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Hazard's PTA "Family of the Year." Seated left to right are Woodrow (Woody) Allen, Pearl, Carole, and Lois Fugate.

Employee's Family Honored By PTA As District "Family of Year"

"Family of the Year" honors have been given to the Woodrow Fugate family of Hazard. Woody Fugate, a Kentucky Power Company radio technician, received the awards with his family last month from the Tenth District of the Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers Association.

The Fugates were selected as "Family of the Year" on the basis of their activities in school, church, and community life. The PTA awards included a book titled, "Run Me a River" and a silver bowl.

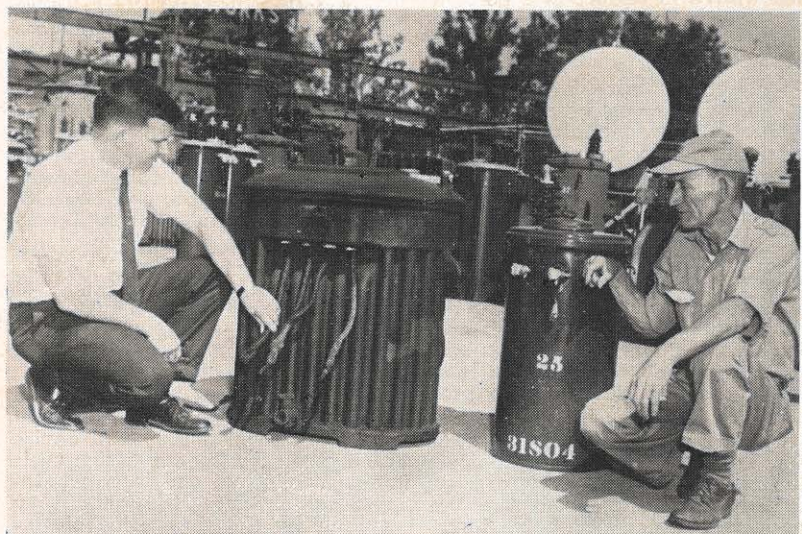
Mr. Fugate's experience as a radio technician has been invaluable on several notable occasions. He worked closely with Civil Defense and government officials during the floods of 1957 and 1963—often Perry County's only contact with the outside. He is president of the

county's Amateur Radio Operator's Association. Woody's work with boys has brought him recognition as an outstanding leader in scouting in the Kentucky River District. He is also secretary of the Hazard PTA.

The Fugates are members of the Hazard Christian church where Mr. Fugate is a deacon, chairman of the property committee, secretary of the official board, and a choir member.

Mrs. Fugate keeps house for her five-member family, teaches Sunday School, is a circle leader and a member of the Christian Women's Fellowship. She is active in the church's youth work. Mrs. Fugate also serves on various other community organizations.

The three younger Fugates sing in the church choir and are busy in youth groups.



B. B. Kilgor, left, Roanoke division station supervisor, and R. W. Swain, station foreman, compare two 25-kva transformers. The one on the left has just been retired after 56 years of service; the one on the right has just been bought and numbered. The old one is No. 7; the new one, No. 31,804.

Transformer No. 7, After 56 Years, Finally Ends Honorable Career

Back in 1908, the year before Admiral Peary stood at the North Pole, the Roanoke Railway and Electric Company installed a new transformer and designated it No. 7. It had been manufactured in 1903 at a cost of \$177, weighed 1,131 pounds, and was rated at 25-kva. Load in those days was almost entirely lighting, and No. 7 could serve anywhere from 40 to 50 customers.

As the years passed No. 7 did its job at three different locations. It performed so well, in fact, that in 1958, records show it carrying a load of 46.2-kva. Last month, after the capacity of the circuit serving the Wasena section of Roanoke was increased from 4-kv

to 12-kv, the time came to retire No. 7. It was still carrying the load—25.9-kva, in fact. In its 56 years of service the old transformer had only minor repairs.

Today's transformer is different. Typical is one of the latest to be bought and numbered: No. 31,804. It too is rated at 25-kva, but it weighs only 328 pounds, is made of steel instead of cast iron. Instead of 40-50 customers, the new transformer will serve about five customers with ranges and water heaters, or one or two with electric heat.

One thing has remained constant over the years: both transformers cost about the same.

Rates Reduced By Appalachian In Two States

The regulatory bodies of Virginia and West Virginia have approved Appalachian's request for permission to lower electric service rates to customers in the two states. The new rates are effective June 1, and follow other reductions last month by Kentucky Power Company and Kingsport Power Company.

Reductions will total \$2,858,000 a year in the two states. The reductions and a stepped-up expansion program announced at the same time are for the most part the result of the recent Federal income tax reduction.



Miss Rankin Mr. Roomy

AEP Education Award Winners Still Make News

Former winners of two AEP Educational Awards were in the news this month.

David J. Roomy graduated from Union Theological Seminary with a bachelor of divinity degree. Between the time he won the award in 1957 and the present, he has worked in church youth work in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada, and the western United States, graduated cum laude from Texas Christian University, served as International President of Christian Church Youth, worked an apprenticeship with the chaplain of a Methodist Hospital, and served as associate pastor of a church in New Jersey. He has accepted a position with the Episcopal Churches in New York City, and will work with foreign students. He is the son of Nicholas Roomy, Charleston division area development consultant.

Mary Claire Rankin, who won the AEP award in 1961, has been named winner of the Duke Memorial Scholarship at Madison College. It goes each year to the junior with the highest academic average for her first five semesters. Miss Rankin is a member of three honor societies, majoring in languages, and studying music. Her father is E. C. Rankin, assistant system T&D manager in Roanoke.

Company Wins Safety Award

The Virginia safety performance of Appalachian employees has won for the company the 1963 Safety Award of Merit from the Virginia Manufacturers Association.

Appalachian's frequency rate was the lowest among companies of the same industry class and size group.

The standings were based on reports filed with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry.

Seven-Year Expansion Plans To Include 600,000-kw Unit

Some details of our companies' seven-year, billion-dollar expansion program described last month by President Donald C. Cook have been announced.

Appalachian will invest \$178-million in West Virginia. Approximately \$62.5-million will be used for a new steam-electric generating unit. The exact site is not yet known, but it will be in the southern part of the state, and will probably be 600,000-kw capacity.

In Virginia Appalachian has projected expenditures of \$144-million. The largest single item of expense so far planned is the Blue Ridge Pumped Storage and Hydro-electric Project. In both states, \$192-million has been slated for new transmission and distribution facilities, and \$14-million for other facilities.

Kentucky Power will invest \$50-million in the next seven years to expand and modernize its facilities.

Kingsport Power Company plans an investment of \$7-million, to be used mostly to improve its transmission and distribution system.

The proposed investment will have particular significance to the coal industry. The company is already one of the coal industry's biggest customers in our service area, having used last year 4.8-million tons of coal in our steam plants. The proposed new steam-electric unit will add another 1,600,000 tons to this total each year, and the Blue Ridge Project 350,000 tons. This is the amount of coal which would be burned to generate power to perform the pump-back operation in the hydro project.

Under present conditions, producing this total of 6,750,000 tons of coal would require the services of more than 2,250 miners per work year, and provide an estimated payroll in the mining industry of more than \$12-million.

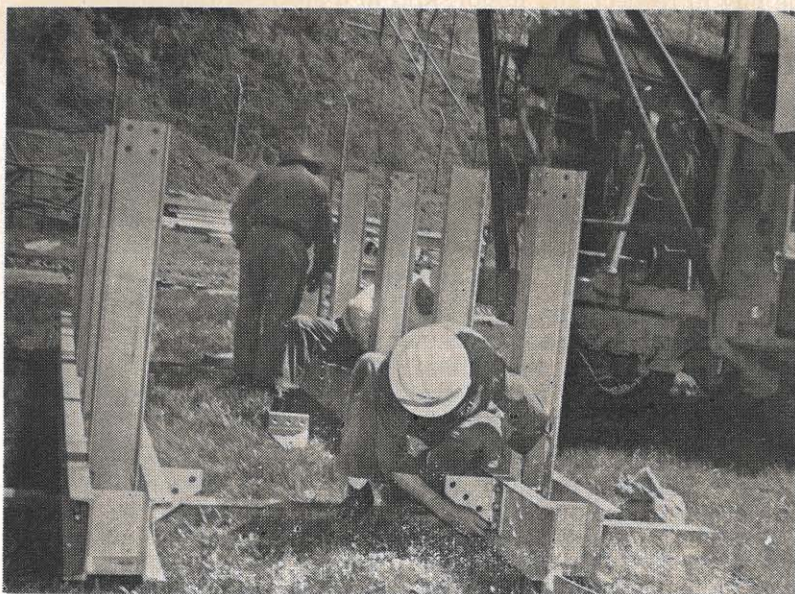
Breakers In Hazard Switchyard Raised In Flood-Proofing Work

The job of protecting the Hazard switchyard from outages during floods is well underway.

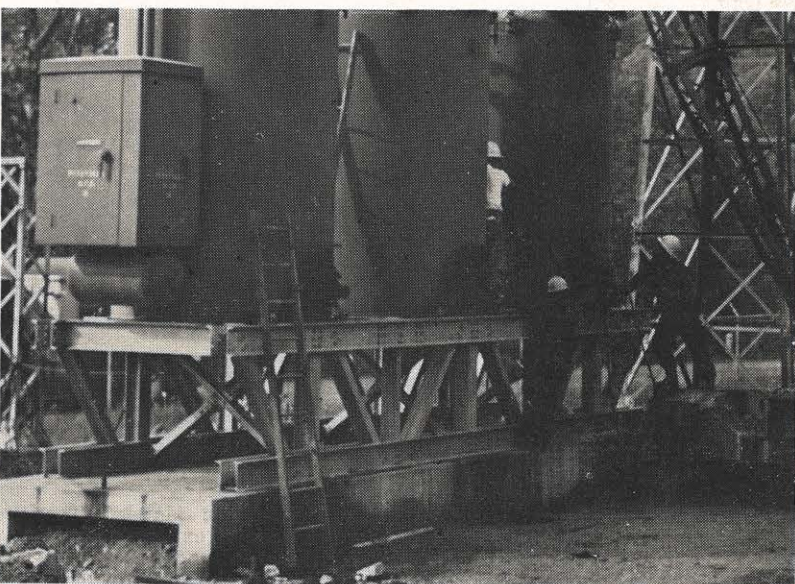
The first phase of the job involved building a steel framework on the existing concrete pads. Then the three 25,000-pound tanks of the 161-kv oil circuit breakers were raised 4½ feet to rest on the new

framework. This puts the equipment well above the highest flooding ever experienced at the station.

The lifting work was done in one day by W. C. Haddix and the local station crew, by Frank Frango's system breaker crew, and by Jack Glover, of system station.



Here W. C. Haddix's crew assembles the steel structure.



The job is finished. All three tanks of the 161-kv oil circuit breakers are in place on the raised steel platform.

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One View of Flag Day

Last June 14, one of the little folk who live in our house observed that there were a good many flags flying. How come? she asked. Flag Day, we said. Then why don't we have one? she asked. What is Flag Day?

They were good questions, as most of hers are. It was on June 14, 1777 that the Second Continental Congress adopted the flag, and resolved that it would be "13 stripes alternate red and white, that the union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation." And it is on June 14 that we fly the flag in respect and honor, and in a spirit of patriotism.

We've learned a lot about patriotism from this particular eight-year-old. It's her flag, by golly, and the country it stands for is her country. She doesn't know anything about Stephen Decatur yet, but she believes wholeheartedly with him in "my country, right or wrong."

To her the flag means patriotism, and patriotism is symbolized by the great names of the nation. She believes that George Washington was the greatest man in history as general and president, and that King George got just what he deserved for meddling in our country. We have agreed that General Bobby Lee is right up there too; but she holds it as a fatal flaw in an otherwise spotless character that he fought a war against Abraham Lincoln. "Abraham Lincoln was the president", she declares, secure in the firm conviction that no president at any time was anything but a patriot.

This is a fresh breeze blowing through today's rank cynicism, a breeze that sets the flag to fluttering, and hearts to beating with a little more pride.

And so, answering her question, we will have a flag this Flag Day, and we'll fly it from the same attic window in our house where, very likely, another flag flew as the boys marched off to fight Spain. And down below, on the sidewalk, the first born of our little folk will have collected others from our house and the neighborhood in some sort of ragged formation. "That's our flag," she'll say.

Last In A Series

Dental Surgery Coverage Liberalized

Three new provisions have been added to the AEP System Medical Insurance plan that liberalize the coverage offered for dental surgery expenses.

The plan formerly covered only dental work to repair injuries caused by an accident not connected with one's work.

Now, however, that provision has been expanded to cover these three common dental expenses:

1. Extraction of impacted teeth completely or partially hidden by the gums
2. Extraction of a tooth root without removal of the entire tooth, and

3. Other oral surgery when not performed in the repair or extraction of teeth. For example, removal of cysts, or cutting and filing of a root socket.

The plan will pay 80 percent of your dentist's fee and other allowable expenses in connection with the above x-rays, for example, after you have paid the regular \$50 deductible.

As before, the plan will cover allowable dental expenses resulting from a non-job accident, and in addition, will cover the hospital charges if you should need hospitalization for work under the three new provisions.

But No Government Power

Companies Endorse Appalachia Bill

Officers of two of our companies said last month they supported the objectives of the Appalachian Regional Development Act pending before Congress, but made it clear that they opposed any plans to install government power operations in the area. Joe P. Gills and F. M. Baker, vice presidents and general managers respectively of Appalachian and Kentucky Power, made their views known in testimony given to the ad hoc committee of the House Public Works Committee considering the bill.

Mr. Gills told the committee that "we fully support the objectives of furthering the economic development and welfare of the Appalachian region . . . and we strongly urge that the funds available be used in the most productive manner possible—to provide facilities that local public agencies and private capital cannot provide."

