographer, have resigned . . . Thalia Myles, division stenographer, Charlene Sutton, home service representative, and Frances Keller, secretarial stenographer, were hostesses for a "Get-Together" in honor of Eulalia Footo, personnel department stenographer, who has resigned . . . Welcome to new employees, Pat Allen, clerk-stenographer, and Carol Crawford, clerk-trainee in the accounting department . . . When the King Pin is red, and you make a strike, that's good. But it also entitles you to spin the wheel of fortune which pays 25c to \$5. Teda Bishop, daughter of Mildred G. Bishop, division stenographer in addition to the strike, won \$5 on the wheel recently at the Princeton Bowling Center . . . Ryland Y. Bailey, division commercial sales engineer, has completed a two-weeks tour of active duty with the 9225th Air Force Reserve Recovery Squadron. During his tour Ryland attended a course given by the Civil Defense in radiological monitoring . . . Ray Heldreth, division dealer sales representative, has also completed two weeks of active duty at the U. S. Army Logistics Management Center at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he attended the Associate Army Supply Management Course.

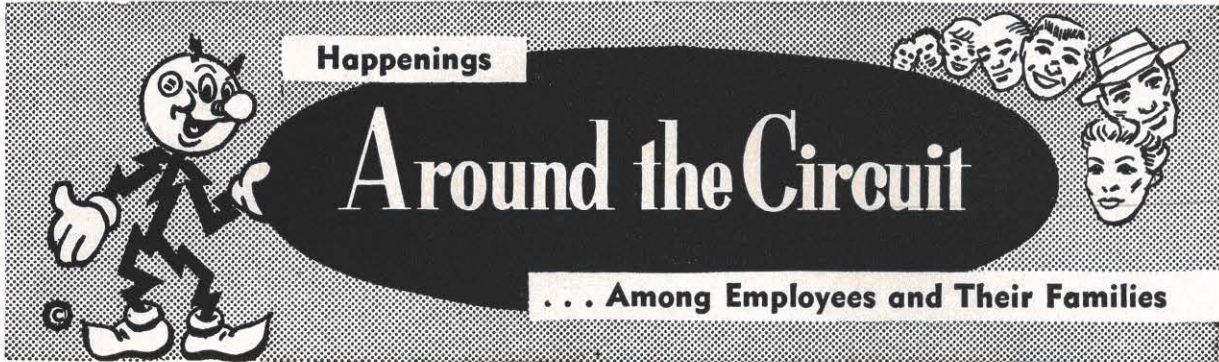
Pulaski

A. L. Graham Jr., commercial sales engineer, and O'Neal Amos, administrative assistant, served on the 75th Anniversary Observance Committee for the Woman's Memorial Lutheran Church, Pulaski . . . D. D. Taylor, assistant district office supervisor, Pulaski, has been installed third vice-president of the Pulaski Lions Club.

Guerilla Excellence



A 10-man operational detachment of the West Virginia National Guard commanded by Captain William R. Pethel won the McAbee Trophy for outstanding operational achievement during a recent training assignment. Captain Pethel, Kentucky Power Company (construction) head bookkeeper at Big Sandy plant, spent two weeks in guerilla-type tactical maneuvers in the mountain area surrounding Camp Dawson, West Virginia. He has nine years of company service.



Station Work

The same two weeks in the middle of the summer that the coal miners call "vacation" is no vacation for power company people. That's the opportunity to inspect, repair, check, install, or replace the facilities and equipment supplying coal operations. This picture from Pikeville is perhaps typical of the work done in an intensive two-week period. In a station serving a coal company the station crew is uncrating new switches, a groundman, right, is working a line for men on the steel above, and meter men are working on a meter installation at the rear of the picture. During this period, the work day sometimes begins around two in the morning, and late hours, and Saturday and Sunday work is common.

Glen Lyn Plant

W. Bruce Coldiron has accepted a position at the Glen Lyn plant as test engineer. He was formerly employed by the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company, East Hampton, Conn., as design engineer. While residing in East Hampton he was a member of the Amateur Theatrical Group, Podium Players and played a part in the production "Pajama Game." He is a VPI graduate, and a member of the Baptist Church, Princeton, W. Va., where he resides with his wife and son.

Welch

Henry D. Smith, Welch district electrical engineer, has resigned . . . D. C. Wright, record supervisor, and W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant, were runner-up winners in their flights in a recent golf tournament at Gary Country Club. C. R. Settle, district superintendent, and D. C. Wright, record supervisor, have been re-elected directors of the McDowell Chapter of American Red Cross. W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant, was elected Blood Program Chairman in the same organization.

Abingdon

"Retirement," the home of Paul Dunn, administrative assistant, was one of the six homes included in a historical tour during the Virginia Highlands Festival in Abingdon last month. The red brick house was built in 1796 and the lawn was used as the muster grounds in the battle of King's Mountain, the turning point of the Revolutionary War.

Fillmore McPherson, has been elected vice-president of the Board of Directors of Johnston Memorial Hospital and chairman of the executive committee . . . Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, wife of Bluefield Division dealer sales representative, served as chairman of the Fall Fashion Show sponsored by the Abingdon Junior Woman's Club. Ellen Wood, daughter of G. G. Wood, district office supervisor, and Mrs. L. C. Angle, wife of division power sales engineer, were models.

The winning baseball team in the Abingdon Minor League was coached by Fred Johnson, husband of commercial department stenographer, Peggy Johnson. Three of the players were Bo Sheffey, son of Bob Sheffey, electrical engineer; Blair Frier, son of Jack Frier, personnel supervisor, and Jimmy Booth, son of James Booth, assistant district office supervisor.

Four of the participants in the annual Glenrochie Invitational Golf Tournament were Rufus Bondurant, Bob Sheffey, James Prater, and Paul Dunn.



Charleston

Two ribbons and a cash prize went to Mary Lynn, John Griffee's daughter for her cherry pie and banana nut cake in the Kanawha County 4-H Fair bake-off last month. She also appeared on a local TV program with other contestants. And—she's only 12. Her father had three entries in the art competition of the fair, a watercolor, an oil, and a sculpture.

Pauline Murray, wife of commercial's E. A. Murray Jr. appeared on the cover of the *Charleston Gazette-Mail's* magazine supplement recently. She was shown as one of the participants in a bridge tournament.

At the end of the month Walter Tibbetts, retired right-of-way agent, was in Johns Hopkins hospital; Jackie Hottle, commercial, was recuperating from a tonsillectomy, and Bob Young, division heating

and builder sales representative, had resigned. Guilford Smith, administrative assistant, is the new public information chairman of the Kanawha-Clay Red Cross chapter. Recent picnics were held by commercial department, accounting department, and North Charleston employees.

Philip Sporn Plant

Jack L. Pickens, auxiliary equipment operator, has returned to work after two years spent in military service. He spent 14 months in Korea.

The New Haven Lions Club has picked Charles Lester, test engineer, as tail twister, and the Mason Boy Scouts have picked John Rottgen, utility operator, as Scoutmaster.

Kanawha River Plant

W. L. Hughes was recently elected to the East Bank city council. He also serves on the recreation committee . . . G. William Martin has joined the company as test engineer in the results department.

Point Pleasant

Two employees were picked for positions of responsibility in the Trinity Methodist Church Men's Group. L. C. Bias, district office supervisor, was elected reporter, and R. D. Miller, lineman, attendance chairman.

R. D. Tillis, customer service clerk, was one of the local bowlers who put up a good scrap against a team of Detroit professionals. In the first game, the Point Pleasant team won by 18 pins, but lost the next two games.

Two employees have resigned: H. J. Patterson, lineman, and J. F. Elefritz, electrical engineer, on military leave.

Beckley

A summer employee in Beckley, Roger F. Burns, has been named 4-H West Virginia All-Star. This is the highest honor a 4-H member can win in the state. He is a sophomore at West Virginia University.



Pikeville

The new office in Prestonsburg will have a new employee. She is Lida Margaret Howard, clerk trainee in the district accounting department. Another new employee is Edith Jewell Spencer, also clerk trainee, who will work in the Paintsville office. The annual district family picnic was held August 24.

Eager For Action



West Virginia centennial affairs, Raleigh County beautification, and Beckley rural development all claimed the attention last month of E. F. Eager, Beckley district power sales engineer. He was, first of all, on the official committee welcoming the centennial train to Beckley (left). In the picture Mr. Eager is at right, with John Smith, mayor of Beckley; William S. Bolden, chairman of the centennial train, and Charles Hodel, local general chairman of the centennial commission. At right Mr. Eager, as member of the Beauti-

fication Committee, works with its chairman, Mrs. Walter Cooper over a map of their territory in the "Track The Shack" campaign. This is part of the state's Clean-up effort. Mr. Eager last month was also elected chairman of the country life program sponsored by the Beckley Rural Development Council; he is also president of the Beckley Kiwanis Club, and secretary-treasurer of the New River Winding Gulf Electrical, Mechanical, and Mining Institute.

Ashland

Gary M. Layne, work order cost and accounting clerk in system accounting, has resigned. Freddie R. Slone is a new employee in the same department.



Kingsport

Doris Light is a new accounting department employee.



Fieldale

It was a month for Bruce St. Clair, son of A. L. St. Clair, right-of-way agent. He collected several yards of ribbons for his swimming skill as a member of the Fieldale team. In competition against Martinsville and Bassett teams, he won first place in two events, a second and third in two more events. In between meets, he also took out a week to act as junior 4-H leader at Camp Holiday Lake.

Mack Romero, husband of Betty Romero, T&D clerk, has completed five years as a Red Cross water safety instructor.

James B. White, district manager, attended his first picnic as a district employee this year. The committee in charge of planning and serving included W. L. Nichols Jr., chairman, A. L. St. Clair, Betty Romero, and Virginia Hancock. The Fieldale Swimming Pool was made available to employees through the courtesy of the Fieldale Recreation Center.

System

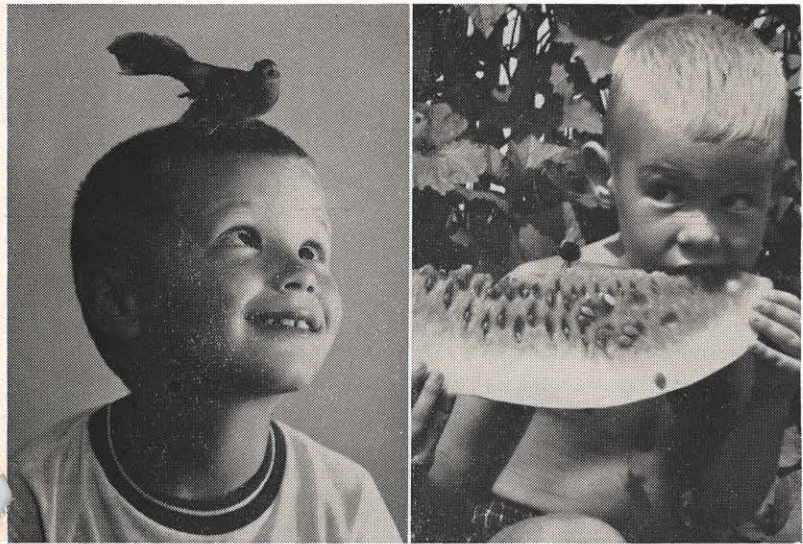
New employees in the system accounting department are Katherine M. Reed, Evelyn M. Ames, and Dian C. Colbert. Marilyn W. Peverall has resigned.