He added that while the pending legislation does not authorize the government to construct power plants in the Appalachian region, such a suggestion had been voiced. He urged the subcommittee to make it expressly clear that the bill does not authorize such construction.

"In the first place," he said, "there is not now and there is not in prospect any shortage of electric power in the Appalachian region. The fact is that a substantial amount of power is being exported from the area. The existing utilities serving the area—and they include Appalachian and the American Electric Power System—are ready, willing, and able to provide and to finance with private capital all of the electric utility facilities necessary to serve all existing markets and all markets which can possibly be developed."

"We fully support," he continued, "the concept that the programs covered by the pending legislation would be carried out in accordance with the principle that the Federal government should help the states in the region to help themselves; and that these states should have a major voice in the administration of these programs."

In his testimony Mr. Baker said that a government-financed power project would "merely take the place of a privately-financed project which would otherwise be constructed to meet electric needs. And projects of this kind would require huge sums of money which could be spent more effectively for programs such as roads, flood control, education and training, which cannot be privately financed, and which are more likely to attract job-creating industrial development."

In other respects, Mr. Baker said, "we believe that the bill . . . includes a sensible and constructive program for achieving its objective of furthering the economic development of the region. We endorse particularly the emphasis in the bill on the construction of highways and access roads. The only permanent answer to the problems of Appalachia is the expansion of industry presently in the area, and the bringing in of new industry to provide the jobs essential to achieving some greater measure of prosperity for the region."

Annenberg Joins AEP Legal Staff

Ted M. Annenberg, an attorney, has joined the legal staff of the American Electric Power Service Corporation.

A 1959 graduate of the Columbia Law School, Annenberg received a bachelor of science degree from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1949 and flew patrol aircraft in Korea and other Far Eastern areas until leaving the service as a lieutenant in 1955. He had been a member of the legal staff of the Sun Chemical Corporation, N. Y., before joining the Service Corporation.

Pikeville Marks Safety Milestone

The Pikeville division of Kentucky Power Company recently completed 1,500,000 manhours without a lost time injury. Certificates from the Edison Electric Institute and the American Electric Power System were presented to the employees of the division through H. H. Kincaid, division manager, by R. F. Millikan, general safety director for Kentucky Power. The Pikeville division on April 1, 1964, took over first place in the AEP System Division Safety Contest having completed 1,548,785 manhours since the last lost time injury February 2, 1957.

Company, State Create Wildlife Management Area At Mountain

Appalachian has entered into an agreement with the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries to create a wildlife management area of land Appalachian owns on Smith Mountain. The gap in this mountain is the site of the upper and larger of two dams in the Smith Mountain Hydro-electric Development.

The Commission will supervise hunting, fishing, and wildlife development areas on the wooded mountain land. It covers about 4,000 acres in Pittsylvania County and 1,000 acres in Bedford County. The company said it was the third in a recent series of moves by Appalachian to make the entire Smith Mountain Development as accessible to the public as possible. Earlier Appalachian had leased land on the Smith Mountain and Leesville Lakes to the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries for development of eight public boat launching sites, and had made land available for development of a West Central District 4-H Center

by the 4-H clubs in a 16-county area.

The Smith Mountain land on which the wildlife management area will be developed is a portion of the land Appalachian acquired from the Roanoke-Staunton River Power Company when it liquidated in 1954.

The wildlife management area agreement grew out of an interest in the development and harvesting of wildlife resources on the part of both Appalachian and the Commission.

Under the agreement, the Commission will establish and maintain areas for hunting and fishing for game species, the areas to be subject to the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission will also use certain areas of the land for its wildlife development program.

Commission personnel will staff the land and maintain patrols during hunting and fishing seasons and during times when the fire index is unusually high for forest fire protection.

Tanners Creek Chosen As Site Of Test Program

Tanners Creek plant of Indiana & Michigan Electric Company will be the site of "Project PROBE," the annual investigation of power plant performance by a hand-picked group of 12 college mechanical engineering students.

This year's program will be the ninth sponsored by the AEP System and the second to be held at Tanners Creek. The first held there was in 1957.

Formerly called the Student Test Project, the program introduces the students to the realities of power system operation and is a valuable summertime supplement to their classroom theory. This year the group will be especially fortunate, since its members will take part in the "shakedown" operating tests of the new 600,000-kilowatt Unit 4 at Tanners Creek.

In their 12 weeks at the plant, beginning June 15 and ending September 4, the students will analyze each of the station's major components—turbines, generators, boilers, and condensers—with purpose of bringing them to maximum operating efficiency. The students will be assigned individual projects in which they will devise their own experiments, design their apparatus, and reduce the data they compile by the application of statistical methods.



Face Lifting

Big changes have taken place in the company parking lot across First Street from the general office building in Roanoke, as these pictures show. At left, a huge elm tree is being removed. At right is the area as it

appears today, with new curb, guttering, sidewalk, lighting, and landscaping, and space for 50 cars. The company garage is at the top right corner of the picture at left.

H. L. Ballard On The Job

There's An Art To Plant's Coal-Handling

It's a real art to handle huge amounts of coal in such a way that you have just the right amount in the right place and at the right time.

H. L. Ballard, Kanawha River plant's yard foreman, has learned that art over a stretch of more than 40 years, and it's an art he practices every day at the plant. He's the man responsible for receiving, unloading, storing, and moving coal, and—a new duty added fairly recently—handling the removal of ash.

Coal is what makes the plant go, being burned at the rate of about 3,100 tons a day, and the yard foreman keeps a careful eye on the hundreds of details that keep it going smoothly and efficiently. Mr. Ballard works closely with coal companies regarding the amount of coal coming into the plant and its kind and quality; and with the barge towing companies, so that the loaded barges are put in the correct harbor position for unloading, and that empties are returned promptly.

Barges are unloaded by huge scoop buckets and coal carried by

conveyor belt to a surge pile near the center of the main storage pile, and from there to the bunkers in the plant by another conveyor. Thus under normal use the storage pile is seldom tapped; the plant's needs are filled by current unloadings. However the storage



One of the major functions of the yard foreman is scheduling the arrival, unloading, and moving of coal barges. In a normal day's operations, five barges are unloaded, each carrying about 900 tons of coal.



Mr. Ballard, in his office, schedules a shipment of coal from one of his suppliers. His work involves contacts with barge towing companies and coal companies, and with block manufacturers, and road building and construction contractors using fly ash. Formerly a waste product, ash is now used extensively in construction work as a concrete and asphalt additive.

pile needs attention too, and Mr. Ballard must make sure it is kept tight and compact by constant bulldozing and packing. Otherwise air would circulate in side the pile and create dangerous fire conditions.

That takes care of getting the coal into the plant. Getting the ash out is another part of Mr. Ballard's duties. Formerly ash handling involved the disposal of fly ash and bottom ash into extensive settling basins. Now, however, good markets for it have opened up with heavy contractors who use it as an additive in concrete and asphalt. A new handling and processing plant for this product was recently opened at Kanawha River, and to feed it, Mr. Ballard is responsible for collecting fly ash from boiler outlets and the coarser bottom ash from the boiler ash hoppers. Once processed, the ash is shipped out by rail to consumers.

40 Years

There's very little about coal handling that Mr. Ballard hasn't learned in his 40 years of experience. He worked as a laborer and a crane operator for a coal company, and a river tippie foreman for a railroad before he joined Appalachian in 1943 as yard foreman at Cabin Creek. He moved over to Kanawha River plant in 1953 in the same job.

Mr. Ballard takes pride in good organization. The coal handling operation itself is of prime importance, but he enjoys equally well the opportunity his job gives him to work with people, in the company and outside. He points out the need for an active interest in people and their problems in any effort to promote teamwork, for without teamwork, no organization can run smoothly. As a supervisor, he believes in sharing administrative problems whenever possible with those in his department; when everyone knows the goals to be accomplished, there is quick attainment and little friction.

He's a man unusually enthusiastic about his job, and given the choice, he'd pick it again as his life. "I think," he says, "that to make a job more interesting, you must continually be looking for easier, better, and safer ways to do things. I don't have time to get bored. Keeping in contact with the people involved in our operations, the sharing and solving of problems, and planning ahead, provide more than enough enthusiasm to look forward to the accomplishment of new goals. . . . What I like most about my job is the people I work with."

When he's not on the job, Mr. Ballard and his wife have full lives of their own. They live in Charleston in an all-electric home, and in another all-electric summer home near Beckley. Mr. Ballard enjoys hunting and fishing and Mrs. Ballard owns and operates a restaurant in Charleston. They have two children.

(Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles about employees in power plants whose efforts around the clock keep power at our customers' fingertips in abundance and dependability.)



W. S. White Jr., Lynchburg division manager, right, congratulates Floyd Wiseman, works manager of H. K. Porter Company in Lynchburg; between them is the new type of transformer developed by Porter, and installed commercially for the first time anywhere in Lynchburg.

New Type Transformer Installed

The first commercial installation of a new type of transformer was made in Lynchburg, the city where the transformer was developed and where it will be manufactured. The new transformer involves the use of the high-voltage all-aluminum wound coil in conjunction with the low voltage aluminum strip coil.

It was developed by H. K. Porter Company's Electrical Division, which has a plant in Lynchburg.

The first unit was installed on a

line into a new housing development in Lynchburg's suburbs, and was witnessed by a group of Porter and Appalachian officials and representatives of news media.

Floyd Wiseman, Porter works manager, said that production of the new Delta-Star transformer will be limited to several hundred units this year, "but by 1965 nearly all transformer manufacturing here in Lynchburg will be converted to this type of unit."

Two Write For Operating Ideas



Mr. Houchins Mr. Crosier

Two Appalachian men are authors of articles in the May issue of AEP Operating Ideas.

D. H. Crosier, Charleston line-man, describes a new method to set poles plumb in one operation by two or three men. Under the old system, at least three men with pikes were needed to do the job. Now Mr. Crosier has devised certain modifications to a hydraulic A-frame derrick to permit it to be used for mechanized plumbing.

Luther Houchins, personnel supervisor at Clinch River plant, shows how personnel people can go beyond job description in promoting system load growth, especially in selling the all-electric concept. The best way he believes is through the daily contact with employees, especially those about to build or remodel their homes. By convincing employees to install electric heat, Mr. Houchins says, we not only build load, but also provide an example to non-employees.

Three Mark Service Anniversaries

Men in Charleston, Roanoke, and Lynchburg celebrated long service anniversaries with the company last month. Senior among them was J. L. Twitty, Charleston division meter supervisor, with 40 years. H. L. Davis, Lynchburg janitor, and J. T. McLain, Roanoke air conditioning engineer, each celebrated 35 years of company service.



Mr. McLain Mr. Davis

Mr. Twitty

Mr. Twitty started out in May 1924 as a meter man. In 1937 he became a meter tester, and in 1949, district meter superintendent in the old Point Pleasant district. He moved to Charleston in 1958. Mr. Twitty is a native of Georgia, and attended North Georgia Agricultural College. He spent a year in the maritime service, another in the ROTC, and another in the National Guard. He is a Beni Keden Shriner, a member of the Moose, and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. He and his family live in Dunbar.



Mr. Twitty

Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis joined the company in May 1929 as janitor in the Main Street office. During the Second

World War he served in the Army from November 1942 to December 1945, and saw action in Europe. He is a member of the Altha Grove Baptist Church in Forest, and the Elks, and lives in Lynchburg with his wife and three sons.

Mr. McClain

Since joining the company in Roanoke district in May 1929, Mr. McClain has worked as serviceman, and as air conditioning engineer since April 1949. His hobby is rabbits. He helped organize and has been president of the Roanoke Rabbit Breeders Club since 1945, and a member of the national association for 30 years. He and his wife have four children.

Crews Elected Jaycee President

The new president of the Amherst Junior Chamber of Commerce is W. David Crews, Lynchburg heating and builder sales representative. His term is for 1964-65.

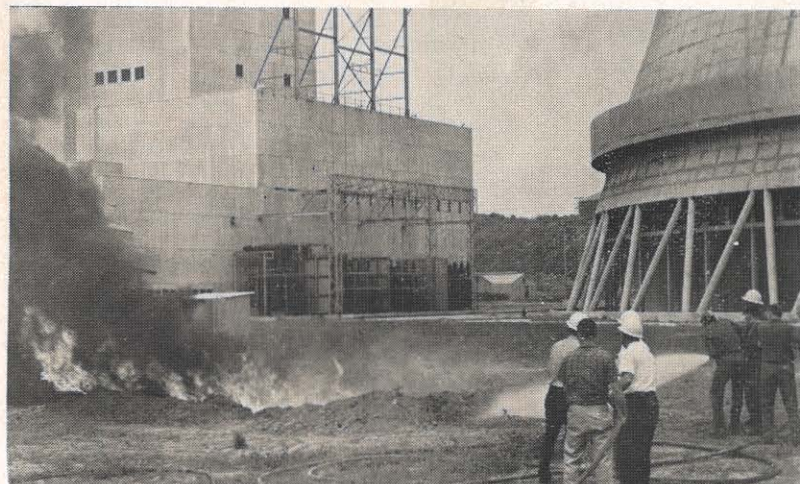
Mr. Crews has been active in the chapter's work for the past eight years, and has taken part in the Amherst Christmas lighting program, the bloodmobile, and other Jaycee-community projects. He has been a director, secretary, and vice president of the chapter before his recent election, and has also served as state director.

He joined Appalachian in March 1948 as T&D clerk. In 1960 he became engineering aide, and in 1963 moved to the commercial department in his present job. He and his wife have one child.



Mr. Crews

Fire Training



Big Sandy plant employees recently completed fire training courses under the supervision of C. H. Yoho, fire protection supervisor for the AEP Service Corporation. Simulated fire conditions permitted the application of techniques for all types of fires. The plant's famous cooling tower is seen at right.