Roanoke

R. L. Mills, power sales engineer, Roanoke Division Commercial Department, has been elected to the official board of the Woodlawn Methodist Church. He has also been appointed superintendent of the Church School. Bob Mills, his son, was recently elected into the Order of the Arrow, an honor society of the Boy Scouts of America . . . On Saturday, August 10, fifty-six employees from the Roanoke district line and station, T&D operating, T&D records and stores departments, plus Roanoke division meter department, toured the Smith Mountain and Leesville Dam sites. It was the first opportunity for many of the employees to actually visit and obtain first-hand knowledge of the much-discussed Smith Mountain Project. Arrangements for the tour were handled by W. W. Krebs, Roanoke district superintendent. . . Two new employees are Johnny P. Morris and George W. Conner, groundman, T&D line and station section.

Lynchburg

William Fred Grishaw Jr. has joined the company as meter service helper.

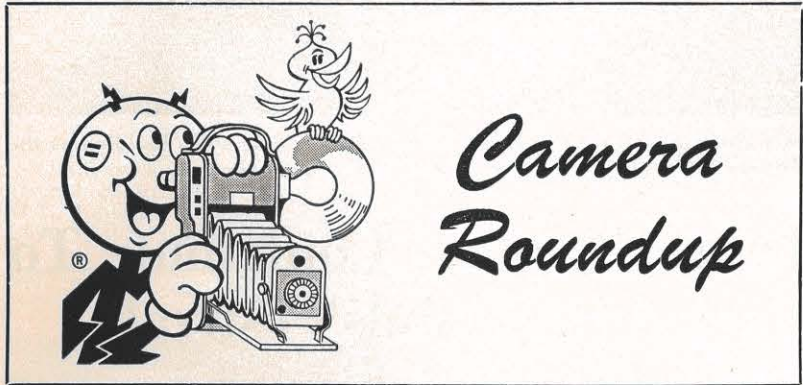


These photographs are prize-winners. Both won first prize in the Huntington Herald-Advertiser amateur photo contest, and the one at the right went on to win honorable mention in the national competition. The boys are David, 8, and Danny, 6, sons of Bob King, administrative assistant in Huntington, and the photographer is the Kings' neighbor, Mrs. B. L. Barbour.



Decorating the West Virginia float in the International Lions Club Convention parade was Mrs. Jack Green, holding flowers. She and her husband, meterman in

Welch, attended the convention in Miami this year, and she was chosen to ride the float. The theme of the float, of course, was the state's Centennial.



What is believed to be the first all-electric car sales operation on the Appalachian system is this one belonging to the Mason County Motor Corporation in Point Pleasant. Three small offices, a large reception room, and three smaller rooms are equipped with resistance heating and with air conditioning. The whole floor area is also electrically heated.

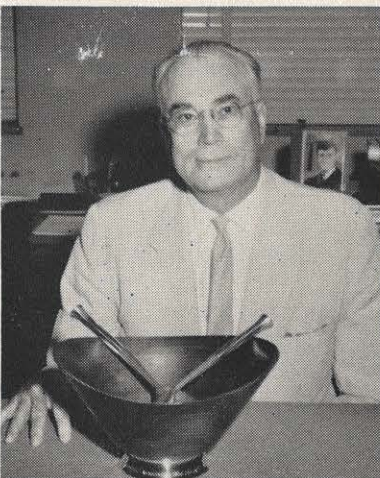


Guilford Smith, administrative assistant in Charleston, inspects the exhibit of the Public Utilities Association of the Virginias aboard the West Virginia Centennial train. Featured in the display are a number of photographs of Appalachian activities, including the Apple

Grove Test Project, use of helicopters in setting V-towers on the Kanawha-Cloverdale line, and interior pictures of Kanawha River plant. The train visited 52 of the state's 55 counties, and was visited by 219,000 persons.



They're just back from a 21-day jaunt to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The man in charge was Harvey Agee, Fieldale district meterman, 1963 "Scouter of the Year" in Collinsville. Among the 25 boys who made the trip were Gordon Adams, left, son of Tex Adams, Rocky Mount lineman, and Mr. Agee's son David, center.



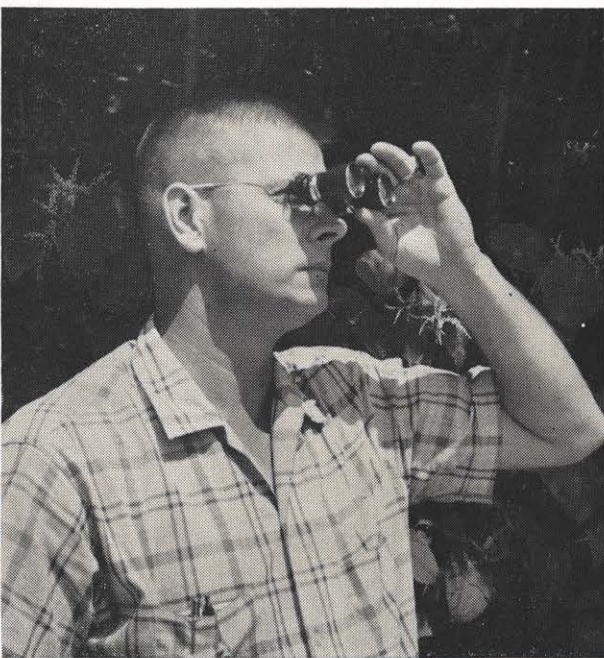
For the first time in seven tries C. W. Lovell won a prize in the Virginias Seniors Golf Association tournament: For low net score in Class C competition. He is assistant Charleston division manager.



A touch of glamour was added to the Fashion Show staged last month by the Abingdon Junior Woman's Club. At left, Ellen Wood models winter fashions, and at right, Mrs. L. C. Angle Jr. shows off a fall suit. Miss Wood is the daughter of George Wood, Abingdon district local office supervisor, and Mrs. Angle is the wife of the division power sales engineer.



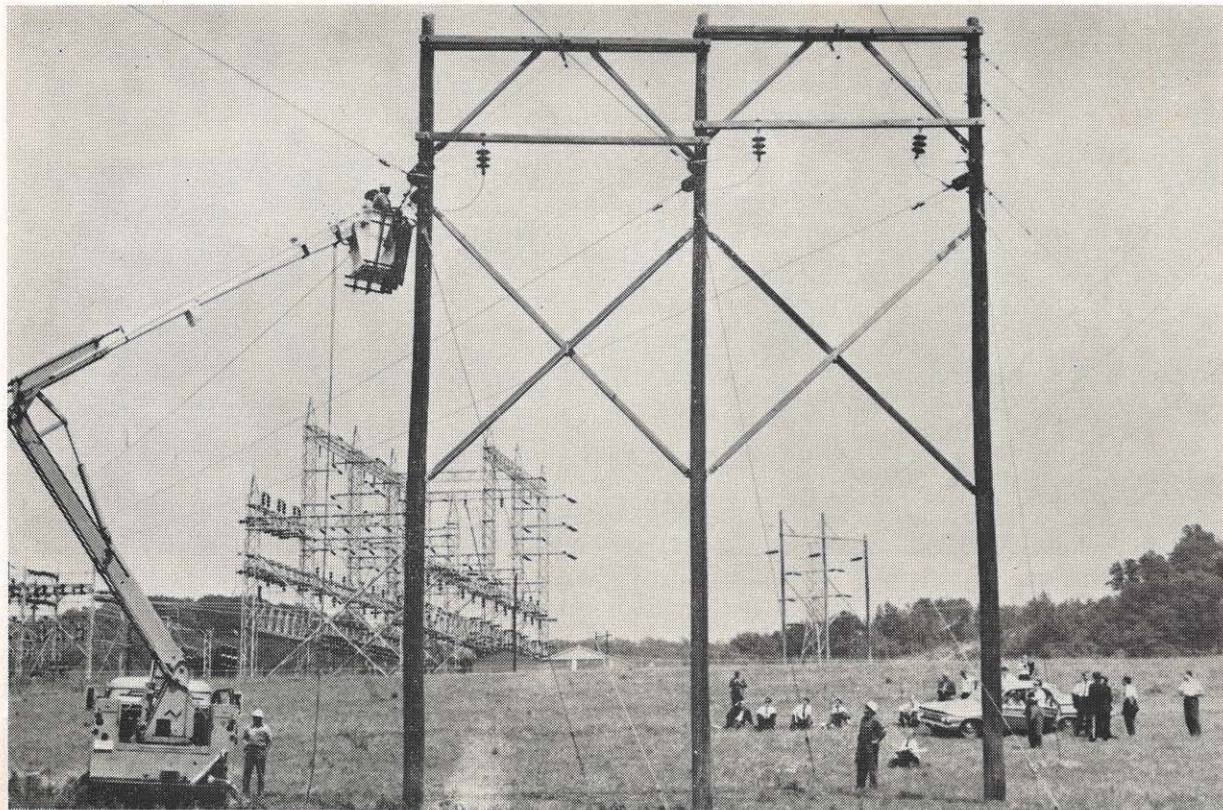
One of the Princesses in the upcoming Harvest Festival in Roanoke will be Miss Anne Gillespie. Daughter of W. J. Gillespie Jr., assistant Bluefield division manager, Miss Gillespie will represent her school, Mary Baldwin College, at the annual celebration.



Bird-watching? Girl-watching? Football-watching? No. Just doing a job. Bill Lineberry, in the Bluefield district finds a pair of stadium glasses useful equipment in his truck. By using them to read pole numbers, transformer numbers, and locating line trouble, he saves steps and time. At right: This is the ball that pulled the string that pulled the rope that pulled the



conductor through the underground conduit on Federal Street in Bluefield. The ball was attached to the string and put into the conduit. The end was sealed around an air compressor hose. When the air was turned on, the ball popped up 400 feet away in the transformer vault. The rest of the job was routine. Howard Meadows, electrical engineer, holds the ball.



At Cloverdale station the AEP Service Corporation engineers' trainees saw three demonstrations, with a Roanoke crew using hot sticks, rubber gloves and bare hands to perform line maintenance work. The Roanoke district employees doing the demonstrating were D. R. Hunt, line foreman; J. L. McManaway, lineman; A. R. Vaught, lineman; and J. C. Thomas, truck driver-groundman.

AEP Engineer Trainees Witness Field Work

Thirteen engineer trainees of the AEP Service Corporation inspected a number of major facilities during a recent week-long orientation trip through parts of the Appalachian Power and Kentucky Power Companies' service areas.

Beginning at Huntington, where they were welcomed by Division Manager H. D. Stillman, the group spent two days seeing Big Sandy

plant, the Service Corporation's General Chemical Laboratory, the H. K. Porter Company and Owens-Illinois Glass plants, and the Apple Grove 775,000-volt Transmission Test Project.

Their final three days centered around Roanoke, where the group heard discussions of instrumentation in the Roanoke dispatching center, inspected microwave and

computer facilities, and were given a report on "Project Decision." In addition, they attended lectures on regional and high-voltage planning and on distribution engineering, and witnessed a demonstration of "bare hand" live-line maintenance at Cloverdale substation. On their final day, the engineers toured the Smith Mountain and Leesville Dam sites.

Huntington Office Basement Becomes City's First Full-Fledged Shelter



Food, water—all sorts of survival supplies—have been stocked in the basement of Appalachian's building in Huntington. Here, Mrs. Barbara Calhoun, contract clerk, examines a lobby display showing the items stocked.

The basement of the Huntington office building of Appalachian is the first place in the city to be stocked with fallout shelter supplies by the federal government.

The shelter has been stocked with enough supplies to last 1,350 persons for two weeks. They include such items as ration crackers, water drums, medical supplies, sanitation kits and radiation equipment.

Stocking the shelter was given coverage by local newspapers and television stations, and a special display was set up in the lobby to acquaint the public with what was being stocked.

Employee Paul Baker, who is a retired Army major, was appointed shelter manager. His alternates are also employees: Jim Dorsey, Frank Chapman, and Herb Davis.

The building was selected as a shelter following a survey of all major large buildings in Huntington. This was part of a national Civil Defense preparedness program.

Camp Concentration



Intensely concentrating on their motor repair kits are these youngsters at the 4-H Camp of Kanawha County in the Charleston district. They are some of the many youngsters at three camps in Kanawha, Putnam, and Jackson Counties who benefited from employee help this summer in classes on electricity. John W. Griffie, residential and rural development representative, taught the electric motor classes, and also gave instruction in the principles of good lighting and basic wiring. Carolyn Walker and Sandra Myers, home sales representatives, taught cooking classes. Hundreds of children attend these camps every summer.



Col. John Whitmore (right) accepts the congratulations of Col. Milton B. Crisp on the occasion of his retirement after 33 years of Army service in war and peace. Mr. Whitmore is Roanoke division planning engineer. (Roanoke Times photo.)

Roanoke Engineer Steps Down As Army Reserve C.O.

The commanding officer of the 2012 USAR Logistical Command retired from the Army last month after 33 years of service. He is John B. Whitmore, Roanoke division planning engineer, who retired with the rank of colonel.

His military service goes back to 1927 when he enlisted in the Virginia National Guard. Following graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1933, he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was called to active duty in January 1941, and graduated from the General Staff College in 1942, and served in the China-Burma-India Theater. He has also attended advanced technical seminars at Fort Leavenworth and the National War College.

Mr. Whitmore joined Appalachian in 1935. He is active in the work of the Huntington Court Methodist Church, Masons, and Williamson Road Rotary Club. He is a member and past chairman of the Virginia Mountain Section, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Two Fieldale Houses, Old Landmarks, Being Removed In Expansion Program

Many fond memories were moved away from Fieldale, when trucks removed two houses from an area next to the company's office building.

It's all part of the constant expansion program in the district. The houses were built in 1926 and 1932 as homes for employees in the infancy of district operations.

One cost \$1,590, the other \$3,200.

One of them became an office for the distribution department when Fieldale became a district in 1949. It remained that way until the present office was built in 1953.

Both are gone now, and the space they occupied will become the site of future expansion of the Fieldale 138,000 volt station.



Memories move with this house next to the Fieldale office building as the district continues its expansion program.

Office Displays Contribute To Varied Highlands Festival

Three displays in the office lobby and auditorium at Abingdon helped contribute to the diversity and success of the recent Highlands Festival held in that part of western Virginia.

At appointed hours during the two-week festival the displays were manned and explained by employees in an effort to create a better understanding of the electric utility industry and the part it plays in everyday life.

"What Is Light?" featured an illuminated display of the story of light, and was designed and built by the Better Light—Better Sight Bureau. It had previously been seen in New York, Chicago, Kansas City and New Orleans, and is now the property of the Southwest Virginia District 4-H Club Camp. The display highlighted some unusual facts about light and used six revolving color wheels behind and between panels to provide a continuous play of colored light along the 20-foot length of the display.

"People and Power" was a photographic essay of the western Virginia area served by Appalachian and of some of the company's facilities and employees in their daily job of producing, distributing and selling electric energy. The essay was executed by Myron Ehrenberg of New York and contained 45 photographs.

The third exhibit was an oil painting—"Room for Industry"—by Dr. Fred Karl Scheibee of Emory & Henry College. It is the original of a mural measuring 32 feet by 72 feet painted on the 500,000-gallon water storage tank of the Washington County Sanitary District in the Washington County Industrial Park. The mural is in full view of Interstate Highway 81 and the industrial access road to the park.

Hazard Girl Heads District Homemakers

Sandra Pigman, a rising junior in Hazard High School, has been elected president of the Pine Mountain district of the Future Homemakers of America.



Sandra Pigman

The Pine Mountain district covers ten eastern Kentucky counties. Because of illness she was unable to attend the state and national FHA meeting, although she was a delegate to both.

In addition to her FHA work, Sandra is assistant organist for her church, teaches Sunday School, is treasurer of Rainbow Girls Assembly, is a member of the Junior Classical League, and participates in league bowling. She plans a career in medical technology.



Explaining the lighting display in the Abingdon office during the Virginia Highlands Festival is Lovis Mitchell, home sales representative.



Talking about the old days along the New River are John Dent Burnett, left, retired maintenance man at Bylesby and Buck hydro plants, and Thomas Ryan, retired assistant Pulaski district manager. Both were passengers on the Lions Club New River Excursion train last month, successfully promoted by three Appalachian employees.

Employees Help Promote Train Ride

Three Pulaski district employees were largely responsible for the success of the Pulaski Lions Club New River Excursion train last month. Thirty employees, retired employees, and their families rode the train. It originated in Roanoke with 80 passengers aboard, stopped for more at Christiansburg, Radford, and Pulaski, and then proceeded onto Galax along the banks of the New River. Three hundred tickets were sold, and there was much activity in the box lunch, sandwich, and cold drink trade. Included as part of the train were open gondola cars for the benefit of photographers. The three employees involved in staging the excursion are R. J. Blair, general chairman; D. D. Taylor, ticket chairman and treasurer, and S. L. Johnson, in charge of concessions. This was the second year the Lions Club ran the excursion, and the club hopes it will be an annual affair.

SCOUTING



Chucky Brown is congratulated by his father, Charles J. Brown, Grundy meter serviceman, as he receives his Eagle Scout badge during ceremonies at the Grundy Presbyterian Church. Chucky is an honor student in Grundy High School, won the county batting championship the last year he played Little League baseball, and also plays basketball and football.



Which is the prouder? A. G. "Tex" Adams, Roanoke district truck driver-groundman in the Rocky Mount area, presents the award as outstanding scout in Franklin County to his son Gordon, 15. As part of this honor, Gordon received a three-week trip to Camp Philamont in New Mexico, given each year by the Rocky Mount Lions Club to the county's outstanding scout.



Mrs. Jones checks a customer's bill for adjustment.

Public Contact—Key To Customer Relations

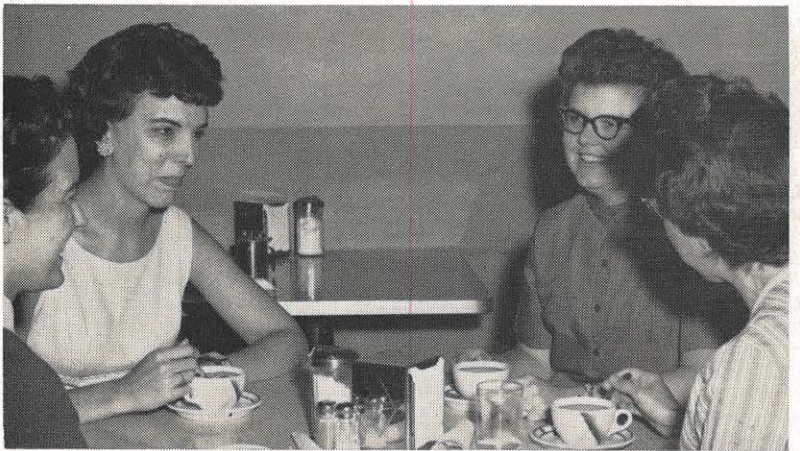
There are as many different things in Janet Jones's day as there are customers and requests. Mrs. Jones, clerk stenographer in the Welch accounting department, is one of those called "public contact employees." This means that she is the channel between customer questions and company answers, and the manner in which she operates has a direct effect on what people think of company service. This involves listening to the customer and understanding his problem, and then being able to act on it. This is a major responsibility, but "I enjoy my job very much, especially the work I do

with the public. It gives me an opportunity to know more about my community, and about people," she says. Like almost any power company job, Mrs. Jones finds each day different from the last. Typically, however, her day is divided between contact work and office tasks. It might begin with sorting and opening mail coming into the Welch office, and dispatching mail to customers or to other offices. She keeps office supplies in order, takes telephone calls from customers and either handles them herself, or switches them to the proper office. At lunch, while

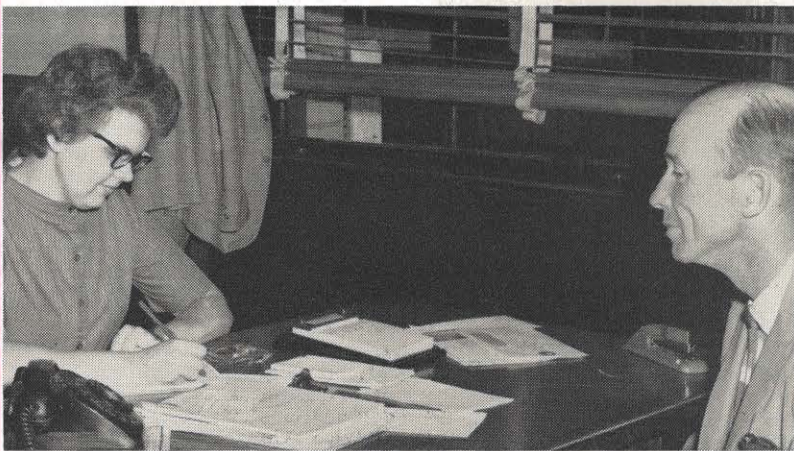
other employees are out of the office, Mrs. Jones will wait on customers, take service requests and make out duplicate bills. There are also filing, dictation, posting, and reporting chores. No job in the accounting department is an island: all are so closely related that every employee must know something about all of them. Mrs. Jones has found that the common denominator here is accuracy. "If a job is done inaccurately," she declares, "everybody else's job is affected, and a great deal of extra work and trouble is caused, especially if the inaccuracy extends to the customer."