Familiar Faces IN NEW PLACES

Appalachian Power Company

Abingdon Division

J. M. COLE from commercial sales engineer to division power sales engineer; W. H. FERGUSON, JR., from dealer sales representative to commercial sales representative; O. C. HAWLEY from appliance serviceman A to division service coordinator.

Cabin Creek Plant

JAMES M. HANSFORD from results maintenance man to results maintenance mechanic B; CLARENCE E. PETRY, JR., from results maintenance mechanic B to results maintenance mechanic A.

Huntington Division

PHYLLIS M. HESSON from clerk stenographer to stenographer.

Kanawha River Plant

BILLIE J. WALKER from clerk typist to clerk stenographer.

Philip Sporn Plant

JAMES E. HAGGERTY from auxiliary equipment operator to equipment operator.

Kentucky Power Company

Ashland Division

LYLE M. WELLS from groundman, T&D department, to meter reader, local accounting.

Mrs. Burnam Heads Nurses Association

The new president of the Mason County Nurses Association is Hope Burnam, wife of R. L. Burnam, heating and builder sales representative in Point Pleasant.



Mrs. Burnam

She received her training at Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley, and is the only nurse she knows to have received a cum laude on her diploma from the State

Board Examination. At the present time, Mrs. Burnam is working at Pleasant Valley Hospital. The job is supposed to be part-time, but part-time jobs, she says, are usually full-time.

Mrs. Burnam is a member of the West Virginia Nurses Association, active in PTA work, and is a leader in the Baptist Youth Fellowship work.



Married in recent weeks were, left to right, Mrs. James Edward Glenn,



system; Mrs. Frank Lile Taylor, Jr., Charleston; Mrs. William



Maury Veasey, system, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Duncan, Philip



Sporn plant.

Married In Recent Weeks

Maffet-Taylor

Jacquette A. Maffett became the bride of Frank L. Taylor, Jr., on May 23 in a ceremony performed at the Indian Creek Christian Church in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Mrs. Taylor is a home sales representative in the Charleston division.

Wickes-Glenn

Sharon F. Wickes and James E. Glenn were united in marriage May 1 at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church in Roanoke, Virginia. Mrs. Glenn is an employee in the system accounting office in Roanoke.

York-Veasey

Lana Ruth York was married to William M. Veasey in a ceremony held in Westhampton Christian Church in Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Veasey is the son of H. D. Veasey, system civil engineering department, Roanoke.

Grinstead-Duncan

In a double ring ceremony at the Lutheran Church in New Haven, West Virginia, on April 25, Shelby Grinstead and Cecil Duncan exchanged wedding vows. Mrs. Duncan is the daughter of Thomas O. Grinstead, janitor at the Philip Sporn Plant.

New Arrivals

Abingdon Division

MR. AND MRS. J. G. BUTTS, a daughter, Mary Ellen, April 29. Mr. Butts is a retired lineman in Marion.

Ashland Division

MR. AND MRS. TROY FAIRCHILD, JR., a daughter, Kathryn Ann, April 21. Mrs. Fairchild is a former employee in the local accounting office.

Charleston Division

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES CANTERBURY, a daughter, Deborah Kaye, March 27. Mrs. Canterbury is a former employee in the meter department.

Clinch River Plant

MR. AND MRS. IRA G. OWENS, a son, David Gene, April 19. Mr. Owens is a utility man.

MR. AND MRS. TOM WATSON, a son, William Jason, May 7. Mr. Watson is assistant results engineer.

Glen Lyn Plant

MR. AND MRS. C. B. KING, JR., a son, Charles B., III, April 15. Mr. King is a work order clerk.

Huntington Division

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH D. GORE, a son, Charles David, April 21. Mr. Gore is electrical engineer in the Huntington division.

Kingsport

MR. AND MRS. R. L. TIPTON, a son, Kenneth Morgan, May 3. Mr. Tipton is a PBX operator.

Philip Sporn Plant

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD R. RUSSELL, a daughter, Brenda Kaye, April 25. Mr. Russell is a conveyor operator.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY C. LIEVING, a son, Larry Martin, April 27. Mr. Lieving is an auxiliary equipment operator.



Miss Pollok

Lynchburg Cashier Sally Pollok Retires June 1

Miss Sally Pollok, cashier in Lynchburg, retired June 1st after completing almost 39 years with the company.

She was employed on August 8, 1925 as a cashier with the Lynchburg Traction and Light and moved into her present position April 1, 1949. During her length of service she saw the old Lynchburg Company sold to the American Gas & Electric Company, and later the streetcar company and gas property sold. One of the things she remembers was the different colored bill stubs that were in use. The electric stubs were white and the gas stubs were yellow. Each night when the cashiers would balance their cash, the gas and electric receipts had to be kept separate.

Two Remodelings

During her time of service she has seen the local office building at 523 Main Street remodeled and expanded on two different occasions. The first time in 1927, when the office had its first complete remodeling job. The next remodeling and expansion occurred in 1951 when again the old building took on another face lifting and an expansion to the building was added, including for the first time, air conditioning. According to Miss Pollok, "it certainly beat the old oscillating fan in the corner".

"I am going to miss the people I have worked with throughout the years, also my many customers whom I have grown fond of", stated Miss Pollok, "but, I do not intend to sit still and not do a thing. I plan to do a great deal of reading, and lots and lots of traveling".

Mrs. Zoellers "Woman of Year"

Mrs. Olive Zoellers, wife of C. A. Zoellers, commercial supervisor in the Hazard division, and mother of



Mrs. Zoellers

two teenage children, has been selected Woman of the Year of the Alpha Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. The award has been made annually since 1947 and the recipient is chosen by secret nominations representing a cross section of Hazard's population.

Mrs. Zoellers is active in church work, serving for five years as secretary of the Sunday School for Bowman Memorial Methodist Church, and for six years as an officer of the Wesleyan Guild. In garden club work, Mrs. Zoellers has been a local officer, and is at the present time corresponding secretary of the Garden Club of Kentucky.

She has been an active member of the Hazard PTA for 11 years, taking on jobs of all sizes; and she has been secretary of the Perry County 4-H Council since 1958.

Mrs. Zoellers has taken part in many civic drives, and has centered much of her attention on the Red Cross and March of Dimes.

A native of New York, Mrs. Zoellers was graduated from the New York Institute of Home Economics of New York State University.

Secretaries Group Elects Betty Baker

Miss Betty Jane Baker, stenographer in the Roanoke division commercial department, has been elected president of the Roanoke Chapter of The National Secretaries Association (International).



Miss Baker

She is a charter member of the Blue Ridge Chapter, NSA, joining the Roanoke chapter after her transfer to Roanoke from Fieldale four years ago. She served the Roanoke chapter as first vice president and program coordinator this past year, with one of her duties being that of arranging for an educational and informative program for each of the chapter monthly meetings. She has held chairmanships of the membership committee and the 1964 workshop program committee, as well as serving on several other committees.

Miss Baker was employed as a clerk in the commercial department in Fieldale in May, 1951, promoted to clerk-typist in December, 1951, clerk stenographer in June, 1953 and to stenographer in June, 1957. She transferred to the Roanoke division commercial department in May, 1960.

Employee's Wife Is Instructor In Red Cross Motor Program

What to do when driving was the general topic at a Red Cross motor service school conducted in Charleston by the Kanawha-Clay Chapter of the American Red Cross. One of the instructors of the group of 16 ARC volunteers was Mrs. E. C. Flannery, wife of the division administrative assistant.

Mrs. Flannery's part in the program dealt in instructions in rules and regulations for driving Red Cross vehicles, duties and responsibilities of volunteers and their public relations and personal conduct, disaster procedures, job analysis, and an orientation to the blood program.

Also on the program was a film and talk by C. D. Hill, West Virginia state trooper, on safe driving and better attitudes, and an under-

the-hood clinic covering such emergency procedures as changing a tire, installing chains, and operating a two-way radio.

Mrs. Flannery has worked with the Red Cross for seven years. In the chapter, she is past motor service chairman, and has worked in the canteen and the blood program. For a time she was on 24-hour call to deliver eye corneas to and from the airport in the eye program, by which persons arrange to donate their eyes after death for transplants.

She is also a Civinette, and taught Sunday School at Humphreys Memorial Methodist Church in Charleston for many years. She and her husband have two children at home and a son in the Air Force.



Mrs. Helen Flannery, left, learns with Mrs. T. W. Mathewson something about the workings of an automobile engine from Trooper C. D. Hill. This instruction was part of the program in the Red Cross's motor service clinic held recently in Charleston.

They're Engaged

PATRICIA ANN HOLBROOK to John Wyatt Harris. Miss Holbrook is the daughter of Bill Holbrook, Head T&D Clerk in Ashland.

SANDRA KAY PATRICK to Jerry Randall Fleming. Mr. Fleming is the son of Russell Fleming, head janitor in Ashland.

SHIRLEY L. ADAMS to Dewey R. Johnson. Miss Adams is a laboratory technician in the general laboratory of the American Electric Power Service Corporation in Huntington.

BARBARA JEAN HOUTCHENS to John W. Smith. Mr. Smith is a groundman in Charleston.

PATRICIA ANN MOLLOHAN to Andrew Earehart. Miss Mollohan is the daughter of L. C. Mollohan, station foreman in Beckley.

LINDA D. LANGFORD to Norman C. Gregory. Mr. Langford is a foreman in the line and station department in Lynchburg.

LINDA CAROLE HILL to John Richard Cralle. Mr. Hill is a line inspector in Lynchburg.

HELEN LOWE to James Spurlock. Miss Lowe is the daughter of Ked Lowe, serviceman in the Pikeville division.

BARBARA LITTLE to James K. Lowe. Mr. Lowe is the son of Ked Lowe, serviceman in the Pikeville division.



President

Mrs. Gloria Connoley, stenographer in the engineering section in Beckley, has been elected president of the Beta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. She takes office June 1 after only one year of membership in the organization. She has also been elected recording secretary of the Beckley city council of Beta Sigma Phi.

D-Day — Employees Remember What It Was Like

They came through the air in the dark, by sea as the dawn broke; they came thousands upon thousands, in the greatest war force ever assembled, in the Great Crusade. They came to Normandy to break Hitler's might. And they did.

That was 20 years ago. Two decades have passed since those young men stormed ashore; the young men are approaching their middle years; their children, unborn in 1944 are approaching maturity. But even so, the memories hang on.

For many of our employees, this is the way it was on D-Day, June 6, 1944:

The first men in belonged to the 82nd Airborne Division. It was assigned to jump behind German lines, seal off roads and bridges, and hold on until units from the beach joined up with them. Leading the division was Major General James Gavin, who is now a director of the American Electric Power Company. Buell Cook, unit foreman at Clinch River plant, was a staff sergeant in the 82nd. "We dropped into France about 2:30 a. m. on D-Day. I landed in the flooded marshes along the Merdert River. About daybreak I finally made it out of the flooded area, and the first American I saw was General Gavin. He had assembled a few more soldiers at the railroad causeway at LaFiere. I joined this group, and led by General Gavin, we proceeded to Chef-du-Pont and helped to secure the town. Later that day I contacted a group of soldiers from my own 2nd Battalion, and we started off for our original objective of Amferville. Under Colonel Timmes,

our battalion commander, we set up defenses in an apple orchard."

Four men now located in the Charleston division also fought in the blackness of Normandy that day with the 82nd. They are J. B. Eplin, meter serviceman, James H. Vickers, groundman-clerk, John Shriver, residential and rural sales supervisor, and Carl Smith, area serviceman in Rainelle-Beckley.

Three days before the invasion, Sergeant Eplin was told he would participate in it; three days after it started, he was a prisoner of the Germans, and stayed in POW camps for the rest of the war. He was a veteran of the fighting in Sicily and Italy. His outfit was



Mr. Vickers Mr. Pancake

supposed to take the town Ste. Mere Eglise, defend the bridge if possible, destroy it if necessary. "We bailed out too soon—something had gone wrong. It was about 1:30 in the morning, and we landed 15 or 20 miles from our objective. At daylight, three others and I, who had gotten together, decided to separate . . . I kept going until I found a town. I don't know the name of the place, but I hid out for two days, eating K-rations and sleeping in the woods. I stayed close to the road, but some Germans came along, and I was out of action until the Russians liberated me."

Sergeant John Shriver was luckier. He came down near Ste. Mere Eglise in a glider about 2½ hours before the main landings began on the beaches. Coming in, his glider lost its tail when it banged into a church steeple, and though some aboard were hurt, John wasn't—

but he was apprehensive. "You never get battle-hardened, so far as I'm concerned," he says. "If anything, you are even more scared, because you know so many things that can—and do happen."

Anyway, plenty did happen. There was confusion on both sides, but Sergeant Shriver and his group set up anti-tank guns at a crossroads, and fought anybody who came close. "By noon we had been joined by enough soldiers from scattered units to make a fairly good-sized army. "Over 50 per cent of the battalion's officers were casualties. We didn't catch more than an hour's sleep for the next three days, but we wound up taking Ste. Mere Eglise, the first town taken in France by the Allies." "I was in France for 33 days on the front lines, and never had my clothes off except for a change of socks."

Not far from where John Shriver crouched, firing anti-tank guns, James H. Vickers was in a ditch with his head down. Serving the glider infantry in the 82nd, his outfit was supposed to gain ground and relieve the paratroops who landed earlier. When his glider arrived at the drop zone, the ground was well-covered with men and gliders. The pilot found an alternate site, and set the craft down between two trees; the wings were ripped off and the glider ended its journey by tilting up on its nose. In the crash, Jim lost three of his front teeth, but this was little enough compared to what followed. Along with some others he crawled to a ditch; a German tank spotted them just as they reached cover, and kept the men pinned down with machine-gun fire until light dawned and a fighter plane knocked out the tank. He spent the rest of the day in the same confusion as the others, as units scattered in the drop began assembling and moving on.

Another glider man was Carl Smith. With so many others, his glider was cut loose at the wrong time and place in the midnight darkness. It took three days for his group to get together, and shortly after that, they fell into German hands as prisoners. He recalls now, 20 years later, that the enemy seemed to be as confused as themselves.