Mrs. Jones, off the job, is first vice president of the Junior Woman's Club, of which she has been a member for five years, and attends the Premier Methodist Church. She is fond of tennis and swimming, and reading mystery novels.

(Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles dealing with the men and women of our companies who, by their daily work help keep electric service dependable to our customers.)



Mrs. Jones takes a coffee break with Nancy Day, cashier, Jean Nolley, clerk trainee, and right, Nell Nunnery, secretarial-stenographer.



Among Mrs. Jones's duties is dictation. Here she takes a letter from O. L. Robinson, district office supervisor in Welch.



Mrs. Jones files final bill information.

Safety Is A Family Affair

(Editor's Note: Not long ago Mary Elizabeth Davis, of Logan, recounted some experiences she had had that showed the importance of safety meetings. Her article in The Illuminator prodded the memory of Luther Houchins, personnel supervisor at Clinch River plant. He wrote the following about an experience he had in another area of safety before he joined Appalachian.)

Recounting the many pleasant and rewarding experiences that I have had in the field of safety, there is one that will never be forgotten. It happened in another company and before I came with Appalachian.

The employee in question was habitually guilty of not wearing goggles while operating a lathe and grinder. As a result, he was forced to pay many visits to the local eye surgeon to have particles removed from his eyes. The latest accident had resulted in an eye injury so serious that the surgeon had advised us that it was a miracle he had not lost the sight of one eye.

A few evenings later, while visiting the local

hospital, I stopped by the maternity ward to see the man's wife and their firstborn son. He was a beautiful baby and the young couple was elated over the full success of the blessed event.

I told the mother he was a truly fine-looking baby and, as an afterthought, added: "It is a pity that he will one day have a blind father." The young mother exclaimed in horror, and compelled me to tell her that the man's foreman and I had been unsuccessful in getting him to properly carry out required safety precaution.

The lecture this young employee received from her was far more scathing than could ever be delivered by any member of supervision.

The employee went on to become one of the safest men on the job, still has his eyesight, and has said: "The wife and I have held frequent safety meetings since you put the pressure on me at the hospital that night."

I think the story proves that safety can, and should be, a family affair.

Cold Coal Warmed At Big Sandy Electric Thawing Shed

An electric infra-red coal thawer at Big Sandy plant provides another way in which electricity is being used to make company operations more efficient.

With temperatures ranging as low as 18 degrees below zero a few months ago, the coal thawer made it possible to unload coal at the plant yard at a speed and with an ease not true of other types of thawers.

The thawing shed is constructed over the track and the plant's yard locomotive pulls the cars to be

thawed through the shed. Radiant heating elements between the rails thaw the undersides of cars, and similar units along the walls of the shed thaw the sides of the cars.

Depending upon several factors, including the temperature, fineness of the coal and moisture, it takes from 10 to 15 minutes to thaw a car. The shed and units will handle one and a half cars at a time.

The amount of heat needed can be regulated by adjustments to any or all of the units. To prevent possible damage to the bottom units, a track alarm switch was installed between the rails. This

device will sound an alarm if there should be a dragging brake rod or other object which might damage the units.



Flags, bunting and new street lights like this one added to the color of the Miss USA Pageant held in Huntington the latter part of August. The light is one of 210 new ones installed in downtown Huntington in a whiteway modernization program.

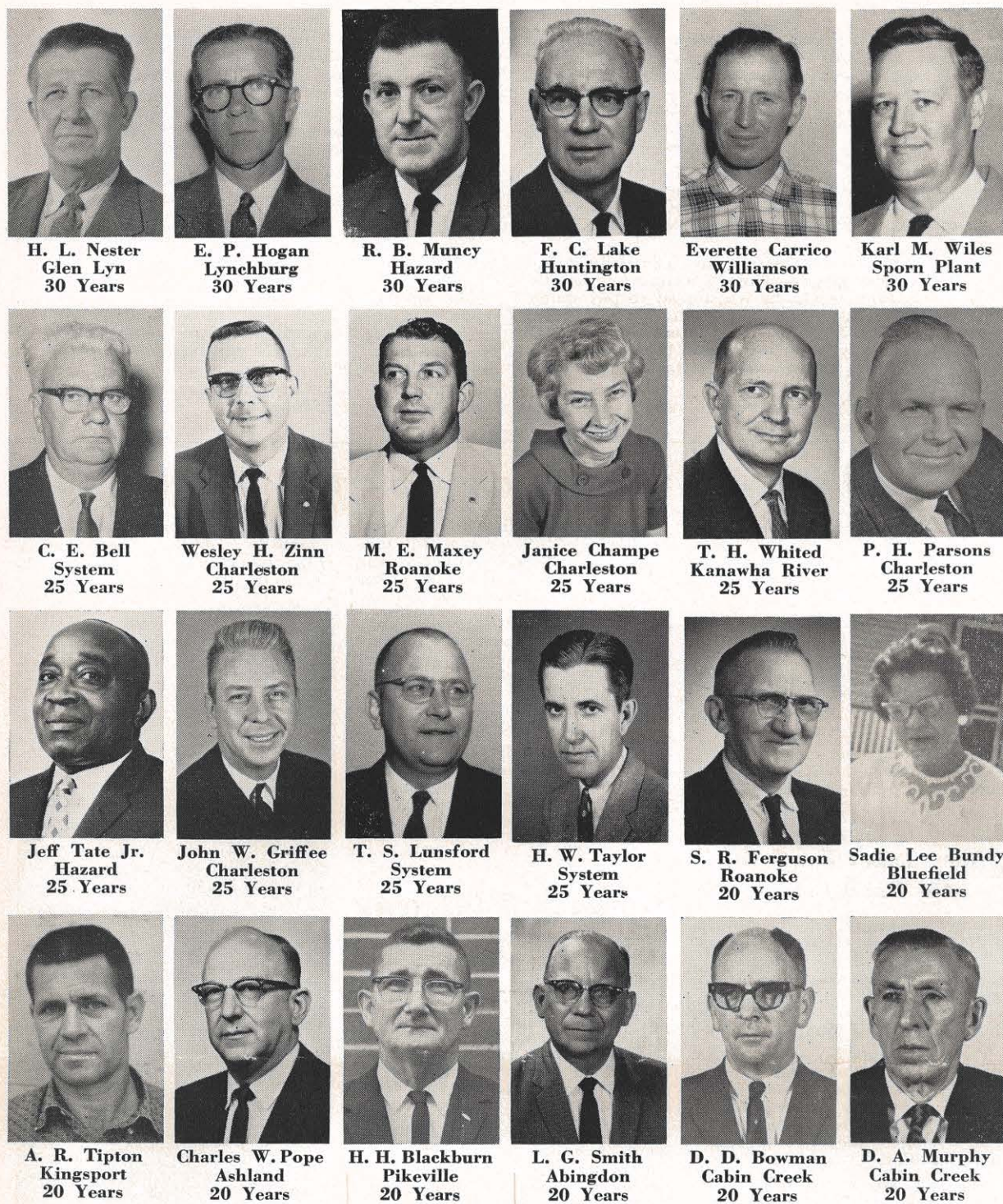
Modern Whiteway Will Be Achieved In Huntington

A more attractive business area and additional traffic safety will result from a whiteway street lighting program under way in Huntington.

In the program 21,000 lumen mercury vapor lamps will be installed to replace 10,000 lumen lights in the business section. A total of 210 new lights are being installed, and the ones they replace will be taken to other shopping areas of the city to improve lighting at those locations.

Top priority in the program was given to two streets around the Frederick Hotel, where headquarters for the Miss USA Pageant, held August 18-27, was located.

Long Service Recognized



Appalachian Power Company

Bluefield District
GAIL E. DAVIDSON from clerk trainee in the accounting department to clerk trainee, records department; JUANITA L. CROUCH from T&D clerk in the records department to stenographer in the personnel department; MILDRED G. BISHOP from stenographer, accounting department to stenographer, division engineering department.

Clinch River Plant
JOHNNY S. SKEEN from utility coal handler to coal equipment operator; GARLAND W. HACKNEY from yard helper to utility coal handler.

Fieldale District
V. P. REYNOLDS from lineman B to lineman A.

Lynchburg District
J. P. McDERMOTT from working foreman to building superintendent.

Point Pleasant District
L. D. BALDING from local office supervisor in Ripley to heating & builder sales representative in Charleston.

Pulaski District
JAMES H. BROOKS from lineman C to lineman B; JACK D. SPRAKER from station man B, Welch, to station man B, Pulaski; EVERETTE CRAWFORD from lineman B to lineman A.

System
NANCY JACOBS from stenographer in system accounting to secretarial stenographer, division managerial; C. E. WEST from groundman to station man helper; P. W. MILLER Jr., from system station operator A to regional dispatcher; L. J. KING from system station operator A to regional dispatcher.

Welch District
JANE BEARRE from petty cash clerk, senior, to merchandise bookkeeper, senior; CLYDE WELCH from T&D clerk, senior; STEVE DUDASH from station man A to working foreman; ARDIS E. ANDERSON from station man helper, Bluefield, to station man C, Switchback; J. W. BOOTH from lineman A in Welch to lineman A in Grundy.

Company Personnel Demonstrate Insulation For Vo-Ag Teachers

A team of Charleston division commercial personnel, cooperating with the West Virginia Farm and Home Electrification Council, last month presented a demonstration of electric heat insulation techniques and practices.

It was given before 125 vocational agriculture teachers from all over West Virginia, and was part of a long range teaching aid developed for the teachers. Insulation information complemented previous material offered during an electric heating workshop. For this part of the training program, Appalachian contributed four types of electric heat, which were installed as a do-it-yourself project in a cabin built by the teachers themselves at Cedar Lakes.

A teaching course unit, to include material from the whole field of electric heating, insulation, and applications is being prepared at West Virginia University. It will be made available for the vo-ag teachers' 1964 meeting. At that time, Appalachian and other electric utilities in the state will stage an extensive workshop covering all material in the source unit. The idea behind the project is to provide the vo-ag teachers with both information and background to pass on to their classes.

The demonstration took place at the conference of the West Virginia Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers, along with the Vo-Ag teacher training staff from West Virginia University, and representatives from the state department of education.