All of these experiences preceded the actual landings. At the beaches, and in the air above them, others were fighting.

The 29th Division was assigned landing areas on Omaha Beach. In the evening before the invasion, the huge armada of ships began



This actual photograph taken on D-Day shows Steve Didier's company landing in France.

thought I still had a chance, since they hadn't killed me yet, so I got on my knees and cut all my burning equipment off. There were machine gun bursts and direct gunfire hitting all around—you could hear the wash of the bullets.

"After a short time, we got to some concealment about 50 yards above



Mr. Huffman

high tide. We had lost 19 of 31 men, and couldn't find but seven of those left. It took the better part of the day to organize with survivors of other sections, and get to the top of a hill commanding the beach . . ." In the 3rd Battalion of the same regiment with Lt. Huffman was Darrell Spicer, Roanoke meter reader, then a tech sergeant. He landed at six in the morning. "The day was foggy and dreary, and getting as far as 300 yards inland took the best part of the day. The only thought we had was to get safely and swiftly across the beach and behind the hill that lay ahead to collect ourselves. It dawned on me that we were being fired on by a real enemy using real ammunition, and I began to wonder if I would ever see home again. During the first day of the 36 men in my company, 24 were killed or wounded. It took us three days to reach our first day's objectives six miles inland."

Around midnight, June 5, Private Wandell Pancake, 16th Regiment, First Division, climbed down the side of a ship that had brought him across the English Channel and got aboard a landing craft, carrying a machine gun and a .45-calibre pistol. A few hours later as the boat closed to 150 yards from shore, it was sunk by a direct hit. Two men in the boat couldn't swim, so Private Pancake took his knife, cut loose their packs, and helped them ashore. The three were pulled the last few yards by the chaplain. Two of the 16 men in the section still carried weapons: Private Pancake and another had their pistols. They were pinned down most of the morning, but toward afternoon they began moving on enemy positions; they collected 17 prisoners, and as they were moving them out a German mortar shell exploded. Half the prisoners were killed, and Private Pancake was wounded in the leg. For his day's work, he collected a Silver Star for gallantry, and a Purple Heart for his wound.

One of the first men ashore that day was Steve Didier, another Charleston employee. He was in the four companies which came ashore an hour before the main landings to set up a command post. They met surprisingly little resistance—small arms fire mostly, but the men made it across 1000 yards of beach to do their job. When the landings began in earnest, he recalls, with understatement, "things warmed up some." For the next two days they were stuck within a mile or so of the beach. When they did get moving on Ste. Mere Eglise, they met the 82nd Airborne, which had already freed that town. His assistant division

commander was Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. "I can still see him in my mind," recalls Mr. Didier. "He was 60 then, marching up and down with a swagger stick under his arm, telling us 'If I can make it, I know damn well you can . . .'"

Also in the 4th Division was George Chumbley, Pulaski T&D clerk. He was a part of a demolition team assigned to knock out enemy pillboxes. For most of the day, they did their dangerous job. At one point they had gotten behind the main line of positions, and saw two German soldiers watching them from a pillbox. The Americans called on them to surrender, which they did; no shot was fired. They found in the pillbox 21 Germans, two bottles of cognac, and a pet crow.

Master Sergeant H. H. Hutcheson (division commercial sales super-



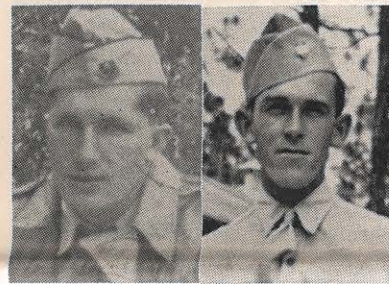
Mr. Chumbley Mr. Eplin



Mr. Cook Mr. McReynolds

visor in Charleston) trained in England and Wales one year before the invasion. A part of the second wave, his unit crossed the choppy channel on an Egyptian freighter manned by barefoot, mustached Turks. It was H-Hour plus 12. "Not a word was spoken," he remembers, "as the landing craft bounced through the surf, past the floating bodies of many soldiers. That first night, "Hutch's" unit got about a half-mile inland under a curtain of gunfire from ships 10 miles at sea.

On the ships that delivered the men to the beach and protected them, were such men as James McReynolds, Pikeville truck driver-groundman; Francis Hoyt, Cabin Creek plant safety supervisor, and Jennings D. Arthur, Cabin Creek laborer, and O. C. Hall, manager at Point Pleasant. Mr. McReynolds served aboard an attack transport that brought invasion troops all the way from U. S. ports; during the landings, Mr. McReynolds, normally a machinist, came topside and served a gun during shore bombardment. Mr. Hoyt's ship, the destroyer Jouett, was the fourth ship in line when the beach shelling began at 6:00 a. m., and Mr. Arthur was a gunner aboard a landing ship. Mr. Hall was a radioman aboard an LST.



Mr. Smith Mr. Hutcheson

Twenty Years Later

By Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, USA (Ret.)

(General Gavin, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division at the time of the Normandy invasion, is now a director of the American Electric Power Company. We are proud to publish these reflections of his, written for THE ILLUMINATOR.)

Twenty years gives one considerable perspective on the Normandy invasion. Incidentally, the French call it the Normandy embarkation. A great deal has been written about the operation, and by now historians have a good perspective of it in the framework of modern history.



General Gavin

Were the sacrifices worthwhile? Did our troops conduct themselves well in battle? Would it have been better to have invaded Europe through the "soft underbelly" of the Mediterranean as the British urged? I think that we are in a better position to answer all of these questions now as we look back on that fateful day of June 6, 1944.

There has never been the slightest doubt in the minds of those who later liberated the concentration camps about whether or not the invasion was worthwhile. Remembering the propaganda of World War I, many World War II soldiers were quite skeptical of the stories coming out of Germany about the concentration camps. The 82nd Airborne Division liberated one in Mecklenberg, Germany, eleven months after the Normandy invasion. In it the dead were scattered about, and the living hardly better

off than the dead. We buried over 1,000 bodies. Without going into detail, much of which is too grim and unpleasant to recount, there is no doubt that Europe had to be freed of the barbarous dictatorship of Adolf Hitler.

Americans in 1944 had heard a great deal about the invincibility of the Wehrmacht and the Luftwaffe. Our young men had fought them in Africa, Sicily, and Italy and they had gained considerable respect for them as opponents. However, that very experience, coupled with the tremendous industrial might of the United States, and the individual initiative of the American GI's, all combined to enable us to commit to battle troops equal or superior to anything they met. Sometimes it is alleged that superiority of equipment, jeeps, and weapons, enabled the Americans to win. For example, this view has been expressed by the German author of "They Are Coming." But those of us who fought our Normandy opponents from Africa to Berlin know that unit for unit and individual for individual, there were no better fighting forces in Europe than the American formations committed to that battle on June 6, 1944. In courage, individual initiative in difficult situations, the young American combatants have rarely been excelled.

The question of whether to invade Europe cross-channel or from the Mediterranean will never be resolved to the satisfaction of historians. Looking back, the slow progress through Italy seems to suggest that it may have been a more costly and bloodier route to follow. And through the Balkans would no doubt have been more difficult. But the question is an academic one now. The historical fact is that the invasion was made across the channel. The tremendous resources needed to achieve it were stockpiled in England, and the devotion and individual courage necessary was present in sufficient abundance for the operation to succeed. For this, I think we should all be grateful on this 20th Anniversary. It was a battle that had to be fought and I think we all should be grateful for having had the privilege of participating in it on that decisive date in history.

(Photo of General Gavin by Wide World Photos.)



Mr. Shriver Mr. Hall

assembling the channel passages. Evermonte Huffman, then a lieutenant in the 116th Infantry, and now Huntington dealer sales representative, recalls it: "Our last meal aboard ship was at midnight. It was a very good meal and very solemn. I could look over to my left and see Ernest Hemingway and straight ahead one table away was Ernie Pyle . . . At 2:15 we were in our boat . . . we circled in the boat while the Air Force and Navy blasted away. About 1500 yards from the beach we straightened in line and headed for France. The water was very rough; the boat could carry only 31 men, standing up with their equipment. We were like sardines, and every man soaked to the skin.

"We drew no fire until we were 50 yards from low tide, from where we had 700 yards of open beach to cover plus 100 yards in water up to our waists. Men were falling like flies all around, and there was no time to help them; we didn't even have much chance to fight. The tide was following us rapidly . . . we had lost all our artillery. . . a shell fragment hit me in the hip and set off two chemical smoke grenades I was carrying. It started burning my clothing, and the smoke made me a perfect target . . . I



Around the Circuit

... Among Employees and Their Families



BLUEFIELD

Bluefield

Mrs. W. J. Gillespie, Jr., wife of the division manager, has been installed club representative in the East River Mountain Garden Club . . . Helen Sue Spangler has been elected chairman of the music committee and Lina Light as parliamentarian in the Quota Club. Lina has also been elected treasurer of the Laurel Garden Club . . . Mrs. Mark Rich, wife of the records supervisor, has been re-elected President of the Virginia Garden Club . . . Mrs. M. P. Kirk, Jr., wife of the division station inspector, has been elected gifts chairman and president of the Sewette Club . . . Archie G. Phlegar has completed a course in Radiological Monitoring for the University Extension Division of West Virginia University . . .

M. E. Rich was elected to the Board of Directors of the Bluefield, Virginia Lions Club . . . Bob Stoker, electrical engineer, has resigned . . . Karl Mann has been elected internal vice president of the Princeton Junior Chamber of Commerce . . . Tommy, son of L. W. Robinette, was made a member of the All "A" Honor Roll at Bluefield High School for the fifth grading period. Tommy is a sophomore . . . Deidre, daughter of J. Paul Rose, was chosen for a trip to Washington, D. C., with the school patrol, sponsored by the American Automobile Association of Bluefield . . . Mrs. J. P. Montague wife of the electrical engineer, has been elected president of the XI Alpha Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, and Mrs. Leonard Robinette, wife of the power sales engineer, has been elected secretary of the same sorority.

Pauline Hawley was chosen Junior of the Year by the Junior Woman's Club . . . A dessert-coffee was given by the Girls' Service Club in honor of Dorothy B. Hawley, who has resigned . . . Mary Ruth Chambers, attended the Grand Lodge of the Eastern Star in Richmond, Virginia. She was also given special honor by the Music Lovers Club since she holds the office of treasurer in the State Federation of Music Clubs in Virginia and is the first state officer to be elected from the Bluefield Virginia Club.

O. C. Glover, lineman, has been elected governor of the Princeton Moose Lodge.

Welch

Patty Groseclose, daughter of W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant will attend Rhododendron Girl's State this year. Jenny Bivens, daughter of H. H. Bivens, stores supervisor, will be a counselor. Scotty Robinson, son of O. L. Robinson, customer accounts supervisor, and Bill Belchee, son of W. B. Belchee, Commercial manager, will attend Boy's State. Scott Robinson also served as M. C. at the annual Welch High School May Day Festival.

Mrs. Erle McKinney, wife of Erle McKinney, lineman B in Welch, has been installed Treasurer of the Coal Valley Garden Club . . . Nell Nunnery, secretarial stenographer, has been installed as corresponding secretary of the United Council of Church Women in Welch. . . Cheryl Green, daughter of Jack C. Green, meterman has been selected a junior high cheerleader . . . Jane Dudash, daughter of Steve Dudash, working foreman at Switchback, has been elected historian of the Bramwell Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America.

Sonja Mills, daughter of L. J. Mills, lineman, has been inducted into the Junior High Honor Society.

W. T. Collins, Jr., local office supervisor, served as planning chairman for the Grundy Kiwanis Club Pancake Day.

C. R. Settle, superintendent, has been elected first vice president of the Welch Lions Club, which also chose Jack C. Green, meterman as a director. R. H. Ruff, senior power sales engineer, was elected a life member of the directors of the same organizations.

Vickie Crouse, daughter of Walter Crouse, Grundy meter serviceman, was elected treasurer and Barbara Mitchell, daughter of W. L. Mitchell, Grundy lineman, was elected chaplain of the Grundy Junior High Hi-Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinzer attended the Grand Chapter session of the Order of Eastern Star held in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Kinzer is a lineman in Pocahontas.

C. K. Kirkland, assistant Bluefield division manager; W. B. Belchee, commercial manager and Fred Adams, heating and builder sales representative, served on committees for the First Member Canvass of the First Methodist Church of Welch. C. R. Settle, area superintendent, served as general chairman of the canvass.

Clara H. Christian, clerk trainee, is a new employee in the Welch accounting department.



HUNTINGTON

Huntington

The General Laboratory in Huntington has two new faces: Ronald House, transferred from Philo plant, and Dana Gibson, chemist, a new employee. Another lab employee, June Deal, lab technician, has been elected president of Sigma Kappa Alumna sorority.

Amos E. LeMaster, son of J. E. LeMaster, division station man, completed his apprenticeship as a pharmacist and qualified as a registered pharmacist after completing examinations held recently at Morgantown, W. Va. He is a graduate of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Cincinnati.

Point Pleasant

Andy Wilson, son of Bessie M. Wilson, PBX operator, has been tapped for the National Honor Society. Andy will be a senior next fall at Point Pleasant High School.

Bernadine F. Gilmour, wife of W. C. Gilmour, administrative assistant, was elected corresponding secretary of the Lambda Chi Omega Sorority.

W. C. Workman, groundman, and R. L. Burnam, heating and builder sales representative, were taken into the Point Pleasant Lions Club. Both men are on the fund raising committee.

Q. H. Wickline, dealer sales representative, and G. K. Roach, meter reader, were on the Upton Construction Company bowling team that won the industrial bowling championship.

Philip Sporn Plant

Robert E. Herndon, test engineering aide, was recently elected president of the New Haven Parent Teachers Association. Juanita Clark, wife of Gerald Clark, maintenance man, was elected vice president, and Janet Needs, wife of Jack Needs, maintenance man, secretary.