Gunnery Sergeant James H. Haley Jr. is presented his retirement certificate by Captain Larry Phillips. Mr. Haley, customer service representative in Lynchburg, closed out a long career in the Marine Corps reserve last month.

Lynchburg Gyrene Retires From Corps

Gunnery Sergeant James H. Haley Jr., retired from the United States Marine Corps Reserve in Lynchburg last month.

Mr. Haley is customer service representative in Lynchburg.

During retirement ceremonies at the Armory, Captain Larry Phillips, the unit's commanding officer cited Mr. Haley's long and continuous service, and his instrumental part in creating the first Marine reserve units in Roanoke and later in Lynchburg.

His military record extends back forty years to his days in the 406 Coast Defense Command in 1922. He resigned his commission in the National Guard in 1927 and helped organize the Roanoke unit known as Co. I, 20th Marines. In 1930 he was transferred to Lynchburg and helped organize the reserve unit during the Second World War.

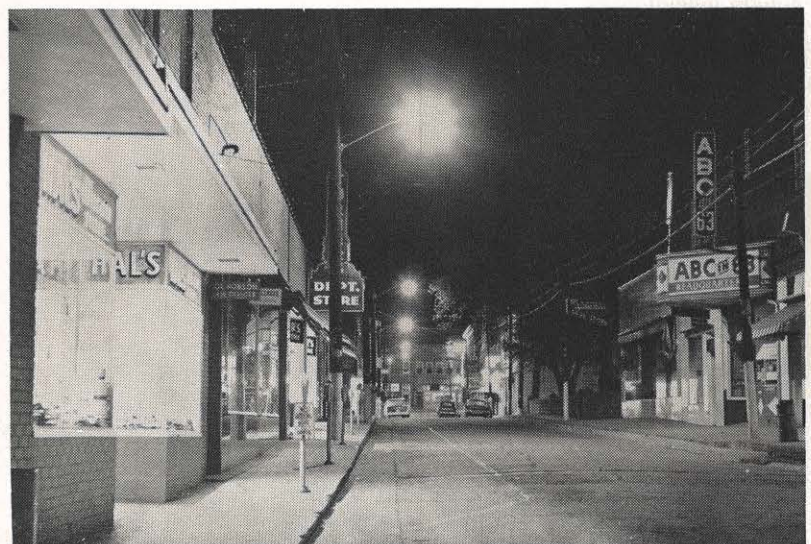
Prestonburg Puts On New Appearance With Extensive Lighting System

Prestonburg has become the first town in the Pikeville district to completely change its street lighting system.

The government of the 3,095 population town asked the district office to redesign the system to provide better and more efficient lighting. The answer from the commercial department called for 20,000 lumen mercury vapor lights with individual control in the business section and main streets, 11,000-lumen lights on main connecting streets, and a minimum of 7,000-lumen lights in the residential areas.

In the old system, incandescent lamps ranged from 6,000 lumen in the business section to 1,000 in the residential areas. A total of 225 new lamps were installed.

Some rural communities in the district have similar systems, but Prestonburg is the first town of any size to do so. Some communities are also using dusk-to-dawn lights to handle street lighting chores, but the job just done in Prestonburg has caused other forward-looking towns to make inquiries about similar systems.



The main street of Prestonburg, Kentucky glows brightly under the new lighting system just installed. Two hundred and twenty-five mercury vapor lights with individual controls were put up in the business and residential sections of the town.

Balliet Succeeds Retiring Beiler

Albert H. Beiler retired August 1 as head of the American Electric Power Service Corporation's Technical Education and Training Section, and was succeeded by N. D. Balliet.

Mr. Beiler joined the electrical engineering department in 1927, and organized and became the head of the Technical Education Section in 1946. He attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and Cooper Union and holds bachelor of science and electrical engineering degrees.

Joining the American Electric Power System in 1947, Mr. Balliet served in various capacities at Windsor, Logan, and Kanawha River plants. He joined the service corporation in 1962. He holds a degree in electrical engineering from Rutgers University and did postgraduate work at Purdue.

Three Engineers Move To Canton

Three engineers of the AEP Service Corporation's Electrical Engineering Department in New York have been transferred to the corporation's offices in Canton.

Walter J. Schaefer Jr., former plant and station engineer, will head an expanded design and drafting services section in Canton. Frank B. Morgan, distribution engineer, will work mainly on distribution systems for Indiana & Michigan Electric Company. Fred R. Nelson, electronics and Communications engineer, will lead the Service Corporation's microwave function, which has been transferred to Canton.

Real Postal Service



The Post Office Department in Lynchburg has added a mysterious new service to go along with "ZIP". One morning not long ago Mrs. Anne Cothran, cashier-clerk in Appalachian's office was going through the mail and found an envelope with only a cancelled stamp—no address, not even a return address or any mark to indicate either its origin or its destination. Inside, Mrs. Cothran found a customer's check and an electric service bill. Now then: how did the Post Office know where to deliver the envelope?

Campbell Woman Heads State HD

Mrs. S. S. Gilbert of Lynchburg has been installed as president of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, the first state president of the organization from Campbell County.

The wife of S. S. Gilbert, Reusens hydro operator in the Lynchburg district, she assumed her new duties immediately. In October she will represent the state at the National Federation of HD Clubs convention in Little Rock, Ark.

During her 17 years of activity in HD work, she has twice been president of her local club, Tyreanna; chairman of Campbell County HD Club committee; president of District III, Virginia Federation; state program chairman for youth and community recreation; state secretary; and chairman of the state finance committee.



Mrs. Gilbert

Diane Crump Wins Highest 4-H Award

The highest award a 4-H'er can receive came last month to Diane Crump, daughter of J. R. Crump, Point Pleasant district line foreman.

She was one of 17 girls selected for membership in the West Virginia All-Stars at the state 4-H Camp at Jackson's Mill. This is an honor recognizing outstanding 4-H members and leaders who have made notable contributions to the program. She was the only member from Mason County to be so honored.

A sophomore at Marshall University, Diane is active in campus affairs.



Diane Crump



Married in recent weeks were, left column, top to bottom, Mrs. Robert A. Merkle, New Haven, West Virginia; Mrs. Holland McSwain Jr., Pulaski; Mrs. James Barr, Radford. Right column, top: Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Flynn, Pikeville; bottom, Mrs. Harold D. Garrison, Charleston.

Recent Brides

Wright-Flynn

July 20 was the wedding day of Carole Wright and Robert Kent Flynn, who were married in a ceremony performed at the First Methodist Church in Pikeville, Kentucky. Mr. Flynn is the son of Robert H. Flynn, assistant office supervisor in Pikeville.

Leheu-Davis

Veda Leheu became the bride of Harry A. Davis in a single ring ceremony performed July 23 in the Lutheran Church, Ashland, Ken-

tucky. Mr. Davis is assistant shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn Plant.

Allen-Garrison

A double ring ceremony performed at the Elizabeth Baptist Church at Bancroft on July 27 united Carolyn Maye Allen and Harold Don Garrison in marriage. Mrs. Garrison is the daughter of Ralph B. Allen, collector at the St. Albans office.

Miller-McSwain

Shiloh Christian Church in Pulaski was the setting for the wedding of Lucy Elaine Miller and Reverend Holland McSwain Jr. Mrs. McSwain is home sales representative in Pulaski.

Allison-Bradberry

Brenda Sue Allison and Larry H. Bradberry were wed June 22 at Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church in Wytheville. Mrs. Bradberry is the daughter of Frank P. Allison, truck driver-groundman at Wytheville.

Malcolm-Barr

Judith Ann Malcolm exchanged wedding vows with James E. Barr on June 22 in the Fairlawn Methodist Church in Radford. Mr. Barr is a utility operator at Radford Arsenal Steam Plant.

Wolpert-Merkle

In a ceremony performed July 28 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Haven, West Virginia, Suzanne Virginia Wolpert and Robert Arnold Merkle were united in marriage. Mrs. Merkle is the daughter of Philip J. Wolpert, operations supervisor at Philip Sporn Plant.

Problems Of Foreign Living Mean Nothing To Missionary

The problems of living in a foreign land—language, customs, food, housing—have stirred no apprehension in the mind of an unusual young lady.

She is Betty Sue Speas, and to her these problems are nothing, because she is too busy putting her many abilities to use in helping others, and because her faith is strong enough to give her serenity in the face of any obstacle.

Miss Speas is the daughter of R. W. Speas, hydro supervising engineer in Roanoke, and she is a missionary in the jungles of Malaya, for from her native Charleston. She has been out there since she began a four-year tour of duty in September 1961 as nurse and teacher. At the present time she is at the Che Foo School at Tanah Rata. This is a school for the children of missionaries currently serving in China and Malaya, and Miss Speas not only looks after their health and well-being, but also teaches English and arithmetic. This past summer, during a break in the school year, Miss Speas traveled to Central Thailand for a six weeks' tour of duty in a leper hospital.

table; everyone helps himself with chopsticks. I didn't know what I was eating, and I didn't ask questions—it tasted good. I did recognize a fish flavor, and chicken. Later I learned that one delicacy on that platter was eggs which had been buried for about three years... Then they brought in a bowl of chickens, noodles, and vegetables all mixed together... one platter with duck and one with fish, chicken fixed two ways, one with rice. One I especially enjoyed was a platter... with buns, special sweet bread with pork that was to be put inside the bread. I can't describe all of the courses, but we ended with a big bowl of apricot halves in a bowl with ice. About three times during the meal the waitresses brought around large washcloths that were warm, wet, and delightfully scented, and we all proceeded to wipe our faces and hands... I fared well with my chopsticks.

"Following dinner, we all went caroling. It was an impressive sight to see about 150 Chinese young people, all dressed in white, singing the praises of the Lord."

Christmas in Malaya, but not among strangers.

Training

By the time she was ready to undertake the greatest experience of her life, Miss Speas had prepared herself well. She had studied four years in Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada; spent three years in nurses' training in Connecticut worked for a year in Charleston Memorial Hospital, and then attended a special school of the China Inland Mission in Philadelphia. To reach her station, Miss Speas sailed half way around the world via Panama, Tahiti, and Australia, and in Singapore, discovered that her school days were not yet over. She studied Chinese.

Far from home, Christmas can be lonesome. And, although Miss Speas missed her family, her first Christmas was a memorable one.

She wrote that "we gathered for the Chinese feast... the food started to come, ten courses altogether. The first course was a platter set in the center of the

Turtle's No Turtle; Story's No Story

"There's a turtle up on the power line in front of my house" said the Bluefield, Virginia lady who called "Pep" Testerman at dusk. Pep called George Slade, who lived near the scene, to investigate.

Sensing an ILLUMINATOR story, Pep called Ira Henderson's home. Mrs. Henderson, also ILLUMINATOR conscious, roused Ira from a Chamber of Commerce annual dinner meeting. Ira called Slade, who said "Forget It." It was a turtle all right... a turtle dove which had just retired for the night. Pep is area supervisor; George is a working foreman; Ira is an administrative assistant just about out of stories, remarked Frances Keller, secretarial stenographer.