In another PTA election, LaVera Yeager, wife of Charles Yeager, master maintenance man, was recently elected president of the Mason Parent-Teachers Association. She also was recently appointed chairman of the Mason Mothers' Club Cancer Crusade. Ruth Ryan, wife of Edward Ryan, maintenance

man, was elected treasurer of the Mason Parent-Teachers Association.

Sarah Gibbs, wife of William Gibbs, instrument maintenance man, was recently elected recording secretary of the Nehaclima Garden Club.

John Rottgen, auxiliary equipment operator, and Gerald Arnold, barge attendant, were recently elected vice presidents of the newly formed Bend Junior Chamber of Commerce. John was elected exterior vice president and Gerald was elected interior vice president.

Willis L. Dudding, unit foreman, was elected in the general election to the position of Democratic committeeman for Waggner District.

Ted Abolin, plant manager, was reappointed a member of the executive committee of the Tri State Council of Boy Scouts of America.



LYNCHBURG

Jane Tibbs, daughter of R. A. Tibbs, commercial sales engineer, has been elected to represent E. C. Glass High School at Girls' State at V.P.I. each summer. She was also elected vice president of the Student Cooperative Association.

Paul E. Keys, T&D clerk, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Boonsboro Junior Chamber of Commerce.

E. Lewis Sutor, Division Accounting Supervisor, has completed the course in "Practical Politics" sponsored by Central Virginia Industries.

R. L. Hatch, station and hydro supervisor, and L. G. Dougan, members of the Lynchburg Lions Club, and J. R. Martin, line supervisor, member of the Brookville-Timberlake Lions Club, have been chosen as delegates to the State Lions Club convention at Richmond, Va.



ROANOKE

E. T. Jones, Jr. was elected to the board of directors of the Roanoke Association of Credit Men. Mr. Jones is credit supervisor in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Goggin have been elected co-presidents of the Breckenridge Junior High School PTA. Mr. Goggin is a utility clerk, in the Roanoke division accounting department.

R. R. Snedegar, division senior line engineer, has been elected president of the Roanoke Exchange Club.

D. C. Kennedy, division manager, and John W. Vaughan, assistant division Manager, have been re-elected to the Junior Achievement Board of Directors of Roanoke Valley.

J. B. White, manager, fieldale area, has been elected for a three-year term to the Board of Directors of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

Annise P. Craig, private secretary, division managerial, has been elected to the Nominating Committee of the Roanoke District Wesleyan Service Guild for a two-year term. She automatically becomes a member of the District Standing Committee. Mrs. Craig is also serving as Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Huntington Court Methodist Church Guild, having just completed a two-year term as president. Her husband Bill is consistently winning in field trials with his beagles. In a recent trial, he entered three dogs

and won three ribbons. Bill is president of the Shenandoah Valley Beagle Club.

System

Richard T. Boone has resigned his position with the company.



CHARLESTON

Charleston

Recently completing the six-hour first aid refresher course, under the instruction of Paul H. Parsons, were: Milt Scott, Lewis Duff, J. L. Twitty, Imogene Legg, Maxine Urwin, Guy Mountse, Frank Harkins, T. E. Caldwell, Lyle Hudson, Sam Morris, Eugene Dahmer, Charlie Johnson, Jim Whitlock, Gretis Raines, H. H. Hutcheson, and Floyd H. Taylor.

Eldivia Gullian's sisters, Faye and Maye Robinson, who are identical twins, arrived home recently for a visit. Both girls have been foreign missionaries for over five years. Faye's work has taken her to Morocco, Switzerland, Monte Carlo, and Bonaire, a Dutch island in the Caribbean, while Maye has spent her entire service in Haiti. From Bonaire, location of the most powerful radio outlet in the western hemisphere, cultural, educational and religious programs are broadcast to combat Communism throughout Europe, the middle east and Africa, and Faye works with the general director of Trans-World Radio. Their sister, Mrs. Gullian, is a clerk-typist in the T&D Engineering Department.

J. D. Walters, division accounting supervisor, is recuperating from injuries sustained in an automobile accident May 16. He was hit, head on, on a curve near French Creek, West Virginia, and his mother, Mrs. Lena E. Walters was killed. Two children, Mary Susan, 6, and John Thomas, 3, were also injured in the collision. They were admitted to a Buchannon hospital and later transferred to a hospital in Clarksburg.

Earl Glenn, groundman, T&D line, was the subject of "Cornered by the Camera," a Charleston Daily Mail feature, on May 9. He was snapped by the roving photographer on East Washington Street, Charleston, as new street lights were being installed.

H. L. Rorden, high voltage practices engineer with AEP office in New York, was guest speaker at the May 11 meeting of the West Virginia Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. His topic was "Bare Hands on Energized Power Lines."

Beckley

Miss Linda Mann, daughter of C. H. Mann, draftsman in the engineering section, served as a

junior attendant to the May Queen at Shady Spring High School during the May Festival.

Mr. Eloise Pierce, T&D clerk in the Record Section, is the new corresponding secretary for the civic department of the Beckley Woman's Club.

Susan and Saller Winner, twin daughters of Mrs. Parthenia Glover, Stenographer in the Managerial Department, are competing with each other for the title of "Miss Babe Ruth." Each baseball team in this league chooses a girl to represent their team as Queen and the winner is determined by the amount of money each team collects on tag day.

The leading role in Tech Theater's production of "Waiting For Godot" was played by Larry Small, student engineer in Montgomery. It was his first stage appearance, but hopefully, not his last; in the upcoming production of "Mr. Roberts" Larry hopes to land either the title role or that of the ship's captain.

Kanawha River Plant

J. M. Abele, son of the chemist at the Kanawha River Plant, has passed the bar exam in Ohio.



PULASKI

Paul L. Sowers, Hillsville lineman, was a delegate to the recent Lions Club state convention in Richmond.

Mrs. O. B. Kidd, wife of the Pulaski area supervisor, was issued an invitation to sing in the Grand Choir at the Grand Chapter meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Kidd is a past worthy matron, and Mr. Kidd is a past patron of the Pulaski order.

Holding offices in the annual Youth Day, when high school seniors run the town, were Tony Blair, son of R. J. Blair; Cathy Sheets, daughter of R. E. Sheets, Bobby Lemons, son of A. E. Lemons; and Jack Kidd, son of O. B. Kidd. All are from the Pulaski office.

Nancy Cornett, daughter of R. H. Cornett, T&D clerk, represented the Junior Class in the May Day event at Emory & Henry College.

Cecil Buckner, meter reader, has been reelected president of the Claremont Elementary School P. T. A. His daughter, Patricia, has been named president of her Hi-Y Group.

Larry Taylor, son of D. D. Taylor, division accounting supervisor, has been elected treasurer of his Hi-Y Group; he has also been named to the Key Club, and participated in the May Day at Pulaski High as a representative from the freshman class.

(More personals on page 10)

A Company Matter



The flower show held recently in a Roanoke shopping center was the joint effort of four garden clubs. Appalachian wives played a big part in the success of the show, both as planners and participants. Seated above are Mrs. Carl V. Smith and Mrs. Lucian T. Bias; standing are Mrs. I. B. Peters, general chairman; Mrs. Gordon Wilcox, co-chairman; and Mrs. J. A. Lyon. Mrs. Smith's husband is in the accounting department; Mrs. Peters, who won a blue ribbon, is the wife of the Roanoke division assistant personnel supervisor; Mrs. Bias's husband is regional dispatcher; Mrs. Lyons, another blue ribbon winner, is the wife of the supervisor of wage and salary administration. Another winner was Mrs. James Goggin, whose husband is utility clerk. She is not pictured. Mrs. Wilcox has no connection with the company.

Year End Report

Recognition Comes To School Youngsters



Freda Thomas Rita Hogsett



Cindy Payne Bill Yearout

The end of the school year brought honors and recognition in many endeavors to the sons and daughters of employees. In sports, in science, in humanities, in elections, our youngsters are bringing credit to themselves and their families.

In Beckley Phillip Hughes, a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School, won several first place honors—including those given by the Army, Navy and Air Force—in local, state, and national science fairs. His project was an exhibit on "Plasma Physics." The son of J. P. Hughes, electrical engineer, Phillip will enroll in the University of Tennessee to study nuclear engineering.

Two other Science Fair winners were Linda Abolin, daughter of Ted Abolin, manager, and Jerry Morgan, son of John Morgan, unit foreman, Philip Sporn plant. In the fair sponsored by Wahama Junior High, Linda won first prize in the physical category with an exhibit on hydro-electric generation and pumped storage, and Jerry won first place in the biological category with an exhibit that showed the effects of tobacco tar on experimental animals.

Sports trophies for their achievements during the year went to Garry Hill, of Louisa, and Chuck Brown of Grundy. Garry won the Most Valuable Player and highest batting average trophies for the

Louisa High School baseball team, and also has letters in football and track. He expects to attend Glenville State Teachers College and major in commerce. His father is Arthur Hill, master maintenance man at Big Sandy plant. Chuck's trophy marks him as Grundy High School's outstanding basketball player. He played guard on the basketball team, was a varsity football player, an honor student, and an Eagle Scout. He is the son of Charles Brown, Jr., meter serviceman.

May Courts

Spring is the time for May Courts. In Pulaski, Bobby Lemmons was picked as King and Cynthia Vaughan as Queen of the high school May Day ceremonies. Bobby is the son of A. E. Lemmons, division commercial, and Cynthia is the sister of Mason Vaughan, Jr., Clinch River plant chemist. Both are seniors. Carol Jean Mamoran was picked Queen of Lebanon Junior High School's May Day Festival. Her father is Edward E. Mamoran, Clinch River plant maintenance man. In Williamson, three



Leah Farris

honors came to Leah Sue Farris: she was selected senior princess at Williamson High School, a candidate for the Junior Miss America pageant, and she was a member of the school majorette corps that took first place in the annual majorette festival. She is the daughter of Hazel Farris, pre-audit clerk.

The Queen of the May at Bluefield College this year was Freda Thomas, a sophomore. She is the daughter of Lewis C. Thomas, Bluefield division commercial. A Point Pleasant girl, Anita Burnam, was picked as an attendant to the Queen of the Point Pleasant High School prom.

In Scouting, Billy Scott Hays received his God and Country Award in Hazard, and Bill Yearout in Bluefield received his Eagle rank. Billy Hays is the son of Nolan Hays, Hazard division transitman, and Bill Yearout's dad is C. B. Yearout, system safety supervisor. Both are active in their respective churches.

Academic Honors

Two Huntington division youngsters did things worthy of mention. The valedictorian at Hamlin High School was David Black, whose mother is home sales representative in Huntington. He has a number of academic honors, and was awarded a "Week in Washington" by Representative Ken Hechler last year. And Rita Hogsett, daughter of R. M. Hogsett, Jr., division commercial, was picked president of Lincoln Junior High School student body for the next school year. She has maintained a 4.5 average in her three years at the school.

Another class officer for next year is Patrick Fowler, who was elected vice president of the student body at Roanoke's Stonewall Jackson Junior High. The son of Gertrude Fowler, system meter department, Patrick is active in sports and church work.

Four-H work brought first prize and state-wide competition to Diana Jones, whose mother is Ruth Jones, Clinch River plant time clerk. Representing Russell County, Diana competed against

200 other 4-H'ers in the dairy foods demonstration contest in Abingdon. In the state-wide contest later this month she will represent the southwest district.

Cindy Lynn Payne was installed as worthy advisor in the Order of Rainbow Girls in recent ceremonies at Chelyan. She is a junior at East Bank High School, and has been active in the Rainbow Girls for four years. She is the daughter of Carl E. Payne, Kanawha River plant auxiliary equipment operator.

One of Kentucky's newest "Young Historians" is Ashland's Lynn Duren. He was instrumental in forming a Historical Honor Society in Blazer High School, which in turn is affiliated with the state Young Historians Association. It is made up of students dedicated to the discovery, study, and preservation of Kentucky's past heritage and selected on the basis of Academic Standing. He is also a regular on the school's tennis team. His mother is Mary Beth Duren, Ashland local office stenographer.

George D. Covey Retires In Beckley



Mr. Covey

George Daniel Covey, customer service representative in the Beckley area, retired on June 1, 1964 after twenty-five years service. He first came with the company on December 28, 1938 as chief janitor and later worked as distribution engineer, clerk, rural sales representative, area sales representative and commercial sales representative.

He was born in Lester, West Virginia and attended schools in Beckley where he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. He served in the Navy from May 1918 until February 1919. Prior to coming to work for the company he was self-employed as an electrician. He is married and the father of one daughter. He plans to continue making his home at 108 Vale Street in Beckley, and claims that his first retirement aim is to destroy the alarm clock.

Groseclose Heads United Appeal

W. C. Groseclose, administrative assistant in Welch, has been named chairman of the McDowell County United Appeal for the year 1964. He served as first vice chairman for the 1963 drive and was in charge of communities solicitation.



Mr. Groseclose

He is also blood chairman for the McDowell County Chapter of American Red Cross, Lieutenant Governor of 8th Division of Kiwanis International, and Vice President of the Welch Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Welch and is serving as chairman of the Board of Deacons.



The Grundy Weight Watchers—the girls are Sarah Faughn, Marlene Mitchell, and Nancy Arrington; the men are W. T. Collins Jr., Onsbay Yates, and Sam Hylton.

Fitness Program Works In Grundy

What's been going on lately in the Grundy office could be written in a mystery story called "The Case of the New Shapes and the Added Person."

It's a story that began about six months ago. Several people in the accounting and commercial departments began taking private stock of tightening belts and bulging bulges. Independently, some began modest dieting programs quietly. After a bit, the self-improvement and physical fitness project became general office property, and coffee-break talk centered around calories and exercise.