They're Engaged

JOYCE A. CLINE to Robert Peirce Jaeger. Miss Cline is the daughter of E. J. Cline, area serviceman at Wytheville.

JUDITH ANN JUSTICE to Ben W. VanArsdale. Miss Justice is the daughter of Claude Justice, area sales representative in Pikeville.

MARSHA L. HARRISON to Ronald Ackerman. Miss Harrison is a clerk trainee in Ashland.

JOAN LORETTA SURPRENANT to Luther Fillmore McPherson, III. Mr. McPherson is the son of Fillmore McPherson Jr., Abingdon district manager.

New Arrivals

Ashland District

MR. AND MRS. R. B. BIBB, a daughter, Elizabeth Annette, July 9. Mr. Bibb is general heating and air conditioning application and service engineer in Ashland.

Big Sandy Plant

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD V. COMPTON, a daughter, Donna Marie, August 8. Mr. Compton is an instrument man.

Charleston District

MR. AND MRS. LLOYD SANFORD, a daughter, Kelly Lea, August 9. Mr. Sanford is a lineman.

MR. AND MRS. C. L. WILKINSON, a son, John Clyde, August 7. Mr. Wilkinson is an area serviceman in Montgomery.

MR. AND MRS. ORVAN HAMMON, a son, Allen Martin, July 26. Mr. Hammon is a truck driver-groundman.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HASKELL JONES, a son, Richard Wayne, July 14. Mr. Jones is an electrical engineer.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM A. GRISWOLD JR., a son, Stuart William, June 19. Mr. Griswold is a test engineer.

MR. AND MRS. GARLAND WOODY HACKNEY, a son, Mark Anthony, July 7. Mr. Hackney is a utility coal handler.

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY B. WAGONER, a daughter, Alice Adele, July 26. Mr. Wagoner is a helper.

Huntington District

MR. AND MRS. WILLIS L. JOHNSON, a son, Willis L. Jr., August 3. Mr. Johnson is a clerk typist.

Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. E. M. JONES, a son, Edward Martin, Jr., August 1. Mr. Jones is a station man.

Point Pleasant District

MR. AND MRS. Q. H. WICKLINE, a son, John Thomas, August 6. Mr. Wickline is a dealer sales representative.

Pulaski District

MR. AND MRS. B. R. WHITE, a daughter, Brenda Jean, June 25. Mr. White is a meter reader at Pulaski.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES DANIEL NICKOLS, a son, Michael James, July 8. Mr. Nickols is a groundman at Marion.

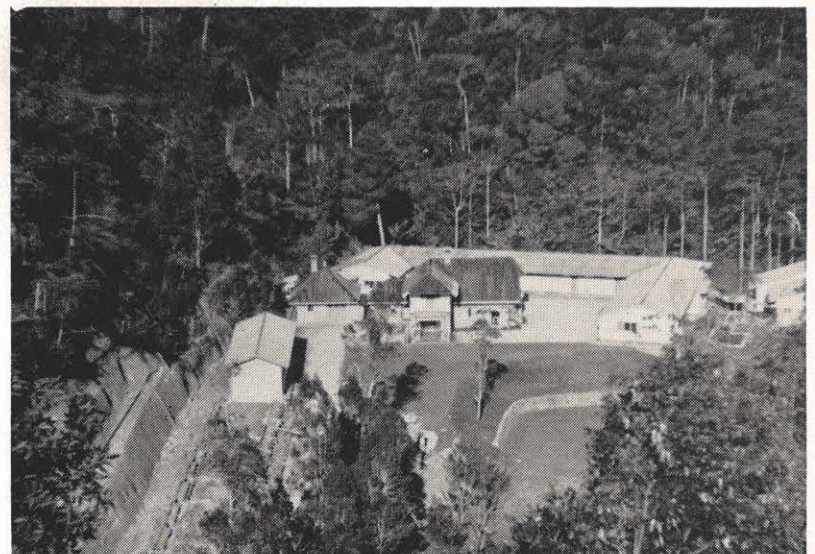
Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES R. ALLENSWORTH, a son Carl Eugene, August 3. Mr. Allensworth is a laborer.

MR. AND MRS. GLENN HUFFMAN, a son, Larry Thomas, July 20. Mr. Huffman is a conveyor operator.

System

MR. AND MRS. C. E. BOUSH, a daughter, Anna Maria, July 10. Mr. Boush is a machine operator in the system accounting department.



Hacked out of the jungle is the Che Food School where Miss Betty Speas lives and works. She teaches English and arithmetic to the children of missionaries, and as a nurse, looks after their health as well.



This is the main street of Tanah Rata, where the Che Food School is located. Miss Speas has also worked briefly in Central Thailand.

Cars Are Past, Present, And Future For Pam

One of Pamela Danks' biggest thrills came the day she was 16 and got her driver's license. Another was about a month ago when she bought a 1963 Triumph Spitfire, and the next will come the day she owns a Corvette. That covers most of her past, present and future, so far as the 20-year old Charleston office messenger is concerned.

When her parents allowed her to drive the family car, her interest in mechanics "just naturally came along with driving," she says. So she watched and worked with the boys on cars, until she could lend an able hand with just about any mechanical job that came along. She ranged from assisting in changing transmissions from column to floor, to completely tearing down and rebuilding a carburetor all alone. During the two years she studied business administration at West Virginia State, she didn't take mechanics. Reason: "There weren't any girls in the class." She is considering taking a mechanical course at Charleston High School this fall. Her mother is all for it. "She encourages me," says Pam, and "besides, I might have inherited some of this from her, because she likes fast cars, too. Dad likes to take it easy when he's driving."

150 M.P.H.

The car she owns now, an English model, features 4 cylinders, two carburetors and is registered for 110 mph but Pam has "only" had it up to 80. "I have ridden a lot faster than that," she says, "one time at 150 mph, but I wouldn't do that again. I was riding in a 1957 Plymouth with a Chrysler D-500 motor—no, I wasn't afraid, I had a lot of confidence in the driver." She hastens to add that her love for speed is confined to race tracks where she will "drag" with the best of them. Once she drove in a powder puff derby with seven or eight other girls, and stayed with it until the transmission came out. "That was a shame," she says, "for there was nothing there that

could beat it." In all other respects on the streets and highways, Pam is a firm believer in and observer of safe driving practices.

She doesn't know when she will have another opportunity to get in another powder puff race, for the one planned at Charleston was abandoned. "Anyway," she says, "the car I was going to drive was totaled"—meaning wrecked—"by a friend in a race at Charleston Speedway about a month ago."

Travels to Races

She goes around to Parkersburg, Marietta, Winfield, St. Albans, anywhere where races are going on. Sometimes she "messes around" with the stock cars before they go to the track, but not after they are in the pits. "They don't want girls around the pits at race time," she explains.

Pam plans to make application to the West Virginia Sports Car

Association, and if she ever gets that Corvette she would like to have a garage where all her friends who share her love of sports cars could come to work on their cars and talk shop. She does have a few other interests like horseback riding, bowling, tennis, dancing, and building model cars. Now and then, when she feels a domestic urge, she simply seats herself at the new electric sewing machine she got for her last birthday, and makes herself a new dress or something for her wardrobe—she can insert a zipper as easily as she can throw a speed shift.

About the races—she generally tells her parents about them after they are over. "No use to make them worry," she says. Someday they might possibly have two girls to worry about, for every week Pam's little 9-year-old sister, Carla, faithfully puts another dollar in her bank, saving up for her own sports car some day.



Pam Danks, wrench in hand, smiles cheerfully over the workings of her sports car. By now a capable mechanic, Pam looks forward to the day when she can set up a garage for the use of like-minded sports car drivers.

Like Father, Like Son: Shotgun At Age Of 12

Young Bruce Funk is entering the world of guns at the same age as his father. When Guy Funk, Roanoke district engineering aide, was 12 he was given a .410 gauge shotgun as a Christmas present from his father. Now Guy, in his turn is about

to do the same for 12-year-old Bruce, the gun coming from some of the Electrobucks Guy earned by selling 12 electric heating jobs and 25 Dusk-to-Dawn lights. The new shotgun is the latest addition to a steadily growing arsenal Guy has collected over the years. It started with the shotgun, included a .45 pistol, bought for protection "around the house", and now includes a French double-barreled duelling pistol, two German Mauser rifles and bayonets, three shotguns, two .38 revolvers, a .30-.30 Winchester rifle, a .30-.06 Springfield, an M-1 carbine, two CO2 rifles, an air rifle, a CO2 pistol, and a .22 pistol on a .45 frontier frame and quick-draw holster. The whole collection is valued at about \$1200.

With a home in the county and ten acres of land Mr. Funk has ample room for target practice. All of his guns are in firing condition, and there is a supply of ammunition for each, including the duelling pistol which takes a .32 cartridge. For the past six years, Mr. Funk



Guy Funk, pistol at his hip and rifle in his arm, poses before the cabinet that holds his collection of 17 guns, all in working condition.

has been a "fast-draw" enthusiast and considers his speed and skill is "average" in drawing and firing.

Skill is only one of the things he hopes to teach Bruce when the new

shotgun arrives in the Funk household. Himself a member of the National Rifle Association, which is intensely safety-minded, Mr. Funk is going to make sure that Bruce knows and practices gun safety, teaching him such things as: never point the gun at anything not a target; carry the shotgun broken; carry it under-arm rather than over-shoulder; and keep the safety on when the gun is not in use.

Hard Work And Modern Allies Beat Back Smith Mountain Fire

An old-fashioned enemy fought a battle with three modern tools at Smith Mountain recently—and lost.

Using two-way radio communication and airplane and four-wheel drive vehicles, Appalachian and contractors' personnel for three days and nights fought a brush fire on the north side of the mountain, and finally beat it down with no injuries and only minimal damages.

The fire broke out at first in a rough and inaccessible area. Only one or two timber roads were available, and only with difficulty could four-wheel drive trucks make the grade. From the first, aerial surveillance of the fire was undertaken by Gene Spitzer, cost accountant on the Smith Mountain project, who flew a small private plane. After each flight direct radio contact was made from the landing strip near the site to vehicles near the fire, reporting on the fire's progress, and giving directions.

Men were also deployed in small groups with walkie-talkie radios in areas where even the four-wheel trucks couldn't go. The men hiked in on foot and were supplied with tools and water the same way.

One of the critical battlegrounds during the fire was at the very top of the mountain. There a microwave tower belonging to the telephone company was under siege. Loss of this tower would have affected long-distance telephone service for considerable area, and the men on the spot successfully saved it. Other non-company property damage was limited to seven-tenths of an acre of land belonging to a timber company.