Sarah Faughn, home service representative, supplied file information on nutrition and dieting. Since dieting affects weight, and exercise affects shape, each person picked a combined diet-exercise program suited to his own needs. Some of the men joined a group that exercises regularly in the junior high school gym, and the women did their exercising at home. One of these is joined by her four-year-old daughter in calisthenics.

What has been the result—the

end result, you might say—of all this? After six months the group has shed enough inches and pounds collectively to equip another person weighing 100 pounds. And they're still at it, bless their will powers.

Glen Lyn Retiree Taken By Death



Mr. Whitlow

Lon James Whitlow, 67, retired employee of the Glen Lyn plant, died May 4, 1964 at Princeton, W. Va.

A native of Oakvale, W. Va. Mr. Whitlow became associated with the company on September 17, 1923 and completed more than 30 years service before taking early retirement on June 30, 1955 because of disability.

Mr. Whitlow served as mechanic's helper, auxiliary equipment operator and boiler operator during his employment at Glen Lyn.

Mr. Whitlow resided at Kelleysville, W. Va. and is survived by his wife and eleven children.



Bobby Lemmons Cynthia Vaughan



Linda Abolin Jerry Morgan



Carol Mamoran David Black



Billy Hays Chuck Brown

New Lighting



High above McCorkle Avenue in South Charleston, John Moss, lineman, works on transferring wiring to a new pole as part of a new street lighting project. In the course of the work 123 21,000-lumen lights will be installed and 105 new poles set. The entire job will be finished by June 30, and will bring the average illumination level along the street to recommended levels.

New Pole Treatment Extends Life, Increases Reliability

Reliability, safety, and economy are the reasons behind a new system-wide wood pole preventive maintenance program just begun by Appalachian.

The company has some 660,000 wood poles, all of them with a limited life span. Since a new pole set in the ground without lines or hardware represents a cost of \$67.00 this year (compared to \$52.00 in 1954), this number represents a considerable investment. Thus, any steps that can be taken to reduce this cost by extending pole life and at the same time maintain high standards of reliability are welcome.

Appalachian's new program combines the virtues of economy and reliability, and adds safety as well.

The average life of a pole is 30 to 35 years. After the first 12 to 15 years, however, decay begins a slow but steady erosion of the pole's life, as the original preservative is depleted. Seventy per cent of all pole failures are due to decay, and more than half of these occur in an eight-inch stretch of the pole, from two inches above groundline to six inches below. This groundline area thus becomes the essential part of the pole, because it is this section that takes the greatest stress from



The pole is excavated 18 inches below the groundline. Then it is inspected and cleaned of dirt and



loose wood. A test bore for inner decay is made at the groundline. A paper bandage is coated with a



quarter-inch of preservative. The bandage covers 20 inches of the pole and is stapled in place. The



last step is filling and tamping the hole.

wind, from ice on the lines, from linemen's weight, and from other factors affecting the pole's strength and durability. And this is the part of the pole that is primarily considered in the present maintenance program. This is the way it works:

Visual Inspection

A pole scheduled for treatment is first inspected visually from groundline to top for cracks, crushed wood, or other signs of fault such as woodpecker holes. If the pole fails to pass this inspection it is marked down for replacement. (This inspection also covers guys, crossarms, hard-

ware, insulators, and so on, which are also reported and scheduled for repair.) If the visual examination satisfies the inspector, the crew digs around the pole to a depth of 18 inches.

While this is going on, another man sounds the pole with a hammer up to seven feet above groundline; at the groundline a hole is bored into the pole to check for inner decay. Then a 20-inch section of the pole—four inches above, 16 below groundlines—is cleaned with a wire brush, and all loose or rotted wood is removed. The bored hole is filled with a treated plug; the inspector then decides on the basis of his sounding, the result of his bore and the condition of the underground portion if the pole is to be treated or replaced.

If treatment is chosen, a paper bandage, 20 inches wide, is covered with preservative to the thickness of a quarter-inch, wrapped around the pole and stapled tightly against it. The preservative can also be applied with a brush. Once the material is applied, the hole is filled and tamped, and the crew moves on to the next pole. The preservative is absorbed into the wood over a period of six months.

Previous Experience

This treatment technique was first tried out in the old Point Pleasant district in 1959, and last year, on a trial basis, 12,000 poles were inspected and treated in the Charleston and Huntington divisions. As a full-fledged program it was started in March of this year in the Roanoke division, with contractor crews doing the work. In Roanoke, Scott Haskins is the inspector.

Two Donate 64 Pints of Blood

Nine years ago W. F. Machir and T. J. Rose helped organize a Red Cross blood plan for the Point Pleasant area. Their support of the program hasn't weakened in the intervening years—both men are now members of the four-gallon club.

Mr. Machir, record supervisor, gave his 32nd pint of blood January 30 this year, and Mr. Rose gave his August 27 last year. Their

contributions have come on a regular basis and in times of emergency.

Mr. Machir joined the company in 1946 and became record supervisor in 1961. He is married, has three daughters, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Rose was employed in 1949 and became T&D clerk in 1959. Married, Mr. Rose lists bowling and golf as interests.

Company Veteran Retires At Sporn



Mr. Johnson

Harold C. Johnson, assistant shift operating engineer at Philip Sporn plant, retired June 1 after a career of nearly 28 years spent with AEP companies.

He started out with Ohio Power Company working temporarily in revamping Belleville plant, and later, Newark plant. The temporary job became permanent in September 1938, when he became maintenance man at Newark. He worked there subsequently as turbine room man and shift operator. In November 1949 he transferred to Sporn plant as an assistant control operator, and was promoted to his present position in August 1953.

Mr. Johnson attends St. Paul Lutheran Church, is a member of the Philip Sporn plant Veterans Association, and is active in Masonic activities. He is past master of the Acme Lodge, past commander of the Knights Templar in Newark, and is a 32nd-degree Mason.

His retirement plans are indefinite, but they do include travel in the United States and abroad. Mr. Johnson plans to spend more time golfing and fishing, and with his photography and woodworking hobbies. He and his wife will continue to live in Newark. They have two sons.



Mr. McClain

Construction Vet Retires June 1

William A. McClain, truck driver-groundman, Charleston T&D, retired June 1, after more than 37 years service.

It was in January 1927, that he first joined the company in the high line construction department. The first line he worked on was in Raleigh County, in the days when the crews lived in construction camps, getting home perhaps once a month. The winters were rough, and the green chestnut poles they used sometimes required 20 men to lift. Safety programs were nonexistent then, but Mr. McClain says they were careful which men were picked to perform certain jobs. If a man got careless and dropped a pole on another fellow, then he paid for his act by "setting up" the gang to cigars.

A man of many hobbies, Mr. McClain is a weaver, blacksmith, carpenter and general handyman. His kitchen features beautiful cabinets he made himself. He and his wife plan to continue living in St. Albans. They have three children and eleven grandchildren.

Clinch River Man To Lead Lions

Eli Buskirk, Clinch River plant shift operating engineer is the newly-elected president of the Lebanon Lions Club. He has previously served in several important posts in the club and advanced from the vice-presidency.



Mr. Buskirk

Mr. Buskirk will receive the gavel from L. C. Houchins, retiring president, who will continue as a member of the board of directors. Mr. Houchins is plant personnel supervisor.

First Aid



How to set a fractured arm and leg, and how to transport the victim were taught 11 Big Sandy plant employees in a recent Red Cross standard first aid course. R. L. McComas was the instructor.



Waiting his turn, W. F. Machir watches as Mrs. Norma Pitzer, R.N., prepares T. J. Rose for contributing a pint of blood. The four gallons on the table in front represent the amount of blood each man has given to the Red Cross.



R. R. Jones's substation crew simplifies the job of getting a 1½ ton, 200-kva transformer across a creek to the Bluefield Water Company substation, by using a hydraulic truck and winch line. Before, poles had to be cut and hauled for bridge construction.

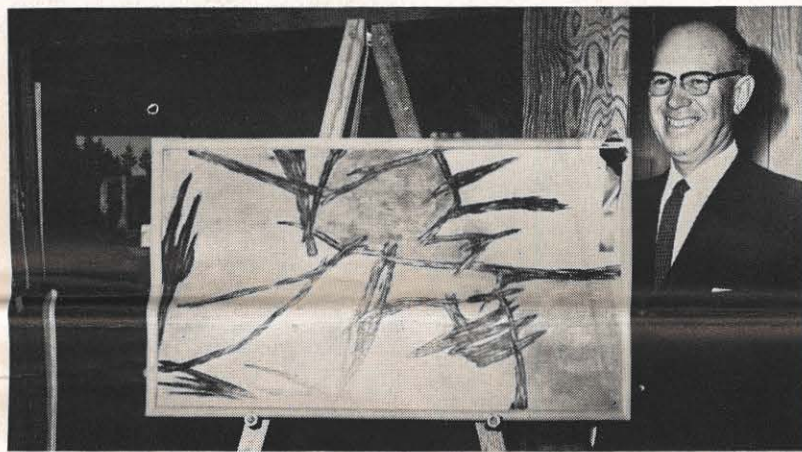
Camera Roundup



W. F. Giles, Huntington division commercial department, looks over a thank-you letter from President Lyndon B. Johnson. Mr. Giles, with his co-workers Ted Payne and Arlie Pack of the meter service section, arranged for electric service for the use of the President's party during the recent Huntington airport stopover.



D. C. Kennedy, Roanoke division manager (left) accepts a Certificate of Merit from Joe P. Gills. The award, from the AEP system, is given to employees who have worked 500,000 manhours without a disabling injury.



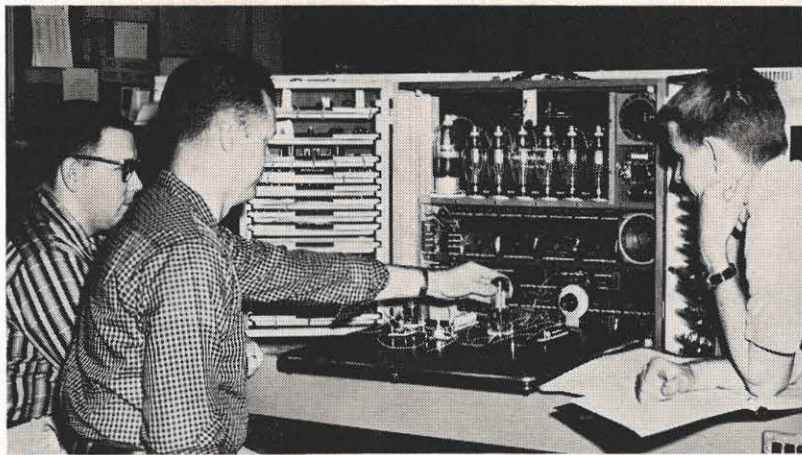
Lamaral Thorne, Beckley area serviceman, proudly displays his prize-winning painting entitled, "Twigs in the Desert." The picture took a blue ribbon in the Beckley Art Group's 18th annual exhibit.



Here are two new Turtle Club members. Pictured at the left is lineman W. J. Groseclose, Jr. receiving a certificate from W. C. McMahan, Beckley manager. A pole fell with Mr. Groseclose but his safety hat remained in place as he hit the pavement. Groundman



C. R. L. Brown receives his award from J. W. Vaughan, assistant Roanoke division manager. Mr. Brown's hard hat was hit by a machine bolt which fell from 20 feet above. In both cases the men were saved from possible serious injury.



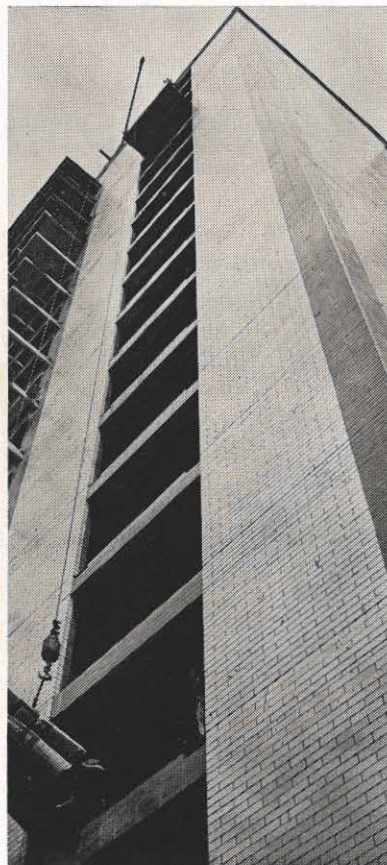
Three Clinch River plant employees study an industrial electronics problem. Bill Griswold, Arnie Nester, and Tom Watson are among 37 plant workers who have completed the second part of a three-unit, company sponsored course. This is another in a series of courses offered at the plant.



All-electric living got a boost at the Greater Huntington Home Show, sponsored by the Home Builders Association. Some 20,000 persons saw seven booths depicting modern, all-electric living including Appalachian's, shown here.



Two more all-electric luxury apartment buildings are going up in Charleston. The 54-unit Town House on Kanawha Boulevard will have two levels for parking. Pictured at the right is the 18-story Imperial Towers, on the northeast side of the Kanawha River.



Mrs. Judy Lowe (third from right) shows a group of Girl Scouts a model of the New York World Fair's "Tower of Light." The model, in the lobby of the Charleston office, is attracting a lot of attention.

Service Anniversaries



H. O. Buckland System 30 Years
 P. M. Vannoy Huntington 30 Years
 S. C. Smith Pulaski 30 Years
 R. G. Hooper Lynchburg 30 Years



J. E. McClain Kanawha River 30 Years
 A. J. Hendricks Roanoke 30 Years
 L. Bloebaum Ashland 30 Years
 W. D. Hocker Huntington 25 Years



D. L. Booth Lynchburg 20 Years
 J. E. Bailey Pikeville 20 Years
 J. N. Helton System 20 Years
 Edward Huffman Cabin Creek 20 Years



R. E. Larrabee, Jr. Cabin Creek 20 Years
 H. W. Dent Glen Lyn 20 Years
 J. L. Wiley Glen Lyn 20 Years

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



Appalachian Power Company

BLUEFIELD DIVISION—10 YEARS: MCKINLEY CORNETT, division engineer.
 CABIN CREEK PLANT—20 YEARS: R. E. LARABEE, JR. transformer maintenance man; EDWARD HUFFMAN, boiler maintenance helper.
 CHARLESTON DIVISION—40 YEARS: J. L. TWITTY, division meter supervisor. 15 YEARS: SYLBA HINCHMAN, home sales representative.
 CLINCH RIVER PLANT—15 YEARS: JACK R. BLANKENSHIP, safety supervisor. 10 YEARS: MARVIN V. PACK, maintenance foreman.
 GLEN LYN PLANT—20 YEARS: J. L. WILEY, maintenance helper; H. W. DENT, maintenance helper.
 HUNTINGTON DIVISION—30 YEARS: P. M. VANNOY, division power sales engineer. 25 YEARS: W. D. HOCKER, janitor. 15 YEARS: MAGGIE SPURLOCK, cashier clerk. 10 YEARS: BARBARA CALHOUN, contract clerk; LEANNA FORD, clerk stenographer. 5 YEARS: VIRGINIA BLACK, home sales representative.
 KANAWHA RIVER PLANT—30 YEARS: J. E. McCLAIN, unit foreman.
 LOGAN-WILLIAMSON DIVISION—15 YEARS: RALPH H. JOHNSON, division commercial manager; MARY ELIZABETH DAVIS, stenographer.
 LYNCHBURG DIVISION—35 YEARS: H. L. DAVIS, janitor. 30 YEARS: R. G. HOOPER, meterman. 25 YEARS: D. L. BOOTH, hydro operator.
 PULASKI DIVISION—30 YEARS: STANLEY C. SMITH, line inspector.
 ROANOKE DIVISION—35 YEARS: JOHN T. McLAIN, air conditioning engineer. 30 YEARS: ALFRED J. HENDRICKS, janitor.
 PHILIP SPORN PLANT—15 YEARS: PAUL E. HUBER, labor-janitor foreman; WILLIAM W. WENTZELL, material clerk; CLYDE T. CLARK, crane operator.
 SYSTEM—30 YEARS: H. O. BUCKLAND, regional chief dispatcher. 20 YEARS: J. N. HELTON, system transmission man. 15 YEARS: D. T. CRICKENBERGER, system electrical engineer. 5 YEARS: B. E. EARLS, system transmission man.

Kentucky Power Company

ASHLAND DIVISION—30 YEARS: LINCOLN BLOEBAUM, meterman.
 HAZARD DIVISION—5 YEARS: SUE DONAHUE, contract clerk.
 PIKEVILLE DIVISION—20 YEARS: JAMES E. BAILEY, auto repairman helper.

Kingsport Power Company

10 YEARS: J. A. RANDALL, JR., appliance serviceman.

Only Exercise To Be Found In Chess Is Mental, Not Physical, Devotee Says—And You Can't Hurry

Paul Keys, of Lynchburg, is a faithful follower of one of the oldest and most unique hobbies in the world. He is a chess player.

Tradition says the game originated in India and spread to other Asiatic countries not long after the time of Christ. During the Middle Ages, the Arabs introduced the game in Europe as they conquered the Continent. Master Chess tournaments were held in the 19th Century. Today the game is played around the world by hobbyists of all ages.

Mr. Keys became interested in the game in 1960, shortly after coming to work for the company. He has studied chess extensively, including books which describe opening gambits, the middle game and the kill—or how to checkmate the opponent's king. "It's an easy game to learn," said Mr. Keys. "But you shouldn't be in a hurry to play, and it requires steady concentration." He remembers the longest game he has played. It started about 9:30 one recent holiday morning and lasted nearly 24 hours. (And ended in a tie.)

"When you know the relative strengths of the various chess pieces, several moves may be planned ahead," Mr. Keys said. "But always remember, one precise move by your opponent can upset



Paul Keys (right) moving against J. K. Reid, his opponent during a lunch-hour chess duel at Lynchburg.

your offensive strategy and call for defensive moves."

Keys received his chessmen as a Christmas present from his wife. He's extremely proud of the hand-somely moulded figures that take their place on the chess board. Each piece is weighted and mounted

on a felt base.

During most any lunch period at Lynchburg, you might find several games in progress. And right in the middle of the quiet, determined action will be Paul Keys; thinking, plotting his opponent's downfall—at chess.

Personals . . . (Continued from page 6)



Janet Hanley, daughter of T. J., Logan heating and builder sales representative, was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Logan Central Junior High School



The Valley boys are in the news again. L. F. Valley, Jr. and Bill Valley were both honored last month as the outstanding senior athletes in their respective schools. L. F. is the son of Leon, Russell County area supervisor, and Bill is the son of Lyman, Scott county area supervisor.

Jack Frier, personnel supervisor, and Louis Mitchell, home sales representative, were judges in the Southwest Virginia District 4-H Club contests.

Three youngsters were honored this past month: Jo Ruth White, whose father is lineman in Russell County, won the title "Miss Cleveland High School" in a recent contest, and Roger Taylor received the John Philip Sousa Award as outstanding member of the Lebanon High School Band. His father is H. S. Taylor, meter serviceman in Lebanon. Also in Lebanon High School, Ronald Parks was picked as the outstanding science student.

He is the son of Harold Parks, T&D clerk.

Mrs. Robert A. Sheffey, wife of the division engineer, was a delegate to the Virginia AAUW convention in Charlottesville.

The new president of the Weber City PTA is James C. Hughes, heating and builder sales representative.

R. A. Sheffey Jr., division engineer, sang the role of Professor Harold Hill in a recent production of "The Music Man". He also sings bass in the Abingdon Methodist Church choir.



Ashland

Virgil L. Brewer, Jr., son of Virgil Brewer, draftsman in the engineering department was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve upon graduation from the University of Kentucky. He will be assigned in August to a medical unit at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. He will assume the duties of a bio-environmental engineer after 16 weeks of training at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, Texas.

The Evening Optimist Club recently elected J. G. Saltz, director; and Charles Atwater, vice president. Mr. Saltz is administrative assistant and Mr. Atwater is departmental assistant.

Big Sandy Plant

G. S. Farthing and his family made news this month. One daughter, Cynthia Lynn, is junior editor of "The Tom Brown Tattler" Catlettsburg High School paper, which won an outstanding editorial award in competition with other county school papers. She has been selected as senior editor for the next school year. She is a member of the Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society, Science Club, and is on the Honor Roll; she won third place in an essay contest, and will attend Girls' State as a delegate.

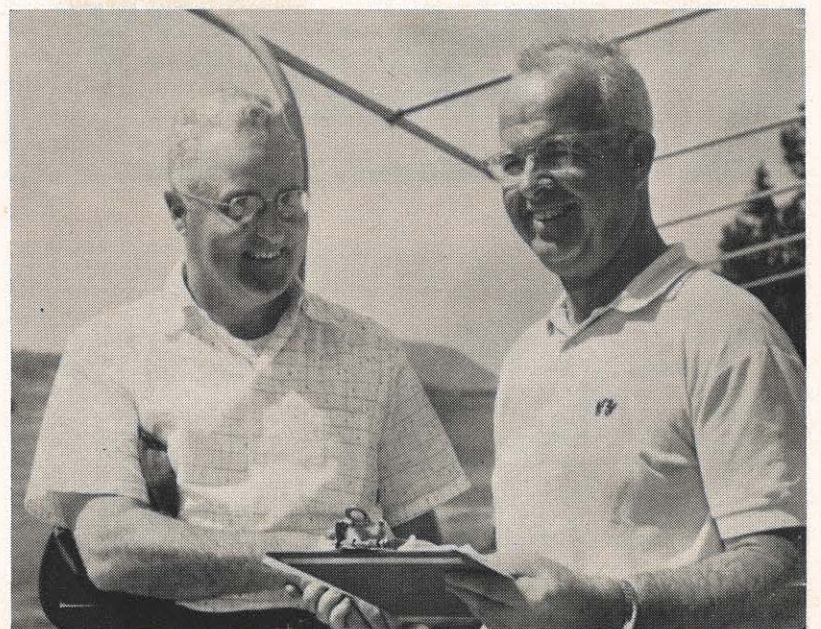
Another daughter, Coralea, graduated from Catlettsburg High School this year. She's a member of the National Honor Society, an officer of the Beta Club, and a member of the Pep Club. Library Club, and the cast of the senior class play. She will enroll in the Ashland Center, University of Kentucky.

And Dad, operating foreman at Big Sandy, was picked to be president of the Catlettsburg Lions Club.



Charles S. Lingar, Kingsport Power's commercial sales representative, received his M. A. degree in industrial arts from East Tennessee State University June 5. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, education honorary.

Roanoke Champ



The winner and the loser smiled at the conclusion of the annual Roanoke System and Roanoke-Lynchburg Division Golf tournament, in which a record 122 golfers took part. Melvin W. Brown of Fieldale, left, shot low net score of 70 to win, and right behind him, with a low net of 72, was D. C. Kennedy, right. As Roanoke division manager, Mr. Kennedy presented Mr. Brown with the winner's prize. Ted Carroll's 78 was low gross score and Roy Tibbs had a 79. The tournament was played on Roanoke's Ole Monterey Golf Club course. Noble Marshall, Lowell Tinsley, Bob Main, V. T. Carr and Clarence Moore assisted the personnel department in arranging the tournament.

Top Bowlers, Teams Given Honors At Season's End

The awarding of trophies to individuals and teams wrapped up another bowling season in many locations in our companies.

The events and the winners:

Ashland

It was the Ashland Power Company Employee Bowling League, but the title was won by a team from nearby Big Sandy plant, one of two entered in the league from the plant. The team was named the Livewires, and they outpointed the Cutouts for the title. Hower Matheney captained the winning squad.

Clinch River

There were only six Planets, but that was too many for the rest of the Clinchers Bowling League at Clinch River plant. The Planets, behind Charles Hinchey's leadership, took the title and received trophies with other team and individual winners at a final dinner.

A "500 Club" tournament was also held among plant bowlers, and Jesse Hackney took first place over 22 other contestants. Albert Rookstool was second and A. J. Conley third.

Roanoke

The steam they built up during the second half, which they won, carried the Stores team to the championship in a roll-off with Meter, first half winner, in the Roanoke Appalachian Bowling League.

Honors were handed out at season's end: Buddy Hubbard, high average of 178.6; Ted Carroll, high game of 247; George Adkins, high set of 669; Stores, high game of 955; System T&D, high set of 2665; Jim Reynolds, most improved bowler; and Gus Croft, Appalachian bowler of the year. The latter award is based on sportsmanship, attendance, game interest and bowling performance. M. G. Covey won the same title in the architect and Engineers League.

New officers for next season are Covey, president; Tommy Bryant, vice president; Jack Whitenack, score keeper; and Charles West, secretary-treasurer.

Huntington

The Electra-Nauts outrolled the ETC's for the Huntington bowling title. A banquet was held at season's end and trophies presented.

These individuals were honored: Monte Huffman, high series of 671 and high average of 175; Dorcas Lindsey, high series of 541; Homer Smith, high single of 245; Jean Harbour, high single of 222 and high average of 153. Glen Arrowood was judged the most improved male bowler and Jean Dyer the most improved female.

Bluefield

The Spoilers did just that for the rest of the Appalachian Bowling League in Bluefield during the second half of the season. But in a roll-off for the championship, the Illuminators took top honors. Among trophies awarded were ones to Thalia Myles for high women's average of 153, Pauline Hawley for high game of 227, and Robert Simmons for high men's game of 236.

Glen Lyn Plant

The Steamers from Glen Lyn plant won the title in the Giles County Appalachian Bowling League, defeating seven other teams.

Trophies for individual and team achievements went to C. S. Davis, K. E. Beasley, E. C. Thornton, R. G. Via, Betty Freeman, J. C. Hare, W. G. Bell, C. E. Jones, E. S. Freeman, D. M. Davis, Ruth Thompson, H. B. Loyd, G. C. Thompson, D. E. Hall and D. M. Mann.

Philip Sporn Plant

Receiving awards at Philip Sporn plant for season achievements were Pee Wee Wright, Cricket Searls, Bob Couch, Dorwin Clark, Sonny Haggerty, Chuck Yeager, Willis Dudding and Glen Cartwright. At the awards dinner bowlers saw movies of professional golf and football highlights.

Charleston

The big event in Charleston was the season-ending dinner, where trophies were given out, including ones to the league champs, the Medalions, and the runners-up, the Eyeballers.

Men's individual honors went to Jennings Fulknier, high average of 169.9; Bill Bostic, high game of 244; Bob Fisher, high set of 610 (actual) and 710 (handicap); Marvin Morrison, high handicap game of 294; M. D. Prowse, ABC Achievement Award.

Chris Mitchell won almost everything in sight for the women, including high average of 155; high game of 218, high series of 572, and high handicap game of 256. Rosalie Ranson, the only bowler with perfect attendance, had high handicap series of 691. Jackie Hottle won the WIBC Achievement Award.

The names of Chris Mitchell and Bill Bostic will be the first to go on the C. B. Talley Achievement Award set up last year for their high games.

Pikeville

The Amps won the roll-off to decide the second half titlist of the Pikeville Bowling League, and went on to defeat the first half champs for the league title.

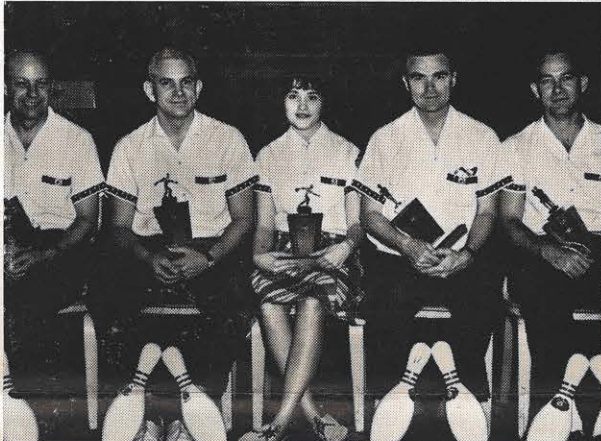
The Kilowatts were the losers in the second-half roll-off, and the Electrons lost in the title roll-off.