Taking a big part in the fire

fight was the project's home-developed fire truck: this was a four-wheel-drive truck equipped with a 100-gallon water tank, a pump, and a number of fire extinguishers. In the fire it carried supplies, and tools, patrolled a fire line, put out small fires, and more than repaid its cost.

Without his modern allies—the plane, the radio, and the four-wheel-drive—man would have suffered heavily during the three days and nights at Smith Mountain.

Newspaper Features Roanoke Employee

Featured in a Roanoke World-News story last month as one of the top graduates of the city's Viaud School was John Wilmer, forms and supply clerk in the system accounting department.

For the past school year, Mr. Wilmer has been carrying a double load: work during the day, go to class at night. Now says the newspaper, graduating near the top of his class has upset his schedule: he doesn't know what to do with all of his spare time.

But this isn't necessarily so. He has strong ideas on the subject. One of them is "catch up on some sleep", and right behind that, comes making up for lost time in baseball, basketball, swimming, and his social life.

He started work in the summer of 1962, planning only on a hot-weather job. Then he decided to keep the job and get his diploma at the same time. It involved not only giving up his nights, but also moving from his parents' home in Floyd,



Emma Jean Wilson and her husband, Bob, worry over a putt on their new Par 3 golf course.

Employee and Husband Open Par-3 Golf Course In Beckley

Emma Jean Wilson, stenographer in the Commercial Department in the Beckley District, and her husband, Bob, recently opened "The Farm" a Par-3 Golf Course located on the Grandview Road. It was a project five years in the making.

The new course achieved overnight popularity with both tourists and local golfers. It is located on a four and a half acre tract of land and is open each day from 1 P. M. until dark. Holes range in length from 58-102 yards and are laid out to eliminate long walks while affording an opportunity for a variety of shots. All tees are fitted with brush mats.

Bob worked with the National Golf Foundation on details of construction and has covered each of the nine greens with seaside bent grass. Greens were dug down three and a half feet and fitted with seepage tile; the soil was pulverized, and vermiculite, peat moss, fertilizer, lime, sand and nitrogen added twenty-six times. Greens were planted in September 1962.

Emma Jean says they have several out-of-state visitors. Local golfers who have played have all returned to play again which is a good indication of its popularity. She said the course is especially good for those who want to improve their short game and putting techniques, and for the beginner the course develops an interest in the game.

Emma Jean and Bob and his brother, George, who is part owner, and his wife, Betty, can be found at the "Farm" any evening after 5 P. M. Their only complaint is that they are so busy that they don't get to play enough themselves.

Bluefield Employee Proud Of His Part In Growth Of Salvation Army Camp

For seven years, M. E. Rich, Bluefield district records supervisor, has watched Camp Joy grow, and his own satisfaction has grown along with it.

Camp Joy, operated by the Salvation Army, is dedicated to the underprivileged children of the Bluefield area. About 100 youngsters each week for five weeks every summer enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, hiking, athletics, and other activities.

Mr. Rich can be pardoned his feeling of pride, because as a member and past chairman of the Advisory Board and as supervisor of the buildings and grounds at the camp, he has played a big part in its success. Ten buildings, all of permanent construction are now in use, and an eleventh—a dispensary-infirmary—is under construction. There is also a swimming pool that measures 50 feet by 100 feet.

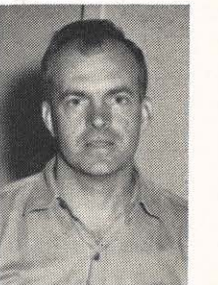
Some impressive statistics are available in one area of activity. In five camping weeks this year the children have eaten 350 pullman loaves of bread, 5,000 hot rolls, 150 dozen eggs, 375 gallons of milk, 125 pounds of selected chicken parts, 50 pounds of bacon, 50 packages of chipped beef, 2,500 individual boxes of cereal, a half-ton of potatoes, 125 pounds of ham, 125 pounds of weiners, and 1,500 homemade cookies. Seventy-five hundred trays were prepared for 500 children between the ages of seven and 14.

The camp has its own staff supplemented by Salvation Army workers who help out during the day.

Mr. Rich was told by a Salvation Army commander that Camp Joy was the best camp of its kind east of the Mississippi.

Father, Mother, Son, All In Cubs

Cub Scouting is a family affair with the Adams family in the Welch district. Leonard Adams, meter reader, was recently installed as Cubmaster of Pack 149 in English, as part of the pack's organization ceremonies. Mrs. Adams will serve as a Den Mother, and young Dean Adams is a member.



Mr. Adams

Presentation of the Pack's charter and of membership cards and badges to 13 boys at the ceremonies marked the culmination of a year of effort spent to organize the Pack and find a meeting place.



M. E. Rich stands before the infirmary-dispensary now under construction at Camp Joy.



Freddie Herr and his father look over the hydroplane.



Eustace Wilson and THE ball.



Jenny Bivens collects her trophy.



John Bryan's five-pound bass.



The Smith youngsters pose cheerfully with their ribbons.



Wayne Glass knows how to relax.



Don Elder, covering the plate after a wild pitch, should get his man.

Last Gasp For Summer Sports Heard Over Territory

Enough pictures and stories about summer-time sports showed up in this month's mail to provide a warm glow for the coming winter months.

We learned for example that Freddie Herr, whose father is regional chief operator at Holston station in Kingsport, built his own hydroplane for \$30.00 and 40 hours work. He did it without detailed drawings, and used only partial plans he found in a science and mechanics magazine. With his father's six-horsepower fishing

motor on it, the five-by-eight foot boat will do 19 miles an hour. With some saving, Freddie plans on a larger motor and a steering wheel.

The latest to sink a hole-in-one is Eustace Wilson, husband of Bessie Wilson, Point Pleasant switchboard operator. He scored it on No. 2 at Hidden Valley Country Club at Point Pleasant, which measures 190 yards. The ball he used was made into a mahogany plaque, and his name will be put into a pot, from which a drawing will be made for a two-weeks'

vacation for two in Scotland.

Jenny Bivens was crowned tennis champion in the under-18 girls division in the city-wide tournament held in Welch. Her father is H. H. Bivens, Welch storeroom supervisor. A senior at Welch High School, she is an honor student and president of the Keyette Club.

In Welch, it was tennis. In Huntington, it was swimming. In a city-wide swimming meet Jeff and Janet Smith took honors in their categories of competition. Jeff, 12, won the 200-meter individual medley in the boys' group, and Janet, 10, the 200-meter freestyle among the girls. Prior to this meet they took first honors in a

regional tournament in their neighborhood pool. Jeff also is active in little league baseball and football, and Janet in acrobatics, dancing, and Girl Scouting. Athletics come naturally to these youngsters, because their dad, R. H. Smith, Huntington division heating and builder sales representative, was an outstanding catcher in the industrial softball league, and a better-than-average bowler. Their mother gets her exercise by attending all of the events the children and her husband participate in.

The summer couldn't end without a fishing picture. John Bryan, guard at Sporn plant, went up to Michigan on a fishing vacation, and

returned with proof: a five-pound plus large-mouth black bass. He also caught a number of other bass and pike, but nothing to compare with the big one he photographed.

In the Little League All-Star game in Lynchburg, employees' sons were opposing pitchers. Don, son of George Elder, maintenance man at Reusens, and Wayne, son of S. M. Glass, instrument man, T&D, had both run up impressive records in pitching and batting. Don: hit .380, pitched a shutout. Wayne: hit .551, pitched a no-hitter and three one-hitters. Wayne also got his team into the state tournament where he pitched and won three games and hit .538.

Charleston Kilowatt League Opens '63-'64 Season With 12 Teams

Plans for the 1963-64 season of the Charleston Kilowatt Bowling League have been completed and the league begins its 33-week schedule on September 6. Again this year, there will be 12 teams, representing employees from district, division, system, Kanawha Valley Power and Cabin Creek Plant. Captains and teams are: Golda Johnson, the Five Amps; Bill Bostic, the Engine-Ears; Roy Rader, the Pulverizers, Vernon Costello remains as captain of the Meteorites. The all-girl Rejects team is rarin' to go for the second year. Hilda Zontini will be their captain. Homer Bragg again has the Eyeballers, Curt Willis, the Line Tamers, Bob Selbe, the Live Wires, Ken Martin, the Systematics and F. E. Smith, the Pen Pushers. Denny Caldwell is the new captain of the Divisioneers and Jim Musgrave took over for

the Medallions.

Some of last year's faces won't be around this year, but new participants will be: Pat Taylor and Pamela Danks, accounting, Marvin Morrison, Cabin Creek—personnel, Pat Brown, Kanawha Valley Power, E. L. Munday Jr., the new district manager, C. W. Lovell, assistant division manager, B. J. Ferguson, system, John Burnside, garage, Harry Wilton, engineering, and Carolyn Walker, commercial.

The league will bowl every Friday night until May 1 with the exception of December 13, the date of the company Christmas party, and March 27 Good Friday. Bowling time is 6:15 P. M. at the Boulevard Recreation Center in Charleston and any company people who happen to be in Charleston on Friday evenings are welcome to drop in and visit with league members.



Stepping big at the West Virginia State Championship Horse Show at the Charleston Civic Center is Martha Anne Whitlock. She took equitation ribbons for third and fifth place in two classes. Here she is riding King Genial, owned by L. E. Wilkes of Beckley.

Young Horsewoman Wins 60 Ribbons

Her hobby is horses, and Martha Anne Whitlock has approximately 60 ribbons and trophies to prove it. The most recent ribbons were won in the state horse show in June.

Although she began riding when she was 8 years old, the 15-year-old high school sophomore has only been competing in shows for three years. She took riding lessons at Camp Appalachia in Virginia and at Mountain State Riding School near Charleston.

Her ribbons, too numerous to list, include a first place in equitation which she won at Peterstown, West Virginia, and among her trophies is a silver plate for first place equitation in the Tyler Mountain Horse Show in May of 1963. Her mounts have included 3-gaited, 5-gaited, and English pleasure horses.

Martha does not own a horse, but often is asked to ride in shows. She has been, and will be, in several shows in the Beckley-Hinton area this summer.

Although Martha's first love is horses, she does not exclude other interests. For one thing, she doesn't neglect her studies and her ninth grade report card which lists a straight "A" average, proves it. She was president of the National Junior Honor Society at Roosevelt Jr. High School last year, editor of the school newspaper, "The Torch" and a member of the school's tennis team. She likes swimming, and plays a clarinet in the school band.

She is the daughter of James A. Whitlock, Charleston division commercial department employee.

Plant Employees Aid Two Little Leagues

The Lebanon Little League and its Senior Division, new this year, has completed a banner season with heavy Clinch River participation.

R. E. Senter and L. C. Houchins were instrumental in establishing the Senior Division in which Ronald Wentz managed the Orioles.