Men's trophies went to H. C. Bobbitt, high average of 165, and Tilden Justice, high game of 244 and high series of 596. Among the women, Betty Robinette had high average of 137 and high game of 195, and Neucedia Miller had high series of 507. A. J. Jopp was recognized as putting forth the greatest effort during the season.

Batter Up — Safely

Little League baseball is big among the sons of employees. It's fun and it's good experience—if the game is played safely. Studies have shown that the most dangerous place on the field is in the batter's box, but precautions can eliminate most of these dangers.

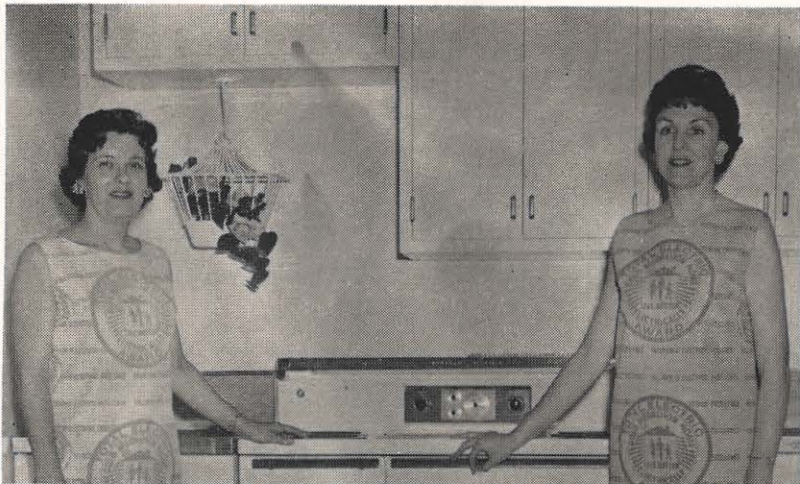
1. Never permit a batter to go to the plate without a protective helmet.
2. Watch the youngster carefully to see that he knows how to take the proper batting stance and that he keeps his eye on the ball.
3. Don't permit excessively wild pitchers to continue in the game.
4. Place emphasis on defensive batting, teaching youngsters how to back out of the box or hit the dirt.
5. If the batter wears glasses, make sure they're safety lenses.



To The Victors . . .

FIRST ROW, left: Members of Big Sandy Plant's winning Live Wires are Hower Matheney, Greer Matthews, Carl Burner, Ray Stein, Matt Gasparovic. Missing is Louise O'Bryan. Right: Rolling for the Planets, Clinch River winners, were Giles Carter, Alvie Napier, Jesse Hackney, Charles Hinchey, Ray Thompson and Carson Rasnake. SECOND ROW, left: Stores won in Roanoke. In the front row are Jerry Saunders, George Adkins and Jack Whitenack; in the back row are Stuart Mattox, E. J. Haga, and J. K. Hutcherson. Right: Members of Huntington's Electra-Nauts are Doris Locke and Homer Hagaman, seated, and J. B. Triplett, Joe De Garmo and J. O. Triplett standing. THIRD ROW, left: The Spoilers won the second half in Bluefield, with team members Howard Meadows, Robert Simmons, Bonita Pruett, Heber Stafford and Chester G. Smith. James Bailey was also a member. Right: But The Illuminators won the league title in

Bluefield, thanks to team members J. M. Loyd, Phil Fry, Millie Bishop, Albert Hearld Jr. and Okey Glover. FOURTH ROW, left: The Steamers rolled over opposition in the Glen Lyn league. K. E. Beasley and C. S. Davis are in the front row, and C. E. Jones, Ruth Thompson, D. M. Davis and J. C. Hare in the back. Right: Award winners at Sporn plant were Pee Wee Wright and Cricket Searls in the front, and Bob Couch, Dorwin Clark, Sonny Haggerty, Chuck Yeager, Willis Dudding and Glen Cartwright in the rear. FIFTH ROW, left: Members of the Amps, Pikeville winners, are congratulated by H. H. Kincaid, division manager, left. Team members are Chester Smith, James Hopson, Joyce King, Freddie Collier, Frances Huffman, and L. M. Newsom. Elected officers of the Pikeville league were, from left: W. W. Zoellers, president; Doris Robinson, secretary; Betty Robinette, vice president; and L. M. Newsom, treasurer.



Wearing Gold Medallion dresses are Gualene Smith and Biddie Williamson, Pikeville home sales representatives.

Electric Living, High Fashion Styles Greet Pikeville Open House Visitors

There was a fashion note as well as a glimpse of better living the electric way when an open house was held recently in Pikeville.

The open house was in the new Whitman Apartments, featuring 16 three- and four-room apartments, the largest all-electric apartment building in the division. The apartments were furnished by local furniture dealers for the public visits.

Two home sales representatives, Gualene Smith and Biddie Williamson, hostesses for the open house, provided the fashion note. They were dressed in "Live Better Electrically" dresses, complete with Gold Medallions.

R. A. Macomb, Kentucky Power's residential sales supervisor, spotted the dresses in a manufacturer's film on total electric living. After inquiry, he was able to buy the material. It comes in two color combinations: brown and orange on beige and green and brown on ivory. The material comes 45 inches wide

and costs \$3.00 a yard, and can be ordered from Marilyn Bicek, Medallion Home Program, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, 155 East 44th Street, New York 17. The dresses themselves were made locally from patterns selected by each home sales representative. Miss Barbara Ward, home sales representative in Ashland, also has a Gold Medallion dress.

White Promoted To Service Foreman

M. A. White has been promoted to service foreman at Logan, effective April 1, moving up from engineering aide.

Employed March 7, 1952 as a groundman, he later worked as line-man prior to being made working foreman in July 1957. He became engineering aide June 15, 1963.

A graduate of Logan High School, he attended business school and has studied electrical engineering through correspondence school. Married, he is the father of two sons. He is active in church and civic affairs, and has served as PTA president, cubmaster, and Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge. He was recently elected a trustee of the Elks Lodge for the coming year.



Mr. White



Mr. Lawrence

M. P. Lawrence Dies; Was Plant Manager

Moses P. Lawrence, 82, of Petersburg, West Virginia, former plant manager at the Glen Lyn plant, died May 15th in Bluefield following a lingering illness.

Mr. Lawrence was employed by the company April 1, 1918 and served as plant manager until February 1, 1947. He then served as plant consultant until January 15, 1948 at which time he retired.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Edgecomb County, N. C. on February 12, 1882. A well known civic leader, Mr. Lawrence had served as president of First National Bank in Peterstown since 1953 and had been chairman of the board of the First National Bank in Narrows since 1920.

He was a member of board of trustees of Christ Episcopal Church at Pearisburg, Va., was past president of Peterstown Rotary Club, a member of the El Hambre Temple Shrine in Chattanooga, and leader in boy scouts.

Mr. Lawrence is survived by one sister, two brothers, one of whom, Douglas O. Lawrence, is also a retired employee of the Glen Lyn plant.



Wreck Injuries Bring Retirement To System's "Newt" Burnside

N. J. "Newt" Burnside, system operations co-ordinator at Turner station in Charleston division, retired as of May 1. Mr. Burnside's early retirement was brought on by a disability sustained in an automobile accident on June 2, 1961. On that date, as he and his son, John, were returning from a fishing trip, they were met head-on by a driver on the wrong side of the road. After months of hospitalization and treatment, Mr. Burnside is now able to walk with the use of a brace, but multiple injuries prevented his returning to work.

A native of Winfield, West Virginia, Mr. Burnside worked for the U. S. Engineers before beginning work for Kanawha Valley Power Company on February 6, 1936, on a

"temporary" basis. His "temporary" job lasted 28 years. In 1939 he went to South Point, Ohio, working for Ohio Power Company, and in 1942 was transferred to Bluefield as assistant system operator. He became system operator in October of that year. From 1946 until his accident in 1961, he worked at Switchback, Turner station, and Roanoke, and was on a loan basis, working in the New York office for one year. On September 1, 1955 he was promoted to system operations co-ordinator, and moved from Roanoke back to Turner in the Charleston area, a position he held until his retirement.

His hobbies of golf and bowling are somewhat limited just now, but he still is getting in quite a bit of fishing, and he has been very active in the Assembly of God Church at St. Albans, where he and his wife reside. They have four children and four grandchildren. His retirement plans are indefinite at the present time.

"Fortune" Reprint On AEP System Sent Employees

A full-color reprint of a major article on the American Electric Power System, which appeared in the May issue of Fortune magazine, is being distributed to all employees. A copy is enclosed.

Titled, "We're the Most Enterprising Utility in This Country," the article discusses the scope of the AEP System's operations and emphasizes its philosophy of excellence of performance. It was written by Hubert Kay, a nationally known political writer who has only recently ventured into the industrial writing field. Photographs are by Myron Ehrenberg, equally well known photographer who has been photographing the AEP System since 1955.



Mr. Burnside

Scouts Honor Grundy Employee

W. T. Collins, Jr., Grundy local officer supervisor, was presented the Silver Beaver Award last month at the appreciation Dinner of the Lonesome Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Collins has served as scoutmaster of Troup No. 43 for the past seven years and under his leadership fifteen boys have attained

the rank of Eagle Scout. Besides his activities as scoutmaster, he has served as chairman of leadership training for Breaks District, has taught several classes on Council level, has helped organize new units, and has attended several special Scouting courses, including one at Camp Philmont, New Mexico, for which he was granted a scholarship.

Mr. Collins is a veteran of World War II and is a member of the Buchanan First Presbyterian Church, where he is also a Sunday School teacher. He is a member of the Grundy Kiwanis Club, and has served as treasurer and as chairman of four different committees.

He was employed by the Kentucky-West Virginia Power Company at Pikeville, on November 11, 1943. He was transferred to the accounting department at Welch on November 6, 1949, and was made Grundy local office supervisor on December 1, 1953.

The Silver Beaver Award is rarely ever presented to a scoutmaster, but due to his unusual activities his committee recommended and obtained this award for him. He also holds the Scoutmaster's Key.

Keefer Re-Elected To County Board

Earl H. Keefer, chemist at Philip Sporn Plant, was re-elected to the Board of Education for Mason County in the recent primary election.

He received the highest number of votes in Mason county and will serve for a period of six years. He is now completing a six-year term as a member of the board. His new term will

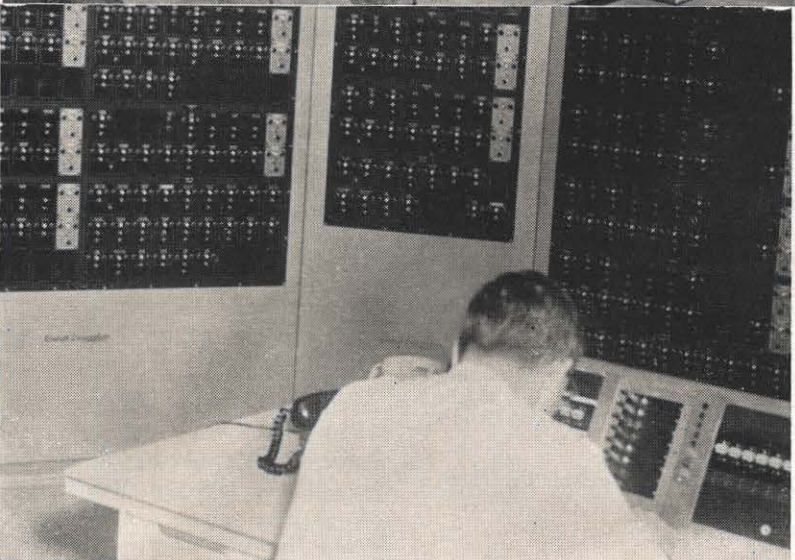
start January 1, 1965. He previously served as president of the Board of Education for two years.

Mr. Keefer was first employed by the company November 11, 1949 as a filter plant operator. He later became a laboratory tester and chemist assistant. After completing a correspondence course in analytical chemistry he was promoted to his present position of chemist March 16, 1957. He has been active in school affairs, is a member of the Parent Teachers Association, Farm Bureau, and Retarded Children Organization.

He is married, has four children and resides near Letart, W. Va.



Mr. Keefer



Moving In

The system load dispatch office is in the process of moving from the third floor of the Roanoke general office building to new quarters on the sixth, and delivery of new equipment made for an interesting day for sidewalk superintendents. At left, carefully boxed, is the new remote control unit for the Smith Mountain dam hydro plant six stories up in the air. It weighed 1,500 pounds, and to get it into the building, the window had to be removed, and the cable holding the crate had to be slipped off. There was only a half-

inch clearance on each side of the crate. At top right, J. T. Childress's crew moves another panel into place. The men are, from left, D. O. Wissler, L. P. Heptinstall, Mr. Childress, C. E. Fernatt, half-hidden behind the panel, and H. A. Mutter. Bottom right, Ralph McDaniel, system operating engineer, checks out the new equipment. The big panel is the same one being eased through the window in the picture at right; the others control operations at Leesville and Claytor dams.

H. F. Shaffer, Retiree, Dies

Howard Franklin Shaffer, 50, of Orlando, Florida, formerly a meterman in the Charleston meter department, died Monday, May 4.

Mr. Shaffer was a native of Huntington, and had worked for Appalachian 8 years and 4 months. He retired September 1, 1947 because of a disability.

After moving to Florida upon retirement, he opened real estate offices in Orlando.

Surviving are his wife, Grace, one daughter, one son, and his mother, one brother and two sisters. Carey Hand Funeral Home in Orlando officiated at the funeral services.