Other plant employees who performed services such as managing, coaching and umpiring, included Mason Vaughan, Lloyd Rogers, Jack R. Blankenship, Larry Massie, Carl Richards Jr. and Ed Mamoran.

Sons of Clinch employees who played this year in the loop were: Junior and Mike McDonald, Phil and Tom Senter, Bobby Farrell, Philip Blizzard, Buell Cook Jr., Victor Arrington, Barry Farmer, Eddie Mamoran, Ronnie Wentz, Luke Houchins, Earl Crist Jr., Patrick Thompson, Raymond McFarland, and Gary Garrett, brother of Harold Garrett.

And over in Kentucky, six Big Sandy employees and nine children of Big Sandy employees were active participants in the six-team Louisa Little League and Peeve League which recently completed a very successful season.

Managing Little League Teams were Harold Ferguson and William Varney. Coaches were Robert Elliott and Wayne Maynard. Wearing the blue as Umpires were Ray Lane and Pryce Maloney.

Sons of employees who participated were Ricky McComas, Terry Elliott, Charles Maynard, Robert and Frederick Jacobs, Garrie and James Jessee, and Dana Allen Varney.

Bowling Officers



Kanawha River plant's Megawatt Bowling League has elected its officers for the coming year. Front row, from left: Harter Ruppert, treasurer; Ed Sheets, president; Jim McArdle, vice president; and Tom Redman, board member. Back row: Russ Fields, John Blair, board members; Bill Massey, treasurer, and Carl Mooney, board member.

Plant Employees Contribute Heavily In Work Ideas

Three articles in the July-August issue of *AEP Operating Ideas* and 22 Work Simplification proposals approved in the division of their origin make up the latest harvest of new and better ways to do things.



Mr. Hesson

O. A. Hesson and L. H. Carnifax, boiler foreman and mechanic and mechanic respectively at Cabin Creek plant, described in *AEP Operating Ideas* a new method of determining the amount of diameter deformity in boiler tubes. It involves adding homemade extensions to a micrometer gage, and drilling a hole in the tube for its insertion. The first time the gage was used it demonstrated that only one tube out of ten that had been visually condemned was actually beyond safe tolerance.

George Youell, Jr., instrument maintenance man at Kanawha River plant, wrote in *AEP Operating Ideas* of his method of making oil lighter gaskets. Earlier methods to produce satisfactory gaskets had been unsuccessful until Mr. Youell worked out a simple and effective method. He used two pieces of pipe machined to proper dimensions, and welded the smaller to the center of an ordinary pipe cap. This double cutter, when struck with a heavy hammer, punches out gaskets without defects. The plant uses about 100 gaskets a year.

Ten from Plants

Ten of the approved Work Simplification proposals came from plants, and eight of them from Philip Sporn plant. R. J. William-



Mr. Youell Mr. Carnifax



Mr. Kearns

Long Career Ends For Huntingtonian

K. R. Kearns, Huntington T&D clerk, retired September 1 after 36 years of service.

He joined the company April 1, 1927 as an accounting clerk, and was final bill clerk, payroll clerk, clerk, clerk special and assistant payroll supervisor before becoming T&D clerk.

A native of Lawrence County, O., he is a member of the Highlawn Baptist Church, where he is associate teacher of the Men's Bible Class. He enjoys bowling, fishing and baseball.

Mr. Kearns is married and has a daughter and four grandchildren. During his retirement he hopes to spend as much time as possible with the grandchildren at Myrtle Beach Air Base in South Carolina.

son worked out a method of paving the approach road to the coal-weighing scales that will save about \$500 a year. Marvin T. Roush submitted two ideas, one of which reduced an undesirable operating condition by revising oil heater alarms on Unit 5. The other described changes to Unit 5 to reduce load curtailment from icing in the forced draft vent inlets.

The use of urethane foam to salvage floating metal drums in the unloading dock was suggested by E. H. Gloss and C. H. Evans. Mr. Gloss was also the author of an idea to use plastic trash collectors in place of more costly metal ones. Maintenance on IR slag blowers could be reduced by piping air motor exhaust back to blow collected fly ash out of the spiral feed groove, according to John E. Ord. W. R. Johnston offered an improved method of installing thermocouples on water wall tubes, and E. D. Sayre and W. H. King proposed modifications of pressure transmitters to work as fast acting controllers for makeup water control valves.

Clinch River plant men submitted two proposals. H. G. Gillespie Jr. described a procedure for checking air compressor capacity, and along with J. R. Blankenship jointly suggested a method for testing scaffold boards.

Radio Use

From Huntington Ralph M. Miller suggested the use of a handy-talkie radio to facilitate decoder testing at base radio stations. Ralph Slade of Welch described a control system for transformer cooling with fans. Lynchburg's R. C. Foster suggested a method of securing more legible distribution prints. Modification of a socket extension for use with a bit brace in the removal of lag screws was the proposal of R. E. Dennis of Roanoke.

Two proposals were submitted by Fieldale employees. L. A. Stone Jr. described a modification of the boxes used to ship meter cards, cash stubs, and similar material. R. A. Youngman suggested that rubber cuffs on a particular kind of rubber cuff glove protector can be salvaged for re-use at a savings of \$1.15 per pair.

By installing a bracket, proposed D. R. Whittaker of Pulaski, a pole trailer can be converted into a reel carrier. This makes for safer and more efficient handling or stringing of distribution conductor.

From Ashland came two ideas from Jay Fugitt and H. E. Taylor, one proposing attaching safety belts to a ring in the bucket boom and the other to provide plastic hooks for material bags on bucket booms.

Otto Sanders, Ashland, suggested padded dollies for newly-painted transformers, and C. L. Stayton, also from Ashland, devised a procedure for notifying customers of investigation or work carried out when the customer is not at home.

Milford Layne, Pikeville, suggested reducing the number of charge records issuing material to contractors.



The intensified dusk-to-dawn light sales campaign now under way in Huntington has stirred up a feud in a part of West Virginia that is no stranger to such disturbances. In the course of the competition between Logan-Williamson and Huntington, there has been some name-calling, a special delivery of a teasing package, a great deal of merriment—and, so far, 220 sales. Who started the feud, and who came up with the names is uncertain, but here's the lineup: Logan-

Williamson's patriarch, "Greasy George" Hervey, and that clan says the Huntington district people are "cookie-pushers." Led by "Slippery Sam" Pritchard the Huntington bunch replied by calling their competition a "roughhouse gang." To make the insult a little stickier, Greasy George, left, with Eleanor Cunningham, dispatched a box of cupcakes, which were delivered, right, to Slippery Sam (at right) by Bob Waggoner, Logan local office supervisor.

Big D-D Light Promotion Begins With Logan And Huntington Feuding

Selling dusk-to-dawn automatic lights has become a way of life in the Huntington Division for the rest of the year.

With a goal of 1,100 sales be-

tween July 15 and December 15, all employees have been assigned to sales teams, each team captained by a sales representative from the commercial department. The job of the captain is to provide mail and hand-put pieces to his team, distribute a brochure dealing with sales techniques, and stimulate sales in every way he can.

Incentives for the campaign include the award of eight Electrobucks for each sale, and a banquet for each team in which at least half the members have sold a total of 50 lights, plus an engraved lighter for the team members.



Mr. Mitchell

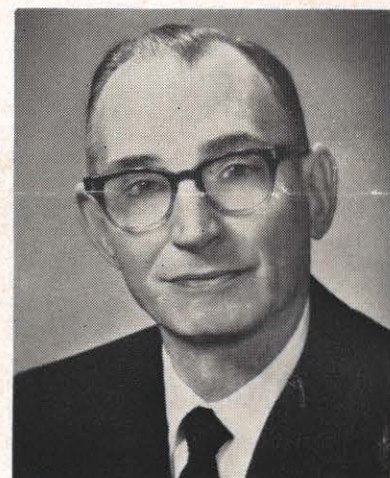
Line Supervisor Retires In Beckley

After nearly 40 years of company service, William E. Mitchell, line supervisor at Beckley, retired September 1.

Mr. Mitchell was first employed as a lineman in Charleston October 2, 1923. He was promoted to foreman and transferred to Beckley in January 1937. He was made assistant district superintendent in 1939, and line supervisor in October 1953.

A native of Toronado, West Virginia, Mr. Mitchell served in the Army from April 1917 to March 1918, and later in the National Guard. In retirement he plans to do "as little as I possibly can."

He is a member of the Church of Christ, Beckley Elks Lodge, Masons, Knights Templar, the Shrine Club, and the Lions, which he serves as president this year.



Mr. Chatfield

Outdoor Activities To Occupy Retiree

Camping, fishing, gardening and woodworking will get more attention from Lawrence J. Chatfield, who retired at Logan September 1.

The materials clerk joined the company March 8, 1943 as an attendant in the district's storeroom, and became materials clerk in 1947.

A native of Lawrence County, O., he attended schools in Ashland, Ky., and moved to Logan in 1921. He is active in the Methodist Church, where for many years he has been a member of the choir. He and his wife live at Whitman, near Logan.

Molmen Retires As AEP Section Head; Succeeded September 1 By Fisher

Otto Molmen, head of the materials handling section of the AEP Service Corporation, retired September 1 after 39 years of service.

He is succeeded by Harry A. Fisher, senior engineer in that section.

Mr. Molmen came to the Service Corporation from Norway, his native country, in 1923 after receiving a master of science degree in civil engineering from the Norway Institute of Technology. He worked first as a structural designer in the engineering design department, then was promoted to be its head. He became head of the materials handling section in 1961.

He plans to retire to Florida and



Three dusk-to-dawn lights on one pole? That's one of the ways Huntington division employees will be selling lights between now and the end of the year. Every division employee is on a team competing for prizes in a campaign to sell 1,100 lights between now and December 15. That's Bill Joseph, photo and reproduction clerk in Huntington, studying the layout.

Employee Receives Diploma From ICS

Earl Adkins, Kanawha River Plant maintenance foreman, has earned his diploma from the International Correspondence Schools for completing a course in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Adkins first joined the company as a laborer at the Cabin Creek Plant in June 1942. From August 1943 to January 1946 he served

as an aviation mechanic with the U. S. Navy. On his return from military leave, he was assigned to the maintenance department. In March 1953, he was transferred to the Kanawha River Plant as a maintenance man and was promoted to master maintenance man in August of the same year. He was promoted to maintenance foreman in December 1956.

Married, he is the father of three children.

Remodeled Station In Service



Lynchburg's Perkins Park station was put into service following remodeling work, done as part of \$1.8-million improvement program in the city and surrounding area. W. L. Booth Jr., electrical engineer, W. S. White, district manager, and J. R. Martin, line and station supervisor, left to right, were on hand for the cutting in. Curtis Bondurant and Ronald Tucker from the system were in charge of the work on the station.